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The *Holy Bible Aionian Edition* ® is the world's first Bible *un-translation*! What is an *un-translation*? Bibles are translated into each of our languages from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek. Occasionally, the best word translation cannot be found and these words are transliterated letter by letter. Four well known transliterations are *Christ*, *baptism*, *angel*, and *apostle*. The meaning is then preserved more accurately through context and a dictionary. The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven additional Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

The first three words are *aiōn*, *aiōnios*, and *aïdios*, typically translated as *eternal* and also *world* or *eon*. The Aionian Bible is named after an alternative spelling of *aiōnios*. Consider that researchers question if *aiōn* and *aiōnios* actually mean *eternal*. Translating *aiōn* as *eternal* in Matthew 28:20 makes no sense, as all agree. The Greek word for *eternal* is *aïdios*, used in Romans 1:20 about God and in Jude 6 about demon imprisonment. Yet what about *aiōnios* in John 3:16? Certainly we do not question whether salvation is eternal! However, *aiōnios* means something much more wonderful than infinite time! Ancient Greeks used *aiōn* to mean *eon* or *age*. They also used the adjective *aiōnios* to mean *entirety*, such as *complete* or even *consummate*, but never infinite time. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs. So *aiōnios* is the perfect description of God's Word which has *everything* we need for life and godliness! And the *aiōnios* life promised in John 3:16 is not simply a ticket to eternal life in the future, but the invitation through faith to the *consummate* life beginning now!

The next seven words are *Sheol*, *Hadēs*, *Geenna*, *Tartaroō*, *Abyssos*, and *Limnē Pyr*. These words are often translated as *Hell*, the place of eternal punishment. However, *Hell* is ill-defined when compared with the Hebrew and Greek. For example, *Sheol* is the abode of deceased believers and unbelievers and should never be translated as *Hell*. *Hadēs* is a temporary place of punishment, Revelation 20:13-14. *Geenna* is the Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's refuse dump, a temporal judgment for sin. *Tartaroō* is a prison for demons, mentioned once in 2 Peter 2:4. *Abyssos* is a temporary prison for the Beast and Satan. Translators are also inconsistent because *Hell* is used by the King James Version 54 times, the New International Version 14 times, and the World English Bible zero times. Finally, *Limnē Pyr* is the Lake of Fire, yet Matthew 25:41 explains that these fires are prepared for the Devil and his angels. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The eleventh word, *eleēsē*, reveals the grand conclusion of grace in Romans 11:32. Take the time to understand these eleven words. The original translation is unaltered and a note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. To help parallel study and Strong's Concordance use, apocryphal text is removed and most variant verse numbering is mapped to the English standard. We thank our sources at eBible.org, Crosswire.org, unbound.Biola.edu, Bible4u.net, and NHEB.net. The Aionian Bible is copyrighted with creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/4.0, allowing 100% freedom to copy and print, if respecting source copyrights. Check the Reader's Guide and read online at AionianBible.org, with Android, and TOR network. Why purple? King Jesus' Word is royal… and purple is the color of royalty!

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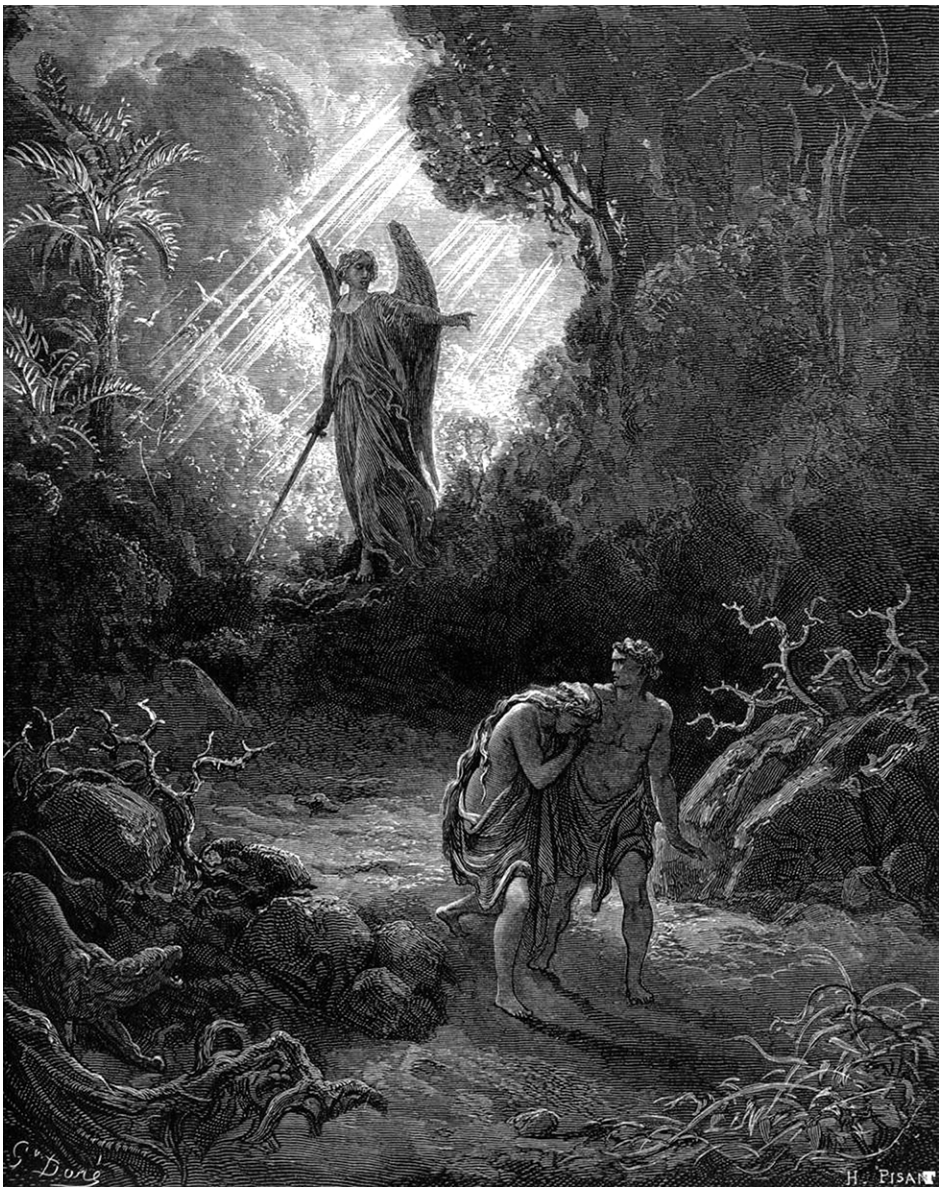

Esemxotshile umuntu wamisa ngempumalanga kweSivande se-Edeni amakherubhi lenkemba ebhebhayo, iphazima isiyale lale ukulinda indlela eya esihlahleni sokuphila.
UGenesisi 3:24

UGenesisi

1 Ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu wadala amazulu lomhlaba. **2** Umhlaba wawungelasimo njalo ungelalutho, ubumnyama babengame phezulu kolwandle njalo uMoya kaNkulunkulu wayehambahamba phezu kwamanzi. **3** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Akubekhona ukukhanya,” lakanye kwabakhona ukukhanya. **4** UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi ukukhanya kwakukuhle, wasesehlukanisa ukukhanya lobumnyama. **5** UNkulunkulu wabiza ukukhanya ngokuthi “yimini,” ubumnyama wabubiza ngokuthi “yibusuku.” Ngakho kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa, kwaba lusuku lwakuqala. **6** Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Kakube lomkhandlu phakathi kwamanzi ukwehlukanisa amanzi kwamanye amanzi.” **7** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wehlukanisa amanzi angaphansi komkhandlu kulawo amanzi angaphezulu kwawo. Kwabanjalo. **8** UNkulunkulu wabiza umkhandlu lo ngokuthi “ngumkhathi.” Njalo kwabakhona ukuhlwa, kwabakhona njalo ukusa, usuku lwesibili. **9** Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Kakuthi amanzi angaphansi komkhathi abuthane ndawonye njalo kakuvele umhlabathi owomileyo.” Ngakho kwabanjalo. **10** UNkulunkulu wabiza umhlaba owomileyo ngokuthi “ngumhlabathi,” lamanzi abutheneyo wathi “lulwandle.” Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Umhlabathi kawuthele izimila: imlimela ethela intanga lezihlahla emhlabathini ezithela izithelo ezilentanga phakathi, kusiya ngemihlobo yazo ehlukeneyo.” Kwabanjalo. **12** Umhlaba wathela izimila:

izihlahla ezilentanga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, lezihlahla ezithela izithelo ezilentanga phakathi kwazo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **13** Kwabakhona njalo ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwesithathu. **14** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Akube lezibane emkhandlwini womkhathi ukwehlukanisa imini lobusuku, njalo zibe luphawu lokubonisa izigaba zomnyaka, lezinsuku leminyaka, **15** njalo zibe yizibane emkhandlwini womkhathi ukuletha ukukhanya emhlabeni.” Kwabanjalo. **16** UNkulunkulu wenza izibane ezimbili ezinkulu, isibane esikhulu ukubusa emini lesibane esincinyane ukubusa ebusuku. Wenza futhi lezinkanyezi. **17** UNkulunkulu wazibeka emkhandlwini womkhathi ukuletha ukukhanya emhlabeni, **18** ukubusa imini lobusuku, kanye lokwahlukanisa ukukhanya lobumnyama. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **19** Njalo kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwesine. **20** Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Akube lezidalwa eziphilayo emanzini, njalo akuthi izinyoni ziphaphe ngaphezulu komhlaba zidabule emkhandlwini womkhathi.” **21** Yikho uNkulunkulu wadala izidalwa ezinkulu zolwandle layo yonke into ephilayo lehambayo lenyakazelayo emanzini, kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, lezinyoni zonke ezilamaphiko, ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **22** UNkulunkulu wazibusisa wathi, “Zalanani lande ngobunengi ligcwalise amanzi olwandle, njalo akuthi lezinyoni lazo zande emhlabeni.” **23** Kwabakhona ukuhlwa, kwabakhona njalo lokusa, usuku lwesihlanu. **24** UNkulunkulu wabuya wathi, “Akuthi

umhlaba uveze izidalwa eziphilayo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo: izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini, kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, yilezo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo." Lakanye kwabanjalo. **25** UNkulunkulu wenza izinyamazana zeganga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, izifuyo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, njalo zonke izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini kusiya ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **26** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Asenze umuntu ngesimo sethu langomfanekiso wethu ukuze abuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle lezinyoni zemkhathini, phezu kwezifuyo, phezu kwawo wonke umhlaba laphezu kwazo zonke izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini." **27** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wadala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe, ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wabadala, owesilisa lowesifazane. **28** UNkulunkulu wababusisa wathi kubo, "Zalanani lande ngobunengi; liwugcwalise umhlaba, liwubuse. Busani phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle lezinyoni zemkhathini laphezu kwezidalwa zonke ezihambayo emhlabathini." **29** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Ngilinika zonke izihlahla ezithela intanga ezisemhlabeni wonke lazozonke izihlahla ezilezithelo ezilentanga phakathi. Zingezenu ukuba lizidle. **30** Njalo nginika zonke izihlahla eziluhlaza kuzozonke izinyamazana zomhlaba lakuzo zonke izinyoni zemkhathini lakuzo zonke izidalwa ezihambayo emhlabathini, yonke into ephefumula impilo phakathi kwayo ukuba zibe yikudla kwazo." Kwabanjalo. **31** UNkulunkulu wakubona konke lokho ayesekwenzile,

njalo kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa,
usuku lwesithupha.

2 Kanjalo amazulu lomhlaba kwapheleliswa ngakho
konke ukuhlotshiswa okukhulu. **2** Ngosuku
lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu wayesewuqedile umsebenzi
ayewenza; ngakho wasephumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi
wakhe. **3** Njalo uNkulunkulu walubusisa usuku
lwesikhombisa walwenza lwaba ngcwele ngoba
waphumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wokudala lokho
ayesekwenzile. **4** Lo ngumlando wamazulu lomhlaba
ekudalweni kwakho, lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu
enza khona umhlaba lamazulu. **5** Kwakungakabi
lesihlahlakazana seganga emhlabathini njalo
kungakamili loba yini emila emhlabathini, ngoba uThixo
uNkulunkulu wayengakanisi izulu emhlabeni, njalo
kwakungelamuntu wokusebenza umhlabathi, **6** kodwa
inkungu yayisenyuka emhlabathini, ithelele umhlabathi
wonke. **7** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wasebumba
umuntu ngothuli lomhlabathi, waphefumulela
emakhaleni akhe umphefumulo wokuphila, umuntu
wasesiba yisidalwa esiphilayo. **8** Ngalesosikhathi uThixo
uNkulunkulu wayelungise isivande empumalanga, e-
Edeni; wambeka khona umuntu ayembumbile. **9** Njalo
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenza yonke imihlobo yezihlahla
ukuthi zikhule emhlabathini, izihlahla ezazibukeka
emehlweni njalo zizinhle ekudleni. Phakathi laphakathi
kwesivande kwakulesihlahla sokuphila lesihlahla sokwazi
okuhle lokubi. **10** Umfula owawuthelela isivande
wawugeleza usuka e-Edeni; usuka lapho wehlukana waba

yimifudlana emine. **11** Ibizo lowokuqala yiPhishoni;
ozungeze lonke ilizwe laseHavila, lapho okulegolide
khona. **12** (Igolide lalelolizwe lihle; amakha erezini le-
onikisi lawo akhona.) **13** Ibizo lomfudlana wesibili
yiGihoni; usekele kulolonke ilizwe laseKhushi. **14**
Ibizo lomfudlana wesithathu yiThigrisi; ubhoda
ngempumalanga kwe-Asiriya. Njalo umfudlana wesine
yiYufrathe. **15** Uthixo uNkulunkulu wamthatha umuntu
wambeka eSivandeni se-Edeni ukuthi asisebenze njalo
asinakekele. **16** Njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wamlaya
umuntu wathi, "Ukhululekile ukudla loba yisiphi
isihlahla esivandeni; **17** kodwa ungadli isihlahla sokwazi
okuhle lokubi, ngoba ungaze usidle uzakufa ngempela."
18 UThixo uNkulunkulu wathi, "Kakukuhle ukuba indoda
ibe yodwa. Ngizayenzela umsizi oyifaneleyo." **19** UThixo
uNkulunkulu wayesezibumbile ngomhlabathi zonke
izinyamazana zeganga lazozonke izinyoni zemoyeni.
Waziletha emuntwini ukuthi aziphe amabizo; kwathi loba
yiliphi ibizo asibiza ngalo isidalwa esiphilayo, kwaba yilo
ibizo laso. **20** Ngakho umuntu wapha amabizo zonke
izifuyo, lezinyoni zemkhathini lazozonke izinyamazana
zeganga. Kodwa u-Adamu wayengelaye umsizi
omfaneleyo. **21** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenza
indoda yalala ubuthongo bokufa; kwathi khonapho
isalele wathatha olunye ubhambo lwendoda waseyivala
leyondawo ngenyama. **22** Emva kwalokho uThixo
uNkulunkulu wasesenza umfazi ngobhambo ayeluthethe
endodeni, wasemletha endodeni. **23** Indoda yathi, "Lo
manje uselithambo lamathambo ami lenyama yenyama

yami; usezabizwa ngokuthi ‘mfazi,’ ngoba wakhitshwa endodeni.” **24** Ngalesisizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina imanyane lomkayo, babe nyamanye. **25** Indoda lomkayo babehambaze, bengelazo inhloni.

3 Inyoka yayiliqili ukwedlula zonke izinyamazana zeganga uThixo uNkulunkulu ayezenzile. Yathi kowesifazane, “Kambe uNkulunkulu watsho ngeqiniso ukuthi, ‘Lingadli noma yisiphi isihlahla esivandeni’?” **2** Owesifazane wathi enyokeni, “Singadla izithelo zezihlahla esivandeni, **3** kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi, ‘Lingazidli izithelo zesihlahla esiphakathi laphakathi kwesivande, njalo lingasithinti, hlezi life.’” **4** Inyoka yathi kowesifazane, “Kalisoze life ngempela. **5** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyazi ukuthi lingasidla amehlo enu azavuleka, beselisiba njengoNkulunkulu, lazi okuhle lokubi.” **6** Kwathi owesifazane ngokubona ukuthi izithelo zesihlahla leso zaziyikudla okuhle njalo zibukeka emehlweni, njalo kudingeka ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha, wakha ezinye wadla. Wapha njalo ezinye indoda yakhe ayelayo khonapho, layo yadla. **7** Amehlo abo bobabili asevuleka, basebenanzelela ukuthi babenqunu; yikho basebethungela ndawonye amahlamvu omkhiwa bazenzela izembatho ngawo. **8** Indoda lomkayo basebesizwa umsindo kaThixo uNkulunkulu ehamba esivandeni ilanga selithambeme, basebemcatshela uThixo uNkulunkulu phakathi kwezihlahla zesivande. **9** Kodwa uThixo uNkulunkulu wayimemeza indoda wathi, “Ungaphi?” **10** Yaphendula yathi, “Ngikuzwile esivandeni, ngesaba ngoba benginqunu; yikho

ngasengicatsha.” **11** Wasesithi, “Ngubani okutshelileyo
ukuthi unqunu? Usudlile yini isihlahla engalilaya
ukuthi lingasidli?” **12** Indoda yathi, “Umfazi owangipha
yena, ungiphile ezinye izithelo zesihlahla ngazidla.”
13 Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wathi kowesifazane,
“Kuyini lokhu osukwenzile na?” Owesifazane wathi,
“Inyoka ingikhohlisile, ngadla.” **14** Ngakho uThixo
uNkulunkulu wasesithi enyokeni, “Ngoba usukwenzile
lokhu, Uqalekisiwe ngaphezu kwezifuyo zonke kanye
lezinyamazana zonke zeganga! Uzahuba phansi ngesisu
sakho njalo uzakudla uthuli zonke insuku zokuphila
kwakho. **15** Njalo ngizafaka ubutha phakathi kwakho
lowesifazane, laphakathi kwenzalo yakho leyowesifazane;
uzacobodisa ikhanda lakho, njalo wena uzagamula
isithende sakhe.” **16** Kowesifazane wathi, “Ngizakwandisa
ngokuphindiweyo inhlungu zakho nxa ubeletha;
ngobuhlungu uzazala abantwana. Inkanuko yakho izakuba
sendodeni yakho, njalo yona izabusa phezu kwakho.”
17 Ku-Adamu wathi, “Ngoba ulalele umkakho wadla
isihlahla engakulaya ngathi, ‘Ungasidli,’ Uqalekisiwe
umhlabathi ngenxa yakho; ngokusebenza nzima uzakudla
okuphuma kuwo zonke insuku zokuphila kwakho. **18**
Uzamila ameva lezihlahlakazana zameva azahlaba wena,
njalo uzakudla izihlahla zeganga. **19** Ngezithukuthuku
zebunzi lakho uzakudla ukudla kwakho uze ubuyele
emhlabathini, njengoba wathathwa kuwo; ngoba uluthuli
njalo uzabuyela othulini.” **20** U-Adamu wamutha
umkakhe wathi ngu-Eva, ngoba wayezakuba ngunina
wabo bonke abaphilayo. **21** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenza

imvunulo yesikhumba, wenzela u-Adamu lomkakhe, wabagqokisa. **22** Njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Umuntu manje usenjengomunye wethu, usekwazi okuhle lokubi. Kangavunyelwa ukuthi elule isandla sakhe akhe njalo isihlahla sokuphila adle, aphile laphakade.” **23** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wamxotsha eSivandeni se-Edeni ukuthi asebenze umhlabathi ayethethwe kuwo. **24** Esemxotshile umuntu wamisa ngempumalanga kweSivande se-Edeni amakherubhi lenkemba ebhebhayo, iphazima isiyale lale ukulinda indlela eya esihlahleni sokuphila.

4 U-Adamu wembatha lomkakhe u-Eva, wasezithwala, wabeletha uKhayini. Wathi, “Ngosizo lukaThixo sengibelethe indoda.” **2** Muva wabeletha umfowabo u-Abheli. U-Abheli waba ngumfuyi wemihlambi yezimvu, uKhayini yena wasebenza umhlabathi. **3** Ngokuya kwesikhathi uKhayini waletha ezinye izithelo zomhlabathi ukuba ngumnikelo kuThixo. **4** Kodwa u-Abheli waletha izitho ezinonileyo zisuka kwamanye amazibulo omhlambi wakhe. UThixo wathokoza ngo-Abheli kanye lomnikelo wakhe, **5** kodwa kathokozanga ngoKhayini lomnikelo wakhe. Ngakho uKhayini wazonda kakhulu, lobuso bakhe bahloba. **6** UThixo wasesithi kuKhayini, “Uzondeleni na? Kungani ubuso bakho buhlobile? **7** Nxa usenza okulungileyo, kawuyikwamukelwa yini? Kodwa nxa ungenzi okulungileyo, isono sikucathamele emnyango wakho; sinxwanele ukukuthumba, kodwa kumele usehlule.” **8** UKhayini wasesithi kumfowabo u-Abheli, “Ake sihambe siye egangeni.” Kwathi bekhonale egangeni

uKhayini wamhlasela umfowabo u-Abheli wambulala.
9 UThixo wasesithi kuKhayini, “Ungaphi umfowenu u-
Abheli na?” Waphendula wathi, “Angazi. Ngingumgcini
womfowethu na?” **10** UThixo wathi, “Usuyenzeni? Lalela!
Igazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi lisuka emhlabathini. **11**
Manje usuqalekisiwe njalo usuxotshiwe kuwo umhlabathi
ovule umlomo wawo ukwamukela igazi lomfowenu lisuka
esandleni sakho. **12** Lapho uwusebenza umhlabathi
kawusayi kuthela amabele kuwe. Uzakuba luzulane
emhlabeni.” **13** UKhayini wathi kuThixo, “Isijeziso sami
singaphezu kwamandla ami. **14** Lamuhla usungixotsha
elizweni, ngakho sengizasithela ngingabi khona kuwe;
ngizakuba luzulane olungela kuphumula emhlabeni,
kuthi loba ngubani ongifumanayo angibulale.” **15** Kodwa
uThixo wathi kuye, “Akunjalo; lowo ozabulala uKhayini
uzaphindiselwa ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa.” Ngakho
uThixo wasebeka uphawu kuKhayini ukuze kuthi lowo
omfumanayo angambulali. **16** Ngakho uKhayini wasesuka
emehlweni kaThixo wayahlala elizweni laseNodi,
empumalanga kwase-Edeni. **17** UKhayini wembatha
lomkakhe, wathatha isisu wazala u-Enoki. Ngalesosikhathi
uKhayini wayesakha idolobho alibiza ngendodana yakhe
u-Enoki. **18** Ku-Enoki kwazalwa u-Iradi, yena u-Iradi
waba nguyise kaMehujayeli, uMehujayeli waba nguyise
kaMethushayeli, uMethushayeli waba nguyise kaLameki.
19 ULameki wathatha abafazi ababili, omunye ethiwa ngu-
Ada, omunye ethiwa nguZila. **20** U-Ada wazala uJabhali;
owayenguyise walabo abahlala emathenteni befuye
izifuyo. **21** Ibizo lomfowabo lalinguJubhali; wayenguyise

wabo bonke abatshaya umhubhe lechacho. **22** UZila laye waba lendodana, uThubhali-Khayini, owayekhanda zonke inhlobo zezinto ngethusi langensimbi. Udadewabo kaThubhali-Khayini wayenguNahama. **23** ULameki wathi kubomkakhe, “Ada loZila, ngilalelani; bafazi bakaLameki, zwanini amazwi ami. Sengibulele umuntu ngenxa yokungilimaza, ijaha ngoba lingihlasele. **24** Nxa uKhayini ephindiselwa kasikhombisa ngakho uLameki amatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa.” **25** U-Adamu waphinda wembatha lomkakhe njalo, wazala indodana wayithi nguSethi, esithi, “UNkulunkulu usengiphile omunye umntwana endaweni ka-Abheli, njengoba uKhayini wambulala.” **26** USethi laye waba lendodana, wayibiza ngokuthi ngu-Enoshi. Ngalesosikhathi abantu baqala ukukhuleka bebiza ibizo likaThixo.

5 Lo ngumlando olotshiweyo ngosendo luka-Adamu. Lapho uNkulunkulu edala umuntu, wamenza ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. **2** Wabadala, owesilisa lowesifazane wasebabusisa. Wababiza ngokuthi “Ngabantu” emva kokubadala. **3** Kwathi u-Adamu esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu wathola indodana eyafana laye xathu; wayibiza ngokuthi nguSethi. **4** USethi esezelwe, u-Adamu waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili njalo wayelamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **5** Isiyonke iminyaka ka-Adamu yayingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu, wasesifa. **6** Kwathi uSethi esephile iminyaka elikhulu lanhlanu waba nguyise ka-Enoshi. **7** Ngemva kokuzala u-Enoshi uSethi

waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa, njalo wayelamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **8** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguSethi yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi lambili, wasesifa. **9** Kwathi u-Enoshi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye wazala uKhenani. **10** Ngemva kokuzala uKhenani, u-Enoshi waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lanhlanu njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **11** Isiyonke iminyaka, u-Enoshi waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu, wasesifa. **12** Kwathi uKhenani esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa wazala uMahalaleli. **13** Ngemva kokuba esezele uMahalaleli, uKhenani waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **14** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguKhenani yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi, wasesifa. **15** Kwathi uMahalaleli esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uJaredi. **16** Ngemva kokuzala kwakhe uJaredi, uMahalaleli waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **17** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguMahalaleli yaba ngamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu, wasesifa. **18** UJaredi esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, wazala u-Enoki. **19** Ngemva kokuzala kwakhe u-Enoki, uJaredi waphila okweminyaka

engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **20** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguJaredi yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, wasesifa. **21** Kwathi u-Enoki esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uMethuzela. **22** Ngemva kokuzala uMethuzela, u-Enoki wahamba loNkulunkulu okweminyaka engamakhulu amathathu njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **23** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa ngu-Enoki yaba ngamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu. **24** U-Enoki wahamba ngokuthembeka loNkulunkulu; wanyamalala, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamthatha. **25** Kwathi uMethuzela esephile okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa wazala uLameki. **26** Ngemva kokuzala uLameki, uMethuzela waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **27** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguMethuzela yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha layisificamunwemunye, wasesifa. **28** ULameki esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili wazala indodana. **29** Wayitha ibizo wathi nguNowa, wathi, “Izasiduduza emsebenzini lasekutshikatshikeni kwethu okubuhlungu ngezandla zethu okubangwa ngumhlabathi uThixo awuthukileyo.” **30** Ngemva kokuzalwa kukaNowa, uLameki waphila iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi

ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **31** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguLameki yaba ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa, wasesifa. **32** Ngemva kokuphila iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu, uNowa wazala uShemu, loHamu loJafethi.

6 Kwathi abantu sebesanda ngobunengi emhlabeni, bezala amadodakazi, **2** amadodana kaNkulunkulu abona ukuthi amadodakazi abantu ayemahle, bazikhethela abawafunayo bawathatha. **3** UThixo wasesithi, "UMoya wami kawuyikuphikisana lomuntu ngokungapheliyo, ngoba yena ngowenyama nje; insuku zakhe zizakuba likhulu elilamatshumi amabili kuphela." **4** AmaNefilimi ayesemhlabeni ngalezonsuku. Njalo langemva kwazo amadodana kaNkulunkulu angenela amadodakazi abantu azala lawo abantwana. Ayengamaqhawe ekadeni, amadoda odumo. **5** UThixo wabona ukuthi ukuxhwala kwabantu kwasekukukhulu kakhulu emhlabeni, njalo lokuthi zonke izinkanuko zeminakano yezinhliziyo zabo zaziyibubi kuphela sonke isikhathi. **6** UThixo wadabuka ngokuthi wayemenzile umuntu emhlabeni, ngakho inhliziyo yakhe yagcwala ubuhlungu. **7** Ngakho uThixo wasesithi, "Umuntu engamdalayo ngizamkhucula emhlabeni, abantu lezinyamazana, lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini, lezinyoni zemkhathini ngoba kuyangidabukisa ukuthi ngakwenza." **8** Kodwa uNowa wathola umusa emehlweni kaThixo. **9** Lo ngumlando kaNowa. UNowa wayeyindoda elungileyo, engelasici phakathi kwabantu ngesikhathi aphila

ngaso, njalo wabambelela kuNkulunkulu. **10** UNowa
wayelamadodana amathathu: UShemu, uHamu loJafethi.
11 Umhlaba wawuxhwalile phambi kukaNkulunkulu
njalo ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu. **12** UNkulunkulu
wabona ukuthi umhlaba wawusuxhwale njani, ngoba
bonke abantu emhlabeni basebehamba ngezindlela zabo
ezixhwalileyo. **13** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa,
"Ngizabatshabalalisa bonke abantu, ngoba umhlaba
ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabo. Ngeqiniso
ngizababhubhisa bona kanye lomhlaba. **14** Ngakho
zakhele umkhumbi ngezigodo zesihlahla sokubaza; wenze
amakamelo kuwo, uwuhuqe ngenhlaka ngaphakathi
langaphandle. **15** Uzawakha kanje: Umkhumbi kawube
ngamalunga ezingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu ubude,
ububanzi bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu
lezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuphakama
kwawo. **16** Uwenzele uphahla, utshiye ngaphansi kophahla
intuba eyingxenye yelunga lengalo ukufika phezulu. Ufake
umnyango eceleni komkhumbi njalo wenze isigcawu
saphansi, esaphakathi laphakathi kanye lesaphezulu.
17 Ngizathumela uzamcolo emhlabeni ukubhubhisa
konke okuphilayo ngaphansi kwezulu, zonke izidalwa
eziphefumulayo. Yonke into emhlabeni izabhubha. **18**
Kodwa ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe, njalo wena
uzangena emkhunjini, wena lamadodana akho lomkakho
kanye labomalukazana bakho. **19** Kuzamele ulethe
emkhunjini okubili kwezidalwa zonke eziphilayo, okuduna
lokusikazi, uzigcine ziphila zilawe. **20** Okubili kwemihlobo
yonke yezinyoni, okwemihlobo yonke yezinyamazana

lokwezinanakazana zonke ezihuquzela emhlabathini zizakuza kuwe zizogcinwa ziphila. **21** Kumele uthathe yonke imihlobo yokudla okuzadliwa, ukulondolozele wena kanye lazo." **22** UNowa wakwenza konke njengokulaywa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu.

7 UThixo wathi kuNowa, "Ngena emkhunjini, wena kanye lendlu yakho yonke, ngoba ngikufumane ulungile kulesi isizukulwane. **2** Ngena lezinyamazana eziyisikhombisa ezemihlobo yonke yezinyamazana ezihlanzekileyo, enduna lensikazi, lezimbili ezemihlobo yonke yezinyamazana ezingcolileyo, enduna lensikazi yayo, **3** njalo eziyisikhombisa zezinyoni zemihlobo yonke, ezinduna lezinsikazi, ukuze kugcinakale uhlobo lwazo zonke emhlabeni. **4** Ngemva kwensuku eziyisikhombisa kusukela manje ngizathumela izulu emhlabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, njalo ngizatshabalalisa sonke isidalwa esiphilayo engasenzayo emhlabeni." **5** UNowa wakwenza konke lokho akulaywa nguThixo. **6** UNowa wayeleminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha yobudala ekufikeni kukazamcolo emhlabeni. **7** UNowa lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe kanye labomalukazana bakhe bangena emkhunjini ukuze baphephe emanzini kazamcolo. **8** Ngazimbili izinyamazana ezihlanzekileyo lezingcolileyo, ezezinyoni lezezinanakazana zonke ezihuquzela emhlabathini, **9** ezinduna lezinsikazi zeza kuNowa zangena emkhunjini, njengokulaywa kukaNowa nguNkulunkulu. **10** Kwathi ngemva kwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo eza emhlabeni.

11 Ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wokuphila
kukaNowa, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga
yesibili, ngalolosuku yonke imithombo yolwandle
olukhulu yadabuka, lamasango amanzi amazulu avuleka.
12 Izulu lana emhlabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi
amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane. **13** Ngalolosuku
uNowa lamadodana akhe, uShemu, uHamu loJafethi,
kanye lomkakhe labomalukazana bakhe bamadodana
akhe womathathu bangena emkhunjini. **14** Babelazo zonke
izinyamazana zeganga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, zonke
izifuyo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, zonke izinanakazana
ezihuquzela emhlabathini kusiya ngemihlobo yazo
lazozonke izinyoni kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, yonke into
elempiko. **15** Zeza kuNowa ngazimbili zonke izidalwa
ezilomphefumulo wokuphila zangena emkhunjini. **16**
Izinyamazana ezazingena zazingezinduna lezinsikazi
ezezinto zonke eziphilayo, njengalokho uNkulunkulu
ayekulaye uNowa. Emva kwalokho uThixo wasemvalela
phakathi. **17** Okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane
impophoma zaphikelela zithululeka emhlabeni, kwathi
ngokwanda kwamanzi awuphakamisa umkhumbi waba
ngaphezulu komhlaba. **18** Amanzi akhwela anda kakhulu
emhlabeni, umkhumbi wandenda phezu kwamanzi. **19**
Akhwela kakhulu emhlabeni, kwathi zonke izintaba
eziphakemeyo ngaphansi kwawo wonke amazulu
zasibekelwa. **20** Amanzi akhwela asibekela izintaba
zatshona okudlula izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili.
21 Zonke izinto eziphilayo ezihamba phezu komhlaba
zafa, izinyoni, izifuyo, izinyamazana zeganga, zonke

izidalwa ezazitshatshama phezu komhlaba, loluntu lonke.
22 Yonke into ephefumula impilo ngamakhala ayo nxa
isemhlabathini owomileyo yafa. **23** Yonke into ephilayo
phezu komhlaba yakhukhulwa; abantu lezinyamazana
lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini kanye lezinyoni
zemkhathini kwakhuculwa emhlabeni. NguNowa kuphela
owasalayo, lalabo ababelaye emkhunjini. **24** Amanzi
agcwala emhlabeni okwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amahlanu.

8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uNowa lazozonke
izinyamazana zeganga lezifuyo ezazilaye emkhunjini,
wasethumela umoya emhlabeni, amanzi asesentsha.
2 Manje imithombo yolwandle lamasango amanzi
asemazulwini kwasekuvaliwe, lezulu laselisile emkhathini.
3 Amanzi entsha kancanekancane emhlabeni. Ekupheleni
kwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu amanzi
ayesentshile, **4** kwathi ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa
lwenyanga yesikhombisa umkhumbi wayakuma phezu
kwezintaba zase-Ararathi. **5** Amanzi aqhubeka esentsha
kwaze kwaba yinyanga yetshumi, kwathi ngosuku
lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi iziqongo zezintaba zaqala
ukubonakala. **6** Ngemva kwensuku ezingamatshumi
amane uNowa wavula iwindi ayelenzile emkhunjini
7 wathuma iwabayi, lazulazula emoyeni amanzi aze
atsha emhlabeni. **8** Wasethuma ijuba ukuthi abone
ingabe amanzi ayesephelile emhlabathini. **9** Kodwa ijuba
laswela indawo yokubeka unyawo ngoba kwakulamanzi
yonke indawo phezu komhlaba; ngakho labuyela
kuNowa emkhunjini. Wakhupha isandla walamukela

ijuba walibuyisa kuye emkhunjini. **10** Walinda okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa waphinda walithuma ijuba lisuka emkhunjini. **11** Kwathi ijuba selibuya kuye ntambama, laliphethe ngomlomo walo ihlamvu lesihlahla se-oliva elalisanda kukhiwa! UNowa wahle wazi ukuthi amanzi ayesehlile kakhulu emhlabeni. **12** Walinda okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa walithuma ijuba njalo, kodwa ngalesi isikhathi kalisabuyanga kuye. **13** Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala yomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha lanye wokuphila kukaNowa, amanzi ayesomile emhlabeni. Ngakho uNowa wasesusa uphahla lomkhumbi esebona ukuthi iphansi lomhlabathi laselomile. **14** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga yesibili umhlabathi wawusuwome qha. **15** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, **16** "Phuma emkhunjini, wena lomkakho, lamadodana akho labomkabo. **17** Khupha yonke into ephilayo olayo, izinyoni, izinyamazana lazozonke izinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini ukuze zande emhlabeni, zizale zande ngobunengi bazo." **18** Ngakho uNowa wasephuma lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe kanye labomalukazana bakhe. **19** Zonke izinyamazana kanye lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini lazozonke izinyoni, yonke into enyakazayo emhlabeni, kwaphuma emkhunjini, ngemihlobo kulandelana. **20** UNowa wasesakhela uThixo i-alithari, wathatha ezinye izinyamazana lezinyoni ezihlanzekileyo wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwalo. **21** UThixo wahotsha iphunga elimnandi wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: "Kangisayikuphinda ngiwuqalekise

njalo umhlaba ngenxa yabantu, ngoba imicabango yenhliziyo yomuntu mibi kusukela ebuntwaneni bakhe. Njalo kangisoze lanini ngiphinde ngibhubhise zonke izidalwa eziphilayo, njengalokhu engikwenzileyo. **22** Nxa umhlaba ulokhu usekhona, isikhathi sokuhlanyela lesokuvuna, umqando lokutshisa, ihlobo lobusika, imini lobusuku kakusoze kwacina."

9 UNkulunkulu wambusisa uNowa lamadodana akhe wathi kubo, "Zalanani lande ngobunengi ligcwalise umhlaba. **2** Zizalesaba zibe lovalo ngani zonke izinyamazana zomhlaba, lazozonke izinyoni zemoyeni, lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini, kanye lenhlanzi zonke zolwandle; ziphiwe ezandleni zakho. **3** Yonke into ephilayo lenyakazayo izakuba yikudla kuwe. Njengalokhu ngalipha izihlahla eziluhlaza, manje sengilipha yonke into. **4** Kodwa lingadli inyama ilegazi lokuphila phakathi kwayo. **5** Njalo igazi lokuphila kwenu ngizafuna impendulo ngalo, ngizafuna impendulo kuyo yonke inyamazana. Njalo emuntwini wonke ngizafuna ukwazi ngempilo yomzalwane wakhe. **6** Loba ngubani ochitha igazi lomuntu, igazi lakhe lizachithwa ngumuntu; ngoba ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu umenzile umuntu. **7** Mayelana lani, zalanani lande ngobunengi; yandani emhlabeni libe banengi." **8** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa lakumadodana akhe ayelawo: **9** "Manje sengimisa isivumelwano sami lani lezizukulwane zenu ezilandelayo **10** lasosonke isidalwa esiphilayo esasilawe, izinyoni, izifuyo lezinyamazana zeganga, zonke lezo ezaphuma lani emkhunjini,

sonke isidalwa esiphilayo emhlabeni. **11** Ngiyasimisa isivumelwano sami lani: Kakusoze njalo impilo yonke iqunywe ngamanzi kazamcolo; kakusoze njalo kube lozamcolo ozabhubhisa umhlaba." **12** UNkulunkulu wathi, "Lesi yisiboniso sesivumelwano engisenzayo phakathi kwami lani lasosonke isidalwa esiphilayo elilaso, isivumelwano sezizukulwane zonke ezizayo: **13** Sengibeke umchilowamakhosikazi wami emayezini, wona uzakuba yisiboniso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lomhlaba. **14** Kuzakuthi nxa ngiletha amayezi phezu komhlaba besekuvela umchilowamakhosikazi emayezini, **15** ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lani lazozonke izidalwa eziphilayo ezemihlobo yonke. Kakusoze njalo lanini amanzi abe yisikhukhula esizabhubhisa impilo. **16** Kuzakuthi nxa kungavela umchilowamakhosikazi emayezini ngizawubona besengikhumbula isivumelwano saphakade phakathi kukaNkulunkulu lezidalwa zonke eziphilayo ezemihlobo yonke emhlabeni." **17** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, "Lesi yisiboniso sesivumelwano esengisimisile phakathi kwami lakho konke okuphilayo emhlabeni." **18** Amadodana kaNowa aphuma emkhunjini ayengoShemu, uHamu loJafethi. (UHamu wayenguyise kaKhenani.) **19** La ayeyiwo amadodana amathathu kaNowa, kuwo kwadabuka abantu abasabalala emhlabeni wonke. **20** UNowa, indoda yomhlabathi, wasuka wahlanyela isivini. **21** Wathi esenathe iwayini lakhona, wadakwa walala enqunu phakathi kwethente lakhe. **22** UHamu, uyise kaKhenani, wabona ubunqunu bukayise wasetshela

abafowabo phandle. **23** Kodwa uShemu loJafethi bathatha isivunulo basiphosela emahlombe abo; bangena behamba nyovane bamboza ubunqunu bukayise. Ubuso babo babukhangele emuva ukuze bangaboni ubunqunu bukayise. **24** Kwathi uNowa esevukile selehlile iwayini wezwa ngokwakwenziwe kuye yindodana yakhe encane kulamanye, **25** wathi, "Uqalekisiwe uKhenani! Isigqili esizakuba phansi kubafowabo." **26** Wabuya wathi njalo, "Udumo kalube kuThixo, uNkulunkulu kaShemu! Sengathi uKhenani angaba yisigqili sikaShemu. **27** Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaqhelisa indawo kaJafethi; sengathi uJafethi angahlala emathenteni kaShemu, njalo sengathi uKhenani angaba yisichaka sakhe." **28** Ngemva kukazamcolo uNowa waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amahlanu. **29** UNowa waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu isiyonke, wasesifa.

10 Lo ngumlando kaShemu, loHamu loJafethi, amadodana kaNowa, okwathi bona ngokwabo baba lamadodana ngemva kwesikhukhula. **2** Amadodana kaJafethi ayeyila: uGomeri, uMagogi, uMadayi uJavani, uThubhali, uMesheki loThirasi. **3** Amadodana kaGomeri ayeyila: u-Ashikhenazi, uRifathi kanye loThogarima. **4** Amadodana kaJavani ayeyila: u-Elisha, uThashishi, uKhithimi loRodanimu. **5** (Kusukela kulaba abahlala ngasolwandle behlukana ngezigodi zabo, yilabo ngosendo lwabo bephakathi kwezizwe zabo, kuyilabo lalabo bekhuluma ulimi lwabo.) **6** Amadodana kaHamu ayeyila: uKhushi, uMizirayimi, uPhuthi loKhenani.

7 Amadodana kaKhushi ayeyila: uSebha, uHavila,
uSabhitha, uRahama loSabhitheka. Amadodana kaRahama
ayeyila: uShebha loDedani. **8** UKhushi wayenguyise
kaNimrodi, owakhula waba liqhawe elilamandla
emhlabeni. **9** Wayengumzingeli omkhulu phambi
kukaThixo; kungakho lokho kwathiwa, "NjengoNimrodi,
umzingeli omkhulu phambi kukaThixo." **10** Izindawo
ezinkulu zembusweni wakhe kwakuyiBhabhiloni, i-Erekhi,
i-Akhadi leKhaline eShinari. **11** Esuka kulelolizwe waya
e-Asiriya lapho akha khona iNiniva, iRehobhothi, i-
Iri, iKhala **12** leReseni ephakathi kweNiniva leKhala;
yilo idolobho elikhulukazi. **13** UMizirayimi wayenguyise
wamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabhi, amaNafithuhi,
14 amaPhathrosi lamaKhasiluhi (okwadabuka khona
amaFilistiya) lamaKhafithori. **15** UKhenani wayenguyise
kaSidoni izibulo lakhe, amaHithi, **16** amaJebusi, ama-
Amori, amaGigashi, **17** amaHivi, ama-Arikhi, amaSini,
18 ama-Avadi, amaZemari kanye lamaHamathi. (Muva
izizwana zamaKhenani zasabalala **19** kwathi imingcele
yeKhenani yasukela eSidoni isiya eGerari kufika
eGaza, besekuqonda eSodoma, leGomora, le-Adima
leZebhoyimi kuze kuyefika eLasha.) **20** La yiwo amadodana
kaHamu ngokosendo lwawo langezindimi zawo, ezigodini
zawo kanye langezizwe zawo. **21** Amadodana azalwa
njalo kuShemu, umnewabo owayenguJafethi; uShemu
wayengukhokho wawo wonke amadodana ka-Ebha. **22**
Amadodana kaShemu ayeyila: u-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-
Afazadi, uLudi lo-Aramu. **23** Amadodana ka-Aramu ayeyila:
u-Uzi, uHuli, uGetha loMesheki. **24** U-Afazadi wayenguyise

kaShela, uShela wazala u-Ebha. **25** Amadodana amabili
ayezalwa ngu-Ebha ayeyila: Omunye wayenguPhelegi,
ngoba ngezinsuku zakhe umhlaba wawudabuke phakathi;
umfowabo kwakuthiwa nguJokithani. **26** UJokithani
wayenguyise ka-Alimodadi, uShelefi, uHazarimavethi,
uJera, **27** uHadoramu, u-Uzali, uDikila, **28** u-Obhali,
u-Abhimayeli, uShebha, **29** u-Ofiri, uHavila kanye
loJobhabhi. Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJokithani.
30 Isigodi ababehlala kuso sasisukela eMesha kusiya
eSefari elizweni elilamaqaqa elisempumalanga. **31** La
ngamadodana kaShemu ngokosendo lwawo langezindimi
zawo, emazweni awo lezizweni zawo. **32** Lezi zinsendo
zamadodana kaNowa kusiya ngemindeni yazo, phakathi
kwezizwe zawo. Kusukela kuzo, izizwe zahlakazeka
zagcwala umhlaba wonke emva kukazamcolo.

11 Umhlaba wonke wawulolimi lunye lokukhuluma
okufananayo. **2** Kwathi abantu belokhu beqhelela
empumalanga, bafumana indawo evulekileyo eShinari
basebesakha khona. **3** Basebetshelana bathi, "Kasitshayeni
izitina sizitshise kakhulu." Babesebenzisa izitina endaweni
yamatshe, lethara endaweni yodaka. **4** Basebesithi,
"Zwanini, kasizakheleni idolobho libe lomphongolo ofika
emazulwini, ukuze sizenzele ibizo singaze sasabalala
umhlaba wonke." **5** Kodwa uThixo wehla wazalibona
idolobho kanye lomphongolo abantu ababewakha. **6**
UThixo wathi, "Nxa bengabantu banye bekhuluma
limi lunye sebeqalisile ukwenza lokhu, pho kakukho
okungabehlula. **7** Zwanini, kasehleni siye phansi
sisanganise ulimi lwabo bangabe besazwana." **8** Kanjalo

uThixo wabahlakaza emhlabeni wonke, bayekela ukwakha idolobho. **9** Kungakho labizwa ngokuthi yiBhabheli, ngoba khonapho uThixo wasanganisa ulimi lomhlaba wonke. Kusukela lapho uThixo wabahlakazela emhlabeni wonke. **10** Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaShemu. Eminyakeni emibili emva kukazamcolo, uShemu eseleminyaka elikhulu wazala u-Afazadi. **11** Esezele u-Afazadi, uShemu waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **12** Kwathi u-Afazadi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, wazala uShela. **13** Esezele uShela, u-Afazadi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **14** UShela esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu wazala u-Ebha. **15** Esezele u-Ebha, uShela waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **16** U-Ebha esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lane wazala uPhelegi. **17** Esezele uPhelegi, u-Ebha waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **18** UPhelegi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uRewu. **19** Esezele uRewu, uPhelegi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesificamunwemunye, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **20** Kwathi uRewu esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, wazala uSerugi. **21** Esezele uSerugi, uRewu waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesikhombisa, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **22** Kwathi

uSerugi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uNahori. **23** Esezele uNahori, uSerugi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **24** UNahori esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye wazala uThera. **25** Esezele uThera, uNahori waphila okweminyaka elikhulu letshumi lesificamunwemunye, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **26** UThera esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa wazala u-Abhrama, uNahori loHarani. **27** Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaThera. UThera wazala u-Abhrama, uNahori loHarani. Kwathi uHarani wazala uLothi. **28** Kwathi uyise uThera esaphila uHarani wafa bese-Uri idolobho lamaKhaladiya, elizweni lokuzalwa kwakhe. **29** U-Abhrama loNahori bathatha bobabili. Ibizo lomka-Abhrama lalinguSarayi, kwathi ibizo likamkaNahori linguMilikha; wayeyindodakazi kaHarani uyise kaMilikha kanye lo-Isikha. **30** Kodwa uSarayi wayeyinyumba; wayengelabantwana. **31** UThera wathatha indodana yakhe u-Abhrama, lomzukulu wakhe uLothi indodana kaHarani, lomalokazana wakhe uSarayi umfazi wendodana yakhe u-Abhrama, basuka bonke e-Uri lamaKhaladiya baqonda eKhenani. Kodwa bafika eHarani basebesakha khona. **32** UThera waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lanhlanu, wafela eHarani.

12 UThixo wathi ku-Abhrama, "Suka elizweni lakini, lebantwini bakini lasendlini kayihlo uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. **2** Ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu njalo ngizakubusisa; ngizakwenza ibizo lakho

libe likhulu, njalo uzakuba yisibusiso. **3** Ngizababusisa labo
abakubusisayo, lalowo okuqalekisayo ngizamqalekisa;
njalo bonke abantu emhlabeni bazakubusiswa ngawe." **4**
Ngakho u-Abhrama wasuka, njengokutshelwa kwakhe
nguThixo; njalo uLothi wahamba laye. U-Abhrama
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu
ekusukeni kwakhe eHarani. **5** Wathatha umkakhe
uSarayi, lomntanomfowabo uLothi, lempahla yabo yonke
ababeyizuzile kanye labantu ababebatholile eHarani,
baqonda elizweni laseKhenani, bayafika khona. **6** U-
Abhrama wahamba walidabula ilizwe waze wafika
endaweni yesihlahla esikhulu saseMore eShekhemu.
Ngalesosikhathi amaKhenani ayephakathi kwelizwe.
7 UThixo wabonakala ku-Abhrama wathi, "Lelilizwe
ngizalinika inzalo yakho." Ngakho wasesakha i-alithari
khonapho elakhela uThixo owayebonakele kuye. **8** Esuka
lapho waqonda ezintabeni empumalanga kweBhetheli
wamisa ithente lakhe, iBhetheli isentshonalanga le-Ayi
isempumalanga. Khonapho wakhela uThixo i-alithari
walidumisa ibizo likaThixo. **9** U-Abhrama wasuka
waqhubeka eqonda eNegebi. **10** Kwasekusiba lendlala
elizweni, okwenza u-Abhrama waya eGibhithe ukuyahlala
khona okwesikhathi esithile ngoba indlala yayinkulu
kakhulu. **11** Kwathi esebanga ukungena eGibhithe
wathi kumkakhe uSarayi, "Ngiyazi ukuthi ungumfazi
omuhle kakhulu. **12** AmaGibhithe azakuthi ekubona
athi, 'Lo ngumkakhe.' Lapho-ke bazangibulala wena
bakuyekele uphile. **13** Ubokuthi ungudadewethu, ukuze
ngiphathwe kuhle ngenxa yakho njalo lempilo yami isinde

ngenxa yakho.” **14** Kwathi u-Abhrama efika eGibhithe,
amaGibhithe abona umkakhe ukuthi wayengumfazi
omuhle kakhulu. **15** Izikhulu zikaFaro sezimbonile
zamncoma kakhulu kuFaro, uSarayi wasengeniswa
esigodlweni sakhe. **16** Wamphatha kuhle u-Abhrama
ngenxa kaSarayi, ngakho u-Abhrama wazuza izimvu
lenkomo, obabhemi abaduna labasikazi, izinceku zesilisa
lezesifazane lamakamela. **17** Kodwa uThixo wehlisela
uFaro lendlu yakhe izifo ezimbi ngenxa kaSarayi umka-
Abhrama. **18** Ngakho uFaro wabiza u-Abhrama wathi,
“Wenzeni kimi? Kungani ungangitshelanga ukuthi
ungumkakho na? **19** Watsholoni ukuthi ungudadewenu,
ngacina sengizithathele mina waba ngowami? Manje,
nangu umkakho. Mthathe uhambe!” **20** UFaro waselaya
ukuthi u-Abhrama lamadoda ayelawo basuswe elizweni,
kanye lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho.

13 Ngakho u-Abhrama wasuka eGibhithe waya eNegebi,
kanye lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho, loLothi ehamba
laye. **2** U-Abhrama wayesenothile kakhulu ngezifuyo
langesiliva legolide. **3** Esuka eNegebi wazula lapha
lalapha waze wafika eBhetheli, endaweni eyayiphakathi
kweBhetheli le-Ayi lapho ayemise khona ithente
lakhe kuqala **4** njalo lapho ayeqale khona ukwakha
i-alithari. Khonapho u-Abhrama wadumisa ibizo
likaThixo. **5** ULothi wayehamba lo-Abhrama, laye
wayelemihlambi yezimvu lenkomo lamathente. **6** Kodwa
indawo yayingasoze ibenele bonke nxa babengahlala
ndawonye, ngoba impahla yabo yayinengi kakhulu,
isala ukuthi bahlale ndawonye. **7** Kwaba lokuxabana

phakathi kwabelusi baka-Abhrama labelusi bakaLothi.
AmaKhenani lamaPherizi lawo ayehlala kulelolizwe
ngalesosikhathi. **8** U-Abhrama wasesithi kuLothi,
“Kasingalwi mina lawe, kumbe abelusi bakho labami
ngoba siyizinini zegazi. **9** Umhlaba wonke kawukho
phambi kwakho na? Kasehlukane. Ungaya kwesokhohlo
mina ngizakuya kwesokunene; ungaya kwesokunene mina
ngizakuya kwesokhohlo.” **10** ULothi wakhangela wabona
ukuthi lonke igceke laseJodani lalilamanzi amanengi,
njengesivande sikaThixo, njengelizwe laseGibhithe kusiya
eZowari. (Ngalesisikhathi uThixo wayengakabhubhisi
iSodoma leGomora.) **11** Ngakho uLothi wazikhethela
lonke igceke laseJodani, wasesuka waya empumalanga.
Amadoda la womabili ehlukana: **12** U-Abhrama wahlala
elizweni laseKhenani, kwathi uLothi wahlala phakathi
kwamadolobho asemagcekeni wamisa amathente akhe
eduze leSodoma. **13** Abantu baseSodoma babexhwalile
kakhulu, besenza izono ezinkulu kuThixo. **14** UThixo
wathi ku-Abhrama ngemva kokuba uLothi esesukile kuye,
“Phakamisa amehlo akho asuke lapho okhona, ukhangele
enhla leningizimu, empumalanga lentshonalanga.
15 Lonke ilizwe olibonayo ngizalinika wena kanye
lesizukulwane sakho okulaphakade. **16** Ngizakwenza
isizukulwane sakho sibe njengothuli lomhlabathi,
okokuthi nxa ekhona ongabala uthuli, lesizukulwane
sakho sibe lokubalwa. **17** Hamba udabule ubude lobubanzi
belizwe, ngoba ngiyakupha lona.” **18** Ngakho u-Abhrama
wathutha amathente akhe wahamba wayakwakha eduze

kwezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure eHebhroni, lapho akhela khona uThixo i-alithari.

14 Ngesikhathi u-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShinari, lo-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasari, loKhedolawoma inkosi yase-Elamu kanye loThidali inkosi yaseGoyimi **2** baya empini behlasela uBhera inkosi yaseSodoma, loBhirisha inkosi yaseGomora, loShinabhi inkosi yase-Adima, loShemebheri inkosi yaseZebhoyimi lenkosi yaseBhela (kutsho iZowari). **3** Wonke amakhosi la abikwe muva ahlanganyela eSigodini saseSidimu (uLwandle lweTswayi). **4** Okweminyaka elitshumi lambili ayebuswa nguKhedolawoma, kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu amvukela. **5** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane, uKhedolawoma lamakhosi ayemanyene laye baphuma bayanqoba amaRefayi e-Ashitherothi Khanayimi, lamaZuzi eHamu, lama-Emi eShave Khiriyathayimi **6** lamaHori elizweni lamaqaqa laseSeyiri, kwaze kwayafika e-Eli Pharani eduze lenkangala. **7** Yikho basebephenduka baya e-Eni Mishiphathi (kutsho eKhadeshi), banqoba isigodi sonke sama-Amaleki kanye lama-Amori ayehlala eHazazoni Thamari. **8** Ngakho inkosi yaseSodoma, lenkosi yaseGomora, lenkosi yase-Adima, lenkosi yaseZebhoyimi kanye lenkosi yaseBhela (kutsho iZowari) baphuma bayahlela izimpi zabo eSigodini saseSidimi **9** baqondana loKhedolawoma inkosi yase-Elamu, loThidali inkosi yaseGoyimi, lo-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShinari kanye lo-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasari, amakhosi amane eqondene lamahlanu. **10** Ngalesosikhathi iSigodi saseSidimi sasigcwele imigodi yengcino, ngakho kwathi amakhosi

aseSodoma leGomora, esebaleka, abanye abantu bawo
bawela kuyo, abanengi babalekela ezintabeni. **11**
Amakhosi la amane athumba zonke impahla zaseSodoma
leGomora lokudla kwabo konke; asehamba. **12**
Bathumba njalo loLothi umntanomfowabo ka-Abhrama
lempahla zakhe, njengoba wayehlala eSodoma. **13**
Omunye owayephunyukile wafika wazabikela u-Abhrama
umHebheru. U-Abhrama wayehlala phansi kwezihlahla
ezinkulu zikaMamure um'Amori, umfowabo ka-Eshikholi
lo-Aneri, bonke labo babebambene lo-Abhrama. **14** Kwathi
u-Abhrama esizwa ukuthi isihlobo sakhe sasithunjiwe,
wabutha amadoda ayengamakhulu amathathu letshumi
layisificaminwembili ababefundiswe ukulwa, bezalwa
endlini yakhe, wangena emzileni baze bayafika
eDani. **15** Ebusuku u-Abhrama wehlukanisa abantu
bakhe ukuthi babahlasele, wabalandela, waxotshana
labo waze wafika eHobha, enhla kweDamaseko. **16**
Wabemuka zonke impahla wathola lomhlobo wakhe
uLothi kanye lemfuyo yakhe, ndawonye labesifazane
labanye abantu. **17** U-Abhrama esebuyile ekunqobeni
kwakhe uKhedolawoma lamakhosi ayebambene laye,
inkosi yaseSodoma yaphuma yazahlangana laye
eSigodini saseShave (okutsho iSigodi seNkosi). **18**
UMelikhizedekhi inkosi yaseSalema, waseletha isinkwa
lewayini. Wayengumphristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke,
19 wabusisa u-Abhrama esithi, "Ubusisiwe u-Abhrama
nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMdali wezulu lomhlaba. **20**
Njalo kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, owanikela
izitha zakho esandleni sakho." U-Abhrama wasemupha

okwetshumi kwakho konke ayelakho. **21** Inkosi yaseSodoma yathi ku-Abhrama, “Ngipha abantu wena uzigcinele impahla.” **22** Kodwa u-Abhrama wathi enkosini yaseSodoma, “Sengiphakamisele isandla sami kuThixo, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMdali wezulu lomhlaba, ngenza isifungo **23** ukuthi kangisoze ngamukele lutho olungolwakho, loba kungaze kube ngumuca wohali loba umchilo wamanyathela, ukuze lanini ungaze wathi, ‘U-Abhrama wanothiswa yimi.’ **24** Angisoze ngamukele lutho ngaphandle kwalokho abantu bami asebekudlile lesabelo esingesalabobantu ababehamba lami, u-Aneri, lo-Eshikholi loMamure. Kabazuze isabelo sabo.”

15 Ngemva kwalokho ilizwi likaThixo leza ku-Abhrama ngombono: “Ungesabi, Abhrama. Ngiyisihlangu sakho, umvuzo wakho omkhulu kakhulu.” **2** Kodwa u-Abhrama wathi, “Oh Thixo Wobukhosi, ungangiphani njengoba ngilokhu ngingelamntwana, ilifa lami lizadliwa ngu-Eliyezari waseDamaseko na?” **3** U-Abhrama wathi njalo, “Awungiphanga bantwana; ngakho inceku endlini yami izakuba yindlalifa yami.” **4** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lathi: “Umuntu lo kayikuba yindlalifa yakho, kodwa indodana ephuma kowakho umzimba izakuba yindlalifa yakho.” **5** Wamkhuphela phandle wathi, “Khangela emkhathini ubale izinkanyezi, nxa usenelisa ukuzibala.” Wasesithi kuye, “Sizakuba njalo isizukulwane sakho.” **6** U-Abhrama wamkholwa uThixo, lokho kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga. **7** Waphinda wathi kuye, “NginguThixo owakususa e-Uri lamaKhaladiya ukuzakupha lelilizwe ukuthi libe ngelakho.” **8** Kodwa u-Abhrama wathi, “Oh

Thixo Wobukhosi, ngingazi kanjani ukuthi lizakuba ngelami na?” **9** UThixo wathi kuye, “Ngilethela ithokazi, imbuzi, lenqama, konke kuleminyaka emithathu yokuzalwa, kanye lejuba lenkwilimba esesencinyane.” **10** U-Abhrama wakuletha konke lokhu kuye, yilokho wakudabula phakathi ngakunye wakuhlela izingxenye zakho zakhangelana; kodwa izinyoni kazidabulanga phakathi. **11** Izinyoni ezidla inyama zehlela ezidunjini, kodwa u-Abhrama wazixotsha. **12** Kwathi ilanga selitshona, u-Abhrama wathathwa yibuthongo obukhulu, wehlelwa yibumnyama obesabekayo. **13** UThixo wasesithi kuye, “Yazi ngempela ukuthi Izizukulwane zakho zizakuba ngabezizweni elizweni elingayisilo labo okweminyaka engamakhulu amane, njalo bazagqilazwa, bahlukuluzwe khonale. **14** Kodwa ngizasijezisa lesosizwe esibagqilazayo, kuthi emva kwesikhathi baphume belemfuyo enengi kakhulu. **15** Kodwa wena, uzakuya kubokhokho bakho ngokuthula, ungcwatshwe usukhulile kakhulu. **16** Isizukulwane sakho sesine sizabuya lapha, ngoba isono sama-Amori kasikafiki ekucineni.” **17** Kwathi ilanga selitshonile, ubumnyama sebufikile, kwavela imbawula yomlilo, ithunqa intuthu, ilelangabi elibhebhayo, yadabula phakathi kweziqa zenyama. **18** Ngalelolanga uThixo wenza isivumelwano lo-Abhrama wathi, “Ilizwe leli ngilipha izizukulwane zakho, kusukela emfuleni waseGibhithe kusiyafika emfuleni omkhulu, iYufrathe, **19** ilizwe lamaKheni, lamaKhenizi, lamaKhadimoni, **20** lamaHithi, lamaPherizi, lamaRefayi, **21** lama-Amori, lamaKhenani, lamaGigashi kanye lamaJebusi.”

16 USarayi umka-Abhrama wayengamzalelanga
bantwana. Kodwa wayelencekukazi yomGibhithe
eyayithiwa nguHagari; **2** ngakho uSarayi wathi ku-
Abhrama, “UThixo ungincitshile abantwana. Hamba,
wembathe lencekukazi yami; mhlawumbe lami ngingaba
lendlu ngaye.” U-Abhrama wavuma kulokho
okwakutshiwo nguSarayi. **3** Ngakho kwathi u-Abhrama
esehlale eKhenani okweminyaka elitshumi, uSarayi
umkakhe wathatha incekukazi yakhe yomGibhithe
uHagari wamupha indoda yakhe ukuba ngumkayo. **4** U-
Abhrama wambatha loHagari, wazithwala. Wathi
esezibona esezithwele, waseqalisa ukweyisa inkosikazi
yakhe. **5** USarayi wasesithi ku-Abhrama, “Ngumlandu
wakho ukuze ngihlupheke kangaka. Incekukazi yami
ngayethula ezandleni zakho, kodwa ithi ngoba isisazi
ukuthi isizithwele isingeyisa. Sengathi uThixo
angahlulela phakathi kwami lawe.” **6** U-Abhrama wathi,
“Incekukazi yakho isezandleni zakho. Yenza lokho obona
kufanele ngayo.” USarayi wasemphatha kubi
uHagari; wacina embalekela. **7** Ingilosi kaThixo
yamfumana uHagari eduze komthombo enkangala;
kwakungumthombo oseceleni kwendlela eya eShuri. **8**
Yathi, “Hagari, ncekukazi kaSarayi, uvela ngaphi njalo
uya ngaphi?” Waphendula wathi, “Ngibalekela inkosikazi
yami, uSarayi.” **9** Ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yamtshela
yathi, “Buyela enkosikazini yakho ufike uyilalele.” **10**
Ingilosi kaThixo yengeza yathi, “Ngizakwandisa
izizukulwane zakho zibe zinengi okungelakubalwa.” **11**
Ingilosi kaThixo yaphinda yathi kuye: “Khathesi

usuzithwele njalo uzabusiswa ngendodana. Kumele uyethe uthi ngu-Ishumayeli, ngoba uThixo usekuzwile ukukhala kwakho. **12** Uzakuba yindoda engubabhemi weganga; isandla sakhe sizaxabana labantu bonke lesandla somuntu wonke sixabane laye, njalo uzaphila ngenzondano labafowabo bonke." **13** UThixo owakhuluma laye wamutha lelibizo elithi: "UnguNkulunkulu ongibonayo," ngoba wathi, "Manje sengimbonile lowo ongibonayo." **14** Yikho-nje umthombo lowo wabizwa ngokuthi yiBheri-Lahayi-Royi; ulokhu usekhona, phakathi kweKhadeshi leBheredi. **15** Ngakho uHagari wazalela u-Abhrama indodana, u-Abhrama wamutha ibizo lokuthi ngu-Ishumayeli. **16** U-Abhrama wayeleminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesithupha lapho uHagari emzalela u-Ishumayeli.

17 U-Abhrama eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye yobudala, uThixo wabonakala kuye wathi, "NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; hamba ngokwethembeka phambi kwami, ungasoleki. **2** Ngizasiqinisa isivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe, ngandise njalo ubunengi benu." **3** U-Abhrama wawa wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, **4** "Mina ngokwami ngithi lesi yisivumelwano sami lawe: uzakuba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi. **5** Kawusayi kubizwa ngokuthi Abhrama; ibizo lakho selizakuba ngu-Abhrahama, ngoba sengikwenze uyise wezizwe ezinengi. **6** Ngizakwenza uzuze inzalo enengi; ngizakwenza izizwe ngawe, njalo amakhosi azaphuma

kuwe. **7** Ngizaqinisa isivumelwano sami sibe
yisivumelwano sanini lanini phakathi kwami lawe kanye
lezizukulwane ezizayo ukuba nguNkulunkulu wakho,
loNkulunkulu wezizukulwane zakho ngemva kwakho. **8**
Ilizwe lonke laseKhenani, okwamanje ohlala
njengowezizwe kulo, ngizakupha libe yilifa laphakade
kuwe lezizukulwane zakho ngemva kwakho; njalo
ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo." **9** UNkulunkulu
wasesithi ku-Abhrahama, "Wena kumele ugcine
isivumelwano sami, wena lezizukulwane zakho ezizayo.
10 Lesi yisivumelwano sami lawe lezizukulwane ezizayo,
isivumelwano okumele usigcine: Wonke umuntu wesilisa
phakathi kwenu kuzamele asokwe. **11** Wena kumele
usokwe, lokho kuzakuba yisiboniso sesivumelwano
phakathi kwami lawe. **12** Kuzizukulwane ezizayo umuntu
wonke wesilisa ophakathi kwenu oselezinsuku
eziyisificaminwembili kumele asokwe, kusitsho lalabo
abazalwa emzini wakho loba abathengwa ngemali
emuntwini wezizwe, labo abangazalwa nguwe. **13** Loba
abazalwa emzini wakho kumbe abathengwa ngemali,
kumele basokwe. Isivumelwano sami enyameni yakho
sizakuba yisivumelwano esingapheliyo. **14** Lowo owesilisa
ongasokwanga, ongazange ake asokwe enyameni
uzakhalalwa ngabantu bakibo; usephule isivumelwano
sami." **15** UNkulunkulu waphinda njalo wathi ku-
Abhrahama, "Umkakho uSarayi, ungabe usambiza
ngokuthi nguSarayi; ibizo lakhe selinguSara. **16**
Ngizambusisa, njalo ngizakunika indodana ngaye.
Ngizambusisa ukuze abe ngunina wezizwe; amakhosi

ezizwe azavela kuye." **17** U-Abhrahama wawa wathi mbo
ngobuso phansi; wahleka wazitshela wathi, "Kambe
indodana ingazalwa ngumuntu oseleminyaka elikhulu
na? USara angamzala umntwana yena eseleminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye na?" **18** Ngakho u-
Abhrahama wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, "Nxa u-Ishumayeli
engaphila ngaphansi kwesibusiso sakho kuphela!" **19**
UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Yebo, uSara uzakuzalela
indodana, wena uyibize ngokuthi ngu-Isaka. Ngizaqinisa
isivumelwano sami laye sibe yisivumelwano
esingapheliyo lezizukulwane eziza ngemva kwakhe. **20**
Mayelana lo-Ishumayeli, ngizwile okutshiloyo: ngeqiniso
ngizambusisa; ngizamnika inzalo enkulu, ngandise
ubunengi bayo. Uzakuba nguyise wababusi abalitshumi
lambili, ngimenze abe yisizwe esikhulu. **21** Kodwa
isivumelwano sami ngizasiqinisa lo-Isaka, ozamzalelwa
nguSara ngalesisikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo." **22** Eseqedile
ukukhuluma lo-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu wenyuka
wamtshiya. **23** Ngalelolanga u-Abhrahama wathatha
indodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli labo bonke abazalelwa
emzini wakhe loba abathengwayo ngemali yakhe
wabasoka, njengoba uNkulunkulu wayemtshelile. **24** U-
Abhrahama wayeleminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye mhla
esokwa, **25** indodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli yayileminyaka
yokuzalwa elitshumi lantathu; **26** u-Abhrahama
lendodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli bobabili basokwa
mhlalokho ngalanga linye. **27** Njalo bonke abesilisa
ababesemzini ka-Abhrahama, kugoqela labo abazalelwa

khonapho ekhaya labathengwa kwabezizwe, basokwa kanye laye.

18 UThixo wabonakala ku-Abhrahama eduzane lezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure, ehlezi emnyango wethente lakhe, ilanga litshisa kakhulu. **2** U-Abhrahama waphosa amehlo wabona amadoda amathathu emi eduze. Wonela ukuwabona wasuka ngokuphangisa emnyango wethente lakhe wawahlangabeza wafika wakhothama phansi. **3** Wathi, "Nxa ngifumene umusa kuwe, nkosi yami, ungedluli eceleni kwenceku yakho. **4** Akulethwe amanzi amalutshwana nje, ukuze lonke ligeze inyawo zenu, keliphumule ngaphansi kwesihlahla lesi. **5** Wothini ngilidingele ukudla ukuze lizuze amandla andubana liqhubeke ngohambo lwenu njengoba nje selizile encekwini yenu." Baphendula bathi, "Kulungile, yenza lokho okutshoyo." **6** Ngakho u-Abhrahama waphanga waya ethenteni kuSara. Wathi, "Phangisa, thatha izilinganiso ezintathu zefulawa ecolekileyo, uvube inhlama wenze isinkwa." **7** Waphanga waya emhlambini wakhetha iguqana elihle, elibuthakathaka walipha isisebenzi ukuba silihlinze. **8** Waseletha izankefu zamasi, lochago kanye leguqa elaselilungisiwe, konke wakubeka phambi kwabo. Bathi besidla yena wema eduzane labo ngaphansi kwesihlahla. **9** Bambuza bathi, "Ungaphi umkakho uSara na?" Wathi, "Ulaphayana, ethenteni." **10** UThixo wasesithi, "Ngizabuya ngempela kuwe ngalesisikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo, njalo umkakho uSara uzakuba lendodana." USara wayelokhu elalele esemnyango wethente elalingemuva kwakhe. **11** U-

Abhrahama loSara basebevele sebebadala kakhulu, uSara
esedlule isikhathi sokuba labantwana. **12** Ngakho uSara
wahleka yedwa, wakhumbula wathi, “Kambe sengigugile
kanje lenkosi yami isindala, ngingakhona ngizuza intokozo
le?” **13** UThixo wasesithi ku-Abhrahama, “Kungani
uSara ehlekile njalo wathi, ‘Kambe sibili ngizakuba
lomntwana mina sengiluphele?’ **14** Kambe kulolutho
olwehlula uThixo na? Ngizabuya kuwe ngesikhathi
esimisiweyo ngomnyaka ozayo, njalo uSara uzakuba
lendodana.” **15** USara wesaba, yikho waqamba amanga
wathi, “Kangizange ngihleke mina.” Kodwa wathi,
“Ye, uhlekile.” **16** Amadoda asuka ahamba aqonda
eSodoma, u-Abhrahama wawaphelekezela ukuwakhupha.
17 UThixo wasesithi, “Ngimfihlele yini u-Abhrahama lokho
esengizakwenza na? **18** Ngempela u-Abhrahama uzakuba
yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla, njalo zonke izizwe zomhlaba
zizabusiswa ngaye. **19** Ngoba sengimkhethile, ukuze
aqondise abantwabakhe lomuzi wakhe, yena esedlule,
ukugcina indlela kaThixo ngokwenza okulungileyo
lokuqondileyo, ukuze uThixo amenzele u-Abhrahama
lokho amthembise khona.” **20** UThixo wasesithi kuye,
“Insolo ngeSodoma leGomora inkulu kakhulu njalo
isono sakhona siyesabeka **21** okokuthi sengizakuya
khona ngiyebona ingabe lokho abakwenzileyo kubi
okulingana lensolo le esifikile kimi. Nxa kungenjalo,
ngizakwazi.” **22** Amadoda akhangela phambili aqonda
eSodoma, kodwa u-Abhrahama wasala emi phambi
kukaThixo. **23** Ngakho u-Abhrahama waya kuye wathi:
“Uzabhubhisa abalungileyo kanye lababi na? **24** Pho

nxa kukhona abangamatshumi amahlanu kulelodolobho ke? Ngempela uzalikhucula na ungalixoleli ngenxa yabangamatshumi amahlanu abalungileyo abakulo na? **25** Akube khatshana lawe ukwenza into enjalo, ukubulala abalungileyo lababi. Kakube khatshana lawe lokho! Kambe uMahluleli womhlaba wonke kayikwenza okufaneleyo na?" **26** UThixo wathi, "Nxa ngifumana abangamatshumi amahlanu abalungileyo edolobheni laseSodoma, ngizalixolela lonke idolobho ngenxa yabo." **27** U-Abhrahama waphinda wakhuluma njalo wathi: "Njengoba sengibe lesibindi esingaka sokukhuluma loThixo, loba ngingasulutho mina, ngiluthuli nje lomlotha, **28** pho nxa inani labalungileyo lingaphansi ngabahlanu ematshumini amahlanu? Uzalibhubhisa idolobho lonke ngenxa yabantu abahlanu na?" Wathi, "Ngingafumana abangamatshumi amane lanhlanu kangiyikulibhubhisa." **29** Waphinda njalo wakhuluma laye wathi, "Nxa kufunyanwa amatshumi amane kuphela-ke?" Yena wathi, "Ngenxa yabangamatshumi amane kangizukukwenza." **30** Ngakho wasesithi, "UThixo makangathukutheli, kodwa ake ngikhulume. Kungafunyanwa khona amatshumi amathathu ke?" Waphendula wathi, "Kangizukukwenza ngingafumana khona amatshumi amathathu." **31** U-Abhrahama wathi, "Kambe njengoba ngibe lesibindi esingaka ngaze ngakhuluma loThixo, pho nxa kufunyanwa abangamatshumi amabili khona kuphela-ke?" Wathi, "Ngenxa yabangamatshumi amabili kangiyikulibhubhisa." **32** Waphinda wathi, "UThixo angathukutheli, kodwa ake ngikhulume kanye kuphela njalo. Kambe nxa

kungafunyanwa itshumi lodwa-ke?" Waphendula wathi, "Ngenxa yabalitshumi kangiyikulibhubhisa." **33** Kwathi uThixo eseqedile ukukhuluma lo-Abhrahama wasuka, lo-Abhrahama wabuyela ngekhaya.

19 Izingilosi zombili zafika eSodoma kusihlwa, uLothi ehlezi esangweni ledolobho. Wathi ezibona wasukuma wazihlangabeza wathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **2** Wathi, "Makhosi ami, ake liphambukele endlini yenceku yenu. Lingageza inyawo zenu, lilale khona andubana liqhubeke ngendlela yenu ekuseni." Zaphendula zathi, "Hatshi, sizalala egcekeni phandle." **3** Kodwa waphikelela kakhulukazi zaze zahamba laye zangena endlini yakhe. Wazilungisela ukudla, wazenzela isinkwa esingelamvubelo, zadla. **4** Zingakayilala, amadoda aqhamuka kuzozonke izindawo zedolobho laseSodoma, amajaha lamaxhegu, ayihanqa indlu. **5** Amemeza uLothi athi, "Angaphi amadoda afike emzini wakho lamuhla kusihlwa? Akhuphe eze lapha ngoba sifuna ukulala lawo siwenze abafazi." **6** ULothi waphuma wayakhuluma lawo wavala umnyango ngemva kwakhe, **7** wathi, "Hatshi, bazalwane. Lingenzi linto embi kangaka. **8** Khangelani, ngilamadodakazi amabili angakaze alale lendoda. Wothini ngiwalethe lapha kini lenze elikuthandayo ngawo. Kodwa lingenzi lutho emadodeni ngoba angaphansi komthunzi wophahla lwami." **9** Aphendula athi, "Suka endleleni yethu." Babuye bathi, "Umuntu lo weza lapha njengowezizwe, kodwa khathesi usefuna ukuba ngumahluleli! Wena-ke sizakuthwalisa nzima kulawo." Babelokhu beminyezela

uLothi, bafuqela phambili bezama ukwephula isivalo. **10** Kodwa amadoda lawo ayephakathi avula adonsela uLothi endlini avala isivalo. **11** Asewatshaya ngobuphofu amadoda ayesemnyango wendlu leyo, amajaha lamaxhegu, asesehluleka ukubona umnyango. **12** Amadoda lawo amabili athi kuLothi, "Bakhona yini abanye olabo lapha abakhwenyana, amadodana kumbe amadodakazi, loba nje omunye edolobheni leli ongowakho? Bakhuphe lapha, **13** ngoba sizayibhubhisa indawo le. Insolo efika kuThixo ngalababantu inkulu kabi okokuthi useze wasithuma ukuthi silibhubhise." **14** Ngakho uLothi waphuma wayakhuluma labakhwenyana bakhe, labo abasebethembise ukulobola amadodakazi akhe. Wathi, "Phangisani, phumani kulindawo, ngoba uThixo usezalibhubhisa idolobho leli!" Kodwa abakhwenyana bakhe bacabanga ukuthi wenza amahlaya. **15** Kwathi emathathakusa izingilosi zakhuthaza uLothi zathi, "Phangisa! Thatha umkakho lamadodakazi akho womabili akhona lapha, ngoba lizaqabuka likhukhulwa nxa idolobho selijeziswa." **16** Wathi esatomatoma, amadoda ambamba ngesandla kanye lesandla somkakhe lezamadodakazi akhe womabili abaholela ngaphandle kwedolobho bephephile, ngoba uThixo wayelomusa kubo. **17** Bonela ukuthi bakhutshwe, omunye wazo wathi, "Balekani liqinise! Lingakhangeli emuva, njalo lingemi ndawo emagcekeni! Balekelani ezintabeni funa likhukhulwe!" **18** Kodwa uLothi wathi kuzo, "Hatshi, makhosi ami, bakithi! **19** Inceku yenu isizuze umusa emehlweni enu, njalo selitshengise umusa omkhulu kimi ngokuphephisa impilo

yami. Kodwa ngingeke ngibalekele ezintabeni; ububi lobu buzangifica ngihle ngife. **20** Khangelani, nanku umuzi oseduze engingabalekela kuwo, njalo mncinyane, wothini ngibalekele kuwo, mncinyane, kawunjalo? Lapho ngizasinda." **21** Yathi kuye, "Kulungile, ngiyasamukela njalo lalesisicelo; kangizukuwubhidliza umuzi okhuluma ngawo. **22** Kodwa balekela khona masinyane, ngoba kangiyikwenza lutho uze ufike khona." (Yikho umuzi lowo wabizwa ngokuthi yiZowari.) **23** Ngesikhathi uLothi efika eZowari ilanga laseliphumile elizweni. **24** UThixo wasenisa umlilo wesolufa etshisayo phezu kweSodoma leGomora, uvela kuThixo usehla emazulwini. **25** Kanjalo wawabhidliza amadolobho lamagceke wonke, labo bonke ababehlala kuwo amadolobho kanye lokumila emhlabathini. **26** Kodwa umkaLothi wakhangela emuva, waphenduka isiduli setswayi. **27** Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku olulandelayo u-Abhrahama wasuka wabuyela endaweni lapho ayeme phambi kukaThixo khona. **28** Wakhangela malungana leSodoma leGomora, malungana lalo lonke ilizwe lamagceke, wabona izikhatha zentuthu ziqonga zisuka phansi, njengomlilo usuka esithandweni somlilo. **29** Ngakho kwathi uNkulunkulu ebhubhisa amadolobho asemagcekeni wakhumbula u-Abhrahama, wamkhupha uLothi enkemenkemeni eyatshabalalisa amadolobho lapho uLothi ayekade ehlala khona. **30** ULothi lamadodakazi akhe womabili basuka eZowari bayahlala ezintabeni, ngoba wayesesaba ukuhlala eZowari. Yena lamadodakazi akhe womabili babehlala ebhalwini. **31** Ngolunye usuku indodakazi endala yathi kwencinyane,

“Ubaba useluphele, njalo kakulandoda lapha engalala lathi, njengoba kungumkhuba emhlabeni wonke. **32** Kasidakise ubaba ngewayini besesilala laye ukuze silombe usendo lwakwethu ngobaba.” **33** Ngalobobusuku uyise bamnathisa iwayini, indodakazi endala yangena yembatha laye. Yena kayibonanga izolala loba isivuka. **34** Ngosuku olulandelayo indodakazi endala yathi kwencinyane, “Izolo ebusuku ngembathe lobaba. Kasimdakise futhi ngewayini ngobusuku balamuhla lawe uhambe uyokwembatha laye ukuze silondoloze usendo lwakithi ngobaba.” **35** Bamdakisa-ke uyise ngewayini ngalobobusuku njalo, indodakazi encinyane yahamba yayakwembatha laye. Njalo kazange ananzelele ukuthi walala nini lokuthi wavuka nini. **36** Ngakho womabili amadodakazi kaLothi athatha izisu kuyise. **37** Indodakazi endala yazala indodana yamutha ibizo yathi nguMowabi: nguye uyise wamaMowabi alamuhla nje. **38** Indodakazi encinyane layo yazala indodana, yayitha yathi nguBheni-Ami; nguye uyise wama-Amoni alamuhla nje.

20 U-Abhrahama wathutha kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseNegebi wayahlala phakathi kweKhadeshi leShuri. Okwesikhatshana wake wahlala eGerari, **2** lapho u-Abhrahama athi khona ngomkakhe uSara, “Ngudadewethu.” Ngakho u-Abhimelekhi inkosi yaseGerari yathi uSara kalethwe, yazithathela. **3** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wafika ku-Abhimelekhi ephutsheni ebusuku wathi kuye, “Usufile wena ngenxa yomfazi omthetheyo; ngumfazi womnikazi.” **4** Kodwa u-Abhimelekhi wayelokhu engakamthinti, ngakho wathi,

“Thixo, uzasibhubhisa isizwe esimsulwa na? **5** Katshongo kimi yini wathi, ‘Ngudadewethu,’ laye katshongo na wathi, ‘Ungumnewethu?’ Lokhu ngikwenze ngenhliziyo emsulwa langezandla ezimhlophe.” **6** Ngalokho uNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye ephutsheni, “Yebo, ngiyakwazi ukuthi lokhu ukwenze ngenhliziyo emsulwa, yikho ngikuthintile ukuthi ungenzi isono kimi. Yikho ngingakuyekelanga wamthinta. **7** Manje mbuyisele umfazi womuntu, ngoba umuntu lowo ungumphrofethi, uzakukhulekela ukuthi uphile. Kodwa nxa ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi wena lakho konke okungokwakho kuzakufa.” **8** Kusisa ngelanga elilandelayo ekuseni kakhulu, u-Abhimelekhi wabiza zonke izikhulu zakhe, kwathi esezitshelile konke okwenzakeleyo, zesaba kakhulu. **9** U-Abhimelekhi wasebiza u-Abhrahama wathi, “Ukwenzeleni lokhu kithi na? Ngikone ngani uze ulethe ukona okunje phezu kwami lombuso wami na? Wenze kimi izinto okungafanelanga zenziwe.” **10** U-Abhimelekhi wabuza u-Abhrahama wathi, “Besiyini isizatho sakho sokwenza lokhu na?” **11** U-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, “Ngazitshela ngathi, ‘Ngempela kakukho ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kule indawo njalo bazangibulala ngenxa yomkami.’ **12** Ngaphandle kwalokho, uvele ungudadewethu, indodakazi kababa kodwa engasuye kamama; waba ngumkami. **13** Kwathi uNkulunkulu esengisusile emzini kababa ngathi kuSara, ‘Nansi indlela ongatshengisa ngayo uthando lwakho kimi: Noma ngaphi lapho esiya khona, ubokuthi ngami, “Ungumnewethu.”’” **14** U-Abhimelekhi waseletha izimvu

lenkomo, lezisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane wazipha u-Abhrahama, wabuyisela uSara umkakhe kuye. **15** Njalo u-Abhimelekhi wathi, “Nanti ilizwe lami uyalibona; ungahlala lapho othanda khona.” **16** Wathi kuSara, “Umnewenu ngimupha amashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane. Le iyinhlawulo yehlazo elenziwe kuwe phambi kwabantu bonke bakini; usugeziwe.” **17** U-Abhrahama wasekhuleka kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wamsilisa u-Abhimelekhi, lomkakhe lezigqili zakhe zesifazane ukuthi babelabantwana njalo, **18** ngoba uThixo wayevale bonke abesifazane bendlu ka-Abhimelekhi inzalo ngenxa yomka-Abhrahama, uSara.

21 Ngakho uThixo waba lomusa kuSara njengoba wayetshilo, uThixo wamenzela uSara lokho ayekuthembisile. **2** USara wazithwala wazalela u-Abhrahama ebudaleni bakhe indodana ngesikhathi sonaleso uNkulunkulu ayemthembise sona. **3** U-Abhrahama wayitha ibizo elithi Isaka leyondodana ayizalelwa nguSara. **4** Kwathi indodana yakhe u-Isaka isilensuku eziyisificaminwembili izelwe, u-Abhrahama wayisoka, njengoba walaywa nguNkulunkulu. **5** U-Abhrahama wayeseleminyaka elikhulu ekuzalweni kwendodana yakhe u-Isaka. **6** USara wathi, “UNkulunkulu usengilethele intokozo, njalo bonke abazakuzwa lokhu bazathokoza lami.” **7** Wabuye wengeza wathi, “Kambe ngubani obengatsho ku-Abhrahama ukuthi uSara angondla abantwana? Kodwa sengimzalele indodana ebudaleni bakhe.” **8** Wakhula umntwana, walunyulwa, kwathi mhla u-Isaka elunyulwa u-

Abhrahama wenza idili elikhulu. **9** Kodwa uSara wabona
ukuthi indodana kaHagari umGibhithe, ayeyizalele u-
Abhrahama yayikloloda, **10** wasesithi ku-Abhrahama,
“Mxotshe umfazi lo oyisigqili kanye lendodana
yakhe, ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi lesi kayisoze
yabelana ilifa lendodana yami u-Isaka.” **11** Indaba le
yamhlupha kakhulu u-Abhrahama ngoba yayithintana
lendodana yakhe. **12** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye,
“Ungakhathazeki kakhulu ngomfana kanye lesigqilikazi
sakho. Lalela konke uSara akutshela khona ngoba
isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka. **13** Indodana le
eyesigqilikazi layo ngizayenza ibe yisizwe ngoba iyinzalo
yakho.” **14** Ngosuku olulandelayo ekuseni kakhulu u-
Abhrahama wathatha ukudla lesigxingi samanzi
wakunika uHagari. Wakwetshata emahlombe kaHagari,
wasebakhupha lomfana. Owesifazane wasuka wayantula
enkangala yaseBherishebha. **15** Esephelile amanzi
esigxingini, wabeka umntwana ngaphansi kwesixuku. **16**
Yena wasuka wayahlala bucwadlana, okungaba libanga
lokuphosa umtshoko, ngoba wacabanga wathi, “Ngeke
ngibukele umfana esifa.” Kwathi ehlezi khonapho
bucwala wakhala ebubula. **17** UNkulunkulu wamuzwa
umfanyana ekhala, ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yasibiza
uHagari isezulwini yathi kuye, “Kwenzenjani, Hagari?
Ungesabi; uNkulunkulu usekuzwile ukukhala komfana
elele khonaphayana. **18** Mphakamise umfana umbambe
ngesandla, ngoba ngizamenza abe yisizwe esikhulu.” **19**
UNkulunkulu wasemvula amehlo, wabona umthombo
wamanzi. Ngakho wasesiyagcwalisa umgodla ngamanzi

wapha umfana wanatha. **20** UNkulunkulu wayelaye
umfana ekhula. Wahlala enkangala waba ngumcibi
womtshoko. **21** Wathi ehlala eNkangala yasePharani,
unina wamdingela umfazi eGibhithe. **22** Ngalesosikhathi
u-Abhimelekhi loFikholi, umlawuli wamabutho akhe
bathi ku-Abhrahama, "UNkulunkulu ulawe kukho konke
okwenzayo. **23** Khathesi-ke funga kimi khonapha phambi
kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi kawusoze wenze izinto zobuqili
kimi, loba ebantwaneni bami loba kuzizukulwane zami.
Tshengisa kimi lakulo ilizwe ohlezi kulo njengesizwe
wona lowomusa engikwenzele wona." **24** U-Abhrahama
wathi, "Ngiyafunga." **25** U-Abhrahama wasesola ku-
Abhimelekhi ngomthombo izinceku zika-Abhimelekhi
ezaziwuthumbile. **26** Kodwa u-Abhimelekhi wathi,
"Angikwazi ukuthi ngubani okwenzileyo lokho.
Kawuzange ungitshele, sekuyikhona ngikuzwa nje
lamhla." **27** Ngakho u-Abhrahama waletha izimvu
lenkomo wazipha u-Abhimelekhi, amadoda womabili
enza isivumelwano. **28** U-Abhrahama wehlukanisa
amazinyane amasikazi ayisikhombisa emhlambini, **29** u-
Abhimelekhi wambuza u-Abhrahama wathi, "Atshoni
amazinyane la amasikazi ayisikhombisa owehlukanise
emhlambini wawabeka wodwa na?" **30** Waphendula
wathi, "Yamukela ezandleni zami amazinyane la
ayisikhombisa njengobufakazi bokuthi yimi engemba
umthombo lo." **31** Ngakho indawo leyo yathiwa
yiBherishebha ngoba amadoda la womabili enza isifungo
khonapho. **32** Ngemva kokuba isivumelwano
sesibotshiwe eBherishebha, u-Abhimelekhi loFikholi

umlawuli wamabutho akhe babuyela elizweni lamaFilistiya. **33** U-Abhrahama wahlanyela isihlahla sethamarisiki eBherishebha, khonapho walibiza ibizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu Waphakade. **34** U-Abhrahama wahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya okwesikhathi eside.

22 Emva kwesikhathi esithile uNkulunkulu walinga u-Abhrahama. Wathi kuye, "Abhrahama!" Waphendula wathi, "Ngilapha." **2** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Thatha indodana yakho, indodana yakho eyiyo yodwa, u-Isaka, omthandayo, uye emangweni waseMoriya. Khonapho menze umhlatshelo abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwenye yezintaba engizakutshengisa yona." **3** Kusisa ekuseni kakhulu u-Abhrahama wavuka wabopha ubabhemi wakhe. Wahamba lezinceku zakhe ezimbili kanye lendodana yakhe u-Isaka. Kwathi esegamule inkuni ezaneleyo zomnikelo wokutshiswa, waqhubeka waya kuleyondawo uNkulunkulu ayemtshele yona. **4** Ngelanga lesithathu u-Abhrahama wakhangela, wayibona leyondawo kude le. **5** Wathi ezincekwini zakhe, "Hlalani lapha lobabhemi, mina lomfana sisake siye laphayana. Sizakuthi singakhonza sibuye kini." **6** U-Abhrahama wathatha inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa wazithwalisa umntanakhe u-Isaka, yena ngokwakhe waphatha umlilo lengqamu. Kwathi belokhu beqhubeka bobabili, **7** u-Isaka wakhuluma wambuza uyise u-Abhrahama wathi, "Baba?" U-Abhrahama wasabela wathi, "Yebo, ndodana yami!" U-Isaka wathi, "Umlilo lenkuni nanku kukhona, kodwa iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa lingaphi?" **8** U-Abhrahama waphendula

wathi, “Ndodana yami, uNkulunkulu ngokwakhe uzasipha iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa.” Baqhubeka bobabili bahamba. **9** Sebefikile endaweni uNkulunkulu amtshela yona, u-Abhrahama wakha i-Alithari khonapho walungisa inkuni phezu kwalo. Wabopha indodana yakhe u-Isaka wayilalisa e-alithareni phezu kwenkuni. **10** Waseselula isandla sakhe ethatha ingqamu ukuba abulale indodana yakhe. **11** Kodwa ingilosi kaThixo yamemeza isezulwini yathi, “Abhrahama! Abhrahama!” Waphendula wathi, “Ngilapha.” **12** Yathi, “Ungamthinti ngesandla sakho umfana. Ungenzi lutho kuye. Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, ngoba kawuyigodlanga indodana yakho eyiyo yodwa.” **13** U-Abhrahama wathi uyakhangela wabona inqama esixukwini ibanjwe ngempondo zayo. Waya khona wayithatha inqama wenza umhlatshelo womnikelo wokutshiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe. **14** Yikho u-Abhrahama wabiza indawo leyo ngokuthi uThixo Uzakupha. Kuze kube lamuhla kuthiwa, “Entabeni kaThixo kuzaphiwa.” **15** Ingilosi kaThixo yabiza u-Abhrahama isezulwini ngokwesibili **16** yathi, “Ngifunga ngami uqobo, kutsho uThixo, ukuthi ngenxa yokuthi ukwenzile lokhu, kawaze wayigodla indodana yakho eyiyo yodwa, **17** ngempela ngizakubusisa ngenze izizukulwane zakho zibe zinengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini lanjengetshebetshebe okhunjini lolwandle. Izizukulwane zakho zizawathatha amadolobho ezitha zazo, **18** kuthi ngenzalo yakho zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa, ngoba ungilalele.” **19** Emva kwalokho u-Abhrahama wabuyela ezincekwini zakhe,

basebehamba bonke eBherishebha. U-Abhrahama wahlala eBherishebha. **20** Emva kwesikhathi esithile u-Abhrahama watshelwa ukuthi, "UMilikha laye uselabantwana; sewazalela umfowenu uNahori amadodana: **21** u-Uzi izibulo, uBhuzi umfowabo, uKhemuweli (uyise ka-Aramu), **22** uKhesedi, uHazo, uPhilidashi, uJidilafu loBhethuweli." **23** UBhethuweli wazala uRabheka. UMilikha wazala amadodana la ayisificaminwembili loNahori umfowabo ka-Abhrahama. **24** Umfazi wakhe omncane owayethiwa nguRewuma laye wayelamadodana la: uThebha, uGahamu, uThahashi kanye loMahakha.

23 USara waphila waze waba leminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa obudala. **2** Wafela eKhiriyathi Aribha (kutsho eHebhroni) elizweni laseKhenani, u-Abhrahama wahamba ukuyamzilela lokumlilela khona. **3** U-Abhrahama wasukuma eseceleni komkakhe ofileyo wakhuluma lamaHithi. Wathi, **4** "Ngingowezizweni lesihambi phakathi kwenu. Ngithengiselani isiqinti sokuba yindawo yokungcwabela khona abakithi abafileyo." **5** AmaHithi amphendula u-Abhrahama athi, **6** "Silalele, nkosi yami. Uyinkosana elamandla phakathi kwethu. Ngcwaba abafileyo bakini loba kukuwaphi amangcwaba ethu athandeka kakhulu. Kakho owakithi ozakwalela ingcwaba lakhe ukuthi ungcwabe kulo ofileyo wakini." **7** Ngakho u-Abhrahama wasukuma wakhothamela phansi phambi kwamaHithi, abanikazi balelolizwe. **8** Wathi kubo, "Nxa lithanda ukuthi ngimbele abafileyo bami, lalelani kimi, lingincengele ku-Efroni indodana kaZohari **9** ukuthi angithengisele ubhalu

Lwakhe lwaseMakhaphela olusekucineni kwesiqinti. Mceleni ukuthi angithengisele sona ngentengo egcweleyo sibe yindawo yamangcwaba phakathi kwenu.” **10** U-Efroni umHithi owayehlezi khonapho phakathi kwabantu bakibo wamphendula u-Abhrahama wonke amaHithi ayefikile esangweni ledolobho lakhe ezizwela. **11** Wathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami. Lalela kimi; ngiyakupha isiqinti, njalo ngiyakupha lobhalu oluphakathi kwaso. Ngikupha sona phambi kwabantu bakithi. Mbela abafileyo bakho.” **12** U-Abhrahama waphinda wakhothamela phansi phambi kwabantu balelolizwe **13** wathi ku-Efroni bona besizwa, “Ake ulalelisise engikutshoyo. Mina ngizayikhupha intengo yesiqinti. Ngicela uyamukele kimi ukuze ngimbele khona abafileyo bami.” **14** U-Efroni waphendula u-Abhrahama wathi, **15** “Lalela kimi, nkosi yami; isiqinti lesi sibiza amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane, kodwa kungena njani lokho phakathi kwami lawe? Wena mbela abafileyo bakho.” **16** U-Abhrahama wayivuma intengo ka-Efroni wasemlinganisela ubunzima bentengo ayeyibizile amaHithi esizwa: amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane, mayelana lesisindo esasisetshenziswa ngabathengisi. **17** Ngakho isiqinti sika-Efroni eMakhaphela, eduze leMamure, isiqinti kanye lobhalu olwaluphakathi kwaso, lazozonke izihlahla ezaziphakathi kwaso, kwabhaliswa **18** ngo-Abhrahama ukuthi sekuyimpahla yakhe, kusenziwa phambi kwamaHithi wonke ayefikile esangweni ledolobho. **19** Ngemva kwalokho u-Abhrahama wangcwaba umkakhe uSara ebhalwini olwalusesiqintini saseMakhaphela eduze leMamure (eseHebhroni) elizweni

laseKhenani. **20** Kanjalo isiqinti lobhalu olwaluphakathi
kwaso kwabhaliswa ngo-Abhrahama ngama-Hithi ukuba
yindawo yamangcwaba.

24 U-Abhrahama wayeseluphele kakhulu, njalo uThixo
wayembusisile kukho konke. **2** Wasesithi encekwini
yakhe enkulu, leyo eyayilawula konke ayelakho, "Beka
isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami. **3** Ngifuna
ukuthi ufunge ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini
loNkulunkulu wasemhlabeni, ukuthi kawuyikuzuzela
indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhenani
engihlala phakathi kwawo, **4** kodwa uzakuya elizweni
lakithi lasezihlotsheni zami uzuzele indodana yami
u-Isaka umfazi." **5** Inceku yambuza yathi, "Pho nxa
lowo wesifazane engavumi ukuza lami kulelilizwe-
ke? Ngizathatha indodana yakho ngiyise kulelolizwe
lapho owavela khona na?" **6** U-Abhrahama wathi,
"Ungaqali ukuhambisa indodana yami khonale. **7** UThixo,
uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, owangikhupha emzini kababa
laselizweni lakithi njalo owakhuluma kimi, wangithembisa
ngesifungo wathi, 'Ilizwe leli ngizalinika inzalo yakho,'
uzathuma ingilosi yakhe ihambe phambi kwakho ukuze
ukwazi ukutholela indodana yami umfazi khonale. **8**
Nxa owesifazane lowo esala ukuza lapha lawe, uzabe
usukhululwe kulesi isifungo sami. Kodwa ungaqali ukusa
indodana yami khonale." **9** Ngakho inceku yasifaka isandla
sayo ngaphansi kwethangazi lenkosi yayo u-Abhrahama
yafunga isifungo kuye ngodaba lolu. **10** Inceku yasithatha
amakamela enkosi yayo alitshumi yasuka, yathatha yonke
imihlobo yezinto ezinhle zenkosi yayo. Yaqonda e-Aramu

Naharayimu, yahamba yaze yayafika emzini waseNahori.
11 Amakamela yawaguqisa phansi eduzane lomthombo
ngaphandle komuzi; kwasekuntambama, sekuyisikhathi
sabesifazane ukuyakukha amanzi. **12** Yasikhuleka yathi,
"Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, yenza
ngiphumelele lamuhla, utshengise umusa enkosini yami
u-Abhrahama. **13** Khangela-ke, nanku ngimi lapha eceleni
komthombo lo, njalo amadodakazi abantu balelidolobho
asesiza ukuzakukha amanzi. **14** Kungasake kuthi
ngingathi entombini, 'Ake ungikhele amanzi ngenkezo
yakho nginathe,' yona ithi, 'Natha, njalo ngizanathisa
lamakamela akho,' kube yiyo kanye oyikhethele inceku
yakho u-Isaka. Ngalokho ngizakwazi ukuthi usutshengise
umusa enkosini yami." **15** Ingakaqedi ukukhuleka,
uRabheka waphuma ethwele imbiza yakhe yamanzi
ehlombe lakhe. Wayeyindodakazi kaBhethuweli indodana
kaMilikha, owayengumfazi womfowabo ka-Abhrahama
uNahori. **16** Intombi le yayinhle kakhulu, igcwele; ingakaze
ilale lendoda. Yehlela emthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo
yasiqansa. **17** Inceku yaphanga yamhlangabeza yathi,
"Ngicela amanzi embizeni yakho." **18** Wathi, "Natha
nkosi yami," watsho esehlisa imbiza eyibamba ngezandla
emnathisa. **19** Esemnathisile wathi, "Ngizakhelela
lamakamela akho lawo ngiwanathise." **20** Wasethululela
imbiza yakhe emkolweni, wagijimela emthonjeni njalo
ukukha amanye, wawakhelela wonke amakamela akhe.
21 Indoda yabukela ithule ilokhu inanzelela idinga
ukubona ukuthi ngeqiniso uThixo wayeluphumelelisile
yini uhambo lwayo. **22** Amakamela eseqedile ukunatha,

indoda leyo yakhupha isongo lamakhala elenziwe ngegolide elilobunzima obungaba yingxenye yeshekeli, lezigqizo zegolide ezimbili ezilobunzima bamashekeli alitshumi. **23** Yasibuza yathi, "Uyindodakazi kabani na? Ake ungitshele, kambe singazuza indawo yini emzini kayihlo kesicatshise amakhanda ubusuku balamuhla nje?" **24** URabheka wamphendula wathi, "Ngiyindodakazi kaBhethuweli, indodana kaMilikha ayizalela uNahori." **25** Waphinda wengeza wathi, "Silotshani obunengi lamahlanga, kanye lendawo yokulala ikhona okwalamuhla ebusuku." **26** Indoda yakhothamela phansi yakhonza uThixo, **27** isithi, "Udumo kalube kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, ongadelanga umusa wakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe enkosini yami. Mina ngokwami uThixo ungikhokhele ohanjweni lwami ngazafika endlini yezinini zenkosi yami." **28** Intombi yagijima yayabikela abendlu kanina ngalezizinto. **29** URabheka wayelomnewabo owayethiwa nguLabhani, yena waphanga waya kuleyondoda eyayisemthonjeni. **30** Wonela ukubona isongo lamakhala kanye lezigqizo engalweni kadadewabo, njalo esezwile uRabheka elandisa ngokwakhulunywa yindoda leyo kuye, wasuka waya kuyo wayifica imi eceleni kwamakamela eduze komthombo. **31** Wathi, "Woza, wena obusisiweyo nguThixo. Umeleni phandle lapha? Sengilungisile indlu lendawo yamakamela." **32** Ngakho indoda yaya ngekhaya, lamakamela ethulwa imithwalo. Utshani lamahlanga kwalethwa emakameleni, yena lamadoda ayelawo balethelwa amanzi okugeza inyawo zabo. **33** Kwasekulethwa ukudla kwabekwa phambi

kwakhe, kodwa wathi, “Kangizukudla ngize ngiqale ngilitshele lokho okumele ngikutsho.” ULabhani wathi, “Sitshele phela.” **34** Ngakho wasesithi, “Ngiyinceku ka-Abhrahama. **35** UThixo uyibusisile inkosi yami kakhulu, isinothile kakhulu. Uyiphile izimvu lenkomo, isiliva legolide, lezinceku zesilisa lezesifazane kanye lamakamela labobabhemi. **36** Inkosikazi yenkosi yami, uSara, imzalele indodana ebudaleni bayo, inkosi yami yasiyinika leyondodana konke elakho. **37** Njalo inkosi yami yangifungisa isifungo yathi, ‘Ungazuzeli indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhenani, engihlala elizweni lawo, **38** kodwa yana eziningini zikababa, kwabosendo lwakithi, uzuzele indodana yami umfazi.’ **39** Ngasengiyibuza inkosi yami ngathi, ‘Pho nxa owesifazane lowo esala ukuza lapha-ke?’ **40** Yaphendula yathi, ‘UThixo, engihamba phambi kwakhe, uzathumela ingilosi yakhe ihambe lawe, iphumelelise uhambo lwakho ukuze uzuzele indodana yami umfazi kwabosendo lwakithi, lasezininini zikababa. **41** Ngakho uzakuthi ungaya kwabosendo lwakithi, uzakhululwa esifungweni sami loba bangaze bale laye.’ **42** Ngithe ukufika kwami emthonjeni lamuhla ngathi, ‘Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, nxa uthanda, ngicela uphumelelise uhambo lolu engingalo lapha. **43** Akubone, ngimi eceleni kwalo umthombo; nxa kufika intombi izokukha amanzi, ngithi kuyo, “Akunginathise amanzi amalutshwana enkonxeni yakho,” **44** ingaze ithi kimi, “Natha, njalo ngizanathisa lamakamela akho lawo,” kabe nguye uThixo asemkhethele indodana yenkosi yami.’ **45**

Ngingakaqedi ukukhuleka enhliziyweni yami, uRabheka waphuma, ethwele imbiza yakhe ehlombe. Wehlela emthonjeni wakha amanzi, ngathi kuye, ‘Akunginathise.’ **46** Waphanga wethula imbiza yakhe ehlombe lakhe wathi, ‘Natha, ngizanathisa lamakamela akho njalo.’ Ngakho nganatha, waphinda wanathisa lamakamela njalo. **47** Ngambuza ngathi, ‘Uyindodakazi kabani wena?’ Wathi, ‘Indodakazi kaBhethuweli indodana kaNahori, amzala kuMilikha.’ Ngasengimgqizisa isongo emakhaleni lezigqizo ezingalweni zakhe, **48** ngasengikhothamela phansi, ngamkhonza uThixo. Ngadumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abhrahama, ongikhokhele endleleni eqondileyo ngazathola intombi engumzukulu womfowabo wenkosi yami ngayizuzela indodana yayo inkosi yami. **49** Manje-ke nxa lizatshengisa umusa lokwethembeka enkosini yami, ngitshelani; loba kungenjalo, ngitshelani ukuze ngazi ukuthi ngithini.” **50** ULabhani loBhethuweli baphendula bathi, “Lokhu kuvela kuThixo; kakukho esingakutsho kuwe, loba yini. **51** Nangu uRabheka; mthathe uhambe laye ayekuba ngumfazi wendodana yenkosi yakho, njengalokhu okuqondiswe nguThixo.” **52** Kwathi inceku ka-Abhrahama ikuzwa lokhu abakutshoyo yakhothama phansi emhlabathini phambi kukaThixo. **53** Ngakho inceku yasikhupha igolide lesiliva kanye lempahla zokugqoka yakupha uRabheka; yapha njalo umnewabo lonina izipho ezidulayo. **54** Yena lamadoda ayehamba lawo basebesidla njalo banatha, balala khona. Bathi bevuka ekuseni wathi, “Sivumeleni sibuyele enkosini yami.” **55** Kodwa umnewabo lonina

baphendula bathi, “Ake ume kesihlale lentombazana okwensukwana ezingaba litshumi; lapho selingahambake.” **56** Kodwa wathi kubo, “Lingangibambeleli, njengoba uThixo eseluphumelelisile uhambo lwami. Wothini ngihambe ukuze ngiyefika enkosini yami.” **57** Basebesithi, “Wothi sibize intombazana kesiyibuze ngakho.” **58** Ngakho bambiza uRabheka bambuza bathi, “Uyafuna ukuhamba layo indoda le na?” Wathi, “Ngizahamba layo.” **59** Ngakho basebemkhulula udadewabo uRabheka ukuba ahambe kanye lomlizane wakhe, bahamba lenceku ka-Abhrahama lamadoda ayelayo. **60** Njalo bambusisa uRabheka bathi kuye, “Dadewethu, sengathi ungandisa izinkulungwane zezinkulungwane; sengathi inzalo yakho ingathumba amadolobho ezitha zayo.” **61** URabheka lamantombazana akhe bazilungiselela, basebekhwela amakamela abo bahamba lendoda leyo. Ngakho inceku yamthatha uRabheka yahamba. **62** Ngalesosikhathi u-Isaka wayesefikile evela eBheri-Lahayi-Royi, ngoba wayehlala eNegebi. **63** Ngenye intambama waya ensimini ehambahamba ukuthi ake ahluze ingqondo, wasesithi uyakhangela wabona amakamela esiza. **64** URabheka laye wakhangela wambona u-Isaka. Wehla ekameleni lakhe **65** wabuza inceku wathi, “Indoda leyana esensimini ngubani, leyana esihlangabezayo?” Inceku yaphendula yathi, “Uyinkosi yami.” Yikho uRabheka wasethatha ilembu elilula wazemboza ngalo. **66** Inceku yasimtshela u-Isaka konke lokho eyayikwenzile. **67** U-Isaka wamngenisa ethenteni likanina uSara, wahle wamthatha uRabheka.

Ngakho wasesiba ngumkakhe, wamthanda; u-Isaka waduduzeka ngemva kokufa kukanina.

25 U-Abhrahama wathatha omunye umfazi okwakuthiwa nguKhethura. **2** Wamzalela uZimirani, uJokishani, uMedani, uMidiyani, u-Ishibhaki loShuwa. **3** UJokishani wazala uShebha loDedani; isizukulwane sikaDedani saba ngama-Ashuri, amaLethushi lamaLehumi. **4** Amadodana kaMidiyani kwakungu-Efa, u-Eferi, uHanokhi, u-Abhida lo-Elida. Bonke laba babeyizizukulwane zikaKhethura. **5** Konke u-Abhrahama ayelakho wakutshiyela u-Isaka. **6** Kodwa esaphila wanika amadodana akhe awazala labafazi bakhe beceleni izipho, wabasusa eduze kwendodana yakhe u-Isaka baya elizweni lasempumalanga. **7** U-Abhrahama waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. **8** Lapho u-Abhrahama waphefumula okokucina njalo wafa eseluphele, eselixhegu elileminyaka eminengi; wembelwa labakibo. **9** Amadodana akhe u-Isaka lo-Ishumayeli bamngcwaba ebhalwini lwaseMakhaphela eduze leMamure, esiqintini sika-Efroni indodana kaZohari umHithi, **10** isiqinti leso u-Abhrahama asithenga kumaHithi. Khonapho u-Abhrahama wangcwatshwa lomkakhe uSara. **11** Ngemva kokuba esefile u-Abhrahama uNkulunkulu wayibusisa indodana yakhe u-Isaka, owayehlala eBheri-Lahayi-Royi. **12** Lo ngumlando wendodana ka-Abhrahama u-Ishumayeli, incekukazi kaSara uHagari eyamzalela u-Abhrahama. **13** La ngamabizo abantwana baka-Ishumayeli behlelwe ngokwelamana kwabo: uNebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishumayeli, uKhedari, u-Adibheli, loMibhisamu, **14** uMishima, uDuma,

uMasa, **15** uHadadi, uThema, uJethuri, uNafishi kanye
loKhedema. **16** La ayengamadodana ka-Ishumayeli, njalo
la ngamabizo ababusi bezizwana ezilitshumi lambili
kulandela ukuhlaliswa kwazo lemizi yawo. **17** U-Ishumayeli
waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa. Waphefumula okokucina wafa, wembelwa
labakibo. **18** Izizukulwane zakhe zakhela emangweni osuka
eHavila kusiya eShuri, eduzane lomngcele waseGibhithe,
nxa uqonda e-Asiriya. Njalo baphila belenzondo
labafowabo bonke. **19** Lo ngumlando wendodana ka-
Abhrahama u-Isaka. U-Abhrahama wazala u-Isaka, **20**
u-Isaka wathi eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane
obudala wathatha uRabheka indodakazi kaBhethuweli
um'Aramu wasePhadani Aramu njalo engudadewabo
kaLabhani um'Aramu. **21** U-Isaka wakhuleka kuThixo
ekhulekela umkakhe ngoba wayeyinyumba. UThixo
wawuphendula umkhuleko wakhe, umkakhe uRabheka
wazithwala. **22** Abantwana bafuqana phakathi kwakhe,
wathi, "Kungani lokhu kusenzakala kimi?" Ngakho
wasehamba wayabuza kuThixo. **23** UThixo wathi
kuye, "Izizwe ezimbili zisesiswini sakho, njalo abantu
ababili phakathi kwakho bazakwehlukaniswa; omunye
uzakuba lamandla kulomunye, kuthi omdala uzakhonza
omncinyane." **24** Kwathi isikhathi sakhe sokubeletha
sesifikile, kwakulamaphahla angabafana esiswini sakhe.
25 Owabona ilanga kuqala wayebomvu, umzimba
wakhe wonke ulihwanqa njengengubo yoboya; yikho
bamutha bathi ngu-Esawu. **26** Ngemva kwalokhu,
umfowabo walandela, isandla sakhe sibambe isithende

sika-Esawu; ngakho wathiwa nguJakhobe. U-Isaka
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ngesikhathi
uRabheka ebazala. **27** Bakhula abafana, u-Esawu waba
ngumzingeli omkhulu, indoda yegangeni, kodwa uJakhobe
wayeyindoda ethuleyo, engasuki ngekhaya emathenteni.
28 U-Isaka owayethanda inyama yenyamazana wayethanda
u-Esawu, kodwa uRabheka wayethanda uJakhobe. **29**
Ngesinye isikhathi uJakhobe wayepheka inyama, u-
Esawu wafika evela egangeni elambile. **30** Wathi
kuJakhobe, "Phangisa, akungiphe ukudla kwakho lokho
osukukhanzinge kwaba bomvana! Sengifile ngendlala!"
(Yikho wabizwa ngokuthi ngu-Edomi.) **31** UJakhobe
waphendula wathi, "Qala ungithengisele ubuzibulo
bakho." **32** U-Esawu wathi, "Khangela, sengisifa.
Bungisiza ngani ubuzibulo lobo?" **33** Kodwa uJakhobe
wathi, "Qala ufunge kimi." Yikho wasefunga isifungo
kuye, ethengisa ubuzibulo bakhe kuJakhobe. **34**
Ngakho uJakhobe wasesipha u-Esawu isinkwa lokudla
kwendumba eziphekwa ziluhlaza. Wadla, wanatha,
wasukuma wahamba. Ngaleyondlela u-Esawu wabeyisa
ubuzibulo bakhe.

26 Kwasekusiba lendlala elizweni, ngaphandle kwendlala
yakuqala eyayikhona ngesikhathi sika-Abhrahama, u-
Isaka waya ku-Abhimelekhi inkosi yamaFilistiya eGerari. **2**
UThixo wabonakala ku-Isaka wathi, "Ungehleli eGibhithe;
hlala elizweni engithi hlala khona. **3** Ake uhlale kulelilizwe
okwesikhatshana, mina ngizakuba lawe ngikubusise.
Ngoba wena lezizukulwane zakho ngizalinika wonke
amazwe la njalo ngiqinise isifungo engasifunga kuyihlo

u-Abhrahama. **4** Ngizakwenza izizukulwane zakho
zibe zinengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini, ngizinike
wonke lamazwe, njalo kuthi ngenzalo yakho zonke
izizwe emhlabeni zizabusiswa, **5** ngoba u-Abhrahama
wangilalela, wagcina izimiso zami, lemilayo yami,
kanye lemithetho yami." **6** Ngakho u-Isaka wahlala
eGerari. **7** Kwathi lapho abantu baleyondawo bembuza
ngomkakhe wathi, "Ngudadewethu," ngoba wayesesaba
ukuthi, "Ngumkami." Wacabanga wathi, "Amadoda
alapha angangibulala ngenxa kaRabheka, ngoba muhle
kakhulu." **8** Kwathi u-Isaka esehlale khona okwesikhathi
eside, u-Abhimelekhi inkosi yamaFilistiya wakhangela
ngefasitela wabona u-Isaka egone umkakhe uRabheka.
9 Ngakho wasebiza u-Isaka wathi, "Kanti ngumkakho
ngeqiniso! Kungani uthe ungudadewenu?" U-Isaka
wamphendula wathi, "Ngoba ngakhumbula ukuthi
ngingalahlekelwa yimpilo yami ngenxa yakhe." **10** U-
Abhimelekhi wasesithi, "Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo kithi?
Omunye wamadoda ubezaqabuka elala laye umkakho,
ubususibangela icala." **11** Ngakho u-Abhimelekhi
wasekhupha umlayo ebantwini bonke wathi, "Lowo
ozake ayithinte indoda le loba umkayo ngempela
uzabulawa." **12** U-Isaka walima amabele kulelolizwe,
ngalowomnyaka wavuna okuphindwe ngekhulu, ngoba
uThixo wambusisa. **13** Umuntu lo wanotha kakhulu,
lemfuyo yakhe yanda kakhulukazi. **14** Waba lemihlambi
yezimvu lenkomo emikhulu kakhulu, kanye lezisebenzi
ezinengi, amaFilistiya aze aba lomona ngaye. **15**
Kwasekusithi yonke imithombo eyayigejwe yizisebenzi

ngesikhathi sikayise u-Abhrahama, amaFilistiya ayivala ngokuyigqibela ngenhlabathi. **16** U-Abhimelekhi wasesithi ku-Isaka, “Suka kithi; ususuke waba lamandla kakhulu kulathi.” **17** Ngakho u-Isaka wasuka lapho wayakuma eSigodini saseGerari, wahle wakha khona. **18** U-Isaka wayiphanda imithombo eyayigejwe ngesikhathi sikayise u-Abhrahama, eyayigqitshelwe ngamaFilistiya ngemva kokuba u-Abhrahama esefile, wayibiza ngalawo mabizo uyise ayeyibiza ngawo. **19** Izisebenzi zika-Isaka zagebha esigodini zafumana umthombo olamanzi amahle khonapho. **20** Kodwa abelusi baseGerari baxabana labelusi baka-Isaka bathi, “Amanzi la ngawethu!” Ngakho umthombo lowo wawuthi yi-Eseki, ngoba bawubanga laye. **21** Ngakho basebesimba omunye umthombo, kodwa lawo bawubanga njalo; wasewubiza ngokuthi yiSithina. **22** Wasuka lapho wayagebha omunye umthombo, akwabe kusaba khona owubangayo. Wawuthi yiRehobhothi, esithi, “Manje uThixo usesiphile indawo, sesizaphumelela kuleli ilizwe.” **23** Esuka lapho waya eBherishebha. **24** Ngalobobusuku uThixo wabonakala kuye wathi, “NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo u-Abhrahama. Ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe; ngizakubusisa ngandise ubunengi bezizukulwane zakho ngenxa yenceku yami u-Abhrahama.” **25** U-Isaka wakha i-Alithari khonapho wamemeza ibizo likaThixo. Wamisa ithente lakhe khonapho, izisebenzi zakhe zemba umthombo khonapho. **26** Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhimelekhi weza kuye evela eGerari, elo-Ahuzathi umeluleki wakhe loFikholi umlawuli wamabutho akhe. **27** U-Isaka wababuza wathi,

“Lilandeni kimi, njengoba lalingizonda laze langixotsha?”
28 Bamphendula bathi, “Sabona kamhlophe ukuthi
uThixo wayelawe; yikho sasesicabanga ukuthi kumele
kube lesivumelwano esibotshiweyo phakathi kwethu
lawe. Kasenze isibopho lawe **29** esokuthi kawusoze
usihlukuluze, njengoba lathi singazange sikulimaze
ngalutho kodwa sakuvalelisa ngokuthula. Khathesi
usubusisiwe nguThixo.” **30** U-Isaka wasebenzela idili,
badla banatha. **31** Ekuseni kakhulu ngelanga elilandelayo
amadoda wonke enza isifungo omunye komunye. U-
Isaka wasebavulela indlela bahamba ngokuthula. **32**
Ngalolosuku izisebenzi zika-Isaka zabuya zamtshela
ngomthombo ezaziwugebhile. Zathi, “Sesiwatholile
amanzi!” **33** Wawuthi yiShibha, osekuze kube namuhla
idolobho kuthiwa yiBherishebha. **34** Kwathi u-Esawu
eseleminyaka yobudala engamatshumi amane, wathatha
uJudithi indodakazi kaBheri umHithi njalo loBhasemathi
indodakazi ka-Eloni umHithi. **35** Baletha ukukhathazeka
kakhulu ku-Isaka loRabheka.

27 Kwathi u-Isaka eseluphele, amehlo akhe
esethundubele okokuthi wayengasaboni, wabiza u-Esawu
indodana yakhe endala wathi kuye, “Ndodana yami.”
Waphendula wathi, “Ngilapha.” **2** U-Isaka wathi, “Manje
sengilixhegu, njalo kangilazi ilanga lami lokufa. **3** Thatha
izikhali zakho, isikhwama semitshoko yakho ledandili
lakho ungene iganga uyengizingelela inyamazana. **4**
Ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi engikuthandayo
ukulethe kimi lapha ngidle, ukuze ngikuphe isibusiso
sami ngingakafi.” **5** URabheka wayelalele u-Isaka

ekhuluma lendodana yakhe u-Esawu. Kwathi u-Esawu
esephumile waya egangeni ukuyazingela inyamazana
ukuze ayilethe, **6** uRabheka wathi endodaneni yakhe
uJakhobe, “Khangela, ngizwe uyihlo esithi kumnewenu
u-Esawu **7** ‘Ngilethela inyamazana ungilungisele ukudla
okumnandi ngidle, ukuze ngikuphe isibusiso sami
phambi kukaThixo ngingakafi.’ **8** Manje-ke lalela kuhle,
ndodana yami, wenze lokho engikutshela khona: **9** Yana
emhlambini ulethe lapha kimi amazinyane embuzi
amabili anonileyo, ukuze ngilungisele uyihlo ukudla
okumnandi ngendlela akuthanda ngayo. **10** Wena
ubusukusa kuyihlo adle, abesekunika isibusiso sakhe
engakafi.” **11** UJakhobe wathi kuRabheka unina, “Kodwa
umnewethu u-Esawu lihwanqa, mina ngilejwabu
elitshelelayo. **12** Pho ubaba angangibamba ke?
Kuzabonakala ukuthi ngiyamqila ngibe sengizehlisele
isiqalekiso phezu kwami esikhundleni sesibusiso.” **13**
Unina wathi kuye, “Ndodana yami, lesosiqalekiso
kasehlele kimi. Wena yenza lokho engikutshela khona
kuphela; hamba uyengithathela wona.” **14** Ngakho
wahamba wayawathatha wawaletha kunina, yena
walungisa ukudla okumnandi, ngaleyondlela
eyayithandwa nguyise. **15** URabheka wasethatha izigqoko
ezithandekayo zika-Esawu indodana yakhe endala,
ezazikhona endlini, wazigqokisa indodana yakhe encane,
uJakhobe. **16** Wabuya wamgoqela izandla zakhe lentamo
lapho okwakubutshelezi khona ngesikhumba sembuzi. **17**
Waseqhubela indodana yakhe uJakhobe ukudla lokho
okumnandi kanye lesinkwa ayesenzile. **18** Waya kuyise

wafika wathi, “Baba.” Wasabela wathi, “Yebo, ndodana yami. Ngubani?” **19** UJakhobe wathi kuyise, “Ngingu-Esawu izibulo lakho. Sengenzile njengokungilayela kwakho. Vuka uhlale udle inyama yami yenyamazana ukuze ungiphe isibusiso sakho.” **20** U-Isaka wayibuza indodana yakhe wathi, “Uyizuze njani masinyane kangaka, ndodana yami?” Waphendula wathi, “uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ungiphumelelisile.” **21** U-Isaka wasesithi kuJakhobe, “Sondela eduze ngikuthinte, ndodana yami, ukuze ngazi ngempela ukuthi uyiyo indodana yami u-Esawu noma hatshi.” **22** UJakhobe wasondela kuyise u-Isaka wamthinta wathi, “Ilizwi ngelikaJakhobe, kodwa izandla yizandla zika-Esawu.” **23** Kazange amazi ngoba izandla zakhe zaziloboya njengezikamnewabo u-Esawu; ngakho wambusisa. **24** Wabuza wathi, “Kambe unguye na u-Esawu indodana yami?” Waphendula wathi, “Nginguye.” **25** Wasesithi, “Ndodana yami, ngipha inyama yakho yenyamazana ngidle, ukuze ngikuphe isibusiso sami.” UJakhobe wamupha wadla; waletha lewayini wanatha. **26** Uyise u-Isaka wathi kuye, “Woza lapha, ndodana yami, ungange.” **27** Wasesiya kuye wamanga. Kwathi u-Isaka esewuzwile umnuko wezigqoko zakhe, wambusisa wathi, “Yeka, umnuko wendodana yami unjengomnuko wensimu uThixo ayibusisileyo. **28** Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakupha amazolo asezulwini lokuvunda komhlabathi, inala yamabele lewayini elitsha. **29** Sengathi izizwe zingakukhonza labantu bakukhothamele. Ube yinkosi phezu kwabafowenu, njalo sengathi amadodana kanyoko

angakukhothamela. Sengathi labo abakuqalekisayo labo baqalekiswe labakubusisayo babusiswe.” **30** U-Isaka eseqedile ukumbusisa njalo uJakhobe esathi uyasuka kuyise, umnewabo u-Esawu wabengena evela zingela. **31** Laye njalo walungisa ukudla okumnandi wakuletha kuyise. Wasesithi kuye, “Baba, vuka udle inyama yami yenyamazana, ukuze ungiphe isibusiso sakho.” **32** Uyise u-Isaka wambuza wathi, “Ungubani wena?” Waphendula wathi, “Ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho u-Esawu.” **33** U-Isaka wathuthumela kakhulu wathi, “Kanti ubengubani ozingele inyamazana wayiletha kimi? Ngiyidlile khathesi nje usuzafika, ngambusisa njalo ngempela uzakubusiswa!” **34** Kwathi u-Esawu ewezwa amazwi kayise, wakhala kakhulu okuzwisa ubuhlungu wathi kuyise, “Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba!” **35** Kodwa wathi, “Umfowenu uze ngobuqili wathatha isibusiso sakho.” **36** U-Esawu wathi, “Kakumfanelanga na ukuthiwa nguJakhobe? Lokhu sokungokwesibili engiqila: Wathatha ubuzibulo bami, manje usethethe isibusiso sami?” Wasebuza wathi, “Kawungigcinelanga yini mina esinye isibusiso”? **37** U-Isaka wamphendula u-Esawu wathi, “Sengimenze waba yinkosi phezu kwakho, ngenza zonke izihlobo zakhe zaba yizisebenzi zakhe, njalo ngamsekela ngenala yamabele langewayini elitsha. Kambe ngingabe ngisakwenzelani, ndodana yami?” **38** U-Esawu wathi kuyise, “Kanti ulesibusiso esisodwa kuphela na baba? Ngibusisa lami, baba!” U-Esawu wasekhala kakhulu ephumisela. **39** Uyise u-Isaka wamphendula wathi, “Umuzi wakho uzakuba khatshana lokuvunda

komhlaba, khatshana lamazolo asezulwini eliphezulu. **40** Uzaphila ngokusebenzisa inkemba njalo uzamkhonza umfowenu. Kodwa kuzakuthi lapho usudlubulunda, uzalilahla ijogwe lakhe lisuke entanyeni yakho." **41** U-Esawu wabambela uJakhobe isikhwili ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ayemuphe sona. Wazitshela wathi, "Insuku zokulilela ubaba seziseduze; lapho-ke ngizambulala umfowethu uJakhobe." **42** Kwathi uRabheka esezwile okwakutshiwo yindodana yakhe endala u-Esawu, wabiza indodana yakhe encinyane uJakhobe wathi kuye, "Umnewenu u-Esawu uziduduza ngomcabango wokuthi akubulale. **43** Ngakho-ke wena ndodana yami, yenza lokho engikutshela khona: Baleka masinyane uye kumfowethu uLabhani eHarani. **44** Uhlale khonale ulaka lomfowenu luze ludede. **45** Kuzakuthi nxa umnewenu engasakuzondelanga esekhohliwe ukuthi kuyini owakwenza kuye, ngizathumela ilizwi ukuthi ubuye usuka khonale. Kambe kungaba yini ukuthi ngilahlekelwe yini lobabili ngasuku lunye na?" **46** URabheka wasesithi ku-Isaka, "Ukuphila sokunginenga ngenxa yabafazi bamaHithi laba. Nxa uJakhobe engathatha umfazi ebafazini balelilizwe, abafazi bamaHithi abanje, ukuphila kwami kuyabe kungasasizi."

28 Ngakho u-Isaka wabiza uJakhobe wambusisa wamlaya wathi: "Ungathathi umfazi womKhenani. **2** Hamba khathesi uye ePhadani Aramu, emzini kayihlomkhulu uBhethuweli. Thatha khona umfazi, emadodakazini kaLabhani, umnewabo kanyoko. **3** Sengathi uNkulunkulu uSomandla angakubusisa akuphe

inzalo, andise ubunengi bayo lize libe yizizwe ezinengi. **4** Sengathi angakupha wena kanye lezizukulwane zakho isibusiso leso esaphiwa u-Abhrahama, ukuze lilithathe ilizwe leli ohlezi kulo manje njengowezizweni, ilizwe uNkulunkulu alipha u-Abhrahama." **5** Ngakho u-Isaka wasemvalelisa uJakhobe, waya ePhadani Aramu, kuLabhani indodana kaBhethuweli um'Aramu, umnewabo kaRabheka, owayengunina kaJakhobe lo-Esawu. **6** U-Esawu wezwa ukuthi u-Isaka wayembusisile uJakhobe njalo wamthumela ePhadani Aramu ukuthi ayothatha umfazi khona, lokuthi wathi embusisa wamlaya wathi, "Ungathathi umfazi ongumKhenani," **7** lokuthi uJakhobe wayebalalele uyise lonina wahamba waya ePhadani Aramu. **8** U-Esawu wakunanzelela ukuthi abafazi bamaKhenani babeyisinengiso kuyise u-Isaka; **9** ngakho wasesiya ku-Ishumayeli wathatha uMahalathi, udadewabo kaNebhayothi, indodakazi ka-Ishumayeli indodana ka-Abhrahama, phezu kwabanye abafazi ayevele eselabo. **10** UJakhobe wasuka eBherishebha waqonda eHarani. **11** Wafika kwenye indawo, wema lapho ukuthi alale khona ngoba ilanga laselitshonile. Wathatha ilitshe khona walenza umqamelo walala. **12** Wehlelwa liphupho wabona ilele ligxile phansi emhlabeni, isiqongo salo sifinyelela ezulwini, kwathi izingilosi zikaNkulunkulu zabe ziqansa zisehla kulo. **13** Laphaya ngaphezu kwalo kwakumi uThixo esithi: "nginguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo u-Abhrahama loNkulunkulu ka-Isaka. Ngizakupha wena kanye lezizukulwane zakho ilizwe leli olele kulo. **14** Izizukulwane zakho zizakuba njengothuli lomhlabathi,

njalo lizaqhela liye entshonalanga lasempumalanga, enyakatho laseningizimu. Bonke abantu bomhlaba bazabusiswa ngenxa yakho lenzalo yakho. **15** Ngilawe njalo ngizakulinda loba ungaze uye ngaphi, njalo ngizakubuyisa kulelilizwe. Kangizukukudela ngize ngikwenze lokho engikuthembise khona." **16** UJakhobe wathi evuka ebuthongweni bakhe wacabanga wathi, "Ngeqiniso uThixo ukhona kule indawo, kodwa bengingakunanzeleli." **17** Wesaba wathi, "Yeka ukwesabeka kwale indawo ehloniphekayo! Ngempela iyindlu kaNkulunkulu; leli lisango lasezulwini." **18** Kusisa ekuseni kakhulu uJakhobe walithatha ilitshe ayelele eliqamele walimisa laba yinsika wathela amafutha phezu kwalo. **19** Indawo leyo wayibiza wathi yiBhetheli, ikanti idolobho lakhona lalithiwa yiLuzi. **20** Ngakho uJakhobe wenza isifungo wathi, "Nxa uNkulunkulu ezakuba lami angilondoloze kuloluhambo engikulo, angiphe ukudla lezigqoko, **21** ngibuyele emzini kababa ngiphilile, lapho uThixo uzakuba nguNkulunkulu wami **22** njalo lelitshe leli engilenze insika lizakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu, njalo kuzakuthi konke onginika khona ngizakunika wena okwetshumi."

29 UJakhobe waseqhubeka ngohambo lwakhe wayafika elizweni labantu bempumalanga. **2** Wabona khonale umthombo esiqintini, kulemihlambi yezimvu emithathu ilele eduzane kwawo ngoba imihlambi yayinatha khonapho emthonjeni lowo. Ilitshe elalivale umlomo womthombo lalilikhulu. **3** Kwakusithi yonke imihlambi ingabuthana khona, abelusi baligiqe ilitshe balisuse emlonyeni womthombo banathise izimvu.

Besebelibuyisela ilitshe endaweni yalo emlonyeni womthombo. **4** UJakhobe wabuza abelusi wathi, “Bafowethu, livela ngaphi?” Baphendula bathi, “Sivela eHarani.” **5** Wathi, “Liyamazi yini uLabhani, umzukulu kaNahori?” Baphendula bathi, “Yebo, siyamazi.” **6** UJakhobe wasebabuza wathi, “Uyaphila yini?” Bathi, “Yebo, uyaphila; nansi indodakazi yakhe uRasheli esiza lezimvu.” **7** Wathi, “Khangelani, ilanga lilokhu lisemini; akukabi yisikhathi sokuthi imihlambi ibuthwe. Zinathiseni izimvu lezi lizibuyisele emadlelweni.” **8** Baphendula bathi, “Asingeke, ize iqale iqoqane yonke imihlambi, ilitshe beselisuswa emlonyeni womthombo. Besesizinathisa-ke izimvu.” **9** Wathi elokhu esakhuluma labo uRasheli wafika lezimvu zikayise, kalokho wayengumelusi. **10** UJakhobe wathi ebona uRasheli indodakazi kaLabhani, umnewabo kanina esiza lezimvu zikaLabhani, wahamba wayagiqa ilitshe elalisemlonyeni womthombo wanathisa izimvu zikamalumakhe. **11** UJakhobe wasesanga uRasheli njalo wakhala kakhulu. **12** Wayesemtshelile uRasheli ukuthi wayeyisihlobo sikayise lokuthi wayeyindodana kaRabheka. Ngakho intombi yagijima yayabikela uyise. **13** ULabhani wonela ukuwuzwa umbiko ngoJakhobe, indodana kadadewabo, wahle waphuthuma wayamhlangabeza. Wamgona, wamanga, wamletha ngekhaya, lapho uJakhobe amtshela khona izinto lezi. **14** ULabhani wasesithi kuye, “Uyinyama yami legazi lami.” UJakhobe esehlale laye okwenyanga yonke, **15** uLabhani wathi kuye, “Kambe sekungathi ngoba uyisihlobo sami ubusungisebenzela

ungaholi lutho? Akungitshele ukuthi umholo wakho ungaba yini?" **16** ULabhani wayelamadodakazi amabili; ibizo lendala lalinguLeya, encinyane inguRasheli. **17** ULeya wayelamehlo abuthakathaka, kodwa uRasheli wayelesimo esibukekayo, emuhle. **18** UJakhobe wezwa emthanda uRasheli wasesithi, "Ngizakusebenzela okweminyaka eyisikhombisa ukuze ungiphe indodakazi yakho encane uRasheli." **19** ULabhani wathi, "Kungcono ngimuphe wena kulokuba ngimuphe enye indoda. Hlala lapha lami." **20** UJakhobe waseyisebenza iminyaka eyisikhombisa ukuze azuze uRasheli, kodwa yakhanya ingathi yizinsukwana ezimbalwa kuye ngenxa yothando kuye. **21** UJakhobe wasesithi kuLabhani, "Ngipha-ke umkami. Isikhathi sami sesigcwalisekile, sengifuna ukwembatha laye." **22** Ngakho uLabhani wasenxusa bonke abantu bendawo wenza idili. **23** Kodwa kwathi sekusihlwa, wathatha indodakazi yakhe uLeya wamupha uJakhobe, uJakhobe wembatha laye. **24** ULabhani waphinda wapha uLeya incekukazi yakhe uZilipha ukuba ibe yincekukazi yakhe. **25** Kwathi sokusile, wabona kunguLeya! UJakhobe wathi kuLabhani, "Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo kimi? Mina ngasebenzela uRasheli, kakunjalo na? Kungani ungikhohlisile?" **26** ULabhani waphendula wathi, "Kakusiwo mkhuba wethu lapha ukwendisa indodakazi encane endala ingakendi. **27** Qeda iviki yokucola lo omdala; besesikupha lalo omncane njalo ngemva kokumsebenzela eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa." **28** UJakhobe wenza njalo. Waqeda iviki eloLeya, uLabhani wasemupha indodakazi yakhe uRasheli

ukuba ibe ngumkakhe. **29** ULabhani wanika indodakazi yakhe uRasheli incekukazi yakhe uBhiliha ukuba abe yincekukazi yakhe. **30** UJakhobe waselala loRasheli, wamthanda ukwedlula uLeya. Wasesebenzela uLabhani okweminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa njalo. **31** UThixo wathi ngokubona ukuthi uLeya wayengathandwa, wavula inzalo yakhe, kodwa uRasheli wayeyinyumba. **32** ULeya wathatha isisu wazala indodana. Wamutha ibizo wathi nguRubheni, ngoba wathi, "Kungenxa yokuthi uThixo usebonile ukuhlupheka kwami. Ngempela umkami usezangithanda manje." **33** Wathatha isisu njalo, wathi esephinde umfana njalo wathi, "Ngoba uThixo wezwa ukuthi kangithandwa, wanginika lo njalo." Ngakho wamutha wathi nguSimiyoni. **34** Wasithatha njalo isisu, kwathi esezele omunye umfana wathi, "Khathesi-ke umkami usezabambelela kimi ngoba sengimzalele amadodana amathathu." Yikho wathiwa nguLevi. **35** Waphinda wasithatha isisu, wazuza umfana wathi, "Ngalesisikhathi ngizadumisa uThixo." Wamutha wathi nguJuda. Wasesima ukuzuza abantwana.

30 URasheli wathi ebona ukuthi wayengazaleli uJakhobe abantwana, wasekhwelezela udadewabo. Wasesithi kuJakhobe, "Ngipha abantwana, kumbe ngife!" **2** UJakhobe wamzondela wathi, "Sengisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu yini mina, onguye okuvale ukuthi ungazali?" **3** Yena wasesithi, "Nangu uBhiliha incekukazi yami. Lala laye ukuze angizalele abantwana, ukuze kuthi ngaye ngibe lemuli." **4** Ngakho wasemupha incekukazi yakhe uBhiliha njengomfazi. UJakhobe

wembatha laye, **5** wazithwala wamzalela indodana. **6** Ngakho uRasheli wathi, “UNkulunkulu usengigezile; ulalele ukuncenga kwami wasenginika indodana.” Ngenxa yalokhu wayitha wathi nguDani. **7** Incekukazi kaRasheli, uBhiliha, yathatha isisu njalo yazalela uJakhobe indodana yesibili. **8** URasheli wasesithi, “Kade kuyimpi phakathi kwami lodadewethu, mina senginqobile.” Wasemuthi nguNafithali. **9** ULeya wathi ngokubona ukuthi kasazali wathatha incekukazi yakhe uZilipha wayipha uJakhobe njengomfazi. **10** Incekukazi kaLeya uZilipha yazalela uJakhobe indodana. **11** ULeya wasesithi, “Inhlanhla engakanani!” Wamutha ibizo wathi nguGadi. **12** Incekukazi kaLeya uZilipha yazalela uJakhobe indodana yesibili. **13** ULeya wathi, “Uthi ngiyathaba yini! Abafazi bazakuthi ngiyathaba.” Yikho wambiza ngokuthi ngu-Asheri. **14** Ngesikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi uRubheni waya emasimini wafumana izihlahlakazana zamamandraki waziletha kunina uLeya. URasheli wathi kuLeya, “Ngicela ezinye zezihlahlakazana zendodana yakho.” **15** Kodwa wathi kuye, “Kakukwanelisanga na ukuthi wangemuka indoda? Usufuna ukuthatha lamamandraki endodana yami njalo?” URasheli wathi, “Kulungile, angazalala ngakwakho lamuhla ukuze ngizuze amamandraki endodana yakho.” **16** Ngakho kwathi uJakhobe efika evela emasimini ngaleyontambama, uLeya wamhlangabeza wathi, “Kumele ulale ngakwami lamuhla. Ngikuqhatshile ngamamandraki endodana yami.” Ngakho wembatha laye ngalobobusuku. **17** UNkulunkulu wamlalela uLeya, wathatha isisu wazalela uJakhobe

indodana yesihlanu. **18** ULeya wathi, “UNkulunkulu
usengiphe umvuzo ngenxa yokuthi nganika indoda
yami incekukazi yami.” Ngakho wamutha wathi ngu-
Isakhari. **19** ULeya waphinda wasithatha njalo isisu
wazalela uJakhobe indodana yesithupha. **20** Ngakho
uLeya wathi, “UNkulunkulu usengiphe isipho esiligugu.
Khathesi umkami usezangiphatha ngenhlonipho, ngoba
sengimzalele amadodana ayisithupha.” Wasemutha
wathi nguZebhuluni. **21** Emva kwesikhathi esithile
wazala intombazana wayithi nguDina. **22** UNkulunkulu
wamkhumbula uRasheli; wezwa ukukhala kwakhe wavula
isibeletho sakhe. **23** Wathatha isisu wazala indodana,
wathi, “UNkulunkulu uselisusile ihlazo lami.” **24**
Wamutha wathi nguJosefa, wathi, “Sengathi uThixo
angangipha enye indodana.” **25** URasheli esezele
uJosefa uJakhobe wathi kuLabhani, “Ngivumela ukuthi
ngibuyele elizweni lakithi. **26** Ngipha omkami labantwana
engibasebenzeleyo kuwe, ngihle ngihambe. Uyawazi
umsebenzi engiwusebenzileyo kuwe lapha.” **27** Kodwa
uLabhani wathi kuye, “Nxa ungithanda, hlala. Sengibonile
ngokwambulelwa ukuthi uThixo ungibusisile ngenxa
yakho.” **28** Wengeza ngokuthi, “Qamba loba yiphi
inhlawulo oyifunayo, ngizakupha.” **29** UJakhobe wathi
kuye, “Uyakwazi ukuthi ngikusebenzele njani lokuthi
izifuyo zakho zigcinakale njani ziphethwe yimi. **30**
Okuncinyane owawulakho ngingakafiki sekusele kwanda
kakhulu, njalo uThixo ukubusisile langabe kungaphi
lapho engike ngaba khona. Kodwa manje ngizaze
ngiwenzele nini mina umuzi wami ulutho?” **31** Wabuza

wathi, “Ngikupheni na?” Waphendula uJakhobe wathi, “Ungangiphi lutho. Kodwa ake ungenzele lokhu kodwa, ukuze ngiqhubeke ngisondla imihlambi yakho: **32** Wothi ngingene emihlambini yakho lamuhla ngikhuphe kuyo zonke izimvu ezilamachatha kumbe amabala, lamazinyane wonke amnyama lembuzi zonke ezilamabala kumbe amachatha. Yizo ezizakuba yinhlawulo yami. **33** Ngesikhathi esizayo ubuqotho bami buzavela nxa uhlola inhlawulo onginike yona. Ingqe yiphi imbuzi engizabe ngilayo engelamachatha kumbe amabala, loba lizinyane lemvu elingamnyama lizakubalwa njengelebiweyo.” **34** ULabhani wathi, “Kulungile, kakube njengokutsho kwakho.” **35** Mhlalokho wazikhupha zonke impongo ezazingamaqamule kumbe ezilamabala, njalo lezinsikazi ezilamachatha kumbe ezilamabala (zonke ezazilokumhlophe kuzo) lamazinyane ezimvu wonke amnyama zonke wathi zikhangelwe ngamadodana akhe. **36** Wasebeka umango wensuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe loJakhobe, kodwa uJakhobe wayelokhu esondla yonke imihlambi eseleyo kaLabhani. **37** Kwathi uJakhobe wagamula ingatsha zesihlahla sephopla, eze-alimondi lezepulane wahamba ezixoza amaxolo wenza imidwa kwavela kuzo isigodo esimhlophe. **38** Ingatsha lezi ezixoziweyo wazibeka kuyo yonke imikolo yokunathela imihlambi ukuthi zime ziqondane lezifuyo nxa zinatha. Kwakusithi lezozifuyo ezidabuleyo zizonatha **39** zifike zixakane phambi kwezingatsha. Zazizala amazinyane alamabala ayimidwa loba alamachatha kumbe amabala nje. **40** UJakhobe wawakhetha wawabeka wodwa

amazinyane, kodwa lezo ezinye waziyekela zadunga lezo ezingamaqamule lezimnyama ezazingezikaLabhani. Ngaleyondlela, wenza imihlambi ehlukeneyo eyakhe kaze ayihlanganisa lekaLabhani. **41** Kwakusithi kungadabula ezinsikazi eziqinileyo, uJakhobe wayefaka imiqwayi emikolweni phambi kwezifuyo ukuze zixakane eduze kwayo, **42** kodwa nxa ezinsikazi zingezibuthakathaka wayengayifaki imiqwayi. Ngakho izifuyo ezibuthakathaka zaba ngezikaLabhani, eziqinileyo zabuya ngoJakhobe. **43** Ngale indlela indoda le yanotha kakhulu yaba lemihlambi emikhulu, lezincekukazi, lezinceku kanye lamakamela labobabhemi.

31 UJakhobe wezwa ukuthi amadodana kaLabhani ayesithi, "UJakhobe usethethe konke ubaba ayelakho njalo usezuze yonke inotho ebingekababa." **2** Njalo uJakhobe wananzelela ukuthi uLabhani wayengasamphathi njengakuqala. **3** UThixo wasesithi kuJakhobe, "Buyela elizweni laboyihlo lasezihlotsheni zakho, mina ngizakuba lawe." **4** Ngakho uJakhobe wasethumela ilizwi kuRasheli loLeya ukuthi beze egangeni lapho imihlambi yakhe eyayikhona. **5** Wathi kubo, "Sengibona ukuthi uyihlo kasangiphathi njengakuqala, kodwa uNkulunkulu kababa ube lami. **6** Liyakwazi ukuthi ngamsebenzela uyihlo ngamandla ami wonke, **7** kodwa uyihlo ungidlelezele ngokuguqula umholo wami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kamvumelanga ukuthi angilimaze. **8** Kwakusithi angathi, 'Ezilamabalabala ngezakho, ezomholo,' imihlambi yonke izale ezimabalabala; kuthi angathi, 'Ezingamaqamule zizakuba ngumholo wakho,'

yonke imihlambi izale amazinyane angamaqamule. **9** Ngaleyondlela uNkulunkulu usethethe imihlambi kayihlo wayipha mina. **10** Ngesikhathi sokuxotshwa lokumitha kwemihlambi, ngaba lephupho lapho okwathi ngikhangela ngabona ukuthi impongo ezazixotsha umhlambi zazingamaqamule, kumbe zingamafahlafahla kumbe zilamabala. **11** Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yathi kimi kulelophupho, 'Jakhobe.' Ngasabela ngathi, 'Ngilapha.' **12** Yathi, 'Khangela ukuthi zonke impongo ezixotsha umhlambi ngezingamaqamule, ngezingamafahlafahla kumbe ngezilamabala, ngoba ngikubonile konke lokho uLabhani abekwenza kuwe. **13** NginguNkulunkulu waseBhetheli, lapho owagcoba khona insika njalo lapho owenza khona isifungo kimi. Suka kulelilizwe khona manje ubuyele elizweni lakini.'" **14** URasheli loLeya baphendula bathi, "Sivele siseselesabelo selifa likababa na? **15** Kasinjengabezizweni kuye na? Kakusikho kodwa ukuthi walobolisa ngathi, kodwa sowakusebenzisa konke esalotsholwa ngakho. **16** Ngempela yonke inotho uNkulunkulu ayemuka ubaba ngeyethu labantwabethu. Ngakho yenza loba yini uNkulunkulu akutshele yona." **17** UJakhobe wasegadisa abantwabakhe labomkakhe emakameleni, **18** waziqhuba zonke izifuyo zakhe zahamba phambili, kanye lempahla zonke ayezizuzile ePhadani Aramu, esebuyela kuyise u-Isaka elizweni laseKhenani. **19** Kwathi uLabhani ehambile eyogunda izimvu zakhe, uRasheli weba izithombe zikayise. **20** Phezu kwalokho uJakhobe wakhohlisa uLabhani um'Aramu ngokungamtsheli ukuthi yena wayesebaleka. **21** Ngakho

wabaleka lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, wachapha umfula iYufrathe, waqonda elizweni lamaqaqa eleGiliyadi. **22** Ngosuku lwesithathu uLabhani watshelwa ukuthi uJakhobe wayesebalekile. **23** Wathatha izihlobo zakhe bangena emzileni kaJakhobe okwensuku eziyisikhombisa baze bayambamba elizweni lamaqaqa eleGiliyadi. **24** UNkulunkulu weza kuLabhani um'Aramu ephutsheni ebusuku wathi kuye, "Unanzelele ukuthi ungaze watsho lutho kuJakhobe, loba lungoluhle kumbe olubi." **25** UJakhobe wayemise ithente lakhe elizweni lamaqaqa eGiliyadi eficwa khona nguLabhani, uLabhani laye lezihlobo zakhe bakha izihonqo khonapho. **26** Ngakho uLabhani wasesithi kuJakhobe, "Wenzeni manje? Ungikhohlisile, njalo uthumbe amadodakazi ami njengabathunjiweyo empini. **27** Kungani ubalekele ngasese wangikhohlisa na? Kungani ungangazisanga ukuze ngikuvalelise ngentokozo langokutshaya izigubhu lamachacho? **28** Kawuzange ume ukuthi ngange abazukulu bami lamadodakazi ami ngibavalelise. Wenze into eyibuthutha. **29** Ngilamandla okukulimaza; kodwa ngobusuku obudluleyo uNkulunkulu kayihlo uthe kimi, 'Unanzelele ungaze watsho lutho kuJakhobe, loba ngoluhle kumbe ngolubi.' **30** Manje ususukile ngoba ubulangazelela ukubuyela emzini kayihlo. Kodwa kungani webe izithombe zami na?" **31** UJakhobe wamphendula uLabhani wathi, "Bengisesaba ukuthi uzangemuka amadodakazi akho ngamandla. **32** Kodwa nxa ufumana loba ngubani olezithombe zakho, kayikuphila. Ake ubone, lezihlobo zakho zikhona, ingabe kulolutho lwakho yini

lapha kimi; nxa lukhona, luthathe." UJakhobe wayengazi ukuthi uRasheli wayezebile izithombe. **33** Ngakho uLabhani wangena ethenteni likaJakhobe lethenteni likaLeya lethenteni lezincekukazi zombili, kodwa kafumananga lutho. Ephuma ethenteni likaLeya, wangena ethenteni likaRasheli. **34** URasheli wayethethe izithombe lezo, wazifihla phakathi kwesihlalo sekamela lakhe, wasehlala phezu kwazo. ULabhani wabhudula kukho konke okwakusethenteni, katholanga lutho. **35** URasheli wathi kuyise, "Ungazondi nkosi yami ukuthi kungani ngingakusukumeli, kungenxa yokuba ngisesikhathini." Ngakho wabhudula, kodwa akaze azifumana izithombe zangekhaya. **36** UJakhobe wazonda kubi wamthwalisa nzima uLabhani. Wambuza wathi, "Icala lami ngelani? Ngenze sono bani ukuze ungizingele kanje? **37** Njengoba usuziguduzile zonke impahla zami, kuyini osukufumene okungokomuzi wakho na? Kubeke khonapha phambi kwezihlobo zakho lezami batsho okuyikho phakathi kwethu sobabili. **38** Sengibe lawe okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili. Izimvu zakho lembuzi zakho kazizange ziphunze, njalo kangizange ngizihlabele inqama emihlambini yakho. **39** Kangizange ngizokutshengisa izifuyo ezidatshulwe yizilo; yimi engathwala lokho kulahlekelwa ngazihlawula. Njalo wafuna inhlawulo yalezo ezazebiwe emini loba ebusuku. **40** Impilo yami yayinje: ukutshisa kwakungibhaxabula emini, ebusuku umqando ungihaqaze, ubuthongo babaleka emehlweni ami. **41** Kwakunjalo okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili ngisemzini wakho. Ngakusebenzela okweminyaka

elitshumi lane ngisebenzela amadodakazi akho womabili njalo okweminyaka eyisithupha ngisebenzela imihlambi yakho, njalo wena waguqula inhlawulo yami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi. **42** Aluba uNkulunkulu kababa, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama langokwesaba kuka-Isaka, ubengelami, ubuzangixotsha nje ngingaphathanga lutho. Kodwa uNkulunkulu ububonile ubunzima bami lokusebenza nzima kwezandla zami, yikho ekukhuzile izolo ebusuku." **43** ULabhani wamphendula uJakhobe wathi, "Abesifazane ngamadodakazi ami, abantwana ngabantwabami, lemihlambi yimihlambi yami. Kodwa kuyini engingakwenza lamuhla ngala amadodakazi ami, kumbe ngabantwana ababazeleyo na? **44** Zwana-ke, kasenze isivumelwano, wena lami, sibe ngufakazi phakathi kwethu." **45** Ngakho uJakhobe wasethatha ilitshe walimisa laba yinsika. **46** Wasesithi ezihlotsheni zakhe, "Buthelelani amatshe." Bawathatha amatshe aba yinqwaba, basebedlela khonapho eceleni kwenqwaba. **47** ULabhani wayibiza ngokuthi yiJegari Sahadutha, uJakhobe yena wathi yiGaledi. **48** ULabhani wathi, "Inqwaba le ingufakazi phakathi kwami lawe lamuhla." Yikho yabizwa ngokuthi yiGaledi. **49** Yabizwa njalo ngokuthi yiMizipha, ngoba wathi, "Sengathi uThixo angalinda phakathi kwakho lami nxa sikhatshana omunye komunye. **50** Ungaze uphathe kubi amadodakazi ami, loba ungaze uthathe abanye abafazi ngaphandle kwamadodakazi ami, loba kungekho omunye umuntu olathi, khumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu ungufakazi phakathi kwakho lami." **51** ULabhani wathi njalo kuJakhobe, "Nansi inqwaba le,

njalo nansi insika engiyimise phakathi kwakho lami.
52 Inqwaba le ingufakazi, kanye lensika le ingufakazi
wokuthi kangisoze ngiyidlule inqwaba le ngize kwelakho
icele ngizekonela lokuthi lawe kawuyikudlula kule
inqwaba lensika uze kwelami icele uzengonela. **53**
Sengathi uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, loNkulunkulu
kaNahori, uNkulunkulu kayise wabo angahlulela phakathi
kwethu." Ngakho uJakhobe wenza isifungo ebizweni
likaMesatshwa kayise u-Isaka. **54** Wenza umhlatshelo
khonapho elizweni lamaqaqa wanxusa izihlobo zakhe
ekudleni. Sebedlile, balala khonapho. **55** Ekuseni kakhulu
ngosuku olulandelayo uLabhani wanga abazukulu bakhe
lamadodakazi akhe wababusisa. Wasefulathela wabuyela
ekhaya.

32 UJakhobe laye wahamba ngeyakhe indlela,
wasehlangabezwa yizingilosi zikaNkulunkulu. **2** Wathi
ezibona uJakhobe wathi, "Leli libandla likaNkulunkulu!"
Indawo leyo waseyibiza ngokuthi yiMahanayimi.
3 UJakhobe wathuma izithunywa ukuba zihambe
phambili kwakhe kumnewabo u-Esawu elizweni
laseSeyiri, ilizwe lika-Edomi. **4** Wazilaya wathi,
"Nanku okumele likutsho enkosini yami u-Esawu,
'Inceku yakho uJakhobe uthi bengihlezi loLabhani
njalo ngihlale khona kwaze kwaba khathesi. **5**
Ngilenkomo labobabhemi, ngilezimvu, lembuzi, njalo
ngilezinceku lezincekukazi. Khathesi-ke sengithumela
lelilizwi enkosini yami, ukuze ngithole umusa emehlweni
akho.'" **6** Kwathi izithunywa sezibuya kuJakhobe
zathi, "Sihambile kumfowenu u-Esawu, okwamanje

uyeza ukuzokuhlangabeza, ulamadoda angamakhulu amane eza lawo." **7** UJakhobe wafikelwa yikwesaba lokukhathazeka okukhulu wasesehlukanisa phakathi abantu ayelabo baba ngamaqembu amabili, wenzenjalo lemihlambini yezimvu leyenkomo lamakamela lawo. **8** Wakhumbula wathi, "Nxa u-Esawu angafika ahlasele elinye iqembu, leloqembu eliseleyo lingahle libaleke." **9** UJakhobe wasekhuleka wathi, "Oh Nkulunkulu kababa u-Abhrahama, Nkulunkulu kababa u-Isaka, Thixo, wena owathi kimi, 'Buyela elizweni lakini lasezihlotsheni zakho, ngizakwenza uphumelele,' **10** mina kangiwufanelanga wonke umusa lokuthembeka okutshengise inceku yakho. Ngangiphethe intonga yami zwi mhla ngichapha iJodani leli, kodwa khathesi sengingamaqembu amabili. **11** Ngiyakhuleka ngithi ngisindise esandleni somfowethu u-Esawu, ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi uzakuza angihlasele, kanye labesifazane labantwababo. **12** Kodwa wena uthe, 'Ngempela ngizakwenza uphumelele ngenze lezizukulwane zakho zibe njengetshebetshebe lolwandle elingeke labalwa.'" **13** Wahlala khonapho ngalobobusuku, kwathi kulokho ayelakho wakhetha isipho sikamnewabo u-Esawu: **14** imbuzikazi ezingamakhulu amabili lempongo ezingamatshumi amabili; izimvu ezinsikazi ezingamakhulu amabili lenqama ezingamatshumi amabili; **15** amakamela amasikazi angamatshumi amathathu lamathole awo; amankomokazi angamatshumi amane lenkunzi ezilitshumi; kanye labobabhemi abasikazi abangamatshumi amabili lemiduna yawo elitshumi. **16** Wakugcinisa izisebenzi zakhe konke, umhlambi

munye wema wodwa, wathi kuzo izisebenzi zakhe, “Hambani phambi kwami, njalo litshiye ibanga phakathi kwemihlambi.” **17** Lowo owayephambili wamlaya wathi, “Nxa umnewethu u-Esawu ekuhlangabeza afike abuze athi, ‘Ungokabani wena, njalo uya ngaphi, njalo ngezikabani zonke lezizifuyo eziphambi kwakho?’ **18** Ubokuthi, ‘Ngezenceku yakho uJakhobe. Ziyisipho esithunyelwe inkosi yami u-Esawu, laye uyeza nje emuva kwethu.’” **19** Walaya njalo isisebenzi sesibili, lesesithathu lazozonke ezinye ezaziqhuba imihlambi wathi: “Kumele likhulume into efanayo ku-Esawu nxa lihlangana laye. **20** Njalo lingakhohlwa ukuthi, ‘Inceku yakho uJakhobe iyeza ngemva kwethu.’” Ngoba wacabanga wathi: “Ngizamthoba ngezipho lezi engizithumela phambili; nxa sengimbona muva mhlawumbe uzangamukela.” **21** Ngakho izipho zikaJakhobe zahanjiswa, zamandulela, kodwa yena wasala ezihonqweni ubusuku bonke. **22** Ngalobobusuku uJakhobe waphakama wathatha omkakhe bobabili, lezincekukazi zakhe zombili kanye lamadodana akhe alitshumi lamunye wawela izibuko likaJabhoki. **23** Esebachaphisile wabuye wachaphisa yonke imfuyo yakhe. **24** Ngakho uJakhobe wasala yedwa, indoda ethile yabindana laye kwaze kwaba semathathakusa. **25** Leyondoda yathi ngokubona ukuthi kayimehluli uJakhobe, yambamba inyonga, inyonga yakhe yakhumuka elokhu ebindana laleyondoda. **26** Indoda yasisithi, “Ngiyekela ngihambe ngoba sokusile.” Kodwa uJakhobe wamphendula wathi, “Kangisoze ngikwekele uhambe ngaphandle kokuthi ungibusise.” **27** Indoda yambuza yathi, “Ungubani

ibizo lakho na?" Wathi, "NginguJakhobe." **28** Indoda yasisithi, "Ibizo lakho kalisayikuba nguJakhobe, kodwa u-Israyeli, ngoba ulwe loNkulunkulu kanye labantu wanqoba." **29** UJakhobe wathi, "Akungitshele ibizo lakho." Kodwa waphendula wathi "Ulibuzelani ibizo lami na?" Wasembusisa khonapho. **30** Ngakho uJakhobe wabiza indawo leyo ngokuthi yiPheniyeli esithi, "Kungoba ngimbonile uNkulunkulu ubuso ngobuso, kodwa impilo yami kayilinyazwanga." **31** Ilanga lamphumela esedlula ePheniweli, ehamba eqhugezela ngenxa yenyonga yakhe. **32** Ngakho-ke kuze kube lamuhla abako-Israyeli kabayidli inyama elomsipha osuka enyongeni, ngoba inyonga kaJakhobe yenyela eduze lomsipha.

33 UJakhobe wathi evusa amehlo wabona u-Esawu, eqhamuka lamadoda akhe angamakhulu amane; wasesehlukanisa abantwana phakathi kukaLeya, uRasheli lezincekukazi zombili. **2** Waqhuba phambili izincekukazi labantwabazo, kwalandela uLeya labantwabakhe, kweza uRasheli loJosefa ngemuva. **3** Yena ngokwakhe wahamba phambili wakhothama phansi emhlabathini kasikhombisa esebanga kumnewabo. **4** Kodwa u-Esawu wagijima wahlangabeza uJakhobe wamanga; wamgona ngezingalo entanyeni wamanga. Bakhala. **5** U-Esawu wasekhangela wabona abesifazane labantwana. Wabuza wathi, "Ngobani laba ohamba labo na?" UJakhobe waphendula wathi, "Ngabantwana uNkulunkulu abaphe ngesihle inceku yakho." **6** Kwathi izincekukazi labantwabazo, zasondela zakhothamela phansi. **7** Kwalandela uLeya kanye labantwabakhe beza bakhothamela phansi. Abokucina

kwaba nguJosefa loRasheli, labo bakhothamela phansi. **8** U-Esawu wabuza wathi, “Utshoni ngemihlambi yonke le engihlangane layo?” Wathi, “Ngeyokucela umusa kuwe, nkosi yami.” **9** Kodwa u-Esawu wathi, “Lami sengilakho okunengi, mnawami. Zigcinele lawe lokho olakho.” **10** UJakhobe wathi, “Hatshi bo, bakithi. Nxa ngisamukeleka kuwe yamukela isipho sami lesi. Ngoba ukubona ubuso bakho kufana lokubona ubuso bukaNkulunkulu, ikakhulu njengoba usungamukele ngesihle. **11** Ngicela ukuthi wamukele isipho leso esilethwe kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu ube lomusa kimi, ngaba lakho konke engikudingayo.” Kwathi ngoba uJakhobe encenga, u-Esawu wasamukela. **12** U-Esawu wasesithi, “Kasihambeni. Ngizahamba lani.” **13** Kodwa uJakhobe wathi kuye, “Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana babuthakathaka lokuthi ngisamele nginakekele izimvukazi lamankomokazi konke okusanda kuzala. Zingahanjiswa ngamandla okwelanga elilodwa nje, izifuyo zizakufa. **14** Ngakho inkosi yami kayizihambele phambili kwenceku yayo, mina ngilandele kancane okwamandla emihlambi eqhutshwayo labantwana, ngize ngifike enkosini yami eSeyiri.” **15** U-Esawu wathi, “Nxa kunjalo ngizatshiya amanye amadoda ami lawe.” UJakhobe wabuza wathi, “Kambe ube ukwenzelani lokho? Inkosi yami kayingenzele umusa nje kube kuphela.” **16** Ngakho ngalolosuku u-Esawu wasuka esebuyela eSeyiri. **17** Kodwa uJakhobe waya eSukhothi lapho azakhela khona umuzi wakha lezibaya zezifuyo zakhe. Kungakho leyondawo ithiwa yiSukhothi. **18** UJakhobe esebuyile ePhadani Aramu wafika kuhle edolobheni laseShekhemu eKhenani wamisa

izihonqo eduzane kwedolobho. **19** Ngenhlamvu zesiliva
ezilikhulu wathenga isiqinti somhlabathi emadodaneni
kaHamori, uyise kaShekhemu, lapho amisa khona ithente
lakhe. **20** Khonapho amisa i-alithari walibiza ngokuthi yi-
Eli Elohe Israyeli.

34 UDina, indodakazi kaLeya ayizalela uJakhobe
wasuka wayakwethekelela abafazi balelolizwe. **2** Kwathi
uShekhemu, indodana kaHamori umHivi, umbusi
walowomango, ebona uDina, wamthatha wamdlova.
3 Inhliziyo yakhe yathatheka ngoDina indodakazi
kaJakhobe, wayithanda intombi le, wakhuluma layo
kamnandi. **4** UShekhemu wathi kuyise uHamori,
"Ngithathela intombi le ibe ngumkami." **5** UJakhobe wathi
ekuzwa ukuthi indodakazi yakhe uDina yayingcolisiwe,
amadodana akhe ayesegangeni lezifuyo; wathula nje
aze abuya ekhaya. **6** Ngakho usekaShekhemu, uHamori
wayakhuluma loJakhobe. **7** Ngalesosikhathi amadodana
kaJakhobe ayesebuyile evela egangeni evele esezwile
okwasekwenzakele. Babelosizi njalo begcwele ulaka ngoba
uShekhemu wayenze into elihlazo ko-Israyeli ngokudlova
indodakazi kaJakhobe, into okwakungamelanga yenziwe.
8 Kodwa uHamori wathi kubo, "Indodana yami
uShekhemu uyayithanda indodakazi yakho. Muphe
yona ibe ngumkakhe. **9** Kasendiselane; sipheni
amadodakazi enu, lani lizithathele amadodakazi ethu. **10**
Lingazihlalela phakathi kwethu; ilizwe livulekile kini.
Hlalani kulo, thengisani kulo njalo lifuye kulo." **11**
UShekhemu wasesithi kuyise kaDina lakubanewabo,
"Ngicela ukuthi lingamukele, ngizalinika loba yini

eliyifunayo. **12** Khulumani amalobolo lokangaziwe,
mina ngizakuletha ngobunengi bakho njengokufuna
kwenu, njalo ngizakukhupha konke elikubizayo. Lina
ngiphani intombi kuphela nje ibe ngumkami." **13** Kwathi
ngoba udadewabo uDina wayesengcolisiwe, amadodana
kaJakhobe aphendula ngobuqili ekhuluma loShekhemu
loyise uHamori. **14** Athi kubo, "Asingeke senze into
enjalo; ngeke siphe udadewethu indoda engasokwanga.
Lokho kungaba lihlazo kithi. **15** Sizavuma kuphela
nxa lenze lokhu: ukuthi libe njengathi ngokusoka
bonke abesilisa benu. **16** Lapho-ke sesingalendisela
amadodakazi ethu lathi sithathe amadodakazi enu.
Sizakwakha phakathi kwenu sibe ngabantu banye lani. **17**
Kodwa nxa lingavumi ukusokwa sizamthatha udadewethu
sihambe." **18** Icebo labo lakhanya lilihle kuHamori
loShekhemu. **19** Ijaha leli eliyilo elalihlonitshwa kakhulu
emzini kayise, kalisachithanga isikhathi ukukwenza
lokho ababekutshilo ngoba lalitshiseka ngendodakazi
kaJakhobe. **20** Ngakho uHamori lendodana yakhe
uShekhemu baya entubeni yedolobho bayabonisana
lamadoda edolobho lakibo. **21** Bathi, "Amadoda la alomusa
kithi. Kabahlale elizweni lethu bathengiselane labantu;
ilizwe leli lilendawo enkulu abangahlala kuyo. Singathatha
amadodakazi abo labo bangathatha awethu. **22** Kodwa
bangavuma ukuhlala phakathi kwethu kuphela nxa
abesilisa bethu bengasokwa njengabo. **23** Kambe izifuyo
zabo, lempahla yabo kanye layo yonke imfuyo yabo
kakukuba ngokwethu na? Ngakho kasivumeni, khona
bezakwakha phakathi kwethu." **24** Wonke amadoda

ayekhona entubeni yedolobho avumelana loHamori lendodana yakhe uShekhemu, kwathi bonke abesilisa balelodolobho basokwa. **25** Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu, bonke belokhu besebuhlungwini, amadodana kaJakhobe amabili, uSimiyoni loLevi, abanewabo bakaDina, bathatha inkemba zabo balihlasela idolobho belibele, babulala bonke abesilisa. **26** OHamori lendodana yakhe uShekhemu babaquma ngenkemba bamkhupha uDina endlini kaShekhemu bahamba. **27** Amadodana kaJakhobe afikela phezu kwezidumbu aliphanga idolobho lapho udadewabo ayengcoliselwe khona. **28** Athumba imihlambi yabo yezimvu lenkomo, labobabhemi lakho konke okwakungokwabo phakathi edolobheni langaphandle egangeni. **29** Bayiqukula yonke inotho yabo kanye labafazi labantwana, bathumba konke okwakusezindlini kwaba yimpango. **30** UJakhobe wasesithi kuSimiyoni loLevi, "Selingehlisele uhlupho langenza ngasoleka kakhulu kumaKhenani lamaPherizi, abantu abahlala elizweni leli. Thina sibalutshwana, bangahlangana bangihlasele, mina lomuzi wami sizabhujiswa." **31** Kodwa bona baphendula bathi, "Bekufanele yini ukuthi aphathe udadewethu njengesifebe na?"

35 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJakhobe, "Yana eBhetheli wakhe khona, njalo khonapho wakhele uNkulunkulu i-alithari, yena owabonakala kuwe lapho ubalekela umnewenu u-Esawu." **2** Ngakho uJakhobe wasesithi kwabomuzi wakhe lakubo bonke ababelaye, "Lahlani onkulunkulu bezizweni elilabo, lizihlambulule, lintshintshe lezigqoko zenu. **3** Beselisiza

sihambe siye eBhetheli lapho engizakwakha khona i-alithari likaNkulunkulu yena owangisizayo ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami njalo olokhu elami loba ngingaze ngiye ngaphi.” **4** Basebemupha uJakhobe bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni ababelabo lamacici ayesendlebeni zabo, uJakhobe wakumbela ngaphansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi eShekhemu. **5** Emva kwalokho basebesuka, ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kwehlela imizi yonke ababakhelane layo, akwaze kwaba loyedwa owaxotshana labo. **6** UJakhobe wafika eLuzi (leyo yiBhetheli) kanye labo bonke ayelabo elizweni laseKhenani. **7** Wakha khona i-alithari, indawo waseyibiza ngokuthi yi-Eli Bhetheli, ngoba kwakulapho uNkulunkulu aziveza khona ngesikhathi ebalekela umfowabo. **8** UDibhora, umlizane kaRabheka wafa, wembelwa ngaphansi kom’Okhi ngezansi kweBhetheli. Yikho yathiwa yi-Aloni Bhakhuthi. **9** UJakhobe esebuyile ePhadani Aramu uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye njalo, wambusisa. **10** UNkulunkulu wathi kuye, “Ibizo lakho linguJakhobe, kodwa kawusayi kuthiwa unguJakhobe; ibizo lakho selizathiwa ungu-Israyeli.” Ngakho wamutha wathi ngu-Israyeli. **11** UNkulunkulu wathi kuye, “NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; zalanani lande ngobunengi. Kuzaphuma kuwe isizwe lezinhlanga zezizwe, lamakhosi azavela emzimbeni wakho. **12** Ilizwe engalinika u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka ngilinika wena lawe, njalo ilizwe leli ngizalinika izizukulwane zakho eziza emva kwakho.” **13** UNkulunkulu wasephakama emtshiya endaweni lapho ayeke wakhuluma laye khona. **14** UJakhobe wamisa insika

yelitshe endaweni leyo uNkulunkulu ayekhulume laye khona, wasethululela phezu kwayo umnikelo onathwayo; wathela njalo amafutha phezu kwayo. **15** UJakhobe wasebiza indawo leyo lapho uNkulunkulu akhuluma laye khona ngokuthi yiBhetheli. **16** Basebehamba besuka eBhetheli. Kwathi belokhu besesebucwala kwe-Efrathi, uRasheli wahelelwa kwaba nzima ukubeletha. **17** Kwathi ekulobobunzima bokubeletha umbelethisi wathi kuye, "Ungesabi. Ngoba uzazuza enye indodana." **18** Kwathi esephela ngoba wayesesifa wetha indodana yakhe wathi nguBheni-Oni. Kodwa uyise wayo wayithi nguBhenjamini. **19** Wafa kanjalo uRasheli wembelwa endleleni kuyiwa e-Efrathi (kutshiwo iBhethilehema.) **20** UJakhobe wakha insika phezu kwethuna, kuze kube lamhla insika leyo itshengisa ithuna likaRasheli. **21** U-Israyeli wabuye wathutha wayamisa ithente lakhe ngale kweMigidali-Eda. **22** U-Israyeli esakhile kulowomango, uRubheni wasuka wayalala lomfazi weceleni kayise uBhiliha, njalo u-Israyeli wakuzwa. UJakhobe wayelamadodana alitshumi lambili: **23** Amadodana kaLeya ayeyila: uRubheni izibulo likaJakhobe, uSimiyoni, uLevi, uJuda, u-Isakhari loZebhuluni. **24** Amadodana kaRasheli ayeyila: uJosefa loBhenjamini. **25** Amadodana encekukazi kaRasheli, uBhiliha ayeyila: uDani loNafithali. **26** Amadodana encekukazi kaLeya uZilipha ayeyila: uGadi lo-Asheri. La ayengamadodana kaJakhobe awazalela ePhadani Aramu. **27** UJakhobe weza ekhaya kuyise u-Isaka eMamure, eduze leKhiriyathi Aribha (kutsho iHebhroni) lapho u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka ababehlala

khona. **28** U-Isaka waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **29** Wafika ekucineni wafa, wembelwa labantu bakibo eseluphele leminyaka yakhe isiminengi. Amadodana akhe u-Esawu loJakhobe bamngcwaba.

36 Lo ngumlando ka-Esawu (okungu-Edomi). **2** U-Esawu wathatha ebafazini baseKhenani: u-Ada indodakazi ka-Eloni umHithi, lo-Oholibhama indodakazi ka-Ana, njalo eyindodakazi kaZibhiyoni umHivi, **3** njalo loBhasemathi indodakazi ka-Ishumayeli njalo engudadewabo kaNebhayothi. **4** U-Ada wazala u-Elifazi ku-Esawu, uBhasemathi wazala uRuweli, **5** u-Oholibhama wazala uJewushi, loJalamu loKhora. La ayengamadodana ka-Esawu, awazala eKhenani. **6** U-Esawu wathatha omkakhe lamadodana akhe kanye lamadodakazi akhe labo bonke ababesemzini wakhe kanye lezifuyo zakhe lezinye izinyamazana zakhe lempahla zonke ayezizuzile eKhenani, wasuka waya khatshana lomfowabo uJakhobe. **7** Imfuyo yabo yayinengi kakhulu okokuthi babengeke bahlale ndawonye; lomhlaba ababehlala kuwo wawungasoze ubathwale bobabili ngenxa yezifuyo zabo. **8** Ngakho u-Esawu (kutshiwo u-Edomi) wayakwakha elizweni lamaqaqa elaseSeyiri. **9** Lo ngumlando ka-Esawu uyise wama-Edomi elizweni lamaqaqa elaseSeyiri. **10** La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Esawu: U-Elifazi, indodana yomka-Esawu u-Ada, lo Ruweli indodana yomka-Esawu uBhasemathi. **11** Amadodana ka-Elifazi ayeyila: uThemani, u-Omari, uZefo, uGathamu loKhenazi. **12** Indodana ka-Esawu u-

Elifazi wayelomfazi weceleni owayethiwa nguThimina,
owamzalela u-Amaleki. Laba babengabazukulu baka-
Ada umka-Esawu. **13** Amadodana kaRuweli ayeyila:
uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza. Laba bebengabazukulu
bomka-Esawu uBhasemathi umka-Esawu. **14** Amadodana
kamka-Esawu u-Oholibhama, indodakazi ka-Ana, njalo
engumzukulu kaZibhiyoni, awazalela u-Esawu ayeyila:
uJewushi, uJalamu loKhora. **15** Laba babezinduna
kwabosendo luka-Esawu: Amadodana ka-Elifazi izibulo
lika-Esawu: Induna uThemani, u-Omari, uZefo, uKhenazi,
16 uKhora, uGathamu, lo-Amaleki. Lezi kwakuzinduna
ezidabuka ku-Elifazi, e-Edomi; zazingabazukulu baka-Ada.
17 Amadodana kaRuweli indodana ka-Esawu: Izinduna
uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza. Lezizinduna zazidabuka
kuRewuli e-Edomi; zazingabazukulu bakaBhasemathi
umka-Esawu. **18** Amadodana ka-Oholibhama, umka-
Esawu: Izinduna uJewushi, uJalamu loKhora. Lezi
kwakuzinduna ezazidabuka kumka-Esawu, u-Oholibhama,
indodakazi ka-Ana. **19** La ayengamadodana ka-Esawu
(kutshiwo u-Edomi), njalo bona babezinduna zabo.
20 La ayengamadodana kaSeyiri umHori, ababehlala
kulowomango: ULothani, uShobhali, uZibhiyoni, u-Ana,
21 uDishoni, u-Ezeri loDishani. La amadodana kaSeyiri e-
Edomi ayeyizinduna zamaHori. **22** Amadodana kaLothani
ayeyila: uHori loHemani. UThimina wayengudadewabo
kaLothani. **23** Amadodana kaShobhali ayeyila: u-Alivani,
uManahathi, u-Ebhali, uShefo lo-Onami. **24** Amadodana
kaZibhiyoni ayeyila: u-Ayiya lo-Ana. (Lo nguye u-Ana
owafumana izintombo zamanzi atshisayo enkangala

eselusa obabhemi bakayise uZibhiyoni.) **25** Abantwana
baka-Ana babeyilaba: uDishoni lo-Oholibhama indodakazi
ka-Ana. **26** Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila: uHemidani,
u-Eshibhani, u-Ithirani loKherani. **27** Amadodana
ka-Ezeri ayeyila: uBhilihani, uZavani lo-Akhani. **28**
Amadodana kaDishani ayeyila: u-Uzi lo-Arani. **29** Laba
babezinduna zamaHori: ULothani, uShobhali, uZibhiyoni,
u-Ana, **30** uDishoni, u-Ezeri loDishani. Laba babezinduna
zamaHori kusiya ngezigaba zabo elizweni laseSeyiri. **31**
La ayengamakhosi abusa e-Edomi kungakabusi inkosi
yako-Israyeli: **32** UBhela indodana kaBheyori waba
yinkosi e-Edomi. Idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi
yiDinihabha. **33** UBhela esefile, uJobhabhi indodana
kaZera waseBhozira wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **34**
UJobhabhi esefile, uHushamu waselizweni lamaThemani
wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **35** UHushamu esefile,
uHadadi indodana kaBhedadi, owanqoba uMidiyani
elizweni laseMowabi, wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi.
Idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yi-Avithi. **36** UHadadi
esefile, uSamila waseMasirekha wathatha umbuso waba
yinkosi. **37** USamila esefile, uShawuli waseRehobhothi
phezu komfula wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **38**
UShawuli esefile, uBhali-Hanani indodana ka-Akhibhori
wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **39** UBhali-Hanani
indodana ka-Akhibhori esefile, uHadari wathatha
umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi
yiPawu; njalo ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli
indodakazi kaMathiredi, indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi. **40**
Lezi kwakuzinduna ezadabuka ku-Esawu, ngamabizo

azo, kusiya ngosendo lwazo lezigodi zazo: UThimina,
u-Aliva, uJethethi, **41** u-Oholibhama, u-Ela, uPhinoni,
42 uKhenazi, uThemani, uMibhizari, **43** uMagidiyeli lo-
Iramu. Lezi kwakuzinduna ze-Edomi, kusiya ngokuhlala
kwabo elizweni ababakhe kulo. Lolu yilo-ke usendo luka-
Esawu, uyise wama-Edomi.

37 UJakhobe wahlala elizweni lapho uyise laye ahlala
kulo, ilizwe laseKhenani. **2** Lo ngumlando wosendo
lukaJakhobe. UJosefa ijaha elalileminyaka elitshumi
lesikhombisa, wayeselusa imihlambi yezimvu labanewabo,
amadodana kaBhiliha lamadodana kaZilipha, abafazi
bakayise, wasebaceba kuyise. **3** U-Israyeli wasuka
wamthanda uJosefa ukwedlula wonke amanye amadodana
akhe, ngoba wamzala eseluphele; yikho wamenzela
ijazi eliceciswe kakhulu. **4** Kwathi abafowabo bebona
ukuthi uyise wayemthanda ukwedlula bonke abanye
bamzonda kabazange bamkhulumise ngothando. **5**
UJosefa waphupha, wathi esebatshelile ngephupho lakhe
bamzonda ngokwedlulisileyo. **6** Wathi kubo, "Zwanini
iphupho engibe lalo: **7** besibopha izithungo zamabele
sisemasimini lapho okuthe masinyane esami isithungo
saphakama sema saqonda, kwathi ezenu izithungo
zasigombolozela esami, zasikhothamela phansi." **8**
Abanewabo bathi kuye. "Ufisa ukubusa phezu kwethu na?
Ungasibusa ngempela na?" Basebemzonda ngamandla
ngenxa yephupho lakhe lalokho ayekutshilo. **9**
Waphinda waba lelinye iphupho, walitshela abanewabo.
Wathi, "Lalelani, ngibe lalo elinye iphupho, kuleli,
ilanga lenyanga kanye lezinkanyezi ezilitshumi lanye

bezingikhothamela phansi.” **10** Wathi eselitshele uyise
njalo labanewabo uyise wamkhalimela wathi, “Liphupho
bani leli oliphuphileyo? Utsho ukuthi unyoko lami
labanewenu sizaguqa phansi emhlabathini sibili siguqela
wena?” **11** Abanewabo babalomona ngaye, kodwa uyise
wayigcina engqondweni yakhe indaba le. **12** Abanewabo
basuka bahamba lemihlambi kayise emadlelweni eduze
kweShekhemu. **13** U-Israyeli wathi kuJosefa, “Njengoba
usazi abanewenu basemadlelweni lemihlambi eduze
kweShekhemu. Lalela-ke, ngifuna ukukuthuma kubo.”
Waphendula wathi, “Kulungile.” **14** Ngakho wasesithi
kuye, “Hamba uyebona ingabe abafowenu bayaphila yini
kanye lemihlambi, ukuze ubuye uzongazisa.” Lakanye
wamvalelisa esuka esigodini saseHebhroni. UJosefa
esefikile eShekhemu, **15** wafunyanwa yindoda ezula
egangeni yambuza yathi, “Udingani?” **16** Waphendula
wathi, “Ngidinga abafowethu. Kambe ungangitshela
ukuthi belusela ngaphi imihlambi yabo na?” **17** Indoda
yaphendula yathi, “Sebesukile lapha. Ngabezwa besithi,
‘Kasiyeni eDothani.’” Ngakho uJosefa wabalandela
abafowabo wayabafumana eduze kweDothani. **18** Kodwa
bambona esesekude, wathi engakafiki kubo, bakhanda
icebo lokumbulala. **19** Batshelana bathi, “Nanguyana
umphuphi lowana esiza. **20** Zwanini, kasimbulaleni
simphosele kwelinye lamagodi la besesisithi udliwe yisilo
esesabekayo. Besesibona-ke ukuthi azaphelela ngaphi
amaphupho akhe.” **21** Kwathi uRubheni esekuzwile
lokhu, wazama ukuthi amlamulele ezandleni zabo.
Wathi, “Kasingacimi impilo yakhe. **22** Lingachithi

gazi. Mphoseleni emgodini lo lapha enkangala, kodwa lingambeki isandla." URubheni watsho lokhu ukuze amlamulele kubo abesembuyisela kuyise. **23** Ngakho kwathi uJosefa efika kubafowabo, bamhlubula ijazi lakhe, elalibalazwe kakuhle ayeligqokile, **24** bamthatha bayamphosela emgodini. Umgodi lo wawungela lutho, kungelamanzi phakathi kwawo. **25** Bathi sebehlezi phansi ukuthi badle, bathi baphosa amehlo babona udwendwe lwama-Ishumayeli luvelela eGiliyadi. Amakamela abo ayethwaliswe iziyoliso, ibhami lemure, konke lokhu bekusa eGibhithe. **26** UJuda wathi kubafowabo, "Sizazuzani nxa sibulala umfowethu sigqibele igazi lakhe na? **27** Zwanini, kasimthengiseni kuma-Ishumayeli thina singambeki sandla; kambe yena evele engumfowethu, eyinyama yethu legazi lethu." Abafowabo bavuma. **28** Ngakho kwathi abathengisi bamaMidiyani besedlula abafowabo bamkhupha uJosefa emgodini bamthengisa ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amabili kuma-Ishumayeli, amthatha aya laye eGibhithe. **29** URubheni wathi esebuyela emgodini wafumana uJosefa engasekho, wasedabula izigqoko zakhe ngokudabuka. **30** Wabuyela kubafowabo wathi, "Umfana kasekho! Sengizakwenzanjani manje?" **31** Basebethatha ijazi likaJosefa, babulala imbuzi basebegxamuza ijazi lelo egazini. **32** Balithatha ijazi lokuceciswa babuyela lalo kuyise bathi, "Silidobhile. Ake ulikhangele kuhle kumbe lijazi lendodana yakho." **33** Lakanye walibona liyilo wathi, "Lijazi lendodana yami. Udliwe yisilo esesabekayo. Ngempela uJosefa usedlithizwe waba

yizicucu." **34** UJakhobe wasedabula izigqoko zakhe, wagqoka ezamasaka walilela indodana yakhe okwensuku ezinengi. **35** Wonke amadodana akhe lamadodakazi beza ukuzamduduza, kodwa kavumanga ukududuzeka. Wathi, "Hatshi, ngizakuya ethuneni ngilila nginje, ngiye endodaneni yami." Uyise wamkhalela kanjalo. **(Sheol h7585)** **36** Kusenjalo, amaMidiyani amthengisa uJosefa eGibhithe kuPhothifa, omunye wezikhulu zikaFaro, owayengumlawuli wabalindi.

38 Ngalesosikhathi uJuda watshiya abafowabo wahamba wayahlala lendoda yase-Adulami eyayithiwa nguHira. **2** Khonale uJuda wabonana lendodakazi yendoda engumKhenani eyayithiwa nguShuwa. Wayithatha wembatha layo; **3** yathatha isisu yazala indodana yathiwa ngu-Eri. **4** Wazithwala njalo wazala indodana wayithi ngu-Onani. **5** Wazala njalo enye indodana wayithi nguShela. Le wayizalela eKhezibhi. **6** UJuda wazuzela u-Eri izibulo lakhe umfazi, ibizo lakhe linguThamari. **7** Kodwa u-Eri izibulo likaJuda, wayengcolile emehlweni kaThixo; uThixo wasembulala. **8** UJuda wasesithi ku-Onani, "Lala lomkamfowenu ugcwalise umlandu wakho njengomfowabo uzalele umfowenu abantwana." **9** Kodwa u-Onani wakwazi ukuthi inzalo leyo yayingezukuba ngeyakhe; ngakho kwakusithi sonke isikhathi angalala lomkamfowabo achithele inhlanyelo phansi emhlabathini ukuze angaze azalela umfowabo abantwana. **10** Lokho ayekwenza kwakukubi emehlweni kaThixo; ngakho uThixo wambulala. **11** UJuda wasesithi kumalukazana wakhe uThamari, "Hamba uyehlala njengomfelokazi

emzini kayihlo indodana yami uShela ize ikhule." Ngoba wanakana wathi, "Laye angafa njengabanewabo." Ngakho uThamari wahamba wayahlala emzini kayise. **12** Ngemva kwesikhathi eside umkaJuda, indodakazi kaShuwa wafa. Kwathi uJuda eseduduzekile waya eThimina, emadodeni ayegunda izimvu zakhe, ehamba lomngane wakhe uHira um'Adulami. **13** Kwathi uThamari esetsheliwe kwathiwa, "Uyihlozala uyeza eThimina ukuzagunda izimvu zakhe," **14** wakhulula izigqoko zakhe zokuzila wazimboza ngesimbombozo ukuzifihla, wasehlala phansi eduzane lesango lase-Enayimi, elisendleleni yaseThimina. Ngoba wabona ukuthi loba uShela wayesekhulile, yena wayelokhu engakamphiwa ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. **15** UJuda wathi embona wacabanga ukuthi yisifebe, ngoba wayezivale ubuso. **16** Kwathi ngoba engamboni ukuthi ngumalokazana wakhe waya kuye eceleni komgwaqo wathi, "Woza manje, ngifuna ukulala lawe." Yena wabuza wathi, "Uzangiphani ngingalala lawe?" **17** Wathi, "Ngizakuthumezela izinyane lembuzi emhlambini wami." UThamari wabuza wathi, "Uzangipha na ulutho lube yisibambiso ungakalithumezi?" **18** Wathi, "Ngikuphe sibambiso bani?" Waphendula wathi, "Isilengiso sophawu lwakho lentambo yaso, kanye lodondolo lwakho oluphetheyo." Ngakho wamupha lezozinto waselala laye, wahle wazithwala. **19** Esesuka lapho uThamari wakhupha isimbombozo sakhe wagqoka izigqoko zakhe zokuzila njalo. **20** Kusenjalo uJuda wathumezela izinyane lembuzi ngomngane wakhe um'Adulami ukuze abuyiselwe isibambiso sakhe esasikowesifazane lowo, kodwa

wamswela. **21** Wabuza amadoda ayehlala lapho wathi,
“Singaphi isifebe ebesilapha eceleni komgwaqo e-Enayimi
na?” Athi, “Kakuzange kube lesifebe lapha.” **22** Ngakho
wasebuyela kuJuda wayakuthi, “Kangimfumananga.
Futhi amadoda lawo ahlala khona athi kakuzange
kube lesifebe esasihlala lapho.” **23** UJuda wasesithi,
“Myekele ahle akugcine khonokho alakho funa sicine
sesiyinhlekisa. Phezu kwalokho mina bengimthumezele
izinyane lembuzi, kodwa kawusamfumananga.” **24**
Ngemva kwezinyanga ezintathu uJuda watshelwa ukuthi
umalukazana wakhe uThamari wayesefebile wasethatha
isisu. UJuda wathi, “Mkhupheni, atshiswe aze afe.” **25**
Kwathi lapho ekhutshwa wathumela ilizwi kuyisezala
wathi, “Ngoniwa yindoda engumnikazi walezizinto.”
Wengeza ngokuthi, “Akubone ukuthi singaba ngesikabani
isilengiso sophawu lesi lentambo kanye lodondolo
lolu.” **26** UJuda wazazi izinto lezo wathi, “Ulungile
kulami, ngoba kangisamphanga endodaneni yami uShela.”
Kasaphindanga wembatha laye njalo. **27** Kwathi isikhathi
sakhe sokubeletha sesifikile, wayelamaphahla angabafana
esiswini. **28** Wathi khonapho ebeletha omunye wawo
wakhupha isandla; umbelethisi wathatha intambo
ebomvu wayibophela esihlakaleni sesandla salo wathi,
“Leli yilo eliphume kuqala.” **29** Kodwa labuyisela isandla,
umfowabo waphuma kuqala, wasesithi, “Le yiyo indlela
ofohle ngayo!” Laseliphiwa ibizo elithi nguPherezi.
30 Ngakho umfowabo, owayelentambo esihlakaleni,
waphuma wethiwa ibizo wathiwa nguZera.

39 UJosefa wathathwa wasiwa eGibhithe. UPhothifa,
owayengomunye wezikhulu zikaFaro, eyindunankulu
yabalindi, wamthenga kuma-Ishumayeli abayibo
abamletha khona. **2** UThixo wayelaye uJosefa,
waphumelela, wahlala endlini yenkosi yakhe umGibhithe.
3 Kwathi inkosi yakhe ikubona ukuthi uThixo wayelaye
lokuthi uThixo wamphumelelisa kukho konke ayekwenza,
4 uJosefa wasethandeka kuye wasesiba yinceku yakhe.
UPhothifa wasembeka ukuba ngumphathi womuzi wakhe,
kwathi konke ayelakho wakubeka ezandleni zakhe.
5 Kusukela ngesikhathi embeka ukuba ngumphathi
womuzi wakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, uThixo
wawubusisa umuzi womGibhithe ngenxa kaJosefa.
Isibusiso sikaThixo saba phezu kwakho konke uPhothifa
ayelakho, loba kusendlini loba kusensimini. **6** Ngakho
watshiya konke okwakhe ezandleni zikaJosefa; kwathi
ngoba uJosefa enguye ophetheyo wakhohlwa ngakho
konke ngaphandle kokudla ayekudla. UJosefa lo wayemi
kuhle, ebukeka, **7** kwasekusithi ngemva kwesikhathi
inkosikazi yenkosi yakhe yambuka, yamfisa uJosefa yathi,
"Woza engutsheni lami!" **8** Kodwa wala. Wamtshela
wathi, "Njengoba kuyimi engiphetheyo, inkosi yami
kayizihluphi ngalutho emzini wayo; yonke into elayo
iyibeke ezandleni zami. **9** Kakho omkhulu kulami
kulumuzi. Inkosi yami kayingalisi lutho ngaphandle
kwakho, ngoba wena ungumkayo. Pho ngingayenza
kanjani into embi kanje, ngenze isono kuNkulunkulu na?"
10 Kwathi loba emphikelela uJosefa insuku ngensuku, wala
ukulala laye wala lokuthi ahlale laye. **11** Ngolunye usuku

wangena endlini ukuqhuba umsebenzi wakhe, izisebenzi
zasendlini zingekho phakathi endlini. **12** UmkaPhothifa
wambamba ngesigqoko wathi, “Woza engutsheni ulale
lami!” Kodwa waphunyuka wabaleka waphuma endlini,
isigqoko sakhe sasala esandleni sowesifazane. **13** Kwathi
ebona ukuthi utshiye isigqoko sakhe esandleni sakhe
njalo wabaleka endlini, **14** owesifazane wamemeza
izisebenzi zendlini wathi kuzo, “Khangelani, umHebheru
lo walethwa lapha ukuzadlala ngathi! Ungene lapha efuna
ukulala lami, kodwa ngahlaba umkhosi. **15** Uthe esizwa
ngihlaba umkhosi ngidinga uncedo, wasetshiya isigqoko
sakhe eceleni kwami wabaleka waphuma endlini.” **16**
Wasigcina isigqoko eceleni kwakhe inkosi kaJosefa yaze
yabuya ngekhaya. **17** Waseyitshela indaba le wathi:
“Isigqili somHebheru lesiyana owasilethela sona sifikile
kimi ukuzadlala ngami. **18** Kodwa ngonele ukuthi
ngihlabe umkhosi ngidinga uncedo, satshiya isigqoko
saso eceleni kwami sabaleka saphuma endlini.” **19** Kwathi
inkosi yakhe isizwile indaba eyayitshelwa ngumfazi
esithi, “Singenze njalo isigqili sakho,” yathukuthela
kakhulu. **20** Inkosi yakhe uJosefa yamthatha yamphosela
entolongweni, indawo lapho okwakuvalelwa khona
izibotshwa zenkosi. Kodwa kwathi uJosefa ekhonapho
entolongweni, **21** uThixo waba laye; wamenzela umusa
wamenza wathandeka emehlweni omphathijele. **22**
Ngakho-ke umphathijele wamkhweza wamenza umphathi
wabo bonke ababebotshiwe besentolongweni, njalo
kwaba nguye okhangele konke okwakusenziwa khona. **23**
Umphathijele kazange azihluphe loba ngani eyayiphethwe

nguJosefa ngoba uThixo wayelaye uJosefa, wamupha impumelelo kukho konke ayekwenza.

40 Emva kwesikhathi esithile umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa wenkosi yaseGibhithe bayikhuba inkosi yabo, inkosi yaseGibhithe. **2** UFaro wayezizondele izikhulu zakhe zombili, umphathinkezo omkhulu lomphekizinkwa omkhulu, **3** wabaphosela entolongweni eyayisendlini kandunankulu wabalindi, lapho uJosefa ayevalelwe khona. **4** Indunankulu yabalindi yabanikela kuJosefa, wabalawula. Kwathi sebehlale entolongweni okwesikhathi esithile, **5** ngulowo wamadoda la amabili, umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa, abenkosi yaseGibhithe, ababevalelwe baphupha amaphupho ngabusuku bunye, kwathi yilelo iphupho laba lengcazelo yalo. **6** Kwathi uJosefa efika kubo kusisa ekuseni, wabona bebunile. **7** Wasezibuza izikhulu zikaFaro ezazisentolongweni kanye laye endlini yenkosi yakhe wathi, "Kungani ubuso benu bubunile kanje lamuhla na?" **8** Baphendula bathi, "Sobabili siphuphile, kodwa kakho ongasichasisela amaphupho ethu." Ngakho uJosefa wasesithi kubo, "Izingcazelo kakusizikaNkulunkulu na? Ngitshelani amaphupho enu." **9** Umphathinkezo omkhulu wamtshela uJosefa ngephupho lakhe. Wathi kuye, "Ephutsheni lami ngibone isihlahla sevini siphambi kwami, **10** lelovini lilengatsha ezintathu. Lonela ukuhluma lahle laqhakaza, amaxha alo ahle avuthwa aba yizithelo ezivuthiweyo. **11** Inkezo kaFaro ibisesandleni sami, ngawathatha amagrebisi ngawakhamela enkezweni kaFaro ngamqhubela esandleni sakhe." **12** UJosefa wathi

kuye, “Nanku elikutshoyo. Amagatsha amathathu yizinsuku ezintathu. **13** Phakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho akubisele esikhundleni sakho, njalo uzayibeka inkezo kaFaro esandleni sakhe njengalokhu owawuvele ukwenza usesengumphathinkezo yakhe. **14** Kodwa nxa konke sekulungile ungikhumbule, ungenzele umusa; ungikhulumele kuFaro ukuze ngiphume kule intolongo. **15** Ngoba ngasuswa ngamandla elizweni lamaHebheru, futhi lapha kangenzanga lutho olufanele ukuthi ngifakwe entolongweni.” **16** Kwathi umphekizinkwa omkhulu ebona ukuthi uJosefa wayenike ingcazelo emnandi, wathi kuJosefa, “Lami njalo ngiphuphile: Phezu kwekhanda lami bekulezitsha zesinkwa ezintathu. **17** Esitsheni esiphezulu bekulemihlobo yonke yalokho okubhekhelwe uFaro, kodwa izinyoni zazilokhu zisidlala esitsheni sisekhanda lami.” **18** UJosefa wathi, “Nanku elikutshoyo. Izitsha ezintathu zinsuku ezintathu. **19** Phakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaliphakamisa ikhanda lakho akulengise esihlahleni. Izinyoni zizakudla inyama yakho.” **20** Ilanga lesithathu laliyisikhumbuzo sokuzalwa kukaFaro, ngakho wenzela izikhulu zakhe idili. Waphakamisa amakhanda amabili, elomphathinkezo omkhulu lelomphekizinkwa omkhulu phambi kwezikhulu zakhe: **21** Wabuyisela umphathinkezo esikhundleni sakhe, waphinda njalo ukubeka inkezo esandleni sikaFaro, **22** kodwa walengisa umphekizinkwa omkhulu, kwaba njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo kubo

ekubachasiseleni kwakhe. **23** Kodwa umphathinkezo omkhulu kasamkhumbulanga uJosefa; wakhohlwa ngaye.

41 Kwathi sekwedlule iminyaka emibili egcweleyo uFaro waba lephupho: Wazibona emi okhunjini lukaNayili, **2** kwasekuqhamuka emfuleni lowo amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, egcwele njalo enonile, esidla phakathi kwemihlanga. **3** Ngemva kwawo kwathutsha amanye ayisikhombisa, amabi njalo acakileyo, aphuma kuNayili afika ema eceleni kwalawo ayesokhunjini lomfula. **4** Amankomokazi ayemabi, ecakile aginya lawo ayisikhombisa ayegcwele, enonile. UFaro wasephaphama. **5** Wabuye walala waphupha okwesibili: Izikhwebu zamabele eziyisikhombisa, zigcwele zizinhle, zazikhula ehlangeni linye. **6** Ngemva kwazo kwakhula ezinye izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa, zicakile njalo zihangulwe ludwangu. **7** Izikhwebu lezo ezazicakile zaginya lezo eziyisikhombisa ezaziphilile, zigcwele. UFaro wasephaphama, kwakuliphupho nje. **8** Ekuseni umoya wakhe wawukhathazekile, ngakho wasesithi kakubizwe bonke abemilingo lezazi zaseGibhithe. UFaro wabatshela amaphupho akhe, kodwa akakho loyedwa owakwaziyo ukuwachasisa. **9** Umphathinkezo omkhulu wathi kuFaro, “Lamuhla sengikhumbula amaphutha ami. **10** UFaro wake wazondela izinceku zakhe, wangivalela mina kanye lomphekizinkwa omkhulu endlini yendunankulu yabalindi. **11** Ngamunye wethu waba lephupho ngobusuku bunye, iphupho linye ngalinye lalilengcazelo yalo lodwa. **12** Kwakulejaha lomHebheru khonapho, lathi liyinceku yendunankulu yabalindi. Salitshela amaphupho

ethu, lasichasisela wona, lisipha ngulowo ingcazelo yephupho lakhe. **13** Izinto zaba njengokusichazela kwakhe: ngabuyiselwa esikhundleni sami, lomkhula wami walengiswa." **14** Ngakho uFaro wabiza uJosefa, walethwa masinyane esuka entolongweni. Kwathi esephucile indevu, wantshintsha izigqoko weza phambi kukaFaro. **15** UFaro wathi kuJosefa, "Ngiphuphe iphupho, kodwa kakho ongangichasisela lona. Kodwa ngizwa kuthiwa wena, nxa ungalizwa iphupho uyalichasisa." **16** UJosefa wamphendula uFaro wathi, "Ngeke ngikwenze, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzamnika uFaro impendulo ayidingayo." **17** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, "Ephutsheni lami bengimi okhunjini lukaNayili, **18** ngasengibona kuqhamuka amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, anonileyo, egcwele, esidla phakathi kwemihlanga. **19** Ngemva kwawo kwaqhamuka amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, etshwabhene, emabi kakhulu futhi ecakile. Ngangingakaze ngibone amankomokazi amabi kangako kulolonke elaseGibhithe. **20** Lawo mankomokazi acakileyo, amabi adla lawana amankomokazi ayisikhombisa ayenonile ayiwo aqhamuka kuqala. **21** Kodwa loba esewadlile lawo kakho owayengatsho ukuthi atheni; ayelokhu emabi njengakuqala. Ngasengiphaphama. **22** Ephutsheni lami ngibone njalo izikhwebu zamabele eziyisikhombisa, zigcwele, njalo zizinhle zikhula ehlangeni linye. **23** Ngemva kwazo, kwahluma ezinye izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa, zibunile njalo zicakile, zihangulwe ludwangu. **24** Lezozikhwebu zamabele ezicakileyo zaginya leziyana eziyisikhombisa ezinhle. Ngibatshelile abamasalamusi

ngalokhu, kodwa kakho okwazileyo ukungichasisela.”
25 UJosefa wasesithi kuFaro, “Amaphupho kaFaro
ayilutho lunye. UNkulunkulu usevezile kuFaro lokho
asezakwenza. **26** Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa amahle
ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa, njalo lezikhwebu zamabele
ezinhle ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa; kuliphupho linye.
27 Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa eza muva yiminyaka
eyisikhombisa, kanjalo lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa
ezazingelamsebenzi, zitshaywe ludwangu: Yiminyaka
eyisikhombisa yendlala. **28** Kunjengokuba ngitshilo
kuFaro. UNkulunkulu usevezile kuFaro lokho azakwenza.
29 Sekusiza iminyaka eyisikhombisa eyenala enkulu
kulolonke elaseGibhithe, **30** kodwa izalandelwa yiminyaka
eyisikhombisa yendlala. Kuzakuthi yonke inala enkulu
eGibhithe ikhohlakale, ngoba indlala izalibhubhisa
ilizwe. **31** Inala elizweni izabe ingasakhunjulwa, ngoba
indlala eyilandelayo izabe inkulu kakhulu. **32** Isizatho
sokuthi iphupho liphiwe uFaro ngezindlela ezimbili
yikuthi, indaba isimiswe yaqiniswa nguNkulunkulu, njalo
uNkulunkulu uzakukwenza masinyane. **33** Khathesi-ke
uFaro kadinge indoda elombono njalo ehlakaniphileyo
ayibeke phezu kwelizwe laseGibhithe. **34** UFaro
abesekhetha abalisa elizweni abazathatha ingxenye
eyodwa kwezinhlanu yesivuno saseGibhithe ngeminyaka
yenala eyisikhombisa. **35** Kumele baqoqe konke ukudla
ngale iminyaka emihle ezayo bakugcine ukudla ngaphansi
kukaFaro, kugcinwe emadolobheni ukuthi kube yikudla.
36 Ukudla lokhu kakugcinelwe ilizwe kulondolozelwe
ukusetshenziswa ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala

ezafika eGibhithe, ukwenzela ukuthi ilizwe lingabhujiswa yindlala.” **37** Icebo leli lakhanya lilihle kuFaro lakuzo zonke izikhulu zakhe. **38** UFaro wasezibuza wathi, “Kambe singamfumana yini omunye onjengendoda le, umuntu olomoya kaNkulunkulu?” **39** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, “Njengoba uNkulunkulu esekwazisile konke lokhu, kakho olombono onje lohlakaniphileyo njengawe. **40** Wena-ke usuzaphatha isigodlo sami, kuthi bonke abantu bami bazalalela iziqondiso zakho. Mina ngizakuba mkhulu kulawe ngesikhundla sesihlalo sobukhosi sami kuphela.” **41** Ngakho uFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, “Sengikubeka ukuthi wena uliphathe lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe.” **42** UFaro wasethatha indandatho yophawu lwakhe eyayisemunweni wakhe wayifaka emunweni kaJosefa. Wamgqokisa izembatho zelineni elihle wamgqizisa iketane yegolide entanyeni. **43** Kwathiwa usezahamba ngenqola yempi njengoba esenguye umsekeli wakhe oseduze, kwathi edlula abantu bamemeza bathi, “Vulani indlela!” Wambeka-ke ukuthi aphathe ilizwe lonke laseGibhithe. **44** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, “Mina nginguFaro, kodwa ngaphandle kwelizwi lakho kakho ozasiphakamisa isandla loba unyawo kulolonke elaseGibhithe.” **45** UFaro wetha uJosefa ibizo elithi Zafenathi-Phaneya, wasemupha u-Asenathi indodakazi kaPhothifera, umphristi wase-Oni ukuba abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa walibhoda lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. **46** UJosefa wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu yokuzalwa eqalisa ukusebenzela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. UJosefa wasuka phambi kukaFaro walibhoda lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. **47** Ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa

yenala umhlaba wathela ukudla okunengi kakhulu. **48** UJosefa wakuqoqa konke ukudla okwavunwa phakathi kwaleyominyaka eyisikhombisa yenala eGibhithe wakulondoloza emadolobheni. Kulelo lalelodolobho wabeka ukudla okwakulinywa emasimini akuleyondawo. **49** UJosefa waqoqa izinqwaba lezinqwaba zamabele, kwaba njengetshebetshebe lolwandle. Kwaba kunengi waze wayekela ukukubhala phansi ngoba kwasekungaphezu kokulinganiswa. **50** Ingakafiki iminyaka yendlala, u-Asenathi, indodakazi kaPhothifera, umphristi ka-Oni wazalela uJosefa amadodana amabili. **51** UJosefa wetha izibulo lakhe wathi nguManase, esithi, "Kungenxa yokuthi uNkulunkulu wenzile ukuthi ngilukhohlwe lonke uhlupho lwami kanye layo yonke indlu kababa." **52** Indodana yesibili wayibiza ngokuthi ngu-Efrayimi, wathi, "Kungenxa yokuthi uNkulunkulu ungenze ngaba lezithelo elizweni lokuhlupheka kwami." **53** Iminyaka yenala eyisikhombisa eGibhithe yaphela, **54** kwaqalisa iminyaka yendlala eyisikhombisa, njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo. Indlala yaba khona kuwo wonke amanye amazwe, kodwa kulolonke ilizwe laseGibhithe ukudla kwakukhona. **55** Kwathi lapho iGibhithe lonke selingenelwa yindlala abantu bazibika kuFaro befuna ukudla. Ngakho uFaro wasebatshela bonke abaseGibhithe wathi, "Yanini kuJosefa lenze lokho alitshela khona." **56** Kwathi indlala isimemetheke kulolonke ilizwe uJosefa wavula iziphala wawathengisela amaGibhithe ukudla ngoba indlala yayisinkulu kakhulu kulolonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. **57** Kwathi wonke amanye amazwe eza eGibhithe ezothenga

amabele kuJosefa, ngoba indlala yayibhahile kuwo wonke umhlaba.

42 Kwathi uJakhobe esezwile ukuthi amabele ayekhona eGibhithe wathi emadodaneni akhe, “Kungani likhangelana nje?” **2** Waqhubeka wathi, “Sengizwile ukuthi amabele akhona eGibhithe. Yehlani liye khona liyesithengela wona ukuze siphile singafi.” **3** Ngakho abanewabo bakaJosefa behla bayathenga amabele eGibhithe. **4** Kodwa uJakhobe kamthumanga labanye uBhenjamini, umnawakhe kaJosefa ngoba wesaba ukuthi angaqabuka ewelwa yingozi. **5** Kungakho amadodana ka-Israyeli ayeludwendwe lunye lalabo ababesiyathenga amabele njengoba indlala yayikhona laselizweni leKhenani. **6** Ngalesosikhathi uJosefa wayengumbusi welizwe, enguye othengisela abantu bonke amabele. Ngakho abafowabo bakaJosefa bathi befika khona bamkhothamela, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi. **7** UJosefa wonela ukubabona abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa wazitshaya owezizweni, wabakhulumisa ngokubakhahlameza. Wababuza wathi, “Livela ngaphi?” Baphendula bathi, “Sivela elizweni laseKhenani ukuzathenga ukudla.” **8** Lanxa uJosefa wabazi abafowabo, bona kabamazanga. **9** Ngakho wasekhumbula amaphupho akhe ngabo wasesithi kubo, “Lizinhloli! Lilande ukuzabona lapho ilizwe lethu elingavikelekanga khona.” **10** Baphendula bathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yethu. Izinceku zakho zize ukuzothenga ukudla. **11** Singamadodana endoda yinye sonke. Izinceku zakho zingabantu abaqotho, kazisizo zinhloli.” **12** Wathi kubo, “Hatshi! Lize ukuzabona

lapho ilizwe lethu elingavikelekanga khona.” **13** Kodwa baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zaziyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, engamadodana endoda yinye, ehlala elizweni laseKhenani. Icinathunjana lisele lobaba, ikanti eyodwa kayisekho.” **14** UJosefa wathi kubo, “Kunjengoba ngilitshelile: Lizinhloli! **15** Manje-ke lizahlolwa kanje: Ngifunga uFaro, kaliyikusuka lapha ngaphandle kokuthi umfowenu omncinyane afike lapha. **16** Thumani omunye wenu amlande umfowenu; lonke abanye lizagcinwa entolongweni, ukuze amazwi enu ahlolisiswe ukuthi lingabe likhuluma iqiniso yini. Nxa kungenjalo, ngifunga uFaro, lizinhloli!” **17** Wasebafaka entolongweni bonke okwensuku ezintathu. **18** Ngosuku lwesithathu uJosefa wathi kubo, “Yenzani lokhu ukuze lisile, ngoba mina ngesaba uNkulunkulu: **19** Nxa lingabantu abaqotho, omunye wenu kahlale lapha entolongweni, kuthi lina abanye libuyele lihambisele izimuli zenu amabele esezibulawa yindlala. **20** Kodwa limlethe lapha kimi umnawenu omncane ukuze amazwi enu aqiniseke, njalo ukuze lingafi.” Bakwenza lokho. **21** Basebekhulumisana bathi, “Ngempela sijeziselwa umfowethu. Sambona ukuthi wayekhathazeke kangakanani esincenga, ezincengela impilo yakhe, kodwa kasaze samlalela; kungakho sisehlelwa luhlupho lolu.” **22** URubheni waphendula wathi, “Kodwa kangilitshelanga yini ukuthi lingenzi isono emfaneni lina laqinisa amakhanda? Nanku-ke sesimele sifakaze ngegazi lakhe.” **23** Babengakunanzeleli ukuthi uJosefa wayeluzwa ulimi lwabo njengoba wayelomtolikelayo. **24** Wabafulathela wachiphiza

izinyembezi, kodwa waphenduka wakhuluma labo. Wathi kuthathwe uSimiyoni kubo owahle wabotshwa phambi kwabo. **25** UJosefa waselaya ukuthi kugcwaliswe amabele emasakeni abo, kubuyiselwe imali yalowo lalowo ifakwe phakathi kwesaka lakhe njalo baphiwe umphako wendlela. Sebekwenzelwe konke lokho, **26** betshata amasaka abo kubobabhemi bahamba. **27** Endaweni lapho abema khona ngalobubusuku omunye wabo wavula isaka lakhe ukuthathela ubabhemi wakhe ukudla, wasebona imali yakhe yesiliva emlonyeni wesaka. **28** Wathi kubafowabo, "Isiliva sami sibuyiselwe. Nansi lapha phakathi kwesaka lami." Zatshona inhliziyo zabo bakhangelana bethuthumela bathi, "Kuyini kambe lokhu uNkulunkulu asekwenzile kithi?" **29** Bathi sebefike kuyise uJakhobe elizweni laseKhenani bamtshela konke lokho okwakwenzakele kubo. Bathi, **30** "Indoda eyinkosi yelizwe isikhulumise ngokusihalada, yasiphatha kwangathi sizinhloli elizweni. **31** Kodwa sathi kuyo, 'Singamadoda aqotho; kasisizonhloli thina. **32** Sasiyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana endoda yinye. Omunye sowedlula, kuthi icinathunjana lisele lobaba eKhenani.' **33** Ngakho umuntu oyinkosi yalelolizwe wasesithi kithi, 'Nanku okuzangenza ngazi ukuthi lingabantu abaqotho: Tshiyani omunye umfowenu lapha kimi, lithathe ukudla kwezimuli zenu ezilambayo lihambe. **34** Kodwa umnawenu limlethe kimi khona ngizakwazi ukuthi kalisizinhloli, kodwa lingabantu abaqotho. Lapho-ke ngizambuyisela kini umfowenu, lani selingazithengisela phakathi kwelizwe.'" **35** Bathi sebethululula amasaka abo, babona umxhaka

wesiliva waleyo laleyo ndoda esakeni layo! Kwathi bona
ngokwabo kanye loyise bebona imixhaka yemali besaba. 36
Uyise uJakhobe wathi kubo, “Selingephuce abantwabami.
UJosefa kasekho, loSimiyoni kasekho; manje selifuna
ukuthatha uBhenjamini. Yonke into iyangihlamukela!”
37 URubheni wasesithi kuyise, “Ungawabulala womabili
amadodana ami nxa ngingangambuyisi kuwe. Mnikele
ezandleni zami, mina ngizambuyisa.” 38 Kodwa uJakhobe
wathi, “Indodana yami kayiyikuhamba lani khonale;
umnewabo sewafa, usenguye yedwa oseleyo. Nxa evelelwa
ngokubi kuloluhambo lwenu lizakwenza ukuthi ikhanda
lami eliyimpunga liye engcwabeni lidabukile.” (Sheol h7585)
43 Indlala yayilokhu inkulu kakhulu elizweni. 2 Ngakho
kwathi sebekuqedile konke ukudla ababekuthenge
eGibhithe, uyise wathi kubo, “Buyelani liyesithengela
njalo okunye ukudla okunenganyana.” 3 Kodwa uJuda
wathi kuye, “Indoda leyo yasiqonqosela yathi, ‘Ngeke
liphinde libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuba
lilomnawenu.’ 4 Nxa uzamvumela umnawethu ukuthi
sihambe laye, sizahamba siyekuthengela ukudla. 5
Kodwa nxa ungezukuvuma, ngeke sibuyele, ngoba phela
indoda leyo yathi kithi, ‘Ngeke liphinde libubone ubuso
bami nxa umnawenu lingelaye.’” 6 U-Israyeli wabuza
wathi, “Likwenzeleni lina ukungehlisela uhlupho lolu
ngokuyitshela indoda leyo ukuthi lilomnawenu na?”
7 Baphendula bathi, “Leyondoda isibuzisisile ngathi
langendlu yangakithi yathi, ‘Uyihlo usaphila na? Lilaye
na omunye umfowenu?’ Thina besiphendula imibuzo
yayo kuphela. Sasingazi kanjani ukuthi yayizakuthi,

‘Mletheni umnawenu lapha’?” **8** UJuda wasesithi ku-
Israyeli uyise, “Wothi umfana ahambe lami, sizahle
sisuke nje masinyane, ukwenzela ukuthi thina lawe
kanye labantwabethu siphile, singafi. **9** Mina ngokwami
ngizazinikela ngokuphepha kwakhe; umlandu wonke
ngaye awubekwe phezu kwami. Nxa ngingambuyisi
kuwe ngimbeke phambi kwakho, ngizakuba lecala kuwe
impilo yami yonke. **10** Njengoba kunje nje, aluba
asizilinganga ngabe sesihambe saphenduka kwaze
kwaba kabili.” **11** Ngakho uyise u-Israyeli wasesithi
kubo, “Nxa kumele kube njalo, yenzani lokhu: Fakani
emasakeni enu ezinye izinto ezinhle kakhulu eziphuma
kulelilizwe lihambe lazo kulowomuntu zibe yisipho,
amagcobo okuthambisa loluju, iziyoliso ezithile lemure,
izilimo ezicacadwayo zephistakhiyo le-alimondi. **12**
Thathani isiliva esiphindwe kabili, ngoba kufanele
libuyisele lesosiliva esasibuyiselwe emasakeni enu.
Mhlawumbe kwaba yisiphosiso. **13** Mthatheni umnawenu
laye libuyele kuleyondoda ngokuphangisa. **14** Sengathi
uNkulunkulu uSomandla angalenzela umusa kuleyondoda
ukuze ivumele omunye umfowenu kanye loBhenjamini
baphenduke lani. Mina ngokwami ngithi, kambe
okungayisikufa yikuphi!” **15** Ngakho amadoda athatha
izipho lesiliva esiphindwe kabili kanye loBhenjamini.
Batshitsha baya eGibhithe bayazibika kuJosefa. **16**
Kwathi uJosefa ebona uBhenjamini ekanye labo, wathi
encekwini yendlu yakhe, “Hamba lamadoda la endlini
yami, uwahlabele isifuyo ulungise ukudla; bazakudla
lami emini.” **17** Indoda yenza njengokutshelwa kwayo

nguJosefa, yawathatha amadoda yahamba lawo endlini kaJosefa. **18** Amadoda ethuka ebona elethwa endlini kaJosefa. Bacabanga ukuthi, “Silethwe lapha ngenxa yesiliva esabuyiselwa emasakeni ethu ekufikeni kwethu kwakuqala. Ufuna ukusihlasela asehlule, abesesithumba sibe yizigqili athathe obabhemi bethu.” **19** Ngakho baya encekwini kaJosefa bayakhuluma laye entubeni eya endlini. **20** Bathi, “Ake usizwe, nkosi yethu: Safika lapha kuqala sizothenga ukudla. **21** Kodwa lapho esaphumula khona ebusuku savula amasaka ethu, kwaba ngulowo wethu wafumana isiliva sakhe, siphelele ubunzima baso, sisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe. Ngakho size laso. **22** Size lesinye isiliva phezu kwaleso ukuthi sithenge ukudla. Kasikwazi ukuthi ngubani owabuyisela isiliva emasakeni ethu.” **23** Wathi, “Kulungile. Lingesabi. UNkulunkulu wenu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo, uliphile inotho emasakeni enu; mina ngasiphiwa isiliva senu.” Emva kwalokho waseletha uSimiyoni kubo. **24** Inceku yasiwangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa, yawapha amanzi okugeza inyawo zawo, yaletha lotshani babobabhemi bawo. **25** Balungisa izipho zabo balindela ukufika kukaJosefa emini ngoba basebezwile ukuthi babezakudla khonapho. **26** UJosefa esefikile bethula izipho ababengene lazo endlini, njalo bakhothama kuye phansi. **27** Wababuza ukuphila, wasesithi, “Linjani ixhegu elinguyihlo elangitshela ngalo? Lilokhu lisaphila na?” **28** Baphendula bathi, “Inceku yakho, ubaba, ulokhu esaphila njalo usaqinile.” Bakhothama njalo betshengisa inhlonipho. **29** Wathi elokhu ebakhangela wabona umnawakhe uBhenjamini,

umntakanina sibili, wabuza wathi, “Nguye lo umnawenu olicinathunjana na, lowo elangitshela ngaye?” Wasesithi kuye, “UNkulunkulu kabe lomusa kuwe, ndodana yami.” **30** Wathinteka kakhulu ngokubona umnawakhe, uJosefa waphangisa waphuma wayafuna indawo yokukhala. Waya ekamelweni lakhe wayakhalela khona. **31** Wathi esegezile amehlo waphuma, wazibamba, wasesithi, “Phakululani ukudla.” **32** Yena bamupha yedwa, abafowabo labo bodwa, kwathi lamaGibhithe ayesidla laye lawo aba wodwa, ngoba amaGibhithe ayengeke adla lamaHebheru, ngoba lokho kwakunengeka kumaGibhithe. **33** Amadoda la ayehlezi ngobudala bawo kuqala ngezibulo kusiyacina ngecinathunjana; bakhangelana bemangele. **34** Kwakusithi nxa bephakelwa kusuka etafuleni likaJosefa, isabelo sikaBhenjamini sasisedluliswa kahlanu kwesabanye. Ngakho bazitika banatha laye bekhululekile.

44 UJosefa waselaya inceku yendlu yakhe wathi: “Gcwalisa silikici amasaka amadoda la ngokudla konke abangakuthwala, ubusubuyisela isiliva salowo lalowo emlonyeni wesaka lakhe. **2** Ubusufaka inkomitsho yami, leyana eyesiliva, emlonyeni wesaka lalowo omncinyane wabo ndawonye lesiliva sakhe samabele.” Yenza njengalokho uJosefa ayekutshilo. **3** Kwathi emadabukakusa bawavalelisa amadoda asuka kanye labobabhemi bawo. **4** Ayengakahambi okuya ngaphi ukusuka edolobheni lapho uJosefa athi encekwini yakhe, “Axhume ngokuphangisa amadoda lawana, ungawafica uthi kuwo, ‘Lenzeleni ukuphindisela okuhle ngokubi na? **5** Le kakusinkomitsho enatha ngenkosi yami njalo

ehlahlula ngayo na? Le yinto embi kakhulu eseliyenzile!'"
6 Wathi esebaficile wawatsho amazwi la kubo. **7**
Kodwa bathi kuye, "Kungani inkosi yethu isitsho izinto
ezinjalo? Kakube kude lezinceku zakho ukwenza ulutho
olunjalo! **8** Phela siyibuyisile kuwe isiliva sisuka laso
elizweni laseKhenani, lesiyana esasifumana phakathi
emilonyeni yamasaka ethu. Pho besingakwenza njani
ukweba isiliva loba igolide endlini yenkosi yakho na? **9** Nxa
omunye wezinceku zakho efunyanwa elayo, uzabulawa;
kuthi thina abanye sibe yizigqili zenkosi yethu." **10**
Wathi, "Kulungile, kakube njengokutsho kwenu. Lowo
ozafunyanwa elayo uzakuba yisigqili sami, lina abanye
lonke kalizukuba lecala." **11** Ngulowo lalowo wabo
wethula isaka lakhe walivula. **12** Inceku yasihamba ihlola,
yaqala ngomdala yayacina ngomcinyane. Inkomitsho
yayafunyanwa esakeni likaBhenjamini. **13** Bekubona lokhu
badabula izigqoko zabo. Emva kwalokho bonke betshatisa
obabhemi babo amasaka baphindela edolobheni. **14**
UJosefa wayelokhu esendlini lapho uJuda labafowabo
abafika khona bazilahla phansi phambi kwakhe. **15** UJosefa
wathi kubo, "Kuyini lokhu elikwenzileyo? Kalazi na
ukuthi umuntu onjengami ubona izinto ngokuhlahlula?"
16 UJuda waphendula wathi, "Kambe singabe sisathini?
Singakuveza kanjani ukuba msulwa kwethu? UNkulunkulu
usembule icala lezinceku zakho. Manje sesiyizichaka
zenkosi yami, thina ngokwethu lalowo ofunyenwe elayo
inkomitsho." **17** Kodwa uJosefa wathi. "Kakube kude lami
ukwenza into enjalo! Yileyo indoda kuphela efunyanwe
ilayo inkomitsho ezakuba yisichaka sami. Abanye lonke

buyelani kuyihlo ngokuthula." **18** UJuda wasesondela kuye wathi, "Oh, nkosi yami, akuvumele inceku yakho itsho ilizwi enkosini yami. Ungayizondeli inceku yakho, loba wena ulingana loFaro ngokwakhe. **19** Inkosi yami yabuza izinceku zayo yathi, 'Lilaye na uyihlo kumbe umfowenu?' **20** Thina saphendula sathi, 'Silaye ubaba oseluphele, njalo ikhona indodana ayizala eseluphele. Umnewabo wafa, njalo yiyo yodwa eseleyo emadodaneni kanina, ngakho uyise uyayithanda.' **21** Wena wasusithi ezincekwini zakho, 'Mletheni kimi ukuze ngimbone mina ngokwami.' **22** Thina sathi enkosini yami, 'Umfana ngeke asuka kuyise; nxa esuka kuye, uyise uzakufa.' **23** Kodwa izinceku zakho wazitshela wathi, 'Ngaphandle kokuba umnawenu omncane lize laye, ngeke liphinde libubone njalo ubuso bami.' **24** Sathi ukubuyela encekwini yakho ubaba, samtshela lokho okwakutshiwo yinkosi yami. **25** Ubaba wasesithi, 'Buyelani liyethenga okunye njalo ukudla.' **26** Kodwa thina sathi, 'Ngeke siye khona. Kuphela nxa umnawethu omncane elathi, singahamba. Ngeke sibubone ubuso bendoda leyo ngaphandle kokuba umnawethu omncane silaye.' **27** Inceku yakho ubaba yathi kithi, 'Liyakwazi ukuthi umkami wangizalela amadodana amabili. **28** Omunye wabo wasuka kimi, ngathi, "Ngempela udlithiziwe waba yizicucu." Ngakho kangisaphindanga ngambona kusukela khonapho. **29** Manje lingangithathela lalo futhi abesesehlelwa ngokubi, lizakwehlisela ikhanda lami eliyimpunga engcwabeni ngidabukile kakhulu.' **(Sheol h7585)** **30** Ngakho-ke, nxa umfana singelaye lapho sengibuyela encekwini yakho ubaba, yena ompilo

yakhe isondelelene kakhulu leyomfana lo, **31** uzakuthi angabona umfana engekho, ahle afe. Thina zinceku zakho sizakusa ikhanda likababa eliyimpunga engcwabeni lihlulukelwe. **(Sheol h7585)** **32** Inceku yakho yanikela ukuphila kwayo ngokuphepha komfana kubaba. Ngathi, 'Nxa ngingambuyisi kuwe, ngizawuthwala lowomlandu kuwe, baba, impilo yami yonke!' **33** Ngakho-ke ngiyacela ukuthi uvumele inceku yakho isale lapha njengesichaka senkosi yami esikhundleni somfana, yena umfana akhululwe ahambe labanewabo. **34** Ngingabuyela ngithini kubaba umfana ngingelaye? Hatshi! Ungangenzi ngibone usizi olungamehlela ubaba."

45 UJosefa wehluleka ukuzibamba phambi kwazo zonke izinceku zakhe, wasememeza wathi, "Sukani lonke lapha kimi!" Ngakho kakho owayekhona loJosefa lapho eziveza kubafowabo. **2** Wakhala kakhulu ephumisela amaGibhithe amuzwa, labendlu kaFaro bezwa ngalokho. **3** UJosefa wathi kubafowabo, "Mina nginguJosefa! Kambe ubaba usaphila na?" Kodwa abafowabo behluleka ukumphendula ngoba besaba kakhulu bephambi kwakhe. **4** UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo, "Sondelani kimi." Bathi sebekwenzile lokho wathi, "Ngingumfowenu uJosefa, yena lowo elamthengisela eGibhithe! **5** Kodwa manje lingakhathazeki njalo lingaze lazisola ngenxa yokungithengisa lapha, ngoba kwakuyikusiza imiphefumulo ukuba uNkulunkulu angithume phambi kwenu. **6** Sekube yiminyaka emibili manje indlala ikhona elizweni, njalo okweminyaka emihlanu ezayo kakuyikulinywa loba ukuvuna. **7** Kodwa uNkulunkulu

wangithuma phambi kwenu ukuba alilondolozele insalela emhlabeni njalo aphephise impilo zenu ngokukhululula okukhulu. **8** Ngakho-ke, kwakungayisini elangithuma lapha, kodwa nguNkulunkulu. Wangenza ngaba ngubaba kuFaro, lenkosi yomuzi wakhe wonke kanye lombusi weGibhithe lonke. **9** Manje, phangisani liye kubaba lithi kuye, 'Nanku indodana yakho uJosefa akutshoyo: UNkulunkulu usengenze ngaba yinkosi yalo lonke elaseGibhithe. Yehla uze kimi; ungaphuzi. **10** Uzahlala esigodini saseGosheni ube seduze lami, wena labantwabakho, labazukulu bakho; lemihlambi yakho yezimvu leyenkomo lakho konke olakho. **11** Ngizakunakekela ukhonapho ngoba kuseza eminye iminyaka emihlanu yendlala. Kungenjalo wena lomuzi wakho, labo bonke abangabakho lizahawukelwa.' **12** Liyazibonela ngokwenu, njengoba lomnawami uBhenjamini ebona, ukuthi yimi mina ngeqiniso engikhuluma lani. **13** Limtshele ubaba ngalo lonke udumo engiluphiwayo eGibhithe langakho konke elikubonileyo. Ubaba limlethe ngokuphangisa lapha." **14** Wasegona umnawakhe uBhenjamini, wakhala, loBhenjamini wamanga ekhala. **15** Njalo wabanga bonke abafowabo ekhala kulowo lalowo. Ngemva kwalokho abafowabo baxoxa laye. **16** Kwathi ukuba izindaba zifike esigodlweni sikaFaro ukuthi abafowabo bakaJosefa babefikile, uFaro lezikhulu zakhe bathokoza. **17** UFaro wathi, kuJosefa, "Tshela abafowenu uthi, 'Yenzani lokhu: Thwalisani izinyamazana zenu libuyele elizweni laseKhenani, **18** beselibuya loyihlo kanye lemizi yenu kimi. Ngizalipha

umhlaba omuhle kakhulu lapha eGibhithe, likholise amanono elizwe.' **19** Uyalaywa njalo ukuthi ubatshele uthi, 'Yenzani lokhu: Thathani izinqola ezithile lapha eGibhithe lisenzela abantwabenu, labomkenu, lithathe uyihlo lize laye. **20** Lingazihluphi ngempahla zenu ngoba okuhle konke kwaseGibhithe kuzakuba ngokwenu.'" **21** Ngakho amadodana ka-Israyeli akwenza lokhu. UJosefa wabapha izinqola, njengokulaya kukaFaro, wabuye wabapha umphako wendlela. **22** Ngulowo lalowo wamupha izigqoko ezintsha, kodwa uBhenjamini wamupha amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amathathu kanye lezigqoko ezinhlanu. **23** Njalo nanku akuphathisela uyise: obabhemi abalitshumi bethwele konke okuhle kwaseGibhithe, labobabhemi abasikazi abalitshumi bebhensiswa ngamabele lesinkwa lokunye okomphako wakhe wendlela. **24** Wasevalelisa abafowabo, bathi sebesuka wathi kubo, "Lingaxabani endleleni!" **25** Ngakho basuka baphuma eGibhithe bayafika kuyise uJakhobe elizweni laseKhenani. **26** Bamtshela bathi, "UJosefa ulokhu ephila! Isibili ungumbusi walo lonke elaseGibhithe." UJakhobe waphela amandla; kazange abakholwe. **27** Kodwa kwathi lapho sebemtshelile konke uJosefa ayekutshilo kubo, njalo esebone izinqola uJosefa ayethe zizomthwala zimlethe, umoya kayise, uJakhobe wavuseleleka. **28** U-Israyeli wathi, "Sengisuthisekile! Indodana yami uJosefa isaphila. Ngizahamba ngiyeyibona ngingakafi."

46 Ngakho u-Israyeli wasesuka kanye lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, wathi ngokufika eBherishebha wenza umhlatshelo kuNkulunkulu kayise u-Isaka.

2 UNkulunkulu wakhuluma ku-Israyeli ngombono
ebusuku wathi, “Jakhobe! Jakhobe!” Waphendula
wathi, “Ngilapha.” **3** Wathi, “NginguNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu kayihlo. Ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe,
ngoba ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu khonale. **4** Mina
ngizahamba lawe khonale eGibhithe, njalo ngiqinisile,
ngizaphinde ngikubuyise. Isandla sikaJosefa ngokwaso
sizakugoqa.” **5** UJakhobe wasesuka eBherishebha,
kwathi amadodana ka-Israyeli amthatha uyise uJakhobe,
labantwababo kanye labomkabo babafaka ezinqoleni
uFaro ayezithumele ukubathwala ngazo. **6** Bathatha
njalo lezifuyo zabo kanye layo yonke impahla yabo
ababeyiqoqile eKhenani, uJakhobe losendo lwakhe lonke
baya eGibhithe. **7** Wathatha amadodana akhe, labazukulu
bakhe, lamadodakazi akhe lamadodakazi awo, sonke
isizukulwane sakhe, waya eGibhithe. **8** La ngamabizo
amadodana ka-Israyeli (uJakhobe labazukulu bakhe)
abahambayo eGibhithe: uRubheni izibulo likaJakhobe.
9 Amadodana kaRubheni ayeyila: uHanokhi, uPhalu,
uHezironi, kanye loKhami. **10** Amadodana kaSimiyoni
ayeyila: uJemuyeli, uJamini, u-Ohadi, uJakhini, uZohari
kanye loShawuli indodana yomfazi ongumKhenani. **11**
Amadodana kaLevi ayeyila: uGeshoni, uKhohathi kanye
loMerari. **12** Amadodana kaJuda ayeyila: u-Eri, u-Onani,
uShela, uPherezi kanye loZera (kodwa u-Eri lo-Onani
babefele elizweni laseKhenani). Amadodana kaPherezi
ayeyila: uHezironi loHamuli. **13** Amadodana ka-Isakhari
ayeyila: uThola, uPhuwa, uJashubi kanye loShimroni.
14 Amadodana kaZebhuluni ayeyila: uSeredi, u-Eloni

kanye loJahileli. **15** La ayengamadodana uLeya awazalela
uJakhobe ePhadani Aramu, ngaphandle kwendodakazi
yakhe uDina. Amadodana la lamadodakazi akhe
babengamatshumi amathathu sebebonke. **16** Amadodana
kaGadi ayeyila: uZifiyoni, uHagi, uShuni, u-Ezibhoni, u-
Eri, u-Arodi kanye lo-Areli. **17** Amadodana ka-Asheri
ayeyila: u-Imna, u-Ishiva, u-Ishivi loBheriya. Udadewabo
wayenguSera. Amadodana kaBheriya ayeyila: uHebheri
loMalikhiyeli. **18** Laba ngabantwana abazalelwa uJakhobe
nguZilipha, uLabhani ayemuphe indodakazi yakhe
uLeya, belitshumi lesithupha sebebonke. **19** Amadodana
omkaJakhobe uRasheli ayeyila: uJosefa loBhenjamini.
20 EGibhithe uJosefa wazala uManase lo-Efrayimi ku-
Asenathi indodakazi kaPhothifera, umphristi ka-Oni. **21**
Amadodana kaBhenjamini ayeyila: uBhela, uBhekheri, u-
Ashibheli, uGera, uNamani, u-Ehi, uRoshi, uMuphimu,
uHuphimu kanye lo-Adi. **22** La ayengamadodana kaRasheli
awazalela uJakhobe, elitshumi lane esewonke. **23** Indodana
kaDani: yayinguHushimu. **24** Amadodana kaNafithali
ayeyila: uJaziyeli, uGuni, uJezeri kanye loShilemu. **25** La
ayengamadodana kaJakhobe awazala loBhiliha, uLabhani
ayemuphe indodakazi yakhe uRasheli, beyisikhombisa
bebonke. **26** Bonke labo abaya eGibhithe loJakhobe,
ababeyinzalo yegazi lakhe, kungabalwa omalukazana
bakhe, kwakungabantu abangamatshumi ayisithupha
lesithupha. **27** Sekubalwa lamadodana amabili azalwa
nguJosefa eGibhithe, abendlu kaJakhobe abaya eGibhithe
babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa sebebonke. **28** UJakhobe
wasethuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa ukuba

amlayele indlela eya eGosheni. Bathi sebefikile emangweni waseGosheni, **29** uJosefa walungiselwa inqola yakhe waqonda eGosheni ukuyahlangana loyise u-Israyeli. UJosefa wonela ukumbona nje, wamgona uyise, wakhala okwesikhathi eside. **30** U-Israyeli wathi kuJosefa, "Manje sengikulungele ukufa, ngoba sengizibonele mina ngokwami ukuthi usaphila." **31** UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo lakubo bonke abomuzi kayise, "Ngizahamba ngiyekhuluma loFaro ngithi kuye, 'Abafowethu kanye labendlu kababa ababehlala elizweni laseKhenani sebebuyile kimi. **32** Amadoda la angabelusi; belusa izifuyo, ngakho beze lemihlambi yabo yezimvu leyenkomo lakho konke abalakho.' **33** Nxa uFaro angalibiza alibuze athi, 'Umsebenzi wenu ngowani?' **34** libophendula lithi, 'Izinceku zakho zingabelusi bezifuyo kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube khathesi, njengabokhokho bethu.' Lapho-ke lizavunyelwa ukwakha emangweni waseGosheni, ngoba bonke abelusi bayeyiseka kumaGibhithe."

47 UJosefa wahamba wayatshela uFaro wathi, "Ubaba labafowethu, kanye lemihlambi yabo yezimvu lenkomo, kanye lakho konke abalakho sebefikile bevela elizweni laseKhenani, okwamanje sebeseGosheni." **2** Wakhetha abafowabo abahlanu wabethula kuFaro. **3** UFaro wababuza abafowabo laba wathi, "Umsebenzi wenu ngowani na?" Baphendula uFaro bathi, "Izinceku zakho zingabelusi, njengalokho ababeyikho okhokho bethu." **4** Babuya bathi kuye, "Size ukuzohlala lapha okwesikhathi esithile, ngoba indlala inkulu kakhulu eKhenani, njalo lemihlambi yezinceku zakho kayilamadlelo. Manje-ke

sicela ukuthi uvumele izinceku zakho zakhe eGosheni.”
5 UFaro wathi kuJosefa, “Uyihlo labafowenu beze
kuwe, **6** lelizwe laseGibhithe uyalibona; hlalisa uyihlo
labafowenu endaweni enhle kakhulu yelizwe. Wothi
bahlale eGosheni. Njalo nxa bekhona abanye babo
abalolwazi oluqakathekileyo, kabakhangele imihlambi
yami.” **7** Ngakho uJosefa waseletha uyise uJakhobe
wamethula kuFaro. UJakhobe esembusisile uFaro, **8** uFaro
wambuza wathi, “Usumdala kangakanani na?” **9** UJakhobe
wathi kuFaro, “Iminyaka yokuhamba kwami ilikhulu
lamatshumi amathathu. Iminyaka yami ibimilutshwana
njalo ibinzima, njalo kayifiki iminyaka yokuhamba
kwabokhokho bami.” **10** UJakhobe wasembusisa
uFaro, uFaro wasesuka kuye. **11** Ngakho uJosefa
wasehlalisa uyise labafowabo eGibhithe, wabapha indawo
enhle kulazo zonke elizweni, esiqintini saseRamesesi,
njengokulaya kukaFaro. **12** UJosefa waphinda wapha
uyise labafowabo kanye lendlu yonke kayise ukudla,
kusiya ngobunengi babantwababo. **13** Kwakungelakudla
elizweni lonke ngoba indlala yayibhahile; iGibhithe
leKhenani womabili amazwe esevuthuzekile ngenxa
yendlala. **14** UJosefa wayiqoqa yonke imali eyayitholakala
eGibhithe laseKhenani eyayingeyokuthenga amabele,
wayiletha esigodlweni sikaFaro. **15** Kwathi imali yabantu
baseGibhithe labaseKhenani isiphelile, abaseGibhithe
bonke beza kuJosefa bathi, “Siphe ukudla. Singafelani
kambe phambi kwamehlo akho? Imali yethu isiphelile.”
16 UJosefa wathi, “Lethani izifuyo zenu. Ngizalithengisela
ukudla libhadale ngezifuyo zenu, njengoba imali yenu

isiphelile.” **17** Ngakho basebeletha izifuyo zabo kuJosefa,
wabapha ukudla bebhadala ngamabhiza abo, lezimvu
kanye lembuzi zabo, lenkomo kanye labobabhemi babo.
Wabaphutshisa lowomnyaka ngokudla bekubhadala
ngezifuyo zabo. **18** Lowomnyaka usuphelile, beza kuye
ngomnyaka olandelayo bathi, “Ngeke sayifihlela inkosi
yethu ukuthi njengoba imali yethu isiphelile, ikanti
lezifuyo zethu ngezakho, kakusekho okusayisalele inkosi
yethu ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu leziqinti zethu
kuphela. **19** Kambe sesingaze sife nje usikhangele,
thina kanye lelizwe lethu lalo? Sithenge kanye lelizwe
lethu usiphe ukudla, kuzakuthi thina kanye lelizwe
lethu sibe sebugqilini kuFaro. Siphe inhlanyelo ukuze
siphile, singafi, njalo ukuze ilizwe lingabi yinkangala.”
20 Ngakho-ke uJosefa waselithengela uFaro lonke ilizwe
laseGibhithe. AmaGibhithe wonke athengisa amasimu
awo ngoba indlala yayisiwabhahele okubi. Ilizwe laselisiba
ngelikaFaro, **21** uJosefa wasebagqilaza abantu, kusukela
ngapha kwelizwe laseGibhithe kusiya ngale kwalo.
22 Kodwa kayithenganga indawo yabaphristi, ngoba
babephiwa isabelo nguFaro, yikho babelakho ukudla
okwaneleyo kusuka kuFaro. Yikho bengawuthengisanga
owabo umhlaba. **23** UJosefa wathi ebantwini, “Njengoba
sengilithengile lina lomhlaba wenu lamuhla ukuba
libe ngabakaFaro, nansi inhlanyelo ukuze lihlanyele
emhlabathini. **24** Kodwa nxa amabele eseqoqwa phanini
okobuhlanu bawo kuFaro. Ezinye izingxenye ezine
kwezinhlanu lizigcinele inhlanyelo yamasimu njalo kube
yikudla kwenu, lemizi yenu kanye labantwabenu.” **25**

Bathi, “Uzisindisile impilo zethu. Sengathi singathola
umusa enkosini yethu; sizakuba yizigqili kuFaro.”
26 Kunjalo uJosefa wakumisa kwaba ngumthetho
eGibhithe mayelana lomhlaba, okulokhu kulandelwa
lalamuhla, ukuthi ingxenye eyodwa kokuhlanu ngekaFaro.
Kwakungumhlaba wabaphristi kuphela ongazange ube
ngokaFaro. **27** Ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bazinza
eGibhithe esigodini saseGosheni. Bazuza izifuyo ezinengi
khona njalo bazalana kakhulu banda ngobunengi. **28**
UJakhobe wahlala eGibhithe okweminyaka elitshumi
lesikhombisa, iminyaka yokuphila kwakhe yaba likhulu
lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa. **29** Kwathi isikhathi
sesisondele ukuba u-Israyeli afe, wabiza indodana
yakhe uJosefa wathi kuyo, “Uba ngifumene umusa
kuwe, beka isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami
uthembise ukuthi uzangenzela umusa lokuthembeka.
Ungangingcwabi eGibhithe, **30** kodwa nxa sengiphumule
labokhokho bami, ungithwale ngisuke eGibhithe
uyongimbela lapho abalele khona.” Wathi, “Ngizakwenza
njengoba usitsho.” **31** Wathi, “Funga kimi.” Ngakho uJosefa
wafunga kuye, u-Israyeli wasekhothamela emakhanda
ombheda wakhe.

48 Emva kwesikhatshana uJosefa wabikelwa ukuthi,
“Uyihlo uyagula.” Ngakho wathatha amadodana akhe
womabili, uManase lo-Efrayimi wahamba lawo. **2**
UJakhobe esetsheliwe kwathiwa, “Indodana yakho
uJosefa isifikile kuwe,” u-Israyeli wazibamba ngamandla
wavuka embhedeni. **3** UJakhobe wathi kuJosefa,
“UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuzi elizweni

laseKhenani, khonapho wangibusisa. **4** Wathi kimi,
'Ngizakwenza ube lenzalo enengi kakhulu. Ngizalenza
libe yisizwe sabantu, njalo ngizakupha izizukulwane
zakho lelilizwe libe yilifa lazo elingapheliyo ngemva
kwakho.' **5** Zwana-ke, amadodana akho amabili
owawazalela eGibhithe ngingakabuyi lapha kuwe
azathathwa njengawami; u-Efrayimi loManase bazakuba
ngabami, kanjengoba uRubheni loSimiyoni bengabami.
6 Labobantwana abazelwe ngemva kwabo bazakuba
ngabakho; kulesosigodi esizakuba yilifa labo bazabhaliswa
ngaphansi kwamabizo abanewabo. **7** Ngathi ngibuya
ngivela ePhadani, ngehlelwa lusizi ngafelwa nguRasheli
elizweni laseKhenani silokhu sisendleleni, bucwadlana
kwe-Efrathi. Ngamngcwaba khonapho eceleni kwendlela
eya e-Efrathi" (kutsho eBhethilehema). **8** U-Israyeli
wathi ngokubona amadodana kaJosefa wabuza wathi,
"Ngobani laba?" **9** UJosefa wathi kuyise, "Ngamadodana
uNkulunkulu anginike wona lapha." U-Israyeli wasesithi,
"Balethe kimi ukuze ngibabusise." **10** Ngalesosikhathi
amehlo ka-Israyeli ayesefiphala ngenxa yokuluphala,
engasabonisisi. Ngakho uJosefa wasondeza amadodana
akhe kuye, uyise wawanga wawagona. **11** U-Israyeli
wathi kuJosefa, "Ngangingathembi ukuthi ngizaphinda
ngibubone ubuso bakho njalo, ikanti manje uNkulunkulu
usengivumele ukubona labantwabakho labo." **12** UJosefa
wasebasusa emadolweni ka-Israyeli wakhothamela phansi
ngobuso. **13** UJosefa wasebathatha bobabili, u-Efrayimi
kwesokunene sakhe eqondane lesokhohlo sika-Israyeli,
kwathi uManase waba ngakwesokhohlo waqondana

lesokunene sika-Israyeli, wabasondeza kuye. **14** Kodwa u-Israyeli welula isandla sakhe sokunene wasibeka ekhanda lika-Efrayimi, loba nje yena wayengomncinyane, wasenqumisa izingalo zakhe zaphambana, wabeka isandla sakhe sokhohlo ekhanda likaManase, loba nje uManase wayelizibulo. **15** Ngakho wasebusisa uJosefa wathi, "Sengathi uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bami, u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka, abahamba phambi kwakhe, uNkulunkulu obengumelusi wami ukuphila kwami konke kuze kube namuhla, **16** iNgilosi engihlengileyo kuzozonke izingozi, sengathi angabusisa abafana laba. Sengathi bangabizwa ngebizo lami langamabizo abobabamkhulu u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka, njalo sengathi banganda kakhulu emhlabeni." **17** Kwathi uJosefa ebona uyise ebeka isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda lika-Efrayimi akwaze kwamthokozisa; ngakho wasibamba isandla sikayise wasisusa ekhanda lika-Efrayimi ukuthi asibeke kwelikaManase. **18** UJosefa wathi kuye, "Hatshi, baba, lo nguye izibulo; beka isandla sakho sokunene kwelakhe ikhanda." **19** Kodwa uyise wala, wathi, "Ngiyazi, ndodana yami, ngiyazi. Laye njalo uzakuba ngabantu abanengi, njalo laye uzakuba mkhulu. Loba kunjalo, umnawakhe uzakuba mkhulu kulaye lezizukulwane zakhe zizakuba ngamaxuku ezizwe." **20** Wababusisa ngalolusuku wathi, "Ngebizo lakho u-Israyeli uzakutsho lesisibusiso: 'Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakwenza ube njengo-Efrayimi loManase.'" Ngakho wabeka u-Efrayimi phambi kukaManase. **21** U-Israyeli wasesithi kuJosefa, "Sengizakufa, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuba lani, alibuyisele elizweni labokhokho benu.

22 Wena, njengomuntu olawula abanewenu, ngikunika
umqolo welizwe engawemuka ama-Amori ngenkemba
yami lomtshoko wami."

49 UJakhobe wabiza amadodana akhe wathi: "Sondelani
eduze ngilitshele lokho okuzakwenzakala kini ensukwini
ezizayo. **2** Buthanani lilalele, madodana kaJakhobe,
lalelani kuyihlo u-Israyeli. **3** URubheni, ulizibulo
lami, amandla ami, isibonakaliso sokuqala samandla
ami, ukuphelela ngodumo, ukuphelela ngamandla. **4**
Uhlokoma njengamanzi, kawusayikuba liciko, ngoba
wakhwela embhedeni kayihlo, waya phezu kwesihlalo
sami wasingcolisa. **5** USimiyoni loLevi bayizelamani
inkemba zabo yizikhali zodlakela. **6** Mangingangeni
enkundleni yabo, mangingangeni emhlanganweni wabo,
ngoba bababulala abantu ngokuthukuthela kwabo njalo
inkabi baziquma imisipha santando. **7** Luqalekisiwe ulaka
lwabo, lwesabeka kubi, lentukuthelo yabo, ilesihluku
esibi! Ngizakubachithiza kuJakhobe, njalo ngibahlakaze
ko-Israyeli. **8** Juda, abafowenu bazakudumisa; isandla
sakho sizakuba sentanyeni yezitha zakho; amadodana
kayihlo azakukhothamela. **9** Ungumdlwane wesilwane, Oh
Juda; uvela ekuzingeleni, ndodana yami. Njengesilwane
uyacathama alale phansi, njengesilwanekazi, ngubani
olesibindi sokumhlokoza? **10** Intonga yobukhosi
kayiyikusuka kuJuda, loba umqwayi wombusi phakathi
kwezinyawo zakhe, aze ayofika kumnini wayo lokulalela
kwezizwe kukuye. **11** Uzabophela ubabhemi wakhe
evinini, inkonyane kababhemi wakhe ogatsheni oluhle;
uzagezisa izembatho zakhe ngewayini, izigqoko zakhe

egazini lamagrebisi. **12** Amehlo akhe azathuba okudlula
iwayini, amazinyo akhe abe mhlophe kulochago. **13**
UZebhuluni uzahlala okhunjini lolwandle abe litheku
lemikhumbi; umngcele wakhe uzaqhelela eSidoni. **14**
U-Isakhari ulithambo likababhemi elilohlonzi olele
ephahlwe ngamasaka amabili emithwalo. **15** Uthi nxa
ebona ubuhle bendawo yakhe yokuphumula lokubukeka
kwelizwe lakhe, uzakwehlisa ihlombe lakhe ukuthwala
umthwalo azimisele emsebenzini wesigqili. **16** UDani
uzakwahlulela kahle abantu bakibo njengesinye sezizwe
zako-Israyeli. **17** UDani uzakuba yinyoka esemgwaqweni,
inhlangwana elele endleleni, eluma izithende zebhiza
ukuze umgadi walo atshelele aye emuva. **18** Ngilindele
ukuhlenga kwakho, Oh Thixo. **19** UGadi uzahlaselwa
liqula lamanxusa, kodwa uzabahlasela bamuphe izithende
zabo. **20** Ukudla kuka-Asheri kuzakuba ngokunonileyo,
uzakupha okumnandi okufanele inkosi. **21** UNafithali
yimpalakazi ekhululiweyo ezala amazinyane amahle. **22**
UJosefa ulivini elithela kakhulu, ivini elithela kakhulu
eduze komthombo, elimagatsha alo akhwela emdulini.
23 Abahlaseli bemitshoko bamhlasela ngolaka; bamciba
ngenzondo embi. **24** Kodwa kawalazelanga ngedandili
lakhe, ingalo zakhe eziqinileyo zala zilokhu ziqinile
ngenxa yesandla soMninimandla kaJakhobe, ngenxa
kaMalusi, iDwala lika-Israyeli, **25** ngenxa kaNkulunkulu
kayihlo, okusizayo, ngenxa kaSomandla okubusisayo
ngezibusiso zasezulwini ngaphezulu, izibusiso zolwandle
olungaphansi, izibusiso zebele lenzalo. **26** Izibusiso
zikayihlo zinkulu kulezibusiso zezintaba zekadeni,

kulezithelo zamaqaqa adabuka endulo. Zonke lezi kazehlele ekhanda likaJosefa, ebunzini lenkosana phakathi kwabafowabo. **27** UBhenjamini yimpisi ephangayo; ekuseni uyakudlithiza akujimbileyo, ntambama akwabe." **28** Zonke lezi yizizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli, njalo yikho lokho uyise akutsho kubo lapho wayebabusisa, esipha ilowo lalowo isibusiso esimfaneleyo. **29** Emva kwalokho wasebanika imilayo le: "Sekusondele ukuba ngimbelwe ebantwini bakithi. Lingimbele labokhokho ebhalwini ensimini ka-Efroni umHithi, **30** ubhalu olusensimini kaMakhaphela, eduze leMamure eKhenani, eyathengwa ngu-Abhrahama kanye lensimu leyo ku-Efroni umHithi, ukuba yindawo yokungcwaba. **31** Khonapho kwangcwatshwa u-Abhrahama lomkakhe uSara, kwembelwa u-Isaka lomkakhe uRabheka, njalo khonapho ngambela uLeya. **32** Insimu kanye lobhalu oluphakathi kwathengwa kumaHithi." **33** Kwathi uJakhobe eseqedile ukunika imilayezo emadodaneni akhe, wakhweza inyawo zakhe embhedeni, waphefumula okokucina, wasiwa kwabakibo.

50 UJosefa waziphosela phezu kukayise wamkhalela, wasemanga. **2** UJosefa waselaya izinyanga ezazingaphansi kwakhe ukuqhola umzimba kayise u-Israyeli. Ngakho izinyanga zamqhola, **3** zathatha insuku ezingamatshumi amane ezigcweleyo, ngoba kwakuthatha isikhathi esingako ukuqhola. AmaGibhithe amlilela insuku ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **4** Insuku zokulila sezedlule, uJosefa wathi kuziphathamandla zikaFaro, "Nxa ngifumane umusa kini, ngikhulumelani kuFaro.

Mtsheleni lithi, **5** ‘Ubaba wangifungisa isifungo
wathi, “Sengizakufa; lingimbele ethuneni engazigebhela
lona mina ngokwami elizweni laseKhenani.” Manje-
ke ake ungivumele ngihambe ngiyongcwaba ubaba;
besengiphenduka.’” **6** UFaro wathi, “Hamba uyongcwaba
uyihlo, njengoba wakufungisa ukuthi uzakwenza.” **7**
Ngakho uJosefa wahamba wayangcwaba uyise. Zonke
izikhulu zikaFaro zamphelekezela, izikhulu zakhe
zomphakathi kanye lazozonke izikhulu zaseGibhithe, **8**
ngaphandle kwabo bonke abendlu kaJosefa labafowabo
lalabo ababe ngabendlu kayise. EGosheni kwasala kuphela
abantwana lemihlambi yabo yezimvu leyenkomo. **9**
Wahamba elezinqola zempi labakhweli bamabhiza.
Kwakulixuku elikhulu. **10** Bathi ngokufika esizeni sika-
Athadi eduze kweJodani basiqhinqa isililo esikhulu
esibuhlungu; kwathi khonapho uJosefa wazilela uyise
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **11** Kwathi amaKhenani
ayehlala eduzane ebona ukulila lokho esizeni sika-Athadi
athi, “AmaGibhithe alenkonzo yawo yokulila.” Yikho-
nje leyondawo eseduze kweJodani ithiwa yi-Abheli-
Mizirayimi. **12** Ngalokho amadodana kaJakhobe enza
lokho uyise abalaya khona: **13** Bamthwalela elizweni
laseKhenani bayamngcwaba ebhalwini olwalusensimini
kaMakhaphela, eduze leMamure, u-Abhrahama aluthenga
kanye lensimu ku-Efroni umHithi ukuthi kube yindawo
yokungcwaba. **14** Esemngcwabile uyise uJosefa wabuyela
eGibhithe kanye labafowabo labo bonke ababehambe
laye ukuyangcwaba uyise. **15** Abafowabo bakaJosefa
sebebonile ukuthi uyise sefile, bathi, “Kambe uJosefa

kasibekelanga isikhwili yini abesefuna ukuphindisela
ngakho konke esamona ngakho?” **16** Ngakho bathumela
ilizwi kuJosefa besithi, “Uyihlo watshiya imilayo le
engakafi: **17** ‘Nanku elimele likutsho kuJosefa: Ngiyakucela
ukuthi uxolele abafowenu izono leziphambeko abazenzayo
ngokukuphatha kubi kangaka.’ Manje siyacela ukuthi
uthethelele izono zezinceku zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo.”
Kwathi ilizwi labo selifikile kuye uJosefa wakhala. **18**
Abafowabo beza bafika bazilahla phansi phambi kwakhe.
Bathi, “Siyizigqili zakho.” **19** Kodwa uJosefa wathi
kubo, “Lingesabi. Mina ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu
na? **20** Lalihlose ukungenza okubi, kodwa uNkulunkulu
wayehlose ubuhle ngakho ukuze kugcwaliseke lokhu
okwenzakalayo khathesi, ukuphephisa impilo ezinengi. **21**
Ngakho-ke, lingesabi. Ngizalinakekela lina labantwabenu.”
Wababeka isibindi wabakhulumisa ngomusa. **22** UJosefa
wahlala eGibhithe kanye labo bonke abendlu kayise.
Waphila okweminyaka elikhulu letshumi, **23** wabona
isizukulwane sesithathu sabantwana baka-Efrayimi. Njalo
labantwana bakaMakhiri indodana kaManase bathi
bezalwa babekwa emadolweni kaJosefa. **24** UJosefa
wasesithi kubafowabo, “Sengiseduze lokufa. Kodwa
ngempela uNkulunkulu uzalisiza alikhuphe kulelilizwe
alise elizweni alithembisa ngesifungo ku-Abhrahama, lo-
Isaka loJakhobe.” **25** UJosefa wasefungisa amadodana ka-
Israyeli isifungo wathi, “UNkulunkulu uzalisiza, yikho
kumele lithwale amathambo ami lisuke lawo kule indawo.”
26 UJosefa wasesifa eseleminyaka yobudala elikhulu

letshumi. Bathi sebemqholile, isidumbu sakhe basibeka ebhokisini eGibhithe.

U-Eksodusi

1 La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli aya eGibhithe
loJakhobe, munye ngamunye lemuli yakhe: **2** uRubheni,
uSimiyoni, uLevi loJuda; **3** u-Isakhari, uZebhuluni
loBhenjamini, **4** uDani loNafithali; uGadi lo-Asheri. **5**
Inzalo yonke kaJakhobe yayingamatshumi ayisikhombisa.
UJosefa wayevele eseseGibhithe. **6** Kwathi uJosefa labo
bonke abafowabo kanye lasosonke lesosizukulwane
sebefile, **7** abako-Israyeli bazalana banda kakhulu,
okokuthi ilizwe lonke lagcwala ngabo. **8** Kwasekusiba
lenye inkosi eyayingazi lutho ngoJosefa, yaba ngumbusi
eGibhithe. **9** Yathi ebantwini bayo, "Khangelani, abantu
bako-Israyeli sebebanengi kakhulu kulathi. **10** Asiboneni
amacebo esingawenza ngabo funa bande kakhulu kuthi
lapho kuqhamuka impi, babambane lezitha zethu, balwe
lathi, besebesuka elizweni." **11** Ngakho babeka izinduna
zezigqili ukuthi zibasebenzise kanzima, bakha iPhithomi
leRamesesi aba ngamadolobho eziphala zikaFaro. **12**
Kodwa kwathi ngokuhlutshwa kwabo ngamandla, labo
banda kakhulu basabalala; okwenza amaGibhithe abesaba
abako-Israyeli **13** asebasebenzisa ngochuku. **14** Enza
impilo yabo yaba nzima kakhulu betshaya izitina
lokuvoxa udaka besenza leminye yonke imisebenzi
yemasimini. Kuyo yonke imisebenzi enzima amaGibhithe
abasebenzisa ngochuku. **15** Inkosi yaseGibhithe yathi
kubabelethisi bamaHebheru okwakuthiwa nguShifira
loPhuwa, **16** "Nxa libelethisa abafazi bamaHebheru,
lingabona kuzelwe umfana kufanele limbulale; kodwa nxa
kuyinkazana, liyiyekele iphile." **17** Kodwa ababelethisi

babemesaba uNkulunkulu, ngakho abakwenzanga lokho ababekutshelwe yinkosi yaseGibhithe. **18** Sekube njalo, inkosi yaseGibhithe yababiza ababelethisi yathi kubo, "Kungani lenze lokhu? Kungani liyekele abafana baphila?" **19** Ababelethisi bamphendula uFaro bathi, "Abafazi bamaHebheru abafani labafazi bamaGibhithe; balamandla baphanga babelethe ababelethisi bengakafiki." **20** Ngakho uNkulunkulu waba lomusa kubo ababelethisi, abantu banda baba banengi kakhulu. **21** Njalo njengoba ababelethisi bamesaba uNkulunkulu, wabapha ezabo izimuli. **22** UFaro wasesipha abantu bakhe bonke umlayo othi: "Wonke umfana womHebheru ozalwayo kufanele aphoselwe emfuleni uNayili, kodwa wonke amankazana liwayekele aphile."

2 Kwasekusithi eyinye indoda esizweni sakoLevi yathatha owesifazane ongumLevi, **2** wazithwala wabeletha indodana. Wabona ukuthi umntwana wayemuhle kakhulu, wasemfihla okwezinyanga ezintathu. **3** Kodwa kwathi lapho sekusehlula ukuthi amfihle, wenza isitsha semizi, wasibhada ngodaka lengcino. Wafaka umntwana phakathi kwaso wayasibeka okhunjini lomfula uNayili phakathi kwemihlanga. **4** Udadewabo wema bucwala ukuba abone okwenzakala kuye. **5** Indodakazi kaFaro yehlela emfuleni ukuyageza, amantombazana ayikhangelayo ayehamba okhunjini lomfula. Yasisibona isitsha phakathi kwemihlanga yathuma incekukazi yayo ukuyasithatha. **6** Yasivula yambona umntwana. Wayekhala, yasimzwela usizi yathi, "Lo ngomunye wabantwana bamaHebheru." **7** Udadewabo wasesithi

endodakazini kaFaro, “Ngingayakudingela omunye wabesifazane bamaHebheru ukuthi akondlele umntwana na?” **8** Yasisithi, “Yebo, hamba.” Intombazana yasuka yayabiza unina womntwana. **9** Indodakazi kaFaro yathi kuye, “Mthathe lumntwana ungondlele yena, ngizakupha isondlo.” Ngakho owesifazane wamthatha umntwana wamondla. **10** Esekhulile umntwana, wamthatha wamusa endodakazini kaFaro wasesiba ngumntanayo. Yasimutha ibizo yathi nguMosi ngoba yathi, “Ngamkhupha emanzini.” **11** Ngelinye ilanga, uMosi esekhulile, waya lapho okwakusebenzela khona abantu bakibo, wabona ukuthi babethwele nzima kanjani. Wabona umGibhithe etshaya umHebheru, omunye wabantu bakibo. **12** Wathi thala ngapha langapha wabona kungelamuntu, wasebulala umGibhithe wamfihla etshebetshebeni. **13** Ngelanga elilandelayo waphuma njalo wabona amaHebheru amabili esilwa. Wasebuza lo owayephambanisile wathi, “Kungani utshaya owakini ongumHebheru na?” **14** Indoda leyo yathi, “Ngubani okwenze waba ngumbusi lomahluleli wethu? Usucabanga ukungibulala na njengoba ubulele umGibhithe?” Ngalokho uMosi wesaba wacabanga ukuthi, “Engxenye engikwenzileyo sekusazakala.” **15** Kwathi uFaro ekuzwa lokho, wazama ukubulala uMosi, kodwa uMosi wabalekela eMidiyani, lapho afika khona wahlala phansi eduze komthombo. **16** Umphristi waseMidiyani wayelamadodakazi ayisikhombisa, afika ezokukha amanzi lokukhelela imikolo ukuze anathise izimvu zikayise. **17** Kwafika abelusi abathile bawaxotsha, kodwa uMosi wasukuma wawalamulela wanathisa izimvu zawo. **18**

Kwathi izintombi sezibuyele kuyise eRuweli wazibuza esithi, “Kungani lamhla liphangisile ukuphenduka?” **19** Zaphendula zathi, “KulomGibhithe osilamulele kubelusi. Uze wasikhelela amanzi wanathisa lezimvu zethu.” **20** Wawabuza amadodakazi akhe wathi, “Ungaphi? Limtshiyeleni? Mbizeni ukuze azothola okokudla.” **21** UMosi wavuma ukuzehlala lale indoda, eyamnika indodakazi yayo uZiphora ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. **22** UZiphora wazala indodana, uMosi wayitha ibizo wathi nguGeshomu ngoba esithi, “Sengibe ngumuntu wezizweni endaweni yabezizweni.” **23** Emva kwesikhathi eside, inkosi yaseGibhithe yafa. Abako-Israyeli bakhala babubula ebugqilini babo, kwasekusithi ukukhala kwabo becela usizo ngenxa yobugqili ababekubo kwafinyelela kuNkulunkulu. **24** UNkulunkulu wakuzwa ukububula kwabo wasekhumbula isivumelwano asenza lo-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe. **25** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wakhangela abako-Israyeli, wakhathazeka ngabo.

3 Kwathi uMosi eselusa izimvu zikayisezala uJethro, umphristi waseMidiyani, waseqhuba izimvu zaya kude ohlangothini lwenkangala wasefika eHorebhi, intaba kaNkulunkulu. **2** Lapho-ke ingilosi kaThixo yabonakala kuye iphakathi kwamalangabi omlilo esixukwini. UMosi wabona ukuthi loba isixuku sasibhebha kasizange sitshe. **3** Ngakho uMosi wacabanga esithi, “Ngizasondela ngiyebona isimanga lesi ukuba kungani isixuku singatshi silothe.” **4** Kwathi uThixo ebona ukuthi usesondele ukuba ayekhangela, uNkulunkulu wasememeza ngelizwi elaliphuma kulesosixuku wathi,

“Mosi! Mosi!” UMosi wathi, “Ngilapha.” **5** UNkulunkulu
wathi, “Ungasondeli. Khupha amanyathela akho, ngoba
indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele.” **6** Wasesithi
njalo, “NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu
kaJakhobe.” Ngalokhu, uMosi wafihla ubuso bakhe
ngoba wayesesaba ukukhangela uNkulunkulu. **7** UThixo
wasesithi, “Impela ngilubonile usizi lwabantu bami
eGibhithe. Ngibazwile bekhala ngenxa yezinduna
zezigqili ezibancindezelayo, njalo ngiyakhathazeka
ngokuhlupheka kwabo. **8** Ngakho ngehlile ukuzabakhulula
ezandleni zamaGibhithe ngibakhuphe kulelolizwe ngibase
elizweni elilendawo enengi, ilizwe eligeleza uchago
loluju, endaweni yamaKhenani, amaHithi, ama-Amori,
amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi. **9** Ukukhala kwabako-
Israyeli sekufikile kimi, njalo sengibonile lendlela
amaGibhithe ababahlukuluza ngayo. **10** Ngakho suka
uhambe. Ngikuthuma kuFaro ukuthi uyekhupha abantu
bami abako-Israyeli elizweni laseGibhithe.” **11** Kodwa
uMosi wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Kambe ngingubani ukuba
ngiye kuFaro ukuyakhupha abako-Israyeli elizweni
laseGibhithe na?” **12** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Ngizakuba
lawe. Lesi sizakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi yimi
engikuthumileyo: Nxa usubakhuphile abantu eGibhithe,
lizakhonza uNkulunkulu kuyonale intaba.” **13** UMosi
wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Aluba ngifika kwabako-Israyeli
ngithi kubo, ‘UNkulunkulu waboyihlo ungithumile kini,’
besebengibuza bathi, ‘Ungubani ibizo lakhe?’ Ngizakuthini
kubo?” **14** UNkulunkulu wathi kuMosi, “Nginguye Onguye.

Lokhu yikho ozakutsho kwabako-Israyeli ukuthi, ‘Unguye ungithumile kini.’” **15** UNkulunkulu wabuye wathi kuMosi, “Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi, ‘uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe ungithumile kini.’ Leli libizo lami laphakade, ibizo engizakhunjulwa ngalo kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kwesinye isizukulwane. **16** Hamba uyebuthanisa abadala bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, ka-Isaka loJakhobe, ubonakele kimi wathi: Bengilikhangele njalo ngikubonile okwenziwe kini eGibhithe. **17** Futhi ngithembisile ukulikhupha osizini lwenu elikulo eGibhithe ngilise elizweni lamaKhenani, amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.’ **18** Abadala bako-Israyeli bazakulalela. Kuzakuthi wena kanye labadala liye enkosini yaseGibhithe lithi kuyo, ‘uThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru uhlangane lathi. Sivumele sithathe uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu siye enkangala ukuyanikela imihlatshelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.’ **19** Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuthi inkosi yaseGibhithe ayiyikulivumela ukuthi lihambe ngaphandle kokuba incindezelwe yisandla esilamandla. **20** Ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami ngiwatshaye amaGibhithe ngazozonke izimanga engizazenza phakathi kwawo. Ngemva kwalokho, izalivumela lihambe. **21** Njalo ngizakwenza amaGibhithe abe lomusa kulababantu, ukuze kuthi mhla lisuka lingahambi lingaphethe lutho. **22** Wonke owesifazane kacele kumakhelwane wakhe lakuye wonke owesifazane

ohlala endlini yakhe izinto eziligugu ezenziwe ngesiliva legolide kanye lezigqoko ezizagqokwa ngamadodana lamadodakazi enu. Ngaleyondlela lizawemuka impahla amaGibhithe."

4 UMosi waphendula wathi, "Pho bangayekela ukungikholwa loba ukulalela engikutshoyo bathi, 'uThixo kazange abonakale kuwe'?" **2** UThixo wathi kuye, "Kuyini lokho okusesandleni sakho?" Waphendula wathi, "Yintonga." **3** UThixo wathi, "Iphosele phansi emhlabathini." UMosi wayiphosa phansi yasiphenduka yaba yinyoka, wayibalekela. **4** UThixo wasesithi kuye, "Yelula isandla sakho uyibambe ngomsila." UMosi welula isandla wayibamba inyoka yasiphenduka yaba yintonga esandleni sakhe. **5** UThixo wathi, "Lokhu yikwenzela ukuthi bakholwe ukuthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe ubonakele kuwe." **6** UThixo wabuye wathi, "Faka isandla sakho phakathi kwejazi lakho." UMosi wasefaka isandla sakhe ejazini lakhe, kwathi lapho esesikhupha, sasesimhlophe njengongqwaqwane sesilobulephero. **7** Wathi njalo, "Sibuyisele isandla sakho ejazini lakho." UMosi wasifaka isandla sakhe ejazini lakhe, wathi esesikhupha sasesibuyele esimeni saso, sesifanana lejwabu lakhe. **8** UThixo wasesithi, "Nxa bengayikukholwa loba bengananzi izibonakaliso zokuqala, mhlawumbe bazakholwa ezesibili. **9** Kodwa nxa bengakholwa izibonakaliso lezi ezimbili loba bengakulaleli, uzathatha amanzi emfuleni uNayili uwathele emhlabathini owomileyo. Amanzi ozawathatha emfuleni azaphenduka

abe ligazi emhlabathini owomileyo.” **10** UMosi wasesithi kuThixo, “Oh Thixo, ngixolele, angizange ngibe yisikhulumi kusukela emuva kuze kube lakhathesi ukhuluma lenceku yakho. Ngiyagagasa njalo ngilamalimi.” **11** UThixo wathi kuye, “Ngubani owapha umuntu umlomo? Ngubani omenza abe yisacuthe loba abe yisimungulu? Ngubani omenza abone loba abe yisiphofu? Akusimi uThixo na? **12** Ngakho hamba, ngizakusiza ukuthi ukhulume njalo ngikufundise lokuthi uthini.” **13** Kodwa uMosi wathi, “Oh Thixo, ngicela uthume omunye ukuthi ayekwenza lokhu.” **14** UThixo wathukuthela, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha kuMosi, wathi, “Umfowenu u-Aroni, ongumLevi ke? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyenelisa ukukhuluma kuhle. Uvele usendleleni ukuzahlangana lawe, njalo inhliziyo yakhe izathokoza ukukubona. **15** Uzakhuluma laye ufake amazwi emlonyeni wakhe. Ngizaliphathisa lobabili ukuthi likhulume njalo ngizalifundisa ukuthi lenzeni. **16** Yena uzakukhulumela ebantwini, njalo kuzakuba sengani nguye ongumlomo wakho njalo kube angani wena unguNkulunkulu kuye. **17** Kodwa phatha intonga le esandleni sakho ukuze wenze izimangaliso ngayo.” **18** UMosi wasebuyela kuyisezala uJethro wathi kuye, “Bengicela ukubuyela ebantwini bakithi eGibhithe ukuthi ngiyebona kumbe balokhu besaphilile.” UJethro wathi kuye, “Hamba kuhle.” **19** UThixo wayethe kuMosi eMidiyani, “Buyela eGibhithe, ngoba bonke abantu ababefuna ukukubulala sebafa.” **20** Ngakho uMosi wathatha umkakhe kanye lamadodana akhe, wabakhweza kubabhemi waqala uhambo lokubuyela

eGibhithe. Wathatha intonga kaNkulunkulu wayiphatha
ngesandla. **21** UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Ekubuyeleni kwakho
eGibhithe, bona ukuthi uyazenza zonke izimangaliso
engikuphe amandla okuba uzenze phambi kukaFaro.
Kodwa ngizakwenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni ukuba
angabavumeli abantu ukuthi basuke. **22** Uzakuthi kuFaro,
‘uThixo uthi u-Israyeli yindodana yami elizibulo, **23** njalo
ngakutshela ngathi, “Vumela indodana yami ihambe,
ukuze iyengikhonza.” Kodwa wena wala ukuyivumela
ukuba ihambe; ngakho ngizabulala indodana yakho
elizibulo.’” **24** Kwathi besesendleleni, endlini yezihambi,
uThixo wahlangana loMosi wafuna ukumbulala. **25** Kodwa
uZiphora wayisoka indodana yakhe, wathatha isikhumba
sakhona wasethinta inyawo zikaMosi ngaso. Wathi,
“Impela wena ungumyeni wegazi.” **26** Ngakho uThixo
wamyekela. (Ngalesosikhathi uZiphora wathi “umyeni
wegazi,” esitsho ukusoka.) **27** UThixo wathi ku-Aroni,
“Hamba uye enkangala uhlangabezane loMosi.” Ngakho
wasuka wayahlangana loMosi entabeni kaThixo wamanga.
28 UMosi wamtshela u-Aroni konke uThixo ayemthume
ukuthi akutsho, njalo langazo zonke izibonakaliso
ezimangalisayo ayemlaye ukuba azenze. **29** UMosi lo-Aroni
bahamba bafika baqoqa bonke abadala bako-Israyeli,
30 u-Aroni wasebatshela konke uThixo ayekutshele
uMosi. Wenza lezibonakaliso phambi kwabantu, **31**
bakholwa. Kwathi besizwa ukuthi uThixo uyabakhathalela,
njalo wayelubonile usizi lwabo, bakhothama phansi
bamkhonza.

5 Emva kwalokho uMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro. Bathi kuye,
“Sikulethele ilizwi elivela kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabantu
bako-Israyeli. Uthi, ‘Vumela abantu bami bahambe,
ukuze bangenzele umkhosi enkangala.’” **2** UFaro wathi,
“Ungubani uThixo okufanele ngimlalele ngivumele
abako-Israyeli ukuba bahambe na? Mina kangimazi
uThixo, njalo kangiyikubavumela abako-Israyeli ukuba
bahambe.” **3** Ngakho-ke bona bathi, “UNkulunkulu
wamaHebheru ubonakele kithi. Kumele sithathe uhambo
lwamalanga amathathu siye enkangala ukuze siyenikela
iminikelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, funa asibulale
ngemikhuhlane loba ngenkemba.” **4** Kodwa inkosi
yaseGibhithe yathi, “Mosi lo-Aroni, kungani lisusa abantu
emsebenzini wabo? Buyelani emisebenzini yenu.” **5** UFaro
wasesithi, “Khangelani abantu sebebanengi elizweni,
kodwa lina liyabamisa ukusebenza.” **6** Ngalelolanga uFaro
wathumela lelilizwi ezinduneni zezigqili ezazisebenzisa
abantu wathi: **7** “Lingabe lisabapha abantu utshani
bokwenza izitina. Yekelani bayezidingela utshani babo
kodwa lingehlisi inani lezitina okumele bazenze. **8** Kumele
ukuthi batshaye inani abebelitshaya. Bangamavila,
yikho besuka bakhale besithi, ‘Kasihambeni siyenikela
kuNkulunkulu wethu.’ **9** Yenzani umsebenzi ubenzima
kwabesilisa ukuze baqhubekele phambili ngomsebenzi
batshiyane lokulalela amanga.” **10** Izinduna zezigqili kanye
labaphathi baphuma bayatshela abantu bathi, “Nanku
esikulaywe nguFaro, uthi, ‘Kangisoze ngilinike utshani
futhi. **11** Hambani liyesika utshani lapho elingabuthola
khona. Kodwa umsebenzi wenu kawusoze uphungulwe

lakancinyane.'" **12** Ngakho abantu bahlakazeka kulolonke
elaseGibhithe, besika imihlanga ukuze bayisebenzise
esikhundleni sotshani. **13** Izinduna zezigqili zaqhubeka
zibakhahlameza zisithi, "Qedani imisebenzi yansuku
zonke njengalokho elalikwenza lisazuza utshani." **14**
Abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-Israyeli ababekhethwe
yizinduna zezigqili zikaFaro batshaywa bebuzwa
ukuthi, "Kungani inani lezolo lelanamuhla lingenelanga
njengakuqala?" **15** Ngakho abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-
Israyeli baya kuFaro bamncenga besithi, "Kungani
uphatha izisebenzi zakho ngale indlela? **16** Izisebenzi
zakho kazinikwa utshani, kodwa sitshelwa ukuthi,
'Tshayani izitina!' Izisebenzi zakho ziyatshaywa, kodwa
umlandu ngowabantu bakho." **17** UFaro wathi, "Mavila,
yikho eliyikho, mavila! Yikho lihlala lisithi, 'Siyekele
siyenikela kuThixo.' **18** Buyelani emsebenzini. Akulatshani
elizabuphiwa. Kodwa kumele lenze izitina ezifika inani
ebelivele lilenza." **19** Abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-Israyeli
bananzelela ukuthi babesebunzimeni obukhulu baze
batshelwe ukuthi, "Kakumelanga lehlise inani lezitina
okumele lilenze nsuku zonke." **20** Sebesukile kuFaro,
bafica uMosi lo-Aroni bebalindele. **21** Basebesithi, "uThixo
kalikhangele alahlulele. Selenze ukuthi senyanyeke kuFaro
lakuziphathamandla zakhe, lafaka inkemba ezandleni
zabo ukuba basibulale." **22** UMosi wabuyela kuThixo
wathi kuye, "Thixo, kungani ulethe uhlupho ebantwini
laba? Yiso yini isizatho sokungithuma. **23** Selokhu ngaya
kuFaro ukuyakhuluma ngebizo lakho, uselethe uhlupho

ebantwini laba, njalo kawubahlenganga abantu bakho lakancane.”

6 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Uzabona esengizakwenza kuFaro khathesi. Ngenxa yamandla esandla sami uzabavumela bahambe, ngenxa yamandla esandla sami uzabaxotsha elizweni lakhe.” **2** UNkulunkulu waphinda wathi kuMosi, “NginguThixo. **3** Ngazibonakalisa ku-Abhrahama, ku-Isaka lakuJakhobe njengoNkulunkulu uSomandla, kodwa ngegama lami elithi Thixo kangizange ngizibonakalise kubo. **4** Ngaphinda ngenza isivumelwano labo ukuze ngibanike ilizwe leKhenani lapho ababehlala khona njengabezizweni. **5** Phezu kwalokho, sengikuzwile ukububula kwabantu bako-Israyeli besebugqilini ngaphansi kwamaGibhithe, njalo sengikhumbule isivumelwano sami. **6** Ngakho tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi nginguThixo, njalo ngizalikhulula embusweni wamaGibhithe onzima, ngizalikhulula ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo, njalo ngizalikhulula ngesandla eseluliweyo langezimangaliso. **7** Ngizalemukela njengabantu bami njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu. Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha embusweni olukhuni wamaGibhithe. Ngizalikhulula ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo. **8** Njalo ngizaliletha elizweni engafunga ngesandla sami esiphakemeyo ukulinika u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe. Ngizalinika lona ukuze libe ngelenu. Mina nginguThixo.” **9** UMosi wabika lokhu kwabako-Israyeli, kodwa kabazange bamlalele ngenxa yokudangala kwabo ebugqilini obulochuku. **10** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi,

11 “Hamba uyetshela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe ukuthi
avumele abako-Israyeli baphume elizweni lakhe.” **12**
Kodwa uMosi wathi kuThixo, “Nxa abako-Israyeli
bengangilaleli, kuyini okungenza ukuthi uFaro angilalele,
njengoba ngikhuluma ngigagasa?” **13** UThixo wakhuluma
loMosi lo-Aroni mayelana labako-Israyeli loFaro inkosi
yaseGibhithe wabalaya ukuthi bavumele abantu bako-
Israyeli ukuthi baphume eGibhithe. **14** Laba babezinhloko
zezindlu zaboyise: Amadodana kaRubheni, izibulo lika-
Israyeli ayeyila: uHanokhi, uPhalu, uHezironi, loKhami.
Laba babengabosendo lukaRubheni. **15** Amadodana
kaSimiyoni ayeyila: uJemuyeli, uJamini, u-Ohadi, uJakhini,
uZohari, loShawuli olonina oweyengumKhenani. Laba
babengabosendo lukaSimiyoni. **16** La ngamabizo
amadodana kaLevi ngokwemibhalo yabo: uGeshoni,
uKhohathi loMerari. ULevi waphila iminyaka elikhulu
elilamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa. **17** Amadodana
kaGeshoni ngezizukulwana zawo ayeyila: uLibhini,
uShimeyi, lemuli zabo. **18** Amadodana kaKhohathi
ayeyila: u-Amramu, u-Izihari, uHebhroni lo-Uziyeli.
UKhohathi waphila iminyaka elikhulu elilamatshumi
amathathu lantathu. **19** Amadodana kaMerari ayeyila:
uMahili loMushi. Laba babengabosendo lukaLevi,
ngokwemibhalo yabo. **20** U-Amramu wathatha
uJokhebhedi owayengudadewabo kayise. Wamzalela u-
Aroni loMosi. U-Amramu waphila iminyaka elikhulu
elilamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa. **21** Amadodana
ka-Izihari ayeyila; uKhora, uNefegi loZikhiri. **22**
Amadodana ka-Uziyeli ayeyila: uMishayeli, u-Elizafani

loSithiri. **23** U-Aroni wathatha u-Elishebha indodakazi ka-Aminadabi. U-Elishebha wayengudadewabo kaNahashoni. Wamzalela uNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari. **24** Amadodana kaKhora ayeyila; u-Asiri, u-Elikhana lo-Abhiyasafi. Laba babengabosendo lukaKhora. **25** U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni wathatha omunye wamadodakazi kaPhuthiyeli. Wamzalela uFinehasi. Laba-ke yibo ababengabakhokheli bezimuli zakoLevi, ngendlu yinye ngayinye. **26** Yibo labo o-Aroni loMosi uThixo athi kubo, "Khokhelani abantu bami bako-Israyeli libakhuphe elizweni laseGibhithe ngamakhulu abo." **27** Yibo laba abaya kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe mayelana lokukhupha abantu bako-Israyeli eGibhithe. Kwakuyibo oMosi lo-Aroni. **28** Ngesikhathi uThixo ekhuluma loMosi eGibhithe, **29** wathi kuye, "NginguThixo. Tshela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe yonke into engikutshela yona." **30** Kodwa uMosi wathi kuThixo, "Njengoba ngikhuluma ngigagasa, kambe kuyini okungenza ukuthi uFaro azihluphe ngokungilalela?"

7 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Khangela, sengikwenze wafana loNkulunkulu kuFaro, njalo umfowenu u-Aroni uzakuba ngumphrofethi wakho. **2** Uzakhuluma konke engizakulaya khona njalo umfowenu u-Aroni uzatshela uFaro ukuthi avumele abako-Israyeli ukuba basuke elizweni lakhe. **3** Kodwa ngizakwenza inhliziyo kaFaro ibe lukhuni, njalo lanxa ngizakwandisa izimangaliso zami elizweni laseGibhithe, **4** kasoze alilalele. Sekunjalo ngizakwelula isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, njalo ngezenzo zami zokwahlulela

ezilamandla, ngizakwahlukanisa abantu. **5** Njalo abantu baseGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi ngempela mina nginguThixo lapho sengiselula isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, besengikhupha abako-Israyeli kulelolizwe." **6** UMosi lo-Aroni benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. **7** UMosi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ubudala, u-Aroni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lantathu ngesikhathi bekhuluma loFaro. **8** UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **9** "Nxa uFaro angathi kini limenzele isimangaliso, wena uzakuthi ku-Aroni, 'Thatha intonga yakho uyiphose phambi kukaFaro,' izaphenduka ibe yinyoka." **10** Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro. Bafika benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. U-Aroni waphosa intonga yakhe phansi phambi kukaFaro lezikhulu zakhe, yaphenduka yaba yinyoka. **11** UFaro wasebiza izanuse lezinyanga zaseGibhithe. Lazo zenza izimanga ngendlela efanayo. **12** Bonke baphosela intonga zabo phansi zaphenduka zaba zinyoka. Kodwa inyoka ka-Aroni yaziginya zonke izinyoka. **13** Kodwa-ke, lanxa kwabanjalo, inhliziyo kaFaro yala ilokhu ilukhuni; njengoba uThixo wayetshilo. **14** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Inhliziyo kaFaro ilukhuni; uyala ukuthi abantu bahambe. **15** Yana kuFaro ekuseni, ngesikhathi esehlela emfuleni. Ubokuma okhunjini lomfula uNayili, umhlangabeze uphethe intonga eyaphenduka yaba yinyoka. **16** Ubokuthi kuye, 'uThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ungithumile njalo kuwe ukuba ngizekutshela ukuthi: Vumela abantu bami ukuthi bahambe, ukuze bayengikhonza enkangala. Kodwa

kuze kube khathesi kawukalaleli. **17** UThixo uthi, Ngalokhu
uzakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo: Ngentonga esesandleni
sami ngizatshaya amanzi kaNayili njalo azaphenduka
abe ligazi. **18** Inhlanzi kuNayili zizakufa, amanzi omfula
azanuka athi phu, ngakho abantu baseGibhithe abangeke
babe besawanatha.'" **19** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Tshela
u-Aroni uthi 'thatha intonga yakho welulele isandla sakho
phezu kwamanzi eGibhithe, lakuyo yonke imifula yakhona
lemisele yamanzi, amaxhaphozi, lamachibi, wonke amanzi
alapho azaphenduka abe ligazi.' Igazi lizagcwala eGibhithe
lasezinkonxeni zezigodo lasezitsheni zamatshe." **20**
UMosi lo-Aroni benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo.
Waphakamisa intonga yakhe phambi kukaFaro lezikhulu
zakhe watshaya amanzi kaNayili aphenduka aba ligazi. **21**
Inhlanzi zikaNayili zafa. Umfula wanuka kubi okokuthi
abaseGibhithe babengeke bawanathe amanzi akhona.
Igazi laseligcwele indawo yonke. **22** Kodwa izanuse
zaseGibhithe lazo ngemilingo yazo zenza izimanga
ezifananayo. Ngalokho inhliziyo kaFaro yala ilokhu
ilukhuni. Kabalalelanga oMosi lo-Aroni njengoba uThixo
wayevele etshilo. **23** UFaro wabuyela esigodlweni sakhe
engakunaki lokho. **24** Sekunjalo abaseGibhithe bemba
imithombo okhunjini lomfula uNayili ukuba bathole
amanzi okunatha, ngoba babengeke babe besawanatha
awomfula. **25** Kwedlula insuku eziyisikhombisa ngemva
kokuba uThixo enze amanzi kaNayili aba ligazi.

8 UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Buyela njalo kuFaro uthi
kuye, 'UThixo uthi, Vumela abantu bami bahambe
bayengikhonza. **2** Ungala ngizathumela uhlupho

lwamaxoxo elizweni lakho. **3** Umfula uNayili uzagcwala amaxoxo. Azangena esigodlweni sakho lasendlini yakho yokulala, lasembhedeni wakho; angene lezindlini zezikhulu zakho lezabantu bakho. Azagcwala ezindaweni zenu zokuphekela, lasemiganwini yenu yokuvubela izinkwa. **4** Amaxoxo la azakuba phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho kanye lezikhulu zakho.'" **5** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Tshela u-Aroni akhombele intonga emifuleni, lasezifudlaneni lasezizibeni zonke zaseGibhithe ukuze kube lamaxoxo ezindaweni zonke zelizwe." **6** U-Aroni welulela isandla sakhe emanzini eGibhithe, amaxoxo agcwala ilizwe lonke. **7** Kodwa-ke izanuse lazo zenzanjalo ngemilingo yazo yensitha, zenza kwaba lamaxoxo elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **8** UFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi kubo, "Ncengani uThixo asuse amaxoxo kimi lebantwini bami, lami ngizavumela abantu bakhe ukuba bahambe bayenikela imihlatshelo kuThixo." **9** UMosi wathi, kuFaro "Ngikutshiya kuwe ukuba ubeke isikhathi sokuthi ngikukhulekele wena lezikhulu zakho labantu bakho ukuze lina lezindlu zenu lilanyulelwe emaxoxweni, ngaphandle kwalawo azasala kuNayili." **10** UFaro wathi, "Kwenze kusasa." UMosi wasesithi, "Kuzakuba njengokutsho kwakho ukuze ukwazi ukuthi kakho omunye onjengoThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **11** Amaxoxo azasuka kini lezindlini zenu lezezikhulu labantu benu abesesala emfuleni uNayili kuphela." **12** UMosi lo-Aroni basuka kuFaro. UMosi wakhala kuThixo ukuba asuse amaxoxo ayewathumele kuFaro. **13** UThixo wenza lokho uMosi ayekucelile. Amaxoxo afa ezindlini lemagumeni

lemasimini. **14** Bawabuthelela aba zinqwabanqwaba;
ilizwe lonke lanuka phu ngamaxoxo. **15** Kodwa uFaro
ebona ukuthi udubo soluphungukile womisa inhliziyo
yakhe wala ukulalela uMosi lo-Aroni njengokwakuvele
kukhulunywe nguThixo. **16** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi,
"Tshela u-Aroni uthi, 'Phakamisa intonga yakho utshaye
uthuli lomhlabathi,' uthuli luzaphenduka lube zintwala
elizweni lonke laseGibhithe." **17** Benza njengokulaywa
kwabo, kwathi u-Aroni eselule isandla sakhe ephethe
intonga watshaya uthuli, intwala zahlasela abantu
lezifuyo zabo. Uthuli lonke eGibhithe lwaphenduka
lwaba zintwala. **18** Izanuse lazo zazama ukwenza
intwala ngemilingo yazo, kodwa zehluleka. Njengoba
intwala zazisebantwini lezinyamazaneni, **19** izanuse
zathi kuFaro, "Lokhu kungumunwe kaNkulunkulu."
Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yayilukhuni, kabalalelanga
njengoba uThixo wayevele etshilo. **20** UThixo wasesithi
kuMosi, "Kusasa ubovuka ekuseni kakhulu uhlangabeze
uFaro lapho esiya emanzini. Ubokuthi kuye, 'Vumela
abantu bami bahambe bayengikhonza. **21** Ungala,
ngizathumela umtshitshi wempukane kuwe, ebantwini
bakho lezindlini zenu. Izindlu zabantu baseGibhithe
zizagcwala impukane lomhlabathi ugcwale zona. **22**
Kodwa ngalolosuku akuyikuba njalo eGosheni lapho
okuhlala khona abantu bami. Akuyikuba lemitshitshi
yempukane khona. Ngakho uzakwazi ukuthi mina
nginguThixo womhlaba wonke. **23** Ngizakwenza kube
lomahluko phakathi kwabantu bami labantu bakho.
Lesisimangaliso sizakwenzakala kusasa.'" **24** UThixo

wenza njengoba wayetshilo. Umtshitshi wempukane ezinengi okwesabeka kakhulukazi zagcwala esigodlweni sikaFaro lasezindlini zezikhulu zakhe, lakulo lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe; zalitshabalalisa. **25** UFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni. Wathi kubo, “Hambani liyehlabela uNkulunkulu wenu likhonapha kulelilizwe.” **26** UMosi waphendula wathi, “Lokho akulunganga. Imihlatshelo yethu esinikela ngayo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu iyanengeka ebantwini beGibhithe. Singanikela ngeminikelo abayizondayo kambe kabayikusitshaya ngamatshe na? **27** Kumele sithathe uhambo lwezizinsuku ezintathu siye enkangala siyemhlabela khonale uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu njengokusilaya kwakhe.” **28** UFaro wathi, “Ngizalivumela lihambe liyenikela imihlatshelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu enkangala, kodwa lingayi khatshana. Khathesi ngikhulekelani.” **29** UMosi waphendula wathi, “Ngizakuthi ngisanda kusuka ngikhuleke kuThixo, njalo kusasa umtshitshi wempukane uzasuka kuFaro, ezikhulwini zakhe lebantwini bakhe. Kodwa uFaro kangasikhohlisi futhi asuke angasavumeli abantu ukuba bahambe bayenikela imihlatshelo kuThixo.” **30** Emva kwalokho uMosi wasuka kuFaro wasekhuleka kuThixo. **31** UThixo wenza lokho okwakucelwe nguMosi, umtshitshi wempukane wanyamalala kuFaro lezikhulu zakhe labantu bakhe, akwaze kwasala leyodwa. **32** Kodwa langalesosikhathi uFaro wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba lukhuni kazabavumela abako-Israyeli ukuba bahambe.

9 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Yana kuFaro uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu

wamaHebheru, ukuthi, “Yekela abantu bami bahambe,
ukuze bayengikhonza.” **2** Ungabalela ukuthi bahambe
ube ulokhu ubabambile **3** uThixo uzakwehlisela isifo
esibi ezifuyweni zakho emadlelweni, amabhiza enu,
obabhemi, amakamela, inkomo, izimvu lembuzi. **4**
Kodwa uThixo uzakwenza umahluko phakathi kwezifuyo
zabako-Israyeli lezamaGibhithe ukuze kungafi lasinye
isifuyo sabako-Israyeli.’” **5** UThixo wamisa isikhathi
esithile wathi, “uThixo uzakwenza lokhu kusasa
elizweni leli.” **6** Lakanye ngelanga elilandelayo uThixo
wakwenza, zonke izifuyo zamaGibhithe zafa, kodwa
akufanga ngitsho lasinye isifuyo sabako-Israyeli. **7** UFaro
wathuma amadoda ukuyahlola umonakalo afumana
ukuthi kwakungafanga sifuyo lasinye sabako-Israyeli.
Kodwa inhliziyo yakhe yala ilokhu ilukhuni, wabalela
abantu ukuthi bahambe. **8** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi
lo-Aroni, “Thathani umlotha omlutshwana eziko lifike
kuFaro uMosi awuhazele emoyeni phambi kwakhe. **9**
Uzakuba luthuli phezu kwelizwe lonke laseGibhithe,
lapho-ke kuzaphihlika amathumba amabi ebantwini
lasezinyamazaneni kulolonke ilizwe.” **10** Ngakho
bathatha umlotha eziko baya kuFaro. UMosi wawuhazela
emoyeni, abantu bonke lezinyamazana zonke kwamilwa
ngamathumba aphihlikayo. **11** Izangoma zehluleka
ukumisana loMosi ngenxa yamathumba ayezibulala kanye
lamaGibhithe wonke. **12** Kodwa uThixo wenza yaba
lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro wala ukulalela uMosi lo-Aroni
njengoba uThixo wayevele etshilo kuMosi. **13** UThixo
wasesithi kuMosi, “Vuka ekuseni kakhulu uye kuFaro,

uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, uthi, yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuze bayengikhonza. **14** Kungenjalo kulesisikhathi ngizakwehlisa ubunzima bezinhlupho zami obulesihluku phezu kwakho, phezu kwezinceku zakho labantu bakho ukuze lazi ukuthi kakho omunye onjengami emhlabeni wonke. **15** Kunje nje ngabe sengiselulile isandla sami ngakutshaya kanye labantu bakho ngesifo ebesizakucitsha emhlabeni. **16** Kodwa ngikuphephisile ngayonale injongo yokuthi ngikubonise amandla ami, lokuthi ibizo lami lifakazwe kuwo wonke umhlaba. **17** Ulokhu utshingela abantu bami ubalela ukuthi bahambe. **18** Ngalokho-ke ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngizakwehlisa isiqhotho esingakaze sehlele eGibhithe lilokhu lababala laba khona ilizwe leli. **19** Wohle nje uthumezele ilizwi lokuthi izifuyo zakho lakho konke olakho emadlelweni kubuyiswe kuvalelwe esibayeni esivikelweyo ngoba isiqhotho leso sizatshaya umuntu wonke lesifuyo sonke esingabuthwanga nxa silokhu sisegangeni, konke kuzakufa.’” **20** Lezozikhulu zikaFaro ezalesabayo ilizwi likaThixo zaphanga zangenisa izigqili zazo lezifuyo ngaphakathi. **21** Labo abangalinanzanga ilizwi likaThixo izigqili zabo lezifuyo zabo bakuyekela kusegangeni. **22** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Yelula isandla sakho siye phezulu ukuze kune isiqhotho kulolonke iGibhithe, phezu kwabantu lezinyamazana laphezu kwakho konke okukhulayo emasimini aseGibhithe.” **23** UMosi wonela ukukhomba ngentonga yakhe phezulu, uThixo wehlisa umdumo lesiqhotho, umbane wabaneka phansi

emhlabathini. Ngakho uThixo wanisa isiqhotho elizweni laseGibhithe. **24** Isiqhotho satshaya umbane wabaneka yonke indawo. Sasingakaze sibe khona isiphepho esinjalo sekulokhu isizwe saseGibhithe saba khona. **25** Isiqhotho satshaya saqothula yonke into egangeni, abantu lezinyamazana; sabhuqa konke okukhulayo emasimini, saphundla izihlahla zonke eGibhithe. **26** Indawo eyasilayo yiGosheni lapho okwakulabako-Israyeli khona. **27** UFaro wasebiza uMosi lo-Aroni. Wathi kubo, "Okwamanje ngenze isono. UThixo ulungile, kukanti mina labantu bami siyizoni. **28** Khulekani kuThixo, ngoba ukukhwaza kwezulu lesiqhotho sekwanele. Ngizaliyekela lihambe; akusadingeki ukuthi lihlale." **29** UMosi waphendula wathi. "Nxa sengiphumile edolobheni ngizavula izandla zami ngikhuleke kuThixo. Ukuduma kuzakhawula kungabe kusaba lesiqhotho, ukuze wazi ukuthi umhlaba ngokaThixo. **30** Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi wena lezikhulu zakho lilokhu lingamesabi uThixo uNkulunkulu." **31** (Amabele lebhali kwabhuqwa nya ngoba amabele ayeselezikhwebu lophoko selumumethe. **32** Ingqoloyi lenyawuthi khona kakuthintwanga ngoba kuvuthwa muva.) **33** UMosi wasesuka kuFaro waphuma edolobheni. Welulela izandla zakhe kuThixo; ukuduma kwezulu lesiqhotho kwakhawula, izulu alabe lisana emhlabeni. **34** Kwathi uFaro ebona ukuthi izulu lesiqhotho lokukhwaza kwezulu kwasekukhawule waphinda wenza isono: Yena lezikhulu zakhe benza inhliziyo zabo zaba lukhuni. **35** Ngakho inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni akaze

avumela abako-Israyeli ukuthi bahambe njengoba uThixo wayetshilo ngoMosi.

10 Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Hamba kuFaro, ngoba sengiyenze yaba lukhuni inhliziyo yakhe lezinhliziyo zezikhulu zakhe ukuze ngenze izimanga zami kubo **2** ukuze lilandisele abantwabenu labazukulu benu ukuthi ngabahlukuluza njani abeGibhithe lokuthi ngabenzela izimanga, khona lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.” **3** Ngakho oMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro bathi kuye, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru: ‘Uzakwala kuze kube nini ukuzithoba phambi kwami? Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuze bayengikhonza. **4** Nxa usala ukuthi bahambe ngizaletha intethe elizweni lakho kusasa. **5** Zizakwembesa wonke umhlabathi usale ungasabonakali. Zizakudla ziphundle du lalokho okuncinyane okwatshiywa yisiqhotho kanye lezihlahla zonke ezikhula egangeni. **6** Zizagcwala ezindlini zakho lezezikhulu zakho zonke lezamaGibhithe, into oyihlo labokhokho bakho abangazange bayibone selokhu bahlala kulelilizwe kuze kube manje.’” Khonapho uMosi wabe efulathela esuka kuFaro. **7** Izikhulu zikaFaro zathi kuye, “Koze kube nini na indoda le ilokhu iyisifu kithi? Yekela abantu bahambe bayekhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. Ulokhu ungaboni yini ukuthi ilizwe leGibhithe selichithekile?” **8** UMosi lo-Aroni basebebuyiswa kuFaro. Wathi, “Hambani liyokhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Kanti konje ngobani abahambayo?” **9** UMosi waphendula wathi, “Sizahamba labatsha labadala bethu; lamadodana lamadodakazi ethu, lemihlambi yethu

ngoba kumele senzele uThixo umkhosi.” **10** UFaro wathi, “uThixo kabe lani, kumbe likhumbula ukuthi ngizaliyekela lihambe labesifazane labantwana! Kusobala ukuthi liqonde ukwenza okubi. **11** Hatshi! Akuhambe amadoda kuphela; amkhonze uThixo ngoba phela yikho ebelivele likukhalela.” Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni basebexotshwa phambi kukaFaro. **12** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Yelula isandla sakho phezu kweGibhithe ukuze kwehle isikhongwane, izintethe, kulolonke ilizwe zidle zigugude konke okukhulayo emangweni, konke lokho okwatshiywa yisiqhotho.” **13** UMosi wayiphakamisa intonga yakhe phezu kweGibhithe, uThixo wasequbula umoya wempumalanga wavunguza elizweni lonke ngalelolanga lobusuku bakhona. Ekuseni umoya waletha izintethe. **14** Zalihlasela lonke elaseGibhithe zagcwala silikici kuzozonke izindawo zelizwe ngobunengi bazo. Kwakungakaze kube lesikhongwane esingako njalo singeyikufa saba khona njalo lanini. **15** Intethe lezo zavala umhlabathi waba mnyama bhuqe. Zatshaya zabhuqa konke okwakusele ngesikhathi sesiqhotho, konke okwakukhula emangweni kanye lezithelo zezihlahla. Akusalanga lutho oluluhlaza ezihlahleni loba isilimo bani kulolonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. **16** UFaro waphanga wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, “Ngonile kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lakini. **17** Manje-ke ngixolelani njalo libuye likhuleke kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ukuthi asuse loluhlupho olubhubhisayo.” **18** UMosi wasesuka kuFaro wayakhuleka kuThixo. **19** UThixo wasewuguqula umoya waphephetha uvelela entshonalanga ulamandla. Wazidudula izintethe

wazitshovela oLwandle Olubomvu. Akusalanga ntethe
layinye loba ngaphi eGibhithe. **20** Kodwa uThixo
wayenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, kaze abavumela
abako-Israyeli ukuthi bahambe. **21** UThixo wasesithi
kuMosi, "Yelulela isandla sakho emkhathini ukwenzela
ukuthi umnyama wembese iGibhithe lonke, umnyama
obambekayo." **22** Ngakho uMosi waseselulela isandla
sakhe phezulu, kwathi gubu umnyama okhasa phansi,
walembesa lonke elaseGibhithe okwensuku ezintathu. **23**
Kakho owayesabona omunye njalo kakho owayengasuka
endaweni yakhe okwalezonsuku ezintathu. Kodwa
ama-Israyeli ayelakho ukukhanya ezindaweni ayehlala
kuzo. **24** UFaro wasebiza uMosi wathi, "Hambani
liyekhonza uThixo. Ngitsho labesifazane benu labantwana
hambani labo; litshiye kuphela imihlambi yezifuyo
zenu." **25** Kodwa uMosi wathi, "Kumele usivumele ukuthi
siyokwenza imihlatshelo leminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu. **26** Izifuyo zethu lazo zimele zihambe
lathi kungasali lasinye. Kumele siyosebenzisa ezinye
zazo ekukhonzeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. Phela
kasisoze sazi ukuthi sizasebenzisa siphi isifuyo ukukhonza
uThixo size sifike khonale." **27** Kodwa uThixo wayenza
yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, kaze afuna ukubayekela
bahambe. **28** UFaro wathi kuMosi, "Suka phambi kwami!
Phinde ngikubone futhi. Mhla wangibona futhi ufile
wena." **29** UMosi waphendula wathi, "Akube njengokuba
usitsho. Phinde ungibone njalo lapha."

11 Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wathi kuMosi, "Sekusele
ukuthi ngehlise uhlupho olulodwa kuFaro laphezu

kweGibhithe. Ngemva kwalokho uzaliyekela lisuke lapha, njalo liphume eselixotsha lonke. **2** Tshela abantu ukuthi amadoda labafazi ngokufananayo bacele kubomakhelwane babo izinto zesiliva legolide." **3** (UThixo wenza amaGibhithe aba lomusa ebantwini, loMosi uqobo wahlonitshwa kakhulu yizikhulu zikaFaro langabantu.) **4** Ngakho uMosi wasesithi, "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: 'Phakathi kobusuku ngizahambahamba kulolonke elaseGibhithe. **5** Wonke owesilisa olizibulo eGibhithe uzakufa, kusukela ezibulweni likaFaro ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi kuthathe kanye lezibulo lesigqili sentombazana esisebenza ukuchola, kanye lamazibulo enkomo uqobo. **6** Kuzakuba lesililo esikhulu eGibhithe lonke, isililo esingakaze sibe khona njalo esingayikuba khona lanini. **7** Kodwa kwabako-Israyeli akuyikuba lanja ezakhonkotha umuntu loba inyamazana.' Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi uThixo uyawehlukanisa amaGibhithe kwabako-Israyeli. **8** Zonke izikhulu zakho lezi zizakuza kimi zikhothamisele ubuso phansi phambi kwami zisithi, 'Hambani, wena labo bonke abakulandelayo!' Ngemva kwalokho ngizasuka." UMosi wasesuka kuFaro elokhu ezonde evutha umlilo. **9** UThixo wayesetshilo kuMosi wathi, "UFaro uzaqinisa intamo, ukuze zande izimangaliso zami eGibhithe." **10** UMosi lo-Aroni bazenza zonke izimangaliso lezi emehlweni kaFaro, kodwa uThixo wayenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro kaze abavumela abako-Israyeli ukuthi baphume elizweni lakhe.

12 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni beseGibhithe, **2** "Inyanga le kayibe yinyanga yakuqala kini, inyanga

yokuqala emnyakeni wenu. **3** Tshelani bonke abomndeni
ka-Israyeli ukuthi ngelanga letshumi lale inyanga indoda
ngayinye kayithathele abomuzi wayo izinyane libe
linye indlu ngendlu. **4** Nxa abendlu bebalutshwana
kakhulu ukuthi abangeke baliqede lelozinyane kababelane
labomakhelwane abaseduze kwabo kusiya ngenani labo
ukuthi bangaki. Kumele uphawule ukuthi kungadingeka
izinyane elingakanani kusiya ngokuthi umuntu emunye
angadla inyama engakanani. **5** Kumele ukhethe
amazinyane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa angelasici,
njalo ungakhetha ezimvini loba embuzini. **6** Agcine
amazinyane lawo kuze kube lusuku lwetshumi lane
lwenyanga, lapho isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli esizawahlaba
khona nxa kuhwalala. **7** Lapho-ke kuzamele bathathe igazi
baligcobe emaceleni laphezulu kwemigubazi yalezozindlu
abazadlela khona amazinyane. **8** Ngalobobusuku
kumele badle inyama eyoswe emlilweni, lesinkwa
esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabayo. **9** Lingayidli
inyama iluhlaza loba iphekwe ngamanzi, kodwa yoseni
emlilweni konke lenhloko yakhona lamangqina kanye
lezangaphakathi. **10** Lingatshiyi lutho lwayo kuze kube
sekuseni; kuthi nxa kukhona okuseleyo kwayo ekuseni
kumele likutshise. **11** Liboyidla inkalo zenu zibotshiwe,
amanyathela egqokiwe lentonga zenu zisezandleni. Lidle
ngokuphangisa; kuliPhasika likaThixo. **12** Ngalobobusuku
ngizadabula phakathi kweGibhithe ngibulala wonke
amazibulo abantu lawezinyamazana njalo ngizakwahlulela
bonke onkulunkulu bamaGibhithe. Mina nginguThixo. **13**
Igazi lizakuba yisibonakaliso sezindlu lapho elikhona lina;

kuzakuthi ngingabona igazi ngedlule kini. Akulasijeziso esibhidlizayo esizalithinta lina nxa sengichitha iGibhithe.
14 Leli akube lilanga lesikhumbuzo, kuthi zonke izizukulwane ezizayo ziligcine ngomkhosi omkhulu kuThixo, kube yisimiso sanini lanini. **15** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo. Ngelanga lakuqala khuphani imvubelo ezindlini zenu, kuthi lowo odla loba yini elemvubelo ngelanga lakuqala kusiya kwelesikhombisa kumele akhutshwe ko-Israyeli.
16 Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele, liphinde omunye ngosuku lwesikhombisa. Lingenzi msebenzi ngamalanga lawa ngaphandle kokulungisa ukudla kwabantu, yikho kodwa elingakwenza. **17** Gcinani uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo ngoba kwakulilanga engehlukanisa ngalo amaviyo enu eGibhithe. Gcinani lelilanga njengesimiso sanini lanini kuzizukulwane ezizayo. **18** Ngenyanga yakuqala kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo, kusukela kusihlwa ngelanga letshumi lane kuze kube kusihlwa ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lanye. **19** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa akumelanga kutholakale imvubelo ezindlini zenu. Akuthi lowo odla loba yini elemvubelo asuswe phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli, loba engowezizweni kumbe owosendo lwenu.
20 Lingadli lutho olufakwe imvubelo. Loba kungaphi elihlala khona libokudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo.” **21** Ngakho uMosi wasebiza bonke abadala bako-Israyeli wathi kubo, “Hambani khona manje liyokhetha amazinyane ezindlu zenu lihlabe izinyane lePhasika. **22** Lithathe ilixha lehisophi liyigxamuze emganwini olegazi beselithatha

elinye igazi liligcobe phezulu lakunxa zonke zomgubazi.
Akungabikhona lamunye wenu ozaphuma emnyango
wendlu yakhe kuze kuse. **23** Lapho uThixo edabula
phakathi kwelizwe ebulala amaGibhithe uzalibona
igazi phezulu lemaceleni omgubazi, aceze awedlule
lowomnyango angamvumeli umbhubhisi ukungena
endlini alibulale. **24** Lalelani imilayo le njengezimiso
zaphakade kini lasezizukulwaneni zenu. **25** Nxa lingangena
elizweni uThixo azalinika lona njengokuthembisa kwakhe,
liwugcine umkhosi lo. **26** Nxa abantwabenu belibuza
besithi, 'Umkhosi lo ngowani?' **27** libatshele lithi,
'UliPhasika lomhlatshelo kaThixo owadlula eceza izindlu
zabako-Israyeli eGibhithe, waphephisa imizi yethu mhla
egadla amaGibhithe.'" Khonapho abantu bakhothama
bakhonza. **28** Abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokho uThixo
akuyala uMosi lo-Aroni. **29** Phakathi kobusuku uThixo
wawagongoda wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, kusukela
ezibulweni likaFaro owayesesihlalweni sobukhosi kusiya
ezibulweni lesibotshwa esasisentolongweni, kanye
lamazibulo ezifuyo. **30** UFaro lezikhulu zakhe zonke lawo
wonke amaGibhithe bavuka ebusuku basiqhinqa isililo
esikhulu eGibhithe ngoba kungekho ndlu layinye lapho
okwakungafiwanga khona. **31** Ebusuku uFaro wabiza uMosi
lo-Aroni wathi, "Hambani! Sukani ebantwini bami, lina
labako-Israyeli. Hambani liyekhonza uThixo njengokucela
kwenu. **32** Thathani imihlambi yenu, njengokutsho kwenu
lihambe. Njalo lingibusise." **33** AmaGibhithe akhuthaza
ukuthi baphangise baphume elizweni. Bathi, "Engxenye
singafa sonke!" **34** Ngakho abantu bathatha inhlama yabo

yesinkwa ingakafakwa mvubelo bayithwala emahlombe ngemiganu yokuvubela igoqelwe ngamalembu. **35** Abako-Israyeli benza lokho uMosi abayala khona, bacela kumaGibhithe izinto ezenziwe ngesiliva langegolide kanye lezigqoko. **36** UThixo wenza amaGibhithe aba lomusa abapha konke abakucelayo. Ngakho bawemuka impahla ezinengi amaGibhithe. **37** Uhambo lwabako-Israyeli lwasukela eRamesesi baqonda eSukhothi. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ehamba ngenyawo ngaphandle kwabesifazane labantwana. **38** Abanye abantu abanengi bahamba labo kanye lemihlambi eminengi yezifuyo, izimvu lenkomo. **39** Inhlama abaphuma layo eGibhithe bapheka ngayo isinkwa esingelamvubelo. Inhlama leyo yayingelamvubelo ngoba basuka eGibhithe sebexotshwa abazabe besaba lesikhathi sokuzilungisela umphako. **40** Abako-Israyeli babehlale eGibhithe okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu. **41** Ekupheleni kwaleyominyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu kungeqanga suku wonke amaviyo kaThixo asuka eGibhithe. **42** Kwathi ngoba uThixo walinda ngalobobusuku esakhupha abako-Israyeli eGibhithe, yikho-ke labo abako-Israyeli bonke kumele bawugcine umlindo lo behlonipha uThixo kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo. **43** UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, “Nansi imilayo yePhasika: Akungabi lamuntu wezizweni olidlayo. **44** Isigqili esithengwe ngemali singalidla nxa sesisokile, **45** kodwa isihambi sezizweni lesisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo kabavunyelwa ukulidla. **46** Kalidlelwe endlini eyodwa, kungabi lanyama ephumela phandle

kwendlu. Akungabi lathambo elephulwayo. **47** Isizwe
sonke sako-Israyeli kumele siwugcine lumkhosi. **48**
Owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu nxa efuna ukulidla
iPhasika likaThixo kasoke bonke abesilisa abahlala endlini
yakhe. Lapho-ke usengahlanganyela adle njengomunye
wenzalo yalelolizwe. Owesilisa ongasokwanga kangalidli.
49 Umthetho lo ugoqela bonke abantu, abayinzalo yakini
labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu." **50** Bonke abako-
Israyeli benza khona lokhu uThixo ayekulaye uMosi lo-
Aroni. **51** Njalo ngalelolanga uThixo wakhupha abako-
Israyeli eGibhithe ngamaviyo abo.

13 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Ngahlukanisela wonke
amazibulo esilisa. Konke okuzalwa kuqala phakathi
kwabako-Israyeli kungokwami, kungaba ngumuntu
loba isifuyo." **3** Ngakho uMosi wasesithi ebantwini,
"Lugcineni lube lusuku lwesikhumbuzo lolu, ilanga
elaphuma ngalo eGibhithe, liphuma elizweni lobugqili,
ngoba uThixo walikhupha khona ngamandla amakhulu.
Lingadli lutho olulemvubelo. **4** Lamuhla ngenyanga
ka-Abhibhi, liyasuka. **5** Kuzakuthi uThixo angalifikisa
elizweni lamaKhenani, amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaHivi
lamaJebusi, ilizwe afunga kubokhokho benu ukuthi
uzalinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, kufanele
liwugcine lumkhosi ngayonale inyanga. **6** Okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo kuthi
ngosuku lwesikhombisa lithakazelele umkhosi kaThixo;
7 kungabonwa lutho olulemvubelo phakathi kwenu,
kuvele kungabonwa mvubelo elizweni lenu lonke.
8 Ngalelolanga ngulowo lalowo atshele indodana

yakhe athi, ‘Lokhu ngikwenza ngenxa yalokho uThixo angenzela khona ekuphumeni kwami eGibhithe.’ **9** Lesisikhumbuzo kuwe sizakuba luphawu esandleni sakho lesikhumbuzo ebunzini lakho ukuthi umlayo kaThixo ube sezindebeni zakho. Ngoba uThixo wakukhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla amakhulu. **10** Kalibosigcina lesisimiso ngesikhathi esimisiweyo minyaka yonke. **11** Nxa uThixo eselingenisile elizweni lamaKhenani walinika lona njengokuthembisa kwakhe kini lakubokhokho benu, **12** kumele lahlukanisele uThixo konke okuzalwa kuqala yizo zonke izibeletho. Wonke amazibulo esilisa ezifuyo zenu ngakaThixo. **13** Lizahlenga izibulo likababhemi ngezinyane, kodwa nxa lingalihlenganga lephuleni intamo. Lihlenge njalo wonke amadodana enu angamazibulo. **14** Nxa indodana yakho ikubuza ngesikhathi esizayo isithi, ‘Kutshoni lokhu?’ ubokuthi kuyo, ‘uThixo wasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla amakhulu, wasikhupha elizweni lobugqili. **15** Kwathi uFaro eqholoza esala ukuthi sihambe, uThixo wabulala wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, awabantu lawezinyamazana. Yikho-nje nginikela kuThixo izibulo lesilisa lenzalo yonke ngiphinde ngihlenge wonke amadodana ami angamazibulo.’ **16** Lokhu kuzakuba njengophawu esandleni sakho lesibonelo ebunzini lakho ukuthi uThixo wakukhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla amakhulu.” **17** UFaro esebavumele abantu ukuthi bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela edabula elizweni lamaFilistiya loba yona yayiquma. Ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi, “Nxa behlangana

lempi mhlawumbe bangethuka babuyele eGibhithe.” **18** Yikho uNkulunkulu wabahola ngendlela yenkangala eya oLwandle Olubomvu. Abako-Israyeli baphuma eGibhithe behlomele impi. **19** UMosi wawathwala amathambo kaJosefa ngoba uJosefa wayenze isifungo lamadodana ka-Israyeli wathi, “Ngempela uNkulunkulu uzalikhulula. Lapho-ke libowathwala amathambo ami lisuke lawo kule indawo.” **20** Sebesukile eSukhothi bayamisa e-Ethamu indawo egudlene lenkangala. **21** Emini uThixo wahamba phambi kwabo ngensika yeyezi ebahola endleleni yabo, kwathi ebusuku wabahola ngensika yomlilo ukubakhanyisela ukuze bahambe emini lebusuku. **22** Insika yeyezi emini loba insika yomlilo ebusuku kakuzange kusuke endaweni yakho phambi kwabantu.

14 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi babuyele emuva bayomisa ePhi-Hahirothi phakathi laphakathi kweMigidoli lolwandle. Kabamise eceleni kolwandle malungana leBhali-Zefoni. **3** UFaro uzacabanga ukuthi abako-Israyeli bayantula nje elizweni besangene ngoba sebesithwe yinkangala. **4** Njalo ngizayenza ibe lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro abeselandela exotshana labo. Kodwa ngizazizuzela udumo ngoFaro kanye lempi yakhe yonke, lamaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.” Ngakho abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokhu. **5** Kwathi inkosi yaseGibhithe isitsheliwe ukuthi abantu sebebalekile, uFaro lezikhulu zakhe baguqula ingqondo zabo ngabako-Israyeli bathi, “Sesenzeni manje? Sesiyekele abako-Israyeli bahamba salahlekelwa yikusetshenzelwa yibo!” **6** UFaro waselungisa inqola

yakhe yamabhiza waphuma lempi yakhe. **7** Wathatha
izinqola ezikhethekileyo ezingamakhulu ayisithupha
zahamba kanye lezinye izinqola zaseGibhithe, yinye
ngayinye ilenduna yayo. **8** UThixo wayenza yaba
lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, ngakho
waxotshana labako-Israyeli ababehamba ngesibindi.
9 AmaGibhithe kugoqela wonke amabhiza kaFaro
lezinqola, abagadi bamabhiza lamabutho, abaxhuma
abako-Israyeli abedlula bemise ngasolwandle eduzane
lePhi-Hahirothi malungana leBhali-Zefoni. **10** Kwathi
uFaro esondela abako-Israyeli bathi bevusa amehlo
babona nanko amaGibhithe asebanxwanele. Besaba
bathuthumela bakhala kuThixo. **11** Bathi kuMosi,
"Kambe yikuthi kwakungelamangcwaba yini eGibhithe
uze usilethe lapha enkangala ukuba sizofela khona?
Manje wenzeni ngokusikhupha eGibhithe? **12** Asitshongo
kuwe yini siseGibhithe ukuthi siyekele? Satsho sathi
siyekele sikhonze amaGibhithe. Kwakuzaba ngcono kithi
ukukhonza amaGibhithe kulokufela enkangala!" **13** UMosi
wabaphendula abantu wathi, "Lingesabi. Manini isibindi,
lizabona ukuthi uThixo uzalihlenga njani lamuhla.
AmaGibhithe eliwabonayo lamuhla kalisoze liphinde
liwabone futhi. **14** UThixo uzalilwela; lina manini lithule."
15 Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Kanti ukhalelani
kimi na? Tshela abako-Israyeli baphume bahambe. **16**
Phakamisa intonga yakho welulele isandla sakho phezu
kolwandle amanzi adabuke phakathi ukuze abako-Israyeli
bahambe phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo.
17 Ngizazenza zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zamaGibhithe ukuze

angene abaxhume. Njalo ngizazuza udumo ngoFaro lempi yakhe yonke, langezinqola zakhe labagadi bakhe bamabhiza. **18** AmaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi mina yimi uThixo nxa sengizuza udumo ngoFaro, langezinqola zakhe labagadi bakhe bamabhiza." **19** Kwathi khonapho ingilosi kaNkulunkulu eyayikade ihamba phambili kwempi yabako-Israyeli yasuka yabhoda ngemva kwabo. Insika yeyezi layo yasuka phambili yayakuma ngemva kwabo, **20** yehlukanisa impi yamaGibhithe leyabako-Israyeli. Ubusuku bonke iyezi laletha ubumnyama kwelinye icele labuye laletha ukukhanya ngakwelinye icele; ngakho kabakho abasondela kwabanye ubusuku bonke. **21** Ngakho uMosi waseselulela isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, ngalobobusuku uThixo wafuqela ulwandle emuva ngomoya wempumalanga olamandla kwasala umhlabathi owomileyo. Amanzi adabukana phakathi, **22** abako-Israyeli bazihambela phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo amanzi ezindonga ngapha langapha kwabo. **23** AmaGibhithe abalandela, amabhiza wonke kaFaro, izinqola labagadi bamabhiza bonke babalandela phakathi kolwandle. **24** Kwathi ngomlindo wokucina wobusuku uThixo wakhangela phansi esensikeni yomlilo leyezi, wakhangela phansi empini yamaGibhithe wayidunga yasanganiseka. **25** Wenza ukuthi amavili ezinqola zawo akhumuke okwenza kwaba nzima ukuthi aqhubeke lula. AmaGibhithe asesithi, "Kasehlukaneni labako-Israyeli! UThixo uyabalwela ukuba behlule amaGibhithe." **26** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Phakamisa isandla sakho phezu kolwandle ukuze

amanzi abuyele ambokothe amaGibhithe lezinqola zawo labagadi bamabhiza.” **27** UMosi waseselula isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, kwathi emadabukakusa amanzi abuyela endaweni yawo. AmaGibhithe ayebaleka eqonda emanzini, uThixo wawagubuzela ngamanzi olwandle. **28** Amanzi aqubuka abuyela emuva ambokotha izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, layo yonke impi kaFaro eyalandela abako-Israyeli olwandle. Akusilanga loyedwa kubo. **29** Kodwa abako-Israyeli badabula olwandle emhlabathini owomileyo kulezindonga zamanzi esandleni sokudla lakwesokhohlo. **30** Ngalolosuku uThixo wasindisa u-Israyeli ezandleni zamaGibhithe, njalo abako-Israyeli bawabona amaGibhithe ethe dandalazi okhunjini lolwandle esefile. **31** Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona amandla amakhulu uThixo awatshengisa kumaGibhithe, abantu bamesaba uThixo babeka ithemba labo kuye lakuMosi inceku yakhe.

15 Ngakho uMosi labako-Israyeli basebehlabelela lelihubo kuThixo: “Ngizamhlabelela uThixo ngoba uphakeme kakhulu. Ibhiza lomgadi walo ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle. **2** UThixo ungamandla ami lehubo lami; useyikusindiswa kwami. UnguNkulunkulu wami, ngizamdumisa; uNkulunkulu kababa ngizamphakamisa. **3** UThixo ulibutho; nguThixo ibizo lakhe. **4** Izinqola zikaFaro lempi yakhe ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle. Izikhulu zikaFaro ezithenjiweyo, zigalule oLwandle oluBomvu. **5** Inziki zamanzi zibagubuzele; batshona ekujuleni njengelitshe. **6** Isandla sakho sokunene, Oh Thixo, saba lamandla obukhosi. Isandla sakho sokunene,

Oh Thixo, sasihlikiza isitha. **7** Ebukhulwini bobukhosi
bakho wabasakazela phansi abakuphikisayo. Wavulela
ulaka lwakho oluvuthayo, lwabatshisa njengencwathi.
8 Ngokuphefumula kwamakhala akho amanzi aqoqana
aba yinqwaba. Amanzi ageleza ngenhlokomo ema enza
udonga; amanzi azikileyo ajiya enzikini yolwandle. **9** Isitha
sakloloda sathi, 'Ngizabaxhuma, ngibedlule. Ngizakwaba
impango; ngizazitika ngokungokwabo. Ngizakhokha
inkemba yami, isandla sami sibabhubhise.' **10** Kodwa
wena wavuthela ngomoya wokuphefumula kwakho,
ulwandle lwabasibekela. Batshona njengomnuso emanzini
esabekayo. **11** Ngubani kubonkulunkulu bonke onjengawe,
Thixo? Ngubani onjengawe, olobukhosi ebungcweleni
bakhe, owesabekayo ngenkazimulo, owenza izimangaliso?
12 Welula isandla sakho sokunene umhlabathi uziginye
izitha zakho. **13** Ngothando lwakho olungapheliyo
uzabahola abantu obahlengileyo. Ngamandla akho
uzabaholela endaweni yakho engcwele. **14** Izizwe
zizakuzwa zithuthumele; umhedehede ubahlukuluze
abantu baseFilistiya. **15** Izinduna zase-Edomi zizatshaywa
luvalo, abakhokheli baseMowabi bafikelwe yikwesaba,
abantu baseKhenani banyamalale nya! **16** Ukwesaba
lokuthuthumela kuzabehlela. Ngamandla engalo yakho,
bazathula njengelitshe, abantu bakho baze bedlule, Oh
Thixo, abantu owabadalayo baze bedlule. **17** Uzabangenisa
ubahlanyele entabeni yelifa lakho, indawo, Oh Thixo,
owayenzela ukuthi uhlale kuyo, indawo engcwele, Oh
Thixo, eyamiswa ngezandla zakho. **18** UThixo uzabusa
kuze kube nini lanini." **19** Kwathi lapho amabhiza kaFaro,

izinqola kanye labagadi bamabhiza sebengenile olwandle, uThixo wawabuyisa amanzi alo phezu kwabo, kodwa abako-Israyeli bona bazihambela badabula ulwandle phezu komhlabathi owomileyo. **20** Khonapho uMiriyemu umphrofethikazi, udadewabo ka-Aroni, wathatha isigubhu sakhe ngesandla, bamlandela bonke abesifazane bephethe izigubhu begida. **21** UMiriyemu wabahlabelela wathi:
"Mhlabeleleni uThixo ngoba uphakeme kakhulu.
Ibhiza lomgadi walo ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle."
22 UMosi wasebahola abako-Israyeli basuka oLwandle Olubomvu baya enkangala yeShuri bengatholi manzi. **23** Kwathi befika eMara behluleka ukunatha amanzi akhona ngoba ayebaba. (Yikho indawo leyo kuthiwa yiMara.) **24** Abantu basebekhonona kuMosi besithi, "Sinatheni-ke manje?"
25 UMosi wasekhala kuThixo, uThixo wasemtshengisa isigojwana. Wasiphosela emanzini, amanzi aphenduka aba mnandi. Khonapho uThixo wabenzela isimiso lomthetho, njalo khonapho wabalinga. **26** Wathi, "Nxa lilalela kakuhle ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lenze okulungileyo kuye, lilandele imilayo yakhe njalo ligcine lezimiso zakhe, kangisoze ngilehlisele iziga lezo engazehlisela amaGibhithe; ngoba nginguThixo olisilisayo." **27** Basebefika e-Elimi lapho okwakulemithombo yamanzi elitshumi lambili khona, lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Basebemisa khona lapho eduze kwamanzi.

16 Uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli wasuka e-Elimi, wafika enkangala yeSini ephakathi laphakathi kwe-Elimi leSinayi ngelanga letshumi lanhlanu enyangeni yesibili besuke eGibhithe. **2** Enkangala uzulu wakhonona kuMosi lo-Aroni.

3 Abako-Israyeli bathi kubo, “Ngabe sazifela ngesandla
sikaThixo eGibhithe, lapho esasihlala sigombolozele
imbiza zenyama lakho konke ukudla esasikufumana,
kodwa lina selisilethe lapha enkangala ukuze ixuku
lonke leli liyathe ngendlala.” **4** UThixo wasesithi
kuMosi, “Ngizalehlisela isinkwa sivela ezulwini. Abantu
kumele baphume nsuku zonke bayebutha okwanela
lelolanga. Ngale indlela ngizabalinga ukuze ngibone
ukuthi bayayilandela yini imilayo yami. **5** Ngelanga
lesithupha kumele balungise lokho abayabe bekulethile,
okumele kube ngokuphindwe kabili kulokho abakubutha
kwezinye insuku.” **6** Yikho-ke uMosi lo-Aroni bathi
kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, “Kusihlwa lizakwazi ukuthi
nguThixo olikhuphe kweleGibhithe, **7** njalo ekuseni
lizabona inkazimulo kaThixo ngoba ukuzwile ukukhonona
kwenu. Singobani thina ukuba lisisole?” **8** UMosi wathi,
“Lizakwazi ukuthi bekunguThixo nxa eselipha inyama
yokudla kusihlwa lesinkwa sonke elisifunayo ekuseni
ngenxa yokuthi usekuzwile ukukhonona kwenu kuye.
Singobani? Kalikhononi kithi kodwa kuThixo.” **9** Ngakho
uMosi watshela u-Aroni wathi, “Khuluma lozulu wonke
wako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Wozani kuThixo ngoba usekuzwile
ukukhonona kwenu.’” **10** Ngesikhathi u-Aroni ekhuluma
lozulu wonke wako-Israyeli, bakhangela enkangala
basebebona inkazimulo kaThixo ibonakala eyezini. **11**
UThixo wathi kuMosi: **12** “Sengizwile ukukhonona
kwabako-Israyeli. Batshele ukuthi, ‘Kusihlwa lizakudla
inyama njalo ekuseni lizasuthiswa ngesinkwa. Lapho-
ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.’”

13 Ngalokhokuhlwa kweza izagwaca zagcwala indawo
yonke ababehlala kuyo, njalo ekuseni kwaba lamazolo
ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **14** Kwathi amazolo esenyamalele
kwabonakala izicecedwana ezifana longqwaqwane phezu
kwenkangala. **15** Kwathi abako-Israyeli bekubona
lokhu bakhulumisana besithi, "Kuyini lokhu?" Ngoba
babengakwazi ukuthi kwakuyini. UMosi wathi kubo,
"Yisinkwa elisiphiwe nguThixo ukuthi lidle. **16** Lokhu
yikho okulaywe nguThixo ukuthi: 'Umuntu emunye
uzathatha okwaneleyo akuswelayo. Thathela umuntu
ngamunye osethenteni lakho isilinganiso se-omeri.'"
17 Abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaywa kwabo. Abanye
babutha okunengi abanye okulutshwana. **18** Bathi
sebekulinganisa nge-omeri babona ukuthi lowo owabutha
okunengi kabanga lokunengi kakhulu, lalowo owabutha
okulutshwana kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu. Umuntu
wonke wabutha okwakumenela. **19** Ngakho-ke uMosi
wathi kubo, "Akumelanga kubekhona ozagcina okunye
kwalokho kuze kube sekuseni." **20** Lanxa kunjalo abanye
kabazange bamlalele uMosi: bagcina eyinye ingxenye
kwaze kwaba sekuseni. Kodwa kwakugcwele impethu
njalo kwasekulephunga elibi. UMosi wabathukuthelela.
21 Nsuku zonke ekuseni umuntu emunye wabutha
isilinganiso ayesifuna, njalo ilanga lathi selitshisa
kwancibilika. **22** Ngelanga lesithupha babutha isilinganiso
esiphindwe kabili ama-omeri amabili umuntu emunye,
njalo abakhokheli babantu beza ukuzobika kuMosi.
23 Wathi kubo, "Lokhu yikho okwalaywa nguThixo:
'Kusasa lilanga lokuphumula iSabatha elingcwele kuThixo.

Ngakho bhekhani konke elifuna ukukubhekha, libilise konke elifuna ukukubilisa. Gcinani konke okuseleyo kuze kube sekuseni.'" **24** Ngakho bakugcina kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaya kukaMosi njalo kakuzange kube lephunga kumbe impethu. **25** UMosi wathi, "Kudleni namuhla, ngoba namuhla liSabatha likaThixo, kalisoze lithole lutho phandle namuhla. **26** Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizakubutha, kodwa ngelanga lesikhombisa eleSabatha akusoze kube lalutho." **27** Lanxa kunjalo abanye abantu ngelanga lesikhombisa bahamba ukuba bayobutha kodwa bafica kungelalutho. **28** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Kuzaze kube nini lisala ukulandela imithetho lemilayo yami na? **29** Kufakeni ezingqondweni zenu ukuthi uThixo ulinikile iSabatha, yikho ngelanga lesithupha elinika isinkwa esenela insuku ezimbili. Wonke umuntu kumele ahlale lapho ayabe ekhona ngelanga lesikhombisa. Akulamuntu okumele aphume phandle." **30** Yikho-ke abantu baphumula ngelanga lesikhombisa. **31** Abantu bako-Israyeli babiza isinkwa leso bathi yimana. Sasimhlophe njengentanga zekhoriyanda, sihlabusa njengamakhekhe enziwe ngoluju. **32** UMosi wathi, "Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi: 'Thathani imana eyisilinganiso se-omeri ligcinele izizukulwane ezizayo ukuze zibone isinkwa engalinika sona ukuba lisidle enkangala ekulikhupheni kwami eGibhithe.'" **33** UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni, "Thatha inkonxa ufake phakathi imana eyisilinganiso se-omeri. Ibeke phambi kukaThixo ukuze igcinelwe izizukulwane ezizayo." **34** Njengoba uThixo walaya uMosi, u-Aroni wabeka imana

lezibhebhedu zobufakazi ukuze igcinakale. **35** Abako-Israyeli badla imana okweminyaka engamatshumi amane baze bafika endaweni eyayihlala abantu, badla imana baze bafika emngceleni weKhenani. **36** (I-omere iyisilinganiso sokulitshumi sehefa.)

17 Uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli wasuka enkangala yeSini, wahamba njengokulaya kukaThixo. Bake bahlala okwesikhathi esifitshane eRefidimu kodwa kwakungelamanzi okuthi abantu banathe. **2** Ngakho baxabana loMosi basebesithi, "Sinike amanzi okunatha." UMosi waphendula wathi "Kungani lixabana lami? Kungani lilinga uThixo?" **3** Kodwa abantu basebomele amanzi kuleyondawo, ngakho bakhonona kuMosi. Bathi kuye, "Wasikhupha eGibhithe ukwenzela ukuthi thina labantwabethu kanye lezifuyo sibulawe yikoma na?" **4** Ngakho uMosi wakhala kuThixo, wathi, "Kambe ngithini ngalababantu? Sebezimisele ukuthi bangikhande ngamatshe." **5** UThixo waphendula uMosi wathi "Khokhela abantu. Thatha abanye abadala bako-Israyeli ubusuthatha njalo intonga leyana owake watshaya ngayo amanzi emfuleni uNayili lihambe. **6** Ngizakuma lapho phambi kwenu eduzane ledwala eHorebhi. Utshaye idwala; kuzaphuma amanzi kulo ukuba abantu banathe." Ngakho uMosi wenza lokho abadala bako-Israyeli bekhangele. **7** Wabiza indawo leyo ngegama elithi Masa leMeribha ngenxa yokuthi abantu bako-Israyeli baxabana njalo balinga uThixo besithi "Kambe uThixo ulathi yini kumbe hatshi?" **8** Ama-Amaleki eza ukuzohlasela abako-Israyeli eRefidimu. **9** UMosi wathi kuJoshuwa, "Khetha amanye

amadoda phakathi kwethu uphume liyekulwa lama-Amaleki. Kusasa ngizakuma phezu koqaqa ngiphethe intonga kaNkulunkulu ezandleni zami.” **10** Ngakho uJoshuwa walwa lama-Amaleki njengokulaya kukaMosi, njalo uMosi, u-Aroni loHuri bakhwela phezu koqaqa. **11** Kwakusithi nxa uMosi ephakamise izandla zakhe abako-Israyeli babenqoba, kodwa wayesithi angehlisa izandla zakhe ama-Amaleki yiwo ayenqoba. **12** Kwathi izandla zikaMosi sezidiniwe bathatha ilitshe balifaka ngaphansi kwakhe wasehlala phezu kwalo. U-Aroni loHuri baphakamisa izandla zakhe, omunye ekuleli icele omunye kwelinye ukuze izandla zakhe zale ziphakeme laze latshona ilanga. **13** Ngakho uJoshuwa wehlula ibutho lama-Amaleki ngenkemba. **14** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Bhala lokhu ogwalweni njengento okumele ikhunjulwe njalo ubone ukuthi uJoshuwa uyakuzwa lokhu ngenxa yokuthi ngizatshabalalisa umkhumbulo wonke omayelana lama-Amaleki ngaphansi kwezulu.” **15** UMosi wakha i-alithari walibiza ngokuthi uThixo uLuphawu Lwami. **16** Wathi, “Ngoba izandla zaphakanyiselwa esihlalweni sikaThixo. UThixo uzakulwa impi lezizukulwane zama-Amaleki.”

18 UJethro, umphristi waseMidiyani owayenguyisezala kaMosi, wezwa konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzele uMosi labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli, lokuthi uThixo wayebakhuphe njani eGibhithe abako-Israyeli. **2** Ngemva kokuba uMosi esethumele umkakhe uZiphora kibo, uyisezala uJethro wamemukela, **3** lamadodana akhe amabili. Eyinye indodana kwakuthiwa nguGeshomu,

ngoba uMosi wathi, “Sengibe ngumuntu wezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lami.” **4** Eyinye kwakuthiwa ngu-Eliyezari ngoba wathi, “UNkulunkulu kababa wayengumsizi wami: wangisindisa enkembeni kaFaro.” **5** UJethro, uyisezala kaMosi kanye lamadodana lenkosikazi kaMosi beza kuye enkangala lapho ayehlala khona eduzane lentaba kaNkulunkulu. **6** UJethro wayethumele ilizwi kuye wathi, “Mina uyihlozala uJethro ngiyeza kuwe lenkosikazi yakho lamadodana ayo amabili.” **7** Ngakho uMosi waphuma wayahlangabeza uyisezala wasemkhothamela, wamanga. Babingelelana basebengena ethenteni. **8** UMosi watshela uyisezala ngakho konke uThixo ayekwenze kuFaro labantu baseGibhithe ngenxa yabantu bako-Israyeli langezinhlupho zonke ezabehlela endleleni lokuthi uThixo wayebasindise njani. **9** UJethro wathokoza ukuzwa ngezinto zonke ezinhle uThixo ayezenzele u-Israyeli ekubasindiseni esandleni samaGibhithe. **10** Wathi, “Kadunyiswe uThixo owalisindisa esandleni samaGibhithe loFaro, njalo owasindisa abantu esandleni samaGibhithe. **11** Khathesi sengikwazi ukuthi uThixo ulamandla ukwedlula abanye onkulunkulu ngenxa yokuthi wenza lokhu kubo bonke abaphatha u-Israyeli ngobuqholo.” **12** Lapho-ke uJethro, uyisezala kaMosi, waletha umnikelo wokutshiswa leminye imihlatshelo kuNkulunkulu, njalo u-Aroni weza labadala bako-Israyeli ukuze bazokudla isinkwa loyisezala kaMosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngelanga elilandelayo uMosi wathatha isihlalo sakhe sokuba ngumthonisi wabantu, njalo bema bemgombolozele kusukela ekuseni

kwaze kwaba ntambama. **14** Kwathi uyisezala esebone konke uMosi ayekwenzela abantu wathi, “Kuyini lokhu okwenzela abantu? Kungani uhlala unguwe wedwa ukuba ngumahluli, abantu bonke bemi bekuhanqile kusukela ekuseni kuze kube kusihlwa?” **15** UMosi wamphendula wathi, “Ngenxa yokuthi abantu beza kimi ukuzodinga intando kaNkulunkulu. **16** Lapho kusiba lengxabano, ilethwa kimi, njalo ngiyahlulela emaceleni womabili besengibatshela ngemithetho lemilayo kaNkulunkulu.” **17** Uyisezala kaMosi waphendula wathi, “Konke okwenzayo kakulunganga. **18** Wena labantu laba abeza kuwe lizazidinisa. Umsebenzi lo unzima kuwe: ungeke wawenza wedwa. **19** Ngilalela ngikucebise, njalo uNkulunkulu makabe lawe. Kumele ube ngummeli wabantu kuNkulunkulu, ulethe ingxabano zabo kuye. **20** Bafundise izimiso lemithetho yakhe, ubatshengise indlela yokuphila lokuthi baziphathe njani. **21** Kodwa khetha amadoda alamandla phakathi kwabantu bonke, amadoda amesabayo uNkulunkulu, azonda inzuzo eza ngobuqili, ubusubabeka babe zinduna zezinkulungwane, zamakhulu, zamatshumi amahlanu, lezamatshumi. **22** Benze babe ngabahluleli babantu ngezikhathi zonke, kodwa kabalethe wonke amacala anzima kuwe bona baqume amacala alula. Lokho kuzakwenza ukuthi umthwalo wakho ube lula ngoba bazabe besabelana lawe. **23** Nxa ungakwenza lokhu njengokulaya kukaNkulunkulu, uzakwenelisa ukuphumuza ingqondo njalo abantu bonke laba bazabuyela emakhaya besuthisekile.” **24** UMosi wamlalela uyisezala wenza konke ayekutshilo.

25 Wakhetha amadoda alamandla phakathi kwabako-
Israyeli wonke wawenza abakhokheli babantu, izinduna
zezinkulungwane, ezamakhulu, ezamatshumi amahlanu
lezamatshumi. **26** Baba ngabahluleli babantu ngazozonke
izikhathi. Amacala anzima bawaletha kuMosi, kodwa
alula bawathonisa bona ngokwabo. **27** UMosi wavalelisana
loyisezala, uJethro wasebuyela elizweni lakhe.

19 Ngosuku olufanayo, emva kwezinyanga ezintathu
abantu bako-Israyeli besuke eGibhithe bafika enkangala
yeSinayi. **2** Sebesukile eRefidimu bangena enkangala
yeSinayi bamisa amathente abo phansi kwentaba. **3**
Lapho-ke uMosi wakhuphukela kuNkulunkulu entabeni,
uThixo esentabeni wabiza uMosi wathi kuye, "Tshela
abantu bendlu kaJakhobe labantu bako-Israyeli, uthi **4**
'Lina ngokwenu lizibonele engikwenze eGibhithe lokuthi
ngilithwele ngamaphiko okhozi ngaliletha lapha kimi. **5**
Ngakho-ke lingangilalela ligcine isivumelwano sami lani
lizakuba ligugu kimi phakathi kwezizwe zonke. Lanxa
umhlaba wonke ungowami, **6** lina kimi lizakuba ngumbuso
wabaphristi lesizwe esingcwele.' Yiwo amazwi okumele
uwakhulume kwabako-Israyeli." **7** UMosi wabuyela
ebantwini, wafika wabuthanisa abakhokheli babantu
wabatshela okwakutshiwo nguThixo. **8** Bonke bavuma
ngalizwi linye bathi, "Sizakwenza konke uThixo athe
sikwenze." UMosi wambikela uThixo okwakukhulunywe
ngabantu. **9** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Ngizakuza
kini nginjengeyezi elimnyama ukuze abantu bangizwe
ngikhuluma lawe. Ngakho ngezikhathi zonke bazakholwa
kuwe." UMosi watshela uThixo okwakutshiwo ngabantu.

10 Ngakho uThixo wathi kuMosi, “Buyela ebantwini
ubangcwelise lamhla lakusasa. Batshele bagezise izigqoko
zabo **11** kuthi ngelanga lesithathu libe selilungiselele
ngoba ngalelolanga uThixo uzakwehlela entabeni
yeSinayi abantu bonke bekhangele. **12** Yenzela abantu
imingcele malungana lentaba, ubatshele uthi, ‘Limukani!
Lingakhweli entabeni, kumbe ukufika phansi kwayo.
Lowo ozasondela entabeni uzabulawa.’ **13** Ngempela
uzatshaywa ngamatshe kumbe acitshwe ngemitshoko
kodwa angathintwa ngesandla. Akukhathalekile ukuthi
ngumuntu loba yinyamazana akusoze kuvunyelwe
ukuphila. Bazakhwela entabeni kuphela nxa uphondo
lwenqama selukhale isikhathi eside.” **14** Ngemva kokuba
uMosi esehlile entabeni waya ebantwini wabangcwelisa
basebegezisa lezigqoko zabo. **15** Wathi ebantwini,
“Lungiselelani ilanga lesithathu. Zilani omkenu.” **16**
Ekuseni ngelanga lesithathu kwaba lomdumo lombane
othuthumelisayo, leyezi elikhulukazi lehlela phezu
kwentaba, kwezwakala lomsindo omkhulu wecilongo.
Abantu bonke ezihonqweni besaba, baqhaqhazela. **17**
UMosi wasebakhokhela ebasusa emathenteni ebasa
kuNkulunkulu. Bafika bema ngaphansi kwentaba.
18 Intaba yonke iSinayi yembeswa yintuthu ngoba
uThixo wehlela phezu kwayo ngesimo somlilo. Intuthu
yathunqa ngamandla isiya phezulu kungathi iphuma
emphongolweni. **19** Njalo umsindo wecilongo waya ulokhu
ukhula. UMosi wakhuluma, kwathi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
lamphendula. **20** UThixo wehlela phezu kwentaba iSinayi,
wabizela uMosi khona. Ngakho uMosi wakhwela, **21**

UThixo wasesithi kuye, “Buyela phansi uyexwayisa abantu ukuba bangaqali ukweqa imingcele ukuba babone uThixo ngoba bangafa ngobunengi. **22** Labaphristi abaya kuThixo kumele bazenze babengcwele, funa uThixo ababhubhise.” **23** UMosi wathi kuThixo, “Akulamuntu ongakhwela entabeni yeSinayi ngoba wena ngokwakho wathi bangakwenzi lokho. Uthe ngenze imingcele egombolozela intaba ngitshele abantu bangasondeli kuyo ngoba ingcwele.” **24** Kodwa uThixo wathi, “Yehla uyebuya lo-Aroni. Kodwa abaphristi labantu akumelanga ukuba beqe imingcele besiza lapho ngoba ngingabaphendukela.” **25** Ngakho uMosi wehla waya ebantwini wabatshela.

20 UNkulunkulu wakhuluma amazwi wonke la wathi:
2 “NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho owakukhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili. **3** Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami. **4** Ungazenzeli isithombe ngesimo saloba yini esezulwini phezulu loba phansi emhlabeni kumbe ngaphansi kwamanzi. **5** Ungazikhothameli loba ukuzikhonza; ngoba mina Thixo uNkulunkulu wakho nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ojezisa abantwana ngenxa yezono zabazali babo kuze kube yisizukulwane sesithathu lesesine salabo abangizondayo, **6** kodwa ngitshengisela uthando kuzizukulwane eziyinkulungwane zalabo abangithandayo njalo begcina imilayo yami. **7** Ungadlali ngebizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ngoba uThixo kayikumyekela olecala lokudlala ngebizo lakhe. **8** Khumbula usuku lweSabatha ngokulwenza lubengcwele. **9** Okwensuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza wenze yonke imisebenzi yakho,

10 kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa luyiSabatha kuThixo
uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngalo awuyikwenza loba yiwuphi
umsebenzi, wena, loba indodana yakho, loba indodakazi
yakho, loba inceku kumbe incekukazi yakho, loba
izifuyo zakho loba isihambi esikwethekeleleyo emzini
wakho. **11** Ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha uThixo wenza
amazulu lomhlaba, ulwandle lakho konke okukukho,
kodwa waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa. Ngakho-ke
walubusisa usuku lweSabatha walwenza lwaba ngcwele.
12 Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko ukuze impilo yakho ibende
elizweni akunika lona uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **13**
Ungabulali. **14** Ungafebi. **15** Ungantshontshi. **16** Ungafakazi
amanga ngomakhelwane wakho. **17** Ungahawukeli
indlu kamakhelwane wakho. Ungahawukeli umfazi
kamakhelwane wakho, loba inceku kumbe incekukazi
yakhe, inkabi yakhe loba ubabhemi wakhe loba yini
ekamakhelwane wakho." **18** Kwathi abantu besizwa
umdumo bebona lombane, besizwa icilongo njalo bebona
intaba ithunqa intuthu, bathuthumela ngokwesaba.
Bema khatshana, **19** bathi kuMosi, "Khuluma kithi
wena sizakulalela. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kangakhulumi
kithi yena ngokwakhe ngoba singafa." **20** UMosi wathi,
"Lingesabi, uNkulunkulu uzelihlola ukuze limesabe
lokuze lingoni." **21** Abantu basala belokhu bemi
bucwadlanyana, uMosi wangena phakathi komnyama
waya lapho okwakuloNkulunkulu khona. **22** UThixo wathi
kuMosi, "Tshela abantu bako-Israyeli uthi, 'Lizibonele
lina ngokwenu ukuthi ngikhulume lani ngisezulwini.
23 Lingenzi onkulunkulu ukuba babekhona kanye lami;

lingazenzeli onkulunkulu besiliva kumbe onkulunkulu begolide. **24** Ngakhelani i-alithari ngomhlabathi lenzele kulo umhlatshelo womnikelo wokutshiswa, leminikelo yobudlelwano, izimvu lembuzi kanye lenkomo zenu. Loba kungaphi lapho engizakwenza ibizo lami lihlonitshwe khona, ngizakuza kini ngilibusise. **25** Nxa lingakhela i-alithari ngamatshe, lingaze lawabaza lawomatshe ngoba lizalingcolisa nxa lingasebenzisa okokubaza kulo. **26** Lingaze laya e-alithareni lami ngezikhwelo funa ubunqunu benu bembulwe khona lapho.'"

21 "Nansi imithetho ozayethula phambi kwabo." **2** "Nxa ungathenga isisebenzi esingumHebheru kumele sikusebenzele okweminyaka eyisithupha. Kodwa emnyakeni wesikhombisa kuzamele usikhulule kungelanhlawulo. **3** Nxa sifike sodwa, kumele sikhululwe sihambe sodwa kodwa nxa silomfazi ekufikeni kwasokumele sihambe laye. **4** Nxa umqhatshi waso angasipha umfazi asizalele amadodana lamadodakazi, owesifazane labantwabakhe bazakuba ngabomqhatshi, njalo indoda izazihambela yodwa ikhululekile. **5** Kodwa nxa isisebenzi singathi, 'Ngiyayithanda inkosi yami lomkami labantwabami, njalo kangifuni kukhululwa,' **6** ngakho inkosi yaso kumele isihambise kubahluleli. Izasisa emnyango kumbe emgubazini abesesibhoboza indlebe yaso ngosungulo. Ngakho-ke sizakuba yisisebenzi sayo okwempilo yaso yonke. **7** Nxa indoda ingathengisa indodakazi yayo njengesigqili, indodakazi kayingakhululeki njengalokho okwenza ezinye inceku. **8** Nxa singathokozisi umnini waso

oyabe esikhethile ukuze sibe ngesakhe kumele asiyekele sihlengwe. Akalamvumo yokusithengisa kwabezizwe, ngoba esikhohlisile. **9** Angasikhethela indodana yakhe kumele asinike amalungelo alingana lawendodakazi yakhe. **10** Angathatha omunye umfazi akumelanga asincitshe ukudla, izigqoko lamalungelo okwenda. **11** Angayekela ukusipha izinto lezi ezintathu sikhululekile ukuthi sizihambele kungahlawulwanga mali." **12** "Wonke umuntu otshaya omunye ambulale laye kumele abulawe. **13** Kodwa nxa engakwenzanga ngabomo, uNkulunkulu evumele ukuba kwenzakale, kumele abalekele endaweni engizayiphawula. **14** Kodwa umuntu angaceba ukubulala omunye ngabomo, msuseni e-alithareni lami liyembulala. **15** Wonke umuntu ohlasela uyise kumbe unina kumele abulawe. **16** Wonke umuntu othumba omunye abesemthengisa kumbe aficwe elaye kumele abulawe. **17** Wonke umuntu othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele abulawe. **18** Nxa amadoda angaxabana omunye abesetshaya omunye ngelitshe kumbe ngenqindi, angafi kodwa agule alale phansi, **19** lowo ophose inqindi kasoze anikwe umlandu nxa omunye angavuka abesehambahamba ephethe intonga yakhe; lanxa kunjalo kumele ahlawule indoda elimeleyo ngokulahlekelwa yisikhathi njalo ayelaphise. **20** Nxa umuntu angatshaya isigqili sakhe sesilisa kumbe esesifazane ngomqwayi, isigqili besesisifa ngenxa yalesisenzo, kumele ajeziswe, **21** kodwa kasoze ajeziswe nxa isigqili singasila ngemva kwelanga elilodwa kumbe insuku ezimbili, ngoba isigqili siyimpahla yakhe. **22** Nxa amadoda

alwayo angatshaya umfazi ozithweleyo abesebeletha isikhathi sakhe singakafiki, kodwa engalimalanga kakubi, owonileyo kumele ahlawuliswe lokho okuyabe kubizelwe yindoda yomfazi kwasekuvunywa ngumthethwandaba.
23 Kodwa kungangabi lokulimala okubi, kumele impilo ibhadalwe ngempilo, **24** ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo. **25** Ukutshiswa ngokutshiswa, isilonda ngesilonda, ukulimala ngokulimala. **26** Nxa umuntu angatshaya isigqili sakhe sesilisa kumbe esesifazane elihlweni alipatshaze, kumele asiyekele isisebenzi sizihambele kube yinhlawulo yelihlo.
27 Angatshaya akhumule izinyo lesigqili sesilisa kumbe esesifazane, kumele asiyekele isisebenzi sizihambele kube yinhlawulo yezinyo. **28** Nxa inkunzi ingahlaba indoda kumbe umfazi afe, leyonkunzi kumele itshaywe ngamatshe ize ife njalo inyama yayo kayingadliwa. Kodwa umnikazi wenkunzi akumelanga etheswe umlandu.
29 Kodwa nxa inkunzi ivele ilomkhuba wokuhlaba abantu, njalo umnikazi eseke wakhuzwa kodwa wekela ukuyivalela ibisibulala indoda kumbe umfazi, inkunzi kumele ibulawe ngamatshe lomnikazi abulawe. **30** Kodwa kungathiwa kahlawule, angahlenga impilo yakhe ngokuhlawula lokho okuyabe kubiziwe. **31** Umthetho lo uyasebenza njalo nxa inkunzi ingahlaba indodana kumbe indodakazi. **32** Nxa inkunzi ingahlaba isigqili sesilisa kumbe esesifazane, umnikazi kumele ahlawule amashekeli angamatshumi amathathu esiliva kumnini wesigqili, njalo inkunzi kumele ibulawe ngamatshe. **33** Nxa umuntu etshiya umgodi ukhamisile, loba esimba

umgodi angawusibekeli kuwele kuwo inkabi ingabe ubabhemi, **34** umninimgodi kahlawule; kahlawule umnikazi, isifuyo esifileyo besesisiba ngesakhe. **35** Nxa inkunzi yomuntu ingalimaza eyomunye kuzamele ukuthi bathengise leyo ephilayo, babelane imali lesidumbu saleyo efileyo ngokulinganayo. **36** Kodwa nxa kusaziwa ukuthi inkunzi ivele ilomkhuba wokuhlaba ezinye, kodwa umnikazi engayivaleli esibayeni, umnikazi kumele ahlawule isifuyo ngesinye isifuyo, njalo isifuyo esifileyo sizakuba ngesakhe."

22 "Nxa umuntu angantshontsha inkabi kumbe imvu abeseyibulala kumbe ayithengise, kumele ahlawule ngenkomo ezinhlanu zokuhlawula inkabi, lezimvu ezine zokuhlawula imvu. **2** Nxa isela lingafunyanwa ligqekeza ebusuku beselitshaywa life, lowo ozivikelayo kalacala lokuchitha igazi, **3** kodwa kungenzeka ilanga selikhwelile uyabe elomlandu wokuchitha igazi. Isela kumele lihlawule sibili, kodwa nxa lingelalutho, kumele lithengiswe ukwenzela ukuthi lokhu kube yinhlawulo yokuntshontsha kwalo. **4** Nxa isifuyo esintshontshiweyo singatholakala siphila ezandleni zesela, kungaba yinkabi kumbe ubabhemi loba imvu, kumele lihlawule okuphindwe kabili. **5** Nxa umuntu angayadlisa izifuyo zakhe ensimini kumbe esivinini abeseziyekela zizihambela besezisiya kudla ensimini yeyinye indoda, kumele ahlawule ngezithelo ezinhle zensimu yakhe loba isivini sakhe. **6** Nxa kuthungelwa umlilo ulumatha emeveni kuze kutshe lamahlanga amabele loba amabele angakavunwa loba insimu, othungele umlilo kumele

ahlawule konke. **7** Nxa umuntu anganika umakhelwane wakhe isiliva kumbe impahla ukuba amgcinele izinto lezi besezintshontshwa endlini kamakhelwane, isela lingabanjwa kumele lihlawule okuphindwe kabili. **8** Kodwa nxa isela lingabanjwanga, umnikazi wendlu kumele ame phambi kwabahluleli ukuze kubonakale ingabe uke wabeka izandla empahleni zalowo omgcinisileyo na. **9** Kuzozonke izehlakalo eziqondene lokugcina ngaphandle komthetho inkabi, ubabhemi, imvu, isigqoko kumbe yonke impahla elahlekileyo omunye umuntu angathi ngayo, 'Lokhu ngokwami,' wonke amacele womabili kumele alethe izindaba zawo phambi kwabahluleli. Lowo abahluleli abazakuthi ulecala kumele ahlawule okuphindwe kabili kumakhelwane wakhe. **10** Nxa umuntu angasisela umakhelwane wakhe ubabhemi, inkabi, imvu kumbe esinye isifuyo ukuze kugcinakale besekusifa kumbe kulimale kumbe kuthathwe kungelamuntu okhangeleyo, **11** udaba lwabantu laba luzaqedwa ngokufunga phambi kukaThixo ukuthi umakhelwane konanga impahla yomunye umuntu. Umnikazi kumele akwemukele lokhu njalo akulanhlawulo edingakalayo. **12** Kodwa nxa isifuyo santshontshwa sikumasiselwa kumele ahlawule umnikazi. **13** Nxa isifuyo sidatshudatshulwe yinyamazana yeganga saba yiziqa, uzaletha izicucu eziseleyo njengobufakazi njalo akusoze kudingakale ukuthi ahlawulele isifuyo esidatshudatshuliweyo. **14** Nxa umuntu angaboleka isifuyo kumakhelwane wakhe, besesilimala kumbe sife ngesikhathi umniniso engekho, kumele ahlawule. **15** Kodwa nxa umnikazi ekhona,

lowo owasebolekayo akumelanga ahlawule. Nxa isifuyo siqhatshiwe, imali ehlawulwe ukusiqhatsha igoqela inhlawulo yokulahlekelwa.” **16** “Nxa indoda ingaqila intombi egcweleyo engakathenjiswa ilale layo, kumele ikhuphe amalobolo, leyontombi ibe ngumkayo. **17** Nxa uyise esala kokuphela ukuthi ayendisele, kumele akhuphe inhlawulo ekhutshelwa amantombazana agcweleyo. **18** Lingavumeli umthakathi ukuthi aphile. **19** Wonke umuntu olala lenyamazana kumele abulawe. **20** Loba ngubani onikela kwabanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaThixo kumele abhujiswe. **21** Lingahlukuluzi owezizweni ngoba lani lalingabezizweni eGibhithe. **22** Lingaqilibezeli umfelokazi kumbe intandane, **23** ngoba lingakwenza, besebekhala kimi ngizakuzwa ukukhala kwabo; **24** ulaka lwami luzavutha, ngibulale ngenkemba; abafazi benu babe ngabafelokazi labantwabenu babe zintandane. **25** Nxa lingebolekisa imali omunye wabantu bami ohluphekayo phakathi kwenu, akumelanga lenze njengebhizimisi yokweboleka abanye imali, lingamhlawulisi inzuzo. **26** Nxa ungathatha ijazi likamakhelwane wakho ulenze isibambiso, kumele ulibuyisele ilanga lingakatshoni, **27** ngoba ijazi lelo yilo lodwa embesa ngalo ubunqunu bakhe. Kambe kuyini okunye abangalala kukho? Nxa bengakhala kimi, ngizabezwa ngoba ngilozwelo. **28** Lingahlambazi uNkulunkulu kumbe lithuke umbusi wabantu bakini. **29** Lingagodli iminikelo eziphaleni zenu loba ezimbizeni zewayini lenu. Kumele lilethe kimi amadodana enu angamazibulo. **30** Yenzani njalo ngenkomo lezimvu zenu. Yekelani zihlale labonina okwensuku eziyisikhombisa

kodwa linginike zona ngosuku lwesificaminwembili. **31** Lizakuba ngabantu bami abangcwele. Ngakho lingaze ladla inyama yenyamazana eyabe idatshudatshulwe yizilo zeganga; iphoseleni izinja."

23 "Ungahambi ukhuluma izindaba zamanga. Ungahlanganyeli lomuntu omubi ngoba ngufakazi olomona. **2** Ungenzi okubi ulandela inengi labantu. Nxa ufakaza emthethwandaba, ungaphenduleli iqiniso ngokuvumelana labanengi, **3** njalo ungazweli umuntu ecaleni ngoba engumyanga. **4** Ungahlangana lenkomo kumbe ubabhemi wesitha sakho elahlekile, mnqande umbuyisele kumnikazi. **5** Nxa ufica ubabhemi womuntu okuzondayo ewiswe ngumthwalo, ungamtshiyi, umncedise umvuse. **6** Ahlulela kuhle abayanga bakini emacaleni. **7** Ungabungeni ubufakazi bamanga, njalo ungabulali muntu ongelacala loba oqotho ngoba kangiyi kumyekela olecala. **8** Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa ngoba ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza ababonayo besebeguqula amazwi omuntu omsulwa. **9** Ungancindezeli owezizweni, lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi kunjani ukuba ngabezizweni, njengoba lalingabezizweni eGibhithe." **10** "Okweminyaka eyisithupha lizalima amasimu enu livune amabele, **11** kodwa kuzakuthi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa liyekele amasimu enu alaluke engalinywanga. Ngakho abangabayanga phakathi kwenu bazazuza ukudla kuwo, kuthi lezinyamazana zeganga zidle okuseleyo. Lizakwenza njalo okufananayo ngezivini zenu kanye lezihlahla zenu zama-oliva. **12** Uzakwenza imisebenzi yakho okwensuku eziyisithupha, kodwa

ngosuku lwesikhombisa ungasebenzi, ukuze inkabi yakho lobabhemi wakho kuphumule, kuthi isigqili esazalelwa endlini yakho kanye lowezizweni baphumule. **13** Qaphelisisani lenze konke engilitshela khona. Lingamemezi amabizo abanye onkulunkulu; kawangezwakali ephuma ezindebeni zenu." **14** "Kathathu ngomnyaka kufanele lingithakazelele umkhosi. **15** Lizathakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo; okwensuku eziyisikhombisa dlanini isinkwa esingelamvubelo, njengokulilaya kwami. Kwenzeni lokhu ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyanga ka-Avivi, ngoba ngaleyonyanga yikho elaphuma khona eGibhithe. Kakungabi lamuntu ozakuma phambi kwami engaphathanga lutho. **16** Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuVuna lokolibo kwenu ezilimweni zenu zemasimini. Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuButhelela nxa selibutha izilimo zenu emasimini. **17** Kathathu ngomnyaka amadoda wonke kufanele ayebonakala phambi kukaThixo Wobukhosi. **18** Linganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo kimi ndawonye laloba yini elemvubelo. Amahwahwa eminikelo yemikhosi yami akumelanga agcinwe kuze kuse. **19** Lethani okolibo kwenu okuhle kakhulu endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina." **20** "Khangelani, sengithumela ingilosi phambi kwenu ukuze ilivikele endleleni yenu njalo ize ilifikise endaweni engililungisele yona. **21** Liyinanzelele ingilosi yami njalo lilalele ekutshoyo. Lingayihlamukeli ngoba kayizukulithethelela nxa lingayihlamukela, njengoba iBizo lami likuyo. **22** Nxa

lingalalelisisa ekutshoyo njalo lenze konke engikutshoyo,
ngizakuba yisitha sezitha zenu njalo ngizamelana lalabo
abamisana lani. **23** Ingilosi yami izahamba phambi kwenu
ize ilingenise elizweni lama-Amori, lamaHithi,
lamaPherizi, lamaKhenani lamaHivi kanye lamaJebusi
njalo ngizababhubhisa. **24** Lingabakhothameli
onkulunkulu babo, lingabakhonzi njalo lingalandeli
imikhuba yabo. Kufanele libhidlize onkulunkulu babo
njalo lidilize amatshe abo abawakhonzayo. **25** Mkhonzeni
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, kuzakuthi isibusiso sakhe
sibe phezu kokudla laphezu kwamanzi enu. Ngizasusa
imikhuhlane phakathi kwenu, **26** njalo kakho ozaswela
loba abe yinyumba ezweni lenu. Ngizaphelelisa insuku
zenu. **27** Ngizathumela uchuku lwami phambi kwenu
njalo ngisanganise zonke izizwe elizahlangana lazo.
Ngizakwenza zonke izitha zenu zifulathele zilibalekele.
28 Ngizathumela olonyovu phambi kwenu ukuze basuse
amaHivi, amaKhenani kanye lamaHithi endleleni yenu.
29 Kodwa angiyikubasusa ngomnyaka munye,
ngoba ilizwe lingasala lingasela muntu besekusithi
izinyamazana zeganga zande zilikhulele. **30** Ngizabasusa
kancanekancane phambi kwenu, lani lize lande lenelise
ukuthatha ilizwe. **31** Ngizabeka imingcele kusukela
oLwandle oluBomvu kusiya oLwandle lwamaFilistiya,
njalo kusuka enkangala kusiya emfuleni uYufrathe.
Ngakho abantu abahlala kulelolizwe ngizabanikela
ezandleni zenu ukuze libadudule. **32** Lingenzi
isivumelwano labo loba labonkulunkulu babo. **33**
Kabangahlali lani ezweni lenu, funa balenze lingonele,

ngoba ukukhonza kwabo onkulunkulu babo kuzakuba yisifu kini."

24 Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Woza kuThixo, wena lo-Aroni, uNadabi lo-Abhihu, kanye labadala bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Lizakhonza libucwala, **2** kodwa uMosi yedwa zwi uzasondela kuThixo; abanye kabafanelanga ukusondela eduze. Kanti-ke abantu kabafanelanga ukuza laye." **3** Kwathi uMosi esebuyele ebantwini wabatshela wonke amazwi kanye lemilayo kaThixo, abantu bakwamukela, bavungama ngalizwi linye bathi, "Konke okutshiwo nguThixo sizakwenza." **4** UMosi waseloba konke uThixo ayekutshilo. Ngosuku olulandelayo uMosi wavuka kusesele wakha i-alithari ewatheni lwentaba wamisa khona izinsika zamatshe alitshumi lambili emele izizwe ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. **5** Wasethuma amajaha ako-Israyeli ahamba ayanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa njalo benza imihlatshelo ngenkunzi ezincane njengomnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo. **6** UMosi wasethatha ingxenye yegazi walithela emiganwini eyayizingubhe, elinye wachela ngalo phezu kwe-alithari. **7** Ngakho wathatha iNcwadi yeSivumelwano wayifundela abantu. Bona bavuma besithi, "Sizakwenza konke okutshiwo nguThixo; sizamlalela." **8** Ngemva kwalokho uMosi wathatha igazi wachela ngalo abantu esithi kubo, "Leli ligazi lesivumelwano sikaThixo asenze lani ngokuqondene lawo wonke lamazwi." **9** UMosi lo-Aroni, uNadabi lo-Abhihu kanye labadala bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa bakhwela **10** bayabona uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Ngaphansi

kwezinyawo zakhe kwakungani ngumgwaqo owenziwe ngesafaya, kukhanya njengokukhanya komkhathi uqobo.
11 Kodwa uNkulunkulu kazange abanine ngesandla sakhe laba bakhokheli bako-Israyeli; sebembonile uNkulunkulu badla banatha. **12** UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Khwela uze kimi entabeni njalo uhlale lapha, ngizakunika izibhebhedu zamatshe, engilobe kuzo imithetho lemilayo eyiziqondiso zabo." **13** Ngakho uMosi wasuka loJoshuwa umsizi wakhe, uMosi wasekhwela entabeni kaNkulunkulu. **14** Wathi ebadaleni, "Silindelani khonapha size siphenduke. U-Aroni loHuri bazasala lani, kuzakuthi abaxabanayo babonane labo." **15** Kwathi uMosi esekhwele intaba, yasibekelwa liyezi, **16** inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala entabeni yaseSinayi. Iyezi lembesa intaba okwensuku eziyisithupha kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa uThixo wabiza uMosi eseyezini.
17 Ebantwini bako-Israyeli inkazimulo kaThixo yabonakala injengomlilo otshisa uqothule phezu kwentaba. **18** Ngakho uMosi wangena eyezini ekhwela intaba. Wahlala khonale entabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

25 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela abako-Israyeli bangilethele umnikelo. Uzakwamukela umnikelo emuntwini munye ngamunye ofuqwa yinhliziyo yakhe ukuthi anikele. **3** Le yiyo iminikelo ozayamukela nxa sebenikela: igolide, isiliva kanye lethusi, **4** okwelukiweyo lamalembu aluhlaza, ayibubende kanye labomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo, loboya bembuzi, **5** izikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo

obomvu, kanye lezikhumba zezinyamazana eziqinileyo, lezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya, **6** amafutha e-oliva awokukhanyisa isibane, amakha azasetshenziswa lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo lephunga lempepha elimnandi, **7** amatshe e-onikisi, lamanye amatshe aligugu azathungelwa esembathweni semahlombe lesesifubeni. **8** Bangakhele indlu engcwele, ngalokho ngizahlala phakathi kwabo. **9** Yenza ithabanikeli leli kanye leziceciso zalo ngendlela engizakutshengisa yona." **10** "Kabenze umtshokotsho ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya, ubude bawo kube zingalo ezimbili ezilengxenye, ububanzi kube yingalo elengxenye njalo ukuyaphezulu kwawo kube yingalo elengxenye. **11** Lilihuqe ngegolide elicolekileyo, ngaphakathi langaphandle, ubuye ulizingelezele ngomqolo wegolide. **12** Libumbele amasongo amane egolide liwanamathisele ezinyaweni zalo zozine, amabili kwelinye icele kuthi amabili kwelinye njalo. **13** Beselisenza imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya liyihuqe ngegolide. **14** Hlomani imijabo kulawo masongo asemaceleni omtshokotsho kube yizibambo. **15** Izigodo lezi zizahlala emasongweni alumtshokotsho, zingakhitshwa. **16** Beselifaka ubufakazi emtshokotshweni engizakunika bona. **17** Yenzani isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ubude baso bube zingalo ezimbili ezilengxenye lengxenye eyodwa ububanzi. **18** Lizakwenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo, liwenze ekucineni kwesisibekelo esiyisihlalo somusa emaceleni womabili. **19** Yenzani ikherubhi elilodwa nganxanye kuthi ngakwelinye icele lenze elinye, uzawenza amakherubhi

abe yinto yinye lesisibekelo emaceleni womabili. **20** Amakherubhi kumele elulele amaphiko awo phezulu embese isisibekelo ngawo. Kuzamele amakherubhi akhangelane, ubuso bawo bukhangele isisibekelo. **21** Bekani isisibekelo phezu komtshokotsho, ubusufaka ubufakazi engizakunika bona ebhokisini lesivumelwano. **22** Kulapho engizahlangana lawe khona ngikunika imithetho ka-Israyeli ngisesihlalweni somusa, phakathi laphakathi kwamakherubhi aphezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi." **23** "Bazani itafula ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya, ubude bayo bube zingalo ezimbili, ububanzi bayo bube yingalo eyodwa, kuthi ukudepha kwayo kube yingalo elengxenye. **24** Liyihuqe ngegolide elicolekileyo, beseliyizingelezela ngomthando wegolide. **25** Lenze kuyo ibhanti eliyizingelezileyo, elilingana lobubanzi besandla, beselibumbela kuyo umthando wegolide phezu kwebhanti. **26** Lenze amasongo amane egolide liwafake emagumbini womane enyaweni zetafula. **27** Amasongo kumele asondelelane lebhanti ukuze abambe imijabo ezasetshenziswa ukuthwala itafula. **28** Lungisani imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya, liyihuqe ngegolide ukuze lithwale itafula ngayo. **29** Njalo yenzani imiganu lezinditshi zayo ngegolide elicolekileyo kanye lenkezo, imiganu eyingubhe lezitsha zokuthululela iminikelo. **30** Libeke etafuleni isinkwa esiNgcwele ukuze sibe phambi kwami ngezikhathi zonke." **31** "Lizakwenza uluthi lwesibane ngegolide elicolekileyo. Likhande isidindi salo lomqwayi walo, imbizana zalo lamahlumela alo lamaluba alo likwenze kube yinto yinye. **32** Ingatsha eziyisithupha

zixhunywe emaceleni oluthi, ezintathu nganxanye kuthi
ezintathu kwelinye icele. **33** Inkezo ezintathu ezibunjwe
okwamaluba e-alimondi, amahlumela lamaluba kumele
abe sogatsheni lunye, ezintathu egatsheni olulandelayo,
kube njalo kuzozonke ingatsha ezixhunywe emqwayini
woluthi lwesibane. **34** Kuzakuthi oluthini lwesibane kube
lezimbizana ezine ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-alimondi,
zilamahlumela lamaluba. **35** Kumele kube lehlumela
ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezixhunywe oluthini
lwesibane, ihlumela lesibili ngaphansi kwezinye ezimbili,
kuthi ihlumela lesithathu lalo libe ngaphansi kwezinye
njalo ezimbili, zonke ingatsha zibe yisithupha. **36**
Amahlumela lezingatsha kuzakuba yinto yinye loluthi
lwesibane, kukhandwe ngegolide elicolekileyo. **37** Ngakho
lizalwenzela izibane eziyisikhombisa lizimise phezu
kwalo ukuze zikhanyise phambi kwalo. **38** Incijana
zentambo lembizana zalo zibe ngezegolide elicolekileyo.
39 Uluthi lwesibane kanye lakho konke okuphathelene laso
kuzenziwa ngegolide elicolekileyo eliyisisindo sethalenta
elilodwa. **40** Qaphela ukuba wenze konke njengalokhu
owakutshengiswa entabeni."

26 "Lenze ithabanikeli ngamakhetheni alitshumi elembu
eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende
kanye lezibomvu, aceciswe ngamakherubhi elukelwe
kuhle ngumuntu oleminwe. **2** Amakhetheni wonke
kumele ukuthi alingane, abezingalo ezingamatshumi
amabili lesificaminwembili ubude njalo ububanzi
abezingalo ezine. **3** Lizahlanganisa amakhetheni
amahlanu ndawonye, liphinde lenzenjalo lakwamanye

amahlanu. **4** Lenze izihitshela ngelembu eliluhlaza emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni kwamakhetheni amahlanu elixheni lakuqala, lenze okufanayo elixheni lesibili. **5** Lizakwenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini elilodwa liphinde lenze ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini lokucina elixheni lesibili, izihitshela zikhangelene. **6** Emva kwalokho lizakwenza ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lizisebenzise ukuhlanganisa amakhetheni ukuze ithabanikeli libe yintonye. **7** Yenzani amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi abe ngawethente lokubekwa phezu kwethabanikeli, abelitshumi lanye esewonke. **8** Amakhetheni wonke alitshumi lanye alingane, abezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ubude, ububanzi abezingalo ezine. **9** Hlanganisani amakhetheni amahlanu abelilixha elilodwa kuthi ayisithupha abe kwelinye ilixha. Ligoqe ikhetheni lesithupha liphindwe kabili phambi kwethente. **10** Yenzani izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu zilandele umphetho wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, lenzenjalo lakwelinye ilixha. **11** Beselilungisa ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu lizifake ezihitsheleni ukuze zibophe ithente kube yinto yinye. **12** Kuzakuthi-ke isiqa esiseleyo sekhetheni lethente, ingxenye yekhetheni eseleyo, ilenge emuva kwethabanikeli. **13** Amakhetheni ethente azakwedlula ngengalo eyodwa inxa zonke, kuthi okuseleyo kulenge emaceleni ethabanikeli ukuze alembese. **14** Lenze isembeso sethente ngezikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, kuthi phezu kwalokho kube lesembeso sezikhumba eziqinileyo.

15 Yenzani amathala ethabanikeli amiswayo ngezigodo
zesihlahla som'akhakhiya. **16** Ithala linye kumele
libe lide okuzingalo ezilitshumi, kuthi ububanzi
bube yingalo elengxenye, **17** kube lemisuka emibili
ephutshayo ilinganisene. Wonke amathala ethabanikeli
enziwe ngale indlela. **18** Yenzani amathala ecele
elisezansi kwethabanikeli angamatshumi amabili, **19**
beselizenza izisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane
ezizahamba ngaphansi kwawo, izisekelo ezimbili ethaleni
linye, sibe sinye ngaphansi kwensika inye ngayinye.
20 Kulelicele elisenyakatho kwethabanikeli, misani
amathala angamatshumi amabili **21** kanye lezisekelo
zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane, ezimbili ngaphansi
kwepulanka linye. **22** Yenzani amathala ayisithupha
ecele elisekucineni ngentshonalanga kwethabanikeli,
23 lenze amathala amabili amagumbi asekucineni.
24 Emagumbini womabili la kumele abe lohlonzi
oluphindwe kabili kusukela phansi kusiya phezulu,
abesehlanganiswa ngesongo elilodwa, wonke abe njalo.
25 Ngakho kuzakuba lamathala ayisificaminwembili
lezisekelo zesiliva ezilitshumi lesithupha, ezimbili
ngaphansi kwethala linye. **26** Yenzani njalo imithando
enqumayo ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya: emihlanu
ibe ngeyamathala kwelinye icele lethabanikeli, **27**
emihlanu ibe njalo kwelinye icele, kuthi eminye njalo
emihlanu ibe ngeyamathala asentshonalanga, ekucineni
kwethabanikeli. **28** Umthando waphakathi onqumayo
uzakwedlula usuka kulelicele lokucina usiyacina
kwelinye phakathi laphakathi kwamathala. **29** Huqani

amathala ngegolide lenze amasongo egolide abambe imithando enqumayo. Njalo lihuqe imithando enqumayo ngegolide. **30** Limise ithabanikeli njengokutshengiswa kwakho entabeni. **31** Yenzani ikhetheni ngelembu elicolekileyo, eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, abe lamakherubhi elukelwe kuwo ngumuntu oleminwe. **32** Liwalengise ngezingwegwana zegolide ensikeni ezine zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ezihuqwe ngegolide njalo zimiswe phezu kwezisekelo zesiliva. **33** Lengisani-ke ikhetheni ngezingwegwana beselibeka umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngemva kwekhetheni. Ikhetheni lizakwehlukanisa Indawo Engcwele kweNgcwelengcwele. **34** Bekani isisibekelo esiyisihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi osendaweni eNgcwelengcwele. **35** Bekani itafula ngaphandle kwekhetheni elisenyakatho kwethabanikeli, beselifaka uluthi lwesibane lukhangelane layo eceleni eliseningizimu. **36** Yenzani ikhetheni lesango lethente ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu kube ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga. **37** Yenzelani ikhetheni ingwegwana zegolide kanye lezinsika ezinhlanu ezenziwe ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ezihuqwe ngegolide. Njalo beseliwafakela izisekelo ezinhlanu ezibunjwe ngethusi."

27 "Lakhe i-alithari ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya libe zingalo ezintathu ukudepha, kumele lilingane inxa zonke, ubude balo bube zingalo ezinhlanu lobubanzi balo bube zingalo ezinhlanu. **2** Egumbini linye ngalinye le-

alithari uzakwenza uphondo, kuthi impondo le-alithari
kube yinto yinye, ubusulihuqa ngethusi. **3** Izinto zonke
ezizasetshenziswa kulo uzazenza ngethusi, imbiza zalo
zokubutha umlotha, amafotsholo alo, imiganu yokuchela,
amafologwe enyama kanye lezindengezi zokubasela
umlilo. **4** Lenzele iminxibo yokosa ngethusi njalo
wenze isongo lethusi emagumbini wonke womane. **5**
Libeke ngaphansi komphetho we-alithare okuyingxenye
yokuya phezulu. **6** Libaze imijabo ye-alithare ngezigodo
zesihlahla som'akhakhiya liyihuqe ngethusi. **7** Lihlome
imijabo le emasongweni asemaceleni womabili e-
alithare ukuze ibe yizibambo nxa selithwalwa. **8**
Beselithatha amapulanka lenze ngawo i-alithari libe
ngumhome. Lenze njengalokhu owakutshengiswayo
entabeni." **9** "Lilungise iguma lethabanikeli. Ubude becele
lezansi bube zingalo ezilikhulu njalo libe lamakhetheni
elembu eliphethwe kuhle, **10** lensika ezingamatshumi
amabili lezisekelo ezingamatshumi amabili konke
kwenziwe ngethusi kanye lengwegwe zesiliva lamabhanti
ensikeni. **11** Icele lenyakatho lalo lizakuba yizingalo
ezilikhulu ubude njalo libe lamakhetheni, libe lensika
ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo ezingamatshumi
amabili ethusi futhi kube lengwegwana lezibopho zesiliva
ensikeni. **12** Icele lentshonalanga yeguma lizakuba zingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi, lilamakhetheni,
lensika ezilitshumi kanye lezisekelo ezilitshumi. **13** Eceleni
elisempumalanga, kusiya okuphuma khona ilanga, iguma
lizakuba banzi okuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu.
14 Amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude

azakuba nganxanye kwesango, elezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu. **15** Ngakwelinye icele lakho kuzakuba lamakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude kanye lezinsika ezintathu lezisekelo ezintathu. **16** Esangweni leguma, lifake ikhetheni elizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, elelukwe laphethwa kuhle ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, kube ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga, kube lezinsika ezine lezisekelo ezine. **17** Zonke izinsika ezihonqolozele iguma zibe lamabhanti lengwegwe zesiliva kanye lezisekelo zethusi. **18** Ubude beguma buzakuba zingalo ezilikhulu lobubanzi obuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu lamakhetheni elembu elelukwe kuhle libe lide okuzingalo ezinhlanu, lezisekelo zethusi. **19** Zonke izinto ezizasetshenziswa emsebenzini wethabanikeli loba kuyini okwenziwayo kuhlanganisa lazozonke izikhonkwane zalo kanye lezeguma, kumele kube ngokwethusi." **20** "Laya abantu bako-Israyeli bakulethele amafutha acengekileyo, ahluzwe ema-oliveni, abe ngawokukhanyisa ukuze izibane zihlale zikhanyisa kokuphela. **21** Ethenteni lokuhlangana, ngaphandle kwekhetheni eligudle umtshokotsho wobufakazi, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazagcina izibane phambi kukaThixo zibhebha kusukela ntambama kuze kuse. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso saphakade phakathi kwabako-Israyeli lakuzizukulwane ezizayo."

28 "Akulethwe kuwe phakathi kwabako-Israyeli umfowenu u-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe uNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari, ubehlukanisele

ukuba babe ngabaphristi bami. **2** Wenzele u-Aroni
umfowenu izembatho ezingcwele, ezizamenza abe
lesithunzi njalo ahlonipheke. **3** Atshele wonke
amadoda azingcitshi lalenhlakanipho ngokuphathelane
lalumsebenzi wokuthi benzele u-Aroni izembatho
zokwahlukanisela umsebenzi wami wokuba ngumphristi.
4 Yilezi izembatho abazazenza: isembatho sesifubeni,
isembatho semahlombe, isigqoko, ibhatshi elelukiweyo,
iqhiye kanye lebhanti. Kumele benzele umfowenu u-
Aroni lamadodana akhe izembatho lezi ezingcwele
ukuze babe ngabaphristi bami. **5** Kabasebenzise
intambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende, ezibomvu kanye
lelembu elicolekileyo." **6** "Uzakwenza isembatho
semahlombe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo
eziligolide, eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu,
kube ngumsebenzi womuntu oleminwe. **7** Kumele sibe
leziqa zemahlombe ezimbili zithungelwe emaceleni
aso womabili ukuze sibotshwe. **8** Kuzakuthi ibhanti
laso lasekhalweni lelukwe ngobungcitshi lenziwe lifane
laso, libe yinto yinye lesembatho semahlombe, lenziwe
ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eligolide,
eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu. **9** Thatha amatshe
amabili ohlobo lwe-onikisi udwebele kuwo amabizo
amadodana ka-Israyeli **10** ngokulandelana kwawo,
ayisithupha kwelinye ilitshe kuthi aseleyo uwadwebele
kwelinye njalo. **11** Dwebela amabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli
ematsheni womabili njengombazi wamatshe aligugu
edwebela uphawu. Ubusuwazingelezela ngeziceciso
zegolide **12** ubusuwathungela eziqeni zemahlombe

kube ngamatshe esikhumbuzo samadodana ka-Israyeli.
U-Aroni kumele athwale amabizo emahlombe akhe
kube yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaThixo. **13** Yenza
iziceciso zegolide **14** kanye lamaketane enziwe ngegolide
elicolekileyo alukelwe ndawonye njengegoda uwabophele
ezicecisweni zegolide." **15** "Uzakwenza isembatho sesifuba
sokwahlulela, senziwe ngumuntu oleminwe. Usenze
njengesembatho semahlombe: ngelembu eliphothwe
kuhle ngentambo eligolide, eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye
lebomvu. **16** Kufanele silingane inxa zonke, isandla
ubude lesandla ububanzi, sigoqwe saphindwa kabili. **17**
Ubusuthungela kuso imizila emine yamatshe aligugu.
Emzileni wakuqala kuzakuba lerubhi, ithophazi kanye
lebheriyeli, **18** emzileni wesibili kube yi-emeralidi, isafaya,
ledayimana, **19** emzileni wesithathu ijasinti, i-agathi
kanye le-amethisi, **20** emzileni wesine ikhrisolathi, i-
onikisi kanye lejaspa. Athungele ezicecisweni zegolide.
21 Kumele kube lamatshe alitshumi lambili, lilinye limele
ibizo lamadodana ka-Israyeli, linye ngalinye lilotshwe
njengokudweba kombazi wamatshe, kungani luphawu,
kulotshwe kulelo lalelo ibizo lezizwana zako-Israyeli
ezilitshumi lambili. **22** Isembatho sesifubeni selukelwe
amaketane ngegolide elicolekileyo kube njengegoda.
23 Yenza amasongo amabili ngegolide ubusuwabophela
emagumbini amabili esembatho sesifubeni. **24** Bophela
amaketane amabili egolide emasongweni asemagumbini
esembatho sesifubeni, **25** kuthi ngapha acina khona
abotshelwe ezicecisweni ezimbili, liwahlanganise eziqeni
zemahlombe phambili kwesembatho semahlombe. **26**

Yenza amasongo amabili egolide uwabophele kwamanye amagumbi amabili esembatho sesifubeni ngaphakathi komphetho phansi kwesembatho semahlombe. **27** Yenza amanye amasongo egolide amabili ubusuwabophela ngaphansi kweziqa zemahlombe phambi kwesembatho semahlombe, eduze komphetho ngaphezudlwana kwebhanti lasekhalweni lwesembatho semahlombe. **28** Amasongo esembatho sesifubeni kumele abotshaniswe lamasongo esembatho semahlombe ngentambo eluhlaza, kusihlanganisa lebhanti lasokhalweni, ukwenzela ukuthi isembatho sesifubeni singatsheleli sehlukane lesembatho semahlombe. **29** Kuzakuthi lapho u-Aroni engena Endaweni Engcwele, agqize phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe isembatho sesifubeni sokwahlulela esilamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli kube yisikhumbuzo esiqhubekayo phambi kukaThixo. **30** Faka njalo i-Urimi kanye leThumimi esambathweni sesifubeni, ukuze ziqondane laphezu kwenhliziyo ka-Aroni loba kunini engena endaweni kaThixo. Ngalokho u-Aroni uzabe ethwele amandla okunquma izinqumo kwabako-Israyeli phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe phambi kukaThixo." **31** "Yenza isigqoko sesembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliluhlaza kuphela, **32** kube lesikhala sokungenisa ikhanda phakathi laphakathi. Kuzakuba lomphetho onjengebheqe othungwe walandelisela isikhala lesi ukuze isembatho singadabuki. **33** Wenze emphethweni wesembatho amaphomegranathi ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, uwugabanise lamabhera egolide. **34** Amabhera egolide kumele agabane lamaphomegranathi

emphethweni wesembatho. **35** U-Aroni kufanele asembathe nxa esenza umsebenzi wokukhonza. Umsindo wamabhera uyabe uzwakala lapho engena eNdaweni eNgcwele phambi kukaThixo lalapho ephuma, ukuze angafi. **36** Yenza icence legolide elicolekileyo udwebe, uloba kulo njengombazi wamatshe udwebela uphawu oluthi: Ubungcwele kabube kuThixo. **37** Ulibophele eqhiyeni ngentambo eluhlaza libe phambi kweqhiye. **38** Lizakuba sebunzini lika-Aroni ukuze athwale amacala aqondene lezipho ezingcwele ezinikelwa ngabako-Israyeli, kungakhathalekile ukuthi yisipho bani. Lizakuba sebunzini lika-Aroni kokuphela ukuze abako-Israyeli bemukeleke kuThixo. **39** Thunga ibhatshi ngelembu elicolekileyo kanye leqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo, elihle. Ibhanti lokhalo kumele lenziwe ngumbalazi ngokuthunga. **40** Wenzele amadodana ka-Aroni amabhatshi, lamabhanti kanye lamaqhiye ukuze abe lesithunzi, ahlonipheke. **41** Emva kokugqokisa u-Aroni umfowenu kanye lamadodana akhe lezizembatho, bagcobe ubahlukanisele ukuba ngabaphristi bami. **42** Thunga izembatho zangaphansi ngelembu, zisukele ekhalweni kusiya emathangazini, zibe yizembatho zomzimba. **43** U-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bazazigqoka izikhathi zonke nxa bengena ethenteni lokuhlangana lanxa besondela e-alithareni ukwenza umsebenzi wokukhonza eNdaweni eNgcwele, ukuze bangabi lecala bafe. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ku-Aroni lakuzizukulwane zakhe.”

29 “Lokhu yikho ozakwenza nxa ubagcoba ukuze bangisebenzele njengabaphristi: Thatha inkunzi

esesencane lenqama ezimbili ezingelasici. **2** Yenza izinkwa ezingelamvubelo ngefulawa ecolekileyo, izinkwa ezinkulu ezingelamvubelo, ezivutshwe ngamafutha e-oliva lezinkwa ezincane ezingelamvubelo, zigcotshwe ngamafutha e-oliva. **3** Uzifake esitsheni ubusuziletha ndawonye lenkunzi kanye lenqama ezimbili. **4** Emva kwalokho ulethe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ubagezise ngamanzi. **5** Thatha izembatho ugqokise u-Aroni ibhatshi, lesembatho samahlombe, isembatho samahlombe sona ngokwaso kanye lesigqoko sesifuba, umbophele isembatho samahlombe ngebhanti lokhalo elelukwe ngobungcwethi obukhulu. **6** Mthwalise iqhiye yokuthandela ekhanda lakhe, unamathisele umqhele wamakhosi ongcwele eqhiyeni. **7** Thatha amafutha okugcobela isikhundla umgcobe ngokuwathela phezu kwekhanda lakhe. **8** Letha amadodana akhe uwagqokise amabhatshi **9** ubabophe ngamabhanti emakhanda, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, ube usubathwalisa izingowane. Ubuphristi ngobabo ngesimiso esingapheliyo. Ngale indlela uzagcoba u-Aroni lamadodana akhe. **10** Letha inkunzi phambi kwethente lokuhlangana, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo, **11** uyihlabe phambi kukaThixo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **12** Uthathe igazi lenkunzi ulininde empondweni ze-alithare ngomunwe wakho, uthele igazi eliseleyo phansi e-alithareni. **13** Emva kwalokho uthathe lonke idanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, izinso zonke lamahwahwa akuzo, ukutshise

konke lokhu e-alithareni. **14** Kodwa-ke inyama yenkunzi,
isikhumba sayo lamathumbu ayo, ukutshisele ngaphandle
kwesihonqo; kungumnikelo wesono. **15** Thatha enye
yenqama, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo
phezu kwekhanda layo, **16** uyihlabe, uthathe igazi layo
ulichele emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **17** Emva kwalokho
uhlahlele inqama ibe yiziqa ugezise ezangaphakathi
lemilenze ukufake ndawonye lenhloko kanye lezinye
iziqa, **18** ubusutshisa inqama yonke e-alithareni. Lokhu
kungumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo, iphunga elimnandi,
umnikelo onikelwa kuThixo ngomlilo. **19** Thatha enye
inqama, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo
phezu kwekhanda layo. **20** Uyihlabe, uthathe igazi
layo ulininde esiqwini sendlebe yakwesokunene sika-
Aroni lakwezamadodana akhe, lasezithupheni zabo
zezandla zabo zokunene, lasemazwaneni amakhulu
ezinyawo zabo zesandla sokunene. Emva kwalokho
uchele igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **21** Thatha
igazi elise-alithareni lamafutha okugcoba uchele u-Aroni
lezembatho zakhe kanye lamadodana akhe lezembatho
zawo. Lapho-ke yena lamadodana akhe lezivunulo
zabo kuzabe sekungcwelisiwe. **22** Thatha amahwahwa
kule inqama, lomsila ononileyo, ledanga eligoqela
ezangaphakathi, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, lezinso
zombili lamahwahwa akuzo kanye lomlenze wesandla
sokunene. (Le yinqama yokugcotshwa komphristi.)
23 Esitsheni esilesinkwa esingelamvubelo esiphambi
kukaThixo, thatha isinkwa esisodwa, isinkwa esisodwa
esikhulu esixutshaniswe lamafutha e-oliva kanye

lesinkwanyana. **24** Konke lokhu kufake ezandleni
zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe, bakuzunguze phambi
kukaThixo kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa. **25** Emva
kwalokho kuthathe ezandleni zabo ukutshise e-alithareni
ndawonye lomnikelo wokutshiswa ukuze kube liphunga
elimnandi kuThixo, umhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa
kuThixo. **26** Emva kwalokho thatha isifuba senqama
yokugcotshwa kuka-Aroni uzunguze phambi kukaThixo
njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa njalo sizakuba yisabelo
sakho. **27** Zenze zibengcwele lezozitho zenqama
yokugcotshwa komphristi ezingezika-Aroni lamadodana
akhe, isifuba esizunguziweyo lomlenze onikelweyo.
28 Lokhu kuzaqhubeka kokuphela kuyisabelo sika-
Aroni lamadodana akhe esivela kwabako-Israyeli.
Kungumnikelo abako-Israyeli abawenzayo kuThixo uvela
eminikelweni yabo yokuhlanganyela. **29** Izembatho zika-
Aroni ezingcwele zizakuba ngezezizukulwana zakhe
ukuze bagcotshwe babekwe ubuphristi begqoke zona. **30**
Indodana yakhe ezakuba ngumphristi esikhundleni sakhe
izazigqoka insuku eziyisikhombisa lapho isiza ethenteni
lokuhlangana ukuzakhonza eNdaweni eNgcwele. **31**
Thatha inqama yokugcotshwa komphristi uyiphekele
endaweni engcwele. **32** Ethenteni lokuhlangana, u-
Aroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla inyama yenqama
lesinkwa esisesitsheni. **33** Kumele badle leyomnikelo
okwenziwa ngayo inhlawulo yokubekwa lokugcotshwa
kwabo. Kodwa omunye umuntu nje akayikukudla lokhu
ngoba kungcwele. **34** Njalo nxa eyinye yenyama yenqama
yokugcotshwa komphristi kumbe isinkwa kusele kuze

kube sekuseni, kutshise ngomlilo. Akumelanga kudliwe ngoba kungcwele. **35** Menzele-ke u-Aroni lamadodana akhe konke engikulaye khona, ukugcotshwa kwabo kuthathe insuku eziyisikhombisa. **36** Nikela inkunzi eyodwa usuku ngosuku njengomnikelo wesono wokwenza inhlawulo. Yenza i-alithari libengcwele ngokulenzela inhlawulo, uligcobe ukuba ulingcwelise. **37** Yenza inhlawulelo ye-alithare okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ulingcwelise. Lapho-ke i-alithari lizakuba ngcwele kakhulu kuthi konke okulithintayo kube ngcwele. **38** Lokhu yikho ozakunikela e-alithareni usuku lunye ngalunye: amazinyane ezimvu amabili alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe. **39** Nikela elilodwa ekuseni, elinye unikele ngalo njalo kusihlwa. **40** Kanye lezinyane lakuqala nikela okwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lokwesine kwehini yamafutha e-oliva ahluziweyo, lokwesine kwehini yewayini ukuba kube ngumnikelo onathwayo. **41** Elinye izinyane linikele kusihlwa ngomnikelo ofanayo wamabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo njengowekuseni ukuba kube liphunga elimnandi, umnikelo wokutshiswa onikelwa kuThixo. **42** Kuzizukulwane ezizayo umnikelo wokutshiswa lo uzakwenziwa njalonjalo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana phambi kukaThixo, lapho engizahlangana lawe khona ngikhulume lawe. **43** Lapho futhi yikho engizahlangana khona labako-Israyeli, indawo leyo ingcweliswe yinkazimulo yami. **44** Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza ithente lokuhlangana kanye le-alithari kube ngcwele ukuba bangisebenzele bengabaphristi. **45** Lapho-ke ngizahlala phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli

ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. **46** Bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, owabakhupha eGibhithe ukuze ngihlale phakathi kwabo. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo."

30 "Yenza i-alithari lokutshisela impepha ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya. **2** Amacele womane kumele alingane, kube yingalo ubude lengalo ububanzi, kuthi ukudepha kube zingalo ezimbili, impondo zalo zibe yinto yinye lalo. **3** Huqa phezulu lamacele wonke, lempondo zalo ngegolide elicolekileyo ubumbele umqolo wegolide inxa zonke. **4** Yenza amasongo egolide amabili e-alithare abe ngaphansi komqolo emaceleni amabili ehlukeneyo ukuba abambe imijabo yokulithwala. **5** Imijabo yenze ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya uyihuqe ngegolide. **6** Beka i-alithari phambi kwekhetheni elisithe umtshokotsho wobufakazi, nganeno kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu kwezibhebhedu zesivumelwano somthetho lapho engizahlangana lawe khona. **7** U-Aroni kumele atshise impepha enuka mnandi e-alithareni nsuku zonke ekuseni elungisa izibane. **8** Kumele impepha ayitshise futhi kusihlwa lapho eselumathisa izibane ukuze impepha itshe kokuphela phambi kukaThixo kuze kube kuzizukulwane ezizayo. **9** Linganikeli kuleli-alithare olunye uhlobo lwempepha kumbe umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umnikelo wamabele, njalo lingatheli umnikelo wokunathwa phezu kwalo. **10** Kanye ngomnyaka u-Aroni uzakwenza inhlawulelo empondweni zalo. Inhlawulo yeminyaka yonke le kumele yenziwe ngegazi lomnikelo wokuhlawulela izono zezizukulwane ezizayo. Ingcwele

kakhulu kuThixo.” **11** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **12** “Lapho usubala abantu bako-Israyeli omunye lomunye kumele anike uThixo inhlawulo yokuphila kwakhe. Ngalokho akuyikuba lesifo esizabehlela lapho ubabala. **13** Akuthi lowo lalowo odlulela ngakulabo asebebaliwe anike ingxenye yeshekeli, ngokweshekeli lendawo engcwele, okuyisisindo esingamagera angamatshumi amabili. Ingxenye yeshekeli le ingumnikelo kuThixo. **14** Wonke umuntu obaliweyo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, uzanikela umnikelo kuThixo. **15** Abanothileyo akumelanga banikele ngokwedlula ingxenye yeshekeli, labayanga kabanganikeli ngokungaphansi lapho selinikela kuThixo ukuba lenze inhlawulelo yokuphila kwenu. **16** Wamukele imali yenhlawulo kwabako-Israyeli uyisebenzise enkonzweni yethente lokuhlangana. Izakuba yisikhumbuzo kwabako-Israyeli phambi kukaThixo ukwenzela inhlawulelo yokuphila kwenu.” **17** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **18** “Yenza inkonxa yethusi ibe lensika yethusi, izakuba ngeyokugezela. Uyibeke phakathi laphakathi kwethente lokuhlangana le-alithari, uthele amanzi phakathi kwayo. **19** U-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazageza izandla lezinyawo zabo ngamanzi akuyo. **20** Nxa bengena ethenteni lokuhlangana bazageza ngamanzi ukuze bangafi. Phezu kwalokho, lapho besondela e-alithareni ukuba bakhonze ngokwethula umnikelo wokutshiswa onikelwa kuThixo, **21** bazageza izandla zabo lezinyawo ukuze bangafi. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ku-Aroni lenzalo yakhe lakuzizukulwane ezizayo.” **22** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi,

23 “Thatha lezinhlobo zamakha amahle: Amashekeli
angamakhulu amahlanu emure elingamanzi, isinamoni
enuka mnandi eyingxenye yalokho (okuyikuthi amakhulu
amabili lamatshumi amahlanu amashekeli), amashekeli
angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ekhalamu
elilephunga elimnandi, **24** amashekeli angamakhulu
amahlanu ekhasiya, konke kumayelana lamashekeli
endawo engcwele, kanye lehini lamafutha ama-oliva.
25 Lokhu kwenze kube ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba
abakhethiweyo alungiswe ngumenzi wamakha, azakuba
ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiweyo. **26**
Ngawo-ke uzagcoba ithente lokuhlangana, umtshokotsho
wobufakazi, **27** itafula kanye lezitsha zawo zonke,
uluthi lwesibane lezitsha zawo, i-alithari lempepha,
28 i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zawo
lomganu wokugezela kanye lezinyawo zawo. **29**
Uzakungcwelisa konke ukuba kube ngcwele kakhulu,
njalo loba yini ekuthintayo izakuba ngcwele. **30**
Mgcobe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe ubehlukanisele ukuba
bangisebenzele bengabaphristi. **31** Batshele abako-
Israyeli uthi, ‘Lokhu kuzakuba ngamafutha ami angcwele
okugcoba abakhethiweyo lakuzizukulwane zenu ezizayo.
32 Lingawatheli emizimbeni yabantu, njalo lingenzi
amanye amafutha ngale indlela yokuwenza. Ingcwele,
izakuba ngcwele lakini. **33** Lowo ozakwenza amakha
afana lawo kumbe agcobe ngawo umuntu ongasuye
mphristi, uzasuswa ebantwini bakibo.’” **34** UThixo wabuye
wathi kuMosi, “Thatha amakha anuka mnandi, isitakete,
i-onika legalibhanumi kanye lenhlaka enhle, konke

kungesilinganiso esifanayo, **35** wenze ingxube yempepha
elephunga elimnandi njengomxubi wamakha, ifakwe
itswayi ibenhle njalo ibe ngcwele. **36** Chola enye yayo ibe
yimpuphu uyifake phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi
phakathi kwethente lokuhlangana lapho engizahlangana
lawe khona. Izakuba ngcwele kakhulu kini. **37** Lingazenzeli
eyenu impepha ngale indlela, iboneni njengento engcwele
kuThixo. **38** Lowo ozakwenza enye efana layo ukuba
akholise ukunukelela kwayo kamnandi, kumele asuswe
ebantwini bakibo."

31 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Khangela, sengikhethe
uBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri oyindodana kaHuri owesizwe
sikaJuda **3** ngamgcwalisa ngomoya kaNkulunkulu,
ukuhlakanipha, ukuqedisisa lolwazi ekwenzeni yonke
imisebenzi yobungcitshi **4** ukuze adwebe imisebenzi
yobungcitshi ngesimo sezinto ezenziwa ngegolide, isiliva
kanye lethusi, **5** abaze amatshe awabeke kuhle, abaze
izigodo kanye lokwenza yonke imisebenzi yomuntu
oleminwe lobungcwethi. **6** Phezu kwalokho, ngikhethe lo-
Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi, owesizwe sikaDani
ukuba amncedise. Nginike ulwazi kuzozonke izingcitshi
ukuba zenze konke engikulaye ukuba kwenziwe: **7**
ithente lokuhlangana, umtshokotsho wobufakazi, isihlalo
somusa esikuwo, lakho konke okunye okokuhlobisa
ithente: **8** itafula lezitsha zalo, uluthi lwesibane lwegolide
elicolekileyo lezitsha zalo zonke, i-alithari lempepha,
9 i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lezitsha zalo
zonke, lomkolo kanye lezinyawo zawo **10** lezembatho
ezelukiweyo, lezembatho ezingcwele zika-Aroni umphristi

kanye lezembatho zamadodana akhe ezomsebenzi wabo wobuphristi, **11** lamafutha okugcobela isikhundla, lempepha enuka mnandi eyeNdawo eNgcwele. Kumele bakwenze njengoba ngikulayile." **12** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **13** "Batshele abako-Israyeli uthi, 'Kumele ligcine amaSabatha ami. Lokhu kuzakuba luphawu phakathi kwami lani kuzizukulwane zenu ezizayo, ukuze lazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo olenza libengcwele. **14** Gcinani iSabatha ngoba lingcwele kini. Lowo olonayo kumele abulawe, lalowo osebenzayo ngalolosuku uzasuswa ebantwini bakibo. **15** Umsebenzi kawenziwe okwensuku eziyisithupha, kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa luliSabatha lokuphumula, lungcwele kuThixo. Lowo osebenzayo ngosuku lweSabatha kumele abulawe. **16** Abako-Israyeli kumele bagcine iSabatha, baligcine kuzizukulwane zabo ezizayo njengesivumelwano esingapheliyo. **17** Lizakuba luphawu phakathi kwami labako-Israyeli nini lanini. Ngoba ngezinsuku eziyisithupha uThixo wenza amazulu lomhlaba, kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa waphumula.'"
18 Kwathi lapho uThixo eseqedile ukukhuluma loMosi entabeni yaseSinayi wamnika izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe obufakazi, izibhebhedu zamatshe alotshwe ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu.

32 Kwathi lapho abantu bebona uMosi esephuzile ukwehla entabeni, babuthana ku-Aroni bathi kuye, "Lalela, senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu, ngoba umuntu lo, uMosi owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, asikwazi osekwenzakale kuye." **2** U-Aroni wabaphendula wathi, "Khuphani amacici egolide

asendlebeni zamakhosikazi enu, amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu, liwalethe kimi.” **3** Ngakho abantu bonke bawakhupha amacici abo bawasa ku-Aroni. **4** Wathatha lokho abamnikeza khona wakwenza kwaba yisithombe esibunjwe ngesimo sethole esebenzisa insimbi yokukhanda. Basebesithi, “Laba yibo onkulunkulu benu, Oh Israyeli, abalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe.” **5** Kwathi u-Aroni ebona lokhu wakha i-alithari phambi kwethole wamemezela wathi, “Kusasa kuzakuba lomkhosi kaThixo.” **6** Ngakho ngosuku olwalandelayo abantu bavuka ekuseni kakhulu banikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, baletha lomnikelo wobudlelwano. Emva kwalokho bahlala phansi badla, banatha; basukuma bagida. **7** Lapho-ke uThixo wathi kuMosi, “Yehla uye phansi ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha elizweni laseGibhithe sebegcwele ububi. **8** Baphangisile badela konke engabalaya khona bazenzela isithombe esibunjwe safana lethole. Basikhothamele banikela iminikelo kiso bathi, ‘Laba yibo onkulunkulu benu, bako-Israyeli, abalikhupha eGibhithe.’” **9** UThixo wasebuya wathi kuMosi, “Sengibabonile abantu laba; ngabantu abantamo zilukhuni. **10** Khathesi-ke ngiyekela ngingedwa ukuze ulaka lwami luvuthe phezu kwabo, ngibatshabalalise. Besengizakwenza isizwe esikhulu.” **11** Kodwa uMosi wacela umusa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe, wathi, “Awu Thixo, kungani ulaka lwakho kumele luvuthele abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langesandla esiqinileyo na? **12** Kungani amaGibhithe kumele athi, ‘Wabakhupha elizweni ngenxa

yenhloso embi ukuba ababulalele ezintabeni, ababhubhise
baphele ebusweni bomhlaba'? Phenduka olakeni lwakho
olwesabekayo, uthambise umoya wakho, ungaletheli
abantu bakho ukubhujiswa. **13** Khumbula izinceku
zakho u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka lo-Israyeli owafunga kubo
wena ngokwakho wathi, 'Ngizakwandisa inzalo yenu ibe
ngangezinkanyezi zasemkhathini, ngiyinike lonke ilizwe
engalithembisa lona ukuba libe yilifa layo kuze kube nini
lanini.'" **14** Lapho-ke uThixo waguquka ebubini ayesemise
ukubehlisela ebantwini bakhe. **15** UMosi waphenduka
wehla entabeni ephethe izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe
obufakazi ezandleni zakhe. Zazilotshwe inxa zombili,
phambili langemuva. **16** Izibhebhedu zamatshe
zazingumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu; umbhalo ungumbhalo
kaNkulunkulu owawulotshwe ezibhebhedwini zamatshe.
17 Kwathi lapho uJoshuwa esizwa umsindo wabantu
beklabalala, wathi kuMosi, "Kulokuhlokoma kwempi
ezihonqweni." **18** UMosi waphendula wathi: "Akusiyo
nhlokomo yokunqoba, akusiyo nhlokomo yokunqotshwa;
yinhlokomo yokuhlabela mina engiyizwayo." **19** Kwathi
uMosi esebanga ezihonqweni ebona ithole kanye
lokugida okwakusenziwa, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha, walahla
izibhebhedu ezazisezandleni zakhe, zahlephuka zaba
yizicucu ewatheni lwentaba. **20** Wathatha ithole
abebelenzile walitshisa emlilweni; walichola laba
yimpuphu, wayiphosela emanzini, wathi bawanathe
abako-Israyeli. **21** Wasesithi ku-Aroni, "Abantu
laba benzeni kuwe uze ubakhokhelele esonweni
esikhulu kangaka na?" **22** U-Aroni waphendula

wathi, “Ungathukutheli nkosi yami. Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu laba bathanda ububi. **23** Bathe kimi, ‘Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu. Umuntu lo, uMosi owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, asikwazi osokwenzakale kuye.’ **24** Ngakho mina ngathi kubo, ‘Loba ngubani olomceciso wegolide kawukhuphe.’ Basebengipha-ke igolide ngaliphosa emlilweni, kwasekuphuma ithole leli.” **25** UMosi wabona ukuthi abantu babengasabambeki kanye lokuthi u-Aroni wayesebaxhwalisile baze baba yinhlekisa ezitheni zabo. **26** Ngakho wema esangweni lezihonqo wathi, “Wonke ongokaThixo, keze kimi.” Wonke amadodana kaLevi ayabuthana kuye. **27** Wasesithi kuwo, “Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ukuthi, ‘Indoda ngayinye kayibophele inkemba yayo ngebhanti eceleni kwayo, lihambahambe phakathi kwezihonqo lisuka kwelinye icele lazo lisiya kwelinye, indoda ngayinye ibulale umfowabo, umzalwane lomakhelwane wayo.’” **28** Amadodana kaLevi enza njengokulaywa kwawo nguMosi. Ngakho ngalolosuku kwafa abantu ababengaba zinkulungwane ezintathu. **29** UMosi wasesithi kubo, “Lamuhla lina selahlukaniselwe uThixo ngoba limelane lamadodana enu labafowenu, ngalokho uselibusisile lamhla.” **30** Ngelanga elalandelayo uMosi wathi ebantwini, “Lenze isono esikhulu kakhulu. Kodwa khathesi ngizaqansa ngiye phezulu kuThixo, mhlawumbe ngingenza inhlawulelo yesono senu.” **31** Ngakho uMosi wabuyela kuThixo wathi kuye, “Awu, abantu laba sebenze isono esikhulu kakhulu. Bazenzele onkulunkulu ngegolide.

32 Ake ubathethelele izono zabo kodwa nxa kungenjalo,
ngesula ogwalweni olulobileyo." **33** UThixo wamphendula
uMosi wathi, "Lowo owenze isono kimi ngizamesula
ogwalweni lwami. **34** Khathesi hamba, ukhokhelele
abantu endaweni engakhuluma ngayo kuwe. Ingilosi yami
izahamba phambi kwakho. Kodwa-ke nxa isikhathi sami
sokujezisa sesifikile, ngizabajezisa ngenxa yesono sabo."
35 UThixo wabajezisa abantu ngesifo ngenxa yalokho
abakwenza ngethole elalenziwe ngu-Aroni.

33 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Suka kule indawo
wena labantu owabakhupha elizweni laseGibhithe,
uye elizweni engalithembisa u-Abhrahama lo-Isaka
loJakhobe ngifunga ngisithi, 'Ngizalinika inzalo yakho.'
2 Ngizathuma ingilosi ihambe phambi kwakho ixotshe
amaKhenani, ama-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi
lamaJebusi. **3** Yana elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju.
Kodwa mina angiyikuhamba lani ngoba lingabantu
abantamo zilukhuni, hlezi ngilibhubhise endleleni." **4**
Kwathi lapho abantu sebezwe amazwi la adabukisayo
baqalisa ukukhala, akwaze kwaba loyedwa owagqiza
izigqizo zakhe. **5** Phela uThixo wayethe kuMosi,
"Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, 'Lina lingabantu abantamo
zilukhuni. Nxa ngingahamba lani loba okomzuzwana
nje, ngingalibhubhisa. Khathesi khululani izigqizo zenu;
ngizakwenza isinqumo ukuthi ngenzeni ngani.'" **6**
Ngakho-ke abako-Israyeli bazikhipha izigqizo zabo
entabeni yeHorebhi. **7** UMosi wayejwayele ukuthatha
ithente ayelimisa ngaphandle bucwadlana lezihonqo.
Walibiza ngokuthi "lithente lokuhlangana." Ubani lobani

owayedinga uThixo wayesiya ethenteni lokuhlangana ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **8** Kwakusithi-ke lapho uMosi ephuma esiya kulelothente abantu bonke babesukuma bame eminyango yamathente abo bakhangele uMosi aze angene ethenteni. **9** Kwakusithi uMosi esengena ethenteni insika yeyezi yehlele phansi ime emnyango wethente lapho uThixo ekhuluma loMosi. **10** Kwakusithi abantu bangabona insika yeyezi isimi emnyango wethente basukume bonke bakhonze; lowo lalowo emnyango wethente lakhe. **11** UThixo wayekhuluma loMosi ubuso ngobuso njengomuntu ekhuluma lomngane wakhe. Ngemva kwalokho uMosi wayebuyela ezihonqweni, kodwa umncedisi wakhe owayesesemncane, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, wayengasuki ethenteni. **12** UMosi wathi kuThixo, "Ubulokhu ungitshela usithi, 'Khokhela abantu laba,' kodwa kawungazisanga ukuthi ngubani ozamthuma ukuba ahambe lami. Utshilo wathi, 'Ngiyakwazi ngebizo, njalo ufumene umusa kimi.' **13** Nxa uthokoza ngami, ngifundisa izindlela zakho ukuze ngikwazi, ngiqhubeke ngithola umusa kuwe. Khumbula futhi lokuthi isizwe lesi singabantu bakho." **14** UThixo waphendula wathi, "NgoBukhona bami ngizahamba lawe ngikuphumuze." **15** UMosi wathi kuye, "Nxa uBukhona bakho bungahambi lathi, ungasisusi lapha. **16** Umuntu angakwazi njani ukuthi mina labantu bakho sifumene umusa kuwe ngaphandle kokuba uhamba lathi na? Kuyini okunye okungasiphawula, mina labantu bakho, kwabanye abantu bonke emhlabeni na?" **17** UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Ngizakwenza khona kanye lokhu okucelileyo ngoba

ngiyathokoza ngawe, njalo ngikwazi ngebizo." **18** UMosi wasesithi, "Ngicela ukuba ungitshengise inkazimulo yakho." **19** UThixo wasesithi, "Ngizakwenza ukulunga kwami kudlule phambi kwakho, njalo ngizamemezela ibizo lami, uThixo, phambi kwakho. Ngizakuba lesihawu kulowo engizakuba lesihawu kuye njalo ngibe lesisa kulowo engizakuba lesisa kuye." **20** UThixo waqhubeka wathi, "Kodwa, ubuso bami awungeke ububone, ngoba kakho ongangibona aphile." **21** UThixo wabuya wathi, "Kulendawo phansi kwami lapho ongema khona phezu kwedwala. **22** Kuzakuthi lapho inkazimulo yami isedlula eduze, ngizakufaka emnkenkeni wedwala ngikusithe ngesandla sami ngize ngidlule. **23** Emva kwalokho ngizasusa isandla sami ubone umhlane wami; kodwa ubuso bami akumelanga ububone."

34 UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Baza ezinye izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zifanane lezakuqala. Ngizabhala kuzo amazwi ayesezibhebhedwini zakuqala owaziphahlazayo. **2** Ube usulungile ekuseni, ubuye phezulu entabeni iSinayi, uziveze kimi engqongweni yentaba. **3** Akungabi lamuntu oza lawe kumbe oke abonakale loba kungaphi entabeni; ngitsho lezimvu lenkomo kazingadli phambi kwaleyontaba." **4** Ngakho uMosi wabaza izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zaba njengezakuqala, wakhwela entabeni iSinayi ekuseni kakhulu njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo ephethe izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe ezandleni zakhe. **5** UThixo wehla ngeyezi wema khonapho laye wamemezela ibizo lakhe esithi, "UThixo." **6** Wedlula phambi kukaMosi ememezela esithi, "UThixo,

uThixo; uNkulunkulu olesihawu lomusa, ophuzayo ukuthukuthela, ogcwele uthando lobuqotho, **7** olothando olungapheliyo kuzinkulungwane ethethelela ububi, iziphosiso lezono. Ikanti abalamacala kabayekeli bengajeziswanga; wehlisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana, laphezu kwabantwana babantwana kusiya kusizukulwane sesithathu lesesine." **8** UMosi waphanga wakhothamisela ikhanda lakhe phansi, wakhonza. **9** Wathi, "Awu Thixo, nxa ngithole umusa kuwe, ngiyacela, uThixo kahambe lathi. Lanxa abantu laba bentamo zilukhuni, sithethelele ububi bethu lezono zethu, usithathe njengelifa lakho." **10** UThixo wasesithi, "Sengisenza isivumelwano lawe. Phambi kwabantu bakho bonke ngizakwenza izimangaliso ezingakaze zenziwe lanini lakusiphi isizwe emhlabeni wonke. Abantu ohlala phakathi kwabo bazabona ukuthi umangalisa njani umsebenzi, mina Thixo, engizakwenzela wona. **11** Lalela lokhu engikulaya khona lamhla. Ngizawaxotsha phambi kwakho ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi. **12** Qaphela ukuba kungabi lesivumelwano osenza lalabo abahlala elizweni oya kulo ngoba bangaba yisifu kini. **13** Adilizeni ama-alithare abo, libhidlize lezithombe zabo, liqume lezinsika zika-Ashera wabo abamkhonzayo. **14** Lingakhonzi omunye unkulunkulu, ngoba uThixo, obizo lakhe linguBukhwele, nguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. **15** Qaphelani lingenzi isivumelwano lalabo abahlala elizweni lelo ngoba nxa bephinga labonkulunkulu babo benikela iminikelo kubo, bazalinxusa beselisidla imihlatshelo yabo. **16**

Njalo lapho likhetha amanye amadodakazi abo ukuba abe ngabafazi bamadodana enu kuzakuthi lapho amadodakazi lawo esezibhixa kubonkulunkulu bawo, ahugele amadodana enu ekwenzeni okunjalo. **17** Lingazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjiweyo. **18** Gcinani uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa dlanini isinkwa esenziwe kungekho mvubelo, njengokulaya kwami. Lokho kwenzeni ngesikhathi esimisiweyo enyangeni ka-Abhibhi, ngoba ngaleyonyanga laphuma eGibhithe. **19** Inzalo yakuqala yonke ezelweyo ngeyami, kanye lamazibulo wonke amaduna ezifuyo zenu, loba engawenkomo kumbe awezimvu. **20** Izibulo likababhemi lihlengeni ngezinyane. Kodwa nxa lingangalihlengi lephuleni intamo yalo. Ahlengeni wonke amadodana enu angamazibulo. Kakho ozakuza phambi kwami engaphethe lutho. **21** Lizasebenza insuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa lizaphumula; langesikhathi sokulima lesokuvuna kuzamele liphumule. **22** Thakazelelani uMkhosi wamaViki lokolibo kokuvuna kwenu ingqoloyi loMkhosi wokuButhelela ekupheleni komnyaka. **23** Kathathu ngomnyaka bonke abesilisa bakho kumele babonakale phambi kukaThixo Wobukhosi, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **24** Ngizaxotsha izizwe eziphambi kwenu njalo ngiqhelise ilizwe lenu, kakho ozahawukela ilizwe lenu ngesikhathi lisiyabonakala kathathu ngomnyaka phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **25** Linganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo kimi ndawonye laloba yini elemvubelo, njalo akungabi lomhlatshelo woMkhosi wePhasika

ogcinwa kuze kuse. **26** Lethani okolibo kwenu okuhle
kakhulu endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki
izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina." **27** UThixo
wasesithi kuMosi, "Loba amazwi la, ngoba ngamazwi la
sengenze isivumelwano lawe kanye lo-Israyeli." **28** UMosi
wayekhonale loThixo insuku ezingamatshumi amane
lobusuku obungamatshumi amane engadli sinkwa kumbe
ukunatha amanzi. Amazwi esivumelwano ayimiThetho
eliTshumi, wawaloba ezibhebhedwini zamatshe. **29**
Kwathi lapho uMosi esehla entabeni yeSinayi ephethe
izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe obufakazi, wayengazi
ukuthi ubuso bakhe babukhazimula ngenxa yokuthi
wayekhulume loThixo. **30** Kwathi u-Aroni labo bonke
abako-Israyeli bebona uMosi, ubuso bakhe bukhazimula,
besaba ukusondela kuye. **31** Kodwa uMosi wababiza;
ngakho u-Aroni lezinduna zonke zabantu beza kuye,
wakhuluma labo. **32** Emva kwalokho bonke abako-
Israyeli basondela kuye wabanika yonke imilayo kaThixo
ayemuphe yona entabeni yeSinayi. **33** UMosi eseqedile
ukukhuluma labo, wamboza ubuso bakhe ngeveli. **34**
Kodwa kwakusithi lapho esengena ukuba abe phambi
kukaThixo ukuze akhulume laye, wayelisusa iveli aze
aphume. Wayesithi angaphuma, njalo esebatshelile abako-
Israyeli lokho ayekulayiwe, **35** babebona ukuthi ubuso
bakhe babukhazimula. Lapho-ke uMosi wayebumboza
njalo ubuso bakhe ngeveli aze angene esiyakhuluma
loThixo.

35 UMosi wabuthanisa isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli wathi
kuso, "Lokhu yikho uThixo alilaye ukuba likwenze: **2**

Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizaqhuba imisebenzi, kodwa
usuku lwesikhombisa luzakuba lusuku lwenu olungcwele,
iSabatha lokuphumula kuThixo. Loba ngubani ozakwenza
umsebenzi ngalolosuku kuzamele abulawe. **3** Lingabasi
umlilo loba kungaphi elihlala khona ngosuku lweSabatha."
4 Ekhuluma lesizwe sonke sako-Israyeli uMosi wathi,
"Lokhu yikho uThixo athe kwenziwe: **5** Kulokho
elilakho khiphani umnikelo kaThixo. Wonke ozimiseleyo
ukuletha kuThixo umnikelo: wegolide, isiliva kanye
lethusi, **6** intambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye
lezibomvu; lelembu elicolekileyo, uboya bembuzi,
7 izikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo
obomvu kanye lezikhumba zezinyamazana eziqinileyo;
lezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya; **8** amafutha e-
oliva awokukhanyisa isibane, amakha azasetshenziswa
lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo lephunga lempepha
elimnandi, **9** amatshe e-onikisi lamanye amatshe aligugu
azathungelwa esembathweni semahlombe lesesifubeni.
10 Bonke abazingcitshi phakathi kwenu kumele beze
bazokwenza konke lokho uThixo alaye ukuthi kwenziwe:
11 ithabanikeli lethente lalo kanye lesisibekelo, ingwegwe,
amathala, imithando enqumayo, izinsika lezisekelo;
12 umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo kanye
lesisibekelo esiyisihlalo somusa lekhetheni lokulisitha;
13 itafula lemijabo yalo lezitsha zonke kanye lesinkwa
esiNgcwele, **14** uluthi lwesibane sokukhanyisa kanye
lezitsha zalo, izibane lamafutha okukhanyisa, **15** i-
alithari lempepha lemijabo yalo, amafutha okugcoba
abakhethiweyo kanye lempepha elephunga elimnandi,

ikhetheni lomnyango esangweni lokuya ethabanikeleni,
16 i-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa leminxibo yokosa
eyenziwe ngethusi, imijabo kanye lezitsha zalo zonke,
inditshi yethusi kanye lesisekelo sayo, **17** amakhetheni
eguma kanye lezinsika zalo lezisekelo, njalo lekhetheni
lesango leguma, **18** izikhonkwane zethente, ezethabanikeli
kanye lezeguma, lamagoda azo, **19** izembatho
ezelukiweyo ezisetshenziswa ekuphatheni umsebenzi
endaweni engcwele, zonke izembatho ezingcwele zika-
Aroni umphristi kanye lezembatho zamadodana akhe
abazisebenzisayo emsebenzini wobuphristi." **20** Ngemva
kwalokho isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli sasuka phambi
kukaMosi, **21** kwathi wonke umuntu owayezimisele
lowayefuqwa yinhliziyo waletha umnikelo kuThixo
ukuze usetshenziswe ethenteni lokuhlangana lakuzo
zonke inkonzo zalo, kanye lakuzembatho ezingcwele. **22**
Bonke ababezimisele, abesilisa labesifazane ngokufanayo,
baletha izinto zokucecisa ezemihlobo ngemihlobo
ezenziwe ngegolide: izipenede, amacici, indandatho
kanye lazozonke izinto zokucecisa. Bonke baletha
igolide labo kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi
kukaThixo. **23** Wonke umuntu owayelentambo eziluhlaza,
eziyibubende, ezibomvu kumbe ilembu elicolekileyo,
kumbe uboya bembuzi, izikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe
ngomphendulo obomvu loba izikhumba zenyamazana
zolwandle wakuletha. **24** Labo ababeleminikelo yesiliva
kumbe eyethusi bayiletha njengomnikelo kuThixo,
kanti laye wonke umuntu owayelezigodo zesihlahla
som'akhakhiya ezazingasetshenziswa kuloba yiwuphi

umsebenzi, waziletha. **25** Wonke owesifazane olobuciko
bokweluka waletha ayekweluke ngezandla zakhe, intambo
eziluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu kumbe ilembu
elicolekileyo. **26** Kanjalo bonke abesifazane ababezimisele
futhi belobuciko beluka ngoboya bembuzi. **27** Abakhokheli
baletha amatshe aligugu e-onikisi kanye lamanye
njalo amatshe aligugu ukuthi athungelwe emahlombe
lasesifubeni sesembatho. **28** Baletha njalo leziyoliso
kanye lamafutha e-oliva awokukhanyisa lawokugcoba
abakhethiweyo kanye lempepha elephunga elimnandi. **29**
Bonke abako-Israyeli abesilisa labesifazane ababezimisele
baletha iminikelo ngokukhululeka kuThixo ukuze
kwenziwe yonke imisebenzi uThixo ayelaye uMosi ukuthi
bayenze. **30** Ngalokho uMosi wathi kwabako-Israyeli,
“Khangelani, uThixo usekhethe uBhezaleli indodana
ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, owesizwe sikaJuda, **31** njalo
usemgcwalise ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, ukuhlakanipha,
ukuqedisisa kanye lolwazi ekwenzeni yonke imisebenzi
yobungcitshi **32** ukuba adwebe ngobungcitshi isimo
sezinto ezizabazwa ngegolide, isiliva kanye lethusi,
33 ukubaza amatshe lokuwamisa, ukubaza izigodo
njalo enze yonke imisebenzi yomuntu oleminwe
lobungcitshi. **34** Njalo usenike uBhezaleli kanye lo-
Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi, owesizwe sikaDani
ulwazi ekufundiseni abanye. **35** UThixo usebagcwalise
ngobuciko bokwenza yonke imihlobo yemisebenzi
njengezingcitshi, abadwebi kumbe ababumbi bezinto
ezingathungwa kumbe ezingabazwa, abathungi beziceciso
zentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu kanye

lamalembu acolekileyo, labeluki, bonke bezingcitshi ezilolwazi olukhulu lababumbi bezinto ezingathungwa kumbe ezingabazwa.

36 Ngakho uBhezaleli, u-Oholiyabhi lomuntu wonke uThixo amuphe ubungcwethi lamandla okwazi ukwenza wonke lumsebenzi wokwakha indlu engcwele, kumele benze umsebenzi njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo.”
2 UMosi wasebiza uBhezaleli, u-Oholiyabhi labo bonke abalobungcwethi, uThixo ayebaphe amandla lowayezimisele ukuzokwenza lowomsebenzi. **3** Bemukela abakuphiwa nguMosi okwakuyiminikelo yabako-Israyeli benikelela ukwakhiwa kwendlu engcwele. Abantu baqhubeka beletha iminikelo ngokukhululeka kwabo ukusa kwamalanga wonke. **4** Ngakho zonke izingcitshi ezazisenza umsebenzi wonke wokwakha indlu engcwele zatshiya yonke imisebenzi yazo **5** zathi kuMosi, “Abantu baletha okunengi kakhulu kulalokho uThixo alaya ukuba kwenziwe.” **6** Ngakho uMosi wakhupha isiqondiso basebethumela ilizwi ezihonqweni elithi, “Kakho owesilisa loba owesifazane okusamele enze olunye ulutho ukuthi lube ngumnikelo wendlu engcwele.” Ngalokho abantu bavinjelwa ukuletha okunye futhi, **7** ngoba abasebelakho kwasekukunengi okwedlula lokho okwakuzaphetha umsebenzi. **8** Wonke amadoda alobungcwethi phakathi kwabasebenzayo akha ithabanikeli ngamakhetheni alitshumi enziwe ngelembu eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, laceciswe ngamakherubhi elukelwa kuhle yingcitshi. **9** Wonke amakhetheni

ayelingana ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili njalo ububanzi ezingalo ezine. **10** Babambanisa amakhetheni amahlanu ndawonye, benza njalo lakwamanye amahlanu. **11** Basebesenza izihitshela ngelembu eliluhlaza belandela umphetho wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, kwenziwa okufananayo elixheni lesibili. **12** Benza njalo ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini elilodwa, benza futhi ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini lokucina lelixha lesibili, izihitshela zazikhangelene. **13** Basebesenza ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, bazisebenzisa ukuhlanganisa izixha zombili zamakhetheni ukuze ithabanikeli libe yintonye. **14** Benza amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi aba ngawethente lokubekwa phezu kwethabanikeli, wonke abalitshumi lanye. **15** Wonke amakhetheni alitshumi lanye ayelingana, ezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ubude, ububanzi ezingalo ezine. **16** Bahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu aba lilixha layisithupha kwelinye ilixha. **17** Benza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu zilandela umphetho wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, benza okufananayo ekhethenini lelixha lesibili. **18** Balungisa ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu ukuze babophe ngazo ithente libe yinto yinye. **19** Benza isembeso sethente ngezikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, kwathi ngaphezu kwalokho benza isembeso ngezikhumba eziqinileyo. **20** Benza amathala ethabanikeli okumiswa ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya. **21** Ithala linye

lalilide okuzingalo ezilitshumi, kwathi ububanzi laba yingalo elengxenye, **22** kulemisuka emibili ephutsha ilinganisene. Wonke amathala ethabanikeli enziwa ngale indlela. **23** Benza amathala ecele elisezansi kwethabanikeli angamatshumi amabili, **24** benza izisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane ezazihamba ngaphansi kwawo, izisekelo ezimbili ethaleni linye, isisekelo sinye ngaphansi kwensika inye ngayinye. **25** Kuleli elinye icele, icele elisenyakatho kwethabanikeli, bamisa amathala angamatshumi amabili **26** kanye lezisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi amane, ezimbili ngaphansi kwethala lilinye. **27** Benza amathala ayisithupha ecele elisekucineni ngentshonalanga kwethabanikeli, **28** benza amathala amabili emagumbini asekucineni. **29** Emagumbini womabili amathala ayelohlonzi oluphindwe kabili kusuka phansi kusiya phezulu, ehlanganiswe ngesongo elilodwa njalo womabili enziwa ngokufananayo. **30** Ngakho kwenziwa amathala ayisificaminwembili lezisekelo zesiliva ezilitshumi lesithupha, zimbili ngaphansi kwethala linye. **31** Benza njalo imithando enqumayo ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya: emihlanu ingeyamathala akwelinye icele lethabanikeli, **32** emihlanu yayingeyakwelinye icele, kwathi njalo eminye emihlanu yaba ngeyamathala asentshonalanga ekucineni kwethabanikeli. **33** Umthando onquma phakathi bawenza wedlula usuka kwelinye icele usiya kwelinye phakathi laphakathi kwamathala. **34** Bahuqa amathala ngegolide benza amasongo ngegolide abamba imithando. Njalo bahuqa imithando ngegolide. **35** Benza ikhetheni

ngelembu elicolekileyo, eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu, aba lamakherubhi elukelwe kuwo ngumuntu oleminwe. **36** Bawenzela izinsika ezine ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya bazihuqa ngegolide. Izinsika bazenzela ingwegwe zegolide njalo bawamisela lezisekelo ezine zesiliva. **37** Benza ikhetheni lesango lethente ngelembu elicolekileyo elilentambo eziphothiweyo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga; **38** njalo benza izinsika ezinhlanu zilengwegwe zazo. Bahuqa izihloko zensika kanye lamabhanti azo ngegolide njalo benza lezisekelo ezinhlanu ngethusi.

37 UBhezaleli wabaza umtshokotsho ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ubude bawo kuzingalo ezimbili ezilengxenye, ububanzi kuyingalo elengxenye njalo ukuyaphezulu kwawo kuyingalo elengxenye. **2** Walihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ngaphakathi langaphandle, wabuye walizingelezela ngomqolo wegolide. **3** Wawubumbela amasongo amane egolide wawanamathisela ezinyaweni zalo zozine, kwathi amasongo amabili kwelinye icele lamabili kwelinye njalo. **4** Wasebaza imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya wayihuqa ngegolide. **5** Wasehloma imijabo leyo emasongweni ayesemaceleni komtshokotsho wesivumelwano ukuze uthwalwe ngayo. **6** Wenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ubude baso buzingalo ezimbili ezilengxenye lengxenye, ububanzi saba yingalo elengxenye. **7** Njalo wenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo ekucineni kwesihlalo somusa emaceleni womabili. **8**

Wenza ikherubhi elilodwa nganxanye kwathi kwelinye
icele wenza elinye aba yinto yinye lesisibekelo. **9**
Amakherubhi ayelulele amaphiko awo phezulu, embese
isisibekelo ngawo. Amakherubhi ayekhangelene, ubuso
bawo bukhangele isisibekelo. **10** Babaza itafula ngezigodo
zesihlahla som'akhakhiya, ubude bayo babuzingalo
ezimbili, ububanzi buyingalo eyodwa, ukuphakama
kwayo kuyingalo elengxenye. **11** Basebelihuqa
ngegolide elicolekileyo njalo balizingelezela ngomthando
wegolide. **12** Babuya benza ibhanti eliyizingelezileyo,
elalingangesandla somuntu ububanzi, basebefaka
umthando wegolide phezu kwebhanti. **13** Benza amasongo
amane egolide bawafaka emagumbini womane enyaweni
zetafula. **14** Amasongo afakwa eduze lebhanti ukuze
abambe imijabo eyayisetshenziswa ukuthwala itafula.
15 Imijabo yokuthwalisa itafula yayenziwe ngezigodo
zesihlahla som'akhakhiya njalo ihuqwe ngegolide. **16**
Njalo benza ngegolide elicolekileyo izitsha zetafula
ezibalisa imiganu, izinditshi, imiganu eyingubhe kanye
lezitsha zokuthululela iminikelo enathwayo. **17** Benza
uluthi lwesibane ngegolide elicolekileyo, bakhanda
isidindi salo lomqwayi walo kwaba ngumsebenzi
okhandiweyo, imbizana zalo, amahlumela alo kanye
lamaluba alo kwenziwa kwaba yinto yinye. **18** Ingatsha
eziyisithupha zaxhunywa emaceleni oluthi lwesibane,
ingatsha ezintathu nganxanye kwathi ezintathu kwelinye
icele. **19** Inkezo ezintathu ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-
alimondi, amahlumela lamaluba kwakusogatsheni lunye,
ezinye ezintathu ogatsheni olulandelayo, kwabanjalo

kuwo wonke ayisithupha exhunywe oluthini lwesibane.
20 Njalo oluthini lwesibane kwakulembizana ezine
ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-alimondi elamahlumela
kanye lamaluba. **21** Ihlumela elilodwa lalingaphansi
kwengatsha ezimbili, ihlumela lesibili lingaphansi
kwezinye ezimbili lehlumela lesithathu lalingaphansi
kwengatsha ezimbili, ingatsha zonke zaziyisithupha.
22 Amahlumela lezingatsha kwakuyinto yinye loluthi
lwesibane, kukhandwe ngegolide elicolekileyo. **23**
Balwenzela izibane eziyisikhombisa, incijana lembizana
zalo ezenziwe ngegolide elicolekileyo. **24** Uluthi lwesibane
kanye lakho konke okuphathelene lalo kwenziwa
ngegolide elicolekileyo eliyisisindo sethalenta elilodwa.
25 Benza i-alithari lempepha ngezigodo zesihlahla
som'akhakhiya. Lenziwa lalingana inxa zonke, ubude balo
buyingalo eyodwa, lobubanzi buyingalo eyodwa, kanti
ukudepha kuzingalo ezimbili, impondo zalo zenziwa zaba
yinto yinye kanye lalo. **26** Balihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo
phezulu, lemaceleni kanye lempondo zalo ngegolide
elicolekileyo njalo balibumbela umqolo wegolide inxa
zonke. **27** Benza amasongo amabili kuleli icele
lamanye amabili kwelinye njalo ukubambanisa imijabo
yokuthwalisa i-alithari lempepha. **28** Benza imijabo
ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya bayihuqa ngegolide. **29** Benza
njalo lamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiweyo,
lempepha elephunga elimnandi, kungumsebenzi womenzi
wamakha.

38 Bakha i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngezigodo
zesihlahla som'akhakhiya laba zingalo ezintathu

ukudepha, ubude balo laba zingalo ezinhlanu, ububanzi laba zingalo ezinhlanu, lilingana inxa zonke. **2** Benza uphondo kumagumbi womane e-alithare, kwathi impondo le-alithari kwaba yinto yinye, basebelihuqa ngethusi. **3** Benza zonke izinto ezisetshenziswa kulo ngethusi, imbiza zalo, amafotsholo, imiganu yokuchela, amafologwe enyama kanye lezindengezi zokubasela umlilo. **4** Benza iminxibo ye-alithare, bayenza ngethusi yaba ngaphansi kwesengamo se-alithare okuyingxenye yokuya phezulu. **5** Benza amasongo ethusi okubambisa imijabo yemagumbini womane yeminxibo yethusi. **6** Imijabo bayenza ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya bazihuqa ngethusi. **7** Basebehloma imijabo leyo emasongweni yaba semaceleni kwe-alithari ukuze lithwalwe ngayo. Balenza ngamapulanka lafana lomkolo. **8** Benza umkolo wethusi lensika yawo yethusi yenziwa ngezibuko zethusi ezazingezabesifazane ababesebenza esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **9** Ngemva kwalokho balungisa iguma lethabanikeli. Ubude becele lezansi babuzingalo ezilikhulu njalo lilamakhetheni elembu elelukwe kuhle, **10** lilensika ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zethusi ezingamatshumi amabili, njalo lilezingwegwe zesiliva kanye lamabhanti ensikeni. **11** Icele lenyakatho lalo lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude njalo lilensika ezingamatshumi amabili, lezisekelo zethusi ezingamatshumi amabili, kanye lengwegwe zesiliva lamabhanti ensikeni. **12** Icele lentshonalanga yeguma lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi, lilamakhetheni, lilensika ezilitshumi, ingwegwe zesiliva

kanye lamabhanti ensikeni. **13** Eceleni lempumalanga kusiya okuphuma khona ilanga, lakhona iguma lalibanzi okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **14** Amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude ayenganxanye kwesango, kulezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu, **15** ngakwelinye icele lakho kwakulamakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude, kulezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu. **16** Wonke amakhetheni ayehonqolozele iguma lethabanikeli ayenziwe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle. **17** Izisekelo zensika zazingezethusi. Ingwegwe kanye lamabhanti ensikeni kwakuyisiliva, njalo izihloko zazo zihuqwe ngesiliva, ngokunjalo zonke izinsika zeguma zazilamabhanti esiliva, njalo izihloko zazo zihuqwe ngesiliva, ngakho zonke izinsika zeguma zazilamabhanti esiliva. **18** Ikhetheni lesango leguma lalenziwe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga. Ikhetheni lakhona lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, kanti njengekhetheni leguma ukudepha kwalo kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu, **19** lilensika ezine lezisekelo zethusi ezine. Ingwegwe zalo kanye lamabhanti kuyisiliva, njalo izihloko zalo zihuqwe ngesiliva. **20** Izikhonkwane zonke zethente lethabanikeli kanye lezizingelezele iguma zazenziwe ngethusi. **21** Lokhu yikho ngobunengi bakho, okwasetshenziswa ukwakha ithabanikeli, ithabanikeli lobufakazi, yikho okwalotshwa ngabaLevi ngokulawula kukaMosi ngaphansi kwesiqondiso sika-Ithamari indodana ka-

Aroni, umphristi. **22** (UBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, owesizwe sakoJuda, wenza konke uMosi ayekulaywe nguThixo, **23** wayelo-Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi owesizwe sikaDani owayeyingcitshi yomsebenzi njalo engumdwebi, njalo engumbalazi ngokuthunga ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu elicolekileyo.) **24** Isilinganiso segolide lonke lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa elasetshenziswa emsebenzini wonke wendawo engcwele lalingamathalenta ayisisindo esingamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye kanye lamashekeli angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu kusiya ngamashekeli endawo engcwele. **25** Isiliva esavela kulabo abahlala khona ababebaliwe ngesikhathi sokubalwa kwabantu sasilesisindo esingamathalenta alikhulu lamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu, kusiya ngamashekeli endawo engcwele, **26** ibhekha linye ngomuntu, okuyikuthi, ingxenye yeshekeli ngesilinganiso seshekeli endaweni engcwele, kubo bonke labo ababechaphele kwabasebebaliwe, abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili okuzalwa loba ukwedlula lapho, kwaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu esehlangene wonke. **27** Isiliva esiyisisindo samathalenta alikhulu sasetshenziswa ekwenzeni izisekelo zendawo engcwele kanye lekhetheni, izisekelo ezilikhulu zenziwa ngesiliva esingamathalenta alikhulu, isilinganiso sethalenta linye ukwenza isisekelo esisodwa.

28 Basebenzisa isiliva esilesisindo esingamashekeli ayinkulungwane elamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ukwenza ingwegwe zensika, ukuhuqa izihloko zensika, kanye lokwenza amabhanti ensika. **29** Isilinganiso sethusi lonke lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa sasingamathalenta angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili ezilamakhulu amane. **30** Balisebenzisa ukwenza izisekelo zesango lethente lokuhlangana, i-alithari lethusi, iminxibo yalo yethusi kanye lazozonke izitsha zalo, **31** izisekelo ezihonqolozele iguma lalezo ezisesangweni kanye lezikhonkwane zethabanikeli lazozonke ezihonqolozele iguma.

39 Benza izembatho zokwenza umsebenzi endaweni engcwele ngokuzeluka ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu. Basebesenza isembatho sika-Aroni esingcwele, njengalokhu uThixo wayelaye uMosi. **2** Benza isembatho semahlombe ngegolide, kanye lentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu langelembu elicolekileyo. **3** Bakhanda izicecedu zegolide bazisika zaba zincingo bazeluka ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu elicolekileyo, kwaba ngumsebenzi womuntu oleminwe. **4** Benza iziqa zemahlombe esambathweni leso, ezathungelwa emaceleni womabili ukuze sibotshwe. **5** Ukhalo lwaso olwelukwa ngobuciko lwalufanana laso, luyinto yinye lesembatho semahlombe, lwenziwe ngentambo eligolide, eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **6** Bathungela amatshe aligugu

ohlobo lwe-onikisi ezicecisweni zegolide bawadwebela njengophawu elamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli. **7** Basebewathungela eziqeni zemahlombe esembatho semahlombe njengamatshe esikhumbuzo samadodana ka-Israyeli, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **8** Benza isembatho sesifubeni, kwaba ngumsebenzi wezingcwethi. Basenza njengesembatho semahlombe: ngegolide, ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle. **9** Sasilingana inxa zonke, singumunwe ubude lomunwe ububanzi, sigoqwe saphindwa kabili. **10** Basebethungela imizila emine yamatshe aligugu. Emzileni wakuqala kwakulerubhi, ithophazi kanye lebheriyeli; **11** emzileni wesibili kwakule-emeralidi, isafaya kanye ledayimana; **12** emzileni wesithathu kwakulejasinti, i-agathi kanye le-amethisi; **13** emzileni wesine kwakulekhrisolathi, i-onikisi kanye lejaspa. Athungelwa esezicecisweni zegolide. **14** Kwakulamatshe alitshumi lambili, lilinye limele ibizo ngalinye lamadodana ka-Israyeli, linye ngalinye lilotshwe njengokudweba kombazi wamatshe, kungani luphawu, ngalinye lilotshwe ibizo lezizwana zako-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili. **15** Isembatho sesifubeni selukelwa amaketane ngegolide elicolekileyo kungani ligoda. **16** Benza izicecisо zegolide ezimbili, kanye lamasongo amabili egolide, basebebophela amasongo amabili emagumbini esembatho sesifubeni. **17** Babophela amaketane amabili egolide emasongweni amabili asemagumbini esembatho sesifubeni, **18** kwathi ngapha acina khona bawabophela ezicecisweni ezimbili,

bawahlanganisa eziqeni zemahlombe phambi kwesembatho semahlombe. **19** Benza amasongo amabili egolide bawabophela kwamanye amagumbi amabili esembatho sesifubeni ngaphakathi komphetho phansi kwesembatho semahlombe. **20** Baphinda benza njalo amanye amasongo egolide amabili bawabophela ngaphansi kweziqa zemahlombe, eduze komphetho ngaphezudlwana kwebhanti lasokhalweni lwesembatho semahlombe **21** Babophela amasongo esembatho sesifubeni emasongweni esembatho semahlombe ngentambo eziluhlaza, kuhlanganiselwa okhalweni ukuze isembatho sesifubeni singazunguzeki sehlukane lesembatho semahlombe njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **22** Benza isigqoko sesembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliluhlaza kuphela kungumsebenzi womeluki, **23** kulesikhala phakathi laphakathi kwesigqoko njengokuvuleka kwamabheqe; kulomphetho olandeliselwe isikhala lesi ukuze isembatho singadabuki. **24** Benza emphethweni wesigqoko amaphomegranathi ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle. **25** Benza amabhera ngegolide elicolekileyo bawathungela emphethweni wesigqoko phakathi laphakathi kwamaphomegranathi. **26** Amabhera kanye lamaphomegranathi athungelwa agatshaniswa emphethweni wesembatho esasizagqokwa ekwenzeni umsebenzi wenkonzo, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **27** U-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bathungelwa amabhatshi ngelembu elicolekileyo, kungumsebenzi womeluki uqobo lwakhe, **28** kanye lamaqhiye elembu

elicolekileyo, kanye lezembatho zangaphakathi zelembu elicolekileyo. **29** Ibhanti lekhalweni lathungwa ngelembu elicolekileyo kanye lentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **30** Benza icence lomqhele ongcwele ngegolide elicolekileyo bawudwebela khona njengombhalo wophawu othi: Ubungcwele kabube kuThixo. **31** Basebebophela intambo eluhlaza ukuze bakuhlanganise leqhiye, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **32** Ngakho-ke wonke umsebenzi wethabanikeli lethente lokuhlangana wapheleliswa. Abako-Israyeli benza konke njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **33** Basebeletha ithabanikeli kuMosi: ithente kanye lazozonke impahla zalo, ingwegwe, amathala, imithando, izinsika lezisekelo; **34** isembeso esenziwe ngezikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, isembeso sezikhumba eziqinileyo kanye lekhetheni eliphothiweyo; **35** umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo eyizibambo zawo kanye lesihlalo somusa; **36** itafula lezitsha zalo zonke kanye lesinkwa esiNgcwele; **37** uluthi lwesibane lwegolide elicolekileyo lodwendwe lwezibane lazozonke izinto ezisetshenziswa kulo, kanye lamafutha e-oliva okukhanyisa; **38** i-alithari legolide, amafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo, impepha elephunga elimnandi, kanye lekhetheni lesango lethente; **39** i-alithari lethusi leminxibo yalo yethusi, izigodo zalo eziyizibambo lezitsha zalo zonke; umkolo lezinyawo zawo; amakhetheni eguma lezinsika zawo kanye lezisekelo, **40** lekhetheni lesango leguma; amagoda lezikhonkwane

zethente leguma; zonke impahla zethabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana; **41** izembatho ezelukiweyo zokusetshenziswa emsebenzini wokukhonza endaweni engcwele, kuhlanganisa izembatho ezingcwele zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe ababezazigqoka nxa besenza umsebenzi wobuphristi. **42** Abako-Israyeli basebenza wonke umsebenzi njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **43** UMosi wawuhlola umsebenzi wabona ukuthi wawenziwe njengokulaya kukaThixo. Ngakho uMosi wababusisa.

40 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi: **2** "Misa ithabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yakuqala. **3** Beka umtshokotsho wesivumelwano kulo ube ususitha umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngekhetheni. **4** Ngenisa itafula ube usufaka izinto ezibekwa phezu kwayo. Letha-ke uluthi lwesibane ube usuxhuma izibane zalo. **5** Beka i-alithari lempepha elenziwe ngegolide phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi njalo ufake ikhetheni esangweni lethabanikeli. **6** Beka i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kwesango lethabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana; **7** beka umkolo phakathi laphakathi kwethente lokuhlangana le-alithari ube usuthela amanzi kuwo. **8** Lungisa iguma eliwugombolozeleyo ubusufaka ikhetheni esangweni leguma. **9** Thatha amafutha okugcoba abantu abakhethiweyo ezikhundleni, ugcobe ngawo ithabanikeli lakho konke okukulo, ulibusise kanye lempahla zalo, ngalokho lizakuba ngcwele. **10** Gcoba-ke i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lazozonke izitsha zalo; ubusise i-alithari ukuze libe ngcwelengcwele. **11** Gcoba umkolo lenyawo zawo ubusuwubusisa. **12**

Letha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe ethenteni lokuhlangana
ubusubagezisa ngamanzi. **13** Ubusugqokisa u-Aroni
izembatho ezingcwele umgcobe ngamafutha umbusise
ukuze angenzele umsebenzi wobuphristi. **14** Letha
amadodana akhe uwagqokise amabhatshi. **15** Bagcobe
labo njengokugcotshwa kukayise ukuze bangenzele
umsebenzi wobuphristi. Ukugcotshwa kwabo kubapha
umsebenzi wobuphristi kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo."
16 UMosi wenza konke njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo.
17 Lamiswa-ke ithabanikeli ngosuku lwakuqala ngenyanga
yakuqala emnyakeni wesibili. **18** Kwathi uMosi emisa
ithabanikeli, wafaka izisekelo endaweni yazo, wamisa
amathala, wafaka imithando wasemisa izinsika. **19**
Wasesendlala ithente phezu kwethabanikeli wafaka
isembeso phezu kwethente njengokulaywa kwakhe
nguThixo. **20** Wathatha izibhebhedu zobufakazi wazibeka
emtshokotshweni wesivumelwano, wahloma imijabo
kuwo wasefaka isihlalo somusa phezu kwawo. **21**
Wasengenisa umtshokotsho wobufakazi ethabanikeleni,
waphanyeka ikhetheni lokusitha wawugubuzela,
njengalokho okwakulaywe nguThixo. **22** UMosi wasebeka
itafula ethenteni lokuhlangana eceleni langenyakatho
lethabanikeli ngaphandle kwekhetheni, **23** wasebeka
isinkwa phezu kwalo phambi kukaThixo njengokulaywa
kwakhe nguThixo. **24** Wabeka uluthi lwesibane
ethenteni lokuhlangana lukhangele itafula eningizimu
kwethabanikeli, **25** wasemisa izibane phambi kukaThixo,
njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **26** UMosi wabeka
i-alithari legolide ethenteni lokuhlangana phambi

kwekhetheni, **27** wasetshisela impepha phezu kwalo
njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **28** Waselengisa
ikhetheni esangweni lethabanikeli. **29** Wamisa i-alithari
lomnikelo wokutshiswa phansi kwesango lethabanikeli
lethente lokuhlangana, wanikela phezu kwalo iminikelo
yokutshiswa leminikelo yezilimo njengokulaywa kwakhe
nguThixo. **30** Wasebeka umkolo phakathi laphakathi
kwethente lokuhlangana le-alithari wasethela amanzi
okugeza phakathi kwawo, **31** ngakho uMosi lo-
Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bawusebenzisa ukugeza
izandla zabo kanye lezinyawo. **32** Babegeza ngasosonke
isikhathi nxa bengena ethenteni lokuhlangana loba nxa
besiya e-alithareni njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo.
33 Ngakho uMosi walungisa iguma elihonqolozele
ithabanikeli le-alithari waselengisa ikhetheni esangweni
leguma kwaba yikho ukuqeda kukaMosi umsebenzi. **34**
Emva kwalokho iyezi lasibekela ithente lokuhlangana,
kwathi inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala ithabanikeli. **35**
UMosi kenelisanga ukungena ethenteni lokuhlangana
ngenxa yeyezi elalimi phezu kwalo, inkazimulo kaThixo
yagcwala ethabanikeleni. **36** Kulolonke uhambo lwabako-
Israyeli, kwakusithi iyezi lingaphakama lisuka phezu
kwethabanikeli, labo baqhubeke; **37** kodwa kuthi nxa
iyezi lingaphakamanga, labo babengaqhubekeli phambili,
kuze kube mhla liphakama. **38** Ngokunjalo iyezi likaThixo
lalisiba phezu kwethabanikeli emini, kuthi ebusuku
kube lomlilo eyezini, bekubona bonke abako-Israyeli
ekuhambeni kwabo konke.

ULevi

1 UThixo wabiza uMosi, wakhuluma laye esethenteni
lokuhlangana. Wathi kuye, **2** “Khuluma labantu
bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘Nxa omunye wenu eletha
umnikelo kuThixo, kalethe umnikelo wesifuyo esivela
emhlambini wenkomo kumbe owezimvu. **3** Nxa
umnikelo ungowokutshiswa uvela emhlambini wenkomo,
kumele anikele ngesifuyo esiduna esingelasici. Kumele
asilethe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ukwenzela
ukuthi samukeleke kuThixo. **4** Kuzamele abeke isandla
sakhe ekhanda lomnikelo wokutshiswa, ngalokho
uzakwamukelwa esikhundleni sakhe, uphendle indlela
yokubuyisana. **5** Kuzamele ahlabe inkunzi encinyane
phambi kukaThixo, ngemva kwalokho, amadodana
ka-Aroni, abangabaphristi, bazaletha igazi alichele
emaceleni wonke e-alithare esangweni lethente
lokuhlangana. **6** Kuzamele ahlinze umnikelo wokutshiswa,
abesewuhlahlela ube ngamaqatha. **7** Kumele amadodana
ka-Aroni umphristi abase umlilo e-alithareni, abesebeka
inkuni emlilweni. **8** Amadodana ka-Aroni abesehlanganisa
inhloko lamahwahwa enkunini ezibhebha e-alithareni. **9**
Kuzamele agezise ezangaphakathi lemilenze ngamanzi,
njalo umphristi kumele akutshise konke e-alithareni.
Lowo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa
ngomlilo, olephunga elimnandi kuThixo. **10** Nxa umnikelo
ungowokutshiswa, uvela emhlambini wezimvu kumbe
imbuzi, kuzamele anikele ngesifuyo esiduna esingelasici.
11 Kuzamele asihlabele enyakatho ye-alithare phambi
kukaThixo, njalo amadodana ka-Aroni angabaphristi

azachela igazi laso emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **12** Kuzamele isifuyo asihlahlele sibe ngamaqatha, kugoqela inhloko lamahwahwa, njalo umphristi uzawabeka kahle phezu kwenkuni eziyabe zibhebha e-alithareni. **13** Kuzamele agezise ezangaphakathi lemilenze ngamanzi, njalo umphristi uzaletha inyama yonke, abeseyitshisela e-alithareni. Lowo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga elimnandi kuThixo. **14** Nxa umnikelo kaThixo ungumnikelo wokutshiswa, ungowenyoni, kumele anikele ngejuba kumbe iphuphu lenkwilimba. **15** Umphristi uzakuletha e-alithareni, akutshile intamo, abesekutshisela e-alithareni, igazi lakho livuzele eceleni. **16** Kuzamele akhuphe isidlelo lalokho okuphakathi kwaso, asilahlele empumalanga ye-alithare, lapho okulomlotha khona. **17** Kayidabule ivuleke ngempiko zayo kodwa angayehlukanisi, emva kwalokho, umphristi uzayitshisela enkunini ezisemlilweni ose-alithareni. Ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga elimnandi kuThixo.'"

2 "'Nxa umuntu angaletha umnikelo wamabele kuThixo; umnikelo wakhe uzakuba ngowefulawa ecolekileyo. Uzayithela amafutha ayihlanganise lempepha **2** abeseyisa emadodaneni ka-Aroni, abaphristi. Umphristi uzacupha ifulawa ecolekileyo egcwala isandla, ayihlanganise lamafutha lempepha ndawonye, abesekutshisa njengesikhumbuzo e-alithareni, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga elimnandi kuThixo. **3** Okuseleyo emnikelweni wamabele ngokuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe, yingxenye engcwele kakhulu yomhlatshelo

wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. **4** Nxa ungaletha umnikelo
wamabele obhekhwe eziko, kumele wenziwe ngefulawa
ecolekileyo: amakhekhe abhekhwe kungela mvubelo,
ahlanganiswa lamafutha, kumbe amakhekhe ayizicecedu
enziwe kungela mvubelo, asegcotshwa ngamafutha. **5**
Nxa umnikelo wakho wamabele uhlanganiselwe
emganwini wensimbi, kumele ulungiswe ngefulawa
ecolekileyo, ehlanganiswe lamafutha njalo ingela
mvubelo. **6** Uvuthuze ubusuthela amafutha kuwo;
ngumnikelo wamabele. **7** Nxa umnikelo wakho wamabele
ubhekhelwe epaneni, kuzamele wenziwe ngefulawa
ecolekileyo lamafutha. **8** Letha umnikelo wamabele
olungiswe ngezinto lezi kuThixo: uziqhubele
umphristi ozazisa e-alithareni. **9** Uzakhupha ingxenye
eyisikhumbuzo emnikelweni wamabele, abeseyitshisela
e-alithareni njengomhlatshelo wokudla, olephunga
elimnandi kuThixo. **10** Okuseleyo emnikelweni wamabele
ngokuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe, yingxenye engcwele
kakhulu yomhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. **11**
Wonke umnikelo wamabele owuletha kuThixo kumele
ulungiswe ungelamvubelo, ngoba kakumelanga utshise
imvubelo kumbe uluju emhlatshelweni wokudla onikelwa
kuThixo. **12** Ungakuletha kuThixo njengomnikelo
wokuchinsa izithelo zakuqala, kodwa kakumelanga
ukuthi zinikelwe e-alithareni njengephunga elimnandi.
13 Tswayani yonke iminikelo yenu yamabele.
Lingakhohlwa itswayi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu
wenu eminikelweni yenu yamabele: fakani itswayi
eminikelweni yenu yonke. **14** Nxa lingaletha umnikelo

wamabele ezithelo zakuqala kuThixo, nikelani ngezikhwebu zamabele amatsha agigwe ekhanzingwe emlilweni. **15** Thelani amafutha lihlanganise lempepha: ngumnikelo wamabele. **16** Umphristi uzatshisa ingxenye eyisikhumbuzo emabeleni agigiweyo, kanye lamafutha ndawonye lempepha yonke njengomhlatshelo wokudla owenzelwa onikelwa kuThixo.'"

3 "'Nxa umnikelo womuntu ungumnikelo wobudlelwano, enikela ngesifuyo esiduna kumbe esisikazi, esisuka emhlambini, kumele alethe kuThixo isifuyo esingalasici. **2** Kumele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lesifuyo somnikelo, abesesihlabela esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. Ngemva kwalokho, amadodana ka-Aroni angabaphristi, azachela igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **3** Emnikelweni wobudlelwano uzaletha umhlatshelo onikelwa kuThixo ngomlilo: idanga lonke elembese ezangaphakathi, **4** izinso zombili lamahwahwa azo aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, okufanele kukhutshwe lezinso. **5** Ngakho amadodana ka-Aroni azakutshisela e-alithareni, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa ophezu kwenkuni ezibhebhayo njengomnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi kuThixo. **6** Nxa anganikela ngesifuyo esisuka emhlambini wezimvu njengomnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo, kuzamele anikele ngesiduna kumbe esisikazi esingelasici. **7** Nxa anganikela ngezinyane, kumele alilethe phambi kukaThixo. **8** Kumele abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwekhanda lomnikelo wakhe, asihlabe lesosifuyo phambi kwesango lethente lokuhlangana. Amadodana ka-Aroni azachela igazi laso emaceleni wonke

e-alithare. **9** Emnikelweni wobudlelwano kuzamele alethe
umhlatshelo owenziwa kuThixo ngomlilo; amahwahwa
awo, lomsila ononileyo aqunywe eduzane lomgogodla,
idanga lonke, lawo wonke amahwahwa embese
ezangaphakathi, **10** izinso zombili lamahwahwa aseduzane
lesinqe lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, okuzakhutshwa
ndawonye lezinso. **11** Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni
njengomhlatshelo wokudla, onikelwa kuThixo. **12**
Nxa umnikelo wakhe kuyimbuzi, uzayethula phambi
kukaThixo. **13** Uzabeka isandla sakhe ekhanda layo,
abeseyihlabela phambi kwesango lethente lokuhlangana.
Amadodana ka-Aroni azachela igazi layo emaceleni
wonke e-alithare. **14** Kulokho akunikelayo, kuzamele
anikele umhlatshelo wokudla kuThixo, idanga lonke lawo
wonke amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi, **15** izinso
zombili, lamahwahwa aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa
aphezu kwesibindi okuzakhutshwa ndawonye lezinso. **16**
Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni njengomhlatshelo
wokudla, iphunga elimnandi. Wonke amahwahwa
ngakaThixo. **17** Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo
ezizukulwaneni zenu zonke, kuzozonke izindawo
elihlala kuzo. Akumelanga lidle yiloba ngumhlobo bani
wamahwahwa kumbe igazi.'"

4 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela abantu bako-Israyeli
ukuthi: 'Nxa umuntu esona kodwa engoni ngabomo,
njalo esenza konke okwalelwa yimilayo kaThixo, **3**
Nxa umphristi ogcotshiweyo angona, besekuletha icala
ebantwini, kumele alethe kuThixo ijongosi elingelasici
njengomnikelo wesono ngenxa yesono ayabe esenzile.

4 Kalethe inkunzi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana,
phambi kukaThixo. Uzabeka isandla sakhe ekhanda
layo, abeseyihlaba phambi kukaThixo. **5** Umphristi
ogcotshiweyo uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi alise
ethenteni lokuhlangana. **6** Kagxamuze umunwe wakhe
egazini, abesechela elinye lakhona kasikhombisa phambi
kukaThixo, phambi kwekhetheni lendlu engcwele.
7 Umphristi uzafaka elinye igazi empondweni ze-
alithare lempepha elephunga elimnandi eliphambi
kukaThixo ethenteni lokuhlangana. Igazi lenkunzi
eliseleyo uzalithela phansi kwe-alithari lomnikelo
wokutshiswa, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **8**
Kumele akhuphe wonke amahwahwa enkunzi yomnikelo
wesono, idanga lonke lawo wonke amahwahwa embese
ezangaphakathi. **9** Izinso zombili, lamahwahwa azo
aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi
kuzakhutshwa ndawonye lezinso, **10** njengalokho
okwenziwa nxa ihwahwa likhutshwa enkabini eyabe
ingumnikelo wobudlelwano. Umphristi uzakutshisela
e-alithareni lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **11** Kodwa
isikhumba senkunzi kanye lenyama yayo yonke, inhloko,
amangqina, ezangaphakathi lamathumbu, **12** okutsho
ingxenye yonke yenkunzi, kumele akukhuphele phandle
kwezihonqo endaweni ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba,
lapho okuchithelwa khona umlotha, abesekutshisela
emlilweni wenkuni oyabe usenqumbini yomlotha. **13** Nxa
uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli angona, engoni ngabomo,
abesesenza konke okwalelwa yimilayo kaThixo, lanxa
uzulu lowo engazilutho ngodaba lolu, ulecala. **14**

Nxa bangavele bazi ngesono abasenzileyo, ibandla kumele lilethe inkunzi eliguqa njengomnikelo wesono, liyethule phambi kwethente lokuhlangana. **15** Abadala bakuleyondawo bazabeka izandla zabo ekhanda lenkunzi phambi kukaThixo, njalo inkunzi izahlatshelwa phambi kukaThixo. **16** Umphristi ogcotshiweyo uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi angene lalo ethenteni lokuhlangana. **17** Uzacwilisa umunwe wakhe egazini, abeselichela phambi kukaThixo kasikhombisa phambi kwekhetheni. **18** Kaninde elinye igazi empondweni ze-alithare eliphambi kukaThixo ethenteni lokuhlangana. Igazi eliseleyo uzalithela phansi kwe-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **19** Kakhuphe wonke amahwahwa abesewatshisela e-alithareni, **20** abesesenza enkunzini le lokho akwenza enkunzini yomnikelo wesono. Ngalokho umphristi uzabenzela indlela yokubuyisana phakathi kwabo, njalo bazathethelelwa. **21** Kakhuphele inkunzi phandle kwezihonqo, abeseyitshisa njengalokho akwenza inkunzi yakuqala. Lo ngumnikelo wesono okazulu wonke. **22** Nxa umkhokheli angona engakunxwanelanga enze okwaliwa yimilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu, ulecala. **23** Nxa angatshelwa ngesono asenzileyo kumele alethe umnikelo wempongo engelasici. **24** Kabeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lembuzi abeseyihlabela lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kukaThixo. Kungumnikelo wesono. **25** Umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono abeselininda empondweni ze-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa abesethela elinye lonke igazi phansi kwe-alithari. **26** Uzatshisela wonke amahwahwa e-

alithareni njengalokhu akwenza amahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano. Ngale indlela umphristi uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana ngesono somuntu abesethethelelwa. **27** Nxa omunye umuntu phakathi kwendawo angona engakunxwanelanga ukona, enze okwaliwa yimilayo kaThixo, uyabe elecala. **28** Nxa angatshelwa ngesono ayabe esenzile, kumele alethe umnikelo wesono sakhe, umnikelo wembuzi ensikazi engelasici. **29** Kabeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lomnikelo wesono, abesewuhlabela endaweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa. **30** Umphristi kumele athathe elinye igazi ngomunwe wakhe, abeselininda empondweni ze-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa, abesethela elinye eliseleyo phansi kwe-alithari. **31** Uzakhupha amahwahwa wonke njengalokhu okwenziwa emnikelweni wobudlelwano, njalo umphristi uzawutshisela e-alithareni njengoqhatshi olulephunga elimnandi kuThixo. Ngaleyondlela, umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana, abesethethelelwa. **32** Nxa angaletha imvu njengomnikelo wesono, kumele alethe ensikazi engelasici. **33** Kumele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlaba njengomnikelo wesono endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa. **34** Emva kwalokho, umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe, alininde empondweni ze-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa, abesethela elinye igazi eliseleyo ngaphansi kwe-alithari. **35** Bazakhupha wonke amahwahwa, njengalokhu okwenziwa emvini yomnikelo wobudlelwano, njalo umphristi uzayitshisela e-alithareni phezu kwemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa kuThixo.

Ngalokho umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngesono asenzileyo abesethethelelwa.’”

5 “‘Nxa umuntu angona ngenxa yokuthi kakhulumanga ebika udaba oluthile emphakathini ngayabe ekubonile kumbe ekuzwile, uyabe elomlandu. **2** Loba nxa umuntu angathinta ulutho olungabe lungcolile ngokomkhuba (kungaba yizidumbu zezinyamazana zeganga ezingcolileyo kumbe ezezifuyo ezingcolileyo kumbe ezezidalwa ezingcolileyo ezihamba emhlabathini) lanxa engananzelele ngalokho, uyabe esengcolile njalo eselecala. **3** Loba engathinta ukungcola komuntu (konke okungenza ukuthi abe ngongcolileyo) lanxa engananzelele ngalokho nxa angavele akwazi uyabe eselecala, **4** kumbe umuntu angafunga enganakananga kuhle ukuthi ufuna ukwenza olunye ulutho, ingabe ngoluhle kumbe ngolubi (entweni yonke umuntu angafunga ngayo butshapha) lanxa engananzelele ngalokho, angavele akwazi uzakuba lecala, **5** nxa umuntu angazi ukuthi ulecala ngezinto lezi, kumele aveze ukuthi wone ngandlela bani. **6** Njengenhlawulo yesono ayabe esenzile, kumele alethe kuThixo imvana ensikazi kumbe imbuzi evela emhlambini njengomnikelo wesono, njalo umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngenxa yesono sakhe. **7** Nxa engenelisi ukuthola imvana uzaletha amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili kuThixo njengenhlawulo yesono sakhe, okunye kungumnikelo wesono, okunye kungumnikelo wokutshiswa. **8** Uzakuletha kumphristi, ozaqala ngokunikela okomnikelo wesono. Kumele akutshile intamo yakho kodwa

angatshuphuni ikhanda, **9** njalo uzachela elinye igazi
lomnikelo wesono eceleni kwe-alithari; igazi eliseleyo
kumele likhanyelwe phansi kwe-alithari. Ngumnikelo
wesono. **10** Umphristi usezanikela okunye njengomnikelo
wokutshiswa ngendlela eyamiswayo, umphristi aphinde
amenzele indlela yokubuyisana ngesono sakhe,
abesethethelelwa. **11** Kodwa nxa esehluleka ukuthola
amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili,
kalethe umnikelo wesono sakhe, alethe ingxenye yetshumi
yehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo ukwenzela umnikelo
wesono. Akumelanga athele amafutha kumbe afake
impepha ngoba kungumnikelo wesono. **12** Kakulethe
phambi komphristi ozacupha isilinganiso esigcwala
isandla njengengxenye yesikhumbuzo, abeseyitshisela
e-alithareni phezu kwemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa
kuThixo. Kungumnikelo wesono. **13** Ngalokhu umphristi
uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngesono ingabe
yisiphi ayabe esenzile, uzathethelelwa, okuseleyo
kuzakuba ngokomphristi, njengalokho okwenziwa
emnikelweni wamabele.'" **14** UThixo wathi kuMosi: **15**
"Nxa umuntu angephula umthetho abesesona, engoni
ngabomo ezintweni zonke zikaThixo ezingcwele, kalethe
kuThixo njengenhlawulo inqama esuka emhlambini,
engelasici njalo ebiza isiliva esamukelekayo ngesilinganiso
seshekeli lasendlini engcwele. Ngumnikelo wecala.
16 Kumele ahlawule ngesiphambeko sakhe kulokho
ayabe ehluleke ukukwenza, okuphathelane lezinto
ezingcwele, abesesengezelela ingxenye yokuhlanu
yentengo yakho akunike umphristi konke, ozamenzela

indlela yokubuyisana ngenqama njengomnikelo wecala, abesethethelelwa. **17** Nxa umuntu angona ngokwenza lokho okungavunyelwayo emlayweni kaThixo, lanxa engakwazi, uyabe elecala njalo uzakwetheswa umlandu. **18** Uzaletha kumphristi njengomnikelo wecala inqama engelasici ezavela emhlambini, njalo elesilinganiso esamukelekayo. Ngalokhu umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngesiphambeko sakhe angasenzanga ngabomo, njalo uzathethelelwa. **19** Kungumnikelo wecala: ulecala lokona phambi kukaThixo."

6 UThixo wathi kuMosi: **2** "Nxa umuntu esona njalo engathembeki kuThixo ngokukhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe ngalokho ayabe ekuphathisiwe loba ayabe ekugcinisiwe loba okuyabe kuntshontshiwe, loba nxa edlelezela omunye, **3** loba nxa ethola obekulahlekile kodwa aqambe amanga ngakho, loba nxa efunga ngokungamanga, loba nxa esenza loba yisiphi isono esingenziwa ngabantu, **4** nxa esona kanjalo abe ngolecala, kumele abuyisele lokho ayabe ekuntshontshile loba ayabe ekuthethe ngodlakela, loba ayabe abe ekuphathisiwe, loba obekulahlekile wasekuthola, **5** loba yingabe yini ayabe efunge ngayo ngokwamanga kumele ahlawule ngokugcweleyo, engeze ngokukodwa kokuhlanu kukho njalo akuphe umnikazi konke mhla evuma icala lakhe. **6** Ukuhlawula icala kumele alethe kumphristi ozakusa kuThixo, umnikelo wakhe wecala, inqama esuka emhlambini, ingelasici njalo elingeneyo ngemfanelo. **7** Ngalokho umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo, njalo uzathethelelwa ngalezi izinto

azenzileyo ezimenze waba lecala.” **8** UThixo wathi
kuMosi: **9** “Phana u-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe umlayo
lo: ‘Le yimithetho yomnikelo wokutshiswa: Umnikelo
wokutshiswa kufanele usale eziko le-alithari ubusuku
bonke kuze kuse, lomlilo kufanele uhlale ubhebha e-
alithareni. **10** Umphristi uzagqoka-ke izigqoko zakhe
zelembu, lezangaphansi kube ngezelembu, abesekhupha
umlotha womnikelo wokutshiswa oyabe usutshiswe
ngumlilo e-alithareni, awufake eceleni kwe-alithari.
11 Abesekhulula izigqoko lezi agqoke ezinye, athwale
umlotha awukhuphele phandle kwezihonqo endaweni
ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba. **12** Umlilo ose-alithareni
kufanele uhlale ubhebha; akumelanga ucitshe. Insuku
zonke ekuseni umphristi kumele engeze inkuni akhwezele,
alungise kuhle umnikelo wokutshiswa emlilweni e-
alithareni, atshise amahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano
kulo i-alithari. **13** Umlilo kumele uhlale ubhebha e-
alithareni; akumelanga ucitshe.’” **14** “‘Le yimithetho
ephathelene lomnikelo wamabele okufanele amadodana
ka-Aroni awulethe kuThixo, phambi kwe-alithari. **15**
Umphristi kufanele acuphe ifulawa elicolekileyo kanye
lamafutha, lempepha yonke yomnikelo wamabele,
besekutshiswa ingxenye yesikhumbuzo e-alithareni,
ibe liphunga elimnandi kuThixo. **16** U-Aroni kanye
lamadodana akhe bazakudla okuseleyo, kodwa kumele
kudliwe kungela mvubelo endaweni engcwele; bakudlele
egumeni lethente lokuhlangana. **17** Akumelanga
kubhekhwe kulemvubelo. Ngibanika khona njengesabelo
sabo seminikelo eyenziwa kimi ngomlilo. Kungcwele

njengomnikelo wesono lomnikelo wecala. **18** Bonke abesilisa enzalweni ka-Aroni bangakudla. Kuzoba yisabelo sabo kokuphela esivela eminikelweni eyenziwe ngomlilo kuThixo ezizukulwaneni ezizayo. Okubathintayo kuphela kuzakuba ngcwele.'" **19** UThixo wakhuluma njalo kuMosi wathi, **20** "Lo ngumnikelo ozanikelwa kuThixo ngu-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe ngelanga azagcotshwa ngalo. Kuzakuba ngokwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo, kube ngumnikelo wamabele owansuku zonke, ingxenye yawo ibe sekuseni kuthi enye ingxenye ibe kusihlwa. **21** Kulungise ngamafutha emganwini wensimbi oyingubhe; kulethe kuhlanganiswe kuhle, ubususethula umnikelo wamabele wenziwe incezwana ube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo. **22** Indodana egcotshelwe ukuthatha isikhundla sika-Aroni njengomphristi yiyo ezalungisa lokho. Kuyisabelo sikaThixo sansukuzonke, njalo kufanele kutshiswe ngokupheleleyo. **23** Yonke iminikelo yamabele yomphristi izatshiswa iphele; akumelanga idliwe." **24** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **25** "Tshono lokhu ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe: 'Le yimithetho yomnikelo wesono: Umnikelo wesono kufanele uhlatshwe phambi kukaThixo endaweni lapho umnikelo wokutshiswa ohlatshelwa khona. Ungcwele kakhulu. **26** Umphristi owunikelayo uzawudla; kumele udlelwe endaweni engcwele egumeni lethente lokuhlangana. **27** Konke okuthinta inyama leyo kuyakuba ngcwele. **28** Imbiza yebumba okuphekwe ngayo inyama kumele ibulawe; kodwa nxa iphekwe ngembiza yethusi, imbiza kufanele iphalwe ihlanjululwe ngamanzi. **29** Wonke owesilisa emulini yomphristi

uzawudla, ungcwele kakhulu. **30** Kodwa loba yiwuphi
umnikelo wesono okulethwa igazi lawo ethenteni
lokuhlangana ukwenza ukubuyisana eNdaweni eNgcwele
kawungadliwa kumele utshiswe.'"

7 "'Le yimithetho ephathelene lomnikelo wecala,
oyiwo ongcwele kakhulu. **2** Umnikelo wecala
kufanele uhlatshelwe endaweni lapho umnikelo
wokutshiswa ohlatshelwa khona, njalo igazi lawo
kufanele lichelwe emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **3** Wonke
amahwahwa awo azanikelwa: umsila ononileyo kanye
ledanga elembesa ezangaphakathi, **4** izinso zombili
lamahwahwa azo aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa
aphezu kwesibindi, okufanele kukhutshwe lezinso. **5**
Umphristi uzakukutshisela e-alithareni njengomhlatshelo
wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. Kungumnikelo wecala.
6 Wonke owesilisa emulini yomphristi angakudla,
kodwa kufanele kudlelwe endaweni engcwele; ngoba
kungcwele kakhulu. **7** Umthetho munye uyasetshenziswa
emnikelweni wesono kanye lemnikelweni wecala.
Ungowomphristi owenza kube lendlela yokubuyisana
labo. **8** Umphristi onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa
kabani lobani angazigcinela isigogo. **9** Wonke umnikelo
wamabele ophekelwa eziko, loba ophekelwa embizeni,
loba embizeni yensimbi ungowomphristi owunikelayo, **10**
njalo wonke umnikelo wamabele oyabe uhlanganiswe
lamafutha loba womile, wonke ungowamadodana ka-
Aroni ngokulinganayo.'" **11** "'Le yimithetho ephathelene
lomnikelo wobudlelwano umuntu angawunikela kuThixo:
12 Nxa unganikelwa njengendlela yokubonga, kumele

lumnikelo wokubonga unikelwe ndawonye lesinkwa esenziwe singelamvubelo sahlanganise lamafutha, amakhekhe ayizicecedu enziwe engelamvubelo njalo egcotshwe ngamafutha, kanye lamakhekhe efulawa ecolekileyo avutshwe kuhle ahlanganiswa lamafutha. **13** Umnikelo wakhe wobudlelwano ongowokubonga kumele unikelwe ndawonye lomnikelo wezinkwa ezenziwe ngemvubelo. **14** Kufanele alethe okukodwa komhlobo munye ngamunye njengomnikelo onikelwa kuThixo. Ungowomphristi ochela igazi lomnikelo wobudlelwano. **15** Inyama yomnikelo wakhe wobudlelwano ingeyokubonga, kumele idliwe ngalelolanga inikelwa. Akumelanga eyinye isalele elakusasa. **16** Kodwa nxa umnikelo wakhe ungenxa yokugcwalisa isifungo loba ungumnikelo wesihle, umhlatshelo lowo uzadliwa ngalelolanga lokuwunikela, kodwa okuyabe kusele kungadliwa ngelanga elilandelayo. **17** Yonke inyama yomhlatshelo esalayo kuze kwedlule insuku ezintathu kufanele itshiswe. **18** Nxa kulenyama yomnikelo wobudlelwano engadliwa ngelanga lesithathu, lowo oyinikeleyo kasoze amukeleke. Ayisoze ibalelwe kulowo oyinikeleyo, ngoba ingahlambulukanga. Umuntu odla enye yayo uzakuba lomlandu ngayo. **19** Inyama ethinta loba yini engcolileyo ngokomkhuba akumelanga idliwe; kumele itshiswe. Kodwa eyinye inyama ingadliwa yiloba ngubani ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba. **20** Kodwa nxa kulomuntu ongcolileyo angadla inyama yomnikelo wobudlelwano engekaThixo, lowomuntu kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **21** Nxa kulomuntu othinta okuthile okungcolileyo, akukhathalekile kumbe

kuyikungcola komuntu loba okwenyamazana loba okunye nje okungcolileyo, okwenyanyekayo, abesesidla inyama yomnikelo wobudlelwano engekaThixo, lowomuntu kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo.'" **22** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **23** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Lingaze ladla amahwahwa enkomo, awezimvu loba awembuzi. **24** Amahwahwa enyamazana ezifeleyo loba edatshulwe yizilo zeganga angasetshenziswa kokunye, kodwa akumelanga liwadle. **25** Umuntu odla amahwahwa enyamazana okungenziwa ngayo umnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **26** Njalo lingadli igazi lenyoni loba inyamazana yiphi kuzozonke izindawo elihlala kuzo. **27** Nxa umuntu esidla igazi, lowomuntu kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo.'" **28** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **29** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Umuntu oletha umnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo kumele alethe ingxenye yawo njengomhlatshelo wakhe kuThixo. **30** Kumele anikele ngezandla zakhe umhlatshelo wokudla kuThixo. Kumele alethe amahwahwa, ndawonye lesifuba, abesezunguza isifuba phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguza. **31** Umphristi uzatshisa amahwahwa e-alithareni, kodwa isifuba ngesika-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe. **32** Kumele uphe umphristi umlenze wesokunene eminikelweni yakho yobudlelwano ube ngumnikelo wakho. **33** Indodana ka-Aroni enikela igazi lamahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano izathola umlenze wesokunene njengesabelo sayo. **34** Ngithethe isifuba esizunguzwayo kanye lomlenze onikelwayo emnikelweni wobudlelwano wabako-Israyeli ngapha u-Aroni umphristi kanye lamadodana akhe

njengesabelo sabo sezikhathi zonke esivela kwabako-Israyeli.'" **35** Le yingxenye yemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa kuThixo eyabelwa u-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe ngelanga abethulwa ngalo ukuba basebenzele uThixo njengabaphristi. **36** Ngelanga abagcotshwa ngalo, uThixo walaya abako-Israyeli ukuthi banikele lokho njengasabelo sabo sezikhathi zonke kuzizukulwane ezizayo. **37** Le-ke yiyo imithetho emayelana lomnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele, umnikelo wesono, umnikelo wecala, umnikelo wokugcotshwa lomnikelo wobudlelwano, **38** uThixo awupha uMosi entabeni yeSinayi ngelanga alaya ngalo abako-Israyeli ukuthi balethe iminikelo yabo kuThixo, enkangala yaseSinayi.

8 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Letha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, izembatho zabo, amafutha okugcoba ogcotshelwa isikhundla, inkunzi yomnikelo wesono, inqama ezimbili lesitsha sokuthwalela isinkwa esibhekhwe singelamvubelo, **3** ubusubuthanisa ibandla lonke esangweni lethente lokuhlangana." **4** UMosi wenza njengokulaya kukaThixo, ibandla lonke laselibuthana esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **5** UMosi wakhuluma ebandleni wathi, "Lokhu yikho uThixo alaye ukuthi kwenziwe." **6** UMosi waseletha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe phambili, wabagezisa ngamanzi. **7** Wagqokisa u-Aroni ibhatshi, wasemgaxa ibhanti, wamgqokisa isembatho semahlombe, waphinda wabopha isembatho semahlombe ngozwezwe lwaso olwelukwe ngobungcitshi; walibophela kuye. **8** Wamgqokisa isembatho sesifuba wasebeka i-Urimi leThumimi esambathweni leso. **9** Wamthwalisa

iqhiye ekhanda lakhe, phambi kwayo wabeka icence legolide, umqhele ongcwele, njengalokhu uThixo ayelaye uMosi ukuthi akwenze. **10** UMosi wathatha amafutha okugcoba ogcotshelwa isikhundla wagcoba ithabanikeli lakho konke okwakukulo, wakwahlukanisela uThixo. **11** Wachela amanye amafutha e-alithareni kasikhombisa, wagcoba i-alithari lezitsha zalo zonke, lomkolo walo, lalapho obekwa khona ukuze akwahlukanisele uThixo. **12** Wathela amanye amafutha ekhanda lika-Aroni wamgcoba ukuba amahlukanisele uThixo. **13** Wasesondeza amadodana ka-Aroni phambili, wawagqokisa amabhatshi, wawabopha ngamabhanti njalo wawabophela izingwane emakhanda awo njengalokho uThixo akulaya uMosi. **14** Waseletha inkunzi yomnikelo wesono, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. **15** UMosi wahlaba inkunzi, wasethatha elinye igazi, waselininda empondweni ze-alithare ngomunwe ukuze lihlambuluke. Wathululela igazi elalisele phansi kwe-alithari walahlukanisela uThixo, ukwenza ukubuyisana ngalo. **16** UMosi wasethatha idanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, wasekutshisela e-alithareni. **17** Kodwa inkunzi lesikhumba sayo, lenyama yayo, lamathumbu ayo wakutshisela phandle kwezihonqo njengalokho uThixo amlaya khona. **18** Waseletha inqama ukuze ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. **19** UMosi wayihlaba inqama, wasechela igazi layo emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **20** Wahlahlela inqama yaba ngamaqatha,

wasetshisa inhloko, amaqatha lamahwahwa. **21** Wagezisa ezangaphakathi lemilenze ngamanzi, wasetshisa isidumbu sonke senqama e-alithareni njengomnikelo wokutshiswa, iphunga elimnandi, umnikelo owenziwa kuThixo ngomlilo njengoba uThixo walaya uMosi. **22** Waseletha eyinye inqama, eyayizasetshenziswa begcotshelwa izikhundla, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. **23** UMosi wahlaba inqama, wathatha elinye igazi layo walininda esiqwini sendlebe yokunene ka-Aroni, esithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene lasozwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lwesokunene. **24** UMosi waletha amadodana ka-Aroni phambili, waseninda elinye igazi eziqwini zendlebe zawo zakwesokudla lasezithupheni zezandla zabo zakwesokudla. Emva kwalokho wasechela igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **25** Wathatha amahwahwa, umsila ononileyo ledanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, izinso zombili lamahwahwa azo kanye lomlenze wakwesokudla. **26** Esitsheni sesinkwa esibhekhwa singelamvubelo, esasiphambi kukaThixo, wathatha isinkwa esikhulu, esasixutshaniswe lamafutha e-oliva kanye lesinkwa esincinyane, wasekufaka emahwahweni lasemlenzeni wesokunene. **27** Wabeka konke lokhu ezandleni zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe, bakuzunguza phambi kukaThixo, kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzunguza. **28** UMosi wakuthatha ezandleni zabo wasekutshisela e-alithareni phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, kwaba ngumnikelo wokugcotshwa olephunga elimnandi, umhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa

kuThixo. **29** UMosi wasethatha isifuba, esesiyisabelo sakhe enqameni yokugcotshwa, wasizunguza phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **30** UMosi wasethatha amanye amafutha okugcobela isikhundla lelinye igazi elisuka e-alithareni, wasechela u-Aroni lezembatho zakhe kanye lamadodana akhe lezembatho zawo. Ngalokho wangcwelisa u-Aroni lezembatho zakhe, lamadodana akhe lezembatho zawo. **31** UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe, "Phekelani inyama esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, liyidlele khona lesinkwa esivela esitsheni seminikelo yokugcotshwa njengokulaywa kwami ukuthi 'u-Aroni lamadodana akhe yibo abazakudla.' **32** Beselitshisa yonke inyama lesinkwa okuzasala. **33** Lingasuki esangweni lethente lokuhlangana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kuze kuphele amalanga okugcotshwa kwenu, ngoba ukugcotshwa kwenu kuzathatha insuku eziyisikhombisa. **34** Lokho okwenziwa namuhla kwalaywa nguThixo ukwenzela ukuthi lilungiselwe indlela yokubuyisana. **35** Kumele lihlale esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ubusuku lemini, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lisenza lokho okuyabe kufunwa nguThixo ukuze lingafi, ngoba yikho engakulaywayo." **36** Ngakho u-Aroni lamadodana akhe benza konke uThixo ayebalaye khona ngoMosi.

9 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uMosi wabiza u-Aroni lamadodana akhe kanye labadala bako-Israyeli. **2** Wathi ku-Aroni, "Thatha iguqa lenkunzi engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, ukwethule phambi kukaThixo.

3 Ubusutshela abako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Thathani impongo
ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ithole lezinyane, konke
kungokulomnyaka owodwa njalo kungelasici, kube
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, **4** uthathe inkabi kanye lenqama
kube ngumnikelo wobudlelwano oba ngumhlatshelo
phambi kukaThixo, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele
ohlanganiswe lamafutha, ngoba uThixo uzabonakala
kuwe lamhlanje.’” **5** Bathatha izinto lezo uMosi
ayebalaye ngazo bazisa phambi kwethente lokuhlangana,
ibandla lonke lasondela eduze lema phambi kukaThixo.
6 UMosi wasesithi, “Lokhu yikho uThixo alaye
ukuthi likwenze, ukuze inkazimulo kaThixo ibonakale
kini.” **7** UMosi wathi ku-Aroni, “Woza e-alithareni
uzonikela umhlatshelo wesono sakho kanye lomnikelo
wakho wokutshiswa, wenzele wena kanye labantu
indlela yokubuyisana. Unikele umhlatshelo wabantu
ubenzele uxolo njengalokhu okulaywe nguThixo.” **8**
Ngakho u-Aroni weza e-alithareni, wahlaba ithole
laba ngumnikelo wakhe wesono. **9** Amadodana
akhe aletha igazi kuye, wasegxumuza umunwe
wakhe egazini waninda ngalo impondo ze-alithare.
10 E-alithareni watshisa amahwahwa, izinso kanye
lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi kungokomnikelo wesono,
njengalokhu uThixo ayekulaye uMosi. **11** Inyama
kanye lesikhumba wakutshisela ngaphandle kwezihonqo.
12 Wasehlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa. Amadodana
akhe amnika igazi, walichela inxa zonke ze-alithare.
13 Bamupha umnikelo wokutshiswa, isitho ngesitho
kugoqela inhloko, wakutshisela e-alithareni. **14** Wagezisa

ezangaphakathi kanye lemilenze wakutshisela phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa e-alithareni. **15** U-Aroni waseletha umnikelo owawungowabantu, wathatha imbuzi eyayingeyomnikelo wesono wayihlaba, waseyinikela yaba ngumnikelo wesono njengalokhu ayekwenze ngeyakuqala. **16** Waletha umnikelo wokutshiswa wawunikela ngendlela emisiweyo. **17** Waletha njalo umnikelo wamabele, wacupha ngesandla, wasewutshisela e-alithareni phezu kwalowo owokutshiswa ayewunikele ekuseni. **18** Wahlaba inkabi kanye lenqama kwaba ngumnikelo wobudlelwano ebantwini. Amadodana akhe amnika igazi, walichela inxa zonke ze-alithare. **19** Kodwa amahwahwa enkabi lawenqama, lomsila ononileyo, idanga, izinso, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi **20** bakwendlala phezu kwesifuba, u-Aroni wasetshisela amahwahwa e-alithareni. **21** U-Aroni wazunguza izifuba kanye lomlenze wokwesokunene phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguza, njengokulaya kukaMosi. **22** U-Aroni wasephakamisela izandla zakhe ebantwini wababusisa. Kwathi esenikele umnikelo wesono, umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lowobudlelwano, wahlala phansi. **23** UMosi lo-Aroni basebesiyangena ethenteni lokuhlangana. Bathi bephuma, babusisa abantu; inkazimulo kaThixo yabonakala kubo bonke abantu. **24** Kwavela umlilo lapho ngoba uThixo wayekhona, kwatsha umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lamahwahwa e-alithareni. Abantu bonke bathi bebona lokho, bamemeza ngentokozo bathi mbo ngobuso phansi.

10 Amadodana ka-Aroni uNadabi lo-Abhihu bathatha
izitsha zempepha, bafaka umlilo kuzo, bafaka impepha;
basebenikela ngomlilo phambi kukaThixo ngokungekho
emandleni abo, njalo kuphambene lomlayo wakhe. **2**
Kwavela umlilo lapho uThixo ayekhona, wabatshisa
bafa phambi kukaThixo. **3** UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni,
"Lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa nguThixo aze athi:
'Kulabo abasondela kimi Ubungcwele bami buzabonakala,
phambi kwabo bonke abantu Ngizadunyiswa.'" U-Aroni
wala ethule. **4** UMosi wabiza uMishayeli lo-Elizafani
amadodana kamalumakhe ka-Aroni u-Uziyeli, wathi
kubo, "Wozani lapha lizothwala abafowenu libakhuphele
phandle kwezihonqo, khatshana laphambi kwendlu
engcwele." **5** Ngakho beza babathwala belokhu begqoke
amabhatshi abo, babakhuphela ngaphandle kwezihonqo
njengokulaya kukaMosi. **6** UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni
lamadodana akhe u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari, "Lingayekeli
inwele zenu zingembozwanga njalo lingadabuli izigqoko
zenu ngokuhlulukelwa, funa life, loThixo athukuthelele
abantu bonke. Kodwa zonke izihlobo zenu lendlu
yonke ka-Israyeli bangabakhalela labo ababhujiswe
nguThixo ngomlilo. **7** Lingaze lasuka esangweni lethente
lokuhlangana funa life, ngoba amafutha kaThixo
okugcoba ogcotshelwa isikhundla aphezu kwenu." Ngakho
benza njengokulaya kukaMosi. **8** UThixo wasesithi
ku-Aroni, **9** "Wena lamadodana akho akumelanga
linathe iwayini loba okunye okunathwayo okubilileyo
nxa lisiyangena ethenteni lokuhlangana, funa life. Lo
ngumlayo omi kuze kube nininini kuzizukulwane ezizayo.

10 Kumele lahlukanise okungcwele kokungangcwele,
okuhlanzekileyo kokungahlanzekanga, **11** njalo kumele
lifundise abako-Israyeli zonke izimiso uThixo abaphe zona
ngoMosi." **12** UMosi wathi ku-Aroni kanye lamadodana
akhe aseleyo, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari, "Thathani umnikelo
wamabele oseleyo emihlatshelweni yokudla enikelwe
kuThixo, liwudle ungelamvubelo eceleni kwe-alithari
ngoba ungcwele kakhulu. **13** Udleleni endaweni engcwele,
ngoba uyisabelo senu kanye lamadodana enu, njengoba
ngilaywe ngokunjalo. **14** Kodwa wena lamadodana akho
kanye lamadodakazi akho lingadla isifuba esazunguzwayo
kanye lomlenze onikelweyo. Kudleleni endaweni
ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba; kuphiwe wena kanye
labantwabakho njengesabelo somnikelo wobudlelwano
kwabako-Israyeli. **15** Umlenze owanikelwayo kanye
lesifuba esazunguzwayo kumele kulethwe kanye
lamahwahwa anikelwa ngomlilo, azozunguzwa phambi
kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa. Lokho
kuzakuba yisabelo sansukuzonke esakho kanye
labantwabakho, njengokulaya kukaThixo." **16** UMosi
wathi ebuza ngembuzi yomnikelo wesono wathola
ukuthi yayisitshisiwe, wathukuthelela u-Eliyazari lo-
Ithamari, amadodana ka-Aroni ayesesele, wawabuza
wathi, **17** "Kungani lingadlelanga umnikelo wesono
endlini engcwele na? Ungcwele kakhulu; lawuphiwa ukuze
ususe icala labantu ngokwenza ukuthi babuyiswe phambi
kukaThixo. **18** Njengoba igazi lawo lingangeniswanga
eNdaweni eNgcwele, bekumele imbuzi liyidlele endlini
engcwele njengokulaya kwami." **19** U-Aroni waphendula

uMosi wathi, “Lamuhla benze umhlatshelo womnikelo wesono kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kukaThixo, kodwa izinto ezinjengalezi sezenzakele kimi. Nxa bengidle umnikelo wesono lamuhla, kambe uThixo ubengachelesa ngalokho na?” **20** UMosi wasuthiseka ekuzwa lokho.

11 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **2** “Alibokuthi kwabako-Israyeli: ‘Kuzozonke izinyamazana ezisemhlabeni, yilezi elingazidla; **3** lingadla zonke izinyamazana ezilenklagu ezivulekileyo lezentshisayo. **4** Zikhona ezinye ezentshisayo kuphela, zibe khona ezinye ezilenklagu ezivulekileyo kuphela kodwa lingabozidla. Ikamela loba lisentshisa kalilanklagu ezivulekileyo; ngomkhuba kalihlanzekanga kini. **5** Imbila loba isentshisa kayilanklagu ezivulekileyo; ingcolile kini. **6** Umvundla, loba usentshisa, kawulanklagu ezivulekileyo; ungcolile kini. **7** Lengulube, loba ilenklagu ezivulekileyo ngokupheleleyo, ayentshisi; ingcolile kini. **8** Akufanelanga lidle inyama yazo njalo akufanelanga lithinte loba izidumbu zazo; ngoba zingcolile kini. **9** Kuzozonke izidalwa ezihlala emanzini asolwandle lasezifuleni, lingadla zonke ezilempiko lamaxolo. **10** Kodwa zonke izidalwa ezisolwandle lasezifuleni ezingelampiko lamaxolo, kungelani lokuthi ngezihamba ngamaxuku kumbe phakathi kwazo zonke eziphila emanzini kumele lizenyanye. **11** Njalo njengoba lizazenyanya, lingabokudla inyama yazo, njalo kumele lizenyanye lezidumbu zazo. **12** Yonke inyamazana ehlala emanzini engalampiko lamaxolo kumele yenyanyeke kini. **13** Lezi yizinyoni okumele lizenyanye njalo lingazidli ngoba zingcolile: ukhozi, ilinqe, **14** uhelwane olubomvu, loba wuphi umhlobo wohelwane,

15 imihlobo yonke yamawabayi, **16** isikhova esilesicholo,
isikhova esitshaya udweba, ingabuzane, loba wuphi
umhlobo wokhozi, **17** umandukulo, itshayamanzi, isikhova
esikhulu, **18** isikhova esimhlophe, isikhova senkangala,
ukhozi oludla inhlanzi, **19** ingabuzane, lawuphi umhlobo
welanda, imvenduna lomalulwane. **20** Zonke izibungu
ezilamaphiko ezihamba ngenyawo zazo ezine kumele
zibe ngezingcolileyo kini. **21** Kodwa kulezinye izibungu
ezilamaphiko, ezihamba ngezinyawo zazo ezine, lingadla
lezo ezilamangqondo, ezeqa ngawo emhlabathini. **22** Kuzo
lingadla intethe ngemihlobo yazo, lamadiye ngemihlobo
yawo. **23** Kodwa zonke ezinye izibungu ezilamaphiko
lenyawo ezine lizenyanye. **24** Liyabe liyazingcolisa
ngalezi; ngakho loba ngubani othinta izidumbu zazo
uzatshona engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **25** Ozaphakamisa
izidumbu zezinyamazana lezi kumele ahlambulule
izigqoko zakhe, kanti-ke yena uzaba ngongcolileyo kuze
kuhlwe. **26** Yonke inyamazana elengqina elingehlukananga
ngokupheleleyo loba engentshisiyo ingcolile kini,
wonke othinta isidumbu sezinyamazana lezi uzabe
esengongcolile. **27** Kuzozonke izinyamazana ezihamba
ngenyawo ezine, lezo ezihamba ngezidladla zingcolile kini;
kuzakuthi wonke othinta izidumbu zazo abe ngongcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. **28** Loba ngubani ozaphakamisa izidumbu
zezinyamazana lezi kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe,
njalo uzatshona engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. Zingcolile
kini. **29** Ezinyamazaneni zonke ezihambahambayo
emhlabathini, lezi zingcolile kini: indlegu, igundwane,
lemihlobo yonke yemibankwa emikhulu, **30** untulo,

imbulumakhasane, umbankwa, isiqhuza lonwabu. **31** Kuzozonke ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini, lezi zingcolile kini. Loba ngubani ozithinta sezifile uzatshona engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **32** Nxa kungafa eyinye yazo iwele phezu kolutho, lololutho, loba lusetshenziswani luzabe selungolungcolileyo, loba lwenziwe ngesigodo, ngelembu, ngesikhumba loba ngesaka. Lufakeni emanzini; luzabe lungcolile kuze kuhlwe, lapho-ke luzabe seluhlambulukile. **33** Nxa esinye sazo singawela embizeni yomdaka, konke okusembizeni kuyabe sekungcolile, sekumele ubulale imbiza. **34** Konke ukudla obekungadliwa okuchaphakelwe ngamanzi aleyo mbiza kungcolile, njalo lobekunganathwa kuvela kuleyo mbiza kungcolile. **35** Loba yini ewelwe yizidumbu zezinanakazana lezi iba ngengcolileyo; iziko loba imbiza yokupheka sekumele kubhidlizwe. Kuyabe sekungcolile, njalo kumele likuthathe njengokungcolileyo. **36** Kanti-ke, umthombo loba umgqomo wokukha amanzi uhlala uhlambulukile, kodwa loba ngubani othinta izidumbu lezi ungcolile. **37** Nxa isidumbu sezinyamazana lezi singawela loba kuyiphi inhlanyelo esilungele ukuhlanyelwa, izahlala ihlambulukile. **38** Kodwa nxa amanzi esethelwe enhlanyelweni, isidumbu sakhona besesiwela phezu kwayo, isingcolile kini. **39** Nxa inyamazana elivunyelwe ukuyidla ingazifela, lowo othinta isidumbu sayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **40** Loba ngubani ozakudla inyama yalesisidumbu kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. Loba ngubani ozaphakamisa lesisidumbu, kumele ahlambulule

izigqoko zakhe, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **41** Loba yisiphi isinanakazana esihuquzelayo emhlabathini siyenyanyeka, kasingadliwa. **42** Akufanelanga lidle izinanakazana zonke ezihambahambayo emhlabathini, loba ngezihuquzela ngezisu loba ngezihamba ngazozonke zone loba ngezilenyawo ezinengi; ziyenyanyeka. **43** Lingazingcolisi ngezinanakazana lezi, lingazingcolisi ngenxa yazo njalo lingayekeli zilingcolisa. **44** NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, zihlambululeni libengcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele. Lingazingcolisi ngezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini. **45** NginguThixo owalikhupha eGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu; kungakho wobani ngcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele. **46** Le yiyo imithetho emayelana lezinyamazana, izinyoni, yonke into ephilayo entsheza emanzini lezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini. **47** Kumele lehlukanise phakathi kwezingcolileyo lezihlambulukileyo, lehlukanise phakathi kwezidalwa eziphilayo ezingadliwa kanye lokungamelanga zidliwe.'"

12 UThixo wathi kuMosi: **2** "Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi: 'Umfazi ozithweleyo obelethe indodana uzakuba ngongcolileyo ngokomkhuba okwensuku eziyisikhombisa njengoba engcolile ngesikhathi esemfuleni. **3** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili indodana le kuzamele isokwe. **4** Owesifazane kufanele ame okwensuku ezingamatshumi amathathu lantathu ukuze ahlanjululwe ukopha kwakhe. Ngalesisikhathi, akumelanga abambe ulutho olungcwele njalo akumelanga aye endlini engcwele kuze kwedlule insuku zakhe zokuhlanjululwa. **5** Nxa

angabeletha indodakazi, owesifazane uzaba ngongcolileyo okwamaviki amabili, njenganxa esemfuleni. Kufanele ahlale okwensuku ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lezinsuku eziyisithupha ukuze ahlanjululwe ukopha kwakhe. **6** Nxa insuku zokuhlanjululwa ngokwendodana loba indodakazi seziphelile, kumele owesifazane alethe izinyane lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa kumphristi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ukuze libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lephuphu lenkwilimba loba ijuba kube ngumnikelo wesono. **7** Umphristi nguye ozanikela umnikelo phambi kukaThixo ukumenzela ukubuyisana, ngalokho uzabe esehlambulukile ngokomkhuba ekopheni kwakhe. Le yiyo imithetho elandelwa ngowesifazane ekubeletheni umfana loba inkazana. **8** Nxa engenelisi ukunikela ngezinyane lemvu, kumele alethe amajuba amabili loba inkwilimba ezisesencane ezimbili, okunye kungumnikelo wokutshiswa okunye kungumnikelo wesono. Ngalindlela umphristi uzamenzela ukubuyisana, owesifazane uzahlambuluka.'"

13 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **2** "Loba ngubani ozabe evuvukile, loba equbukile, loba elechatha elicazimulayo ejwabini lakhe okungasuka kube ngumkhuhlane wobulephero, kumele alethwe ku-Aroni umphristi loba komunye wamadodana akhe ongumphristi. **3** Umphristi kahlole lesisilonda esisejwabini lakhe, kuthi kungabonakala ukuthi uboya obusesilondeni sebumhlophe, lokuthi lesilonda laso sizikile enyameni, kuyabe kungumkhuhlane wobulephero. Nxa umphristi emhlola, uzamtshela ukuthi ungcolile ngokomlayo.

4 Kanti-ke lanxa ibala elisejwabini limhlophe kodwa
libonakala ukuthi alijulanga enyameni njalo loboya
obukhonapho bungakabimhlophe, umphristi kamsuse
ebantwini, ahlale yedwa okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.
5 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umphristi kumele amhlole,
kuthi-ke nxa ebona ukuthi isilonda lokhu sinjalo njalo
kasiqhelanga ejwabini, kumele amehlukanise kwabanye
okwezinye njalo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **6** Ngosuku
lwesikhombisa umphristi uzamhlola njalo, kuthi-ke nxa
isilonda sesifiphele singaqhelanga ejwabini, umphristi
uzamtshela lowomuntu ukuthi usehlambulukile,
bekukade kuyikuqubuka kodwa nje. Leyondoda
izagezisa izigqoko zayo njalo iyabe isihlambulukile. **7**
Kodwa ukuqubuka kungaqhela ejwabini lakhe ngemva
kokuba eseke waziveza kumphristi ukuba kuthiwe
usehlambulukile, kumele aziveze njalo kumphristi.
8 Umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi-ke nxa ukuqubuka
kuqhelile ejwabini, umphristi kumele amtshele ukuthi
kakahlambuluki; yibulephero. **9** Nxa kulomuntu
olobulephero, kumele alethwe kumphristi. **10** Umphristi
kamhlole, kuthi nxa kuleqhubu elimhlophe eseliphendule
uboya babamhlophe njalo lilomlomo, **11** yibulephero,
ngakho umphristi uzakuthi ungcolile. Kangamehlukanisi
labanye, ngoba uvele esengongcolileyo. **12** Nxa ubulephero
sobumemetheka umzimba wonke okubonwa ngumphristi
ukuthi sobugcwele kusukela ekhanda kuze kube
sezinyaweni, **13** umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi nxa bugcwele
umzimba wonke, atsho athi lowomuntu uhlambulukile.
Njengoba ijwabu seliphenduke labamhlophe lonke, uyabe

ehlambulukile. **14** Kodwa nxa kubonakala sekupetuka inyama esilondeni uzabe engongcolileyo. **15** Umphristi nxa ebona inyama isipetuka uzakuthi ungcolile. Inyama epetukileyo ingcolile; ulobulephero. **16** Kodwa leyonyama epetukileyo ingaguquka ibemhlophe kufanele onjalo aye kumphristi. **17** Umphristi amhlole, kuthi nxa izilonda sezisuke zaba mhlophe, umphristi uzakuthi lowo olazo uhlambulukile; ngakho uzabe esehlambulukile. **18** Nxa kulomuntu olethumba ejwabini lakhe libe seliphola, **19** kuthi lapho obekulethumba khona kubonakale kumhlotshana kuvuvukile loba iqhubu elibomvana, kumele azilethe kumphristi. **20** Umphristi alihlole, kuthi nxa kubonakala lijulile loboya obuphezu kwalo sebumhlophe, umphristi uzakuthi ungcolile. Yibulephero obuvela lapho obekulethumba khona. **21** Kodwa nxa khona laphayana ekuhlolweni kwalo ngumphristi kungelaboya obumhlophe phezu kwalo, njalo lingajulanga selifiphele, kulapho umphristi azamehlukanisa khona labanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **22** Nxa liqhela ejwabini, umphristi uzakuthi ungcolile, lona liyisifo esithelelwanayo. **23** Kodwa nxa umbala walo ulokhu unjalo, njalo lingaqhelanga, kuyabe kulitshisa elatshiywa lithumba, ngakho umphristi uzakuthi uhlambulukile. **24** Nxa umuntu elethuthuva ejwabini lakhe besekuvela itshatha elibomvana loba elimhlophe enyameni epetukileyo yetshisa, **25** umphristi kalihlole, kuzakuthi nxa uboya obuphezu kwalo sebumhlophe, kubonakale kungani kujulile, yibulephero obuvela ngethuthuva. Umphristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile, yibulephero. **26**

Kodwa umphristi angalihlola kubonakale kungelaboya obumhlophe, kungajulanga njalo sekufiphele, yikho lapho umphristi azamehlukanisa labanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **27** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi nxa liqhela ejwabini, umphristi athi ungcolile, yibulephero. **28** Kodwa nxa itshatha lilokhu linjalo futhi lingaqhelanga ejwabini kodwa selifiphele, kuyabe kulithuthuva elivuvukileyo, umphristi uzakuthi uhlambulukile, bekulitshisa nje kuphela. **29** Nxa owesilisa loba owesifazane elesilonda ekhanda loba esilevini, **30** umphristi kasihlole, kuthi nxa kubonakala sijulile enyameni, inwele phezu kwaso sezimpofana njalo zingakhuli, umphristi uzakuthi lowomuntu ungcolile, yibulephero bekhanda loba obesilevu. **31** Kodwa nxa umphristi angasihlola isilonda leso abone singajulanga, kungelanwele ezimnyama kuso, umphristi uzamsusa lowomuntu ebantwini okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **32** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa, umphristi kumele asihlole leso silonda, kuthi nxa singaqhelanga ejwabini, njalo kungelaboya obulithanga phezu kwaso, khona kubonakala ukuthi asijulanga enyameni, **33** kufanele aphucwe kutshiywe indawo elesifo, umphristi aphinde amehlukanise kwabanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **34** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa umphristi kumele asihlole, kuthi nxa singaqhelanga njalo kukhanya singajulanga enyameni, umphristi kathi uhlambulukile. Kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, abesesiba ngohlambulukileyo. **35** Kodwa nxa isilonda siqhela ejwabini emva kokuba sekuthiwe usehlambulukile,

36 umphristi uzamhlola, kanti-ke nxa isilonda sisuke
saqhela ejwabini, akudingakali ukuthi umphristi adinge
ukubona uboya obulithanga; lowomuntu ungcolile. **37**
Kodwa nxa ngokubona kwakhe isilonda leso silokhu
singaguqukanga sekulenwele ezimnyama kuso, siyabe
sesipholile. Uyabe esehlambulukile, umphristi uzakuthi
uhlambulukile. **38** Nxa indoda loba owesifazane
elamabala amhlotshana ejwabini, **39** umphristi kumele
awahlole, kuthi nxa amabala lawo emhlotshana
okungani kufiphele, kuyabe kuyikuqubuka okumveleleyo
ejwabini; ngakho lowomuntu uhlambulukile. **40** Nxa
indoda ingaselanwele isilempabanga, ihlambulukile.
41 Nxa ingaselanwele phezu kwebunzi, isilempabanga
ihlambulukile. **42** Kodwa nxa ilesilonda esibomvana-
okumhlotshana ekhanda elilempabanga loba ebunzini,
yibulephero obuyabe buqalisa ekhanda loba ebunzini.
43 Umphristi kayihlole leyondoda, kuthi nxa isilonda
esivuvukayo ekhanda layo loba ebunzini sibomvana-
okumhlotshana njengobulephero, **44** leyondoda isilabo
njalo isingcolile. Umphristi uzakuthi leyondoda ingcolile
ngenxa yaleso silonda esisekhanda layo. **45** Umuntu
olobulephero kumele agqoke izigqoko ezidabukileyo,
ayekele inwele zakhe zingakanywanga, embese ingxenye
yangaphansi kobuso bakhe amemeze athi: 'Ngingcolile!
Ngingcolile!' **46** Kuzakuthi nxa elokhu elaleso sifo,
ahlale engongcolileyo. Kumele ahlale yedwa, ahlale
ngaphandle kwesihonqo." **47** "Nxa isigqoko sagqokwa
ngumuntu olobulephero, isembatho sewulu loba
eselembu, **48** eselukiweyo loba esiphothiweyo kuyiwulu

loba ilembu, isikhumba loba yini eyenziwe ngesikhumba,
49 nxa lokhu kungcola kusesembathweni selembu,
isikhumba, loba yini eyelukiweyo, loba ephothiweyo
loba kuyini okwesikhumba, kubonakala kuluhlazana
loba kubomvana, yibulephero; kufanele kutshengiswe
umphristi. **50** Umphristi kahlole ukungcola lokhu
abesesehlukanisa leyonto esingcolile, ibekwe yodwa
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **51** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa
kuzamele akuhlole, kuthi nxa ukungcola sekuqhelile
esembathweni, eselukiweyo loba esithungiweyo, loba
isikhumba, loba sisetshenziswani, lokho kuyibulephero,
isembatho leso singcolile. **52** Kumele asitshise isembatho
leso, loba eselukiweyo lesithungiweyo, kuyiwulu loba
ilembu, loba kuyinto yesikhumba elesifo sokungcola,
njengoba kuyibulephero; leyonto kumele itshiswe. **53**
Kodwa, nxa kuyikuthi ekuhlolweni kwaso ngumphristi,
kubonakale ukuthi isifo asiqhelanga ezigqokweni, loba
eselukiweyo loba esithungiweyo, loba esesikhumba,
54 uzalaya ukuthi lololutho olungcolileyo lugeziswe.
Kulapho-ke azakwehlukanisa khona kwezinye okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa. **55** Ngemva kokuba lesosembatho
esingcolileyo sesigezisiwe, umphristi uzasihlola, kuthi nxa
isifo sokungcola esisesigqokweni singaguqukanga umbala
waso lanxa siyabe singaqhelanga, singcolile. Kasitshiswe
ngomlilo, loba isifo sokungcola sihlasele nganxanye.
56 Nxa, lapho umphristi esihlola, kubonakale isilonda
sesifiphele ngemva kokugeziswa kwesigqoko, umphristi
kadabule ingxenye ebilesifo esigqokweni loba yisikhumba
loba ngeselukiweyo loba esiphothiweyo. **57** Kodwa nxa

isifo sibonakala futhi esigqokweni, ingabe eselukiweyo loba esiphothiweyo, loba kungesesikhumba, siyabe siyaqhela, akuthi konke okulesifo kutshiswe ngomlilo. **58** Isigqoko siphi lasiphi, kungaba ngesokwelukwa, esokuphothwa loba esesikhumba esesike sageziswa sahlanzwa lesosifo kumele sigeziswe futhi, kube yikho ukuhlanzeka kwaso." **59** Le yiyo imilayo emayelana lokungcoliswa yibulephero ezigqokweni loba ngezewulu kumbe ezelembu, kungaba ngezelukiweyo loba eziphothiweyo, loba isikhumba; ukuze kuthiwe zihlambulukile loba zingcolile.

14 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Le yimithetho eqondana lalowo olobulephero ngesikhathi sokuhlanjululwa kwakhe ngokomkhuba, nxa elethwa phambi komphristi. **3** Umphristi kaphume ezihonqweni ayemhlola. Nxa umuntu lowo esesilile ebulepherweni, **4** umphristi uzalaya ukuthi kulethelwe inyoni ezimbili eziphilayo, ezihlambulukileyo, kanye lenkuni zesihlahla somsedari, intambo ebomvu lehisophi ukuze lowo muntu ahlanjululwe. **5** Lapho-ke umphristi uzalaya ukuthi eyinye yalezo nyoni ibulawelwe phezu kwamanzi acengekileyo, asembizeni yomdaka. **6** Usezathatha inyoni ephilayo ayigxamuze ndawonye lokhuni lomsedari, lentambo ebomvu lehisophi egazini laleyo nyoni ebulawelwe phezu kwamanzi ahlambulukileyo. **7** Uzachela lowo ohlanjululwa ubulephero ngalelogazi kasikhombisa, abesesithi usehlambulukile. Abesekhulula inyoni esaphila izihambele egangeni. **8** Umuntu okufanele ukuthi ahlanjululwe kumele agezise izigqoko

zakhe, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, abesegeza umzimba ngamanzi, ngalokho uzabe esehlambulukile ngokomkhuba. Ngemva kwalokho usengangena ezihonqweni, kodwa kumele ahlale ngaphandle kwethente lakhe okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **9** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa kumele aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, intshiya zakhe kanye lazozonke inwele zakhe. Kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, ageze umzimba ngamanzi; ngalokho uzakuba ngohlambulukileyo. **10** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kumele alethe amazinyane amabili amaduna lelilodwa elisikazi, wonke elomnyaka owodwa, wonke engelasici, ndawonye lezilinganiso zehefa ezintathu etshumini zefulawa ecolekileyo, evutshwe ngamafutha, kungumnikelo wamabele, kanye lehetshezana lwamafutha. **11** Umphristi obikayo ukuthi usehlambulukile lowomuntu nguye omethulayo kanye leminikelo yakhe kuThixo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **12** Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi kathathe elinye izinyane eliduna anikele ngalo kube ngumnikelo wecala, kanye lehetshezana lwamafutha; uzakuzunguza phambi kukaThixo, kungumnikelo wokuzunguzwa. **13** Uzahlaba lelozinyane endaweni engcwele lapho okuhlatshelwa khona iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yokutshiswa. Umnikelo wecala ungowomphristi, njengomnikelo wesono; ungcwele kakhulu. **14** Umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wecala alininde oqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene sakhe. **15** Umphristi uzathatha amanye amafutha, awathele esandleni sakhe

sokhohlo, **16** agxamuze umunwe wakhe wenkomba emafutheni lawo, abesewafafaza phambi kukaThixo kasikhombisa. **17** Umphristi kaninde amafutha aseleyo esandleni oqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene lasozwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lolwesokunene, phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala. **18** Amafutha lawo aseleyo esandleni somphristi kawagcobe ekhanda lalowo ohlanjululwayo, abesemenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo. **19** Ngemva kwalokho, kalethe umnikelo wesono ecelela ozahlanjululwa indlela yokubuyisana kulokhu kungcola kwakhe. Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi uzenza umnikelo wokutshiswa, **20** anikele ngawo e-alithareni, kanye lowamabele, amenzele indlela yokubuyisana, ngalokho uzahlanjululwa. **21** Kodwa-ke, nxa engumyanga, engazenelisi lezizinto, kumele athathe izinyane lemvu eliduna libe ngumnikelo wecala ozazunguzwa ukumenzela indlela yokubuyisana, lengxenye eyodwa etshumini yefulawa ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lamafutha, kungumnikelo wamabele, lehetshezana lwamafutha, **22** lamajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili, lokho angakwanelisa, okunye kungumnikelo wesono kuthi okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **23** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kumele akulethe kumphristi ukuba ahlanjululwe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana phambi kukaThixo. **24** Umphristi kathathe izinyane lemvu libe ngumnikelo wecala, ndawonye lehetshezana lwamafutha, akuzunguze phambi kukaThixo, kube ngumnikelo

wokuzunguzwa. **25** Uzahlaba izinyane lemvu
kube ngumnikelo wecala abesethatha elinye
alininde oqwangeni lwendlebe yokwesokudla yalowo
ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene kanye
lasozwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwesandla sokunene. **26**
Umphristi uzachathekela amanye amafutha esandleni
sakhe senxele, **27** besekusithi ngomunwe wakhe
wenkomba, owesandla sokunene achele amanye
amafutha kasikhombisa phambi kukaThixo. **28** Kuthi
amanye amafutha asesandleni sakhe awaninde endaweni
lezo aninde khona igazi lomnikelo wecala, oqwangeni
lwendlebe yokwesokudla yalowo ozahlanjululwa,
esithupheni sesandla sokunene kanye lasozwaneni
olukhulu lonyawo lwesandla sokunene. **29** Umphristi
uzagcoba ikhanda lalowo ohlanjululwayo ngamafutha
aseleyo esandleni sakhe, emenzela indlela yokubuyisana
phambi kukaThixo. **30** Ngakho uzanikela ngamajuba
lawayana loba amaphuphu enkwilimba lezo, lokho ayabe
ekwenelisile, **31** okunye kungumnikelo wesono, kuthi
okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, ndawonye
lomnikelo wamabele. Ngale indlela, umphristi
uzakwenzela ozahlanjululwa indlela yokubuyisana
phambi kukaThixo." **32** Le yiyo imithetho yokuphathwa
kwalabo abalomkhuhlane wobulephero abangenelisi
iminikelo yokuhlanjululwa ejayelekileyo. **33** UThixo
wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **34** "Nxa lingena ezweni
laseKhenani, lelo engilinika lona ukuba libe yisabelo
senu, besengifaka isikhwekhwe esithelelwanayo endlini
kulelolizwe, **35** umnini waleyondlu kufanele ayetshela

umphristi athi ‘ngibona okufanana lesikhwekhwe endlini yami?’ **36** Umphristi engakayi kuleyondlu ukuyahlola isikhwekhwe kumele akhiphe isiqondiso sokuthi kutshiswe konke okukuleyondlu ukuze kungabi lalutho kuleyondlu oluzathiwa lungcolile. Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi uzangena ahlole leyondlu. **37** Uzahlola isikhwekhwe emidulini, kuthi nxa ebona ukuthi kulamabala aluhlaza loba abomvana emdulini njalo ebonakala ejulile emdulini, **38** umphristi uzaphuma ngomnyango wendlu, awuvale okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **39** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa, umphristi uzabuyela ayehlola leyondlu. Nxa isikhwekhwe sesigcwele emidulini, **40** uzakhupha isiqondiso sokuthi amatshe alaleso sikhwekhwe adilizwe, ayephoselwa endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle kwedolobho. **41** Kalaye ukuthi imiduli yonke eyangaphakathi iphalwe, kuthi lokho okuphaliweyo kuyelahlelwa endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle kwedolobho. **42** Besebefaka amatshe amatsha esikhundleni salawo, bagudule indlu ngodaka olutsha. **43** Nxa isikhwekhwe sibonakala kutsha kuleyondlu ngemva kokudilizwa kwamatshe lokuphalwa kwemiduli njalo isigudulwe, **44** umphristi kahambe ayeyihlola, nxa efumana isikhwekhwe sesiqhelile kuleyondlu, kuyabe kuyisikhwekhwe esibulalayo; leyondlu ingcolile. **45** Kufanele idilizwe, amatshe ayo, izigodo, lodaka lwayo kumele kuyephoselwa endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle kwedolobho. **46** Loba ngubani ongena kuleyondlu ngesikhathi isavaliwe uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **47** Loba ngubani

ozalala loba adlele kuleyondlu kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe. **48** Kodwa umphristi angabuya ezoyihlola afumane ukuthi isikhwekhwe asiqhelanga ngemva kokugudulwa, uzakuthi indlu ihlambulukile, ngoba isikhwekhwe singasekho. **49** Ukuze indlu ibe ngehlanzekileyo, uzathatha inyoni ezimbili kanye lenkuni zesihlahla somsedari, lentambo ezelukiweyo ezibomvu lehisophi. **50** Uzahlaba enye yalezi zinyoni emanzini acengekileyo embizeni yomdaka. **51** Abesethatha inkuni zesihlahla somsedari, ihisophi, intambo ebomvu elukiweyo lenyoni ephilayo, akugxamuze egazini lenye ebuleweyo lamanzi acengekileyo, abesechela leyondlu kasikhombisa. **52** Uzayihlanza leyondlu ngegazi lenyoni, amanzi acengekileyo, inyoni ephilayo, inkuni zesihlahla somsedari, ihisophi lentambo ephothiweyo ebomvu. **53** Ngemva kwalokho kakhulule inyoni ephilayo emangweni ngaphandle kwedolobho. Ngalindlela uzabe esenze indlela yokubuyisana kuleyondlu, izabe singehlambulukileyo." **54** Le yiyo imithetho eqondane lobulephero, ukuluma komzimba, **55** isikhwekhwe ezigqokweni kumbe endlini, **56** ukuvuvuka, ukuqubuka kumbe itshatha elikhanyayo, **57** ukuze kubonakale ukuthi ulutho luhlambulukile loba lungcolile. Le yiyo imithetho yobulephero kanye lesikhwekhwe.

15 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **2** "Khulumani labako-Israyeli lithi kubo: 'Nxa indoda iphuma ubovu, ubovu obuphumayo bungcolile. **3** Lanxa buthonta emzimbeni wakhe loba buvalekile, bumenza abe ngongcolileyo. Lokhu yikho okwenza ubovu obuphuma emzimbeni

wakhe bumenze abe ngongcolileyo: **4** Loba yiwuphi umbheda indoda le ephuma ubovu ezalala kuwo, uzakuba ngongcolileyo, njalo loba kuyini okuzahlala phezu kwawo, kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo. **5** Loba ngubani othinta umbheda wakhe kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, abesegeza ngamanzi, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **6** Loba ngubani ozahlala loba kuphezu kwani lapho okuke kwahlala khona indoda ethonta ubovu, kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **7** Loba ngubani ozathinta lindoda kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, ngalokho uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **8** Nxa indoda ephuma ubovu ingakhafulela omunye ongelabo, lowomuntu kagezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, yena uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **9** Konke indoda le ehlala kukho igadile kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, **10** njalo loba ngubani ozathinta loba yini yezinto ebezingaphansi kwakhe uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa, loba ngubani ozadobha lezozinto, kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe, abesegeza ngamanzi, njalo uzabe engongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **11** Loba ngubani ozathintwa yindoda le ephuma ubovu engagezanga izandla zakhe ngamanzi kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, kodwa uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **12** Imbiza yomdaka ezathintwa yile indoda kufanele ibulawe, kuthi konke okwenziwe ngesigodo kumele kuhlanjululwe ngamanzi. **13** Nxa indoda isihlanjululwe ekuphumeni kwayo ubovu,

kayibale insuku eziyisikhombisa kube yikuhlanjululwa kwayo ngokomkhuba; kufanele igezise izigqoko zayo, ibisigeza ngamanzi amahle andubana ihlambuluke. **14** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kufanele ithathe amajuba amabili, loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili ize phambi kukaThixo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, iwaqhubele umphristi. **15** Umphristi uzanikela ngakho; okunye ngokomnikelo wesono, okunye ngokomnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngalokho, uzakwenza ukubuyisana phambi kukaThixo kwaleyondoda ngenxa yomkhuhlane wayo. **16** Nxa indoda ivuza ubudoda, kumele igeze umzimba wayo wonke ngamanzi, njalo izakuba ngengcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **17** Loba yisiphi isigqoko kumbe isikhumba esilobudoda, kufanele sigeziswe ngamanzi, njalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **18** Nxa indoda ingalala lowesifazane ichithe, kufanele ukuthi bobabili bageze ngamanzi, ngakho bazakuba ngabangcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **19** Nxa owesifazane esemfuleni njengenjayelo, ukungcola kwakhe okubangelwa yikuba semfuleni kwakhe, kuzathatha insuku eziyisikhombisa, ngakho wonke omthintayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **20** Yonke into owesifazane lo azalala phezu kwayo ngesikhathi esemfuleni izakuba ngengcolileyo, njalo loba kuyini azahlala phezu kwakho, sekungcolile. **21** Ozathinta umbheda wakhe kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza umzimba ngamanzi, njalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **22** Loba ngubani ozathinta loba kuyini owesifazane lo abehlezi phezu kwakho kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe,

ageze umzimba ngamanzi, njalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **23** Akukhathalekile ukuba kungaba ngumbheda loba enye into nje owesifazane lo abehlezi kukho, umuntu loba engubani angakuthinta, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **24** Nxa indoda ingalala lowesifazane osemfuleni ibe isithinta igazi lomopho wakhe, indoda izakuba ngengcolileyo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, loba yiwuphi umbheda ezalala kuwo, uzakuba ngongcolileyo. **25** Nxa owesifazane angopha okwensuku ezithile zilandelana kodwa engekho emfuleni, loba esopha okwensuku ezedlula insuku zokopha nxa esemfuleni, uzakuba ngongcolileyo nxa ukopha kungakemi, njengasezinsukwini zakhe esemfuleni. **26** Loba yiwuphi umbheda azalala kuwo nxa umopho uqhubeka, uzakuba ngongcolileyo, njengokungcola kombheda wakhe ngesikhathi esemfuleni, njalo konke ahlala phezu kwakho kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, njengokungcola kwakhe nxa esemfuleni. **27** Loba ngubani ozathinta lezizinto uzakuba ngongcolileyo; kufanele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, ngalokho uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **28** Nxa esehlanzekile ekopheni kwakhe, kufanele ahlale insuku eziyisikhombisa andubana ahlambuluke ngokomkhuba. **29** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uzathatha amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili akulethe kumphristi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **30** Umphristi uzanikela okunye kube ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngale indlela uzakwenza ukubuyisana kwakhe phambi kukaThixo

ngenxa yokungcola kwakhe esopha. **31** Kufanele wahlukanise abako-Israyeli ezintweni ezibangcolisayo, ukuze bangafeli ekungcoleni kwabo, bangcolise indawo engihlala kuyo, ephakathi kwabo.'" **32** Le yiyo imithetho eqondene lendoda ephuma ubovu, loba ngubani ongcoliswe yikuphuma ubudoda, **33** lowesifazane nxa esemfuleni, lendoda loba owesifazane okuphuma kuye okungcolileyo, njalo lendoda elala lowesifazane ongcolileyo ngokomkhuba.

16 UThixo wakhuluma loMosi ngemva kokufa kwamadodana ka-Aroni azama ukuqondana loThixo. **2** UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Tshela umfowenu u-Aroni ukuthi angamani abuye nje ngokuthanda kwakhe endaweni eNgcwelengcwele, ngemva kwekhetheni, phambi kwesihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho funa afe, ngoba ngiyabonakala ngiseyezini phezu kwesihlalo somusa. **3** U-Aroni kuzamele angene endaweni engcwele ngale indlela: Keze lejongosi, kube ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi okomnikelo wokutshiswa, kube yinqama. **4** Uzagqoka ibhatshi elingcwele elenziwe ngelembu elicolekileyo, lezigqoko zelineni ezangaphansi; kazibophe ngebhanti elenziwe ngelineni njalo athwale iqhiye yelineni. Lezi yizembatho ezingcwele; ngakho kufanele ageze umzimba ngamanzi andubana agqoke izembatho lezi. **5** Kathathe imbuzi ezinduna ezimbili esizweni sako-Israyeli zibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **6** U-Aroni uzanikela ngenkunzi, ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe, ukwenzela ukubuyisana kwakhe lokwabendlu yakhe. **7**

Abesethatha imbuzi zombili azilethe phambi kukaThixo,
esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **8** Uzaphosa inkatho
yokubona ngembuzi zombili, eyinye izakuba ngekaThixo,
enye ibe ngeyesesulelo. **9** U-Aroni uzaletha imbuzi
yenkatho kaThixo ibe ngumnikelo wesono. **10** Kodwa
imbuzi edliwe yinkatho yesesulelo izalethwa kuThixo
iphila ukuze isetshenziswe ukwenza ukubuyisana
ngokuyixotshela enkangala, njengembuzi yesesulelo. **11**
U-Aroni uzaletha inkunzi ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe
ukwenzela ukubuyisana kwakhe lokwendlu yakhe, njalo
uzayihlaba leyonkunzi ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe. **12**
Uzathatha isiphathelo sokutshisela impepha sigcwele
amalahle avuthayo ase-alithareni phambi kukaThixo
kanye lempepha ecolekileyo enuka kamnandi egcwala
izandla ezimbili, ayelakho ngemva kwekhetheni. **13**
Uzathela impepha emlilweni phambi kukaThixo, kuthi
intuthu yempepha isibekele isihlalo somusa esiphezu
kwezibhebhedu zobufakazi ukuze angafi. **14** Uzathatha
elinye igazi lenkunzi, achele ngalo phambi kwebhokisi
lesihlalo somusa esebenzisa umunwe wakhe; ngomunwe
wakhe njalo achele kasikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo
somusa. **15** Ngemva kwalokho, uzabulala imbuzi ibe
ngumnikelo wesono sabantu, abesethatha igazi layo
aye ngemva kwekhetheni, ayekwenza njengalokhu
akwenze ngegazi lenkunzi: Uzachela phezu kwesihlalo
somusa laphambili kwaso. **16** Ngalokho uzakwenza
indlela yokubuyisana, endaweni eNgcwelengcwele
ngenxa yokungcola lokuhlamuka kwabako-Israyeli,
kungakhathalekile ukuthi benze sono bani. Uzakwenza

njalo into efanayo ethenteni lokuhlangana eliphakathi kwabo ngokungcola okuphakathi kwabo. **17** Kakho ozangena ethenteni lokuhlangana, kusukela ekungeneni kuka-Aroni esiyakwenza indlela yokubuyisana endaweni eNgcwelengcwele aze aphume, esezenzele indlela yokubuyisana, leyabendlu yakhe kanye lesizwe sonke sako-Israyeli. **18** Ngakho uzakuza e-alithareni eliphambi kukaThixo, alenzele indlela yokubuyisana. Uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi lelinye elembuzi, aninde ngalo impondo zonke ze-alithare. **19** Uzachela elinye igazi ngomunwe wakhe kasikhombisa ukulihlanza lokulingcwelisa kulokhu kungcola kwabako-Israyeli. **20** Nxa u-Aroni eseqedile ukwenzela indlela yokubuyisana indawo eNgcwelengcwele, ithente lokuhlangana kanye le-alithari, uzaletha imbuzi ephilayo. **21** Uzabeka izandla zakhe zombili ekhanda lembuzi ephilayo, avumele phezu kwayo ukona lokuhlamuka kwabako-Israyeli, izono zabo zonke azifake ekhanda lembuzi. Imbuzi le izaxotshelwa enkangala iqhutshwa yindoda ekhethelwe lowomsebenzi. **22** Imbuzi izathwala zonke izono zabo, ithubele lazo; indoda izayixotshela enkangala. **23** Ngakho u-Aroni uzangena ethenteni lokuhlangana, akhulule izigqoko zelineni abezigqoke engakangeni endaweni eNgcwelengcwele, azitshiye khonapho. **24** Uzageza umzimba ngamanzi endaweni engcwele, abesegqoka izigqoko zakhe. Ngemva kwalokho uzaphuma lapho ayezinikelela umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lokunikelela abantu umnikelo wokutshiswa, esenzela ukubuyisana kwakhe lokwabantu. **25** Njalo uzatshisa amahwahwa

omnikelo wesono e-alithareni. **26** Indoda ezaxotshela imbuzi eyisesulelo kumele ihlambe izigqoko zayo lomzimba ngamanzi; ngemva kwalokho isingangena ezihonqweni. **27** Inkunzi kanye lembuzi yomnikelo wesono, okulegazi elilethwe endaweni eNgcwelengcwele ukwenzela ukubuyisana, kakukhitshelwe ngaphandle kwezihonqo; kutshiswe izikhumba zakho, inyama kanye lezangaphakathi. **28** Indoda ezatshisa lokhu kayigezise izigqoko zayo njalo igeze lomzimba wayo ngamanzi; ngemva kwalokho isingangena ezihonqweni. **29** Lokhu kakube yisimiso kini esingapheliyo: Ngosuku lwetshumi ngenyanga yesikhombisa, lizidele, lingabambi umsebenzi, loba lingabanikazi bendawo loba kungabezizwe phakathi kwenu, **30** ngenxa yokuthi ngalolusuku lizakwenzelwa ukubuyisana, ukulihlambulula. Ngakho, phambi kukaThixo, lizabe selihlanzekile ezonweni zenu zonke. **31** KuliSabatha lokuphumula, ngakho kumele lizidele, kuyisimiso esingapheliyo. **32** Umphristi ogcotshiweyo, wabekwa ukuthatha isikhundla sikayise ukuba ngumphristi omkhulu uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana. Uzagqoka izigqoko ezingcwele zelineni, **33** enze ukubuyisana kwendawo eNgcwelengcwele, lokwethente lokuhlangana lokwe-alithari, lokwabaphristi kanye labantu bonke bakuleyondawo. **34** Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo kini: Ukubuyisana kakwenziwe kanye ngomnyaka, kusenzelwa zonke izono zabako-Israyeli." Lokhu kwenziwa, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo.

17 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana
akhe, labo bonke abako-Israyeli ukuthi: ‘Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo: **3** Loba ngubani owako-
Israyeli ozakwenza umhlatshelo ngenkabi, izinyane
lemvu loba imbuzi ezihonqweni loba ngaphandle
kwazo, **4** esikhundleni sokuyiletha esangweni lethente
lokuhlangana, ukuyinikela ukuthi ibe ngumnikelo
kuThixo phambi kwethabanikeli likaThixo, lowomuntu
uzakuba lecala lokuchitha igazi; usechithe igazi
ngakho kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **5**
Lokhu kuzakwenza abako-Israyeli balethe kuThixo
imihlatshelo le abayenzela egangeni. Kabayilethe
kumphristi, lokhu kuyikuthi, kuThixo, esangweni
lethente lokuhlangana njalo banikele njengeminikelo
yobudlelwano. **6** Umphristi kachele i-alithari likaThixo
ngegazi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, atshise
amahwahwa njengephunga elimnandi kuThixo. **7** Bangabe
besanikela loba yiwuphi umnikelo kubonkulunkulu
babo bembuzi labo ababaxhwalisayo. Lesi kumele
kube yisimiso sabo esingapheliyo lakuzizukulwane
ezizayo.’ **8** Wothi kubo: ‘Loba nguphi owako-Israyeli loba
owezizwe ohlezi labo onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa loba
umhlatshelo, **9** kodwa engawulethi esangweni lethente
lokuhlangana ukuba akuhlabele uThixo, lowomuntu
kaxotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **10** Loba ngubani owako-
Israyeli loba owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwabo ozakudla
loba yiliphi igazi, ngizamelana laye odla igazi, ngimxotshe
phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **11** Ngoba impilo yesidalwa
isegazini, njalo ngiliphile ukuthi lenze ukubuyisana

kwenu e-alithareni ngalo; kuligazi elenze ukubuyisana empilweni yomuntu. **12** Ngakho ngithi kwabako-Israyeli, “Kakho phakathi kwenu ozakudla igazi, loba owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu ozakudla igazi.” **13** Loba ngubani owako-Israyeli loba owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu ozingela loba yiphi inyamazana loba inyoni edliwayo, kavuzise igazi aligqibele ngenhlabathi, **14** ngoba impilo yesidalwa isegazini laso. Yikho ngithe kwabako-Israyeli, “Lingabokudla igazi laloba yisiphi isidalwa, ngoba impilo yesidalwa sonke ligazi laso; loba ngubani olidlayo kaxotshwe.” **15** Loba ngubani, kungaba ngumnikazi wendawo loba owezizwe, ozakudla loba kuyini okufunyanwe kufile, loba okubulewe yizinyamazana zeganga, kahlambe izigqoko zakhe kanye lomzimba wakhe ngamanzi, uzakuba ngongcolileyo ngokomkhuba kuze kuhlwe; uzakuba esehlambulukile. **16** Kodwa nxa engahlambi izigqoko zakhe lokugeza umzimba wakhe, uzakuba lecala.’”

18 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi: ‘NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **3** Lingabokwenza lokhu okwenziwa eGibhithe, lapho elalikhona, njalo lingabokwenza abakwenzayo ezweni laseKhenani, lapho engilisa khona. Lingalandeli abakwenzayo. **4** Lalelani imithetho yami njalo linanzelele, lilandele izimiso zami. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Gcinani izimiso zami lemithetho yami, ngoba umuntu oyilalelayo uzaphila ngayo. Mina nginguThixo. **6** Akungabi lamuntu osondela esihlotsheni sakhe esiseduze ukuthi alale laso. Mina nginguThixo. **7** Ungatheleli uyihlo ihlazo

ngokulala lonyoko. Ngunyoko; ungalali laye. **8** Ungalali lomfazi kayihlo; lokho kuthelela uyihlo ihlazo. **9** Ungalali lodadewenu, loba indodakazi kayihlo loba indodakazi kanyoko, kungakhathalekile ukuthi wazalelwa ekhaya loba kwenye indawo. **10** Ungalali lendodakazi yendodana yakho loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakho; lokhu kuzakuthelela ihlazo. **11** Ungalali lendodakazi yomfazi kayihlo, eyazalwa nguyihlo, ingudadewenu. **12** Ungalali lodadewabo kayihlo; uyisihlobo sikayihlo esiseduze kakhulu. **13** Ungalali lodadewabo kanyoko, uyisihlobo sikanyoko esiseduzane kakhulu. **14** Ungatheleli umfowabo kayihlo ihlazo ngokusondela kumkakhe ukuthi ulale laye, ngoba ungunyoko. **15** Ungalali lomalokazana wakho, ngumfazi wendodana yakho; ungalali laye. **16** Ungalali lomfazi womfowenu; kuzathelela umfowenu ihlazo. **17** Ungalali lowesifazane kanye lendodakazi yakhe. Ungalali lendodakazi yendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakhe; bayizihlobo zakho eziseduzane. Lokhu kuyikuxhwala. **18** Ungathathi udadewabo womkakho ukuthi ulale laye nxa umkakho esaphila. **19** Ungasondeli kowesifazane ukuthi ulale laye ngesikhathi esemfuleni ngoba ungcolile. **20** Ungalali lomfazi kamakhelwane wakho ngoba uyazingcolisa ngaye. **21** Unganikeli loba nguphi wabantwabakho ukuthi abe ngumhlatshelo kunkulunkulu uMoleki, ngoba akufanelanga ukuthi ungcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho. Mina nginguThixo. **22** Ungalali lendoda njengendoda ilala lomfazi; lokhu kuyisinengiso. **23** Ungafebi lenyamazana, ngoba uyazingcolisa ngalokho. Owesifazane angafebi lenyamazana, lokhu kuyisinengiso.

24 Lingazingcolisi noma kungayiphi yalezizindlela, ngoba
yizo izindlela izizwe engizazidudula phambi kwenu
ezazingcolisa ngazo. **25** Kwaze kwangcola lelizwe;
kungakho ngalijezisa ngesono salo, ilizwe ababehlala
kulo labakhafula. **26** Kodwa kumele ligcine izimiso
zami lemilayo yami. Lina banikazi belizwe labezizwe
abaphakathi kwenu, akufanelanga benze lezizinto
ezenyanyekayo, **27** ngoba zonke lezizinto zenziwa
ngabantu ababehlala kulelilizwe lina lingakafiki, ngakho
ilizwe langcola. **28** Nxa lingenza amanyala kulelilizwe,
lizalikhafula njengendlela elakhafula ngayo izizwe
ezalandulelayo. **29** Loba ngubani owenza lezizinto
ezenyanyekayo, kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **30**
Gcinani iziqondiso zami, lingalandeli izindlela zamanyala
lemikhuba eyayilandelwa ngabantu abalandulelayo, njalo
lingazingcolisi ngayo. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu.'"

19 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela lonke ibandla
lako-Israyeli uthi kulo: 'Wobani ngcwele ngoba mina
Thixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngingcwele. **3** Ngulowo
lalowo kini kahloniphe unina loyise, njalo kumele
ligcine amaSabatha ami. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu. **4** Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni loba lizibumbele
onkulunkulu benu. NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.
5 Nxa lisenza umhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano
kuThixo, wenzeni ngendlela ezakwenza wamukeleke
ukusiza lina. **6** Kumele udliwe ngalo ilanga lomhlatshelo
loba ngelanga lakusasa; lokho okuseleyo kuze kube lilanga
lesithathu kumele kutshiswe. **7** Lokho okudliwa ngelanga

lesithathu kuzabe sekungcolile, kungabe kusemukeleka.
8 Lowo okudlayo uzakuba lomlandu, ngoba uzabe
esengcolise lokho okungcwele kuThixo. **9** Lapho libutha
isivuno samasimu enu, lingabuthi konke kuze kube
semaphethelweni ensimu kumbe lize liqede konke. **10**
Lingakhi izithelo ezivinini zenu kabili kumbe lidobhe
ezikhithikileyo. Zitshiyeleni abayanga lezihambi. Mina
nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **11** Lingebi. Lingaqambi
amanga. Lingakhohlisani. **12** Lingafungi amanga
ngebizo lami, beselingcolisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu wenu.
NginguThixo. **13** Lingaqilibezeli umakhelwane wenu,
lingamkhuthuzi. Umuntu oqhatshiweyo lingambambeli
iholo lakhe kuze kube kusasa. **14** Lingathuki isacuthe
loba liphosele isikhubekiso phambi kwesiphofu,
kodwa yesabani uNkulunkulu wenu. NginguThixo. **15**
Lingawutshili umthetho; lingabandlululi umyanga kumbe
litshengise ukukhetha abakhulu, kodwa mahluleleni
ngokulunga umakhelwane wenu. **16** Lingahambi linyeya
kwabakini. Ungenzi lutho olulimaza umakhelwane
wakho. NginguThixo. **17** Lingamzondi umfowenu
ngezinhliziyo zenu. Khuzani umakhelwane likhululekile
ukuze lingabi lomlandu njengaye. **18** Lingaphindiseli
loba libambe isikhwili komunye wabantu bakini,
kodwa thandani omakhelwane benu njengalokhu
lizithanda lina. NginguThixo. **19** Gcinani izimemezelo
zami. Lingenzi izifuyo zenu zikhwele ezolunye
uhlobo. Lingahlanyeli insimu yinye ngemihlobo emibili
yenhlanyelo etshiyeneyo. Lingavunuli izigqoko ezenziwe
ngemihlobo yamalembu amabili atshiyeneyo. **20** Nxa

indoda ingalala lowesifazane oyisigqili osethembise enye indoda kodwa ongakahlengwa loba waphiwa inkululeko, kayijeziswe leyondoda. Kodwa akumelanga babulawe ngoba owesifazane lowo kakakhululwa. **21** Kodwa indoda kumele ilethe inqama esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, ibe ngumnikelo wecala kuThixo. **22** Ngaleyonqama yomnikelo wecala, umphristi kamenzele indlela yokubuyisana kuThixo ngenxa yesono esenzileyo. Isono sayo sizathethelelwa. **23** Nxa selingenile elizweni, lahlanyela zonke izihlahla ezidliwayo, lingadli izithelo zazo ngoba kuyazila. Ziyazila okweminyaka emithathu; kazingadliwa. **24** Ngomnyaka wesine, zonke izithelo zazo zizabangcwele, zibe ngumnikelo wokudumisa uThixo. **25** Kodwa ngomnyaka wesihlanu lidle izithelo zazo. Ngaleyondlela, isivuno senu sizakwandiswa. Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **26** Lingadli inyama elegazi. Lingenzi izinto zokuvumisa loba ubungoma. **27** Lingagundi inwele emaceleni amakhanda enu njalo lingageli indevu zenu. **28** Lingazisiki imizimba yenu ngenxa yabafileyo kumbe lizicabe. Mina yimi uThixo. **29** Lingalulazisi amadodakazi enu ngokuwafebisa funa ilizwe lehlelwe yibubi bokuphinga. **30** Gcinani amaSabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. Mina nginguThixo. **31** Lingayi kwabayizangoma loba lidinge izanuse ngoba zizalingcolisa. Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **32** Sukumelani asebeluphele, lihloniphe abantu abadala, limesabe uNkulunkulu wenu. Mina yimi uThixo. **33** Nxa owezizweni ehlala lani elizweni lenu, lingamhlukuluzi. **34** Owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu

kumele laye aphathwe njengowakini. Limthande njengoba lizithanda lina, ngoba lalingabezizweni eGibhithe. Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **35** Lingasebenzisi izilinganiso zokuqilibezela nxa lilinganisa ubude, isisindo loba umthamo. **36** Sebenzisani izilinganiso eziqotho, ihefa eliqondileyo lehini eliqotho. Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha eGibhithe. **37** Gcinani zonke izimemezelo zami, layo yonke imithetho yami, liyilandele. Mina yimi uThixo.'"

20 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Loba ngubani kwabako-Israyeli kumbe owezizweni ohlala kini onikela abantwana bakhe kunkulunkulu uMoleki, kumele abulawe. Izakhamizi kazimkhande ngamatshe. **3** Mina ngizamdela lowomuntu, ngimkhuphe ebantwini bakibo; ngoba nxa enikele ngabantwabakhe kuMoleki, usengcolise indlu yami engcwele, wahlambaza lebizo lami elingcwele. **4** Nxa izakhamizi zendawo zingangamnanzi lowomuntu enikela umntanakhe kuMoleki zingambulali, **5** mina ngizamhlamukela lowomuntu labomuzi wakhe, ngibakhuphe ebantwini bakibo, yena kanye labo bonke abahlanganyela laye njengeziphingi kuMoleki. **6** Ngizamhlamukela lowo oya ezangomeni lezanuseni njengesiphingi sazo, ngokulandelana lazo. Ngizamkhupha kwabakibo. **7** Zingcweliseni libengcwele ngoba mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **8** Gcinani izimiso zami lizilandele. Mina nginguThixo olenza libengcwele. **9** Lowo othuka uyise loba unina kabulawe. Usethuke uyise loba unina ngakho usefanele ukufa. **10** Nxa indoda ifeba lomfazi womunye, umfazi kamakhelwane, kababulawe

bobabili isiphingi lesiphingikazi leso. **11** Nxa indoda ilala lomfazi kayise, isiyembule ubunqunu bukayise. Leyondoda lonina lowo kababulawe. Bafanele ukufa. **12** Nxa indoda ilala lomalokazana wayo, kababulawe bobabili. Lokho asebekwenzile kulihlazo. Bafanele ukufa. **13** Nxa indoda ilala lenye indoda ingathi ilala lomfazi, bobabili benze amanyala. Kababulawe. Bafanele ukufa. **14** Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi, ithathe lonina, kubi lokho. Yona indoda labesifazane labo kabatshiswe ngomlilo ukuze kungabi lokuxhwala phakathi kwenu. **15** Nxa indoda iphinga lesifuyo, kayibulawe, lesifuyo leso sibulawe. **16** Nxa owesifazane ehahabela isifuyo aphinge laso, mbulaleni owesifazane lowo kanye lesifuyo leso sibulawe. Kumele kubulawe kokubili ngoba konke kulomlandu. **17** Nxa indoda ithatha udadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba ekanina balale bonke, kulihlazo. Kabaxotshwe kwabakibo. Isinqunule udadewabo ngakho isibelomlandu. **18** Nxa indoda ilala lowesifazane esemfuleni, isinqunule umthombo walowomfula, lowesifazane lowo usewembulile. Bobabili kabaxotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **19** Ungalali lodadewabo kanyoko loba okayihlo, ngoba kuyikunqunula isihlobo segazi. Lobabili lizakuba lomlandu. **20** Nxa umuntu elala lomkamfowabo kayise, usenqunule umfowabo kayise. Balomlandu. Bazakufa bengelamntwana. **21** Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi womfowabo, lokho kuyisenzo sokungcola; usembule ubunqunu bomfowabo. Bazakufa bengelamntwana. **22** Gcinani zonke izimiso zami lemithetho yami, liyilandele ukuze lelolizwe engililethe

ukuba lihlale khona lingalikhafuli. **23** Lingabolandela amasiko ezizwe engizazixotsha phambi kwenu. Ngoba bazenza zonke lezizinto ngabenyanya. **24** Kodwa ngathi kini, “Lizalithumba ilizwe labo; ngizalipha lona libe yilifa lenu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.” Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu olenze lehluka kwabezizwe. **25** Ngakho-ke kumele lazi umahluko phakathi kwezinyamazana ezihlanzekileyo lezingahlanzekanga; kanjalo lezinyoni. Lingazingcolisi ngezinyamazana loba ngezinyoni loba ngani ehuquzela phansi, lezo engiziphawule ngathi zingcolile kini. **26** Kumele libengcwele kimi ngoba mina Thixo ngingcwele njalo ngilahlukanisile kwabezizwe ukuthi libe ngabami. **27** Indoda loba umfazi ovumisayo loba oyisanuse phakathi kwenu, kabulawe. Bakhandeni ngamatshe. Yindaba yabo.’”

21 UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Khuluma labaphristi, amadodana ka-Aroni, ubatshele ukuthi: ‘Umphristi kakumelanga azingcolise ngokomlayo, ngokungcwaba loba ngubani wakibo ofileyo, **2** ngaphandle kwesihlobo esiseduze njengonina, uyise, indodana loba indodakazi yakhe, umfowabo **3** loba udadewabo osegumeni ngoba engelandoda, labo angabangcwaba. **4** Kangazingcolisi ngenxa yezihlobo zomkakhe, azibhixe ngokungcwabana lazo. **5** Abaphristi kabangaphuci amakhanda abo, loba bagunde amacele endevu zabo, loba bazicabe emzimbeni. **6** Kumele babengcwele kuNkulunkulu wabo, njalo kakumelanga bangcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wabo. Kababe ngcwele ngoba yibo abanikela imihlatshelo

yokudla kuThixo, ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wabo, kumele babengcwele. **7** Kabangathathi abafazi abangcolileyo ngenxa yobufebe, loba abehlukana lamadoda abo ngoba abaphristi bangcwele kuNkulunkulu. **8** Bathatheni njengabantu abangcwele ngoba banikela ngokudla kukaNkulunkulu wenu. Bathatheni njengabantu abangcwele ngoba mina Thixo olingcwelisayo ngingcwele. **9** Nxa indodakazi yomphristi izingcolisa ngokuba yisifebe, iyangisa uyise; kayitshiswe ngomlilo. **10** Umphristi omkhulu kubafowabo, onguye othelwe amafutha okugcoba umphristi ekhanda, abekiweyo ukuthi agqoke izivunulo zobuphristi, kakumelanga ekele inwele zakhe zingakanywanga loba adabule izigqoko zakhe ngenxa yosizi. **11** Kakumelanga angene lapho okulesidumbu khona. Kangazingcolisi ngaleyondlela loba kufe uyise kumbe unina, **12** njalo kangasuki endlini kaNkulunkulu kumbe ayingcolise, ngoba usekhethiwe ngokugcotshwa ngamafutha kaNkulunkulu wakhe. Mina nginguThixo. **13** Umfazi amthathayo kabe yintombi egcweleyo. **14** Kangathathi umfelokazi, owehlukene lomkakhe loba umfazi ongcoliswe yibufebe, kodwa athathe kuphela intombi egcweleyo ebantwini bakibo, **15** angangcolisi inzalo yakhe phakathi kwabantu bakibo. Mina nginguThixo engimenza abengcwele.'" **16** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **17** "Tshela u-Aroni uthi: 'kakho owenzalo yakhe kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo nxa elesici esithile ongasondela anikele ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe. **18** Akulamuntu olobulima obuthile ongasondela: umuntu oyisiphofu, longumqhuge, logogekileyo loba olezitho

ezingaphelelanga; **19** akulamuntu olobulima enyaweni
loba esandleni, **20** kumbe odundubele emahlombe,
loba ongumuthwa, kumbe elobulima bamehlo, loba
olentembuzane, kumbe izilonda eziphihlikayo, loba
olimele emaphambilini. **21** Akungabikhona owenzalo
ka-Aroni umphristi othi nxa elobulima asondele
ukuzanikela umnikelo wokudla kuThixo. **22** Angadla
ukudla okungcwelengcwele kukaNkulunkulu wakhe loba
yikudla bani okungcwele; **23** kodwa ngenxa yobulima
bakhe kakumelanga asondele eduze kwekhetheni, kumbe
aye e-alithareni, ngoba ngaleyondlela angangcolisa indlu
yami engcwele. Mina nginguThixo obenza babengcwele.'"
24 Konke lokhu uMosi wakutshela u-Aroni lamadodana
akhe, labo bonke abako-Israyeli.

22 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana
akhe bahloniphe iminikelo abako-Israyeli abayinikela
kimi ukuze bangadumazi ibizo lami elingcwele.
Mina nginguThixo. **3** Batshele ukuthi, 'Kuzozonke
izizukulwane ezizayo, nxa ekhona ozabe engahlanzekanga
ngokomkhuba kodwa ajinge asondele eminikelweni
engcwele, abako-Israyeli abayihlukanisela uThixo,
lowomuntu kasuswe ebusweni bami. Mina nginguThixo.
4 Nxa owenzalo ka-Aroni elobulephero kumbe ephihlika
ubovu emzimbeni, kangadli iminikelo engcwele aze
aqale ahlambuluke. Uzabe esengcolile njalo angabamba
okungcoliswe yisidumbu loba athintane lomuntu ovuza
ubudoda, **5** loba athinte iloba yini enwabuzelayo
emenza angcole, loba kungumuntu omenza angcole,
kungakhathalekile ukuthi yikungcola bani. **6** Lowo

othinta loba yikuphi kwalezi izinto uzabe esengcolile kuze kube kusihlwa. Kangadli loba yini eyeminikelo engcwele, ngaphandle kokuba eseqale wageza ngamanzi. **7** Ilanga lingatshona uzabe esehlanzekile, lapho-ke usengadla iminikelo engcwele ngoba iyikudla kwakhe. **8** Kangadli lutho oluzifeleyo, loba olubulewe ngezinye izinyamazana zeganga, ngoba lokho kungamngcolisa. Mina nginguThixo. **9** Abaphristi kabagcine izimiso zami ukuze bangabi lecala bafe ngenxa yokuzeyisa. Mina nginguThixo obenza babengcwele. **10** Akulamuntu ongasuwendlu yomphristi ovunyelwa ukudla umnikelo ongcwele, loba isethekeli somphristi kumbe isisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo; bonke bangawudli. **11** Kodwa nxa umphristi ethenga isigqili ngemali, loba isigqili singesizelwe emzini wakhe, lesosigqili singakudla ukudla kwakhe. **12** Nxa indodakazi yomphristi ithathwa yindoda engasumphristi, kayingadli loba yisiphi isipho esingcwele. **13** Kodwa nxa indodakazi yomphristi isiba ngumfelokazi loba ixotshwe ekwendeni ingelamntwana, ibisibuya izohlala ngakibo njengasebutsheni bayo, ingakudla ukudla kukayise; kodwa ongafanelanga kangakudli. **14** Nxa umuntu engadla umnikelo ongcwele ngokungazi kumele ahlawule kumphristi, abuye engeze ingxenye yesihlanu yalokho kudla. **15** Umphristi kangangcolisi iminikelo engcwele elethwa ngabako-Israyeli kuThixo **16** ngokubavumela ukuthi bayidle iminikelo leyo, besebesiba lecala okumele balihlawule. Mina nginguThixo obenza babengcwele.'" **17** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **18** "Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe labo bonke abako-Israyeli

uthi loba ngubani kubo, owako-Israyeli loba owezizweni ohlala ko-Israyeli, oletha isipho somhlatshelo kuThixo egcwalisa isifungo loba umnikelo wokuzithandela, **19** kalethe isifuyo esiduna esingelasici, esingaba yinkomo, imvu kumbe imbuzi ukuze yamukeleke ukumela. **20** Lingalethi lutho olulesici ngoba kaluyikwamukelwa ukulimela. **21** Nxa omunye ekhetha emhlambini wakhe umnikelo wobudlelwano ewuletha kuThixo ukugcwalisa isifungo esithile kumbe umnikelo wokuzithandela, lesosifuyo asingabi lasici, loba indawo esolekayo kuso ukwenzela ukuthi samukeleke. **22** Linganikeli ngezifuyo eziyiziphofu, ezilimeleyo, leziyizilima, loba ezilensumpa kumbe izilonda eziphihlikayo. Lezi lingazibeki phezu kwe-alithari ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **23** Kodwa umnikelo wokuzithandela ungaba yinkomo kumbe imvu eyisilima loba engakhulanga yaphelela, kodwa ingeke yamukeleke ukugcwalisa isifungo. **24** Linganikeli kuThixo isifuyo esathenwa ngokuxhokolwa, ngokugxotshwa loba ngokudatshulwa amaphambili. Lingakwenzi lokho elizweni lakini, **25** njalo lingazemukeli izifuyo ezinjalo kwabezizweni, beselinikela ngazo zibe yikudla kukaNkulunkulu wenu. Aziyi kwamukeleka ukulimela ngoba zigogekile, zilezici." **26** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **27** "Ithole elizelweyo loba izinyane lemvu, kumbe elembuzi kalihlale kunina insuku eziyisikhombisa. Kusukela osukwini lwesificaminwembili selisamukeleka ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **28** Inkomokazi loba imvukazi ayingahlatshwa langa linye lomntanayo. **29** Nxa linikela umhlatshelo wokubonga kuThixo, wunikeleni

ngendlela eyamukelekayo ukulimela. **30** Kayidliwe mhlalokho, lingatshiyi lutho lwayo kuze kuse kusasa. Mina nginguThixo. **31** Gcinani imilayo yami liyilandele. Mina nginguThixo. **32** Lingangcolisi ibizo lami elingcwele. Abako-Israyeli kabangazi ngokuthi ngingcwele. Mina nginguThixo olenza libengcwele, **33** yena owalikhupha eGibhithe ukuba abe nguNkulunkulu wenu. Mina nginguThixo."

23 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Khuluma labako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Le yimikhosi yami emisiweyo, imikhosi emisiweyo kaThixo okumele liyimemezele ukuba yimihlangano engcwele.'" **3** "'Kulensuku eziyisithupha elingasebenza ngazo, kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa liSabatha lokuphumula, usuku lomhlangano ongcwele. Lingenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi; kuzozonke izindawo elihlala kuzo, luliSabatha likaThixo.'" **4** "'Le yiyo imikhosi kaThixo emisiweyo, imihlangano engcwele elizayimemezela ngezikhathi zayo ezimisiweyo: **5** IPhasika likaThixo liqalisa kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala. **6** Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwaleyonyanga kuqaliswa uMkhosi kaThixo weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo; okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo. **7** Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke. **8** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. Kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa libe lenkonzo engcwele, lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke.'" **9** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **10** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, 'Nxa selingene

elizweni engizalinika lona kalibokuthi lingavuna lilethe kumphristi ilixha lesivuno samabele akuqala. **11** Kumele azunguze ilixha lelo kuThixo ukuze lamukeleke. Umphristi kufanele alizunguze ngelanga elilandela iSabatha. **12** Ngelanga lokuzunguza ilixha kumele enze umhlatshelo ube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo, kube lizinyane lemvu eliduna eselilomnyaka, libe ngelingelasici, **13** awunikele ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele oyingxenye yehefa ngokubili etshumini, kube yifulawa ecolekileyo evutshwe ngamafutha. Lo ngumhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa kuThixo olephunga elimnandi. Kawenziwe njalo lomnikelo wokunatha oba yingxenye yehini eyodwa kokune kuliwayini. **14** Lingadli sinkwa loba inhlamvu zamabele ezikhanzingiweyo kumbe ezintsha kuze kube yilelolanga eliletha ngalo umnikelo lo kuNkulunkulu wenu. Lokhu kakube yisimiso esingapheliyo kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo kungelani lokuthi lihlala ngaphi.'"
15 "'Kusukela ngelanga elilandela iSabatha, ilanga elaletha ngalo ilixha lomnikelo wokuzunguza, balani amaviki ayisikhombisa agcweleyo. **16** Balani insuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu kusiyafika ilanga elingemva kweSabatha lesikhombisa, beseliletha umnikelo wamabele amatsha kuThixo. **17** Kungelani lokuthi lihlala ngaphi, lethani izinkwa ezimbili ezenziwe ngefulawa ecolekileyo, eyingxenye yehefa ngokubili etshumini, siphekwe ngemvubelo, kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa, owezithelo zakuqala kuThixo. **18** Lethani isinkwa lesi ndawonye lamawundlu amaduna ayisikhombisa, linye ngalinye lilomnyaka owodwa ubudala njalo lingelasici,

ijongosi lenqama ezimbili. Kuzakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo kanye lomnikelo wamabele lowokunathwayo, umnikelo otshisiweyo ngomlilo oletha iphunga elimnandi kuThixo. **19** Beselinikela ngempongo umnikelo wesono, langamawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa abe ngumnikelo wobudlelwano. **20** Umphristi kumele azunguze amawundlu lawo womabili kuThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa kanye lesinkwa sezithelo zakuqala. Zingumnikelo womphristi ongcwele kuThixo. **21** Ngosuku olufanayo kumele limemezele inkonzo engcwele, lingenzi msebenzi yansuku zonke. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ezizukulwaneni zenu ezizayo, lalapho elizabe lihlala khona. **22** Lapho livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, lingavuni lasemaphethelweni amasimu enu, futhi lingabuthi okukhithikayo lapho livuna. Lokhu kutshiyeleni abayanga lezihambi. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.'" **23** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **24** "Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi, 'Ilanga lakuqala lenyanga yesikhombisa lusuku lwesabatha lokuphumula, umbuthano ongcwele wokukhonza ngokutshaya icilongo. **25** Lingenzi msebenzi, kodwa nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo.'" **26** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **27** "Usuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yesikhombisa lilanga lokubuyisana. Wobani lenkonzo engcwele lizile ukudla, lilethe umnikelo wokutshiswa ngomlilo kuThixo. **28** Lingasebenzi ngalelolanga, ngoba lilanga lokuBuyisana, lapho lihlawulelwa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **29** Lowo ongaziliyo ngalelolanga makasuswe ebantwini bakibo. **30** Lowo osebenzayo ngalelolanga ngizambhubhisa phakathi

kwabakibo. **31** Lulisabatha lenu lokuphumula njalo kumele
lizile. **32** Kusukela kusihlwa ngelanga lesificamunwemunye
lwenyanga kuze kube kusihlwa ngelanga elilandelayo
ligcine isabatha lenu." **33** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **34**
"Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi ngelanga letshumi lanhlanu
ngenyanga yesikhombisa uMkhosi kaThixo weziHonqo
kawuqalise njalo uqhubeke okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.
35 Ilanga lokuqala ngelenkonzo engcwele; lingenzi
msebenzi wansuku zonke. **36** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa
lethani iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo, kuthi ngosuku
lwesificaminwembili libe lenkonzo engcwele lilethe
umnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. Yinkonzo yokuvala;
lingenzi msebenzi wansuku zonke. **37** (Le yimikhosi
kaThixo emisiweyo elizayimemezela njengezinkonzo
ezingcwele, ezokuletha iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo,
iminikelo yokutshiswa, leminikelo yamabele, imihlatshelo
leminikelo enathwayo efunekayo insuku ngensuku.
38 Iminikelo le ngengaphezu kwaleyo eyamaSabatha
kaThixo njalo ngaphezu kwezipho zenu lalokho eliyabe
lifungele ukukupha langaphezulu kweminikelo yonke
yokuzithandela eliyinika uThixo.) **39** Ngakho-ke, kusukela
ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu enyangeni yesikhombisa,
ngemva kokuba selivunile amabele akulelolizwe,
wobani lomkhosi wokuthokoza kuThixo okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa. Elokuqala lilanga lokuphumula, kanye
lelesificaminwembili lalo lilanga lokuphumula. **40**
Ngelanga lokuqala libokukha izithelo ezinhle zezihlahla,
ingatsha zamalala, ingatsha zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu
amanengi, lemidubu, lijabule phambi kukaThixo

uNkulunkulu wenu lonke okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.
41 Thakazelelani umkhosi kaThixo lo minyaka yonke
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Lesi kasibe yisimiso
esingapheliyo ezizukulwaneni ezizayo; umkhosi liwenze
ngenyanga yesikhombisa. **42** Libohlala ezihonqweni
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **43** Bonke abako-Israyeli
ngokuzalwa kumele bahlale ezihonqweni, ukuze
izizukulwane zenu zazi ukuthi ngahlalisa abako-
Israyeli emadumbeni mhla ngibakhipha eGibhithe.
Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu." **44** Ngakho
uMosi wasebabikela abako-Israyeli ngemikhosi emisiweyo
kaThixo.

24 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Laya abantu bako-Israyeli
bakulethele amafutha acengekileyo, ahluzwe ema-
oliveni, abe ngawokukhanyisa ukuze izibane zihlale
zikhanyisa kokuphela. **3** Ngaphandle kwekhetheni
eligudle umtshokotsho wobufakazi, phakathi kwethente
lokuhlangana u-Aroni kumele alinde izibane phambi
kukaThixo izikhathi zonke nxa kusihlwa kuze
kube sekuseni. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso saphakade
lakuzizukulwane ezizayo. **4** Izibane ezisoluthini lwegolide
elicolekileyo phambi kukaThixo kumele zilindwe izikhathi
zonke. **5** Thatha ifulawa ecolekileyo wenze izinkwa
ezilitshumi lambili usebenzisa okubili kwetshumi kwehefa
isinkwa ngasinye. **6** Zibeke emizileni emibili, ziyisithupha
emzileni munye, phezu kwetafula yegolide elicolekileyo
phambi kukaThixo. **7** Emzileni ngamunye faka impepha
enhle njengengxenye yesikhumbuzo esimela isinkwa
njalo kube ngumhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa kuThixo.

8 Isinkwa lesi kumele sibekwe phambi kukaThixo izikhathi zonke, amaSabatha wonke, kusenzelwa abako-Israyeli, kube yisivumelwano esingayikuphela. **9** Sizakuba ngesika-Aroni lamadodana akhe, abazasidlela endaweni engcwele ngoba siyingxenye engcwele kakhulu yesabelo sabo esifaneleyo somhlatshelo onikelwa kuThixo." **10** Kwasekusiba lendodana yomfazi wako-Israyeli, uyise wayengumGibhithe, yasuka yaya ebantwini bako-Israyeli, yasixabana lomuntu wako-Israyeli ezihonqweni. **11** Indodana yomfazi wako-Israyeli leyo yahlambaza ibizo likaThixo ngesithuko. Ngakho bayiletha kuMosi. (Ibizo likanina lalinguShelomithi, indodakazi kaDibhiri, owesizwe sikaDani.) **12** Bayifaka entolongweni ukuba intando kaThixo ize yazakale kuhle kubo. **13** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **14** "Umuntu lowo owathukayo mkhupheleni ngaphandle kwezihonqo. Bonke labo abamuzwayo babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda lakhe, ibandla lonke limgongode ngamatshe. **15** Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, 'Loba ngubani othuka uNkulunkulu wakhe, uzakuba lecala. **16** Loba ngubani othuka ibizo likaThixo uzabulawa. Ibandla lonke kumele limgongode ngamatshe. Loba kungowezizweni kumbe oyinzalo yelizwe lakini angahlambaza ibizo likaThixo kumele abulawe. **17** Obulala umuntu kumele abulawe. **18** Obulala isifuyo somunye kumele ahlawule, kube okuphilayo ngokuphilayo. **19** Olimaza umakhelwane wakhe, loba ngayiphi indlela, kumele kwenziwe lakuye, **20** kube yikwephuka ngokwephuka, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo. Njengoba elimaze omunye, ngokunjalo laye kumele alinyazwe. **21**

Obulala inyamazana kumele ayihlawule, kodwa obulala umuntu kumele abulawe. **22** Lizakuba lomlayo munye kowezizweni lowakini. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.'" **23** Emva kwalokho uMosi wakhuluma kwabako-Israyeli, basebethatha umuntu lowo owayehlambaze uThixo, bamusa ngaphandle kwezihonqo, bamgongoda ngamatshe. Abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo.

25 UThixo wathi kuMosi entabeni iSinayi, **2** "Khuluma ebantwini bako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Lapho lingena elizweni engizalinika lona, ilizwe lona ngokwalo kumele ligcinele uThixo iSabatha. **3** Hlanyelani amasimu enu okweminyaka eyisithupha, kuthi kweminye iminyaka eyisithupha lithene amavini enu. **4** Kodwa ngomnyaka wesikhombisa ilizwe kalibe leSabatha lokuphumula, iSabatha likaThixo. Lingahlanyeli amasimu enu loba lithene izihlahla ezivinini zenu. **5** Lingavuni imkhukhuzela kumbe likhe izithelo zamavini angalungiselwanga, ilizwe libe lomnyaka wokuphumula. **6** Lokho okuzathelwa yilizwe ngomnyaka wesabatha kuzakuba yikudla kwenu, lokwezinceku lezincekukazi zenu, lokwezisebenzi eziqhatshiweyo kanye labemzini abahlala lani, **7** kanye lokwezifuyo zenu lezinyamazana zeganga elizweni lenu. Konke okuthelwa yilizwe kakudliwe.'" **8** "'Balani amasabatha ayisikhombisa eminyaka, iminyaka eyisikhombisa iphindwe kasikhombisa ukuze amasabatha eminyaka eyisikhombisa abe yisibanga seminyaka engamatshumi amane lesificamunwemunye. **9** Lapho-ke akutshaywe uphondo ezindaweni zonke ngosuku

lwetshumi lwenyanga yesikhombisa; kuthi ngosuku lokuBuyisana kutshaywe uphondo kulolonke ilizwe lenu. **10** Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu wenzeni ube ngcwele, limemezele inkululeko elizweni lonke kubo bonke abahlezi kulo. Uzakuba lijubhili kini. Lowo lalowo wenu kuzamele abuyele emzini wakwabo, esizweni sakibo. **11** Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu uzakuba lijubhili kini. Lingahlanyeli lutho, njalo lingavuni imikhukhuzela kumbe likhe izithelo zamavini angalungiselwanga. **12** Ngoba uliJubhili, uzakuba ngcwele kini; dlanini kuphela lokho elikuthethe emasimini. **13** Ngalo umnyaka weJubhili, umuntu wonke kuzamele abuyele emzini wakwabo. **14** Nxa uthengisela umuntu welizwe lakini isiqinti, kumbe usithenga kuye, lingaqilibezelani. **15** Nxa uthenga emuntwini welizwe lakini kuzakuya ngokuthi mingaki iminyaka eseyadlulayo emva kweJubhili. Yena uzakuthengisela ngokuthi mingaki iminyaka eseleyo ukuthi kuvunwe amabele. **16** Nxa iminyaka iminengi uzakhweza intengo, kuthi nxa iminyaka imilutshwana wehlise intengo, ngoba okuyikho akuthengisela khona linani lezivuno zamabele. **17** Lingaqilibezelani; kodwa mesabeni uNkulunkulu wenu. NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **18** Gcinani izimiso zami, lilalele imithetho yami ngokunanzelela ukuze lihlale livikelekile elizweni. **19** Ilizwe lizathela izithelo zalo, lina lidle lisuthe, lihlale kulo livikelekile. **20** Lingabuza lithi, “Pho sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa nxa singahlanyeli kumbe sivune amabele ethu na?” **21** Mina ngizalilethela isibusiso ngomnyaka wesithupha, ilizwe lithele izithelo

zeminyaka emithathu. **22** Lapho selilima ngomnyaka
wesificaminwembili lizakube lisidla amabele amadala,
liqhubeke lisidla wona kuze kufike isivuno somnyaka
wesificamunwemunye. **23** Ilizwe akumelanga lithengiswe
kuze kube nininini, ngoba ilizwe ngelami njalo
lihlala elizweni lami njengabezizweni. **24** Kulolonke
ilizwe elingelenu, lungiselani ukuthi wonke umhlaba
owathengwayo uhlengwe. **25** Nxa omunye wakini esebe
ngumyanga eseze ethengisa okunye kwempahla yakhe,
isihlobo sakhe kasisize sihlenge lokho osekuthengiswe
ngumuntu wakibo. **26** Kodwa-ke nxa umuntu
engelaye ongamhlengela khona, abesebuya enotha yena
ngokwakhe azuze okwanele ukuthi azihlengele, **27**
kabale imali elingana leminyaka leyo kusukela impahla
leyo ithengisiwe, abuyisele imali esalayo kulowomuntu
ayemthengisele, abesethatha impahla yakhe. **28** Kodwa-
ke nxa engelamali eyaneleyo yokuyibuyisa leyompahla
ayithengisayo, kayihlale kulowo owayithengayo kuze
kufike umnyaka weJubhili. Izabuyiselwa kuye ngeJubhili,
kulapho-ke azayithatha khona impahla yakhe. **29** Nxa
umuntu ethengisa indlu edolobheni elihonqolozelwe
ngomthangala ulelungelo lokuyihlenga emva komnyaka
ithengisiwe. Phakathi kwalesosikhathi angayihlenga. **30**
Nxa ingahlengwanga kuze kuphele umnyaka ogcweleyo,
indlu esedolobheni elihonqolozelwe ngomthangala
izakuba ngeyalowo owayithengayo, ibe ngeyakhe
kokuphela lowo owayithengayo kanye lezizukulwane
zakhe. Kayiyikubuyiselwa kowayengumniniyo ngeJubhili.
31 Kodwa izindlu ezisemizini engahonqolozelwanga

zizabalwa njengeganga elingelalutho. Kazihlengwe, njalo kumele zibuyiselwe kubanikazi ngeJubhili. **32** AmaLevi ahlezi elelungelo lokuhlenga izindlu zawo emadolobheni angawamaLevi. **33** Ngakho-ke, impahla yamaLevi iyahlengeka, lokhu kutsho indlu ethengiswe loba kukuliphi idolobho elingelabo, kumele ibuyiselwe ngeJubhili, ngoba izindlu ezisemadolobheni amaLevi zililifa lawo ebantwini labako-Israyeli. **34** Kodwa amadlelo angaphandle kwamadolobho awo akumelanga athengiswe ngoba ayilifa lawo kuze kube nininini. **35** Nxa omunye wabantu bakini esiba ngumyanga owehluleka ukuziphilisa phakathi kwenu, msizeni njengelingakwenza kowezizweni kumbe ohlezi lani okwesikhatshana, ukuze aqhubeke ehlala lani. **36** Akungabi lanzuzo eliyithatha kuye, kodwa mesabeni uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze umuntu wakini aqhubeke ehlala lani. **37** Lingameboleki imali ezalayo kumbe limthengisele ukudla kulenzuzo. **38** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, ukuba ngilinike ilizwe laseKhenani, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. **39** Nxa omunye wakini ko-Israyeli esiba ngumyanga phakathi kwenu aze azithengise kuwe, ungamsebenzisi njengesigqili. **40** Kumele umphathe njengesisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo kumbe umuntu ohlezi okwesikhatshana phakathi kwenu. Kakusebenzele kuze kufike umnyaka weJubhili. **41** Lapho-ke yena labantwabakhe bazakhululwa, babuyele kwabosendo lwakibo lemfuyweni yabokhokho babo. **42** Ngenxa yokuthi abako-Israyeli bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, akumelanga

bathengiswe njengezigqili. **43** Ungababusi ngochuku, kodwa mesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. **44** Iziqgili zenu zesilisa lezesifazane zizavela ezizweni ezilihonqolezeleyo; kuzo yikho lapho elingathenga khona izigqili. **45** Lingathenga lezakhamizi ezihlezi phakathi kwenu okwesikhatshana, labomndeni wazo abazalelwa elizweni lenu. **46** Lingabenza babe yilifa labantwabenu, libenze babe yizigqili zabo okwanininini, kodwa akumelanga libuse abako-Israyeli benu ngochuku. **47** Nxa owezizweni, kumbe umuntu ohlezi phakathi kwenu okwesikhatshana enotha, kuthi owakini abe ngumyanga azithengise kowezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu loba kolilunga lomndeni wezizweni, **48** ulokhu elalo ilungelo lokuhlengwa emva kokuzithengisa kwakhe. Omunye wezihlobo zakhe angamhlenga. **49** Umalumakhe kumbe umzawakhe, loba esinye isihlobo somdeni wakhe singamhlenga. Loba nxa enotha, angazihlenga yena ngokwakhe. **50** Yena lomthengi wakhe kababale isikhathi kusukela ngomnyaka azithengisa ngawo kusiyafika emnyakeni weJubhili. Intengo yokukhululwa kwakhe izakuhambelana lenani elinikwa umuntu oqhatshiweyo okwalesosikhathi seminyaka. **51** Nxa kusele iminyaka eminengi, kumele ahlawulele ukuhlengwa kwakhe ngentengo eyingxenye enengi yentengo ayethengwe ngawo. **52** Nxa sekusele iminyaka emilutshwana ukuba kufike umnyaka weJubhili, uzabala lokho, akhuphe intengo yokuhlengwa kwakhe okulingana leyominyaka. **53** Uzabalwa njengomuntu oqhatshiweyo kusukela komunye umnyaka kusiya komunye. Kumele libone ukuthi lowo owamthengayo

kambusi ngochuku. **54** Nxa engahlengwanga ngenye yalezizindlela, yena labantwabakhe bazakhululwa ngomnyaka weJubhili, **55** ngoba abako-Israyeli ngabami, bazinceku zami. Bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.'"

26 "'Lingazenzeli izithombe loba imifanekiso kumbe amatshe akhonzwayo, njalo lingafaki matshe elizweni lenu ukuba liwakhothamele. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **2** Gcinani amaSabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. Mina nginguThixo. **3** Lingalalela izimiso zami, ligcine imilayo yami, **4** ngizalehlisela izulu ngesikhathi salo, umhlabathi uthele amabele, lezihlahla zeganga zithele izithelo zazo. **5** Ukubhula kwenu kuzaqhubeka kuze kufike isikhathi sokuvunwa kwamavini, kuthi ukuvunwa kwamavini kuqhubeke kuze kufike isikhathi sokuhlanyela, njalo lizakudla konke ukudla elikufunayo lihlale ngokuvikeleka elizweni lenu. **6** Ngizaletha ukuthula elizweni lenu, kungekho muntu ozalethusa. Ngizasusa izinyamazana eziyingozi elizweni; inkemba ayiyikwedlula phakathi kwelizwe lenu. **7** Lizazixotsha izitha zenu, ziwe ngenkemba phambi kwenu. **8** Abahlanu benu bazaxotsha abalikhulu, kuthi abalikhulu benu baxotshe abayinkulungwane, njalo izitha zenu zizakuwa ngenkemba phambi kwenu. **9** Ngizakuba lomusa kini ngilinike inzalo lande; njalo ngizagcina isivumelwano sami lani. **10** Lizakudla okwesivuno sanyakenye lapho okuzamele lisisuse ukuze kube lendawo yesivuno esitsha. **11** Ngizabeka indawo yami yokuhlala phakathi kwenu, njalo kaliyikunginenga. **12** Ngizahamba

phakathi kwenu, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu lina libe ngabantu bami. **13** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe ukuze lingabi yizigqili zamaGibhithe futhi. Ngizaphule izikeyi zejogwe lenu njalo ngenza ukuba lenelise ukuhamba amakhanda enu ephakeme.'" **14** "'Kodwa nxa lingayikungilalela, lingayigcini lemilayo yonke le, **15** njalo nxa lizakwala izimiso zami, linengwe yimithetho yami, lingenzi okwemilayo yami yonke, ngalokho lephule isivumelwano sami, **16** ngizakwenza lokhu kini: Ngizalilethela ukwesaba okukhulu, izifo ezicikizayo, loqhuqho oluzafiphaza amehlo enu, lunciphise impilo yenu. Lizahlanyela inhlanyelo ingasizi ngalutho, ngoba izitha zenu zizayidla. **17** Ngizaliphendukela lehlulwe yizitha zenu, abalizondayo bazalibusa; lizabaleka lanxa kungekho olixotshayo. **18** Nxa emva kwakho konke lokhu lingayikungilalela, ngizalijezisa ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. **19** Ngizabudiliza ubuqholo bokuzazisa kwenu, ngenze umkhathi phezu kwenu ube njengensimbi, kuthi umhlabathi ngaphansi kwenu ube njengethusi. **20** Amandla enu azachithelwa ize, ngoba umhlabathi wenu awuyikulinika amabele, lezihlahla zelizwe aziyikuthela izithelo zazo. **21** Lingaqhubeka liyizitha kimi, lale ukungilalela, ngizalithumela inhlupheko zenu kasikhombisa njengokufanele izono zenu. **22** Ngizalithumela izilo zeganga, ezizalemuka abantwabenu, zibulale inkomo zenu, zilenze libe balutshwana, imigwaqo yenu ize isale ingaselamuntu. **23** Nxa phezu kwalezizinto lingemukeli iziqondiso zami, liqhubeke

liyizitha kimi, **24** mina ngokwami ngizakuba yisitha kini, ngilitshaye okuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. **25** Njalo ngizaletha lenkemba phezu kwenu ukuba kuphindiselwe ukwephulwa kwesivumelwano. Lingahlehlela emadolobheni enu, ngizathumela isifo phakathi kwenu, linikelwe lezandleni zezitha. **26** Lapho sengimise ukulethwa kwezinkwa zenu, abesifazane abalitshumi bazapheka izinkwa zenu eziko elilodwa, babele izinkwa zenu ngobunzima bazo; lizakudla kodwa lingasuthi. **27** Nxa lingaqhubeka lingangilaleli, liqhubeka liyizitha kimi, **28** lami ngolaka lwami ngizakuba yisitha kini, njalo mina ngokwami ngizalijezisa okuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. **29** Lizakudla inyama yemizimba yamadodana enu, lidle lenyama yemizimba yamadodakazi enu. **30** Ngizabhidliza izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngidilize lama-alithare enu empepha, besengibuthelela izidumbu zenu phezu kwezithombe zenu ezingaphiliyo, nginengeke ngani. **31** Ngizakwenza amadolobho enu abe ngamanxiwa, ngidilize izindlu zenu ezingcwele, njalo angiyikuthokoziswa yikunuka mnandi kwephunga leminikelo yenu. **32** Ilizwe ngizalitshabalalisa kuze kumangale izitha zenu ezihlala kulo. **33** Ngizalihlakazela phakathi kwezizwe, ngikhokhe inkemba yami, ngilixotshe. Ilizwe lenu lizatshabalaliswa, amadolobho enu abe ngamanxiwa. **34** Lapho-ke ilizwe lizathokoziswa ngamasabatha alo ngesikhathi sonke lichithekile, lina liselizweni lezitha zenu. Emva kwalokho, ilizwe lizaphumula lithokoze ngamasabatha alo. **35** Ngasosonke lesosikhathi ilizwe lichithekile lizakuba

lokuphumula elingazange libe lakho ngamasabatha esikhathi lina lisahlala kulo. **36** Mayelana lalabo abasele bephila, ngizakwenza inhliziyo zabo zibe lokwesaba okukhulu bekhonale emazweni ezitha zabo baze babalekele lomsindo wehlamvu liphetshulwa ngumoya. Bazagijima angathi babalekela inkemba; bazakuwa lanxa kungekho muntu obaxotshayo. **37** Bazagwenxana angathi babalekela inkemba, lanxa kungekho muntu obaxotshayo. Ngakho aliyikuba lamandla okumelana lezitha zenu. **38** Lizabhubha phakathi kwezizwe, lidliwe yilizwe lezitha zenu. **39** Abenu labo abasalayo bazahlala behlulukelwe emazweni ezitha zabo ngenxa yezono zabo, njalo bazahlulukelwa ngenxa yezono zaboyise. **40** Kodwa bangavuma izono zabo lezono zaboyise, inkohliso abayenza kimi, lokumelana kwabo lami, **41** okwenza lami ngaba yisitha kubo ngaze ngabasa elizweni lezitha zabo, kuthi lapho inhliziyo zabo ezingasokwanga sezithobekile, behlawulela lezono zabo futhi, **42** ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano sami loJakhobe, lesivumelwano sami lo-Isaka, lesivumelwano sami lo-Abhrahama, besengilikhumbula ilizwe. **43** Ngoba ilizwe bazalitshiya lithokoze ngamasabatha alo lapho lichithekile, bengekho kulo. Bazahlawulela izono zabo ngoba imithetho yami bayala, benengeka ngezimiso zami. **44** Ikanti lanxa kunjalo, nxa sebeselizweni lezitha zabo angiyikubalahla loba nginengeke ngabo, besengibatshabalalisa ngephule lesivumelwano sami labo. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **45** Kodwa ngenxa yabo ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano sami

labokhokho babo engabakhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, izizwe zikhangele ukuba ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. Mina nginguThixo.'" **46** Lezi yizimiso, imithetho lemilayo eyabekwa nguThixo ngoMosi entabeni iSinayi phakathi kwakhe labako-Israyeli.

27 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Khuluma kwabako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Nxa umuntu esenza isithembiso esingavamanga, ukuba anikele umuntu kuThixo ngokuqamba intengo engalingana lomuntu, **3** owesilisa oleminyaka ephakathi kwamatshumi amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha kabe ngamashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu esiliva kulinganiswa ngeshekeli lendlu engcwele. **4** Nxa engowesifazane, kakube ngamashekeli angamatshumi amathathu. **5** Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa oleminyaka ephakathi kwemihlanu lengamatshumi amabili, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli angamatshumi amabili, kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli alitshumi. **6** Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa ophakathi kwenyanga eyodwa leminyaka emihlanu, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli amahlanu esiliva kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli esiliva amathathu. **7** Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa oleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha kumbe edlula lapho, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu, kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli alitshumi. **8** Nxa umuntu owenza isifungo engumyanga, esehluleka ukukhupha isilinganiso esitshiwoyo, uzakusa umuntu lowo kumphristi onguye ozamisa isilinganiso esinganeliswa ngulowomuntu owenza isifungo. **9** Nxa lokho akufungelayo kuyisifuyo

esamukelekayo njengomnikelo kuThixo, isifuyo esinikelwe kanjalo kuThixo siba ngcwele. **10** Akumelanga asintshintshe kumbe enanisele esihle ngesibi, loba esibi ngesihle. **11** Nxa lokho akufungelayo kuyinyamazana engcolileyo, njalo ingamukeleki njengomnikelo kuThixo, kumele sinikwe umphristi, **12** abone ukuthi sihle kumbe sibi. Lokho okuzatshiwo ngumphristi yikho okuzakwamukelwa. **13** Nxa umnikazi waso efuna ukuzihlenga, kuzamele engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso saso. **14** Nxa umuntu enikela indlu yakhe kuThixo njengolutho olungcwele, umphristi uzakwahlulela ukuthi inhle loba imbi. Loba yisiphi isilinganiso esizaqanjwa ngumphristi, yiso esizakwamukeleka. **15** Nxa umuntu onikele indlu yakhe eseyihlenga, kuzamele engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso sayo, indlu ibe ngeyakhe futhi. **16** Nxa umuntu esahlukanisela uThixo ingxenye yensimu eyilifa lakhe, isilinganiso sayo sizalingana lenhlanyelo engahlanyelwa kuyo, amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu kuhomeri lenhlanyelo yebhali. **17** Nxa enikela insimu yakhe ngomnyaka weJubhili, isilinganiso esimisiweyo sizahlala sinjalo. **18** Kodwa nxa enikela insimu yakhe emva kweJubhili, umphristi uzamisa isilinganiso sayo kusiya ngeminyaka eseleyo kusiyafika umnyaka weJubhili olandelayo, njalo isilinganiso sayo esimisiweyo sizakwehliswa. **19** Nxa umuntu onikela insimu yakhe efuna ukuhlenga, kumele engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso sayo, insimu izakuba ngeyakhe futhi. **20** Kodwa-ke nxa insimu leyo

engayihlengi, loba nxa eseyithengise komunye, ayingeke ihlengwe futhi. **21** Lapho insimu iyekelwa ngeJubhili, iba ngcwele njengensimu enikelwe kuThixo, izakuba yilifa lomphristi. **22** Nxa umuntu enikela kuThixo insimu ayithengayo, engasingxenye yensimu yelifa lakwabo, **23** umphristi uzaqamba isilinganiso sayo kusiyafika emnyakeni weJubhili, kuthi umuntu lowo akhuphe isilinganiso sayo mhlalokho njengolutho olungcwele kuThixo. **24** Ngomnyaka weJubhili, insimu leyo izabuyela kulowomuntu eyathengwa kuye, onguye owayengumniniyo. **25** Izilinganiso zonke kumele zenziwe ngokumayelana leshekeli lendlu engcwele, amagera angamatshumi amabili kushekeli elilodwa. **26** Akekho umuntu ongehlukanisela iNkosi izibulo lenyamazana, ngoba izibulo livele ngelikaThixo; loba lingelenkomo, loba imvu, ngelikaThixo. **27** Nxa ingenye yezinyamazana ezingcolileyo, umuntu angaphinda ayithenge ngesilinganiso esimisiweyo, esengezelela okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso. Nxa engayihlengi, kuzamele ithengiswe ngesilinganiso esimisiweyo. **28** Kodwa akulalutho umuntu alalo aselunikele kuThixo loba kungumuntu kumbe isifuyo, loba insimu eyilifa lakwabo, olungathengiswa kumbe luhlengwe; konke okunikelwe kanjalo kungcwele kakhulu kuThixo. **29** Akulamuntu onikelwe ekubhujisweni ongahlengwa; kumele abulawe. **30** Okwetshumi kwakho konke okwelizwe, ingabe ngamabele avela emhlabathini kumbe izithelo ezivela ezihlahleni, ngokukaThixo; kungcwele kuThixo. **31** Nxa umuntu ehlenga okunye kokwetshumi kwakhe, kumele

engezelele kukho okwesihlanu kwesilinganiso sakho. **32** Konke okwetshumi kwenkomo lezimvu, zonke izifuyo zetshumi ezidlla ngaphansi kwentonga yomelusi zizakuba ngcwele kuThixo. **33** Akumelanga akhethe enhle kwembi kumbe ananisele ngenye. Nxa esenanisela zombili, izifuyo ziba ngcwele; azingeke zihlengwe.'" **34** Le yimilayo uThixo ayinika uMosi entabeni yaseSinayi ukuba ayinike abako-Israyeli.

Amanani

1 UThixo wakhuluma kuMosi ethenteni lokuhlangana enkangala yaseSinayi ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesibili emnyakeni wesibili ngemva kokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe. UThixo wathi, **2** “Balani abantu bonke bako-Israyeli ngensendo langezindlu zabo, lenze uluhlu lwamabizo amadoda, inye ngayinye. **3** Wena lo-Aroni lizaqoqa ngezigaba wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu abangaba libutho. **4** Kuzozonke izizwe lithathe indoda eyodwa, eyinhloko yendlu yakibo, ukuze balincedise. **5** La yiwo amabizo amadoda azaliphathisa: esizweni sikaRubheni, u-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri: **6** esizweni sikaSimiyoni, uShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi; **7** esizweni sikaJuda, uNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi; **8** esizweni sika-Isakhari, uNethaneli indodana kaZuwari; **9** esizweni sikaZebhuluni, u-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni; **10** emadodaneni kaJosefa kwakuyila: esizweni sika-Efrayimi, u-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi; esizweni sikaManase, uGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri; **11** esizweni sikaBhenjamini, u-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni; **12** esizweni sikaDani, u-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi; **13** esizweni sika-Asheri, uPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani; **14** esizweni sikaGadi, u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli; **15** esizweni sikaNafithali; u-Ahira indodana ka-Enani.” **16** La yiwo amadoda akhethwa ebantwini bakuleyondawo, bengabakhokheli bezizwe zabokhokho babo. Babezinhloko zezizwana zako-Israyeli. **17** UMosi lo-Aroni bathatha amadoda la alamabizo

ayeqanjiwe **18** basebebizela ndawonye bonke abantu
ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesibili. Baziveza
umdabuko wabo ngensendo langezindlu zabo, ngakho
kusukela emadodeni aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
kusiya phezulu kwabhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye,
19 njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. Ngakho wababala
enkangala yaseSinayi: **20** Ezizukulwaneni zikaRubheni
indodana ka-Israyeli elizibulo: Wonke amadoda
aleminyaka efika kumatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu
ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye
ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu
zokuzalwa kwawo. **21** Inani labesizwana sikaRubheni
lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha,
lamakhulu amahlanu. **22** Ezizukulwaneni zikaSimiyoni:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka efika kwengamatshumi
amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abalwa
kwabhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa
imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **23** Inani
labesizwana sikaSimiyoni lalizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasificamunwemunye,
lamakhulu amathathu. **24** Ezizukulwaneni zikaGadi:
Wonke amadoda aleminyaka efika kwengamatshumi
amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho kwabhalwa
amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo
langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **25** Inani labesizwana
sikaGadi lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane
lanhlanu, lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu.
26 Ezizukulwaneni zikaJuda: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho

abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **27** Inani labesizwana sikaJuda lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane lamakhulu ayisithupha. **28** Ezizukulwaneni zika-Isakhari: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **29** Inani labesizwana sika-Isakhari lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane, lamakhulu amane. **30** Ezizukulwaneni zikaZebhuluni: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **31** Inani lesizwe sikaZebhuluni lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasikhombisa, lamakhulu amane. **32** Emadodaneni kaJosefa: Ezizukulwaneni zika-Efrayimi: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **33** Inani labesizwe sika-Efrayimi lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu. **34** Ezizukulwaneni zikaManase: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **35** Inani labesizwe sikaManase lalizinkulungwane ezintathu lambili, lamakhulu amabili.

36 Ezizukulwaneni zikaBhenjamini: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **37** Inani labesizwe sikaBhenjamini lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, lamakhulu amane. **38** Ezizukulwaneni zikaDani: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **39** Inani labesizwe sikaDani lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **40** Ezizukulwaneni zika-Asheri: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka angamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **41** Inani labesizwe sika-Asheri lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanye, lamakhulu amahlanu. **42** Ezizukulwaneni zikaNafithali: Wonke amadoda aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbali yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwawo. **43** Inani labesizwe sikaNafithali lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu amane. **44** La yiwo amadoda abalwa nguMosi lo-Aroni kanye labakhokheli bako-Israyeli abalitshumi lambili, munye ngamunye emele abendlu yakhe. **45** Wonke ama-Israyeli aleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba

libutho abalwa ngezindlu zawo. **46** Inani lawo
esehlangene wonke lalizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
ayisithupha lantathu, lamakhulu amahlanu, lamatshumi
amahlanu. **47** Abendlu yesizwe sikaLevi, bona-ke,
ababalwanga kanyekanye labanye. **48** UThixo wayethe
kuMosi: **49** "Ungabali abesizwe sikaLevi njalo
ungabahlanganisi kulokhu kubalwa kwabanye laba
abako-Israyeli. **50** Kodwa, beka abaLevi ukuthi baphathe
ithabanikeli lobufakazi, impahla zalo zonke kanye
lazozonke izinto ezisetshenziswa kulo. Yibo abazathwala
ithabanikeli lempahla zalo; bazalinakekela njalo
bazalihonqolozela. **51** Ngezikhathi zonke nxa ithabanikeli
lisuswa abaLevi yibo abazalethula, kuthi-ke nxa
selimiswa njalo, abaLevi yibo abazalimisa. Loba ngubani
osondela phansi kwalo uzabulawa. **52** Abako-Israyeli
bazakwakha amathente abo ngezigaba zabo, indoda
ngayinye esihonqweni sayo ngaphansi kophawu lwayo.
53 Kodwa abaLevi bazamisa amathente abo ehonqolozele
ithabanikeli loBufakazi ukuze isizwe sabako-Israyeli
singayikwehlelwa lulaka. AbaLevi bazasebenza ukulinda
iThabanikeli loBufakazi." **54** Abako-Israyeli benza konke
njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo.

2 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: **2** "Abako-Israyeli
bazahlala ezihonqweni begombolozele ithente
lokuhlangana bucwadlana lalo, indoda ngayinye
ngaphansi kophawu lwayo kanye lezibonakaliso
zendlu yayo." **3** Empumalanga, isigaba sezihonqo
zakoJuda sizakuba ngaphansi kophawu lwazo.
Umkhokheli wabantu bakoJuda nguNahashoni indodana

ka-Aminadabi. **4** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane, lamakhulu ayisithupha. **5** Izihonqo zesizwana sika-Isakhari zibe seduze khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu besizwana sika-Isakhari nguNethaneli indodana kaZuwari. **6** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane, lamakhulu amane. **7** Kulandele isizwana sikaZebhuluni. Umkhokheli wabantu besizwana sikaZebhuluni ngu-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni. **8** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasikhombisa, lamakhulu amane. **9** Wonke amadoda akhethelwe izihonqo zakoJuda, ngamaviyo awo, azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha, lamakhulu amane. Yibo abazaqala ukusuka. **10** Eningizimu kuzakuba ngamaviyo ezihonqo zikaRubheni ngaphansi kophawu lwazo. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoRubheni ngu-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri. **11** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha, lamakhulu amahlanu. **12** Izihonqo zesizwana sikaSimiyoni zibe seduzane khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoSimiyoni nguShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi. **13** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasificamunwemunye, lamakhulu amathathu. **14** Kulandele isizwana sikaGadi. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoGadi ngu-Eliyasafi indodana kaRuweli. **15** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu ayisithupha alamatshumi amahlanu. **16** Wonke amadoda akhethelwe izihonqo zakoRubheni ngamaviyo awo azinkulungwane

ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lanye, lamakhulu amane alamatshumi amahlanu. Bazakuba ngabesibili ukusuka. **17** Emva kwalokho kuzasuka ithente lokuhlangana labezihonqo zabaLevi konke kube phakathi kwamaviyo ezihonqo. Bonke abantu bazalandelana ekuhambeni kwabo njengokuma kwezihonqo zabo kube yilowo lalowo endaweni yakhe ngaphansi kophawu lwakhe. **18** Entshonalanga kuzakuba: ngamaviyo ezihonqo zika-Efrayimi ngaphansi kophawu lwawo. Umkhokheli wabantu bako-Efrayimi ngu-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi. **19** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu. **20** Isizwana sikaManase sibe seduzane khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoManase nguGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri. **21** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, lamakhulu amabili. **22** Kulandele isizwana sikaBhenjamini. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoBhenjamini ngu-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni. **23** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, lamakhulu amane. **24** Wonke amadoda ayekhethelwe izihonqo zako-Efrayimi, ngokwamaviyo awo, ayezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lasificaminwembili lekhulu. Bazakuba ngabesithathu ekusukeni. **25** Enyakatho kuzakuba ngamaviyo ezihonqo zikaDani, ngaphansi kophawu lwawo. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoDani ngu-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi. **26** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **27** Izihonqo zesizwana sika-Asheri zibe

seduzane khonapho. Umkhokheli wabantu bako-Asheri nguPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani. **28** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanye, lamakhulu amahlanu. **29** Kulandele isizwana sikaNafithali. Umkhokheli wabantu bakoNafithali ngu-Ahira indodana ka-Enani. **30** Iviyo lakhe lizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu amane. **31** Wonke amadoda ezihonqo zakoDani azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lesikhombisa, lamakhulu ayisithupha. Bazasuka ekucineni, ngaphansi kophawu lwabo. **32** Laba yibo abako-Israyeli, ababalwa ngezindlu zabo. Bonke labo ababesezihonqweni, ngamaviyo abo, inani labo kuzinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lantathu, lamakhulu amahlanu alamatshumi amahlanu. **33** AbaLevi bona kababalwanga ndawonye labanye bonke abako-Israyeli njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **34** Ngakho abako-Israyeli benza konke uThixo ayelaye ngakho uMosi; kwaba yiyo indlela abahlala ngayo ezihonqweni ngaphansi kwempawu zabo, njalo yiyo indlela ababesuka ngayo nxa sekuhanjwa, munye ngamunye ngesizwana sakibo langendlu yakhe.

3 Lezi yizizukulwane zika-Aroni lezikaMosi ngesikhathi sokukhuluma kukaThixo kuMosi entabeni yaseSinayi. **2** Amabizo amadodana ka-Aroni kwakunguNadabi izibulo lo-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ithamari. **3** La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Aroni, agcotshwayo abekwa ukuba ngabaphristi. **4** Kodwa, uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa phambi kukaThixo ngenxa yokunikela ngomlilo ongemukelekiyo

kuThixo enkangala yaseSinayi. Babengelamadodana;
kungakho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari babangabaphristi
ngesikhathi uyise u-Aroni esaphila. **5** UThixo wathi
kuMosi, **6** "Letha abesizwe sikaLevi ubethule ku-Aroni
umphristi ukuze bamncedise. **7** Bazamsebenzela yena
kanye lesizwana sonke ethenteni lokuhlangana beqhuba
umsebenzi wethabanikeli. **8** Bazalondoloza yonke
impahla yethente lokuhlangana, benzele abako-Israyeli
imisebenzi nxa besenza inkonzo ethabanikeleni. **9**
Yethula abaLevi ku-Aroni lakumadodana akhe;
bangabako-Israyeli okumele bethulwe ngokugcweleyo
kuye. **10** Khetha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe ukuthi babe
ngabaphristi; loba ngubani omunye ozasondela endaweni
engcwele kumele abulawe." **11** UThixo waphinda wathi
kuMosi, **12** "AbaLevi sengibakhetha phakathi kwabako-
Israyeli esikhundleni samazibulo angabafana esizweni
sonke sako-Israyeli. AbaLevi ngabami, **13** njengoba wonke
amazibulo engawami. Ekubulaleni kwami wonke
amazibulo aseGibhithe, ngazehlukanisela wonke
amazibulo ako-Israyeli, awabantu loba awezinyamazana.
Kumele abe ngawami. Mina nginguThixo." **14** UThixo
wathi kuMosi eNkangala yaseSinayi, **15** "Bala abaLevi
ngezindlu zabo langosendo lwabo. Bala bonke abesilisa
kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya
phezulu." **16** Ngakho uMosi wababala, njengokulaywa
kwakhe yilizwi likaThixo. **17** La ngamabizo amadodana
kaLevi: uGeshoni, uKhohathi kanye loMerari. **18** La
ngamabizo abosendo lukaGeshoni: uLibhini loShimeyi. **19**
Abosendo lukaKhohathi babeyilaba: u-Amramu, u-Izihari,

uHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli. **20** Abosendo lukaMerari babeyilaba: uMahili loMushi. Laba kwakungabosendo lwabaLevi, kusiya ngezindlu zabo. **21** KuGeshoni kwavela usendo lwamaLibhini lolwamaShimeyi; laba yibo abosendo lwamaGeshoni. **22** Inani lamadoda wonke kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu ababalwayo babezinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu. **23** Abosendo lwamaGeshoni babezahlala ezihonqweni zabo entshonalanga, ngemuva kwethabanikeli. **24** Umkhokheli wabezindlu zabakoGeshoni kwakungu-Eliyasafi indodana kaLayeli. **25** Umsebenzi wamadodana kaGeshoni ethenteni lokuhlangana wawungowokulondoloza ithabanikeli, ithente, isembeso salo, ikhetheni lesango lethente lokuhlangana, **26** amakhetheni eguma, ikhetheni lesango leguma elihonqolozele ithabanikeli kanye le-alithari, lamagoda, lakho konke okuphathelane lalowo msebenzi. **27** Abosendo lukaKhohathi kwakungama-Amramu, ama-Izihari, amaHebhroni kanye lama-Uziyeli. Laba yibo abosendo lwamaKhohathi. **28** Inani lamadoda wonke kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu babezinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha. AmaKhohathi yiwo ayelomlandu wokugcina indawo engcwele. **29** Abosendo lwamaKhohathi bahlala ezihonqweni zabo eningizimu yethabanikeli. **30** Umkhokheli wabezindlu zabosendo lwamaKhohathi kwakungu-Elizafani indodana ka-Uziyeli. **31** Babelomlandu wokugcina umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, itafula, uluthi lwezibane, ama-alithare,

impahla zendawo engcwele ezazisetshenziswa emsebenzini wokukhonza. **32** U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, wayengumkhokheli omkhulu wabaLevi. Wabekwa phezu kwalabo ababelomlandu wokugcina indawo engcwele. **33** Abosendo lukaMerari kwakungamaMahili lamaMushi; laba babengabosendo lwamaMerari. **34** Inani lamadoda asukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu ababalwayo babezinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu amabili. **35** Umkhokheli wezindlu zosendo lwamaMerari kwakunguZuriyeli indodana ka-Abhihayili; babezahlala ezihonqweni zabo enyakatho yethabanikeli. **36** Abosendo lwamaMerari babelomlandu wokugcina amathala ethabanikeli, imithando, izinsika, izisekelo, izitsha zalo zonke lakho konke okuphathelane lemisebenzi yakho, **37** kanye lezinsika lezisekelo zazo ezihonqolozele iguma, izikhonkwane zethente kanye lamagoda. **38** UMosi kanye lo-Aroni lamadodana akhe babezahlala ezihonqweni zabo empumalanga yethabanikeli, phambi kwethente lokuhlangana. Babelomlandu wokugcinela abako-Israyeli indawo engcwele. Loba ngubani omunye owayezasondela endaweni engcwele kwakumele abulawe. **39** Inani labaLevi bonke ababalwayo njengokulaywa kukaMosi lo-Aroni nguThixo kulandelwa insendo zawo, kusukela kwabesilisa ababelenyanga eyodwa yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu, babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili. **40** UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Bala wonke amazibulo esilisa ako-Israyeli kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa bezelwe kusiya phezulu wenze uluhlu lwamabizo abo. **41**

Esikhundleni samabizo ako-Israyeli nginika abaLevi, njalo lezifuyo zabaLevi esikhundleni samazibulo ezifuyo zabako-Israyeli. Mina nginguThixo." **42** Ngalokho-ke uMosi wabala wonke amazibulo abako-Israyeli, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **43** Inani lawo wonke amazibulo esilisa kusukela kwalenyanga eyodwa yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu, ebhalwe ngoluhlu lwamabizo, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lamakhulu amabili alamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu. **44** UThixo wabuya wathi kuMosi, **45** "Esikhundleni samazibulo ako-Israyeli thatha abaLevi, lezifuyo zabaLevi esikhundleni sezifuyo zabo. AbaLevi kumele babengabami. Mina nginguThixo. **46** Ukuhlenga amazibulo ako-Israyeli angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu abangaphezu kwenani labaLevi, **47** thatha amashekeli amahlanu omunye ngamunye wabo, kusiya ngeshekeli lendawo engcwele, elilesisindo samagera angamatshumi amabili. **48** Imali yokuhlenga abako-Israyeli abangaphezu kwenani uyiphe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe." **49** Lakanye uMosi wayibutha imali yokuhlenga labo ababelinani eledlula kwabahlengwa ngabaLevi. **50** Wamukela kuvela emazibulweni abako-Israyeli isiliva esingamashekeli ayinkulungwane elamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu ngesilinganiso seshekeli lendawo engcwele. **51** UMosi waqhubela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe imali yokuhlenga, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo.

4 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: **2** "Balani ingxenye yabaLevi abangamaKhohathi libabale ngosendo

langezindlu zabo. **3** Balani wonke amadoda kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa abeza bezosebenza emsebenzini wethente lokuhlangana. **4** Lo yiwo umsebenzi ozakwenziwa ngamaKhohathi ethenteni lokuhlangana, ukulondoloza yonke into engcwelengcwele. **5** Nxa kuthuthwa kusukwa ezihonqweni, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe kabangene bayekwethula ikhetheni elisithileyo basibekele ibhokisi lobufakazi ngalo. **6** Lokhu bazakugubuzela ngezikhumba zezinyamazana, bendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka phezu kwalokho besebefaka izibambo endaweni yazo. **7** Phezu kwetafula yoBukhona bukaThixo kumele bendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka bafake phezu kwalo imiganu, izinditshi lengubhe, lenkezo zeminikelo enathwayo; kuthi lesosinkwa esihlala sikhonapho sisale phezu kwayo. **8** Phezu kwalokhu bazakwendlala ilembu elibomvu, bembese lokho ngezikhumba zezinyamazana besebefaka izibambo ezindaweni zazo. **9** Kumele bathathe ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka bembese ngalo uluthi lwesibane sokukhanyisa, kanye lezibane zalo, izintambo zesibane kanye lezibambiso zakhona, lemiganu, lezitsha zamafutha zokuthelisa kuso. **10** Besebelugoqela kanye lezinto zalo zonke ngezikhumba zezinyamazana balufakele izibambo zokuthwala. **11** Phezu kwe-alithari legolide kabendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka bakugoqele ngezikhumba zezinyamazana besebefaka izibambo zokuthwalisa endaweni yazo. **12** Bazathatha

zonke izinto zokusebenzisa endaweni engcwelengcwele, bazigoqele ngelembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bembese lokho ngezikhumba zezinyamazana bafake phezu kwethala lokuthwalisa. **13** Kumele babuthe umlotha bawususe phezu kwe-alithari elilithusi besebesendlala ilembu eliyibubende phezu kwalo. **14** Besebefaka phezu kwalo zonke izitsha ezisetshenziswa emsebenzini we-alithari, kuhlanganisa lezindengezi zeziko, izitsha zokosa inyama, amafotsholo lemiganu yokuchelisa. Phezu kwalo kumele bendlale isembeso sezikhumba zezinyamazana babe sebefaka izibambo zokuthwalisa endaweni yazo. **15** Ngemva kokuba u-Aroni lamadodana akhe sebeqedile ukwembesa impahla zonke ezendawo engcwele lazozonke izinto ezingcwele, kanye lokuthi sebelungele ukusuka, amaKhohathi yiwo okumele eze azothwala. Kodwa akumelanga bathinte izinto ezingcwele ngoba bazakufa. AmaKhohathi azathwala lezozinto ezisethenteni lokuhlangana. **16** U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, uzakhangela amafutha esibane, impepha, umnikelo ojayelekileyo wamabele lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo. Uzagcina ithabanikeli ngonanzelelo layo yonke into ephakathi kwalo, kanye lempahla ezingcwele lezitsha zalo." **17** UThixo watshela uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, **18** "Nanzelelani ukuthi izizwe zosendo lwamaKhohathi azehlukaniswa labaLevi. **19** Lokhu kuyikuthi baphile bengafi nxa bethe basondela phansi kwezinto ezingcwelengcwele, balungiseleni lokhu: U-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazakuya endaweni engcwele bayekwabela indoda yinye ngayinye

umsebenzi wayo kanye lalokho okumele bakuthwale. **20** Kodwa amaKhohathi akumelanga angene ukuthi ayebona izinto ezingcwele, loba okomzuzwana nje kuphela, ngoba bazakufa." **21** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **22** "Bala njalo amaGeshoni ngezindlu langosendo lwawo. **23** Bala wonke amadoda kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa labo abezayo ukuzosebenza ethenteni lokuHlangana. **24** Lo ngumsebenzi okumele wenziwe ngabosendo lwamaGeshoni ekusebenzeni kwabo lekuthwaleni kwabo imithwalo: **25** Bazathwala amakhetheni ethabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana, isembeso salo kanye lesangaphandle esezikhumba zezinyamazana, amakhetheni entuba yethente lokuhlangana, **26** amakhetheni eguma elihonqolozele ithabanikeli le-alithari, ikhetheni lesango, izintambo lakho konke okusetshenziswa kulo umsebenzi. AmaGeshoni azakwenza konke okumele kwenziwe ngalezizinto. **27** Imisebenzi yabo yonke abayenzayo, kumbe yikuthwala kumbe ngumsebenzi othile, bazayenza ngokuqondisa kuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe. Uzabapha kube ngumlandu wabo ukuthwala lokho ozabe uthe bakuthwale. **28** Lokhu kuzakuba ngumsebenzi wabosendo lwamaGeshoni ethenteni lokuhlangana. Umsebenzi wabo bazawenza ngokuqondisa kuka-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi." **29** "Bala amaMerari ngosendo langezindlu zawo. **30** Bala wonke amadoda kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa

abezayo ukusebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. **31** Lo yiwo
ozakuba ngumsebenzi wabo ethenteni lokuhlangana:
ukuthwala amathala ethabanikeli, imithando yalo,
izinsika lezisekelo, **32** kanye lezinsika ezihonqolozele
iguma kanye lezisekelo zazo, izikhonkwane zethente,
amagoda, izitsha zakhona lakho konke okuhambelana
lokusetshenziswa kwazo. Batshengise bonke munye
ngamunye lezozinto abafanele bazithwale. **33** Lo yiwo
umsebenzi ozakwenziwa ngabosendo lwamaMerari
ekusebenzeni kwabo ethenteni lokuhlangana beqondiswa
ngu-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi." **34** UMosi,
u-Aroni labakhokheli babantu babala amaKhohathi
ngosendo langezindlu zawo. **35** Wonke amadoda
aleminyaka esukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi
amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu abezayo ukusebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana,
36 bebalwa ngensendo, babazinkulungwane ezimbili
lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amahlanu. **37** Leli
linani eligcweleyo lalabo abosendo lwamaKhohathi
abasebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. UMosi lo-Aroni
babala njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo etshela uMosi.
38 AmaGeshoni abalwa ngensendo langezindlu
zawo. **39** Wonke amadoda aleminyaka yokuzalwa
engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka
engamatshumi amahlanu ababesebenza ethenteni
lokuhlangana, **40** bebalwa ngensendo langezindlu zabo,
babazinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha
alamatshumi amathathu. **41** Leli linani eligcweleyo
lwensendo zamaGeshoni abasebenza ethenteni

lokuhlangana. UMosi lo-Aroni babala njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. **42** AmaMerari abalwa ngensendo langezindlu zawo. **43** Wonke amadoda ayeleminyaka yokuzalwa esukela kwabalamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu ababezosebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana, **44** sebebaliwe ngensendo zabo, babazinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu amabili. **45** Leli kwaba linani eligcweleyo kwabosendo lwamaMerari. UMosi lo-Aroni babala njengokulaya kukaThixo elaya uMosi. **46** Ngalokho uMosi, u-Aroni labakhokheli bako-Israyeli babala bonke abaLevi ngensendo langezindlu zabo. **47** Wonke amadoda asukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa abeza ukulungisa kanye lokuthwala ithente lokuhlangana **48** babezinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu amahlanu alamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **49** Ngokulaya kukaThixo elaya uMosi, ngulowo lalowo wabelwa umsebenzi wakhe ayezawenza lokwakumele akuthwale. Yiyo le indlela ababalwa ngayo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo.

5 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi basuse ezihonqweni wonke olobulephero loba ophuma ubovu loba bungobunjani, loba engongcolileyo ngokomkhuba ngenxa yesidumbu sofileyo. **3** Susani ngokufananayo loba ngowesilisa loba ngowesifazane; kumele limsuse ukuze angangcolisi isihonqo sakwabo; ngoba ngihlala khona phakathi kwabo." **4** Abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokho; babakhuphela ngaphandle kwezihonqo.

Bakwenza njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **5** UThixo
wathi kuMosi, **6** "Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi: 'Nxa
indoda loba umfazi onele omunye loba ngayiphi indlela
etshengisele ukungathembeki kuThixo, lowomuntu
ulomlandu **7** njalo kumele avume isono sakhe. Kahlawule
ngokugcweleyo icala lakhe, engezelele ingxenye yesihlanu
ekuhlawuleni lowo amoneleyo. **8** Kodwa uba lowo
engelasihlobo okungahlawulwa kuso icala, inhlawulo
ngekaThixo, kodwa lizaphiwa umphristi, kanye lenqama
azamenzela ngayo indlela yokubuyisana. **9** Izipho
zonke ezingcwele ezilethwa ngabako-Israyeli kumphristi
zizakuba ngezakhe. **10** Izipho zendoda inye ngayinye
ezingcwele ngezayo, kodwa lokho indoda ezakupha
umphristi ngokomphristi.'" **11** UThixo wathi kuMosi,
12 "Khuluma labako-Israyeli ubatshele ukuthi: 'Nxa
umfazi wendoda ephambuka engathembeki endodeni **13**
ngokulala lamanye amadoda kodwa lokhu kungesobala
endodeni yakhe lehlazo lelo lingabonakali (njengoba
kungelamfakazi njalo engabanjwanga ekwenza), **14** kodwa
indoda ikhulelwe yibukhwele ibisimnakanela umfazi
wayo ukuthi ungcolile, loba ilobukhwele imnakanela
kodwa yena engangcolanga, **15** kumele ithathe umfazi
wayo iye laye kumphristi. Phezu kwalokho kumele
imphathele ifulawa yebhali eyingxenye yetshumi yehefa.
Akumelanga ithele amafutha e-oliva phezu kwayo loba
afake impepha phezu kwayo ngoba kungumnikelo
wobukhwele wamabele, umnikelo wokubonisa ukuthi
kulecala. **16** Umphristi uzamletha owesifazane amise
phambi kukaThixo. **17** Abesethatha amanzi angcwele

ngembiza yomdaka athele emanzini uthuli olubuthwe phansi ethabanikeleni. **18** Ngemva kokuba umphristi eseke wamisa owesifazane phambi kukaThixo kumele atshombulule inwele zakhe abesefaka ezandleni zakhe umnikelo wokukhumbuza, umnikelo wobukhwele wamabele, umphristi yena uzabe ephethe amanzi ababayo aletha isithuko. **19** Ngalokho-ke umphristi uzafungisa owesifazane athi kuye, "Nxa kungelandoda eke yalala lawe loba ungazange uphambuke ungcole wena wendile, akuthi lamanzi ababayo aletha isithuko angakulimazi. **20** Kodwa nxa uphambukile wena wendile wazingcolisa ngokulala lenye indoda engasumkakho," **21** lapho umphristi kufanele afungise owesifazane ngesithuko lesi athi, "sengathi uThixo angenza abakini bakuthuke, bakuhlamukele lapho ekwenza ukuba uswele kuthi isisu sakho sikhukhumale. **22** Akuthi amanzi la aletha isithuko angene emzimbeni wakho ukuze isisu sakho sikhukhumale kumbe uswele." Ngakho owesifazane uzakuthi, "Ameni. Akube njalo." **23** Umphristi uzaloba lezi zithuko ogwalweni azigezisele emanzini ababayo. **24** Uzanathisa owesifazane amanzi ababayo aletha isithuko, wona amanzi azamzwisa ubuhlungu nxa esewanathile. **25** Umphristi uzasusa ezandleni zowesifazane umnikelo wamabele obukhwele, awuzunguze phambi kukaThixo abesewuletha e-alithareni. **26** Umphristi abesechupha-ke ngesandla umnikelo wamabele njengomnikelo wesikhumbuzo awutshisele e-alithareni; ngemva kwalokho kumele anathise owesifazane amanzi la. **27** Nxa ezingcolisile ngokungathembeki kumkakhe, kuzakuthi lapho enatha

amanzi aletha isithuko, angene emzimbeni abangele ubuhlungu; isisu sakhe sizakhukhumala njalo aswele, abe ngoqalekisiweyo ebantwini bakibo. **28** Kodwa-ke nxa lo owesifazane engazingcolisanga, emsulwa, uzakhululwa kulelo cala abelakho ukuthola inzalo. **29** Ngakho-ke, lo yiwo umlayo wobukhwele nxa owesifazane ephambukile wazingcolisa yena endile, **30** loba nxa indoda ifikelwa yibukhwele ngoba ilesazela ngomkayo. Umphristi uzamisa owesifazane phambi kukaThixo asebenzise lumlayo ngokugcweleyo kowesifazane. **31** Indoda izabe imsulwa ekoneni konke, kodwa owesifazane uzathwala izehlakalo zonke zesono sakhe.'"

6 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Khuluma labako-Israyeli ubatshele lokhu: 'Nxa owesilisa loba owesifazane efuna ukwenza isifungo esibalulekileyo, isifungo sokuzahlukanisela kuThixo ukuba abe ngumNaziri, **3** kumele angabe esanatha iwayini loba yikuphi okunathwayo okulemvubelo njalo akumelanga ukuthi anathe iviniga eyenziwe ngewayini loba okunathwayo okulemvubelo. Kanganathi umhluzi wezithelo zevini, njalo angadli izithelo zevini ezimanzi loba ezomileyo. **4** Nxa elokhu engumNaziri kangadli lutho oluvela esivinini kungakhathalekile ukuthi zintanga loba ngamakhasi esithelo. **5** Ngasosonke isikhathi esemi esifungweni sokuzahlukanisela akumelanga kube lempuco ekhanda lakhe. Kumele abengcwele size sedlule isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela uThixo; kayekele inwele zakhe zikhule zibende. **6** Kusosonke isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela uThixo kangasondeli esidunjini. **7** Loba kungaze

kube kufe uyise loba unina loba umfowabo loba udadewabo, akumelanga azingcolise ngokomkhuba ngenxa yabo, ngoba uphawu lokuzahlukanisela uNkulunkulu lusekhanda lakhe. **8** Ngasosonke isikhathi sokuzahlukanisela kwakhe ungokhethiweyo kuThixo. **9** Nxa kungafa umuntu emehlweni akhe, ngakho besekungcolisa inwele zakhe asezinikele, kumele aphuce ikhanda ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, usuku lwesikhombisa. **10** Ngakho ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kalethe kumphristi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana amajuba amabili loba inkwilimba ezincane ezimbili. **11** Umphristi uzanikela umnikelo wesono ngenye inyoni kuthi enye ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa ukumenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngoba enze isono ngoba lapho okulesidumbu khona. Ngalo lolosuku kumele angcwelise ikhanda lakhe. **12** Kazinikele kuThixo okwesikhathi leso azahlukanisele sona njalo alethe izinyane lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa eliduna libe njengomnikelo wecala. Insuku ezadlulayo kazibalwa, ngoba ube ngongcolileyo ngesikhathi sokuzahlukanisela kwakhe. **13** Lo ngumlayo womNaziri nxa isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela sesiphelile. Kumele alethwe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **14** Kethule lapho umnikelo wakhe kuThixo: izinyane lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa eliduna elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, izinyane lemvu elisikazi elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wesono, inqama engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wobudlelwano, **15** ndawonye leminikelo yamabele leyokunathwayo, kanye lesitsha sesinkwa esingelamvubelo, amakhekhe

enziwe ngefulawa ecolekileyo ixutshwe ngamafutha, njalo lamaqebelengwane agcotshwe ngamafutha. **16** Umphristi uzakwethula lokhu phambi kukaThixo enze umnikelo wesono lowokutshiswa. **17** Umphristi uzakwethula isitsha esilesinkwa esingelamvubelo njalo enze umhlatshelo ngenqama kube ngumnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo, ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele lowokunathwayo. **18** Ngakho umNaziri uzaphucela inwele zakhe zokwahlukanisela esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. Uzaphosela inwele lezo emlilweni ongaphansi komnikelo wobudlelwano. **19** Nxa umNaziri esephuce inwele zokuzahlukanisela kwakhe, umphristi uzabeka ezandleni zakhe umkhono wenqama ephekiweyo, kanye lekhekhe leqebelengwane esitsheni, kokubili kungela mvubelo. **20** Umphristi uzakuzunguza phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa; kungcwele njalo kungokomphristi, kuhlanganisela lesifuba esizunguziweyo kanye lomlenze owethuliweyo. Ngemva kwalokho, umNaziri usenganatha iwayini. **21** Lo ngumlayo womNaziri ofunga ngokunikela kuThixo kusiya ngokuzahlukanisela, kuyikwengeza kulokho ayabe ekwenelisile. Kagcwalise isifungo asenzileyo, ngokomlayo womNaziri.'" **22** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **23** "Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe uthi, 'Le yiyo indlela elizabusisa ngayo abako-Israyeli. Khulumani lithi kubo: **24** "UThixo alibusise njalo aligcine; **25** UThixo kakhazimulise ubuso bakhe phezu kwenu njalo abe lomusa kini; **26** UThixo kakhangelise ubuso bakhe kini njalo aliphe ukuthula.'" **27**

Ngokunjalo bazabiza ibizo lami phezu kwabako-Israyeli,
mina ngizababusisa."

7 Kwathi uMosi eseqedile ukumisa ithabanikeli,
waligcoba njalo walibusisa kanye lempahla yalo yonke.
Wabuye wagcoba njalo wabusisa i-alithari kanye
lezitsha zalo zonke. **2** Kwasekusithi abakhokheli
bako-Israyeli, inhloko zezimuli ezazingabakhokheli
zensendo ziphethe labo ababebalwa, zanikela. **3**
Zaletha izipho zazo kuThixo, izinqola eziyisithupha
ezembesiweyo lenkabi ezilitshumi lambili, kuyikuthi
umkhokheli munye anikele ngenkabi eyodwa kuthi
ababili bahlanganyele inqola eyodwa. Lokhu bakuletha
ethabanikeleni. **4** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **5** "Yamukela
izipho ezivela kubo ukuze zisetshenziswe ethenteni
lokuhlangana. Yabela abaLevi kusiya ngomsebenzi
wendoda yinye ngayinye." **6** Ngakho uMosi wathatha
izinqola kanye lenkabi wazinika abaLevi. **7** Wanika
abakoGeshoni izinqola ezimbili kanye lenkabi ezine,
kusiya ngomsebenzi wabo, **8** abakoMerari bona wabapha
izinqola ezine kanye lenkabi eziyisificaminwembili,
kusiya ngomsebenzi wabo. Bonke babelawulwa ngu-
Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi. **9** Kodwa uMosi
kazange aphe lokukodwa kumaKhohathi, ngenxa yokuthi
kwakungumlandu wabo wokuthwala ngamahlombe abo
zonke izinto ezingcwele. **10** Ekugcotshweni kwe-alithari,
abakhokheli baletha phambi kwalo iminikelo yabo
yokulahlukanisela. **11** Ngoba uThixo wayethe kuMosi,
"Umkhokheli oyedwa ngelanga uzaletha umnikelo
wakhe wokwahlukaniselwa kwe-alithari." **12** Owaletha

umnikelo wakhe ngosuku lwakuqala nguNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi owesizwana sakoJuda. **13** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva isisindo sawo singamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu oyingubhe wokuchela wesiliva, isisindo sawo ungamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili kulinganiswa ngeshekeli lendlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo ixutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **14** inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **15** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa lezinyane lemvu eliduna elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **16** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **17** kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane amaduna ezimvu alomnyaka owodwa, ukuze kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwaba ngumnikelo kaNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi. **18** Ngosuku lwesibili uNethaneli indodana kaZuwari umkhokheli wabendlu ka-Isakhari, waletha umnikelo wakhe. **19** Umnikelo awulethayo: kwakungumganu wesiliva isisindo sawo ungamashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu, lomganu owodwa wesiliva oyingubhe owokuchela olesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili kulinganiswa ngeshekeli lendlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo ixutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **20** inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **21** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane lemvu eliduna

elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **22** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **23** lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwaba ngumnikelo kaNethaneli indodana kaZuwari. **24** Ngosuku lwesithathu, u-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni, umkhokheli wabantu bakaZebhuluni, waletha umnikelo wakhe. **25** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo, exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **26** inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **27** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **28** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **29** kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni. **30** Ngosuku lwesine u-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri, umkhokheli wabantu bakaRubheni, waletha umnikelo wakhe. **31** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli

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wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo kaShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi. **42** Ngosuku lwesithupha u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli, umkhokheli wabantu bakaGadi, waletha umnikelo wakhe. **43** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **44** inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **45** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **46** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **47** kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli. **48** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa u-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi, umkhokheli wabantu baka-Efrayimi, waletha umnikelo wakhe. **49** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **50** inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi

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kwakungumnikelo ka-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi.
54 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uGamaliyeli indodana
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60 Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye u-Abhidani indodana
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waletha umnikelo wakhe. **61** Umnikelo wakhe:

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kanye letshumi lambili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, kanye lomnikelo wazo wamabele. Impongo ezilitshumi lambili zaba ngezomnikelo wesono. **88** Sezihlangene zonke izinyamazana zomhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano kwaba zinkabi ezingamatshumi amabili lane, inqama ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, impongo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha kanye lamazinyane amaduna ezimvu alomnyaka owodwa angamatshumi ayisithupha. Le kwakuyiminikelo yokwahlukaniselwa kwe-alithari emva kokugcotshwa kwalo. **89** Kwathi uMosi engena ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuba ayekhuluma loThixo, wezwa ilizwi likhuluma laye liphuma sengathi liphahlwe ngamakherubhi amabili ngaphezu kwesisibekelo sesihlalo somusa, phezu kwebhokisi lobuFakazi. Wasekhuluma laye.

8 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshono ku-Aroni uthi, 'Nxa usumisa izibane eziyisikhombisa, kufanele zikhanyise indawo ephambi koluthi lwezibane.'" **3** U-Aroni wenza njalo; wamisa izibane oluthini zikhangele phambili, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **4** Uluthi lwesibane lwalwenziwe ngale indlela: Lwalwenziwe ngegolide elikhandiweyo kusukela esidindini salo kusiya embaxeni zamaluba alo. Uluthi lwesibane lwenziwa lwafana xathu lalokho uThixo ayekutshengise uMosi. **5** UThixo wathi kuMosi: **6** "Yahlukanisa abaLevi kwabanye bonke abako-Israyeli ubahlambulule ngokomkhuba. **7** Nanku ozakwenza nxa usubahlambulula: Bachele ngamanzi okuhlambulula, uthi baphuce imizimba yabo yonke njalo bagezise izigqoko zabo, bazihlambulule.

8 Kabathathe inkunzi eliguqa ndawonye lomnikelo
wayo wamabele ayifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe
lamafutha; ubususthatha inkunzi yesibili ibe ngumnikelo
wesono. **9** Letha abaLevi phambi kwethente lokuhlangana
ubususbuthanisa isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli. **10** Letha
abaLevi phambi kukaThixo, abako-Israyeli babeke izandla
zabo phezu kwabaLevi. **11** U-Aroni kethule abaLevi
phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wabako-Israyeli
wokuzunguzwa, ukuze balungele ukwenza umsebenzi
kaThixo. **12** Nxa abaLevi sebebeke izandla zabo phezu
kwamakhanda enkunzi, uzakwenza umnikelo wesono
kuThixo ngenye yazo kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa,
ukwenzela abaLevi indlela yokubuyisana. **13** Misa abaLevi
phambi kuka-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe ubethule
njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kukaThixo. **14**
Ngalokhu uzabe usubahlukanisile abaLevi kwabanye
bonke abako-Israyeli, ngakho abaLevi bazakuba ngabami.
15 Ngemva kokuba usuhlambulule wethula abaLevi
njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa, kabeze benze umsebenzi
wabo ethenteni lokuhlangana. **16** Bangabako-Israyeli
abaphiwe mina ngokugcweleyo. Sengibathethe baba
ngabami esikhundleni samazibulo, wonke umntwana
ongumfana wokuqala ozelwe ngowesifazane wako-
Israyeli. **17** Wonke amazibulo ako-Israyeli, awabantu
kumbe awezinyamazana, angawami. Ngazehlukanisela
wona mhla ngibulala amazibulo wonke eGibhithe. **18**
Ngakho-ke sengithethe abaLevi esikhundleni samazibulo
wonke angabafana bako-Israyeli. **19** Kubo bonke abako-
Israyeli, senginike abaLevi ku-Aroni kanye lamadodana

akhe ukuba babe yizipho ukuze benzele abako-Israyeli umsebenzi kanye lendlela yokubuyisana ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze abako-Israyeli bangahlaselwa yisifo nxa besondela endlini engcwele.” **20** UMosi lo-Aroni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli benza njalo kubaLevi njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **21** AbaLevi bazihlambulula njalo bagezisa izigqoko zabo. Ngakho u-Aroni wabethula phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa njalo wabenzela indlela yokubuyisana ebahlambulula. **22** Ngemva kwalokho, abaLevi beza ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuzokwenza umsebenzi wabo ngaphansi kuka-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe. Benza njalo kubaLevi njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **23** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **24** “Lokhu kuqondane labaLevi: Abesilisa abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kusiya phezulu bazakwenza umsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana, **25** kodwa asebeleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu okuzalwa bazamiswa ukuphatha imisebenzi yabo yensuku ngensuku bangabe besasebenza futhi. **26** Bangasiza nje abafowabo nxa besenza imisebenzi yabo ethenteni lokuhlangana, kodwa bona ngokwabo bangasebenzi. Le yiyo-ke indlela ozakupha ngayo abaLevi imisebenzi.”

9 Ngenyanga yakuqala ngomnyaka wesibili ngemva kokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe uThixo wakhuluma loMosi enkangala yaseSinayi, wathi, **2** “Yenza abako-Israyeli bagcine iPhasika ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. **3** Gcinani umkhosi walo ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwayonale inyanga, ngokwezimiso

kanye lemithetho yawo.” **4** Ngakho uMosi watshela
abako-Israyeli ukuthi bagcine iPhasika, **5** benza
njalo kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga
yakuqala enkangala yaseSinayi. Abako-Israyeli benza
konke njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **6** Kodwa
abanye babo abazange bagcine iPhasika ngalolosuku
ngoba babengcolile ngokomkhuba ngenxa yesidumbu.
Ngakho beza kuMosi lo-Aroni ngalolosuku **7** bathi
kuMosi, “Sesingcolile ngenxa yesidumbu, kambe kungani
sinqatshelwa ukwethula umnikelo kaThixo kanye labanye
bako-Israyeli ngesikhathi esimisiweyo na?” **8** UMosi
wabaphendula wathi, “Manini, ukuze ngizwe ukuthi
uThixo uzakuthini ngani.” **9** Ngakho uThixo wathi kuMosi,
10 “Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Nxa omunye wenu
loba ubani wakini kumbe izizukulwane zenu ezingcoliswe
yisidumbu kumbe ethethe uhambo, angagcina iPhasika
likaThixo. **11** Bangagcina lumkhosi kusihlwa ngosuku
lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yesibili. Kabadle iwundlu,
kanye lesinkwa esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabayo. **12**
Bangatshiyi lutho lwakho kuze kuse kumbe ukwephula
loba yiliphi lamathambo alo. Nxa begcina iPhasika,
kabalandele yonke imithetho yalo. **13** Kodwa nxa
umuntu ehlambulukile ngokomkhuba njalo engekho
ohanjweni ehluleke ukugcina iPhasika, lowomuntu
kasuswe ebantwini bakibo ngoba engethulanga umnikelo
kaThixo ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. Lowomuntu uzathwala
umlandu wesono sakhe. **14** Owezizweni ohlala phakathi
kwenu ofuna ukugcina iPhasika likaThixo kakwenze
ngokwezimiso kanye lemithetho yalo. Wobani lezimiso

zinye kowezizweni kanye lowakini.'" **15** Ngosuku okwamiswa ngalo ithabanikeli, ithente lobuFakazi lamiswa, iyezi lalisibekela. Kusukela kusihlwa kwaze kwasa iyezi elaliphezu kwethabanikeli lalinjengomlilo. **16** Laqhubeka linjalo; lembeswe liyezi, ebusuku lalinjengomlilo. **17** Kwakusithi iyezi lingaphakama lisuka phezu kwethente, abako-Israyeli labo babesuka bahambe kuthi lapho elima khona, abako-Israyeli bamise izihonqo zabo khona. **18** Abako-Israyeli babesuka bahambe ngokulaya kukaThixo, kuthi njalo ngokulaya kwakhe bamise izihonqo zabo. Ngesikhathi sonke iyezi limi phezu kwethabanikeli, abako-Israyeli bahlala ezihonqweni zabo. **19** Lapho iyezi lihlala isikhathi eside phezu kwethabanikeli, abako-Israyeli bamlalela uThixo abaze bahamba. **20** Kwesinye isikhathi iyezi lalisima phezu kwethabanikeli okwezinsukwana nje kuphela; ngokulaya kukaThixo babehlala ezihonqweni khonapho, kuthi njalo ngokulaya kwakhe basuke bahambe. **21** Kwesinye isikhathi iyezi lalisima kusukela kusihlwa kuze kuse, kuthi nxa lisuka ekuseni, labo bahambe. Kungakhathalekile ukuthi kusemini loba kusebusuku, sonke isikhathi lapho iyezi lisuka babesuka bahambe. **22** Loba iyezi lalisima phezu kwethabanikeli okwensuku ezimbili, kumbe okwenyanga eyodwa loba okomnyaka, abako-Israyeli babehlala khonapho ezihonqweni bangasuki; kodwa nxa lingasuka, labo babesuka. **23** Ngokulaya kukaThixo babehlala ezihonqweni, langokulaya kwakhe njalo babesuka bahambe. Balalela okwakutshiwo nguThixo ngokulaya kwakhe ngoMosi.

10 UThixo wathi kuMosi: **2** “Yenza amacilongo
amabili ngesiliva esikhandiweyo, ukuze uwasebenzise
nxa ubizela abako-Israyeli ndawonye lanxa izihonqo
sezifanele ukususwa ukuba kuhanjwe. **3** Kuzakuthi nxa
amacilongo womabili angakhala sikhathi sinye, isizwe
sonke sako-Israyeli sibuthane phambi kwakho esangweni
lethente lokuHlangana. **4** Kungakhala elilodwa nje,
abakhokheli, inhloko zezizwana zako-Israyeli, kumele
babuthane phambi kwakho. **5** Nxa icilongo lingakhala
kakhulu, izizwana ezihlala ezihonqweni ezisempumalanga
zizasuka. **6** Lingakhala kakhulu okwesibili izihonqo
ezingeningizimu zizasuka. Ukukhala kakhulu kwecilongo
kutsho ukuthi kakusukwe. **7** Ekubuthanisweni kwabantu
ndawonye, lizakhalisa amacilongo, kodwa kube lomahluko
ukukhala kwawo. **8** Amadodana ka-Aroni, abaphristi,
yibo abazatshaya amacilongo. Lesi siyisimiso esizakuma
njalo kini lakuzizukulwane ezizayo. **9** Nxa lisilwa impi
lesitha esilincindezelayo elizweni lakini, lizakhalisa
kakhulu amacilongo. Ngalokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
uzalikhumbula njalo lisindiswe ezitheni zenu. **10** Njalo
lasezikhathini zenu zentokozo, emikhosini emisiweyo
kanye lemadilini okuThwasa kwenyanga, lizakhalisa
amacilongo phezu kweminikelo yokutshiswa kanye
leminikelo yobudlelwano, ngakho izakuba yisikhumbuzo
senu phambi kukaNkulunkulu wenu. Mina nginguThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu.” **11** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili
ngenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka wesibili, iyezi lasuka
phezu kweThabanikeli lobuFakazi. **12** Ngalokho abako-
Israyeli basuka enkangala yaseSinayi bazula indawo

ngendawo iyezi laze layakuma enkangala yasePharani.
13 Basuka, okwehlandla lakuqala ngokulaya kukaThixo
ngoMosi. **14** Izigaba zezihonqo zakoJuda zasuka kuqala,
ngophawu lwazo. Zazilawulwa nguNahashoni indodana
ka-Aminadabi. **15** UNethaneli indodana kaZuwari
ekhokhele izigaba zesizwana sika-Isakhari, **16** kuthi u-
Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni ekhokhele izigaba zesizwana
sikaZebhuluni. **17** Ngakho basebechitha ithabanikeli,
kwathi amaGeshoni lamaMerari ayelithwala, lawo
asuka. **18** Kwalandela izigaba zezihonqo zikaRubheni,
lazo zingaphansi kophawu lwazo. U-Elizuri indodana
kaShedewuri wayekhokhele. **19** UShelumiyeli indodana
kaZurishadayi ekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaSimiyoni,
20 kanti u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli wayekhokhele
isigaba sesizwana sikaGadi. **21** Kwasekusuka amaKhohathi,
wona asuka ethwele izinto ezingcwele. Ithabanikeli
kwakumele limiswe abako-Israyeli bengakafiki. **22**
Izigaba zezihonqo zika-Efrayimi zalandela, ngaphansi
kophawu lwazo. Owayekhokhele ngu-Elishama indodana
ka-Amihudi. **23** UGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri
wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaManase, **24** kanti
u-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyoni wakhokhela isigaba
sezihonqo zesizwana sikaBhenjamini. **25** Ekucineni,
beliviyo elalivimbe emuva kwazo zonke izigaba, kwaba
ngabezihonqo zesizwana sikaDani, abasuka ekucineni
labo bengaphansi kophawu lwabo. Owayekhokhele
kwakungu-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi. **26**
UPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani wayekhokhele isigaba
sesizwana sika-Asheri, **27** kanti u-Ahira indodana ka-

Enani wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaNafithali.
28 Lokhu kwakuyindlela yokulandelana kokuhamba
kwezigaba zabako-Israyeli ekusukeni kwabo. **29** UMosi
wathi kuHobhabhi indodana kaRuweli onguMidiyani
uyisezala kaMosi, "Sesisuka sisiya elizweni lelo elatshiwo
nguThixo ukuthi 'Ngizalipha lona.' Woza sihambe lawe
thina sizakuphatha kuhle, uThixo uthembise abako-
Israyeli izinto ezinhle." **30** Waphendula wathi, "Hatshi,
angiyikuhamba, ngizabuyela kwelakithi ebantwini
bakithi." **31** Kodwa uMosi wathi, "Ngiyakuncenga
ungasuki phakathi kwethu. Nguwe owazi lapha okufanele
sihlale khona enkangala, njalo ongaba ngamehlo ethu.
32 Nxa ungahamba lathi, sizakwabelana lawe izinto
ezinhle esiyabe siziphiwe nguThixo." **33** Ngakho basuka
entabeni kaThixo bahamba okwensuku ezintathu.
Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo wahamba
phambi kwabo okwalezonsuku ezintathu ukubafunela
indawo yokuphumula. **34** Iyezi likaThixo lalisiba phezu
kwabo emini lapho sebesuka ezihonqweni. **35** Kwakusithi
lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano usuka, uMosi
athi, "Phakama, Thixo! Sengathi izitha zingahlakazeka;
sengathi izitha zakho zingabaleka phambi kwakho." **36**
Kwakusithi lingema, athi, "Buya, Thixo, kuzinkulungwane
zako-Israyeli ezingebalwe."

11 Abantu basola ngobunzima ababelabo uThixo esizwa,
kwathi ekuzwa lokho wathukuthela kakhulu. Kwasekusithi
umlilo ovela kuThixo wavutha phakathi kwabo
waze waqothula lezinye izindawo ezisemaphethelweni
ezihonqo. **2** Kwathi lapho abantu sebekhale kuMosi,

yena wakhuleka kuThixo ngakho umlilo wadeda. **3** Indawo leyo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiThabhera, ngoba umlilo kaThixo wavutha phakathi kwabo. **4** Uquqaba lwabantu olwaluphakathi kwabo lwaqala ukufisa okunye ukudla, ngakho labako-Israyeli baqala ukulila bathi, "Aluba besingazuza inyama yokudla nje kodwa lokhu! **5** Sesikhumbula inhlanzi esasizidla eGibhithe kungelambadalo lamakhomane, amakhabe, amalikhi lemihlobo yonke yehanyanisi kanye legalikhi. **6** Pho khathesi lapha sesize singasakhwabithi lokudla; kasiboni lutho ngaphandle kwemana yonale zwi!" **7** Imana yayiphose ilingane lentanga yekhoriyanda ilombala ofana lowenhlaka. **8** Abantu babephuma bayeyibutha, bayichole kumbe bayigige. Babeyipheka embizeni kumbe benze amaqebelengwana ngayo. Yayinambitheka njengento ephekwe ngamafutha e-oliva. **9** Kwakusithi nxa kusiba lamazolo ezihonqweni ebusuku, imana layo ikhithika. **10** UMosi wezwa abantu bendlu inye ngayinye bekhala, ngulowo esemnyango wethente lakhe. UThixo wathukuthela kakhulu, njalo uMosi wakhathazeka. **11** UMosi wathi kuThixo, "Kungani wehlisele ubunzima encekwini yakho na? Kuyini engikwenzileyo okungakuthokozisanga ukuze ungeleke ngobunzima babantu bonke laba na? **12** Ngingunina wabo na? Yimi engabazalayo yini? Kungani usithi ngibaphathe ngezandla zami njengomongikazi ephethe usane, ngibase elizweni lesithembiso owafunga ngalo kubokhokho babo na? **13** Ngingayithatha ngaphi inyama yokupha abantu bonke laba? Lokhu bengikhalela besithi, 'Sinike

inyama sidle!’ **14** Ngeke ngibathwale abantu bonke
laba ngingedwa; umthwalo lo unzima kakhulu kimi.
15 Nxa kuyiyo indlela ozangiphatha ngayo, ngibulala
khathesi, nxa ngifumane umusa kuwe, ukuze ngingaboni
ukuhlupheka kwami.” **16** UThixo wathi kuMosi:
“Ngilethela ebadaleni bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa obaziyo ukuthi bangabakhokheli futhi
yizikhulu zabantu. Balethe ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze
bame lawe khonapho. **17** Ngizakwehla ngizekhuluma
lawe khonapho, ngizathatha ingxenye yoMoya okuwe
ngiwufake phezu kwabo. Bazakuncedisa ukuthwala
umthwalo wabantu bako-Israyeli ukuze ungawuthwali
wedwa. **18** Tshela abantu uthi: Zingcweliseni lilungiselela
usuku lwakusasa, lapho elizakudla khona inyama.
UThixo ulizwile likhala kuye lisithi, ‘Ngubani ozasipha
inyama ukuba sidle? Kwakungcono kithi siseGibhithe!’
Khathesi uThixo uzalinika inyama, njalo lizayidla.
19 Aliyikuyidla okosuku olulodwa loba ezimbili, loba
ezinhlanu, ezilitshumi loba ezingamatshumi amabili,
20 kodwa lizayidla okwenyanga yonke, ize iphume
ngamakhala enu, ilitshiphele, ngoba limhlamukele uThixo
ephakathi kwenu, njalo likhalile phambi kwakhe, lisithi,
‘Kanti sivele sasukelani eGibhithe.’” **21** Kodwa uMosi wathi,
“Mina ngilapha phakathi kwamadoda azinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ahamba ngezinyawo, kodwa
wena uthi, ‘Ngizabanika inyama abazayidla okwenyanga
yonke!’ **22** Bebengeneliswa na aluba bebehlatshelwe
imihlambi yezimvu leyezifuyo? Babezakweneliswa na
aluba begolelwe inhlanzi zonke zasolwandle?” **23**

UThixo wamphendula uMosi wathi, “Kambe ingalo kaThixo imfitshane na? Uzabona-ke khathesi longabe yebo loba hayi ukuthi engikutshoyo kuzagcwaliseka kuwe.” **24** Ngakho uMosi waphuma wayatshela abantu lokho okwakutshiwo nguThixo. Wahlanganisa abadala abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa wabamisa bahonqolozela ithente. **25** Ngalokho uThixo wehla ngeyezi wakhuluma laye, yena wasethatha uMoya owawuphezu kwakhe wawethulela phezu kwabadala bebandla abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Kwathi uMoya usuphezu kwabo, baphrofitha, kodwa kabazange baphinde bakwenze emva kwalokho. **26** Kodwa-ke, kwakukhona amadoda amabili, kungu-Elidadi loMedadi ababesele esihonqweni. Lanxa babebalelwa ebadaleni, kodwa kabazange baphume ukuya eThenteni. Kanti-ke uMoya wawehlele phezu kwabo labo, njalo babephrofitha besesihonqweni. **27** Ijahana elincinyane lagijima layabikela uMosi lathi, “U-Elidadi loMedadi bayaphrofitha besesihonqweni.” **28** UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, owayekade engumsekeli kaMosi kusukela ebutsheni bakhe, waphakamisa ilizwi wathi, “Mosi, nkosi yami, bathulise!” **29** Kodwa uMosi waphendula wathi, “Uyangikhwelezela na? Ngiyafisa ukuthi ngabe bonke abantu bakaThixo bangabaphrofethi njalo lokuthi UThixo wehlisele uMoya wakhe phezu kwabo!” **30** Ngakho uMosi labadala bako-Israyeli babuyela ezihonqweni. **31** Kwasekuphephetha umoya uvela kuThixo wathinta izagwaca zivela olwandle. Zakhithika zelekana ukusuka phansi okwezingalo ezimbili ezihonqweni, zendlaleka okomango ongahanjwa okosuku lonke inxa

zonke. **32** Mhlalokho emini lebusuku njalo langosuku olulandelayo abantu baphuma bayabutha izagwaca. Akekho owabutha izagwaca ezinganeno kwamahomeri alitshumi. Ngakho basebezichaya indawana zonke ezihonqweni. **33** Kodwa kwathi belokhu besayihlafuna inyama bengakayiginyi, ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha phezu kwabantu, njalo wabatshaya ngokubehlisela umkhuhlane. **34** Ngakho indawo leyo yabizwa ngokuthi yiKhibhrothi Hathava, ngoba kulapho okwangcwatshwa khona abantu ababebukhali kokunye ukudla. **35** Ekusukeni kwabo eKhibhrothi Hathava abantu bahamba baze bayafika eHazerothi bahlala khona.

12 UMiriyemu lo-Aroni basuka basebeqalisa ukusola uMosi ngenxa yomkakhe ongumKhushi, njengoba wayethethe umKhushi. **2** Babuzana bathi: "Kambe uMosi nguye yedwa ongumlomo kaThixo na? Kanti lathi kazange asenze izikhulumeli zakhe na?" UThixo wakuzwa lokhu. **3** (UMosi wayeyindoda ethobeke kakhulu, ethobeke ukwedlula wonke amadoda asemhlabeni.) **4** Khonokho nje uThixo wathi kuMosi, u-Aroni loMiriyemu, "Phumani lize ethenteni lokuhlangana, lonke lobathathu." Lakanye beza bobathathu. **5** UThixo wehla ngensika yeyezi; wema esangweni lethente wasebiza u-Aroni loMiriyemu. Kwathi lapho sebesondele bobabili, **6** uThixo wasesithi, "Lalelani amazwi ami: Nxa kulomphrofethi kaThixo phakathi kwenu, ngiziveza kuye ngemibono, ngikhuluma laye emaphutsheni. **7** Kodwa akunjalo ngenceku yami uMosi; uthembekile endlini yami yonke. **8** Nxa ngikhuluma

laye siqondana ubuso ngobuso, ngokucacileyo kungesikuphicana; uyasibona isimo sikaThixo. Kungani pho belingesabi ukusola inceku yami uMosi na?” **9** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha phezu kwabo, uThixo wasesuka kubo. **10** Ekusukeni kweyezi phezu kwethente, kwabonakala uMiriyemu esemi lapho eselobulephero obunjengongqwaqwane. U-Aroni uthe emkhangela wambona eselobulephero; **11** wasesithi kuMosi, “Awu, nkosi yami, ungasibeki icala ngenxa yesono esisenze ngobuwula. **12** Ungamyekeli enjengomntwana ozelwe efile, inyama yakhe idliwe nganxanye.” **13** Ngakho uMosi wakhala kuThixo wathi, “Nkulunkulu, ngiyakucela, msilise.” **14** UThixo waphendula uMosi wathi, “Kambe ngabe uyise ubemkhafulele ebusweni, ubengayikuthwala ihlazo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa na? Mkhupheni ahlale ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa; ngemva kwalokho selingambuyisa.” **15** Ngakho uMiriyemu wahlaliswa ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, ngakho abantu kabaqhubekanga ngohambo waze waphenduka. **16** Ngemva kwalokho, abantu basuka eHazerothi bayamisa izihonqo enkangala yasePharani.

13 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Thuma amadoda athile ukuba ayehlola ilizwe laseKhenani, engilinika abako-Israyeli. Kusendo ngalunye lwesizwe thuma umkhokheli oyedwa.” **3** Ngakho ngokulaya kukaThixo uMosi wabakhupha labo enkangala yePharani. Bonke babengabakhokheli bako-Israyeli. **4** Nanka amabizo abo: esizweni sikaRubheni, kwakunguShamuwa indodana

kaZakhuri; **5** esizweni sikaSimiyoni, kwakunguShafathi indodana kaHori; **6** esizweni sikaJuda, kwakunguKhalebi indodana kaJefune; **7** esizweni sika-Isakhari, kwakungu-Igali indodana kaJosefa; **8** esizweni sika-Efrayimi, kwakunguHosheya indodana kaNuni; **9** esizweni sikaBhenjamini, kwakunguPhalithi indodana kaRafu; **10** esizweni sikaZebhuluni, kwakunguGadiyeli indodana kaSodi; **11** esizweni sikaManase (owesizwe sikaJosefa), kwakunguGadi indodana kaSusi; **12** esizweni sikaDani, kwakungu-Amiyeli indodana kaGemali; **13** esizweni sika-Asheri, kwakunguSethuri indodana kaMikhayeli; **14** esizweni sikaNafithali, kwakunguNabhi indodana kaVofisi; **15** esizweni sikaGadi, kwakunguGewuweli indodana kaMakhi. **16** La ngamabizo alawomadoda athunywa nguMosi ukuyahlola ilizwe. (UMosi wetha uHosheya indodana kaNuni ibizo elithi Joshuwa.) **17** Ekubathumeni kwakhe ukuyahlola ilizwe laseKhenani, uMosi wathi kubo, “Hambani liye eNegebi likhuphukele elizweni lezintaba. **18** Likhangele ukuthi ilizwe lakhona linjani njalo lokuthi abantu bakhona balamandla kumbe babuthakathaka, balutshwana kumbe banengi. **19** Ilizwe abahlala kulo linjani? Lihle na loba libi? Amadolobho abahlala kuwo anjani? Agonjolozelwe ngemiduli loba asegcekeni nje? **20** Umhlabathi wakhona unjani? Uvundile na loba ulugwadule? Langabe lilezihlahla loba hayi? Yenzani ubungcono benu libuye lezinye zezithelo zakulelolizwe.” (Kwakuyisikhathi sokuvuthwa kwezithelo zakuqala zevini.) **21** Ngakho bahamba ukuyahlola ilizwe besukela eNkangala yaseZini kuze

kuyefika eRehobhi, ngokuya eLebho Hamathi. **22** Bahamba-ke badabula eNegebi baze bayafika eHebhroni, lapho okwakuhlala khona u-Ahimani, loSheshayi kanye loThalimayi, izizukulwane zika-Anakhi. (IHebhroni yakhiwa iminyaka eyisikhombisa kungakakhiwa idolobho laseZowani eGibhithe.) **23** Bathi befika esihotsheni sase-Eshikholi baquma ugatsha olwalulesixha sezithelo zevini. Ababili babo basithwala besigaxe egodweni ndawonye lamaphomegranathi kanye lomkhiwa. **24** Lindawo yabizwa ngokuthi yisihotsha sase-Eshikholi ngenxa yesixha sezithelo zevini esaqunywa khona ngabako-Israyeli. **25** Ngemva kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane zokuhlola ilizwe inhloli zabuyela emuva. **26** Babuyela kuMosi lo-Aroni lakuso sonke isizwe sako-Israyeli eKhadeshi, enkangala yasePharani. Babikela uMosi lo-Aroni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli njalo batshengisa lezithelo zakulelolizwe. **27** Balandisela uMosi bathi: "Sihambile elizweni lelo obukade usithume kulo, ngempela ligeleza uchago loluju! Nanzi izithelo zalo. **28** Kodwa abantu abahlala khona balamandla kanti lamadolobho akhona makhulu njalo avikelwe. Size sabona lezizukulwane zika-Anakhi khonale. **29** Ama-Amaleki ahlala eNegebi; amaHithi, lamaJebusi lama-Amori bahlala elizweni lezintaba, amaKhenani wona ahlala eduzane lolwandle esekele umfula uJodani." **30** Emva kwalokho uKhalebi wathulisa abantu phambi kukaMosi wasesithi, "Kufanele ukuthi sihambe siyethatha ilizwe leli libe ngelethu, ngoba singakwenza sibili." **31** Kodwa amadoda lawo ayehambe laye athi, "Asingeke sibahlasele abantu

labo; balamandla kulathi.” **32** Basebetshela abantu bako-Israyeli umbiko omubi ngelizwe ababelihlolile. Bathi, “Ilizwe esilihlolileyo liyabagabhela labantu abahlala kulo. Bonke abantu esibabone khonale yiziqhwaga. **33** Sibone khona amaNefilimi (isizukulwane sika-Anakhi sivela kumaNefilimi.) Emehlweni ethu besingangentethe phambi kwabo, lasemehlweni abo besinjalo.”

14 Ngalobobusuku abantu bonke emphakathini baphakamisa amazwi abo bakhala kakhulu. **2** Bonke abako-Israyeli bakhonona besola uMosi lo-Aroni, lonke ibandla lathi kubo, “Ngabe sahle sazifela eGibhithe, kumbe khonapha enkangala! **3** Kungani uThixo esilethe kulelilizwe ukuthi sife sibulawa ngenkemba na? Amakhosikazi ethu kanye labantwabethu bazakuba yimpango. Kambe kakungcono yini ukuthi sibuyele eGibhithe na?” **4** Bakhulumisana besithi, “Asikhetheni omunye umkhokheli asibuyisele eGibhithe.” **5** Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni bathi mbo ngobuso phansi phambi kwabantu bako-Israyeli bonke ababebuthene lapho. **6** Kwathi uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye loKhalebi indodana kaJefune, ababengabanye balabo ababeyehlola ilizwe, badabula izigqoko zabo **7** bathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli ababebuthene, “Ilizwe esadabula kulo salihlola lihle kakhulu. **8** Nxa uThixo ethokoza ngathi, uzasikhokhelela kulo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njalo uzakusinika lona. **9** Kuphela nje lingamhlamukeli uThixo. Futhi lingabesabi abantu bakulelolizwe, ngoba sizabadla sibaqede. Kabaselaso isivikelo, kodwa uThixo ulathi. Lingabesabi.” **10**

Kodwa ibandla wonke wathi kabakhandwe ngamatshe.
Inkazimulo kaThixo yasibonakala kubo bonke abako-
Israyeli ethenteni lokuhlangana. **11** UThixo wasesithi
kuMosi, “Koze kube nini abantu laba bengeyisa na?
Kuzaze kube nini bengangikholwa, loba sengenze izinto
ezimangalisayo phakathi kwabo na? **12** Ngizabatshaya
ngomkhuhlane ngibabhubhise, kodwa wena ngizakwenza
ube yisizwe esikhulu njalo esilamandla kulabo.” **13**
UMosi wasesithi kuThixo, “AmaGibhithe azakuzwa
lokhu! Abantu laba bakhutshwa nguwe phakathi kwabo
ngamandla akho. **14** Ngakho bazatshela abakhileyo
kulelilizwe ngalesisehlakalo. Bavele sebezwile ukuthi
wena, Oh Thixo, ulabo lababantu njalo lokuthi wena,
Thixo, ubonakale uqondene labo ubuso ngobuso,
lokuthi iyezi lakho lihlala liphezu kwabo, njalo
lokuthi uhamba phambi kwabo ngensika yeyezi lakho
emini kuthi ebusuku ngensika yomlilo. **15** Pho
ungababhubhisa abantu bonke laba ngasikhathi sinye,
izizwe esezizwile ngalezizindaba ngawe zizakuthi, **16**
‘UThixo wehlulekile ukungenisa abantu laba elizweni
abathembisa lona ngesifungo; ngakho usebabhubhisele
enkangala.’ **17** Amandla kaThixo kabonakaliswe khathesi,
njengokutsho kwakho ukuthi: **18** ‘UThixo uyaphuza
ukuthukuthela, ugcwele ngothando njalo uyathethelela
isono lokuhlamuka. Kodwa kayikubayekela abalecala
bengajeziswanga; ujezisa abantwana ngenxa yezono
zaboyise kuze kube kusizukulwane sesithathu lesesine.’
19 Thethelela isono salababantu, ngenxa yothando lwakho
olukhulu, ubaxolele njengokubaxolela kwakho kusukela

ngesikhathi abasuka ngaso eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi.”
20 UThixo waphendula wathi, “Sengibathethelele
njengesicelo sakho. **21** Impela njengoba ngiphila,
lanjengoba inkazimulo kaThixo igcwalise umhlaba wonke,
22 akulamuntu loyedwa owabona inkazimulo yami
kanye lezibonakaliso zezimanga engazenza eGibhithe
lasenkangala kodwa kaze angilalela njalo wangilinga
okungaba ngamahlandla alitshumi, **23** akukho loyedwa
wabo ozalibona ilizwe engalithembisa okhokho babo
ngesifungo. Futhi kakho loyedwa ongidelelayo ozalibona.
24 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi inceku yami uKhalebi ulomoya
owehlukileyo njalo ungilandela ngenhliziyo yakhe
yonke, ngizamngenisa elizweni afika kulo, lizakuba
yilifa lezizukulwane zakhe. **25** Njengoba ama-Amaleki
lamaKhenani ehlala ezigodini, lina phendukani kusasa
liqonde enkangala ngendlela yasoLwandle oLubomvu.”
26 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: **27** “Koze kube nini
lababantu abangalunganga bekhonona bengisola na?
Sengizwile ukusola lokukhonona kwabako-Israyeli. **28**
Ngakho batshele uthi, ‘Njengoba ngiphila impela, kutsho
uThixo, ngizakwenza kini zona lezozinto engilizwe
lizikhuluma. **29** Izidumbu zenu zizagcwala enkangala
yonale, lina lonke elabalwayo ngesikhathi sokubalwa
kwabantu elileminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi amabili
kusiya phezulu labo bonke abakade bekhonona bengisola.
30 Kakho loyedwa wenu ozangena elizweni engafunga
ngokuphakamisa isandla ukuthi libe likhaya lenu,
ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune loJoshuwa
indodana kaNuni. **31** Mayelana labantwana benu labo

elathi bazakuba yimpango, ngizabangenisa elizweni lelo
elilalileyo ukuze bathokoze kulo. **32** Kodwa lina, izidumbu
zenu zizawohlokela kule inkangala. **33** Abantwabenu
bazakuba ngabelusi lapha okweminyaka engamatshumi
amane, behlupheka ngenxa yokungathembeki kwenu,
kuze kungcwatshwe isidumbu sokucina enkangala. **34**
Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, umnyaka munye
umele usuku lunye elahlola ngalo ilizwe, lizahlupheka
ngenxa yezono zenu lize lazi ukuthi kuyinto enjani nxa
mina ngimelana lani.' **35** Mina Thixo, sengikhulumile,
njalo ngempela ngizazenza lezizinto ebantwini laba bonke,
abamanyeneyo bemelana lami. Bazabhubha kuyonale
inkangala; bazafela khonapha." **36** Ngakho amadoda
ayethunywe nguMosi ukuthi ayehlola ilizwe, lawo athi
ekuphendukeni kwawo amemethekisa umbiko omubi
owabangela ukuthi abantu bakhonone besola uMosi,
37 lawomadoda amemethekisa umbiko ongalunganga
mayelana lelizwe atshaywa ngomkhuhlane afa phambi
kukaThixo. **38** Emadodeni ayeyehlola ilizwe, kwasila
kuphela uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye loKhalebi
indodana kaJefune. **39** Kwathi lapho uMosi esebikele
bonke abako-Israyeli, bakhala kabuhlungu. **40** Ngosuku
olulandelayo ekuseni kakhulu baqonda elizweni lamaqaqa.
Bathi, "Sonile, sizakuya kuleyondawo esayithenjiswa
nguThixo." **41** Kodwa uMosi wathi kubo, "Kungani
lingalaleli umlayo kaThixo na? Lokhu elikwenzayo akusoze
kuphumelele! **42** Lingakhuphuki, ngoba uThixo kalisekeli.
Lizakwehlulwa yizitha zenu, **43** ngoba lizaqondana
lama-Amaleki kanye lamaKhenani khonale. Ngenxa

yokuthi limhlamukele uThixo, yena kayikuba lani ngakho lizabhujiswa ngenkemba.” **44** Loba kunjalo, baqhubeka beqonde elizweni lamaqaqa benganakile, loba uMosi kumbe umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo kungasukanga ezihonqweni. **45** Ngakho ama-Amaleki lamaKhenani ayehlala kulelolizwe lamaqaqa ehla abahlasela, ababhuqa ebaxotsha baze bayafika eHoma.

15 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: ‘Ngemva kokungena kwenu elizweni engilinika lona ukuba libe likhaya lenu, **3** kumele lethule iminikelo yenu eyenziwa ngomlilo kuThixo, kusukela emihlambini yenkomo leyezimvu, kube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe ngumhlatshelo, kungokwezifungo eziqakathekileyo loba iminikelo yokuzithandela loba eyemikhosi emisiweyo, **4** ngakho lowo oletha umnikelo wakhe uzakwethula kuThixo umnikelo wamabele oyingxenye eyodwa etshumini lehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha ayingxenye eyodwa kokune kwehini. **5** Lungisa lewundlu ngalinye elomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo ingxenye eyodwa kokune yehini yewayini njengomnikelo wokunathwayo. **6** Kuthi ngenqama ulungise umnikelo wamabele ube yisilinganiso sokubili kokulitshumi kwehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha ayisilinganiso esisodwa kokuthathu kwehini, **7** lewayini eliyisilinganiso sehini esisodwa kokuthathu kube ngumnikelo wokunathwayo. Kunikele kube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo. **8** Nxa ulungisa inkunzi

eliguqa njengomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo, kusenzelwa isifungo esiqakathekileyo loba umnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo, **9** letha ndawonye lenkunzi umnikelo wamabele acholiweyo aba yifulawa ecolekileyo eyisilinganiso sehefa sokuthathu etshumini exutshaniswe lamafutha ayingxenye yehini. **10** Letha njalo lewayini eliyizilinganiso zengxenye yehini kube ngumnikelo wokunathwayo. Lokhu kuzakuba ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga elimnandi kuThixo. **11** Ngakho inkunzi inye ngayinye loba inqama, iwundlu linye ngalinye loba izinyane lembuzi, akulungiswe ngale indlela. **12** Lokhu kwenze emnikelweni ngamunye loba ulungise emingaki. **13** Wonke ozalwa lapha kumele enze lezizinto ngale indlela lapho eletha umnikelo wakhe owenziwe ngomlilo njengephunga elimnandi kuThixo. **14** Ezizukulwaneni ezilandelayo, owezizweni loba ngubani ohlezi lani nxa esethula umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo njengoqhatshi olumnandi kuThixo, kumele enze khona lokho elikwenzayo. **15** Imithetho le kumele uyilandele wena labantu bonke kanye labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu; lesi yisimiso esimi njalo lakuzizukulwane ezilandelayo. Lina kanye labezizweni lizafanana phambi kukaThixo: **16** Lizabuswa ngemithetho lemilayo efananayo lina kanye labezizwe abahlala phakathi kwenu.'" **17** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **18** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni engilisa kulo **19** lingadla ukudla kwalelolizwe, yethulani ingxenye yakho ibe ngumnikelo kuThixo. **20** Lethani isinkwa esenziwe ngempuphu yakuqala lisethule njengomnikelo ovela esizeni. **21**

Kuzozonke izizukulwane ezilandelayo lizakwethula umnikelo kuThixo uthethwe emputshini yenu yakuqala.'"
22 "'Kungakho nxa wehlulekile ukugcina loba yiphi imilayo uThixo ayinika uMosi ungananzelelanga, **23** loba yiphi imilayo kaThixo alitshele yona ngoMosi, kusukela ngosuku uThixo amupha yona kuqhubekela ezizukulwaneni ezilandelayo, **24** kanti njalo lokhu kwenzakele ngephutha abantu bengakunanzelele, kutsho ukuthi abantu bonke bakuleyondawo bazanikela ngenkunzi eliguqa kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa olephunga elimnandi kuThixo, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele lowokunathwayo, kanye lempongo yomnikelo wesono njengokumisiweyo. **25** Umphristi uzakwenzela isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana, ngakho bazathethelelwa, ngoba bekungayisingabomo njalo banikele kuThixo ngokona kwabo umhlatshelo wokudla kanye lomnikelo wesono. **26** Abantu bonke bako-Israyeli kanye labezizwe abahlala labo bazathethelelwa, ngoba bonke lababantu babengonanga ngabomo. **27** Kodwa nxa kungumuntu oyedwa owonayo kungesikho ngabomo, kumele alethe imbuzi ensikazi elomnyaka owodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono. **28** Umphristi uzamenzela lowo owone ngokwenza isono kungesikho ngabomo indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo, kuthi ngemva kokuba indlela yokubuyisana isiyenziwe, uzathethelelwa. **29** Wonalo umthetho ngowomuntu wonke owonayo kungesikho ngabomo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi ungowako-Israyeli ozalelwe khonapha kumbe ngowezizweni. **30** Kodwa loba ngubani owenza isono ngabomo, kungaba ngowakini loba owezizweni, athuke

uThixo, lowomuntu uzaxotshwa ebantwini bakibo. **31** Ngenxa yokweyisa ilizwi likaThixo lokwephula imilayo yakhe, lowomuntu ngempela kaxotshwe kwabakibo; uhlala elokhu elalo icala.'" **32** Ngesikhathi abako-Israyeli besenkangala, indoda ethile yatholakala itheza inkuni ngosuku lweSabatha. **33** Kwathi labo abamficayo etheza bamusa kuMosi lo-Aroni kanye lakubo bonke abantu, **34** ngoba kungakazakali ukuthi kumele enziweni; wavalelwa entolongweni. **35** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Indoda leyo kumele ife. Abantu bonke kumele bamkhande ngamatshe ngaphandle kwezihonqo." **36** Ngakho abantu bamusa ngaphandle kwezihonqo bamkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **37** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **38** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo, kumele lithungele izixha zentshaka emiphethweni yezembatho zenu, isixha ngasinye sibe lentambo eluhlaza. **39** Lizakhumbula imilayo yonke kaThixo njalo liyilalele izikhathi zonke nxa likhangela intshaka lezi ukuze lingazibhixi ngokulandela izinkanuko zezinhliziyo zenu kanye lamehlo enu liduhe. **40** Ngakho lizakhumbula ukuyilandela yonke imilayo yami ukuze lehlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu wenu. **41** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.'"

16 UKhora indodana ka-Izihari, indodana kaKhohathi, indodana kaLevi, labathile abakoRubheni, uDathani kanye lo-Abhiramu, amadodana ka-Eliyabi, kanye lo-Oni indodana kaPhelethi baqala ukuba yiziqholo **2** bavukela uMosi. Bakwenza lokhu bendawonye

lamanye amadoda angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi amahlanu ako-Israyeli, abakhokheli abadumileyo babantu bakuleyondawo ababekhethelwe ukuthi babe ngamalunga enkundla. **3** Beza beliqembu ukuzomelana loMosi lo-Aroni bathi kubo, “Seledlulise amalawulo! Abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bangcwele, bonke ngamunye wabo, njalo uThixo uyabasekela. Pho kungani liziphakamisa ngaphezu kwabantu bakaThixo na?” **4** UMosi wathi ekuzwa lokhu, wawela phansi ngobuso. **5** Wasesithi kuKhora lakubalandeli bakhe: “Kusasa ekuseni uThixo uzaveza obala ukuthi ngubani ongowakhe lokuthi ngubani ongcwele, njalo uzamvumela lowomuntu ukuthi asondele kuye. Indoda azayikhetha uzayivumela ukuthi isondele phansi kwakhe. **6** Wena, Khora, kanye labalandeli bakho yenzani lokhu: Thathani indengezi **7** kuthi kusasa libasele umlilo njalo litshisele impepha kuzo phambi kukaThixo. Indoda ezakhethwa nguThixo yiyo engcwele. Lina baLevi seledlulise amalawulo!” **8** UMosi wabuye wathi kuKhora, “Khathesi lalelani-ke, lina baLevi! **9** Kanti akulanelisanga yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ulikhethile phakathi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli njalo walisondeza phansi kwakhe ukuze lenze umsebenzi ethabanikeleni likaThixo lokuthi lizakuma phambi kwesizwe lisenzele inkonzo na? **10** Ukusondezile wena kanye labanye bakho abangabaLevi phansi kwakhe, kodwa-ke khathesi selifuna lobuphristi. **11** Ukubambana kwakho kanye labalandeli bakho kuyikumelana loThixo limphikisa. Kambe ungubani u-Aroni elingakhonona ngaye?” **12** Ngakho uMosi wabiza uDathani lo-Abhiramu

amadodana ka-Eliyabi. Kodwa bona bathi, “Vele kasibuyi!
13 Kambe bekungenelanga yini ukuthi wasikhipha elizweni
eligeleza uchago loluju ukuzasibulalela enkangala na?
Khathesi usufuna lokuba yinkosi phezu kwethu? **14**
Kunjalo-nje, awukasingenisi elizweni eligeleza uchago
loluju kumbe ukusipha ilifa lamasimu kanye lezivini.
Ufuna ukukopola amehlo amadoda la na? Hatshi,
kasibuyi!” **15** Ngalokho uMosi wathukuthela kakhulu
wasesithi kuThixo, “Ungawemukeli umnikelo wabo.
Angithathanga lutho kubo ngitsho lobabhemi kodwa
lokhu, njalo kakho loyedwa engimoneleyo.” **16** UMosi
wathi kuKhora, “Wena kanye labo bonke abalandeli
bakho kumele lime phambi kukaThixo kusasa, wena, bona
kanye lo-Aroni. **17** Indoda inye nganye kumele ithathe
udengezi ifake impepha kulo, indengezi ezingamakhulu
amabili alamatshumi amahlanu, njalo iwethule phambi
kukaThixo. Wena kanye lo-Aroni lani kufanele liveze
ezenu indengezi.” **18** Ngakho indoda inye ngayinye
yathatha udengezi lwayo, yafaka umlilo kanye lempepha
kulo, njalo yema loMosi lo-Aroni esangweni lethente
lokuhlangana. **19** Kwathi uKhora esebaqoqile abalandeli
bakhe bephikisana labo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana,
inkazimulo kaThixo yabonakala kubo bonke abantu
ababebuthene kuleyondawo. **20** UThixo wathi kuMosi
lo-Aroni, **21** “Sukani phakathi kwalaba ababutheneyo
ukuze ngibabhubhise khathesi.” **22** Kodwa uMosi
lo-Aroni bawa phansi ngobuso bakhala bathi, “Oh
Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wemiphefumulo yabantu bonke,
uzathukuthelela abantu bonke jikelele ngenxa yomuntu

oyedwa owonileyo na?” **23** Ngakho uThixo wathi kuMosi, **24** “Tshela ibandla uthi, ‘Sukani eduze kwamathente aboKhora, loDathani lo-Abhiramu.’” **25** UMosi wasukuma waya kuDathani lo-Abhiramu, kwathi labadala bako-Israyeli bamlandela. **26** Waqonqosela ibandla wathi, “Buyelani emuva lisuke emathenteni abantu laba ababi! Lingathinti lutho olungolwabo ngoba lingenzenjalo lizakhuculwa ngenxa yezono zabo.” **27** Ngakho basuka emathenteni kaKhora, uDathani lo-Abhiramu. UDathani lo-Abhiramu basebephume phandle bemi labomkabo, labantwababo kanye labancane emasangweni amathente abo. **28** UMosi wasesithi, “Nansi indlela elizabona ngayo ukuthi uThixo ungithumile ukuzokwenza konke lokhu engikwenzayo kanye lokuthi akusingqondo yami. **29** Nxa amadoda la ezazifela ngendlela abantu abazifela ngayo, kumbe nxa bengethekelelwa emva kokwethekelela kwabantu bonke kuzabe kusitsho ukuthi uThixo kangithumanga. **30** Kodwa nxa uThixo ezakwenza esingakaze sikubone okunye okutsha kwenzakale ukuthi umhlaba uvuleke ubaginye kanye lakho konke okungokwabo, bangene bephila engcwabeni, kulapho elizakwazi khona ukuthi amadoda la ameyisile uThixo.” **(Sheol h7585)** **31** Kwathi eqeda ukutsho lokhu, umhlaba wavuleka ngaphansi kwabo, **32** wavuleka wabaginya bona, kanye labantwababo lamadoda wonke ayekhokhelwa nguKhora kanye lempahla zawo. **33** Batshona engcwabeni bephila, lakho konke okwakungokwabo; umhlabathi wabambokotha, kwaba yikutshabalala kwabo, basuswa kwabakibo. **(Sheol h7585)** **34** Besizwa ukukhala kwabo,

bonke abako-Israyeli ababelapho babaleka, beklabalala besithi, “Umhlaba uzasiginya lathi!” **35** Kwavela umlilo kuThixo watshaya waqothula amadoda angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi amahlanu ayenikela ngempepha. **36** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **37** “Tshela u-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, ukuthi athathe indengezi azikhiphe emlotheni achithele amalahle endaweni ekhatshana, ngoba indengezi lezi zingcwele, **38** indengezi zamadoda onileyo aze alahlekelwa yimpilo yawo. Khanda lezondengezi ukuze zendlaleke e-alithareni, ngoba zethulwa phambi kukaThixo zaba ngezingcwele. Azibe yisibonakaliso kwabako-Israyeli.” **39** Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi wabutha indengezi zethusi ezazilethwe yilabo abatshayo, walungisa ukuba zikhandwe zendlalwe e-alithareni, **40** njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. Lokhu kwakuzakhumbuza abako-Israyeli ukuthi kakho ovunyelwayo ukutshisa impepha phambi kukaThixo ngaphandle kuka-Aroni lesizukulwane sakhe, funa abe njengoKhora labalandeli bakhe. **41** Ngosuku olulandelayo abako-Israyeli bonke bakhonona basola uMosi lo-Aroni. Bathi, “Selibulele abantu bakaThixo.” **42** Kodwa kwathi ibandla selibuthene bephikisa uMosi lo-Aroni njalo sebekhangele ethenteni lokuhlangana, masinyane iyezi lalisibekela kwavela inkazimulo kaThixo. **43** Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni baya phambi kwethente lokuhlangana, **44** uThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **45** “Suka kulelibandla ukuze ngibatshabalalise.” Ngakho bawa phansi ngobuso. **46** Kusenjalo uMosi wathi ku-Aroni, “Thatha udengezi lwakho uthele impepha kulo, ndawonye lomlilo ovela

e-alithareni, uphange uye ebandleni ukuze ubenzele indlela yokubuyisana. Ulaka lukaThixo lubonakele; isifo sesiqalisile." **47** U-Aroni wenza okwakutshiwo nguMosi, waphanga wangena phakathi kwebandla. Isifo sesivele sesiqalisile ebantwini, kodwa u-Aroni wanikela impepha wabenzela indlela yokubuyisana. **48** Wema phakathi kwabaphilayo lasebefile, isifo saphela. **49** Kodwa kwasekufe abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa bebulawa yisifo, phezu kwalabo ababefe ngenxa kaKhora. **50** Ngemva kwalokho u-Aroni wabuyela kuMosi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, njengoba isifo sasesiphelile.

17 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi bakuphe intonga ezilitshumi lambili, kuphume ibenye kumkhokheli munye ngamunye wesizwana sabokhokho bakhe. Bhala ibizo lendoda ngayinye entongeni yayo. **3** Entongeni kaLevi uzabhala ibizo lika-Aroni, ngoba kumele kube lentonga eyodwa emele inhloko inye ngayinye yesizwana sabokhokho bayo. **4** Zifake ethenteni lokuhlangana phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, lapho engihlangana lawe khona. **5** Intonga yendoda engizayikhetha izahluma, njalo mina ngizahle ngikuqede lokhu kukhonona okulokhu kuqhubeka kusolwa wena ngabako-Israyeli." **6** Ngakho uMosi wakhuluma kwabako-Israyeli, abakhokheli babo bamnika intonga ezilitshumi lambili, ngayinye ingeyomkhokheli wesizwana sabokhokho bakhe, kwathi leka-Aroni yayibalelwa kuzo. **7** UMosi wabeka intonga lezo phambi kukaThixo ethenteni lobufakazi. **8** Ngosuku olulandelayo

uMosi wangena ethenteni lobufakazi wabona ukuthi intonga ka-Aroni eyayimele indlu kaLevi, yayisihlumile yaqhakaza, isilamaluba njalo isithele izithelo ze-alimondi. **9** Ngakho uMosi wazisusa zonke intonga phambi kukaThixo waziletha phambi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli. Bazikhangela, ngulowo wathatha eyakhe intonga. **10** UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Buyisela intonga ka-Aroni phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, igcinwe khonapho ibe yisibonakaliso kulabo abahlamukayo. Lokhu kuzaqeda ukukhonona kwabo ngami, ukuze bangafi." **11** UMosi wenza khona lokho kanye uThixo ayemlaye ngakho. **12** Abako-Israyeli bathi kuMosi, "Sizakufa! Sifile, sonke sesifile! **13** Loba ngubani ozasondela phansi kwethabanikeli likaThixo uzakufa. Sizakufa sonke na?"

18 UThixo wathi ku-Aroni, "Wena, lamadodana akho labemuli kayihlo lizakuba lomlandu wokukhangela ukwephulwa kwemithetho yendawo yokukhonzela, njalo wena kanye lamadodana akho yini lodwa elizakuba lomlandu walabo abonela abaphristi. **2** Letha abaLevi bakini bevela ezizwaneni zabokhokho benu bazohlanganyela kunye lani bakuphathise wena lamadodana akho lapho lisenza inkonzo phambi kwethente lobufakazi. **3** Bazakuba ngaphansi kwakho njalo benze yonke imisebenzi yasethenteni, kodwa akumelanga basondele phansi kwezimpahla zendlu engcwele kumbe e-alithareni, funa lonke, wena kanye labo life. **4** Kumele bahlanganele lawe babelomlandu wokunakekela ithente lokuhlangana, wonke umsebenzi wethenteni, njalo akungabibikho loyedwa ozasondela lapho wena

okhona. **5** Wena uzakuba lomlandu wokugcina indlu
engcwele le-alithari, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangehlelwa
lulaka njalo. **6** Mina ngokwami ngibakhethile abafowenu
abaLevi phakathi kwabako-Israyeli ukuba babe yisipho
kuwe, behlukanisele uThixo ukuba benze umsebenzi
ethenteni lokuhlangana. **7** Kodwa wena kanye lamadodana
akho yini lodwa elivunyelwayo ukwenza umsebenzi
wobuphristi kukho konke okuse-alithareni langaphakathi
kwekhetheni. Ngikunika umsebenzi wobuphristi kukho
konke okuse-alithareni langaphakathi kwekhetheni.
Ngikunika umsebenzi wobuphristi njengesipho. Loba
ngubani omunye ozasondela endaweni engcwele kumele
abulawe." **8** UThixo wasesithi ku-Aroni, "Mina ngokwami
yimi engikunike umlandu wokukhangela iminikelo
eyethulelwa mina, yonke iminikelo engcwele engiyiphiwa
ngabako-Israyeli ngiyinika wena lamadodana akho
ukuba kube yingxenye yesabelo sakho esimi njalo. **9**
Kumele uzuze leyongxenye yomnikelo ongcwelengcwele
ongatshiswanga. Kuzozonke izipho abaziletha kimi
zingumnikelo ongcwelengcwele, loba ngowamabele loba
ngowesono kumbe owecala, leyongxenye yomnikelo
ngeyakho lamadodana akho. **10** Idle njengento
engcwelengcwele; wonke owesilisa kumele ayidle.
Kumele akuphathe njengento engcwele. **11** Lokhu lakho
ngokwakho: konke okubekwa eceleni kwalezizipho zonke
zomnikelo wokuzunguzwa zako-Israyeli. Lokhu ngikunika
wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho ukuba
kube yisabelo esimi njalo. Kuzakuthi wonke owendlu
yakho ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba avunyelwe ukudla.

12 Ngikunika wonke amafutha acengekileyo e-oliva
lewayini lonke elitsha elicengekileyo kanye lamabele
abawanika uThixo kuyizithelo zakuqala zesivuno
sabo. **13** Zonke izithelo zakuqala zomlimela abaziletha
kuThixo ngezakho. Kuzakuthi wonke owendlu yakho
ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba avunyelwe ukudla. **14**
Yonke into yako-Israyeli emiselwe uThixo ngeyakho. **15**
Amazibulo wonke azelweyo, kuhlanganisela awabantu
kanye lawezinyamazana, anikelwe kuThixo ngawakho.
Kodwa uzahlenga wonke amadodana angamazibulo
kanye lawo wonke amazibulo amaduna ezinyamazana
ezingcolileyo. **16** Kuzakuthi zingafikisa inyanga eyodwa
zizelwe uzihlenge ngentengo yokuhlenga ayisilinganiso
samashekeli amahlanu esiliva, kusiya ngesilinganiso
seshekeli lendlu engcwele, eyisisindo esingamagera
angamatshumi amabili. **17** Kodwa ungahlengi amazibulo
enkomo, loba awemvu loba awembuzi; ngoba angcwele.
Chela igazi lawo e-alithareni ubususutshisa amahwahwa
awo kube ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga elimnandi
elithokozisa uThixo. **18** Inyama yawo izakuba ngeyakho
njengoba isifuba somnikelo wokuzunguzwa kanye
lomlenze kungokwakho. **19** Loba kuyini okubekwe
eceleni eminikelweni engcwele eyethulwe ngabako-
Israyeli kuThixo ngikunika wena kanye lamadodana
njalo lamadodakazi akho ukuba kube yisabelo senu
senjayelo. Lesi yisivumelwano setswayi esingapheliyo
phambi kukaThixo, esakho kanye lenzalo yakho." **20**
UThixo wathi ku-Aroni, "Wena kawuyikuba lelifa elizweni
labo, njalo awuyikuba lesabelo phakathi kwabo; mina

ngiyisabelo sakho kanye lelifa lakho phakathi kwabako-
Israyeli. **21** AbaLevi ngibanika konke okwetshumi kwelako-
Israyeli kube yilifa labo ngenxa yomsebenzi abawenza
ethenteni lokuhlangana. **22** Kusukela khathesi abako-
Israyeli akumelanga basondele ethenteni lokuhlangana,
funa babelomlandu wesono sabo bafe. **23** NgabaLevi
okufanele benze umsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana
njalo baphathe umsebenzi wokukhangela abonayo
ethenteni. Lesi yisimiso esingapheliyo lakuzizukulwane
ezizayo. Kabayikuzuza ilifa phakathi kwabako-Israyeli. **24**
Kodwa-ke abaLevi ngibanika okwetshumi okwethulwa
ngabako-Israyeli njengomnikelo kuThixo kube yilifa
labo. Kokuqondene labo yikho ngathi: 'Kabayikuba
lelifa phakathi kwabako-Israyeli.'" **25** UThixo wathi
kuMosi, **26** "Tshela abaLevi utsho lokhu kubo: 'Lapho
lisamukela okwetshumi engilinika khona kuvela kwabako-
Israyeli njengelifa lenu, kumele likhuphe ingxenye
yetshumi kokwetshumi kube ngumnikelo kuThixo. **27**
Umnikelo wenu uzabalelwa kini njengamabele avela
esizeni loba umhluzi ovela esihluzweni sewayini. **28** Ngale
indlela lani lizakwethula eyenu iminikelo kuThixo kukho
konke okwetshumi elizakwamukela kuvela kwabako-
Israyeli. Kulokho okwetshumi kumele liphe okuyisabelo
sikaThixo ku-Aroni umphristi. **29** Kumele lethule
njengesabelo sikaThixo okuhle ukwedlula konke njalo
kungokungcwelengcwele kwakho konke elikuphiweyo.'
30 Tshela abaLevi uthi: 'Nxa lisethula okuhle kakhulu,
kuzaphathwa kini njengesithelo esivela esizeni loba
esihluzweni sewayini. **31** Lina kanye labezindlu

zenu lingadla konke okunye ngaphi langaphi, ngoba kuyinkokhelo yenu yomsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana.
32 Ngokwethula okuhle kulakho konke aliyikuba lecala kulokho; ngakho kaliyikungcolisa iminikelo engcwele yako-Israyeli, njalo kaliyikufa.'"

19 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: **2** "Lokhu yikho okukhangelelwe ngomthetho njengokulaya kukaThixo: Tshela abako-Israyeli bakuphe ithokazi elibomvu elipheleleyo njalo lingelasici kanti njalo kumele kube ngelingakaze lifakwe ejogeni. **3** Liqhubeleni u-Eliyazari umphristi; kumele likhitshelwe ngaphandle kwesihonqo njalo lihlatshelwe khona. **4** Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lalo ngomunwe alichele kasikhombisa eqondise phambi kwethente lokuhlangana. **5** Ithokazi lizatshiswa ekhangele, isikhumba salo, inyama, igazi lomswane. **6** Umphristi uzathatha ezinye inkuni zesihlahla somsedari, ihisophi kanye lewulu ebomvu akuphosele phezu kwethokazi elitshayo. **7** Ngemva kwalokho umphristi kumele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza yena ngamanzi. Ngemva kwalokhu usengangena-ke ezihonqweni, kodwa uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **8** Indoda ezatshisa ithokazi kumele layo igezise izigqoko zayo njalo layo igeze ngamanzi, izakuba ngengcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **9** Indoda ehlambulukileyo izabutha umlotha wethokazi iwufake endaweni ehlambulukileyo ngokomlayo ngaphandle kwesihonqo. Umlotha lo uzagcinwa ngabantu bako-Israyeli ukuze bawusebenzise emanzini okuhlambulula;

ungowokuhlanza izono. **10** Indoda ebutha umlotha wethokazi kumele layo igezise izigqoko zayo, kanti njalo layo izabe ingengcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. Lo ngumlayo omi njalo kwabako-Israyeli labezizwe abahlala phakathi kwabo. **11** Lowo ozathintwa yisidumbu sofileyo uzabe engongcolileyo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **12** Kumele azihlambulule ngamanzi ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa; kodwa nxa engazihlambululi ngosuku lwesithathu langolwesikhombisa uzabe engahlambulukanga. **13** Lowo othinta isidumbu sofileyo abesesehluleka ukuzihlambulula ungcolisa ithabanikeli likaThixo. Lowomuntu kumele axotshwe kwabako-Israyeli. Ngenxa yokuthi kachelwanga ngamanzi okuhlambulula, ungongcolileyo; uzahlala engcolile. **14** Lo ngumthetho osebenza nxa umuntu efele ethenteni: Loba ngubani ongena ethenteni njalo loba ngubani ophakathi kwalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, **15** njalo siphi lasiphi isitsha esingasibekelwanga sizabe singcolile. **16** Loba ngubani ofice isidumbu somuntu obulewe ngenkemba egangeni loba esomuntu ozifeleyo asithinte, kumbe loba ngubani othinta ithambo lomuntu ofileyo loba ingcwaba, uzakuba ngongcolileyo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **17** Umuntu ongcolileyo, mfakele embizeni umlotha womnikelo otshisiweyo wokuhlambulula ube usuthela amanzi ahlambulukileyo phezu kwawo. **18** Kuzakuthi-ke indoda ehlambulukileyo ngokomlayo ithathe ihisophi, iligxamuze emanzini ibe isichela ithente kanye lezitsha zonke labantu abakade belapho. Kumele ichele wonke

umuntu oke wathinta ithambo lofileyo loba ingcwaba loba umuntu obuleweyo loba umuntu ozifeleyo. **19** Indoda ehlambulukileyo izachela lowo ongcolileyo ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa, kuthi-ke ngosuku lwesikhombisa ibisimhlambulula. Umuntu ohlanjululwayo kumele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, Ngalokhokuhlwa uzabe esehlambululukile. **20** Kodwa umuntu ongcolileyo nxa engazihlambululanga, kumele axotshwe ebantwini, ngoba uzabe eletha ihlazo endlini engcwele kaThixo. Njengoba engachelwanga ngamanzi angcwele, kutsho ukuthi ungcolile. **21** Lesi yisimiso esimi njalo kubo. Indoda echela ngamanzi okuhlambulula layo kumele igezise izigqoko zayo, kanti njalo laye wonke ozathinta amanzi okuhlambulula uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kube kusihlwa. **22** Konke okuthintwe ngumuntu ongcolileyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, kuthi loba ngubani okuthintayo abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe."

20 Ngenyanga yakuqala abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bafika enkangala yaseZini, basebehlala eKhadeshi. UMiriyemu wafela lapho njalo wangcwatshelwa khona. **2** Abantu baswela amanzi, ngakho babambana ekuphikiseni uMosi lo-Aroni. **3** Baxabana loMosi kanye lo-Aroni bathi, "Ngabe lathi sahle sazifela mhla abafowethu besifa phambi kukaThixo! **4** Labalethelani abantu bakaThixo kule inkangala na? Ukuze thina kanye lezifuyo zethu sizefela lapha na? **5** Lasikhuphelani eGibhithe lisiletha endaweni le embi kangaka na? Ayilamabele kumbe imikhiwa, amavini loba amaphomegranathi.

Njalo akulamanzi okunatha!” **6** UMosi lo-Aroni basuka
embuthanweni wabantu baya esangweni lethente
lokuhlangana bawa phansi ngobuso, inkazimulo kaThixo
yasibonakala kubo. **7** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **8** “Thatha
intonga kuthi wena lomfowenu u-Aroni libizele abantu
ndawonye. Khulumani elitsheni phambi kwabo ngakho
lona lizakhupha amanzi alo. Lizathatha amanzi aphuma
edwaleni liphe abantu ukuze banathe bona kanye
lezifuyo zabo.” **9** Ngakho uMosi wathatha intonga
phambi kukaThixo, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo.
10 UMosi lo-Aroni basebebizela abantu ndawonye
phambi kwedwala, uMosi wasesithi kubo, “Lalelani, lina
bahlamuki. Silikhuphele amanzi kulelidwala na?” **11**
Ngakho uMosi waphakamisa ingalo yakhe watshaya idwala
kabili ngentonga yakhe. Amanzi antshantshaza ephuma
edwaleni, Kwathi abantu kanye lezifuyo zabo banatha. **12**
Kodwa uThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, “Ngenxa yokuthi
kalingethembanga okokungipha udumo njengongcwele
phambi kwabako-Israyeli, kaliyikukhokhelela lababantu
ekungeneni elizweni engibapha lona.” **13** La ngamanzi
aseMeribha, lapho abako-Israyeli abaphikisana khona
loThixo njalo kulapho uThixo abonakalisa ubungcwele
bakhe phakathi kwabo. **14** UMosi wathumela izithunywa
enkosini yase-Edomi zisuka eKhadeshi, esithi: “Nanku
okutshiwo ngumfowenu u-Israyeli: Uyabazi bonke
ubunzima obusehleleyo. **15** Okhokho bethu basuka
baya eGibhithe, sahlala khona okweminyaka eminengi.
AmaGibhithe asiphatha ngochuku kanye labobaba,
16 kodwa sakhala kuThixo wezwa ukukhala kwethu

wasithumela ingilosi yasikhipha eGibhithe. Khathesi
silapha eKhadeshi idolobho elisemngceleni welizwe lakho.
17 Ake usivumele sidlule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikudabula
phakathi lakuwaphi amasimu loba isivini sakho, kumbe
ukunatha amanzi loba kuwuphi umthombo. Sizahamba
silandela umgwaqo wenkosi njalo kasiyikuphambukela
kwesokudla kumbe kwesokunxele size sedlule elizweni
lakho." **18** Kodwa u-Edomi waphendula wathi: "Ngeke
lidlule lapha, lingake lilinge, sizaphuma silihlasele
ngenkemba." **19** Abako-Israyeli baphendula bathi:
"Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu, njalo thina loba
izifuyo zethu singanatha amanzi enu, sizawabhadala.
Sifuna ukuzedlulela ngenyawo kuphela nje." **20** Abase-
Edomi baphendula njalo bathi: "Lingadluli lapha."
Ngakho u-Edomi waphuma kanye lebutho elikhulu
elilamandla ukuyahlasela abako-Israyeli. **21** Njengoba
u-Edomi wala ukuthi badabule elizweni labo, abako-
Israyeli baphenduka bahamba ngenye indlela. **22** Isizwe
sonke sako-Israyeli sasuka eKhadeshi sahamba saze
sayafika entabeni yaseHori. **23** Sebesentabeni yaseHori,
eduze lomngcele wase-Edomi, uThixo wathi kuMosi lo-
Aroni, **24** "U-Aroni usezakufa angcwatshwe. Akayikungena
elizweni engilinika abako-Israyeli, ngoba lina lobabili
langihlamukela emanzini aseMeribha. **25** Biza u-Aroni
kanye lendodana yakhe u-Eliyazari ukhwele labo entabeni
yaseHori. **26** Uhlubule u-Aroni izembatho zakhe uzigqokise
indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari, ngoba u-Aroni uzalandela
abakibo; uzafela khona." **27** UMosi wenza njengokulaywa
kwakhe kuThixo: Bakhwela entabeni yaseHori isizwe

sonke sibakhangele. **28** UMosi wamhlubula u-Aroni
izembatho zakhe wazigqokisa indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari.
Ngakho u-Aroni wafela khonapho phezu kwentaba.
Ngemva kwalokhu uMosi lo-Eliyazari behla entabeni,
29 Kwathi abantu bonke sebezwile ukuthi u-Aroni
wayesefile, yonke indlu ka-Israyeli yamlilela okwensuku
ezingamatshumi amathathu.

21 Kwathi inkosi yase-Aradi engumKhenani eyayihlala
eNegebi isizwa ukuthi abako-Israyeli babesiza behamba
ngomgwaqo beqonde e-Atharimi, yabahlasela abako-
Israyeli yaze yathumba abanye babo. **2** Ngakho
u-Israyeli wenza lesisifungo kuThixo wathi: "Nxa
unganikela lababantu ezandleni zethu, sizachithiza
amadolobho abo nya." **3** UThixo walalela ukuncenga
kwabako-Israyeli wasenikela amaKhenani kubo. Abako-
Israyeli bawaqothula amaKhenani bachithiza kanye
lamadolobho awo; ngakho indawo leyo yabizwa ngokuthi
yiHoma. **4** Bahamba besuka entabeni yaseHori ngendlela
eqonda oLwandle oluBomvu, ukuze baceze ilizwe lase-
Edomi. Kodwa besendleleni abantu basebenengekile
sebephelelwe yikubekezela; **5** bakhuluma kubi besola
uNkulunkulu kanye loMosi, bathi, "Lasikhuphelani
na eGibhithe ukuze sizefela enkangala? Akulasinkwa!
Akulamanzi! Futhi lalokhu ukudla kwenu okubi
siyakuzonda." **6** Ngakho uThixo wasebathumela izinyoka
ezazilobuhlungu obesabekayo kakhulu, zabaluma abantu
bako-Israyeli abanengi bafa. **7** Abantu baya kuMosi
bathi, "Sonile ngokukhuluma kwethu kubi ngoThixo
langokukhuluma kwethu ngawe. Akukhuleke ukuthi

uThixo asuse izinyoka lezi phakathi kwethu.” Ngakho wabakhulekela abantu. **8** UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Yenza inyoka yethusi uyiphanyeke esigodweni; loba ngubani olunyiweyo angakhangela kuyo uzaphila.” **9** Ngakho uMosi wenza inyoka yethusi wayiphanyeka esigodweni. Kwakusithi lowo olunywe yinyoka angakhangela inyoka yethusi aphile. **10** Abako-Israyeli basuka baqhubeka baze bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Obhothi. **11** Basuka njalo e-Obhothi bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Iye-Abharimi, enkangala eyayimalungana leMowabi ngokuya ngempumalanga. **12** Besuka lapho baqhubeka ngohambo baze bayamisa izihonqo zabo esigodini saseZeredi. **13** Basuka lapho bayamisa izihonqo zabo eduze le-Arinoni esenkangala eqhelela elizweni lama-Amori. I-Arinoni isemngceleni welaseMowabi, phakathi laphakathi kweMowabi kanye lama-Amori. **14** Kungakho uGwalo lweziMpi zikaThixo lusithi: “Lokho akwenza oLwandle oLubomvu lakwenza emifuleni yeWahebhi eseSufa lemifuleni yase-Arinoni **15** lamawa ezindonga ehlela endaweni yase-Ari lasekela umngcele weMowabi.” **16** Besuka lapho baqhubeka baze bayafika eBheri, emthonjeni lapho uThixo athi kuMosi, “Buthanisa abantu ngibanike amanzi.” **17** Ngakho abako-Israyeli bahlabela ingoma le ethi: “Mpompoza, wemthombo! Hlabelelani ngawo, **18** ngomthombo owenjiwa ngamakhosana, owenjiwa yizikhulu zabantu, izikhulu ezilentonga zobukhosi kanye lezinduku.” Basuka-ke enkangala bayafika eMathana, **19** besuka eMathana baya eNahaliyeli, besuka eNahaliyeli, baya eBhamothi, **20** kwathi besuka

eBhamothi baqonda esigodini eMowabi, lapho isiqongo sentaba yasePhisiga esikhangele elizweni elilugwadule. **21** U-Israyeli wathumela izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori wathi: **22** "Sivumele sidabule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikuphambukela loba lakuliphi icele ukuze singene loba kuwaphi amasimu akho kumbe isivini, loba ukunatha amanzi emthonjeni loba yiwuphi. Sizazihambela nje ngomgwaqo omkhulu weNkosi size sedlule elizweni lakho." **23** Kodwa uSihoni kavumanga ukuthi u-Israyeli adabule elizweni lakhe. USihoni waqoqa ibutho lakhe waphuma waqonda enkangala ukuyahlasela u-Israyeli. Wathi esefikile eJahazi walwa lo-Israyeli. **24** Kodwa u-Israyeli wamnqoba ngenkemba, wambhubhisa njalo wamthathela ilizwe lakhe kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya eJabhoki, kusiyafika elizweni lama-Amoni kuphela, ngoba umngcele walo wawuvikelwe ngemithangala. **25** U-Israyeli wathatha wonke amadolobho ama-Amori wahlala kuwo, kwakugoqela iHeshibhoni kanye leziqinti ezaziyigombolozele. **26** IHeshibhoni kwakulidolobho likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayelwe lenkosi yamaMowabi eyayikade ibusa khona wayinqoba wayithathela ilizwe layo lonke kuze kuyefika e-Arinoni. **27** Yingakho izimbongi zisithi: "Wozani eHeshibhoni; kayivuselelwe yakhiwe njalo; akuthi idolobho likaSihoni livuselelwe. **28** Umlilo wavutha eHeshibhoni ilangabi lavela edolobheni likaSihoni. Laqothula i-Ari laseMowabi, abantu basemiqolweni yase-Arinoni. **29** Maye kuwe, Mowabi! Selibhujisiwe lina, Oh bantu baseKhemoshi! Usedele amadodana akhe

njengeziphepheli lamadodakazi njengabathunjiweyo bethunjwa nguSihoni inkosi yama-Amori. **30** Kodwa thina sibehlule; iHeshibhoni siyitshabalalisile kuze kuyefika eDibhoni. Sibachithile kwaze kwaba seNofa, eqhelela eMedebha." **31** Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlala elizweni lama-Amori. **32** Ngemva kokuba uMosi esethumele inhloli eJazeri, abako-Israyeli bathumba iziqinti eziseduze njalo baxotsha ama-Amori ayehlala khona. **33** Basebephenduka bahamba ngomgwaqo oya eBhashani. U-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani kanye lebutho lakhe lonke baphuma ukuyahlangana labako-Israyeli ukubahlasela e-Edreyi. **34** UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Ungamesabi, ngoba sengimnikele kuwe lamabutho akhe wonke kanye lelizwe lakhe. Menze konke owakwenza kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni." **35** Ngakho bambulala ndawonye lamadodana akhe kanye lebutho lakhe lonke, kakho loyedwa owaphephayo. Basebethatha ilizwe lakhe.

22 Abako-Israyeli basuka lapho baya emagcekeni aseMowabi bamisa izihonqo zabo zisekele umfula iJodani ngaphetsheya kweJerikho. **2** UBhalaki indodana kaZiphori wabona konke okwenziwa ngu-Israyeli kuma-Amori, **3** ngakho uMowabi wesaba ngoba abantu bako-Israyeli babebanengi kakhulu. Ngempela uMowabi watshaywa luvalo ngenxa yokwesaba abako-Israyeli. **4** AmaMowabi athi ebadaleni bamaMidiyani, "Ixuku leli lizahuquluza konke esilakho, njengenkabi isidla utshani emadlelweni." Ngakho uBhalaki indodana kaZiphori, owayeyinkosi yamaMowabi ngalesosikhathi, **5** wathumela izithunywa ukuyabiza uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, owayehlala

ePhethori eduzane lomfula iYufrathe elizweni lakibo lomdabuko. UBhalaki wathi, “Kulabantu abanengi kakhulu abavela eGibhithe; bagcwele ilizwe lonke njalo bahlezi eduze kwami. **6** Woza khathesi uzeletha isithuko phezu kwabo, ngoba balamandla kulami. Mhlawumbe ngalokho ngingabehlula ngibaxotshe elizweni. Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi labo obabusisayo bayabusiseka, njalo labo obaqalekisayo bayaqalekiswa.” **7** Abadala bamaMowabi labamaMidiyani basuka, bathatha imbadalo yokuhlahlula. Bathe befika kuBhalamu, bamtshela lokho okwatshiwo nguBhalaki. **8** “Lalani lapha okwalamuhla,” watsho uBhalamu kubo, “Ngizalilethela impendulo engizayiphiwa nguThixo.” Ngakho amakhosana amaMowabi ahlala laye. **9** UNkulunkulu weza kuBhalamu wambuza wathi, “Amadoda la olawo ngobani?” **10** UBhalamu wathi kuNkulunkulu, “UBhalaki indodana kaZiphori inkosi yamaMowabi ungithumele lelizwi elithi: **11** ‘Kulabantu abavele eGibhithe abagcwele elizweni lonke. Woza masinyane uzongiqalekisela lababantu. Mhlawumbe ngingaba lakho ukubalwisa ngibaxotshe lapha.’” **12** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuBhalamu, “Ungahambi labo. Ungabaqalekisi lababantu, ngoba babusisiwe.” **13** Ekuseni ngosuku olulandelayo uBhalamu wavuka esithi kumakhosana kaBhalaki, “Buyelani ezweni lenu, ngoba uThixo walile ukuthi ngihambe lani.” **14** Ngakho amakhosana amaMowabi abuyela kuBhalaki athi, “UBhalamu walile ukubuya lathi.” **15** Ngakho uBhalaki wathumela amanye amakhosana amanengi njalo adumileyo kulawakuqala. **16** Eza kuBhalamu afika athi: “Nanku okutshiwo nguBhalaki

indodana kaZiphori: Akungabi lalutho olungakuvimbela ukuza kimi, **17** ngoba ngizakunika umvuzo omuhle njalo ngenze konke okutshoyo. Woza uzongiqalekisela lababantu." **18** Kodwa uBhalamu wabaphendula wathi, "Loba uBhalaki enganginika isigodlo sakhe sigcwele isiliva legolide, angingeke ngenze ulutho olukhulu loba oluncane oluphambene lelizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wami. **19** Khathesi hlalani lapha okwalobubusuku njengalokhu okwenziwe ngabanye, mina ngizadingisisa ukuthi kuyini okunye uThixo azangitshela khona." **20** Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu weza kuBhalamu wathi, "Njengoba ethunywe ukuzakubiza, hamba lawo, kodwa wenze lokho kuphela engizakutshela khona." **21** UBhalamu wavuka ekuseni, wagada ubabhemi wakhe wahle wahamba lamakhosana amaMowabi. **22** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathukuthela kakhulu ngokuhamba kwakhe, ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yajama phambi kwakhe yamvimbela. UBhalamu wayegade ubabhemi wakhe elezinceku zakhe ezimbili. **23** Kwathi ubabhemi ebona ingilosi kaThixo imi endleleni iphethe inkemba esandleni sayo, waphambuka endleleni waqonda iganga. UBhalamu wamtshaya ubabhemi embuyisela endleleni. **24** Ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yayakuma emkhandlwini phakathi kwezivini ezimbili, kulemiduli inxa zonke. **25** Kwathi ubabhemi ebona ingilosi kaThixo, ubabhemi wasondela emdulini, ehluzulela unyawo lukaBhalamu emdulini. Ngalokho wamtshaya njalo ubabhemi. **26** Ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yaya phambili yema emkhandlwini onciphileyo lapho okwakungelandlela yokuphendukela kwesokudla loba

esenxele. **27** Kwathi ubabhemi ebona ingilosi kaThixo,
ubabhemi walala phansi, uBhalamu wathukuthela kakhulu
wamtshaya ubabhemi ngentonga yakhe. **28** Ngalokho
uThixo wavula umlomo kababhemi, wathi kuBhalamu,
“Kanti ngenzeni na kuwe uze ungitshaye okwamahlandla
amathathu?” **29** UBhalamu waphendula ubabhemi wathi,
“Ungenze isiwula! Ngabe bengilenkemba esandleni
sami bengizakubulala khathesi.” **30** Ubabhemi wathi
kuBhalamu, “Kanti kangisubabhemi wakho na ovele
uhlezi umgada insuku zonke kuze kube namhlanje?
Kambe ngiyake ngikwenze lokhu kuwe na?” UBhalamu
waphendula wathi, “Hatshi.” **31** Ngakho uThixo wavula
amehlo kaBhalamu, wabona ingilosi kaThixo imi endleleni
iqaphise inkemba. Ngakho wakhothama wawa phansi
ngobuso. **32** Ingilosi kaThixo yambuza yathi, “Kungani
utshaye ubabhemi wakho okwamahlandla amathathu
na? Ngize lapha ukukuvimbela ngoba indlela yakho
iyibutshapha phambi kwami. **33** Ubabhemi ungibonile
waphambuka okwamahlandla amathathu. Alubana
kaphambukanga, ngabe khathesi sengikubulele wena,
ngayekela ubabhemi.” **34** UBhalamu wathi engilosini
kaThixo, “Ngonile. Angizange nginanzelele ukuthi
umi endleleni ukungivimbela. Nxa kungakuthokozisi
khathesi, ngizabuyela emuva.” **35** Ingilosi kaThixo
yathi kuBhalamu, “Hamba lawo lamadoda, kodwa
ukhulume lokho engikutshela khona kuphela.” Ngakho
uBhalamu wahamba lamakhosana kaBhalaki. **36**
Kwathi uBhalaki esizwa ukuthi uBhalamu uyeza,
waphuma ukumhlangabeza edolobheni lamaMowabi

emngceleni wase-Arinoni emaphethelweni elizwe lakhe.
37 UBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Angikuthumelanga
ilizwi lokuphangisa na? Kungani ungezanga kimi?
Kambe kangenelisi ukukupha umvuzo na?” **38**
UBhalamu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, sengifikile kuwe
khathesi. Kodwa angiyikukhuluma loba yini engiyifunayo.
Ngizakhuluma lokho uNkulunkulu azakubeka emlonyeni
wami kuphela.” **39** Ngakho uBhalamu wahamba loBhalaki
eKhiriyathi-Huzothi. **40** UBhalaki wenza umhlatshelo
wenkomo lezimvu, njalo ezinye wazipha uBhalamu
ezinye wazipha amakhosana ayehamba lawo. **41** Ekuseni
ngosuku olulandelayo uBhalaki wathatha uBhalamu waya
eBhamothi-Bhali, kulapho abona khona izihonqo zabako-
Israyeli.

23 UBhalamu wathi, “Ngakhela ama-alithare
ayisikhombisa lapha, ube usungilungisela inkunzi
eziyisikhombisa kanye lenqama eziyisikhombisa.” **2**
UBhalaki wenza njengokutshiwo nguBhalamu, kwathi
bobabili babo banikela ngenkunzi langenqama eyodwa e-
alithareni linye ngalinye. **3** Ngakho uBhalamu wasesithi
kuBhalaki, “Hlala lapha eceleni lomnikelo wakho mina
ngisaya eceleni. Mhlawumbe uThixo uzabuya
azohlangana lami. Lokho azakuveza kimi ngizakutshela.”
Wasesuka waya endaweni ephakemeyo eligceke. **4**
UNkulunkulu wahlangana laye, njalo uBhalamu wathi,
“Sengakhe ama-alithare ayisikhombisa njalo e-alithareni
linye ngalinye nginikele ngenkunzi langenqama
eyodwa.” **5** Ngakho uThixo watshela uBhalamu wathi,
“Buyela kuBhalaki uyemupha umbiko lo.” **6** Ngakho

wabuyela kuBhalaki wamfica emi eceleni komnikelo wakhe, kanye lawo wonke amakhosana amaMowabi. **7** Ngakho uBhalamu wasesitsho umbiko wakhe: "UBhalaki ungilethe ngivela e-Aramu, inkosi yamaMowabi evela ezintabeni zasempumalanga. 'Woza,' watsho njalo, 'ngiqalekisela uJakhobe; woza, mchothoze u-Israyeli.' **8** Ngingabaqalekisa njani labo abangaqalekiswanga nguNkulunkulu? Ngingachothoza njani labo abangazange bachothozwe nguThixo? **9** Eziqongweni zamatshe ngiyababona, khonale phezulu bayangikhanyela. Ngibona abantu abahlezi ngokwehluka, njalo kabaziboni bengabalezizizwe. **10** Ngubani ongabala uthuli lukaJakhobe loba ingxenye yesine yabako-Israyeli na? Yekela ngife ukufa kwabalungileyo, njalo sengathi isiphetho sami singafana lesabo!" **11** UBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, "Kuyini osungenzele khona na? Ngize lawe ukuze uqalekise izitha zami, kodwa akulalutho olwenzileyo ngaphandle kokuzibusisa!" **12** UBhalamu, waphendula wathi, "Ngingakukhulumi na engikutshelwe nguThixo?" **13** Ngakho uBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, "Woza asiye kwenye indawo lapha ozababona khona; uzabona ingxenye kuphela kungeyisibo bonke. Khonapho-ke ungiqalekisele bona." **14** Wasesuka laye waya emangweni waseZofimu phezu kwentaba iPhisiga, kulapho akha khona ama-alithare ayisikhombisa wanikela ngenkunzi langenqama e-alithareni linye ngalinye. **15** UBhalamu wathi kuBhalaki, "Hlala lapha eceleni komnikelo wakho mina ngisayahlangana laye ngale." **16** UThixo wahlangana loBhalamu wamtshela

wathi, “Buyela kuBhalaki uyemnika umbiko lo.” **17** Wasebuyela kuBhalaki wamfica emi eceleni komnikelo wakhe, kanye lamakhosana amaMowabi. UBhalaki wambuza wathi, “Utheni uThixo?” **18** Wasesitsho umbiko wakhe: “Vuka, Bhalaki, njalo ulalele; zwana mina, ndodana kaZiphori. **19** UNkulunkulu kasumuntu, ukuthi angaqamba amanga, loba indodana yomuntu, yona eguquguqula ingqondo yayo. Kambe ukhuluma angenzi na? Uyathembisa angagcwalisi isithembiso na? **20** Ngamukele umlayo wokubusisa; usebusisile, njalo ngingeke ngikuguqule lokho. **21** Akulamabhadi ehlela kuJakhobe, akulasizi olubonakala ku-Israyeli. UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo ukanye labo; umkhosi weNkosi uphakathi kwabo. **22** UNkulunkulu wabakhipha eGibhithe; balamandla enyathi. **23** Akulamilingo engalinga uJakhobe, akulamasalamusi angamelana lo-Israyeli. Khathesi sekuzathiwa ngoJakhobe kanye lo-Israyeli, ‘Khangela okwenziwe nguNkulunkulu!’ **24** Abantu bayavuka njengesilwanekazi; badlwanguluka njengesilwane sona esingaphumuliyo size sitshwabadele inyamazana yaso njalo sinathe igazi layo.” **25** Ngakho uBhalaki wasesithi kuBhalamu, “Ungabaqalekisi, njalo ungababusisi!” **26** UBhalamu waphendula wathi, “Angikutshelanga na ukuthi ngenza engikutshelwe nguThixo?” **27** Ngakho uBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Woza, kahle ngikuse kwenye indawo. Mhlawumbe kuzamthokozisa uNkulunkulu akuvumele ukuthi ungiqalekisele bona ukhonale.” **28** Ngakho uBhalaki wahamba loBhalamu baya phezu kwePheyori ekhangele

enkangala. **29** UBhalamu wathi, “Ngakhela ama-alithare
ayisikhombisa khonapha, ungilungisele inkunzi
eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa.” **30** UBhalaki
wenza lokho ayekutshelwe nguBhalamu, wanikela
inkunzi eyodwa lenqama e-alithareni linye ngalinye.

24 Kwathi uBhalamu esebonile ukuthi kuyamthokozisa
uThixo ukubusisa u-Israyeli, kasadinganga njalo imilingo
njengakuqala, kodwa waphenduka wakhangela enkangala.
2 Kwathi uBhalamu ekhangela wabona u-Israyeli emise
izihonqo zakhe ngokwezizwe zakhe, uMoya kaNkulunkulu
wehlela phezu kwakhe **3** wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe:
“Isambulelo sikaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, isambulelo
salowo omehlo akhe abonisisa kuhle, **4** isambulelo salowo
ozwa amazwi kaNkulunkulu, lowo obona umbono ovela
kuSomandla, lowo owela phansi ngokuzehlisa, njalo
omehlo akhe avulekile: **5** Aze aba mahle amathente akho,
Oh Jakhobe, izindawo zakho zokuhlala, Oh Israyeli! **6**
Njengezigodi zisabalele, njengezivande zisekele umfula,
sanhlaba ehlanyelwe nguThixo, njengezihlahla zomsedari
ezingasemanzini. **7** Amanzi azageleza emigqonyeni
yabo; inhlanyelo yabo ibe semanzini amanengi. Inkosi
yabo izakuba nkulu kulo-Agagi; umbuso wabo uzakuba
ngophakemeyo. **8** UNkulunkulu wabakhupha eGibhithe;
balamandla anjengawenyathi. Bayazitshwabadela izizwe
eziyizitha njalo bephule amathambo azo abe yizicucu;
ngemitshoko yabo babacibe. **9** Njengesilwane bayaqutha
bacathame phansi, njengesilwanekazi, ngubani olesibindi
sokubavusa na? Akuthi labo abakubusisayo babusiswe
njalo lalabo abakuqalekisayo baqalekiswe!” **10** Ngakho

uBhalaki wamthukuthelela kakhulu uBhalamu. Watshaya izandla zakhe wathi, “Ngikubizele ukuthi uzengiqalekisela izitha zami, kodwa wena usubabusise okwamahlandla la amathathu. **11** Wohle usuke nje khathesi ubuyele kini! Ngithe ngizakupha umvuzo omuhle kakhulu, pho-ke uThixo usekuvimbele ukwamukeliswa umvuzo.” **12** UBhalamu wamphendula uBhalaki wathi, “Kanti kangizitshelanga yini izithunywa zakho owazithuma kimi ukuthi, **13** ‘Loba uBhalaki enganginika isigodlo sakhe sigcwele isiliva legolide, akulalutho lolulodwa ebengizalwenza ngokwentando yami, okuhle kumbe okubi, okuphambene lomlayo kaThixo, kufanele ngitsho lokho kuphela uThixo akutshoyo na’? **14** Khathesi sengibuyela ebantwini bakithi, kodwa woza, ngikuxwayise ukuthi kuyini okuzakwenziwa ngabantu laba ebantwini bakho ensukwini ezilandelayo.” **15** Ngakho uBhalamu wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe: “Isambulelo sikaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, isambulelo salowo omehlo akhe abonisisa kuhle, **16** isambulelo salowo olalela ezwe amazwi kaNkulunkulu, ololwazi oluvela koPhezukonke, obona umbono ovela kuSomandla, owela phansi ngokuzehlisa, njalo omehlo akhe avulekile: **17** Ngiyambona, kodwa hatshi khathesi; ngiyambona, kodwa kungesikho eduze. Inkanyezi izaphuma ivela kuJakhobe; intonga yobukhosi izaphakama ivela ku-Israyeli. Uzacobodisa amabunzi kaMowabi, inkakhayi zamadodana wonke kaSethi. **18** I-Edomi izanqotshwa; uSeyiri, oyisitha sakhe, uzanqotshwa, kodwa u-Israyeli uzakhula abe lamandla. **19** Umbusi uzavela kuJakhobe njalo uzabhubhisa

abaseleyo balelodolobho.” **20** Ngakho uBhalamu wabona
u-Amaleki wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe: “U-Amaleki
wayengowokuqala ezizweni, kodwa ekucineni uzakuba
lunxiwa.” **21** Ngakho wasebona amaKheni wasesitsho
isambulelo sakhe njalo: “Indawo yakho yokuhlala
ivikelekile, isidleke sakho sakhelwe edwaleni; **22** kanti-
ke lina maKheni lizabhujiswa ekuthunjweni kwenu
yi-Asiriya.” **23** Ngakho wasitsho isambulelo sakhe:
“Kambe ngubani ongaphila nxa uNkulunkulu esenza
lokhu na? **24** Imikhumbi izakuza ivela okhunjini
lwaseKhithimi; bazayehlula u-Asiriya kanye le-Ebha,
kodwa laba bazachithwa babe ngamanxiwa.” **25** Ngakho
uBhalamu wasukuma wasebuyela kibo loBhalaki wahamba
ngeyakhe indlela.

25 Ngesikhathi u-Israyeli esehlala eShithima,
amadoda aqala ukuhlobonga labafazi bamaMowabi, **2**
bona abamema amadoda ako-Israyeli ukuba eze
emihlatshelweni yabonkulunkulu babo. Abantu laba
babesidla ukudla kwabonkulunkulu labo njalo
bebakhothamele. **3** Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlanganyela
ekukhonzeni uBhali wasePheyori. Yikho uThixo
wabathukuthelela kakhulu. **4** UThixo wathi kuMosi,
“Thatha bonke abakhokheli balababantu, ubabulale njalo
ubeke izidumbu zabo egcekeni emini libalele phambi
kukaThixo, ukuze intukuthelo eyesabekayo kaThixo isuke
ku-Israyeli.” **5** Ngakho uMosi wathi kubahluleli bako-
Israyeli, “Kumele ukuthi munye ngamunye wenu abulale
amadoda akini lawo asehlanganyela ekukhonzeni uBhali
wasePheyori.” **6** Kwathi indoda ethile yako-Israyeli

yaletha umfazi woMidiyani emulini yayo khonapho phambi kukaMosi laphambi kwabako-Israyeli bonke ababebuthene bekhala esangweni lethente lokuhlangana.
7 Kwathi uFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, ekubona lokho, watshiya ababebuthene, **8** wathatha umkhonto wayilandela indoda leyo ethenteni. Wagadla ngomkhonto wabagwaza bobabili wayathutsha ngale kom'Israyeli wangena wayathutshela esiswini sowesifazane. Ngakho sasesiphela isifo esasesihlasele abako-Israyeli; **9** kodwa labo abasebefile ngenxa yesifo babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **10** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **11** "UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni umphristi, uqedile ukuthukuthelela kwami abantu bako-Israyeli, ngoba wayetshisekela udumo lwami phakathi kwabo njengami, ukuze ngesihawu sami ngingabaqedi. **12** Ngalokho umtshele ukuthi sengisenza isivumelwano sokuthula laye. **13** Yena kanye lezizukulwane zakhe bazakuba lesivumelwano sobuphristi esimi kokuphela, ngoba utshisekelele udumo lukaNkulunkulu wakhe njalo wenzele abako-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana." **14** Ibizo lendoda yako-Israyeli eyabulawa kanye lowesifazane weMidiyani kwakunguZimri indodana kaSalu, umkhokheli wabemuli yamaSimiyoni. **15** Njalo ibizo lowesifazane woMidiyani owabulawayo lalinguKhozibhi indodakazi kaZuri, induna yesizwana semuli yamaMidiyani. **16** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **17** "Kumele liphathe amaMidiyani njengezitha njalo liwabulale, **18** ngoba aliphathe njengezitha alikhohlisa ngendaba

kaPheyori kanye lodadewabo uKhozibhi indodakazi yomkhokheli wamaMidiyani, owesifazane owabulawa ngesikhathi sokuhlasela kwesifo esabakhona ngenxa kaPheyori."

26 Ngemva kwesifo uThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, **2** "Balani abantu bonke abako-Israyeli ngezimuli zabo bonke abaleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu abangaba libutho lako-Israyeli." **3** Ngakho uMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi batshela abantu basemagcekeni aseMowabi eduze lomfula uJodani ngaphetsheya kweJerikho bathi kubo, **4** "Balani amadoda aleminyaka yokuzalwa esukela kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo." Laba ngabako-Israyeli abaphuma eGibhithe: **5** Izizukulwane zikaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli, kwakuyilezi: uHanokhi, wadabula abosendo lwamaHanokhi; uPhalu, wadabula abosendo lwamaPhalu; **6** uHezironi wadabula abosendo lwamaHezironi; uKhami wadabula abosendo lwamaKhami. **7** Laba babengabezinsendo zikaRubheni; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lantathu, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amathathu. **8** Indodana kaPhalu kwakungu-Eliyabi, **9** njalo amadodana ka-Eliyabi kwakunguNemuweli, uDathani kanye lo-Abhiramu. Bona laba uDathani lo-Abhiramu yibo ababeyizikhulu zabantu abahlamukela uMosi lo-Aroni njalo babengabanye babalandeli bakaKhora ngesikhathi behlamukela uThixo. **10** Umhlaba wavuleka wabaginya kanye loKhora, kanye labalandeli

babo abafa beqothulwa ngumlilo bengamadoda angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi amahlanu. Njalo baba yisixwayiso. **11** Loba kunjalo, inzalo kaKhora kayibhubhanga yonke, yaphela. **12** Izizukulwane zikaSimiyoni ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uNemuweli wadabula abosendo lwamaNemuweli; uJamini wadabula abosendo lwamaJamini; uJakhini wadabula abosendo lwamaJakhini; **13** uZera wadabula abosendo lwamaZera; uShawuli wadabula abosendo lwamaShawuli. **14** Laba babengabezinsendo zikaSimiyoni; inani labo lalingamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lamakhulu amabili. **15** Izizukulwane zikaGadi ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uZifoni wadabula abosendo lwamaZifoni; uHagi wadabula abosendo lwamaHagi; uShuni wadabula abosendo lwamaShuni; **16** u-Ozini wadabula abosendo lwama-Ozini; u-Eri wadabula abosendo lwama-Eri; **17** u-Arodi wadabula abosendo lwama-Arodi; u-Areli wadabula abosendo lwama-Areli. **18** Laba bengabensendo zikaGadi; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu. **19** U-Eri lo-Onani babengamadodana kaJuda, kodwa bafela eKhenani. **20** Izizukulwane zikaJuda ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uShela wadabula abosendo lwakoShela; uPherezi wadabula abosendo lwamaPherezi; uZera wadabula abosendo lwamaZera. **21** Izizukulwane zikaPherezi kwakuyilezi: uHezironi wadabula abosendo lwamaHezironi; uHamuli wadabula abosendo lwamaHamuli. **22** Laba babezinsendo zikaJuda; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi

ayisikhombisa lesithupha, lamakhulu amahlanu. **23** Izizukulwane zika-Isakhari ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uThola wadabula abosendo lwamaThola; uPhuwa wadabula abosendo lwamaPhuwa; **24** uJashubi wadabula abosendo lwamaJashubi; uShimroni wadabula abosendo lwamaShimroni. **25** Laba ngabensendo zika-Isakhari; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane, lamakhulu amathathu. **26** Izizukulwane zikaZebhuluni ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uSeredi wadabula abosendo lwamaSeredi; u-Eloni wadabula abosendo lwama-Eloni; uJaliyeli wadabula abosendo lwamaJahileli. **27** Laba ngabensendo zikaZebhuluni, inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lamakhulu amahlanu. **28** Izizukulwane zikaJosefa ngokwensendo zabo bezalwa nguManase lo-Efrayimi kwakuyilezi: **29** Izizukulwane zikaManase ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uMakhiri wadabula abosendo lwamaMakhiri (uMakhiri wayenguyise kaGiliyadi); uGiliyadi wadabula abosendo lwamaGiliyadi. **30** Laba yizizukulwane zikaGiliyadi: u-Iyezeri wadabula abosendo lwama-Iyezeri; uHelekhi wadabula abosendo lwamaHeleki; **31** u-Asiriyeli wadabula abosendo lwama-Asiriyeli; uShekhemu wadabula abosendo lwamaShekhemu; **32** uShemida wadabula abosendo lwamaShemida; uHeferi wadabula abosendo lwamaHeferi. **33** (UZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi wayengelamadodana; wayelamadodakazi wodwa, amabizo awo ayenguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha kanye loThiza.) **34** Laba kwakungabensendo zikaManase;

inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **35** Laba kwakuyizizukulwane zika-Efrayimi ngokwensendo zazo: uShuthela wadabula abosendo lwamaShuthela; uBhekheri wadabula abosendo lwamaBhekheri; uThahani wadabula abosendo lwamaThahani. **36** Laba kwakuyizizukulwane zikaShuthela: u-Erani wadabula abosendo lwama-Erani. **37** Laba kwakungabensendo zika-Efrayimi; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, lamakhulu amahlanu. Laba kwakuyizizukulwane zikaJosefa ngokwensendo zazo. **38** Izizukulwane zikaBhenjamini ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uBhela wadabula abosendo lwamaBhela; u-Ashibheli wadabula abosendo lwama-Ashibheli; u-Ahirami wadabula abosendo lwama-Ahirami; **39** uShufamu wadabula abosendo lwamaShufamu; uHufamu wadabula usendo lwamaHufamu **40** Izizukulwane zikaBhela ezazalwa ngu-Adi kanye loNamani yilezi: u-Adi wadabula abosendo lwama-Adithe; uNamani wadabula abosendo lwamaNamani. **41** Laba kwakungabensendo zikaBhenjamini; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu ayisithupha. **42** Laba babeyizizukulwane zikaDani ngokwensendo zazo: uShuhamu wadabula abosendo lwamaShuhamu. Laba babengabezinsendo zikaDani: **43** Bonke babengabosendo lwamaShuhamu; njalo inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane, lamakhulu amane. **44** Izizukulwane zika-Asheri ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: u-Imna

wadabula abosendo lwama-Imna; u-Ishivi wadabula abosendo lwama-Ishivi; uBheriya wadabula abosendo lwamaBheriya; **45** njalo izizukulwane ezadatshulwa nguBheriya yilezi: uHebheri wadabula abosendo lwamaHebheri; uMalikhiyeli wadabula abosendo lwamaMalikhiyeli. **46** (U-Asheri wayelendodakazi okwakuthiwa nguSera.) **47** Laba babengabezinsendo zika-Asheri; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu amane. **48** Izizukulwane zikaNafithali ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uJaziyeli wadabula abosendo lwamaJaziyeli; uGuni wadabula abosendo lwamaGuni; **49** uJezeri wadabula abosendo lwamaJezeri; uShilemu wadabula abosendo lwamaShilemu. **50** Laba babengabezinsendo zikaNafithali; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu amane. **51** Inani lamadoda wonke ako-Israyeli lalizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lanye, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amathathu. **52** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **53** "Ilizwe lizakwahlukaniselwa abantu njengelifa labo kusiya ngenani lamabizo abo. **54** Isizwe esikhulu uzasinika isabelo esikhulu, kuthi isizwana esincinyane usiphe isabelo esincane; isizwana ngasinye sizakwabelwa ilifa laso ngokuya ngenani lamabizo alabo ababhaliweyo. **55** Iba leqiniso lokuthi ilizwe labiwa ngenkatho. Isabelo seqembu ngalinye sizakuya ngamabizo esizwana sabokhokho baso. **56** Isabelo ngasinye selizwe sizakwehlukaniswa ngokwenza inkatho phakathi kwezizwana ezinkulu lezincinyane." **57** Laba ngabaLevi

ababalwa kulandelwa insendo zabo: uGeshoni wadabula abosendo lwamaGeshoni; uKhohathi wadabula abosendo lwamaKhohathi; uMerari wadabula abosendo lwamaMerari. **58** Laba labo babengabezinsendo zabaLevi: usendo lwamaLibhini, usendo lwamaHebhroni, usendo lwamaMahili, usendo lwamaMushi, usendo lwamaKhora. (UKhohathi wayengukhokho ka-Amramu; **59** inkosikazi ka-Amramu kwakunguJokhebhedi, oyisizukulwane sikaLevi, owayezalelwe eGibhithe ngabaLevi. Wazala lo-Amramu u-Aroni, loMosi kanye lodadewabo uMiriyemu. **60** U-Aroni wayenguyise kaNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ithamari. **61** Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa baze banikele kuThixo ngomlilo ongavunyelwayo.) **62** Bonke abaLevi abesilisa ababalwayo kusukela kwabalenyanga eyodwa yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. Kababalwanga ndawonye labanye abako-Israyeli ngoba kabanikwanga isabelo esiyilifa phakathi kwabo. **63** Laba yibo ababalwa nguMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi mhla bebala abako-Israyeli emagcekeni aseMowabi nganeno komfula iJodani malungana leJerikho. **64** Kwakungekho loyedwa phakathi kwabo owayekhona mhla uMosi lo-Aroni bebala abako-Israyeli enkangala yaseSinayi. **65** Ngoba uThixo wayetshilo kwabako-Israyeli labo ukuthi ngempela babezakufa enkangala, njalo kakho loyedwa wabo owasalayo ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

27 Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMakhiri, indodana

kaManase babengabezinsendo zikaManase indodana kaJosefa. Amabizo alawomadodakazi ayenguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha, loThiza. Aya **2** esangweni leThente lokuHlangana ema phambi kukaMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi, abakhokheli kanye lebandla lonke, athi, **3** "Ubaba wafela enkangala. Wayengekho phakathi kwabalandeli bakaKhora, bona ababambana ekuphikiseni kwabo uThixo, kodwa wafela isono sakhe njalo katshiyanga madodana. **4** Kungani ibizo likababa licitsha kwabosendo lwakhe ngokungabi lendodana na? Sipheni ilifa lethu lathi ezihlotsheni zikababa." **5** Ngakho uMosi wethula indaba yawo phambi kukaThixo, **6** uThixo wathi kuye, **7** "Lokho okutshiwo ngamadodakazi kaZelofehadi kuqondile. Kufanele ubaphe isabelo sabo selifa ezihlotsheni zikayise njalo ubaphe ilifa likayise. **8** Tshono uthi kwabako-Israyeli, 'Nxa indoda ife ingelandodana, ilifa layo kaliphiwe indodakazi yayo. **9** Nxa ingelandodakazi, ilifa layo kaliphiwe abafowabo. **10** Nxa ingelabafowabo ilifa layo kaliphiwe abafowabo bakayise. **11** Nxa uyise engelabafowabo, ilifa layo kaliphiwe oyisihlobo esiseduze kwabosendo lwayo, ukuze libe ngelakhe. Lokho kumele kube ngumthetho oyisimiso kwabako-Israyeli, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo.'" **12** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Khwela entabeni le yase-Abharimi ukuze ubone ilizwe engilinike abako-Israyeli. **13** Ngemva kokuba usulibonile, lawe uzalandela abakini, ufe njengomfowenu u-Aroni, **14** ngoba ekuhlamukeni kwabantu emanzini asenkangala yaseZini, lina lobabili kalilandelanga ukulaya kwami,

ukungidumisa ngobungcwele bami emehlweni abo." (La ayengamanzi aseMeribha Khadeshi, enkangala yaseZini.)
15 UMosi wathi kuThixo, **16** "Akuthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yabantu bonke akhethe indoda ezakhokhela abantu laba **17** ekuphumeni lasekungeneni, lowo ozabakhokhela ekuphumeni lekungeneni kwabo, ukuze abantu bakaThixo bangafanani lezimvu ezingelamelusi."
18 Ngakho uThixo wathi kuMosi, "Thatha uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, indoda elomoya wobukhokheli, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo. **19** Umise phambi kuka-Eliyazari umphristi laphambi kwebandla lonke ubusumbeka esikhundleni phambi kwabo. **20** Umnike ingxenye yamandla akho ukuze isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli simlalele. **21** Kumele ame phambi kuka-Eliyazari umphristi, yena ozamtholela izinqumo ngokubuza i-Urimi phambi kukaThixo. Ngokulawula kwakhe yena kanye labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bazaphuma, kuthi njalo ngokulawula kwakhe bangene." **22** UMosi wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. Wathatha uJoshuwa wamisa phambi kuka-Eliyazari umphristi kanye laphambi kwebandla lonke. **23** Wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe embeka esikhundleni, njengokulaya kukaThixo ngoMosi.

28 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Phana abako-Israyeli umlayo lo uthi kubo, 'Nanzelelani ukuthi lingilethele ngesikhathi esimisiweyo imihlatshelo yokudla, njengephunga elimnandi kimi.' **3** Tshono uthi kubo: 'Lo ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo okumele liwuse kuThixo: amazinyane emvu amabili angelasici njalo alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe,

kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke. **4** Linikele
izinyane lemvu elilodwa ekuseni beselinikela elinye
kusihlwa, **5** ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele ayisilinganiso
sokwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe
lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha ahluzwe ema-
oliveni. **6** Lo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke
owamiswa entabeni yaseSinayi njengephunga elimnandi,
umnikelo owenzelwa uThixo ngomlilo. **7** Umnikelo
wokunathwayo ozakwenziwa ndawonye lengxenye yesine
yehini yokunathwayo okulemvubelo ndawonye lezinyane
lemvu. Thela umnikelo wokunathwayo phambi kukaThixo
endlini engcwele. **8** Unikele izinyane lesibili kusihlwa
ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele ofanayo lomnikelo
wokunathwayo ofana lalowo owunikele ekuseni. Lo
ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga elimnandi kuThixo.'" **9**
"'Ngosuku lweSabatha, ulungise umnikelo wamazinyane
emvu amabili alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe engelasici,
ndawonye lomnikelo wokunathwayo kanye lomnikelo
wamabele ozingxenye ezimbili zehefa etshumini zefulawa
ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha. **10** Lo ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa kuwo wonke amasabatha, phezu komnikelo
wokutshiswa lowokunathwayo ojayelekileyo.'" **11**
"'Ngosuku lwakuqala inyanga zonke, letha kuThixo
umnikelo wokutshiswa wenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili,
inqama eyodwa lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka
ezelwe, angelasici. **12** Inkunzi eyodwa izahamba lomnikelo
wamabele ozingxenye ezintathu etshumini zehefa
yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; inqama
izahamba lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenye ezimbili

etshumini zehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; **13** izinyane lemvu ngalinye lizahamba lomnikelo wamabele oyingxenye eyodwa etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha. Lokhu ngokomnikelo wokutshiswa, iphunga elimnandi, umnikelo owenzelwa uThixo ngomlilo. **14** Inkunzi nganye izahamba lomnikelo wokunathwayo okuyingxenye yehini yewayini; lenqama, ingxenye yesithathu yehini; kuthi izinyane lemvu ngalinye lihambe lengxenye yesine yehini. Lo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa owenyanga zonke okumele wenziwe ekuthwaseni kwezinyanga zonke ngomnyaka. **15** Ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa ojayelekileyo kanye lomnikelo wakhona wokunathwayo, impongo eyodwa kumele iphiwe uThixo njengomnikelo wesono.'"

16 "'Ngosuku lwetshumi lane ngenyanga yakuqala kuzakuba lePhasika likaThixo. **17** Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwaleyonyanga kuzakuba lomkhosi; okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo. **18** Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke. **19** Kodwa linikele kuThixo umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa owenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe, konke kungelasici. **20** Kuzakuthi inkunzi nganye liyinikele kanye lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenye yokuthathu etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili etshumini; **21** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu kwayisikhombisa,

lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **22** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. **23** Phezu kwalokho lungisani umnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni ojayelekileyo. **24** Ngaleyondlela nikelani umhlatshelo wokudla okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo; lokhu kumele kulungiswe kusengezelela umnikelo ojayelekileyo wokutshiswa kanye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **25** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa lizakuba lombuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke.'" **26** "'Ngosuku lwezithelo zakuqala, nxa lisethula kuThixo umnikelo wamabele amatsha ngesikhathi soMkhosi wamaViki, wobani lombuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. **27** Nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa ngenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane amaduna ayisikhombisa awezimvu alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe kube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo. **28** Kuzakuthi inkunzi nganye liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenye yokuthathu etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili etshumini; **29** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu ngalinye kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **30** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. **31** Lungisani lokho ndawonye leminikelo yokunathwayo, ukwengezelela eminikelweni ejayelekileyo yokutshiswa kanye lomnikelo wawo wamabele. Nanzelelani ukuthi lezozifuyo azilasici.'"

29 “‘Ngosuku lwakuqala ngenyanga yesikhombisa
yenzani umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi
yansuku zonke. Lusuku lwenu lokutshaya amacilongo.
2 Lungisani umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube liphunga
elimnandi kuThixo, inkunzi eliguqa eyodwa, inqama
eyodwa lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa
alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **3**
Kuzakuthi inkunzi leyo liyilungise kanye lomnikelo
wamabele azingxenye ezintathu kokulitshumi kwehefa
yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi
inqama ibe lokubili etshumini; **4** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye
izinyane lemvu kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa
etshumini. **5** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe
ngumnikelo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana.
6 Lokhu kuzabe kusengezelela iminikelo yokutshiswa
yenyanga zonke kanye leyezinsuku zonke ndawonye
leminikelo yamabele leyokunathwayo njengokumisiweyo.
Le yimihlatshelo yokudla eyenzelwa uThixo, iphunga
elimnandi.’” **7** “‘Ngosuku lwetshumi lwaleyonyanga
yesikhombisa yenzani umbuthano ongcwele. Kumele
lizidele njalo lingasebenzi. **8** Nikelani umnikelo
wokutshiswa, kube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo,
inkunzi eliguqa eyodwa, inqama eyodwa lamazinyane
ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa
wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **9** Kuzakuthi inkunzi
leyo uyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenye
ezintathu kokulitshumi zehefa zingezefulawa ecolekileyo
exutshaniswe ngamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili
etshumini; **10** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu

kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **11** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wesono, owokubuyisana kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke lomnikelo wawo wamabele, kanye leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo.'" **12** "'Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu ngenyanga yesikhombisa, yenzani umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. Thakazelelani lumkhosi kuThixo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **13** Nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo, umnikelo wokutshiswa wenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezilitshumi lantathu, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka ezelwe, konke kungelasici. **14** Kuthi inkunzi inye ngayinye kwezilitshumi lantathu liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenye ezintathu kokulitshumi kwehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama nganye kwezimbili, ihambe lokubili etshumini; **15** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvu kwalitshumi lane, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **16** Akube lempongo eyodwa ezakuba ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo. **17** Ngosuku lwesibili lungisani inkunzi ezingamaguqa ezilitshumi lambili, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **18** Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **19** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo

wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele, kanye leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo. **20** Ngosuku lwesithathu nikelani inkunzi ezilitshumi lanye, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **21** Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama, kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **22** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo. **23** Ngosuku lwesine nikelani inkunzi ezilitshumi, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **24** Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **25** Akube lempongo eyodwa ezakuba ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo. **26** Ngosuku lwesihlanu nikelani inkunzi eziyisificamunwemunye, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **27** Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **28** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele

kanye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **29** Ngosuku lwesithupha nikelani inkunzi eziyisificaminwembili, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **30** Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **31** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **32** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa nikelani inkunzi eziyikhombisa, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **33** Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **34** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **35** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili buthanani njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. **36** Nikelani umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo kube liphunga elimnandi kuThixo, umnikelo wokutshiswa owenkunzi eyodwa, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **37** Ndawonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamazinyane ezimvu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **38** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa

wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **39** Ukwengezelela kulokho elinikela ngakho ngesifungo loba iminikelo yenu yokuzithandela, nikelani lokhu kuThixo emikhosini yenu emisiweyo: iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yokunathwayo kanye leminikelo yobudlelwano.'" **40** UMosi watshela abako-Israyeli konke lokho uThixo ayemlaye ngakho.

30 UMosi wathi kwabazinhloko zezizwana zabako-Israyeli: "Nanku ukulaya kukaThixo: **2** Nxa indoda isenza isifungo kuThixo loba isenza isifungo iziphe icala ngokuthembisa, akumelanga yephule isithembiso sayo kodwa kumele igcwalise ngokwenza konke ekutshiloyo. **3** Nxa intombazana elokhu isezandleni zabazali bayo isenza isifungo kuThixo loba iziphe icala ngokuthembisa **4** kuthi uyise abesesizwa ngesifungo loba isithembiso sayo kodwa uyise angaze atsho lutho ngalokho kuyo, kutsho ukuthi izinqumo kanye lezithembiso zayo njengokuzethesa kwayo lowomlandu kuzakuma kunjalo. **5** Kodwa uyise angakuzwa lokho ayalise asikho isifungo lesithembiso sayo esizasebenza; uThixo uzayikhulula leyontombazana ngoba yalelwe nguyise. **6** Nxa ingenda ngemva kokwenza isifungo loba kube ngemva kokuba indebe zayo zike zatsho isithembiso ngokucunuka izethesa icala **7** kuthi indoda yayo ikuzwe lokho kodwa ingatsho lutho kuyo, lokho-ke kutsho ukuthi izifungo zayo loba izithembiso eyazethesa icala ngazo zizakuma zinjalo. **8** Kodwa nxa umkayo eyalela ekukuzweni kwakhe, kutsho ukuthi umkayo usesuse icala lesifungo loba isithembiso ngokujaha

kwayo, ngakho uThixo uzayikhulula. **9** Loba yisiphi isifungo loba isithembiso esenziwe ngumfelokazi loba umfazi owehlukana lendoda yakhe kuyisibopho kuye. **10** Nxa owesifazane ohlala lomkakhe esenza isinqumo loba ezethesa icala lesithembiso ngesifungo **11** kuthi indoda yakhe ikuzwe kodwa ingaze yatsho lutho kuye ingamaleli, kutsho ukuthi izifungo zakhe zonke lezithembiso zokuzethesa icala zizakuma zinjalo. **12** Kodwa indoda yakhe ingakuzwa lokho imalise, kutsho ukuthi akukho isifungo loba isithembiso esivela endebeni zakhe esizakuma njalo. Indoda yakhe isikwalile lokho, ngakho uThixo uzamkhulula. **13** Indoda yakhe ilakho ukuqinisa loba ukwala loba yisiphi isifungo azasenza loba yisiphi isifungo sesithembiso sokuzidela kwakhe. **14** Kodwa nxa indoda yakhe ingatshongo lutho kuye ngakho okwensuku, kuzakutsho ukuthi iyaziqinisa zonke izifungo loba izithembiso eziyisibopho kowesifazane. Indoda yakhe iyakuqinisa lokho ngokungatsho lutho kuye ekukuzweni kwakhe lokho. **15** Kodwa-ke, nxa angakwenqabela ngemva kwesikhathi ezwile ngakho, kutsho ukuthi usethwele icala lakhe." **16** Le yiyo imithetho eyaphiwa uMosi nguThixo emayelana lokuhlalisana kwendoda lomkayo, njalo phakathi kukayise lendodakazi yakhe esakhulayo elokhu isesezandleni zakhe.

31 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Phindisela kumaMidiyani usenzela abako-Israyeli. Ngemva kwalokho, uzalandela okhokho bakho." **3** Ngakho uMosi wathi ebantwini, "Hlomisani amanye amadoda aye empini ayekulwa lamaMidiyani kanye lokuphindisela kukaThixo kuwo. **4**

Thumelani amadoda ayinkulungwane avela esizwaneni ngasinye sako-Israyeli ukuyahlasela." **5** Ngakho amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili ahlomela ukuyahlasela, kuyinkulungwane yamadoda avela esizwaneni ngasinye, ebuthwe ngosendo lunye ngalunye kwabako-Israyeli. **6** UMosi wabathumela ukuyahlasela, kuyinkulungwane evela esizwaneni ngasinye, kanye loFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, owathatha izitsha endlini engcwele kanye lamacilongo okubikelana. **7** Balwa lamaMidiyani, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo, babulala amadoda wonke. **8** Phakathi kwababulawayo kwakulamakhosi amahlanu amaMidiyani abalisa u-Evi, uRekhemu, uZuri, uHuri kanye loRebha. Babulala loBhalamu indodana kaBheyori ngenkemba. **9** Abako-Israyeli bathumba abesifazane bamaMidiyani labantwana, basebethumba lemihlambi yenkomo zamaMidiyani, leyezimvu kanye lokubutha impahla njengempango. **10** Batshisa wonke amadolobho lapha okwakuhlala khona amaMidiyani, kanye lezihonqo zawo zonke. **11** Bathatha konke ababekubuthile lababekuthumbile, kuhlanganisa abantu lezifuyo, **12** njalo basebeletha abathunjwa, okuthunjiweyo lokubuthiweyo kuMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi kanye lebandleni lonke lako-Israyeli ezihonqweni zabo zasemagcekeni aseMowabi, ngaseJodani ngaphetsheya ukuvelela eJerikho. **13** UMosi, u-Eliyazari umphristi kanye labo bonke abakhokheli babantu baphuma ukuyabahlangabeza ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **14** UMosi wathukuthelela abalawuli bamabutho, ababelawula

amaxuku ezinkulungwane lababelawula amaxuku angamakhulu, ababevela ekuhlaseleni. **15** UMosi wababuza wathi, “Selivumele abesifazane ukuthi baphile na? **16** Yibo ababelandela ukucebisa kukaBhalamu njalo bahugela abako-Israyeli ekungathembekini kuThixo kulokhu okwenzakala ePheyori, kwaze kwathi abantu bakaThixo behlelwa yisifo. **17** Khona khathesi bulalani abafana bonke. Njalo libulale wonke owesifazane oseke walala lendoda, **18** kodwa lizigcinele loba yiphi intombazana engakaze ilale lendoda. **19** Lina lonke elibulele loba ngubani loba lina elike lathinta loba ngubani obuleweyo lizahlala ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa lizihlambulule lina kanye labathunjwa benu. **20** Lihlambulule zonke izembatho kanye lakho konke okwenziwe ngesikhumba, uboya bembuzi loba okwezigodo.” **21** Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi wathi kwabebutho ababeye empini, “Nanku okufaneleyo ngokomthetho owaphiwa uMosi nguThixo: **22** Igolide, isiliva, ithusi, insimbi, izenge lomnuso, **23** kanye lakho konke okunye okungatshi kutshabalale emlilweni kumele kudlule emlilweni, ngalokho kuzabe sekuhlambulukile. Kodwa kumele njalo kube sekuhlanjululiwe ngamanzi okuhlambulula. Kanti njalo kuthi lakuphi okungeke kwamelana lomlilo kumele kudluliswe kulawomanzi. **24** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa gezisani izigqoko zenu ukuze lihlambuluke. Ngemva kwalokho selingangena ezihonqweni.” **25** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **26** “Wena kanye lo-Eliyazari umphristi kanye

labazinhloko zezimuli zabantu lizabala abantu bonke lezinyamazana, konke okwathunjwayo. **27** Yabelani amabutho ayesempini kanye labantu bonke impango ngokulinganayo. **28** Emabuthweni alwayo empini, thathani okukodwa emakhulwini amahlanu kube yisabelo sikaThixo, kumbe ngabantu, inkomo, obabhemi, izimvu loba imbuzi. **29** Thathani lesisabelo engxenyeni yesabo liyiphe u-Eliyazari umphristi ibe yingxenye kaThixo. **30** Kungxenye yabako-Israyeli, khethani okukodwa ematshumini amahlanu, phakathi kwabantu, inkomo, obabhemi, izimvu, imbuzi loba ezinye izifuyo. Zipheni abaLevi, bona abalomlandu wokunakekela ithabanikeli likaThixo." **31** Ngakho uMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi benza njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **32** Impango eyayisele kulokho okwathathwa ngamabutho kwakuyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu, **33** inkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **34** obabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye **35** kanye labesifazane abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili ababengakaze balale lamadoda. **36** Ingxenye yesabelo salabo abalwayo empini: sasingesezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu alesikhombisa, lamakhulu amahlanu, **37** lapho abakhipha khona umnikelo kaThixo oyizimvu ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu; **38** lenkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha, okwakhitshwa

kizo ezomnikelo kaThixo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili; **39** obabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu, kwathi umnikelo kaThixo waba ngamatshumi ayisithupha lanye; **40** abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasithupha, kwanikelwa kuThixo ngabangamatshumi amathathu lambili. **41** UMosi wanika u-Eliyazari umphristi isabelo sikaThixo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **42** Ingxenye yesabelo sabako-Israyeli uMosi wayeseyehlukanise leyamabutho, **43** ingxenye eyayingeyabantu yaba yizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa, lamakhulu amahlanu, **44** inkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lasithupha, **45** obabhemi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu **46** kanye labantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasithupha. **47** Engxenyeni yesabelo sabako-Israyeli, uMosi waqambula okukodwa ematshumini amahlanu abantu lasezifuyweni, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo, njalo wakuqhubela abaLevi, bona ababelomlandu wokunakekela ithabanikeli likaThixo. **48** Ngakho izikhulu ezaziphethe izigaba zebutho, abalawuli bamaxuku azinkulungwane kanye labalawuli bamaxuku angamakhulu baya kuMosi **49** bafika bathi kuye, “Izinceku zakho seziwabalile amabutho eziwalawulayo, akukho lelilodwa ibutho elingekho. **50** Ngakho sesilethe njengomnikelo kuThixo izinto zegolide esizitholileyo munye ngamunye, izigqizo, amasongo, izindandatho, amacici kanye lezigqizo

zentanyeni, ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo.” **51** UMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi bemukela igolide elalivela kubo, konke lokho kungokubaziweyo. **52** Lonke igolide elalethwa ngabalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku azinkulungwane labalawuli emunye elawula ikhulu lelo uMosi lo-Eliyazari abalethula njengesipho kuThixo lalilesisindo samashekeli azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amahlanu. **53** Ibutho ngalinye lazithumbela okwalo lalo. **54** UMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi bemukela igolide elalivela kubalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku azinkulungwane lakubalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku angamakhulu, balisa ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze kube yisikhumbuzo kwabako-Israyeli phambi kukaThixo.

32 AbakoRubheni labakoGadi ababelemihlambi emikhulu yenkomo leyezimvu babona ukuthi amadlelo emangweni weJazeri leGiliyadi ayemahle ezifuyweni. **2** Ngakho baya kuMosi laku-Eliyazari umphristi lakubakhokheli babantu, bathi, **3** “Umhlaba we-Atharothi, leDibhoni, leJazeri, leNimra, leHeshibhoni, le-Eliyale, leSebhami, leNebho kanye leBheyoni, **4** uThixo awunqoba phambi kwabako-Israyeli, ngumhlaba olungele izifuyo, njalo thina nceku zenu silezifuyo.” **5** Basebesithi, “Nxa sifumene umusa emehlweni enu, lelilizwe aliphiwe izinceku zenu libe yisabelo sethu. Lingenzi ukuba sichaphe uJodani.” **6** UMosi wabuza abakoGadi labakoRubheni wathi, “Kambe lingahlala lapha amanye amadoda akini esiya empini na? **7** Kungani lithelela abako-Israyeli ukwesaba ukuchaphela elizweni

abaliphiwa nguThixo na? **8** Yikho lokhu okwenziwa
ngoyihlo ekubathumeni kwami besuka eKhadeshi
Bhaneya ukuyahlola ilizwe. **9** Bathi sebehambe baze
bayafika eSigodini sase-Eshikholi balibona ilizwe,
bathelela abako-Israyeli ukwesaba ukungena elizweni
abaliphiwa nguThixo. **10** Ulaka lukaThixo lwaqubuka
ngalolosuku waze wenza lesisifungo. **11** 'Ngenxa yokuthi
abangilandelanga ngezinhliziyo zabo ezipheleleyo, kakho
loyedwa emadodeni wonke aleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili kusiya phezulu okuzalwa kwabavela eGibhithe
ozabona ilizwe engalithembisa u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka
loJakhobe ngesifungo, **12** kakho loyedwa ngaphandle
kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune umKhenizi kanye
loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, ngoba laba balandela
uThixo ngezinhliziyo ezipheleleyo.' **13** Ulaka lukaThixo
lwavutha wabazondela abako-Israyeli njalo wabenza
bantula enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane,
kwaze kwaphela bonke abentanga yalabo ababonile
phambi kukaThixo. **14** Khathesi nanku-ke lina, nzalo
yezoni, selimi endaweni yaboyihlo libangela ukuthi
uThixo athukuthelele abako-Israyeli ngamandla. **15** Nxa
lingala ukumlandela, uThixo uzaphinde atshiye bonke
lababantu bakhe enkangala, njalo kuzabe kuyini
elibangele incithakalo yabo." **16** Ngakho beza kuye bathi,
"Sifuna ukwakha izibaya zezifuyo zethu njalo sakhele
omkethu labantwabethu amadolobho. **17** Kodwa thina
sesilungele ukuzihlomisa ukuze sikhokhele abako-Israyeli
size siyebafikisa endaweni yabo. Kunjalo-nje omkethu
labantwabethu bazasala emadolobheni avikelekileyo,

ukuze bangahlaselwa ngabanikazi balelolizwe. **18** Kasiyikubuyela kweyethu imizi wonke owako-Israyeli aze azuze isabelo sakhe. **19** Thina kasiyikuzuza isabelo kanye labo ngale kweJodani, ngoba esethu isabelo sisithole ngapha ngempumalanga kweJodani." **20** Ngakho uMosi wathi kubo, "Nxa lizakwenza lokhu, lizihlomisele ukuhlasela phambi kukaThixo, **21** njalo nxa lonke lizahamba lihlomile ngale kweJodani phambi kukaThixo aze adudule izitha phambi kwakhe, **22** kuthi nxa ilizwe selinqotshiwe phambi kukaThixo selingaphenduka njalo liyabe selikhululekile emlandwini wenu kuThixo laku-Israyeli. Ngalokho-ke lelilizwe lizakuba yisabelo senu phambi kukaThixo. **23** Kodwa lingehluleka ukwenza lokhu, lizabe lonile phambi kukaThixo; njalo yazini ukuthi isono senu sizalifumana. **24** Yakhelani abesifazane benu labantwabenu amadolobho, njalo lakhele izifuyo zenu izibaya, kodwa yenzani lokho elikuthembisileyo." **25** AbakoGadi labakoRubheni bathi kuMosi, "Thina izinceku zakho sizakwenza njengokulaya kwenkosi yethu. **26** Abantwabethu labomkethu, imihlambi yezimvu zethu leyenkomo zethu kuzasala lapha emadolobheni aseGiliyadi. **27** Kodwa thina zinceku zakho, yonke indoda ehlomele ukuhlasela, izachapha iyekulwa phambi kukaThixo, njengokutsho kwenkosi yethu." **28** UMosi wasekhupha ilizwi lesiqondiso ngabo ku-Eliyazari umphristi lakuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye lakulabo abazinhloko zezimuli zezizwana zako-Israyeli. **29** Wathi kubo, "Nxa abakoGadi labakoRubheni, wonke amadoda ayabe ehlomele ukuhlasela, angachaphela ngale

kweJodani kunye lani phambi kukaThixo, kube sekusithi nxa ilizwe selinqotshiwe phambi kwenu banikeni ilizwe laseGiliyadi libe yisabelo sabo. **30** Kodwa nxa bengachaphanga lani behlomile, kumele bemukele isabelo sabo kunye lani eKhenani." **31** AbakoGadi labakoRubheni baphendula bathi, "Izinceku zakho zizakwenza okutshiwo nguThixo. **32** Sizachaphela ngale phambi kukaThixo singene eKhenani sihlomile, kodwa ilifa eliyisabelo sethu lizakuba nganeno kweJodani." **33** Ngakho uMosi wasenika abakoGadi, labakoRubheni kanye lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase indodana kaJosefa umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori kanye lombuso ka-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, ilizwe lonke kanye lamadolobho alo kanye lamazwe ayebagqagqele. **34** AbakoGadi bakha iDibhoni, i-Atharothi, i-Aroweri, **35** i-Athirothi-Shofani, iJazeri, iJogibheha, **36** iBhethi-Nimra kanye leBhethi-Harani aba ngamadolobho ahonqolozelwe ngemithangala, njalo bakha lezibaya zemihlambi yezifuyo zabo. **37** Kanti-ke abakoRubheni bakha kakutsha iHeshibhoni, i-Eliyale kanye leKhiriyathayimi, **38** kanye lokwakha iNebho kanye leBhali-Meyoni (la amabizo aguqulwa) leSibhima. Betha amadolobho abawakha kutsha amabizo. **39** Izizukulwane zikaMakhiri indodana kaManase zaya eGiliyadi, zalithumba njalo zaxotsha ama-Amori ayekulelolizwe. **40** Ngakho uMosi wapha elaseGiliyadi kumaMakhiri, izizukulwane zikaManase, basebehlala khona. **41** UJayiri, umzukulu kaManase, wathumba imizi yabo wayibiza ngokuthi yiHarothi Jayiri.

42 Kanti uNobha wathumba iKhenathi kanye lemizi
eyigqagqeleyo njalo wayetha ibizo lakhe wathi yiNobha.

33 Nanka amalombolombo ohambo lwabako-Israyeli
ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe ngamaviyo abo
bekhokhelwa nguMosi lo-Aroni. **2** Ngokulaya
kukaThixo waloba walonda izigaba zamalombolombo
ohambo lwabo. Nantu uhambo lwabo ngezigaba
zakhona: **3** Abako-Israyeli basuka eRamesesi ngosuku
lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yakuqala, ngosuku
kwedlule iPhasika. Baphuma ngesibindi bekhangelwe
ngamaGibhithe wonke, **4** wona eyephathekile engcwaba
wonke amazibulo awo, lawo ayebulewe nguThixo
phakathi kwawo; ngoba uThixo wayehlulele ngokujezisa
onkulunkulu bawo. **5** Abako-Israyeli basuka eRamesesi
bayamisa izihonqo zabo eSukhothi. **6** Basuka eSukhothi
bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Ethamu, emaphethelweni
enkangala. **7** Basuka e-Ethamu, baphenduka baya ePi-
Hahirothi; beqonda empumalanga yaseBhali-Zefoni,
babuye njalo bamisa izihonqo zabo eMigidoli. **8** Basuka
ePhi-Hahirothi badabula olwandle bangena enkangala,
bathi sebehambe okwensuku ezintathu enkangala ye-
Ethamu, bamisa izihonqo zabo eMara. **9** Basuka eMara
baya e-Elimi, lapho okwakulezintombo zamanzi
ezilitshumi lambili kanye lezihlahla zohlobo lwelala
ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, bafika bamisa izihonqo
khonapho. **10** Basuka e-Elimi bayamisa izihonqo zabo
besekele uLwandle oluBomvu. **11** Basuka oLwandle
oluBomvu bayamisa enkangala yaseSini. **12** Basuka
enkangala yeSini bayamisa eDofuka. **13** Basuka eDofuka

bayamisa e-Alusha. **14** Basuka e-Alusha bayamisa eRefidimu, lapho okwakungelamanzi okunathwa ngabantu. **15** Basuka eRefidimu bayamisa enkangala yeSinayi. **16** Basuka enkangala yeSinayi bayamisa eKhibhrothi Hathava. **17** Basuka eKhibhrothi Hathava bayamisa eHazerothi. **18** Basuka eHazerothi bayamisa eRithima. **19** Basuka eRithima bayamisa eRimoni-Pherezi. **20** Basuka eRimoni-Pherezi bayamisa eLibhina. **21** Basuka eLibhina bayamisa eRisa. **22** Basuka eRisa bayamisa eKhehelatha. **23** Basuka eKhehelatha bayamisa eNtabeni yaseShefa. **24** Basuka eNtabeni yaseShefa bayamisa eHarada. **25** Basuka eHarada bayamisa eMakhelothi. **26** Basuka eMakhelothi bayamisa eThahathi. **27** Basuka eThahathi bayamisa eThera. **28** Basuka eThera bayamisa eMithika. **29** Basuka eMithika bayamisa eHashimona. **30** Basuka eHashimona bayamisa eMosera. **31** Basuka eMosera bayamisa eBhene Jayakhani. **32** Basuka eBhene Jayakhani bayamisa eHori-Hagidigadi. **33** Basuka eHori-Hagidigadi bayamisa eJothibhatha. **34** Basuka eJothibhatha bayamisa e-Abhurona. **35** Basuka e-Abhurona bayamisa e-Eziyoni-Gebheri. **36** Basuka e-Eziyoni-Gebheri bayamisa eKhadeshi, eNkangala yaseZini. **37** Basuka eKhadeshi bayamisa eNtabeni yaseHori, emngceleni wase-Edomi. **38** Ngokulaya kukaThixo, u-Aroni umphristi wakhwela eNtabeni yaseHori, lapho afela khona ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesihlanu yomnyaka wamatshumi amane emva kokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe. **39** U-Aroni wayeseleminyaka elikhulu elileminyaka engamatshumi

amabili lemithathu yokuphila ekufeni kwakhe eNtabeni yaseHori. **40** Inkosi yase-Aradi engumKhenani eyayihlala eNegebi yaseKhenani, yezwa ukuthi abako-Israyeli babesiza. **41** Basuka eNtabeni yaseHori bayamisa eZalimona. **42** Basuka eZalimona bayamisa ePhunoni. **43** Basuka ePhunoni bayamisa e-Obhothi. **44** Basuka e-Obhothi bayamisa e-Iye-Abharimi, emngceleni waseMowabi. **45** Basuka e-Iye-Abharimu bayamisa eDibhoni Gadi. **46** Basuka eDibhoni Gadi bayamisa e-Alimoni-Dibhilathayimi. **47** Basuka e-Alimoni-Dibhilathayimi bayamisa ezintabeni zase-Abharimi, phansi kweNebho. **48** Basuka ezintabeni zase-Abharimi bayamisa emagcekeni aseMowabi besekele uJodani ngaphetsheya malungana leJerikho. **49** Khonapho emagcekeni aseMowabi bamisa izihonqo zabo belandela umfula uJodani kusukela eBhethi-Jeshimothi kusiya e-Abheli-Shithima. **50** Emagcekeni aseMowabi ngasemfuleni uJodani ngaphetsheya uvelela ngaseJerikho uThixo wathi kuMosi, **51** "Khuluma kwabako-Israyeli ubatshele lokhu uthi: 'Nxa lichapha uJodani lingena eKhenani, **52** xotshani phambi kwenu bonke abahlala kulelolizwe. Dilizani zonke izithombe zabo ezibaziweyo kanye lezibunjiweyo, njalo libhidlize zonke izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela. **53** Thumbani ilizwe lelo lihlale kulo, ngoba ngilinike ukuthi libe ngelenu. **54** Yabelanani ilizwe ngenkatho, kusiya ngokwensendo zenu. Ixuku elikhulu kaliphiwe isabelo esikhulu, kuthi ixuku elincinyane liphiwe isabelo esincinyane. Okuzakuya kubo ngenkatho akube ngokwabo.

Kwabelananeni kusiya ngezizwana zabokhokho benu. **55** Kodwa nxa lingaxotshanga abahlala kulelolizwe, abaseleyo babo bazakuba lukhophe emehlweni enu njalo babe ngameva enyameni yenu. Bazakuba luhlupho ezweni elizahlala kulo. **56** Ngakho-ke ngizakwenza kini lokho engizimisele ukukwenza kubo.'"

34 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Laya abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Nxa lingena eKhenani, ilizwe elizaliphiwa ukuba libe yisabelo senu lizakuba lale imingcele: **3** Icele leningizimu yenu lizahlanganisa isigaba esithile seNkangala yaseZini kulandela umngcele we-Edomi. Empumalanga, umngcele wenu weningizimu uzasukela ekucineni koLwandle lweTswayi, **4** udabula eningizimu yoMkhandlu weNkume, kusiya ngaseZini njalo kuye eningizimu yeKhadeshi Bhaneya. Usuka lapho uzaqonda eHazari Adari njalo wedlulele e-Azimoni, **5** lapho ozajika khona, kuhlangane lesiHotsha saseGibhithe njalo uyephelela oLwandle lwaseMedithereniyeni. **6** Umngcele wenu wentshonalanga uzakuba ligumbi loLwandle oLukhulu. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu entshonalanga. **7** Okomngcele wenu wenyakatho, usekela uLwandle oLukhulu usiya eNtabeni yaseHori **8** njalo usuka eNtabeni yaseHori uye eLebho Hamathi. Umngcele uzasuka lapho uqonde eZedadi, **9** ubusuqhubeka usiya eZifironi uze uyekuma eHazari-Enani. Lo yiwo umngcele wenu enyakatho. **10** Okomngcele wenu wempumalanga, sukelani eHazari-Enani kusiya eShefamu. **11** Umngcele uzakwehla usuka eShefamu usiya eRibhila engempumalanga kwe-Ayini njalo uqhubeke ulandela

umthezuko empumalanga koLwandle lwaseKhinerethi.
12 Kusuka lapho umngcele uzakwehla ulandela umfula
uJodani uze uyecina oLwandle lweTswayi. Leli lizakuba
yilizwe lenu, ngemingcele yalo inxa zonke.'" **13**
UMosi walaya abako-Israyeli wathi: "Yabelanani lelilizwe
ngenkatho njengelifa lenu. UThixo usekhuphe isiqondiso
sokuthi aliphiwe izizwana eziyisificamunwemunye kanye
lesizwana esiyingxenye, **14** ngenxa yokuthi abezimuli
zesizwana sikaRubheni, abesizwana sikaGadi kanye
lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase sebethole isabelo
sabo. **15** Izizwana lezi ezimbili kanye lalesi esiyingxenye
sezithole isabelo sazo empumalanga komfula uJodani
malungana leJerikho, ngokuya ngempumalanga." **16**
UThixo wathi kuMosi, **17** "La ngamabizo amadoda
azalabela ilizwe njengelifa lenu: u-Eliyazari umphristi
kanye loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni. **18** Beselikhetha
umkhokheli oyedwa esizwaneni ngasinye ukuncedisa
ukwaba ilizwe: **19** La yiwo amabizo abo: uKhalebi indodana
kaJefune, owesizwana sakoJuda; **20** uShemuyeli indodana
ka-Amihudi, owesizwana sakoSimiyoni; **21** u-Elidadi
indodana kaKhisiloni, owesizwana sakoBhenjamini; **22**
uBhukhi indodana kaJogili, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni
sakoDani; **23** uHaniyeli indodana ka-Efodi, ongumkhokheli
ovela esizwaneni sikaManase indodana kaJosefa; **24**
uKhemuweli indodana kaShifuthani, engumkhokheli
ovela esizwaneni sako-Efrayimi indodana kaJosefa; **25**
u-Elizafani indodana kaPhanaki, umkhokheli ovela
esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni; **26** uPhalithiyeli indodana
ka-Azani, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sika-Isakhari,

27 u-Ahihudi indodana kaShelomi, umkhokheli ovela
esizwaneni sika-Asheri; **28** uPhedaheli indodana ka-
Amihudi, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sikaNafithali."
29 La yiwo amadoda uThixo alaya ukuthi ahlukanisele
abako-Israyeli isabelo sabo selizwe laseKhenani.

35 Ngasemagcekeni aseMowabi kusekele umfula uJodani
nganeno malungana leJerikho, uThixo wathi kuMosi,
2 "Laya abako-Israyeli ukuthi bakhethe elifeni labo
amadolobho bawanike abaLevi ukuze bahlale kuwo. Njalo
babanike lamadlelo eduze lamadolobho lawo. **3** Ngalokho
bazakuba lamadolobho okuhlala kanye lamadlelo enkomo
zabo, imihlambi yezimvu kanye leyezinye izifuyo
zabo zonke. **4** Amadlelo azingelezele amadolobho
elizawanika abaLevi, azakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane
ukuqhela kwawo kusukela emidulini yamadolobho. **5**
Ngempumalanga, ngaphandle kwedolobho, kuzakuba
zingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili kube njalo
laseningizimu izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili,
entshonalanga izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili,
kufane laseceleni lenyakatho izingalo eziyizinkulungwane
ezimbili, idolobho liphakathi laphakathi. Le kuzakuba
yindawo yabo yamadlelo emadolobheni." **6** "Phakathi
kwamadolobho elizawanika abaLevi, ayisithupha azakuba
ngawokuphephela, yikho lapho okuzakuthi umuntu
angabulala omunye abalekele khona. Phezu kwalawo,
bapheni amanye amadolobho angamatshumi amane
lamabili. **7** Wonke esehlangene abaLevi bapheni
amadolobho angamatshumi amane lasificaminwembili,
kuhlanganisa lamadlelo abo. **8** Amadolobho eliwanika

abaLevi elizweni labako-Israyeli kawabiwe ngokuya ngelifa lesizwana ngasinye: Thathani amadolobho amanengi esizwaneni esilamadolobho amanengi, kodwa lithathe amalutshwana kwesilamalutshwana." **9** Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuMosi: **10** "Khuluma labako-Israyeli njalo ubatshele uthi: 'Ekuchapheni kwenu uJodani lingena eKhenani, **11** khethani amanye amadolobho abe ngawokuphephela, lapho okuzakuthi nxa umuntu ebulele omunye ngengozi abalekele khona. **12** Azakuba zindawo zokuphephela ukuzivikela kwabaphindiselayo, ukuze kuthi lowo owetheswa icala lokubulala angafi engakathonisiswa phambi kwebandla. **13** Amadolobho ayisithupha la elibapha wona azakuba ngamadolobho enu okuphephela. **14** Bapheni amathathu ngakulelicele lomfula uJodani kuthi amathathu abe ngamadolobho okuphephela eKhenani. **15** Amadolobho la ayisithupha azakuba yindawo yokuphephela kwabako-Israyeli, labezizweni kanye labo bonke abantu abahlezi phakathi kwabo, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani obulele omunye ngengozi abalekele khona. **16** Nxa indoda itshaya umuntu ngento eyinsimbi afe, ingumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawe. **17** Kumbe nxa omunye ephethe ilitshe abesetshaya omunye afe, ungumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawe. **18** Njalo nxa omunye ephethe ulutho oluyisigodo abesetshaya omunye afe, ungumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawe. **19** Umphindiseli wegazi kumele ambulale umbulali; nxa ehlangana laye, kumele ambulale. **20** Loba ngubani olomona ohlezi eqophile engafuqa omunye loba amjikijele ngolutho oluthile ngabomo kubangele ukufa

kwakhe **21** loba kuthi ngolaka amtshaye ngenqindi afe,
lowomuntu kumele abulawe; ungumbulali. Umphindiseli
wegazi kumele abulale umbulali nxa ehlangana laye.
22 Kodwa nxa kungayisikho ngolaka, umuntu aqabuke
esefuqe omunye loba amjikijele ngolutho engaqondile **23**
loba engamboni, amgxobe ngelitshe elingambulala, afe,
ngakho njengoba engasisositha sakhe njalo engaqondanga
ukumlimaza, **24** ibandla kumele lahlulele phakathi kwakhe
lomphindiseli wegazi kulandelwa lezi zimiso. **25** Ibandla
kumele livikele owetheswa icala lokubulala kumphindiseli
wegazi njalo abuyiselwe edolobheni lokuphephela azabe
ebalekele kulo. Kumele ahlale khonale kuze kufe
umphristi omkhulu, owagcotshwa ngamafutha angcwele.
26 Kodwa lowo owetheswa icala angaba ngaphandle
kwedolobho lokuphephela lelo ayabe ebalekele kulo
27 kuthi umphindiseli wegazi amfumane ngaphandle
kwalelodolobho, umphindiseli wegazi angambulala
lowo owetheswe icala kodwa angabi lacala lokubulala.
28 Owetheswe icala kumele ahlale edolobheni lakhe
lokuphephela kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu; uzaze
abuyele emzini wakhe kuphela nxa umphristi omkhulu
esefile. **29** Le kumele kube yimithetho yesimiso kini
lakuzizukulwane ezizayo, loba kungaphi lapho elizahlala
khona. **30** Loba ngubani obulala umuntu kumele
abulawe njengombulali ngobufakazi balabo abayabe
bebonile kuphela. Kodwa akungabikho loyedwa ozabulawa
ngobufakazi bofakazi oyedwa. **31** Lingemukeli inhlawulo
yokuhlenga impilo yombulali, yena kumele afe, loba
kutheni kabulawe. **32** Lingemukeli inhlawulo yokuhlenga

loba ngubani obalekele edolobheni lokuphephela libe selimvumela ukuba abuyele ukuyahlala emzini wakhe umphristi omkhulu engakafi. **33** Lingalingcolisi ilizwe lelo elihlala kulo. Ukuchitha igazi kungcolisa ilizwe, njalo indlela yokubuyisana ingeke yenzelwe lapho okuchithwe khona igazi, ngaphandle kwegazi lalowo olichithileyo. **34** Lingalingcolisi ilizwe elihlezi kilo kanye lalapho engihlala khona, ngoba Mina, Thixo, ngihlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli.'"

36 Inhloko zezindlu zosendo lukaGiliyadi indodana kaMakhiri, indodana kaManase, ababengabensendo zezizukulwane zikaJosefa, beza bakhuluma loMosi kanye labakhokheli, abazinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli. **2** Bathi kubo, "Lapho uThixo walaya inkosi yami ukuba iphe ilizwe njengelifa ngenkatho kwabako-Israyeli, yakhupha isiqondiso sokuthi uphe ilifa lomfowethu uZelofehadi kumadodakazi akhe. **3** Khathesi akesithi thina nxa bendele emadodeni ezinye izizwana zako-Israyeli; kuzakutsho ukuthi ilifa lizasuswa kwelabokhokho bethu liyekwengezelela elalesosizwana abazakwendela kuso. Ngakho kutsho ukuthi ingxenye yelifa esaliphiwayo sizayithathelwa. **4** Kuzakuthi ngomnyaka weJubhili kwabako-Israyeli, ilifa labo lizakwengezelela elalesosizwana abendele kuso, njalo impahla yabo izasuswa elifeni lesizwana sabokhokho bethu." **5** Ngakho ngokulaya kukaThixo uMosi wakhipha lesisiqondiso kwabako-Israyeli: "Lokho okutshiwo yisizukulwane sesizwana sikaJosefa kuqondile. **6** Lokhu yikho ukulaya kukaThixo ngamadodakazi

kaZelofehadi: Bakhululekile ukwendela loba kukubani obathathayo kodwa akube ngabosendo lwesizwana sikayise. **7** Kalikho ilifa ko-Israyeli elizasuka esizwaneni lisiya kwesinye isizwana, ngoba wonke owako-Israyeli kumele agcine ilizwe lesizwana eliyilifa labokhokho bakhe. **8** Yonke indodakazi ezakuba yindlalifa yelizwe esizwaneni sako-Israyeli kumele yendele emuntwini wesizwana sosendo lukayise, ukuze wonke owako-Israyeli abe lelifa laboyise. **9** Kalikho ilifa elizasuka esizwaneni lisiya kwesinye isizwana, ngoba loba yisiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli kumele sigcine ilizwe eliyilifa laso." **10** Ngakho amadodakazi kaZelofehadi enza njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **11** Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi uMahila, loThiza, loHogila, loMilikha kanye loNowa, bendela emadodaneni abafowabo bakayise. **12** Bendela kwabezinsendo zezizukulwane zikaManase indodana kaJosefa, njalo ilifa labo lasala kwabosendo lukayise lesizwaneni sakhe. **13** Le yiyo imilayo lemithetho eyaphiwa abako-Israyeli nguThixo ngoMosi emagcekeni aseMowabi ngasemfuleni waseJodani ngakuleli iphetsheya malungana leJerikho.

UDutheronomi

1 La ngamazwi akhulunywa nguMosi kubo bonke
abako-Israyeli enkangala, empumalanga yeJodani, lokhu
kuyikuthi, e-Arabha, maqondana leSufi, phakathi
kwePharani leThofeli, eLabhani, eHazerothi kanye
laseDizahabi. **2** (Loluhambo luthatha insuku ezilitshumi
lanye ukusuka eHorebhi kusiya eKhadeshi Bhaneya
ngomgwaqo odlula eNtabeni yaseSeyiri.) **3** Ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amane, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga
yetshumi lanye, uMosi wamemezela kwabako-Israyeli
konke lokho uThixo ayemlaye ngakho ngabo. **4** Lokhu
kwakungemva kokuba esenqobe uSihoni inkosi yama-
Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni, njalo wayesenqobe
e-Edreyi u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, owayebusa e-
Ashitharothi. **5** Empumalanga kweJodani elizweni
laseMowabi, uMosi waqalisa ukufundisa ngalo umthetho,
esithi: **6** "UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu wakhuluma
lathi siseHorebhi wathi, 'Selihlale isikhathi eseneleyo
kule intaba. **7** Dilizani izihonqo zenu ledlulele
elizweni lamaqaqa lama-Amori; yanini kubo bonke
abangomakhelwane e-Arabha, ezintabeni, emawatheni
angentshonalanga, eNegebi lilandelele ukhumbi, liye
ezweni lamaKhenani kanye laseLebhanoni, lidabule lize
liyefika emfuleni omkhulu, iYufrathe. **8** Khangelani,
sengiliphile lelilizwe. Ngenani lilithumbe lelilizwe uThixo
afunga wathi uzalipha okhokho benu, u-Abhrahama, u-
Isaka, uJakhobe kanye lezizukulwane zabo emva kwabo.'"
9 "Ngalesosikhathi ngathi kini, 'Lina lingumthwalo
omkhulu kakhulu onzima ukuthi ngiwuthwale ngingedwa.

10 UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu usengezelele amanani
enu okokuthi lamuhla selilingana lezinkanyezi
zemkhathini. **11** Sengathi uThixo, uNkulunkulu
wabokhokho benu, angalibusisa njalo alandise
ngokuphindwe kankulungwane njengokuthembisa
kwakhe! **12** Kodwa ngingazithwala njani inhlupho zenu
lemithwalo yenu kanye lezingxabano zenu ngingedwa
na? **13** Khethani amadoda akhaliphileyo, azwisisayo
lahloniphekayo phakathi kwezizwana zakini zonke,
mina ngizawabeka alikhokhele.' **14** Langiphendula
lathi, 'Lokho ofisa ukukwenza kulungile.' **15** Ngakho
ngathatha abakhokheli bezizwana zenu, amadoda
akhaliphileyo njalo ahloniphekayo, ngabanika amandla
phezu kwenu ukuze babe ngabalawuli bezinkulungwane,
bamakhulu, bamatshumi amahlanu, betshumi kanye
lokuba yizikhulu zezizwana zenu. **16** Njalo ngapha
isiqondiso kubahluleli ngalesosikhathi ngathi: 'Hluzani
ingxabano phakathi kwabafowenu njalo lahlulele
ngokufaneleyo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi yingxabano
phakathi kwabako-Israyeli bodwa loba kungowako-
Israyeli oxabana lowezizweni. **17** Lingathathi hlangothi
ekwahluleleni; hluzani amacala abancinyane labakhulu
ngokufananayo. Lingesabi loba ngubani, ngoba
ukwahlulela ngokukaNkulunkulu. Kuthi icala elinzima
lililethe kimi, ngizalihluza ngilahlulele.' **18** Njalo
ngalesosikhathi ngalitshela konke okwakumele likwenze."
19 "Kwathi-ke, njengoba uThixo wethu wayesilayile,
sasuka eHorebhi saqonda ezweni lama-Amori elilamaqaqa
sadabula inkangala enkulu eyesabekayo eseliyibonile,

saze sayafika eKhadeshi Bhaneya. **20** Ngakho ngathi kini, ‘Selifikile elizweni lama-Amori elamaqaqa, ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asinika lona. **21** Khangelani, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uselinike lelilizwe. Hambani lilithumbe njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alitshela. Lingesabi; lingadangali.’ **22** Kusenjalo lina lonke leza kimi lathi, ‘Asithumeni amadoda ahambe phambili ayehlola lelolizwe abuye azositshengisa indlela esizangena ngayo kanye leyokuthumba amadolobho esizafikela kuwo.’ **23** Lokho kwakhanya kungumbono omuhle kimi; lakanye ngakhetha abalitshumi lababili phakathi kwenu, indoda eyodwa esizwaneni ngasinye. **24** Basuka baya ezweni lamaqaqa njalo bafika bahlola isihotsha sase-Eshikholi. **25** Bathatha ezinye izithelo zelizwe babuya lazo kithi, njalo bethula umbiko othi, ‘Yilizwe elihle uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asipha lona.’” **26** “Kodwa lina lalingazimiselanga ukuhamba; lahlamukela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngokungalaleli umlayo wakhe. **27** Lina lakhonona lisemathenteni enu lathi, ‘UThixo uyasizonda; kutsho ukuthi wasikhipha eGibhithe ukuze asinikele ezandleni zama-Amori ukuthi asibhubhise. **28** Singaya ngaphi na? Abafowethu sebesithelele ubuthakathaka. Bathi bona, “Abantu bakhona balamandla njalo bade kulathi; amadolobho akhona makhulu, alemiduli etshaya emkhathini. Size sabona lama-Anakhi khonale.”’ **29** Mina ngasengisithi kini, ‘Lingethuki; lingabesabi. **30** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ohamba phambi kwenu uzalilwela, njengalokho alenzela khona eGibhithe lizibonela ngamehlo enu, **31**

njalo lasenkangala. Khonale lazibonela ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu walithwala, njengobaba ethwala indodana yakhe, uhambo lwenu lonke laze lafika lapha.' **32** Lanxa kunjalo, kalizange limethembe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, **33** yena owahamba phambi kwenu kuloluhambo, elikhokhela ngomlilo ebusuku kanti kusiba leyezi emini, elidingela izindawo zokumisa izihonqo zenu lokulitshengisa lapho okumele liye khona. **34** Kwathi uThixo esezwile elalikutsho, wathukuthela, wafunga wathi: **35** 'Kakho loyedwa kulesisizukulwane esingalunganga ozalibona lelolizwe engafungela ukulipha okhokho benu, **36** ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune. Yena uzalibona, njalo ngizamupha yena lesizukulwane sakhe lelolizwe azafikela kilo, ngoba walalela uThixo ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke.' **37** Ngenxa yenu uThixo wangithukuthelela lami njalo wathi, 'Wena lawe awuyikungena khona. **38** Kodwa umsekeli wakho, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, uzangena kulelolizwe. Umkhuthaze yena, ngoba uzakhokhela abako-Israyeli kulo ukuba libe yilifa labo. **39** Kanti njalo lalabo abancane elalisithi bazathunjwa, abantwabenu abangakehlukanisi phakathi kokubi lokuhle, bazangena kulelolizwe. Ngizabapha lona njalo bazalithatha libe ngelabo. **40** Kodwa lina, phendukani njalo lisuke liqonde enkangala lilandele indlela eya oLwandle oluBomvu.' **41** Lina laphendula lathi, 'Sonile kuThixo. Sizahamba siyekulwa, njengokulaywa kwethu nguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.' Ngalokho lonke lahloma ngezikhali linakana ukuthi kulula ukungena elizweni lamaqaqa. **42** Kodwa uThixo wathi kimi, 'Wothi

kubo, “Lingayi ukuyakulwa, ngoba kangiyikuba lani. Lizakwehlulwa yizitha zenu.”’ **43** Ngakho ngalitshela, kodwa kalizange lilalele. Lahlamukela umlayo kaThixo kwathi ngobuqholo benu layangena elizweni lamaqaqa. **44** Kwathi ama-Amori ayehlala kulawomaqaqa alihlangabeza alihlasela; alixotsha njengomtshitshi wenyosi, alibhuqa kusukela eSeyiri indlela yonke kusiya eHoma. **45** Laphenduka lafika lakhala phambi kukaThixo kodwa kazange alalele ukukhala kwenu walifulathela. **46** Ngakho lahlala eKhadeshi okwensuku ezinengi, okwesikhathi sonke elasichitha likhonale.”

2 “Sasesiphenduka siqonda enkangala ngendlela yoLwandle oluBomvu njengokulaywa kwami nguThixo. Okwesikhathi eside sasilokhu sibhoda ezweni lamaqaqa aseSeyiri. **2** UThixo wasesithi kimi, **3** ‘Selibhode labhoda ezweni lamaqaqa sekwanele; khathesi phendukani likhangele enyakatho. **4** Nika abantu leziziqondiso: “Khathesi selizakwedlula elizweni labafowenu isizukulwane sika-Esawu, abahlala eSeyiri. Bazalesaba, kodwa libolimuka linanzelele. **5** Lingaboqala livuse impi ngoba angiyikulipha ilizwe labo, sengisitsho lesiqinti esilingana unyawo olulodwa. Nganika u-Esawu ilizwe laseSeyiri elamaqaqa ukuthi libe ngelakhe. **6** Lizababhadala ngesiliva libhadalela ukudla elizakudla lamanzi elizawanatha.”’ **7** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyibusisile imisebenzi yezandla zenu. Ulikhokhele kulolonke uhambo lwenu phakathi kwenkangala enkulu kangaka. Iminyaka engamatshumi amane uThixo wenu ube lani, kalizange liswele lutho. **8** Ngakho sahamba

sedlula ezihlotsheni zethu isizukulwane sika-Esawu abahlala eSeyiri. Saphenduka sisuka emgwaqweni wase-Arabha okhwela usuka e-Elathi le-Eziyoni-Gebheri, sahamba ngomgwaqo wenkangala yaseMowabi. **9** UThixo wasesithi kimi, 'Lingahlukuluzi amaMowabi loba ukubavusela impi, ngoba angiyikulinika ngitsho lesiqintshana selizwe labo. Senginike ele-Ari isizukulwane sikaLothi ukuba kube yisabelo sabo.'" **10** (Ama-Emi ake ahlala khonapho, abantu abalamandla njalo abanengi kakhulu, futhi bebade njengama-Anakhi. **11** Labo njengama-Anakhi babebalwa njengamaRefayi, kodwa amaMowabi ayebabiza ngokuthi ngama-Emi. **12** AmaHori ayekade ehlala eSeyiri, kodwa adudulwa yisizukulwane sika-Esawu. Babhubhisa amaHori ayelapho basebesakha endaweni yawo, njengalokho okwenziwa ngabako-Israyeli ezweni abaliphiwa nguThixo ukuba libe yisabelo sabo.) **13** "UThixo wasesithi, 'Khathesi sukani lichaphe isiHotsha saseZeredi.' Ngakho sachapha isihotsha. **14** Kwedlula iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu leyisificaminwembili sisuke eKhadeshi Bhaneya sisiyachapha isiHotsha saseZeredi. Ngalesosikhathi, amadoda ebutho alesosizukulwane ayesebhubhile, njengokufungelwa kwabo nguThixo. **15** UThixo wamelana labo waze wabatshabalalisa bonke ezihonqweni. **16** Kwathi-ke sekufe abokucina emadodeni ebutho, **17** uThixo wathi kimi, **18** 'Lamuhla uzakwedlula emangweni waseMowabi ngase-Ari. **19** Ekufikeni kwakho kuma-Amoni, ungawahlukuluzi loba ukuwavusela impi, ngoba angiyikukunika loba yiliphi

ilizwe lama-Amoni. Ngilinike lesisizukulwane sikaLothi ukuba kube yisabelo sabo.'" **20** (Leli lalo laliphathwa njengelizwe lamaRefayi ayehlala khonapho; kodwa ama-Amoni ayebabiza ngokuthi ngamaZamzumu. **21** Babengabantu abalamandla bebanengi kakhulu, njalo bebade njengama-Anakhi. UThixo wababhubhisa phambi kwama-Amoni, wona abadudulayo njalo ahlala endaweni yabo. **22** UThixo wayenze njalo esizukulwaneni sika-Esawu, esasiseSeyiri, ekubhubhiseni kwakhe amaHori phambi kwabo. Babadudula basebehlala endaweni yabo kuze kube lamuhla. **23** Kanti-ke okunjengama-Avi ayehlala emizini ekhatshana njengeGaza, amaKhafithori ayevela eKhafithori ababhubhisa asehlala endaweni yabo.) **24** "'Suka khathesi uchaphe uDonga lwase-Arinoni. Uyabona, senginikele esandleni sakho uSihoni um'Amori inkosi yaseHeshibhoni kanye lelizwe lakhe. Qalisa ukuthatha lelilizwe ulwe impi laye. **25** Kusukela lamuhla ngizaqalisa ukuthelela izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu ukukwesaba. Zizakuzwa indumela yakho zethuke zesabe zihlukuluzeke ngenxa yakho.' **26** Kusukela enkangala yaseKhedemothi ngathumela izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni ngisithi akubekhona ukuthula njalo ngisithi, **27** 'Sivumele sidabule elizweni lakho. Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu kuphela, asiyikuphambukela ngakwesokudla loba ngakwesokunxele. **28** Sithengisele ukudla lamanzi okunatha ngentengo yesiliva. Sivumele nje sedlule ngezinyawo, **29** njengezizukulwane zika-Esawu ezihlala eSeyiri, kanye lamaMowabi ahlala e-Ari, asenzela khona, size sichaphe uJodani singene

elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asinika lona.’
30 Kodwa uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni yala ukuthi
sedlule. Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wayeyenze
umoya wakhe waba lobuqholo lenhliziyo yakhe yaba
lukhuni ukuze amnikele ezandleni zenu, njengoba
esekwenzile khathesi. **31** UThixo wathi kimi, ‘Khangela,
sengiqalisile ukunikela uSihoni lelizwe lakhe.
Qalisa khathesi ukunqoba uthathe ilizwe lakhe.’ **32**
Kwathi uSihoni ephuma lebutho lakhe ukusihlangabeza
ekuhlaseleni eJahazi, **33** uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu
wamnikela kithi sambulala, yena kanye lamadodana
akhe lebutho lakhe lonke. **34** Ngalesosikhathi sathatha
amadolobho akhe sawabhidliza, amadoda, abesifazane
kanye labantwana. Kakho owasilayo. **35** Kodwa
izifuyo lakho konke esakuthumbayo emadolobheni
esawanqobayo sazithathela khona. **36** Kusukela e-
Aroweri emngceleni wodonga lwase-Arinoni, kanye
lokusuka edolobheni elisedongeni, kusiya khonale
eGiliyadi, akuladolobho elalingamelana lathi. UThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu wawanikela wonke kithi. **37**
Kodwa kusiya ngokulaya kukaThixo uNkulunkulu
wethu, alizange lingene elizweni lama-Amoni, kumbe
elizweni elisemingceleni yomfula uJabhoki loba lelo
elilamadolobho asemaqaqeni.”

3 “Sasuka sasesiphenduka sakhwela njalo sisekele
umgwaqo oya eBhashani, kanti u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani
kanye lamabutho akhe wonke wayesihlangabeza ukuze
alwe lathi e-Edreyi. **2** UThixo wathi kimi, ‘Ungamesabi
ngoba sengimnikele kuwe lamabutho akhe wonke kanye

lelizwe lakhe. Menze konke owakwenza kuSihoni inkosi
yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni.' **3** Ngakho uThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu wanikela u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani
lamabutho akhe wonke ezandleni zethu. Sababulala
bonke, kakho loyedwa owaphephayo. **4** Ngalesosikhathi
sathumba wonke amadolobho akhe. Akusalanga dolobho
lalinye esingalithumbanga phakathi kwawo wonke
angamatshumi ayisithupha, umhlubulo wonke welizwe le-
Agobhi, ilizwe lika-Ogi eBhashani. **5** Wonke amadolobho la
ayevikelwa ngemiduli ephakemeyo langemigoqo yokuvala
amasango lemijabo yokunxiba, kanti njalo yayiminengi
eminye imizi eyayingahonqolozelwanga ngemiduli
yokuvikela. **6** Satshaya sabhuqa konke, kwaba njengalokhu
esakwenza kuSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni, sabhidliza
wonke amadolobho, amadoda, abesifazane kanye
labantwana. **7** Kanti-ke izifuyo zonke kanye lesakuthumba
emadolobheni abo sazithathela kwaba ngokwethu. **8**
Ngakho ngalesosikhathi kulawo makhosi womabili ama-
Amori sathumba ilizwe elisempumalanga yeJodani,
kusukela ezindongeni zase-Arinoni kuze kuyefika
ezintabeni zaseHemoni." **9** (IHemoni ibizwa ngokuthi
yiSiriyoni ngamaSidoni, kanti-ke ama-Amori ayibiza
ngokuthi yiSeniri.) **10** "Sathumba wonke amadolobho
emagcekeni, kanye lawo wonke eGiliyadi, laseBhashani
yonke kusiya eSalekha lase-Edreyi, engamadolobho
ombuso ka-Ogi eBhashani." **11** (U-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani
nguye yedwa owayesesele emthonselaneni wamaRefayi.
Umbheda wakhe wawungowensimbi njalo umude
ukwedlula izingalo ezilitshumi lantathu kanti ububanzi

bawo buzingalo eziyisithupha. Wona ulokhu useRabha yase-Amoni.) **12** "Phakathi kwelizwe esalithumbayo ngalesosikhathi, nganika abakoRubheni labakoGadi ilizwe elisenyakatho yase-Aroweri endongeni zase-Arinoni, kuhlanganisa lengxenye yelizwe lamaqaqa aseGiliyadi, kanye lamadolobho akhona. **13** EleGiliyadi lonke kanye lalo lonke eleBhashani, lombuso ka-Ogi, ngalinika abayingxenye yesizukulwane sikaManase." (Umhlubulo wonke welizwe le-Agobhi ngaseBhashani lalisaziwa ngokuthi yilizwe lamaRefayi. **14** UJayiri, owosendo lukaManase, wathatha sonke isiqinti esisukela emangweni we-Agobhi kusiya emngceleni weGeshuri lamaMahakhathi; saba yisiqinti esabizwa ngaye, okokuthi lalamuhla iBhashani ibizwa ngokuthi yiHavothi-Jayiri.) **15** "IGiliyadi ngayinika uMakhiri. **16** Kodwa abakoRubheni labakoGadi ngabanika isiqinti selizwe elisuka eGiliyadi lisiya ezindongeni zase-Arinoni (phakathi laphakathi kwendonga kungumngcele) kusehla kusiya eMfuleni uJabhoki, ongumngcele wama-Amoni. **17** Umngcele wentshonalanga kuyiJodani ngase-Arabha, kusukela eKhinerethi kusiya oLwandle lwase-Arabha (uLwandle lweTswayi) ngaphansi ekwehleni okungapha ngePhisiga. **18** Ngalilaya ngalesosikhathi ngathi: 'UThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukuphile lelilizwe, lithathe libe ngelakho. Kodwa wonke amadoda asaqinile, ahlomele ukulwa, kumele achaphe kuqala phambi kwabafowenu abako-Israyeli. **19** Kanti-ke abafazi benu, abantwana lezifuyo zenu (ngiyazi lifuyile kakhulu) bangazihlalela emadolobheni engilinike wona, **20** kuze kuthi uThixo aphumuze abafowenu

njengalokhu akwenzileyo kini, kanti labo njalo bazabe sebelithethe ilizwe abaliphiwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ngaphetsheya kweJodani. Ngemva kwalokho, lonke ngamunye kuzamele libuyele eziqintini engilinike zona.'" **21** "Ngalesosikhathi ngalaya uJoshuwa ngathi: 'Usuzibonele ngamehlo akho konke uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akwenze emakhosini amabili la. UThixo uzakwenza khonokho kuzozonke izizwe oya kuzo. **22** Ungazesabi lezozizwe, uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzakulwela yena uqobo lwakhe.' **23** Ngalesosikhathi ngacela kuThixo ngathi: **24** 'Oh Thixo wobukhosi, usuqalisile ukutshengisa inceku yakho ubukhulu bakho lesandla sakho esilamandla amakhulu. Kambe nguphi unkulunkulu ezulwini loba emhlabeni ongenza lokhu okwenzileyo lemisebenzi emikhulu oyenzayo? **25** Ngivumela ngiye khona ngiyebona ilizwe elingaphetsheya kweJodani, ilizwe elihle lamaqaqa kanye leLebhanoni.' **26** Kodwa ngenxa yenu uThixo wangithukuthelela akazange athande ukungizwa. UThixo wathi kimi, 'Kwanele, ungabe usakhuluma kimi futhi ngalindaba. **27** Khwela phezu kwePhisiga ukhangele entshonalanga, enyakatho, eningizimu lasempumalanga. Ukhangele ulibone ngawakho amehlo ilizwe njengoba ungasoze uchaphe uJodani. **28** Kodwa beka uJoshuwa esikhundleni, umkhuthaze njalo umqinise, ngoba uzakhokhela lababantu abachaphise njalo uzakwenza balithathe lelolizwe ozalibona libe yilifa labo.' **29** Ngakho sahlala esihotsheni phansi kweBhethi-Pheyori."

4 "Zwana-ke khathesi, Oh Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizalifundisa yona. Ilandeleni ukuze liphile njalo

libe lakho ukuyalithatha lelolizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinika lona. **2** Lingangezeleli kulokho engililaya khona njalo lingaphunguli loba yikuphi kwakhona, kodwa gcinani imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona. **3** Lazibonela ngawenu amehlo okwenziwa nguThixo eBhali-Pheyori. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wabatshabalalisa bonke ababekhonza uBhali wasePheyori, **4** kodwa lina lonke elabambelela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lilokhu lisaphila lalamuhla lokhu. **5** Liyabona sengalifundisa izimiso lemithetho uThixo wami angilaya ngazo, ukuze liyigcine elizweni elingena kulo ukuba lilithathe. **6** Lizigcine ngonanzelelo ngoba lokhu kuzaveza obala ukuhlakanipha lokuzwisisa kwenu ezizweni ezizakuzwa ngalezizimiso njalo zitsho zithi, 'Ngeqiniso lesisizwe esilodumo yisizwe sabantu abahlakaniphileyo njalo abazwisisayo.' **7** Yisiphi esinye isizwe esilodumo esilabonkulunkulu baso ababaseduze laso njengoThixo uNkulunkulu wethu oba lathi nxa sikhuleka kuye? **8** Yisiphi esinye isizwe esilezimiso eziqondileyo lemithetho enjengale imithetho engiyethula phambi kwenu lamuhla na? **9** Kodwa linanzelele, liqaphelisise ukuze lingakhohlwa izinto elizibonileyo loba zilibaleke ezinhliziyweni zenu ekuphileni kwenu konke. Fundisani abantwabenu ngalezizinto njalo labo babofundisa abantwababo labantwana babantwana abalandela emva kwabo. **10** Khumbulani usuku elema ngalo phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebhi, lapho athi khona kimi, 'Buthanisa abantu ukuze bezwe amazwi ami ukuze bakwazi ukungidumisa nxa belokhu

besahlala elizweni njalo bafundise abantwababo.’ **11** Lasondela lema ngaphansi kwentaba ilavuka amalangabi eqonga phezulu, kulamayezi amnyama lomnyama owesabekayo. **12** Ngakho uThixo wakhuluma lani ephakathi komlilo. Lezwa umdumo welizwi kodwa alizange libone lutho; kwaba yilizwi lodwa nje. **13** Wakhupha ilizwi lokubuyisana lesivumelwano sakhe, imiThetho eliTshumi, waselilaya ukuba liyilandele njalo wayiloba ezibhebhedwini zamatshe ezimbili. **14** Kungalesosikhathi lapho uThixo angiqondisa ukuba ngilifundise izimiso lemilayo okuzamele liyilandele ekuchapheni kwenu uJodani lisiya elizweni elizalithumba libe ngelenu.” **15** “Akulalutho loba yisimo bani elasibonayo mhla uThixo ekhuluma lani eHorebhi ephakathi kwelangabi lomlilo. Kunjalo-nje kumele lizinanzelele okuqinileyo, **16** ukuze lingaxhwali libe selizenzela isithombe, loba umfanekiso olesimo bani, loba ngesilesimo sesilisa loba esesifazane, **17** loba yiphi inyamazana emhlabeni loba inyoni endizayo emkhathini, **18** loba yisiphi isinanakazana esihuquzelayo emhlabathini loba yinhlanzi ngaphansi kwamanzi. **19** Njalo nxa likhangela phezulu esibhakabhakeni libona ilanga, inyanga kanye lezinkanyezi, zonke ezihlobise zacecisa isibhakabhaka, lingalingeki lizikhothamele beselikhonza izinto uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azibekela izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu. **20** Kodwa-ke lina, uThixo walithatha walenyula eziko lokuncibilikisa insimbi, walikhipha eGibhithe, ukuze libe ngabantu belifa lakhe, njengoba linje lamuhla. **21** UThixo

wangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, wafunga waphelela wathi angiyikuchapha uJodani ngingene elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu. **22** Mina ngizafela kulelilizwe; angiyikuchapha uJodani, kodwa lina seliseduze ukuba lichaphe liyelithumba lelolizwe elihle. **23** Nanzelelani ukuthi lingalibali isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wenu asenza lani; lingazenzeli isithombe loba singesesimo bani salokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu akwalileyo. **24** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ungumlilo oqothulayo, uNkulunkulu olobukhwele. **25** Ngemva kokuba selike laba labantwana, lesizukulwane njalo selihlale ezweni okwesikhathi eside, lingasuka libe selixhwala beselizenzela loba yisiphi isithombe, lisenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu limthukuthelisa, **26** ngibiza izulu lomhlaba ukuthi libe ngufakazi wami ukuze libhujiswe masinyazana lingangeni elizweni elizachapha uJodani ukuze lilithumbe. Aliyikuhlala kulo isikhathi eside kodwa iqiniso yikuthi lizatshabalaliswa. **27** UThixo uzalihlakaza ezizweni, njalo abalutshwana benu yibo abazasinda ezizweni uThixo azalifuqela khona. **28** Khonale lizakhonza onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngabantu ngezigodo langamatshe, abangeke babone loba bezwe loba badle loba bezwe ukunuka. **29** Kodwa nxa likhonale lingadinga uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lizamfumana nxa limdinga ngezinhliziyo zenu ezipheleleyo langemiphefumulo yenu yonke. **30** Nxa selisosizini zonke lezizinto sezilehlela, lapho-ke ngezinsuku ezizayo lizabuyela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu limlalele. **31** Phela uThixo

uNkulunkulu wenu nguNkulunkulu olomusa; kayikulidela loba alibhubhise loba alibale isivumelwano sakhe asenza labokhokho benu, leso asiqinisa kubo ngesifungo.” **32** “Buzani khathesi ngezinsuku ezedlulayo, kudala lingakabi khona, kusukela ngosuku uNkulunkulu adala ngalo umuntu emhlabeni; buzani kusukela ngapha kwamazulu kusiya ngale kwamazulu. Kambe kukhona yini okukhulu kangaka okwedlula lokhu osekuke kwenzakala loba kwezwakala na? **33** Sikhona na esinye isizwe esake sezwa uNkulunkulu ekhuluma ephakathi kwelangabi lomlilo, njengalokhu eselikuzwile, saphila na? **34** Kukhona na unkulunkulu oseke wazama ukuzithathela esinye isizwe phakathi kwesinye, ngokuhlola, ngemilingo yezibonakaliso, lezimangaliso, lezimpi, ngesandla esilamandla langokwelula ingalo, loba izenzo ezinkulu ezesabekayo, njengakho konke uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alenzela khona eGibhithe lizibonela ngamehlo enu? **35** Lakutshengiswa konke lokhu ukuze lazi ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu; ngaphandle kwakhe kakho omunye futhi. **36** Esemazulwini wakwenza ukuthi lilizwe ilizwi lakhe ukuze libe lobuntu. Emhlabeni walitshengisa amalangabi omlilo akhe omkhulu, njalo lawezwa amazwi akhe ephuma emlilweni. **37** Ngenxa yokuthi wabathanda okhokho benu wakhetha izizukulwane zabo ezalandela ngemva kwabo, walikhipha eGibhithe ngoBukhona bakhe kanye langamandla akhe amakhulu, **38** ukuxotsha zonke izizwe phambi kwenu, izizwe ezilamandla kulezenu lokulingenisa elizweni lazo ukuze aliphe lona libe yilifa

lenu, njengoba kunjalo lamuhla. **39** Yamukelani njalo
likugcine ezinhliziyweni zenu lamuhla ukuthi uThixo
unguNkulunkulu ezulwini phezulu lasemhlabeni phansi.
Kakho omunye. **40** Gcinani izimiso zakhe lemilayo
yakhe, engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze kulihambele kahle
lina kanye labantwabenu lokuthi liphile isikhathi eside
elizweni eliliphiwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ukuze
libe ngelenu kokuphela." **41** Ngakho uMosi wasekhetha
amadolobho amathathu empumalanga yeJodani, **42**
ukuze kuthi wonke oyabe ebulele omunye abalekele
khona nxa eyabe ebulele umakhelwane kungekho
mona kodwa kube yingozi. Bangabalekela kwelinye
lala amadolobho ukuze baphephise impilo zabo. **43**
Amadolobho lawo kwakuyila: iBhezeri emagcekeni
asenkangala, lingelabakoRubheni; iRamothi eGiliyadi,
lingelabakoGadi; kanye lelaseGolani eBhashani lona
lingelabakoManase. **44** Lo ngumthetho owethulwa
nguMosi kwabako-Israyeli. **45** Lezi kwakuyizilinganiso,
izimiso lemithetho eyethulwa nguMosi kubo ekuphumeni
kwabo eGibhithe **46** njalo babesesigodini esiseduzane
leBhethi-Pheyori empumalanga yeJodani elizweni
likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, yena owabusa eHeshibhoni
njalo wehlulwa nguMosi labako-Israyeli bephuma
eGibhithe. **47** Bathatha ilizwe lakhe kanye lelizwe
lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, amakhosi ama-Amori
womabili empumalanga yeJodani. **48** Ilizwe leli lalisuka e-
Aroweri emaphethelweni ezindonga zase-Arinoni kusiya
entabeni yaseSiyoni (khona kuyiHemoni), **49** kuhlanganisa
layo yonke i-Arabha empumalanga yeJodani kuze

kuyefika oLwandle lwe-Arabha, ngaphansi komthezuko wasePhisiga.

5 UMosi wabizela ndawonye wonke u-Israyeli wathi kuye: “Zwana, wena Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizayethula ngesibopho phambi kwakho lamuhla. Ifunde njalo ube leqiniso ukuthi uyayilandela. **2** UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu wenza isivumelwano lathi eHorebhi. **3** UThixo kenzanga isivumelwano lesi labazali bethu, kodwa wasenza lathi, thina sonke esilokhe siphila kuze kube lamuhla. **4** UThixo wakhuluma lawe likhangelene ubuso ngobuso ephakathi komlilo phezu kwentaba. **5** (Ngalesosikhathi ngema phakathi kukaThixo lawe ukuze ngikwethulele ilizwi likaThixo, ngoba wawusesaba umlilo njalo awuzange ukhwele entabeni.) Wasesithi: **6** ‘NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho owakukhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili. **7** Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami. **8** Ungazenzeli isithombe ngesimo saloba yini esezulwini phezulu loba phansi emhlabeni kumbe ngaphansi kwamanzi. **9** Ungazikhothameli loba ukuzikhonza; ngoba Mina, Thixo uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ojezisa abantwana ngenxa yezono zabazali babo kuze kube yisizukulwane sesithathu lesesine salabo abangizondayo, **10** kodwa ngitshengisela uthando kuzizukulwane eziyinkulungwane zalabo abangithandayo njalo begcina imilayo yami. **11** Ungalisebenzisi ngeze ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba uThixo kayikumyekela olecala lokudlala ngebizo lakhe. **12** Gcina usuku lweSabatha ngokulwenza lubengcwele

njengokulaywa kwakho nguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho.
13 Okwensuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza wenze yonke
imisebenzi yakho, **14** kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa
luyiSabatha kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngalo
awuyikwenza loba yiwuphi umsebenzi, wena, indodana
yakho loba indodakazi yakho, inceku loba incekukazi
yakho, inkabi yakho, ubabhemi wakho loba yisiphi
isifuyo sakho, loba isihambi esikwethekeleleyo, ukuze
izisebenzi zakho zesilisa kanye lezesifazane ziphumule
njengawe. **15** Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe
lokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wakukhipha khona
ngesandla esilamandla lengalo eyelulekileyo. Ngalokho
uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukulaye ukuthi ugcine usuku
lweSabatha. **16** Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, njengokulaywa
nguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze impilo yakho
ibende lokuthi kukulungele elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu
wakho akunika lona. **17** Ungabulali. **18** Ungafebi. **19**
Ungantshontshi. **20** Ungafakazi amanga ngomakhelwane
wakho. **21** Ungahawukeli umfazi kamakhelwane wakho.
Ungahawukeli indlu kamakhelwane wakho loba isiqinti
sakhe, inceku loba incekukazi yakhe, inkabi yakhe loba
ubabhemi wakhe loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho.' **22** Le
yiyo imilayo eyatshiwo nguThixo ngelizwi eliphakemeyo
liphuma elangabini lomlilo leyezi kanye lomnyama
owesabekayo; lina libuthene lonke entabeni, njalo kazange
engezelele lutho. Ngakho wasekubhala konke lokhu
ezibhebhedwini ezimbili zamatshe anginika zona. **23**
Lathi lisizwa ilizwi livela emnyameni, intaba ivutha
amalangabi omlilo, wonke amadoda angabakhokheli

labadala bezizwana zenu beza kimi. **24** Lathi, ‘UThixo
wethu usitshengisile inkazimulo yakhe kanye lobukhosi
bakhe, njalo silizwile ilizwi lakhe livela elangabini lomlilo.
Lamuhla sesibonile ukuthi umuntu angaphila noma eke
wakhuluma loNkulunkulu. **25** Kodwa khathesi, kanti
sizafelani pho? Umlilo omkhulu kangaka uzasiqeda du,
njalo sizakufa nxa singaphinda sizwe ilizwi likaThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu. **26** Ngoba ngubani umuntu
wenyama onjengathi owake wezwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
ophilayo ekhuluma ephakathi komlilo, waphila na? **27**
Sondela eduzane ulalele lokho okutshiwo nguThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu. Ubususitshela lokho uThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu azakutshela khona. Sizakulalela
njalo sikulandele.’ **28** UThixo walizwa ekukhulumeni
kwenu lami wasesithi kimi, ‘Ngizwile okutshiwo ngabantu
kuwe. Konke abakutshiloyo kulungile. **29** Sengathi
ngabe inhliziyo zabo zingagxila ekungesabeni njalo
bayigcine imilayo yami, ukuze kubalungele bona
kanye labantwababo kuze kube laphakade! **30** Hamba
uyebatshela ukuthi babuyele emathenteni abo. **31**
Kodwa wena hlala khonapha lami ukuze ngikuphe yonke
imilayo, izimiso lemithetho ozabafundisa ukuthi bayigcine
bayilandele elizweni lelo engizabanika lona ukuba libe
ngelabo.’ **32** Ngakho nanzelelani lenze lokho uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngakho; lingaphambukeli
yiloba kwesokudla loba kwesenxele. **33** Hambani
ngaleyondlela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alilaye ngayo,
ukuze liphile liphumelele njalo lengezelele insuku zenu
elizweni elizakuba ngelenu.”

6 “Le yiyo imilayo, izimiso lemithetho uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu angithuma ukuthi ngilifundise
ukuyigcina elizweni elizachapha uJodani lilithathe libe
ngelenu, **2** ukuze lina, labantwabenu kanye labantwababo
abezayo bamesabe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ekuphileni
kwenu ngokugcina izimiso lemilayo engizalinika yona,
ukuze libe lempilo ende. **3** Zwana, wena Israyeli,
njalo unanzelele ukuthi uyalalela ukuze kukulungele
njalo wande kakhulu elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju,
njengokuthembisa kukaThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho
benu. **4** Zwana, wena Israyeli: UThixo uNkulunkulu
wethu, nguThixo munye. **5** Thanda uThixo uNkulunkulu
wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo
wakho wonke kanye langamandla akho wonke. **6**
Imilayo le engikupha yona lamuhla kumele ibe
sezinhliziyweni zenu. **7** Igcizeleleni ebantwaneni
benu. Likhulume ngayo nxa lihlezi emakhaya enu
lalapho lihamba endleleni, lapho lilala lanxa livuka.
8 Ibopheleni ezandleni zenu ibe luphawu, liyibophele
lasemabunzini enu. **9** Ibhaleni emigubazini yezindlu
zenu kanye lasemasangweni enu. **10** Kuzakuthi uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu eselingenisa elizweni afunga ngalo
kuboyihlo, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe, ukulinika
lona, ilizwe elilamadolobho amakhulu, aphumelelayo
kodwa elingazakhelanga wona, **11** izindlu ezigcwele
konke okuhle elingazange likuhluphekele, imithombo
yamanzi elingazange liyigebhe, kanye lezivini lezihlahla
zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga, ukuze kuthi lingadla
lisuthe, **12** linanzelele ukuthi alimkhohlwa uThixo,

yena owalikhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili. **13** Mesabeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, mkhonzeni yena yedwa njalo lifunge ngebizo lakhe. **14** Lingabalandeli abanye onkulunkulu babantu elakhelene labo; **15** ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ophakathi kwenu, nguThixo olobukhwele njalo ongalithukuthelela, alitshabalalise ebusweni bomhlaba. **16** Lingamlingi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu elakwenza eMasa. **17** Nanzelelani ukuthi liyayigcina imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lezimiso kanye lemilayo aliphe yona. **18** Yenzani okuqondileyo lokuhle emehlweni kaThixo, ukuze konke kulihambele kuhle njalo lingene liyethatha ilizwe uThixo alithembisa okhokho benu ngesifungo, **19** lidudule zonke izitha eziphambi kwenu, njengokutsho kukaThixo. **20** Kuzakuthi ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi nxa indodana yakho ikubuza isithi, 'Zitshoni izimiso, imilayo lemithetho leyo uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu alipha yona?' **21** Wena uzakuthi: 'Sasiyizigqili zikaFaro eGibhithe, kodwa uThixo wasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla. **22** Thina sazibonela ngawethu amehlo uThixo ethumela izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu lezesabekayo phezu kweleGibhithe laphezu kukaFaro labo bonke abendlu yakhe. **23** Kodwa wasikhupha khonale wasiletha lapha ukuze asinike ilizwe alithembisa okhokho bethu ngesifungo. **24** UThixo wasilaya ukuba silalele zonke lezi zimiso lokwesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze sithole ukuphumelela lokuphila, njengoba kunje lamhlanje. **25** Kanti-ke nxa sinanzelela silalela wonke umthetho lo phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu

wethu, njengokusilaya kwakhe, lokhu kuzakuba yikulunga kwethu.'"

7 "Lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu elingenisa elizweni alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu uxotsha izizwe ezinengi phambi kwenu, amaHithi, amaGigashi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu njalo ezilamandla kulani, **2** kuthi lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esezinikele ezandleni zenu lani selizinqobile kufanele lizitshabalalise ngokupheleleyo. Lingabi lesivumelwano lazo, njalo lingabi lesihawu kuzo. **3** Lingendiselani lazo. Lingendiseli amadodakazi enu emadodaneni azo, kumbe lithathele amadodana enu amadodakazi azo, **4** ngoba azaphambula amadodana enu ekungikhonzeni abesekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, kuthi ulaka lukaThixo luvuthe lulitshabalalise. **5** Nanku okumele likwenze kulezi zizwe: Dilizani ama-alithare azo, libhidlize amatshe eziwakhonzayo, ligamule izinsika zika-Ashera njalo litshise izithombe zazo ngomlilo. **6** Phela lina lingabantu abangcwele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ulikhethile phakathi kwabantu bonke emhlabeni ukuthi libe ngabantu bakhe, isipho sakhe esiligugu. **7** UThixo kazange ehlisele uthando lwakhe phezu kwenu ngoba libanengi kulezinye izizwe, phela lina livele liyisizwe sabantu abalutshwana. **8** Kodwa kungenxa yokuthi uThixo walithanda wagcina isifungo asifunga kubokhokho benu walikhupha ngesandla esilamandla walihlenga ezweni lobugqili, emandleni kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. **9** Yazini-

ke ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu; unguNkulunkulu othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano sothando kuze kufike esizukulwaneni senkulungwane salabo abamthandayo njalo begcina imilayo yakhe. **10** Kodwa labo abamzondayo uzaphindisela kubo ngokubabhubhisa; kayikuphuza ukuphindisela kulabo abamzondayo. **11** Kungakho, nanzelelani lilandele imilayo, izimiso kanye lemithetho engilinika yona lamuhla. **12** Nxa linanzelela limithetho njalo liyilandela, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzagcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando kini, njengoba wafunga kubokhokho benu. **13** Uzalithanda alibusise andise ubunengi benu. Uzabusisa izithelo zenzalo yezisu zenu, izilimo zamasimu enu, amabele enu, iwayini elitsha kanye lamafutha, amathole emihlambi yenkomo zenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yezimvu zenu elizweni afunga ukuthi uzalinika okhokho benu ukuba balinike lona. **14** Lina lizabusiswa okungaphezu kwabanye abantu; kakho phakathi kwamadoda labafazi kini ozaswela umntwana, njalo lezifuyo zenu ngeke ziswele amankonyane. **15** UThixo uzaliphephisa emikhuhlaneni yonke. Kayikulehlisela imikhuhlane yonke eyesabekayo elaliyibona eGibhithe, kodwa uzayehlisela kulabo abalizondayo. **16** Libobhubhisa bonke abantu uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu abanikela ezandleni zenu. Lingabazweli usizi, lingakhonzi onkulunkulu babo, ngoba lokho kuzakuba yisifu kini. **17** Mhlawumbe lizakuthi: 'Lezizizwe zilamandla kulathi. Sizazixotsha njani lapha?' **18** Kodwa lingazesabi; khumbulani ukuthi

uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wenzani kuFaro kanye lakulo lonke elaseGibhithe. **19** Lazibonela ngawenu amehlo imilingo emikhulu, izibonakaliso zemilingo lezimanga, isandla esilamandla lokwelulwa kwengalo, khona okwasetshenziswa nguThixo wenu ukulikhupha. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuphinda khonokho kubo laba abantu elibesabayo. **20** Phezu kwalokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzathumela olonyovu phakathi kwabo kuze kuthi labasilileyo balicatshela babhujiswe. **21** Lingabesabi, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ophakathi kwenu, nguThixo omkhulu njalo owesabekayo. **22** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzazidudula lezozizwe phambi kwenu kancanekancane. Aliyikuvunyelwa ukuzibhubhisa ngasikhathi sinye ngoba izinyamazana zeganga zinganda zilihanqe. **23** Kodwa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzabanikela kini, abaphazamise baze babhujiswe. **24** Amakhosi azo uzawanikela ezandleni zenu, njalo lizakwesula amabizo awo ngaphansi komkhathi. Kakho ozakwenelisa ukumelana lani, lizababhubhisa. **25** Izithombe zabonkulunkulu bazo lizazitshisa ngomlilo. Lingahawukeli isiliva legolide eliphezu kwezithombe, lingazigcineli lona, ngoba lizabe selizibambisile emjibileni ngalo, ngoba liyisinengiso kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **26** Lingalethi okunengisayo ezindlini zenu, ngoba lani njengakho lokho lizakhethelwa ukubhujiswa. Kwenyanyeni linengeke ngakho, ngoba kumiselwe ukutshabalaliswa."

8 "Nanzelelani njalo lilandele yonke imilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze liphile njalo lande khona lizangena

lithumbe ilizwe uThixo alinika okhokho benu ethembisa ngesifungo. **2** Likhumbule ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu walikhokhela njani lidabula inkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, elichumisa lokulilinga ukuthi abone okwakusezinhliziyweni zenu, ukuthi kambe lizayigcina imiyalo yakhe na loba hayi. **3** UThixo walichumisa, walenza lalamba kanti njalo walipha ukudla okuyimana, ukudla lokho laboyihlo abangazange bakwazi, kuyikulifundisa ukuthi umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela zwi kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni kaThixo. **4** Izigqoko zenu aziguganga njalo lezinyawo zenu azivuvukanga kuleyo minyaka engamatshumi amane. **5** Gcinani lokhu ezinhliziyweni zenu lazi ukuthi njengendoda ikhuza indodana yayo, ngokufananayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyalikhuza. **6** Gcinani imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe endleleni yakhe njalo limkhonze. **7** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ulisa elizweni elihle, ilizwe elilezifula leziziba zamanzi, intombo zamanzi ezimpompoza ezigodini lasemaqaqeni; **8** elizweni lengqoloyi lebhali, amavini lemikhiwa, amaphomegranathi, amafutha ama-oliva lenyosi; **9** elizweni lapha okungasayi kusweleka khona isinkwa njalo aliyikuswela lutho; elizweni lapho amatshe akhona ayinsimbi kanti njalo lingemba ikhopha emaqaqeni. **10** Lizakuthi selidlile lasutha, lidumise uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngelizwe elihle alinike lona. **11** Linanzelele ukuthi alilibali uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lingehluleki ukugcina imilayo yakhe, imithetho kanye lezimiso engilinika zona lamuhla. **12** Kungenzeka ukuthi lithi selidlile lasutha,

selakhe izindlu ezinhle lahlala lazinza, **13** njalo imihlambi yezifuyo zenu leyezimvu zenu isiqhelile yanda kuze kuthi lesiliva legolide lenu selilinengi kanye lakho konke okwenu sekukunengi kuphindwe kanenginengi, **14** liziqhenye ezinhliziyweni zenu, libe selikhohlwa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, yena owalikhupha eGibhithe, walikhupha elizweni lobugqili. **15** UThixo walikhokhela enkangala enkulu eyesabekayo, eyomileyo engelamanzi, elobuthi benyoka lenkume. Walinika amanzi aphuma edwaleni. **16** Walinika imana ukuba lidle enkangala, into abangazange bayazi oyihlo, ukulichumisa njalo lokulilinga ukuze kuthi ekucineni kulihambele kuhle. **17** Mhlawumbe lingathi, 'Ngokuzimisela kwami langamandla ezandla zami sengizidalele inotho.' **18** Kodwa khumbulani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngoba kunguye olipha amandla okunotha, lokho kuyikho ukugcwaliseka kwesivumelwano sakhe, sona afunga kubokhokho benu, okulokhu kunjalo lalamuhla. **19** Nxa lizake likhohlwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu beselilandela abanye onkulunkulu libakhonze libakhothamele, ngiyalifungela lamuhla ukuthi lizabhujiswa ngempela. **20** Njengezizwe uThixo azibhubhisa phambi kwenu lani lizabhujiswa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu."

9 "Zwana, We Israyeli. Khathesi ususiyachapha iJodani ukuze ungene uyethathela izizwe ezinkulu ezilamandla kulawe, ezilamadolobho amakhulu alemiduli etshaya emkhathini. **2** Abantu bakhona balamandla njalo bade, ngama-Anakhi. Liyakwazi konke ngabo njalo selike layizwa indumela yabo yokuthi: 'Ngubani ongamelana

lama-Anakhi?' **3** Kodwa qinisekani lamuhla ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu njengomlilo otshisa ubhuqe. UThixo uzababhubhisa; uzabanyathela phambi kwenu. Lizabaxotsha libabhubhise masinyane, njengokuthembisa kukaThixo. **4** Ngemva kokuba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esebanqobile phambi kwenu, lingabozikhohlisa lisithi, 'UThixo ungilethe lapha ukuba ngilithathe libe ngelami lelilizwe ngenxa yokulunga kwami.' Akunjalo, kungenxa yezono zalezizizwe okuzakwenza ukuthi uThixo azisuse phambi kwakho. **5** Akusikho ukuthi kungenxa yokulunga kwakho loba ukuziphatha ngobuntu bakho okuzakwenza ungene kulelolizwe ulithathe; kodwa kungenxa yezono zalezozizwe, uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzazixotsha phambi kwakho lezizizwe ukuze kugcwaliseke isifungo uThixo wakho asenza kuboyihlo, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka kanye loJakhobe. **6** Zwisisa manje, ukuthi akungenxa yokulunga kwakho ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukunika lelilizwe ukuba libe ngelakho, ngoba lina simo senu lingontamozilukhuni." **7** "Khumbulani lokhu njalo lingakhohlwa ukuthi lamthukuthelisa njani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu enkangala waze wazonda. Kusukela ngosuku elasuka ngalo eGibhithe lize lizofika lapha, belilokhu lihlamukela uThixo. **8** EHorebhi lavusa ulaka lukaThixo ngalokho wazonda okokuthi wayezalibhubhisa. **9** Kwathi ekukhweleni kwami intaba ngisiyakwamukela izibhebhedu zamatshe, izibhebhedu zesivumelwano uThixo asenza lani, ngahlala entabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane

lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa njalo angizange nginathe amanzi. **10** UThixo wanginika izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili okwakulotshwe kuzo ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu. Kulezizibhebhedu kwakulotshwe yonke imilayo eyayethulwe nguThixo kini phezu kwentaba ephakathi komlilo, ngosuku lombuthano. **11** Ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, uThixo wangipha izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili, izibhebhedu zesivumelwano. **12** UThixo wangitshela wathi, 'Suka lapha wehle ngokuphangisa, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe sebexhwalile. Sebephambukile masinyane kulokho engangibalaye ngakho njalo sebezibumbele isithombe.' **13** UThixo wathi kimi, 'Sengibabonile lababantu, njalo bangontamozilukhuni ngeqiniso! **14** Ngiyekela ukuze ngibabhubhise njalo ngesule amabizo abo ngaphansi kwamazulu. Njalo ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esilamandla futhi esikhulu kulesabo.' **15** Ngasengiphenduka ngehla entabeni yona ivutha ilangabi lomlilo. Kanti njalo izibhebhedu zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami. **16** Ngathi ngiyakhangela ngabona ukuthi lonile phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu; laselizibumbele isithombe esibunjwe ngesimo sethole. Laseliphambukile masinyane lasuka endleleni uThixo ayelilaye ngayo. **17** Ngalokho ngathatha izibhebhedu zombili ezazisezandleni zami ngazisakazela phansi, zaphahlazeka zaba yizicucu phambi kwenu. **18** Kanti-ke njalo ngazilahla ngawa phambi kukaThixo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku obungamatshumi

amane; angidlanga sinkwa njalo angizange nginathe amanzi, ngenxa yezono zonke elaselizidalile, lisenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo njalo lamthukuthelisa waze wazonda. **19** Ngesaba intukuthelo lolaka lukaThixo, ngoba wayezonde kangangokuba wayengalibhubhisa. Kodwa-ke futhi uThixo wangilalela. **20** UThixo wamthukuthelela u-Aroni kangangokuba wayengamtshabalalisa, kodwa-ke ngalesosikhathi laye u-Aroni ngamkhulekela. **21** Ngabuye ngathatha into yokona kwenu, ithole leli elalilibumbile, ngalitshisa emlilweni. Ngasengilichoboza njalo ngalichola laba yimpuphu ecoleke njengothuli ngaluhaza esifuleni esigeleza entabeni. **22** Laphinda njalo lamthukuthelisa uThixo eThabhera, laseMasa kanye laseKhibhrothi Hathava. **23** Kanti uThixo wathi elisusa eKhadeshi Bhaneya, wathi, 'Qhubekani njalo liyethatha ilizwe engilinike lona.' Kodwa lahlamukela umlayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Alizange limethembe loba ukumlalela. **24** Belivele limhlamukela uThixo kusukela ngiqalisa ukulazi. **25** Ngazilahla ngawa phambi kukaThixo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane kanye lobusuku obungamatshumi amane ngoba uThixo wayethe uzalibhubhisa. **26** Ngakhuleka njalo kuThixo ngathi, 'Oh! Thixo Wobukhosi, ungabhubhisi abantu bakho, ilifa lakho owalihlenga ngamandla akho amakhulu wabakhipha eGibhithe ngesandla sakho esilamandla. **27** Khumbula izinceku zakho u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka kanye loJakhobe. Xola ebuqholweni balababantu, ebubini lasezonweni zabo. **28** Nxa kungenjalo ilizwe owasisusa kilo lizakuthi, "Ngoba uThixo wehluleka ukubangenisa elizweni ayebathembise

lona, njalo langenxa yokuthi wayebazonda, wabakhupha ukuze bayefela enkangala.” **29** Kodwa ngabantu bakho, abayilifa lakho owalikhupha ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo.’”

10 “Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wathi kimi, ‘Baza ezinye izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zifanane lezakuqala uze lazo kimi entabeni. Uphinde njalo wenze ibhokisi ngezigodo. **2** Ngizabhala kulezozibhebhedu amazwi ayesezibhebhedwini zakuqala owaziphahlazayo. Ube usuzifaka kulelobhokisi.’ **3** Ngakho ngenza ibhokisi lesivumelwano ngezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya ngasengibaza izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe ezifanana lezakuqala, ngasengikhwela entabeni ngiphethe lezo zibhebhedu ezimbili. **4** UThixo wabhala kulezozibhebhedu lokho ayekubhale kwezakuqala, imiThetho eliTshumi ayeyimemezele kini ephakathi komlilo, entabeni, ngosuku lokuhlangana. UThixo wasenginika zona izibhebhedu. **5** Ngakho ngasengibuya ngisehla entabeni ngafika ngafaka izibhebhedu ebhokisini engangilenzile njengokulaywa kwami nguThixo, yikho zilokhu zikhona lakhathesi.” **6** (Abako-Israyeli bahamba besuka emithonjeni yaseBherothi-Bheni-Jakhani kusiya eMosera. Kulapho u-Aroni afela khona njalo wangcwatshwa khona, kwathi indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari yathatha isikhundla sakhe sobuphristi. **7** Besuka lapho bahamba baya eGudigoda bedlulela eJothibhatha, ezweni elilezifula ezilamanzi. **8** Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wehlukanisa abaLevi ukuze bathwale umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, ukuma phambi kukaThixo

besenza umsebenzi wokukhonza kanye lokwethula izibusiso ngebizo lakhe, njengoba bekwenza lanamuhla. **9** Yikho abaLevi bengelasabelo loba ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo; elabo ilifa nguThixo, njengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wabatshela.) **10** "Ngasengihlale phezu kwentaba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, njengalokhu engangikwenze kuqala, lakanye uThixo wangilalela futhi okwalesosikhathi. Kwakungasikufisa kwakhe ukulibhubhisa. **11** UThixo wathi kimi, 'Hamba uyekhokhela abantu endleleni yabo, ukwenzela ukuthi bangene bathathe ilizwe engafunga kuboyise ukuthi ngizabapha lona.'" **12** "Khathesi-ke, Oh Israyeli, kuyini uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho angakucela kuwe ngaphandle kokuba umesabe uThixo wakho, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe, ukumthanda, ukumsebenzela uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomoya wakho wonke, **13** lokugcina imilayo kaThixo kanye lezimiso lezi engilinika zona lamhlanje ukuze kulilungele? **14** Amazulu ngakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lamazulu aphakameyo, umhlaba kanye lakho konke okukiwo. **15** Kanti-ke uThixo watshengisela isihawu sakhe kubokhokho benu njalo wabathanda, ngalokho wakhetha lina, eliyizizukulwane zabo, phezu kwazo zonke ezinye izizwe, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla. **16** Ngakho-ke, sokani inhliziyo zenu, njalo lingabe lisaba ngontamozilukhuni futhi. **17** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu njalo unguMbusi wababusi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla njalo owesabekayo, ongelabandlululo

futhi ongemukeli isivalamlomo. **18** Uyawavikela
amalungelo ezintandane kanye labafelokazi, njalo
uyabathanda abangabezizweni phakathi kwenu, ubanika
ukudla lezembatho. **19** Ngakho kuzamele lithande
abezizweni, njengoba lina lalingabezizweni eGibhithe. **20**
Mesabeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze.
Bambelelani kuye njalo lenze izifungo zenu ngebizo
lakhe. **21** Uyindumiso yenu, unguNkulunkulu wenu,
owalenzela lezozimanga ezinkulu lezesabekayo elazibona
ngamehlo enu. **22** Okhokho benu abaya eGibhithe
babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuphela, kanti khathesi
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uselenze laba banengi
njengezinkanyezi esibhakabhakeni.”

11 “Thandani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lilondoloze
okwakhe, izimiso, imithetho lemilayo yakhe ngazozonke
izikhathi. **2** Khumbulani lamuhla ukuthi abantwabenu
akusibo ababubonayo njalo babazi ubukhulu bukaThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu; ubukhosi bakhe, isandla sakhe
esilamandla, lengalo yakhe eyelulekileyo; **3** izibonakaliso
azenzayo kanye lakho konke akwenzayo phakathi
kwelizwe leGibhithe, ezenza kuFaro iNkosi yeGibhithe
laselizweni lakhe lonke; **4** lalokho akwenza kubutho
leGibhithe, lasemabhizeni lezinqola zawo, ukuthi
wakunqoba njani konke lokhu ngamanzi oLwandle
oluBomvu mhla bexotshana lani, kanye lokuthi uThixo
wabachitha baphela du. **5** Akusibantwabenu ababona
alenzela khona enkangala laze lazafika lapha, **6** kanye
lalokho akwenza kuDathani lo-Abhiramu, amadodana
ka-Eliyabi wako-Rubheni. Lapho umhlaba owavuleka

khona phambi kwabako-Israyeli wabaginya bonke kanye lezimuli zabo, lamathente abo lakho konke okuphilayo okwakungokwabo. **7** Kodwa-ke kwakungawenu amehlo abona zonke lezizinto ezazenziwe nguThixo. **8** Yikho-ke gcinani lilalele yonke imilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze lizuze amandla okuchapha iJodani liyelithumba lelolizwe, **9** njalo lihlale kulo isikhathi eside ilizwe uThixo alinika okhokho benu lezizukulwane zenu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **10** Lelolizwe elizangena kulo lilithumbe alifanani lelizwe laseGibhithe, lapho elivela khona, lapho elalihlanyela inhlanyelo yenu lithwala amanzi nzima lithelela njengesivandeni semibhida. **11** Kodwa ilizwe elilichaphela uJodani ukuze lilithumbe libe ngelenu yilizwe lezintaba lezihotsha ezinatha zigcwale ngamanzi ezulu. **12** Yilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alikhathalelayo, amehlo kaThixo wenu aphezu kwalo kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka kuze kube sekupheleni kwawo. **13** Ngakho lingalalela ngokwethembeka imilayo yami engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze ngenhliziyo zenu zonke, langemiphefumulo yenu yonke, **14** ngalokho ngizanisa izulu emhlabeni wenu ngesikhathi salo, ekwindla kanye lasentwasa, ukuze libe lenala yamabele njalo livune, iwayini elitsha kanye lamafutha. **15** Ngizamilisa utshani egangeni obuzadliwa zinkomo zenu, lina lizakudla lisuthe. **16** Qaphelani linanzelele ukuthi aliyikuhugeka lihlamuke likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele. **17** Kungaba njalo ulaka lukaThixo luzavutha kini, njalo uzavala amazulu

akhe ukuze kungabi lezulu elizakuna kuthi umhlaba wenu ungatheli izithelo, kuthi lina libhubhe masinyane elizweni elihle uThixo alinika lona. **18** Gcinani amazwi ami la ezinhliziyweni lasengqondweni zenu, abopheleni njengezimpawu ezandleni zenu, liwabophele lemabunzini enu. **19** Afundiseni abantwabenu, lixoxe ngawo nxa lihlezi emakhaya enu kanye lalapho lihamba endleleni, lapho lilala lanxa livuka. **20** Abhaleni emigubazini yezindlu zenu kanye lasemasangweni enu, **21** ukuze kuthi insuku zenu kanye lezabantwabenu zande elizweni uThixo afunga ukulinika okhokho benu, kuze kube laphakade. **22** Nxa lingamhlonipha lilandele imilayo yami le engilinika yona ukuba liyilandele, ukuthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ngezindlela zakhe libambelele kuye ngokuqinileyo, **23** ngalokho uThixo uzazixotsha zonke izizwe phambi kwenu njalo lani lizazemuka izizwe ezinkulu kulani, njalo ezilamandla kulani. **24** Yonke indawo elizanyathela kuyo izakuba ngeyenu: umhlaba wenu uzaqhela ukusuka enkangala usiya eLebhanoni, kusuka emfuleni iYufrathe kusiya olwandle olusentshonalanga. **25** Kakho ozamelana lani. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, njengokulithembisa kwakhe, uzaletha ukuthuthumela ngani lokulesaba elizweni lonke, ngaphi langaphi elihamba khona. **26** Khangelani, lamuhla ngifaka phambi kwenu isibusiso lesithuko, **27** isibusiso nxa lilalela imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona lamuhla; **28** isithuko nxa lingalaleli imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo libe selitshiya indlela engilikhomba yona ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu elingabaziyo. **29**

Nxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eselifikisile elizweni eselingena kulo ukuba lilithumbe, kalibomemezela liseNtabeni iGerizimu lezozibusiso, kuthi liseNtabeni ye-Ebhali limemezele izithuko. **30** Njengoba lisazi, izintaba zingaphetsheya kweJodani, entshonalanga yomgwaqo okhangele entshonalanga, eduzane lezihlahla ezinkulu zaseMore, elizweni lalawo maKhenani ahlala e-Arabha eduzane kweGiligali. **31** Seliseduze ukuchapha iJodani ukuba lingene lithumbe lelolizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. Kuzakuthi nxa selilithethe selihlala khona, **32** libe leqiniso lokuthi liyalalela zonke izimiso lemithetho engilibekela yona lamuhla."

12 "Lezi yizo izimiso lemilayo okumele likugcine ngonanzelelo elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu nxa lilokhu lisahlala kulelolizwe. **2** Dilizani ngokupheleleyo zonke izindawo izizwe elizinqobayo ezazikhonzela onkulunkulu bazo khona, ezintabeni eziphakemeyo lasemaqaqeni kanye langaphansi kwezihlahla ezinabileyo. **3** Dilizani ama-alithare ezizwe, libhidlize amatshe abawakhonzayo litshise izinsika zika-Ashera emlilweni, dilizelani phansi izithombe zabo lihle lichithe licitshe amabizo abo kulezondawo. **4** Lingalandeli izindlela zabo zokukhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Kodwa lizadinga indawo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zenu, ukuze abeke iBizo lakhe lapho, ahlale khona. Kumele liye kuleyondawo; **6** khonapho lilethe iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, lokwetshumi kwenu lezipho zenu eziqakathekileyo,

lokho elifunge ukukunikela kanye leminikelo yenu yokuzithandela, amazibulo emihlambi yenu yenkomo leyezimvu. **7** Khonapho, phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lina kanye labantwabenu lizakudla njalo lijabule ngakho konke elike labeka izandla zenu kukho, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ulibusisile. **8** Lingabokwenza njengalokhu esikwenza lamuhla, ngamunye esenza njengokuthanda kwakhe, **9** ngoba alikangeni endaweni yokuphumula kanye lelifeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **10** Kodwa lizachapha uJodani liyekwakha lihlale elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu, njalo uzaliphumuza ezitheni zenu elakhelene lazo ukuze lihlale livikelekile. **11** Okumayelana lendawo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha ibe likhaya leBizo lakhe, kulapho elizaletha konke engililaya ngakho: iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, okwetshumi kwenu lezipho zenu eziqakathekileyo, kanye lazozonke impahla elikhethe ukufunga ngazo kuThixo. **12** Khona lapho lijabule phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lina, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku lezincekukazi zenu, kanye labaLevi abavela emadolobheni enu, abangelasabelo loba ilifa abaliphiwayo libe ngelabo. **13** Limukani linganikeleli iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa ingqe kungaphi elithanda khona. **14** Nikelelani kuphela endaweni uThixo azayikhetha phakathi kwezizwana zenu kuthi selilapho linanzelele konke engililaya ngakho. **15** Ngalokho-ke, selilakho ukuhlaba izifuyo zenu lizibulale njengalokhu okwenziwayo emadolobheni enu njalo lidle yonke leyonyama elifisa ukuyidla, kungani

lithaka loba imbabala, kusiya ngesibusiso leso lowo lalowo ayabe ebusiswe ngaso nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Bonke labangahlanzekanga labahlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba bavunyelwe ukuyidla. **16** Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo; lilahleni kungathi lichitha amanzi phansi. **17** Lingakudli emadolobheni enu okwetshumi kwamabele enu kanye lokwewayini elitsha lamafutha, loba amazibulo emihlambi yezifuyo zenu, lakho konke eselifunge lathembisa ukuba lizanikela ngakho, leminikelo yenu yokuzithandela loba izipho eziqakathekileyo. **18** Kodwa kumele likudle phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lina, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku lezincekukazi zenu, kanye labaLevi abavela emadolobheni enu, lina labo lizajabula phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngakho konke elikuphatha ngezandla zenu. **19** Linanzelele lingalibali beselikhohlwa abaLevi nxa lilokhu lisahlala elizweni lenu. **20** Nxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eseqhelisile ilizwe lenu njengokulethembisa kwakhe, libe seliloyisa ukudla inyama lithi, 'Ngifisa ukudla inyama,' kulapho elizakudla khona lize lifike lapho elithanda khona. **21** Nxa indawo leyo lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu akhetha ukubeka iBizo lakhe ikhatshana kakhulu lani, lingahlaba emihlambini yezifuyo leyezimvu njengokuyiphiwa kwenu nguThixo, njengoba ngililayile, kuthi emadolobheni enu lizidle lezozifuyo njengokuthanda kwenu. **22** Lidle kungathi lidla ithaka lembabala. Bonke abangahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba labahlanzekileyo bangadla. **23** Kodwa linanzelele lingadli

igazi, ngoba igazi yiyo impilo ngakho akufanelanga ukuthi lidle impilo lenyama. **24** Lingabokudla igazi; lichitheleni emhlabathini kungathi lilahla amanzi. **25** Lingadli, ukuze kulihambele kuhle lina kanye labantwabenu abezayo, ngoba lizabe lenze okuhle emehlweni kaThixo. **26** Kodwa thathani lokho okugcotshiweyo lalokho elifunge ukukunikela lisuke liye endaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo. **27** Lethani iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa e-alithareni likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, konke inyama kanye legazi. Igazi leminikelo yenu lilichithele phansi kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, kodwa lingadla inyama yakhona. **28** Linanzelele lilandele iziqondiso zonke engilinika zona, ukuze kulihambele kuhle lina kanye labantwabenu abezayo ngemva kwenu, ngoba lizabe lenze okuhle njalo kulungile emehlweni kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **29** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzazichitha phambi kwenu zonke izizwe okufanele lizihlasele libe selizemuka okungokwazo. Kodwa nxa selizinqobile lazichitha selihlezi elizweni lazo, **30** njalo nxa sezichithiwe phambi kwenu, liqaphele lingahugeki ngokubuza ngabonkulunkulu bazo lisithi, 'Kanti zona lezizizwe zibakhonza njani onkulunkulu bazo? Lathi sizakwenza okufananayo.' **31** Lingabokhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngendlela abakhonza ngayo, ngoba ekukhonzeni kwabo onkulunkulu babo, benza konke okunengisayo okungasoze kwamukeleke kuThixo. Baya baze batshise amadodana lamadodakazi abo emlilweni bethi bayanikela kubonkulunkulu babo. **32** Nanzelelani

ukuthi lenza lokho engililaya ngakho, lingengezeleli loba liphungule kulokho.”

13 “Nxa umphrofethi, loba umuntu oboniswa ngamaphupho, angavela phakathi kwenu abesebika imilingo loba isimanga, **2** kuthi leyomilingo loba lesosimanga ayabe ekhulume ngaso, kubonakale kusenzakala, abesesithi, ‘Asilandeleni abanye onkulunkulu’ (onkulunkulu elingabaziyo) ‘njalo asibakhonzeni,’ **3** lingalaleli amazwi alowo mphrofethi loba umuntu wamaphupho. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzabe elilinga efuna ukubona kumbe liyamthanda yini ngezinhliziyo zenu kanye langemiphefumulo yenu yonke. **4** NguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu okumele limlandele, kanti nguye uqobo okumele limesabe. Gcinani imilayo yakhe njalo limlalele; mkhonzeni libambelele liqine kuye. **5** Lowo mphrofethi loba lowomuntu wamaphupho akhe kumele abulawe, ngoba utshumayele wakhuthaza ukuhlamukela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe njalo walihlenga elizweni lobugqili; njalo ngumuntu obezama ukuliphambula endleleni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngayo ukuba liyilandele. Kumele lihlambulule ububi phakathi kwenu. **6** Nxa umfowenu uqobo, loba indodana loba indodakazi yakho, loba umfazi wakho omthandayo, loba umngane wakho osekhwapheni, angavele akuhuge ensitha, esithi, ‘Asihambe siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu’ (onkulunkulu lina laboyihlo elingazange libazi, **7** onkulunkulu babantu elakhelene labo, eduzane loba khatshana, kusukela emaphethelweni esigaba

kusiyaphutsha ngale kwaso), **8** lingamvumeli futhi
lingamlaleli. Lingamtshengiseli uzwelo. Lingamphephisi
njalo lingamvikeli. **9** Kumele ngeqiniso abulawe. Isandla
senu kumele sibe yiso esikhokhela ukubulawa kwakhe,
kulandele zonke ezabanye abantu. **10** Mkhandeni
ngamatshe limbulale, ngoba uzame ukuliphambula
elisusa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha
eGibhithe, walikhupha elizweni lobugqili. **11** Ngalokho
wonke u-Israyeli uzakuzwa esabe, kakho loyedwa
phakathi kwenu ozake aphinde enze into enjalo futhi. **12**
Lingezwa kuthiwa kuledolobho elikwenzayo lokhu
phakathi kwamadolobho eliwaphiwe nguThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu ukuba lihlale kuwo **13** kulamadoda
aphakathi kwenu asedukise abantu balawo madolobho,
esithi, 'Asihambeni siyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu'
(onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi), **14** kufanele libuzisise,
lichwayisise lihlole ngokupheleleyo. Kuthi nxa kuliqiniso
njalo kugcwaliseke ukuthi lesisinengiso sikhona phakathi
kwenu, **15** kumele lifake inkemba ngeqiniso kulabo bonke
abahlala kulelodolobho. Lilichithe litshabalale ngeqiniso,
abantu bakhona kanye lezifuyo zakhona. **16** Buthelelani
konke okuthunjiweyo kulelodolobho phakathi enzikini
yalo enkundleni yokuhlanganela kwabantu lilithungele
litshe lilobe lelodolobho kanye lempahla zalo zonke
njengomnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.
Kumele lisale lilunxiwa lelodolobho kokuphela,
lingakhiwa kutsha futhi. **17** Akungabi lokukodwa
kwalokho okusoliweyo okuzafunyanwa ezandleni zenu,
ukuze uThixo adedise ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo;

alitshengisele umusa wakhe, abe lozwelo kini, andise amanani enu, njengoba wathembisa ngesifungo kubokhokho benu, **18** ngoba lilalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ligcina imilayo yakhe le engilinika yona lamuhla njalo lisenza okulungileyo emehlweni akhe.”

14 “Lingabantwana bakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingabozisika loba liphuce amakhanda enu lizilela abafileyo, **2** ngoba lingabantu abangcwele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Ebantwini bonke abasemhlabeni, uThixo ulikhethile lina ukuthi libe ngabantu bakhe abaligugu. **3** Lingadli loba kuyini okunengisayo. **4** Nanzi izinyamazana elingazidla: inkomo, imvu, imbuzi, **5** umziki, impala, umziki obomvu, imbuzi yeganga, imbuzi mawa, umtshwayeli lemvu yentaba. **6** Lingadla zonke izinyamazana ezilenklagu ezivulekileyo lezentshisayo. **7** Kodwa-ke kulezo ezilenklagu ezivulekileyo loba lezo ezentshisayo zilani lingadli ikamela, umvundla loba imbila. Zingcolile kini ngokomkhuba. **8** Ingulube layo ayihlanzekanga; lanxa ilenklagu ezivulekileyo kayentshisi. Lingabokudla inyama yazo, lingathinti lezidumbu zazo. **9** Kuzozonke izidalwa ezihlala emanzini, lingadla zonke lezo ezilempiko lamaxolo. **10** Kodwa konke lokho okungelampiko lamaxolo akumelanga likudle; kungcolile kini. **11** Lingadla loba yiphi inyoni ehlanzekileyo. **12** Kodwa lezi lingazidli: ukhozi, ilinqe elimnyama, **13** uhelwane olubomvu, uhelwane olumnyama, loba yiwuphi umhlobo womzwazwa **14** loba yiphi imihlobo yamawabayi, **15** isikhova esilesicholo, ingabuzane, idada lolwandle, loba wuphi umhlobo wokhozi, **16** umandukulo, isikhova

esikhulu, isikhova esimhlophe, **17** isikhova senkangala,
ukhozi lwenhlanzi, itshayamanzi, **18** ingabuzane, lawuphi
umhlobo welanda, imvenduna lomalulwane. **19** Zonke
izibungu eziphaphayo zingcolile kini; lingabozidla. **20**
Kodwa konke okulempiko okuhlanzekileyo kudleni.
21 Lingabokudla ingcuba. Lingakunika loba ngubani
owezizweni ohlezi loba kukuliphi phakathi kwamadolobho
enu, yena angakudla, ulakho njalo ukuthi angathengisela
omunye laye owezizweni. Kodwa lina lingabantu
abangcwele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki
izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina." **22** "Wobani
leqiniso ukuthi libeka eceleni lokhu okuyingxenye
eyodwa yetshumi yesivuno somnyaka. **23** Dlanini
okwetshumi kwamabele enu, iwayini elitsha lamafutha,
kanye lamazibulo emihlambi yenkomo zenu lawezimvu
emehlweni kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni
azalikhethela yona ukuba ibe leBizo lakhe, ukuze
lifunde ukumphakamisa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
ngezikhathi zonke. **24** Kodwa nxa leyondawo ikhatshana
kakhulu lina libusisiwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
njalo lingenelisi ukuthwala okwetshumi kwenu (ngenxa
yokuthi lapho uThixo akhethe ukubeka khona iBizo
lakhe kukhatshana kakhulu), **25** thengisani okwetshumi
kwenu ngesiliva, libe selithatha lihambe lesiliva liye
endaweni leyo ezabe ikhethwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu. **26** Sebenzisani isiliva lithenge ngaso loba yini
elifuna ukuyithenga: inkomo, izimvu, iwayini loba kuyini
elikufunayo. Ngakho lina kanye labendlu yenu lizakudla
khonapho phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo

libe lokujabula. **27** Njalo lingakhohlwa abaLevi abahlala emadolobheni enu, ngoba abalaso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga ilifa. **28** Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu, lethani okwetshumi kwesivuno salowomnyaka likugcine emadolobheni enu, **29** yikho kuzakuthi abaLevi (bona abangelasabelo loba ilifa elingelabo) kanye labezizweni, izintandane ezingelaboyise labafelokazi abahlala emadolobheni enu beze labo bazokudla basuthe, njalo kuze kuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alibusise kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zenu."

15 "Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa kumele lesule izikwelede. **2** Nanso indlela elizakuphatha ngayo: Wonke umuntu owake waboleka omunye wakibo wako-Israyeli impahla yakhe kumele esule lesosikwelede. Akusafanelanga ukuthi adinge ukuhlawulwa ngomunye wakhe wako-Israyeli loba umfowabo, ngoba isikhathi sikaThixo sokwesula izikwelede sesimenyezelwe. **3** Lilakho ukuthi lihlawulwe ngabezizweni, kodwa kumele lesule isikwelede umfowenu ayabe elaso kini. **4** Kodwa akungabi lomuntu oswelayo phakathi kwenu, ngoba elizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuze libe yilifa lenu, uzalibusisa kakhulu, **5** nxa lizalalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu linanzelele njalo ukuthi liyayilandela yonke imilayo yakhe engilethulela yona lamuhla. **6** Kungenxa yalokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azalibusisa njengokulithembisa kwakhe, njalo lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina aliyikweboleka lutho kuzo. Lizabusa phezu kwezizwe ezinengi kodwa lina akulasizwe esizalibusa. **7** Nxa ekhona ongumyanga phakathi

kwabafowenu emadolobheni la uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika wona lasemazweni eliwaphiweyo, lingabi lezinhliziyo ezilukhuni loba ukuba ngabancitshanayo kumfowenu ongumyanga. **8** Kuhle ukuthi libe ngabaphanayo limeboleke ngokukhululeka loba yini ayiswelayo. **9** Limukani lingagcini umnakano omubi othi: 'Umnyaka wesikhombisa, umnyaka wokwesulwa kwezikwelede, ususondele,' ukuze lingabi lomoya omubi ngomfowenu oswelayo lingabe lisamnika lutho. Kungenzeka acele kuThixo ukuba alihlanekele, libe selifunyanwa lilesono. **10** Mupheni okunengi njalo lokhu likwenze ngezinhliziyo ezingelamona; kanti-ke ngenxa yalokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa kuyo yonke imisebenzi yenu lakukho konke elibeka izandla zenu kukho. **11** Kuzahlala kulokhu kulabantu abangabayanga elizweni. Ngakho ngiyalilaya ukuba phanini ngezandla ezivulekileyo kubafowenu kanye lakubo bonke abangabayanga labaswelayo elizweni lenu." **12** "Nxa omunye wenu ongumHebheru, owesilisa loba owesifazane, ezithengisile kini, angasebenza iminyaka eyisithupha, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kumele limkhulule azihambele. **13** Mhla limkhulula lingamyekeli ehamba eze engaphethe lutho. **14** Mnikeni emihlambini yenu ngomoya wokuphana, lasemabeleni asebhuliwe kanye lewayini eselihluziwe. Mnikeni njengokubusiswa kwenu nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **15** Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu walikhulula. Yikho ngilinika umlayo lo lamuhla. **16** Kodwa nxa isisebenzi senu singathi kini, 'Angifuni

ukusuka lapha,' ngenxa yokuthi siyalithanda lina labendlu yenu njalo sihlezi kuhle lani, **17** thathani usungulo libhobozele indlebe yaso emnyango, sihle sibe yisisebenzi senu kokuphela. Lokhu likwenze lasesigqilini sesifazane. **18** Lingakuthathi njengomthwalo onzima ukukhulula izisebenzi zenu, ngoba umsebenzi esiyabe sikwenzele wona eminyakeni eyisithupha uyalingana lomsebenzi ophindwe kabili owenziwa ngoqhatshiweyo. Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa kukho konke elikwenzayo." **19** "Yehlukaniselani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu amazibulo wonke amaduna emihlambini yenu kanye leyezimvu. Lingasebenzisi loba yiliphi izibulo emhlambini loba owezimvu njalo lingagundi uboya bamazibulo ezimvu zenu. **20** Ngayo yonke iminyaka lina kanye labendlu yenu lizawadla phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhetha yena. **21** Nxa inyamazana ilesici, iqhula loba iyisiphofu, loba ilokunye okusolekayo, linganikeli ngayo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **22** Leyo lizayidlela emadolobheni enu. Bonke abahlanzekileyo labangahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba balakho ukuyidla, kungani badla ithaka lembabala. **23** Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo, lichitheleni emhlabathini kungathi lichitha amanzi."

16 "Gcinani inyanga ka-Abhibhi njalo lihloniphe iPhasika likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ngenyanga ka-Abhibhi walikhupha eGibhithe ngobusuku. **2** Nikelani okwePhasika kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngesifuyo esivela emhlambini wenu loba emhlambini wezimvu endaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu

wenu ukuba ibe yindawo yebizo lakhe. **3** Lingasidli
ndawonye lesinkwa esilemvubelo, kodwa okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo,
isinkwa sokuhlupheka, ngoba lasuka eGibhithe ngokujaha
ukuze insuku zonke zokuphila kwenu likhumbule isikhathi
elasuka ngaso eGibhithe. **4** Akungafunyanwa mvubelo
kini lakulo lonke ilizwe lenu okwensuku eziyisikhombisa.
Njalo lingatshiyi inyama yomhlatshelo wantambama
ivuke ilokhu ikhona ngosuku olulandelayo. **5** Linganikeli
okwePhasika loba kukuliphi idolobho uThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu azalinika lona **6** ngaphandle kwalapho azakhetha
khona ukuba kube yindawo yeBizo lakhe. Kulapho
elizakwenzela khona umhlatshelo wePhasika ntambama,
ekutshoneni kwelanga, kuyisikhumbuzo selanga elasuka
ngalo eGibhithe. **7** Yoseni libe seliyidlela endaweni
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azalikhethela yona. Kuzakuthi
ekuseni libuyele emathenteni enu. **8** Okwensuku
eziyisithupha lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo
kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa libuthane kuThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu lingenzi msebenzi." **9** "Balani
amaviki ayisikhombisa kusukela mhla liqalisa ukuvuna
amabele. **10** Beselithakazelela uMkhosi wamaViki kuThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu ngokupha umnikelo wokuzithandela
kusiya ngezibusiso uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu aliphe zona.
11 Ngakho thokozani phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu endaweni azayikhethela ukuba ngeyeBizo lakhe, lina
lamadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku lezincekukazi
zenu zesifazane, abaLevi abasemadolobheni enu, kanye
labezizweni, izintandane labafelokazi abahlezi phakathi

kwenu. **12** Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe,
ngakho landelani leziziqondiso ngonanzelelo." **13**
"Gcinani uMkhosi weziHonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa
ngemva kokubutha amabele enu ezindaweni zokubhulela
lezokuhluzela iwayini. **14** Thokozani emkhosini
wenu, lina, amadodana enu kanye lamadodakazi
enu, izinceku lezincekukazi zenu, kanye labaLevi,
abezizweni, izintandane kanye labafelokazi abahlezi
emadolobheni enu. **15** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa
thakazelelani umkhosi kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
ezindaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo. Ngoba uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa esivunweni senu
sonke kanye lemisebenzini yezandla zenu, ukuze
kupheleliswe intokozo yenu. **16** Kathathu ngomnyaka,
wonke amadoda kumele aziveze phambi kukaThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhetha, eMkhosini
weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, eMkhosini wamaViki kanye
leMkhosini weziHonqo. Akungabi lamuntu ozabuya
phambi kukaThixo engaphathanga lutho: **17** Ngamunye
phakathi kwenu kumele lize liphethe isipho kusiya
ngokuthi liphiwe labusiswa ngokunganani nguThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu." **18** "Khethani abehluleli lezikhulu
ezizwaneni zenu zonke kuwo wonke amadolobho
enu elizawaphiwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, njalo
bahlulele abantu ngemfanelo. **19** Lingonakalisi ukulunga
loba libandlulule. Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa ngoba
ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza amehlo abahlakaniphileyo
kulahlekise amazwi omuntu ongelacala. **20** Landelani
ukulunga lilandele khona kuphela, khona lizaphila

lilithumbe ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona." **21** "Lingazimiseli o-Ashera bezigodo phansi kwe-alithari elizalakhela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, **22** njalo lingamisi ilitshe elizakuthi lina lingcwele, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyakuzonda lokho."

17 "Lingenzi umhlatshelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngenkabi loba imvu elesici lesolekayo, ngoba lokho kuyisinengiso kuye. **2** Nxa kulendoda loba owesifazane ohlala phakathi kwenu kwelinye lamadolobho eliwaphiwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu limfumana esona emehlweni kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esephula isivumelwano, **3** njalo ngokwephula imilayo yami esezikhonzela abanye onkulunkulu, ebakhothamela loba ekhonza ilanga loba inyanga loba izinkanyezi zezulu, **4** kube kanti lokhu sekubikiwe kini, kutsho ukuthi kuzamele likuchwayisise ngokupheleleyo. Nxa kuliqiniso njalo sekubonakele ukuthi kuliqiniso lokhu okuyisinengiso okwenzakele ko-Israyeli, **5** thathani leyondoda loba owesifazane lowo owenze lesi senzo esibi limuse esangweni ledolobho lenu limkhande ngamatshe aze afe. **6** Ngobufakazi bababili loba abathathu indoda izabulawa, kodwa kakho ozabulawa ngobufakazi bomuntu oyedwa kuphela. **7** Akuthi ofakazi labo kube yibo abaqalisayo ukumkhanda, besekulandela bonke abanye abantu. Kumele lisuse ububi phakathi kwenu." **8** "Nxa amacala eza phambi kwemithethwandaba yenu enzima ukuwahlulela, loba awokuchitha igazi, ukwephula imithetho loba awokuhlaselwa, athatheni liye lawo endaweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha. **9** Hambani kubaphristi,

abangabaLevi, kanye lakumahluleli osesikhundleni okwalesosikhathi. Buzani kibo bona bazalinika isigwebo esifaneleyo. **10** Lina-ke kumele lenze njengokucebisa kwabo endaweni uThixo azayikhetha. Linanzelele ukuthi lenza lokho kanye abaliqondisa ukuba likwenze. **11** Yenzani ngokomthetho njengalokho abalifundisa ngakho lezinqumo abalipha zona. Lingaphambuki kulokho abalitshela khona, liye kwesokudla loba kwesenxele. **12** Indoda etshengisela ukudelela iseyisa umahluleli loba umphristi owenza umsebenzi wokukhonza khonapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kumele ibulawe. Kumele lisuse bonke ububi phakathi kuka-Israyeli. **13** Bonke abantu bazakuzwa besabe, bangabe besadelela futhi." **14** "Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona selilithethe laba ngelenu njalo selihlezi kulo, njalo selisithi, 'Asibekeni inkosi isibuse ukuze sifanane lezinye izizwe esakhelene lazo,' **15** wobani leqiniso lokuthi libeka inkosi ekhethwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele abe ngomunye wabafowenu. Lingafaki umuntu wezizweni ukuba alibuse, ongasiye wakini ko-Israyeli. **16** Inkosi njalo akumelanga izifuyele amabhiza amanengi loba ithume abantu babuyele eGibhithe ukuyazuza amanye khona ngoba uThixo ulitshelile wathi, 'Lingaphindi liyihambe njalo leyondlela.' **17** Kayingathathi abafazi abanengi funa inhliziyo yayo idukiswe. Kayingazinothisi ngesiliva langegolide elinengi kakhulu. **18** Nxa isithatha isihlalo sobukhosi bombuso wayo kayithathe umqulu izilobele kulo umthetho lo iwuthatha encwadini yabaphristi abangabaLevi. **19**

Umqulu lowo kawuhlale ukuyo, ihlale iwubala zonke
insuku zokuphila kwayo ukuze ifunde ukwesaba uThixo
uNkulunkulu wayo, ilandele ngokunanzelela wonke
amazwi omthetho lo lalezi izimiso, **20** njalo ukuze
ingazenzi ongcono kulabanye abakibo, ingaphambuki
emthethweni iye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo.
Ngakho yona kanye lezizukulwane zayo bazabusa isikhathi
eside embusweni wayo ko-Israyeli."

18 "Abaphristi abangabaLevi ngempela, isizwana sonke
sabaLevi kabangabi lesabelo loba ilifa ndawonye labako-
Israyeli. Bazaphila ngemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa
kuThixo, ngoba leli yilo ilifa labo. **2** Abayikuba
lelifa phakathi kwabafowabo; uThixo uyilifa labo,
njengokuthembisa kwakhe. **3** Le yiyo ingxenye yabaphristi
ezavela emihlatshelweni yabantu eyenkunzi loba eyemvu:
umkhono, inhloko kanye lezangaphakathi. **4** Kufanele
libaphe izithelo zakuqala zamabele enu, iwayini elitsha
lamafutha, uboya bakuqala ekugundweni kwezimvu
zenu, **5** ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile
bona kanye lezizukulwane zabo phakathi kwazo
zonke izizwana zenu ukuze kube yibo abazakwenza
umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni likaThixo ngezikhathi
zonke. **6** Nxa umLevi angasuka kwelinye lamadolobho
enu loba kungaphi kwelabako-Israyeli lapho abehlala
khona, abeseziletha ngokuzimisela endaweni ezakhethwa
nguThixo, **7** angenza umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni
likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe njengabo bonke abafowabo
abangabaLevi abasebenzela khonapho phambi kukaThixo.
8 Uzakwabelana labanye bakhe ngokulinganayo kulokho

abakuzuzayo, lanxa yena esezuze imali ekuthengisweni kwempahla yakwabo.” **9** “Lapho selingena elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, lingabozifundisa ukulingisa izenzo ezinengekayo zezinye izizwe khonale. **10** Akungabi lamuntu phakathi kwenu ozakwenza umhlatshelo ngendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe ngomlilo, kangabi ovumisayo loba ochasisa ngemibono, ochasisa imilingo njalo oyenza okuphathelane lobuthakathi, **11** ophosayo, loba isanuse loba isangoma loba obuza kwabafileyo. **12** Loba ngubani owenza lezizinto uyisinengiso kuThixo, kanti njalo ngenxa yezenzo lezi ezinengekayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azazixotsha phambi kwenu lezizizwe. **13** Kumele libemsulwa phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **14** “Izizwe elizazithathela ilizwe zilalela okwalabo abathakathayo labavumisayo. Kodwa lina, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kalivumeli ukukwenza lokho. **15** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami. Libomlalela. **16** Lokhu yikho elakucela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebhi mhla wosuku lokuhlangana lapho elathi, ‘Asingalizwa ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu njalo singaboni umlilo omkhulu futhi, ngoba singafa.’ **17** UThixo wathi kimi: ‘Lokho abakutshoyo kuhle. **18** Ngizabavezela umphrofethi onjengawe phakathi kwabafowabo; ngizamfunza amazwi ami, yena nguye ozabatshela konke engizamlaya ngakho. **19** Nxa loba ngubani ongayikulalela amazwi ami azakhulunywa ngumphrofethi ngebizo lami, mina ngokwami yimi engizamelana laye. **20** Kodwa-ke umphrofethi ozenza

okhuluma amazwi ami wona kungesiwo engimlaye ngawo ukuba awatsho, loba umphrofethi okhuluma ngebizo labanye onkulunkulu, kumele abulawe.’ **21** Lingazitshela lokhu lithi, ‘Singakwazi njani ukuthi lelilizwi kaliveli kuThixo na?’ **22** Nxa lokho okumenyezelwa ngumphrofethi ngebizo likaThixo kungenzakali loba kungagcwaliseki, lokho kuyilizwi eliyabe lingaveli kuThixo. Lowo mphrofethi uyabe ekhuluma ize. Lingamesabi.”

19 “Kuzakuthi lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esebhubhise izizwe zelizwe lelo alinika lona, futhi lani selizixotshile njalo lahlala emadolobheni kanye lasezindlini zazo, **2** kulapho-ke eselingazikhethela amadolobho amathathu enkabazwe yelizwe lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu. **3** Yakhani imigwaqo eqonda kuwo njalo lehlukanise ilizwe lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinike lona njengelifa lenu libe yizigaba ezintathu, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani obulala umuntu abalekele khona. **4** Lesi yisimiso maqondana lomuntu obulala omunye abesebalekela khona ukuze asindise impilo yakhe, lowo obulala umakhelwane wakhe engakunxwanelanga ngomona njalo engamqophanga. **5** Njengokuthi, umuntu angaya egangeni ukuyagamula inkuni lomakhelwane wakhe, kuthi lapho egamula isihlahla ngehloka lakhe, ihloka likhumuke emphinini litshaye umakhelwane wakhe afe. Lowomuntu angabalekela kwelinye lamadolobho lawo ukuze asindise impilo yakhe. **6** Phela kungenzeka ukuthi umphindiseli wegazi axotshane lombulali ngentukuthelo, amfice nxa

umango umude kakhulu, ambulale lanxa lowombulali
ubengafanelanga ukufa, ngoba engambulalanga ngabomo
langenxa yenzondo umakhelwane wakhe. **7** Yikho-nje
ngilaye ukuthi lizehlukanisele amadolobho amathathu. **8**
Nxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu angaqhelisa isabelo senu
njengokuthembisa kwakhe okhokho benu ngesifungo,
aliphe lonke ilizwe abathembisa lona, **9** ngoba lilandela
ngokunanzelela yonke imithetho engililaya yona lamuhla,
ukuthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lokuhamba
kokuphela ngezindlela zakhe, kufanele ukuthi likhethe
amanye njalo amadolobho amathathu. **10** Kwenzeni lokhu
ukuze kungachitheki igazi elingelacala elizweni lenu, lelo
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona njengelifa lenu,
njalo lokuthi lingabi lecala lokuchitha igazi. **11** Kodwa nxa
umuntu emzonda umakhelwane wakhe, amcathamele,
amtshaye ambulale, abesebalekela kwelinye lamadolobho
la, **12** abakhokheli bedolobho lakibo bazamthumela
abantu, bamlande kulelodolobho babuye laye, bamnikele
kumphindiseli wegazi ukuba afe. **13** Lingamzweli isihawu.
Kufanele liqede ububi bokuchitha igazi elingelacala ko-
Israyeli ukuze kulilungele. **14** Lingabosusa izikhonkwane
zomngcele wendawo kamakhelwane wenu ezabethelwa
ngabalandulelayo kulo ilifa eliliphiwa elizweni uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu." **15**
"Ufakazi oyedwa angeke afakaze kwanele ukuthi umuntu
olomlandu wokwenza loba licala bani etheswe icala.
Indaba ingaqiniswa ngofakazi ababili loba abathathu.
16 Nxa ufakazi wamanga emelana lendoda eyetheswa
icala, **17** amadoda la womabili axabeneyo afanele ukuthi

ame phambi kukaThixo phambi kwabaphristi kanye labehluleli abayabe besesikhundleni ngalesosikhathi. **18** Abahluleli kumele bachwayisise ngokupheleleyo kuthi lapho bangafumana ukuthi ufakazi uqamba amanga, esipha ubufakazi bamanga ngomzalwane wakhe, **19** lizakwenza kuye khonokho abehlose ukukwenza kumzalwane wakhe. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. **20** Abanye bonke abantu bazakuzwa ngalokhu besabe, ngakho akusayikwenziwa futhi phakathi kwenu ububi obunjalo. **21** Lingabi lozwelo: ukuphila akwenanwe yikuphila, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo."

20 "Lapho liphuma ukuyakulwa lesitha senu empini libe selibona amabhiza lezinqola kanye lebutho elikhulu ukwedlula elenu, lingabesabi, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe, uzakuba lani. **2** Nxa selilungele ukuhlasela, umphristi uzakuza akhulume lebutho. **3** Uzakuthi: 'Zwana, wena Israyeli, namuhla liya ekuhlaseleni izitha zenu. Lingapheli amandla kumbe lesabe; lingatshaywa luvalo njalo lethuke phambi kwabo. **4** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ohamba lani ukuyalilwela ezitheni zenu ukuba linqobe.' **5** Izikhulu zizakuthi ebuthweni: 'Ukhona owakhe indlu entsha ongakayihlali na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye asale esezihlalela endlini yakhe. **6** Ukhona ohlanyele isivini kodwa engakadli izithelo zaso na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye azidlele izithelo zaso. **7** Ukhona osethembise owesifazane kodwa

engakamthathi ukuthi abe ngumkakhe na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye umuntu amthathe’ **8** Izikhulu zizaqhubeka zithi, ‘Ikhona indoda eyesabayo kumbe ephelelwa ngamandla na? Kayibuyele emzini wayo ukuze abafowabo labo bangaphelelwa ngamandla.’ **9** Kuzakuthi lapho izikhulu seziqedile ukukhuluma lebutho, zizakhetha abalawuli bebutho. **10** Nxa lisiya edolobheni ukuthi lihlasele, khulumani labantu bakulelodolobho lidinga ukuthula. **11** Bangavuma njalo balivulele amasango abo, bonke abantu bakulelodolobho bazakuba yizichaka zenu balisebenzele. **12** Kodwa bangala ukwamukela amazwi enu okuthula balihlasele, livimbezeleni lelodolobho. **13** Kuzakuthi lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esenikele idolobho lelo kini, libulale amadoda wonke ngenkemba. **14** Kodwa abesifazane, abantwana, izifuyo kanye lakho konke okukulelodolobho kuzakuba yimpango yenu. Yonke impango yezitha zenu uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika yona izakuba ngeyenu. **15** Lokhu yikho okumele likwenze emadolobheni wonke akude lani njalo angasiwo ezizwe ezihlala eduzane lani. **16** Kanti-ke, emadolobheni ezizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika wona njengelifa, lingatshiyi lutho oluphefumulayo luphila. **17** Lizawabhubhisa liwaqede wonke amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi kanye lamaJebusi njengokulaywa kwenu nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **18** Funa balifundise ukwenza imikhuba yabo enengekayo yokukhonza onkulunkulu babo, lone kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **19** Nxa idolobho selilivimbezele okwesikhathi eside,

lilihlasela ukuze lilithumbe, lingatshabalalisi izihlahla zalo ngokuzigamula, ngoba lingadla izithelo zazo. Lingazigamuli. Kambe izihlahla zeganga zingabantu ukuthi lingazivimbezela na? **20** Kodwa-ke lingagamula izihlahla elizaziyo ukuthi azitheli izithelo ezidliwayo ukuze lizisebenzise ekwakheni amadumba lize linqobe ledolobho lelo empini."

21 "Nxa kungafunyanwa umuntu obuleweyo egangeni, elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu, kungaziwa ukuthi ubulewe ngubani, **2** abakhokheli kanye labehluleli benu bazakuya balinganise umango phakathi kwalowo obuleweyo lamadolobho aseduze. **3** Kuzakuthi abakhokheli bamadolobho aseduzane lesidumbu leso bathathe ithokazi elingakaze lisetshenziswe futhi okungakaze kugaxwe ijogwe phezu kwalo **4** balithintele esigodini esingakaze silinywe kumbe kuhlanyelwe ulutho kiso njalo lapho okulesifula esigelezayo khona. Kabephule intamo yalo khonapho esigodini leso. **5** Abaphristi, amadodana kaLevi, bazasondela, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile ukuba benze inkonzo njalo bamemezele izibusiso ebizweni likaThixo bahlulele amacala okuxabana lawokulwa. **6** Abakhokheli balawo madolobho aseduzane lesidumbu leso bazagezela izandla zabo phezu kwethokazi elephulelwe intamo esigodini, **7** bafakaze bathi: 'Izandla zethu kazilichithanga leligazi, futhi asibonanga kusenzeka. **8** Yamukela lindlela yokubuyisana yabantu bakho abako-Israyeli, obahlengileyo, Oh Thixo, ungabeki icala phezu kwabantu bakho ngenxa yegazi lomuntu

omsulwa.’ Ngakho ukuchithwa kwegazi kuzahlawulelwa.
9 Ngalokho lizazigeza emlandwini wokuchitha igazi
elingelacala, njengoba selenzile okuhle emehlweni
kaThixo.” **10** “Nxa usiya empini ukuyahlasela izitha zakho
kuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu anikele izitha zenu
ezandleni zenu, lizithumbe, **11** ungabona owesifazane
omuhle njalo akukhange, ungamthatha abe ngumkakho.
12 Uzamusa emzini wakho, aphuce ikhanda lakhe, aqume
inzipho zakhe njalo **13** akhulule izigqoko athunjwe
ezigqokile. Kuzakuthi lapho eseqede inyanga eyodwa
esemzini wakho elilela uyise lonina, usungamthatha
abe ngumkakho, **14** kodwa nxa engakuthokozisi,
umkhulule ayelapho athanda khona. Ungamthengisi
kumbe umphathe njengesigqili, ngoba usumngcolisile.”
15 “Nxa indoda ilabafazi ababili, ithande omunye
kodwa omunye ingamthandi, kuthi bobabili bayizalele
amadodana kodwa izibulo libe yindodana yomfazi
engamthandiyo, **16** nxa ehlela ukwabela amadodana
akhe impahla yakhe, akumelanga emuke izibulo lakhe
ilungelo lalo aliphe indodana yomfazi amthandayo
esikhundleni sezibulo langempela, indodana yomfazi
engamthandiyo. **17** Kufanele itshengisele ukuthi indodana
yomfazi ongathandwayo yilo izibulo ngokuyinika
isabelo esiphindwe kabili sempahla yayo yonke.
Indodana leyo iyisibonakaliso sakuqala samandla
kayise. Ilungelo lobuzibulo ngelayo.” **18** “Nxa indoda
ilendodana eyisiqholo njalo engumhlamuki engalaleli
uyise lonina nxa beyikhuza, **19** uyise lonina bazayibamba
bayise ebadaleni esangweni ledolobho lakibo. **20**

Kumele bafike ebadaleni balelodolobho bathi, ‘Indodana yethu le iyisiqholo njalo ingumhlamuki. Ayisilaleli. Iyisixhwali njalo iyisidakwa.’ **21** Ngakho wonke amadoda akulelodolobho azayitshaya ngamatshe ize ife. Kufanele liqede bonke ububi phakathi kwenu. U-Israyeli wonke uzakuzwa lokhu esabe.” **22** “Nxa umuntu olecala elikhulu ebulawa kuthi isidumbu silengiswe esihlahleni, **23** lingaboyekela isidumbu sakhe silenga esihlahleni ubusuku bonke. Kangcwatshwe mhlalokho, ngoba umuntu olengiswa esihlahleni uqalekisiwe nguNkulunkulu. Lingangcolisi ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona njengelifa.”

22 “Ungabona inkabi loba imvu yomfowenu iduha, ungayiyekeli kodwa ibuyisele kuye. **2** Nxa umzalwane wakho engahlali eduze lawe loba ungakwazi ukuthi isifuyo lesi ngesikabani, sithathe uhambe laso emzini wakho usigcine aze afike esidinga. Usungasibuyisela kuye. **3** Wenzenjalo ungafumana ubabhemi loba ibhatshi lomzalwane wakho loba kuyini okumlahlekeleyo. Ungakuyekeli. **4** Ungabona ubabhemi loba inkabi yomfowenu iwele endleleni, ungayiyekeli. Msize umfowenu ngokuyivusa. **5** Owesifazane angagqoki izigqoko zesilisa, lowesilisa angagqoki izigqoko zowesifazane, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngalowo owenza lokho. **6** Nxa ungafumana isidleke senyoni eceleni kwendlela, sisesihlahleni loba phansi, unina efukamele amatsiyane kumbe amaqanda akhe, ungathathi unina labantwabakhe. **7** Ungathatha abantwana, uyekele unina ahambe ukuze kube kuhle

kuwe njalo ube lempilo ende. **8** Nxa usakha indlu entsha, uzakwakha umduli oluthango ophahleni lwayo ukuze kungabi lomuntu owayo ophahleni lwendlu yakho ube lecala lokuchitha igazi. **9** Ungahlanyeli inhlanyelo eziyimihlobo emibili esivinini sakho; ungakwenza, akuyikuba yizilimo ozihlanyelayo kuphela eziqalekiswayo, kodwa lezithelo zevini. **10** Ungabophi ndawonye ejogeni inkabi lobabhemi nxa ulima. **11** Ungagqoki isigqoko eselukwe ngewulu lelineni ndawonye. **12** Yenza intshaka uzithungele emiphethweni yomine yebhatshi lakho oligqokileyo." **13** "Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi, kuthi ngemva isike yalala laye, ingamthakazeleli **14** imgcone imbize ngamagama amabi, isithi, 'Ngathatha umfazi lo, kodwa ngathi ngilala laye ngafumana ukuthi kaseyiyontombi egcweleyo,' **15** ngakho uyise lonina wentombi bazaletha ubufakazi ebadaleni bakulelodolobho esangweni bokutshengisa ukuthi ibikade iyintombi. **16** Uyise wentombi uzakuthi ebadaleni, 'Ngendisela indodakazi yami endodeni le, kodwa ayisamfuni. **17** Khathesi isiyigcona isithi, "Indodakazi yakho kangiyifumananga iyintombi egcweleyo." Kodwa nampu ubufakazi bokuthi indodakazi yami iyintombi egcweleyo.' Ngakho abazali bentombi bazakwendlala ilembu phambi kwabadala bakulelodolobho, **18** kuthi abadala bayijezise leyondoda. **19** Bazayihlawulisa amashekeli esiliva alikhulu, bawanike uyise wentombi, ngoba indoda le isigcone intombi yako-Israyeli. Intombi izaqhubeka ingumfazi wayo indoda; okwempilo yayo yonke akumelanga iyale lintombi. **20** Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi umlandu

ewetheswayo uliqiniso njalo kungaze kwafunyanwa ubufakazi bobuntombi bayo, **21** izalethwa emnyango wendlu kayise kuthi amadoda akulelodolobho ayikhandele khona ngamatshe ize ife. Yenze into eyangisayo ko-Israyeli ngokungaziphathi ngesikhathi isahlala emzini kayise. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. **22** Nxa indoda ingafunyanwa ilele lomfazi wenye indoda bobabili kumele babulawe. Kufanele liqede ububi ko-Israyeli. **23** Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi esikhombile edolobheni ilale layo, **24** lizabathatha bobabili libase esangweni lakulelodolobho libakhande ngamatshe khona baze bafe ngoba intombi kayihlabanga mkhosi ukuthi ilanyulelwe yona isedolobheni, njalo indoda isixhwalise umfazi wenye indoda. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. **25** Kodwa nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi esikhombile egangeni ibe isiyibamba, indoda ekwenzileyo lokhu yiyo kuphela ezakufa. **26** Lingenzi lutho entombini; kayenzanga sono esingabangela ukuthi ife. Lindaba iyafanana leyomuntu ohlasela abulale umakhelwane wakhe, **27** ngoba indoda ifumene inkazana egangeni, loba intombi le ekhombileyo ibihlabe umkhosi, bekungelamuntu wokuyilamulela. **28** Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi engakakhombi ibe isiyidlwengula njalo kwazakale. **29** Indoda leyo izahlawula uyise wentombi amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu. Kumele iyithathe ibe ngumfazi wayo ngoba isiyingcolisile. Akumelanga iyale ukuphila kwayo konke. **30** Akumelanga ukuthi umuntu athathe umkayise; angahlazisi umbheda kayise."

23 “Loba ngubani olimele amaphambili, kungaba
ngokuthenwa kumbe ukugxotshwa kavunyelwa ukungena
ebandleni likaThixo. **2** Loba ngubani ozelwe ngobufebe
loba izizukulwane zakhe kuze kube ngesetshumi,
kavunyelwa ukungena ebandleni likaThixo. **3** Kakho
um’Amoni loba owaseMowabi loba isizukulwane sakhe
kuze kufike esizukulwaneni setshumi ozavunyelwa
ukungena embuthanweni kaThixo. **4** Kungenxa yokuthi
abalihlangabezanga beliphathele isinkwa kanye lamanzi
endleleni yenu ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, bona
basuka baqhatsha uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori
owePhethori e-Aramu Naharayimu ukuba ehlisele
isiqalekiso phezu kwenu. **5** Kodwa-ke, uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu kazangalalele uBhalamu kodwa
waphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso kini, ngenxa
yokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyalithanda.
6 Lingadingi ukwakha ubungane labo ekuphileni
kwenu konke. **7** Lingamenyanyi owase-Edomi, ngoba
ungumfowenu. Lingamenyanyi umGibhithe, ngoba laphila
njengabezizweni elizweni lakhe. **8** Isizukulwane sesithathu
sabantwana abazalwa lapho bangangena ebandleni
likaThixo.” **9** “Nxa lithobelene lezitha zenu ekuhlaseleni,
xekani lakho konke okungahlanzekanga. **10** Nxa kukhona
indoda phakathi kwenu ezichithele ngobudoda ebusuku,
kumele iphumele ngaphandle kwezihonqo ihle iyehlala
khonale. **11** Kodwa-ke akuthi ilanga selithambeka igeze,
kuthi-ke ngokutshona kwelanga ibuyele ezihonqweni. **12**
Khethani indawo ngaphandle kwezihonqo lapho elizayela
ngaphandle khona. **13** Wobani lesikhali sokugebha

kuthi lingaya ngaphandle, ligebhe igodi ligqibele leyongcekeza. **14** Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyahambahamba phakathi kwezihonqo zenu ukuze alivikele ezitheni zenu. Izihonqo zenu kumele zibengcwele, ukuze angaboni lutho olungalunganga phakathi kwenu okuzakwenza alifulathele." **15** "Nxa isigqili sidinga ukuphephela kini lingasibuyiseli kumnikazi waso. **16** Siyekeleni sizihlalele lapho esifuna ukuhlala khona njalo sizihlalele kulelodolobho esifuna ukuhlala kulo. Lingasincindezeli. **17** Akungabi lowesilisa wako-Israyeli loba owesifazane ozakuba yisifebe sethempelini. **18** Lingaboletha inzuzo yowesifazane ofebayo loba owesilisa ofebayo endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ezobhadala loba yisiphi isithembiso, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngabo bonke. **19** Umfowenu ungamhlawulisi inzuzo, loba ngeyemali loba ngeyokudla loba yini engamlethela inzuzo. **20** Owezizweni lingamhlawulisa inzuzo, kodwa hatshi umfowenu wako-Israyeli, ukuze uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alibusise kukho konke elikwenza ngezandla zenu elizweni elizangena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu. **21** Nxa lingenza isifungo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lingaphuzi ukusibhadala, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzakufuna kini loba sekutheni njalo lizakuba lomlandu wesono. **22** Kodwa nxa lingayekela ukwenza isifungo kaliyikuba lomlandu. **23** Konke lokho okuphuma endebeni zenu kumele libe leqiniso ukukwenza, ngoba lenze lesosifungo ngokukhululeka lithembisa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngemilomo yenu. **24** Nxa lingangena esivinini sikamakhelwane

wenu, lingadla wonke amagrebisi elifisa ukuwadla, kodwa lingafaki lelilodwa esitsheni senu. **25** Nxa lingena ensimini kamakhelwane eyamabele, lilakho ukudobha okuwileyo ngezandla, kodwa limukani lingasebenzisi isikela emabeleni alokhu emi ngamahlanga.”

24 “Nxa indoda ingathatha umfazi kodwa angayithokozisi ngoba indoda ifumene ihlazo ngaye ibe isimlobela incwadi yokuquma umtshado, imnike, ibisimxotsha endlini yayo, **2** kuthi esesukile endlini yaleyondoda athathwe ngeyinye indoda, **3** layo leyondoda yesibili imsole imnike incwadi yokwehlukana, imqhubele ibe isimxotsha emzini wayo, kumbe leyondoda ife, **4** kutsho ukuthi indoda yakhe yakuqala, eyamalayo, ayivunyelwa ukumthatha futhi ngemva kokuba eselalelihlazo. Lokho kungaba yisinengiso emehlweni kaThixo. Lingalethi isono elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu. **5** Nxa indoda isanda kuthatha, akufanelanga ukuba ithunyelwe empini loba ukuthi iphiwe umsebenzi oqakathekileyo.” **6** “Lingathathi ilitshe lokuchola lembokodo loba imbokodo yodwa nje ukuba kube yisibambiso senhlawulo, ngoba ngokwenza njalo uthatha ukuphila kube yisibambiso. **7** Nxa owesilisa angafunyanwa ethumba umfowabo wako-Israyeli abesesiyamgcina njengesigqili loba amthengise, kumele afe. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. **8** Nxa kuyisifo sobulephero kumele linanzelele kakhulu lenze lokho abaphristi abangabaLevi abalilaya khona. Kumele lilandele khona kanye engabalaya ngakho. **9** Khumbulani lokho okwenziwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu

kuMiriyemu endleleni emva kokusuka kwenu eGibhithe.
10 Nxa umakhelwane wakho umeboleka loba yini
ungangeni endlini yakhe ukuba uthathe lokho abambisa
ngakho. **11** Mana phandle uyekele lowo omebolekayo
alethe isibambiso kuwe. **12** Nxa kuyindoda engumyanga,
ungayilala isibambiso sakhe silokhu sikuwe. **13** Buyisela
isembatho sakhe lingakatshoni ukuze alale esembethe.
Yena uzakubonga, kuzaphathwa njengesenzo
sokulunga phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **14**
Ungabodlelezela umuntu oqhatshiweyo ongumyanga
loba oswelayo, loba engumfowenu wako-Israyeli loba
owezizweni ohlala kwelinye lamadolobho enu. **15** Muphe
iholo lakhe insuku zonke ilanga lingakatshoni, ngoba
ungumyanga uthembe leloholo. Funa asuke akhale
kuThixo ekusola, ube lomlandu wesono. **16** Abazali
abayikufela abantwababo, loba abantwana bafele abazali
babo; ngulowo lalowo uzafela isono sakhe. **17** Ungavaleli
owezizweni loba intandane ilungelo layo loba uthathe
isembatho somfelokazi ukuze sibe yisibambiso. **18**
Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe uThixo
uNkulunkulu wakho wakuhlenga khona. Yikho ngikulaya
ukuba wenze lokhu. **19** Nxa uvuna ensimini yakho ube
usutshiya isikhwebu, ungabuyeli emuva ukuyasithatha,
sitshiyele owezizweni, intandane, lomfelokazi, ukuze
uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akubusise kuwo wonke
umsebenzi wezandla zakho. **20** Nxa ubhula ama-oliva
ezihlahleni zakho ungabuyeli ukuhlola amagatsha njalo.
Okuseleyo tshiyela owezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi.
21 Nxa uvuna izithelo zesivini sakho, ungabuyeleli futhi

ukuvuna lapho osuvune khona. Okuseleyo tshiyela owezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi. **22** Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe. Yikho ngililaya ukuba lenze lokhu."

25 "Nxa amadoda exabana, ingxabano yawo kumele isiwe emthethwandaba ukuze kuthi abehluleli bakhuphe isinqumo ngaleyondaba, bakhulule omsulwa njalo bamlahle olecala. **2** Nxa olecala kufanele atshaywe, umahluleli uzakuthi kalale acambalale athi katshaywe laye ekhona ngalezonswazi ezilingene lelocala, **3** kodwa akufanelanga zedlule ezingamatshumi amane. Nxa etshaywe inswazi ezedlula lapho, umfowenu usezabe esuswe isithunzi emehlweni akho. **4** Ungafaki inkabi yakho isayeke nxa ibhula amabele. **5** Nxa amadodana endoda ehlala kwenye indawo omunye abe esesifa engelandodana, umfelokazi akumelanga ayekwendela kwenye indawo. Umfowabo wendoda kumele amthathe ukuze agcwalise umlandu womfowabo kulowomfelokazi. **6** Indodana yakuqala ezazalwa lapho kumele ibizwe ngomfowabo owafayo ukuze ibizo lakhe lingatshabalali ko-Israyeli. **7** Kodwa-ke, indoda nxa ingafuni ukuthatha umfazi womfowabo, kuzamele umfazi lowo aye ebadaleni esangweni ledolobho afike athi, 'Umfowabo wendoda yami uyala ukuqhuba ibizo lomfowabo ko-Israyeli. Kafuni ukuthi agcwalise umlandu womfowabo.' **8** Ngakho abadala balelodolobho lakhe bazambiza bakhulume laye. Nxa angala kokuphela esithi, 'Angifuni ukumthatha,' **9** umfelokazi lowo uzamqonda phambi kwabadala, bamkhuphe inyathelo elilodwa,

amkhafulele emehlweni athi, ‘Lokhu yikho okwenziwa endodeni engafuniyo ukuvusela umfowabo indlu yakhe.’ **10** Usendo lwaleyondoda ko-Israyeli luzakwaziwa njengeNdlu engelaNyathelo. **11** Nxa amadoda amabili esilwa kube sekusithi umfazi wenye athelele, ancedise indoda yakhe, abesexhakalaza leyondoda ngamaphambili, **12** kumele liqume isandla sowesifazane lowo. Lingabi lesihawu kuye lakancane. **13** Ungabokuba lezilinganiso zesisindo ezimbili emgodleni wakho ezehlukeneyo, esinye esinzima lesinye esilula. **14** Ungabi lezilinganiso ezimbili ezehlukeneyo endlini yakho, esinye esikhulu lesinye esincinyane. **15** Kumele libe lezilinganiso eziqondileyo leziqotho loba ngezesisindo loba ngezobukhulu, ukuze libe lempilo ende elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **16** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngomuntu owenza lezizinto, yiloba ngubani owenza izinto zobuqili. **17** Khumbula okwenziwa ngama-Amaleki kuwe endleleni uphuma eGibhithe. **18** Kwathi lapho usudinwe kakhulu ungaselamandla, akuhlangabeza ohanjweni lwakho, abachitha bonke ababesalela emuva; ayengamesabi uNkulunkulu. **19** Mhla uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika ukuphumula kuzozonke izitha zakho ezikuhanqileyo elizweni akunika lona ukuba libe yilifa lakho, uzatshabalalisa nya ibizo lama-Amaleki ngaphansi kwezulu. Ungakhohlwa!”

26 “Nxa usungenile elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona njengelifa njalo usulithethe wahlala kulo **2** thatha ezinye zezithelo zakuqala zazo, zonke izilimo zomhlabathi welizwe uThixo

uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona uzifake esitsheni. Uhambe uye endaweni leyo uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho azayikhetha njengendawo yokuhlala yeBizo lakhe **3** uthi kumphristi osesikhundleni ngalesosikhathi, ‘Ngiyamemezela lamuhla kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukuthi sengifikile elizweni uThixo afunga kubokhokho bethu ukuthi uzasinika lona.’ **4** Umphristi uzakwamukela isitsha esisezandleni zakho asibeke phansi phambi kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **5** Ngakho uzakutsho phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uthi: ‘Ubaba wayeluzulani lom’Aramu, wehla waya eGibhithe elabantu abalutshwana bafika bahlala khona baze baba yisizwe esikhulu kakhulu, esilamandla njalo esilabantu abanengi kakhulu. **6** Kodwa amaGibhithe asiphatha ngochuku, asihlupha, asisebenzisa nzima. **7** Ngakho sakhala kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu, uThixo walizwa ilizwi lethu njalo wabona lokuhlupheka kwethu, ukutshikatshika kwethu kanye lokuncindezelwa kwethu. **8** Ngenxa yalokho uThixo wasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, ngezenzo ezesabekayo langezibonakaliso kanye lezimangaliso. **9** Wasiletha kulindawo njalo wasinika lelilizwe, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju; **10** khathesi sengiletha izithelo zakuqala zomhlabathi lowo, Oh Thixo, onginike wona.’ Uzabeka isitsha phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho umkhothamele. **11** Ngakho wena labaLevi kanye labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu lizathokoza ezintweni zonke ezinhle uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akunike zona wena

kanye labendlu yakho. **12** Kuzakuthi lapho usuqedile ukwahlukanisa okwetshumi kwaso sonke isivuno sakho ngomnyaka wesithathu, okungumnyaka wokwetshumi, wena uzakunika umLevi, owezizweni, intandane kanye lomfelokazi, ukuze badle basuthe emadolobheni akho. **13** Tshono futhi kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uthi: 'Sengikhuphile isabelo esingcwele endlini yami ngasinika umLevi, owezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi, njengokulaya kwakho. Kangeqanga imilayo yakho kumbe ukukhohlwa eminye yayo. **14** Angizange ngidle lutho lwesabelo esingcwele ngesikhathi sokulila, kumbe ukususa okunye kwakho ngesikhathi ngingongcolileyo, loba ukunikela ingxenye yakho kwabafileyo. Ngikulalele Thixo Nkulunkulu wami; ngenzile konke ongilaye khona. **15** Khangela phansi usezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala engcwele, ubusise abantu bakho bako-Israyeli kanye lelizwe osinike lona njengesithembiso owasenza ngesifungo kubokhokho bethu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.'" **16** "UThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uyakulaya lamuhla ukuba ulandele izimiso kanye lemithetho le; uyigcine ngonanzelelo olukhulu ngenhliziyo yakho yonke kanye langomphefumulo wakho wonke. **17** Lamuhla usuvume obala ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu wakho lokuthi uzahamba ezindleleni zakhe, ukuthi uzagcina izimiso zakhe, imilayo, lemithetho yakhe, lokuthi uzamlalela. **18** Futhi uThixo ukuvumile lamuhla ukuthi lina lingabantu bakhe, liyisabelo sakhe esiligugu njengokuthembisa kwakhe njalo kumele ligcine yonke imilayo yakhe. **19** Umemezele ukuthi uzaliphakamisa

ngodumo, ngokwaziwa langenhlonipho phezu kwezizwe zonke azidalayo lokuthi lizakuba ngabantu abangcwele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njengokuthembisa kwakhe."

27 UMosi kanye labadala bako-Israyeli balaya abantu bathi: "Gcinani imilayo yonke esilipha yona lamuhla. **2** Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula uJodani langena elizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, lizamisa amatshe amakhulu liwahuqe ngekalaga. **3** Lizabhala kuwo wonke amazwi alumthetho nxa selichaphile umfula langena elizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalokhu uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu walithembisa. **4** Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula uJodani, lizamisa amatshe la phezu kweNtaba yase-Ebhali, njengalokhu ngililayile lamuhla, liwahuqe ngekalaga. **5** Khonapho yakhelani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu i-alithari, i-alithari lamatshe. Lingasebenzisi lutho olwenziwe ngensimbi phezu kwawo. **6** Yakhani i-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngamatshe angabazwanga linikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **7** Lizanikela iminikelo yokuthula khonapho, liyidle lithokoze phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **8** Ngakho lizabhala kancane wonke amazwi alumthetho phezu kwamatshe la eliwamisileyo." **9** Ngemva kwalokho uMosi kanye labaphristi abangabaLevi, bathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, "Thula uthi zwi wena Israyeli, njalo ulalele! Khathesi selingabantu bakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** Lalelani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu futhi lilandele imilayo kanye lezimiso engilitshela zona

namuhla.” **11** Ngalolosuku uMosi walaya abantu wathi: **12** “Nxa selichaphile umfula uJodani, kuzakuthi izizwana ezibalisa esakoSimiyoni, esakoLevi, esakoJuda, esako-Isakhari, esakoJosefa kanye lesakoBhenjamini zizakuma eNtabeni yaseGerizimu ukuze zibusise abantu. **13** Kodwa izizwana ezibalisa esakoRubheni, esakoGadi, esako-Asheri, esakoZebhuluni, esakoDani kanye lesakoNafithali, zizakuma eNtabeni yase-Ebhali zimemezele iziqalekiso. **14** AbaLevi bazamemezela kubo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli ngelizwi elikhulu bathi: **15** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu obaza isithombe loba isithombe esibunjiweyo, into eyisinengiso kuThixo, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu olobungcwethi, asimise ensitha.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **16** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu othelela uyise loba unina ihlazo.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **17** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu osusa isikhonkwane somngcele wendawo kamakhelwane wakhe.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **18** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu oduhisa isiphofu endleleni.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **19** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu ovimbela ukuthonisiswa ngokulunga kowezizweni, lentandane kanye lomfelokazi.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **20** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lomfazi kayise, ngoba ethelela umbheda kayise ihlazo.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **21** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lenyamazana.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **22** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lodadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina.’ Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, ‘Ameni!’ **23** ‘Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala

loninazala.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!'
24 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu obulala umakhelwane wakhe
ensitha.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **25**
'Kaqalekiswe umuntu owamukela isivalamlomo ukuze
ayebulala umuntu ongelacala.' Ngakho abantu bonke
bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **26** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu ongalaleli
amazwi okumlaya ngokuwenza.' Ngakho bonke abantu
bazakuthi, 'Ameni!'"

28 "Nxa limlalela ngokupheleleyo uThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu njalo lilandele yonke imilayo yakhe engilitshela
yona lamuhla ngonanzelelo, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
uzaliphakamisa libe phezu kwezizwe zonke emhlabeni.
2 Lezizibusiso zonke zizakwehlela phezu kwenu zibe
ngezenu nxa limlalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **3**
Lizabusiswa edolobheni libusiswe futhi lemaphandleni.
4 Inzalo yenu izabusiswa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu
kanye lenzalo yezifuyo zenu, amathole emihlambi yenu
kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu. **5** Kuzabusiswa
isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa. **6**
Uzabusiswa nxa ungena ubusiswe lanxa uphuma. **7** UThixo
uzakwenza ukuthi izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zinqotshwe
phambi kwakho. Zizakulihlasela zivelela endleleni
eyodwa, kodwa zizabaleka ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa. **8**
UThixo uzakwehlisela isibusiso phezu kweziphala zenu,
lakukho konke elizakwenza. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
uzalibusisa elizweni lelo alinika lona. **9** UThixo uzalimisa
njengabantu bakhe abangcwele, njengokulithembisa
kwakhe ngesifungo, nxa lingagcina imilayo kaThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe ngezindlela zakhe. **10**

Ngalokho bonke abantu emhlabeni bazabona ukuthi
lina libizwa ngebizo likaThixo, balesabe. **11** UThixo
uzalenza liphumelele kakhulu, enzalweni yenu, lenzalo
yezifuyo zenu kanye lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu elizweni
afunga ngalo kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona. **12**
UThixo uzavula amazulu, isiphala sakhe esiphuphumayo,
ukuze anise izulu phezu kwelizwe lenu ngesikhathi
salo njalo abusise yonke imisebenzi eliyenzayo.
Lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina lingeboleki
lutho kuzo. **13** UThixo uzalenza libe yinhloko, hatshi
umsila. Nxa lizalalelisisa imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu engilinika yona lamuhla njalo liyilandele
ngonanzelelo, lizahlala njalo liphezulu, lingabi ngaphansi
lanini. **14** Lingaphambuki loba lakuwuphi wemilayo
engilinika yona lamuhla, lingaphambukeli kwesokunene
loba kwesenxele, lilandela abanye onkulunkulu
lokubakhonza." **15** "Kodwa-ke, nxa lingayikumlalela
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu futhi lingalandeli yonke
imilayo yakhe ngonanzelelo kanye lezimiso zakhe
engilinika zona lamuhla, zonke leziziqalekiso zizakuba
phezu kwenu zilehlele: **16** Lizaqalekiswa edolobheni,
liqalekiswe futhi emaphandleni. **17** Isitsha senu kanye
lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa kuzaqalekiswa.
18 Inzalo yenu izaqalekiswa, lezithelo zomhlabathi
wenu, lamathole emihlambi yenu kanye lamazinyane
emihlambi yenu. **19** Lizaqalekiswa ekungeneni kwenu
libuye liqalekiswe lasekuphumeni kwenu. **20** UThixo
uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu iziqalekiso, ukuphambana
kanye lezithuko emisebenzini yenu yonke eliyenzayo, lize

libhujiswe njalo lichithwe ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo ngokumdela. **21** UThixo uzalehlisela isifo lemikhuhlane ize ilibhubhise iliqede elizweni elingena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu. **22** UThixo uzalitshaya ngomkhuhlane olidla kancanekancane, langokutshisa kwelanga lendlala, ngofuba langesikhwekhwe, konke lokhu kuzalehlela kuze kuliqede. **23** Isibhakabhaka ngaphezu kwenu sizakuba lithusi, kuthi umhlabathi ngaphansi kwenu ube yinsimbi. **24** UThixo uzaguqula izulu elina elizweni lenu kube zintuli lothuli, kuzakwehla kuvela esibhakabhakeni lize libhujiswe. **25** UThixo uzavumela ukuthi izitha zenu zilehlule. Lizakuya kuzo lihamba ngendlela eyodwa kodwa lizabaleka ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa, futhi lizakuba yinto eyenyanyekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni. **26** Izidumbu zenu zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zonke zasemoyeni, kanye lezinyamazana zasemhlabeni, njalo aziyikwethuswa muntu. **27** UThixo uzalitshaya ngamathumba aseGibhithe langesifo sokuvuvuka, izilonda ezibhibhidlayo lamaqhubu alumayo, okungelaphekiyo. **28** UThixo uzalehlisela umkhuhlane wokuphambana kwengqondo, ubuphofu lowokudungeka kwengqondo. **29** Lizaphumputha loba kusemini njengesiphofu emnyameni. Aliyikuphumelela kukho konke elikwenzayo; lizaphangwa njalo lincindezelwe insuku ngensuku, kungekho muntu ongalihlenga. **30** Uzathembisana lowesifazane ukuba lithathane, kodwa kuthi enye indoda imthathe ilale laye. Uzakwakha indlu, kodwa kawusoze uhlale kuyo. Uzahlanyela isivini, kodwa kawusoze ukholise izithelo zaso. **31** Inkabi yakho izahlatshwa

phambi kwakho, kodwa kawusoze uyidle. Uzathathelwa ubabhemi wakho ngenkani kodwa angabuyiselwa kuwe. Izimvu zakho zizanikwa izitha zakho, kodwa kakho ozakuzihlenga. **32** Amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi akho azanikwa esinye isizwe, njalo amehlo akho azafiphala ngokuwalindela insuku zonke, ungelamandla okuphakamisa isandla. **33** Abantu ongabaziyo bazakudla izithelo zomhlabathi kanye lomsebenzi wezandla zakho, akulalutho ozaluzuza ngaphandle kokuncindezelwa ngesihluku insuku zakho zonke. **34** Izinto ozibonayo zizakwenza uphambane ingqondo. **35** UThixo uzakutshaya amadolo akho lemilenze yakho ngamathumba abuhlungu njalo angelaphekiyo, amemetheke esuka ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho kuze kuyefika ekhanda. **36** UThixo uzalinikela esizweni elingasaziyo lina kumbe okhokho benu, lina kanye lenkosi yenu elayibekayo ukuthi ilibuse. Khonale lizakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezigodo langamatshe. **37** Lizakuba yinto eyenyanyekayo lento yokuchothozwa lokweyiswa kuzozonke izizwe lapho uThixo azalixotshela khona. **38** Lizahlanyela inhlanyelo enengi emasimini enu kodwa lizavuna okuyingcosana, ngoba izikhongwane zizabhuqa amabele enu. **39** Lizahlanyela izivini njalo lizihlakulele kodwa kaliyikunatha iwayini loba ukukha izithelo zazo, ngoba zizadliwa yimihogoyi. **40** Lizakuba lezihlahla zama-oliva zigcwele ilizwe lenu lonke kodwa kaliyikuwasebenzisa amafutha azo, ngoba izithelo zama-oliva zizakhithikela phansi. **41** Lizakuba lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi kodwa kaliyikubondla, ngoba

bazathunjwa. **42** Isikhongwane sizabhuqa zonke izihlahla
zenu kanye lamabele elizwe lenu. **43** Owezizwe
ohlala phakathi kwenu uzaphakama phezu kwenu
njalonjalo, kodwa lina lehlele phansi njalonjalo. **44** Yena
uzaleboleka, kodwa lina kaliyikumeboleka lutho. Yena
uzakuba yinhloko, lina libe ngumsila. **45** Iziqalekiso
zonke lezi zizalehlela. Zizalilandelela zilihlasele lize
libhubhe, ngoba lingamlalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu langagcini imilayo yakhe kanye lezimiso zakhe
alinika zona. **46** Lizakuba yisibonakaliso lesimangaliso
phezu kwenu laphezu kwezizukulwane zenu kuze
kube nininini. **47** Ngoba alizange limkhonze uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu ngentokozo langenjabulo ngesikhathi
senu sempumelelo, **48** ngakho lizasebenzela izitha uThixo
azalithumela zona lina lilambile njalo lomile, lihambaze
ebuyangeni obukhulu. UThixo uzafaka ijogwe lensimbi
entanyeni zenu aze alibhubhise. **49** UThixo uzaletha
isizwe esizamelana lani esivela kude emikhawulweni
yomhlaba, njengokhozi oluhwithayo, isizwe esikhuluma
ulimi elingaluzwayo, **50** isizwe sabantu abesabekayo
abangahloniphi abantu abadala loba ukuba lozwelo
kwabancinyane. **51** Bazakudla inzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye
lamabele elizwe lenu lize libhujiswe. Kabayikulitshiyela
amabele, iwayini loba amafutha, kumbe amathole
enkomo zenu kumbe amazinyane emihlambini yenu
lize lichithwe. **52** Bazalivimbezela emadolobheni enu
wonke aselizweni lenu kuze kuwe imiduli yawo eqinileyo
emide njalo eliyithembileyo. Bazavimbezela amadolobho
enu wonke aselizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu

wenu alinika lona. **53** Ngenxa yokuhlupheka kwenu okuzabangelwa yikuvinjezelwa kwenu yizitha zenu, lizakudla inzalo yenu, inyama yamadodana kanye lamadodakazi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinike wona. **54** Loba indoda ethobekileyo kakhulu lelozwelo phakathi kwenu ayiyikuba lesihawu kumfowabo kumbe umfazi wayo emthandayo loba abantwabayo abasaphila, **55** kayiyikupha loba ngubani wabo inyama yabantwabayo eyabe iyidla. Kuzabe kuyikho kodwa okuseleyo ngenxa yokuhlupheka okwehliselwe phezu kwenu yizitha zenu ngesikhathi zilivimbezele emadolobheni enu wonke. **56** Owesifazane obuthakathaka njalo olozwelo phakathi kwenu, olozwelo njalo obuthakathaka okokuthi angeke athinte umhlabathi ngenyawo zakhe uzakuba lolaka endodeni yakhe ayithandayo lasendodaneni lendodakazini yakhe, **57** inzalo yethumbu lakhe abantwana abazeleyo. Ngoba esehlose ukubadla ensitha ngesikhathi sokuvinjezelwa lokuhlupheka isitha senu esizalehlisela khona phezu kwenu emadolobheni enu. **58** Lingayekela ukulandela ngonanzelelo wonke amazwi alo umthetho, alotshwe kule incwadi, njalo lingalesabi lelibizo lenkazimulo eyesabekayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, **59** uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu kanye lezizukulwane zenu izifo ezesabekayo, inhlupheko ezimangalisayo ezizathatha isikhathi eside, lemikhuhlane enzima engapheliyo. **60** Uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu imikhuhlane yonke yaseGibhithe elaliyesaba, inamathele phezu kwenu. **61** UThixo uzakwehlisela futhi phezu kwenu inhlobo zonke zemikhuhlane

kanye lezinhlupheko ezimangalisayo ezingalotshwanga kule iNcwadi yoMthetho, lize libhujiswe. **62** Lina elalibanengi njengezinkanyezi zasemkhathini lizasala selibalutshwana, ngoba lingalalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **63** Njengalokho kwamthokozisa uThixo ukuba aliphumelelise njalo alengezelele inani lenu, ngokufanayo kuzamthokozisa ukulichitha njalo alibhubhise. Lizasuswa elizweni lelo eselilungele ukungena kulo ukuthi lilithathe. **64** UThixo uzalihlakazela ezizweni zonke, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kuyefika komunye njalo. Khonale lizakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezigodo labenziwe ngamatshe, elingazange libazi lina kumbe okhokho benu. **65** Phakathi kwalezozizwe kaliyikufumana ukuphumula, kumbe indawo yokuphumuza inyawo zenu. Khonapho uThixo uzalipha ingqondo ekhathazekileyo lamehlo akhatheleyo ngokufisa, kanye lenhliziyo ethuthumelayo. **66** Lizahlalela ovalweni izikhathi zonke, ligcwele ukwesaba emini lebusuku, lingelaqiniso ngempilo yenu. **67** Ekuseni lizakuthi, 'Aluba sekuntambama!' ntambama lithi, 'Ngabe kusekuseni!' ngenxa yokwesaba okuzakwehlela inhliziyo zenu lengxenye yezinto elizazibona ngamehlo enu. **68** UThixo uzalithumela futhi eGibhithe ngemikhumbi uhambo engathi aliyikuluhamba futhi. Lapho lizazithengisa ezitheni njengezigqili zesilisa lezesifazane, kodwa kakho ozalithenga."

29 Lezi yizimiso zesivumelwano uThixo alaya uMosi ukuthi azenze labako-Israyeli eMowabi, phezu kwesivumelwano leso asenza labo eHorebhi. **2**

UMosi wabiza bonke abako-Israyeli wathi kubo:
“Amehlo enu akubonile konke uThixo akwenza kuFaro
eGibhithe, ezikhulwini zakhe zonke lakulo lonke
ilizwe lakhe. **3** Ngamehlo enu lazibonela imilingo
emikhulu, lezibonakaliso ezimangalisayo kanye lezimanga
ezesabekayo. **4** Kodwa kuze kube lamuhla uThixo
kaliphanga ingqondo ezwisisayo, kumbe amehlo
abonayo, loba indlebe ezizwayo. **5** Okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane ngilihola enkangala, izigqoko
zenu kazizange ziguge, loba izicathulo ezinyaweni
zenu. **6** Alidlanga sinkwa loba ukunatha iwayini
kumbe ukunatha okudakayo. Ngakwenza lokhu ukuze
lazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **7**
Kwathi ekufikeni kwenu kulindawo, uSihoni inkosi
yaseHeshibhoni kanye lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani
balihlangabeza ukuze balwe lani, kodwa sabehlula. **8**
Salithatha ilizwe labo salipha abakoRubheni, abakoGadi
kanye lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase njengelifa.
9 Ngakho gcinani izimiso zalesisivumelwano ukuze
liphumelele kukho konke elikwenzayo. **10** Lonke limi
lapha lamuhla phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
abakhokheli benu kanye lezinduna zenu, abadala benu
kanye lezikhulu zenu, kanye lawo wonke amanye
amadoda ako-Israyeli, **11** ndawonye labantwabenu
kanye labafazi benu, labezizweni abahlala ezihonqweni
zenu beligamulela inkuni njalo belikhela amanzi. **12**
Selimi lapha ukuze lingene esivumelwaneni loThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu, isivumelwano uThixo asenzayo lani
lamuhla esiqinisa ngesifungo, **13** eveza ngokugcweleyo

ukuthi lina lamuhla selingabantu bakhe, lokuthi abe nguNkulunkulu wenu njengokulithembisa kwakhe njalo wafunga kubokhokho benu, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe. **14** Ngenza lesisivumelwano, langesifungo saso, hatshi lani kuphela **15** elimiyo kanye lathi lamuhla phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kodwa lalabo abangekhoyo lamuhla. **16** Lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi sasiphila njani eGibhithe lokuthi sadabula njani phakathi kwezizwe sisiza kulindawo. **17** Labona phakathi kwabo izithombe zabo ezinengisayo ezenziwe ngezigodo lezamatshe, ezesiliva kanye lezegolide. **18** Wobani leqiniso lokuthi akulandoda loba owesifazane, abosendo kumbe isizwana phakathi kwenu lamuhla olenhliziyo ezafulathela uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ukuze akhonze onkulunkulu bezizwe lezo; qaphelani funa kubelempande phakathi kwenu ethela izithelo ezilempethu. **19** Lapho umuntu onjalo esizwa amazwi alesisifungo, athokozele ukuthi isibusiso sehlele phezu kwakhe abesezitshela ukuthi, 'Ngizavikeleka, lanxa ngiqhubeka ngizihambela ngezindlela zami.' Lokhu kuzaletha uhlupho olukhulu emhlabathini omanzi lowomileyo. **20** UThixo kazimiselanga ukumthethelela; ulaka lwakhe kanye lokutshiseka kwakhe kuzavutha phezu kwalowomuntu. Zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule incwadi zizakwehlela phezu kwakhe, njalo uThixo uzacitsha ibizo lakhe ngaphansi kwezulu. **21** UThixo uzamehlukanisa amsuse phakathi kwezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli amehlisele uhlupho, kusiya ngazozonke iziqalekiso zesivumelwano ezilotshwe kule iNcwadi yoMthetho. **22** Abantwabenu

abazakuza ngemva kwenu ezizukulwaneni ezilandelayo kanye labezizwe abavela emazweni akude bazabona inhlupheko ezehlele lelilizwe lezifo uThixo azehlisele kulo. **23** Ilizwe lonke lizakuba ngelichithiweyo latshiswa laba litswayi lesolufa kungekho lutho oluhlanyelweyo, kungelalutho oluhlumayo, kungekho zimila kulo. Kuzafana lokutshabalaliswa kweSodoma leGomora, i-Adima kanye leZebhoyimi, uThixo awachitha ngolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo. **24** Izizwe zonke zizabuza zithi: 'UThixo ukwenzeleni lokhu elizweni leli na? Kungani ehlise ulaka oluvuthayo lolwesabekayo kangaka na?' **25** Impendulo izakuba yikuthi: 'Kungenxa yokuthi abantu badela isivumelwano sikaThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, isivumelwano asenza labo ekubakhupheni kwakhe eGibhithe. **26** Badukile bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu babakhothamela, onkulunkulu abangazange babazi, onkulunkulu angazange abaphe bona. **27** Ngalokho ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha phezu kwalelilizwe, waze wehlisela phezu kwalo zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule incwadi. **28** UThixo wabasiphula elizweni labo ngentukuthelo enkulu langolaka olukhulu wabalahlela kwelinye ilizwe, njengoba kunjalo lakhathesi.' **29** Okufihlakeleyo ngokukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa izinto ezambuliweyo zingezethu kanye labantwabethu kuze kube nininini, ukuze silandele wonke amazwi alo umlayo."

30 "Kuzakuthi zonke lezizibusiso lalezi ziqalekiso engilimisele zona sezehlele phezu kwenu beselizigcina ezinhliziyweni zenu kuyo yonke indawo lapho uThixo

uNkulunkulu wenu azalihlakazela khona phakathi kwezizwe, **2** lalapho lina labantwabenu selibuyela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu limlalela ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke kusiya njengokulilaya kwami lamuhla, **3** kulapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ezabuyisela ukuphumelela kwenu abe lozwelo kini njalo alibuthe yena lapho alihlakazela khona ezizweni. **4** Kungaze kube khatshana okunganani ngaphansi kwelanga lapho elizabe lixotshelwe khona, kusukela khonapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalithatha libuye ekhaya. **5** Uzalikhokhelela elizweni alinika okhokho benu, lina-ke lizalithatha libe ngelenu. Uzalenza liphumelele njalo lande ukwedlula okhokho benu. **6** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzasoka inhliziyo zenu kanye lezinhliziyo zezizukulwane zenu, ukuze limthande ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke langomoya wenu wonke, liphile. **7** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzakwehlisela zonke leziziqalekiso phezu kwezitha zenu ezilizondayo lezilihlukuluzayo. **8** Lizaphinda njalo limlalele uThixo wenu njalo liyilandele imilayo yakhe engilinika yona lamuhla. **9** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumelelisa kakhulu kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zenu njalo alibusise ngenzalo langamazinyane ezifuyo zenu lamabele amasimu enu. UThixo uzathokoza ngani njalo aliphumelelise, njengoba wathokoza ngokhokho benu, **10** nxa lizalalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ligcine imilayo lezimiso lezo ezabhalwa kule iNcwadi yoMthetho liphendukele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke."

11 “Engililaya ngakho lamuhla akunzima kakhulu njalo
akukhatshana lani ukuba likufinyelele. **12** Akukho phezulu
ezulwini, okungabangela ukuthi libuze lithi: ‘Ngubani
ozakwenyukela ezulwini ayesithathela ukuze akwethule
kithi sibe lakho ukukulandela sikwenze na?’ **13** Kanti njalo
akukho ngaphetsheya kolwandle, okungabangela ukuthi
libuze lithi, ‘Ngubani ozachapha ulwandle ayesithathela
ukuze akwethule kithi sibe lakho ukukulandela sikwenze
na?’ **14** Akunjalo, ilizwi liseduzane lawe kakhulu,
lisemlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyweni yakho ukuze ulilalele.
15 Khangelani, ngiletha phambi kwenu lamuhla ukuphila
lokuphumelela, ukufa lokubhidlika. **16** Ngakho ngiyalilaya
lamuhla ukuthi lithande uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
lihambe ezindleleni zakhe, kanye lokugcina imilayo
yakhe, izimiso lemithetho; ngalokho lizaphila lande, njalo
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni eselingena
kulo ukuba lilithathe libe ngelenu. **17** Kodwa nxa inhliziyo
zenu zifulathela lingabe lisalalela ngokuzithoba, njalo
lingaholelwa ekuthini likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libe
selibakhonza, **18** ngiyalitshela lamuhla ukuthi ngeqiniso
lizabhujiswa. Aliyi kuphila isikhathi eside ezweni
elizalithatha ekuchapheni kwenu iJodani. **19** Lamuhla
nginxusa izulu lomhlaba ukuba ngofakazi bami ukumelana
lani ngisithi sengimise phambi kwenu ukuphila lokufa,
izibusiso leziqalekiso. Khathesi zikhetheleni ukuphila,
ukuze kuthi lina kanye labantwabenu libe lokuphila **20**
kanye lokuthi limthande uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
lilalele ilizwi lakhe, libambelele liqine kuye, ngoba
uThixo uyikuphila kwenu, njalo nguye ozalinika iminyaka

eminengi lihlezi elizweni afunga ukuba uzalinika okhokho benu, u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe.”

31 UMosi waphuma wayakwethula lamazwi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli wathi: **2** “Sengileminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa angisenelisi ukulikhokhela. UThixo usethe kimi, ‘Awusayi kuchapha iJodani.’ **3** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu. Uzabhubhisa lezizizwe phambi kwenu, lina lizathatha ilizwe lazo libe ngelenu. UJoshuwa laye uzachapha ahambe phambi kwenu, njengokutsho kukaThixo. **4** UThixo uzakwenza lokho akwenza kuSihoni lo-Ogi, amakhosi ama-Amori, ababhubhisa wabatshabalalisa lamazwe abo. **5** UThixo uzabanikela kini, lina-ke kufanele lenze lokho engililaye khona. **6** Qinani libe lesibindi. Lingesabi lithithibale ngenxa yabo, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uhamba lani, kayikulitshiya njalo kayikulifulathela.” **7** Ngakho uMosi wasebiza uJoshuwa wasesithi kuye phambi kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, “Qina njalo iba lesibindi, ngoba kumele uhambe lalababantu kulelolizwe uThixo afunga kubokhokho babo ukubanika, njalo uzamele ubabele lona ubahlukanisele libe yilifa labo. **8** UThixo ngokwakhe uhamba phambi kwakho njalo uzakuba lawe; kasoze akutshiye loba akufulathele. Ungesabi; ungapheli amandla.” **9** UMosi wawuloba phansi umthetho wawuqhubela abaphristi, amadodana abaLevi, ababethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, kanye labadala bonke bako-Israyeli. **10** UMosi wasebalaya wathi, “Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa, ngomnyaka wokwesulelana izikwelede,

ngoMkhosi weziHonqo, **11** ngesikhathi abako-Israyeli
bonke bezokuma phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
endaweni azabe eyikhethile, lizawubala lumthetho
phambi kwabo bezizwela. **12** Lizabuthanisa abantu,
amadoda, abafazi labantwana, kanye labezizweni abahlala
emadolobheni enu ukuze bazizwele bafunde ukwesaba
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu balandele ngonanzelelo wonke
amazwi alumthetho. **13** Abantwababo, abangawaziyo
lumthetho, kumele bawuzwe njalo bafunde ukwesaba
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngasosonke isikhathi lisahlezi
kulelilizwe elizachapha uJodani ukuba liyelithatha."
14 UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Usuku lokubhubha kwakho
selusondele. Biza uJoshuwa lize lobabili ethenteni
lokuhlangana, lapho engizamgcobela khona." Ngakho
uMosi loJoshuwa bahamba bayazethula ethenteni
lokuhlangana. **15** UThixo wasebonakala ethenteni
ngensika yeyezi, njalo iyezi lelo lema phezu
komnyango wethente. **16** UThixo waphinda wathi
kuMosi: "Ususiyaphumula laboyihlo, kanti-ke lababantu
bazahugeka masinyazana bakhonze onkulunkulu
balelilizwe abazangena kulo. Bazangifulathela bephule
isivumelwano engasenza labo. **17** Ngalolosuku
ngizabathukuthelela ngibafulathele; ngizabafihlela ubuso
bami, njalo bazabhujiswa. Bazakwehlelwa zingozi ezinengi
lobunzima phezu kwabo, njalo ngalolosuku bazabuza
bathi: 'Kambe akusikuthi ingozi lezi zisehlela kubi
kangaka ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu kakho phakathi
kwethu na?' **18** Ngiqinisile ubuso bami ngizabufihla
ngalolosuku ngenxa yobubi babo ngokuphendukela

kwabanye onkulunkulu. **19** Lobani lingoma liyifundise
abako-Israyeli ukuze bayihlabele ibe ngufakazi wami
wokumelana labo. **20** Ngizakuthi sengibangenise
elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, ilizwe engalithembisa
okhokho babo ngesifungo, bathi nxa sebedle basutha
baphumelela, bazaphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu
babakhonze, bangiphike njalo bephule isivumelwano
sami. **21** Kuzakuthi nxa sebehlaselwa zingozi lobunzima,
ingoma le izakuba yibufakazi bokumelana labo ngoba
ayiyikukhohlakala lakuzizukulwane zabo. Ngiyakwazi
okulula kubo ukuba bakwenze, lanxa ngingakabangenisi
elizweni engibathembise lona ngesifungo." **22** Ngakho
uMosi wabhala leyongoma mhlalokho wahle wayifundisa
abako-Israyeli. **23** UThixo wanika uJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni umlayo othi "Qina ube lesibindi, ngoba
uzangenisa abako-Israyeli elizweni engabathembisa
lona ngesifungo, njalo mina ngokwami ngizakuba
lawe." **24** Ngemva kokuba uMosi eseqedile ukuloba
ogwalweni amazwi alowomthetho kusukela ekuqaleni
kusiya ekucineni, **25** walaya abaLevi ababethwala
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo wathi: **26**
"Thathani iNcwadi yoMthetho le liyifake eceleni
komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu, izahlala lapha njengofakazi walokho elikwenzayo.
27 Mina ngiyakwazi ukuhlamuka kwenu lokuba
ngontamozilukhuni kwenu. Nxa kade lihlamukela uThixo
ngisaphila njalo ngiselani, kuzakuba nganani ukuhlamuka
kwenu nxa sengifile! **28** Buthanisani phambi kwami
bonke abadala bezizwana zenu kanye lezikhulu zenu

zonke ukuze ngethule lamazwi bezizwela nginxuse izulu lomhlaba ukuba kufakaze ububi babo. **29** Ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi nxa ngingasekho sengifile lizaxhwala liphambuke endleleni engililaye yona. Ensukwini ezizayo, lizawelwa yingozi ngoba lizakwenza ububi phambi kukaThixo limvuse ulaka ngemisebenzi emibi yezandla zenu." **30** Ngakho uMosi wawaphinda amazwi engoma leyo kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekuphetheni ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lilalele:

32 "Lalelani, we mazulu, ngizakhuluma, zwana, we mhlaba, amazwi omlomo wami. **2** Akuthi imfundiso yami inethe njengezulu kuthi amazwi ami ehle njengamazolo, njengemifefezo etshanini obutsha, njengezulu elinengi phezu kwamahlumela. **3** Ngizaliphakamisa ibizo likaThixo. Yebo dumisani ubukhulu bukaNkulunkulu wethu! **4** UliDwala, imisebenzi yakhe iphelele, njalo zonke izindlela zakhe zilungile. UNkulunkulu othembekileyo ongenzi okubi, uqotho njalo ulungile yena. **5** Sebenze okubi phambi kwakhe; balihlazo kabase bantwabakhe, kodwa isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesingaqondanga. **6** Yiyonale na indlela yokubonga kwenu uThixo, lina ziwula zabantu abangelakuhlakanipha? KasuYihlo, uMdali wenu, owalenzayo njalo owalibumbayo na? **7** Khumbulani insuku zakudala; likhumbule izizukulwane zasendulo. Buza uyihlo yena uzakutshela, abadala benu, njalo bazakuchasisela. **8** Kwathi oPhezukonke esephe izizwe ilifa lazo, eselwahlukanisile uluntu, walufakela imingcele, kusiya ngenani lamadodana ka-Israyeli. **9** Ngoba isabelo sikaThixo ngabantu bakhe, uJakhobe

yisabelo sakhe esikhethiweyo. **10** Wamfica elizweni eliyinkangala, indawo engatheli lutho njalo elodlame. Wamvikela, wamonga; wamsingatha njengegugu lakhe, **11** njengokhozi lunyakazisa isidleke salo, beselundiza phezu kwamachwane alo, lwelule amaphiko alo ukuwagola, luwathwale ngamaphiko alo. **12** Nguye yedwa uThixo owamkhokhelayo; kungekho unkulunkulu wezizweni owayelaye. **13** Wamkhweza engqongeni yelizwe wamondla ngezithelo zeganga. Wamondla ngoluju olwaluvela edwaleni, langamafutha aphuma ezingoxweni zeliwa, **14** lezankefu langochago oluvela emihlambini yenkomo leyezimvu; lamazinyane anonisiweyo ezimvu lembuzi, lenqama zekhethelo zaseBhashani, kanye lengqoloyi elezinhlamvu ezinhle. Wanatha igazi eliphuphumayo lesithelo samavini. **15** UJeshuruni wazimuka watshakala; esesuthi ukudla, wakhuluphala waba butshelezi. Wamlahla uNkulunkulu owamdalayo waliphika iDwala uMsindisi wakhe. **16** Bambangela ubukhwele ngabonkulunkulu babo bezizweni bamthukuthelisa ngezithombe zabo ezinengekayo. **17** Benza imihlatshelo kuwo amadimoni, wona angasiNkulunkulu, onkulunkulu ababengazange babazi, onkulunkulu ababesanda kuvela, onkulunkulu ababengakhonzwa ngoyihlo. **18** Walihlamukela iDwala, elinguyihlo; wakhohlwa uNkulunkulu owakuzalayo. **19** UThixo wakubona lokhu wabafulathela ngoba wathukutheliswa ngamadodana lamadodakazi akhe. **20** ‘Ngizabufihla ubuso bami kubo,’ watsho uThixo, ‘ngize ngibone ukuthi bazaphetha

ngani; ngoba bayisizukulwana esixhwalileyo abantwana abangathembekanga. **21** Bangenza ngaba lobukhwele ngalokho okwakungasinkulunkulu njalo bangithukuthelisa ngezithombe zabo ezingasizi lutho. Ngizabavusela umhawu ngesizwe esingesibantu balutho; ngibazondise ngesizwe esingazwisisiyo. **22** Ngoba umlilo usulunyathiswe yikuthukuthela kwami, wona otshisa ujule uze uyethinta ukufa ngaphansi. Uzahangula udle umhlaba kanye lesivuno sawo uthungele lezinsika zezintaba. **(Sheol h7585)** **23** Ngizabehlisela izigigaba, imitshoko yami iphelele phezu kwabo. **24** Ngizabathumela inkengane eqeda amandla, izifo ezibhubhisayo lomkhuhlane otshabalalisayo; ngizabathumela amazinyo abukhali ezinyamazana zeganga, ubuthi bezinhlangwana ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini. **25** Ezindleleni inkemba izabaswelisa abantwana, emizini kuzabusa uchuku. Amadodana lamadodakazi azabhujiswa aphele, abantwana abancinyane kanye lamadoda alenwele ezimhlophe. **26** Ngithe ngizabachitha ngisuse imbali yabo bakhohlakale emhlabeni, **27** kodwa ngesaba ukweyisa kwesitha, funa isitha singezwisisi besesisithi, "Isandla sethu sinqobile, njalo uThixo kakwenzanga konke lokhu."' **28** Bayisizwe esingelangqondo, akukho ukuqedisisa kubo. **29** Ngabe kodwa bahlakaniphile njalo bezwisise lokhu, babe lokuqedisisa ukuthi sizakuba yini isiphetho sabo! **30** Kungenzeka njani ukuthi umuntu oyedwa axotshane lenkulungwane, loba ababili basukele izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zibaleke na, ngaphandle kokuthi iDwala labo

nxa labathengisa; langaphandle kokuthi uThixo wabo esebahlanekele? **31** Ngoba elabo idwala alinjengelethu iDwala, njengoba lezitha zethu zivuma. **32** Iwayini labo livela esivinini saseSodoma lasemasimini aseGomora. Amagrebisi abo agcwele itshefu, lamaxha awo amunyu. **33** Iwayini labo liyibuthi bezinyoka, ubuhlungu obubulalayo bezinhlangwana. **34** 'Kambe lokhu angikugodlanga na ngakugcikela eziphaleni zami na? **35** Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela. Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo unyawo lwabo luzatshelela; usuku lwabo lokubhujiswa luseduze, ukuchitheka kwabo kubalanda ngesiqubu.' **36** UThixo uzakwahlulela abantu bakhe, abe lozwelo ezincekwini zakhe lapho esebona amandla abo ephela njalo kakho ozasala, isigqili loba okhululekileyo. **37** Uzakuthi: 'Kanti bangaphi onkulunkulu babo, lelodwala ababephephela kulo, **38** onkulunkulu abadla amafutha emihlatshelo yabo njalo banatha iwayini elingumnikelo wokunathwayo kwabo? Kabaphakame balincedise! Kabaliphe umthunzi wokuphephela! **39** Angithi liyazibonela ukuthi Mina ngiNguye! Kakho omunye unkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami. Ngiyabhubhisa njalo ngiyaphilisa. Ngilimazile njalo ngizelapha, kakho ongaphunyuka esandleni sami. **40** Ngiphakamisela isandla sami ezulwini ngithi: Njengoba ngeqiniso ngiphila nini lanini, **41** nxa ngilola inkemba yami ephazimayo lesandla sami siyibamba ekwehluleleni, ngizaphindisela kuzozonke izitha zami, ngiphindisele kulabo abangizondayo. **42** Imitshoko yami izagava igazi, kanti inkemba izakudla enyameni: igazi lalabo

ababulawayo labathunjwayo, amakhanda alabo abangabakhokheli bezitha.' **43** Jabulani, lina zizwe, kanye labantu bakhe, ngoba uzaphindisela igazi lezinceku zakhe, uzaphindisela ezitheni zakhe, njalo enzele ilizwe lakhe labantu bakhe indlela yokubuyisana." **44** UMosi weza loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wethula wonke amazwi engoma le abantu bonke besizwa. **45** UMosi wathi eqeda ukuwethula lamazwi phambi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, **46** wathi kubo, "Alondolozeni ezinhliziyweni zenu wonke lamazwi engiwethule phambi kwenu ngesifungo lamuhla, ukuze libe lakho ukubalaya abantwabenu ukuba bawalalele ngonanzelelo amazwi alo umthetho. **47** Akusimazwi alula nje kini, ayikuphila kwenu. Ngala amazwi lizaphila isikhathi eside elizweni eselingena kulo lichapha uJodani ukuba lilithathe libe ngelenu." **48** Ngalolosuku uThixo watshela uMosi wathi, **49** "Khwela uye okhahlamba lwezintaba zase-Abharimi eNtabeni yaseNebho kwelamaMowabi, ngaphetsheya kweJerikho, ukuze ubone iKhenani, ilizwe engilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba balithathe libe ngelabo. **50** Phezu kwaleyontaba okhwele phezu kwayo uzakufa umbelwe uye kubokhokho bakho njengoba u-Aroni laye wafela entabeni yaseHori wembelwa kwabakibo. **51** Lokhu kungenxa yokuthi lina lobabili lalahla ithemba lenu kimi phambi kwabako-Israyeli emachibini aseMeribha Khadeshi, eNkangala yaseZini langenxa yokuthi alizange lime ngobungcwele bami phambi kwabako-Israyeli. **52** Ngenxa yalokho, ilizwe uzalibonela kude, awusoze ungene elizweni esengilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba bangene kulo."

33 Lesi yiso isibusiso esethulwa nguMosi umuntu
kaNkulunkulu kwabako-Israyeli engakafi. **2** Wathi:
“UThixo wehla evela eSinayi njalo wakhazimula
kubo ngaseSeyiri; wakhanyisa njalo kusiya eNtabeni
yasePharani. Wabuya labazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
zabangcwele bevelela eningizimu, emehlweni ezintaba
zakhe. **3** Ngempela nguwe othanda abantu, bonke
abangcwele basezandleni zakho. Ezinyaweni zakho
bayakhothama bonke bamukele iziqondiso ezivela kuwe,
4 umthetho esawuphiwa nguMosi, inotho yebandla
likaJakhobe. **5** Wayeyinkosi phezu kukaJeshuruni lapho
abakhokheli babantu bebuthene, ndawonye lezizwana
zako-Israyeli. **6** Kaphile uRubheni njalo angafi, abesilisa
bakhe bangaphunguki babebalutshwana.” **7** Lokhu
wakutsho ngoJuda: “Zwana, wena Thixo wami, ukukhala
kukaJuda; mlethe ebantwini bakhe. Ngezandla zakhe
uvikela lokho akumeleyo. Yebo, msize amelane lezitha
zakhe!” **8** NgoLevi wathi: “IThumimi kanye le-Urimi yakho
ngokwayo inceku yakho ethembekileyo. Wamhlola eMasa;
waba laye emachibini aseMeribha. **9** Wathi ngoyise lonina,
‘Angilandaba labo mina.’ Kazange akwamukele ukuthi
ulabafowabo njalo kazange ananze abantwabakhe, kodwa
walilondoloza ilizwi lakho wasigcina isivumelwano sakho.
10 Ufundisa amanyathelo akho kuJakhobe lomthetho
wakho ku-Israyeli. Unikela ngempepha phambi kwakho
langeminikelo egcweleyo yokutshiswa e-alithareni. **11**
Busisa bonke ubuciko bakhe, Thixo, ujabule ngomsebenzi
wezandla zakhe. Babhubhise labo abamvukelayo;
zitshaye izitha zakhe zingaphindi zimvukele.” **12**

NgoBhenjamini wathi: “Yekelani othandekayo kaThixo
aphumule kuye evikelekile, ngoba umvikela ilanga
lonke, kanti njalo lowo uThixo amthandayo uphumula
emahlombe akhe.” **13** NgoJosefa wathi: “Sengathi uThixo
angabusisa umhlaba wakhe ngamazolo aligugu avela
phezulu ezulwini langamanzi ajulileyo ageleza ngaphansi;
14 langobuhle obuyingqala obulethwa lilanga kanye
lokucoleka okungalethwa yinyanga; **15** lezipho zekhethelo
zasezintabeni zendulo lokuthela kwezithelo zamaqaqa
emi nini lanini; **16** langezipho eziyingqala zomhlaba
lokugcwala kwawo lozwelo lwakhe yena owayesesixukwini
esivuthayo. Konke lokhu akube sekhanda likaJosefa,
ebunzini lobuso benkosana phakathi kwabafowabo. **17**
Ebukhosini unjengenkunzi encane elizibulo; impondo
zakhe zinjengezenyathi. Ngazo uzagweba abhuqe izizwe,
aze agwebe lalezo ezisemaphethelweni omhlaba. Banjalo
abezinkulungwane zamatshumi baka-Efrayimi; banjalo
abezinkulungwane zikaManase.” **18** NgoZebhuluni wathi:
“Jabula, Zebhuluni, ekuphumeni kwakho, lawe wena,
Isakhari, emathenteni akho. **19** Bazabizela abantu
ezintabeni khonale banikele imihlatshelo yabo yokulunga;
bazakudla baminze ngobunengi bokusolwandle ngawo
amagugu afihlakele etshebetshebeni.” **20** NgoGadi wathi:
“Ubusisiwe lowo oqhelisa umbuso kaGadi! UGadi uhlala
khona njengesilwane, edlithiza engalweni loba ekhanda.
21 Wazikhethela umhlaba omuhle okwamagama waba
ngowakhe; isabelo somkhokheli sagcinelwa yena. Kwathi
ekuhlanganeni kwabakhokheli babantu, wakwenza lokho
okufunwa nguThixo olungileyo, kanye lokwahlulela

kwakhe kwabako-Israyeli.” **22** NgoDani wathi: “UDani
ngumdlwane wesilwane, otshakala uphuma eBhashani.”
23 NgoNafithali wathi: “UNafithali uyaphuphuma
ngozwelo lukaThixo njalo ugcwele izibusiso zakhe; elakhe
ilifa uzazuza kusiya eningizimu ngechibini.” **24** Ngo-Asheri
wathi: “Obusisiweyo kakhulu kulawo wonke amadodana
ngu-Asheri; ababelozwelo kuye abafowabo, myekeleni
ageze inyawo zakhe emafutheni. **25** Amabhawudo
emasangweni akho azakuba ngawensimbi lethusi njalo
amandla akho azalingana insuku zakho. **26** Kakho ofana
loNkulunkulu kaJeshuruni, ophezulu emazulwini ukuze
akuncede kanti njalo lasemayezini ngobukhosi bakhe.
27 UNkulunkulu ongusimakade uyisiphephelo sakho,
njalo ngaphansi kuzingalo ezingelakuphela. Uzazixotsha
izitha phambi kwakho esithi, ‘Mbulale!’ **28** Ngakho u-
Israyeli uzaphila yedwa evikelekile, umthombo kaJakhobe
uvikelekile, elizweni lamabele kanye lewayini elitsha,
lapho amazulu phezulu akhithizela khona amazolo. **29**
Ubusisiwe wena, Oh Israyeli! Ngubani onjengawe, abantu
abahlengwa nguThixo? Ulihawu lakho lomsizi wakho
njalo uyinkemba yakho ekhazimulayo. Izitha zakho
zizatshotshobala phambi kwakho njalo uzazinyathela
phansi zonke izindawo zabo zokukhonza eziphakemeyo.”

34 UMosi wasekhwela eNtabeni yaseNebho evelela
emagcekeni eMowabi esiya phezu kwePhisiga,
ngaphetsheya malungana leJerikho. Kukhonale uThixo
amtshengisa khona ilizwe lonke, kusukela eGiliyadi
kusiya kwelikaDani, **2** lonke elikaNafithali, ilizwe lika-
Efrayimi lelikaManase, lonke ilizwe likaJuda kusiyafika

olwandle olungentshonalanga, **3** iNegebi kanye lomhlaba
wonke osuka eSigodini seJerikho, iDolobho laMalala,
kusiya kude khonale eZowari. **4** Ngakho uThixo wathi
kuye, "Leli yilo ilizwe engathembisa ngesifungo u-
Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe, lapho engathi khona,
'Ngizalinika izizukulwane zenu.' Ngikuvumele ukuthi
ulibone ngawakho amehlo, kodwa awusoze uchaphele
kulo." **5** Ngakho uMosi inceku kaThixo wafela khonapho
kwelamaMowabi, njengokwakutshiwo nguThixo. **6**
Wamngcwaba eMowabi, esigodini esikhangelene
leBhethi-Pheyori, kodwa kuze kube lamuhla lokhu
kakho loyedwa olaziyo ingcwaba lakhe. **7** UMosi
wayeseleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili ekufeni
kwakhe, ikanti amehlo akhe ayesabona kuhle njalo
engakaphelelwa ngamandla. **8** Abako-Israyeli
bamlilela uMosi emagcekeni aseMowabi okwensuku
ezingamatshumi amathathu, kwaze kwedlula insuku
zokukhala lokulila. **9** UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni
wayegcwele umoya wokuhlakanipha ngoba uMosi
wayembeke izandla. Ngakho abako-Israyeli bamlalela
njalo benza lokho uThixo ayekulaye uMosi. **10** Kusukela
lapho, kakukabi lomunye njalo umphrofethi ko-Israyeli
onjengoMosi, owayesaziwa nguThixo ubuso ngobuso, **11**
owenza zonke lezozimanga lezibonakaliso ayethunywe
nguThixo ukuba ayezenza eGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo
zonke izikhulu zakhe lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe. **12** Ngoba
kakho oyake atshengisele amandla amakhulu kangako
loba ukwenza izenzo ezesabekayo uMosi azenzayo
emehlweni abo bonke abako-Israyeli.

UJoshuwa

1 Ngemva kokufa kukaMosi inceku kaThixo, uThixo wathi
kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, umsekeli kaMosi: **2** "UMosi
inceku yami usefile. Ngakho-ke, wena labantu bonke laba,
lungiselelani ukuchapha umfula uJodani liye elizweni
esengizalinika lona, abako-Israyeli. **3** Ngizalinika zonke
izindawo lapho elizanyathela khona ngezinyawo zenu
njengokuthembisa engakwenza kuMosi. **4** Ilizwe lenu
lizasukela enkangala yeLebhanoni lasemfuleni omkhulu
uYufrathe, ilizwe lonke lamaHithi, lize liyekhawula
olwandle olukhulu entshonalanga. **5** Kakulamuntu
ozenelisa ukumelana lani zonke insuku zokuphila kwenu.
Njengoba ngangiloMosi, ngizakuba lawe; kangisoze
ngikutshiye, kangisoze ngikudele. **6** Qina ube lesibindi
ngenxa yokuthi uzakhokhela abantu laba ukuze
bayethatha ilizwe elilifa labo engafunga kubokhokho
babo ukuthi ngizabanika lona. **7** Qina ube lesibindi.
Ugcine yonke imithetho owayiphiwa nguMosi inceku
yami, ungaze waphambuka kuyo uye kwesokunene kumbe
kwesokhohlo ukuze uphumelele kuzozonke izindawo
ozakuya kuzo. **8** INcwadi yoMthetho le kayingasuki
emlonyeni wakho, cabanga ngayo emini lebusuku ukuze
unanzelele ukugcina konke okulotshwe kuyo. Ngokwena
njalo uzaphumelela. **9** Angikulayanga na? Qina ube
lesibindi, ungethuki njalo ungalahli ithemba, ngoba
uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzakuba lawe loba kungaphi
lapho oya khona." **10** Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa walaya
iziphathamandla zabantu wathi: **11** "Dabulani phakathi
kwezihonqo litshele abantu ukuthi, 'Lungisani imiphako

yenu. Ensukwini ezintathu kusukela lamhla lizachapha uJodani lapha ukuze lingene liyethatha ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu!'" **12** UJoshuwa wathi kwabakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase, **13** "Khumbulani umlayo uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika wona owokuthi: 'UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumuza ngokulinika ilizwe leli.' **14** Amakhosikazi enu, abantwabenu lezifuyo zenu zingahlala elizweni elalinikwa nguMosi empumalanga yeJodani, kodwa ibutho lenu lonke, lihlome liphelele, kumele lichaphe ngaphambi kwabafowenu. Kuzamele lincedise abafowenu, **15** uThixo aze abaphumuze, njengalokho alenzele khona lina, labo baze bathathe ilizwe lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu abanika lona. Ngemva kwalokho selingabuyela liyehlala elizweni lenu, uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika lona ngempumalanga yeJodani." **16** Baphendula uJoshuwa bathi, "Konke osilaya khona sizakwenza, lalapho osithuma khona sizahamba. **17** Njengalokhu salalela uMosi ngokupheleleyo, lawe sizakulalela. Sifisa ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho abe lawe njengoba wayeloMosi. **18** Yiloba ngubani ohlamukela ilizwi lakho njalo engalaleli lokho okutshoyo, lalokho oyabe ukulaya, kumele abulawe. Kumele uqine ube lesibindi!"

2 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wasethumela inhloli ezimbili ngasese zisuka eShithima. Wathi kuzo, "Hambani liyehlola ilizwe lakhona, ikakhulu iJerikho." Ngakho zahamba zayangena endlini yesifebe esithiwa nguRahabi, zahlala khona. **2** Inkosi yaseJerikho yatshelwa ukuthi

“Khangela! Abanye abantu bako-Israyeli bafike lapha
ebusuku ukuzohlola ilizwe lethu.” **3** Ngakho inkosi
yaseJerikho yathumela ilizwi kuRahabi yathi, “Khupha
amadoda angene endlini yakho, ngoba alande ukuzohlola
ilizwe lonke.” **4** Kodwa owesifazane wayethethe amadoda
womabili wawafihla. Wasesithi, “Liqiniso amadoda afikile
kimi, kodwa bengingazi ukuthi abevela ngaphi. **5** Kusihlwa,
sesifikile isikhathi sokuvala isango ledolobho, amadoda
asuke azihambela. Kangikwazi ukuthi aqonde ngaphi.
Axhumeni masinyane. Engxenye lingawafica.” **6** (Kodwa
wayebakhweze phezu kophahla wabafihla ngaphansi
kwezinqwaba zesikusha ayesichaye ophahleni). **7** Ngakho
amadoda aphuma ijumo elandela inhloli emgwaqweni
oya ezibukweni leJodani, njalo athi esanda kuphuma
isango lavalwa. **8** Inhloli zathi zingakalali ngalobobusuku,
wakhwela phezu kophahla **9** wasesithi kuzo, “Ngiyazi
ukuthi uThixo uselinike lelilizwe lokuthi sonke sesehlelwe
yikwesaba okukhulu ngenxa yenu, okwenza ukuthi bonke
abahlala kulelilizwe babelomhedehede wokulesaba. **10**
Sesizwile ukuthi uThixo walenzela amanzi oLwandle
Olubomvu atsha ngesikhathi liphuma eGibhithe, lalokho
elakwenza kuSihoni lo-Ogi amakhosi amabili ama-Amori
empumalanga yeJodani elawatshaya lawaqothula. **11** Sathi
sikuzwa lokho inhliziyo zethu zahle zaphela amandla
njalo wonke umuntu kazabe esaba lesibindi ngenxa
yenu ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu
ophezulu ezulwini laphansi emhlabeni. **12** Ngakho-ke
ngicela ukuthi lifunge kimi ngoThixo ukuthi lizakuba
lomusa emulini yami ngoba lami ngitshengise umusa

kini. **13** Nginikani isiqiniseko sokuthi lizaphephisa impilo
kababa lomama, abanewethu labodadewethu labo bonke
abangababo, njalo lizasisindisa ekufeni." **14** Amadoda
amthembisa athi, "Ukuphila kwethu yikuphila kwenu!
Ungayekela ukuveza lokho esikwenzayo sizakwenzela
umusa lokwethembeka lapho uThixo esesipha ilizwe."
15 Ngakho-ke wabehlisela phansi ngentambo baphuma
ngefasitela kalokho indlu ayehlala kuyo yayingumduli
munye lalowo owawugombolozele idolobho. **16** Wayethe
kubo, "Qondani emaqaqeni ukwenzela ukuthi abaxhuma
umzila wenu bangaze balifica. Licatshe khonale
okwensuku ezintathu baze baphenduke beseliqhubeka
ngendlela yenu." **17** Amadoda athi kuye, "Isifungo
osifungise sona sizakuba yize **18** ngaphandle kokuthi nxa
sesingena kulelilizwe sifice ubophele leliqhele elibomvu
ewindini osikhuphe ngalo, njalo usulethe uyihlo lonyoko,
abafowenu lemuli yakho yonke endlini yakho. **19** Nxa
umuntu angaphuma phandle kwendlu yakho abesesiya
esitaladeni, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda lakhe: kawusoze
ube ngumlandu wethu. Kuye wonke oyabe ephakathi
kwendlu kanye lawe, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda
lethu nxa angavele athintwe. **20** Kodwa ungavele uveze
lokhu esikwenzayo, sizabe sesikhululiwe esifungweni
osifungise sona." **21** Waphendula wathi, "Ngiyavuma,
kakube njengokutsho kwenu." Ngakho wavalelisana
labo basebezihambela. Wasebophela iqhele elibomvu
ewindini. **22** Bathi besuka lapho baqonda emaqaqeni lapho
abahlala khona okwensuku ezintathu ababebaxhuma baze
badela ukubadinga emgwaqweni wonke, basebebuyela

bengababonanga. **23** Ngakho-ke amadoda womabili
aphindela emuva. Ehla emaqaqeni, achapha umfula,
afika kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni amtshela konke
okwakwenzakele kuwo. **24** Athi kuJoshuwa, "UThixo
ngeqiniso uphe ilizwe lonke ezandleni zethu; bonke
abantu bayathuthumela ngokwesaba, ngenxa yethu."

3 Ekuseni kakhulu uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-
Israyeli basuka eShithima baqonda eJodani lapho
abamisa khona izihonqo zabo bengakachaphi. **2**
Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu iziphathamandla zangena
phakathi kwezihonqo, **3** zinika imilayo ebantwini
zisithi, "Lapho libona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu labaphristi abangabaLevi
belithwele kuzamele litshiye izindawo zenu lililandele.
4 Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi lilandele yiphi indlela,
njengoba lingakaze libe kuwonalo umango. Kodwa kumele
ligcine ibanga elingaba yizingalo eziyinkulungwane
ezimbili phakathi kwenu lomtshokotsho; lingasondeli
phansi kwalo." **5** UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini,
"Zihlambululeni ngoba kusasa uThixo uzakwenza
izimanga phakathi kwenu." **6** UJoshuwa wathi
kubaphristi, "Thathani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
beselikhokhela phambi kwabantu." Ngakho bawuthatha
basebehamba phambi kwabo. **7** UThixo wasesithi
kuJoshuwa, "Lamhla ngizaqalisa ukukuphakamisa
emehlweni abako-Israyeli bonke ukuze babone ukuthi
ngilawe njengoba ngangiloMosi. **8** Tshela abaphristi
abathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano uthi, 'Lingafika
okhunjini lwamanzi kaJodani, lingene liyekuma phakathi

komfula.'" **9** UJoshuwa wathi kwabako-Israyeli, "Wozani lapha lizolalela amazwi kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** Lokhu yikho okuzakwenza ukuthi lazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ophilayo uphakathi kwenu njalo ngempela uzaxotsha phambi kwenu amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaHivi, amaPherizi, amaGigashi, ama-Amori lamaJebusi. **11** Khangelani, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi womhlaba wonke lizangena phakathi kweJodani phambi kwenu. **12** Ngakho-ke, khethani amadoda alitshumi lambili esuka ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli, oyedwa esizwaneni esisodwa. **13** Kuzakuthi masinyazana abaphristi abathwele umtshokotsho kaThixo, iNkosi yomhlaba wonke, sebengene eJodani, amanzi omfula ogelezayo azakwehlukaniswa abesesima abe yinqwaba." **14** Ngakho kwathi abantu sebesuke ezihonqweni ukuze bayechapha uJodani, abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano bahamba phambili. **15** UJodani wayehlala egcwele ngezikhathi zonke zokuvuna. Kukanti kwathi abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho befika eJodani inyawo zabo zazithinta amanzi, **16** amanzi ayevelela ngaphezulu ema ukugeleza. Abuthana aba yinqwaba ema khatshana laphaya, malungana ledolobho elithiwa yi-Adamu duzane leZarethani kukanti amanzi ayegelezela phansi ngekuyeni olwandle lwe-Arabha (okutsho uLwandle Lwetswayi) ahle ehlukaniswa ngokupheleleyo. Ngakho-ke abantu bachaphela ngaphetsheya malungana leJerikho. **17** Abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo bema bathi mpo emhlabathini owomileyo

phakathi kweJodani, ngesikhathi abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bechapha isizwe sonke saze saqeda ukuchapha emhlabathini owomileyo.

4 Kwathi isizwe sonke sesimchaphile uJodani, uThixo wathi kuJoshuwa, **2** "Khetha amadoda alitshumi lambili phakathi kwabantu, yileyo imele isizwana sako-Israyeli, **3** ubusubatshela ukuthi bathathe amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi laphakathi kweJodani kusukela lapho okwakumi khona abaphristi, beseliwathwala liwabeke endaweni elizalala kuyo lamuhla ebusuku." **4** Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa wabiza amadoda alitshumi lambili ayewakhethe phakathi kwabako-Israyeli, eyodwa ivela esizwaneni. **5** Wasesithi kuwo, "Hambani phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu liye phakathi laphakathi kweJodani. Omunye lomunye wenu kumele athwale ilitshe ehlombe lakhe, kusiya ngenani lezizwana zako-Israyeli, **6** ukuze kube luphawu phakathi kwenu. Kwelizayo nxa abantwana benu belibuza besithi, 'Kanti amatshe la atshoni?' **7** Libatshele ukuthi ukugeleza kweJodani kwamiswa phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo. Kwathi lapho umtshokotsho uchapha iJodani, amanzi omfula uJodani ehlukaniswa. Amatshe la azakuba yisukhumbuzo ebantwini bako-Israyeli nini lanini." **8** Ngakho-ke abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaya kukaJoshuwa. Bathatha amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi laphakathi kweJodani, kusiya ngenani lezizwana zako-Israyeli, njengokulaywa kukaJoshuwa nguThixo; basebewathwalela ezihonqweni zabo lapho abafika bawabeka khona phansi. **9** UJoshuwa wamisa

amatshe alitshumi lambili ayekade ephakathi laphakathi kweJodani, endaweni lapho abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano abafika bema khona njalo lokhu ekhonapho kuze kube lamhlanje. **10** Abaphristi ababethwele umtshokotsho baqhubeka bemi phakathi kweJodani abantu baze baqeda konke uThixo ayekulaye uJoshuwa, njengokuqondiswa kukaJoshuwa nguMosi. Abantu bedlula ngokuphangisa **11** njalo bathi bonke sebechaphile, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo labaphristi beza kwelinye icele abantu bekhangele. **12** Amadoda akoRubheni, akoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase achapha ehlomile phambi kwabako-Israyeli njengokuqondisa kukaMosi. **13** Abantu abaphose bafike kunkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane ababehlomele impi bachapha phambi kukaThixo besiya emagcekeni eJerikho ukuyakulwa impi. **14** Ngalelolanga uThixo waphakamisa uJoshuwa emehlweni abo bonke abako-Israyeli; njalo bamhlonipha okwempilo yakhe yonke, njengoba babehloniphe uMosi. **15** UThixo wathi kuJoshuwa, **16** "Laya abaphristi abathwele umtshokotsho woBufakazi bakhuphuke baphume eJodani." **17** Ngakho uJoshuwa walaya abaphristi wathi, "Phumani phakathi kweJodani." **18** Abaphristi baphuma emfuleni bethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo. Bonela ukunyathela umhlabathi owomileyo amanzi eJodani ahle abuyela endaweni yawo, ageleza okomfula ogcweleyo njengakuqala. **19** Ngelanga letshumi enyangeni yakuqala abantu basuka eJodani bayamisa izihonqo eGiligali emngceleni ongempumalanga yeJerikho. **20**

UJoshuwa wamisa amatshe alitshumi ayethethwe phakathi kweJodani eGiligali. **21** Wakhuluma kwabako-Israyeli wathi, “Kwelizayo nxa izizukulwane zenu zingabuza abazali bazo zisithi, ‘Amatshe la atshoni?’ **22** Kumele libatshele ukuthi ‘Abako-Israyeli bachapha uJodani emhlabathini owomileyo!’ **23** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu womisa umfula uJodani phambi kwenu laze lachapha. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wenza kuJodani lokho akwenza oLwandle Olubomvu aze alomise phambi kwethu saze sachapha sonke. **24** Wenza lokhu ukuze abantu bonke bomhlaba bakwazi ukuthi isandla sikaThixo silamandla lokuthi lihlale limesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.”

5 Kwathi amakhosi ama-Amori ayebusa entshonalanga kweJodani lamakhosi wonke amaKhenani ayebusa ezigcawini ezisekela ulwandle esizwa ukuthi uThixo wayomise njani uJodani phambi kwabako-Israyeli baze bachapha, inhliziyo zawo zathuthumela aswela izibindi zokumelana labako-Israyeli. **2** Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wathi kuJoshuwa, “Khanda izingqamu ezibukhali ubususoka abako-Israyeli njalo.” **3** Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa wakhanda izingqamu ezibukhali wasesoka abako-Israyeli eGibhiya Haralothi. **4** Lokhu wakwenzela ukuthi: Bonke labo abaphuma eGibhithe, wonke amadoda ayengabuthelwa empini afela enkangala esemangweni wokusuka eGibhithe. **5** Bonke abantu abaphumayo babesokiwe, kodwa bonke abantu ababezalelwe enkangala phakathi kohambo lokusuka eGibhithe babengasokwanga. **6** Abako-Israyeli babezulazule enkangala okweminyaka

engamatshumi amane, amadoda wonke ayefanele ukubuthelwa empini ngesikhathi esuka eGibhithe aze afa, njengoba engazange amlalele uThixo. Ngoba uThixo wayefunge waqinisa kubo wathi ayengasoze alibone ilizwe ayelithembise okhokho babo ukuthi bazalinikwa, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **7** Ngakho wondla amadodana ezikhundleni zawo, njalo yiwo la asokwa nguJoshuwa. Ayelokhu engakasokwa ngoba kungazange kube lethuba lokubasoka endleleni. **8** Kwathi isizwe sonke sesisokiwe, sahlala ezihonqweni baze baphola. **9** UThixo wasesithi kuJoshuwa, "Lamuhla ngisuse ihlazo laseGibhithe kini." Yikho indawo leyo lokhu ibizwa ngokuthi yiGiligali kuze kube lamhlanje. **10** Kusihlwa ngelanga letshumi lane kuleyo nyanga, bathi belokhu besamise izihonqo zabo eGiligali emagcekeni eJerikho, abako-Israyeli bagcina iPhasika. **11** Ngokusa olwalandela usuku lwePhasika badla okunye kwesivuno sabo ababekuvunile: isinkwa esingelamvubelo lamabele akhanzingiweyo. **12** Imana yema ukukhithika ngelanga elalandela lelo abadla ngalo ukudla okwakuvela emhlabathini; ngakho kwakungasela mana yabako-Israyeli, kodwa ngalowomnyaka badla okwelizwe leKhenani. **13** Kwathi uJoshuwa esesondele eJerikho, wakhangela wabona indoda eyayimi phambi kwakhe ilomhedla esandleni sayo, uJoshuwa wasondela kuyo wayibuza wathi "Ungowakithi kumbe ungowezitha zethu?" **14** Yaphendula yathi "Angikho ndawo, kodwa njengomlawuli webutho likaThixo sengifikile." UJoshuwa wathi mbo phansi ngobuso edumisa waseyibuza esithi, "Kambe iNkosi yami ilombiko bani wenceku yayo?"

15 Umlawuli wamabutho kaThixo waphendula wathi,
“Khululula izicathulo zakho ngoba indawo omi kuyo
ingcwele.” UJoshuwa wenza njalo.

6 IJerikho yayivalwe ngci ngenxa yabako-Israyeli.
Akulamuntu owayephuma loba owayengena. **2** Ngakho
uThixo wathi kuJoshuwa, “Khangela, senginikele
iJerikho, inkosi yayo kanye lamabutho ayo ezandleni
zakho. **3** Hambani libhode idolobho kanye lamadoda
wonke ahlomileyo. Kwenzeni lokhu okwensuku
eziyisithupha. **4** Abaphristi abayisikhombisa kabathwale
amacilongo enziwe ngempondo zenqama phambi
komtshokotsho wesivumelwano. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa
libhode idolobho kasikhombisa, abaphristi bevuthela
amacilongo. **5** Nxa lingabezwa sebetshaya amacilongo
bedonsa, abantu bonke kabahlabe umkhosi; umduli
wedolobho uzadilika abantu bahle bangene, yilowo
lalowo aqonde phambili.” **6** Ngakho uJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni wabiza abaphristi wathi kubo, “Thathani
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo kuthi
abaphristi abayisikhombisa bahambe phambi
kwawo bethwele amacilongo.” **7** Waselaya abantu
esithi, “Akuhanjwe! Hambani libhode idolobho,
amabutho ahlomileyo ehamba phambi komtshokotsho
wesivumelwano sikaThixo.” **8** Kwathi uJoshuwa
esekhulume labantu, abaphristi abayisikhombisa
ababethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa phambi
kukaThixo bahamba phambili bevuthela amacilongo,
njalo umtshokotsho wesivumelwano ubalandela. **9**
Amabutho ayehlomile ahamba phambi kwabaphristi

ababevuthela amacilongo, njalo amabutho angemuva ayelandela umtshokotsho. Ngasosonke lesisikhathi amacilongo ayekhala. **10** Kodwa uJoshuwa wayelaye abantu wathi, "Lingaze lahlaba umkhosi wempini, lingakhwezi amazwi enu, lingakhulumi lutho kuze kufike isikhathi engizalitshela ngaso ukuthi limemeze. Beselihlaba-ke umkhosi." **11** Ngakho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo bawuthwala babhoda lawo idolobho kanye. Abantu babuyela ezihonqweni bayalala. **12** UJoshuwa wavuka kusesele ngelanga elilandelayo njalo abaphristi bathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo. **13** Abaphristi abayisikhombisa ababethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa bahamba phambili bekhokhele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, bevuthela amacilongo. Amadoda ayehlomile ayehamba phambi kwabo njalo amabutho angemuva ayelandela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, kukanti-ke amacilongo aqhubeka ekhala. **14** Ngosuku lwesibili babhoda idolobho kanye basebebuyela ezihonqweni. Bakwenza lokhu okwensuku eziyisithupha. **15** Ngelanga lesikhombisa bavuka emadabukakusa babhoda idolobho kasikhombisa ngendlela efanayo, ngaphandle kokuthi ngalelolanga babhoda kasikhombisa. **16** Ngokwesikhombisa, kwathi abaphristi bekhalisa amacilongo, uJoshuwa walaya abantu wathi, "Memezani! Ngoba uThixo useliphile idolobho. **17** Idolobho lakho konke okukulo kuzakwahlukaniselwa uThixo. URahabi isifebe lalabo ahlala labo endlini yakhe yibo abazasindiswa ngenxa yokuthi wafihla inhloli

esazithumayo. **18** Kodwa xwayani izinto ezahlukaniselwe
ukubhujiswa, ukwenzela ukuthi lingazehliseli
ukubhujiswa ngokuthatha okunye kwalezozinto. Lokho
kungenza ukuthi izihonqo zako-Israyeli zehlelwe
luhlupho njalo zitshabalaliswe. **19** Sonke isiliva, igolide
lezinto zonke ezenziwe ngethusi langensimbi ezingcwele
ziletheni kuThixo njalo kumele zifakwe esiphaleni sakhe
sengcebo." **20** Kwathi amacilongo ekhala abantu bahlaba
umkhosi; ekukhaleni kwecilongo, abantu sebehlaba
umkhosi omkhulu, umduli wabhidlika, ngakho wonke
umuntu wangena phakathi balithatha idolobho. **21**
Idolobho balehlukanisela uThixo basebecakaza
ngenkemba yonke into ephilayo eyayihlala kulo,
amadoda labesifazane, abatsha labadala, inkomo, izimvu
labobabhemi. **22** UJoshuwa wakhuluma emadodeni
amabili ayeke athunywa njengezinhloli zelizwe wathi,
"Yanini endlini yesifebe liyesikhupha lezihlobo zaso
zonke ligcwalise isifungo elasenza kuso." **23** Ngakho
amadoda ayahambe ukuyahlola angena akhupha
uRahabi, uyise lonina labanewabo lazozonke
izihlobo zakhe. Bakhupha imuli yonke bayifaka
endaweni eyayingaphandle kwezihonqo zako-
Israyeli. **24** Basebetshisa idolobho lonke lakho konke
okwakuphakathi kwalo, kodwa befake isiliva legolide
lezinto ezilungiswe ngethusi lensimbi esiphaleni
sengcebo yendlu kaThixo. **25** Kodwa uJoshuwa
waphephisa uRahabi isifebe lemuli yakhe labo bonke
abangabakhe ngenxa yokuthi wafihla amadoda
ayethunywe nguJoshuwa ukuba zinhloli eJerikho, futhi

ulokhu ehlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kuze kube lamhlanje. **26** Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa wenza isifungo esiqinileyo esithi, “Iqalekisiwe phambi kukaThixo indoda ezimisela ukwakha kutsha lelidolobho laseJerikho: Ngempilo yezibulo lakhe lendodana uzakwenza izisekelo; ngempilo yecinathunjana uzalungisa amasango alo.” **27** UThixo wayeloJoshuwa, udumo lwakhe lwanda elizweni lonke.

7 Kodwa abako-Israyeli bephula umthetho ngokuphathelane lengcebo eyayehlukaniselwe uThixo; u-Akhani indodana kaKhami, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana kaZera, owesizwana sakoJuda, wathatha ezinye zakhona. Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha kwabako-Israyeli. **2** UJoshuwa wasethumela amadoda esuka eJerikho esiya e-Ayi eseduzane leBhethi-Aveni ngempumalanga yeBhetheli wathi kubo: “Hambani liyehlola lelolizwe.” Ngakho amadoda aphuma ayalihlola ilizwe. **3** Bathi bephindela kuJoshuwa bafika bathi, “Akudingeki ukuthi lonke ibutho liyelwisana le-Ayi. Thumela amadoda azinkulungwane ezimbili kumbe ezintathu nje ukuze ayoyithumba njalo ungaze wadinisa ibutho lonke, ngenxa yokuthi lelodolobho lilabantu abalutshwana.” **4** Amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezintathu asuka ahamba kodwa ehlulwa ngamadoda e-Ayi, wona **5** abulala amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lesithupha. Baxotsha abako-Israyeli besuka esangweni ledolobho baze bayabatshiya enkwalini bababulalela ekwehleni. Bathi besizwa lokhu abantu baba lokwesaba okukhulu, baphelelwa ngamandla. **6** UJoshuwa wadabula

izigqoko zakhe wathi mbo phansi ngobuso phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, wala elokhu enjalo kwaze kwahlwa. Abadala bako-Israyeli labo benza njalo, basebezithela ngothuli emakhanda abo. **7** UJoshuwa wasesithi, “Maye, Thixo Wobukhosi, wabachaphiselani iJodani lababantu ukuzabanikela ezandleni zama-Amori ukuze asibhubhise? Ngabe sasuthiseka ngokuzihlalela kwelinye iphetsheya leJodani! **8** Maye, Thixo kuyini engingakutsho, njengoba u-Israyeli esebhuqwe yizitha zakhe? **9** AmaKhenani labanye abantu belizwe bazakuzwa ngalokhu besebesihanqa besule ibizo lethu emhlabeni. Pho kuyini ozakwenzela ibizo lakho elikhulu kangaka na?” **10** UThixo wathi kuJoshuwa, “Sukuma. Kuyini okwenzayo uthe mbo ngobuso bakho? **11** Abako-Israyeli bonile; bephule isivumelwano sami engabalaya ukuthi basigcine. Sebethethe ezinye izinto ezahlukaniselwe mina; bebile, baqamba amanga, sebezifake empangweni yabo. **12** Yikho abako-Israyeli bengeke bamelana lezitha zabo; bayabafulathela bebaleka ngoba sebeyinto efanele ukubhujiswa. Kangisoze ngibe lani ngaphandle kokuthi lichithe lokho okwakwehlukaniselwe ukubhujiswa. **13** Hamba ungcwelise abantu. Ubatshele uthi, ‘Zingcweliseni ukulungiselela kusasa; ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ukuthi: Lokho okwahlukaniselwe uThixo kuphakathi kwenu, lina bako-Israyeli. Kalingeke limelane lezitha zenu ngaphandle kokuba selikukhuphile. **14** Ekuseni kumele lisondeze isizwana ngesizwana. Isizwana esikhethwa nguThixo

kuzamele sisondele phambili usendo ngosendo; usendo oluzakhethwa nguThixo luzasondela imuli ngemuli; imuli ezakhethwa nguThixo izasondela umuntu ngamunye. **15** Lowo ozafunyanwa elezinto ezahlukaniselwe uThixo uzatshiswa ngomlilo, lakho konke alakho. Wephule isivumelwano sikaThixo njalo wenze into elihlazo phakathi kuka-Israyeli.'" **16** Kusesele ngelanga elilandelayo uJoshuwa wenza u-Israyeli wasondela ngezizwana, inkatho yadla koJuda. **17** Insendo zakoJuda zasondela, inkatho yadla abakoZera. Wasondeza insendo zakoZera ngezimuli. Inkatho yadla uZabhidi. **18** UJoshuwa wasondeza imuli kaZabhidi indoda yinye ngayinye, inkatho yadla u-Akhani indodana kaKhami, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana kaZera owesizwana sakoJuda. **19** UJoshuwa wathi ku-Akhani, "Ndodana yami, dumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, umuphe udumo. Ngitshela lokho okwenzileyo, ungaze wangifihlela." **20** U-Akhani waphendula wathi, "Liqiniso! Ngonile phambi kukaThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli. Nanku engikwenzileyo: **21** Ngathi ngibona phakathi kwempango ingubo enhle yaseBhabhiloni, lamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amabili lomgqala wegolide olesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu ngakuhawukela, ngakuthatha. Ngakumbela phansi ethenteni lami, isiliva singaphansi." **22** UJoshuwa wathuma izithunywa, zagijima zaya ethenteni lakhe, zakufumana kufihlilwe ethenteni lakhe, isiliva singaphansi. **23** Bathatha izinto ezazisethenteni, baziletha kuJoshuwa lebantwini bonke bako-Israyeli, bazichaya phambi kukaThixo. **24** UJoshuwa

labo bonke abako-Israyeli bathatha u-Akhani indodana kaZera lesiliva, ingubo, lomgqala wegolide, lamadodana lamadodakazi akhe, lenkomo zakhe, obabhemi kanye lezimvu, ithente lakhe lakho konke ayelakho bakusa esiHotsheni se-Akhori. **25** UJoshuwa wathi, "Kungani usilethele uhlupho olungaka? UThixo uzakwehlisela uhlupho lamhlanje." Bonke abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe, njalo bathi sebeqedile ukukhanda labanye ngamatshe babatshisa. **26** Babuthelela inqwaba yamatshe amakhulu phezu kuka-Akhani alokhu ekhona lalamhlanje. Ukuvutha kolaka lukaThixo kwahle kwaphela. Ngakho leyondawo lalamhlanje ilokhu isabizwa ngokuthi yisiGodi sika-Akhori.

8 UThixo wathi kuJoshuwa, "Ungesabi, ungalahli ithemba. Thatha ibutho lonke uhambe uyehlasela i-Ayi, ngoba senginikele inkosi yase-Ayi, abantu bayo, idolobho layo lelizwe layo ezandleni zakho. **2** Khonale uzakwenza owakwenza eJerikho lenkosini yakhona, kodwa lingazithathela impahla zonke eliyabe lizithumbile lezifuyo kube ngokwenu. Cathamani ngemva kwedolobho." **3** Ngakho uJoshuwa lebutho lonke baphuma bayahlasela i-Ayi. Wakhetha amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu ayezingcitshi ukwedlula amanye ekulweni, wasewathuma ebusuku. **4** Wawalaya wathi, "Lalelisisani, kumele licathame ngemva kwedolobho. Lingaze laya khatshana lalo. Lonke kumele lihlale liqaphele. **5** Mina lalabo engizabe ngilabo sizaqhubeka siqonde edolobheni, kuthi nxa amadoda ephuma ukusihlasela njengalokho akwenza

kuqala, sizawabalekela. **6** Bazaxotshana lathi size
sibahugele khatshana ledolobho, ngoba bazakuthi,
‘Bayasibalekela njengalokhu abakwenza kuqala.’ Ngakho
nxa sesibabalekela, **7** lina lizavuka lapho eliyabe licathame
khona beselithumba idolobho. UThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu uzalinikela ezandleni zenu. **8** Nxa selilithumbile
idolobho, lithungeleni ngomlilo. Yenzani lokho okulaywe
nguThixo. Wobani leqiniso lokuthi lilandela iziqondiso
zami.” **9** UJoshuwa wasebalaya ukuthi bahambe,
basebesiya endaweni okwakumele bacathame kuyo
phakathi kweBhetheli le-Ayi, entshonalanga ye-Ayi kodwa
uJoshuwa waqeda ubusuku lobo elabantu. **10** Ekuseni
ngelanga elilandelayo uJoshuwa waqoqa amabutho akhe,
kwathi yena labadala bako-Israyeli bahamba phambi
kwabo besiya e-Ayi. **11** Iviyo lonke lalabo ayelabo
lahamba laya edolobheni lafika lema phambi kwabo.
Bamisa izihonqo enyakatho ye-Ayi, isigodi siphakathi
kwabo ledolobho. **12** UJoshuwa wayethethe amadoda
aphosa afike kunkulungwane ezinhlanu wawacathamisa
phakathi kweBhetheli le-Ayi entshonalanga yedolobho.
13 Benza ukuthi amabutho aye ezikhundleni zawo
zonke ezaziphakathi kwezihonqo enyakatho yedolobho
lendaweni yokucathamela eyayisentshonalanga yalo.
Ngalobobusuku uJoshuwa waya esigodini. **14** Inkosi
yase-Ayi yathi ibona lokhu yona lawo wonke amadoda
akulelodolobho aphanga aphuma kusesele ekuseni
ukuze ayehlangana lo-Israyeli empini kweyinye indawo
ekhangelane le-Arabha. Kodwa yayingazi ukuthi
kwakulamabutho ayeyicathamele ngemva kwedolobho.

15 UJoshuwa labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bathambela
ukubuyiselwa emuva, babalekela enkangala. **16**
Wonke amadoda e-Ayi atshelwa ukuthi abaxotshe,
basebexotshana loJoshuwa badonselwa khatshana
ledolobho. **17** Kakukho lendoda eyodwa eyasala e-Ayi
kumbe eBhetheli engazanga ixotshane labako-Israyeli.
18 UThixo wasesithi kuJoshuwa, "Phakamisa umkhonto
osesandleni ukhombe e-Ayi, ngenxa yokuthi idolobho
leli ngizalinikela ezandleni zakho." Ngakho uJoshuwa
wakhombela e-Ayi ngomkhonto wakhe. **19** Wathi
esanda kwenza lokhu, amadoda ayecathamele ukuhlasela
aphakama masinyane ezindaweni ayekuzo agijimela
phambili. Angena edolobheni alithumba, aphanga
alithungela ngomlilo. **20** Amadoda e-Ayi anyemukula
abona intuthu eyayisuka edolobheni iqonga emayezini
kodwa aswela ukuthi azabalekela ngaphi ngoba abako-
Israyeli ababebalekele enkangala basebephendukele labo
ababebaxotsha. **21** Kwathi uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli
bonke bebona ukuthi labo ababecatheme basebethumbe
idolobho lokuthi intuthu yayiqonga emayezini ivela
edolobheni, batshibilika baqalisa ukuhlasela amadoda
ase-Ayi. **22** Amadoda ayecatheme lawo aphuma
edolobheni abahlasela, okwenza ukuthi babe phakathi
laphakathi, inxa zombili zilabako-Israyeli. Abako-
Israyeli babatshaya bababhuqa akwaze kwasala muntu
owaphunyukayo. **23** Kodwa bathatha inkosi yase-Ayi
iphila basebeyiletha kuJoshuwa. **24** Kwathi abako-Israyeli
sebeqedile ukubulala wonke amadoda ase-Ayi emagcekeni
enkangala lapho ababewaxotshele khona, njalo wonke

esegwazwe ngenkemba, bonke abako-Israyeli babuyela e-Ayi babulala abantu bonke abakulelo dolobho. **25** Amadoda labesifazane abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili bafa ngalelolanga, bonke kungabantu be-Ayi, **26** ngoba uJoshuwa kazange ehlise isandla sakhe esiphethe umkhonto ngawo baze babhujiswa bonke abantu ababehlala e-Ayi. **27** Kodwa abako-Israyeli bathatha zonke izifuyo lempango yonke eyayithunjwe kulelodolobho njengokulaywa kukaJoshuwa nguThixo. **28** UJoshuwa watshisa i-Ayi wayenza yaba lunxiwa oluyinqwaba, indawo engelakuhlalwa muntu kuze kube lamhlanje. **29** Walengisa inkosi yase-Ayi esigodweni wayitshiya kwaze kwaba ntambama. Ekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bethule isidumbu sayo basiphosele esangweni ledolobho. Babuthelela inqumbi yamatshe phezu kwaso, njalo lokhu kunjalo kuze kube lamhlanje. **30** UJoshuwa wasesakhela uThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli i-alithari e-Ebhali. **31** Njengokulaya okwenziwa nguMosi inceku kaThixo kwabako-Israyeli, walakha njengokulaywa okulotshwe eNcwadini yoMthetho kaMosi i-alithari lamatshe angabazwanga, okungazanga kusetshenziswe nsimbi phezu kwawo. Kulo banikela kuThixo iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. **32** Lapho, phambi kwabako-Israyeli uJoshuwa waloba ematsheni umthetho kaMosi ayewubhalile. **33** Bonke abako-Israyeli, abezizweni labayinzalo yalelolizwe, labadala babo, iziphathamandla labahluleli babemi emaceleni womabili omtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo bekhangelane lalabo ababelithwele, abaphristi,

ababengabaLevi. Ingxenye yabantu yema phambi kwentaba yeGerizimu kwathi eyinye ingxenye yema phambi kwentaba ye-Ebhali, njengokulaya kukaMosi inceku kaThixo owayelaye ukuthi kubusiswe abantu bako-Israyeli. **34** Emva kwalokho uJoshuwa wafunda wonke amazwi omthetho, izibusiso leziqalekiso, njengokulotshwa okwenziwe eNcwadini yeMithetho. **35** Kakulalizwi elalaywa nguMosi elingazanga lifundwe nguJoshuwa phambi kombuthano wonke wako-Israyeli kugoqela abesifazane labantwana labezizweni ababehlala phakathi kwabo.

9 Kwathi amakhosi wonke ayebusa ngentshonalanga yeJodani, layeselizweni lamaqaqa, layesewatheni lwamaqaqa angentshonalanga, layesekele uLwandle oLukhulu kusiyafika eLebhanoni, amakhosi amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi esizwa ngalezizinto **2** ahlangana ukuze alwisane uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli. **3** Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi abantu beGibhiyoni sebezwe konke uJoshuwa ayekwenze eJerikho le-Ayi, **4** benza ubuqili: Bahamba njengamanxusa ayelabobabhemi ababethwele amasaka adabukileyo lezigxingi zewayini ezindala ezazidabuke zangcinwa. **5** Amadoda ayegqoke amanyathela ayedabukile njalo exaxelwe, begqoke lezigqoko ezigugileyo. Zonke izinkwa ababezithwele njengomphako zazomile njalo zikhuntile. **6** Baya kuJoshuwa esihonqweni seGiligali bathi kuye lakwabako-Israyeli, “Sivela elizweni elikude; ngakho yenzani isivumelwano lathi.” **7** Abako-Israyeli baphendula amaHivi bathi, “Kodwa mhlawumbe lihlala eduzane

lathi, pho singasenza kanjani isivumelwano lani?” **8** Bathi kuJoshuwa “Siyizinceku zenu.” Kodwa uJoshuwa wababuza wathi, “Lingobani njalo livela ngaphi?” **9** Baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zivela elizweni elikude njalo zikhangwe yindumela kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngoba sesezwa imibiko eminengi ngaye: konke akwenza eGibhithe, **10** lakho konke akwenza emakhosini amabili ama-Amori empumalanga yeJodani, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani owayebusa e-Ashitharothi. **11** Abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni lakithi bathi kithi, ‘Thwalani umphako wohambo lwenu; lihambe liyehlangana labo lithi kubo, “Sizinceku zenu: yenzani isivumelwano lathi.”’ **12** Isinkwa sethu lesi sasifudumala ngesikhathi sisifaka emigodleni yethu sisesemakhaya ngelanga esasuka ngalo sisiza kini. Kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi sesome njalo sakhunta njani. **13** Izigxingi lezi zewayini esazigcwalisisayo zazizintsha, kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi sezidabuke njani. Izigqoko lamanyathela ethu sekudatshulwe yibude bomango.” **14** Abako-Israyeli bahlola imiphako yabo kodwa-ke kabasabuzanga kuThixo. **15** Ngakho uJoshuwa wenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo wabavumela ukuthi bahlale, njalo abathungameli bebandla bavumelana lalokhu ngesifungo. **16** Sekwedlule insuku ezintathu benze isivumelwano lamaGibhiyoni, abako-Israyeli bezwa ukuthi lababantu babengomakhelwana, ababehlala eduzane labo. **17** Abako-Israyeli baya emadolobheni abo ayebalisa iGibhiyoni, iKhefira, iBherothi leKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. **18** Kodwa abako-Israyeli kabazange babahlasele ngenxa

yokuthi abathungameli bebandla babefunge ngoThixo,
uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli. Ibandla lonke lakhonona
ngabadala bebandla; **19** kodwa bona bonke baphendula
bathi, "Sibanike isifungo sethu ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu
wako-Israyeli njalo asingeke sabathinta khathesi. **20**
Lokhu yikho esizakwenza kubo: Sizabayekela bahlale,
ukuze ulaka lungezi kithi ngenxa yokwephula isifungo
esasenza phambi kwabo." **21** Baqhubeka bathi, "Bayekeleni
bahlale, kodwa bazakuba ngababandi benkuni labakhi
bamanzi abazasebenzela uzulu wonke." Ngakho-ke
isivumelwano sabakhokheli sagcinwa. **22** UJoshuwa
wabiza wonke amaGibhiyoni wathi kuwo, "Kungani
lisikhohlisile ngokuthi, 'Sihlala khatshana lani, lina
lihlala eduzane lathi kangaka?' **23** Seliqalekisiwe: kalisoze
liyekele ukuba ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi
lisebenzela indlu kaNkulunkulu wami." **24** Baphendula
uJoshuwa bathi, "Izinceku zakho zatshelwa mgceke ukuthi
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu walaya njani inceku yakhe
uMosi ukuthi alinike ilizwe lonke lokuthi litshabalalise
bonke ababakhele kulo lina lingakafiki. Ngakho-ke
sesabela impilo zethu ngenxa yenu, yikho okwenze
senza lokhu. **25** Sesizinikele ezandleni zenu. Yenzani
kithi konke elikubona kufanele njalo kuqondile kini." **26**
Ngakho-ke uJoshuwa wabasindisa esandleni sika-Israyeli,
njalo kabasababulalanga. **27** Ngalelolanga wenza ukuthi
amaGibhiyoni abe ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi
besebenzela uzulu njalo besebenza e-alithareni likaThixo
endaweni eyayikhethwe nguThixo. Yikho abayikhona
kuze kube lamhlanje.

10 U-Adoni-Zedekhi inkosi yaseJerusalema wezwa
ukuthi uJoshuwa wayesethumbe i-Ayi wayitshabalalisa,
njengalokho akwenza eJerikho lenkosini yayo, lokuthi
abantu baseGibhiyoni babenze isivumelwano sokuthula
labako-Israyeli njalo sebehlala labo. **2** Yena labantu
bakhe besaba kakhulu ngalokhu, ngenxa yokuthi
iGibhiyoni kwakulidolobho eliqakatheke kakhulu,
njengelinye lamadolobho esikhosini; lalilikhulu kule-
Ayi, njalo amadoda alo wonke ayezingwazi ezilamandla.
3 Ngakho u-Adoni-Zedekhi inkosi yaseJerusalema
wakhalaza kuHohamu inkosi yaseHebhroni, kuPhiramu
inkosi yaseJamuthi, kuJafiya inkosi yaseLakhishi
lakuDebhiri inkosi yase-Egiloni. **4** Wathi kubo, "Wozani
lizongincedisa ukuhlasela iGibhiyoni ngenxa yokuthi
yenze isivumelwano sokuthula loJoshuwa labako-
Israyeli." **5** Ngakho amakhosi womahlanu ama-Amori,
aseJerusalema, eHebhroni, eJamuthi, eLakhishi lase-
Egiloni abambana. Aphuma lamabutho awo wonke
ayihonqolozela iGibhiyoni ayihlasela. **6** AmaGibhiyoni
athumela ilizwi kuJoshuwa ezihonqweni zaseGiligali
athi: "Ungalahli izinceku zakho. Woza ngapha kithi
ngokuphangisa uzosisiza! Sincede, ngoba wonke amakhosi
ama-Amori abusa emazweni asemaqaqeni asebambene
ukuze alwisane lathi." **7** Ngakho uJoshuwa wasuka
eGiligali, wenyuka kanye lebutho lakhe lonke, elaligoqela
wonke amadoda ayekwazi ukulwa. **8** UThixo wathi
kuJoshuwa, "Ungabesabi; sengibanikele esandleni sakho.
Kakho loyedwa ozakwenelisa ukumelana lawe." **9** Ngemva
kokuhamba okobusuku bonke besuka eGiligali, uJoshuwa

wabajuma. **10** UThixo wenza ukuthi basanganiseke
phambi kuka-Israyeli, wabehlula ngokunqoba okukhulu
eGibhiyoni. Abako-Israyeli baxotshana labo emgwaqweni
oya eBhethi-Horoni, baxhumana labo baze bayafika e-
Azekha leMakheda. **11** Lapho bebalekela abako-Israyeli
emgwaqweni osuka eBhethi-Horoni usiya e-Azekha,
uThixo wehlisa isiqhotho esikhulu sivela emkhathini,
njalo inengi labo lafa libulawa yisiqhotho ukwedlula
ababulawa zinkemba zabako-Israyeli. **12** Ngalelolanga
uThixo wanikela ngalo ama-Amori kwabako-Israyeli,
uJoshuwa wathi kuThixo phambi kwabako-Israyeli:
"We langa, mana uthi mpo ngaphezu kweGibhiyoni,
lawe nyanga, mana ngaphezu kweSigodi se-Ayijaloni."
13 Ngakho ilanga lema lathi mpo, lenyanga yema,
isizwe saze saphindisela ngokupheleleyo ezitheni zaso,
njengoba kulotshiwe oGwalweni lukaJasha. Ilanga
lema phakathi laphakathi kwesibhakabhaka laphuza
ukutshona okosuku lonke. **14** Kakuzange kube losuku
olwafana lalo ngaphambili kumbe kuze kube lamhlanje,
usuku lapho uThixo alalela khona umuntu. Ngeqiniso
uThixo wayelwela u-Israyeli! **15** Ngakho uJoshuwa
waphindela labo bonke abako-Israyeli ezihonqweni
zaseGiligali. **16** Amakhosi lawo womahlanu abaleka
ayacatsha ebhalwini lwaseMakheda. **17** Kwathi uJoshuwa
esetshelwe ukuthi amakhosi womahlanu ayetholakale
ecatshile ebhalwini lweMakheda, **18** wathi, "Giqani
amatshe amakhulu liwafake emlonyeni wobhalu,
beselisithi amanye amadoda alinde. **19** Kodwa lingemi!
Xotshani izitha zenu, lingazivumeli ukuthi zifike

emadolobheni azo, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esezinikele ezandleni zenu." **20** Ngakho uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli bababhubhisa baphosa baphela bonke kodwa abalutshwana abasalayo banelisa ukufika emadolobheni abo ayezinqaba. **21** Ibutho lonke lenelisa ukuphenduka ngokuthula kuJoshuwa esihonqweni seMakheda, njalo kakho owake wakhuluma okubi ngabako-Israyeli. **22** UJoshuwa wathi, "Vulani umlomo wobhalu beseliletha amakhosi womahlanu eze kimi." **23** Ngakho bakhupha amakhosi womahlanu ebhalwini, inkosi yaseJerusalema, eyeHebhroni, yeJamuthi, eyeLakhishi kanye leyase-Egiloni. **24** Bathi sebelethe amakhosi la kuJoshuwa, wabiza wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli wasesithi kubo bonke abalawuli bamabutho ababeze laye, "Wozani lapha lizofaka inyawo zenu entanyeni zala amakhosi." Ngakho beza phambili basebefaka inyawo zabo entanyeni zawo. **25** UJoshuwa wathi kubo, "Lingesabi; lingadangali qinani libe lezibindi. Lokhu yikho okuzakwenziwa nguThixo kuzozonke izitha elizalwisana lazo." **26** Ngakho uJoshuwa wawabulala amakhosi la wawalengisa ensikeni ezinhlanu, alenga lapho kwaze kwahlwa. **27** Ekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bawethule bawaphose ebhalwini lapho ayekade ecatshe khona. Emlonyeni wobhalu bafaka amatshe amakhulu alokhu ekhona lanamhlanje. **28** Ngalelolanga uJoshuwa wathumba iMakheda. Wahlasela idolobho kanye lenkosi yalo ngenkemba, wabhubhisa wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Wenza enkosini yeMakheda lokho ayekwenze enkosini yaseJerikho. **29** Ngakho uJoshuwa labo

bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye basuka eMakheda baya eLibhina balihlasela. **30** UThixo waphinda wanikela lelodolobho lenkosi yalo esandleni sika-Israyeli. UJoshuwa wahlasela ngenkemba idolobho laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa ephila lapho. Wenza enkosini yalo lokho ayekwenze enkosini yeJerikho. **31** Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ayelabo bahamba besuka eLibhina besiya eLakhishi; balihanqa basebelihlasela. **32** UThixo wanikela iLakhishi ku-Israyeli, uJoshuwa wayithatha ngelanga lesibili. Idolobho laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo wakuhlasela ngenkemba, njengalokho ayekwenze eLibhina. **33** Kunjalo-nje uHoramu inkosi yaseGezeri yayize ukuzoncedisa iLakhishi kodwa uJoshuwa wayehlula ndawonye lebutho layo, kakho owatshiywa ephila. **34** Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye basuka eLakhishi baya edolobheni le-Egiloni; basebelihanqa balihlasela. **35** Balithumba ngalelolanga, balihlakaza ngenkemba basebebhubhisa wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo, njengalokho ababekwenze eLakhishi. **36** Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye bahamba besuka e-Egiloni baya eHebhroni bayihlasela. **37** Balithumba lelodolobho ngenkemba ndawonye lamakhosi alo, imizana yalo laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo, kakho owatshiywa ephila. Njengalokho abakwenza e-Egiloni, balitshabalalisa laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. **38** Ngakho uJoshuwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli ayelabo baphenduka bahlasela iDebhiri. **39** Bathumba lelidolobho, inkosi lemizi yalo, bayihlasela ngenkemba.

Bonke abantu ababephakathi kwalo babhujiswa baphela.
Kakho owatshiywa ephila. Benza eDebhiri lenkosini
yakhona lokho abakwenza eLibhina lenkosini yakhona
kanye leHebhroni. **40** Ngakho uJoshuwa wasinqoba
sonke isabelo, okugoqela ilizwe lamaqaqa, iNegebi,
emawatheni ezintaba entshonalanga lemithezukweni
yezintaba ndawonye lamakhosi alapho wonke. Kakho
owatshiywa ephila. Wabhubhisa bonke abebephefumula,
njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wayebalayile.
41 UJoshuwa wabanqoba kusukela eKhadeshi Bhaneya
kusiya eGaza lakuso sonke isabelo seGosheni kusiya
eGibhiyoni. **42** Wonke amakhosi la lamazwe awo athunjwa
nguJoshuwa ekuhlaseleni kunye, ngenxa yokuthi uThixo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, walwela u-Israyeli. **43** Ngakho
uJoshuwa waphindela laye wonke u-Israyeli ezihonqweni
zaseGiligali.

11 Kwathi uJabhini inkosi yeHazori isizwa lokhu
yathumela ilizwi kuJobhabhi inkosi yeMadoni
lasemakhosini eShimroni le-Akhishafi, **2** lasemakhosini
enyakatho ayesezintabeni ze-Arabha eningizimu
yeKhinerethi emawatheni amaqaqa entshonalanga kanye
laseNafothi Dori entshonalanga; **3** lakumaKhenani
empumalanga lentshonalanga; lakuma-Amori, amaHithi,
amaPherizi lamaJebusi elizweni elilamaqaqa; kanye
lakumaHivi ngaphansi kweHemoni esabelweni
seMizipha. **4** Baphuma lamabutho abo wonke lenani
elikhulu lamabhiza lezinqola, ibutho elikhulu, ubunengi
lingangetshebetshebe okhunjini lolwandle. **5** Wonke
amakhosi la abambana asesakha izihonqo ndawonye

eManzini aseMeromi, ukulwa labako-Israyeli. **6** UThixo
wathi kuJoshuwa, "Ungabesabi, ngoba ngalesisikhathi
kusasa ngizabanikela bonke kwabako-Israyeli sebefile.
Uzaquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo utshise izihonqo
zabo." **7** Ngakho uJoshuwa lebutho lakhe lonke
bahlangana labo mathupha eManzini eMeromi
wasebahlasela, **8** uThixo wabanikela esandleni sika-
Israyeli. Babanqoba, baxotshana labo baze babafikisa
eSidoni Enkulu kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi, leSigodini
seMizipha empumalanga kwaze kwasala kungelamuntu
ophilayo. **9** UJoshuwa wenza kibo lokho ayekulaywe
nguThixo: Waquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo
watshisa izinqola zabo. **10** Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa
waphenduka wabuyela emuva wathumba iHazori
wasehlasela inkosi yakuleyo ndawo ngenkemba. (IHazori
yayiyisigodlo sayo yonke imibuso leyo.) **11** Wonke
umuntu owayephakathi kwayo wabhujiswa ngenkemba.
Bababhubhisa baphela, abaze batshiya lutho
oluphefumulayo, watshisa iHazori ngokwayo. **12**
UJoshuwa wathumba wonke amadolobho esikhosini
lamakhosi awo wawahlasela ngenkemba. Wawabhubhisa
wonke, njengokulaya kukaMosi inceku kaThixo. **13**
Kukanti-ke u-Israyeli kazange atshise loba yiwaphi
amadolobho ayakhelwe emadundulwini ngaphandle
kweHazori, eyatshiswa nguJoshuwa. **14** Abako-Israyeli
bathatha zaba ngezabo zonke impahla ababezithumbile
okwakugoqela izifuyo zamadolobho la bahamba lakho
kodwa bonke abantu bababhubhisa ngenkemba baphela
du, bengatshiyi lutho oluphefumulayo. **15** Njengoba

uThixo walaya inceku yakhe uMosi, uMosi laye walaya uJoshuwa, uJoshuwa wakwenza lokho: katshiyanga lutho lungenziwanga ezintweni zonke uThixo owazilaya uMosi.
16 Ngakho uJoshuwa wathatha ilizwe lonke: ilizwe lamaqaqa, yonke iNegebi, isabelo sonke seGosheni, amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, lezintaba zako-Israyeli lamawatha azo, **17** kusukela entabeni yeHalakhi, ephakama ngokuya eSeyiri, kusiya eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni ngaphansi kwentaba iHemoni. Wathumba wonke amakhosi awo, wawehlula, wawabulala. **18** UJoshuwa walwa impi lawo wonke amakhosi okwesikhathi eside. **19** Ngaphandle kwamaHivi ayehlala eGibhiyoni, kalikho idolobho loba elilodwa elenza isivumelwano sokuthula labako-Israyeli, kwabawathumba empini. **20** Ngoba kwakunguThixo owenza inhliziyo zawo zaba lukhuni zafuna ukulwa impi lo-Israyeli, ukwenzela ukuthi enelise ukubachitha baphele, ebabhubhisa okungelazwelo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **21** Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa waphuma wawabhubhisa ama-Anakhi elizweni lamaqaqa: kusukela eHebhroni, eDebhiri le-Anabhi, kusukela elizweni lonke lamaqaqa akoJuda. UJoshuwa wabhubhisa wababhuqa bona kanye lamadolobho abo. **22** Akula ma-Anakhi asala esabelweni sabako-Israyeli; ngaphandle kweGaza iGathi le-Ashidodi lapho okwasila abanye bakhona. **23** Ngakho uJoshuwa wathumba ilizwe lonke njengoba uThixo walaya uMosi, waselinika abako-Israyeli njengelifa kusiya ngokwahlukaniswa kwezizwana zabo. Ngakho-ke ilizwe laphumula ekulweni izimpi.

12 La ngamakhosi amazwe anqotshwa ngabako-
Israyeli njalo alezabelo ezathunjwa empumalanga
yeJodani, kusukela eDongeni lwase-Arinoni kusiya
entabeni yaseHemoni, okugoqela lonke icele
langempumalanga ye-Arabha: **2** USihoni inkosi yama-
Amori, wayebusa eHeshibhoni. Wayebusa kusukela e-
Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwase-Arinoni,
kusukela phakathi laphakathi kodonga kusiyafika
emfuleni uJabhoki, oyiwo umngcele wama-Amoni. Lokhu
kwakugoqela ingxenye yeGiliyadi. **3** Wayebusa
njalo empumalanga ye-Arabha kusukela olwandle
lweKhinerethi kusiyafika olwandle lwe-Arabha
(uLwandle lweTswayi) kusiya eBhethi-Jeshimothi,
eningizimu phansanyana kwemithezuko yasePhisiga: **4**
Lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, omunye
wamaRefayi okucina owayebusa e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi.
5 Wabusa eNtabeni yaseHemoni, eSalekha, iBhashani
yonke kusiya emngceleni wabantu beGeshuri
leMahakhathi, lengxenye yeGiliyadi kusiya emngceleni
kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni. **6** UMosi inceku kaThixo,
labako-Israyeli babanqoba. UMosi inceku kaThixo wanika
ilizwe labo abakoRubheni labakoGadi lengxenye
yesizwana sakoManase ukuthi libe ngelabo. **7** La yiwo
amakhosi elizwe lelo uJoshuwa labako-Israyeli
abalithumbayo eceleni elisentshonalanga yeJodani,
kusukela eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni kusiya
eNtabeni yeHalakhi ekhangele eSeyiri (amazwe abo
uJoshuwa wawanika njengelifa ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli
kusiya ngezigaba zezizwana zabo, **8** indawo elamaqaqa,

amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, lemithezukweni yezintaba, inkangala leNegebi, amazwe amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi): La ayengamakhosi: **9** inkosi yeJerikho, eyodwa inkosi ye-Ayi (eduze leBhetheli), eyodwa **10** inkosi yeJerusalema, eyodwa inkosi yeHebhroni, eyodwa **11** inkosi yeJamuthi, eyodwa inkosi yeLakhishi, eyodwa **12** inkosi ye-Egiloni, eyodwa inkosi yeGezeri, eyodwa **13** inkosi yeDebhiri, eyodwa inkosi yeBhethi-Gaderi, eyodwa **14** inkosi yeHoma, eyodwa inkosi ye-Aradi, eyodwa **15** inkosi yeLibhina, eyodwa inkosi ye-Adulami, eyodwa **16** inkosi yeMakheda, eyodwa inkosi yeBhetheli, eyodwa **17** inkosi yeThaphuwa, eyodwa inkosi yeHeferi, eyodwa **18** inkosi ye-Afekhi, eyodwa inkosi yeLasharoni, eyodwa **19** inkosi yeMadoni, eyodwa inkosi yeHazori, eyodwa **20** inkosi yeShimron Meroni, eyodwa inkosi ye-Akhishafi, eyodwa **21** inkosi yeThanakhi, eyodwa inkosi yeMegido, eyodwa **22** inkosi yeKhedeshi, eyodwa inkosi yeJokhiniyamu eseKhameli, eyodwa **23** inkosi yeDori (eNafothi Dori), eyodwa inkosi yeGoyimi eseGiligali, eyodwa **24** inkosi yeThiza, eyodwa. Amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lanye esewonke.

13 UJoshuwa esemdala njalo eseluphele kakhulu, uThixo wathi kuye, “Usuluphele kakhulu, njalo lokhu usasalelwe yilizwe elikhulu kakhulu okumele ulithumbe. **2** Nanti ilizwe elisaseleyo: zonke izabelo zamaFilistiya lamaGeshuri: **3** kusukela emfuleni uShihori empumalanga yeGibhithe kusiya esabelweni se-Ekroni enyakatho, lonke libaliswa njengelamaKhenani lanxa libanjwe ngababusi

beFilistiya abahlanu eGaza, e-Ashidodi, e-Ashikheloni, eGathi le-Ekroni ilizwe lama-Avi; **4** kusukela eningizimu, lonke ilizwe lamaKhenani, kusukela eMeyara yamaSidoni kusiyafika e-Afekhi, isabelo sama-Amori, **5** indawo yamaGebhali; layo yonke iLebhanoni ngempumalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi ngaphansi kweNtaba yeHemoni kusiya eLebho Hamathi. **6** Bonke abakhele ezabelweni ezisezintabeni kusukela eLebhanoni kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi, okutsho wonke amaSidoni, mina ngokwami ngizabaxotsha phambi kwabako-Israyeli. Wobani leqiniso lokuthi lelilizwe labelwe abako-Israyeli ukuze libe yilifa labo njengokulilaya kwami, **7** njalo lilabe njengelifa phakathi kwezizwana eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase." **8** Eyinye ingxenye yakoManase, eyakoRubheni leyakoGadi yayizuze ilifa eyalinikwa nguMosi empumalanga yeJodani njengalokho inceku kaThixo eyayibaphe lona. **9** Lasuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwe-Arinoni lasedolobheni eliphakathi kodonga, njalo ligoqela amagceke eMedebha kusiyafika eDibhoni, **10** lamadolobho wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owabusa eHeshibhoni, kusiyafika emngceleni wama-Amoni. **11** Laligoqela iGiliyadi, isabelo sabantu baseGeshuri leMahakhathi, leNtaba yonke yeHemoni leBhashani yonke kusiyafika eSalekha, **12** okutsho ukuthi, umbuso wonke ka-Ogi eBhashani, yena owabusa e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi njalo wayengomunye wamaRefayi ayelokhu esaphila. UMosi wayebanqobile wathatha ilizwe labo. **13** Kodwa abako-Israyeli kabazange babaxotshe abantu beGeshuri leMahakhathi,

yikho lokhu behlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kuze kube lamhlanje. **14** Kodwa abesizwana sabaLevi kazange abanike ilifa, njengoba iminikelo eyayisenziwa ngomlilo kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli iyilifa labo njengokubathembisa kwakhe. **15** Lokhu yikho uMosi akunika isizwana sakoRubheni, usendo lunye ngalunye: **16** Isigaba esisuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwe-Arinoni, lokusuka edolobheni eliphakathi koDonga lawo wonke amagceke adabula eMedebha **17** kusiya eHeshibhoni lawo wonke amadolobho asemagcekeni agoqela iDibhoni, iBhamothi-Bhali, iBhethi-Bhali-Meyoni, **18** iJahazi, iKhedemothi, iMefahathi, **19** iKhiriyathayimi, iSibhima, iZerethi-Shahari eqaqeni olusesigodini, **20** iBhethi-Pheyori, lemithezuko yasePhisiga, leBhethi-Jeshimothi, **21** wonke amadolobho asemagcekeni lombuso wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni. UMosi wayemehlule yena lezinduna zamaMidiyani, u-Evi, uRekhemu, uZuri, uHuri, loRebha, wonke engamakhosana amanyane loSihoni owayehlala kulelolizwe. **22** Phezu kwalabo ababulawa empini abako-Israyeli babebulele ngenkemba uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, owayeyisanuse. **23** Umngcele wamaRubheni wawusokhunjini lweJodani. Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoRubheni, usendo lunye ngalunye: **24** Lokhu yikho uMosi akupha isizwana sakoGadi usendo lunye ngalunye: **25** Isabelo seJazeri, amadolobho wonke eGiliyadi lengxenye yelizwe lama-Amoni kusiyafika e-Aroweri, eduzane leRabha; **26** lokusuka eHeshibhoni kusiya eRamathi Mizipha leBhethonimi, lokusuka

eMahanayimi kusiya esigabeni seDebhiri; **27** esigodini iBhethi-Haramu, iBhethi-Nimra, iSukhothi leZafoni lawo wonke umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni (icele elisempumalanga yeJodani, isabelo esisekucineni kolwandle lweKhinerethi). **28** Amadolobho la ndawonye lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoGadi; usendo lunye ngalunye. **29** Lokhu yikho uMosi ayekunike ingxenye yesizwana sakoManase, okutsho ingxenye yemuli eyayiyinzalo kaManase, usendo lunye ngalunye: **30** Umango owawusuka eMahanayimi ugoqela iBhashani, wonke umbuso ka-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, yonke imizana yeJayiri eBhashani, amadolobho angamatshumi ayisithupha, **31** ingxenye yeGiliyadi, le-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi (amadolobho obukhosi ka-Ogi eBhashani). Lokhu kwakungokwezizukulwane zikaMakhiri indodana kaManase, kungokwengxenye yamadodana kaMakhiri usendo lunye ngalunye. **32** Leli yilo ilifa uMosi ayelabile lapho esasemagcekeni eMowabi ngaphetsheya kweJodani empumalanga yeJerikho. **33** Kodwa esizwaneni sabaLevi, uMosi kazange asabele ilifa; uThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli, nguye ilifa labo njengokubathembisa kwakhe.

14 Lezi yizo izindawo abako-Israyeli abazamukela njengelifa elizweni laseKhenani, u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lezinhloko zezizwana zako-Israyeli abazabela zona. **2** Ilifa labo labiwa ngokwenza inkatho ezizwaneni eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye, njengokulaya kukaThixo ngoMosi. **3** UMosi wayenike izizwe ezimbili lengxenye ilifa lazo empumalanga yeJodani, kodwa wayengabelanga

abaLevi ilifa phakathi kwazo, **4** ngoba amadodana kaJosefa ayeyizizwana ezimbili, esikaManase lesika-Efrayimi. AbaLevi kabazuzanga sabelo ngaphandle kwamadolobho okuhlala lamadlelo emihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo. **5** Ngakho abako-Israyeli behlukanisa umhlaba, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **6** Amadoda akoJuda aya kuJoshuwa eGiligali, uKhalebi indodana kaJefune umKhenizi wathi kuye, "Uyakwazi ukuthi uThixo wathini kuMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu eKhadeshi Bhaneya ngawe lami. **7** Ngangileminyaka engamatshumi amane lapho uMosi inceku kaThixo yangithuma ngisuka eKhadeshi Bhaneya ukuyahlola ilizwe. Ngaletha kuye umbiko owawuphathelane lemibono yami, **8** kodwa abazalwane engahamba labo benza ukuthi inhliziyo zabantu zithuthumele ngokwesaba. Mina, lanxa kunjalo, ngalandela uThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngenhliziyo yami yonke. **9** Ngakho ngalelolanga uMosi wafunga kimi wathi, 'Umhlabathi lowo onyathelwe yizinyawo zakho uzakuba yilifa lakho labantwabakho kuze kube nini lanini, ngenxa yokuthi ulandele uThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngenhliziyo yakho yonke.' **10** Ngakho-ke, njengoba uThixo wayethembisile, usengigcine ngiphila okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lanhlanu kusukela ngezikhathi lapho akhuluma lokhu kuMosi, u-Israyeli esazulazula enkangala. Ngakho nanku sengilapha lamuhla, sengileminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu! **11** Lokhu ngisaqinile lanamuhla njengelanga uMosi angithuma ngalo; lokhu ngiselamandla okuyakulwa impi khathesi okufanana

lalokho engangiyikho khona ngalesosikhathi. **12** Ngakho nginika lelilizwe lamaqaqa engalithenjiswa nguThixo ngalelolanga. Wena ngokwakho wezwa ngalesosikhathi ukuthi ama-Anakhi ayekhona lapho njalo amadolobho awo ayemakhulu ehonqolozelwe, kodwa ngokuncediswa nguThixo, ngizawaxotsha njengokutsho kwakhe." **13** Ngakho UJoshuwa wabusisa uKhalebi indodana kaJefune, wamnika iHebhroni yaba yilifa lakhe. **14** Ngakho iHebhroni yaba lilifa likaKhalebi indodana kaJefune umKhenizi kusukela ngalesosikhathi ngenxa yokuthi walandela uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. **15** (IHebhroni yayithiwa yiKhiriyathi Aribha ibizwa ngo-Abhe owayeyindoda eyayiyisikhulu esesabekayo phakathi kwama-Anakhi). Ngakho ilizwe laba lokuphumula ekulweni izimpi.

15 Isabelo sesizwe sikaJuda, usendo lunye ngalunye sasiqhele sehla sayafika elizweni le-Edomi, sisiyakhawula eNkangala yeZini eningizimu kude le. **2** Umngcele wabo weningizimu wawuqalisela ethekwini oluseningizimu emaphethelweni oLwandle lweTswayi, **3** uchaphela eningizimu yoMkhandlu weNkume, uqhubeka usiya eZini, usiyaphutsha eningizimu yeKhadeshi Bhaneya. Wasusedlula eHezironi usiyafika e-Adari wabhoda unquma wayaphutsha ususeKhakha. **4** Wasusedlula usiya e-Azimoni usiyaxhumana lesiHotsha saseGibhithe, uphelela olwandle. Lo yiwo umngcele wabo waseningizimu. **5** Umngcele wempumalanga luLwandle lweTswayi kuze kufike lapho okuthela khona iJodani. Umngcele weningizimu waqalela okhunjini lolwandle ekuqaleni

kweJodani, **6** wakhwela usiya eBhethi-Hogla, wabuye
waqhubeka usiya Bhethi-Arabha uqonda eLitsheni
likaBhohani indodana kaRubheni. **7** Umngcele
wasuqansa usiya eDebhiri usuka esigodini sika-
Akhori, wasujika usiya enyakatho ukhangela eGiligali
ekhangelane loMkhandlu ka-Adumimu eningizimu
yodonga. Waqhubeka usiya emanzini ase-Eni Shemeshi
wasufika e-Eni Rogeli. **8** Wasuqonda esigodini seBheni-
Hinomu emthezukweni wangeningizimu yedolobho
lamaJebusi (okutsho iJerusalema). Usuka lapho waqansa
phezu koqaqa entshonalanga yesigodi seHinomu
ekucineni kwangenyakatho yesigodi seRefayi. **9**
Usuka engqongeni yoqaqa, umngcele waqonda
emthonjeni wamanzi aseNefuthowa, wasuphutsha
emadolobheni eNtabeni ye-Efroni wasusehla usiya
eBhala (okutsho iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi). **10** Wasujika
usiya entshonalanga usuka eBhala usiya entabeni
yeSeyiri, wedlula emthezukweni wangenyakatho yentaba
iJeyarimi (okutsho iKhesaloni) waqhubeka usiya
eBhethi-Shemeshi uchaphela eThimina. **11** Waqonda
emthezukweni wenyakatho owe-Ekroni, wajika ukhangele
eShikheroni, wedlule usiya eNtabeni yeBhala wafika
eJabhiniyeli. Umngcele waphelela olwandle. **12** Umngcele
wangentshonalanga likhumbi loLwandle oLukhulu. Le
yiyo imingcele eyayigombolozele abantu bakoJuda usendo
lunye ngalunye. **13** Njengokulaya kukaThixo kuye,
uJoshuwa wanika uKhalebi indodana kaJefune ingxenye
eseJuda, iKhiriyathi Aribha, okutsho iHebhroni (u-
Abha wayengukhokho ka-Anakhi). **14** Esuka eHebhroni

uKhalebi waxotsha ama-Anakhi amathathu abalisa uSheshayi, u-Ahimani loThalimayi abantwana baka-Anakhi. **15** Esuka lapho wahamba ehlasela abantu ababehlala eDebhiri (okwakuthiwa yiKhiriyathi-Sefa). **16** UKhalebi wathi, "Ngizakwendisela indodakazi yami u-Akhisa endodeni ezahlasela ithumbe iKhiriyathi-Sefa." **17** U-Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi, umfowabo kaKhalebi, wayithumba; ngakho uKhalebi wendisela indodakazi yakhe u-Akhisa kuye. **18** Ngelinye ilanga u-Akhisa wafika ku-Othiniyeli wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele insimu kuyise. Lapho esehlile kubabhemi wakhe, uKhalebi wambuza wathi, "Kuyini engingakwenzela khona?" **19** Waphendula wathi, "Ngicela ungenzele umusa obalulekileyo. Njengoba unginike umhlaba eNegebi, ngicela unginike lemithombo yamanzi." Ngakho uKhalebi wamnika imithombo eyayingaphezulu leyayingaphansi. **20** Leli lilifa lesizwe sikaJuda ngezinsendo zaso: **21** Amadolobho aseningizimu kwesizwe sikaJuda eNegebi ekuyeni emngceleni we-Edomi ayeyila: IKhabhizeli, i-Ederi, iJaguri, **22** iKhina, iDimona, i-Adada, **23** iKhedeshi, iHazori, i-Ithinani, **24** iZifi, iThelemu, iBheyalothi, **25** iHazori-Hadatha, iKheriyothi Hezironi (okutsho iHazori), **26** i-Amamu, iShema, iMolada, **27** iHazari-Gada, iHeshimoni, iBhethi Phelethi, **28** iHazari-Shuwali, iBherishebha, iBhiziyothiya, **29** iBhala, i-Iyimu, i-Ezema, **30** i-Elitholadi, iKhesili, iHoma **31** iZikhilagi, iMadimana, iSansana, **32** iLebhayothi, iShilihimu, i-Ayini leRimoni, esewonke kwakungamadolobho angamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lemizana yawo. **33**

Emawatheni asentshonalanga kwakulamadolobho la: I-Eshithawoli, iZora, i-Ashina, **34** iZanowa, i-Eni-Ganimu, iThaphuwa, i-Enamu, **35** iJamuthi, i-Adulami, iSokho, i-Azekha, **36** iShaharayimu, i-Adithayimu leGedera (kumbe iGederothayimu) amadolobho alitshumi lane lemizi yawo. **37** IZenani, iHadasha, iMigidali-Gadi, **38** iDiliyeni, iMizipha, iJokhitheyeli, **39** iLakhishi, iBhozikhathi, i-Egiloni, **40** iKhabhoni, iLahimasi, iKhithilishi **41** iGederothi, iBhethi-Dagoni, iNahama leMakheda, amadolobho alitshumi lesithupha lemizi yawo. **42** ILibhina, i-Etheri, i-Ashani, **43** i-Ifitha, i-Ashina, iNezibhi, **44** iKheyila, i-Akhizibhi leMaresha, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye lemizi yawo. **45** I-Ekroni, lemizana eyigqagqeleyo; **46** entshonalanga ye-Ekroni, wonke ayeseduzane le-Ashidodi, ndawonye lemizana yawo; **47** i-Ashidodi lemizana eyigqagqeleyo leGaza, imizana eyigqagqeleyo kusiyafika esiHotsheni saseGibhithe lekhunjini loLwandle oLukhulu. **48** Elizweni lamaqaqa kwakule: IShamiri, iJathiri, iSokho, **49** iDana, iKhiriyathi-Sana (okutsho iDebhiri), **50** i-Anabhi, i-Eshithemo, i-Animi, **51** iGosheni, iHoloni leGilo, amadolobho alitshumi lanye lemizana yawo. **52** I-Arabhu, iDuma, i-Eshani, **53** iJanimu, iBhethi-Thaphuwa, i-Afeka, **54** iHumtha, iKhiriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) leZiwori, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye lemizana yawo. **55** IMawoni, iKhameli, iZifi, iJutha, **56** iJezerili, iJokideyamu, iZanowa, **57** iKhayini, iGibhiya leThimina, amadolobho alitshumi lemizana yawo. **58** IHalihuli, iBhethi Zuri, iGedori, **59** iMaharathi, iBhethi-Anothi le-Elithekhoni, amadolobho

ayisithupha lemizana yawo. **60** IKhiriyathi-Bhali (okutsho ukuthi iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi) leRabha, amadolobho amabili lemizana yawo. **61** Enkangala: IBhethi-Arabha, iMidini, iSekhakha, **62** iNibhishani, iDolobho letswayi le-Eni-Gedi, amadolobho ayisithupha lemizana yawo. **63** UJuda wehluleka ukususa amaJebusi ayehlala eJerusalema; lanamuhla amaJebusi lokhu ehlala lapho labantu bakoJuda.

16 Isabelo sikaJosefa saqala eJodani, empumalanga yamanzi eJerikho, sakhwela sisuka lapho sisiya enkangala singena elizweni lamaqaqa eBhetheli. **2** Sadabula sisuka eBhetheli (okutsho iLuzi) sachaphela esabelweni sama-Arikhithi e-Atharothi, **3** sehlela entshonalanga esabelweni samaJafilethi sisiyabamba ekhunjini lweBhethi-Horoni, sibuye siqonde eGezeri, sisiyaphelela olwandle. **4** Ngakho uManase lo-Efrayimi, izizukulwane zikaJosefa, bemukela ilifa labo. **5** Leli kwakulilizwe lika-Efrayimi ngokosendo lwakhe: Umngcele welifa labo wawusuka e-Atharothi-Ada empumalanga usiya eBhethi-Horoni Ephezulu **6** waqhubeka usiya olwandle. Usuka eMikhimethathi enyakatho wajika empumalanga usiya eThahanathi-Shilo, usedlula eJanowa empumalanga. **7** Wasusehlela phansi usuka eJanowa usiya e-Atharothi leNara, wagudla iJerikho wayaphutshela kuJodani. **8** Usuka eThaphuwa umngcele waya entshonalanga eDongeni lweKhana wayaphelela olwandle. Leli kwakuyilifa lesizwana sako-Efrayimi, usendo lunye ngalunye. **9** Wawugoqela njalo wonke amadolobho lemizana yawo eyayehlukaniselwe abako-Efrayimi phakathi kwelifa labakoManase. **10** Kabazange

bawadudule amaKhenani ayehlala eGezeri; kuze kube lamhla amaKhenani ahlala phakathi kwabantu bako-Efrayimi kodwa besenziswa umsebenzi wesibhalo.

17 Lesi kwakuyisabelo sesizwana sikaManase njengezibulo likaJosefa. UMakhiri izibulo likaManase, ukhokho wamaGiliyadi, wathatha iGiliyadi leBhashani ngenxa yokuthi amaMakhire ayengamaqhawe amakhulu. **2** Ngakho isabelo lesi sasingesabantu bonke bakoManase, insendo zika-Abhiyezeri, uHelekhi, u-Asiriyeli, uShekhemu, uHeferi loShemida. Lezi ngezinye izizukulwane zesilisa zikaManase indodana kaJosefa ngokwensendo zazo. **3** UZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMakhiri indodana kaManase, wayengelamadodana kodwa wayelamadodakazi wodwa, amabizo awo kwakunguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha loThiza. **4** Aya ku-Eliyazari umphristi, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kanye labakhokheli athi, "UThixo walaya uMosi ukuthi asabele ilifa kanye labanewethu." Ngakho uJoshuwa wabanika ilifa ndawonye labanewabo bakayise, kulandelwa umlayo kaThixo. **5** Isabelo sikaManase sasigoqela iziqinti ezilitshumi zomhlabathi emhlubulweni weGiliyadi leBhashani empumalanga yeJodani, **6** ngenxa yokuthi amadodakazi esizwana sikaManase athola ilifa kanye labafowabo. IGiliyadi yayingeyezizukulwana zikaManase. **7** Ilizwe likaManase lalisukela e-Asheri lisiya eMikhimethathi empumalanga kweShekhemu. Umngcele wawudabula usiya usiyagoqela abantu ababehlala e-Eni-Thaphuwa. **8** (UManase

wayelomhlaba elizweni leThaphuwa, kodwa iThaphuwa ngokwayo, emngceleni kaManase, yayingeyama-Efrayimi.) **9** Umngcele waqhubeka eningizimu usiya oDongeni lweKhana. Kwakulamadolobho ka-Efrayimi ayakhelwe phakathi kwamadolobho kaManase, kodwa umngcele kaManase wawulicele langenyakatho lodonga njalo uphelela olwandle. **10** Eningizimu ilizwe lalingelika-Efrayimi, enyakatho lingelikaManase. Ilizwe likaManase lalifika olwandle njalo lingcelezelane lo-Asheri enyakatho kanye lo-Isakhari empumalanga. **11** Phakathi kuka-Isakhari lo-Asheri uManase wayeloBhethi-Shani, u-Ibhiliyami labantu beDori, abe-Endo, abeThanakhi leMegido, ndawonye lemizana ababakhelane layo (owesithathu eluhlwini kwakunguNafothi). **12** Kodwa-ke abakoManase kabenelisanga ukuthatha amadolobho la ngoba amaKhenani ayezimisele ukuhlala kuleyondawo. **13** Lanxa kunjalo, kwathi abako-Israyeli sebelamandla amakhulu, benza amaKhenani izigqili zabo kodwa kababaxotshanga kokuphela. **14** Abantu bakoJosefa bathi kuJoshuwa, “Kungani lisinike isabelo esisodwa kuphela lengxenye eyodwa yelifa na? Singabantu abanengi kakhulu njalo uThixo usibusise kakhulu.” **15** UJoshuwa wabaphendula wathi; “Nxa libanengi kakhulu, njalo nxa ilizwe lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi lilincinyane kini, ngenani eguswini liyecenta umhlaba ube ngowenu elizweni lamaPherizi lelamaRefayi.” **16** Abantu bakoJosefa baphendula bathi, “Ilizwe lamaqaqa kaliseneli njalo amaKhenani wonke ahlala emagcekeni alezinqola zensimbi, bonke abaseBhethi-Shani lemizana yakhona

lalabo ababehlala esigodini seJezerili.” **17** Kodwa uJoshuwa wakhuluma labendlu kaJosefa, ku-Efrayimi loManase wathi, “Libanengi njalo lilamandla amakhulu kakhulu. Kalisoze libe lesabelo esisodwa kuphela, **18** kodwa lelizwe lamaqaqa aliligusu. Licenteni lize liyefika lapho eliphelela khona kube ngelenu; lanxa amaKhenani elezinqola zensimbi njalo lanxa elamandla, lingawaxotsha.”

18 Ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli labuthana eShilo laselimisa ithente lokuhlangana khonapho. Ilizwe lalethwa ngaphansi kombuso wabo, **2** kodwa kwakulokhu kulezizwana zako-Israyeli eziyisikhombisa ezazingakemukeli ilifa lazo. **3** Ngakho uJoshuwa wathi kwabako-Israyeli, “Lizakuma okwesikhathi esingakanani lingakathathi ilizwe uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinike lona na? **4** Khethani amadoda amathathu esizweni sinye ngasinye. Ngizawathuma ukuthi ayehlola ilizwe abeseloba ngesimo salo, kusiya ngelifa lesizwana ngasinye. Azaphenduka kimi. **5** Lizakwaba umhlaba ube yizigaba eziyisikhombisa. UJuda uzaqhubeka eselizweni lakhe eningizimu njalo indlu kaJosefa iselizweni layo enyakatho. **6** Ngemva kokuba selibhale izimo zezigaba eziyisikhombisa zelizwe, lizilethe kimi lapha njalo ngizalenzela inkatho phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **7** Kodwa abaLevi kabayikuzuza lutho phakathi kwenu, ngoba umsebenzi wobuphristi kuThixo yilifa labo. Njalo uGadi, uRubheni lengxenye yesizwe sikaManase sebathola ilifa labo eceleni elingasempumalanga yeJodani. UMosi inceku kaThixo

wabanika lona.” **8** Kwathi amadoda engena indlela
esiyahlola umhlaba, uJoshuwa wawalaya wathi,
“Hambani liyehlola umhlaba beselibhala isimo sawo.
Emva kwalokho beseliphenduka kimi, khona ngizalenzela
inkatho lapha eShilo phambi kukaThixo.” **9** Ngakho
amadoda asuka adabula phakathi kwelizwe. Abhala isimo
salo emqulwini, idolobho ngedolobho, ezigabeni
eziyisikhombisa, asephindela kuJoshuwa esihonqweni
seShilo. **10** UJoshuwa wawenzela inkatho eShilo phambi
kukaThixo, njalo lapho wabela ilizwe kwabako-Israyeli
kusiya ngokwehlukaniswa kwezizwana zabo. **11** Inkatho
yakuqala yawela esizwaneni sakoBhenjamini ngensendo
zaso. Ilizwe labo elabiwayo laliphakathi kwezizwana
zakoJuda loJosefa: **12** Eceleni elisenyakatho umngcele
wabo wawuqalisela kuJodani, usedlula emthezukweni
wangenyakatho yeJerikho usiya entshonalanga elizweni
elilamaqaqa, uthutshela enkangala yeBhethi-Aveni. **13**
Usuka lapho wawuchaphela emthezukweni weningizimu
weLuzi (okutsho iBhetheli) usehlela e-Atharothi-Ada
eqaqeni eliseningizimu ngaphansi kweBhethi-Horoni. **14**
Usuka eqaqeni elikhangelane leBhethi-Horoni
eningizimu ulandela icele elisentshonalanga
wasuthutshela eKhiriyathi-Bhali (okutsho iKhiriyathi-
Jeyarimi) idolobho labantu bakoJuda. Leli kwakulicele
elisentshonalanga. **15** Icele leningizimu laliqalisela
emaphethelweni asentshonalanga kweKhiriyathi-
Jeyarimi, njalo umngcele waba semthonjeni wamanzi
eNefuthowa. **16** Umngcele wehla waya ewatheni lentaba
ekhangelane leSigodi seBheni-Hinomu, enyakatho

yeSigodi seRefayi. Waqhubeka usehla eSigodini seHinomu ulandela umthezuko wedolobho lamaJebusi usiya e-Eni Rogeli. **17** Wasubhoda usiya enyakatho, waya e-Eni Shemeshi, waqhubeka usiya eGelilothi ekhangele uMkhandlu we-Adumimu, wehla phansi usiya elitsheni likaBhohani indodana kaRubheni. **18** Waqhubeka ukhangele enyakatho, emthezukweni weBhethi Arabha usehla ungena e-Arabha. **19** Wasusiya emthezukweni ongasenyakatho eBhethi-Hogla wasuphumela ewatheni elingenyakatho koLwandle lweTswayi lapho okuthela khona iJodani eningizimu. Lo kwakungumngcele oseningizimu. **20** IJodani yenza umngcele eceleni langempumalanga. Le kwakuyimingcele eyayiphawula ilifa lensendo zikaBhenjamini emaceleni wonke. **21** Isizwana sikaBhenjamini, usendo ngosendo sasilamadolobho alandelayo: IJerikho, iBhethi-Hogla, i-Emeki Khezizi, **22** iBhethi-Arabha, iZemarayimu, iBhetheli, **23** i-Avimu, iPhara, i-Ofira, **24** iKhefa-Amoni, i-Ofini leGebha, amadolobho alitshumi lambili kanye lemizana yawo. **25** IGibhiyoni, iRama, iBherothi, **26** iMizipha, iKhefira, iMoza, **27** iRekhemu, i-Iphiyeli, iTharala, **28** iZela, iHayelefi, idolobho lamaJebusi (okuyikuthi iJerusalema), iGibhiya leKhiriyathi, amadolobho alitshumi lane kanye lemizana yawo. Leli kwakuyilifa likaBhenjamini lensendo zakhe.

19 Inkatho yesibili yawela esizwaneni sikaSimiyoni ngensendo zaso. Ilifa labo laliphakathi kwelizwe likaJuda. **2** Laligoqela: iBherishebha (noma Shebha), iMolada, **3** iHazari-Shuwali, iBhala, i-Ezema, **4** i-Elitholadi, iBhethuli,

iHoma, **5** iZikhilagi, iBhethi-Makhabhothi, iHazari-Susa, **6** iBhethi-Lebhawothi leSharuheni, amadolobho alitshumi lantathu lemizana yawo; **7** i-Ayini, iRimoni, i-Etheri le-Ashani, amadolobho amane lemizana yawo, **8** layo yonke imizana eyakhelene lalawo madolobho kusiyafika eBhalathi-Bheri (iRama eseNegebi). Leli kwakuyilifa lesizwana sikaSimiyoni ngensendo zaso. **9** Ilifa labakoSimiyoni lathathwa kungxenye kaJuda ngenxa yokuthi isigaba sakoJuda sasisikhulu kakhulu. Ngakho abakoSimiyoni bathola ilifa labo phakathi kwelizwe lakoJuda. **10** Inkatho yesithathu yawela uZebhuluni lensendo zakhe: Umngcele welifa labo wawufika eSaridi. **11** Waqonda entshonalanga wadabula usiya eMarala, wathinta iDabheshethi, waqhela usiya odongeni eduze leJokhiniyamu. **12** Wajikela empumalanga usuka eSaridi ukhangele empumalanga elizweni likaKhisilothi-Thabhori njalo waqhela usiya eDabherathi ukhwela usiya eJafiya. **13** Waqhubeka ukhangele empumalanga usiya eGathi-Heferi le-Ethi Khazini; wathutshela eRimoni wasujikela eNeya. **14** Lapho umngcele wabhoda enyakatho usiya eHanathoni wakhawula eSigodini se-Ifitha Eli. **15** Kwakukhona njalo iKhathathi, iNahalali, iShimroni, i-Idala leBhethilehema. Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lambili lemizana yawo. **16** Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa likaZebhuluni lensendo. **17** Inkatho yesine yawela u-Isakhari ngensendo zakhe. **18** Ilizwe labo laligoqela: iJezerili, iKhesulothi, iShunemi, **19** iHafarayimi, iShiyoni, i-Anaharathi, **20** iRabhithi, iKhishiyoni, i-Ebhezi **21** iRemethi, i-Eni-Ganimu, i-Eni-Hada leBhethi-Phazezi. **22** Umngcele

wawugudla iThabhori, iShahazuma leBhethi-Shemeshi wasukhawula eJodani. Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lesithupha lemizana yawo. **23** Amadolobho la lemizi yawo kwakuyilifa lesizwana sika-Isakhari lensendo zakhe. **24** Inkatho yesihlanu yawela esizwaneni sika-Asheri ngensendo zakhe. **25** Ilizwe labo laligoqela: iHelikhathi, iHali, iBhetheni, i-Akhishafi, **26** i-Alameleki, i-Amadi leMishali. Entshonalanga umngcele wagudla iKhameli leShihori-Libhinathi. **27** Wajikela empumalanga ukhangele eBhethi-Dagoni, ugudla iZebhuluni leSigodi se-Ifitha Eli, waqonda enyakatho usiya eBhethi-Emekhi leNeyiyeli, usedlula eKhabhuli kwesenxele. **28** Waya e-Abhidoni, eRehobhi, eHamoni leKhana usiyafika eSidoni enkulu. **29** Umngcele waphinda wajika ukhangele eRama wasusiya edolobheni eliyinqaba eleThire, wajika ukhangele iHosa wathutshela olwandle olusesabelweni se-Akhizibhi, **30** i-Uma, i-Afekhi leRehobhi. Kwakulamadolobho angamatshumi amabili lambili lemizana yawo. **31** Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa lesizwana sika-Asheri lensendo zakhe. **32** Inkatho yesithupha yawela uNafithali ngensendo zakhe: **33** Umgcele wasuka eHelefi kanye lesihlahla som'Okhi eZananimi usedlula e-Adami Nekhebi leJabhiniyeli usiya eLakhumi njalo uphelela eJodani. **34** Umngcele wadabula entshonalanga phakathi kwe-Azinothi-Thabhori wayaphuma ususeHukhokhi. Wagudla iZebhuluni eningizimu, i-Asheri entshonalanga kweJuda usiya empumalanga yeJodani. **35** Amadolobho ayelezinqaba yiZidimu, iZeri, iHamathi, iRakhathi, iKhinerethi, **36** i-Adama, iRama, iHazori, **37** iKhedeshi,

i-Edreyi, i-Eni-Hazo, **38** iYironi, iMigidali-Eli, iHoremu,
iBhethi-Anathi leBhethi-Shemeshi. Kwakulamadolobho
alitshumi lesificamunwemunye lemizana yawo. **39**
Amadolobho la lemizana yawo kwakuyilifa lesizwana
sikaNafithali ngensendo zakhe. **40** Inkatho yesikhombisa
yawela isizwana sikaDani ngensendo zakhe. **41** Ilizwe
lelifa labo laligoqela: iZora, i-Eshithawoli, i-Iri Shemeshi,
42 iShayalabhini, i-Ayijaloni, i-Ithila, **43** i-Eloni, iThimina,
i-Ekroni, **44** i-Elithekhe, iGibhethoni, iBhalathi, **45**
iJehudi, iBhene-Bherakhi, iGathi-Rimoni, **46** iMe-Jarikhoni
leRakhoni lendawo ekhangele iJopha. **47** (Kwathi
abakoDani sebenqotshiwe bathathelwa ilizwe labo, basuka
bayahlasela iLeshemu ngenkemba, bayithumba. Bahlala
eLeshemu bayibiza ngokuthi yiDani, ibizo likakhokho
wabo.) **48** Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa
lesizwe sikaDani ngensendo zakhe. **49** Bathi sebeqede
ukwabelana umhlaba ngendlela eyayiphawulwe yinkatho,
abako-Israyeli banika uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni ilifa
phakathi kwabo, **50** njengokulaya kukaThixo. Bamnika
idolobho ayelicelile, iThimnathi-Sera elizweni lamaqaqa
ko-Efrayimi. Wakha idolobho wahlala khona. **51** La
yiwo amazwe u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni labakhokheli bonke lensendo zezizwana zako-
Israyeli abazehlukanisela wona ngenkatho eShilo phambi
kukaThixo entubeni yethente lokuhlangana. Ngakho-ke
baqeda ukwaba umhlaba.

20 UThixo wasesithi kuJoshuwa: **2** "Tshela abako-
Israyeli ukuthi baphawule amadolobho okuphephela
njengokulilaya engakwenza ngoMosi, **3** ukuze wonke

umuntu obulala omunye ngengozi hatshi ngabomo abalekele kulo ukuze aphephe esandleni somphindiseli wegazi. **4** Lapho ebalekela kwelinye lala amadolobho, kumele eme esangweni ledolobho abesesitsho ukuthi ukhala ngani ebadaleni balelodolobho. Abadala sebezamamukela-ke edolobheni labo besebemnika indawo yokuhlala phakathi kwabo. **5** Nxa umphindiseli wegazi emlandela, akumelanga bamnikele lowo owetheswa umlandu ngoba kambulalanga ngabomo kumbe ngenhliziyo embi. **6** Usezahlala kulelodolobho kuze kufike isikhathi sokuthonisiswa phambi kwebandla njalo kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu oyabe ephethe umsebenzi ngalesosikhathi. Lapho usengabuyela ngakibo, edolobheni abaleka kulo." **7** Ngakho behlukanisa iKhedeshi eseGalile elizweni lamaqaqa koNafithali, iShekhemu elizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi leKhiriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) elizweni lamaqaqa koJuda. **8** Empumalanga yeJodani leJerikho baphawula iBhezeri enkangala esemagcekeni esizwaneni sikaRubheni, iRamothi eseGiliyadi esizwaneni sikaGadi, leGolani eseBhashani esizwaneni sikaManase. **9** Iloba ngubani owako-Israyeli kumbe omunye owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwabo owabulala omunye umuntu ngengozi wayengabalekela emadolobheni aqanjiweyo, aphephe ekubulaweni ngumphindiseli wegazi engakamiswa phambi kwebandla ukuba athonisiswe.

21 Abakhokheli bezimuli zabaLevi balanda u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, labakhokheli bezinye izimuli ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli **2** eShilo

eseKhenani bathi kubo, “UThixo walaya ngoMosi wathi lisinike amadolobho okuhlala, alamadlelo ezifuyo zethu.” **3** Ngakho njengoba uThixo wayelayile, abako-Israyeli banika abaLevi amadolobho alandelayo lamadlelo kuvela elifeni labo: **4** Inkatho yakuqala yawela amaKhohathi ngensendo zawo. AbaLevi ababeyizizukulwane zika-Aroni umphristi babelwa amadolobho alitshumi lantathu ezizwaneni zakoJuda, ezakoSimiyoni lezakoBhenjamini. **5** Izizukulwane zonke zikaKhohathi zabelwa amadolobho alitshumi kuzinsendo zezizwana zako-Efrayimi, ezakoDani lengxenye yakoManase. **6** Izizukulwane zikaGeshoni zabelwa amadolobho alitshumi lantathu kuzinsendo zezizwana zako-Isakhari, ezako-Asheri, ezakoNafithali lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase eBhashani. **7** Izizukulwane zikaMerari ngensendo zazo zathola amadolobho alitshumi lambili ezizwaneni zakoRubheni, ezakoGadi lezakoZebhuluni. **8** Ngakho abako-Israyeli babela abaLevi amadolobho la lamadlelo awo, njengokulaya kukaThixo ngoMosi. **9** Ezizwaneni zakoJuda lezakoSimiyoni amadolobho abiwayo nanka ngamabizo awo **10** Amadolobho la anikwa izizukulwane zika-Aroni ezazivela kuzinsendo zamaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi ngoba inkatho yakuqala yawela kuzo: **11** Bazinika iKhiriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) emadlelweni akulowomango elizweni lamaqaqa koJuda (u-Abha wayengukhokho ka-Anakhi). **12** Kodwa amasimu lemizana okwakuseduzane ledolobho babekunike uKhalebi indodana kaJefune ukuba kube ngokwakhe. **13** Ngakho izizukulwane zika-Aroni umphristi bazinika

iHebhroni (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iLibhina, **14** iJathiri, i-Eshithemowa **15** iHoloni, iDebhiri, **16** i-Ayini, iJutha leBhethi-Shemeshi, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye esuka ezizwaneni lezi zombili. **17** Esizweni sakoBhenjamini bazinika iGibhiyoni, iGebha, **18** i-Anathothi le-Alimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo kwaba ngamadolobho amane. **19** Wonke amadolobho abaphristi, izizukulwane zika-Aroni, ayelitshumi lantathu ndawonye lamadlelo awo. **20** Ezinye zonke insendo zikaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi zabelwa amadolobho esizwaneni sako-Efrayimi. **21** Elizweni elilamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi zanikwa iShekhemu (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala) leGezeri, **22** iKhibhizayimi leBhethi-Horoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwaba ngamadolobho amane. **23** Esizwaneni sakoDani zathola, i-Elithekhe, iGibhethoni, **24** i-Ayijaloni leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwaba ngamadolobho amane. **25** Kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase zathola iThanakhi leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwakungamadolobho amabili. **26** Wonke la amadolobho alitshumi lamadlelo awo anikwa kuzozonke insendo zamaKhohathi. **27** Insendo zamaLevi ezeGeshoni zanikwa: kungxenye yesizwana sakoManase, iGolani eseBhashani (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala) leBheshithera, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amabili; **28** esizwaneni sika-Isakhari, iKhishiyoni, iDabherathi, **29** iJamuthi le-Eni-Ganimu, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane; **30** esizwaneni sika-Asheri, iMishali, i-Abhidoni, **31** iHelikhathi leRehobhi,

ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane; **32** kusukela esizwaneni sakoNafithali, iKhedeshi eseGalile (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iHamothi-Dori leKhathani, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amathathu. **33** Wonke amadolobho ensendo zamaGeshoni ayelitshumi lantathu, ndawonye lamadlelo awo. **34** Insendo zamaMerari (okutsho bonke abaLevi) zanikwa kanje esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni, iJokhiniyamu, iKhatha, **35** iDimina leNahalali ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane. **36** Esizwaneni sakoRubheni, iBhezeri, iJahazi, **37** iKhedemothi leMefahathi ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane. **38** Esizwaneni sakoGadi, iRamothi eseGiliyadi (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iMahanayimi, **39** iHeshibhoni leJazeri ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane esewonke. **40** Wonke amadolobho abelwa insendo zamaMerari, eyingxenye yonke eseleyo yabaLevi, ayelitshumi lambili. **41** Amadolobho abaLevi elizweni eliphansi kwabako-Israyeli ayengamatshumi amane lasificaminwembili mibili esewonke ndawonye lamadlelo awo. **42** Linye ngalinye lamadolobho la lalilamadlelo aligombolozeleyo. Konke kwakunjalo ngawo wonke la amadolobho. **43** Ngakho uThixo wanika abako-Israyeli wonke umhlaba ayefunge ukuwunika okhokho babo, bawuthatha bakha khonapho. **44** UThixo wabapha ukuphumula enhlangothini zonke, njengokufunga ayekwenze kubokhokho babo. Akulasitha lesisodwa esenelisa ukumelana labo; uThixo wanikela zonke izitha zabo kubo. **45** Asikho lesisodwa sazo

zonke izithembiso ezinhle zikaThixo endlini ka-Israyeli esingagcwalisekanga; zonke zagcwaliseka.

22 UJoshuwa wamema abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sikaManase **2** wathi kubo, "Selenze konke uMosi inceku kaThixo eyakulayayo, njalo lingilalele kukho konke engililaye ngakho. **3** Okwesikhathi eside khathesi, kuze kube lamuhla, kalizange lihlamukele abafowenu kodwa lenze umsebenzi lowo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinike wona. **4** Njengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wanika abafowenu ukuphumula njengokuthembisa kwakhe, buyelani emakhaya enu elizweni uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika lona ngaphetsheya kweJodani. **5** Kodwa linanzelele kakhulu ukuthi lilondoloza umlayo lomthetho uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika wona: Ukuthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe zonke, ukulalela imilayo yakhe, ukubambelela kuye lokumsebenzela ngenhliziyo yenu yonke lomphefumulo wenu wonke." **6** UJoshuwa wasebabusisa wathi kabahambe; yikho basebesiya emizini yabo. **7** Ingxenye yesizwana sakoManase uMosi wayeyinike ilizwe eBhashani, kwathi eyinye ingxenye yesizwana uJoshuwa wayeyinike indawo lapho okwakwakhele abafowabo eJodani. Kwathi uJoshuwa esethe kabahambe emakhaya, wababusisa **8** wathi, "Buyelani emakhaya enu lenotho yenu enengi, lilemihlambi emikhulu yezifuyo, lilesiliva, igolide ithusi lensimbi, lamalembu amanengi, beselisabelana labafowenu lokho elakuthumba ezitheni zenu." **9** Ngakho abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase batshiya abako-

Israyeli eShilo eseKhenani babuyela eGiliyadi, ilizwe labo, ababelizuze kulandela umlayo kaThixo awethula ngoMosi. **10** Bathi sebefike eGelithothi eduzane leJodani elizweni leKhenani, abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase bakha i-alithari elikhulu eduzane leJodani. **11** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebezwe ukuthi sebakhe i-alithari emngceleni weKhenani eGelithothi duzane leJodani eceleni lako-Israyeli, **12** umphakathi wonke wako-Israyeli wabuthana eShilo ukulungiselela ukulwa labo empini. **13** Ngakho abako-Israyeli bathuma uFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi elizweni leGiliyadi kuRubheni, uGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase. **14** Waphelekezelwa zinduna ezilitshumi, inye ngayinye ivela phakathi kwezizwe zonke zako-Israyeli njalo iyinhloko yesigaba semuli yensendo zako-Israyeli. **15** Ekuyeni kwabo eGiliyadi, kuRubheni loGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase bathi kubo: **16** "Umphakathi wonke kaThixo uthi: 'Kungani lisuke langathembeki kuNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ngale indlela? Kungani lilahle uNkulunkulu lizakhela i-alithari njengokumhlamukela khathesi. **17** Kambe ukona kukaPheyori kakwanelanga kithi na? Kuze kube lamhla kasikazihlambululi esonweni leso, lanxa umkhuhlane wake wahlasela isizwe sikaThixo! **18** Selibalekela uThixo na? Nxa lingahlamukela uThixo lamhla, kusasa uzazondela isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli: **19** Nxa umhlaba elilawo ungcolisiwe wozani emhlabeni kaThixo lapho ithabanikeli likaThixo elimi khona beselisabelana umhlaba lathi. Kodwa lingahlamukeli uThixo kumbe thina ngokuzakhela i-alithari lenu,

ngaphandle kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.
20 Lapho u-Akhani indodana kaZera aze angathembeki
ezintweni ezingcwelisiweyo, isijeziso kasehlelanga isizwe
sonke sako-Israyeli yini? Kayisuye yedwa owafela isono
sakhe.'" **21** Ngakho uRubheni, uGadi lengxenye yesizwe
sakoManase baphendula abakhokheli bezinsendo zako-
Israyeli bathi: **22** "USomandla, uNkulunkulu uThixo!
USomandla uNkulunkulu uThixo! Uyazi! Njalo u-Israyeli
kabe lolwazi! Nxa lokhu bekuyikuhlamukela kumbe
ukuqholozela uThixo, lingasisindisi lamhlanje. **23** Nxa
sazakhela i-alithari lethu ukwenzela ukubalekela uThixo
lokunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yamabele,
kumbe ukunikela ngeminikelo yokuthula kulo, uThixo
ngokwakhe kasijezise. **24** Hatshi! Sakwenza sisesaba ukuthi
kwelinye ilanga izizukulwane zenu zingathi kwezethu,
'Lilani loThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli? **25** UThixo
sewenza iJodani ibe ngumngcele phakathi kwethu lani
lina maRubheni lamaGadi! Kalilasabelo kuThixo.' Ngakho
izizukulwane zenu zingenza ukuthi ezethu ziyekele
ukwesaba uThixo. **26** Yikho sathi, 'Kasilungiseni sakhe i-
alithari, kodwa hatshi eleminikelo yokutshiswa kumbe
imihlatshelo.' **27** Ngeyinye indlela, kuzakuba yibufakazi
phakathi kwethu lani lezizukulwane ezizalandela, ukuthi
sizekhonza uThixo endlini yakhe engcwele ngeminikelo
yokutshiswa, iminikelo yethu kanye leyokuthula. Ngakho
kwelakusasa izizukulwane zenu kazisoze zithi kwezethu,
'Kalilasabelo kuThixo.' **28** Njalo sathi, 'Bangavele
batsho lokhu kithi kumbe kuzizukulwane zethu,
sizaphendula sithi: Khangelani emfanekisweni we-

alithari likaThixo, elakhiwa ngobaba, hatshi eleminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, kodwa njengobufakazi phakathi kwethu lani.’ **29** Kukhatshana kithi ukuthi sihlamukele uThixo simfulathele lamhla ngokwakha i-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele lemihlatshelo, ngaphandle kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu elimi phambi kwethabanikeli lakhe.” **30** Kwathi uFinehasi umphristi labakhokheli besizwe, abakhokheli bezinsendo zako-Israyeli, sebezwe okwakutshiwo nguRubheni, uGadi loManase bathokoza. **31** UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, wathi kuRubheni, uGadi loManase, “Lamhla siyazi ukuthi uThixo ulathi, ngenxa yokuthi kalizange liyekele ukwethembeka phambi kukaThixo kuloludaba. Khathesi selihlenge abako-Israyeli esandleni sikaThixo.” **32** UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, labakhokheli babuyela eKhenani bevela emhlanganweni wabo labakoRubheni labakoGadi eGiliyadi basebebika kwabako-Israyeli. **33** Bathokoza ukuzwa umbiko basebedumisa uNkulunkulu. Kabasakhulumanga njalo ngokuya empini yokubalwisa ukwenzela ukutshabalalisa ilizwe lapho abakoRubheni labakoGadi ababehlala khona. **34** Njalo abakoRubheni labakoGadi banika i-alithari lelibizo: UBufakazi Phakathi Kwethu ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu.

23 Ngemva kwesikhathi eside njalo uThixo esephumuze abako-Israyeli kuzozonke izitha zabo ezazibagombolozele, uJoshuwa ngalesosikhathi esekhulile eseleminyaka eminengi, **2** wabiza bonke abako-Israyeli, abadala babo, abakhokheli babo, abahluleli babo leziphathamandla zabo

wathi kubo: “Sengimdala njalo sengiluphele kakhulu.
3 Lina ngokwenu selikubonile konke lokho uThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu akwenzileyo kuzozonke lezi izizwe
esenzela lina; nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu owalilwelayo.
4 Khumbulani ukuthi ngalabela njani ukuba kube yilifa
lenu lezizwana zenu wonke umhlaba wezizwe ezasalayo,
izizwe engazinqobayo, phakathi kweJodani loLwandle
Olukhulu entshonalanga. **5** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
ngokwakhe uzabaxotsha endleleni yenu. Uzabasusa
lina lingakafiki, njalo lina lizathatha umhlaba wabo,
njengokuthembisa kukaThixo uNkulunkulu. **6** Qinani
kakhulu; linanzelele ukuthi lilalela konke okulotshwe
eGwalweni lwemiThetho kaMosi, lingaphambukelanga
kwesokudla kumbe esenxele. **7** Lingaze lazisondeza
ezizweni lezi eziphakathi kwenu; lingaze labiza amagama
abonkulunkulu bazo kumbe lifunge ngabo. Akumelanga
ukuthi libasebenzele lokubakhothamela. **8** Kodwa kumele
libambelele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu
eselikwenze kwaze kwaba khathesi. **9** UThixo usezixotshile
phambi kwenu izizwe ezilamandla; kuze kube lamhla
kakho owenelisa ukumelana lani. **10** Oyedwa wenu
uyenelisa ukwehlula abantu abayinkulungwane eyodwa
ngenxa yokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyalilwela
njengokuthembisa kwakhe. **11** Ngakho-ke nanzelelani
ukuthi liyamthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **12** Kodwa
lingabaleka beselisiba lobungane lalabo abasindileyo
phakathi kwezizwe lezi ezizasala phakathi kwenu njalo
lingavumelana lokuthathana lokudlelana lazo, **13** lapho
lingaba leqiniso lokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu

kasoze azixotshe izizwe phambi kwenu. Kodwa-ke zizakuba yimijibila lezithiyo kini, zizakuba yiziswebhu emihlane yenu lameva emehlweni enu, lize libhujiswe elizweni leli elihle uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **14** Khathesi sengizahamba ngendlela yomhlaba wonke. Liyazi ngezinhliziyo zenu lemiphefumulo ukuthi kasikho isithembiso lasinye esihle phakathi kwalezo elazinikwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esehlulekayo. Zonke izithembiso sezagcwaliswa; kasikho lesisodwa esehlulekayo. **15** Kodwa njengoba zonke izithembiso ezinhle zikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu seziphumelele, kunjalo uThixo uzalilethela bonke ububi alethusela ngabo, aze alibhubhise elizweni leli elihle alinike lona. **16** Lingephula isivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owalilayayo ngaso liyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele, ulaka lukaThixo luzavutha kini, njalo lizabhubha ngokuphangisa elizweni elihle alinike lona.”

24 Ngakho uJoshuwa wabuthanisa zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli eShekhemu. Wamema bonke abadala, abakhokheli, abahluleli leziphathamandla zako-Israyeli, njalo bazethula phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **2** UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini bonke, “UThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Kudala okhokho benu, okugoqela uThera uyise ka-Abhrahama loNahori, babehlala ngaphetsheya koMfula njalo bekhonza abanye onkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa ngathatha uyihlo u-Abhrahama elizweni elingaphetsheya koMfula ngamkhokhelela eKhenani ngamnika izizukulwane ezinengi. Ngamnika u-Isaka, **4** njalo u-Isaka ngamnika uJakhobe lo-Esawu. Nganika ilizwe

lonke elilamaqaqa eleSeyiri ku-Esawu, kodwa uJakhobe lamadodana akhe baya eGibhithe. **5** Ngasengithuma uMosi lo-Aroni, njalo ngajezisa amaGibhithe ngalokho engakwenza khonale ngasengilikhupha khona. **6** Ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu eGibhithe, beza olwandle njalo amaGibhithe axotshana labo ngezinqola lamabhiza baze bayafika eLwandle Olubomvu. **7** Kodwa bakhala kuThixo befuna uncedo yena waseletha umnyama phakathi kwenu lamaGibhithe; waletha ulwandle phezu kwabo wabembesa ngalo. Lazibonela ngamehlo enu lokho engakwenza kumaGibhithe. Laselihlala enkangala okwesikhathi eside. **8** Ngaliletha elizweni lama-Amori ayehlala empumalanga yeJodani. Balwisana lani, kodwa mina ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. Ngababhubhisa phambi kwenu njalo laselithatha ilizwe labo. **9** Lapho uBhalaki indodana kaZiphori inkosi yaseMowabi, alungiselela ukulwisana lo-Israyeli, wathumela uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori ukuthi aliqalekise. **10** Kodwa ngala ukulalela uBhalamu, ngakho walibusisa njalonjalo mina ngasengilihlenga esandleni sakhe. **11** Laselichapha uJodani leza eJerikho. Izakhamizi zeJerikho zalwisana lani njengalokho okwenziwa ngama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaGigashi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, kodwa ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. **12** Ngathumela olonyovu phambi kwenu, olwabaxotsha phambi kwenu kanye lamakhosi amabili ama-Amori. Kalizange likwenze ngenkemba yenu langedandili lenu. **13** Ngakho ngalinika ilizwe elingazanga liliginqele lamadolobho elingazange liwakhe; njalo lihlala phakathi kwawo njalo

lisidla ezivinini zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga.' **14** Ngakho mesabeni uThixo limkhonze ngokuthembeka konke. Lahlani onkulunkulu ababekhonzwa ngokhokho benu ngaphetsheya koMfula laseGibhithe, likhonze uThixo. **15** Kodwa nxa ukukhonza uThixo kukhanya kungathandeki kini, khethani phakathi kwenu namhlanje lowo elizamkhonza, kumbe ngonkulunkulu okhokho benu ababebakhonza ngaphetsheya koMfula kumbe onkulunkulu bama-Amori, lawo elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa mina lendlu yami sizakhonza uThixo." **16** Abantu basebephendula besithi, "Akube khatshana lathi ukuthi silahle uThixo ukuze sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu! **17** KwakunguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ngokwakhe owasikhuphayo thina kanye labobaba eGibhithe sisuka elizweni lobugqili, wasesenza izimanga ezinkulu emehlweni ethu. Wasivikela kulolonke uhambo lwethu lakuzo zonke izizwe. **18** Njalo uThixo wazixotsha phambi kwethu zonke izizwe, okugoqela ama-Amori ayehlala elizweni. Lathi sizamkhonza uThixo ngoba unguNkulunkulu wethu." **19** UJoshuwa wathi ebantwini, "Kalenelisi ukumkhonza uThixo. UnguNkulunkulu ongcwele; unguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. Kasoze alixolele ekuhlamukeni kwenu lezonweni zenu. **20** Nxa lingatshiya uThixo beselikhonza abanye onkulunkulu bezizweni uzaliphendukela alehlisele umonakalo aliqede du, yena ubelungile." **21** Kodwa abantu bathi kuJoshuwa, "Hatshi! Sizamkhonza uThixo." **22** UJoshuwa wathi, "Yini elizifakazelayo ukuthi selikhethe ukukhonza uThixo." Baphendula bathi, "Yebo singofakazi." **23** UJoshuwa

wathi kubo, “Ngakho-ke lahlani bonke onkulunkulu
bezizweni abaphakathi kwenu beselinikela inhliziyo
zenu kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli.” **24** Abantu
bathi kuJoshuwa, “Sizamkhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu
wethu simlalele.” **25** Ngalelolanga uJoshuwa wenzela
abantu isivumelwano, njalo wabenzela imithetho lemilayo
khonapho eShekhemu. **26** UJoshuwa waloba konke lokhu
oGwalweni lwemiThetho kaNkulunkulu. Wasethatha
ilitshe elikhulu walimisa phansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi
eduzane lendawo engcwele kaThixo. **27** Wathi ebantwini
bonke, “Khangelani! Ilitshe leli lizakuba yibufakazi kithi
sonke. Selizwile wonke amazwi akhulunywe nguThixo
kithi. Lizakuba ngofakazi wokulilahla nxa lingakhulumi
iqiniso kuNkulunkulu.” **28** UJoshuwa wasetshela abantu
ukuba bahambe, yilowo esiya elifeni lakhe. **29** Ngemva
kwezinto lezi, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku
kaThixo wafa eseleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. **30** Njalo
bamngcwaba elizweni alizuza njengelifa, eThimnathi-
Sera elizweni elilamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi enyakatho
yentaba yeGashi. **31** Abako-Israyeli bamkhonza uThixo
ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaJoshuwa labadala kulaye
ababesele bephila njalo bebone zonke izinto uThixo
ayezenzele abako-Israyeli. **32** Njalo amathambo kaJosefa,
abako-Israyeli ababesuke lawo eGibhithe, angcwatshelwa
eShekhemu esiqintini somhlaba leso uJakhobe asithenga
ngenhlamvu ezilikhulu zesiliva emadodaneni kaHamori,
uyise kaShekhemu. Leli laba yilifa lezizukulwane
zikaJosefa. **33** U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni wafa

wasengcwatshelwa eGibhiya, eyayabelwe indodana yakhe
uFinehasi elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi.

Abahluleli

1 Emva kokufa kukaJoshuwa, abako-Israyeli babuza
uThixo bathi, “Pho ngubani ozahamba kuqala ukuba
ayesilwela lamaKhenani na?” **2** UThixo waphendula
wathi, “NguJuda ozahamba; ilizwe sengilinikele
ezandleni zabo.” **3** Lapho-ke abantu bakoJuda bathi
kwabakoSimiyoni abafowabo, “Hambani lathi elizweni
esalabelwayo, ukuyakulwa lamaKhenani. Lathi
sizakwenanisa ngokuhamba lani kwelenu.” Ngakho
abakoSimiyoni ahamba labo. **4** Kwathi uJuda esehlasele,
uThixo wanikela amaKhenani lamaPherizi ezandleni
zabo, wabulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
eBhezekhi. **5** Kukhonapho abafica khona u-Adoni-
Bhezekhi balwa laye, baqothula amaKhenani kanye
lamaPherizi. **6** U-Adoni-Bhezekhi wabaleka, kodwa
baxotshana laye baze bambamba, bamquma izithupha
zakhe lamazwane amakhulu. **7** U-Adoni-Bhezekhi
wasesithi, “Amakhosi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa
ayequnywe izithupha zawo lamazwane amakhulu
ayedobha imvuthuluka ngaphansi kwetafula yami.
Khathesi uNkulunkulu usephindisele kimi ngalokho
engakwenza kuwo.” Bamusa eJerusalema lapho afela
khona. **8** Abantu bakoJuda bahlasela leJerusalema
bayithumba. Bahlasela idolobho ngezinkemba
balithungela ngomlilo. **9** Emva kwalokho, abantu
bakoJuda bahamba bayakulwa lamaKhenani ayehlala
elizweni lezintaba, iNegebi kanye lamawatha ezintaba
angasentshonalanga. **10** Baqhubeka bayahlasela
amaKhenani ayehlala eHebhroni (kuqala eyayithiwa

yiKhiriyathi Aribha) banqoba uSheshayi, u-Ahimani kanye loThalimayi. **11** Besuka lapho baqhubeka bayahlasela abantu ababehlala eDebhiri (kuqala eyayithiwa yiKhiriyathi-Sefa). **12** UKhalebi wathi, "Ngizakwendisela indodakazi yami u-Akhisa endodeni ezahlasela ithumbe iKhiriyathi-Sefa." **13** U-Othiniyeli, indodana kaKhenazi, umnawakhe kaKhalebi, wayithumba; ngakho uKhalebi wendisela indodakazi yakhe u-Akhisa kuye. **14** Ngelinye ilanga u-Akhisa wafika ku-Othiniyeli wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele insimu kuyise. Lapho esehlile kubabhemi wakhe uKhalebi wambuza wathi, "Kuyini engingakwenzela khona?" **15** Waphendula wathi, "Ngicela ungenzele umusa obalulekileyo. Njengoba unginike umhlaba eNegebi, ngicela unginike lemithombo yamanzi." Ngakho uKhalebi wamnika imithombo eyayingaphezulu leyayingaphansi. **16** Abayinzalo kayisezala kaMosi, amaKheni, bahamba labantu bakoJuda besuka edolobheni laMalala besiyahlala phakathi kwabantu basenkangala yakoJuda eNegebi eduze le-Aradi. **17** Emva kwalokho abantu bakoJuda bahamba labakoSimiyoni abafowabo bahlasela amaKhenani ayehlala eZefathi, idolobho basebelichitha ngokupheleleyo. Ngakho lathiwa yiHoma. **18** Abantu bakoJuda bathumba njalo iGaza, i-Ashikheloni kanye le-Ekroni, idolobho linye ngalinye kanye lelizwe lalo. **19** UThixo wayelabantu bakoJuda. Bathumba ilizwe lezintaba, kodwa behluleka ukuxotsha abantu ababesemagcekeni ngoba babelezinqola zempi ezenzwe ngensimbi. **20** Njengokuthembisa kukaMosi, iHebhroni

yaphiwa uKhalebi, owaxotsha kuyo amadodana amathathu ka-Anakhi. **21** Kodwa abakoBhenjamini behluleka ukususa amaJebusi ayehlala eJerusalema; lalamhlanje amaJebusi ahlala khona labakoBhenjamini. **22** Ngalesosikhathi abendlu kaJosefa bahlasela iBhetheli, njalo uThixo wayelabo. **23** Ekuthumeni kwabo abantu ukuba bayehlola iBhetheli (kuqala idolobho lelo lalithiwa yiLuzi), **24** inhloli zabona umuntu ephuma edolobheni zasezisithi kuye, "Sitshengise ukuthi singangena njani edolobheni, thina-ke sizabona ukuthi uphatheka kuhle." **25** Ngakho wazitshengisa, zasezihlasela idolobho ngenkemba kodwa umuntu lowo zamyekela kanye labendlu yakhe bonke. **26** Ngakho-ke waya elizweni lamaHithi, lapho akha khona idolobho alibiza ngokuthi yiLuzi, okulokhe kuyilo ibizo lalo lalamhlanje. **27** Kodwa uManase kabaxotshanga abantu baseBhethi-Shani loba eThanakhi kumbe eDori loba e-Ibhiliyami kumbe eMegido kanye lasemizaneni yabo eseduzane, ngoba amaKhenani ayezimisele ukuhlala kulelolizwe. **28** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebelamandla bawabamba ngamandla amaKhenani ukuba abasebenzele kodwa kabazange bawaxotshe wonke. **29** Labako-Efrayimi kabawaxotshanga amaKhenani ayehlala eGezeri, kodwa amaKhenani aqhubeka ehlala khona labo. **30** LabakoZebhuluni kabawaxotshanga amaKhenani ayehlala eKhithironi kanye laseNahaloli, asala ephakathi kwabo; kodwa bawabamba ngamandla ukuba abasebenzele. **31** Labako-Asheri kababaxotshanga labo ababehlala e-Akho, kumbe eSidoni, kumbe e-Ahilabi loba e-Akhizibhi kumbe

eHelibha loba e-Afekhi kumbe eRehobhi, **32** njalo ngenxa yalokhu abantu bako-Asheri bahlala lamaKhenani ayeyakhe elizweni. **33** LabakoNafithali kababaxotshanga labo ababehlala eBhethi-Shemeshi kumbe eBhethi-Anathi; kodwa abakoNafithali labo bahlala lamaKhenani ayeyakhe elizweni, kwathi lawo ayehlala eBhethi-Shemeshi kanye leBhethi-Anathi abanjwa ngamandla ukuba abe yizisebenzi zabo. **34** Ama-Amori ancindezela abakoDani ukuba bahlale elizweni lezintaba, angabavumeli ukuba behlele phansi emagcekeni. **35** Njalo ama-Amori ayezimisele ukuhlala kokuphela eNtabeni iHeresi, le-Ayijaloni kanye leShalibhimi, kodwa kwathi amandla abendlu kaJosefa esemakhulu, lawo abanjwa ngamandla ukuba abe yizisebenzi. **36** Umngcele wama-Amori wawusekela uMkhandlu weNkume usiya eSela kanye langaphetsheya.

2 Ingilosi kaThixo yahamba isuka eGiligali isiya eBhokhimi yathi, "Ngalikhupha eGibhithe ngaliholela elizweni engafunga ukulinika okhokho benu. Ngathi, 'Angiyikusephula isivumelwano sami lani, **2** njalo kaliyikwenza isivumelwano labantu balelilizwe, kodwa lizabhidliza ama-alithare abo.' Kodwa lina kalingilalelanga. Likwenzeleni lokhu na? **3** Ngakho khathesi-ke ngiyalitshela ukuthi angiyikubaxotsha phambi kwenu, bazakuba yizifu kini njalo onkulunkulu babo bazakuba yimijibila kini." **4** Kwathi ingilosi kaThixo isizikhulumile zonke lezizinto kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, abantu bakhala kakhulu, **5** indawo leyo bayibiza ngokuthi yiBhokhimi. Banikela imihlatshelo kuThixo khonapho. **6**

Emva kokuba uJoshuwa esebadedele abako-Israyeli,
bahamba bayalithatha ilizwe, lowo lalowo endaweni
eyilifa lakhe. **7** Abantu bamkhonza uThixo ngezinsuku
zokuphila kukaJoshuwa labadala kulaye ababesele
bephila njalo beyibonile imisebenzi emikhulu uThixo
ayeyenzele abako-Israyeli. **8** UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni,
inceku kaThixo, wafa eseleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. **9**
Bamngcwaba emhlabeni oyilifa lakhe, eThimnathi-
Heresi, elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, enyakatho
kwentaba iGashi. **10** Kwathi emva kokuba sonke
isizukulwane leso sesiphelile, kwavela esinye
isizukulwane esasingamazi uThixo kanye lalokho
ayekwenzele abako-Israyeli. **11** Lapho-ke abako-
Israyeli benza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, bakhonza
uBhali. **12** Bamdela uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise,
owayebakhuphe eGibhithe. Balandela njalo bakhonza
onkulunkulu abehlukeneyo babantu ababehlala
phakathi kwabo. Bamthukuthelisa uThixo **13** ngoba
bamdela bakhonza uBhali labo-Ashithorethi. **14**
Ekubathukutheleleni kwakhe uThixo wabanikela
ezandleni zababahlaselayo labababaphangayo. Wabanikela
ezitheni zabo ezazibahanqile, ababengasenelisi
ukumelana lazo. **15** Zonke izikhathi lapho abako-Israyeli
bephuma ukuyakulwa, isandla sikaThixo samelana labo
ukuba behlulwe, njengokufunga kwakhe kubo.
Basebephakathi kohlupho olukhulu. **16** Kulapho-ke
uThixo abeka khona abahluleli ababahlengayo ezandleni
zabaphangi laba. **17** Belo kababalalelanga abahluleli babo
kodwa baqhubeka bekhonza abanye onkulunkulu.

Kabenzanga njengabokhokho babo, kodwa bona baphanga baphuma endleleni oyise ababehambe ngayo, indlela yokulalela imilayo kaThixo. **18** Ngasosonke isikhathi lapho uThixo ebabekela khona umahluleli, wayemthungamela umahluleli abahlenge ezandleni zezitha zabo lapho esaphila; ngoba uThixo waba lesihawu kubo lapho bebubula ngaphansi kwalabo ababebancindezele labababebahlukuluza. **19** Kodwa lapho umahluleli esefile, abantu babuyela ezindleleni zokuxhwala okwedlula ezaboyise, belandela abanye onkulunkulu, bebasebenzele njalo bebakhonza, besala ukudela izenzo zabo ezimbi lezindlela zobuqholo. **20** Ngakho uThixo wamthukuthelela kakhulu u-Israyeli wathi, "Njengoba isizwe lesi sesephule isivumelwano engasimisela okhokho baso njalo kasingilalelanga, **21** kangisayikuxotsha phambi kwaso iloba yisiphi isizwe phakathi kwezatshiywa nguJoshuwa ekufeni kwakhe. **22** Ngizasebenzisa zona ukuhlola abako-Israyeli ngibone ukuthi bazayigcina yini indlela kaThixo, bahambe kuyo njengokwenziwa ngokhokho babo." **23** UThixo wayevumele ukuthi lezozizwe zisale; kazixotshanga masinyane ngokuzinikela ezandleni zikaJoshuwa.

3 Nanzi izizwe ezatshiywa nguThixo ukuze abahlole bonke abako-Israyeli ababengazibonanga izimpi eKhenani **2** (wenza lokhu ukuba azifundise izizukulwane zako-Israyeli ukulwiwa kwezimpi lezo ezazingazange zikubone ukulwa ngaphambilini): **3** ababusi abahlanu bamaFilistiya, amaKhenani wonke, amaSidoni, lamaHivi ahlala ezintabeni zaseLebhanoni kusukela eNtabeni iBhali-

Hemoni kusiya eLebho Hamathi. **4** Babetshiyelwe
ukuhlola abako-Israyeli ukuba kubonakale ukuthi
bayayilalela na imilayo kaThixo, ayeyinike okhokho
babo ngoMosi. **5** Abako-Israyeli babehlala phakathi
kwamaKhenani, lamaHithi, lama-Amori, lamaPherizi,
lamaHivi kanye lamaJebusi. **6** Bathatha amadodakazi
awo aba ngomkabo njalo bendisela amadodakazi abo
emadodaneni awo, bakhonza labonkulunkulu bawo.
7 Abako-Israyeli benza okubi emehlweni kaThixo;
bamkhohlwa uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo bakhonza
oBhali labo-Ashera. **8** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavuthela
abako-Israyeli waze wabanikela ezandleni zikaKhushani-
Rishathayimi inkosi yase-Aramu Naharayimu, lapho
abantu bako-Israyeli ababangaphansi kombuso wayo
iminyaka eyisificaminwembili. **9** Kodwa ekukhaleni kwabo
kuThixo, wabalethela umhlengi, u-Othiniyeli indodana
kaKhenazi, umnawakhe kaKhalebi, owabakhululayo. **10**
Umoya kaThixo wehlela kuye, wasesiba ngumahluleli
wako-Israyeli waya empini. UThixo wanikela uKhushani-
Rishathayimi inkosi ye-Aramu ezandleni zika-Othiniyeli,
wamnqoba. **11** Ngakho ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka
engamatshumi amane, u-Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi
waze wafa. **12** Abako-Israyeli baphinda benza okubi
emehlweni kaThixo, kwathi ngenxa yokuthi babenze
lobububi uThixo wanika u-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi
amandla phezu kuka-Israyeli. **13** Esenze ama-Amoni
lama-Amaleki amanyana laye, u-Egiloni wayahlasela u-
Israyeli, basebethumba idolobho laMalala. **14** Abako-
Israyeli babangaphansi kombuso ka-Egiloni inkosi

yaseMowabi iminyaka elitshumi layisificaminwembili.
15 Abako-Israyeli bakhala futhi kuThixo, wasebapha
umhlengi u-Ehudi, indoda eyayilinxele indodana kaGera
owakoBhenjamini. Abako-Israyeli bamthuma lesipho ku-
Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi. **16** U-Ehudi wayenze inkemba
esika inxa zombili eyayingaba yingalo lengxenye ubude
bayo, ayibophela ethangazini lakhe lwesokudla ngaphansi
kwezigqoko zakhe. **17** Wasethula isipho ku-Egiloni
inkosi yaseMowabi, owayengumuntu oqatha kakhulu. **18**
Emva kokuba u-Ehudi esesethule isipho, walaya abantu
ababesithwele ukuba bazihambele. **19** Ezithombeni eduze
leGiligali yena uqobo wabuyela emuva, wathi, “Oh nkosi,
ngilelizwi lakho eliyimfihlo.” Inkosi yathi, “Thula!” Zonke
izikhonzi zayo zasuka kuyo. **20** U-Ehudi wayilanda isihlezi
yodwa ekamelweni langaphezulu elipholileyo endlini yayo
yobukhosi wathi, “Ngilelizwi lakho elivela kuNkulunkulu.”
Kwathi inkosi isukuma esihlalweni sayo, **21** u-Ehudi
wafinyelela ngesandla sakhe senxele, wahwatsha inkemba
ethangazini lakhe kwesokudla wayithela esiswini senkosi.
22 Inkemba yatshona yasala ngesilanda, amathumbu akhe
agcwala phansi. U-Ehudi kayingcothulanga inkemba,
idanga layemboza. **23** U-Ehudi waphuma phandle, wavala
iminyango yekamelo langaphezulu wayihluthulela. **24**
Esehambile kweza izinceku zathola iminyango yekamelo
langaphezulu ihluthulelwe. Zathi, “Kutsho ukuthi iye
ngaphandle ekamelweni elingaphakathi kwendlu.” **25**
Zalinda zaze zakhathazeka, kodwa ngoba ingasavulanga
iminyango yekamelo lelo, zathatha ikhiye zayivula.
Lapho-ke zabona inkosi yazo iwele phansi, isifile.

26 Zisalindile, u-Ehudi wasuka wahamba. Wedlula
eduzane lezithombe wabalekela eSeyira. **27** Esefike
lapho wakhalisa icilongo elizweni lezintaba lako-
Efrayimi, abako-Israyeli basebesehla laye ezintabeni,
yena ebakhokhele. **28** Wabalaya wathi, "Ngilandelani,
ngoba uThixo usenikele uMowabi, isitha senu, ezandleni
zenu." Ngakho behlela laye phansi bemlandela, kwathi
sebethumbe amazibuko eJodani ayewelela eMowabi,
kabaze bavumela muntu ukuba achaphele ngaphetsheya.
29 Ngalesosikhathi babulala amaMowabi ayengaba
zinkulungwane ezilitshumi, wonke ayeqinile elamandla;
akukho muntu owaphunyukayo. **30** Ngalolosuku iMowabi
yanqotshwa yi-Israyeli, ilizwe laselisiba lokuthula
iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **31**
Emva kuka-Ehudi kwaba loShamigari indodana ka-
Anathi owabulala amaFilistiya angamakhulu ayisithupha
ngesijujo senkabi. Laye wamkhulula u-Israyeli.

4 Abako-Israyeli baphinda benza okubi phambi
kukaThixo, emva kokuba u-Ehudi esefile. **2** Ngakho
uThixo wabanikela ezandleni zikaJabhini, inkosi
yaseKhenani, owayebusa eHazori. Umlawuli webutho
lakhe wayenguSisera, owayehlala eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi.
3 Ngoba wayelezinqola zempi ezensimbi ezingamakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye munye njalo encindezele abako-
Israyeli kabuhlungu okweminyaka engamatshumi
amabili, bacela usizo kuThixo. **4** Ngalesosikhathi u-
Israyeli wayekhokhelwa nguDibhora umphrofethikazi,
umkaLaphidothi. **5** Wayethonisela amacala ngaphansi
kwesihlahla seLala likaDibhora phakathi kweRama

leBhetheli elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, njalo abantu bako-Israyeli baya kuye ukuba kwenziwe izinqumo ngemibono yabo. **6** Wabiza uBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami waseKhedeshi koNafithali wathi kuye, “UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uyakulaya uthi: ‘Suka, uhambe labantu bakoNafithali labakoZebhuluni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi ubakhokhelele eNtabeni iThabhori. **7** Ngizahugela uSisera, umlawuli webutho likaJabhini, lezinqola zakhe zempi kanye lamabutho emfuleni uKhishoni ngimnikele ezandleni zakho.’” **8** UBharakhi wathi kuye, “Nxa uhamba lami, ngizahamba; kodwa nxa ungahambi lami, kangiyikuhamba.” **9** UDibhora wathi, “Kulungile, ngizahamba lawe. Kodwa ngenxa yendlela oqhuba ngayo lokhu udumo kaluyikuba ngolwakho, ngoba uThixo uzanikela uSisera kowesifazane.” Ngakho uDibhora wahamba loBharakhi eKhedeshi **10** lapho abizela khona uZebhuluni loNafithali. Abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi bamlandela. UDibhora laye wahamba labo. **11** Ngalesosikhathi uHebheri umKheni wayetshiye amanye amaKheni, izizukulwane zikaHobhabhi, uyisezala kaMosi, wamisa ithente lakhe phansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi eZananimi eduze leKhedeshi. **12** Kwathi uSisera sebemtshelile ukuthi uBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami wayeseye eNtabeni iThabhori, **13** uSisera waqoqela ndawonye izinqola zakhe zempi ezensimbi ezingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye munye lawo wonke amadoda ayelaye, kusukela eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi kusiya emfuleni uKhishoni. **14** UDibhora wasesithi kuBharakhi, “Hamba! Lolu

yilo usuku uThixo anikele ngalo uSisera ezandleni zakho. Kanti uThixo kahambanga phambi kwakho na?" Ngakho uBharakhi wehlela eNtabeni iThabhori elandelwa ngabantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **15** UBharakhi wathi esesondela uThixo wamhlasela uSisera lezinqola zakhe zonke zempi kanye lebutho ngenkemba, njalo uSisera watshiya izinqola zakhe zempi wabaleka ngezinyawo. **16** Kodwa uBharakhi waxotshana lezinqola zempi lebutho waze wafika eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi. Wonke amabutho kaSisera abulawa ngenkemba, akukho muntu owasilayo. **17** Kodwa uSisera wabaleka ngezinyawo waze wayafika ethenteni likaJayeli, umkaHebheri umKheni, ngoba kwakulobudlelwano obuhle phakathi kukaJabhini inkosi yaseHazori lomndeni kaHebheri umKheni. **18** UJayeli waphuma wahlangabeza uSisera wasesithi kuye, "Woza nkosi yami, ngena phakathi sibili. Ungesabi." Ngakho uSisera wangena ethenteni likaJayeli, wasemembesa ngengubo. **19** Wasesithi, "Ngomile. Ake unginathise." Wavula umxhaka wesikhumba sochago, wamnathisa, wasemembesa. **20** USisera wasesithi, "Mana emnyango wethente. Kungaba lomuntu ofika akubuze athi, 'Kulomuntu lapha na?' wena kumele uthi 'Hatshi.'" **21** Kodwa uJayeli, umkaHebheri, wathatha isikhonkwane sethente lesando, wamnyenyela ephakathi kobuthongo obukhulu, ngoba wayediniwe. Wabethela isikhonkwane enhlafunweni sangena saze sayafika emhlabathini, wafa. **22** UBharakhi wafika exotshana loSisera, uJayeli waphuma wayamhlangabeza. Wathi, "Woza, ngizakutshengisa umuntu omdingayo." Ngakho wangena laye khonapho,

uSisera wayelele isikhonkwane sethente singene satshona enhlafunweni yakhe esefile. **23** Ngalolosuku uNkulunkulu wamnqoba uJabhini, inkosi yamaKhenani, phambi kwabako-Israyeli. **24** Amandla abako-Israyeli okumelana loJabhini inkosi yamaKhenani akhula, aze amchitha.

5 Ngalolosuku uDibhora loBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami bahlabela ingoma le: **2** "Lapho amakhosana ko-Israyeli esekhokhela, lapho abantu bezinikela ngokuzithandela, dumisani uThixo! **3** Zwanini lokhu lina makhosi! Lalelani lina babusi! Ngizahlabelela kuThixo, ngizahlabelela; ngizahubela ihubo, kuThixouNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **4** Awu Thixo, ekuqhamukeni kwakho eSeyiri, lapho usuka elizweni lase-Edomi, umhlaba wanyikinyeka, amazulu athululeka, amayezi athululela amanzi phansi. **5** Izintaba zazamazama phambi kukaThixo, yena owaseSinayi, phambi kukaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **6** Ensukwini zikaShamigari indodana ka-Anathi, ensukwini zikaJayeli, imigwaqo yayideliwe; izihambi zithatha izindledlana ezimazombe. **7** Izakhamizi zako-Israyeli kazizange zilwe, zahlehlela emuva kwaze kwavela mina Dibhora, kwavela umama ko-Israyeli. **8** UNkulunkulu wakhetha abakhokheli abatsha lapho impi isifike emasangweni edolobho, kodwa akulahawu kumbe umkhonto owabonakalayo phakathi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane ko-Israyeli. **9** Inhliziyo yami ikanye lamakhosana ako-Israyeli, kanye labazinikela ngokuzithandela phakathi kwabantu. Dumisani uThixo! **10** Lina eligada obabhemi abamhlophe, lihlezi ezihlalweni zenu zengubo, lani elihamba emgwaqweni cabangani

11 ilizwi labahlabeleli ezindaweni zamanzi okunathisa.
Bahuba ngokulunga kukaThixo, ukunqoba kwezakhamizi
zako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke abantu bakaThixo behlela
emasangweni edolobho. **12** ‘Vuka, vuka, Dibhora! Vuka,
vuka, uhlabele ingoma! Vuka weBharakhi! Uthumbe
abathunjiweyo bakho, wena ndodana ka-Abhinowami.’
13 Ngakho abantu ababesele bafika ezikhulwini; abantu
bakaThixo beza kimi labalamandla. **14** Abanye bavela ko-
Efrayimi, abamdabuko wabo use-Amaleki; uBhenjamini
wayelabantu abakulandelayo. Izinduna zamabutho zavela
eMakhiri, koZebhuluni labo abaphatha intonga yomlawuli
webutho. **15** Amakhosana ako-Isakhari ayeloDibhora;
yebo, u-Isakhari wayeloBharakhi emxhuma ngesiqubu
ezigodini. Eziqintini zakoRubheni kwaba lokuhlolwa
okukhulu kwezinhliziyo. **16** Lahlalelani ezibayeni ukuzwa
amakhwelo enqanda izimvu na? Eziqintini zakoRubheni,
kwaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwezinhliziyo. **17** UGiliyadi
wahlala ngaphetsheya kweJodani. LoDani wasalelani
ngasemikhunjini na? U-Asheri wasala ngasokhunjini
wahlala emathekwini akhe olwandle. **18** Abantu
bakoZebhuluni bafaka impilo yabo uqobo engozini; wenza
njalo loNafithali emiqolweni yeganga. **19** Amakhosi
afika, alwa; amakhosi aseKhenani alwa, eThanakhi
ngasemachibini aseMegido, kodwa kawazathwala isiliva,
lempango. **20** Izinkanyezi zalwa zisemazulwini, zalwa
loSisera zisezindleleni zazo. **21** Umfula uKhishoni
wabakhukhula, umfula wendulo, umfula uKhishoni.
Phambili, mphefumulo wami; Qina! **22** Kwaduma
amasondo amabhiza ematha, ematha ehamba amabhiza

akhe alamandla. **23** ‘Iqalekiseni iMerozi,’ kwatsho ingilosi kaThixo, ‘Baqalekiseni kabuhlungu abantu bayo, ngoba kabezanga ukuzencedisa uThixo, ukuzasiza uThixo emelane labalamandla.’ **24** Kabe ngobusiswe kakhulu kwabesifazane uJayeli, umkaHebheri umKheni, obusiswe kakhulu kwabesifazane abahlala emathenteni. **25** Wacela amanzi, yena wamnika uchago, wamlethela amasi ngomganu ofanele izikhulu. **26** Wathatha isikhonkwane sethente ngesandla sakhe, isandla sakhe sokudla sathatha isando somkhandi. Watshaya uSisera, wachoboza ikhanda lakhe, waphahaza wabhoboza inhlafuno yakhe. **27** Wawohlokela ezinyaweni zakhe, wawa; wabhazalala khonapho. Wawohlokela ezinyaweni zakhe wawa; lapho awohlokela khona, wawela khonapho esefile. **28** UnakaSisera walunguza ngefasitela; ngemva kwewindi wanqolonga wathi, ‘Kungani inqola yakhe yempi iphuze kangaka ukufika? Kungani ukugodlozela kwezinqola zakhe zempi kuphuzile?’ **29** Ohlakaniphe kakhulu kumakhosazana akhe wamphendula; impela yena uhlezi ezitshela esithi, **30** ‘Kanti kabafumani mpango bayabelane na; intombazana loba amabili indoda nganye, izigqoko ezimibalabala eziyimpango kaSisera, izigqoko ezimibalabala ezicecisiweyo, izigqoko ezicecisiwe kakhulu zentamo yami, konke lokhu kuyimpango?’ **31** Ngakho sengathi zingabhubha zonke izitha zakho, Oh Thixo! Kodwa sengathi labo abakuthandayo bangaba njengelanga lapho liphuma ngamandla alo.” Kwasekusiba lokuthula elizweni iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

6 Abako-Israyeli benza okubi futhi emehlweni
kaThixo, wabanikela ezandleni zamaMidiyani iminyaka
eyisikhombisa. **2** Ngenxa yokuthi umbuso wamaMidiyani
wawuncindezela kakhulu, abako-Israyeli bazakhela
amadumba ezingoxweni zezintaba, lasezimbalwini
kanye lasezinqabeni. **3** Kwakusithi abako-Israyeli
bangalima izilimo zabo, amaMidiyani lama-Amaleki
kanye labanye abantu basempumalanga bahlasele
ilizwe labo. **4** Bahlala elizweni bachitha izilimo
umango wonke kusiya eGaza kabaze bamtshiyela lutho
oluphilayo u-Israyeli, loba izimvu kumbe inkomo loba
obabhemi. **5** Beza lezifuyo zabo lamathente abo
benjengemitshitshi yezintethe ngobunengi. Ubunengi
babantu lamakamela abo kwakungabaleki; bahlasela
ilizwe balichithiza. **6** AmaMidiyani abaphundla abako-
Israyeli baze bakhala kuThixo ukuba abasize. **7**
Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebekhalile kuThixo ngenxa
yamaMidiyani, **8** wabathumela umphrofethi, owathi,
"Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli:
Ngalikhupha eGibhithe, ngalikhupha elizweni lobugqili.
9 Ngalihluthuna emandleni eGibhithe lasezandleni
zabancindezeli benu bonke. Ngabaxotsha phambi kwenu
ngalipha ilizwe labo. **10** Ngathi kini, 'Mina nginguThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu, lingabakhonzi onkulunkulu bama-
Amori, elihlala elizweni lawo.' Kodwa kalingilalelanga."
11 Ingilosi kaThixo yafika yahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla
som'Okhi e-Ofira esasingesikaJowashi um'Abhiyezeri
lapho indodana yakhe uGidiyoni eyayibhula khona
amabele esikhamelweni sewayini ukuze iwafihlele

amaMidiyani. **12** Ingilosi kaThixo isibonakele kuGidiyoni
yathi kuye, “UThixo ulawe, butho elilamandla.” **13**
UGidiyoni waphendula wathi, “Kodwa nkosi, nxa uThixo
elathi, pho kungani konke lokhu kwenzakele kithi?
Zingaphi izimanga zakhe zonke obaba abasitshela
ngazo besithi, ‘UThixo kasikhuphanga eGibhithe
na?’ Kodwa khathesi uThixo usesidelile wasinikela
ezandleni zamaMidiyani.” **14** UThixo waphendukela kuye
wathi, “Hamba ngamandla olawo uhlenge u-Israyeli
ezandleni zamaMidiyani. Kanti kangikuthumi na?” **15**
UGidiyoni wabuza wathi, “Kodwa nkosi yami, u-Israyeli
ngingamhlenga kanjani na? Usendo lwakwethu koManase
kalulamandla, njalo mina ngingomncinyane emulini
yakwethu.” **16** UThixo waphendula wathi, “Ngizakuba
lawe, njalo uzawacakazela phansi wonke amaMidiyani,
ungatshiyi lamunye wabo.” **17** UGidiyoni waphendula
wathi, “Nxa khathesi sengithole umusa emehlweni
akho, nginika isibonakaliso sokuthi impela nguwe sibili
okhuluma lami. **18** Ngiyakucela ukuba ungahambi ngize
ngiphenduke ngilethe umnikelo wami ngiwubeke phambi
kwakho.” UThixo wathi, “Ngizahlala uze uphenduke.” **19**
UGidiyoni wangena phakathi wahlaba izinyane lembuzi,
wasesenza isinkwa esingelamvubelo ngehefa yefulawa.
Esebeke inyama esitsheni lomhluzi wayo embizeni,
waphuma lakho wayakunikela kuye ngaphansi kom’Okhi.
20 Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yathi kuye, “Thatha inyama
lesinkwa esingelamvubelo ukubeke phezu kwedwala leli,
uthele umhluzi.” UGidiyoni wenza njalo. **21** Ngesihloko
somqwayi eyayiwuphethe ingilosi kaThixo yathinta

inyama lesinkwa esingelamvubelo. Umlilo walavuka edwaleni watshisa inyama lesinkwa. Ingilosi kaThixo yasinyamalala. **22** Kwathi uGidiyoni esenanzelele ukuthi kwakuyingilosi kaThixo, wamemeza wathi, “Awu, Thixo Wobukhosi! Ngibone ingilosi kaThixo ubuso ngobuso!” **23** Kodwa uThixo wathi kuye, “Ukuthula! Ungesabi. Kawuyikufa.” **24** Ngakho uGidiyoni wakhela uThixo i-alithari khonapho walibiza ngokuthi uThixo uyiKuthula. Kuze kube lamhla likhona e-Ofira lama-Abhiyezeri. **25** Ngalobobusuku uThixo wathi kuye, “Thatha inkunzi yesibili emhlambini kayihlo, eleminyaka eyisikhombisa ubudala. Udilize i-alithari likayihlo alakhela uBhali, ugamule lezinsika zika-Ashera eziphansi kwalo. **26** Emva kwalokho wakhele uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho umhlobo we-alithari oluyilo engqongeni yalinqaba. Unikele inkunzi yesibili njengomnikelo wokutshiswa usebenzisa inkuni zensika zika-Ashera ozigamuleyo.” **27** Ngakho uGidiyoni wathatha izinceku zakhe ezilitshumi wenza njengokutshelwa kwakhe nguThixo. Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wayesesaba abemuli yakwabo labantu basedolobheni, wakwenza ebusuku kulokuba kube semini. **28** Ekuseni kwathi abantu bedolobho lelo bevuka babona i-alithari likaBhali lidiliziwe, lezinsika zika-Ashera emaceleni alo ziganyulwe lenkunzi yesibili inikelwe phezu kwe-alithari elalisanda kwakhiwa! **29** Babuzana besithi, “Ngubani owenze lokhu?” Kwathi sebebuzisise kakuhle babatshela ukuthi, “Kwenziwe nguGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi.” **30** Abantu bakulelodolobho bathonisa uJowashi bathi, “Ikhuphe indodana yakho.

Kumele ife, ngoba idilize i-alithari likaBhali yagamula lezinsika zika-Ashera emaceleni alo.” **31** Kodwa uJowashi waphendula ixuku lelo elalifuthelene limhanqile wathi, “Lizakhulumela uBhali na? Lizama ukumhlenga na? Loba ngubani omlwelayo uzabulawa ekuseni! Nxa uBhali engunkulunkulu sibili, angazivikela nxa umuntu ediliza i-alithari lakhe.” **32** Ngakho ngalelolanga uGidiyoni bambiza ngokuthi “Jerubhi-Bhali,” besithi, “UBhali kalwe laye,” ngoba wadiliza i-alithari likaBhali. **33** Ngalesosikhathi wonke amaMidiyani, lama-Amaleki kanye labanye abantu basempumalanga bamanyana bachapha iJodani, bamisa eSigodini saseJezerili. **34** Umoya kaThixo wafika kuGidiyoni, wasetshaya icilongo emema ama-Abhiyezeri ukuba amlandele. **35** Wathuma izithunywa kulolonke elakoManase, ebatshela ukuba bahlome, lako-Asheri, koZebhuluni kanye lakoNafithali, ukuze labo bayebahlangabeza. **36** UGidiyoni wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Nxa uzasindisa u-Israyeli ngesandla sami njengoba uthembisile, **37** khangela ngizabeka uboya bewulu esizeni. Kungaba lamazolo eboyeni bewulu kuphela iphansi lomile, ngizakwazi ukuthi uzamsindisa u-Israyeli ngesandla sami njengoba utshilo.” **38** Lokho yikho okwenzakalayo. Kusisa uGidiyoni wavuka ekuseni wakhama uboya wahluza amazolo, umganu wagcwala amanzi. **39** UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, “Ungangithukutheleli. Ngivumela ngenze esinye isicelo esisodwa. Ngivumela ukuhlola kanye futhi ngoboya. Khathesi yomisa uboya kuthi iphansi ligcwale amazolo.”

40 Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu wenza njalo. Uboya
kuphela yibo obabomile; iphansi lonke ligcwele amazolo.

7 Ekuseni kakhulu uJerubhi-Bhali (lowo nguGidiyoni)
labantu bakhe bonke bamisa emthonjeni waseHarodi.
Izihonqo zamaMidiyani zazingasenyakatho kwabo
esigodini eduzane lentaba yaseMore. **2** UThixo
wathi kuGidiyoni, "Abantu olabo banengi kakhulu
ukuba nginikele amaMidiyani ezandleni zabo. Ukuze
u-Israyeli angazincomi kimi esithi amandla akhe
amsindisile, **3** memezela ebantwini khathesi nje uthi,
'Lowo othuthumelayo ngenxa yokwesaba angabuyela
emuva asuke eNtabeni iGiliyadi.'" Ngakho abantu
abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili
babuyela, kwathi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi basala.
4 Kodwa uThixo wathi kuGidiyoni, "Abantu balokhu
bebanengi kakhulu. Behlisele emanzini, ngizakuhlolela
bona khonale. Ngingathi, 'Lo uzahamba lawe,'
uzahamba; kodwa ngingathi, 'Lo kazukuhamba lawe,'
akayikuhamba." **5** Ngakho uGidiyoni wabathatha
abantu wabasa ngasemanzini. Khonapho uThixo wathi
kuGidiyoni, "Yehlukanisa labo abaxhapha amanzi
ngolimi lwabo njengenja kulabo abaguqa phansi
ukuba banathe." **6** Abantu abangamakhulu amathathu
bakhaphazela amanzi emilonyeni yabo ngezandla zabo.
Abanye bonke baguqa phansi ngamadolo abo ukuba
banathe. **7** UThixo wasesithi kuGidiyoni, "Ngamadoda
angamakhulu amathathu anathe equthile ngizakusindisa
nginikele amaMidiyani ezandleni zakho. Amanye wonke
adedele aye emizini yabo." **8** Ngakho uGidiyoni

wabuyisela inengi labako-Israyeli emathenteni abo
wasala labangamakhulu amathathu, abayibo abathatha
ukudla lamacilongo abanye. Izihonqo zamaMidiyani
zazingaphansi kwakhe esigodini. **9** Ngalobobusuku uThixo
wathi kuGidiyoni, “Vuka, yehla uyehlasela izihonqo
ngoba ngizazinikela ezandleni zakho. **10** Nxa usesaba
ukuhlasela, yehlela ezihonqweni lenceku yakho uPhura
11 ulalele abakutshoyo. Emva kwalokho uzakuba lesibindi
sokuhlasela izihonqo.” Ngakho yena loPhura inceku
yakhe behlela emaphethelweni ezihonqo. **12** AmaMidiyani
lama-Amaleki kanye labanye bonke abasempumalanga
babemise esigodini, bebanengi njengentethe. Amakamela
abo ayengeke abalwe njengetshebetshebe okhunjini
lolwandle. **13** UGidiyoni wafika omunye umuntu
esatshela umngane wakhe iphupho lakhe. Wathi,
“Ngiphuphe iphupho. Isinkwa sebhali esiyindilinga size
sigiqikela ezihonqweni zamaMidiyani. Sitshaye ithente
ngamandla amakhulu ithente lagenquka lawohlokela
phansi.” **14** Umngane wakhe waphendula wathi, “Lokhu
akungeke kube ngolunye ulutho ngaphandle kwenkemba
kaGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi, um’Israyeli. UNkulunkulu
usenikele amaMidiyani lezihonqo zonke ezandleni
zakhe.” **15** Kwathi uGidiyoni esezwe iphupho lelo
lengcazelo yalo, wakhonza. Wabuyela ezihonqweni
zako-Israyeli wamemeza esithi, “Vukani! UThixo
usenikele izihonqo zamaMidiyani ezandleni zenu!” **16**
Esehlukanise abantu abangamakhulu amathathu baba
ngamaviyo amathathu, bonke wabanika amacilongo
lezimbizanyana ezingelalutho, zilezibane phakathi. **17**

Wathi kubo, “Ngikhangelani. Lingilandele. Lapho sengifike
emaphethelweni ezihonqo, lenze engizabe ngikwenza.
18 Nxa mina labo bonke abalami sesitshaya amacilongo
ethu, lina ezindaweni zonke zezihonqo likhalise awenu
limemeza lisithi, ‘NgekaThixo lekaGidiyoni.’” **19** UGidiyoni
lamadoda alikhulu ayelaye bafika emaphethelweni
ezihonqo ekuqaliseni komlindo waphakathi, besanda
kuntshintsha abalindi. Bakhalisa amacilongo abo babulala
lenkonxa ababeziphethe. **20** Amaviyo amathathu akhalisa
amacilongo abulala inkonxa. Bephethe izibane ngezandla
zabo zenxele, ezandleni zokudla bephethe amacilongo
ababezawakhalisa, bamemeza bathi, “Inkemba kaThixo
lekaGidiyoni!” **21** Umuntu munye ngamunye wayemi
endaweni yakhe behanqe izihonqo, amaMidiyani wonke
agijima, ehlaba umkhosi ebaleka. **22** Kwathi amacilongo
angamakhulu amathathu esekhala, uThixo wenza
ukuthi abantu ababesezindaweni zonke ezihonqweni
bahlaselane ngezinkemba zabo. Ibutho labalekela eBhethi-
Shitha ngokuya eZerera kusiyafika emngceleni we-
Abheli-Mehola eduzane leThabathi. **23** Abako-Israyeli
labakoNafithali, labako-Asheri labo bonke abakoManase
babizwa, baxotshana lamaMidiyani. **24** UGidiyoni
wathuma izithunywa kulolonke ilizwe lamaqaqa elako-
Efrayimi, esithi, “Yehlani lihlasele amaMidiyani lithumbe
iziziba zaseJodani phambi kwawo kusiyafika eBhethi-
Bhara.” Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Efrayimi babizwa
bazithumba iziziba zaseJodani kusiyafika eBhethi-Bhara.
25 Bathumba labakhokheli bamaMidiyani ababili, u-Orebhi
loZebhi. U-Orebhi bambulalela edwaleni lika-Orebhi,

uZebhi esikhamelweni sewayini sikaZebhi. Baxotshana lamaMidiyani, amakhanda ka-Orebhi loZebhi bawasa kuGidiyoni owayeseJodani.

8 Abako-Efrayimi babuza uGidiyoni bathi, “Kungani usiphathe kanje na? Kungani ungasibizanga lapho ususiyakulwa lamaMidiyani?” Bamsola kakhulu. **2** Kodwa yena wabaphendula wathi, “Kuyini mina engikufezileyo okulingana lokwenu na? Amagrebisi ako-Efrayimi aseleyo ekuvuneni kawangcono kulamagrebisi esivuno esipheleleyo sako-Abhiyezeri na? **3** UNkulunkulu unikele u-Orebhi loZebhi, abakhokheli bamaMidiyani, ezandleni zenu. Kuyini lokho engikwenzileyo lapho ngiqathaniswa lani?” Ngalokhu ukuthukuthela kwabo kwadeda. **4** UGidiyoni labantu bakhe abangamakhulu amathathu sebediniwe kodwa belokhu bexotshana lawo, bafika eJodani bayichapha. **5** Wasesithi ebantwini baseSukhothi, “Phanini amabutho ami izinkwa; akhathele, njalo ngisaxotshana loZebha kanye loZalimuna, amakhosi aseMidiyani.” **6** Kodwa izikhulu zaseSukhothi zathi, “Usulazo mathupha yini izandla zikaZebha loZalimuna? Kungani amabutho akho kumele siwanike izinkwa?” **7** UGidiyoni waphendula wathi, “Ngenxa yalokho, lapho uThixo esenikele uZebha loZalimuna esandleni sami, ngizaklaya imizimba yenu ngameva asenkangala.” **8** Esuka lapho waya ePheniweli, wenza isicelo esifanayo kubo, kodwa baphendula njengabantu beSukhothi. **9** Ngakho wathi ebantwini basePheniweli, “Ekuphendukeni kwami senginqobile, ngizawudiliza umphotshongo lo.” **10** Ngalesosikhathi

uZebha loZalimuna babeseKhakhori lebutho labantu ababephosa babe zinkulungwane ezilitshumi lanhlanu, ababesele emabuthweni asempumalanga; izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili zababesilwa ngenkemba zasezifile. **11** UGidiyoni wahamba ngendlela yamasili empumalanga kweNobha leJogibheha wahlasela ibutho elalilibele. **12** UZebha loZalimuna, amakhosi womabili aseMidiyani, babaleka, kodwa waxotshana labo wababamba, wawachitha wonke amabutho abo. **13** Emva kwalokho uGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wabuyela evela empini ngoKhalo lwaseHeresi. **14** Wabamba ijaha laseSukhothi walibuzabuza, ijaha lelo lamlobela amabizo eziphathamandla zaseSukhothi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, abadala bomuzi. **15** UGidiyoni wafika wathi ebantwini baseSukhothi, “Nangu uZebha loZalimuna elalingichothoza ngabo lisithi, ‘Usulazo yini izandla zikaZebha loZalimuna? Kungani amabutho akho akhatheleyo kumele siwanike izinkwa na?’” **16** Wathatha abadala bomuzi wasefundisa amadoda aseSukhothi isifundo ngokubajezisa ngameva asenkangala. **17** Wadiliza lomphotshongo wasePheniweli wabulala amadoda akulowomuzi. **18** Wabuza uZebha loZalimuna wathi, “Ngabantu abanjani labo elababulalayo eThabhori?” Baphendula bathi, “Ngabantu abanjengawe, lowo lalowo efana lenkosana.” **19** UGidiyoni waphendula wathi, “Labobantu babengabafowethu, amadodana kamama. Ngeqiniso njengoba uThixo ephila, aluba labayekela bephila, kade bengingeyikulibulala.” **20** Wasephendukela kuJetha, indodana yakhe endala, wathi, “Babulale!”

Kodwa uJetha kayihwatshanga inkemba yakhe, ngoba wayengumfanyana esesaba. **21** UZebha loZalimuna bathi, “Woza, usibulale wena ngokwakho. ‘Njengoba indoda injalo, anjalo lamandla ayo.’” Ngakho uGidiyoni wasondela phambili wababulala, wasethatha imiceciso entanyeni zamakamela abo. **22** Abako-Israyeli bathi kuGidiyoni, “Sibuse wena, lendodana yakho kanye lendodana yendodana yakho ngoba usisindisile ezandleni zamaMidiyani.” **23** Kodwa uGidiyoni wathi kubo, “Mina kangiyikulibusa, lendodana yami kayiyikulibusa. UThixo uzalibusa.” **24** Wabuya wathi, “Ngilesicelo esisodwa, ukuthi omunye lomunye wenu angiphe icici esabelweni sempango yenu.” (Ukufaka amacici egolide kwakungumkhuba wama-Ishumayeli.) **25** Baphendula bathi, “Sizathaba ukukunika wona.” Ngakho bendlala ingubo, kwathi umuntu ngamunye waphosela kuyo icici lempango yakhe. **26** Isisindo samacici egolide ayewacelile saba ngamashekeli angamakhulu alitshumi lesikhombisa, kungabalwa izigqizo lemigaxo lezembatho eziyibubende ezigqokwa ngamakhosi aseMidiyani loba amaketane ayesezintanjeni zamakamela awo. **27** UGidiyoni wenza isithombe ngegolide lelo, wasibeka e-Ofira, umuzi wakibo. Bonke abako-Israyeli bazingcolisa ngokusikhonza khonapho, njalo saba ngumjibila kuGidiyoni labendlu yakhe. **28** IMidiyani yanqotshwa kanjalo ngabako-Israyeli njalo kayizange ivuse ikhanda futhi. Ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaGidiyoni ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **29** UJerubhi-Bhali indodana kaJowashi wabuyela ekhaya ukuyahlala

khona. **30** Wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa angawakhe ngoba wayelabafazi abanengi. **31** Umkakhe weceleni, owayehlala eShekhemu, laye wamzalela indodana ayithi ngu-Abhimelekhi. **32** UGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wafa eseluphele kakhulu wangcwatshwa ethuneni likayise uJowashi e-Ofira yama-Abhiyezeri. **33** Masinyane nje uGidiyoni esanda kufa abako-Israyeli bazingcolisa njalo ngokukhonza oBhali. Bamisa uBhali-Bherithi njengonkulunkulu wabo **34** kabaze bamkhumbula uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo owayebahlenge ezandleni zezitha zabo ezinhlangothini zonke. **35** Njalo kababanga lomusa kwabendlu kaJerubhi-Bhali (uGidiyoni) ngezinto zonke ezinhle ayebenzele zona.

9 U-Abhimelekhi indodana kaJerubhi-Bhali waya kubomalumakhe eShekhemu lakubo bonke abosendo lukanina wathi kubo, **2** "Buzani bonke abantu baseShekhemu ukuthi, 'Yikuphi okungcono kini: ukubuswa yiwo wonke amadodana kaJerubhi-Bhali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa kumbe indoda eyodwa?' Likhumbule ukuthi mina ngingumzimba legazi lenu." **3** Kwathi abanewabo bakanina sebekutshilo konke lokhu ebantwini baseShekhemu, bafuna ukumlandela u-Abhimelekhi, ngoba bathi, "Ungumfowethu." **4** Bamnika amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, athathwa ethempelini likaBhali-Bherithi, u-Abhimelekhi aqhatsha ngawo izigebenga ezingakhathaliyo, ezaba ngabalandeli bakhe. **5** Waya emzini kayise e-Ofira kwathi abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, amadodana kaJerubhi-Bhali, wababulalela phezu kwedwala linye.

Kodwa uJothamu, indodana encane kaJerubhi-Bhali waphepha ngokucatsha. **6** Emva kwalokho bonke abantu baseShekhemu labeBhethi Milo babuthana ngaphansi kwesihlahla som'Okhi ensikeni eShekhemu ukuba u-Abhimelekhi bamfake abe yinkosi. **7** Kwathi uJothamu esetshelwe lokhu wakhwela waya esiqongweni seNtaba iGerizimu wanqolonga esithi kubo, "Ngilalelani, bantu baseShekhemu, ukuze uNkulunkulu alilalele. **8** Ngelinye ilanga izihlahla zasuka zayazigcobela inkosi yazo. Zathi esihlahleni se-oliva, 'Woba yinkosi yethu.' **9** Kodwa isihlahla se-oliva saphendula sathi, 'Kambe ngingadela amafutha ami, okudunyiswa ngawo onkulunkulu labantu, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?' **10** Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni somkhiwa, 'Woza ube yinkosi yethu.' **11** Kodwa isihlahla somkhiwa saphendula sathi, 'Kambe ngingadela izithelo zami ezinhle kangaka njalo zimnandi, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?' **12** Lapho-ke izihlahla zathi esihlahleni sevini, 'Woza ube yinkosi yethu.' **13** Kodwa isihlahla sevini saphendula sathi, 'Kambe ngingadela iwayini lami elithokozisa onkulunkulu labantu, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?' **14** Ekucineni zonke izihlahla zathi esihlahleni sameva, 'Woza ube yinkosi yethu.' **15** Isihlahla sameva sathi ezihlahleni, 'Nxa lifuna ngempela ukuthi lingigcobe ukuba ngibe yinkosi yenu, wozani lizecatsha emthunzini wami, kodwa nxa kungenjalo, akuphume umlilo esihlahleni sameva uqothule imsedari yaseLebhanoni!' **16** Nxa lenze okubongekayo njalo ngobuqotho ekubekeni kwenu u-Abhimelekhi ukuba abe yinkosi, njalo nxa lenze

okulungileyo kuJerubhi-Bhali labendlu yakhe, njalo nxa limphathe ngendlela emfaneleyo, **17** ngoba ubaba walilwela, wabeka impilo yakhe engozini ukuba alihlenge ezandleni zamaMidiyani **18** kodwa lamuhla selivukele abendlu kababa, kwathi amadodana akhe angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lawabulalela phezu kwedwala linye, kwathi u-Abhimelekhi, indodana yesigqilikazi sakhe, lamenza waba yinkosi yabantu baseShekhemu ngoba engumfowenu, **19** ngakho nxa lenzenjalo ngobuqotho kuJerubhi-Bhali labendlu yakhe lamuhla, thokozani ngo-Abhimelekhi, kube njalo laye ngani futhi! **20** Kodwa nxa lingenzanga njalo, akuphume umlilo ku-Abhimelekhi uliqothule, bantu baseShekhemu labaseBhethi Milo, njalo kuphume umlilo kini bantu baseShekhemu labaseBhethi Milo, uqothule u-Abhimelekhi!" **21** Emva kwalokhu uJothamu wabaleka, waya eBheri, wahlala khona ngoba wayesesaba umfowabo u-Abhimelekhi. **22** Kwathi u-Abhimelekhi esebuse abako-Israyeli iminyaka emithathu **23** uNkulunkulu wathumela umoya omubi phakathi kuka-Abhimelekhi labantu baseShekhemu bamhlamukela u-Abhimelekhi. **24** UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu ukuze ububi obenziwa emadodaneni kaJerubhi-Bhali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ukuchithwa kwegazi lawo, buphindiselwe kumfowabo u-Abhimelekhi lasebantwini baseShekhemu, ababemsizile ekubulaleni kwakhe abafowabo. **25** Ekumelaneni kwabo laye abantu baseShekhemu laba babeka abantu ezingqongeni zezintaba ukuba bacathamele bonke abadlula lapho babaphange, njalo lokhu kwabikwa ku-Abhimelekhi. **26** UGali indodana ka-

Ebhedi wathuthela eShekhemu labafowabo, njalo abantu bakhona bamethemba. **27** Kwathi sebeye emasimini babutha amagrebisi bawagxoba, baba ledili ethempelini likankulunkulu wabo. Kwathi besidla njalo benatha, bamthuka u-Abhimelekhi. **28** Lapho-ke uGali indodana ka-Ebhedi, wathi, "Ungubani u-Abhimelekhi, loShekhemu ungubani, ukuba asibuse na? Akasindodana kaJerubhi-Bhali yini, njalo uZebhuli kasimsekeli wakhe na? Khonzani abantu baseHamori, yise kaShekhemu! Kungani kumele sikhonze u-Abhimelekhi na? **29** Sengathi ngabe abantu laba balawulwa yimi! Kade ngizamsusa. Kade ngizakuthi ku-Abhimelekhi, 'Libize lonke ibutho lakho.'" **30** Kwathi uZebhuli umbusi wedolobho esizwa okwatshiwo nguGali indodana ka-Ebhedi, wathukuthela kakhulu. **31** Wathuma izithunywa ngasese ku-Abhimelekhi, esithi, "UGali indodana ka-Ebhedi kanye labafowabo sebeze eShekhemu njalo badunga idolobho ukuba likuvukele. **32** Ngakho wena labantu bakho kumele lize phakathi kobusuku limcathamele egangeni. **33** Ekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, lisondele ukuba lilihlasele idolobho. Lapho uGali labantu bakhe bephuma ukuba balihlasele, lenze loba yini isandla senu esanelisa ukukwenza." **34** Ngakho-ke u-Abhimelekhi lamabutho akhe wonke basuka ebusuku bacathama ezindaweni ezifihlakeleyo eduze leShekhemu bengamaviyo amane. **35** UGali indodana ka-Ebhedi wayephumile emi ekungeneni kwesango ledolobho kwathi u-Abhimelekhi lamabutho akhe baphuma lapho ababecatshe khona. **36** Kwathi uGali ebabona wathi kuZebhuli, "Khangela nampayana abantu bayehla besuka

ezingqongeni zezintaba!" UZebhuli waphendula wathi,
"Ubona amathunzi ezintaba kube angathi ngabantu."
37 Kodwa uGali wakhuluma futhi wathi, "Khangela,
nampayana abantu bayehla besuka phakathi kwelizwe,
njalo leviyo lamabutho liyeza livelela ngokuya esihlahleni
sezangoma." **38** UZebhuli wasesithi kuye, "Kungaphi
ukukloloda kwakho manje, wena owathi, 'Ungubani u-
Abhimelekhi ukuba asibuse na?' Laba kabasibo yini abantu
owawubahleka? Phuma uyekulwa labo!" **39** Ngakho uGali
waphuma labantu baseShekhemu walwa lo-Abhimelekhi.
40 U-Abhimelekhi wamxotsha, kwathi abanengi bafa
belimele ekubalekeni, ibanga lonke kusiya ekungeneni
kwesango. **41** U-Abhimelekhi wahlala e-Aruma, kwathi
uZebhuli wamdudula uGali labafowabo eShekhemu. **42**
Ngelanga elalandelayo abantu baseShekhemu basuka
baya egangeni, njalo lokhu kwabikwa ku-Abhimelekhi.
43 Ngakho wathatha abantu bakhe, wabehlukanisa baba
ngamaviyo amathathu wathi kabacathanyelwe egangeni.
Kwathi ebona abantu bephuma edolobheni wavuka ukuba
abahlasele. **44** U-Abhimelekhi lamaviyo ayelaye bagijimela
phambili endaweni esekungeneni kwesango ledolobho.
Amaviyo amabili agijimela kulabo ababesegangeni
ababulala. **45** Ngalo lonke lolosuku u-Abhimelekhi
waqinisa ukulihlasela kwakhe idolobho lelo waze
walithumba wabulala labantu balo. Idolobho walidiliza
wasehaza itswayi phezu kwalo. **46** Besizwa lokhu, abantu
abasemphotshongweni weShekhemu bayangena enqabeni
yethempeli lase-Eli-Bherithi. **47** Kwathi u-Abhimelekhi
esizwa ukuthi basebebuthene lapho, **48** yena labantu bakhe

bakhwela intaba iZalimoni. Wathatha ihloka wagamula amahlahla, wawetshata emahlombe akhe. Walaya abantu ababelaye wathi, “Phangisani! Yenzani lokhu elibone ngikwenza!” **49** Ngakho abantu bagamula amahlahla bamlandela u-Abhimelekhi. Bawabuthelela enqabeni leyo bayithungela ngomlilo abantu bephakathi. Ngakho bonke abantu ababephakathi komphotshongo waseShekhemu, amadoda labesifazane ababengaba yinkulungwane bafa. **50** Emva kwalokho u-Abhimelekhi waya eThebhezi wayivimbezela wayithumba. **51** Kodwa phakathi kwedolobho lelo kwakulomphotshongo oqinileyo lapho wonke amadoda labesifazane, abantu bakulelodolobho ababebalekele khona. Bazikhiyela phakathi bakhwela phezu kophahla lomphotshongo. **52** U-Abhimelekhi waya emphotshongweni lowo wawuhlasela. Kodwa wathi esebanga emnyango womphotshongo ukuba awuthungele ngomlilo, **53** owesifazane othile wawisela imbokodo phezu kwekhanda lakhe yadabula ukhakhayi lwakhe. **54** Waphanga wabiza umthwali wezikhali zakhe wathi, “Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungibulale, ukuze bangathi, ‘Wabulawa ngowesifazane.’” Ngakho inceku yakhe yamgwaza, wafa. **55** Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona ukuthi u-Abhimelekhi wayesefile, babuyela ekhaya. **56** UNkulunkulu wabuphindisela kanje ububi u-Abhimelekhi ayebenze kuyise ngokubulala abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **57** UNkulunkulu wenza ukuthi labantu baseShekhemu babuhlawulele ububi babo. Isiqalekiso sikaJothamu indodana kaJerubhi-Bhali sehlela phezu kwabo.

10 Ngemva kwensuku zika-Abhimelekhi kwavela
umuntu wako-Isakhari, uThola indodana kaPhuwa,
indodana kaDodo ukuba ahlenge u-Israyeli. Wayehlala
eShamiri, elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi. **2**
Wakhokhela u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lantathu; wasesifa, wangcwatshwa eShamiri. **3**
Walandelwa nguJayiri owaseGiliyadi, owakhokhela u-
Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili. **4**
Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu, ayegada
obabhemi abangamatshumi amathathu. Ayephethe
amadolobho angamatshumi amathathu eGiliyadi,
lalamhlanje abizwa ngokuthi Havothi Jayiri. **5** Ekufeni
kwakhe uJayiri wangcwatshwa eKhamoni. **6** Abako-
Israyeli benza okubi futhi emehlweni kaThixo. Bakhonza
oBhali labo-Ashithorethi, labonkulunkulu base-Aramu,
labonkulunkulu baseSidoni, labonkulunkulu baseMowabi,
labonkulunkulu bama-Amoni, kanye labonkulunkulu
bamaFilistiya. Ngenxa yokuthi abako-Israyeli bamdela
uThixo kabaze babe besamkhonza, **7** wabathukuthelela
kakhulu. Wabanikela ezandleni zamaFilistiya lama-
Amoni, **8** okwathi ngalowomnyaka abachitha abanqoba.
Ancindizela abako-Israyeli bonke okweminyaka elitshumi
lasificaminwembili ngasempumalanga kweJodani
eGiliyadi, ilizwe lama-Amori. **9** Ama-Amoni futhi achapha
iJodani ukuba alwe loJuda, loBhenjamini kanye lendlu ka-
Efrayimi; u-Israyeli wayephakathi kohlupho olukhulu. **10**
Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli bakhala kuThixo bathi, “Senze
isono kuwe, sadela uNkulunkulu wethu sakhonza oBhali.”
11 UThixo waphendula wathi, “Lapho amaGibhithe, lama-

Amori, lama-Amoni, lamaFilistiya, **12** lamaSidoni, lama-Amaleki kanye lamaMawoni alincindezela lakhulekela usizo kimi, kangilihlenganga ezandleni zawo na? **13** Kodwa selingidelile lakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, ngakho angisayikulisindisa. **14** Hambani liyekhala kubonkulunkulu elibathembileyo. Kabalisindise nxa seliphakathi kokuhlupheka!" **15** Kodwa abako-Israyeli bathi kuThixo, "Senze isono. Yenza kithi lokho okubona kulungile kuwe, kodwa ake usihlenge khathesi nje." **16** Ngakho basusa onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwabo bakhonza uThixo. Wayengeke alumele futhi usizi luka-Israyeli. **17** Kwathi ama-Amoni esebizelwe empini njalo emise eGiliyadi, abako-Israyeli abuthana amisa eMizipha. **18** Abakhokheli babantu baseGiliyadi bathi omunye komunye, "Lowo ozaqalisa ukuhlasela ama-Amoni uzakuba yinduna yabo bonke abahlala eGiliyadi."

11 UJeftha umGiliyadi wayelibutho elilamandla. Uyise wayenguGiliyadi; unina wayeyisifebe. **2** UmkaGiliyadi wamzalela amadodana, okwathi esekhulile asexotsha uJeftha. Athi kuye, "Wena akulalifa ozalithola emulini yakwethu ngoba uyindodana yomunye umfazi." **3** Ngakho uJeftha wabaleka kubafowabo wayahlala elizweni laseThobhi, lapho abuthanelwa khona lixuku lezigebenga zamlandela. **4** Emva kwalokho, kwathi ama-Amoni esesilwa labako-Israyeli, **5** abadala baseGiliyadi bahamba bayathatha uJeftha elizweni laseThobhi. **6** Bathi kuye, "Woza ube ngumlawuli wamabutho ethu ukuze silwe lama-Amoni." **7** UJeftha wathi kubo, "Kalingizondanga yini langixotsha endlini kababa na? Kungani lisiza

kimi khathesi seliphakathi kohlupho?” **8** Abadala baseGiliyadi bathi kuye, “Lanxa kunjalo, khathesi sesiphendukela kuwe; hamba lathi ekulweni lama-Amoni, njalo uzakuba yinduna yabo bonke abahlala eGiliyadi.” **9** UJeftha waphendula wathi, “Nxa lingabuyela lami ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni uThixo awanikele kimi, ngizakuba yinduna yenu sibili na?” **10** Abadala baseGiliyadi baphendula bathi, “UThixo ungufakazi wethu; sizakwenza njengoba usitsho impela.” **11** Ngakho uJeftha wahamba labadala baseGiliyadi, abantu bamenza waba yinduna lomlawuli wabo. Wawaphinda wonke amazwi akhe phambi kukaThixo eMizipha. **12** Emva kwalokho uJeftha wathuma izithunywa enkosini yama-Amoni lombuzo othi: “Kuyini osibangisa khona uze uhlasele ilizwe lethu na?” **13** Inkosi yama-Amoni yaphendula izithunywa zikaJeftha yathi, “Abako-Israyeli sebesukile eGibhithe bathatha ilizwe lami kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya eJabhoki, umango wonke kusiya eJodani. Khathesi libuyiseleni ngokuthula.” **14** UJeftha wazibuyisela izithunywa enkosini yama-Amoni **15** esithi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguJeftha: U-Israyeli kazange athathe ilizwe laseMowabi loba ilizwe lama-Amoni. **16** Kodwa ekusukeni kwakhe eGibhithe, u-Israyeli wadabula enkangala esiya oLwandle oluBomvu eqonda eKhadeshi. **17** U-Israyeli wathuma izithunywa enkosini yase-Edomi esithi, ‘Ake usinike imvumo yokudabula phakathi kwelizwe lakho,’ kodwa inkosi yase-Edomi kayilalelanga. Bathumela lasenkosini yaseMowabi, layo yala. Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlala eKhadeshi. **18** Emva kwalokho bahamba bedabula phakathi kwenkangala,

beceza ilizwe lase-Edomi lelaseMowabi, badlula beseceleni elingasempumalanga kwelizwe laseMowabi, bamisa ngakwelinye icele le-Arinoni. Kabangenanga elizweni laseMowabi, ngoba i-Arinoni yayingumngcele walo. **19** U-Israyeli wasethuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni, wathi kuye, 'Akusivumele sidlule phakathi kwelizwe lakho sisiya endaweni yethu.' **20** Kodwa uSihoni kamthembanga u-Israyeli ukuba adlule phakathi kwelizwe lakhe. Wabutha abantu bakhe bonke wamisa eJahazi walwa lo-Israyeli. **21** Ngakho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wanikela uSihoni labantu bakhe bonke ezandleni zika-Israyeli, wabehlula. U-Israyeli walithatha lonke ilizwe lama-Amori ayehlala kulelolizwe, **22** walithumba lonke elama-Amori kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya eJabhoki lokusuka enkangala kusiya eJodani. **23** Njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ewaxotshile ama-Amori phambi kwabantu bakhe u-Israyeli, wena ulelungelo bani lokulithatha na? **24** Kawuyikuthatha lokho okuphiwa ngunkulunkulu wakho uKhemoshi na? Ngokunjalo, yiloba yikuphi uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asiphe khona, sizakuthatha. **25** Wena ungcono yini kuloBhalaki indodana kaZiphori, inkosi yaseMowabi? Wake waxabana lo-Israyeli loba walwa laye na? **26** U-Israyeli wahlala eHeshibhoni iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu, e-Aroweri, lasemizaneni eseduzane kanye lakuyo yonke imizi elinganisane le-Arinoni. Kungani ungazihlangulanga lezondawo ngalesosikhathi? **27** Kangikonelanga, kodwa wena wenza okubi kimi ngokungihlasela ngempi. Akuthi uThixo, uMahluleli,

ahlulele umbango ngalolosuku phakathi kwabako-Israyeli lama-Amoni.” **28** Kodwa inkosi yama-Amoni kayilinakanga ilizwi eyayilithunyelwe nguJeftha. **29** Lapho-ke uMoya kaThixo wehlela kuJeftha. Wadabula eGiliyadi kanye lakoManase, wedlula eMizipha yaseGiliyadi, kuthe esuka lapho waqhubekela kuma-Amoni. **30** Njalo uJeftha wafunga isifungo kuThixo wathi, “Unganikela ama-Amoni ezandleni zami, **31** loba kuyini okuphuma emnyango wendlu yami ukuba kungihlangabeze lapho ngibuya nginqobile ngivela kuma-Amoni kuzakuba ngokukaThixo, njalo ngizakunikela njengomnikelo wokutshiswa.” **32** UJeftha waya ngaphetsheya ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni, njalo uThixo wawanikela ezandleni zakhe. **33** Watshabalalisa imizi engamatshumi amabili kusukela e-Aroweri kusiya eduze leMinithi, kusiyafika e-Abheli-Kheramimi. U-Israyeli wayinqoba kanjalo i-Amoni. **34** UJeftha esebuyele emzini wakhe eMizipha, ngubani owaphuma wamhlangabeza ngaphandle kwendodakazi yakhe, igida kukhala amagedla! Yayiyiyo yodwa umntanakhe. Ngaphandle kwakhe wayengelandodana loba indodakazi. **35** Kwathi eyibona wadabula izigqoko zakhe wakhala esithi, “Oh! Ndodakazi yami! Usungidabule wangenza ngaba lusizi, ngoba ngifunge isifungo kuThixo engingeke ngisephule.” **36** Yona yaphendula yathi, “Baba, wethule ilizwi lakho kuThixo. Kimi yenza njengoba uthembisile, njengoba uThixo esephindisele ezitheni zakho, ama-Amoni.” **37** Wasesithi, “Kodwa ngicela ungivumele kulokhu okukodwa nje. Nginika izinyanga ezimbili ukuba ngizulazule ezintabeni ngilile labangane

bami, ngoba angiyikwenda." **38** Yena wathi, "Ungahamba." Wayivumela ukuba ihambe okwezinyanga ezimbili. Yona lamantombazana lawo baya ezintabeni balila ngoba yayingasoze yende. **39** Emva kwezinyanga ezimbili yabuyela kuyise wasesenza lokho ayekufungile ngayo. Yayiyintombi egcweleyo. Kulokhu yikho okuvela khona umkhuba wama-Israyeli **40** wokuthi minyaka yonke izintombi zako-Israyeli ziyaphuma okwensuku ezine ukuba zikhumbule indodakazi kaJeftha umGiliyadi.

12 Abantu bako-Efrayimi babiza amabutho abo, bachaphela eZafoni basebesithi kuJeftha, "Kungani wena wayakulwa lama-Amoni ungasibizanga ukuba sihambe lawe na? Sizakutshisela endlini yakho." **2** UJeftha waphendula wathi, "Mina labantu bami sasilengxabano enkulu lama-Amoni njalo, lanxa nje ngalibiza, kalingihlenganga ezandleni zawo. **3** Kwathi sengibona ukuthi lalingeke lingisize, ngabeka impilo yami engozini ngachaphela ngaphetsheya ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni, uThixo wawanikela esandleni sami. Pho kungani lina lamhla selizekulwa lami?" **4** UJeftha wabuthanisa amadoda aseGiliyadi balwa lo-Efrayimi. AbaseGiliyadi babacakazela phansi ngoba abako-Efrayimi babethe, "Lina maGiliyadi labhazuka ko-Efrayimi lakoManase." **5** AbaseGiliyadi bathumba amazibuko aseJodani awokuya ko-Efrayimi, njalo kwakusithi owako-Efrayimi osindileyo angathi, "Ngivumelani ngichaphele ngaphetsheya," abantu baseGiliyadi babembuza bathi, "Ungowako-Efrayimi na?" Angaphendula athi, "Hayi," **6** bathi, "Kulungile, wothi, 'Shibholethi.'" Nxa

angathi, “Sibholethi,” ngoba engeke alitsho kuhle, babemphuthuma bambulalele emazibukweni aseJodani. Abako-Efrayimi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili babulawa ngalesosikhathi. **7** UJeftha wakhokhela u-Israyeli iminyaka eyisithupha. UJeftha wafa, wangcwatshwa emzini waseGiliyadi. **8** Ngemva kwakhe, u-Ibhizani waseBhethilehema wakhokhela abako-Israyeli. **9** Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu lamadodakazi angamatshumi amathathu. Amadodakazi akhe wawendisela kwabangaphandle komhlobo wakibo kwathi amadodana akhe wawalethela izintombi ezingamatshumi amathathu ezingasizo zomhlobo wakibo ukuba zibe ngomkawo. U-Ibhizani wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka eyisikhombisa. **10** U-Ibhizani wafa, wangcwatshwa eBhethilehema. **11** Ngemva kwakhe, u-Eloni umZebhuluni wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka elitshumi. **12** U-Eloni wafa, wangcwatshwa e-Ayijaloni elizweni lakoZebhuluni. **13** Ngemva kwakhe, u-Abhidoni indodana kaHileli, owasePhirathoni, wakhokhela abako-Israyeli. **14** Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amane labazukulu besilisa abangamatshumi amathathu, ayegada obabhemi abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka eyisitshiyagalombili. **15** U-Abhidoni indodana kaHileli wafa, wangcwatshwa ePhirathoni ko-Efrayimi, elizweni lezintaba elama-Amaleki.

13 Abako-Israyeli benza okubi njalo emehlweni kaThixo, ngakho uThixo wabanikela ezandleni zamaFilistiya okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **2** Umuntu

othile waseZora, owayethiwa nguManowa, owosendo lwakoDani, wayelomfazi owayeyinyumba engelamntwana.
3 Ingilosi kaThixo yabonakala kuye yathi, “Uyinyumba kawulamntwana, kodwa uzathatha isisu ube lendodana.
4 Ngakho nanzelela ukuthi kawunathi wayini loba okunye okunathwayo okulemvubelo kanye lokuthi ungadli ukudla okungcolileyo, **5** ngoba uzathatha isisu uzale indodana. Akungabi lempuco ezasetshenziswa ekhanda layo, ngoba umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri, owahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu kusukela ekuzalweni, njalo uzakukhulula abako-Israyeli ezandleni zamaFilistiya.” **6** Emva kwalokho owesifazane lowo waya kumkakhe wamtshela wathi, “Kufike umuntu kaNkulunkulu kimi. Ubefana lengilosi kaNkulunkulu, esesabeka kakhulu. Angimbuzanga ukuthi ubevela ngaphi, njalo laye kangitshelanga ibizo lakhe.
7 Kodwa uthe kimi, ‘Uzathatha isisu uzale indodana. Ngakho-ke unganathi iwayini loba okunye okunathwayo okulemvubelo, njalo ungadli lutho olungcolileyo, ngoba umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela ekuzalweni kuze kube lusuku lokufa kwakhe.’” **8** UManowa wasekhuleka kuThixo esithi, “Awu Nkosi, ngiyakucela, umuntu kaNkulunkulu omthumileyo kabuye futhi azesifundisa ukuthi umfana ozazalwa wondliwa njani.” **9** UNkulunkulu wamuzwa uManowa, ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yafika njalo kowesifazane lowo esegangeni; kodwa umkakhe uManowa wayengekho. **10** Owesifazane lowo wagijima wayatshela umkakhe wathi, “Ukhona lapha! Umuntu engimbone mhlalokhuyana!” **11** UManowa wasuka walandela umkakhe. Esefikile kulowomuntu,

wathi, “Unguwe yini lowo owakhuluma lomkami?” Yena wathi, “Nginguye.” **12** Ngakho uManowa wambuza wathi, “Lapho amazwi akho esegcwalisekile, umfana kuzamele aphile njani njalo lomsebenzi wakhe uzakuba ngowani?” **13** Ingilosi kaThixo yaphendula yathi, “Umkakho kumele enze konke engimtshele khona. **14** Kangadli lutho oluvela evinini, loba anathe iwayini loba okunye okunathwayo okulemvubelo loba adle ukudla okungcolileyo. Kumele enze konke engimlaye khona.” **15** UManowa wathi engilosini kaThixo, “Sifuna ukuba uhlale size sikuhlabele izinyane lembuzi.” **16** Ingilosi kaThixo yaphendula yathi, “Loba lingangibamba ngamandla ukuba ngihlale, angiyikukudla ukudla kwenu. Kodwa nxa lilungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa, unikeleni kuThixo.” (UManowa kananzelelanga ukuthi kwakuyingilosi kaThixo.) **17** UManowa waseyibuza ingilosi kaThixo esithi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho, ukuze sikubonge lapho ilizwi lakho seligcwalisekile?” **18** Yaphendula yathi, “Kungani ungibuza ibizo lami? Kaliqedisiseki.” **19** Lapho-ke uManowa wathatha izinyane lembuzi, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele wakunikela kuThixo phezu kwedwala. Njalo uThixo wenza into emangalisayo uManowa lomkakhe bekhangele: **20** Kwathi ilangabi libhebha lisuka e-alithareni lisiya ezulwini, ingilosi kaThixo yenyukela phezulu iphakathi kwelangabi. Bebona lokhu uManowa lomkakhe bathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **21** Kwathi ingilosi kaThixo ingasazibonakalisanga futhi kuManowa lomkakhe, uManowa wananzelela ukuthi kwakuyingilosi kaThixo. **22** Wasesithi kumkakhe,

“Silahliwe, sizakufa. Sibone uNkulunkulu!” **23** Kodwa umkakhe waphendula wathi, “Aluba uThixo ubeqonde ukusibulala, ubengasoze amukele umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wamabele ezandleni zethu, loba asitshengise zonke lezizinto kumbe asitshele lokhu asitshele khona.” **24** Owesifazane wazala umfana wamuthi nguSamsoni. Wakhula loThixo wambusisa, **25** loMoya kaThixo waqala ukuqubuka phakathi kwakhe eseseMahane Dani, phakathi kweZora le-Eshithawoli.

14 USamsoni waya eThimina wabona intombi engumFilistiya. **2** Esebuyele, wathi kuyise lonina, “Ngibone intombi engumFilistiya eThimina; ake liyengithathela yona ukuba ibe ngumkami.” **3** Uyise lonina baphendula bathi, “Kanti akulantombi eyamukelekayo yini phakathi kwezihlobo zakho loba phakathi kwabantu bonke bakithi? Usungaze uye kumaFilistiya angasokanga ukuba uthathe umfazi na?” Kodwa uSamsoni wathi kuyise, “Ngithathela yena. Nguye ongifaneleyo.” **4** (Uyise lonina babengazi ukuthi lokhu kwakuvela kuThixo, owayefuna ithuba lokumelana lamaFilistiya; ngoba ngalesosikhathi ayebusa abako-Israyeli.) **5** USamsoni waya eThimina eloyise lonina. Bathe sebebanga ezivinini zeThimina kwathutsha ibhuklwana lesilwane libhonga liqonde yena. **6** Umoya kaThixo wafika kuye ngamandla wasidabula ngezandla zakhe njengayengakwenza edabula izinyane lembuzi. Kodwa uyise lonina kabatshelanga ayekwenzile. **7** Emva kwalokho wahamba wayakhuluma lowesifazane lowo, wezwa emthanda. **8** Emva kwesikhathi esithile, esebuyele

ukuba ayemthatha, waphambuka ukuba abone isidumbu sesilwane. Phakathi kwaso kwasekulomtshitshi wezinyosi ziloluju, **9** waluthapha ngezandla zakhe, wahamba eludla. Esefike ebazalini bakhe, wabapha olunye kodwa kabatshelanga ukuthi wayeluthaphe esidunjini sesilwane. **10** Uyise wahamba ukuyabona owesifazane lowo. USamsoni wenza idili khona, njengokwakungumkhuba wezinsizwa ezithathayo. **11** Ekufikeni kwakhe waphiwa abakhaphi abangamatshumi amathathu. **12** USamsoni wasesithi kubo, "Lalelani ngilitshele ilibho. Lingangitshela ukuthi litshoni phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zedili, ngizalinika izembatho zelineni ezingamatshumi amathathu lezigqoko ezingamatshumi amathathu. **13** Nxa lingehluleka ukungitshela ukuthi litshoni, kumele linginike izembatho zelineni ezingamatshumi amathathu lezigqoko ezingamatshumi amathathu." Bona bathi, "Sitshele ilibho lakho. Litsho silizwe." **14** Waphendula wathi, "Kokudlayo, kwaphuma okudliwayo; kokulamandla kwaphuma okumnandi." Behluleka ukuyitsho impendulo okwensuku ezintathu. **15** Ngosuku lwesine bathi kumkaSamsoni, "Ncenga umkakho asichazele ilibho, hlezi sikutshise wena labendlu yakwenu life. Kanti usinxusele ukuzasiphanga lapha na?" **16** Lapho-ke umkaSamsoni waziphosela phezu kwakhe, ebubula esithi, "Uyangizonda. Kawungithandi ngeqiniso. Unike abantu bakithi ilibho; kodwa mina kawungitshelanga ukuthi litshoni." Yena waphendula wathi, "Angilichazanga lakubaba lomama, pho ngingalichazelani kuwe na?" **17** Owesifazane lowo wakhala zonke lezinsuku eziyisikhombisa zedili. Ngakho

ngosuku lwesikhombisa wamtshela, ngoba wayelokhu emphikelela. Laye-ke walichaza ilibho ebantwini bakibo.
18 Kwathi ilanga lingakatshoni ngosuku lwesikhombisa abantu bakulowomuzi bathi kuye, “Kuyini okumnandi kuloluju na? Kuyini okulamandla kulesilwane na?” USamsoni wathi kubo, “Aluba kalilimanga ngethokazi lami, belingeke lilichaze ilibho lami.” **19** UMoya kaThixo wasusehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla. Waya e-Ashikheloni, wabulala abantu bakhona abangamatshumi amathathu, wabemuka konke ababelakho kwathi izigqoko zabo wazinika labo ababechaze ilibho lakhe. Waya endlini kayise evutha ulaka. **20** UmkaSamsoni wasesendiselwa komunye wabakhaphi bakhe owayekhona edilini.

15 Emva kwalokho, ngesikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi, uSamsoni wathatha izinyane lembuzi wethekelela umkakhe. Wathi, “Ngiya endlini yomkami.” Kodwa uyisezala wamalela ukuba angene. **2** Wathi, “Ngangileqiniso lokuthi wawusumzonda kakhulu, ngasengimendisela kumkhaphi wakho. Umnawakhe kamuhle kulaye na? Thatha yena.” **3** USamsoni wathi kubo, “Khathesi sengilelungelo lokuphindisela okubi kumaFilistiya. Ngizawalimaza impela.” **4** Ngakho wasuka wabamba amakhanka angamakhulu amathathu wawabophanisa imisila ngambilimbili. Wasebophela uluthi lomlilo emisileni yonke ayeyibophanisile, **5** walumathisa izinti zomlilo wawayekela amakhanka angena emabeleni amiyo amaFilistiya. Watshisa ayesezizeni lamabele amiyo, lezivini kanye lezivande zama-oliva. **6** Kwathi amaFilistiya ebuza ukuthi, “Ngubani

owenze lokhu na?" atshelwa ukuthi, "NguSamsoni, umkhwenyana womThimina ngoba umkakhe wendiselwa kumkhaphi wakhe." Ngakho amaFilistiya ahamba ayatshisa umkaSamsoni kanye loyise, bafa. **7** USamsoni wathi kubo, "Njengoba selenze lokhu, angiyikukhawula engikwenzayo ngize ngiphindisele kini." **8** Wabahlasela kakubi wabulala abanengi babo. Emva kwalokho wahamba wayahlala ebhalwini edwaleni lase-Ethamu. **9** AmaFilistiya ahamba ayamisa koJuda, asabalala eduze leLehi. **10** Abantu bakoJuda babuza bathi, "Lizesihlaselelani na?" Bona baphendula bathi, "Silande ukuzabopha uSamsoni, senze kuye lokhu akwenzayo kithi." **11** Abantu bakoJuda abazinkulungwane ezintathu baya ebhalwini edwaleni lase-Ethamu bathi kuSamsoni, "Kawazi yini ukuthi amaFilistiya ayasibusa? Kuyini osusenzele khona ngempela?" Waphendula wathi, "Ngimane ngenza kuwo lokho akwenza kimi." **12** Bathi kuye, "Thina silande ukuzakubopha sikunikele kuwo." USamsoni wathi, "Fungani kimi ukuthi kaliyikungibulala lina ngokwenu." **13** Baphendula bathi, "Siyavuma. Thina sizakubopha nje kuphela besesikunikela kuwo. Kasiyikukubulala." Ngakho bambopha ngemichilo emibili emitsha, basebesuka laye edwaleni. **14** Esebanga eLehi, amaFilistiya amhlangabeza eklabalala. UMoya kaThixo wehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla. Imichilo ezingalweni zakhe yaba njengesikusha esitshileyo, izibopho zawa ezandleni zakhe. **15** Esethole ithambo lomhlathi kababhemi elitsha, walithatha wabulala ngalo abantu abayinkulungwane. **16** USamsoni wasesithi, "Ngethambo

lomhlathi kababhemi, ngibenze baba ngobabhemi. Ngethambo lomhlathi kababhemi ngibulele amadoda ayinkulungwane." **17** Eseqedile ukukhuluma walilahla ithambo lomhlathi; indawo leyo yasithiwa yiRamathi-Lehi. **18** Ngenxa yokuthi wayesome kakhulu, wakhala kuThixo wathi, "Uyiphile inceku yakho ukunqoba okukhulu. Pho sekumele ngibulawe yikoma yini njalo ngiwele ezandleni zabangasokanga na?" **19** UNkulunkulu wasevula umthonjana eLehi, kwaphuma amanzi kuwo. USamsoni esenathile, amandla akhe aphenduka, wavuseleleka. Ngakho umthombo lowo wathiwa yi-Eni Hakhore, njalo ulokhu ukhona eLehi. **20** USamsoni wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili ngesikhathi samaFilistiya.

16 Ngelinye ilanga uSamsoni waya eGaza, lapho abona khona isifebe. Walala lalo ngalobobusuku. **2** Abantu beGaza batshelwa ukuthi, "USamsoni ulapha!" Ngakho indawo leyo bayihonqolozela bamcathamela ubusuku bonke esangweni ledolobho. Kabenzanga lutho ebusuku, besithi, "Sizambulala emadabukakusa." **3** Kodwa uSamsoni walala lapho kwaze kwaba phakathi kwamabili kuphela. Lapho-ke wavuka wabamba izivalo zesango ledolobho, ndawonye lezinsika ezimbili, wakusiphula, umgoqo lakho konke. Wakwetshata emahlombe akhe, wakuthwalela phezu kwentaba ekhangele iHebhroni. **4** Ngemva kwesikhathi, wathandana lowesifazane esiGodini saseSoreki owayethiwa nguDelila. **5** Ababusi bamaFilistiya baya kuye bathi, "Mncenge ukuthi akutshengise imfihlo yamandla akhe amakhulu kanye

lokuthi singamehlula njani ukuze simbophe simnqobe.
Omunye lomunye wethu uzakupha amashekeli esiliva
angamakhulu alitshumi lanye.” **6** Ngakho uDelila
wathi kuSamsoni, “Ngitshela imfihlo yamandla akho
amakhulu kanye lokuthi ungabotshwa unqotshwe
njani.” **7** USamsoni waphendula wathi, “Nxa umuntu
angangibopha ngemichilo eyisikhombisa engonyiswanga,
ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.” **8** Ababusi
bamaFilistiya basebemlethela imichilo eyisikhombisa
emitsha eyayingonyiswanga, wambopha ngayo. **9**
Kwakulabantu ababecatshile endlini, wasembiza wathi
kuye, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!”
Kodwa yena waqamula imichilo kalula njengesiqa
sentambo lapho sisondele eduzane lelangabi. Ngakho
imfihlo yamandla akhe ayazakalanga. **10** UDelila
wasesithi kuSamsoni, “Udlale ngami; ungiqambele
amanga. Khathesi-ke ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa
njani.” **11** Yena wathi, “Umuntu angangibopha
aqinise ngamagoda amatsha angakaze asetshenziswe,
ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.” **12**
Ngakho uDelila wathatha amagoda amatsha wambopha
ngawo. Eselabantu ababecatshe endlini, wambiza wathi
kuye, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!” Kodwa
yena waqamula amagoda ezingalweni zakhe kungathi
ayeluhali nje. **13** UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni, “Kuze
kube khathesi ulokhu udlala ngami njalo ungiqambela
amanga. Ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa njani.” Yena
waphendula wathi, “Ungelukela izixha zenwele zami
eziyisikhombisa elenjini ngosungulo zibe yisibhebhedu,

ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.” Ngakho kwathi eselele, uDelila wathatha izixha eziyisikhombisa ekhanda lakhe, **14** wazelukela elenjini ngosungulo. Wambiza njalo wathi kuye, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!” Wavuka ebuthongweni wadonsa isibhebhedu losungulo kanye lelembu. **15** UDelila wasesithi, kuye, “Ungatsho njani uthi, ‘Ngiyakuthanda,’ wena ungangithembi na? Lokhu ngokwesithathu udlala ngami njalo kawungitshelanga imfihlo yamandla akho amakhulu.” **16** Ngokubelesela okunje wamncenga insuku zonke waze wacina esenengeka kakhulu. **17** Ngakho wamtshela konke wathi, “Akulampuco eseyake yasetshenziswa ekhanda lami ngoba ngingumNaziri owahlukaniselwa uNkulunkulu kusukela ekuzalweni. Nxa ikhanda lami lingaphucwa, amandla ami angasuka kimi, njalo ngingaba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke.” **18** Kwathi uDelila ebona ukuthi wayesemtshele konke, wathumela ilizwi kubabusi bamaFilistiya elithi, “Wozani futhi; usengitshele konke.” Ngakho ababusi bamaFilistiya babuyela bephethe isiliva ngezandla zabo. **19** Kwathi esemlalisile ethangazini lakhe, wabiza umuntu ukuba aphuce izixha eziyisikhombisa zezinwele zakhe, ngakho waqalisa ukumnqoba. Amandla akhe aphela kuye. **20** Wasememeza wathi, “Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!” Wavuka ebuthongweni bakhe wacabanga wathi, “Ngizaphuma njengakuqala ngizikhulule.” Kodwa wayengazi ukuthi uThixo wayesemtshiyile. **21** AmaFilistiya ambamba, amkopola amehlo asehamba laye eGaza. Esembophe ngamaketane ethusi, amupha umsebenzi

wokuchola entolongweni. **22** Kodwa inwele ekhanda lakhe zaqalisa ukukhula futhi emva kokuphucwa. **23** Ababusi bamaFilistiya babuthana ukuba banikele umhlatshelo omkhulu kuDagoni uNkulunkulu wabo njalo bathokoze besithi, "Unkulunkulu wethu unikele uSamsoni, isitha sethu, ezandleni zethu." **24** Kwathi abantu bembona, badumisa unkulunkulu wabo besithi, "Unkulunkulu wethu unikele isitha sethu ezandleni zethu, sona esachitha ilizwe lethu sabulala abanengi bethu." **25** Bephakathi kokuthokoza, baklabalala bathi, "Lethani uSamsoni azesilibazisa." Ngakho uSamsoni bayambiza entolongweni, wazabadlalela. Kwathi sebemise phakathi kwezinsika, **26** uSamsoni wathi encekwini eyayimbambe isandla, "Ngibeka lapho engizathinta khona izinsika ezisekele ithempeli, ukuze ngeyame kuzo." **27** Ithempeli laligcwele abesilisa labesifazane; bonke ababusi bamaFilistiya babekhonapho, njalo phezu kophahla kwakulabesilisa labesifazane ababephose babe zinkulungwane ezintathu bebukele uSamsoni egida. **28** USamsoni wasekhuleka kuThixo esithi, "Oh Thixo Wobukhosi, ake ungikhumbule. Oh Nkulunkulu, ake ungiqinise kanye nje futhi, kuthi ngokugalela okukodwa ngiphindisele kumaFilistiya amehlo ami amabili." **29** USamsoni wasebamba izinsika ezimbili eziphakathi, ithempeli elaligxile kuzo. Waziqinisa ngokweyama kuzo, isandla sakhe sokudla sikwenye lesenxele sikwenye, **30** uSamsoni wathi, "Kangife lamaFilistiya!" Wafuqa ngamandla akhe wonke, ithempeli lawela phezu kwababusi labantu bonke ababephakathi

kwalo. Ngalokho wabulala abantu abanengi ekufeni kwakhe kulalapho esaphila. **31** Emva kwalokho abafowabo labo bonke abendlu kayise bamlanda. Babuya laye bamngcwaba phakathi kweZora le-Eshithawoli ethuneni likaManowa uyise. Wayekhokhele abako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

17 Indoda eyayithiwa nguMikha eyayivela elizweni lamaqaqa ako-Efrayimi **2** yathi kunina, “Amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye athathwa kuwe njalo engakuzwa uwaqalekisa, sikimi lesosiliva; yimi engasithathayo.” Unina wathi, “UThixo kakubusise, ndodana yami!” **3** Esewabuyisele kunina amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye, unina wathi, “Isiliva sami ngisahlukanisela uThixo ngokuqinisekileyo ukuba indodana yami yenze isithombe esibaziweyo, sahuqwa ngesiliva. Ngizasibisela kuwe.” **4** Ngakho esesibisele kunina isiliva, unina wasethatha amashekeli angamakhulu amabili esiliva wawanika umkhandi wesiliva, wenza isithombe ngaso. Sabekwa endlini kaMikha. **5** UMikha lo wayelendawo yokukhonzela, njalo wenza isembatho semahlombe kanye lezithombe, wasebeka enye yamadodana akhe ukuba ngumphristi wakhe. **6** Ngalezonsuku u-Israyeli wayengelankosi; umuntu wonke ezenzela ayekubona kulungile kuye. **7** Ijaha laseBhethilehema koJuda elalingumLevi, elalihlala phakathi kwabosendo lukaJuda, **8** lasuka kulowomuzi lidinga enye indawo yokuhlala. Ekuhambeni kwalo lafika endlini kaMikha elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi. **9** UMikha walibuza wathi, “Uvela ngaphi na?” Lona lathi,

“NgingumLevi ovela eBhethilehema koJuda, ngidinga
indawo yokuhlala.” **10** UMikha wasesithi kulo, “Hlala
lami ube ngubaba lomphristi wami, njalo ngizakupha
amashekeli esiliva alitshumi ngomnyaka, izigqoko zakho
kanye lokudla kwakho.” **11** Ngakho umLevi wavuma
ukuhlala laye, njalo ijaha lelo lalinjengenye yamadodana
akhe. **12** UMikha wabeka umLevi ukuba ngumphristi
wakhe, njalo ijaha lelo lahlala endlini yakhe. **13** UMikha
wasesithi, “Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi uThixo uzakwenza
okulungileyo kimi, njengoba umLevi lo esebe ngumphristi
wami.”

18 Ngalezonsuku u-Israyeli wayengelankosi. Njalo
ngalezonsuku abosendo lukaDani babedinga indawo
engeyabo, lapho ababengahlala khona, ngoba babengakabi
sendaweni eyilifa labo phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli.
2 Ngakho abakoDani bathuma amabutho amahlanu avela
eZora lase-Eshithawoli ukuyahlola ilizwe lokulibona.
Amadoda la ayemele zonke insendo zakibo. Zathi kubo,
“Hambani liyehlola ilizwe.” Amadoda lawo angena
elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi ayafika endlini kaMikha,
lapho alala khona. **3** Kwathi eseseduze lendlu kaMikha
alazi ilizwi lejaha elingumLevi; ngakho aphendukela
khona alibuza athi, “Ngubani owakuletha lapha?
Wenzani kule indawo? Ufunani lapha?” **4** Lawatshela
elalikwenziwe nguMikha, laselisithi, “Ungiqatshile njalo
ngingumphristi wakhe.” **5** Asesithi kulo, “Ake usibuzele
kuNkulunkulu ukuthi uhambo lwethu luzaphumelela
na.” **6** Umphristi wawaphendula wathi, “Hambani
ngokuthula. Uhambo lwenu luvunyelwe nguThixo.” **7**

Ngakho amadoda amahlanu lawo asuka aya eLayishi, lapho
abona ukuthi abantu bakhona babezihlalele bevikelekile
njengamaSidoni, belokuthula njalo bevikelekile. Njalo
babehlezi khatshana lamaSidoni njalo bengelabuhlobo
lomunye umuntu. **8** Esebuyele eZora lase-Eshithawoli,
abafowabo bawabuza bathi, "Libone kunjani?" **9**
Aphendula athi, "Phangisani, kasibahlaseleni! Sibonile
ukuthi ilizwe lelo lihle kakhulu. Kaliyikwenza lutho na?
Lingazilazili ukuya khonale lilithathe. **10** Ekufikeni khonale
lizathola abantu abanganqinekeli lutho lelizwe elibanzi
uNkulunkulu aselifake ezandleni zenu, ilizwe elingasweli
lutho." **11** Lapho-ke amadoda osendo lwakoDani
angamakhulu ayisithupha ahlomela ukulwa, asesuka
eZora kanye le-Eshithawoli. **12** Ekuhambeni kwawo amisa
izihonqo eduze leKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi koJuda. Yikho-nje
indawo esentshonalanga kweKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi ithiwa
yiMahane Dani kuze kube lamhla. **13** Esuka lapho aya
elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi afika endlini kaMikha. **14**
Amadoda amahlanu ayehambe ukuyahlola ilizwe leLayishi
athi kubafowabo bakoDani, "Liyakwazi yini ukuthi
enye yalezizindlu ilesembatho semahlombe, labanye
onkulunkulu basendlini, lesithombe esihuqwe ngesiliva?
Khathesi selikwazi okumele likwenze." **15** Ngakho-ke
aphambukela khona aya endlini yejaha elingumLevi
koMikha, alibingelela. **16** AbakoDani abangamakhulu
ayisithupha, ababehlomele ukulwa, bema entubeni
yesango. **17** Abahlanu ababeyehlola ilizwe bangena
phakathi bathatha isithombe esibaziweyo, lesembatho
semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini, umphristi

lamadoda ahlomileyo angamakhulu ayisithupha bemi entubeni yesango. **18** Kwathi amadoda la esengene endlini kaMikha athatha isithombe esibaziweyo, lesembatho semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini kanye lesithombe esibunjiweyo, umphristi wathi kubo, “Lenzani na?” **19** Amphendula athi, “Thula! Ungatsho lutho. Woza uhambe lathi, ube ngubaba lomphristi wethu. Akungcono yini ukuthi usebenzele isizwana losendo lwako-Israyeli njengomphristi kulabendlu yomuntu oyedwa?” **20** Umphristi wathokoza. Wathatha isembatho semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini kanye lesithombe esibaziweyo wahamba labantu. **21** Sebefake abantwababo abancane, lezifuyo zabo kanye lempahla zabo phambi kwabo, baphenduka bahamba. **22** Sebehambe isibanga esithize besuka endlini kaMikha, abantu ababehlala eduzane lendlu kaMikha babizelwa ndawonye baxhuma abakoDani. **23** Kwathi bebamemeza, abakoDani baphendula bathi kuMikha, “Kungani ubize abantu bakho ukuba balwe?” **24** Yena waphendula wathi, “Lithethe onkulunkulu engabenzayo lomphristi wami, lahamba. Kuyini okunye engilakho? Lingangibuza kanjani lisithi, ‘Uhlutshwa yini na?’” **25** AbakoDani baphendula bathi, “Ungaphikisani lathi, hlezi abanye abantu abalolaka bakuhlasele, kuthi wena labendlu yakho lilahlekelwe yikuphila kwenu.” **26** Ngakho abakoDani bazihambela, kwathi uMikha ebona ukuthi babelamandla kakhulu kulaye, waphenduka wabuyela emzini wakhe. **27** Bathatha okwakwenziwe nguMikha, lomphristi wakhe, baya eLayishi, ebantwini ababelokuthula njalo bengethuki

lutho. Babahlasela ngenkemba batshisa ledolobho labo.
28 Kakho owayengabahlenga ngoba babehlezi khatshana
kakhulu leSidoni bengelabuhlobo lamuntu. Idolobho
lalisesigodini eduze leBhethi-Rehobhi. AbakoDani balakha
kutsha idolobho lelo bahlala kulo. **29** Balibiza ngokuthi
yiDani ibizo likakhokho wabo uDani, owayezalwa ngu-
Israyeli, lanxa idolobho lalikade lithiwa yiLayishi. **30**
AbakoDani bazimisela izithombe khona, njalo uJonathani
indodana kaGeshomu, indodana kaMosi, lamadodana
akhe babengabaphristi besizwana sikaDani kwaze
kwaba yisikhathi sokuthunjwa kwelizwe. **31** Baqhubeka
basebenzisa izithombe ezazenziwe nguMikha, ngasosonke
isikhathi indlu kaNkulunkulu iseShilo.

19 Ngalezonsuku abako-Israyeli babengelankosi. UmLevi
othile owayehlala esiqintini esikhatshana, elizweni
lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi wathatha umfazi weceleni
eBhethilehema koJuda. **2** Kodwa wayengathembekanga
kuye. Wamtshiya wabuyela endlini kayise eBhethilehema,
koJuda. Esehlale khona okwezinyanga ezine, **3**
indoda yamlandela ukuyamncenga ukuba abuye.
Indoda yayilenceku yayo labobabhemi ababili. Umfazi
wamngenisa endlini kayise, njalo kwathi uyise embona
wamamukela ngokuthokoza. **4** Uyisezala, uyise wentombi,
wamncenga ukuba ahlale; ngakho wahlala laye insuku
ezintathu, esidla enatha, njalo elala khona. **5** Ngelanga
lesine bavuka ekuseni, walungiselela ukusuka, kodwa
uyise wentombi wathi kumkhwenyana wakhe, “Qinisa
umzimba wakho ngongakudla; ubusuhamba.” **6**
Ngakho bobabili bahlala phansi badla banatha. Emva

kwalokho uyise wentombi wathi, “Ake ulale ubusuku balamuhla uzithokozise.” **7** Kwathi umuntu lowo evuka ukuba ahambe, uyisezala wamncenga, ngakho walala khona ngalobobusuku. **8** Ekuseni ngosuku lwesihlanu, wathi evuka ukuba ahambe, uyise wentombi wathi, “Phumula. Hlala kuze kube ngemva kwemini.” Ngakho bobabili badla ndawonye. **9** Kwathi lapho umuntu lowo, lomkakhe weceleni kanye lenceku yakhe belungiselela ukusuka, uyisezala, uyise wentombi wathi, “Khangela, sekuzakuhlwa. Lala lapha; ilanga selizatshona. Hlala uzithokozise. Kusasa ekuseni kakhulu uzavuka uthathe indlela yakho yokuya ekhaya.” **10** Kodwa umuntu lowo engasafuni ukulala obunye ubusuku lapho, wasuka waqonda eJebusi (leyo yiJerusalema), labobabhemi bakhe ababili ababebotshelwe izihlalo kanye lomkakhe weceleni. **11** Kwathi sebebanga eJebusi ilanga laselitshona, inceku yathi enkosini yayo, “Uyabona, kasime kulelidolobho lamaJebusi silale.” **12** Inkosi yayo yathi, “Hayi. Kasiyikungena edolobheni elilabantu abangasibako-Israyeli. Sizaqhubeka siye eGibhiya.” **13** Wengeza wathi, “Kasambeni, sizame ukuyafika eGibhiya loba eRama, silale kwenye yalezizindawo.” **14** Ngakho baqhubeka, ilanga latshona sebebanga eGibhiya koBhenjamini. **15** Bema lapho ukuba balale khona. Bahamba bayahlala egcekeni ledolobho, kodwa kakho owabangenisa endlini yakhe ukuba balale khona. **16** Ngalokhokuhlwa ixhegu laselizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi, elalihlala eGibhiya (abantu bakuleyondawo babengabakoBhenjamini), lafika livela emsebenzini walo

emasimini. **17** Selikhangele labona isihambi egcekeni ledolobho, ixhegu labuza lathi, “Liya ngaphi? Livela ngaphi?” **18** Yena waphendula wathi, “Siphakathi kohambo lwethu sivela eBhethilehema koJuda siya esiqintini esikhatshana elizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi lapho engihlala khona. Kade ngiseBhethilehema koJuda kodwa khathesi sengisiya endlini kaThixo. Akulamuntu ongingenise endlini yakhe. **19** Silotshani lokudla kwabobabhemi bethu lesinkwa kanye lewayini lethu thina zinceku zakho, mina lencekukazi yakho kanye lejaha esilalo. Kasisweli lutho.” **20** Ixhegu lathi, “Lamukelekile endlini yami. Ngizalinika konke elikuswelayo. Kodwa lingalali egcekeni.” **21** Ngakho lamngenisa endlini yalo, lanika labobabhemi bakhe ukudla. Sebegeze inyawo zabo, badla banatha. **22** Besazitika, abanye babantu abaxhwalileyo bakulelodolobho bahanqa indlu leyo. Batshaya isivalo, bamemeza ixhegu elalingumnikazi wendlu besithi, “Mkhuphele phandle umuntu ongene endlini ukuze siye emacansini laye.” **23** Umnikazi wendlu waya phandle wathi kubo, “Hayi, bangane bami, lingenzi okubi kangaka. Njengoba umuntu eyisethekeli sami, lingenzi into elihlazo kanje. **24** Khangelani, nansi indodakazi yami eyintombi egcweleyo, kanye lomfazi weceleni walindoda. Ngizabaletha phandle kini, lingabasebenzisa lenze kubo konke elikufisayo. Kodwa lingenzi ihlazo elinjalo kule indoda.” **25** Kodwa abantu labo kabamlalelanga. Ngakho indoda leyo yathatha umkayo weceleni yamusa phandle kubo, bamdlova njalo bamphatha kubi ubusuku bonke, kwathi emadabukakusa

bamyekela wahamba. **26** Ekuseni owesifazane lowo
waya endlini lapho umkakhe ayehlezi khona, wawela
emnyango, walala khonapho kwaze kwakhanya. **27**
Esevukile umkakhe ekuseni, wavula umnyango wendlu
waphuma ukuba aqhubeke ngohambo lwakhe, wabona
umkakhe weceleni ewele emnyango wendlu, izandla
zakhe zisentubeni yomnyango. **28** Wathi kuye, "Vuka;
kasihambe." Kodwa kamphendulanga. Ngakho umuntu
lowo wambeka phezu kukababhemi wakhe wasuka
waya emzini wakhe. **29** Esefikile ekhaya wathatha
ingqamu waquma umkakhe weceleni iziqayiqa ezilitshumi
lambili wazithumela kuzozonke izigaba zako-Israyeli. **30**
Umuntu wonke owakubonayo lokho wathi, "Into enje
kayikaze ibonakale loba yenziwe, selokhu u-Israyeli
waphuma eGibhithe. Cabangani ngakho! Likuhlole! Litsho
okungenziwa!"

20 Ngalesosikhathi bonke abako-Israyeli baphuma
njengomuntu munye kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebha
kanye laselizweni leGiliyadi, babuthana phambi
kukaThixo eMizipha. **2** Abakhokheli babantu bonke
bezizwana zako-Israyeli bathatha izindawo zabo ebandleni
labantu bakaNkulunkulu, amabutho azinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu amane ehlome ngezinkemba. **3**
(AbakoBhenjamini bezwa ukuthi abako-Israyeli babeye
eMizipha.) Abako-Israyeli basebesithi, "Sitsheleni ukuthi
into le embi yenzakale njani." **4** Ngakho umLevi,
indoda yowesifazane lowo owayebulewe, wathi, "Mina
lomkami weceleni safika eGibhiya koBhenjamini ukuba
silale khona. **5** Ebusuku abantu beGibhiya bangivukela

bahanqa indlu, behlose ukungibulala. Badlova umkami
weceleni waze wafa. **6** Ngathatha umkami weceleni,
ngamquma waba yiziqayiqa, ngathumela isiqa esisodwa
esigabeni ngasinye selifa lako-Israyeli, ngoba amanyala
lalesisenzo sokuxhwala basenzela ko-Israyeli. **7** Khathesi
lonke lina abako-Israyeli, khulumani litsho isinqumo
senu." **8** Abantu bonke basukuma njengomuntu
munye, besithi, "Akakho kithi ozakuya ekhaya. Hathi,
akakho kithi ozabuyela endlini yakhe. **9** Kodwa
khathesi esizakwenza eGibhiya yilokhu: Sizakuyayihlasela
ngokwenza inkatho. **10** Sizathatha abantu abalitshumi
phakathi kwabalikhulu kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli,
labalikhulu kwabayinkulungwane, labayinkulungwane
kwaba zinkulungwane ezilutshumi ukuba badingele
ibutho ukudla. Ekufikeni kwalo ibutho eGibhiya
koBhenjamini, lizabanika okubafaneleyo ngamanyala
lokuxhwala abakwenze ko-Israyeli." **11** Ngakho
bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlangana, bamanyana
njengomuntu munye bamelana ledolobho. **12** Izizwana
zako-Israyeli zathumela abantu kusosonke isizwana
sakoBhenjamini, zisithi, "Yibudlova bani lobu obenziwayo
phakathi kwenu na? **13** Khathesi-ke, banikeleni
labobantu baseGibhiya abagangileyo ukuze sibabulale
siqede ububi ko-Israyeli." Kodwa abakoBhenjamini
kababalalelanga abafowabo bako-Israyeli. **14** Baqoqana
eGibhiya bevela emadolobheni akibo ukuba balwe labako-
Israyeli. **15** Ngasikhathi sinye abakoBhenjamini babutha
izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha
zabahlome ngezinkemba emadolobheni akibo, phezu

kwabantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abakhethwa
kulabo abahlala eGibhiya. **16** Phakathi kwamabutho
la kwakulabantu abakhethiweyo abangamakhulu
ayisikhombisa ababengamanxele, bonke bengakhuthi
abakunxwaneleyo ngesavutha. **17** Abako-Israyeli,
ngaphandle kwabakoBhenjamini, babutha abantu
abalwa ngezinkemba abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amane, bonke bengabantu bempi. **18** Abako-
Israyeli baya eBhetheli babuza uNkulunkulu. Bathi,
"Ngubani wethu ozahamba kuqala ukuyakulwa
labakoBhenjamini?" UThixo wathi, "NguJuda ozahamba
kuqala." **19** Kusisa ekuseni, abako-Israyeli bavuka
bamisa izihonqo eduzane leGibhiya. **20** Abantu bako-
Israyeli baphuma ukuyakulwa labakoBhenjamini bema
ezindaweni ezilungele ukubahlasela eGibhiya. **21**
AbakoBhenjamini baphuma eGibhiya babulala abako-
Israyeli abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lambili endaweni yokulwela mhlalokho. **22** Kodwa abantu
bako-Israyeli banikana isibindi babuyela njalo ezindaweni
zabo lapho ababekhona ngelanga lakuqala. **23** Abako-
Israyeli bahamba bayakhala phambi kukaThixo kwaze
kwaba kusihlwa, njalo babuza uThixo bathi, "Singahamba
njalo yini siyekulwa labakoBhenjamini, abafowethu na?"
UThixo waphendula yathi, "Hambani liyebahlasela." **24**
Abako-Israyeli basondela koBhenjamini ngosuku lwesibili.
25 Ngalesisikhathi, kwathi abakoBhenjamini sebephumile
eGibhiya ukuba bamelane labo, babulala abanye njalo
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, bonke
behlome ngezinkemba. **26** Lapho-ke, abako-Israyeli

bonke lebutho lonke baya eBhetheli, bahlala khona bekhala phambi kukaThixo. Ngalelolanga bazila kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, banikela leminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yobudlelwano kuThixo. **27** Abako-Israyeli basebebuza uThixo. (Ngalezonsuku umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wawukhonapho, **28** uloFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, indodana ka-Aroni, ekhonza phambi kwawo.) Babuza bathi, "Singahamba njalo yini siyekulwa loBhenjamini umfowethu loba hatshi na?" UThixo waphendula wathi, "Hambani, ngoba kusasa ngizabanikela ezandleni zenu." **29** Ngakho abako-Israyeli bacathama bezungeze iGibhiya. **30** Bahamba bayahlasela abakoBhenjamini ngosuku lwesithathu, balungela ukuhlasela iGibhiya njengebabekwenze kuqala. **31** AbakoBhenjamini baphuma babahlangabeza baholelwa kude ledolobho. Baqalisa ukubabulala abako-Israyeli njengakuqala, kwathi ababephosa babengamatshumi amathathu bafela egcekeni emgwaqweni oya eBhetheli lomunye oya eGibhiya. **32** Kwathi abakoBhenjamini besithi, "Siyabehlula njengakuqala," abako-Israyeli bona besithi, "Kasihlehleleni emuva sibaholele kude ledolobho emigwaqweni." **33** Bonke abantu bako-Israyeli basuka ezindaweni zabo baya eBhali-Thamari, kwathi abako-Israyeli ababecatheme bahlasela bephuma endaweni yabo ngasentshonalanga kweGibhiya. **34** Izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zabantu bako-Israyeli abakhethiweyo bahlasela iGibhiya mathupha. Ukulwa kwakunzima kakhulu ngakho kwenza abakoBhenjamini bangananzeleli ukuthi ingozi yayisisondele. **35** UThixo

wamnqoba uBhenjamini phambi kuka-Israyeli, njalo ngalelolanga abako-Israyeli babulala abakoBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lekhulu, bonke behlome ngezinkemba. **36** Lapho-ke abakoBhenjamini babona ukuthi babenqotshiwe. Khonapho abako-Israyeli basebevulele abakoBhenjamini isikhala, ngoba babethembe ababecatheme eduze leGibhiya. **37** Abantu ababecatheme bagijimela eGibhiya ngokuphangisa, basabalala idolobho lonke balihlasela ngenkemba. **38** Abantu bako-Israyeli babehlele labacathamayo ukuthi benze iyezi elikhulu lentuthu phakathi kwedolobho, **39** lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli babezaphendukela ekulweni empini. AbakoBhenjamini basebeqalisile ukubulala abako-Israyeli (babephosa babengamatshumi amathathu), njalo bathi, “Siyabehlula njengempini yakuqala.” **40** Kodwa kwathi izikhatha zentuthu seziqalise ukuphakama edolobheni, abakoBhenjamini baphenduka babona intuthu yedolobho lonke iqonga isiya phezulu emkhathini. **41** Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli babaphendukela, abantu bakoBhenjamini batshaywa luvalo, ngoba babona ukuthi ingozi yayisibehlele. **42** Ngakho babaleka phambi kwabako-Israyeli beqonda enkangala kodwa behluleka ukuyibalekela impi. Abako-Israyeli abaphuma emizini bababulalela khonapho. **43** Babahanqa abakoBhenjamini, baxotshana labo, bababhuqela eduze leGibhiya kalula ngasempumalanga. **44** Kwafa abakoBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, bonke bengamaqhawe. **45** Sebephenduke babaleka beqonda

enkangala edwaleni laseRimoni, abako-Israyeli babulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu kulandela imigwaqo. Baqhubeka bexotshana labakoBhenjamini baze bayafika eGidomu babulala abanye njalo abazinkulungwane ezimbili. **46** Ngalelolanga kwafa abakoBhenjamini abalwa ngenkemba abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, bonke bengamaqhawe. **47** Kodwa abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha baphenduka babalekela enkangala edwaleni laseRimoni, lapho abahlala khona izinyanga ezine. **48** Abantu bako-Israyeli babuyela koBhenjamini bahlasela imizi yonke ngenkemba, kubalwa izifuyo lakho konke okunye abakutholayo. Yonke imizi abafika kuyo bayithungela ngomlilo.

21 Abantu bako-Israyeli babefunge isifungo eMizipha bathi, "Akukho lamunye wethu ozakwendisela indodakazi yakhe emuntwini wakoBhenjamini." **2** Abantu baya eBhetheli, lapho abahlala khona phambi kukaNkulunkulu kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, bephakamise amazwi abo bekhala kabuhlungu besithi, **3** "Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kungani lokhu kwenzakale ku-Israyeli na? Kungani esinye isizwana singekho ko-Israyeli lamhla na?" **4** Ngakusasa ekuseni abantu bakha i-alithari banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano. **5** Basebebuza abako-Israyeli besithi, "Yisiphi kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli esingabuthananga phambi kukaThixo na?" Ngoba babefunge isifungo esiqinileyo bathi lowo owayengayikuba khona ekubuthaneni phambi kukaThixo eMizipha kwakuzamele abulawe. **6** Abako-Israyeli bezwa ubuhlungu ngabafowabo

bakoBhenjamini. Bathi, “Lamuhla esinye isizwana kasisekho ko-Israyeli. **7** Labo abaseleyo singabanika njani abafazi, njengoba thina sifunge isifungo ngoThixo ukuba kasiyi kubendisela amadodakazi ethu?” **8** Babuye babuza bathi, “Yisiphi sezizwana zako-Israyeli esingabuthananga phambi kukaThixo eMizipha na?” Bafumana ukuthi akulamuntu waseJabheshi Giliyadi owayefikile ezihonqweni elande umbuthano lowo. **9** Ngoba bathi bebala abantu, bathola ukuthi kwakungelamuntu waseJabheshi Giliyadi owayekhona. **10** Ngakho ibandla lathuma abantu bempi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili belaywa ukuthi baye eJabheshi Giliyadi babahlasele ngenkemba labo abahlala khona, kubalwa abesifazane labantwana. **11** Bathi, “Kumele libulale wonke owesilisa lowesifazane ongasintombi egcweleyo.” **12** Phakathi kwabantu ababehlala eJabheshi Giliyadi bathola izintombi ezigcweleyo ezingamakhulu amane, bazisa ezihonqweni eShilo kweleKhenani. **13** Ibandla lonke lathumela ilizwi lokuthula kwabakoBhenjamini edwaleni laseRimoni. **14** Ngakho abakoBhenjamini babuyela ngalesosikhathi sebephiwe abesifazane baseJabheshi Giliyadi ababephephisiwe. Kodwa kabawanelanga amadoda wonke. **15** Abantu bezwa ubuhlungu ngabakoBhenjamini, ngoba uThixo wayesenze isikhexe phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli. **16** Abadala bebandla bathi, “Njengoba abesifazane bakoBhenjamini beqothuliwe, amadoda aseleyo siwazuzela njani abafazi na? **17** AbakoBhenjamini abasindayo kumele babe lezindlalifa, ukuze isizwana sako-Israyeli singatshabalali.

18 Asingeke sibendisele amadodakazi ethu ngoba thina
abako-Israyeli safunga isifungo lesi sathi: ‘Kaqalekiswe
lowo owendisela umBhenjamini umfazi.’ **19** Kodwa
khangelani, kulomkhosi weminyaka yonke kaThixo eShilo,
enyakatho kweBhetheli, ngasempumalanga komgwaqo
osuka eBhetheli usiya eShekhemu, ngeningizimu
kweLebhona.” **20** Ngakho balaya abakoBhenjamini bathi,
“Hambani liyecatsha ezivinini **21** lilinde. Lapho izintombi
zaseShilo ziphuma ukuba zingene ekugideni, sukani
ezivinini ligijima kuthi lowo lalowo wenu azibambele
umfazi ezintombini zaseShilo libe selisiya elizweni
lakoBhenjamini. **22** Oyise labanewabo bangakhonona
kithi, thina sizakuthi kubo, ‘Ake lisenzele umusa
ngokubasiza, ngoba kasibatholelanga abafazi ngesikhathi
sempi. Kaliyikuba lacala ngokwephula isifungo, ngoba
amadodakazi enu kaliwendiselanga kubo.’” **23** Ngakho
lokho yikho okwenziwa ngabakoBhenjamini. Kwathi
izintombi zigida, indoda yabamba intombi yahamba
layo ukuba ibe ngumkayo. Babuyela-ke elifeni labo
bayakha kutsha imizi, bahlala kuyo. **24** Ngalesisikhathi
abako-Israyeli basuka kuleyondawo babuyela emakhaya
ezizwaneni lasezinsendweni zabo, ngulowo lalowo elifeni
lakhe. **25** Ngalezonsuku abako-Israyeli babengelankosi;
umuntu wonke ezenzela ayekubona kulungile kuye.

URuthe

1 Ngezinsuku kubusa abahluleli, kwaba lendlala elizweni.
Ngakho indoda ethile yaseBhethilehema koJuda kanye
lomkayo lamadodana abo amabili, basuka bayahlala
elizweni lamaMowabi okwesikhatshana. **2** Ibizo
lalindoda lalingu-Elimeleki, elomkakhe linguNawomi,
amadodana akhe amabili ayengoMaheloni loKhiliyoni.
Babengama-Efrathi aseBhethilehema koJuda. Baya
eMowabi bayahlala khona. **3** U-Elimeleki, umkaNawomi
wafa, wasesala lamadodana akhe womabili. **4** Athatha
abafazi baseMowabi, omunye wayethiwa ngu-Opha
omunye ethiwa nguRuthe. Sebehlale lapho okweminyaka
elitshumi, **5** bobabili uMaheloni loKhiliyoni labo bafa,
uNawomi wasesala engaselamadodana kanye lomkakhe.
6 Wathi esizwa eseMowabi ukuthi uThixo wayesesize
abantu bakhe ngokubapha ukudla, uNawomi kanye
labomalukazana bakhe balungisela ukubuyela kibo. **7**
Wasuka endaweni ayekade ehlala kuyo, labomalukazana
bakhe bobabili, wangena indlela eyayizabasa emuva
elizweni lamaJuda. **8** UNawomi wasesithi kubomalukazana
bakhe bobabili, "Buyelani emuva, ngulowo lalowo
aye emzini kanina. Engani uThixo angalenzela umusa
onjengalowo elingitshengise wona kanye labomkenu
asebedlule. **9** Sengathi uThixo angenza ukuba ngulowo
lalowo athole inhlalo enhle nxa esendele kwenye
indoda." Wasebanga, basebekhala kakhulu **10** bathi
kuye, "Sizahamba lawe ebantwini bakini." **11** Kodwa
uNawomi wathi, "Buyelani ngekhaya madodakazi ami.
Kambe lingabe lihambelani lami? Ngingazala amanye

amadodana na angaba ngomkenu? **12** Buyelani ngekhaya
madodakazi ami. Sengigugile, angingeke ngibe ngisazuza
enye indoda. Loba bekungabe kulethemba lokuthi ngende
loba bengingaba lendoda ngabona lobubusuku ngizale
amadodana, **13** lingawamelela aze akhule na? Lingahlala
lingendanga lilindele wona na? Hatshi, madodakazi
ami. Kubuhlungu kakhulu lokho kimi okwedlula kini
ngoba ingalo kaThixo isingihlanekele!" **14** Bekuzwa lokho
bakhala njalo. U-Opha wasesanga uninazala wamvalelisa,
kodwa uRuthe wabambelela kuye. **15** UNawomi wathi,
"Khangela, unyanewenu usebuyela kwabakibo kanye
labonkulunkulu bakhe. Buyela laye." **16** URuthe
waphendula wathi, "Ungangincengi ukuba ngikutshiye
loba ukuba ngikufulathele. Lapho oya khona ngizakuya
khona, lalapho ozahlala khona ngizahlala khona.
Abantu bakini bazakuba ngabakithi loNkulunkulu wakho
uzakuba nguNkulunkulu wami. **17** Lapho ozafela khona
lami ngizafela khona njalo ngizangcwatshelwa khona.
Sengathi uThixo angangihlanekela nxa ngingehlukana
lawe ngenxa yolunye ulutho olungesikufa." **18** Kwathi
uNawomi esebonile ukuthi uRuthe uzimisele ukuhamba
laye, waseyekela ukumcindezela. **19** Basebehamba
bobabili baze bayafika eBhethilehema. Bathi befika
eBhethilehema, umuzi wonke waba lokuxokozela
ngabo, kwathi abesifazane babababaza besithi, "Angabe
enguNawomi lo na?" **20** Yena wathi kubo, "Lingangibizi
ngokuthi nginguNawomi. Wothani nginguMara, ngoba
uSomandla wenze impilo yami yaba munyu. **21**
Ngasuka lapha ngigcwele, kodwa uThixo usengibuyise

ngingelalutho. Lingangibizelani ngokuthi nginguNawomi? UThixo ungehlisele uhlupho; uSomandla ungehlisele okubi." **22** Ngakho uNawomi wabuyela ngokunjalo eBhethilehema evela eMowabi. Wafika ephelekezelwa nguRuthe umalukazana wakhe waseMowabi. Bafika ngesikhathi sokuqalisa ukuvuna ibhali.

2 UNawomi wayelesihlobo sakwabozala, indoda eyayinothile osendweni luka-Elimeleki, ibizo layo linguBhowazi. **2** URuthe um'Mowabi wathi kuNawomi, "Yekela ngiye emasimini ngiyedobha inhlamvu zamabele asala emuva kulowo ozakuba lomusa kimi." UNawomi wathi, "Kulungile, hamba ndodakazi yami." **3** Wasehamba, wafika wadobha amabele asala ngemuva kwabavunayo. Kwenzakala ukuthi wafika wasebenza ensimini kaBhowazi, owayengowosendo luka-Elimeleki. **4** Kwasekufika uBhowazi evela eBhethilehema, wabingelela abavuni wathi, "UThixo kabe lani!" Baphendula bathi, "UThixo akubusise!" **5** UBhowazi wabuza inceku yakhe eyayikhangele abavunayo wathi, "Intombi le ngekabani?" **6** Yena wathi, "NgeyaseMowabi eyabuya loNawomi. **7** Uthe, 'Ngicela ukudobha okusalayo phakathi kwezithungo ngemva kwabavunayo.' Ulokhu efike emasimini ekuseni lokhu esebenza kuze kube khathesi, ngaphandle kokuphumula kancinyane nje emthunzini." **8** UBhowazi wasesithi kuRuthe, "Lalela lapha-ke ndodakazi yami. Ungaze wayadobha kwenye insimu, ungasuki lapha. Hlala lapha lamantombazana azincekukazi zami. **9** Nanzelela leyonsimu lapho amadoda avuna khona, wena ulandele amantombazana.

Ngiwalayile amadoda ukuba angakuhluphi. Ungezwa usuwomile, uhambe uyenatha ezimbizeni ezikhelelwe zagcwaliswa ngamadoda.” **10** Ekuzwa lokhu uRuthe wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wambuza wathi, “Kungani ngifumane umusa ongaka kuwe uze ungizwele mina ngingowezizweni?” **11** UBhowazi wathi, “Sengitsheliwe ngakho konke owakwenzela unyokozala kusukela ekufeni komkakho lokuthi watshiya uyihlo lonyoko lelizwe lakini weza ukuzahlala labantu owawungabazi ngaphambilini. **12** Sengathi uThixo angakupha umvuzo ngalokhu okwenzileyo. Sengathi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, oze ukuphephela ngaphansi kwamaphiko akhe angakupha umvuzo omkhulu.” **13** URuthe wathi, “Sengathi ngingaqhubeka ngithola umusa kuwe, nkosi yami. Usungiphe ukududuzeka njalo ukhulume ngomusa encekukazini yakho loba ngingafanele ukuba ngomunye wamantombazana azincekukazi zakho.” **14** Ngesikhathi sokudla, uBhowazi wathi kuye, “Woza lapha. Nansi isinkwa, dlana utshebe ngewayini elileviniga.” Wahlala phansi labavunayo, uBhowazi wasemupha amabele akhanzingiweyo. Wadla wasutha waze watshiya. **15** Esesukuma ukuthi ayebutha, uBhowazi walaya amadoda wathi, “Loba angaze adobhe phakathi kwezithungo, lingaze lamhlupha. **16** Kodwa, hwatshani amanye amahlanga ezithungweni limtshiyele ukuze adobhe kuwo, lingaze lamkhuza.” **17** Ngakho uRuthe wadobha ensimini kwaze kwahwalala. Wasebhula ibhali ayeyidobhile, yagcwala phamu amagokoko amabili. **18** Wayithwala waya layo ngekhaya, uninazala wabona

lokho ayekuvunile. URuthe wakhupha ayekutshiyile esedle wasutha, weza lakho wamupha. **19** Uninazala wabuza wathi, “Udobhe ngaphi lamhlanje? Usebenze ngaphi? Ubusisiwe lowomuntu okunanzeleleyo!” URuthe wasemtshela uninazala ngalowo lapho ayekade esebenza khona wathi, “Ibizo lendoda engisebenze kuyo lamhla nguBhowazi.” **20** UNawomi wathi kumalukazana wakhe, “UThixo kambusise! Kayekelanga ukutshengisa umusa wakhe kwabaphilayo lakwasebafayo.” Wengeza njalo wathi, “Indoda leyo iyisihlobo sethu esiseduze; ingomunye wezihlobo zethu ezingabahlengi.” **21** URuthe um’Mowabi wasesithi, “Uze wathi kimi, ‘Ubohlala ulandela izisebenzi zami zize ziqede ukuvuna amabele ami.’” **22** UNawomi wathi kuRuthe umalukazana wakhe, “Kuzakuba kuhle, ndodakazi yami, ukuthi uhambe lamantombazana akhe, ngoba ungahlutshwa ensimini yomunye.” **23** Ngakho uRuthe waba seduze lamantombazana azincekukazi zikaBhowazi ekudobheni kwaze kwaphela ukuvuna ibhali lengqoloyi. Njalo wahlala loninazala.

3 Ngelinye ilanga uNawomi, uninazala wathi kuye, “Ndodakazi yami, akungcono ngikudingele umuzi lapho ozagcineka khona kuhle na? **2** UBhowazi lo obusebenza lamantombazana akhe, yisihlobo sethu. Ngobusuku balamhlanje uzabe esela ibhali esizeni. **3** Geza, uziqhole ngamakha, ugqoke izigqoko zakho zokuceca. Ubususiya esizeni, kodwa ungaze waziveza kuye aze aqede ukudla lokunatha. **4** Nxa eselala, uqaphelise indawo alala kuyo, ubusufika wambule ezinyaweni zakhe ulale

lapho. Uzakutshela ukuthi wenzeni." **5** URuthe wathi, "Ngizakwenza lokho ongitshela khona." **6** Wasesuka waya esizeni, wenza konke ayekutshelwe nguninazala. **7** Kwathi uBhowazi esethabe kakhulu ngemva kokudla lokunatha, wasuka wayalala ekucineni kwenqumbi yamabele. URuthe wasondela ngokuthula, wembula inyawo zakhe, waselala lapho. **8** Kwathi phakathi kobusuku indoda yethuswa ngokuthile, yasiphenduka yathola owesifazane elele ezinyaweni zayo. **9** Yabuza yathi, "Ungubani wena?" Yena waphendula wathi, "NginguRuthe, incekukazi yakho. Ngembathisa ngesembatho sakho, njengoba uyisihlobo sethu esingumhlengi." **10** Yena wathi, "UThixo akubusise, ndodakazi yami. Umusa wakho lo mkhulu ukwedlula lokho okwenze kuqala. Awuzange ukhethe ukulandelana lamajaha, ingabe nganothileyo loba angabayanga. **11** Ngakho-ke, ungesabi ndodakazi yami. Ngizakwenzela konke okucelayo. Bonke abantu bakulo umuzi bayakwazi ukuthi wena ungowesifazane oqotho. **12** Lanxa kuliqiniso ukuthi mina ngiyisihlobo esihlengayo, kodwa ukhona oyisihlobo esiseduze okwedlula mina. **13** Hlala lapha lobubusuku, kuthi ekuseni nxa efuna ukukuhlenga; uzakwenza njalo. Kodwa nxa engakavumi lokho, mina ngizakwenza lokho njengoba uThixo ephila. Lala lapha kuze kuse." **14** Ngakho walala kwaze kwasa, wasevuka engakananzelelwa muntu; uBhowazi wathi kuye, "Ungaze watshela muntu ukuthi ukhona owesifazane oke weza esizeni." **15** Wengeza wathi, "Letha kimi isembatho leso osembetheyo usivule." Kwathi esenzenjalo, wathela kuso ibhali eyizilinganiso

eziyisithupha wamethesa. Wasesuka wabuyela ngekhaya.
16 URuthe wathi efika kuninazala, uNawomi wabuza
wathi, “Kuhambe njani ndodakazi yami?” Yena wamtshela
konke ayekwenzelwe nguBhowazi, **17** wengeza esithi,
“Ungiphe izilinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali wathi,
‘Ungaze wabuyela kunyokozala ungelalutho.’” **18**
UNawomi wasesithi, “Mana ndodakazi yami, uze ubone
okuzakwenzakala. Umuntu lo kasoke aphumule indaba le
ize ilungiswe lamhlanje.”

4 Kusenjalo uBhowazi waya esangweni ledolobho
wahlala lapho. Kwathi isihlobo esihlengayo ayekhulume
ngaso sisedlula lapho, uBhowazi wathi, “Woza lapha
mngane wami, uhlale phansi.” Waya kuye wahlala
phansi. **2** UBhowazi wabiza abadala bakulelodolobho
abalitshumi wathi, “Hlalani lapha,” benza njalo. **3**
Wasesithi esihlotsheni esihlengayo, “UNawomi osebuyile
evela eMowabi uthengisa isiqinti esasingesomnewethu
u-Elimeleki. **4** Ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngilethe
loludaba kuwe njalo ngicebise ukuthi usithenge
phambi kwabo laba abahlezi lapha laphambi kwabadala
bakithi. Nxa usihlenga, yenza njalo. Kodwa nxa
ungasihlengi ungazise. Phela kakho olelungelo lokwenza
lokho ngaphandle kwakho, besekulandela mina.” Yena
wathi, “Ngizasihlenga.” **5** UBhowazi wasesithi, “Mhla
uthenga umhlabathi kuNawomi loRuthe um’Mowabi,
uzazuza lomfelokazi womufi, ukuze umise ibizo
lomufi kanye lempahla yakhe.” **6** Sikuzwa lokho,
isihlobo esingumhlengi sathi, “Angingeke-ke ngisihlenge
ngoba sekungonakala okwelifa lami. Sihlenge wena

ngokwakho. Mina anganelisi." **7** (Ngalezonsuku zakuqala ko-Israyeli, ukuze umkhuba wokuhlenga impahla zisuka komunye zisiya komunye uphelele, oyedwa wayekhupha inyathela lakhe aliphe omunye. Le yayiyindlela yokuqinisa isivumelwano ko-Israyeli.) **8** Ngakho isihlobo esihlengayo sakhupha inyathela laso sathi kuBhowazi, "Sithenge wena." **9** UBhowazi wasebika ebadaleni lakubo bonke abantu wathi, "Lamhlanje lingofakazi bokuthi sengithengile kuNawomi yonke impahla ka-Elimeleki, loKhiliyoni loMaheloni. **10** LoRuthe um'Mowabi, umfelokazi kaMaheloni sengimzuzile ukuba abe ngumkami, ukuze kugcinakale ibizo lomufi kanye lempahla yakhe, lokuze ibizo lakhe linganyamalali emulini loba embalini yomuzi. Lingofakazi lamhlanje!" **11** Abadala kanye labo bonke ababesesangweni bathi, "Singofakazi. Sengathi uThixo angenza owesifazane ozayo emzini wakho abe njengoRasheli loLeya, abayakhayo indlu ka-Israyeli bendawonye. Sengathi ungahlonitshwa e-Efrathi ube lodumo eBhethilehema. **12** Ngenzalo uThixo azakunika yona ngalo owesifazane, sengathi imuli yakho ingaba njengekaPherezi, uThamari ayizalela uJuda." **13** UBhowazi wamthatha uRuthe waba ngumkakhe. Wembatha laye, uThixo wenza wakhulelwa, wasezala indodana. **14** Abesifazane bathi kuNawomi, "Kadunyiswe uThixo, yena ongakutshiyanga wasala ungelasihlobo esihlengayo. Sengathi angaba lodumo kulolonke elako-Israyeli! **15** Uzakwenza impilo yakho ibentsha, akulondoloze ebudaleni bakho. Ngoba umalukazana wakho, yena okuthandayo njalo ongcono

kulamadodana ayisikhombisa, usemuphe inzalo.” **16** UNawomi wasethatha umntwana, wamanga, wamondla. **17** Abesifazane ababehlala lapho bathi, “UNawomi uselendodana.” Bamutha ibizo bathi ngu-Obhedi. Nguye owaba nguyise kaJese, uyise kaDavida. **18** Lesi yiso isizukulwane sikaPherezi: uPherezi wayenguyise kaHezironi, **19** uHezironi enguyise kaRamu, uRamu enguyise ka-Aminadabi, **20** u-Aminadabi enguyise kaNahashoni, uNahashoni enguyise kaSalimoni, **21** uSalimoni enguyise kaBhowazi, uBhowazi enguyise ka-Obhedi, **22** u-Obhedi enguyise kaJese, uJese enguyise kaDavida.

1 USamuyeli

1 Kwakulendoda ethile yaseRamathayimi, umZufi
owayevela elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi, ibizo layo
lalingu-Elikhana indodana kaJerohamu, indodana ka-
Elihu, indodana kaThohu, indodana kaZufi, um'Efrayimi.
2 Wayelabafazi ababili; omunye wayethiwa nguHana
omunye enguPhenina. UPhenina wayelabantwana kodwa
uHana engelabo. **3** Ngeminyaka yonke indoda le yayisuka
emzini wakibo isiyakhonza, inikela lomhlatshelo kuThixo
uSomandla eShilo, lapho uHofini loFinehasi, amadodana
amabili ka-Eli, ababengabaphristi bakaThixo khona. **4**
Kwakusithi kungafika isikhathi sokuthi u-Elikhana anikele
umhlatshelo, wayenika umkakhe uPhenina lawo wonke
amadodana lamadodakazi akhe izabelo zenyama. **5**
Kodwa uHana wayemnika isabelo esiphindwe kabili ngoba
wayemthanda, kodwa uThixo wayesivalile isibeletho
sakhe. **6** Njalo ngenxa yokuthi uThixo wayesivalile
isibeletho sakhe, unyanewabo wayehlala emgolomba
ukuze amcaphule. **7** Lokhu kwaqhubeka iminyaka yonke.
Ngezikhathi zonke lapho uHana eye endlini kaThixo,
unyanewabo wayemgolomba aze akhale njalo ehluleke
lokudla. **8** U-Elikhana umkakhe, wayesithi kuye, "Hana,
ukhalelani na? Kungani ungadli na? Kungani udanile?
Kuwe angiqakathekanga ukwedlula amadodana alitshumi
na?" **9** Kwake kwathi sebeqede ukudla lokunatha
eShilo, uHana wasukuma. Ngalesosikhathi u-Eli umphristi
wayehlezi esihlalweni phansi kwensika yomnyango
wethempeli likaThixo. **10** Ngobuhlungu bomoya uHana
wakhala kakhulu njalo wakhuleka kuThixo. **11** Wafunga

esithi, “Awu, Thixo Somandla, nxa ungakhangela nje usizi
lwencekukazi yakho ungikhumbule, njalo ungayikhohlwa
incekukazi yakho kodwa uyiphe indodana, lapho-ke
ngizayinika uThixo okwensuku zonke zokuphila kwayo,
njalo akulampuco ezasetshenziswe ekhanda layo.” **12**
Ekuqhubekeni kwakhe uHana ekhuleka kuThixo, u-Eli
wananzelela umlomo wakhe. **13** UHana wayekhulekela
enhliziyweni yakhe, izindebe zakhe zinyikinyeka kodwa
ilizwi lakhe lingezwakali. U-Eli wacabanga ukuthi
wayedakiwe, **14** ngakho wathi kuye, “Koze kube nini
ulokhu udakwa na? Yekela iwayini lakho.” **15** “Akunjalo
nkosi yami,” uHana waphendula. “Ngingowesifazane
ohlupheke kakhulu. Kangizange nginathe iwayini kumbe
utshwala. Kade ngisethula umphefumulo wami kuThixo.
16 Ungathathi incekukazi yakho njengowesifazane
ogangileyo; kade ngikhuleka lapha ngenxa yosizi lwami
olukhulu kanye lobuhlungu.” **17** U-Eli waphendula
wathi, “Hamba ngokuthula, sengathi uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli angakupha lokho okucele kuye.” **18** UHana
wathi, “Sengathi incekukazi yakho ingathola umusa
emehlweni akho.” Lapho-ke wasuka wahamba, wadla,
njalo ubuso bakhe babungasadananga. **19** Ekuseni
okwalandelayo bavuka bayakhonza phambi kukaThixo
basebebuyela emzini wabo eRama. U-Elikhana walala
loHana umkakhe, uThixo wamkhumbula. **20** Ngakho
ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uHana wathatha isisu wazala
indodana. Wayetha ibizo wathi nguSamuyeli, esithi,
“Ngoba ngamcela kuThixo.” **21** Kwathi lapho u-Elikhana
ehamba labendlu yakhe bonke ukuyanikela umhlatshelo

weminyaka yonke kuThixo lokugcwalisa isifungo sakhe,
22 uHana kahambanga. Wathi kumkakhe, “Emva kokuba
umfana eselunyulwe, ngizamthatha ngiyemethula phambi
kukaThixo, njalo uzahlala khona kokuphela.” **23** U-
Elikhana umkakhe wathi kuye, “Yenza lokho okukhanya
kukuhle kuwe. Hlala khonapho uze umkhuphe ebeleni;
kuphela nje sengathi uThixo angagcwalisa ilizwi lakhe.”
Ngakho owesifazane wahlala ekhaya wondla indodana
yakhe waze wayilumula. **24** Emva kokuba esekhutshiwe
ebeleni, wahamba lomfana, emncane enjalo kanye
lenkunzi eyayileminyaka emithathu ubudala, lehefa
lempuphu yengqoloyi kanye lembodlela yewayini,
wamusa endlini kaThixo eShilo. **25** Kwathi inkunzi
sebeyihlabile, bamhambisa umfana ku-Eli, **26** uHana
wasesithi kuye, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ukhona, nkosi
yami, mina ngingulowana umfazi owema phansi kwakho
ekhuleka kuThixo. **27** Ngakhulekela umntwana lo, njalo
uThixo usengiphile engakucelayo. **28** Ngakho khathesi
sengimnika uThixo. Uzanikwa uThixo impilo yakhe
yonke.” Wakhonza uThixo khonapho.

2 UHana wasekhuleka esithi: “Inhliziyo yami iyathokoza
kuThixo; kuThixo uphondo lwami luphakeme. Umlomo
wami uyaziklolodela izitha zami, ngoba ngiyathokoza
ekusindiseni kwakho. **2** Kakho ongcwele njengoThixo;
kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakho; akulaDwala
elinjengo-Nkulunkulu wethu. **3** Lingabe lisakhuluma
ngokuzigqaja kanje loba uyekele umlomo wakho
ukhuluma ukuzikhukhumeza okunje, ngoba uThixo
unguNkulunkulu owaziyo, njalo izenzo zilinganiswa

nguye. **4** Amadandili amabutho ephukile, kodwa
labo abakhubekayo bahlonyiswe ngamandla. **5**
Labo ababesuthi baziqhatshisa ngokudla, kodwa labo
ababelambile kabalambi futhi. Lowo owayeyinyumbakazi
usezele abantwana abayisikhombisa, kodwa lowo
owayelamadodana amanengi uyacikizeka. **6** Uthixo uletha
ukufa njalo enze ukuphila, wehlisela phansi engcwabeni
njalo avuse. **(Sheol h7585)** **7** Uthixo uthumela ubuyanga
kanye lenotho; uyathobekisa njalo uyaphakamisa. **8** Uvusa
abayanga ethulini aphakamise abaswelayo esilotheni;
abahlalise lamakhosana. Enze bathole isihlalo sodumo
sibe yilifa labo. Ngoba izisekelo zomhlaba ngezikaThixo;
umise umhlaba phezu kwazo. **9** Uzalondoloza inyawo
zabathembekileyo bakhe, kodwa ababi bazathuliselwa
emnyameni. Akusikho ngamandla ukuthi umuntu
ehlule; **10** labo abaphikisa uThixo bazaphahlazwa.
OPhezukonke uzaduma amelane labo esezulwini; uThixo
uzakwahlulela imikhawulo yomhlaba. Uzayinika amandla
inkosi yakhe aphakamise lophondo logcotshiweyo
wakhe." **11** Emva kwalokho u-Elikhana wabuyela ekhaya
eRama, kodwa umfana wakhonza phambi kukaThixo
ngaphansi kuka-Eli umphristi. **12** Amadodana ka-Eli
ayengabantu abaxhwalileyo, ayengamnanzi uThixo. **13**
Kwakungumkhuba wabaphristi labantu ukuthi kokuphela
nxa loba ngubani enikele umhlatshelo, njalo lapho inyama
isaphekwa, inceku yomphristi yayisiza iphethe ifologwe
elencijo ezintathu. **14** Yayihlaba ngayo epaneni loba
egedleleni loba ebhodweni kumbe embizeni, umphristi
abe esezithathela loba kuyini okuphume lefologwe.

Le yiyo indlela abaphatha ngayo bonke abako-Israyeli abafika eShilo. **15** Kodwa lalapho amahwahwa engakatshi, inceku yomphristi yayisiya emuntwini onikelayo ithi, “Nika umphristi inyama yokosa; kasoze ayamukele kuwe inyama ephekiweyo, kodwa eluhlaza kuphela.” **16** Lapho umuntu ethe kuyo, “Yekela amahwahwa aqale atshe, ube usuthathake lokho okufunayo,” inceku yayiphendula ithi, “Hatshi, ngiqhubela yona khathesi; nxa ungenzi njalo, ngizayihluthuna ngamandla.” **17** Lesisono samajaha sasisikhulu kakhulu emehlweni kaThixo, ngoba babephatha umnikelo kaThixo ngokwedelela. **18** Kodwa uSamuyeli wayekhonza phambi kukaThixo engumfana egqoka isembatho samahlombe selineni. **19** Minyaka yonke unina wayemenzela ingubo encane ayise kuye lapho esiya khonale lomkakhe ukuyanikela umhlatshelo weminyaka yonke. **20** U-Eli wayebusisa u-Elikhana lomkakhe, esithi, “Sengathi uThixo angalipha abantwana ngalo owesifazane ukuba bathathe isikhundla salowo amkhulekelayo wasemnika uThixo.” Emva kwalokho babebuyela ekhaya. **21** Uthixo waba lomusa kuHana; wakhulelwa wazala amadodana amathathu lamadodakazi amabili. Kusenjalo, umfana uSamuyeli wakhula phambi kukaThixo. **22** Ngalesosikhathi u-Eli, owayesemdala kakhulu, wezwa ngakho konke okwakusenziwa ngamadodana akhe ku-Israyeli wonke kanye lokuthi ayelala njani labesifazane ababesebenza esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **23** Ngakho wathi kuwo, “Kungani lisenza izinto ezinje na? Ngizizwa ngabantu bonke lezizenzo zenu ezimbi. **24** Hatshi, madodana ami; akusimbiko omuhle engiwuzwa

usanda phakathi kwabantu bakaThixo. **25** Nxa umuntu esona komunye umuntu, uNkulunkulu angaba ngumeli wakhe kodwa nxa umuntu esona kuThixo, ngubani ongamkhulumela na?" Kodwa amadodana akhe kawakulalelanga ukukhuza kukayise, ngoba kwakuyisifiso sikaThixo ukuba awabulale. **26** Umfana uSamuyeli waqhubeka ekhula ngomzimba langokuthandeka kuThixo lasebantwini. **27** Ngalesosikhathi umuntu kaNkulunkulu wafika ku-Eli wathi kuye, "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi: 'Kangizibonakalisanga ngokubalulekileyo endlini kayihlo lapho babeseGibhithe ngaphansi kukaFaro na? **28** Ngakhetha uyihlo phakathi kwezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli ukuba abe ngumphristi wami, ukuba aye e-alithareni lami, ukuba atshise impepha, lokuba agqoke isembatho samahlombe phambi kwami. Njalo nganika indlu kayihlo yonke iminikelo eyenziwa ngomlilo ngabako-Israyeli. **29** Pho kungani useyisa imihlatshelo yami kanye leminikelo engayiphawulela indlu yami yokuhlala na? Kungani uhlonipha amadodana akho okudlula mina ngokuzikhuluphalisa lina ngokwenu ngezingxenye zekhethelo zeminikelo yonke eyenziwa ngabantu bako-Israyeli na?' **30** Ngakho-ke uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi, 'Ngathembisa ukuthi indlu yakho lendlu kayihlo zizakhonza phambi kwami nini lanini.' Kodwa khathesi uThixo uthi, 'Akusenjalo kimi!' Labo abangihloniphayo ngizabahlonipha, kodwa labo abangeyisayo bazakweyiswa. **31** Isikhathi siyeza lapho engizaphungula khona amandla akho lamandla endlu kayihlo, ukuze kungabi lomuntu omdala kusendo

lwakwenu **32** njalo uzabona usizi lapho engihlala khona.
Lanxa okuhle kuzakwenziwa ku-Israyeli, kwabosendo
lwakho akuyikuba lomuntu omdala. **33** Lowo lalowo
wakini engingayikumsusa e-alithareni lami uzayekelwa
nje ukuba amehlo akhe afiphale lokuba azwise inhliziyo
yakho ubuhlungu, njalo yonke inzalo yakho izakufa
kuyikhona isephakathi kwempilo. **34** 'Njalo okwenzakala
emadodaneni akho amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, kuzakuba
yisiboniso kuwe, bobabili bazakufa langa linye. **35**
Ngizakuzimisela umphristi othembekileyo ozakwenza
mayelana lokusenhliziyweni yami lengqondweni yami.
Ngizamisa indlu yakhe iqine, njalo uzakhonza phambi
kogcotshiweyo wami kokuphela. **36** Lapho-ke bonke
abosendo lwakho abaseleyo bazakuza bakhothame kuye
becela uhlamvu lwesiliva loqweqwe lwesinkwa njalo
bakhalaze besithi, "Ake ungibeke kwesinye isikhundla
sobuphristi ukuze ngithole ukudla ngidle."""

3 Umfana uSamuyeli wakhonza phambi kukaThixo
engaphansi kuka-Eli. Ngalezonsuku ilizwi likaThixo
lalingandanga; kwakungelamibono eminengi. **2** Ngobunye
ubusuku u-Eli, amehlo akhe ayesefiphala esebona kalufifi,
wayelele endaweni yakhe yansuku zonke. **3** Isibane
sikaNkulunkulu sasingakacitshi, njalo uSamuyeli wayelele
phansi ethempelini likaThixo, lapho okwakulebhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu khona. **4** Uthixo
wasembiza uSamuyeli. USamuyeli wasabela wathi,
"Ngilapha." **5** Wagijimela ku-Eli wathi, "Ngilapha;
ungibizile." Kodwa u-Eli wathi, "Angikubizanga; buyela
uyelala." Ngakho wabuyela wayalala. **6** Uthixo wambiza

futhi wathi, “Samuyeli!” USamuyeli wavuka waya ku-Eli wathi, “Ngilapha; ungibizile.” U-Eli wathi, “Ndodana yami, Angikubizanga; buyela uyelala.” **7** Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wayengakamazi uThixo: Ilizwi likaThixo lalingakavezwa kuye. **8** Uthixo wambiza uSamuyeli okwesithathu, njalo uSamuyeli wavuka waya ku-Eli wathi, “Ngilapha; ungibizile.” Lapho-ke u-Eli wabona ukuthi nguThixo owayebiza umfana. **9** Ngakho u-Eli watshela uSamuyeli wathi, “Hamba uyelala, njalo nxa ekubiza wena uthi, ‘Khuluma Thixo, ngoba inceku yakho ilalele.’” Ngakho uSamuyeli wahamba wayalala endaweni yakhe. **10** Uthixo weza wema khonapho, ebiza njengakuqala esithi, “Samuyeli! Samuyeli!” USamuyeli wathi, “Khuluma, ngoba inceku yakho ilalele.” **11** Uthixo wasesithi kuSamuyeli, “Khangela, sekuseduze ukuba ko-Israyeli ngenze into ezakwenza indlebe zomuntu wonke okuzwayo lokho zincencethe. **12** Ngalesosikhathi ngizamelana lo-Eli, ngenze konke engakukhuluma mayelana lendlu yakhe kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni. **13** Ngoba ngamtshela ukuthi ngizakwahlulela indlu yakhe okulaphakade ngenxa yesono ayesazi; amadodana akhe ayehlambaza uNkulunkulu, yena wehluleka ukuwakhuza. **14** Ngakho, ngayifungela indlu ka-Eli ngathi, ‘Icala lendlu ka-Eli kaliyikuhlawulwa ngomhlatshelo loba ngomnikelo.’” **15** USamuyeli walala phansi kwaze kwaba sekuseni wasevula iminyango yendlu kaThixo. Wayesesaba ukutshela u-Eli umbono, **16** kodwa u-Eli wambiza wathi, “Samuyeli, ndodana yami.” USamuyeli wasabela wathi, “Ngilapha.” **17** U-Eli wabuza wathi,

“Kuyini akutshiloyo kuwe na? Ungangifihleli. Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakujezisa, kube buhlungu kakhulu, nxa uzangifihlela loba kuyini akutshele khona.” **18** Ngakho uSamuyeli wamtshela konke, engamfihlelanga lutho. U-Eli wasesithi, “UnguThixo; kenze lokho akubona kukuhle emehlweni akhe.” **19** Uthixo wayeloSamuyeli ekukhuleni kwakhe, njalo kayekelanga lalinye lamazwi akhe liwela phansi. **20** Njalo u-Israyeli wonke kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebha wakwazi ukuthi uSamuyeli wayebekwe ukuba ngumphrofethi kaThixo. **21** Uthixo waqhubeka ebonakala eShilo, njalo khonapho waziveza kuSamuyeli ngelizwi lakhe.

4 Ilizwi likaSamuyeli lafika ku-Israyeli wonke. Ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli baphuma ukuyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Abako-Israyeli bamisa e-Ebhenezeri, amaFilistiya e-Afekhi. **2** AmaFilistiya ahlela amabutho awo ukuba ayohlangana labako-Israyeli, kwathi ekumemethekeni kwempi, u-Israyeli wehlulwa ngamaFilistiya, abulala abaphosa babe zinkulungwane ezine enkundleni yokulwela. **3** Kwathi esebuyele ezihonqweni, abadala bako-Israyeli bathi, “Kungani uThixo esilethele ukwehlulwa lamhla phambi kwamaFilistiya na? Kasiyenithatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sika Thixo eShilo, ukuze lihambe lathi lisisindise esandleni sezitha zethu.” **4** Ngakho abantu bathuma amadoda eShilo, abuya lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo uSomandla, ehlezi ebukhosini phakathi kwamakherubhi. Lamadodana ka-Eli amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, ayekhona lebhokisi lesivumelwano

sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kwathi lapho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lifika ezihonqweni, wonke u-Israyeli wenza umsindo omkhulu iphansi laze lanyikinyeka. **6** Esizwa ukuxokozela amaFilistiya abuza athi, “Utshoni umsindo wonke lo ezihonqweni zamaHebheru na?” Kwathi esezwile ukuthi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo laselikhona ezihonqweni, **7** amaFilistiya esaba. Athi, “Unkulunkulu usefikile ezihonqweni. Siphakathi kohlupho. Akulanto enje eseyake yenzakala ngaphambili. **8** Maye kithi! Ngubani ozasikhulula esandleni sabonkulunkulu laba abalamandla abatshaya amaGibhithe ngenhlobo zonke zezifo enkangala? **9** Qinani, maFilistiya! Wobani ngamadoda hlezi libe yizichaka zamaHebheru, njengalokhu ababeyikho kini. Wobani ngamadoda, lilwe!” **10** Ngakho amaFilistiya alwa, abako-Israyeli behlulwa njalo amadoda wonke abalekela emathenteni awo. Ababulawayo babebanengi kakhulu; u-Israyeli walahlekelwa ngamabutho ezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **11** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lathunjwa, lamadodana amabili ka-Eli, Hofini loFinehasi, afa. **12** Ngalelolanga umuntu wakoBhenjamini wagijima esuka empini waya eShilo, izigqoko zakhe zazidabukile elothuli ekhanda. **13** Ekufikeni kwakhe, kwakulo-Eli ehlezi esihlalweni eceleni komgwaqo, elindile, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe yayisesabela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. Kwathi umuntu lowo esengenile emzini wabika okwasekwenzakele, umuzi wonke waqhinqa isililo. **14** U-Eli wezwa umsindo wokukhala wabuza wathi, “Ukuxokozela lokhu

kutshoni na?" Umuntu lowo watshitshela ku-Eli, **15** owayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye munye lasificaminwembili mibili ubudala, njalo amehlo akhe ayesefiphele, engasaboni. **16** Watshela u-Eli wathi, "Ngisanda kufika ngivela empini; ngibalekile kuyo ngalonaleli ilanga." U-Eli wabuza wathi, "Kutheni ndodana yami?" **17** Umuntu owaletha umbiko waphendula wathi, "U-Israyeli ubalekile phambi kwamaFilistiya njalo ibutho lilahlekelwe kakhulu. Njalo lamadodana akho amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, afile njalo lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lithunjiwe." **18** Kwathi esethinte ngebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, u-Eli wawa ngesiphundu esihlalweni sakhe eceleni kwesango. Intamo yakhe yephuka, wafa, ngoba wayesengumuntu omdala njalo emkhulu. Wayekhokhele u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **19** Umalukazana wakhe, umkaFinehasi, wayekhulelwe njalo esezabeletha. Kwathi esizwa izindaba zokuthi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lalithunjiwe lokuthi uyisezala lomkakhe basebefile, wahelelwa wabeletha, kodwa wakhulelwa yibuhlungu bomhelo wakhe. **20** Esesifa, abesifazane ababembelethisa bathi kuye, "Ungalahli ithemba; uzele indodana." Kodwa yena kaphendulanga loba anake. **21** Wametha ibizo umfana wathi ngu-Ikhabhodi, esithi, "Udumo lusukile ko-Israyeli" ngenxa yokuthunjwa kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lokufa kukayisezala kanye lomkakhe. **22** Wathi, "Udumo lusukile ko-Israyeli, ngoba ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lithunjiwe."

5 Emva kokuba amaFilistiya esethumbe ibhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, alithatha e-Ebhenezeri
alisa e-Ashidodi. **2** Aphinda alithwala alisa ethempelini
likaDagoni. **3** Kwathi abantu base-Ashidodi bevuka
ekuseni kakhulu okwalandelayo, nango uDagoni, ewele
phansi ngobuso phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano
sikaThixo! Bamthatha uDagoni bambeka endaweni yakhe.
4 Kodwa ngakusasa ekuseni bathi bevuka, nango uDagoni,
ewele phansi ngobuso phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano
sikaThixo! Ikhanda lakhe lezandla kwakugumukile kuthe
qekele eduze lomnyango; kwakusele umzimba wakhe
kuphela. **5** Ngalokho-ke kuze kube lamhla abaphristi
bakaDagoni labanye nje abangena ethempelini likaDagoni
kabanyatheli ekuqaliseni komnyango. **6** Isandla sikaThixo
sasinzima phezu kwabantu base-Ashidodi laseduze
kwayo; wehlisela incithakalo phezu kwabo yabahlupha
langamathumba. **7** Kwathi abantu base-Ashidodi
bebona okwakusenzakala, bathi, "Ibhokisi lesivumelwano
sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli akumelanga lihlale lathi lapha,
ngoba isandla sakhe sinzima phezu kwethu laphezu
kukaDagoni unkulunkulu wethu." **8** Ngakho babiza bonke
ababusi bamaFilistiya babababuza bathi, "Sizakwenzani
ngebhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli
na?" Baphendula bathi, "Ibhokisi lesivumelwano
sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli liseni eGathi." Ngakho ibhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu balisa eGathi. **9** Kodwa
kwathi sebelihambisile, isandla sikaThixo samelana
lalelodolobho, okwenza kwaba lokuthuthumela okukhulu
kulo. Wahlupha abantu bedolobho lelo, abatsha labadala,

ngokuphihlika kwamathumba. **10** Ngakho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lasiwa e-Ekroni. Kwathi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lifika e-Ekroni, abantu base-Ekroni bakhala besithi, “Sebelethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli kithi lapha ukuzasibulala kanye labantu bakithi.” **11** Ngakho babiza bonke ababusi bamaFilistiya, bathi, “Susani ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli; kalibuyele emuva endaweni yalo, hlezi lisibulale thina kanye labantu bakithi.” Ngoba ukufa kwakwenze kwaba lokuthuthumela edolobheni; isandla sikaNkulunkulu sasinzima kakhulu phezu kwalo. **12** Labo abangafanga baphunywa ngamathumba, njalo umkhosi wedolobho waya phezulu ezulwini.

6 Kwathi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo selihlale elizweni lamaFilistiya izinyanga eziyisikhombisa, **2** amaFilistiya abiza abaphristi labahlahluli athi, “Sizakwenzani ngebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo na? Sitsheleni ukuthi singalibuyisela njani emuva endaweni yalo.” **3** Baphendula bathi, “Nxa libuyisela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli, lingalibuyiseli lingelalutho, kodwa impela thumelani umnikelo wecala kuye. Ngalokho lizasila, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi kungani isandla sakhe singasuswanga kini.” **4** AmaFilistiya abuza athi, “Ngumnikelo bani wecala okumele siwuthumele kuye na?” Baphendula bathi, “Amathumba egolide amahlanu lamagundwane egolide amahlanu, kusiya ngenani lababusi bamaFilistiya, ngoba isifo sinye sihlasele lina kanye lababusi benu.” **5** Yenzani izifanekiso

zamathumba lamagundwane achitha ilizwe, lidumise unkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Mhlawumbe uzasusa isandla sakhe kini lakubonkulunkulu benu kanye laselizweni lenu. **6** Kungani lisenza inhliziyo zenu zibe lukhuni njengalokhu okwenziwa ngamaGibhithe loFaro na? Lapho unkulunkulu wama-Israyeli esebaphethe kalukhuni kabawavumelanga ama-Israyeli ukuba ahambe na? **7** "Ngakho-ke khathesi, lungisani inqola entsha lamankomokazi amabili azeleyo njalo angakaze afakwe ijogwe. Bophelani amankomokazi enqoleni, kodwa lisuse amankonyane awo liwavalele esibayeni. **8** Thathani ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lilibeke enqoleni, kuthi emxhakeni oseceleni kwalo lifake izinto zegolide elizithumela kuye njengomnikelo wecala. Ikhupheni izihambele ngendlela yayo, **9** kodwa liyiqaphelisise. Ingaya elizweni lakibo, iqonde eBhethi-Shemeshi, kuyabe kunguThixo olethe incithakalo le enkulu phezu kwethu. Kodwa nxa ingenzi njalo, sizakwazi ukuthi kade kungasisosandla sakhe esisitshayileyo kanye lokuthi kuzenzakalele kodwa nje kithi." **10** Ngakho-ke bakwenza lokhu. Bathatha amankomokazi amabili anjalo bawabophela enqoleni kwathi amankonyane awo bawavalela esibayeni. **11** Babeka ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo enqoleni ndawonye lomxhaka owawulamagundwane egolide lezifanekiso zamathumba. **12** Emva kwalokho amankomokazi ahamba eqonde eBhethi-Shemeshi, elokhu esemgwaqweni njalo ebhonsa indlela yonke; kawazange aphambukele kwesokudla kumbe kwesenxele. Ababusi bamaFilistiya bawalandela baze bayafika emngceleni weBhethi

Shemeshi. **13** Ngalesosikhathi abantu beBhethi-Shemeshi babevuna ingqoloyi yabo esigodini, njalo bathi lapho bekhangela babona ibhokisi lesivumelwano, bathokoza ukulibona. **14** Inqola yafika ensimini kaJoshuwa waseBhethi-Shemeshi, yasisima khonapho phansi kwedwala elikhulu. Abantu babanda inqola yaba zinkuni basebehlaba amankomokazi ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **15** AbaLevi bethula ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, kanye lomxhaka owawulezinto zegolide, bakubeka phezu kwedwala elikhulu. Ngalelolanga abantu baseBhethi-Shemeshi banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa benza lemihlatshelo kuThixo. **16** Ababusi abahlanu bamaFilistiya bakubona konke lokhu basebebuyela e-Ekroni ngalelolanga. **17** Amathumba egolide amaFilistiya awathumela kuThixo njengomnikelo wecala yila, elilodwa ele-Ashidodi, leleGaza, lele-Ashikheloni, leleGathi kanye lele-Ekroni. **18** Lenani lamagundwane egolide lalisiya ngenani lamadolobho amaFilistiya ayengawababusi abahlanu, amadolobho ayevikelwe alemizi yawo yasemaphandleni. Idwala elikhulu ababebeke ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo phezu kwalo, liyibufakazi lalamhlanje ensimini kaJoshuwa waseBhethi-Shemeshi. **19** Kodwa uNkulunkulu watshaya abanye babantu baseBhethi-Shemeshi, wabulala abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa babo ngoba babelunguze phakathi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. Abantu balila ngenxa yokugadla okunzima uThixo ayekwenze kubo, **20** njalo abantu baseBhethi-Shemeshi babuza bathi, “Pho ngubani ongema phambi kukaThixo,

uNkulunkulu lo ongcwele na?" **21** Emva kwalokho
bathumela izithunywa ebantwini baseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi,
besithi, "AmaFilistiya aselibuyisile ibhokisi lesivumelwano
sikaThixo. Wozani lizolithatha lilise endaweni yenu."

7 Ngakho abantu baseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi beza balithatha
ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo. Balisa endlini ka-
Abhinadabi eqaqeni bangcwelisa u-Eliyazari indodana
yakhe ukuba agcine ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo. **2**
Kwakuyisikhathi eside, iminyaka engamatshumi amabili
isiyonke, ibhokisi lesivumelwano liseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi.
Njalo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bakhala befuna uThixo.
3 USamuyeli wasesithi kuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli, "Nxa
libuyela kuThixo ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke zehlukaniseni
labonkulunkulu bezizweni labo-Ashithorethi lizinikele
kuThixo njalo likhonze yena kuphela, uzalikhulula
esandleni samaFilistiya." **4** Ngakho abako-Israyeli
babalahla oBhali babo labo-Ashithorethi, bakhonza
uThixo kuphela. **5** USamuyeli wasesithi, "Buthanisani
u-Israyeli wonke eMizipha mina ngizalikhulekela
kuThixo." **6** Kwathi sebebuthene eMizipha, bakha
amanzi bawathela phambi kukaThixo. Ngalolosuku
bazila njalo bavuma izono zabo khonapho besithi,
"Sonile." Njalo uSamuyeli wahlulela abantu bako-Israyeli
eMizipha. **7** Kwathi amaFilistiya esizwa ukuthi u-Israyeli
wayebuthene eMizipha, ababusi bamaFilistiya baya khona
ukuyabahlasela. Kwathi abako-Israyeli bekuzwa, besaba
ngenxa yamaFilistiya. **8** Bathi kuSamuyeli, "Ungayekeli
ukusikhalela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ukuba
asihlenge esandleni samaFilistiya." **9** USamuyeli wathatha

iwundlu elimunyayo walinikela kuThixo njengomnikelo opheleleyo wokutshiswa. Wamkhulekela kuThixo u-Israyeli, uThixo wamphendula. **10** Kwathi uSamuyeli enikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, amaFilistiya asondela eduze ukuba alwe lo-Israyeli. Kodwa mhlalokho uThixo waduma ngomdumo omkhulu emelane lamaFilistiya wawenza athuthumela kangangoba aze achithwachithwa phambi kwabako-Israyeli. **11** Abantu bako-Israyeli bagijima bephuma eMizipha baxotshana lamaFilistiya bewabulala endleleni baze bayafika endaweni engaphansi kweBhethi-Khari. **12** USamuyeli wasethatha ilitshe walimisa phakathi kweMizipha leSheni. Walibiza ngokuthi yi-Ebhenezeri, esithi, "Kuze kube khathesi uThixo usisizile." **13** Ngakho amaFilistiya anqotshwa njalo kawazange ahlasele ilizwe lako-Israyeli futhi. Kuyo yonke impilo kaSamuyeli, isandla sikaThixo sasimelane lamaFilistiya. **14** Amadolobho kusukela e-Ekroni kusiya eGathi ayethunjwe ngamaFilistiya ku-Israyeli abuyiselwa kuye, njalo u-Israyeli wakhulula ilizwe eliseduze emandleni amaFilistiya. Njalo kwaba lokuthula phakathi kuka-Israyeli lama-Amori. **15** USamuyeli waqhubeka engumahluleli ka-Israyeli kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe. **16** Iminyaka ngeminyaka wayenquma esuka eBhetheli aye eGiligali leMizipha, esahlulela u-Israyeli kuzozonke lezindawo. **17** Kodwa wayehlezi ebuyela eRama lapho okwakulomuzi wakhe khona, lakhona wahlulela u-Israyeli. Njalo wakhela uThixo i-alithari.

8 USamuyeli eseluphele wabeka amadodana akhe ukuba ngabahluleli baka-Israyeli. **2** Ibizo lezibulo

lakhe lalinguJoweli, ibizo leyesibili lingu-Abhija, njalo
ayesebenza eBherishebha. **3** Kodwa amadodana
akhe kawahambanga ezindleleni zakhe. Aphambukela
eceleni emva kokuthola inzuzo yenkohliso amukela
lemfumbathiso, onakalisa lokwahlulela ngemfanelo. **4**
Ngakho bonke abadala bako-Israyeli babuthana ndawonye
basebesiya kuSamuyeli eRama. **5** Bathi kuye, "Usuluphele,
njalo amadodana akho kawahambi ezindleleni zakho,
ngakho sibekele inkosi ezasikhokhela, njengezinye
izizwe zonke ezilayo." **6** Kodwa kwathi besithi, "Sinike
inkosi ezasikhokhela," lokhu kwamcunula uSamuyeli;
ngakho wakhuleka kuThixo. **7** Njalo uThixo wathi
kuye: "Lalela konke lokho abantu abakutshoyo kuwe;
akusuwe abamalayo, kodwa bale mina njengeNkosi
yabo. **8** Njengalokhu abakwenzayo kusukela ngosuku
engabakhupha ngalo eGibhithe kuze kube lamhlanje,
bangala bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, lokhu yikho
abakwenzayo kuwe. **9** Ngakho balalele; kodwa ubaxwayise
kakhulu njalo ubazise okuzakwenziwa kubo yinkosi
ezababusa." **10** USamuyeli wabatshela wonke amazwi
kaThixo abantu ababecela inkosi kuye. **11** Wathi, "Nanku
okuzakwenziwa yinkosi ezalibusa: Izathatha amadodana
enu iwasebenzise lezinqola zayo zempi lamabhiza,
njalo azagijima phambi kwezinqola zayo zempi. **12**
Amanye uzawenza abe ngabalawuli bezinkulungwane
labalawuli bamatshumi amahlanu; njalo amanye azalima
amasimu ayo avune kanye lamabele ayo, amanye
njalo azakwenza izikhali zayo zempi kanye lempahla
zezinqola zayo zempi. **13** Izathatha amadodakazi enu

ukuba abe ngabenzi bamakha labapheki kanye labapheki bezinkwa. **14** Izathatha amasimu enu avundileyo lezivini kanye lezivande zama-oliva ikunike izinceku zayo. **15** Izathatha okwetshumi emabeleni enu lokwesivuno samavini ikunike izikhulu zayo. **16** Izisebenzi zenu ezesilisa lezesifazane lenkomo zenu ezinhle kanye labobabhemi izakuthatha ikusebenzise. **17** Izathatha okwetshumi emihlambini yenu njalo lina ngokwenu lizakuba yizigqili zayo. **18** Nxa lolosuku selufikile lizakhalela ukukhululwa enkosini eliyikhethileyo, kodwa uThixo kayikuliphendula ngalolosuku." **19** Kodwa abantu bala ukumlalela uSamuyeli. Bathi, "Hatshi! Sifuna inkosi ezasibusa. **20** Lapho-ke sizakuba njengezinye izizwe zonke, silenkosi esikhokhelayo njalo ihambe phambi kwethu ilwe izimpi zethu." **21** Kwathi uSamuyeli esekuzwile konke okwakutshiwo ngabantu, wakubika kuThixo. **22** Uthixo waphendula wathi, "Lalela ilizwi labo ubaphe inkosi." USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini bako-Israyeli, "Umuntu wonke kabuyele emzini wakibo."

9 Kwakulomuntu wakoBhenjamini, indoda elesithunzi, ibizo layo lalinguKhishi indodana ka-Abhiyeli, indodana kaZerori, indodana kaBhekhorathi, indodana ka-Afiya owakoBhenjamini. **2** Wayelendodana ethiwa nguSawuli, ijaha elilesithunzi kungekho ongalinganiswa lalo phakathi kwama-Israyeli, edlula abantu bonke ngobude kusukela emahlombe kusiya ekhanda. **3** Ngalesisikhathi obabhemi bakaKhishi uyise kaSawuli balahleka, uKhishi wasesithi kuSawuli indodana yakhe, "Thatha enye yezinceku uhambe layo ukuyadinga

obabhemi.” **4** Ngakho wadabula elizweni lamaqaqa
elako-Efrayimi lasemangweni ozungeze iShalisha, kodwa
kababatholanga. Baqhubeka baya esifundeni saseShalimi,
kodwa obabhemi babengekho. Wadabula phakathi
kwelizwe lakoBhenjamini, kodwa kabawatholanga. **5**
Kwathi sebefikile esifundeni saseZufi, uSawuli wathi
encekwini eyayilaye, “Woza, kasibuyele, hlezi ubaba
ekele ukucabanga ngabobabhemi aqalise ukukhathazeka
ngathi.” **6** Kodwa inceku yaphendula yathi, “Khangela,
kulumuzi kulomuntu kaNkulunkulu; uyahlonitshwa
kakhulu, njalo konke akutshoyo kuyenzakala. Kasiye
khona khathesi nje. Mhlawumbe angasitshela ukuthi
siqonde ngaphi.” **7** USawuli wasesithi encekwini,
“Singaya kuye, sizamnikani umuntu lowo na? Ukudla
kakusekho emigodleni yethu. Kasilasipho esingahamba
laso emuntwini kaNkulunkulu. Kuyini esilakho na?” **8**
Inceku yaphendula njalo yathi, “Khangela, ngilokwesine
kweshekeli elesiliva. Ngizakunika umuntu kaNkulunkulu
ukuze asitshele ukuthi siqonde ngaphi.” **9** (Ngaphambilini
ko-Israyeli, lapho umuntu esiyabuza uNkulunkulu,
wayesithi, “Woza, kasiye kumboni,” ngoba umphrofethi
wakhathesi wayethiwa ngumboni.) **10** USawuli wasesithi
encekwini yakhe, “Kuhle. Woza kasihambe.” Ngakho
basuka baya emzini okwakuhlala khona umuntu
kaNkulunkulu. **11** Besaqansa uqaqa besiya kulowomuzi
bahlangana lamantombazana ayephume ukuyakukha
amanzi basebewabuza besithi, “Kulomboni lapha na?”
12 Aphendula athi, “Ukhona. Uphambidlana kwenu.
Phangisani khathesi; usanda kufika emzini wethu lamhla,

ngoba abantu balomhlatshelo endaweni ephakemeyo. **13** Khonokho nje lingena umuzi, lizamfica engakaqanseli phezulu endaweni ephakemeyo ukuyakudla. Abantu kabayikuqalisa ukudla aze afike, ngoba kumele abusise umhlatshelo; emva kwalokho bazakudla-ke labo abanxusiweyo. Hambani-ke, lizamthola khathesi nje." **14** Baya kulowomuzi, kwathi lapho bengena kuwo, babona uSamuyeli esiza kubo eqansela endaweni ephakemeyo. **15** Ngosuku uSawuli engakafiki, uThixo wayeveze lokhu kuSamuyeli wathi, **16** "Ngesikhathi esingaba yisonalesi kusasa ngizaletha kuwe umuntu ovela elizweni lakoBhenjamini. Mgcobe ukuba ngumkhokheli wabantu bami u-Israyeli; uzakhulula abantu bami esandleni samaFilistiya. Ngibakhangele abantu bami, ngoba ukukhala kwabo sekufikile kimi." **17** Kwathi uSamuyeli ebona uSawuli, uThixo wathi kuye, "Lo nguye umuntu engikhulume kuwe ngaye; uzabusa abantu bami." **18** USawuli wasondela kuSamuyeli wabuza wathi, "Ake ungitshele ukuthi indlu yomboni ingaphi." **19** USamuyeli waphendula wathi, "Umboni yimi. Hamba phambi kwami uye endaweni ephakemeyo, ngoba lamhla uzakudla lami, ekuseni ngizakuyekela uhambe njalo ngizakutshela konke okusenhliziyweni yakho. **20** Obabhemi abalahlekileyo ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo, ungakhathazeki ngabo; sebebonakele. Njalo kungubani izifiso zonke zika-Israyeli ezikhangele kuye nxa kungasuwe lendlu yonke kayihlo na?" **21** USawuli waphendula wathi, "Kodwa mina kangisuye yini wakoBhenjamini, isizwana esincinyane kulazo zonke ko-Israyeli, njalo lendlu

yakwethu kayincinyane kulazo zonke izindlu zesizwe sakoBhenjamini na?” **22** USamuyeli wasengenisa uSawuli lenceku yakhe endlini enkulu wabahlalisa phambi kwalabo ababenxusiwe babengaba ngamatshumi amathathu ubunengi babo. **23** USamuyeli wasesithi kumpheki wakhe, “Letha iqatha lenyama engikuphe lona, leliyana engithe uligcine.” **24** Ngakho umpheki wathatha umlenze lalokho okwakuphezu kwawo, wakubeka phambi kukaSawuli. USamuyeli wasesithi, “Nanku okube kugcinelwe wena. Dlana, ngoba kade kubekelwe wena kulelithuba, kusukela ngesikhathi ngisithi, ‘Ngilabemzini abanxusiweyo.’” USawuli wadla loSamuyeli ngalolosuku. **25** Sebehlile endaweni ephakemeyo ukuya emzini, uSamuyeli wakhuluma loSawuli bephezu kophahla lwendlu yakhe. **26** Bavuka ngezikhathi zemadabukakusa, uSamuyeli wabiza uSawuli phezu kophahla wathi, “Lunga ngikuqhube ohanjweni lwakho.” USawuli eselungile, yena loSamuyeli baphuma bonke. **27** Ekuhambeni kwabo besehlela emaphethelweni omuzi, uSamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, “Tshela inceku yakho iqhubeke phambi kwethu” lakanye inceku yenza njalo “kodwa wena sala lapha okwesikhatshana ukuze ngikutshele ilizwi elivela kuNkulunkulu.”

10 USamuyeli wasethatha umfuma wamafutha wawathela ekhanda likaSawuli wasemanga, esithi, “Uthixo kakugcobanga ukuba ngumbusi welifa lakhe na? **2** Ekusukeni kwakho kimi lamhla, uzahlangana lamadoda amabili eduze kwengcwaba likaRasheli, eliseZeliza esemngceleni wakoBhenjamini. Azakuthi kuwe,

‘Obabhemi obuyebadinga sebetholakele. Khathesi uyihlo
kasacabangi ngabo kodwa usekhathazeka ngawe.
Uyabuza esithi, “Ngizakwenzanjani ngendodana yami
na?”’ **3** Uzahamba-ke usuka lapho uze ufike esihlahleni
esikhulu saseThabhori. Amadoda amathathu aya
kuNkulunkulu eBhetheli azahlangana lawe khonapho.
Enye izathwala amazinyane embuzi amathathu, enye
izinkwa ezintathu lenye umgodla wewayini. **4**
Azakubingelela akuphe izinkwa ezimbili, ozazamukela
kuwo. **5** Emva kwalokho, uzakuya eGibhiya kaNkulunkulu
lapho okulesilindo sebutho lamaFilistiya khona.
Lapho usubanga emzini, uzahlangana lodwendwe
lwabaphrofethi besehla bevela endaweni ephakemeyo,
phambi kwabo kutshaywa imiqangala lamagedla lemifece
kanye lemihubhe, njalo bazakuba bephrofetha. **6** UMoya
kaThixo uzakwehlela phezu kwakho ngamandla, lawe
uzaphrofetha labo, njalo uzaguqulwa ube ngomunye
umuntu. **7** Izibonakaliso lezi zingagcwaliseka, yenza loba
yini okubona kufanele ukuba ukwenze, ngoba
uNkulunkulu ulawe. **8** Hamba ungandulele eGiligali.
Ngizakuza kuwe impela ngizenikela umhlatshelo
weminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobuzalwane. Kodwa
kuzamele ulinde insuku eziyisikhombisa ngize ngifike
kuwe ngikutshele okumele ukwenze.” **9** Kwathi uSawuli
ephenduka esesuka kuSamuyeli, uNkulunkulu waguqula
inhliziyo kaSawuli, njalo zonke izibonakaliso lezi
zagcwaliseka mhlalokho. **10** Bathi befika eGibhiya,
udwendwe lwabaphrofethi lwabahlangabeza; uMoya
kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla, laye

wahlanganyela ekuphrofitheni kwabo. **11** Kwathi labo
ababevele bemazi bembona esephrofitha labaphrofethi,
babuzana besithi, “Kuyini kanti lokhu osekwenzakale
endodaneni kaKhishi? USawuli laye ungomunye
wabaphrofethi na?” **12** Umuntu owayehlala lapho
waphendula wathi, “Uyise wabo ngubani na?” Ngakho
kwaba yisitsho ukuthi: “USawuli laye ungomunye
wabaphrofethi na?” **13** Kwathi uSawuli eseyekele
ukuphrofetha, wasesiya endaweni ephakemeyo. **14**
Ngalesosikhathi uyise omncane kaSawuli wambuza kanye
lenceku yakhe wathi, “Kanti kade lingaphi?” USawuli
waphendula wathi, “Kade sidinga obabhemi. Kodwa
kuthe sibona ukuthi kabatholakali, sasesisiya
kuSamuyeli.” **15** Uyise omncane kaSawuli wasesithi,
“Ngitshela ukuthi uSamuyeli utheni kuwe.” **16** USawuli
waphendula wathi, “Uqinise kithi ukuthi obabhemi
sebebonakele.” Kodwa kamtshelanga uyise omncane
okwakutshiwo nguSamuyeli ngobukhosi. **17** USamuyeli
wabizela abantu bako-Israyeli kuThixo eMizipha **18** wathi
kubo, “Nanku okutshiwo yiThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli: ‘Ngakhupha u-Israyeli eGibhithe, njalo
ngalikhulula esandleni seGibhithe lakuyo yonke imibuso
eyayilincindezela.’ **19** Kodwa khathesi selimalile
uNkulunkulu wenu, olihlengayo ezingozini zenu zonke
lasezinsizini. Njalo selithe, ‘Hatshi, sibekele inkosi
ezasibusa.’ Ngakho-ke khathesi zibonakaliseni phambi
kukaThixo ngezizwana zenu langezinsendo zenu.” **20**
Kwathi uSamuyeli esezilethe eduze zonke izizwana zako-
Israyeli, isizwana sikaBhenjamini sakhethwa. **21** Emva

kwalokho waletha isizwana sikaBhenjamini phambili, usendo ngosendo, kwakhethwa usendo lukaMathiri. Ekucineni kwakhethwa uSawuli, indodana kaKhishi. Kodwa kwathi sebemdinga akaze abonakala. **22** Ngakho babuza njalo kuThixo bathi, "Umuntu lo uke wafika lapha na?" UThixo wathi, "Ye, usezifihle phakathi kwezimpahla." **23** Bagijima bayamkhipha, njalo kwathi esemi phakathi kwabantu, wayemude kulabo bonke. **24** USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini bonke, "Liyambona yini umuntu osekhethwe nguThixo? Kakho lamunye onjengaye phakathi kwabantu bonke bako-Israyeli." Abantu baklabalala besithi, "Impilo ende enkosini!" **25** USamuyeli wachaza ebantwini imithetho yobukhosi. Wayiloba emqulwini wayibeka phambi kukaThixo. Emva kwalokho wabachitha abantu, ngulowo lalowo waya emzini wakhe. **26** USawuli laye waya kibo eGibhiya ephelekezelwa ngabantu abangamaqhawe uNkulunkulu ayethinte inhliziyo zabo. **27** Kodwa ezinye izidlwangudlwangu zathi, "Umuntu lo angasikhulula kanjani na?" Zameyisa kazaze zamlethela zipho. Kodwa uSawuli wazithulela.

11 UNahashi um'Amoni wasuka wayivimbezela iJabheshi Giliyadi. Bonke abantu baseJabheshi bathi kuye, "Yenza isivumelwano lathi, thina sizakuba ngaphansi kwakho." **2** Kodwa uNahashi um'Amoni waphendula wathi, "Ngizakwenza isivumelwano lani kuphela nxa kuyikuthi ngizakhupha ilihlo lesandla sokunene emuntwini wonke wakini ukuze u-Israyeli wonke ngimlethele ihlazo." **3** Abadala baseJabheshi bathi kuye, "Sinike insuku

eziyisikhombisa ukuze sithume izithunywa kulolonke elako-Israyeli; nxa engekho ozasihlenga sizazinikela kuwe.” **4** Kwathi izithunywa sezifike eGibhiya kaSawuli njalo zabika izimiso lezi ebantwini bonke bakhala kakhulu. **5** Ngalesosikhathi uSawuli wayevela emasimini, engemuva kwenkabi zakhe, wasebuza esithi, “Kuyini okonakeleyo ebantwini? Kungani bekhala?” Bamlandisela okwakutshiwo ngabantu baseJabheshi. **6** Kwathi uSawuli esezwe amazwi abo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla, wathukuthela kakhulu. **7** Wathatha inkabi ezimbili, waziquma zaba yiziqayiqa, wathumela iziqa lezithunywa kulolonke elako-Israyeli, zimemezela zisithi, “Lokhu yikho okuzakwenziwa enkabini zikabani lobani ongalandeli uSawuli loSamuyeli.” Ukwesabeka kukaThixo kwehlela ebantwini, baphuma sebenjengomuntu munye. **8** Kwathi uSawuli esebaqoqile eBhezekhi, abantu bako-Israyeli babezinkulungwane ezintathu, abakoJuda bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **9** Batshela izithunywa ezazifikile bathi, “Tshelani abantu baseJabheshi Giliyadi ukuthi, ‘Kuzakuthi ilanga selitshisa kusasa, lina lizakuba selihlengiwe.’” Kwathi izithunywa sezihambe zayabika lokhu ebantwini baseJabheshi, bathokoza. **10** Basebesithi kuma-Amoni, “Kusasa sizazinikela kini, njalo lingenza kithi loba kuyini okukhanya kukuhle kini.” **11** Ngelanga elalandelayo uSawuli wehlukanisa abantu bakhe baba ngamaviyo amathathu; kwathi ngomlindo wokucina ebusuku bafohlela ezihonqweni zama-Amoni bawabulala ilanga laze latshisa. Lawo aphephayo ahlakazeka, akwaze kwaba

lamabili awo asala endawonye. **12** Abantu basebesithi
kuSamuyeli, “Ngubani owabuza wathi, ‘USawuli uzasibusa
na?’ Balethe kithi labobantu sibabulale.” **13** Kodwa uSawuli
wathi, “Kakho ozabulawa lamhla, ngoba ngalolusuku
uThixo umhlengile u-Israyeli.” **14** USamuyeli wasesithi
ebantwini, “Wozani, kasiyeni eGiligali siyeqinisa ubukhosi
khona.” **15** Ngakho abantu bonke baya eGiligali bambeka
uSawuli ukuba yinkosi phambi kukaThixo. Bahlaba
khona imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula, njalo uSawuli
labantu bonke bako-Israyeli baba lomkhosi omkhulu
wokuthokoza.

12 USamuyeli wathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli,
“Ngikuzwile konke elikukhulumileyo kimi njalo
sengilibekele inkosi. **2** Khathesi selilenkosi engumkhokheli
wenu. Mina sengiluphele lenwele sezimpunga,
lamadodana ami lilawo khonapha. Kade ngingumkhokheli
wenu kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube lamhla. **3**
Ngikhonapha. Fakazani okubi ngami phambi kukaThixo
logcotshiweyo wakhe. Ngubani engake ngathatha inkabi
yakhe na? Ngubani engake ngathatha ubabhemi wakhe
na? Ngubani engake ngamqilibezela? Ngubani engake
ngamncindezela na? Kukwezikabani izandla engake
ngamukela isivalamlomo ukuba ngivale amehlo ami na?
Nxa ngake ngenza okunye kwalokhu, ngizakubuyisela.”
4 Baphendula bathi, “Kawuzange usiqilibezele loba
usincindezele. Kawuthathanga lutho esandleni somuntu.”
5 USamuyeli wasesithi kubo, “Uthixo ungufakazi umelane
lani, logcotshiweyo wakhe ungufakazi ngalelilanga, ukuthi
kalitholanga lutho esandleni sami.” Bona bathi, “Yena

ungufakazi." **6** USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini, "NguThixo
owakhetha uMosi lo-Aroni wakhupha oyihlomkhulu
eGibhithe. **7** Khathesi-ke, manini khonapha, ngoba
ngizamelana lani ngobufakazi phambi kukaThixo
ngazozonke izenzo ezilungileyo uThixo owazenzela
lina laboyihlo. **8** Emva kokuba uJakhobe esefikile
eGibhithe, bakhalela usizo kuThixo, uThixo wasethuma
uMosi lo-Aroni, abakhupha okhokho benu eGibhithe
bazabahlalisa kule indawo. **9** Kodwa bamkhohlwa
uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo; ngakho wabanikela esandleni
sikaSisera, umlawuli webutho laseHazori, lasezandleni
zamaFilistiya kanye lasenkosini yamaMowabi, balwa
labo. **10** Bakhala kuThixo bathi, 'Sonile, simdelile uThixo
sakhonza oBhali labo-Ashithorethi. Kodwa khathesi ake
usikhulule ezandleni zezitha zethu, sizakukhonza.' **11**
Lapho-ke uThixo wathuma uJerubhi-Bhali, loBhedani,
loJeftha kanye loSamuyeli, walikhulula ezandleni zezitha
zenu inxa zonke, yikho lahlala livikelekile. **12** Kodwa
kwathi lapho libona ukuthi uNahashi inkosi yama-
Amoni wayesizalihlasela, lathi kimi, 'Hatshi, sifuna inkosi
yokusibusa,' lanxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wayeyinkosi
yenu. **13** Khathesi nansi inkosi eliyikhethileyo, yona
elayicelayo; khangelani, uThixo uselibekele inkosi phezu
kwenu. **14** Nxa limesaba uThixo limkhonze njalo limlalele
lingahlamukeli imilayo yakhe, njalo nxa lina kanye
lenkosi elibusayo lilandela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
kuhle! **15** Kodwa nxa uThixo lingamlaleli, njalo nxa
lihlamukela imilayo yakhe, isandla sakhe sizamelana lani,
njengoba sasimelane laboyihlo. **16** Khathesi-ke manini

lithule libone into enkulu uThixo asezayenza phambi kwamehlo enu! **17** Kanti khathesi akusisikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi na? Ngizakhuleka kuThixo ukuba athumele umdumo lezulu. Njalo lizabona ukuthi yinto embi njani elayenzayo emehlweni kaThixo lapho licela inkosi." **18** Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wakhuleka kuThixo, njalo khona mhlalokho uThixo wathumela umdumo lezulu. Ngakho abantu bonke bamesaba uThixo loSamuyeli. **19** Bonke abantu bathi kuSamuyeli, "Khulekela izinceku zakho kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukuze singafi, ngoba sesengeze kwezinye zonke izono zethu ngobubi bokucela inkosi." **20** USamuyeli waphendula wathi, "Lingesabi. Selibenzile bonke lobububi; kodwa lingamfulatheli uThixo; kodwa khonzani uThixo ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke. **21** Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni ezingasizi lutho. Zingeke zilenzele lutho, kumbe zilihlenge, ngoba kazilasizo. **22** Ngenxa yebizo lakhe elikhulu uThixo kayikubalahla abantu bakhe, ngoba uThixo wathokoziswa yikulenza libe ngabakhe. **23** Mina-ke kangiyikukwenza ukuthi ngenze isono kuThixo ngokungalikhulekeli. Njalo ngizalifundisa indlela enhle lelungileyo. **24** Kodwa mesabeni ngeqiniso uThixo, limkhonze ngobuqotho ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke. Khumbulani izinto ezinkulu alenzela zona. **25** Kodwa lingaphikelela ukwenza okubi, lina lenkosi yenu lizakhukhulwa."

13 USawuli waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu ubudala bakhe, njalo wabusa u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane lambili. **2** USawuli wakhetha abantu abazinkulungwane ezintathu ko-

Israyeli; abazinkulungwane ezimbili babelaye eMikhimashi laselizweni lezintaba eleBhetheli, njalo abayinkulungwane babeloJonathani eGibhiya koBhenjamini. Bonke abasalayo wababuyisela emakhaya abo. **3** UJonathani wahlasela inkamba yamabutho amaFilistiya eGebha, njalo amaFilistiya akuzwa lokho. Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi kakukhaliswe icilongo kulolonke ilizwe wathi, "AmaHebheru kawezwe!" **4** Ngakho u-Israyeli wonke wayizwa indaba yokuthi: "USawuli usehlasele inkamba yamabutho amaFilistiya, njalo u-Israyeli khathesi useyisinengiso kumaFilistiya." Njalo abantu babizwa ukuba bayehlanganyela loSawuli eGiligali. **5** AmaFilistiya abuthana ukuthi alwe lo-Israyeli ngezinqola zempi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha kanye lamabutho ayemanengi njengetshebetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle. Ahamba ayamisa eMikhimashi, empumalanga kweBhethi-Aveni. **6** Kwathi abantu bako-Israyeli bebona ukuthi umumo wabo wawusumubi lokuthi ibutho labo lalincindezelwe kanzima, bacatsha ezimbalwini lasemajukujukwini, laphakathi kwamadwala, emilindini lasemigodini. **7** Amanye amaHebheru aze achaphela elizweni lakoGadi kanye leGiliyadi. USawuli wasala eGiligali, njalo wonke amabutho ayelaye ayeqhuqha ngenxa yokwesaba. **8** Walinda insuku eziyisikhombisa, isikhathi esasimiswe nguSamuyeli; kodwa uSamuyeli kezanga eGiligali; yikho abantu bakaSawuli baqalisa ukuchitheka. **9** Ngakho wathi, "Ngilethelani umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo

yobuzalwane." USawuli wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa.
10 Kwathi khonokho nje eqeda ukunikela umnikelo
wokutshiswa, uSamuyeli wafika, uSawuli waphuma
wayambingelela. **11** USamuyeli wabuza wathi, "Kuyini
osukwenzile na?" USawuli waphendula wathi, "Kuthe
ngibona abantu sebechitheka, lokuthi kawufikanga
ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, kanye lokuthi amaFilistiya
abebuthana eMikhimashi, **12** ngacabanga ngathi,
'Khathesi amaFilistiya azakuzangihlasela eGiligali,
njalo kangicelanga umusa kuThixo.' Ngakho
ngizwe ngincindezeleka ukuba nginikele umnikelo
wokutshiswa." **13** USamuyeli wathi, "Wenze ubuthutha.
Kawuwugcinanga umlayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho
akupha wona; aluba ubukwenzile lokho, ubezamisa
umbuso wakho phezu kuka-Israyeli kokuphela. **14** Kodwa
umbuso wakho kawuyikuqhubeka; uThixo usedinge
indoda emthandayo ngenhliziyo yakhe wambeka ukuba
ngumbusi wabantu bakhe, ngoba wena kawuwugcinanga
umlayo kaThixo." **15** Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wasuka
eGiligali waya eGibhiya koBhenjamini, uSawuli wasebala
abantu ababelaye. Babengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha.
16 USawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani kanye labantu
ayelabo babehlala eGibhiya koBhenjamini, amaFilistiya
emise izihonqo eMikhimashi. **17** Amaqembu abahlaseli
aphuma ezihonqweni zamaFilistiya ngezigaba ezintathu.
Elinye laqonda e-Ofira eduze leShuwali, **18** elinye laqonda
eBhethi-Horoni, kwathi elesithathu laqonda endaweni
esemngceleni ngaphezu kweSigodi saseZebhoyimi
malungana lenkangala. **19** Akulamkhandi wensimbi

owayengatholakala kulolonke elako-Israyeli, ngoba amaFilistiya ayethe, “Mhlawumbe amaHebheru azakwenza izinkemba kumbe imikhonto.” **20** Ngakho u-Israyeli wonke waya kumaFilistiya ukuyalola amakhuba akhe, lamamatoki, lamahloka kanye amasikela. **21** Imbadalo yokulolisa amakhuba lamamatoki yayingokubili kokuthathu kweshekeli, njalo ingokukodwa kokuthathu kweshekeli ukulola amafologwe lamahloka kanye lokucijisa izijujo. **22** Ngakho ngosuku lwempi akulabutho elaliloSawuli loJonathani elalilenkemba kumbe umkhonto esandleni salo; uSawuli loJonathani kuphela yibo ababelakho. **23** Ngalesisikhathi amaFilistiya ayesephume aya emkhandlwini waseMikhimashi.

14 Ngelinye ilanga uJonathani indodana kaSawuli wathi ejaheni elalithwala izikhali zakhe, “Woza, kasiye enkambeni yebutho lamaFilistiya ngakwelinye icele.” Kodwa kamtshelanga uyise. **2** USawuli wayehlala emaphethelweni eGibhiya ngaphansi kwesihlahla sephomegranathi eMigironi. Amadoda ayelaye ayengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha, **3** phakathi kwawo kulo-Ahija, owayegqoke isigqoko samahlombe. Wayeyindodana yomfowabo ka-Ikhabhodi u-Ahithubi indodana kaFinehasi, indodana ka-Eli umphristi kaThixo eShilo. Kakho owayesazi ukuthi uJonathani wayehambile. **4** Eceleni ngalinye lomkhandlu ayehlose ukuwuchapha ukuze ayefika enkambeni yebutho lamaFilistiya kwakuleliwa; elinye lalithiwa yiBhozezi elinye liyiSene. **5** Elinye iliwa lalingasenyakatho ngokuya eMikhimashi, elinye lingasezansi ngokuya eGebha. **6** UJonathani wathi

ejaheni elalithwala izikhali zakhe, “Woza, siwelele enkambeni yalabayana abantu abangasokanga. Engxenye uThixo uzasimela, ngoba akulalutho olungavimbela uThixo ekukhululeni, loba kungabanengi kumbe abalutshwana.” **7** Umthwali wezikhali zakhe wathi, “Yenza konke olakho engqondweni yakho. Qhubeka, mina ngilawe ngenhliziyo langomphefumulo.” **8** UJonathani wasesithi, “Ngakho-ke, woza sikhuphuke siqonde kulabaya abantu senze ukuba basibone. **9** Bangathi kithi, ‘Manini khonapho size sifike kini,’ sizahlala lapho esikhona singayi kubo. **10** Kodwa bangathi, ‘Wozani kithi,’ sizakhwela siye phezulu ngoba lokho kuzakuba yisibonakaliso sethu sokuthi uThixo usebanikele ezandleni zethu.” **11** Ngakho bobabili bazibonakalisa enkambeni yamabutho amaFilistiya. AmaFilistiya athi, “Khangelani, amaHebheru asehohoba ephuma emilindini abecatshe kuyo.” **12** Amadoda ayesenkambeni yamabutho amemeza uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe athi, “Wozani kithi sizalifundisa isifundo.” Ngakho uJonathani wathi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, “Khwela ungilandele; uThixo usebanikele esandleni sika-Israyeli.” **13** UJonathani wakhwela, esebenzisa izandla lezinyawo zakhe, lomthwali wezikhali zakhe ekhonapho ngemva kwakhe. AmaFilistiya awa phambi kukaJonathani, njalo umthwali wezikhali zakhe walandela ebulala abantu ngemva kwakhe. **14** Ngalokho kuhlasela kokuqala uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe babulala abantu abangamatshumi amabili endaweni eyayingaba yingxenye yendima. **15** Emva kwalokho ibutho lonke

lathuthumela, ababesezihonqweni lababesegangeni, lalabo ababesezinkambeni zamabutho lamaqembu abahlaseli, iphansi lanyikinyeka. Kwakuyikuthuthumela okwakulethwe nguNkulunkulu. **16** Abalindi bakaSawuli eGibhiya koBhenjamini babona ibutho lisabalele ezinhlangothini zonke. **17** USawuli wasesithi ebantwini ababelaye, "Qoqani amabutho libone ukuthi ngubani ongekho." Sebekwenzile, ababengekho kwakunguJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe. **18** USawuli wasesithi ku-Ahija, "Letha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu." (Ngalesisikhathi lalikwabako-Israyeli.) **19** Kwathi uSawuli esakhuluma lomphristi, ukuxokozela ezihonqweni zamaFilistiya kwakhula kakhulu kakhulukazi. Ngakho uSawuli wathi kumphristi, "Susa isandla sakho." **20** Emva kwalokho uSawuli labantu bakhe bonke babuthana basebesiya empini. Bafica amaFilistiya ephakathi kwesiyaluyalu esipheleleyo, egalelana ngezinkemba zawo. **21** AmaHebheru ayelamaFilistiya kuqala ehambe lawo ezihonqweni zawo abuyela kwabako-Israyeli ababeloSawuli loJonathani. **22** Kwathi lapho bonke abako-Israyeli ababecatshe elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi sebezwile ukuthi amaFilistiya ayesebaleka empini bangena, baxotshana lawo. **23** Uthixo wamhlenga kanjalo u-Israyeli ngalolosuku, njalo ukulwa kwaya ngale kweBhethi-Aveni. **24** Ngalolosuku abantu bako-Israyeli babedanile ngoba uSawuli wayebophe abantu ngesifungo esithi, "Uqalekisiwe lowomuntu odla ukudla kungakahlwi, ngingakaphindiseli ezitheni zami!" Ngakho

akukho butho elanambitha ukudla. **25** Ibutho lonke
langena ehlathini, lapho okwakuloluju phansi khona. **26**
Ekungeneni kwabo ehlathini, babona uluju lujuluka,
kodwa kakho owaludlayo, ngoba babesesaba isifungo. **27**
Kodwa uJonathani wayengezwanga ukuthi uyise
wayebophe abantu ngesifungo, welula isiduku
somqwayi ayewuphethe wawuhloma ohlangeni loluju.
Waphakamisela isandla sakhe emlonyeni wakhe, amehlo
akhazimula. **28** Lapho-ke omunye wamabutho wamtshela
wathi, "Uyihlo ubophe ibutho ngesifungo esinzima,
esithi, 'Uqalekisiwe lowomuntu odla ukudla lamhla!'
Yikho-nje abantu bemdambiyana." **29** UJonathani wathi,
"Ubaba usedalele ilizwe uhlupho. Khangela ukuthi
amehlo ami athe dlwe ekunambitheni kwami okuncane
koluju lolu. **30** Kade kuzakuba ngcono kakhulu aluba
lamhla abantu bebedlile enye yempango abayithethe
ezitheni zabo. Ukubulawa kwamaFilistiya kade
kungayikuba kukhulu kulalokhu na?" **31** Ngalolosuku,
emva kokuba ama-Israyeli esebulele amaFilistiya
kusukela eMikhimashi kusiyafika e-Ayijaloni,
ayesediniwe. **32** Baphuthuma impango, kwathi
sebethethe izimvu lenkomo kanye lamathole, bazibulala
khonapho bazidla kanye legazi. **33** Omunye wasesithi
kuSawuli, "Khangela abantu benza isono kuThixo
ngokudla inyama elegazi." Yena wathi, "Selephule
ukuthenjwa. Giqelani ilitshe elikhulu ngapha khathesi
nje." **34** Wasesithi, "Yanini phakathi kwabantu libatshele
lithi, 'Lowo lalowo wenu kangilethele inkomo lezimvu
zakhe azibulalele lapha azidle. Lingenzi isono kuThixo

ngokudla inyama eseselegazi.'" Ngakho ngalobobusuku umuntu wonke waletha inkabi yakhe wayihlabela khonapho. **35** USawuli wasesakhela uThixo i-alithari; wayeqala ukwenza lokhu. **36** USawuli wathi, "Kasehleni silandele amaFilistiya ebusuku siwahlasele kuze kuse, singatshiyi lalinye lawo liphila." Bathi, "Yenza lokho okubona kulungile kuwe." Kodwa umphristi wathi, "Kasibuzeni uNkulunkulu lapha." **37** USawuli wabuza uNkulunkulu wathi, "Ngehle ngilandele amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikela esandleni sika-Israyeli na?" Kodwa uNkulunkulu kamphendulanga ngalolosuku. **38** Ngakho uSawuli wathi, "Wozani lapha, lonke lina bakhokheli bebutho, sidinge ukuthi yisono bani esenziwe lamhla. **39** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ohlenga u-Israyeli ephila, lanxa sisendodaneni yami uJonathani, kumele ife." Kodwa akukho lamunye wabantu owatsho ilizwi. **40** USawuli wasesithi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, "Manini laphayana; mina lendodana yami uJonathani sizakuma ngapha." Abantu baphendula bathi, "Yenza lokho okukhanya kulungile kuwe." **41** Emva kwalokho uSawuli wakhuleka kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi, "Kungani ungayiphendulanga inceku lamuhla? Nxa isono sikimi kumbe kuJonathani indodana yami, inkatho kayibe yi-Urimi; kodwa nxa isono sisebantwini bako-Israyeli, inkatho kayibe yiThumimi." UJonathani loSawuli badliwa yinkatho, abantu bagezeka. **42** USawuli wasesithi, "Phosani inkatho phakathi kwami loJonathani indodana yami." UJonathani wabanjwa. **43** USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani, "Ngitshela lokho okwenzileyo."

Ngakho uJonathani wamtshela wathi, “Nginambithe
uluju nje kuphela ngesihloko somqwayi wami. Khathesi-
ke sokumele ngife!” **44** USawuli wathi, “UNkulunkulu
kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa ungafi, Jonathani.”
45 Kodwa abantu bathi kuSawuli, “UJonathani kumele afe
yini, yena olethe lokhukuhlengwa okukhulu ko-Israyeli
na? Hatshi bo! Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona,
akulanwele lwekhanda lakhe oluzawela phansi, ngoba
lokhu ukwenze lamhla ngosizo lukaNkulunkulu.” Ngakho
abantu bamhlenga uJonathani, kasabulawanga. **46**
USawuli wayekela ukuxotshana lamaFilistiya, njalo
amaFilistiya abuyela elizweni lakibo. **47** Kwathi uSawuli
esebusa ko-Israyeli, walwa lezitha zabo inxa zonke:
iMowabi, ama-Amoni, i-Edomi, amakhosi aseZobha kanye
lamaFilistiya. Loba kungaphi lapho aya khona,
wababhuqa. **48** Walwa ngesibindi wehlula ama-Amaleki,
wakhulula u-Israyeli ezandleni zalabo ababebaphangile.
49 Amadodana kaSawuli ayenguJonathani, lo-Ishivi kanye
loMalikhi-Shuwa. Ibizo lendodakazi yakhe endala
lalinguMerabi, elomcinyane linguMikhali. **50** Ibizo
lomkakhe lalingu-Ahinowama indodakazi ka-Ahimazi.
Umlawuli webutho likaSawuli wayengu-Abhineri
indodana kaNeri, uNeri wayengumfowabo kayise
kaSawuli. **51** UKhishi uyise kaSawuli, loNeri uyise ka-
Abhineri babengamadodana ka-Abhiyeli. **52** Kuzozonke
insuku zikaSawuli kwakulempi enzima lamaFilistiya,
njalo loba kungaphi uSawuli abona khona indoda
elamandla kumbe elesibindi, wayingenisa ebuthweni
lakhe.

15 USamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, “Mina yimi engathunywa
nguThixo ukuthi ngikugcobe ukuba yinkosi yabantu bakhe
u-Israyeli; ngakho-ke khathesi lalela ilizwi elivela kuThixo.
2 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: ‘Ama-Amaleki
ngizawajezisa ngenxa yalokhu akwenzayo ku-Israyeli
lapho abacathamela ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe. **3**
Khathesi hamba uyehlasela ama-Amaleki uqede du
konke okungokwawo. Ungawayekeli; bulala amadoda
labafazi, abantwana lensane, inkomo lezimvu, amakamela
kanye labobabhemi.’” **4** Ngakho uSawuli wabiza abantu
wababuthanisa eThelayimi, izinkulungwane ezimbili
zebutho lezinyawo kanye lamadoda azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi avela koJuda. **5** USawuli waya edolobheni lase-
Amaleki bacathama edongeni. **6** Wasesithi kumaKheni,
“Sukani, tshiyani ama-Amaleki ukuze ngingaliqothuli
kanye lawo; ngoba lina latshengisa umusa kuwo wonke
ama-Israyeli ekuphumeni kwawo eGibhithe.” Ngakho
amaKheni asuka kuma-Amaleki. **7** Lapho-ke uSawuli
wahlasela ama-Amaleki umango wonke kusukela eHavila
kusiya eShuri, empumalanga kweGibhithe. **8** Wathumba
u-Agagi inkosi yama-Amaleki ephila, kodwa bonke abantu
bakhe wabaqothula ngokupheleleyo, ngenkemba. **9**
Kodwa uSawuli lebutho kabambulalanga u-Agagi lezimvu
ezinhle lenkomo, amathole anonileyo lamawundlu lakho
konke okwakukuhle. Lokhu babengafisi ukukuqeda
ngokupheleleyo, konke okwakuseyiseka lokungelasizo
bakuqeda du. **10** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuSamuyeli
lisithi, **11** “Ngilusizi ngokuthi ngibeke uSawuli waba
yinkosi, ngoba usengifulathele njalo kalandelanga imilayo

yami." USamuyeli wakhathazeka, wakhuleka kuThixo
bonke lobobusuku. **12** USamuyeli wavuka ekuseni kakhulu
ukuba ayebonana loSawuli, kodwa watshelwa ukuthi,
"USawuli uye eKhameli. Uzibekele ilitshe lesikhumbuzo
sakhe khonale wasephenduka esehlela eGiligali." **13**
Kwathi uSamuyeli esemficile, uSawuli wathi, "Uthixo
kakubusise! Sengikwenzile engikulaywe nguThixo." **14**
Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Pho ukukhala kwezimvu
ezindlebeni zami lokhu kuyini na? Kuyini ukubhonsa
kwezinkomo lokhu engikuzwayo na?" **15** USawuli
waphendula wathi, "Amabutho azilethe zivela kuma-
Amaleki; agcine izimvu ezinhle lenkomo ukuba azenze
umhlatshelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, kodwa ezinye
sizikhucule." **16** USamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, "Mana!
Wothi ngikutshele okutshiwo nguThixo kimi ebusuku
obedluleyo." USawuli waphendula wathi, "Ngitshela."
17 USamuyeli wasesithi, "Lanxa wazibona umncane,
kawuzange ube yinhloko yezizwana zako-Israyeli na?
Uthixo wakugcoba ukuba ube yinkosi ko-Israyeli. **18** Njalo
wakuthuma emsebenzini, esithi, 'Hamba uyeqothula
abantu labayana ababi, ama-Amaleki, uvuse impi labo
uze ubaqede du.' **19** Pho kungani ungalalelanga uThixo?
Kungani uzithathele impango wenza okubi phambi
kukaThixo na?" **20** USawuli wathi, "Kodwa mina
ngimlalele uThixo. Ngihambile emsebenzini uThixo
anginike wona. Ama-Amaleki ngiwaqede du, ngabuya
lo-Agagi inkosi yawo. **21** Amabutho athatha izimvu
lenkomo empangweni, ezinhle zalezo ezazahlukaniselwe
uNkulunkulu, ukuze zenziwe umhlatshelo kuThixo

uNkulunkulu wakho eGiligali.” **22** Kodwa uSamuyeli
waphendula wathi: “Kambe uThixo uthokozela iminikelo
yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo ngokunjengokulalela ilizwi
likaThixo na? Ukulalela kungcono kulomhlatshelo,
lokukhathalela kungcono kulamahwahwa enqama.
23 Ngoba ukuhlamuka kufana lesono sokuhlahlula,
lobuqholo bufana lobubi bokukhonza izithombe. Ngoba
ilizwi likaThixo ulalile, usekwalile njengenkosi.” **24**
USawuli wasesithi kuSamuyeli, “Ngenzile isono. Ngephule
umlayo kaThixo leziqondiso zakho. Ngesabe abantu
ngavumela okwabo. **25** Khathesi-ke ngiyakucela,
thethelela isono sami ubuyele emuva lami, ukuze
ngikhonze uThixo.” **26** Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi kuye,
“Angiyikubuyela emuva lawe. Ilizwi likaThixo ulalile, njalo
uThixo usekwalile njengombusi wako-Israyeli!” **27** Kwathi
uSamuyeli ephenduka ukuba asuke, uSawuli wabamba
umphetho wesembatho sakhe, sasesidabuka. **28** USamuyeli
wathi kuye, “Uthixo usewudabule kuwe lamhla umbuso
wako-Israyeli, njalo usewunike omunye wabomakhelwane
bakho, lowo ongcono kulawe. **29** Yena oyiNkazimulo ka-
Israyeli kaqambi manga kumbe aguqule ingqondo yakhe,
ngoba kasumuntu ukuba aguqule ingqondo yakhe.” **30**
USawuli waphendula wathi, “Ngenzile isono. Kodwa ake
ungihloniphe phambi kwabadala babantu bami laphambi
kuka-Israyeli; buyela lami, ukuze ngiyekhonza uThixo
uNkulunkulu wakho.” **31** Ngakho uSamuyeli wabuyela
loSawuli wasekhonza uThixo. **32** USamuyeli wasesithi,
“Ngilethelani u-Agagi inkosi yama-Amaleki.” U-Agagi
waya kuye ngokwethemba ecabanga esithi, “Impela

intukuthelo yokufa isiphelile." **33** Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi,
"Njengoba inkemba yakho yenze abesifazane baswela
abantwana, ngokunjalo unyoko kazukuba lomntwana
phakathi kwabesifazane." USamuyeli wambulala u-Agagi
phambi kukaThixo eGiligali. **34** Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli
wasuka waya eRama, kodwa uSawuli waya emzini wakhe
eGibhiya yakoSawuli. **35** USamuyeli kwaze kwaba lusuku
lokufa kwakhe engazange ayembona uSawuli futhi, lanxa
uSamuyeli wamlilela uSawuli. Uthixo wakhathazeka
ngokuthi wayenze uSawuli waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli.

16 Uthixo wathi kuSamuyeli, "Koze kube nini ulilela
uSawuli, lokhu mina ngimalile ekubeni yinkosi yako-
Israyeli? Gcwalisa uphondo lwakho ngamafutha uhambe;
ngiyakuthuma kuJese eBhethilehema. Sengikhethe enye
yamadodana akhe ukuba yinkosi." **2** Kodwa uSamuyeli
wathi, "Ngingahamba kanjani na? USawuli uzakuzwa
ngakho angibulale." Uthixo wathi, "Thatha ithokazi
uhambe lalo uthi, 'Ngilande ukuzahlabela uThixo.' **3**
Biza uJese eze emhlatshelweni, mina ngizakutshengisa
ozakwenza. Uzangigcobela lowo engizamphawula." **4**
USamuyeli wenza lokho okwakutshiwo nguThixo. Kwathi
efika eBhethilehema abadala bomuzi bamhlangabeza
beqhaqhazela. Bambuza bathi, "Uza ngokuthula na?" **5**
USamuyeli waphendula wathi, "Ye, ngokuthula; ngilande
ukuzanikela umhlatshelo kuThixo. Zingcweliseni lihambe
lami emhlatshelweni." Emva kwalokho wangcwelisa
uJese lamadodana akhe wasebabizela emhlatshelweni. **6**
Ekufikeni kwabo uSamuyeli wabona u-Eliyabi wacabanga
wathi, "Impela ogcotshiweyo kaThixo umi lapha phambi

kukaThixo.” **7** Kodwa uThixo wathi kuSamuyeli,
“Ungakhangeli isimo sakhe loba ubude bakhe, ngoba
ngimalile. Uthixo kakhangeli izinto ezikhangelwa
ngabantu. Abantu bakhangela isimo somuntu, kodwa
uThixo ukhangela inhliziyo.” **8** UJese wabiza u-Abhinadabi
wamdlulisa phambi kukaSamuyeli. Kodwa uSamuyeli
wathi, “Lalo uThixo kamkhethanga.” **9** UJese wedlulisa
uShama eduzane, kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, “Layenalo
uThixo kamkhethanga.” **10** UJese wadlulisa amadodana
akhe ayisikhombisa phambi kukaSamuyeli, kodwa
uSamuyeli wathi kuye, “Laba uThixo kabakhethanga.” **11**
Ngakho wabuza uJese wathi, “La yiwo wonke amadodana
olawo na?” UJese waphendula wathi, “Kusekhona
encinyane, kodwa yelusa izimvu.” USamuyeli wathi,
“Thuma omunye ayembiza; kasiyikuhlala phansi aze
afike.” **12** Ngakho wathuma omunye wayalethwa.
Wayebomvana, ebukeka njalo elesimo esihle. Uthixo
wasesithi, “Sukuma umgcobe; nguye.” **13** Ngakho
uSamuyeli wathatha uphondo lwamafutha wamgcoba
labanewabo bekhona; njalo kusukela ngalelolanga
kusiya phambili, uMoya kaThixo wafika kuDavida
ulamandla. Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli waya eRama. **14**
Ngalesosikhathi uMoya kaThixo wawususukile kuSawuli,
umoya omubi owavela kuThixo usumhlukuluza. **15**
Izinceku zikaSawuli zathi kuye, “Khangela, umoya omubi
ovela kuNkulunkulu uyakuhlukuluza. **16** Akuthi inkosi
yethu ilaye izinceku zayo ezilapha ukuba ziyidingele
umuntu okwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho. Uzalitshaya lapho
umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu ufika kuwe; uzakuzwa

ngcono.” **17** Ngakho uSawuli wathi ezincekwini zakhe,
“Dingani umuntu otshaya kuhle limlethe kimi.” **18** Enye
yezinceku zakhe yaphendula yathi, “Ngibone indodana
kaJese waseBhethilehema ekwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho.
Iyindoda elesibindi elibutho futhi. Ikhuluma kuhle njalo
ilijaha elibukekayo. LoThixo uyivikele.” **19** USawuli
wathuma izithunywa kuJese wathi, “Thumela kimi
indodana yakho uDavida, owelusa izimvu.” **20** Ngakho
uJese wathatha ubabhemi ethwele izinkwa, umgodla
wewayini lezinyane lembuzi wakuthumela lendodana
yakhe uDavida kuSawuli. **21** UDavida wafika kuSawuli
wangena emsebenzini wakhe uSawuli wamthanda
kakhulu, njalo uDavida waba ngomunye wabathwali
bezikhali zakhe. **22** USawuli wathumela ilizwi kuJese,
elithi, “Vumela uDavida ukuba ahlale emsebenzini wami,
ngoba ngiyathokoza ngaye.” **23** Kwakusithi umoya omubi
ovela kuNkulunkulu ungafika kuSawuli, uDavida athathe
ichacho lakhe alitshaye. Lapho-ke uSawuli wayephumula;
ezwe ngcono, lomoya omubi usuke kuye.

17 Ngalesosikhathi amaFilistiya aqoqa amabutho awo
ukuba alwe impi, asebuthana eSokho koJuda. Enza
izihonqo e-Efesi Damimi, phakathi kweSokho le-Azekha.
2 USawuli labako-Israyeli bamisa izihonqo eSigodini
sase-Ela, bahlela ukuba balwe impi lamaFilistiya. **3**
AmaFilistiya ayemi kolunye uqaqa abako-Israyeli labo
bekolunye, kulesigodi phakathi kwabo. **4** Iqhawe
elalithiwa nguGoliyathi, owayevela eGathi, waphuma
ezihonqweni zamaFilistiya. Ubude bakhe babuzingalo
eziyisithupha lesandla. **5** Wayelengowane yethusi

ekhanda lakhe, egqoke ibhatshi lokuvikela elethusi elaliyizinkulungwane ezinhlanu zamashekeli ubunzima balo, **6** emibaleni yakhe wayegqoke imigwamazi yethusi, emhlane egaxe umkhonto wethusi. **7** Uluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalunjengogodo lomaluki, ubunzima besihloko sawo sensimbi bungamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha. Umthwali wehawu lakhe wayehamba phambidlana kwakhe. **8** UGoliyathi wema wamemezela emaviyweni ako-Israyeli esithi, "Kungani liphumele ukuzakulwa impi na? KangisumFilistiya yini, njalo lina kalisizo zinceku zikaSawuli na? Khethani umuntu azeqondana lami. **9** Nxa ezakulwa angibulale, sizakuba yizigqili zenu; kodwa ngingamehlula ngimbulale, lizakuba yizigqili zethu lisikhonze." **10** UmFilistiya wabuya wathi, "Lamhlanje ngiyaweyisa amaviyo ako-Israyeli! Ngiphani umuntu siqondane silwe." **11** Ekuzweni amazwi omFilistiya, uSawuli labo bonke abako-Israyeli besaba bathuthumela. **12** UDavida wayeyindoda yom'Efrathi owayethiwa nguJese, owayengowase Bhethilehema koJuda. UJese wayelamadodana ayisificaminwembili, njalo ngezinsuku zikaSawuli wayesemdala eseluphele kakhulu. **13** Amadodana amathathu amadala kaJese ayelandele uSawuli empini: Izibulo kwakungu-Eliyabi; owesibili kungu-Abhinadabi; owesithathu kunguShama. **14** UDavida wayengomncane wabo. Abathathu abadala balandela uSawuli, **15** kodwa uDavida wasuka kuSawuli wabuyela ukuba ayekwelusa izimvu zikayise eBhethilehema. **16** Okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane umFilistiya wayesiya phambili nsuku zonke ekuseni lakusihlwa ajame. **17**

UJese wasesithi kuDavida indodana yakhe, “Thathela abanewenu ihefa lomumbu okhanzingiweyo kanye lezinkwa lezi ezilitshumi uzise masinyane ezihonqweni zabo. **18** Hamba lalezizinkwa zetshizi ezilitshumi kumlawuli weviyo labo. Bona ukuthi abanewenu banjani, ubuye lesiqiniselo esivela kubo. **19** BaloSawuli kanye labantu bonke bako-Israyeli eSigodini sase-Ela, besilwa lamaFilistiya.” **20** Ekuseni kakhulu uDavida watshiya umhlambi wezimvu ulomelusi, wathwala umthwalo wasuka wahamba, njengokulaya kukaJese. Wafika ezihonqweni ibutho liphuma ukuba liye ezindaweni zalo zempi, limemeza isaga sempi. **21** U-Israyeli lamaFilistiya babedweba imikhandlu yabo bekhangelene. **22** UDavida watshiya izinto zakhe kumgcini wezimpahla, wagijimela emaviyweni empi wayabingelela abanewabo. **23** Esabakhulumisa, uGoliyathi, iqhawe lamaFilistiya elaseGathi, waphuma kuviyo lakhe, wamemezela ukweyisa kwakhe kwenjayelo, loDavida wakuzwa. **24** Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona umuntu lowo, bonke bambalekela ngokwesaba okukhulu. **25** Abako-Israyeli babekade besithi, “Liyambona yini umuntu lo ukuthi uqhubeka njani elokhu ephuma? Uyaphuma ukuba eyise u-Israyeli. Inkosi izamnika inotho enengi umuntu ozambulala. Izamnika lendodakazi yayo ukuba ayithathe, ikhulule labendlu kayise emithelweni ko-Israyeli.” **26** UDavida wabuza indoda eyayimi phansi kwakhe wathi, “Kuyini okuzakwenzelwa umuntu obulala umFilistiya lo asuse lehlazo leli ku-Israyeli na? Ungubani umFilistiya lo ongasokanga oweyisa amabutho kaNkulunkulu ophilayo

na?” **27** Bakutsho futhi kuye ababekade bemtshela khona
bathi, “Nanku okuzakwenzelwa umuntu ombulalayo.”
28 Kwathi lapho u-Eliyabi, umnewabo omdala kaDavida,
emuzwa ekhuluma lalawomadoda, wamthukuthelela
kakhulu wambuza wathi, “Uzefunani lapha na? Njalo
izimvu leziyana ezilutshwane uzitshiye lobani enkangala
na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uzikhukhumeza njani kanye
lokuthi inhliziyo yakho imbi kanjani, ulande ukuzabona
impi nje kuphela.” **29** UDavida wathi, “Manje sengenzeni
kanti? Angivunyelwa yini ukukhuluma?” **30** Emva
kwalokho waphendukela komunye, watsho lutho
lunye, umuntu lowo wamphendula njengakuqala. **31**
Okwakutshiwo nguDavida kwazwakala njalo kwabikwa
kuSawuli, uSawuli wathi kabizwe. **32** UDavida wathi
kuSawuli, “Akungabi lomuntu ophelelwa lithemba ngenxa
yomFilistiya lo; inceku yakho izakuyakulwa laye.” **33**
USawuli waphendula wathi, “Kawanelisi ukuyamelana
lomFilistiya lo ulwe laye; wena ungumfana nje, yena kade
waba ngumuntu wokulwa kusukela ebutsheni bakhe.” **34**
Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli, “Inceku yakho yayiselusa
izimvu zikayise. Kwathi kufike isilwane kumbe ibhele
lajwamula imvu emhlambini, **35** ngalilandela, ngalitshaya
ngahlenga imvu emlonyeni walo. Lathi liyangihlasela
ngalidumela ngoboya balo, ngalitshaya ngalibulala.
36 Inceku yakho seyabulala kokubili isilwane lebhele;
umFilistiya lo ongasokanga uzakuba njengokunye kwakho,
ngoba weyise amabutho kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **37** Uthixo
owangikhululayo enzitsheni zesilwane lasenzitsheni
zebhele uzangikhulula esandleni somFilistiya lo.” USawuli

wathi kuDavida, “Hamba, uThixo kabe lawe.” **38** Emva kwalokho uSawuli wagqokisa uDavida ibhatshi lakhe. Wamgqokisa lesivikelo sensimbi kanye lengowane yethusi ekhanda lakhe. **39** UDavida wabophela inkemba yakhe phezu kwesembatho setshunika wazama ukuhambahamba, ngoba wayengazejwayelanga. Wathi kuSawuli, “Angingeke ngihambe ngigqoke lokhu, ngoba angikwejwayelanga.” Ngakho wakukhupha. **40** Emva kwalokho wathatha umqwayi wakhe, wakhetha amatshe abutshelezi amahlanu esifuleni. Wawabeka esikhwameni somxhaka wakhe wokwelusa, njalo ephethe isavutha wamlanda umFilistiya. **41** Ngasikhathi sinye, umFilistiya, umthwali wehawu lakhe ephambi kwakhe, wayelokhu esondela eduze kukaDavida. **42** Wamkhangela uDavida wabona ukuthi wayengumfana nje, ebomvana emuhle, wameyisa. **43** Wasesithi kuDavida, “Kanti ngiyinja yini, usiza kimi uphethe izinti?” UmFilistiya waqalekisa uDavida ngabonkulunkulu bakibo. **44** Wathi, “Woza lapha, ngizanika izinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga inyama yakho!” **45** UDavida wathi kumFilistiya, “Wena uzemelana lami ngenkemba lomkhonto kanye lomdikadika, kodwa mina ngizemelana lawe ngebizo likaThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu wamabutho ka-Israyeli wena omeyisayo. **46** Lamhla uThixo uzakunikela kimi, ngizakulahla phansi ngiqume ikhanda lakho. Lamhlanje izinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zasemhlabeni ngizazinika izidumbu zebutho lamaFilistiya, njalo umhlaba wonke uzakwazi ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli. **47** Bonke labo ababuthene lapha bazakwazi

ukuthi uThixo kahlengi ngenkemba loba ngomkhonto, ngoba impi ngekaThixo, njalo lonke uzalinikela ezandleni zethu.” **48** Kwathi umFilistiya esondela eduze ukuba amhlasele, uDavida ngokuphangisa wagijimela phambili endaweni yokulwela ukuba amhlangabeze. **49** UDavida wangenisa isandla sakhe emxhakeni wakhe wathatha ilitshe, waliphosa ngesavutha latshaya umFilistiya ebunzini. Ilitshe latshona ebunzini lakhe, wawela phansi ngobuso. **50** UDavida wamnqoba kanjalo umFilistiya ngesavutha langelitshe; engelankemba esandleni sakhe wamlahla phansi umFilistiya wambulala. **51** UDavida wagijima wema phezu kwakhe. Wabamba inkemba yomFilistiya wayihwatsha esikhwameni sayo. Esembulele, waquma ikhanda lakhe ngenkemba. Kwathi amaFilistiya ebona ukuthi iqhawe lawo laselifile, aphenduka abaleka. **52** Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli labakoJuda balangathela besiya phambili bememeza, baxotshana lamaFilistiya baze bayafika entubeni lasemasangweni ase-Ekroni. Abafileyo bakibo babegcwele emgwaqweni waseShaharayimu kusiya eGathi lase-Ekroni. **53** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebephendukile ekuxotsheni amaFilistiya, baphanga izihonqo zawo. **54** UDavida wathatha ikhanda lomFilistiya, walisa eJerusalema, wabeka izikhali zomFilistiya ethenteni lakhe. **55** Kwathi uSawuli ekhangele uDavida esiyahlangana lomFilistiya, wathi ku-Abhineri, umlawuli webutho, “Abhineri, ijaha leliyana liyindodana kabani na?” U-Abhineri waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, nkosi, angazi.” **56** Inkosi yasisithi, “Buza ukuthi ijaha leli liyindodana kabani.” **57** Kwathi

khonokho nje uDavida esevela ekubulaleni umFilistiya, u-Abhineri wamthatha wamusa kuSawuli, uDavida elokhu ephethe ikhanda lomFilistiya. **58** USawuli wambuza wathi, “Uyindodana kabani, jaha?” UDavida wathi, “Ngiyindodana yenceku yakho uJese waseBhethilehema.”

18 Emva kokuba uDavida eseqedile ukukhuluma loSawuli, uJonathani waba moya munye loDavida, wamthanda njengoba ezithanda yena ngokwakhe. **2** Kusukela ngalolosuku uSawuli wahlala loDavida akaze amvumela ukubuyela endlini kayise. **3** Njalo uJonathani wenza isivumelwano loDavida ngoba wayemthanda njengoba ezithanda yena ngokwakhe. **4** UJonathani wakhupha isembatho ayesigqokile wasinika uDavida, lebhatshi lakhe, lenkemba yakhe, idandili lakhe kanye lebhanti lakhe. **5** Loba kuyini uSawuli amthuma ukuba akwenze, uDavida wakwenza ngokuphumelela uSawuli waze wamnika isikhundla esikhulu ebuthweni. Lokhu kwathokozisa abantu bonke, kanye lezikhulu zikaSawuli. **6** Kwathi abantu sebebuyela ekhaya emva kokuba uDavida esebulele umFilistiya, abesifazane baphuma kuyo yonke imizi yako-Israyeli bahlangabeza inkosi uSawuli ngokuhlabela lokugida, ngezingoma zokuthokoza lamagedla kanye lemitshingo. **7** Ekugideni kwabo bahlabela besithi: “USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane zakhe.” **8** USawuli wazonda kakhulu, amazwi la amthukuthelisa. Wacabanga wathi, “Badumisa uDavida ngamatshumi ezinkulungwane, kodwa mina ngezinkulungwane kuphela nje. Kuyini

okunye angakuzuza ngaphandle kombuso na?” **9** Kusukela
ngalelolanga kusiya phambili uSawuli wakhangela
uDavida ngelihlo elilomhawu. **10** Ngelanga elalandelayo
umoya omubi wavela kuNkulunkulu wehlela phezu
kukaSawuli ngamandla. Wayephrofetha endlini yakhe,
lapho uDavida wayetshaya ichacho njengenjwayelo yakhe.
USawuli wayephethe umkhonto ngesandla sakhe, **11**
wawuphosa esithi, “UDavida ngizambambanisa lomduli.”
Kodwa uDavida wavika kwaze kwaba kabili. **12** USawuli
wayemesaba uDavida ngoba uThixo wayeloDavida kodwa
esemdelile uSawuli. **13** Ngakho wamsusa uDavida kuye
wamenza umlawuli wabantu abayinkulungwane; njalo
uDavida wakhokhela amabutho ekuhlaseleni kwawo. **14**
Kukho konke akwenzayo waphumelela kakhulu, ngoba
uThixo wayelaye. **15** Kwathi uSawuli ebona ukuphumelela
kwakhe, wamesaba. **16** Kodwa wonke u-Israyeli loJuda
wamthanda uDavida, ngoba wabakhokhela ekuhlaseleni
kwabo. **17** USawuli wasesithi kuDavida, “Nansi
indodakazi yami endala uMerabi; ngizakwendisela yona
ukuba ibe ngumkakho; wena ungisebenzele ngesibindi
kuphela njalo ulwe izimpi zikaThixo.” Ngoba uSawuli
wakhuluma yedwa wathi, “Kangiyikumphakamisela
isandla. AmaFilistiya kawenze lokho!” **18** Kodwa uDavida
wathi kuSawuli, “Ngingubani mina labendlu yakwethu
bayini, loba isizwana sikababa ko-Israyeli, ukuba ngibe
ngumkhwenyana wenkosi na?” **19** Kodwa kwathi
isikhathi sesifikile esokuba uMerabi, indodakazi kaSawuli,
aphiwe uDavida, waphiwa u-Adiriyeli waseMehola
ukuba abe ngumkakhe. **20** Ngalesosikhathi uMikhali,

indodakazi kaSawuli, wayemthanda uDavida, njalo kwathi uSawuli bemtshela ngakho, wathaba. **21** Wacabanga wathi, “Ngizamnika yena ukuba abe ngumjibila kuye lokuze isandla samaFilistiya simelane laye.” Ngakho uSawuli wathi kuDavida, “Khathesi usulethuba lesibili lokuba ngumkhwenyana wami.” **22** USawuli walaya inceku zakhe wathi, “Khulumani loDavida ngasese lithi, ‘Khangela, inkosi iyathokoza ngawe, lenceku zayo zonke ziyakuthanda; ngakho woba ngumkhwenyana wayo.’” **23** Zawatsho amazwi la kuDavida kodwa uDavida wathi, “Licabanga ukuthi kuyinto encane ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi na? Mina ngingumuntukazana njalo ongeladumo.” **24** Kwathi izinceku zikaSawuli sezimtshelile okwakutshiwo nguDavida, **25** uSawuli waphendula wathi, “Alibokuthi kuDavida, ‘Inkosi kayifuni enye inhlawulo yamalobolo ngaphandle kwamajwabu ezitho zangaphambili zamaFilistiya alikhulu, ukuba iphindisele ezitheni zayo.’” Icebo likaSawuli lalingelokuthi uDavida afe ebulawa ngamaFilistiya. **26** Kwathi inceku sezimtshelile uDavida izinto lezi, wathokoza ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. Ngakho kwathi isikhathi esasibekiwe singakedluli, **27** uDavida labantu bakhe basuka bayabulala amaFilistiya angamakhulu amabili. Weza lamajwabu emiphambili yawo waqhubela inkosi inani elipheleleyo ukuze abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. USawuli wamendisela-ke indodakazi yakhe uMikhali ukuba ngumkakhe. **28** Kwathi uSawuli ebona ukuthi uThixo wayeloDavida kanye lokuthi indodakazi yakhe, uMikhali, yayimthanda uDavida, **29** uSawuli wabuye

wamesaba kakhulu, njalo waba yisitha sakhe impilo yakhe yonke. **30** Abalawuli bamaFilistiya baqhubeka besiyakulwa izimpi, njalo izikhathi zonke bephuma, uDavida waba lokuphumelela okwedlula ezinye izikhulu zikaSawuli, lebizo lakhe laba lodumo.

19 USawuli watshela indodana yakhe uJonathani kanye lezinceku zonke ukuba babulale uDavida. Kodwa uJonathani wayemthanda uDavida **2** ngakho wamxwayisa wathi, "Ubaba uSawuli udinga ithuba lokukubulala. Qaphela kusasa ekuseni; hamba uyecatsha uhlale khona. **3** Mina ngizaphuma ngiyekuma lobaba egangeni lapho okhona. Ngizakhuluma laye ngawe njalo ngizakutshela lokho engizakuthola." **4** UJonathani wakhuluma kuhle ngoDavida kuSawuli uyise wathi kuye, "Inkosi kayingenzi okubi encekwini yayo uDavida, konanga lutho kuwe, njalo akwenzileyo kukusize kakhulu. **5** Wadela impilo yakhe ekubulaleni kwakhe umFilistiya. Uthixo wazuzela u-Israyeli ukunqoba okukhulu, lawe wakubona njalo wathaba. Pho kungani ungenza okubi emuntwini omsulwa njengoDavida ngokumbulala kungelasizatho na?" **6** USawuli wamlalela uJonathani wasefunga isifungo lesi esithi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, uDavida kayikubulawa." **7** Ngakho uJonathani wabiza uDavida wamtshela inkulumo yonke. Wamusa kuSawuli, uDavida wahlala loSawuli njengakuqala. **8** Kwabuya kwaba lempi futhi, uDavida waphuma ukuyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Wawatshaya ngamandla amakhulu aze abaleka. **9** Kodwa umoya omubi owavela kuThixo wafika kuSawuli ehlezi endlini yakhe ephethe umkhonto

wakhe ngesandla. Kwathi uDavida etshaya ichacho, **10** uSawuli wazama ukumnamathisela emdulini ngomkhonto wakhe, kodwa uDavida wavika uSawuli wagwaza umduli ngomkhonto. Ngalobobusuku uDavida waphunyuka wabaleka. **11** USawuli wathuma izithunywa endlini kaDavida ukuba bayilinde njalo bambulale ekuseni. Kodwa uMikhali, umkaDavida, wamxwayisa wathi, "Nxa ungabaleki ngalobubusuku ukuba uvikele impilo yakho kusasa uzabulawa." **12** Ngakho uMikhali wehlisela uDavida phansi emkhuphe ngefasitela, wabaleka-ke waphepha. **13** Emva kwalokho uMikhali wathatha isithombe wasilalisa embhedeni, wasembesa ngengubo ebeke uboya bembuzi ekhanda. **14** USawuli esethume abantu ukuba bayethumba uDavida, uMikhali wathi, "Uyagula." **15** USawuli wababuyisela abantu labo ukuba bayebona uDavida esithi kubo, "Mletheni kimi ngombheda wakhe ukuze ngimbulale." **16** Kodwa kwathi amadoda lawo engena, embhedeni kwakulesithombe, ekhanda kuloboya bembuzi. **17** USawuli wathi kuMikhali, "Kungani ungikhohlise kanje wabalekisa isitha sami ukuze siphephe?" UMikhali wathi kuye, "Uthe kimi, 'Yekela ngibaleke. Ngingakubulalelani na?'" **18** UDavida esebaleke waphepha, waya kuSamuyeli eRama wamtshela konke okwakwenziwe nguSawuli kuye. Ngakho yena loSamuyeli baya eNayothi bahlala khona. **19** Ilizwi lafika kuSawuli lisithi: "UDavida useNayothi eRama." **20** Ngakho wathuma abantu ukuba bayemthumba. Kodwa bathi bebona ixuku labaphrofethi liphrofitha, loSamuyeli emi khonapho njengomkhokheli wabo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela

ebantwini bakaSawuli labo baphrofetha. **21** USawuli
wakutshelwa lokho wasethuma abanye abantu, labo
baphrofetha. USawuli wathuma abantu okwesithathu,
labo futhi baphrofetha. **22** Ekucineni, yena ngokwakhe
wasuka waya eRama, wasesiya emgodini omkhulu
eSekhu. Wabuza wathi, "USamuyeli loDavida bangaphi?"
Bathi, "Le eNayothi eRama." **23** Ngakho uSawuli waya
eNayothi eRama. Kodwa uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela
lakuye, wahamba ephrofitha waze wayafika eNayothi. **24**
Wakhulula izigqoko zakhe laye waphrofitha uSamuyeli
ekhona. Walala enjalo ilanga lonke lobusuku bonke.
Yikho-nje abantu besithi, "Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi
kwabaphrofethi na?"

20 UDavida wabaleka eNayothi eRama waya kuJonathani
wabuza wathi, "Kanti ngenzeni na? Icala lami ngelani na?
Uyihlo ngimone kanjani, okwenza afune ukungibulala?"
2 UJonathani waphendula wathi, "Hatshi bo! Kawuyikufa!
Khangela, ubaba kenzi lutho, olukhulu loba oluncane,
engangitshelanga. Kungani engangifihlela lokhu na?
Akunjalo!" **3** Kodwa uDavida wenza isifungo wathi,
"Uyihlo ukwazi kakuhle ukuthi mina sengithole umusa
kuwe njalo usezitshele wathi, 'UJonathani akumelanga
akwazi lokhu hlezi ezwe ubuhlungu.' Ikanti ngeqiniso
elinjengoba uThixo ekhona lanjengoba lawe ukhona,
kulenyathelo elilodwa nje phakathi kwami lokufa." **4**
UJonathani wathi kuDavida, "Loba kuyini ofuna ukuthi
ngikwenze, ngizakwenzela khona." **5** Ngakho uDavida
wathi, "Khangela, kusasa kuledili lokuThwasa kweNyanga,
njalo kumele ngidle lenkosi; kodwa yekela ngiyecatsha

egangeni kuze kube kusihlwa phambi kwakusasa. **6** Nxa
uyihlo ezangiswela, mtshele uthi, 'UDavida ucele imvumo
kimi ngokutshiseka ukuba ake agijimele eBhethilehema,
idolobho lakibo, ngoba umhlatshelo wesizwana sonke
sakibo uyenziwa khona.' **7** Angathi, 'Kulungile,' inceku
yakho kayiyikuba sengozini. Kodwa angavuka ulaka woba
leqiniso ukuthi uzimisele ukwenza okubi kimi. **8** Kodwa
wena, bonakalisa isisa encekwini yakho ngoba uyenzise
isivumelwano lawe phambi kukaThixo. Nxa ngilecala,
ngibulala wena ngokwakho! Kungani ungiqhubela kuyihlo
na?" **9** UJonathani wathi, "Hatshi bo! Kambe aluba
bengilolwazi oluncane ukuthi ubaba uzimisele ukwenza
okubi kuwe, kade ngingasoze ngikutshele na?" **10**
UDavida wabuza wathi, "Ngubani ozangitshela nxa uyihlo
ekuphendula kubi na?" **11** UJonathani wathi, "Woza, kasiye
egangeni." Ngakho baya khonale bobabili. **12** UJonathani
wasesithi kuDavida, "Ngifunga ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, ngempela ubaba ngizakuba sengimzwile
ngalesisikhathi ngomhlomunye! Nxa elomusa kuwe,
kambe kangiyikuthumela ilizwi ngikwazise na? **13**
Kodwa nxa ubaba ehlose ukwenza okubi kuwe, uThixo
kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa ngingakwazisi
njalo ngikususe kungekho ngozi. Sengathi uThixo angaba
lawe njengoba kade elobaba. **14** Kodwa ngibonise umusa
ongapheliyo onjengokaThixo isikhathi sonke ngisaphila,
ukuze ngingabulawa, **15** njalo ungasusi umusa wakho
kwabendlu yakwethu lanxa uThixo eseziqede du zonke
izitha zikaDavida ebusweni bomhlaba." **16** Ngakho
uJonathani wenza isivumelwano labendlu kaDavida, esithi,

“Sengathi uThixo angazethesa amacala izitha zikaDavida.”
17 UJonathani wabuya wamfungisa futhi uDavida isifungo
sakhe ngenxa yothando lwakhe kuye, ngoba wayemthanda
njengokuzithanda kwakhe. **18** UJonathani wasesithi
kuDavida, “Kusasa kuledili lokuThwasa kweNyanga.
Uzaswelakala ngoba isihlalo sakho sizabe singelamuntu. **19**
Phambi kwakusasa, sekuzakuhlwa, yana lapho owacatsha
khona ekuqaliseni kwaloluhlupho, ulinde elitsheni e-
Ezeli. **20** Mina ngizatshokela imitshoko emithathu eceleni
kwalo angathi ngitshokela kwengihlose kukho. **21** Emva
kwalokho ngizathuma umfana ngithi, ‘Hamba uyedinga
imitshoko.’ Ngingathi kuye, ‘Khangela, imitshoko
ingakuleli icele lakho, ilethe lapha,’ lapho-ke woza,
ngoba ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, uphephile,
akulangozi. **22** Kodwa ngingathi emfaneni, ‘Khangela,
imitshoko ingale kwakho,’ lapho-ke kumele uhambe,
ngoba uThixo uthe suka uhambe. **23** Njalo mayelana
lalindaba esiyikhulumileyo mina lawe, khumbula ukuthi
uThixo ungufakazi phakathi kwakho lami nini lanini.”
24 Ngakho uDavida wacatsha egangeni, njalo kwathi
idili lokuThwasa kweNyanga selifikile, inkosi yahlala
phansi yadla. **25** Yayihlezi endaweni yayo yezikhathi
zonke phansi komduli, maqondana loJonathani, u-
Abhineri ehlezi eduze loSawuli, kodwa indawo kaDavida
yayingelamuntu. **26** USawuli katshongo lutho mhlalokho,
ngoba wacabanga wathi, “Mhlawumbe kulento ethile
eyehlele kuDavida yamenza waba ngongahlambulukanga
ngokomkhuba, ngeqiniso kahlambulukanga.” **27** Kodwa
ngelanga elilandelayo, ilanga lesibili lenyanga, indawo

kaDavida yayingelamuntu futhi. Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi endodaneni yakhe uJonathani, “Kungani indodana kaJese ingezanga ekudleni, izolo kumbe lamuhla na?” **28** UJonathani waphendula wathi, “UDavida ucele imvumo kimi ngokutshiseka ukuba aye eBhethilehema. **29** Uthe, ‘Ngivumela ngihambe ngoba abendlu yakwethu balomkhosi womhlatshelo edolobheni njalo umnewethu ungilaye ukuba ngibe khona. Nxa ngithole umusa kuwe, ngivumela ngihambe ngiyebona abafowethu.’ Yikho-nje engezanga ukuzakudla lenkosi.” **30** Ulaka lukaSawuli lwavutha kuJonathani wathi kuye, “Wena ndodana yomfazi olihlongandlebe lolenkani! Uthi kangazi yini ukuthi wena ususekelane lendodana kaJese okulihlazo kuwe njalo okulihlazo lakunyoko owakuzalayo na? **31** Nxa indodana kaJese isekhona kulo umhlaba, wena kawuyikuma kumbe umbuso wakho. Ngakho thumela ilizwi umlethe kimi, ngoba umele afe!” **32** UJonathani wabuza uyise wathi, “Kungani kumele abulawe? Wenzeni na?” **33** Kodwa uSawuli waphosa umkhonto wakhe kuye ukuba ambulale. Ngakho uJonathani wakwazi ukuthi uyise wayehlose ukubulala uDavida. **34** UJonathani wasuka etafuleni ethukuthele kakhulu; ngosuku lwesibili lwedili kazange adle, ngoba wayebuhlungu ngehlazo uyise ayephatha ngalo uDavida. **35** Ekuseni uJonathani waphuma waya egangeni ukuyahlangana loDavida. Wayelomfana omncinyane, **36** njalo wathi emfaneni, “Gijima uyedobha imitshoko engiyitshokayo.” Umfana esagijima, watshokela umtshoko ngale kwakhe. **37** Kwathi umfana esefike lapho umtshoko kaJonathani owawuwele

khona, uJonathani wamemeza wathi, “Umtshoko kawukho
ngale kwakho na?” **38** Wabuye wamemeza wathi,
“Phangisa! Ukhawuleze! Ungemi!” Umfana wadobha
umtshoko wabuyela enkosini yakhe. **39** (Umfana
wayengazi lutho ngakho konke lokhu; kusazi uJonathani
loDavida kuphela.) **40** Emva kwalokho uJonathani
wanika umfana izikhali zakhe wathi, “Hamba, zithwale
ubuyele lazo edolobheni.” **41** Umfana esehambile
uDavida wasukuma eceleni langaseningizimu kwelitshe,
wakhothama kathathu phambi kukaJonathani, ubuso
bakhe bukhangele phansi. Emva kwalokho bangana,
bakhala bendawonye kodwa uDavida wakhala kakhulu.
42 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida, “Hamba ngokuthula,
ngoba sifungelane ubungane omunye komunye ebizweni
likaThixo sisithi, ‘Uthixo ungufakazi phakathi kwami
lawe, laphakathi kwenzalo yakho leyami nini lanini.’”
UDavida wasesuka, loJonathani wasebuyela edolobheni.

21 UDavida waya eNobhi ku-Ahimeleki umphristi.
U-Ahimeleki wathuthumela ekuhlanganeni kwakhe
laye, wasebuza esithi, “Kungani uwedwa na? Kungani
kungekho olawe na?” **2** UDavida waphendula u-Ahimeleki
umphristi wathi, “Inkosi ingiphathise udaba oluthize,
wathi kimi, ‘Akungabikhona ozakwazi ngenjongo yakho
langalokho okuthunyiweyo.’ Abantu bami ngibatshele
ukuba bahlangane lami endaweni ethize. **3** Manje-
ke, kuyini olakho? Ngipha izinkwa ezinhlanu, loba
kuyini ongakuthola.” **4** Kodwa umphristi waphendula
uDavida wathi, “Kangilasinkwa esejwayelekileyo; kodwa-
ke kulesinkwa esingcwelisiweyo lapha kodwa kuya

ngokuthi amadoda abezigcinile esifazaneni na.” **5** UDavida waphendula wathi, “Impela abesifazane babevinjelwe kithi, njengenjwayelo lapho ngiphuma. Imizimba yamadoda ingcwele lasemikhankasweni engengcwele. Pho ingaba njalo okungakanani lamhla!” **6** Ngakho umphristi wamnika isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo ngoba kwakungelasinkwa lapho ngaphandle kwesinkwa esiNgcwele sikaThixo esasisuswe phambi kukaThixo kwasekubekwa esitshisayo endaweni yaso ngosuku esasuswa ngalo. **7** Ngalolosuku omunye wezinceku zikaSawuli wayekhonapho, ekhonza phambi kukaThixo; wayenguDoyegi um’Edomi, induna yabelusi bakaSawuli. **8** UDavida wabuza u-Ahimeleki wathi, “Kawulamkhonto kumbe inkemba lapha na? Kangizanga lenkemba yami loba nje esinye isikhali, ngoba umsebenzi wenkosi ubungophuthumayo.” **9** Umphristi waphendula wathi, “Inkemba kaGoliyathi umFilistiya owambulalayo eSigodini sase-Ela, ilapha; igoqelwe ngelembu ngemva kwesembatho semahlombe. Nxa uyifuna, ithathe; kakukho enye inkemba lapha ngaphandle kwaleyo.” UDavida wasesithi, “Kayikho enjengayo; ngipha yona.” **10** Ngalolosuku uDavida wabalekela uSawuli waya ku-Akhishi inkosi yaseGathi. **11** Kodwa izinceku zika-Akhishi zathi kuye, “Lo kasuDavida inkosi yelizwe na? Kasuye yini abahlabela ngaye emigidweni yabo besithi: ‘USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane zakhe’?” **12** UDavida wawagcina amazwi la enhliziyweni yakhe wamesaba kakhulu u-Akhishi inkosi yaseGathi. **13** Ngakho

wazenza ophambeneyo kubo; njalo kwathi lapho ekubo
wenza njengomuntu ohlanyayo, edwebadweba ezivalweni
zesango njalo wayekela lendenda zehlela endevini zakhe.
14 U-Akhishi wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, “Khangelani
umuntu lo! Uphambene! Kungani limletha kimi na? **15**
Lithi ngiziswele yini inhlanya lize lilethe umuntu lo lapha
ukuba aqhubeke kanje phambi kwami na? Umuntu lo
kumele angene endlini yami na?”

22 UDavida wasuka eGathi wabalekela ebhalwini
lwase-Adulami. Kwathi abafowabo labendlu kayise
sebekuzwile, baya kuye khonale. **2** Bonke labo
ababelosizi loba ababelemilandu kumbe ababelensolo
babuthana kuye, wasesiba ngumkhokheli wabo. Abantu
ababelaye babengaba zinkulungwane ezine. **3** Esuka
lapho uDavida waya eMizipha kwelaseMowabi wathi
enkosini ye-Mowabi, “Ungabavumela yini ubaba lomama
ukuba bazehlala lawe ngize ngazi uNkulunkulu
azangenzela khona na?” **4** Ngakho wabatshiya enkosini
yaseMowabi njalo bahlala layo sonke isikhathi uDavida
esenqabeni. **5** Kodwa umphrofethi uGadi wathi
kuDavida, “Ungahlali enqabeni. Yana elizweni lakoJuda.”
Ngakho uDavida wasuka waya ehlathini laseHerethi.
6 Ngalesosikhathi uSawuli wezwa ukuthi uDavida
labantu bakhe babebonakele. Njalo uSawuli, ephethe
umkhonto ngesandla, wayehlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla
somthamarisiki phezu koqaqa eGibhiya, lazozonke
izikhulu zakhe zimi zimhanqile. **7** USawuli wathi kuzo,
“Lalelani bantu bakoBhenjamini! Kambe indodana kaJese
izalipha lonke amasimu lezivini na? Kambe lonke

izalenza libe ngabalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu na? **8** Kungenxa yalokho lonke selicebe okubi ngami na? Kakho ongitshelayo nxa indodana yami isenza isivumelwano lendodana kaJese. Kakho owenu okhathazekayo ngami loba angitshele ukuthi indodana yami itshotshozela izinceku zami ukuba zingicathamele, njengalokhu ekwenzayo lamhla." **9** Kodwa uDoyegi, um'Edomi, owayemi lezikhulu zikaSawuli wathi, "Mina ngibone indodana kaJese isiya ku-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Ahithubi eNobhi. **10** U-Ahimeleki umbuzele kuThixo; waphinda wamnika ukudla lenkemba kaGoliyathi umFilistiya." **11** Lapho-ke inkosi yathumela ilizwi lokubiza umphristi u-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Ahithubi labo bonke abendlu kayise, ababengabaphristi eNobhi, yikho bonke baya enkosini. **12** USawuli wasesithi, "Khathesi-ke lalela, ndodana ka-Ahithubi." Waphendula wathi, "Yebo, nkosi yami." **13** USawuli wasesithi kuye, "Kungani licebe okubi ngami, wena lendodana kaJese, wayinika isinkwa lenkemba njalo wayibuzela kuNkulunkulu, okwenze yangihlamukela njalo yangicathamela, njengalokhu ekwenzayo lamhla na?" **14** U-Ahimeleki waphendula wathi, "Ngubani kuzozonke izinceku zakho othembeke njengoDavida, umkhwenyana wenkosi, induna yabakulindayo njalo lohlonitshwa kakhulu endlini yakho na? **15** Ngalelolanga ngangiqala ukumbuzela kuNkulunkulu na? Hatshi impela! Inkosi kayingethesi inceku yakho icala loba omunye wabendlu kayise, ngoba inceku yakho kayazi lutho lakancane ngodaba lonke lolu." **16** Kodwa

inkosi yathi, “Ngeqiniso uzakufa, Ahimeleki, wena labo
bonke abendlu kayihlo.” **17** Inkosi yasilaya abalindi
ababephansi kwayo yathi, “Phendukani libulale abaphristi
bakaThixo ngoba labo basekele uDavida. Babekwazi
ukuthi uyabaleka, kodwa kabangitshelanga.” Kodwa
izikhulu zenkosi zazingafuni ukuphakamisa izandla ukuba
zigalele abaphristi bakaThixo. **18** Ngakho inkosi yalaya
uDoyegi yathi, “Phenduka ugalele abaphristi!” UDoyegi
um’Edomi waphenduka wabagongoda. Mhlalokho
wabulala abantu abangamakhulu ayisificaminwembili
lanhlanu ababegqoka izembatho zemahlombe ezelineni.
19 Wabuye wahlasela iNobhi ngenkemba, umuzi
wabaphristi, lamadoda ayo kanye labesifazane, abantwana
bayo lensane, lenkomo zayo, obabhemi kanye lezimvu. **20**
Kodwa u-Abhiyathari, indodana ka-Ahimeleki indodana
ka-Ahithubi, waphunyuka wabaleka wayamanyana
loDavida. **21** Watshela uDavida ukuthi uSawuli wayebulele
abaphristi bakaThixo. **22** UDavida wasesithi ku-
Abhiyathari, “Ngaloluyana usuku, lapho uDoyegi
um’Edomi wayekhona, ngakwazi ukuthi uzamtshela
ngempela uSawuli. Ngilecala lokufa kwabendlu kayihlo
bonke. **23** Hlala lami; ungesabi; umuntu ofuna ukukubulala
lami futhi ufuna ukungibulala. Uvikelekile nxa ulami.”

23 Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi, “Khangela,
amaFilistiya ahlasela iKheyila njalo aphanga leziza,”
2 wabuza uThixo, esithi, “Ngingahamba ukuyahlasela
amaFilistiya la na?” Uthixo wamphendula wathi, “Hamba
uyehlasela amaFilistiya uhlenge iKheyila.” **3** Kodwa abantu
bakaDavida bathi kuye, “Lapha koJuda thina siyesaba.

Pho kuzakuba kukhulu kangakanani nxa sizakuyamelana
lamabutho amaFilistiya eKheyila!” **4** UDavida waphinda
wambuza futhi uThixo, njalo uThixo wamphendula wathi,
“Hamba eKheyila, ngoba amaFilistiya ngizawanikela
ezandleni zakho.” **5** Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe
baya eKheyila, walwa lamaFilistiya wathumba izifuyo
zawo. Wabulala amaFilistiya amanengi kakhulu wahlenga
abantu baseKheyila. **6** (U-Abhiyathari indodana ka-
Ahimeleki wayeze lesembatho semahlombe ekubalekeleni
kwakhe kuDavida eKheyila.) **7** USawuli watshelwa
ukuthi uDavida wayeseye eKheyila, ngakho wathi,
“UNkulunkulu usemnikele kimi, ngoba uDavida usezifake
entolongweni ngokungena edolobheni elilamasango
lemigoqo.” **8** USawuli wamemeza amabutho akhe
wonke empini ukuba aye eKheyila ukuyavimbezela
uDavida labantu bakhe. **9** Kwathi uDavida esizwa ukuthi
uSawuli wayeceba okubi ngaye, wathi ku-Abhiyathari
umphristi, “Letha isembatho samahlombe.” **10** UDavida
wasesithi, “Awu Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, inceku
yakho isizwile impela ukuthi uSawuli uceba ukuza
eKheyila achithe idolobho ngenxa yami. **11** Abantu
baseKheyila banganginikela kuye na? USawuli uzakuza
na njengalokhu inceku yakho ekuzwileyo? Awu Thixo
Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, itshele inceku yakho.” UThixo
wathi, “Uzakuza.” **12** UDavida wabuza njalo wathi,
“Abantu baseKheyila bazanginikela labantu bami kuSawuli
na?” UThixo wathi, “Bazakunikela.” **13** Ngakho uDavida
labantu bakhe, ababengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha
ubunengi babo, basuka eKheyila baqhubeka behamba

besuka kwenye indawo baye kwenye. USawuli esezwile
ukuthi uDavida wayesebalekile eKheyila kasayanga
khona. **14** UDavida wahlala ezinqabeni zasenkangala
lasezintabeni zeNkangala yaseZifi. Nsuku zonke uSawuli
wamdinga, kodwa uNkulunkulu kamnikelanga uDavida
ezandleni zakhe. **15** Kwathi uDavida eseHoreshi
eNkangala yaseZifi, wezwa ukuthi uSawuli wayephumele
ukuyambulala. **16** Njalo indodana kaSawuli uJonathani
waya kuDavida eHoreshi wamsiza ukuba athole amandla
kuNkulunkulu. **17** Wathi kuye, "Ungesabi. Ubaba
uSawuli kasoze abeke isandla phezu kwakho. Wena
uzakuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, njalo mina ngizakuba
ngumsekeli wakho. Lobaba uSawuli uyakwazi lokhu."
18 Bobabili benza isivumelwano phambi kukaThixo.
Emva kwalokho uJonathani waya ekhaya, kodwa uDavida
wasala eHoreshi. **19** Abantu baseZifi baya kuSawuli
eGibhiya bathi kuye, "Kanti uDavida kacatshanga phakathi
kwethu ezinqabeni eHoreshi, entabeni yaseHakhila,
eningizimu kweJeshimoni na? **20** Ngakho-ke woza
Nkosi nxa kukuthokozisa ukwenzanjalo, thina sizakuba
yithi esizamnikela enkosini." **21** USawuli waphendula
wathi, "Uthixo alibusise ngokungikhathalela kwenu. **22**
Hambani liyekwenza amanye amalungiselelo. Dingani
ukwazi lapho uDavida ajayele ukuya khona lokuthi
ngubani owambonayo khonapho. Bangitshela ukuthi
uliqili kakhulu. **23** Funani ukwazi ngazozonke izindawo
zokucatsha azisebenzisayo beselibuya kimi lilolwazi
oluqinisekileyo. Emva kwalokho ngizahamba lani; nxa
ekhona esigabeni, ngizamdinga phakathi kwezizwana

zonke zakoJuda.” **24** Ngakho-ke basuka baya eZifi
besandulela uSawuli. Ngalesosikhathi uDavida labantu
bakhe babeseNkangala yaseMawoni, e-Arabha eningizimu
kweJeshimoni. **25** USawuli labantu bakhe baqalisa
ukudinga, njalo kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ngakho
wehlela edwaleni wahlala eNkangala yaseMawoni. Kwathi
uSawuli esekuzwile lokhu, waya eNkangala yaseMawoni
elandela uDavida. **26** USawuli wayehamba ngakwelinye
icele lentaba, uDavida labantu bakhe bengakwelinye icele
bephangisa ukuba babalekele uSawuli. Kwathi uSawuli
lamabutho akhe sebezamfica uDavida labantu bakhe
ukuba babathumbe, **27** kwafika isithunywa kuSawuli,
sisithi, “Woza ngokuphangisa! AmaFilistiya ahlasela
ilizwe.” **28** Lapho-ke uSawuli wayekela ukulandela uDavida
wasesiyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Yikho-nje indawo le beyibiza
ngokuthi Sela Hamalekhothi. **29** UDavida wahamba esuka
lapho wayahlala ezinqabeni zase-Eni-Gedi.

24 Kwathi uSawuli esebuyile ekuxotsheni amaFilistiya
watshelwa ukuthi, “UDavida useNkangala yase-Eni-Gedi.”
2 Ngakho uSawuli wathatha abantu abazinkulungwane
ezintantu abakhethwa ko-Israyeli waphuma ukuyadinga
uDavida labantu bakhe eduze kwamadwala amaGogo.
3 Wafika ezibayeni zezimvu endleleni; kwakulobhalu
khonapho, yikho uSawuli wasengena phakathi ukuba
aye ngaphandle. UDavida labantu bakhe babekhatshana
emuva phakathi kobhalu. **4** Abantu bathi, “Leli yilo
ilanga uThixo akhuluma ngalo lapho wathi kuwe,
‘Ngizanikela izitha zakho ezandleni zakho ukuba
uziphathe njengokufisa kwakho.’” UDavida wanyenya

egaqa waquma umphetho wesembatho sikaSawuli. **5** Muva uDavida wakhathazeka ngokuquma umphetho wesembatho sikaSawuli. **6** Wathi ebantwini bakhe, “Uthixo kakwenqabele ukwenza into enje enkosini yami, ogcotshiweyo kaThixo.” **7** Ngala amazwi uDavida wabakhuza abantu bakhe akaze wabavumela ukuthi bahlasele uSawuli. USawuli waphuma ebhalwini wazihambela. **8** Lapho-ke uDavida waphuma ebhalwini wamemeza uSawuli esithi, “nkosi, nkosi yami!” Kwathi lapho uSawuli ekhangela emuva kwakhe, uDavida wakhothama waselala phansi ethe mbo phansi ngobuso. **9** Wathi kuSawuli, “Kungani ulalela nxa abantu besithi, ‘UDavida ujonge ukwenza okubi kuwe’? **10** Lamhla uzibonele ngamehlo akho ukuthi uThixo ukunikele ezandleni zami ebhalwini. Abanye bangikhuthaze ukuthi ngikubulale, kodwa ngikuphephisile, ngithe, ‘Angiyikuphakamisa isandla sami ngimelana lenkosi yami, ngoba ingogcotshiweyo kaThixo.’ **11** Khangela, baba, khangela isiqa sesembatho sakho lesi esisesandleni sami! Ngisiqume emphethweni wesembatho sakho, kodwa kangikubulalanga. Ngakho zwisisa ubone ukuthi kangilacala lokwenza okubi loba ukuhlamuka. Kangonanga lutho kuwe, kodwa wena uyangizingela ufuna ukungibulala. **12** Sengathi uThixo angahlulela phakathi kwami lawe. Njalo sengathi uThixo angaphindisela ububi obenze kimi, kodwa esami isandla kasiyikukuthinta. **13** Njengoba isitsho sendulo sisitsho ukuthi, ‘Kwabenza okubi kuvela izenzo ezimbi,’ ngakho esami isandla kasiyikukuthinta. **14** Inkosi yako-Israyeli iphume

ukuyamelana lobani na? Ngubani oxotshana laye? Yinja efileyo na? Yindwebundwebu na? **15** Sengathi uThixo angaba ngumahluleli wethu ahlulele phakathi kwethu. Sengathi angahlola injongo yami ayisekele; sengathi angangikhulula ngokungisindisa esandleni sakho." **16** Kwathi uDavida eseqedile ukutsho lokhu, uSawuli wabuza wathi, "Lelo yilizwi lakho, Davida ndodana yami na?" Wasekhala kakhulu. **17** Wasesithi, "Wena ulungile kakhulu kulami. Ungiphathe kuhle, kodwa mina ngikuphathe kubi. **18** Usungitshelile khathesi nje okuhle okwenze kimi; uThixo unginikele ezandleni zakho, kodwa kawungibulalanga. **19** Kanje nxa umuntu efica isitha sakhe, uyasiyekela sihambe singenziwanga lutho olubi na? Sengathi uThixo angakunika umvuzo omuhle ngenxa yendlela ongiphathe ngayo lamhla. **20** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi impela kanye lokuthi umbuso wako-Israyeli uzamiswa ezandleni zakho. **21** Khathesi-ke funga kimi ngo Thixo ukuthi kawuyikubulala inzalo yami loba wesule ibizo lami kwabendlu kababa." **22** UDavida wafunga kuSawuli. Emva kwalokho uSawuli wabuyela ekhaya, kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe baya enqabeni.

25 Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wafa, kwathi u-Israyeli wonke wabuthana wamlilela; njalo bamngcwaba emzini wakhe eRama. Lapho-ke uDavida wehlela eNkangala yasePharani. **2** Umuntu othile waseMawoni, owayelempahla khonale eKhameli, wayenothe kakhulu. Wayelenkulungwane yembuzi lezinkulungwane ezintathu zezimvu ayezigunda eKhameli. **3** Ibizo lakhe lalinguNabhali lebizo lomkakhe lingu-Abhigeli.

Wayengumfazi okhaliphileyo njalo emuhle, kodwa umkakhe, um'Khalebi, wayelenhliziyo embi kwabanye abantu. **4** UDavida esenkangala wezwa ukuthi uNabhali wayegunda izimvu. **5** Ngakho wathuma amajaha alitshumi wathi kuwo, "Hambani kuNabhali eKhameli limbingelele ngebizo lami. **6** Lithi kuye, 'Impilo ende kuwe! Impilo enhle kanye labendlu yakho! Impilo enhle kukho konke okungokwakho! **7** Khathesi ngizwa kuthiwa yisikhathi sokugunda izimvu. Lapho abelusi bakho babelathi, kasibaphathanga kubi, njalo isikhathi sonke beseKhameli akukho lutho olwacatshayo. **8** Buza izinceku zakho zizakutshela. Ngakho ake ube lomusa ezinsizweni zami, njengoba size ngesikhathi somkhosi. Ake unike izinceku zakho lendodana yakho uDavida loba kuyini ongabatholela khona.'" **9** Kwathi abantu bakaDavida sebefikile, bamnika uNabhali umbiko lo ngebizo likaDavida. Emva kwalokho balinda. **10** UNabhali waphendula izinceku zikaDavida wathi, "Ungubani uDavida lowo? Ingubani indodana kaJese leyo na? Ngalezizinsuku izinceku ezinengi ziyawabalekela amakhosi azo. **11** Kungani kumele ngithathe isinkwa sami lamanzi, lenyama engiyihlabele abagundi bami, nginike abantu abavela lapho engingazi khona na?" **12** Abantu bakaDavida baphenduka babuyela emuva. Sebefikile babika amazwi wonke. **13** UDavida wasesithi ebantwini bakhe, "Hlomani ngezinkemba zenu!" Ngakho bahloma ngezinkemba zabo, loDavida wahloma ngeyakhe. Abantu ababengaba ngamakhulu amane bahamba loDavida, kwathi abangamakhulu amabili basala lempahla. **14**

Omunye wezinceku watshela umkaNabhali u-Abhigeli wathi, “UDavida wathuma izithunywa esenkangala ukuzabingelela inkosi yethu, kodwa yona yazithethisa. **15** Ikanti abantu laba thina basiphatha kuhle. Kabazange basiphathe kubi, njalo isikhathi sonke sisegangeni phansi kwabo akulalutho olwacatshayo. **16** Emini lebusuku babengumduli osihonqolozelayo isikhathi sonke siselusela izimvu zethu phansi kwabo. **17** Kucabange ubone ongakwenza ngoba ingozi iyalenga ngaphezu kwenkosi yethu labendlu yayo bonke. Ingumuntu omubi kangaka okungelamuntu ongakhuluma layo.” **18** U-Abhigeli kasachithanga sikhathi. Wathatha izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, izikhumba ezimbili zewayini, izimvu ezinhlanu ezihlinziweyo, amagokoko amahlanu amabele akhanzingiweyo, amakhekhe alikhulu amagrebisi awonyisiweyo, lamakhulu amabili amakhekhe omkhiwa okhanyiweyo, wakuthwalisa obabhemi. **19** Wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, “Hambani phambili; ngizalilandela.” Kodwa umkakhe uNabhali kamtshelanga. **20** Wathi esiza egade ubabhemi wakhe phakathi kodonga lwentaba, wabona uDavida labantu bakhe besehla beqonde kuye, wasebahlangabeza. **21** UDavida wayesanda kuthi, “Kakusizanga lutho konke ukugcina kwami impahla yomuntu lo enkangala ukuze kungabi lalutho lwakhe olulahlekayo. Ungibhadale okuhle ngokubi. **22** Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaphatha uDavida kabuhlungu nxa ekuseni ngitshiya indoda eyodwa iphila kubo bonke abangabakhe!” **23** U-Abhigeli esebone uDavida, wehla ngokuphangisa kubabhemi wakhe wakhothamela phansi

phambi kukaDavida ubuso bakhe buthe mbo emhlabathini. **24** Wawela ezinyaweni zakhe wathi, “Nkosi yami, insolo kayibe phezu kwami ngedwa. Ake uyivumele incekukazi yakho ikhulume lawe; zwana lokho incekukazi yakho efuna ukukutsho. **25** Sengathi inkosi yami ingayekela ukumnaka umuntu omubi lowana uNabhali. Ufuze ibizo lakhe, ibizo lakhe lithi Sithutha, njalo ubuwula buhamba laye. Kodwa-ke mina, incekukazi yakho, angizibonanga insizwa inkosi yami ezithumileyo. **26** Khathesi njengoba uThixo ekugcinile, nkosi yami, ekuchithekeni kwegazi lasekuphindiseleni ngezandla zakho, ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ekhona lanjengoba lawe uphila, sengathi izitha zakho labo bonke abafuna ukwenza okubi kuwe nkosi yami bangaba njengoNabhali. **27** Njalo isipho lesi, incekukazi yakho esilethe enkosini yami, kasiphiwe insizwa ezikulandelayo. **28** Ake uthethelele ukona kwencekukazi yakho, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu impela uzakwenzela inkosi yami inzalo yamakhosi engapheliyo, ngoba ilwela izimpi zikaThixo. Akungabi lokona okutholwa kuwe kukho konke ukuphila kwakho. **29** Lanxa omunye exotshana lawe ukuba akubulale, ukuphila kwenkosi yami, uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzakubophela kuqine elixheni labaphilayo. Kodwa ukuphila kwezitha zakho uzakuphosela khatshana kungathi kuphuma esikhwameni sesavutha. **30** Lapho uThixo eseyenzele inkosi yami zonke izinto ezinhle azithembisayo mayelana layo, njalo eseyibekile ukuba ngumkhokheli wako-Israyeli, **31** inkosi yami kayiyikuba

lesazela somthwalo ohloniphisayo sokuchithwa kwegazi esingaswelekiyo loba esokuphindisela. Njalo lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eselethele inkosi yami ukuphumelela, uyikhumbule incekukazi yakho.” **32** UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhigeli, “Kadunyiswe uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okuthumileyo lamhla ukuzabonana lami. **33** Sengathi ungabusiswa ngenxa yokwahlulela kwakho okuhle lokuvimbela kwakho ekuchitheni igazi lamhla kanye lasekuphindiseleni kwami ngezandla zami. **34** Ngoba, ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ekhona, yena ongivimbele ekwenzeni okubi kuwe, aluba kawufikanga masinyane ukuzabonana lami, akukho lamunye owesilisa ongokaNabhali obezasala ephila ekudabukeni kokusa.” **35** Emva kwalokho uDavida wamukela esandleni sika-Abhigeli lokho ayemlethele khona wasesithi, “Buyela ekhaya ngokuthula. Ngiwazwile amazwi akho ngasivuma isicelo sakho.” **36** U-Abhigeli esebuyele kuNabhali, wayesendlini eledili elinjengelenkosi. Wayejabula njalo edakwe kakhulu. Ngakho u-Abhigeli kamtshelanga lutho kwaze kwasa. **37** Kwathi ekuseni, uNabhali engasadakwanga, umkakhe wamtshela zonke lezizinto, watshaywa luvalo woma qha. **38** Emva kwensuku ezazingaba litshumi, uThixo wamtshaya uNabhali wafa. **39** Kwathi uDavida esizwa ukuthi uNabhali wayefile, wathi, “Kabongwe uThixo, yena osekele injongo yami yokumelana loNabhali ngenxa yokungeyisa. Uvimbele inceku yakhe ekwenzeni okubi njalo wehlisela uNabhali izenzo zakhe ezimbi phezu kwelakhe ikhanda.” Emva

kwalokho uDavida wathumela ilizwi ku-Abhigeli emcela
ukuba abe ngumkakhe. **40** Izinceku zakhe zaya eKhameli
zathi ku-Abhigeli, "UDavida usithume kuwe ukuba
sizekuthatha ukuze ube ngumkakhe." **41** U-Abhigeli
wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wathi, "Nansi incekukazi
yakho, ilungele ukukusebenzela lokugezisa inyawo
zezinceku zenkosi yami." **42** U-Abhigeli waphanga
wagada ubabhemi, ephelekezelwa yizisebenzikazi zakhe
ezinhlanu, wahamba lezithunywa zikaDavida wasesiba
ngumkakhe. **43** UDavida wayethethe njalo u-Ahinowama
waseJezerili, bobabili-ke baba ngomkakhe. **44** Kodwa
uSawuli, indodakazi yakhe uMikhali, umkaDavida,
wayeseyinike uPhalithiyeli indodana kaLayishi,
owayengowaseGalimi.

26 AmaZifi aya kuSawuli eGibhiya athi kuye,
"UDavida kacatshanga entabeni yaseHakhila, ekhangele
eJeshimoni na?" **2** Ngakho uSawuli waya eNkangala
yaseZifi, elezinkulungwane ezintathu zabantu bakhe
abakhethiweyo bako-Israyeli, ukuyadinga uDavida khona.
3 USawuli wenza isihonqo phansi komgwaqo entabeni
yaseHakhila ekhangele eJeshimoni, kodwa uDavida
wahlala enkangala. Kwathi ebona ukuthi uSawuli
wayesemlandele khonale, **4** wathuma inhloli wasekwazi
ukuthi uSawuli wayefikile impela. **5** Ngakho uDavida
wasuka waya lapho uSawuli ayemise khona wabona
lapho okwakulele khona uSawuli lo-Abhineri indodana
kaNeri, umlawuli webutho. USawuli wayelele phakathi
kwesihonqo, ibutho lisezihonqweni limhanqile. **6**
UDavida wasebuza u-Ahimeleki umHithi lo-Abhishayi

indodana kaZeruya, umfowabo kaJowabi, wathi, “Ngubani ozahamba lami phakathi kwesihonqo kuSawuli na?” U-Abhishayi wathi, “Ngizahamba lawe.” **7** Ngakho uDavida lo-Abhishayi baya ebuthweni ebusuku babona uSawuli elele ubuthongo phakathi kwesihonqo umkhonto wakhe ugwaze phansi eduzane lekhanda lakhe. U-Abhineri lamabutho babelele bemhanqile. **8** U-Abhishayi wasesithi kuDavida, “Lamhla uNkulunkulu unikele isitha sakho ezandleni zakho. Khathesi-ke kahle ngimgwazele phansi kanye nje ngomkhonto wami; kangiyi kugalela kabili.” **9** Kodwa uDavida wathi ku-Abhishayi, “Ungambulali. Ngubani ongabeka isandla kogcotshiweyo kaThixo angabi lecala na?” **10** Wasesithi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, uThixo yena ngokwakhe uzamtshaya; mhlawumbe isikhathi sakhe sizafika afe, loba aye empini abhubhe. **11** Kodwa uThixo kanqabele ukuba ngibeke isandla kogcotshiweyo kaThixo. Thatha umkhonto lesigxingi samanzi okuphansi kwekhanda lakhe, sihambe.” **12** Ngakho uDavida wathatha umkhonto lesigxingi samanzi okwakuphansi kwekhanda likaSawuli, basebehamba. Bonke babelele ngoba uThixo wayebehlisele ubuthongo obukhulu. **13** UDavida wachaphela ngakwelinye icele wema phezu kwentatshana khatshana; kwakulebanga elibanzi phakathi kwabo. **14** Wamemeza ibutho lo-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, wathi, “Kanti kawungiphenduli, Abhineri na?” U-Abhineri waphendula wathi, “Ungubani wena omemeza inkosi na?” **15** UDavida wathi, “Uyindoda, kawusiyo na? Njalo ngubani onjengawe ko-Israyeli na? Kungani ungayilindanga inkosi

yakho na? Umuntu othile ufikile ukuba abulale inkosi yakho. **16** Okwenzileyo kakukuhle. Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila, wena labantu bakho lifanele ukufa, ngoba kaliyilindanga inkosi yenu, ogcotshiweyo kaThixo. Khangelani emaceleni enu. Ungaphi umkhonto wenkosi lesigxingi samanzi okube kuphansi kwekhanda layo na?" **17** USawuli walazi ilizwi likaDavida, wasesithi, "Yilizwi lakho lelo yini, Davida ndodana yami?" UDavida waphendula wathi, "Yebo yilo, nkosi, nkosi yami." **18** Wengeza wathi, "Kanti kungani inkosi yami ixotshana lenceku yayo na? Kuyini engikwenzileyo, njalo licala bani engilalo na? **19** Khathesi-ke nkosi, nkosi yami, lalela amazwi enceku yakho. Nxa uThixo ekuqubule ukuba umelane lami, kamkele umhlatshelo. Kodwa nxa kwenziwe ngabantu, kabathukwe phambi kukaThixo! Khathesi sebengixotshile esabelweni sami elifeni likaThixo njalo bathi, 'Hamba uyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu.' **20** Ungenzi igazi lami lichithekele phansi khatshana lobukhona bukaThixo. Inkosi yako-Israyeli iphumile ukuzadinga insikizi njengomuntu ozingela isikhwehle ezintabeni." **21** Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi, "Ngenze isono. Buya Davida, ndodana yami. Ngenxa yokuthi ukhangele impilo yami njengegugu lamhla, kangiyikuzama futhi ukwenza okubi kuwe. Ngempela ngenze ubuwula njalo ngiphambanise kakhulu." **22** UDavida waphendula wathi, "Nanku umkhonto wenkosi. Wothi omunye wezinsizwa zakho keze ngapha azewuthatha. **23** UThixo uyamnika umvuzo umuntu wonke ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe. UThixo ukunikele

ezandleni zami lamhla, kodwa kade ngingeke ngibeke isandla kogcotshiweyo kaThixo. **24** Ngeqiniso njengoba ngiqakathekise ukuphila kwakho lamhla, sengathi kanjalo-ke uThixo angaqakathekisa ukuphila kwami angisindise kukho konke ukuhlupheka." **25** Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi kuDavida, "Sengathi ungabusiseka, ndodana yami Davida; uzakwenza izinto ezinkulu njalo unqobe." UDavida wasuka wazihambela, uSawuli wasebuyela ekhaya.

27 Kodwa uDavida wacabanga wathi, "Ngolunye lwalezi insuku uSawuli uzangibulala. Into engcono engingayenza yikubalekela elizweni lamaFilistiya. Lapho-ke uSawuli uzadela ukungidinga loba kungaphi ko-Israyeli, njalo ngizaphunyuka esandleni sakhe." **2** Ngakho uDavida labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha basuka laye baya ku-Akhishi indodana kaMawokhi inkosi yaseGathi. **3** UDavida labantu bakhe bahlala eGathi lo-Akhishi. Umuntu ngamunye wayelabendlu yakhe, uDavida elabomkakhe ababili: u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli waseKhameli, umfelokazi kaNabhali. **4** Kwathi uSawuli esetsheliwe ukuthi uDavida wayebalekele eGathi kasamdinganga futhi. **5** UDavida wasesithi ku-Akhishi, "Nxa ngithole umusa emehlweni akho ngabela indawo komunye wemizi yasemaphandleni, ukuze ngiyehlala khona. Inceku yakho ingahlalelani lawe edolobheni lobukhosi na?" **6** Ngakho ngalelolanga u-Akhishi wamnika iZikhilagi, njalo seyaba ngeyamakhosi akoJuda kusukela lapho. **7** UDavida wahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya umnyaka lezinyanga ezine. **8** UDavida labantu bakhe basuka

bayahlasela amaGeshuri, amaGirizi kanye lama-Amaleki. (Kusukela ezikhathini zasendulo abantu laba babehlale elizweni elalifika eShuri kanye laseGibhithe.) **9** Lapho uDavida ehlasele indawo, wayengatshiyi ndoda kumbe umfazi ephila, kodwa wayethatha izimvu lenkomo, obabhemi lamakamela, kanye lezigqoko. Wabuyela ku-Akhishi. **10** Lapho u-Akhishi embuza esithi, "Lamhla ubuyehlasela ngaphi na?" UDavida wayesithi, "Besimelane leNegebi yakoJuda," loba athi, "Besimelane leNegebi yaseJerameli," loba athi, "Besimelane leNegebi yama-Kheni." **11** Katshiyanga ndoda kumbe umfazi ephila ukuba asiwe eGathi ngoba wacabanga wathi, "Bangasiceba bathi, 'Lokhu yikho okwenziwe nguDavida.'" Lokhu yikho ayekwenza sonke isikhathi sokuhlala kwakhe elizweni lamaFilistiya. **12** U-Akhishi wayemthemba uDavida njalo wazitshela wathi, "Usezondakala kangaka ebantwini bakibo, ama-Israyeli, usezakuba yinceku yami kuze kube nininini."

28 Ngalezonsuku amaFilistiya aqoqa amabutho awo ukuba alwe lo-Israyeli. U-Akhishi wathi kuDavida, "Kumele uzwisise ukuthi wena labantu bakho lizahamba lami empini." **2** UDavida wathi, "Lapho-ke uzazibonela okungenziwa yinceku yakho." U-Akhishi wathi, "Kulungile, ngizakwenza ube ngumlindi wami impilo yakho yonke." **3** Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wayesewafa, njalo u-Israyeli wonke wayemlilele wamgcwaba emzini wakibo eRama. USawuli wayesewaxotsha zonke izanuse labemimoya elizweni. **4** AmaFilistiya abuthana eza amisa izihonqo zawo eShunemi, lapho uSawuli wabutha

ama-Israyeli wonke wamisa izihonqo eGilibhowa. **5** USawuli ebona ibutho lamaFilistiya wesaba, inhliziyo yakhe yaba lokuthuthumela. **6** Wabuza uThixo, kodwa uThixo kamphendulanga ngamaphupho loba nge-Urimi kumbe ngabaphrofethi. **7** USawuli wasesithi encekwini zakhe, "Ngidingelani owesifazane oyisanuse ukuze ngiyebuza kuye." Bona bathi, "Kulomunye e-Endo." **8** Ngakho uSawuli waziguqula, wafaka ezinye izigqoko, kwathi ebusuku yena labantu ababili baya kulowomfazi. Wathi kuye, "Ngibuzela umoya, njalo ungilethele lowo engizamutsho." **9** Kodwa owesifazane wathi kuye, "Impela uyakwazi ukuthi uSawuli wenzeni. Useziqedile izanuse labemimoya elizweni. Kungani uthiya impilo yami ngomjibila ukuba ngibulawe na?" **10** USawuli wafunga kuye ngoThixo wathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, kawuyikujeziselwa lokhu." **11** Owesifazane lowo wasesithi, "Ngikuvusele bani na?" Yena wathi, "Ngilethela uSamuyeli." **12** Kwathi owesifazane lowo ebona uSamuyeli, wakhala ngelizwi eliphezulu wasesithi kuSawuli, "Kungani ungikhohlisile na? Wena unguSawuli." **13** Inkosi yasisithi, "Ungesabi. Kuyini okubonayo?" Owesifazane wathi, "Ngibona umoya ophuma phansi." **14** USawuli wathi, "Ukhangeleka njani?" Owesifazane wathi, "Kuphuma ixhegu eligqoke ingubo." Lapho-ke uSawuli wakwazi ukuthi kwakunguSamuyeli, wakhothama wasesithi mbo phansi ngobuso. **15** USamuyeli wasesithi kuSawuli, "Ungikhathazelani ngokungivusa na?" USawuli wathi, "Mina ngiphakathi kohlupho olukhulu. AmaFilistiya alwa lami, njalo uNkulunkulu

usengifulathele. Kasangiphenduli, ngabaphrofethi loba
ngamaphupho. Ngakho ngibize wena ukuba ungitshele
ukuthi ngenzeni." **16** USamuyeli wathi, "Ungibizelani,
njengoba uThixo esekufulathele njalo esebe yisitha sakho
na? **17** Uthixo usekwenzile lokhu akutsho ngaphambili
ngami. Uthixo usewuhluthunile umbuso ezandleni zakho
wawunika omunye wabomakhelwane bakho, uDavida. **18**
Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo kawumlalelanga kumbe wafeza
ulaka lwakhe olwesabekayo kuma-Amaleki, uThixo wenze
lokhu kuwe lamhla. **19** Uthixo uzanikela u-Israyeli
kanye lawe kumaFilistiya, njalo kusasa wena lamadodana
akho lizakuba lami. Uthixo uzanikela lebutho lako-
Israyeli kumaFilistiya." **20** Khonokho nje uSawuli wawela
phansi wathi daca emhlabathini, esegcwele ukwesaba
ngenxa yamazwi kaSamuyeli. Wayengaselamandla, ngoba
wayengadlanga lutho ilanga lonke mhlalokho lobusuku
bonke. **21** Kwathi owesifazane esesondele kuSawuli
wabona ukuthi wayethuthumele kakhulu, wathi kuye,
"Khangela, incekukazi yakho ikulalele. Ngibeke ukuphila
kwami engozini ngenza lokho othe ngikwenze. **22**
Khathesi-ke ake ulalele incekukazi yakho uvume ukuba
ngikuphe ukudla ukuze udle ube lamandla uzihambele."
23 Yena wala wathi, "Kangiyikudla." Kodwa abantu bakhe
baphathisana lowesifazane ukumncenga, waze wabalalela.
Wavuka phansi wahlala esihlalweni. **24** Owesifazane
wayelethole elinonisiweyo endlini, alihlaba khonokho
nje. Wathatha impuphu yengqoloyi, wayivuba wenza
isinkwa esingelamvubelo. **25** Wasibeka phambi kukaSawuli
labantu bakhe, badla. Ngalobobusuku bavuka bahamba.

29 AmaFilistiya aqoqela wonke amabutho awo e-Afekhi,
kwathi u-Israyeli wamisa emthonjeni weJezerili. **2** Kwathi
ababusi bamaFilistiya befola lamabutho abo angamakhulu
lazinkulungwane, uDavida labantu bakhe babefola emuva
lo-Akhishi. **3** Umlawuli wamaFilistiya wabuza wathi,
"AmaHebheru la-ke?" U-Akhishi waphendula wathi,
"Kanti lo kasuDavida yini owayeyisikhulu sikaSawuli
inkosi yako-Israyeli na? Usebe lami okudlula umnyaka,
njalo kusukela mhla etshiya uSawuli kuze kube khathesi,
angikaboni sici kuye." **4** Kodwa abalawuli bamaFilistiya
bamthukuthelela bathi kuye, "Buyisela umuntu lo emuva,
ukuze abuyele endaweni owamabela yona. Akumelanga
aye empini lathi, hlezi asiphendukele lapho sekulwiwa.
Angawuthola ngcono kanjani futhi umusa wenkosi
yakhe kulokuthatha amakhanda abantu bakithi na? **5**
Kasuyenalo yini uDavida abahlabela ngaye emigidweni
yabo besithi: 'USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe,
kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane
zakhe'?" **6** Ngakho u-Akhishi wabiza uDavida wathi kuye,
"Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, ubuthembekile,
njalo kade ngingathokoza ukuba lawe usebenze lami
empini. Kusukela ngelanga owafika ngalo kimi kuze
kube khathesi, angibonanga sici kuwe, kodwa ababusi
kabakufuni. **7** Ngakho phenduka uhambe ngokuthula;
ungenzi lutho oluzacunula ababusi bamaFilistiya." **8**
UDavida wabuza wathi, "Kanti ngenzeni na? Kuyini okubi
okubone encekwini yakho kusukela ngelanga engafika
ngalo kuwe kuze kube khathesi na? Kungani ngingeze
ngayakulwa lezitha zenkosi yami na?" **9** U-Akhishi

waphendula wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ube uthokozisa
emehlweni ami njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu; kodwa-ke
abalawuli bamaFilistiya sebethe, ‘Kafanelanga ukuhamba
lathi empini.’ **10** Ngakho vuka ekuseni, kanye lezinceku
zenkosi yakho ezeza lawe, lisuke ekuseni lapho kuqalisa
ukukhanya.” **11** Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe bavuka
ekuseni kakhulu ukuba babuyele elizweni lamaFilistiya,
kwathi amaFilistiya aya eJezerili.

30 UDavida labantu bakhe bafika eZikhilagi ngelanga
lesithathu. Ama-Amaleki ayehlasele iNegebi leZikhilagi.
Ayehlasele iZikhilagi ayitshisa, **2** njalo ayethumbe
abesifazane labo bonke ababekuyo, abatsha labadala.
Kawabulalanga lamunye wabo, kodwa ahamba labo
ekuhambeni kwawo. **3** Kwathi uDavida labantu bakhe
befika eZikhilagi, bayifica iqothulwe ngomlilo njalo
omkabo lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi abo bethunjiwe.
4 Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe bakhala kakhulu
baze baphela amandla okukhala. **5** Abafazi bakaDavida
bobabili babethunjiwe, u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-
Abhigeli, umfelokazi kaNabhali waseKhameli. **6** UDavida
wayesekhathazeke kakhulu ngoba abantu babekhuluma
ngokumkhanda ngamatshe, lowo lalowo efuthelene
emoyeni ngenxa yamadodana akhe lamadodakazi. Kodwa
uDavida wathola amandla kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe.
7 UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhiyatha umphristi, indodana
ka-Ahimeleki, “Ngilethela isembatho samahlombe.”
U-Abhiyathari wasiletha kuye, **8** uDavida wasebuza
kuThixo esithi, “Ngililandele yini lelixuku elihlaselayo?
Ngizalifica na?” Waphendula wathi, “Lilandele. Uzalifica

impela njalo uzaphumelela ekuhlengeni.” **9** UDavida
labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ababelaye bafika
eDongeni lwaseBhesori, lapho abanye abasala khona,
10 ngoba abangamakhulu amabili basebedinwe kakhulu
ukuba bachaphe udonga. Kodwa uDavida labantu
abangamakhulu amane baqhubeka belandela. **11** Bafica
umGibhithe egangeni bamusa kuDavida. Bamnika amanzi
okunatha lokudla ukuba adle, **12** ingxenye yekhekhe
lemikhiwa ekhanyiweyo lekhekhe lamavini awonyisiweyo.
Wadla wathola amandla, ngoba wayengadlanga
lutho njalo enganathanga manzi insuku ezintathu
lobusuku obuthathu. **13** UDavida wambuza wathi,
“Ungokabani wena, njalo uvela ngaphi na?” Yena wathi,
“NgingumGibhithe, isigqili som’Amaleki. Inkosi yami
ingitshiyile sengigula ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo. **14**
Sihlasele iNegebi yamaKherethi lelizwe likaJuda kanye
leNegebi yamaKhalebi. Njalo iZikhilagi siyitshisile.”
15 UDavida wambuza wathi, “Ungangisa kulelixuku
elihlaselayo na?” Waphendula wathi, “Funga kimi
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungibulala
kumbe unginikele enkosini yami, besengikusa-ke kubo.”
16 Wakhokhela uDavida, bababona begcwele indawana
yonke, besidla, benatha njalo bejabula ngenxa yobunengi
bempango ababeyithumbile elizweni lamaFilistiya kanye
lakoJuda. **17** UDavida walwa labo kusukela ekuseni
kwaze kwahlwa ngelanga elilandelayo, njalo kakho owabo
owaphunyukayo ngaphandle kwamajaha angamakhulu
amane agada amakamela abaleka. **18** UDavida wakuthatha
njalo konke okwakuthunjwe ngama-Amaleki kanye

labomkakhe ababili. **19** Akukho lutho olwaswelakalayo:
omutsha kumbe omdala, umfana kumbe inkazana,
impango kumbe olunye nje ulutho ababeluthethe.
UDavida wabuyisa konke. **20** Wathatha izimvu zonke
lenkomo, abantu bakhe baziqhuba ziphambi kwezinye
izifuyo, besithi, "Le yimpango kaDavida." **21** Emva
kwalokho uDavida wafika ebantwini abangamakhulu
amabili ababedinwe kakhulu baze behluleka ukumlandela
ababesele emuva eDongeni lwaseBhesori. Baphuma
bahlangabeza uDavida kanye labantu ababelaye. Kwathi
uDavida esesondela labantu bakhe, wababingelela.
22 Kodwa bonke abantu ababi labahlokozi bohlupho
abaphakathi kwabalandeli bakaDavida, bathi, "Ngenxa
yokuthi kabahambanga lathi kasiyikwabelana labo
impango esiyithumbileyo. Kodwa yileyo laleyo indoda
ingathatha umkayo labantwabayo ihambe." **23** UDavida
waphendula wathi, "Hatshi, bafowethu, akumelanga
lenzenjalo ngalokho uThixo asiphe khona. Usivikele
wawanikela kithi amabutho abesihlasela. **24** Pho ngubani
ozalalela lokhu elikutshoyo na? Isabelo somuntu osele
lempahla sizafana lesalowo ohambileyo ekulweni impi.
Bonke bazakwabelwa ngokufanayo." **25** UDavida wenza
lokhu kwaba yisimiso lomthetho ko-Israyeli kusukela
ngalelolanga kuze kube yileli. **26** UDavida esefikile
eZikhilagi, wathumela enye impango ebadaleni bakoJuda,
ababengabangane bakhe, esithi, "Nansi isipho senu esivela
empangweni yezitha zikaThixo." **27** Wayithumela kulabo
ababeseBhetheli, leRamothi Negebi leJathiri, **28** lakulabo
abase-Aroweri, eSifimothi, e-Eshithemowa **29** leRakhali;

kulabo ababesemizini yamaJerameli lamaKheni. **30** Kulabo ababeseHoma, eBhori-Ashani, e-Athakhi **31** laseHebhroni; lakubo ababekuzo zonke ezinye izindawo lapho uDavida labantu bakhe ababeke bazulazula kuzo.

31 AmaFilistiya alwa lo-Israyeli; abako-Israyeli babaleka, njalo abanengi bafela eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. **2** AmaFilistiya axotshana kanzima loSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe, abulala amadodana akhe uJonathani, lo-Abhinadabi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. **3** Impi yatshisa macele wonke kuSawuli, njalo kwathi abatshoki bemitshoko sebemxhumile, bamlimaza kubi. **4** USawuli wathi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, "Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungigwaze, hlezi abantu laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze bangenze ihlazo." Kodwa umphathi wezikhali zakhe wesaba, akaze akwenza lokho; ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba yakhe waziwisela phezu kwayo. **5** Kwathi umphathi wezikhali ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe wafa kanye laye. **6** Ngakho uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu lomphathi wezikhali zakhe kanye labantu bakhe bonke bafa ndawonye ngalo lolosuku. **7** Kwathi abako-Israyeli ababesekele isigodi lalabo ababengaphetsheya kweJodani bebona ukuthi ibutho lako-Israyeli lalibalekile lokuthi uSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe basebefile, batshiya imizi yabo babaleka. AmaFilistiya afika ahlala kuyo. **8** Ngelanga elalandelayo, amaFilistiya esefikile ukuba akhuthuze abafileyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu befile eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. **9** Amquma ikhanda lakhe athatha lezikhali

zakhe, basebethuma izithunywa kulolonke ilizwe lamaFilistiya ukuthi zimemezele lindaba ethempelini lezithombe zawo lasebantwini bakibo. **10** Abeka izikhali zakhe ethempelini lama-Ashithorethi. Kwathi isidumbu sakhe asibethela emdulini weBhethi-Shani. **11** Kwathi abantu baseJabheshi Giliyadi sebezwile ngokwakwenziwe ngamaFilistiya kuSawuli, **12** wonke amaqhawe abo alezibindi ahamba ubusuku bonke esiya eBhethi-Shani. Ethula isidumbu sikaSawuli lezamadodana akhe emdulini weBhethi-Shani aya eJabheshi, lapho azitshisela khona. **13** Athatha amathambo abo awembela ngaphansi kwesihlahla somthamarisiki eJabheshi, asezila insuku eziyisikhombisa.

2 USamuyeli

1 Emva kokufa kukaSawuli, uDavida wabuya evela
ekunqobeni ama-Amaleki wahlala eZikhilagi insuku
ezimbili. **2** Ngosuku lwesithathu kwafika umuntu evela
ezihonqweni zikaSawuli, izigqoko zakhe zidabukile
njalo egcwele uthuli ekhanda lakhe. Kwathi esefikile
kuDavida waziwisela phansi emhlonipha. **3** UDavida
wambuza wathi, "Uvela ngaphi?" Yena waphendula
wathi, "Ngibalekile ezihonqweni zabako-Israyeli." **4**
UDavida wabuza wathi, "Kutheni? Ngitshela." Yena
wathi, "Abantu babalekile empini. Inengi labo lifile.
USawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani labo bafile?"
5 UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elamlethela umbiko,
"Wazi njani ukuthi uSawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani
bafile?" **6** Ijaha lelo lathi, "Kwenzakele ukuthi mina
kade ngiphezu kweNtaba iGilibhowa ngabona uSawuli
eyame umkhonto wakhe, izinqola zempi labagadi
bamabhiza sebebanga kuye. **7** Uthe etshibilika wangibona,
wasengibiza, mina ngathi, 'Kuyini engingakwenza?' **8**
Ungibuzile wathi, 'Ungubani wena na?' Ngiphendule
ngathi, 'Ngingum'Amaleki.' **9** Wasesithi kimi, 'Sondela
eduze ungibulale! Sengiseduze lokufa, kodwa ngisaphila.'
10 Ngakho ngisondele kuye ngambulala, ngoba ngazile
ukuthi emva kwalokho ubengeke aphile. Njalo ngithethe
umqhele obusekhanda lakhe lesongo ebelisengalweni
yakhe okuyikho engikulethe lapha enkosini yami." **11**
Lapho-ke uDavida labantu bonke ababelaye babamba
izigqoko zabo bazidabula. **12** Babakhalela, babalilela,
babazilela kwaze kwahlwa uSawuli lendodana yakhe

uJonathani kanye lebutho likaThixo lendlu ka-Israyeli,
ngoba babebulewe ngenkemba. **13** UDavida wasesithi
ejaheni elalimlethele umbiko, “Wena ungowangaphi
na?” Lona laphendula lathi, “Ngiyindodana yezizweni,
um’Amaleki.” **14** UDavida waselibuza esithi, “Kungani
ungesabanga ukuphakamisa isandla sakho ukuba ubulale
ogcotshiweyo kaThixo na?” **15** UDavida wabiza omunye
wabantu bakhe wathi, “Sondela umgongode!” Ngakho
wamgongoda wafa. **16** Ngoba uDavida wayethe kuye,
“Igazi lakho kalibe phezu kwekhanda lakho. Umlomo
wakho ufakaze okubi ngawe lapho wena uthe, ‘Ngimbulele
ogcotshiweyo kaThixo.’” **17** UDavida walila isililo lesi
ngoSawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani, **18** walaya
ukuthi abantu bakoJuda basifundiswe isililo sedandili lesi
(silotshiwe eNcwadini kaJashari): **19** “Udumo lwakho,
We Israyeli, lubulewe ezingqongweni zakho. Yeka ukufa
kwamaqhawe! **20** Lingabokutsho eGathi, lingakumemezeli
ezindleleni zase-Ashikheloni, hlezi amadodakazi
amaFilistiya athabe, hlezi amadodakazi abangasokanga
athokoze. **21** We zintaba zaseGilibhowa, kalingabi
lamazolo loba izulu, kumbe amasimu athela amabele
eminikelo. Ngoba khonapho ihawu leqhawe langcoliswa,
ihawu likaSawuli, lingasagcotshwa ngamafutha. **22**
Egazini lababuleweyo, enyameni yamaqhawe umtshoko
kaJonathani kawuphendukanga, umtshoko kaSawuli
kawuphendukanga ungasuthanga. **23** USawuli loJonathani,
ekuphileni babethandeka bengababukekayo, lekufeni
kabehlukaniswanga. Babelesiqubu kulengqungqulu,
belamandla kulezilwane. **24** Awu madodakazi ako-

Israyeli, mlileleni uSawuli, owaligqokisa okubomvu lokuhle kakhulu, owacecisa izembatho zenu ngemiceciso yegolide. **25** Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe empini! UJonathani ulele efile ezingqongweni zakho. **26** Ngilusizi ngawe Jonathani, mfowethu; ubuthandeka kakhulu kimi. Ukungithanda kwakho kade kumangalisa, kumangalisa okudlula okwabesifazane. **27** Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe! Izikhali zempi zitshabalele!”

2 Ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uDavida wabuza uThixo wathi, “Ngingaya yini kwelinye lamadolobho akoJuda na?” UThixo wathi, “Hamba.” UDavida wabuza wathi, “Ngiye ngaphi na?” UThixo waphendula wathi, “EHebhroni.” **2** Ngakho uDavida waya khonale labafazi bakhe ababili, u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli, umfelokazi kaNabhali waseKhameli. **3** UDavida wathatha amadoda ayelaye, leyo laleyo labendlu yayo, bayahlala eHebhroni lasemizini yakhona. **4** Ngakho abantu bakoJuda bafika eHebhroni bamgcobela khona uDavida ukuba yinkosi yendlu kaJuda. Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi abantu baseJabheshi Giliyadi yibo ababengcwabe uSawuli, **5** wathuma izithunywa ebantwini baseJabheshi Giliyadi ukuba bayekuthi kubo, “UThixo kalibusise ngokubonakalisa umusa lo kuSawuli inkosi yenu ngokumgcwaba. **6** Sengathi khathesi uThixo angalitshengisa umusa lokwethembeka, njalo lami futhi ngizalitshengisa lona lolothando ngoba lenze lokhu. **7** Khathesi-ke qinani libe lesibindi, ngoba uSawuli inkosi yenu usefile, njalo indlu yakoJuda isigcobe mina ukuba yinkosi yabo.” **8** Ngalesisikhathi,

u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli webutho likaSawuli, wayethethe u-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli wamletha ngaseMahanayimi. **9** Wamenza waba yinkosi yaseGiliyadi, e-Ashuri kanye leJezerili, eyako-Efrayimi, lakoBhenjamini kanye lo-Israyeli wonke. **10** U-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eleminyaka engamatshumi amane ubudala bakhe, njalo wabusa iminyaka emibili. Kodwa indlu kaJuda yalandela uDavida. **11** Isikhathi uDavida eyinkosi yendlu yakoJuda eHebhroni saba yiminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha. **12** U-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, ekanye labantu baka-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli, basuka eMahanayimi baya eGibhiyoni. **13** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya kanye labantu bakaDavida baphuma bayahlangana labo echibini laseGibhiyoni. Elinye ixuku lahlala phansi ngakwelinye icele lechibi kwathi elinye lalo ixuku lahlala ngakwelinye icele. **14** U-Abhineri wasesithi kuJowabi, “Ezinye zezinsizwa kazisukume zilwe mathupha phambi kwethu.” UJowabi wathi, “Kulungile, kazikwenze lokho.” **15** Ngakho zasukuma zabalwa, abantu abalitshumi lambili bakoBhenjamini ngaku-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli letshumi lambili abakoDavida. **16** Indoda ngayinye yabamba lowo eyayisilwa laye ngekhanda yatshonisa inkemba yayo emhlubulweni walowo eyayisilwa laye, bawela phansi bonke. Ngakho indawo leyo eGibhiyoni yathiwa yiHelikhathi Hazurimi. **17** Impi ngalolosuku yayinzima, njalo u-Abhineri labantu bako-Israyeli behlulwa ngabantu bakaDavida. **18** Amadodana amathathu kaZeruya

ayekhona: uJowabi, lo-Abhishayi kanye lo-Asaheli. U-Asaheli wayelejubane njengomziki. **19** Waxotshana lo-Abhineri, engaphambukeli kwesokudla loba kwesenxele lapho emxhuma. **20** U-Abhineri wakhangela emuva kwakhe wabuza wathi, “Kanti nguwe, Asaheli?” Yena waphendula wathi, “Yimi.” **21** U-Abhineri wasesithi kuye, “Phambukela eceleni kwesokudla loba kwesenxele; ubambe enye yezinsizwa uyithathele izikhali zayo.” Kodwa u-Asaheli kayekelanga ukuxotshana laye. **22** U-Abhineri wamxwayisa futhi wathi, “Yekela ukuxotshana lami. Kungani kumele ngikulahle phansi na? Ngingamkhangela njani ebusweni umfowethu uJowabi na?” **23** Kodwa u-Asaheli wala ukuyekela ukuxotshana laye; ngakho u-Abhineri wamgwaza esiswini ngomcijo womkhonto wakhe, umkhonto waze wayathutsha emhlane wakhe. Wawela khonapho, wafela khonapho. Amadoda afika ema nxa efika endaweni lapho u-Asaheli ayewe wafela kuyo. **24** Kodwa uJowabi lo-Abhishayi baxotshana lo-Abhineri, kwathi ilanga selitshona bafika eqaqeni lwase-Ama, eduzane leGiya endleleni yenkangala yaseGibhiyoni. **25** Lapho-ke abantu bakoBhenjamini bema ngemva kuka-Abhineri. Benza ixuku bayajama phezu koqaqa. **26** U-Abhineri wabiza uJowabi wathi, “Kanti inkemba sekumele idle kokuphela na? Kawuboni ukuthi kuzaphetha kabuhlungu na? Koze kube nini phambi kokuba ulaye abantu bakho ukuba bayekele ukuxotshana labafowabo na?” **27** UJowabi waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso njengoba uNkulunkulu ekhona, aluba kawukhulumanga, amadoda la abezaxotshana labafowabo kuze kube sekuseni.”

28 Ngakho uJowabi watshaya icilongo, bonke abantu
bakhe basebesima, kabasaxotshananga lo-Israyeli, kumbe
babuye balwe futhi. **29** Ngalobobusuku bonke u-
Abhineri labantu bakhe bahamba badabula i-Arabha.
Bachapha iJodani, baqhubeka bedabula iBhethironi yonke
baze bayafika eMahanayimi. **30** UJowabi waphenduka
ekuxotshaneni lo-Abhineri wasebuthanisa abantu bakhe
bonke. Ngaphandle kuka-Asaheli abantu bakaDavida
abalitshumi lasificamunwemunye batholakala bengekho.
31 Kodwa abantu bakaDavida babebulele abakoBhenjamini
ababelo-Abhineri abangamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
ayisithupha. **32** Bathatha u-Asaheli bayamngcwaba
ethuneni likayise eBhethilehema. Emva kwalokho uJowabi
labantu bakhe bahamba ubusuku bonke bafika eHebhroni
emadabukakusa.

3 Impi phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida
yathatha isikhathi eside. UDavida wathuthuka elokhu
esiba lamandla, kodwa indlu kaSawuli yaqhubeka ilokhu
iphela amandla. **2** UDavida wazala amadodana la
eHebhroni: Izibulo lakhe lalingu-Amnoni indodana ka-
Ahinowama owaseJezerili; **3** eyesibili kunguKhileyabi
indodana ka-Abhigeli umfelokazi kaNabhali waseKhameli;
eyesithathu kungu-Abhisalomu indodana kaMahakha
indodakazi kaThalimayi inkosi yaseGeshuri; **4**
eyesine kungu-Adonija indodana kaHagithi; eyesihlanu
kunguShefathiya indodana ka-Abhithali; **5** eyesithupha
kungu-Ithireyamu indodana yomkaDavida u-Egila.
La uDavida wawazalela eHebhroni. **6** Ngesikhathi
sempi phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida,

u-Abhineri wayeqinisa isikhundla sakhe endlini kaSawuli. **7** Kunjalo-nje uSawuli wayekade elomfazi weceleni owayethiwa nguRizipha indodakazi ka-Ayiya. U-Ishi-Bhoshethi wasesithi ku-Abhineri, "Kungani wembathe lomkababa owangaphandle na?" **8** U-Abhineri wazonda kakhulu ngenxa yalokho okwatshiwo ngu-Ishi-Bhoshethi, wasephendula esithi, "Kanti ngilikhanda lenja eceleni lakoJuda na? Lanamuhla ngithembekile endlini kayihlo uSawuli lasemulini yakhe lakubangane bakhe. Angikunikelanga kuDavida. Kodwa khathesi usungethesa icala ngowesifazane lo! **9** UNkulunkulu kamjezise u-Abhineri ngokunzima kakhulu, nxa uDavida ngingamenzeli lokho uThixo amthembisa khona ngesifungo **10** ngisuse umbuso endlini kaSawuli ngimise isihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavida ko-Israyeli lakoJuda kusukela koDani kusiyafika eBherishebha." **11** U-Ishi-Bhoshethi kasatshongo elinye ilizwi ku-Abhineri, ngoba wayemesaba. **12** Emva kwalokho u-Abhineri wathuma izithunywa zimele yena ukuba ziyekuthi kuDavida, "Kanti ilizwe ngelikabani na? Yenza isivumelwano lami, mina ngizakusiza ekuletheni u-Israyeli wonke kuwe." **13** UDavida wathi, "Kulungile, ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe. Kodwa ngifuna into eyodwa kuwe: Ungezi kimi ngaphandle kokuba uze loMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli lapho usizangibona." **14** UDavida wasethuma izithunywa ku-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli ebamba ngamandla esithi, "Ngipha umkami uMikhali, engazendisela yena kimi ngentengo yamajwabu emiphambili yamaFilistiya alikhulu." **15** Ngakho u-Ishi-Bhoshethi wakhupha imilayo

uMikhali wahlubulwa kumkakhe uPhalithiyeli indodana kaLayishi. **16** Kodwa umkakhe wahamba laye ekhala ngemva kwakhe indlela yonke kusiya eBhahurimi. U-Abhineri wasesithi kuye, "Buyela ekhaya!" Ngakho wabuyela. **17** U-Abhineri wakhuluma labadala bako-Israyeli wathi, "Sekulesikhathi esithile lifuna ukwenza uDavida abe yinkosi yenu. **18** Khathesi-ke kwenzeni! Ngoba uThixo wathembisa uDavida wathi, 'Ngenceku yami uDavida ngizahlenga abantu bami u-Israyeli esandleni samaFilistiya lasesandleni sezitha zabo zonke.'" **19** U-Abhineri wakhuluma njalo labakoBhenjamini yena ngokwakhe. Emva kwalokho waya eHebhroni ukuyatshela uDavida konke u-Israyeli kanye lendlu yonke kaBhenjamini ababefuna ukukwenza. **20** Kwathi u-Abhineri, owayelabantu abangamatshumi amabili, efika kuDavida eHebhroni, uDavida wamenzela idili kanye labantu bakhe. **21** U-Abhineri wasesithi, "Yekela ngihle ngihambe ngiyebuthanisela inkosi, inkosi yami, u-Israyeli wonke, ukuze benze isivumelwano lawe, lokuthi ungabusa konke okufiswa yinhliziyo yakho." Ngakho uDavida wathi u-Abhineri kahambe, wahamba ngokuthula. **22** Khonokho nje abantu bakaDavida loJowabi babuya bevelahlasela njalo beze lempango enengi kakhulu. Kodwa u-Abhineri wayesesukile kuDavida eHebhroni, ngoba uDavida wayethe kahambe, njalo wayehambe ngokuthula. **23** Kwathi uJowabi lamabutho wonke ayelaye befika, watshelwa ukuthi u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri wayeze enkosini lokuthi inkosi yayithe kahambe njalo ahambe ngokuthula. **24** Ngakho uJowabi waya enkosini

wathi, “Kuyini okwenzileyo? Khangela, u-Abhineri ufikile kuwe. Kungani umyekele wahamba? Khathesi usehambile! **25** Uyamazi u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri; ulande ukuzakukhohlisa lokubona ukuhambahamba kwakho kanye lokwazi konke okwenzayo.” **26** UJowabi wasuka kuDavida wasethuma izithunywa ukuba zilandele u-Abhineri, njalo zayabuya laye zivela emthonjeni waseSira. Kodwa uDavida kakwazanga lokho. **27** Khathesi-ke Abhineri, esebuyele eHebhroni, uJowabi wamusa eceleni esangweni, kungani uzakhuluma laye ngasese. Khonapho-ke ukuba aphindisele igazi lomfowabo u-Asaheli, uJowabi wamgwaza esiswini, wafa. **28** Muva, uDavida esekuzwile lokhu, wathi, “Mina lombuso wami kasilacala lanini phambi kukaThixo mayelana legazi lika-Abhineri indodana kaNeri. **29** Sengathi igazi lakhe lingehlela phezu kwekhanda likaJowabi laphezu kwendlu yonke kayise. Sengathi endlini kaJowabi akungasweleki lanininini omunye olenxeba elibhibhidlayo loba ubulephero, loba edondolozela ngodondolo kumbe obulawa ngenkemba loba oswela ukudla.” **30** (UJowabi lomfowabo u-Abhishayi bambulala u-Abhineri ngoba wayebulele umfowabo u-Asaheli empini eGibhiyoni.) **31** UDavida wasesithi kuJowabi lakubo bonke abantu ababelaye, “Dabulani izigqoko zenu ligqoke amasaka lihambe ngokulila phambi kuka-Abhineri.” Inkosi uDavida yena ngokwakhe wahamba ngemva kwethala lesidumbu. **32** U-Abhineri bamgcwaba eHebhroni, njalo inkosi yakhala yaphumisela ethuneni lika-Abhineri. Abantu bonke labo bakhala. **33** Inkosi yahlabelela u-Abhineri isililo

lesi: “U-Abhineri bekumele afe njengokufa kwezixhwali
na? 34 Izandla zakho kade zingabotshwanga, inyawo
zakho zingelamaketane. Ufe ngokubulawa ngabantu
ababi.” Abantu bonke bamlilela futhi. 35 Emva kwalokho
bonke beza bancenga uDavida ukuba adle okunye nje
kusesemini; kodwa uDavida wafunga esithi, “UNkulunkulu
kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa nginambitha
isinkwa loba olunye ulutho ilanga lingakatshoni!” 36
Abantu bonke bakunanzelela njalo bathaba; impela
konke okwenziwa yinkosi kwabathokozisa. 37 Ngakho
ngalelolanga abantu bonke lo-Israyeli wonke bakwazi
ukuthi inkosi yayingelasandla ekubulaweni kuka-Abhineri
indodana kaNeri. 38 Inkosi yasisithi ebantwini bayo,
“Kaliboni yini ukuthi inkosana lomuntu odumileyo ifile
ko-Israyeli lamhla na? 39 Njalo lamhla, lanxa ngiyinkosi
egcotshiweyo, ngibuthakathaka, njalo amadodana
kaZeruya la alamandla kakhulu kulami. Sengathi uThixo
angaphindisela umenzi wokubi mayelana lezenzo zakhe
ezimbi!”

4 Kwathi u-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli esezwile
ukuthi u-Abhineri wayefile eHebhroni, wahedezela,
lo-Israyeli wonke wathithibala. 2 Indodana kaSawuli
yayilabantu ababili ababezinduna zamaqembu okuhlasela.
Omunye wayethiwa nguBhana omunye enguRekhabi;
babengamadodana kaRimoni umBherothi owesizwana
sakoBhenjamini, iBherothi ithathwa njengengxenye
yakoBhenjamini, 3 ngoba abantu baseBherothi babalekela
eGithayimi njalo sebahlala khona njengezizwe kuze kube
lamhla. 4 (UJonathani indodana kaSawuli wayelendodana

eyayiqhula inyawo zombili. Yayileminyaka emihlanu ubudala bayo ekufikeni kombiko ngoSawuli loJonathani uvela eJezerili. Umlizane wayo wayiphakamisa wabaleka, kodwa wathi ephanga ukusuka yawela phansi yagogeka. Ibizo layo lalinguMefibhoshethi.) **5** Ngalesosikhathi uRekhabi loBhana, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi, basuka baya endlini ka-Ishi-Bhoshethi, bafika khona emini enkulu ilanga livutha yena ephumula okwemini. **6** Baya phakathi kakhulu kwendlu kungathi bayathatha amabele, basebemgwaza esiswini. Emva kwalokho uRekhabi loBhana bathi nyelele bahamba. **7** Babengene endlini yena elele embhedeni ekamelweni lakhe lokulala. Emva kokuba sebemgwaze bambulala, baquma ikhanda lakhe. Balithatha, bahamba ubusuku bonke ngendlela yase-Arabha. **8** Ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhoshethi balisa kuDavida eHebhroni bathi enkosini, "Nanti ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhoshethi indodana kaSawuli, isitha sakho, esazama ukukubulala. Ngalolusuku uThixo umphindiselele umhlekazi wami inkosi kuSawuli lenzalo yakhe." **9** UDavida waphendula uRekhabi lomfowabo uBhana, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi wathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ukhona, yena ongihlenge kuzozonke inhlupheko, **10** kwathi umuntu engitshela ukuthi, 'USawuli usefile,' ecabanga ukuthi wayeletha umbiko omuhle ngamxhakalaza ngambulala eZikhilagi. Lowo waba ngumvuzo engamupha wona ngenxa yalowombiko! **11** Pho kudlula ngokungakanani nxa abantu ababi bebulele umuntu omsulwa endlini engeyakhe njalo embhedeni ongowakhe, ngingalithonisi yini khathesi

igazi lakhe ezandleni zenu ngilisuse emhlabeni na!”
12 Ngakho uDavida walaya abantu bakhe, bababulala.
Baquma izandla zabo lezinyawo, balengisa izidumbu
phansi kwechibi eHebhroni. Kodwa bathatha ikhanda
lika-Ishi-Bhoshethi bayalingcwaba ethuneni lika-Abhineri
eHebhroni.

5 Zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli zaya kuDavida eHebhroni
zathi, “Thina siyinyama yakho legazi lakho. **2**
Esikhathini esedlulayo, uSawuli eseseyinkosi yethu, wena
nguwe owawukhokhela u-Israyeli emkhankasweni wakhe
wezimpi. LoThixo wathi kuwe, ‘Wena uzakuba ngumelusi
wabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo uzakuba ngumbusi wabo.’”
3 Kwathi abadala bonke bako-Israyeli sebefikile enkosini
uDavida eHebhroni, inkosi yenza isivumelwano labo
eHebhroni phambi kukaThixo, basebegcoba uDavida
ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli. **4** UDavida waba yinkosi
eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amane. **5** EHebhroni wabusa uJuda
iminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha, kwathi
eJerusalema wabusa u-Israyeli wonke loJuda iminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **6** Inkosi labantu
bayo baya eJerusalema ukuyahlasela amaJebusi ayehlala
khona. AmaJebusi athi kuDavida, “Kawuyikungena lapha;
leziphofu labaqhulayo bangakuvimba.” Acabanga athi,
“UDavida angeke angene lapha.” **7** Kodwa uDavida
wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida. **8**
Ngalolosuku uDavida wathi, “Lowo onqoba amaJebusi
kuzamele asebenzise umgelo wamanzi ukuba afinyelele
‘abaqhulayo leziphofu’ labo abayizitha zikaDavida.”

Yikho-nje besithi, “Iziphofu labaqhulayo” kabayikungena esigodlweni. **9** UDavida wasehlala enqabeni waseyibiza ngokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida. Wakha enhlangothini zonke zayo kusukela emadundulwini ayelapho kusiya phakathi. **10** Waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla wayelaye. **11** Ngalesosikhathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire wathuma izithunywa kuDavida zilezigodo zemisedari lababazi bamapulanka kanye lababazi bamatshe, bakhela uDavida isigodlo. **12** UDavida wakwazi ukuthi uThixo wayembekile ukuba abe yinkosi yako-Israyeli wawuphakamisa lombuso wakhe ngenxa yabantu bakhe u-Israyeli. **13** Esesukile eHebhroni uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi beceleni kanye labafazi eJerusalema, kwazalwa amanye amadodana lamadodakazi futhi. **14** Nanka amabizo abantwana abazalelwa khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani, uSolomoni, **15** u-Ibhari, u-Elishuwa, uNefegi, uJafiya, **16** u-Elishama, u-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi. **17** Kwathi amaFilistiya esezwe ukuthi uDavida wayegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli wonke aphuma ehlome ephelele esiyamdinga, kodwa uDavida wakuzwa lokho wasesehlela enqabeni. **18** AmaFilistiya ayesefikile njalo esegcwele eSigodini saseRefayi, **19** ngakho uDavida wabuza uThixo wathi, “Ngingayawahlasela amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikela kimi na?” UThixo wamphendula wathi, “Hamba, ngoba impela amaFilistiya ngizawanikela kuwe.” **20** Ngakho uDavida waya eBhali Pherazimi, lapho awehlula khona. Wathi, “Njengamanzi efohla, uThixo ufohlele ezitheni zami phambi kwami.” Ngakho leyondawo yasibizwa

ngokuthi yiBhali Pherazimi. **21** AmaFilistiya abaleka atshiya izithombe zawo khonapho, uDavida labantu bakhe bazithatha bahamba lazo. **22** AmaFilistiya aphinda njalo abuya, agcwala eSigodini saseRefayi; **23** ngakho uDavida wabuza uThixo, yena waphendula wathi, "Ungayi uqondile, kodwa bhoda ngemva kwawo uwahlasele maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu. **24** Kuzakuthi lapho usizwa izisinde zabahambayo ezihlahleni zebhalisamu, uqhubeke ngokuphangisa, ngoba lokho kuzakutsho ukuthi uThixo usehambe phambi kwakho ukuyahlasela amabutho amaFilistiya." **25** Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo, njalo amaFilistiya wawacakazela phansi umango wonke kusukela eGibhiyoni kusiya eGezeri.

6 UDavida wabuya wabuthanisa abantu bako-Israyeli abakhethiweyo, sebebonke babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **2** Yena labantu bakhe bonke baya eBhala yakoJuda ukuthi bayethatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu khonale elibizwa ngeBizo, ibizo likaThixo uSomandla, ohleziyo esihlalweni sobukhosi ephahlwe ngamakherubhi aphezu kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **3** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu balifaka phezu kwenqola entsha balisusa endlini ka-Abhinadabi eyayiseqaqeni. U-Uza lo-Ahiyo amadodana ka-Abhinadabi, babetshayela inqola entsha **4** eyayithwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, u-Ahiyo ehamba phambi kwayo. **5** UDavida lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli benza umkhosi omkhulu wokuthokoza ngamandla abo wonke phambi

kukaThixo ngokuhlabela izingoma lokutshaya amachacho, lemihubhe, lamagedla kanye lamasimbali. **6** Bathi befika esizeni sikaNakhoni, u-Uza welulela isandla sakhe ebhokisini lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu walibamba ngoba inkabi zazikhubeka. **7** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ngo-Uza ngenxa yesenzo sakhe sokungahloniphi, ngakho uNkulunkulu wamtshaya njalo wahle wafela khonapho phansi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **8** Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, njalo kuze kube lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi yiPherezi Uza. **9** UDavida wamesaba uThixo ngalolosuku, wathi, "Pho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lingeza njani kimi?" **10** Wayengasafuni ukuthatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, ukuba libe kuye eDolobheni likaDavida. Esikhundleni salokho, waliphambulela endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi umGithi. **11** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lahlala endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi umGithi okwezinyanga ezintathu, uThixo wambusisa kanye lendlu yakhe yonke. **12** Inkosi uDavida watshelwa kwathiwa, "UThixo useyibusisile indlu ka-Obhedi-Edomi lakho konke alakho ngenxa yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu." Ngakho uDavida wahamba wayathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi walisa eDolobheni likaDavida ngokuthokoza. **13** Kwakusithi labo ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo bangahamba izinyathelo eziyisithupha, anikele umhlatshelo wenkunzi lethole elinonisiweyo. **14** UDavida

wayegqoke isigqoko samahlombe selineni, wagida phambi kukaThixo ngamandla akhe wonke, **15** lapho yena kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli beletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo ngokumemeza langokukhala kwamacilongo. **16** Kwathi lapho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo selingena eDolobheni likaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wayebukele elunguze ngefasitela. Wathi ebona inkosi uDavida eseqa egida phambi kukaThixo, wameyisa enhliziyweni yakhe. **17** Baliletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo balibeka endaweni yalo phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele lona, njalo uDavida wenza umhlatshelo weminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano phambi kukaThixo. **18** Eseqedile umhlatshelo weminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano wabusisa abantu ngebizo likaThixo uSomandla. **19** Umuntu ngamunye phakathi kwexuku lonke lako-Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazane, wamnika isinkwa, lekhekhe lezithelo kanye lekhekhe lamavini awonyisiweyo. Abantu bonke baya emizini yabo.
20 Kwathi uDavida esebuyele ekhaya ukuba abusise abendlu yakhe, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli waphuma wamhlangabeza, wasesithi, "Yeka ukuzibonakalisa inkosi yako-Israyeli ekwenzileyo lamhla ihlubula phambi kwezigqilikazi zezinceku zayo njengokungenziwa lilema!" **21** UDavida wathi kuMikhali, "Kade kuphambi kukaThixo, owangikhetha phambi kukayihlo laphambi kwendlu yakhe yonke, wangimisa ukuba ngibe ngumbusi ko-Israyeli bantu bakaThixo, isibili ngizathokoza phambi kukaThixo. **22** Ngizakweyiseka kakhulu kulalokhu, njalo

ngehliselwe phansi emehlweni ami. Kodwa izigqilikazi lezi okhulume ngazo zizangihlonipha.” **23** UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli kabanga lomntwana waze wafa.

7 Kwathi inkosi isihlala esigodlweni sayo uThixo eseyiphumuzile kuzozonke izitha zayo enhlangothini zonke, **2** yathi kuNathani umphrofethi, “Mina ngilapha, ngihlala esigodlweni semsedari, kodwa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lilokhu lihlala ethenteni.” **3** UNathani waphendula inkosi wathi, “Loba kuyini okusengqondweni yakho, qhubeka ukwenze, ngoba uThixo ulawe.” **4** Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuNathani, lisithi: **5** “Hamba uyetshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Nguwe yini omele ungakhele indlu yokuhlala kuyo? **6** Mina angikaze ngihlale endlini kusukela ngosuku engabakhulula ngalo ama-Israyeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla. Ngibe ngihamba ngisuka kwenye indawo ngisiya kwenye ithente liyindawo yami yokuhlala. **7** Loba kungaphi engahamba khona labako-Israyeli bonke, ngake ngatsho yini komunye wababusi babo engangibalaye ukuthi beluse abantu bami u-Israyeli ngathi, “Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari na?”’ **8** Ngakho-ke, tshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni ekweluseni izimvu, ukuba ube ngumbusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli. **9** Ngibe lawe loba kungaphi lapho oya khona, njalo ngizinqobile zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Khathesi ngizakwenza ibizo lakho libe likhulu, njengamabizo amadoda adumileyo asemhlabeni. **10** Njalo

ngizabanika indawo abantu bami u-Israyeli ngibagxumeke ukuze babe lekhaya elingelabo bangabe besakhathazwa futhi. Abantu ababi kabasayikubancindezela futhi njengalokhu abakwenza ekuqaliseni, **11** bakwenza futhi kusukela ngesikhathi engamisela ngaso abantu bami u-Israyeli abakhokheli. Njalo ngizakuphumuza kuzozonke izitha zakho. UThixo wafunga kuwe ukuthi uThixo yena ngokwakhe uzakumisela indlu: **12** Nxa insuku zakho seziphelile usuphumula labokhokho bakho, ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ithathe isikhundla sakho, ozaphuma emzimbeni wakho, ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe. **13** Lowo nguye ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu, njalo ngizaqinisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakhe kuze kube nininini. **14** Ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami. Angenza okubi ngizamjezisa ngomqwayi wabantu, ukuklebhula okwenziwa ngabantu. **15** Kodwa uthando lwami kaluyikususwa kuye lanini, njengokulususa kwami kuSawuli, engamsusayo phambi kwakho. **16** Indlu yakho lombuso wakho kuzaqina nini lanini phambi kwami; isihlalo sakho sobukhosi sizakuma kuze kube nininini.'" **17** UNathani wambikela uDavida wonke amazwi alesisambulelo. **18** Ngakho inkosi uDavida wangena wahlala phambi kukaThixo wasesithi: "Ngingubani, awu Thixo Wobukhosi, bayini abendlu yami, ukuba ungifikise lapha na? **19** Njalo sekungathi lokhu akwanelanga emehlweni akho, awu Thixo Wobukhosi, usukhulumile futhi ngesikhathi esizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Le yiyo yini indlela yakho ejayelekileyo yokuphatha abantu, awu Thixo

Wobukhosi? **20** Kambe kuyini okunye uDavida angakutsho
kuwe? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, awu Thixo
Wobukhosi. **21** Ngoba ngenxa yelizwi lakho langentando
yakho, uyenzile into le enkulu njalo wayenza yazakala
encekwini yakho. **22** Yeka ubukhulu bakho, awu Thixo
Wobukhosi! Kakho ofanana lawe, njalo kakho uNkulunkulu
ngaphandle kwakho, njengoba sizizwele ngezindlebe
zethu. **23** Njalo ngubani ongafanana labantu bakho bako-
Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe emhlabeni uNkulunkulu
ayazihlengela sona ukuba sibe ngabantu bakhe, lokuze
azenzele udumo kanye lokwenza izimangaliso ezinkulu
lezesabekayo ngokuxotsha izizwe labonkulunkulu bazo
phambi kwabantu bakho owabahlenga eGibhithe na? **24**
Ubeke abantu bakho u-Israyeli njengabantu bakho kuze
kube nini lanini, njalo wena, Thixo, usunguNkulunkulu
wabo. **25** Khathesi-ke, Thixo Nkulunkulu, sigcine kuze
kube phakade isithembiso osenzileyo mayelana lenceku
yakho lendlu yayo. Yenza njengokuthembisa kwakho, **26**
ukuze ibizo lakho libe likhulu kuze kube nininini. Ngakho
abantu bazakuthi, 'UThixo uSomandla unguNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli!' Lendlu yenceku yakho uDavida izamiswa
phambi kwakho. **27** Awu Thixo Somandla, Nkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, ukuvezile lokhu encekwini yakho usithi,
'Ngizakwakhela indlu.' Ngakho inceku yakho ibe lesibindi
sokukhuleka umkhuleko lo kuwe. **28** Thixo Wobukhosi,
unguNkulunkulu! Amazwi akho athembekile, njalo
usuthembise lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. **29**
Khathesi-ke ake uthokoziswe yikubusisa indlu yenceku
yakho, ukuze ihlale isemehlweni akho kuze kube nininini;

ngoba wena, awu Thixo Wobukhosi, usukhulumile, njalo ngokubusiswa nguwe indlu yenceku yakho izabusiseka kuze kube nininini."

8 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi uDavida wawehlula amaFilistiya wawanqoba, wathumba iMethegi Ama eyayiphethwe ngamaFilistiya. **2** UDavida njalo wehlula amaMowabi. Wawalalisa phansi emhlabathini wawalinganisa ngobude bentambo. Zonke izilinganiso ezimbili zawo zabulawa, kwathi isilinganiso sesithathu sayekelwa siphila. Ngakho amaMowabi abuswa nguDavida athela imithelo kuye. **3** UDavida wabuya wahlasela wanqoba uHadadezeri indodana kaRehobhi, inkosi yaseZobha, lapho aya khona ukuyavuselela umbuso wakhe ngaseMfuleni iYufrathe. **4** UDavida wathumba izinqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili zamabutho ahamba ngenyawo. Waquma imisipha yamabhiza wonke adonsa izinqola zokulwa ngaphandle kwalikhulu. **5** Kwathi ama-Aramu aseDamaseko efika ukuzoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, uDavida wabulala azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili zawo. **6** Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda elizweni lama-Aramu eDamaseko, kwathi ama-Aramu aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe aletha imithelo. UThixo wamnika ukunqoba uDavida loba kungaphi lapho aya khona. **7** UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide eziphathamandla zikaHadadezeri wawasa eJerusalema. **8** Kusukela eThebha kanye laseBherothayi, imizi eyayingekaHadadezeri, inkosi

uDavida yathatha khona ithusi elinengi kakhulu.
9 Lapho uTowu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi
uDavida wayelehlule lonke ibutho likaHadadezeri, **10**
wathumela indodana yakhe uJoramu enkosini uDavida
ukuyambingelela lokuyamenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba
kwakhe uHadadezeri empini, owayesilwa impi loTowu.
UJoramu wamlethela izitsha zesiliva lezegolide kanye
lezethusi. **11** Inkosi uDavida yazahlukanisela uThixo
lezo zinto njengalokhu ayekwenze ngesiliva legolide
okwavela kuzozonke izizwe ayezehlule: **12** I-Edomi
leMowabi, ama-Amoni lamaFilistiya kanye lama-Amaleki.
Wanikela lempango eyathathwa kuHadadezeri indodana
kaRehobhi, inkosi yaseZobha. **13** UDavida waba lodumo
emva kokubuya kwakhe evela kulwa lama-Edomi
azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili eSigodini
seTswayi. **14** Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda
kulolonke elase-Edomi, njalo wonke ama-Edomi abuswa
nguDavida. UThixo wamnika ukunqoba uDavida loba
kungaphi lapho aya khona. **15** UDavida wabusa
kulolonke elako-Israyeli, esenza okuqondileyo lokulungele
abantu bakhe bonke. **16** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya
wayephethe amabutho; uJehoshafathi indodana ka-
Ahiludi wayengumabhalane; **17** uZadokhi indodana
ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari
babengabaphristi; uSeraya wayengumabhalane; **18**
uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephethe amaKherethi
lamaPhelethi; amadodana kaDavida ayengabaphristi.

9 UDavida wabuza wathi, “Kambe angabe ekhona yini
osaseleyo endlini kaSawuli engingabonakalisa umusa

wami kuye ngenxa kaJonathani na?” **2** Ngalesosikhathi
kwakulenceku yendlu kaSawuli eyayithiwa nguZibha.
Bambiza ukuba abonane loDavida, inkosi yasisithi kuye,
“Wena unguye uZibha na?” Waphendula wathi, “Yimi
inceku yakho.” **3** Inkosi yabuza yathi, “Kakho yini
osaseleyo endlini kaSawuli engingabonakalisa kuye umusa
kaNkulunkulu na?” UZibha wayiphendula inkosi wathi,
“Isesekhona indodana kaJonathani; igogekile inyawo
zombili.” **4** Inkosi yabuza yathi, “Ungaphi?” UZibha
waphendula wathi, “Usendlini kaMakhiri indodana
ka-Amiyeli eLo-Debhari.” **5** Ngakho inkosi uDavida
wathumela ukuba ayethathwa eLo-Debhari endlini
kaMakhiri indodana ka-Amiyeli. **6** Kwathi uMefibhoshethi
indodana kaJonathani, indodana kaSawuli, esefikile
kuDavida, wakhothamela phansi emhlonipha. UDavida
wasesithi, “Mefibhoshethi!” Waphendula wathi, “Yimi
inceku yakho.” **7** UDavida wathi kuye, “Ungesabi,
ngoba impela ngizakutshengisa umusa ngenxa kayihlo
uJonathani. Ngizawubuyisela kuwe wonke umhlaba
owawungokayihlomkhulu uSawuli, njalo wena uzakudla
etafuleni lami kokuphela.” **8** UMefibhoshethi wakhothama
wathi, “Inceku yakho iyini na, ukuba unake inja
efileyo njengami nje?” **9** UDavida wabiza uZibha,
inceku kaSawuli, wathi kuye, “Indodana yendodana
yenkosi yakho sengiyinike konke okwakungokuka
Sawuli labendlu yakhe. **10** Wena lamadodana akho
lezinceku zakho lizamlimela amasimu lilethe amabele
ukuze indodana yendodana yenkosi yakho ibe lokudla.
Njalo uMefibhoshethi indodana yendodana yenkosi

yakho, izakudla etafuleni lami kokuphela." (UZibha lo wayelamadodana alitshumi lanhlanu kanye lezinceku ezingamatshumi amabili.) **11** UZibha wasesithi enkosini, "Inceku yakho izakwenza loba kuyini umhlekazi wami inkosi elaya inceku yayo ukuba ikwenze." Ngakho uMefibhoshethi wadla etafuleni likaDavida njengomunye wamadodana enkosi. **12** UMefibhoshethi wayelendodana esengumfanyana eyayithiwa nguMikha, njalo bonke abendlu kaZibha babezinceku zikaMefibhoshethi. **13** Njalo uMefibhoshethi wayehlala eJerusalema, edlela etafuleni lenkosi kokuphela, njalo egogekile inyawo zombili.

10 Kwathi emva kwesikhathi, inkosi yama-Amoni yafa, kwathi uHanuni indodana yayo waba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo. **2** UDavida wacabanga wathi, "Ngizakuba lomusa kuHanuni indodana kaNahashi, njengoyise owayelomusa kimi." Ngakho uDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyakhalela uHanuni ngoyise. Kwathi abantu bakaDavida sebefikile elizweni lama-Amoni, **3** izikhulu zama-Amoni zathi kuHanuni inkosi yazo, "Kambe ucabanga ukuthi uDavida uyamhlonipha uyihlo ngokuthuma izithunywa ukuthi zizokukhalela na? UDavida kazithumanga ukuba zizekhangela idolobho zilihlole njalo zihluthune umbuso na?" **4** Ngakho uHanuni wabamba izithunywa zikaDavida, waziphuca ingxenye yezindevu zomunye lomunye wabo, waquma izigqoko zazo phakathi ezinqeni, wasezixotsha. **5** Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu wathuma izithunywa ukuyahlangabeza abantu labo ngoba babeyangiswe kakhulu. Inkosi yathi, "Hlalani eJerikho indevu zenu zize zikhule beselibuya-ke." **6** Kwathi ama-

Amoni esebonile ukuthi ayeseliphunga elibi emakhaleni kaDavida, aqhatsha izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili zamabutho ama-Aramu ahamba ngezinyawo evela eBhethi-Rehobhi kanye leZobha, ndawonye lenkosi yaseMahakha labantu abayinkulungwane, labanye abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili abavela eThobhi.
7 Uthe ekuzwa lokho, uDavida wathumela uJowabi kanye lamabutho akhe wonke. **8** Ama-Amoni aphuma amisa impi ekungeneni kwesango ledolobho lawo, lapho ama-Aramu aseZobha kanye leRehobhi labantu beThobhi kanye leMahakha babebodwa egangeni. **9** UJowabi wabona ukuthi kwakulamaviyo amabutho phambi kwakhe langemva kwakhe, ngakho wakhetha amanye amaqhawe athenjiweyo ko-Israyeli wabahlela ukuba bamelane lama-Aramu. **10** Amanye amabutho ayesele wathi kawalawulwe ngu-Abhishayi umfowabo, wabahlela ukuthi bamelane lama-Amoni. **11** UJowabi wathi, "Nxa ama-Aramu elamandla kakhulu kulami, uzengihlenga; kodwa nxa ama-Amoni elamandla kakhulu kulawe, ngizakuzakuhlenga. **12** Qina, kasilwe ngesibindi silwela abantu bakithi lemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu. UThixo uzakwenza lokho okufaneleyo njengokubona kwakhe." **13** Ngakho uJowabi lamabutho ayelaye baqhubeka ukuba balwe lama-Aramu, asebaleka phambi kwakhe. **14** Kuthe ama-Amoni ebona ukuthi ama-Aramu ayebaleka, ebaleka phambi kuka-Abhishayi aya phakathi kwedolobho. Ngakho uJowabi waphenduka ekulweni lama-Amoni waya eJerusalema. **15** Kwathi ama-Aramu ebona ukuthi ehlulwe ngama-Israyeli, aqoqana futhi.

16 UHadadezeri wabiza ama-Aramu ayengaphetsheya koMfula uYufrathe; aya eHelamu loShobhakhi umlawuli wamabutho kaHadadezeri lamabutho ewakhokhele. **17** Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu, waqoqa bonke abako-Israyeli, wachapha uJodani waya eHelamu. Ama-Aramu aviva ukuba ahlangane loDavida asesilwa laye. **18** Kodwa abaleka phambi kuka-Israyeli, njalo uDavida wabulala abatshayeli bezinqola zabo zempi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane. Wagalela loShobhakhi umlawuli webutho lawo, wafela khonapho. **19** Kwathi amakhosi wonke ayezinceku zikaHadadezeri ebona ukuthi ayesehlulwe ngu-Israyeli, enza ukuthula labako-Israyeli aba ngaphansi kombuso wabo. Ngakho ama-Aramu esaba ukusiza ama-Amoni futhi.

11 Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi amakhosi ayesiyakulwa ngaso impi, uDavida wathuma uJowabi elabantu benkosi lebutho lonke lako-Israyeli. Baqothula ama-Amoni basebevimbezela iRabha. Kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema. **2** Ngelinye ilanga kusihlwa uDavida wavuka embhedeni wakhe wahambahamba phezu kophahla lwesigodlo. Esephahleni wabona owesifazane egeza. Owesifazane lowo wayemuhle kakhulu, **3** uDavida wasethuma umuntu ukuyabuza ngaye. Umuntu lowo wathi, “Kanti lo kasuBhathishebha, indodakazi ka-Eliyami umka-Uriya umHithi na?” **4** UDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyamthatha. Weza kuye, wembatha laye. (Owesifazane lo wayezihlambulule ekungcoleni kwakhe.)

Emva kwalokho wabuyela ekhaya. **5** Owesifazane lowo
wathatha isisu, wasethumela ilizwi kuDavida, esithi,
“Sengilesisu.” **6** Ngakho uDavida wathumela ilizwi leli
kuJowabi elithi: “Ngilethela u-Uriya umHithi.” UJowabi
wamthumela kuDavida. **7** U-Uriya esefikile kuye, uDavida
wambuza ukuthi uJowabi wayenjani, amabutho ayenjani
kanye lokuthi impi yayiqhubeka njani. **8** UDavida
wasesithi ku-Uriya, “Yehlela endlini yakho ugeze inyawo
zakho.” Ngakho u-Uriya wasuka esigodlweni, walandelwa
yisipho esavela enkosini esasala sithunyelwa kuye. **9**
Kodwa u-Uriya walala entubeni yesigodlo lezinceku
zonke zenkosi yakhe akaze aya endlini yakhe. **10**
Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi, “U-Uriya kayanga
ekhaya,” wambuza wathi, “Angithi usanda kufika nje uvela
khatshana? Kungani ungayanga ekhaya?” **11** U-Uriya
wathi kuDavida, “Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lo-
Israyeli loJuda kuhlezi emathenteni, inkosi yami uJowabi
kanye labantu benkosi yami bamise egangeni. Pho
ngingaya kanjani endlini ukuyakudla, lokunatha ngilale
lomkami futhi na? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, mina
angiyikwenza into enjalo!” **12** UDavida wasesithi kuye,
“Hlala lapha elinye ilanga futhi, kusasa ngizakubuyisela
emuva.” Ngakho u-Uriya wahlala eJerusalema lolosuku
kanye lolwalandelayo. **13** Esecelwe nguDavida, wadla
wanatha laye, uDavida wasemdakisa. Kodwa kusihlwa
u-Uriya waphuma wayalala ecansini lakhe phakathi
kwezinceku zenkosi yakhe; akayanga ekhaya. **14** Ekuseni
uDavida walobela uJowabi incwadi wayiphathisa u-
Uriya. **15** Kuyo wayelobe ukuthi, “U-Uriya mbeke kuviyo

eliphambili lapho impi evutha khona kakhulu. Lapho-
ke khumukani kuye ukuze acakazelwe phansi afe.”
16 Ngakho kwathi uJowabi idolobho eselivimbezele,
wabeka u-Uriya lapho ayesazi khona ukuthi yikho
okwakulabavikeli abalamandla kakhulu. **17** Kwathi abantu
bakulelodolobho sebephumile ukuba balwe loJowabi,
abanye babantu ebuthweni likaDavida bafa; u-Uriya
umHithi laye futhi wafa. **18** UJowabi wathumela uDavida
umbiko opheleleyo ngempi. **19** Walaya isithunywa
wathi: “Lapho usuqedile ukwethulela inkosi umbiko
wempi, **20** ulaka lwenkosi lungavutha, ibe isibuza isithi,
‘Kungani lisondele eduzane kangaka ledolobho ukuba
lilwe? Kalazanga yini ukuthi kade bengatshoka imitshoko
besemdulini? **21** Ngubani obulele u-Abhimelekhi indodana
kaJerubhi-Bheshethi na? Owesifazane obephezu komduli
kamjikijelanga ngembokodo, wayafela eThebhezi na?
Kungani lisondele eduzane kangaka lomduli?’ Ingakubuza
lokhu, uthi kuyo, ‘Lenceku yakho u-Uriya umHithi ifile.’”
22 Isithunywa sasuka sahamba, kwathi sesifikile samtshela
uDavida konke uJowabi ayesithume ukuba siyekutsho. **23**
Isithunywa sathi kuDavida, “Abantu basikhulele, baphuma
bazasihlasela etshatshalazini, kodwa sibadudulele emuva
entubeni yedolobho. **24** Lapho-ke abemitshoko batshoke
izinceku zakho besemdulini, kwathi abanye abantu
benkosi bafa. Lenceku yakho, u-Uriya umHithi ifile.”
25 UDavida watshela isithunywa wathi, “Yitsho lokhu
kuJowabi: ‘Ungakhathazwa yilokhu; inkemba idla omunye
njengoba isidla omunye. Qinisa ukuhlasela idolobho,
ulichithe.’ Yitsho lokhu ukuba umise isibindi uJowabi.”

26 Kwathi umka-Uriya esezwile ukuthi umkakhe usefile,
wamlilela. **27** Kwathi isikhathi sokulila sesiphelile, uDavida
wamletha endlini yakhe, wasesiba ngumkakhe wamzalela
indodana. Kodwa into eyenziwa nguDavida yathukuthelisa
uThixo.

12 UThixo wathuma uNathani kuDavida. Esefikile kuye
wathi, "Kwakulabantu ababili emzini othile, omunye
enothile omunye engumyanga. **2** Umuntu onothileyo
wayelezimvu ezinengi kanye lenkomo, **3** kodwa umuntu
ongumyanga wayengelalutho ngaphandle kwezinyane
lemvu elincinyane ayelithengile. Walondla, lakhula laye
kanye labantwana bakhe. Ladla ukudla kwakhe, lanatha
enkomitshini yakhe laze lalala ezingalweni zakhe. Kuye
lalinjengendodakazi yakhe. **4** Kwafika isihambi emuntwini
onothileyo, kodwa umuntu onothileyo kafunanga
ukuthatha enye yezimvu zakhe loba inkomo ukuba
ahlabele isihambi esasifike kuye. Esikhundleni salokho,
yena wathatha izinyane lemvu elisikazi elalingelomuntu
lowo ongumyanga, walihlabela lowo owayefike kuye." **5**
UDavida wavutha ulaka ngalowomuntu wathi kuNathani,
"Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, umuntu owenze
lokhu ufanele ukufa! **6** Izinyane lelo kumele alihlawule
ngokuphindwe kane, ngoba enze into enje njalo
engabanga lozwelo." **7** UNathani wasesithi kuDavida,
"Unguye lowomuntu! Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Ngakugcoba ukuba ube
yinkosi ko-Israyeli, ngakuhlenga esandleni sikaSawuli. **8**
Ngakunika indlu yenkosi yakho, labafazi benkosi yakho
ngabanikela ezandleni zakho. Ngakunika indlu ka-Israyeli

lekaJuda. Aluba konke lokhu kwakukuncane kakhulu
ngangizakunika okunye futhi. **9** Kungani weyise ilizwi
likaThixo ngokwenza okubi emehlweni akhe na? Ubulele
u-Uriya umHithi ngenkemba wasuthatha umkakhe ukuba
abe ngowakho. Umbulele ngenkemba yama-Amoni.
10 Ngakho, khathesi, inkemba kayiyikusuka endlini
yakho, ngoba ungeyisile wathatha umka-Uriya umHithi
ukuba abe ngowakho.' **11** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
'Ngizakulethela incithakalo ezavela kwabendlu yakho.
Phambi kwamehlo akho uqobo, ngizathatha omkakho
ngibaphe omunye oseduzane lawe, embathe labo emini
libalele. **12** Wena wakwenza ensitha, kodwa mina into le
ngizayenza emini libalele phambi kuka-Israyeli wonke.'"
13 UDavida wasesithi kuNathani, "Ngenze isono kuThixo."
UNathani waphendula wathi, "UThixo usesusile isono
sakho. Kawuyikufa. **14** Kodwa njengoba ngokwenza
lokhu wenze izitha zikaThixo zatshengisela ukweyisa
okupheleleyo, umntwana ozamzalelwa uzakufa." **15** Emva
kokuba uNathani esebuyele ekhaya, uThixo wamtshaya
umntwana umka-Uriya ayemzalele uDavida, wagula.
16 UDavida wamkhulekela umntwana kuNkulunkulu.
Wazila ukudla wangena endlini yakhe walala phansi
ubusuku ngobusuku. **17** Abadala bendlu yakwabo bema
eceleni kwakhe ukuba bamvuse phansi, kodwa wala,
njalo kadlanga kudla labo. **18** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa
umntwana wafa. Izinceku zikaDavida zesaba ukumtshela
ukuthi umntwana wayesefile ngoba zacabanga zathi,
"Umntwana esaphila, sikhulume loDavida kodwa
kasilalelanga. Pho singamtshela njani ukuthi umntwana

usefile? Angenza into eyingozi." **19** UDavida wananzelela
ukuthi izinceku zakhe zazinyenyezelana wasebona
ukuthi umntwana wayesefile. Wabuza wathi, "Umntwana
usefile na?" Baphendula bathi, "Ye, usefile." **20** Lapho-
ke uDavida wavuka phansi. Emva kokuba esegezile,
wagcoba wantshintsha iziqgoko, waya endlini kaThixo
wakhonza. Emva kwalokho waya kweyakhe indlu,
kwathi ngokucela kwakhe bamlethela ukudla, wadla.
21 Izinceku zakhe zambuza zathi, "Kungani uqhuba
ngale indlela na? Umntwana esaphila, uzile ukudla
wakhala, kodwa khathesi umntwana esefile, uyavuka
udle!" **22** Waphendula wathi, "Umntwana esaphila,
ngizile ukudla ngakhala. Ngicabange ngathi, 'Kwazi bani?
Mhlawumbe uThixo angaba lomusa kimi ekele umntwana
aphile.' **23** Kodwa khathesi esefile ngingabe ngisazilelani
na? Kambe ngingamvusa na? Mina ngizakuya kuye,
kodwa yena kazukubuya kimi." **24** Emva kwalokho
uDavida waduduza umkakhe uBhathishebha, waya kuye
wembatha laye. Wazala indodana abayithi nguSolomoni.
UThixo wayemthanda; **25** njalo ngenxa yokuthi uThixo
wayemthanda, wathumela ilizwi ngoNathani umphrofethi
ukuba athiwe nguJedidiya. **26** Ngasikhathi sinye uJowabi
wahlasela iRabha yama-Amoni wathumba inqaba yenkosi.
27 Emva kwalokho uJowabi wathuma izithunywa kuDavida,
esithi, "Ngihlasele iRabha ngathumba imithombo
yamanzi. **28** Khathesi-ke qoqa amabutho aseleyo
uvimbezele idolobho ulithumbe. Kungenjalo mina
ngizalithatha idolobho, libe selibizwa ngami." **29**
Ngakho uDavida waqoqa ibutho lonke waya eRabha,

wayihlasela wayithumba. **30** UDavida wathatha umqhele owawusekhanda lenkosi yabo, isisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide, uceciswe ngamatshe aligugu njalo wafakwa ekhanda lakhe. Wathatha impango enengi kakhulu kulelodolobho **31** njalo abantu ababelapho wabasusa wabasa lapho ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki ensimbi kanye lamahloka, wabasebenzisa ekwenzeni izitina. Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuyo yonke imizi yama-Amoni. Emva kwalokho uDavida lebutho lakhe lonke babuyela eJerusalema.

13 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi, u-Amnoni indodana kaDavida wathanda uThamari, owayemuhle, engudadewabo ka-Abhisalomu indodana kaDavida. **2** U-Amnoni wabindeka waze wagula ngenxa kadadewabo uThamari, ngoba wayeyintombi egcweleyo, njalo kwakukhanya kungeke kwenzeke ukuthi enze loba yini kuye. **3** U-Amnoni wayelomngane wakhe owayethiwa nguJehonadabi indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida. UJehonadabi wayeliqili lendoda. **4** Wabuza u-Amnoni wathi, "Kungani wena, ndodana yenkosi, ukhanya uhlobile nsuku zonke ekuseni? Awungeke ungitshele na?" U-Amnoni wathi kuye, "Ngiyamthanda uThamari, udadewabo ka-Abhisalomu umfowethu." **5** UJehonadabi wathi, "Hamba uyelala uzenze ogulayo. Lapho uyihlo ezekubona, wothi kuye, 'Ngifuna udadewethu uThamari azenginika ulutho lokudla. Ukudla lokho kazekulungisela emehlweni ami, ukuze ngimkhangele ngikudle kuvela esandleni sakhe.'" **6** Ngakho u-Amnoni walala phansi wazenza ogulayo.

Kwathi inkosi isifikile ukuzambona, u-Amnoni wathi kuyo, “Ngicela udadewethu uThamari azengenzela isinkwa khonapha ukuze ngidle ngisamukela esandleni sakhe.” **7** UDavida wathumela ilizwi kuThamari endlini yobukhosi esithi: “Hamba endlini yomnewenu u-Amnoni umlungisele ukudla.” **8** Ngakho uThamari waya endlini kamnewabo u-Amnoni owayelele phansi. Wathatha inhlama wayivuba, wenza isinkwa khonapho. **9** Wasethatha ipane wamnika isinkwa, kodwa wala ukudla. U-Amnoni wasesithi, “Batshele baphume bonke abalapha.” Ngakho bonke baphuma bamtshiya. **10** U-Amnoni wasesithi kuThamari, “Letha ukudla lapha endlini yami yokulala ukuze ungifunze ngesandla sakho.” UThamari wathatha isinkwa ayesilungisile wasisa kumnewabo u-Amnoni endlini yakhe yokulala. **11** Kodwa esefike laso kuye ukuba adle, wamxhakala wathi, “Woza ulale lami, dadewethu.” **12** Yena wathi kuye, “Ungaqali, mnewethu! Ungangigebengi. Into enje akumelanga yenziwe ko-Israyeli! Ungenzi into le embi. **13** Mina-ke? Ngingalisusela ngaphi ihlazo lami? Wena-ke? Angithi ungafana lesinye seziphukuphuku ezixhwalileyo ko-Israyeli. Ake ukhulume lenkosi, kayisoze ingalele ukwendela kuwe.” **14** Kodwa u-Amnoni wala ukumlalela, kwathi njengoba wayelamandla kulaye, wamgebenga. **15** Emva kwalokho u-Amnoni wamzonda ngenzondo ebuhlungu kakhulu. Ngeqiniso wamzonda okudlula ukumthanda kwakhe. U-Amnoni wathi kuye, “Vuka uphume!” **16** Yena wathi, “Hatshi! Ukungixotsha kungaba yibubi obudlula lokhu osukwenze kimi.” Kodwa wala

ukumlalela. **17** Wabiza inceku eyayiqondane laye wathi,
“Susa umfazi lo lapha, ukhiye umnyango ngemva
kwakhe.” **18** Ngakho inceku yakhe yamkhuphela phandle
yakhiya umnyango. Wayegqoke isigqoko esasicecisiwe
kakuhle, ngoba lolu yilo uhlobo lwesigqoko esasigqokwa
ngamadodakazi enkosi ayezintombi ezigcweleyo. **19**
UThamari wazithela ngomlotha ekhanda wadabula
isigqoko esicecisiweyo ayesigqokile. Wathwala imikhono
ekhanda wasuka, wahamba ekhala kakhulu. **20**
Umnewabo u-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, “U-Amnoni lowo,
umnewenu, kade elawe na? Zithulele dadewethu;
ungumnewenu. Ungayibeki enhliziyweni yakho into le.”
UThamari wahlala endlini kamnewabo u-Abhisalomu,
engowesifazane ohlulukelweyo. **21** Inkosi uDavida
esekuzwile konke lokhu wathukuthela kakhulu. **22** U-
Abhisalomu kazange atsho lizwi ku-Amnoni, elihle loba
elibi; wamzonda u-Amnoni ngoba wayehlazise
udadewabo uThamari. **23** Emva kweminyaka emibili,
lapho abagundi bezimvu zika-Abhisalomu babeseBhali
Hazori phansi komngcele wako-Efrayimi, wanxusa wonke
amadodana enkosi ukuba aye khonale. **24** U-Abhisalomu
waya enkosini wathi, “Inceku yakho abagundi bayo
bafikile. Kambe inkosi lezikhulu zayo ingahamba lami
na?” **25** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Hatshi, ndodana yami.
Akumelanga sonke sihambe; singaba ngumthwalo
onzima kuwe.” Lanxa u-Abhisalomu wayincenga, yala
ukuhamba, kodwa yena yamvumela. **26** U-Abhisalomu
wasesithi, “Nxa kungenjalo, ake uvumele umfowethu u-
Amnoni ahambe lathi.” Inkosi yambuza yathi, “Kungani

kumele ahambe lani?” **27** Kodwa u-Abhisalomu
wayincenga, ngakho yavuma ukuba u-Amnoni ahambe
laye kanye lamanye amadodana enkosi. **28** U-Abhisalomu
walaya abantu bakhe wathi, “Lalelani! Nxa u-Amnoni
esethabe kakhulu ngenxa yokunatha iwayini ngingathi
kini, ‘Mbulaleni u-Amnoni!’ limbulale. Lingesabi.
Kangiliphanga umlayo lo na? Qinani libe lesibindi.” **29**
Ngakho abantu baka-Abhisalomu benza ku-Amnoni
lokho u-Abhisalomu ayebalaye khona. Lapho-ke wonke
amadodana enkosi asuka, agada imbongolo zawo abaleka.
30 Esesendleleni umbiko wafika kuDavida usithi, “U-
Abhisalomu usewabulele wonke amadodana enkosi,
akukho leyodwa eseleyo.” **31** Inkosi yasukuma, yadabula
izigqoko zayo yalala phansi emhlabathini; izinceku zayo
zonke zema khonapho iziqgoko zazo sezizidabulile. **32**
Kodwa uJehonadabi indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo
kaDavida, wathi, “Inkosi yami kayingacabangi ukuthi
babulele wonke amakhosana, ngu-Amnoni kuphela
ofileyo. Le yinhloso ka-Abhisalomu ebivele ikhona
kusukela mhla u-Amnoni egebenga udadewabo
uThamari. **33** Umhlekazi wami inkosi kayinganqineki
ngombiko othi wonke amadodana enkosi afile. Ngu-
Amnoni kuphela ofileyo.” **34** Ngalesosikhathi u-
Abhisalomu wayesebalekile. Kwathi umuntu
owayelinda wabona abantu abanengi emgwaqweni
ngasentshonalanga, besehla eceleni lentaba. Umlindi
lowo wahamba wayabikela inkosi wathi, “Ngibona abantu
ngokuya eHoronayimi, eceleni kwentaba.” **35**
UJehonadabi wasesithi enkosini, “Khangela, amadodana

enkosi asefikile; kwenzakale njengoba inceku yakho itshilo." **36** Wathi eqeda ukukhuluma, amadodana enkosi angena ekhala kakhulu. Layo inkosi, kanye lezinceku zayo zonke bakhala kabuhlungu. **37** U-Abhisalomu wabaleka waya kuThalimayi indodana ka-Amihudi inkosi yaseGeshuri. Kodwa Inkosi uDavida walilela indodana yakhe insuku zonke. **38** Emva kokuba u-Abhisalomu esebaleke waya eGeshuri, wahlala khonale iminyaka emithathu. **39** Umoya wenkosi wafisa ukuya ku-Abhisalomu, ngoba yayisiduduzekile ngokufa kuka-Amnoni.

14 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wakwazi ukuthi inhliziyo yenkosi yayimkhumbula u-Abhisalomu. **2** Ngakho uJowabi wathuma umuntu eThekhowa wayabuya khona lowesifazane ohlakaniphileyo. Wathi kuye, "Yenza angathi uyalila. Gqoka izigqoko zokulila. Ungagcobi amagcobo okubukeka. Yenza njengowesifazane oseqede insuku ezinengi elilela ofileyo. **3** Uye enkosini ukhulume amazwi la kuyo." UJowabi wasemfunza lawomazwi. **4** Kwathi owesifazane owavela eThekhowa esefikile enkosini wathi mbo phansi ngobuso eyihlonipha, wasesithi, "Ake ungisize, awu nkosi!" **5** Inkosi yambuza yathi, "Kuyini okukuhluphayo?" Yena wathi, "Ngingumfelokazi impela, umkami wafa. **6** Mina ncekukazi yakho ngangilamadodana amabili. Alwa egangeni njalo akulamuntu owayelapho ukuba awalamule. Enye yatshaya enye yayibulala. **7** Manje-ke bonke abosendo sebevukele incekukazi yakho, bathi, 'Sinike lowo owabulala umfowabo ukuze simbulale ngenxa yempilo yomfowabo ambulalayo;

lapho-ke sizasusa lendlalifa futhi.' Bazacitsha ilahle lami elivuthayo eliyilo lodwa engilalo eliseleyo, umkami asale engaselabizo loba inzalo ebusweni bomhlaba." **8** Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazane lowo, "Buyela ekhaya, ngizakhupha umlayo ngimele wena." **9** Kodwa owesifazane waseThekhowa wathi kuyo, "Mhlekazi wami, nkosi, umlandu kawube kimi lakwabendlu kababa, kuthi inkosi lesihlalo sayo sobukhosi kungabi lacala." **10** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, "Nxa loba ngubani esitsho loba yini kuwe, mlethe kimi, njalo kasoze akuhluphe futhi." **11** Wasesithi, "Inkosi kayincenge uThixo uNkulunkulu wayo ukuba avimbele umphindiseli wegazi ekwengezeleleni incithakalo, ukuze indodana yami ingabhujiswa." Inkosi yathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, akukho lalunye unwele lwekhanda lendodana yakho oluzawela phansi." **12** Lapho-ke owesifazane wasesithi, "Vumela incekukazi yakho ikhulume ilizwi enkosini yami." Yathi, "Khuluma." **13** Owesifazane wasesithi, "Pho kungani ucebe into enje ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu na? Nxa inkosi isitsho lokhu kayizidlisi ngecala na, ngoba inkosi kayiyibuyisanga indodana yayo eyaxotshwayo. **14** Njengamanzi achithekele phansi, angeke abuthwe, kanjalo kumele sife. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kakususi ukuphila, esikhundleni salokho yena uceba izindlela zokuthi umuntu oxotshiweyo angehlukaniswa laye kokuphela. **15** Ngilande ukuzakutsho lokhu kumhlekazi wami inkosi, ngoba abantu sebengethusile. Incekukazi yakho icabange yathi, 'Ngizakhuluma lenkosi, engxenye izakwenza lokho okucelwa yincekukazi yayo. **16** Engxenye

inkosi izavuma ukuhlenga incekukazi yayo esandleni somuntu ozama ukungisusa mina lendodana yami elifeni esaliphiwa nguNkulunkulu.’ **17** Khathesi incekukazi yakho ithi, ‘Sengathi izwi lomhlekazi wami, uThixo lingangilethela ukuphumula, ngoba umhlekazi wami, inkosi unjengengilosi kaNkulunkulu ekuphawuleni okuhle lokubi. Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho angaba lawe.’” **18** Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazane lowo, “Ungangifihleli impendulo kulokhu engizakubuza khona.” Owesifazane wathi “Mhlekazi wami, inkosi kayikhulume.” **19** Inkosi yasibuza yathi, “Isandla sikaJowabi kasilawe yini kukho konke lokhu na?” Owesifazane waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, mhlekazi wami, inkosi, kakho ongaphambukela kwesokudla kumbe kwesenxele kwaloba yini umhlekazi wami, inkosi ekutshoyo. Ye, yinceku yakho uJowabi engilaye ukuba ngenze lokhu onguye njalo ofunze amazwi wonke la emlonyeni wencekukazi yakho. **20** Inceku yakho uJowabi yenze lokhu ukuba iguqule umumo okhona khathesi. Inkosi yami ilenhlakanipho efana leyengilosi kaNkulunkulu yazi konke okwenzakalayo elizweni.” **21** Inkosi yasisithi kuJowabi, “Kulungile, ngizakwenza lokho. Hamba uyebuya lalo ijaha u-Abhisalomu.” **22** UJowabi wathi mbo phansi ngobuso eyihlonipha, waseyibonga inkosi. UJowabi wasesithi, “Lamhla inceku yakho isikwazi ukuthi isithole umusa emehlweni akho, mhlekazi wami, nkosi, ngoba inkosi isivumile isicelo senceku yayo.” **23** Emva kwalokho uJowabi waya eGeshuri wayabuya lo-Abhisalomu eJerusalema. **24** Kodwa inkosi

yathi, “Kaye endlini yakhe, akumelanga abone ubuso bami.” Ngakho u-Abhisalomu waya endlini yakhe akaze abubona ubuso benkosi. **25** Kulolonke elako-Israyeli kakho umuntu owayebatshazwa kakhulu ngobuhle bakhe njengo-Abhisalomu. Kusukela ekhanda lakhe kusiya ephangweni lonyawo lwakhe kwakungekho sici kuye. **26** Kwakusithi lapho egele inwele zekhanda lakhe wayejwayele ukuzigela inwele zakhe kanye ngomnyaka nxa zasezimsinda kakhulu, wayezilinganisa esikalini, isisindo sazo sasingamakhulu amabili amashekeli ngesilinganiso sesikhosini. **27** U-Abhisalomu wazala amadodana amathathu lendodakazi eyodwa. Ibizo lendodakazi lalinguThamari, owayengumfazi omuhle. **28** U-Abhisalomu wahlala iminyaka emibili eJerusalema engabuboni ubuso benkosi. **29** Yikho u-Abhisalomu wabiza uJowabi wamthuma enkosini, kodwa uJowabi wala ukuya kuye. Wathumela okwesibili, kodwa wala ukuza. **30** Wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, “Khangelani, insimu kaJowabi iphansi kweyami, njalo kulebhali kiyo. Hambani liyeyithungela ngomlilo.” Ngakho izinceku zika-Abhisalomu zayithungela insimu ngomlilo. **31** Lapho-ke uJowabi waya endlini ka-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, “Kungani izinceku zakho zithungele insimu yami ngomlilo?” **32** U-Abhisalomu wathi kuJowabi, “Khangela, ngithumele ilizwi kuwe ngathi, ‘Woza lapha ukuze ngikuthume enkosini ukuyabuza ukuthi, “Pho ngisukeleni eGeshuri? Kade kuzakuba ngcono kimi aluba ngilokhu ngikhonale!”’ Khathesi nje, mina ngifuna ukubona ubuso benkosi, nxa ngilecala laloba yini kangibulale.” **33**

Ngakho uJowabi waya enkosini wayitshela lokhu. Inkosi yambiza u-Abhisalomu, wafika wangena wasesithi mbo phansi ngobuso phambi kwenkosi. Inkosi yamanga u-Abhisalomu.

15 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi u-Abhisalomu wazidingela inqola yempi lamabhiza kanye labantu abangamatshumi amahlanu ukuba ngabagijima phambi kwakhe. **2** Wayevuka ekuseni kakhulu ame eceleni komgwaqo oya esangweni ledolobho. Kwakusithi loba ngubani ofikayo ukuyamangala icala enkosini ukuba liqunywe, u-Abhisalomu wayembiza athi, "Wena uvela kuliphi idolobho?" Wayephendula athi, "Inceku yakho ivela kwesinye sezizwana zako-Israyeli." **3** Lapho-ke u-Abhisalomu wayesithi kuye, "Khangela, okufunayo kuqondile njalo kufanele, kodwa akulammeli wenkosi ukuba akuzwe." **4** U-Abhisalomu wayeqhubeka athi, "Sekuze kungathi ngabe ngabekwa ukuba ngumahluleli elizweni! Loba ngubani olensolo kumbe icala wayezakuza kimi ngibone ukuthi wahlulelwa kuhle." **5** Njalo kwakusithi umuntu angafika kuye akhothamele phansi phambi kwakhe, u-Abhisalomu wayeselula isandla sakhe ambambe amange. **6** U-Abhisalomu waziphatha ngale indlela kubo bonke abako-Israyeli abaya enkosini ukuyacela ukwahlulelwa kuhle, ngalokho wakhanga inhliziyo zabantu abanengi ko-Israyeli. **7** Ekupheleni kweminyaka emine, u-Abhisalomu wathi enkosini, "Ngisake ngiye eHebhroni ukuyagcwalisa isifungo engasenzayo kuThixo. **8** Inceku yakho isahlala eGeshuri e-Aramu, yenza isifungo lesi: 'Nxa uThixo

engangibuyisela eJerusalema ngizamkhonza uThixo eHebhroni.'" **9** Inkosi yathi kuye, "Hamba ngokuthula." Ngakho waya eHebhroni. **10** Emva kwalokho u-Abhisalomu wathuma izithunywa ezifihlakeleyo kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli ukuba zithi, "Lingezwa nje ukukhala kwecilongo, tshonini lithi, 'U-Abhisalomu uyinkosi eHebhroni!'" **11** Abantu abangamakhulu amabili baseJerusalema babehambe lo-Abhisalomu. Babenxuswe njengezethekeli njalo behambe bekhululekile, bengazi lutho ngendaba leyo. **12** U-Abhisalomu esanikela imihlatshelo, wabiza u-Ahithofeli umGiloni, umeluleki kaDavida, ukuba eze evela eGilo, umuzi wakibo. Ngalokho icebo lomvukela laqina, labalandeli baka-Abhisalomu baqhubeka besanda. **13** Kwafika isithunywa kuDavida sathi, "Inhliziyo zabantu bako-Israyeli ziku-Abhisalomu." **14** UDavida wasesithi kuzozonke izikhulu zakhe ezazilaye eJerusalema, "Wozani! Kumele sibaleke, hlezi kungabi lamunye wethu ozaphepha ku-Abhisalomu. Kumele sisuke masinyane hlezi asixhume alethe incithakalo kithi njalo ahlasele idolobho ngenkemba." **15** Izikhulu zenkosi zaphendula zathi, "Izinceku zakho zilungele ukwenza loba yini umhlekazi wethu inkosi akukhethayo." **16** Inkosi yaphuma labendlu yayo bonke beyilandela; kodwa yatshiya abafazi beceleni abalitshumi ukuba bagcine isigodlo. **17** Ngakho inkosi yasuka, labantu bonke beyilandela, basebesima endaweni elibanga elithize. **18** Bonke abantu bayo bayedlula, ndawonye lawo wonke amaKherethi lamaPhelethi, kanye lawo wonke amaGithi angamakhulu ayisithupha ayehambe layo kusukela

eGathi ahamba phambi kwenkosi. **19** Inkosi yasisithi ku-
Ithayi umGithi, “Kungani uhamba lathi na? Buyela
emuva uyehlala lenkosi u-Abhisalomu. Wena ungumuntu
wezizweni, owaxotshwayo elizweni lakini. **20** Ufike izolo
nje. Kambe sekungathi lamhla lokhu ngikwenze
uzulazule lathi, mina ngingakwazi lalapho engingaya
khona? Buyela emuva uthathe abantu bakini. Sengathi
uThixo angakwenzela umusa lokuhle.” **21** Kodwa u-Ithayi
wayiphendula inkosi wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
uThixo ekhona, njalo njengoba umhlekazi wami inkosi,
ephila, loba kungaphi lapho umhlekazi wami inkosi
ezakuba ikhona, loba kusitsho ukuphila kumbe ukufa,
inceku yakho izakuba khonapho.” **22** UDavida wasesithi
ku-Ithayi, “Qhubeka, hamba.” Ngakho u-Ithayi umGithi
wahamba labantu bakhe bonke kanye lezimuli ezazilaye.
23 Ilizwe lonke lakhala kakhulu lapho abantu bonke
besedlula. Inkosi yachapha isiHotsha saseKhidironi,
abantu bonke bahamba beqonde enkangala. **24** UZadokhi
laye wayekhona, labaLevi bonke ababelaye babethwele
ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, njalo u-
Abhiyathari wanikela imihlatshelo abantu bonke baze
baphela ukusuka edolobheni. **25** Inkosi yasisithi
kuZadokhi, “Buyisela ibhokisi lesivumelwano
sikaNkulunkulu edolobheni. Ngingathola umusa
emehlweni kaThixo, uzangibuyisela emuva enze ukuba
ngilibone futhi kanye lendawo yakhe yokuhlala. **26**
Kodwa angathi, ‘Kangithokozi ngawe,’ lapho-ke
ngizilungisele; kenze kimi loba kuyini okukhanya
kulungile kuye.” **27** Inkosi yabuya yathi kuZadokhi

umphristi, “Uyazwisisa na? Buyela emuva edolobheni ngokuthula, lendodana yakho u-Ahimazi loJonathani indodana ka-Abhiyathari. Wena lo-Abhiyathari hambani lamadodana enu. **28** Mina ngizakuma emazibukweni enkangala kuze kufike ilizwi elivela kini lingazisa.” **29** Ngakho uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari balibuyisela eJerusalema ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lahlala khona. **30** Kodwa uDavida waqhubeka ekhwela iNtaba yama-Oliva, ehamba ekhala; ikhanda lakhe lalimboziwe njalo ebhadula ngezinyawo. Bonke abantu ababelaye labo bamboza amakhanda abo njalo bakhwela bekhala. **31** UDavida wayetshelwe ukuthi, “U-Ahithofeli uphakathi kwabahlamuki lo-Abhisalomu.” Ngakho uDavida wakhuleka wathi, “Oh, Thixo phendula ukululeka kuka-Ahithofeli kube yibuthutha.” **32** Kwathi uDavida esefikile engqongeni, lapho abantu ababejayele ukukhonzela khona uNkulunkulu, uHushayi um’Arikhi wayekhonapho ukuba amhlangabeze, isembatho sakhe sidabukile njalo elothuli ekhanda. **33** UDavida wathi kuye, “Ungahamba lami, uzakuba ngumthwalo onzima kimi. **34** Kodwa nxa ubuyela edolobheni uyekuthi ku-Abhisalomu, ‘Ngizakuba yinceku yakho, awu nkosi, ngangiyinceku kayihlo kudala, kodwa khathesi ngizakuba yinceku yakho,’ lapho-ke ungangisiza ngokufubisa izeluleko zika-Ahithofeli. **35** Abaphristi uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari kabayikuba khonale lawe na? Batshele konke okuzwayo esigodlweni senkosi. **36** Amadodana abo amabili, u-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi loJonathani indodana ka-Abhiyathari, akhonale kanye labo.

Bathumele kimi ngakho konke okuzwayo.” **37** Ngakho umngane kaDavida uHushayi wafika eJerusalema khonapho u-Abhisalomu laye engena edolobheni.

16 Kwathi uDavida esehambe ibanga elifitshane ngale kwenqongo, wabona uZibha, isikhonzi sikaMefibhoshethi, elindele ukumhlangabeza, elodwendwe lwabobabhemi ababotshelwe izihlalo bethwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, ikhulu lamakhekhe ezithelo ezonyisiweyo, ikhulu lamakhekhe omkhiwa kanye lomgodla wewayini. **2** Inkosi yabuza uZibha yathi, “Ukuletheleni lokhu na?” UZibha waphendula wathi, “Obabhemi ngabendlu yenkosi ukuba bagade, izinkwa lezithelo ngokwabantu ukuba badle, iwayini ngelokuqaqabula labo abaphela amandla enkangala.” **3** Inkosi yasibuza yathi, “Indodana yendodana yenkosi yakho ingaphi na?” UZibha wathi kuyo, “Ihlezi eJerusalema, ngoba icabanga ithi, ‘Lamhla indlu ka-Israyeli izangibuyisela umbuso kababamkhulu.’” **4** Inkosi yasisithi kuZibha, “Konke okwakungokuka Mefibhoshethi khathesi sekungokwakho.” UZibha wathi, “Ngikhothama ngokuzithoba. Sengathi ngingathola umusa emehlweni akho mhlekazi wami, nkosi.” **5** Kwathi Inkosi uDavida efika eBhahurimi, umuntu wosendo lunye labendlu kaSawuli, waphuma evela lapho. Ibizo lakhe lalinguShimeyi indodana kaGera, njalo waphuma esethuka. **6** Wajikijela uDavida lezikhulu zonke zenkosi ngamatshe, lanxa amabutho wonke labalindi abakhethiweyo babengakwesokudla lakwesokhohlo kukaDavida. **7** Ekuthukeni kwakhe uShimeyi wathi, “Phuma, phuma, wena wegazi, wena

sixhwali! **8** UThixo usephindisele kuwe ngenxa yegazi
lonke owalichithayo kwabendlu kaSawuli, wena osubusa
esikhundleni sakhe. UThixo umbuso usewunike indodana
yakho u-Abhisalomu. Wena usudilikile ngoba ungumuntu
wegazi!" **9** Lapho-ke u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya
wathi enkosini, "Kungani inja efileyo le ithuka inkosi
yami? Ngivumelani ngiyequma ikhanda layo." **10** Kodwa
inkosi yathi, "Kuyini okulihlanganisa lami, lina madodana
kaZeruya? Nxa ethuka ngenxa yokuthi uThixo uthe
kuye, 'Mthuke uDavida,' ngubani ongabuza ukuthi,
'Lokhu ukwenzelani na?'" **11** UDavida wasesithi ku-
Abhishayi lakuzo zonke izikhulu zakhe, "Indodana yami,
eyinyama yami, izama ukungibulala. Pho umBhenjamini
lo-ke! Myekeleni enjalo; yekelani athuke, ngoba uThixo
umtshele ukuba enze njalo. **12** Engxenye uThixo
uzalubona usizi lwami angibuyisele okuhle ngenxa
yokuthukwa engikwenziwayo lamhla." **13** Ngakho uDavida
labantu bonke waqhubeka elandela umgwaqo uShimeyi
yena ehamba eyame intaba maqondana laye, ehamba
elokhu ethuka njalo emjikijela ngamatshe emthela
langengcekeza. **14** Inkosi labantu bayo bafika lapho
ababesiya khona sebediniwe. Kulapho abaphumula khona.
15 Ngalesosikhathi, u-Abhisalomu labantu bonke bako-
Israyeli bafika eJerusalema, lo-Ahithofeli wayelaye. **16**
Lapho-ke uHushayi um'Arikhi, umngane kaDavida, waya
ku-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, "Impilo ende nkosi! Impilo
ende nkosi!" **17** U-Abhisalomu wabuza uHushayi wathi,
"Lolu yilo uthando olutshengisa umngane wakho na?
Kungani ungahambanga lomngane wakho na?" **18**

UHushayi wathi ku-Abhisalomu, “Hayi, lowo okhethwe
nguThixo, langabantu laba, labantu bonke bako-Israyeli
ngizakuba ngowakhe, njalo ngizahlala laye. **19** Phezu
kwalokho, ngubani engingamkhonza na? Akumelanga
ngikhonze indodana na? Njengoba ngakhonza uyihlo,
kanjalo ngizakukhonza.” **20** U-Abhisalomu wasesithi
ku-Ahithofeli, “Ake useluleke. Kuyini esingakwenza
na?” **21** U-Ahithofeli waphendula wathi, “Lala labafazi
bakayihlo abaseceleni abatshiya belinde isigodlo. Lapho-
ke u-Israyeli wonke uzakuzwa ukuthi wena usuzenze
waba liphunga elibi emakhaleni kayihlo, njalo izandla
zabantu bonke abalawe zizaqiniswa.” **22** Ngakho u-
Abhisalomu bamisela ithente phezu kophahla lwendlu,
walala labafazi bakayise beceleni u-Israyeli wonke
ekhangele. **23** Ngalezonsuku iseluleko sika-Ahithofeli,
sasifana lesalowo obuze uNkulunkulu. Lokho kwaba yiyo
indlela uDavida lo-Abhisalomu abakhangela ngayo zonke
izeluleko zika-Ahithofeli.

17 U-Ahithofeli wathi ku-Abhisalomu, “Kahle ngikhethe
abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili ngiphume
lamhla ebusuku ngilandela uDavida. **2** Ngingamhlasela
esadiniwe engelamandla. Ngingamtshayisa ngovalo,
bonke abantu abalaye bazabaleka. Ngingabulala inkosi
kuphela **3** abantu bonke ngibabuyisele kuwe. Ukufa
komuntu omdingayo kuzakutsho ukuphenduka kwabo
bonke; bonke abantu kabayikwenziwa lutho.” **4** Icebo
leli lakhanya lilihle ku-Abhisalomu lakubo bonke
abadala bako-Israyeli. **5** Kodwa u-Abhisalomu wathi,
“Bizani loHushayi um’Arikhi, ukuze sizwe angakutsho.”

6 UHushayi esezile kuye, u-Abhisalomu wathi, “U-Ahithofeli usesinike iseluleko lesi. Sikwenze yini lokhu akutshoyo? Nxa kungenjalo, sinike owakho umcabango.” **7** UHushayi waphendula u-Abhisalomu wathi, “Iseluleko osiphiwe ngu-Ahithofeli kasilunganga ngalesi isikhathi. **8** Uyamazi uyihlo labantu bakhe, bangamaqhawe, njalo bathukuthela okwebhele leganga lithathelwe imidlwane yalo. Langaphandle kwalokho, uyihlo liqhawe eliyaziyo impi, kabuchithi ubusuku elamabutho. **9** Lakhathesi nje, ucatshile ebhalwini loba enye indawo. Nxa yena engahlasela amabutho akho kuqala, loba ngubani ozakuzwa ngakho uzakuthi, ‘Kube lokuqothulwa phakathi kwamabutho alandela u-Abhisalomu.’ **10** Lapho-ke lebutho elilesibindi kulawo wonke, elinhliziyo yalo ifana lenhliziyo yesilwane, lizahedezela ngokwesaba ngoba u-Israyeli wonke uyakwazi ukuthi uyihlo liqhawe kanye lokuthi labo abalaye balesibindi. **11** Ngakho ngiyakucebisa: Akuthi abako-Israyeli bonke, kusukela koDani kusiya eBherishebha, ngobunengi obunjengetshebetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle, babuthane kuwe, kuthi wena ngokwakho ubakhokhele empini. **12** Lapho-ke sizamhlasela loba kungaphi lapho angaficwa khona, njalo sizakwehlela phezu kwakhe njengamazolo ewela emhlabathini. Loba yena kumbe loba bani wabantu bakhe kakho ozasala ephila. **13** Angabalekela edolobheni u-Israyeli wonke uzakuza lezintambo edolobheni, silihudulele phansi esigodini kuze kungabe kusatholakala lesihletshana salo.” **14** U-Abhisalomu labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bathi, “Iseluleko sikaHushayi um’Arikhi singcono

kulesika-Ahithofeli." Ngoba uThixo wayeqonde ukufubisa iseluleko esilungileyo sika-Ahithofeli ukuze alethele u-Abhisalomu incithakalo. **15** UHushayi watshela uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari, abaphristi, wathi, "U-Ahithofeli usecebise u-Abhisalomu labadala bako-Israyeli ukuba benze ukuthi lokuthi, kodwa mina sengibacebise ukuthi benze okunje lokunje. **16** Khathesi-ke thumelani lizwi ngokuphangisa litshele uDavida ukuthi, 'Ngalobubusuku ungalali emazibukweni asenkangala; chaphela ngaphetsheya kungekho kuphutha, hlezi inkosi labantu bonke abalayo baminzwe.'" **17** UJonathani lo-Ahimazi babehlala e-Eni Rogeli. Intombazana eyinceku yayizahamba iyebatshela, labo bezahamba bayetshela inkosi uDavida, ngoba babengeke bazifake engozini yokubonakala bengena edolobheni. **18** Kodwa ijaha elithile lababona laselitshela u-Abhisalomu. Ngakho bobabili basuka masinyane baya endlini yomuntu othile eBhahurimi. Wayelomthombo egumeni lakhe, bangena kuwo. **19** Umkakhe wathatha okokwembesa wakwendlala phezu komlomo womthombo wasehaza amabele phezu kwakho. Kakho owayesazi ulutho ngakho. **20** Abantu baka-Abhisalomu sebefike kowesifazane lowo endlini, bambuza bathi, "U-Ahimazi loJonathani bangaphi?" Owesifazane wabaphendula wathi, "Bachaphele ngaphetsheya kwesifudlana." Abantu labo badinga kodwa kabatholanga muntu, ngakho babuyela eJerusalema. **21** Abantu labo sebehambile, ababili labo baphuma emthonjeni basebesiyatshela inkosi uDavida. Bathi kuyo, "Suka uchaphe umfula masinyane; u-Ahithofeli usecebise ukuthi lokuthi okubi

ngawe.” **22** Ngakho uDavida labantu bonke ababelaye basuka bachapha iJodani. Kwathi kusisa, engasekho owayesele engakachaphi iJodani. **23** Kwathi u-Ahithofeli ebona ukuthi iseluleko sakhe sasingalandelwanga, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe wasuka waya endlini yakhe emzini wakibo. Walungisa indlu yakhe, wasezibophela. Ngakho wafa wangcwatshwa ethuneni likayise. **24** UDavida waya eMahanayimi, kwathi u-Abhisalomu wachapha iJodani labantu bonke bako-Israyeli. **25** U-Abhisalomu wayesebeke u-Amasa ukuba ngumlawuli webutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi. U-Amasa wayeyindodana yomuntu owayethiwa nguJetha, um’Israyeli owayethethe u-Abhigeli indodakazi kaNahashi udadewabo kaZeruya unakaJowabi. **26** Abako-Israyeli lo-Abhisalomu bamisa elizweni laseGiliyadi. **27** Kwathi uDavida esefikile eMahanayimi, uShobhi indodana kaNahashi waseRabha yama-Amoni, loMakhiri indodana ka-Amiyeli waseLo-Debhari, loBhazilayi umGiliyadi waseRogelimi **28** bamlethela okokwendlala lemiganu lempahla ezenziwe ngebumba. Bamlethela lamabele kanye lebhali, ifulawa lamabele akhanzingiweyo, indumba lamalentili, **29** uluju lamasi, izimvu, letshizi evela echagweni lwamankomokazi ukuba uDavida labantu bakhe badle. Ngoba bathi, “Abantu sebelambile njalo badiniwe futhi bomile enkangala.”

18 UDavida wabutha bonke abantu ababelaye wababekela abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu. **2** UDavida wahlukanisa amabutho akhe, ingxenye eyodwa kokuthathu ilawulwa nguJowabi,

ingxenye eyodwa ingaphansi komfowabo kaJowabi u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya, lengxenye eyodwa kokuthathu ingaphansi kuka-Ithayi umGithi. Inkosi yatshela amabutho yathi, “Mina ngokwami impela ngizaphuma lani.” **3** Kodwa abantu bathi, “Akumelanga uphume; nxa sizancindezeleka ukuba sibaleke, kabayikuzihlupha ngathi. Lanxa kungaze kufe ingxenye yethu, kabayikuzihlupha; kodwa wena ulingana labethu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Kungabangcono khathesi ukuba usisekele usedolobheni.” **4** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Ngizakwenza loba kuyini lokho okukhanya kungcono kini.” Ngakho inkosi yema eceleni kwesango abantu sebephuma ngamaviyo amakhulu lawezinkulungwane. **5** Inkosi yalaya uJowabi, lo-Abhishayi kanye lo-Ithayi yathi, “Libe lesisa ejaheni u-Abhisalomu ngenxa yami.” Amabutho wonke ayizwa inkosi ilaya umlawuli ngamunye ngo-Abhisalomu. **6** Ibutho lahamba lisiya egangeni ukuyakulwa lo-Israyeli, njalo ukulwa kwenzakala eguswini lako-Efrayimi. **7** Khonapho ibutho lako-Israyeli lehlulwa ngabantu bakaDavida, njalo ukubulalana kwaba kukhulu ngalelolanga, abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. **8** Impi yaqhela yagcwala ilizwe lonke, njalo igusu laqeda abantu abanengi kulenkemba ngalolosuku. **9** Kwenzakala nje ukuthi u-Abhisalomu ahlangane labantu bakaDavida. Wayegade imbongolo yakhe, kwasekusithi imbongolo idlula ngaphansi kwezingatsha ezenileyo zesihlahla esikhulu som’Okhi, ikhanda lika-Abhisalomu labanjwa esihlahleni. Wasala elenga emoyeni, imbongolo ayeyigadile ilokhu ihamba. **10** Kwathi

omunye wabantu esebone lokhu, watshela uJowabi wathi, “Ngibone u-Abhisalomu elenga esihlahleni som’Okhi.” **11** UJowabi wasesithi emuntwini owayemtshele lokhu, “Ini? Umbonile? Pho kungani ungamcakazelanga phansi khonapho na? Kade ngizakupha amashekeli esiliva alitshumi kanye lebhanti lobuqhawe.” **12** Kodwa umuntu lowo waphendula wathi, “Lanxa amashekeli ayinkulungwane engalinganiselwa ezandleni zami, ngingeke ngiphakamise isandla sami ngihlasele indodana yenkosi. Sizizwele inkosi ilaya wena lo-Abhishayi kanye lo-Ithayi yathi, ‘Vikelani ijaha u-Abhisalomu ngenxa yami.’ **13** Aluba ngibeke ukuphila kwami engozini njalo akulanto efihlakeleyo enkosini, ubungayikuba lobuzalwane lami.” **14** UJowabi wathi, “Mina angiyikulindela wena kanje.” Ngakho wathatha imikhonto emithathu wayitikitela enhliziyweni ka-Abhisalomu, u-Abhisalomu elokhu esaphila esesihlahleni som’Okhi. **15** Njalo abathwali bezikhali zikaJowabi bamhanqa u-Abhisalomu, bamtshaya bambulala. **16** Emva kwalokho uJowabi wakhalisa icilongo, amabutho aseyekela ukuxotshana lo-Israyeli, ngoba uJowabi wawamisa. **17** Bamthatha u-Abhisalomu bamphosela egodini elikhulu eguswini babuthelela inqwaba enkulu yamatshe phezu kwakhe. Ngalesosikhathi wonke u-Israyeli wabalekela ekhaya lakhe. **18** U-Abhisalomu esaphila wayethethe insika wayimisa eSigodini seNkosi njengesikhumbuzo sakhe, ngoba wacabanga wathi, “Angilandodana yokuqhuba ukukhunjulwa kwebizo lami.” Insika wayibiza ngaye, njalo ithiwa Isikhumbuzo sika-Abhisalomu kuze kube

lamhla. **19** Ngalesosikhathi u-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi wathi, “Kuhle ngigijime ngihambise umbiko enkosini ukuthi uThixo useyihlengile esandleni sezitha zayo.” **20** UJowabi wathi kuye, “Kawusuwe omele ahambise imibiko lamhla. Ungayihambisa imibiko ngesinye isikhathi, kodwa akumelanga wenzenjalo lamhla, ngoba indodana yenkosi ifile.” **21** UJowabi wasesithi kumKhushi, “Hamba uyetshela inkosi lokho okubonileyo.” UmKhushi wakhothama phambi kukaJowabi wasesuka egijima. **22** U-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi waphinda wathi kuJowabi, “Loba kunjani, ake ungivumele ngigijime ngilandele umKhushi.” Kodwa uJowabi waphendula wathi, “Ndodana yami, kungani ufuna ukuhamba? Kawulambiko ozakulethela umvuzo.” **23** Yena wathi, “Loba kunjani, mina ngifuna ukugijima.” Ngakho uJowabi wathi, “Gijima!” U-Ahimazi wagijima ngendlela yasemagcekeni, wamdlula umKhushi. **24** Kwathi uDavida ehlezi phakathi kwesango langaphakathi lelangaphandle, umlindi wakhwela waya phezulu ephahleni lwesango, phansi komduli. Kwathi lapho ekhangela, wabona umuntu egijima eyedwa. **25** Umlindi wamemeza inkosi wayibikela lokho. Inkosi yathi, “Nxa eyedwa, uzakuba lezindaba ezinhle.” Umuntu waqhubeka elokhu esondela eduze. **26** Umlindi wabona omunye umuntu egijima, wasebiza umlindi wesango ngaphansi, wathi, “Khangela, omunye umuntu ugijima eyedwa!” Inkosi yathi, “Laye uzakuba ngoletha izindaba ezinhle.” **27** Umlindi wasesithi, “Ngibona angathi owakuqala ugijima njengo-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi.” Inkosi yathi, “Ungumuntu olungileyo. Uza

lezindaba ezinhle.” **28** Lapho-ke u-Ahimazi wamemeza enkosini wasesithi, “Konke kulungile.” Wakhothama phambi kwenkosi wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wathi, “Kadunyiswe uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Usebanikele abantu abaphakamisa izandla zabo ukuhlasela inkosi yami.” **29** Inkosi yasibuza isithi, “Ijaha u-Abhisalomu usindile na?” U-Ahimazi waphendula wathi, “Ngibone ukuphithizela okukhulu uJowabi esezathuma inceku yenkosi lami, inceku yakho, kodwa kangazi ukuthi kade kuyini.” **30** Inkosi yasisithi, “Buyela eceleni ume khona.” Ngakho wabuyela eceleni wama khona. **31** Lapho-ke umKhushi wafika wathi, “Mhlekazi wami, nkosi, zwana izindaba ezinhle! UThixo lamhla usekukhulule kubo bonke abakuhlamukelayo.” **32** Inkosi yambuza yathi, “Ijaha u-Abhisalomu usindile na?” UmKhushi waphendula wathi, “Sengathi izitha zomhlekazi inkosi yami labo bonke abayihlamukelayo ukuba bayilimaze bangaba njengejaha leliyana.” **33** Inkosi yadabuka kakhulu. Yakhwela yaya ekamelweni elingaphezu kwesango yakhala. Yahamba ikhala isithi, “Oh, ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Ndodana yami, ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Aluba kufe mina esikhundleni sakho, Oh Abhisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!”

19 UJowabi watshelwa kwathiwa, “Inkosi iyakhala ililela u-Abhisalomu.” **2** Njalo kulolonke ibutho ukunqoba kwamhlalokho kwaguqulelwa ekulileni, ngoba ngalolosuku amabutho ezwa kuthiwa, “Inkosi ilusizi ngendodana yayo.” **3** Ngalolosuku abantu bangena benyenya edolobheni njengabantu abalenhloni bengena

benyenya lapho bebaleka empini. **4** Inkosi yamboza
ubuso bayo yakhala kakhulu isithi, “Oh ndodana yami
Abhisalomu! Oh Abhisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana
yami!” **5** UJowabi wayangena endlini enkosini wathi,
“Lamhla ubayangisile bonke abantu bakho, abasanda
kusindisa impilo yakho lempilo yamadodana akho
lamadodakazi lempilo yabomkakho kanye labafazi
bakho beceleni. **6** Uthanda abakuzondayo uzonde
abakuthandayo. Ukwenze kwabasobala lamhla ukuthi
abalawuli bebutho labantu babo kabasilutho kuwe.
Ngiyabona ukuthi ubuzathokoza aluba u-Abhisalomu
ubephila lamhla thina sonke sifile. **7** Khathesi-ke
phuma uyequnga abantu bakho isibindi. Ngiyafunga
ngoThixo ukuthi nxa ungaphumi akulamuntu ozabe
esele lawe kufika ukuhlwa. Lokhu kuzakuba kubi kakhulu
kuwe kulayo yonke incithakalo eseyake yakwehlela
kusukela ebutsheni bakho kuze kube khathesi.” **8** Ngakho
inkosi yasukuma yahamba lesihlalo sayo esangweni.
Abantu sebezwe kuthiwa, “Inkosi ihlezi esangweni,”
bonke baya phambi kwayo. Ngalesosikhathi abako-
Israyeli basebebalekele emizini yabo. **9** Kuzozonke
izizwana zako-Israyeli, abantu bonke babephikisana
besithi, “Inkosi isisindisile esandleni sezitha zethu; yiyo
eyasihlengayo esandleni samaFilistiya. Kodwa khathesi
isibalekile elizweni ngenxa ka-Abhisalomu; **10** njalo u-
Abhisalomu, esamgcobayo ukuba asibuse, ufile empini.
Ngakho kungani lingatsho lutho ngokubuyisa inkosi
na?” **11** Inkosi uDavida wathumela ilizwi kuZadokhi lo-
Abhiyathari, abaphristi esithi, “Buzani abadala bakoJuda

ukuthi, ‘Kungani lisiba ngabokucina ekubuyiseleni inkosi esigodlweni sayo njengoba okukhulunywayo kulolonke elako-Israyeli sekufikile enkosini lapho ehlala khona na? **12** Lingabafowethu, inyama yami legazi lami. Ngakho kungani lisiba ngabokucina ukubuyisa inkosi?’ **13** Njalo lithi ku-Amasa, ‘Wena kawusinyama yami legazi lami na? Sengathi uNkulunkulu angangijezisa, kube kanzima kakhulu, nxa ungasuye mlawuli webutho lami esikhundleni sikaJowabi, kusukela khathesi.’” **14** Wazuza ukusekelwa ngabantu bonke bakoJuda kwangathi babengumuntu munye. Bathumela ilizwi enkosini besithi, “Buya, wena kanye labantu bakho bonke.” **15** Ngakho inkosi yabuyela yahamba yaze yayafika eJodani. Ngalesosikhathi abantu bakoJuda basebefikile eGiligali ukuze baphume bayehlangabeza inkosi bayilethe ngaphetsheya kweJodani. **16** UShimeyi indodana kaGera, umBhenjamini waseBhahurimi, wehla ngokuphangisa labantu bakoJuda ukuyahlangabeza inkosi uDavida. **17** Wayelabantu bakoBhenjamini abayinkulungwane, kanye loZibha, isikhonzi sabendlu kaSawuli, lamadodana akhe alitshumi lanhlanu kanye lezinceku ezingamatshumi amabili. Baphangisa ukuya eJodani lapho inkosi eyayikhona. **18** Bachapha ezibukweni ukuze bahambise abendlu yenkosi ngaphetsheya lokwenza loba kuyini ekufunayo. UShimeyi indodana kaGera esechaphe iJodani, waziwisela phansi wathi bhazalala phambi kwenkosi **19** wathi kuyo, “Inkosi kayingangenzi olecala. Ungakhumbuli okubi okwenziwa yinceku yakho mhlekazi wami ngosuku inkosi eyasuka ngalo eJerusalema. Sengathi inkosi

ingakwesula engqondweni yayo. **20** Ngoba mina nceku yakho ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngenza isono, kodwa lamhla ngize lapha njengowakuqala kuyo yonke indlu kaJosefa ukuzahlangabeza umhlekazi wami, inkosi." **21** Laphoke u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya wathi, "UShimeyi akumelanga abulawe ngenxa yalokhu na? Wathuka ogcotshiweyo kaThixo." **22** UDavida waphendula wathi, "Kuyini lina lami esihlanganyela kukho, lina madodana kaZeruya? Ngalelilanga lina selibe yizitha zami! Kufanele kube lomuntu obulawayo ko-Israyeli lamhla na? Kangazi yini ukuthi lamhla ngiyinkosi yako-Israyeli?" **23** Ngakho inkosi yathi kuShimeyi, "Kawuyikufa." Njalo inkosi yamthembisa ngokufunga. **24** UMefibhoshethi, indodana yendodana kaSawuli, laye wehla ukuyahlangabeza inkosi. Wayengazigezanga inyawo zakhe kumbe agele indevu zakhe loba agezise izigqoko zakhe kusukela ngelanga inkosi eyasuka ngalo kwaze kwaba lilanga eyabuya ngalo isindile. **25** Esefikile evela eJerusalema ukuzahlangabeza inkosi, inkosi yambuza yathi, "Kungani ungahambanga lami, Mefibhoshethi?" **26** Yena wathi, "Mhlekazi wami, nkosi, njengoba mina nceku yakho ngiqhula, ngathi, 'Ngizabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wami ngigade phezu kwaso, ukuze ngihambe lenkosi yami.' Kodwa uZibha inceku yami wangikhohlisa. **27** Njalo usehlinikeze inceku yakho kuwe mhlekazi nkosi yami. Mhlekazi wami, inkosi injengengilosi kaNkulunkulu; ngakho yenza lokho okukuthokozisayo. **28** Bonke abenzalo kababamkhulu kabafanelanga lutho kodwa ukubulawa ngumhlekazi wami inkosi, kodwa inceku yakho uyiphe indawo phakathi

kwalabo abadla etafuleni lakho. Ngakho ngilelungelo
bani lokukhalaza njalo enkosini?" **29** Inkosi yathi kuye,
"Usakhulumelani okunye? Ngiyalilaya wena loZibha
ukuba lahlukaniselane amasimu." **30** UMefibhoshethi
wathi enkosini, "Kathathe konke, njengoba khathesi
umhlekazi wami usefikile ekhaya kungekho ngozi."
31 UBhazilayi umGiliyadi laye wehla evela eRogelimi
ukuyachapha iJodani elenkosi lokuyayivalelisela khona.
32 UBhazilayi wayesengumuntu omdala, eseleminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. Wayenike inkosi
ukudla ekuhlaleni kwayo eMahanayimi, ngoba
wayengumuntu onothe kakhulu. **33** Inkosi yathi
kuBhazilayi, "Chaphela ngaphetsheya lami uyehlala
lami eJerusalema ngizakupha okuswelayo." **34** Kodwa
uBhazilayi wayiphendula inkosi wathi, "Mingaki eminye
iminyaka engisezayiphila, ukuba ngiye eJerusalema
lenkosi na? **35** Khathesi ngileminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili ubudala. Ngingabe ngisawutsho yini
umahluko phakathi kokuhle lokungekuhle na? Inceku
yakho ingabe isakunambitha ekudlayo lekunathayo
na? Ngingabe ngisawezwa amazwi abahlabeleli besilisa
labesifazane na? Kungani inceku yakho kumele ibe
ngomunye umthwalo njalo kumhlekazi wami, inkosi na?
36 Inceku yakho izachaphela ngaphetsheya kweJodani
lenkosi ummangwana omfitshane, pho kungani inkosi
kumele ingiphe umvuzo ongaka na? **37** Yekela inceku
yakho ibuyele, ukuze ngiyefela emzini wakithi eduze
lengcwaba likababa lomama. Kodwa nansi inceku yakho
uKhimihami. Kachaphele ngaphetsheya lomhlekazi

inkosi yami. Menzele lokho okukuthokozisayo." **38** Inkosi yasisithi, "UKhimihami uzachaphela ngaphetsheya lami, njalo ngizamenzela okukuthokozisayo. Njalo loba yini oyifuna kimi ngizakwenzela yona." **39** Ngakho abantu bonke bachapha iJodani, inkosi yasichaphela ngaphetsheya. Inkosi yamanga uBhazilayi yambusisa, uBhazilayi wasebuyela emzini wakhe. **40** Kwathi inkosi ichaphela eGiligali, uKhimihami wachapha layo. Wonke amabutho akoJuda lengxenye yamabutho ako-Israyeli ayeyichaphisile inkosi. **41** Masinyane bonke abantu bako-Israyeli baya enkosini bathi kuyo, "Kungani abafowethu, abantu bakoJuda, bentshontshe inkosi yethu bayisa ngaphetsheya kweJodani yona labendlu yayo kanye labantu bonke na?" **42** Bonke abantu bakoJuda baphendula abantu bako-Israyeli bathi, "Lokhu sikwenzile ngoba inkosi ilobuhlobo obuseduze kakhulu lathi. Kulicaphula ngani lokho? Sike sadla olunye ulutho lwenkosi na? Sike sazithathela enye into na?" **43** Abantu bako-Israyeli basebephendula abantu bakoJuda besithi, "Thina silezabelo ezilitshumi enkosini, njalo ngaphandle kwalokho thina silelungelo elikhulu kulelenu ngoDavida. Pho kungani lisidelela? Kasibanga ngabokuqala na ukukhuluma ngokubuyisa inkosi yethu?" Kodwa abantu bakoJuda baphendula ngamazwi alukhuni kakhulu kulawabantu bako-Israyeli.

20 Ngalesosikhathi kwenzakala ukuthi umxabanisi owayethiwa nguShebha indodana kaBhikhiri umBhenjamini abekhona. Wakhalisa icilongo waklabalala esithi, "Kasilasabelo kuDavida, kasilangxenye endodaneni

kaJese! Umuntu wonke ethenteni lakhe, Oh Israyeli!" **2** Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlubuka kuDavida balandela uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri. Kodwa abantu bakoJuda babambelela enkosini yabo umango wonke kusukela eJodani kusiya eJerusalema. **3** UDavida esebuyele esigodlweni sakhe eJerusalema, wathatha abafazi bakhe beceleni abalitshumi ayebatshiye begcine isigodlo wababeka endlini elindwayo. Wabanika ababekuswela, kodwa kembathanga labo. Babehlala bevalelwe kuze kube lusuku lokufa kwabo, baphila njengabafelokazi. **4** Inkosi yasisithi ku-Amasa, "Biza abantu bakoJuda beze kimi phakathi kwensuku ezintathu, lawe ube lapha wena ngokwakho." **5** Kodwa u-Amasa eseyebiza uJuda, wathatha isikhathi eside kulaleso inkosi eyayimisele sona. **6** UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhishayi, "Khathesi uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri uzasenzela umonakalo odlula owenziwa ngu-Abhisalomu. Thatha abantu benkosi yakho umlandele, hlezi athole amadolobho avikelweyo aphunyuke kithi." **7** Ngakho abantu bakaJowabi lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi kanye lamaqhawe wonke alamandla baphuma belawulwa ngu-Abhishayi. Bahamba besuka eJerusalema belandela uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri. **8** Kwathi besesedwaleni elikhulu eGibhiyoni, u-Amasa wayabahlangabeza. UJowabi wayegqoke ibhatshi lakhe lempi, phezu kwalo, ekhalweni lwakhe, kubophe ibhanti lilomhedla esikhwameni sawo. Esahamba esiya phambili, umhedla wawela ngaphandle kwesikhwama sawo. **9** UJowabi wasesithi ku-Amasa, "Unjani, mfowethu?" UJowabi

wasebamba u-Amasa ngendevu ngesandla sakhe sokudla
wasemanga. **10** U-Amasa kawunanzelelanga umhedla
owawuphethwe nguJowabi, uJowabi wasemgwaza
esiswini sakhe, amathumbu akhe ahutshukela phandle
emhlabathini. Lanxa engasagwazwanga futhi, u-Amasa
wafa. Emva kwalokho uJowabi lomfowabo u-Abhishayi
baxotshana loShebha indodana kaBhikhiri. **11** Omunye
wabantu bakaJowabi wema phansi kuka-Amasa wathi,
"Lowo othanda uJowabi, lalowo ongokaDavida, kalandele
uJowabi!" **12** U-Amasa walala ezibhixeka egazini lakhe
phakathi komgwaqo, umuntu lowo wabona ukuthi
amabutho wonke afika ame khonapho. Kwathi
esenanzelele ukuthi umuntu wonke owafika ku-Amasa
wema, wamhudula emsusa emgwaqweni wamusa
egangeni, waphosela isembatho phezu kwakhe. **13** Emva
kokuba u-Amasa esesusiwe emgwaqweni, abantu bonke
bedlula loJowabi ukuyaxotshana loShebha indodana
kaBhikhiri. **14** UShebha wadabula phakathi kwazo zonke
izizwana zako-Israyeli kusiya e-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha
laphakathi kwesabelo sonke samaBikiri, aqoqanayo
amlandela. **15** Wonke amabutho ayeloJowabi afika
amvimbezela uShebha e-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha. Bakha
idundulu lokuvimbezela elalifika edolobheni njalo
laleyame izinqaba zangaphandle. Besagqula umduli
ukuba bawudilize, **16** owesifazane ohlakaniphileyo
wamemeza esedolobheni wathi, "Lalelani! Lalelani!
Tshelani uJowabi eze lapha ukuze ngikhulume laye." **17**
Wahamba esiya kuye, wasembuza esithi, "UnguJowabi
na?" Yena waphendula wathi, "Nginguye." Wasesithi,

“Lalela okuzatshiwo yincekukazi yakho.” Wathi, “Ngilalele.” **18** Owesifazane waqhubeka wathi, “Kudala babejwayele ukuthi, ‘Funani impendulo e-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha,’ lokho kwakuyiqeda indaba. **19** Thina singabathuleyo labathembekileyo ko-Israyeli. Wena uzama ukudiliza idolobho elingunina ko-Israyeli. Kungani ufuna ukuginya ilifa likaThixo na?” **20** UJowabi waphendula wathi, “Akusikho lokho! Akusikho lokho ukuginya loba ukudiliza! **21** Akunjalo. Umuntu othiwa nguShebha indodana kaBhikhiri, owaselizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, uphakamisele inkosi isandla sakhe emelana layo, emelana loDavida. Mletheni umuntu lowo, ngisuke edolobheni.” Owesifazane wathi kuJowabi “Ikhanda lakhe lizaphoswa kuwe lisuka emdulini.” **22** Emva kwalokho owesifazane lowo waya ebantwini bonke leseluleko sakhe esikhaliphileyo, baquma ikhanda likaShebha indodana kaBhikhiri baliphosela kuJowabi. Ngakho wakhalisa icilongo, abantu bakhe bachitheka besuka edolobheni, lowo lalowo ebuyela emzini wakhe. UJowabi wabuyela enkosini eJerusalema. **23** UJowabi wayephethe lonke ibutho lako-Israyeli; uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada ephethe amaKherethi lamaPhelethi; **24** u-Adoniramu wayephethe izibhalwa; uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi wayengumbhali; **25** uSheva engumabhalane; uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari bengabaphristi; **26** u-Ira umJayiri engumphristi kaDavida.

21 Ekubuseni kukaDavida kwaba lendlala iminyaka emithathu ilandelana; ngakho uDavida wabuza uThixo.

UThixo wathi, “Kungenxa kaSawuli lendlu yakhe enindwe ngegazi; kungenxa yokuthi yena wabulala amaGibhiyoni.” **2** Inkosi yabiza amaGibhiyoni yakhuluma lawo. (AbaseGibhiyoni babengasiyo ngxenye ka-Israyeli kodwa babengabasalayo bama-Amori, abako-Israyeli babefunge ukubayekela, kodwa uSawuli ngenxa yokutshisekela kwakhe u-Israyeli loJuda wafuna ukubaqeda du.) **3** UDavida wabuza amaGibhiyoni wathi, “Kuyini engingalenzela khona na? Ngingakwenza njani ukubuyisana ukuze libusise ilifa likaThixo na?” **4** AmaGibhiyoni amphendula athi, “Kasilalo ilungelo lokufuna isiliva loba igolide kuSawuli kumbe kwabendlu yakhe, lelungelo lokubulala umuntu ko-Israyeli kasilalo.” UDavida wabuza wathi, “Pho lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?” **5** Bayiphendula inkosi bathi, “Umuntu owasichithayo waceba okubi ngathi saze satshabalala njalo kasaze saba lendawo loba ngaphi ko-Israyeli, **6** kasinikwe abenzalo yakhe besilisa abayisikhombisa ukuba babulawe balengiswe phambi kukaThixo eGibhiya kaSawuli, okhethiweyo kaThixo.” Ngakho inkosi yathi, “Ngizalinika bona.” **7** Kodwa uMefibhoshethi indodana kaJonathani, indodana kaSawuli, inkosi yamtshiya ngenxa yesifungo phambi kukaThixo phakathi kukaDavida loJonathani indodana kaSawuli. **8** Kodwa inkosi yathatha u-Arimoni loMefibhoshethi amadodana amabili endodakazi ka-Ayiya uRizipha, ayemzale loSawuli, kanye lamadodana amahlanu endodakazi kaSawuli uMerabi, ayewazale lo-Adiriyeli indodana kaBhazilayi waseMehola. **9** Yabanikeza kumaGibhiyoni, ababulala abachaya eqaqeni phambi

kukaThixo. Bonke beyisikhombisa bafela ndawonye;
babulawa ngezinsuku zakuqala zokuvuna, ukuvunwa
kwebhali kuqalisa nje. **10** URizipha indodakazi ka-
Ayiya wathatha isaka wazendlalela lona edwaleni.
Kusukela ekuqaliseni kokuvuna izulu laze lana livela
emazulwini linetha izidumbu, kavumelanga izinyoni
zasemoyeni ukuba zizithinte emini loba izinyamazana
zeganga ebusuku. **11** Kwathi uDavida esetshelwe
ngokwakwenziwe yindodakazi ka-Ayiya uRizipha, umfazi
kaSawuli weceleni, **12** wahamba wayathatha amathambo
kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe uJonathani ebantwini
baseJabheshi Giliyadi. (Babewathathe ensitha enkundleni
kazulu eBhethi-Shani, lapho amaFilistiya ayewachaye
khona emva kokubulala kwawo uSawuli eGilibhowa.) **13**
UDavida wawathatha khonapho amathambo kaSawuli
lawendodana yakhe uJonathani, lamathambo alabo
ababebulawe babuye bachaywa abuthwa. **14** Amathambo
kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe uJonathani bawangcwaba
ethuneni likasekaSawuli uKhishi, eZela koBhenjamini,
benza konke njengokulaya kwenkosi. Emva kwalokho
uNkulunkulu wayiphendula imikhuleko eyenzelwa ilizwe.
15 Kwaphinda kwaba lempi futhi phakathi kwamaFilistiya
lo-Israyeli. UDavida wahamba labantu bakhe ukuyakulwa
lamaFilistiya, wasedinwa. **16** U-Ishibhi-Bhenobi,
omunye wabenzalo kaRafa, isihloko somkhonto wakhe
wethusi esasilobunzima obungamashekeli angamakhulu
amathathu, njalo ehlome ngenkemba entsha, wathi
uzabulala uDavida. **17** Kodwa u-Abhishayi indodana
kaZeruya wamhlenga uDavida; wamcakazela phansi

umFilistiya lowo wambulala. Abantu bakaDavida bafunga kuye bathi, “Kawuyikuhamba lathi futhi empini, ukuze isibane sika-Israyeli singacitshwa.” **18** Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi kwaba lenye impi futhi lamaFilistiya, eGobi. Ngalesosikhathi uSibhekhayi umHushathi wabulala uSafi, omunye wabosendo kaRafa. **19** Kweyinye impi lamaFilistiya njalo eGobi, u-Elihanani indodana kaJayiri umBhethilehema wabulala umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi, owayelomkhonto owawuloluthi olunjengogodo lomaluki. **20** Kanti njalo kwenye impi eyalwelwa eGathi, kwakulendoda enkulu kakhulu ileminwe eyisithupha esandleni ngasinye lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni ngalunye, sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili lane. Laye wayengowosendo lukaRafa. **21** Kwathi echothoza u-Israyeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wambulala. **22** Abane laba babengabosendo lukaRafa eGathi, bonke babulawa nguDavida lamabutho akhe.

22 UDavida wahlabelela uThixo amazwi alelihubo lapho uThixo wamsindisa esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lasesandleni sikaSawuli. **2** Wathi: “UThixo ulidwala lami, inqaba yami lomsindisi wami; **3** uNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lami, lapho engiphephela khona, isihlangu sami lophondo lokusindiswa kwami. Uyinqaba yami, isiphephelo sami lomsindisi wami uyangisindisa ebantwini abalodlakela. **4** Ngakhuleka kuThixo ofanele ukudunyiswa, njalo ngikhululwe ezitheni zami. **5** Amagagasi okufa angikhulela; lezikhukhula zokubhubhisa zangikhulela. **6** Izibopho zengcwaba

zangithandela; imijibila yokufa yangijamela. (Sheol h7585) 7
Ekukhathazekeni kwami ngakhuleka kuThixo; ngakhala
kuNkulunkulu wami. Esethempelini lakhe walizwa ilizwi
lami; ukukhala kwami kwafika ezindlebeni zakhe. 8
Umhlaba wagedezela wazamazama, izisekelo zamazulu
zanyikinyeka; zagedezela ngoba wayethukuthele. 9
Intuthu yalanquka emakhaleni akhe; umlilo ohangulayo
waphuma emlonyeni wakhe, amalahle avuthayo alavuka
ephuma kuwo. 10 Waqhekeza amazulu wehlela phansi;
amayezi amnyama ayengaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.
11 Wagada amakherubhi waphapha; wantweza phezu
kwamaphiko omoya. 12 Wenza umnyama isigubuzelo
esimhanqileyo, amayezi ezulu amnyama asemkhathini.
13 Phakathi kokukhazimula kobukhona bakhe, izikhatha
zombane zalavuza khona. 14 UThixo wakhwaza esezulwini;
ilizwi loPhezukonke lanqenqetha. 15 Waciba imitshoko
wazihlakaza izitha, ngezikhatha zombane waziqothula.
16 Izigodi zolwandle zambulwa lezisekelo zomhlaba
zavezwa obala ekukhuzeni kukaThixo, ngomfutho
wokuphefumula kwamakhala akhe. 17 Welula isandla
sakho usezulwini wangibamba wangihlenga enzikini
yamanzi. 18 Wangihlenga esitheni sami esilamandla,
ezitheni zami ezazingigabhela ngamandla. 19 Zangijamela
mhla ngisebunzimeni, kodwa uThixo waba yinsika yami. 20
Wangikhupha wangibeka endaweni ebanzi; wangihlenga
ngoba wayethokoza ngami. 21 UThixo ungenzele
okulingene ukulunga kwami; wangivuza ngokufanele
ukuhlanzeka kwezandla zami. 22 Ngoba ngizigcinile
izindlela zikaThixo; angenzanga okubi ngokufulathela

uNkulunkulu wami. **23** Yonke imithetho yakhe iphambi
kwami; angizifulathelanga izimiso zakhe. **24** Ngibe
ngilokhu ngimsulwa phambi kwakhe njalo ngisixwayile
isono. **25** UThixo ungivuze ngokufanele ukulunga kwami;
ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwami phambi kwakhe. **26**
Kwabathembekileyo lawe uthembekile, kwabamsulwa
lawe umsulwa, **27** kwabahlanzekileyo uziveza uhlanzekile,
kodwa kwabangaqondanga uziveza ukhaliphile. **28**
Uyabasindisa abathobekileyo; kodwa amehlo akho
akhangele abazigqajayo ukuba ubehlisele phansi. **29**
Uyisibane sami, Oh Thixo, uThixo uguqula ubumnyama
bami bube yikukhanya. **30** Ngosizo lwakho ngingaphuma
ngimelane lebutho lempi, ngoNkulunkulu wami
ngingawukhwela umduli. **31** Izindlela zikaNkulunkulu
uqobo lwakhe ziphelele; ilizwi likaThixo kalilasici.
Ulihawu labo bonke abaphephela kuye. **32** Ngoba ngubani
uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaThixo? Njalo ngubani
oliDwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu na? **33**
NguNkulunkulu ongihlomisa amandla enze indlela yami
iphelele. **34** Wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala;
ungenza ngime ezingqongweni. **35** Ufundisa izandla
zami ukulwa impi, izingalo zami zingaligobisa idandili
lethusi. **36** Uyanginika isihlangu sakho sokunqoba;
uyazehlisela phansi ukuze ungenze ngibe mkhulu. **37**
Uqhelisa indlela enginyathela kuyo, ukuze inqagala zami
zingapheci. **38** Ngaxotshana lezitha zami ngaziqothula;
kangibuyanga ngingakazibhubhisi zonke. **39** Ngaziqothula
okupheleleyo, njalo zazingeke zisavuka; zawela ngaphansi
kwezinyawo zami. **40** Wangihlomisa ngamandla okulwa

impi; wenza abaxabana lami bakhothama ezinyaweni zami. **41** Wenza izitha zami zafulathela zabaleka, njalo ngazibhubhisa izitha zami. **42** Bakhala becela uncedo, kodwa wayengekho owayengabahlenga kuThixo, kodwa kaphendulanga. **43** Ngabatshaya bacholeka njengothuli lomhlabathi; ngabagxoba ngabanyathela njengodaka ezindleleni. **44** Ungikhulule ekuhlaselweni yilababantu; ungigcine ngiyinhloko yezizwe. Abantu engangingabazi sebebuswa yimi, **45** abezizweni bayatshotshobala phambi kwami; bathi bengizwa nje ngendaba, bangilalele. **46** Bonke badelile; beza bethuthumela bevela ezinqabeni zabo. **47** UThixo uyaphila! Alidunyiswe iDwala lami! Kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu wami, iDwala, uMsindisi wami! **48** UnguNkulunkulu ongiphindiselelayo, obeka izizwe ngaphansi kwami, **49** ongikhululayo ezitheni zami. Wena wangiphakamisela ngaphezu kwezitha zami; wangihlenga ebantwini bodlakela. **50** Ngakho ngizakudumisa, Oh Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe; ngizahlabelela indumiso yebizo lakho. **51** Unika inkosi yakhe ukunqoba okukhulu; ubonakalisa umusa wakhe ongapheliyo kogcotshiweyo wakhe, kuDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade."

23 La ngamazwi okucina kaDavida: "Umbono kaDavida indodana kaJese, umbono womuntu owaphakanyiswa ngoPhezukonke, umuntu owagcotshwa nguNkulunkulu kaJakhobe, umhlabeleli wezingoma ka-Israyeli: **2** Umoya kaThixo wakhuluma ngami, ilizwi lakhe lalisolimini lwami. **3** UNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wakhuluma, iDwala lika-Israyeli lathi kimi: 'Lapho umuntu ebusa abantu

ngokulunga, lapho ebusa ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu, **4** unjengokukhanya kwekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga ekuseni okungelamayezi, njengokukhanya emva kokuna kwezulu okumilisa utshani emhlabathini.' **5** Indlu yami kayifanelanga kuNkulunkulu na? Kanje kenzanga lami isivumelwano esingapheliyo esalungiswayo saqiniswa izigaba zonke na? Kambe kazukuphumelelisa ukusindiswa kwami angiphe konke engikufisayo na? **6** Kodwa abantu ababi bonke bazaphoselwa eceleni njengameva, angabuthwayo ngesandla. **7** Loba ngubani othinta ameva usebenzisa insimbi loba uluthi lomkhonto; ayatshiswa ngomlilo khonapho akhona." **8** La ngamabizo amaqhawe kaDavida: UJoshebi-Bhasishebethi umThakemoni wayeyinduna yabaThathu, waphakamisela abantu abangamakhulu ayisificaminwembili umkhonto wakhe, ababulalayo ekuhlaseleni kunye. **9** Yena elandelwa ngu-Eliyazari indodana kaDodo um'Ahohi. Njengomunye wamaqhawe amathathu, wayeloDavida lapho bechothoza amaFilistiya ayebuthanele impi ePhasi Damimi. Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlehlela emuva, **10** kodwa yena wajama wawacakazela phansi amaFilistiya isandla sakhe saze sadinwa sanamathela enkembeni. Ngalelolanga uThixo waletha ukunqoba okukhulu. Amabutho abuyela ku-Eleyazari ukuyahlubula abafileyo kuphela nje. **11** Phansi kwakhe kwakuloShama indodana ka-Ageye umHarari. Kwathi amaFilistiya eseqoqene endaweni eyayilezindumba ezinengi, amabutho ako-Israyeli awabalekela. **12** Kodwa uShama wajama phakathi kwensimu. Wayivikela wawacakazela

phansi amaFilistiya, uThixo waletha ukunqoba okukhulu.
13 Ngesikhathi sokuvuna, abathathu ezinduneni
ezingamatshumi amathathu baya kuDavida ebhalwini
lwase-Adulami, lapho ibutho lamaFilistiya lalimise
eSigodini saseRefayi. **14** Ngalesosikhathi uDavida
wayesenqabeni, iviyo lamabutho amaFilistiya
laliseBhethilehema. **15** UDavida womela amanzi
wasesithi, "Oh, sengathi kungaba lomuntu ongangikhela
amanzi okunatha emthonjeni oseduze lesango
laseBhethilehema!" **16** Ngakho amaqhawe amathathu
adabula phakathi kwamaviyo amaFilistiya, akha amanzi
emthonjeni eduze lesango laseBhethilehema ahamba
lawo kuDavida. Kodwa wala ukuwanatha, esikhundleni
salokho wawathela phambi kukaThixo. **17** Wathi,
"Akungenzeki, Oh Thixo, ukuba ngenze lokhu. Akusigazi
labantu abahambe befake ukuphila kwabo engozini na?"
UDavida kawanathanga. Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe
zalawomabutho womathathu. **18** U-Abhishayi umfowabo
kaJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayeyinduna yabaThathu
labo. Waphakamisela umkhonto wakhe phezu
kwabangamakhulu amathathu, ababulalayo, ngakho
waba lodumo njengabaThathu. **19** Kahlonitshwanga
kakhulu kulabaThathu na? Waba ngumlawuli
wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo. **20**
UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayeliqhawe
elilesibindi laseKhabhizeli, elenza izenzo zobuqhawe
obukhulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili
ayezintshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangena emgodini
wabulala isilwane mhla kulongqwaqwane. **21** Njalo

wabulala umGibhithe owayemkhulu kakhulu. Lanxa umGibhithe lowo wayephethe umkhonto, uBhenaya wamhlasela ngenduku. Wawuhluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe. **22** Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada; laye futhi wayedume njengamaqhawe amathathu. **23** Wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwedlula bonke abangamaTshumi Amathathu, kodwa wayengabalwa kanye labaThathu. UDavida wambeka ukuba abe ngumphathi wabalindi bakhe. **24** Phakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu labo kwakuyilaba: U-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi, u-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBhethilehema, **25** uShama umHarodi, u-Elika umHarodi, **26** uHelezi umPhalithi, u-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa, **27** u-Abhiyezeri wase-Anathothi, uSibhekhayi umHushathi, **28** uZalimoni um'Ahohi, uMaharayi umNethofa, **29** uHeledi indodana kaBhana umNethofa, u-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibhiya koBhenjamini, **30** uBhenaya umPhirathoni, uHidayi wasezindongeni zaseGashi, **31** u-Abhi-Alibhoni um'Aribhathi, u-Azimavethi umBharihumi, **32** u-Eliyaba umShalibhoni, amadodana kaJasheni, uJonathani **33** indodana kaShama umHarari, u-Ahiyamu indodana kaSharari umHarari, **34** u-Elifelethi indodana ka-Ahasibhayi um'Mahakhathi, u-Eliyami indodana ka-Ahithofeli umGiloni, **35** uHeziro umKhameli, uPharayi um'Aribhi, **36** u-Igali indodana kaNathani waseZobha, indodana kaHagiri, **37** uZelekhi um'Amoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, owayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi, indodana

kaZeruya, **38** u-Ira um'Ithira, uGarebhi um'Ithiri **39** kanye
lo-Uriya umHithi. Bebonke babengamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa.

24 Ulaka lukaThixo lwabuya lwavutha phezu kuka-
Israyeli, wenza uDavida wamelana labo, esithi, "Hambani
liyebala abantu bako-Israyeli labakoJuda." **2** Ngakho
inkosi yathi kuJowabi labalawuli bebutho ababelaye,
"Hambani ezizweni zonke zako-Israyeli kusukela koDani
kusiya eBherishebha libhale abantu bokulwa, ukuze ngazi
ukuthi bangaki." **3** Kodwa uJowabi waphendula inkosi
wathi, "Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho angandisa
amabutho ngokuphindwe okwedlula ikhulu, njalo
sengathi lamehlo kamhlekazi wami inkosi angakubona
lokho. Kodwa-ke umhlekazi wami inkosi ifunelani
ukwenza into enje?" **4** Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi lamenqabela
uJowabi kanye labalawuli bebutho; ngakho basuka
phambi kwenkosi ukuba bayebhala abantu bokulwa
ko-Israyeli. **5** Sebechaphe iJodani bamisa eduze le-
Aroweri, eningizimu komuzi edongeni, basebedabula
phakathi kwakoGadi besedlulela eJazeri. **6** Baya eGiliyadi
lasesabelweni saseThathimi Hodishi, laphambili eDani
Jawani lasezindaweni eziseduze kusiya eSidoni. **7** Emva
kwalokho baqonda enqabeni yaseThire lakuyo yonke imizi
yamaHivi lamaKhenani. Ekucineni, baya eBherishebha
eNegebi yakoJuda. **8** Sebelihambe lonke ilizwe, babuyela
eJerusalema emva kwezinyanga eziyisificamunwemunye
lezinsuku ezingamatshumi amabili. **9** UJowabi wafika
wabikela inkosi inani lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Ko-
Israyeli kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu

amahlanu aqinileyo ayelakho ukuthi angayiphatha inkemba, koJuda. **10** Emva kokubala abantu bokulwa uDavida wakhathazeka enhliziyweni yakhe, wasesithi kuThixo, “Ngonile kakhulu ngalokhu engikwenzileyo. Khathesi-ke, awu Thixo, ngiyakuncenga, susa icala lenceku yakho. Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu.” **11** UDavida engakavuki ngokusa okwalandelayo, ilizwi likaThixo laselifikile kuGadi umphrofethi, umboni kaDavida, lisithi: **12** “Hamba uyetshela uDavida ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ngikunika ukuthi ukhethe phakathi kokuthathu. Khetha okukodwa kwakho ukuba ngikwenze kuwe.’” **13** Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, “Kungehliselwa kuwe indlala yeminyaka emithathu elizweni lakho na? Loba izinyanga ezintathu ubalekela izitha zakho zixotshana lawe na? Kumbe insuku ezintathu zesifo elizweni lakho na? Khathesi-ke cabanga ngakho wenze isinqumo ukuthi ngizamphendula njani lowo ongithumileyo.” **14** UDavida wathi kuGadi, “Ngiphakathi kokukhathazeka okukhulu. Kasiweleni ezandleni zikaThixo, ngoba isihawu sakhe sikhulu, kodwa ungangiyekeli ngiwela ezandleni zabantu.” **15** Ngakho uThixo wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli kusukela ekuseni kwamhlalokho kwaze kwafika isikhathi esasimisiwe, kwafa abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kusukela koDani kusiya eBherishebha. **16** Kwathi ingilosi isiyelule isandla sayo ukuba itshabalalise iJerusalema, uThixo wayeselusizi ngenxa yomonakalo ngakho wathi engilosini eyayiqothula abantu, “Kwanele! Susa isandla sakho.” Ngalesosikhathi ingilosi kaThixo

yayisisesizeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi. **17** Kwathi uDavida
ebona ingilosi eyayibulala abantu, wathi kuThixo, “Mina
yimi engenze isono ngenza okubi. Laba bayizimvu nje.
Kuyini abakwenzileyo? Isandla sakho kasiwele phezu
kwami labendlu yami.” **18** Ngalolosuku uGadi waya
kuDavida wathi kuye, “Hamba uyekwakhela uThixo i-
alithari esizeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi.” **19** Ngakho
uDavida wahamba njengokulaya kukaThixo ngoGadi.
20 Kwathi u-Arawuna ekhangela njalo ebona inkosi
labantu bayo besiza kuye, waphuma wakhothama phambi
kwenkosi ubuso bakhe buthe mbo phansi. **21** U-Arawuna
wathi, “Umhlekazi wami inkosi ulandeni encekwini
yakhe na?” UDavida waphendula wathi, “Ngilande
ukuzathenga isiza sakho, ukuze ngakhele uThixo i-
alithari, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe.” **22** U-Arawuna
wasesithi kuDavida, “Umhlekazi wami inkosi kathathe
loba kuyini okumthokozisayo anikele ngakho. Nanzi inkabi
zomnikelo wokutshiswa, nansi lemibhulo yokubhula
kanye lamajogwe enkabi ukuba kube zinkuni. **23** Awu
nkosi, u-Arawuna unika inkosi konke lokhu.” U-Arawuna
wabuya wathi kuye, “Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu
wakho angakwamukela.” **24** Kodwa inkosi yathi ku-
Arawuna, “Hayi, ngiyagcizelela ekuthini ngikuthenge
kuwe. Kangiyikunikela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami
umnikelo wokutshiswa ongangibizelanga lutho.” Ngakho
uDavida wasithenga isiza kanye lenkabi ngamashekeli
esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu. **25** UDavida wakhela
uThixo i-alithari kuleyondawo wanikela iminikelo
yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano. Lapho-ke uThixo

waphendula ukukhulekelwa kwelizwe, isifo saphela ko-
Israyeli.

1 Amakhosi

1 Kwathi inkosi uDavida esemdala kakhulu,
wayengasafudumali lanxa elele loba bemembathise kakhulu.
2 Izinceku zakhe zathi kuye, “Kasidinge
intombazana yokunakekela inkosi iyifudumeze. Izalala
eceleni kwayo ukuze inkosi yethu ifudumale.”
3 Ngakho
balibhudula lonke elako-Israyeli bedinga intombi enhle
baze bafumana u-Abhishagi, umShunami walethwa
enkosini.
4 Intombazana leyo yayinhle kakhulu;
yayinakekela inkosi yayilondoloza, kodwa inkosi
kayiyenzanga umfazi.
5 Kwathi u-Adonija, unina
owayenguHagithi, waziveza wathi, “Yimi engizakuba
yinkosi.” Waselungisa izinqola lamabhiza kanye
lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu ukumandulela.
6
(Uyise kazange amkhuze ngokumbuza ukuthi,
“Ukwenzeleni konke lokhu?” Laye wayemuhle kakhulu,
eselama u-Abhisalomu.)
7 U-Adonija wacebisana
loJowabi indodana kaZeruya lo-Abhiyathari umphristi,
laba bamsekela.
8 Kodwa uZadokhi umphristi, loBhenaya
indodana kaJehoyada, loNathani umphrofethi, loShimeyi,
loReyi kanye labalindi benkosi abamsekelanga u-Adonija.
9 U-Adonija wasesenza umhlatshelo ngezimvu,
ngenkomo langamathole anonileyo eLitsheni
laseZohelethi eduze le-Eni Rogeli. Wanxusa abafowabo,
lamadodana enkosi lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda
ayengawesikhosini,
10 kodwa kamnxusanga uNathani
umphrofethi loba uBhenaya loba abalindi benkosi loba
umfowabo uSolomoni.
11 Ngakho uNathani wabuza
uBhathishebha, unina kaSolomoni wathi, “Awukezwa yini

ukuthi u-Adonija, indodana kaHagithi, useyinkosi, ezibeka inkosi yethu uDavida ingakakwazi lokho? **12** Khathesi-ke lalela ngikweluleke, ukuze uzisindise wena lokuvikela impilo yendodana yakho uSolomoni. **13** Ngena lapha okulenkosi uDavida khona ufike uthi kuyo, 'Wena omkhulu nkosi yami, awufunganga na phambi kwami mina sichaka sakho ukuthi: "Ngoqotho sibili indodana yakho uSolomoni uzakuba yinkosi ngemva kwakho, uzahlala esihlalweni sami"? Kungani pho u-Adonija esebe yinkosi?' **14** Uzakuthi usuphakathi ukhuluma layo inkosi, lami ngizangena ngifike ngigcwalisele lokho ozabe ukutshilo." **15** Ngalokho-ke uBhathishebha wayayibona inkosi eyayivele isiluphele isendlini yayo, lapho u-Abhishagi ongumShunami ayelondoloza khona inkosi. **16** UBhathishebha wakhothama wazehlisa waguqa phambi kwenkosi. Inkosi yambuza yathi: "Kuyini okufunayo?" **17** Wathi kuyo, "nkosi yami, wena uqobo lwakho wafunga kimi inceku yakho ngoThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wathi: 'USolomoni indodana yakho uzakuba yinkosi ngemva kwami, njalo uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi.' **18** Kodwa khathesi u-Adonija usebe yinkosi, kodwa wena mbusi, nkosi yami awukwazi okwenzakalayo. **19** Usenikele ngenkomo ezinengi, amaguqa anonisiweyo, kanye lezimvu, njalo usenxuse wonke amadodana enkosi, u-Abhiyathari umphristi kanye loJowabi umlawuli webutho, kodwa kamnxusanga uSolomoni inceku yakho. **20** Mbusi wami, nkosi, abako-Israyeli bonke bakukhangele, badinga ukwazi ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi ngemva kwakho. **21** Kungenzeka phela

ukuthi inkosi yami ingavele iyephumula kubokhokho, mina lendodana yami uSolomoni sizaphathwa njengezigangi.” **22** Kwathi elokhu esakhuluma lenkosi, kwafika uNathani umphrofethi. **23** Bayibikela inkosi bathi, “UNathani umphrofethi ulapha.” Waya phambi kwenkosi wakhothama embele ubuso bakhe phansi. **24** UNathani wabuza wathi, “Kambe, nkosi yami, nguwe na othe u-Adonija uzamele athathe ubukhosi bakho ungasekho wena, utshilo na ukuthi uzahlala esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi? **25** Lamuhla lokhu wehlile wayakwenza umhlatshelo wenkomo ezinengi, amaguqa anonisiweyo, lezimvu. Unxuse wonke amadodana enkosi, abalawuli bamabutho enkosi kanye lo-Abhiyathari umphristi. Khona khathesi nje bayadla benatha kanye laye besitsho besithi, ‘Mpilonde nkosi Adonija!’ **26** Kodwa mina inceku yakho, loZadokhi umphristi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, kanye lenceku yakho uSolomoni kasinxusanga. **27** Kambe kungaba yikuthi lokhu inkosi yami ikwenze ingatshelanga izinceku zayo ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi benkosi yami ngemva kokuba inkosi ingasekho?” **28** Ngalokho iNkosi uDavida yathi, “Mbize, angene uBhathishebha.” Ngakho weza enkosini wema phambi kwayo. **29** Inkosi yasifunga yathi: “Ngeqiniso lokuthi uThixo wami ngophilayo, lowo owangikhipha ezinhluphekweni zami zonke, **30** ngempela khona lamuhla lokhu ngizagcwalisa lokho engakufunga ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: uSolomoni indodana yakho uzakuba yinkosi ngemva kwami, njalo uzahlala esihlalweni sami esikhundleni sami.” **31** Ngalokho

uBhathishebha wakhothamisa ikhanda ekhangele phansi, kwathi eseguqe phambi kwenkosi, wathi. “Umbusi wami inkosi uDavida kaphile kuze kube nini lanini!” **32** INkosi uDavida yathi, “Ngibizela uZadokhi umphristi, uNathani umphrofethi kanye loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada.” Bathe sebephambi kwenkosi, **33** yathi kubo: “Thathani izinceku zenkosi yenu lihambe lazo liyekhweza uSolomoni indodana yami phezu kwembongolo yami lehle laye liye eGihoni. **34** Khonale uZadokhi umphristi loNathani umphrofethi kuzamele bamgcobe ubukhosi phezu kuka-Israyeli wonke. Livuthele icilongo limemeze lithi, ‘Kayiphile okulaphakade iNkosi uSolomoni!’ **35** Lizakhwela laye, abuye azohlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi aze abuse esikhundleni sami. Sengimkhethile ukuthi abuse phezu kuka-Israyeli lakoJuda.” **36** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada waphendula inkosi wathi, “Akube njalo! Kungathi uThixo, uNkulunkulu wombusi lenkosi yami, angakumisa kube njalo. **37** Njengoba uThixo elondoloze umbusi wami oyinkosi, akube njalo lakuSolomoni ukuze enze ubukhosi bakhe bube ngaphezu kwalobo obenkosi yami iNkosi uDavida!” **38** Ngakho uZadokhi umphristi, loNathani umphrofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi behla bafika bakhweza uSolomoni embongolweni yeNkosi uDavida bamqhuba bamusa eGihoni. **39** UZadokhi umphristi wathatha uphondo lwamafutha ethenteni elingcwele wagcoba uSolomoni. Ngakho bahle bavuthela icilongo, abantu bonke bahlaba umkhosi behaya besithi, “Mpilonde Nkosi Solomoni!” **40**

Bonke bamlandela, bavuthela imihubhe bejabula kakhulu, kwaze kwanyikinyeka umhlaba. **41** U-Adonija kanye lezethekeli ezazilaye zawuzwa lumkhosi njengoba bona basebeqedisa ukudla. UJowabi wathi esizwa icilongo wabuza wathi, “Utshoni umsindo wonke lo edolobheni?” **42** Kwathi elokhu esakhuluma kwafika uJonathani indodana ka-Abhiyathari umphristi. U-Adonija wathi, “Ngena phakathi. Indoda eqakathekileyo njengawe kufanele ukuthi isiphathele izindaba ezimnandi.” **43** UJonathani waphendula wathi, “Akulalutho. Inkosi uDavida uMbusi wethu usegcobe uSolomoni ubukhosi. **44** Inkosi isimthumele kanye loZadokhi umphristi, loNathani umphrofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi, njalo sebehle bamkhweza embongolweni yenkosi. **45** Njalo uZadokhi umphristi loNathani umphrofethi sebehle bamgcobela ubukhosi eGihoni. Besuka lapho bahle bahaya bembuka, kanti ledolobho lonke lihlokoma ngenjabulo. Yiwo lo umkhosi eliwuzwayo. **46** Kunjalo-nje uSolomoni usehle wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi. **47** Phezu kwalokho izikhulu zesikhosini sezifikile ukuthi zizokwenzela iNkosi uDavida amhlophe zisithi, ‘Sengathi uNkulunkulu wakho angenza ibizo likaSolomoni lidume kulelakho kuthi lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe lodumo ukwedlula esakho!’ Ngalokho inkosi yakhothama yakhonza isembhedeni wayo **48** yathi, ‘Udumo alube kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena ovumele ukuthi ngizibonele ngawami amehlo lowo ozathatha isihlalo sami sobukhosi lamuhla.’” **49** Ngenxa yalokhu, izethekeli zika-Adonija zathi lothu zaphakama

ngokwethuka zachitheka. **50** Kodwa u-Adonija, ngokwesaba uSolomoni, wahamba wayabamba impondo ze-alithare. **51** USolomoni wasetshelwa ukuthi, "U-Adonija uyayesaba iNkosi uSolomoni ngakho usegagadlele impondo ze-alithare. Uthi yena, 'INkosi uSolomoni kayifunge kimi lamuhla ithi kayiyikubulala isichaka sayo ngenkemba.'" **52** USolomoni waphendula wathi, "Nxa angatshengisela ukuthi uyindoda uqobo lwayo akulanwele lolulodwa lwekhanda lakhe oluzawela emhlabathini; kodwa nxa ebanjwe yikona, uzakufa." **53** Ngakho iNkosi uSolomoni yathumela amadoda, ayamethula e-alithareni abuya laye. Ngalokho u-Adonija weza wafika wazehlisa wakhothama enkosini uSolomoni, yena uSolomoni wathi. "Hamba, yana emzini wakho."

2 Kwathi isikhathi sokuthi uDavida afe sesisondele, walaya indodana yakhe uSolomoni. **2** Wathi, "Sengiseduze ukuyiphetha indlela yemhlabeni. Ngakho qina, zitshengisele ubudoda bakho, **3** unanzelele lokho okufunwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho: Ukuhamba endleleni yakhe, ugcine imilayo leziqondiso zakhe, imithetho yakhe kanye lezilayezelo zayo: Hamba ezindleleni zakhe, ugcine izimiso zakhe leziqondiso zakhe, imithetho yakhe lokulotshiweyo ngokoMthetho kaMosi, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo kanye lalapho oya khona, **4** ngalokho uThixo uzagcina isithembiso sakhe kimi: 'Nxa isizukulwane sakho sizananzelela izindlela zokuphila kwaso, njalo sizahamba ngobuqotho phambi kwami ngezinhliziyo zaso lasemoyeni waso, awuyikwehluleka uswele indoda

ezahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi ko-Israyeli.’ **5** Wena
ngokwakho uyakwazi ukuthi uJowabi indodana kaZeruya
wenzani kimi lekubulaweni kwabalawuli bamabutho
ako-Israyeli, u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri lo-Amasa
indodana kaJetha. Wababulala, wachitha igazi ngesikhathi
sokuthula kwangathi kusempini, ngalokho igazi langcolisa
uzwezwe okhalweni lwakhe lenyathelo ezinyaweni
zakhe. **6** Yenza lokho obona kufanele kuye, kodwa
ikhanda lakhe elimpunga ungavumeli lingcwatshwe
ngokuthula. **(Sheol h7585)** **7** Kodwa ube lomusa
emadodaneni kaBhazilayi weGiliyadi babengabanye
balabo abazakudla kanye lawe ethaleni lakho. Bona
bema kanye lami nxa ngangibalekela umfowenu u-
Abhisalomu. **8** Njalo ukhumbule ukuthi, wena ulendodana
kaGera uShimeyi ongowakoBhenjamini oweBhahurimi
owangithuka kabuhlungu mhla ngisiya kuMahanayimi.
Wathi lapho ezongihlangabeza eJodani, ngafunga
ngoThixo ngathi: ‘Angiyikukubulala ngenkemba.’ **9**
Kodwa loba kunjalo ungabonakana ukuthi umsulwa.
Uyindoda elengqondo ekhaliphileyo, kumele ukwazi
ozakwenza kuye. Yethula ikhanda lakhe elimpunga
liye emangcwabeni ligcwele igazi.” **(Sheol h7585)** **10**
Kwaba yikwedlula kukaDavida esesiya kubokhokho
bakhe abafayo wayangcwatshwa eMzini kaDavida. **11**
Wayesebuse okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ko-
Israyeli, iminyaka eyisikhombisa eHebhroni kwathi
engamatshumi amathathu lemithathu eJerusalema. **12**
Ngakho uSolomoni wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikayise
uDavida, umbuso wakhe wagxila waqina. **13** Kwathi

u-Adonija, indodana kaHagithi, waya kuBhathishebha, unina kaSolomoni. UBhathishebha wambuza wathi, “Kambe uza ngokuthula na?” Yena waphendula wathi, “Ye, ngokuthula.” **14** Waqhubekela phambili wathi, “Kukhona engifisa ukukutsho kuwe.” Wathi, “Ungatsho lokho oza ngakho.” **15** “Njengoba usazi ukuthi ubukhosi bebungobami. U-Israyeli ubekhangele ukuthi yimi inkosi yabo. Kodwa izinto seziguqukile, ubukhosi sebuthethwe ngumfowethu, ngoba yena ubuphiwe nguThixo. **16** Pho khathesi ngilesicelo engiza ngaso kuwe. Ungabokwala.” Waphendula wathi, “Khuluma isikhalazo sakho.” **17** Yena waqhubekela phambili wathi, “Ngicelela inkosi uSolomoni anginike u-Abhishagi umShunami ukuze abe ngumkami, ngiyazi ngeke ale kuwe.” **18** UBhathishebha waphendula wathi, “Yebo kambe, ngizakukhulumela ngikubike enkosini.” **19** Kwathi uBhathishebha esiyakhulumela u-Adonija enkosini uSolomoni, inkosi yaphakama yamhlangabeza yamkhothamela yasihlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi. Yathi kabalethele unina isihlalo sesikhosini, unina wasehlala esandleni sayo sokudla. **20** Unina wathi, “Ungabokwala, ngilesicelo esincane engizasethula kuwe.” Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Cela mama, angiyikukuncitsha, angikwaleli.” **21** Unina wasesithi, “Yekela u-Abhishagi umShunami abe ngumfazi womfowenu u-Adonija.” **22** INkosi uSolomoni ephendula unina wathi, “Kungani ucelela u-Adonija u-Abhishagi umShunami? Kuyafanana lokuthi umcelela ubukhosi, kanti njalo yena ngokwakhe umnewethu umdala kulami kanye laku-Abhiyathari umphristi loJowabi indodana

kaZeruya!” **23** Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yasifunga
ngoThixo yathi: “Kungani uNkulunkulu angangijezisa
mina, loba kabuhlungu kanganani, nxa u-Adonija
engasahlawulanga ngokufela lesisicelo esinje! **24** Khathesi-
ke, ngeqiniso likaThixo ophilayo, yena kanye ongibeke
wangizinzisa esihlalweni sobukhosi bukababa uDavida
wangidalela indlu yesikhosini njengokuthembisa kwakhe,
u-Adonija uzabulawa lamhlanje!” **25** Ngakho iNkosi
uSolomoni yakhipha ilizwi yathuma uBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada, lakanye wamlahla phansi u-Adonija kwahle
kwaba yikufa kwakhe. **26** Ku-Abhiyathari umphristi iNkosi
yathi, “Buyela emasimini akho e-Anathothi. Kufanele
ufe kodwa angiyikukubulala khathesi, ngoba wathwala
ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo Wobukhosi phambi
kukababa uDavida waba kanye lobaba esebunzimeni.”
27 Ngakho uSolomoni wasusa u-Abhiyathari esihlalweni
sobuphristi bukaThixo, kwagcwaliseka lelolizwi likaThixo
alikhuluma eShilo ekhuluma ngendlu ka-Eli. **28** UJowabi
ekuzweni lelilizwi, njengoba yena wayekade ebambene lo-
Adonija engazange enze lokho lo-Abhisalomu, wabalekela
ethenteni likaThixo wafika wadumela impondo ze-
alithare. **29** Inkosi uSolomoni yatshelwa ukuthi uJowabi
ubalekele ethenteni likaThixo lapha afike wazisondeza
e-alithareni. Ngalokho uSolomoni wathi kuBhenaya
indodana kaJehoyada, “Hamba uyemtshaya umbhuqe.”
30 Lakanye uBhenaya wangena ethenteni likaThixo wathi
kuJowabi, “Inkosi ithi, ‘Phuma phandle!’” Kodwa yena
waphendula wathi, “Angiphumi, ngizafela khonapha.”
UBhenaya wayabika enkosini wathi, “Yiyonale indlela

angiphendule ngayo uJowabi." **31** Ngalokho inkosi yathi kuBhenaya, "Yenza njengokutsho kwakhe. Umtshaye umbhuqe, uhle umngcwabe, ukuze ungigeze mina kanye lendlu kababa kulowomlandu wegazi elingelacala elachithwa nguJowabi. **32** UThixo uzamjezisa ngegazi alichithayo, ngoba wahlasela wabulala amadoda amabili ngenkemba ubaba inkosi uDavida engakwazi. Bobabili u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli wamabutho ako-Israyeli, kanye lo-Amasa indodana kaJetha, umlawuli wamabutho akoJuda, babengamadoda angcono beqotho kulaye. **33** Kungani umlandu waleligazi labo ungahlala phezu kukaJowabi labenzalo yakhe kuze kube nini lanini. Kodwa inkosi uDavida lenzalo yakhe, lendlu yakhe lesihlalo sobukhosi sakhe, angathi ingehlelwa yikuthula okungapheliyo kukaThixo." **34** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wakhwela wafika wamtshaya uJowabi wambulala wayangcwatshwa esiqintini sakhe enkangala. **35** Inkosi yabeka uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada ukuba abe ngumlawuli webutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi kwathi esikhundleni sika-Abhiyathari yabeka uZadokhi umphristi. **36** Ngakho inkosi yathi kayibizelwe uShimeyi yasisithi kuye. "Zakhele indlu eJerusalema uhlale khonale, kodwa ungayi ndawo. **37** Mhla uzake usuke uchaphe uye eziHotsheni zeKhidironi, uhle wazi ngeqiniso ukuthi uzakufa, igazi lakho lizabizwa phezu kwakho." **38** UShimeyi wayiphendula inkosi wathi, "Lokho okutshoyo kuqondile. Inceku yakho izakwenza njengoba inkosi yayo itshilo." Ngakho uShimeyi wahlala eJerusalema isikhathi eside. **39** Kodwa kwathi sekwedlule iminyaka

emithathu, izigqili zikaShimeyi ezimbili zabalekela ku-Akhishi indodana kaMahakha, inkosi yeGathi, njalo uShimeyi watshelwa ukuthi, “Izigqili zakho ziseGathi.” **40** Ekuzwa lokhu, wethesa ubabhemi wakhe waya ku-Akhishi eGathi esiyadinga izigqili zakhe. Ngakho uShimeyi wabuya lazo izigqili zakhe evela eGathi. **41** USolomoni esetsheliwe ukuthi uShimeyi wayesuke eJerusalema waya eGathi waze waphenduka, **42** inkosi yambiza uShimeyi yathi kuye, “Angizange ngikufungise ngoThixo njalo ngakuqonqonsela ukuthi, ‘Mhla uzake usuke uye kwenye indawo uhle wazi ukuthi ngempela uzakufa na?’ Ngalesosikhathi wathi kimi, ‘Okutshoyo kuqotho. Ngizalalela.’ **43** Pho kungani ungagcinanga isifungo sakho kuThixo ulalele isiqondiso engakunika sona?” **44** Inkosi njalo yathi kuShimeyi, “Uyakwazi enhliziyweni yakho konke ukona owakwenza kubaba uDavida. Khathesi uThixo uzakujezisa ngokona kwakho. **45** Kodwa iNkosi uSolomoni izabusiswa, isihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavida sizahlala siqinile ngokuzinza phambi kukaThixo kuze kube nini lanini.” **46** Ngakho yakhupha isiqondiso kuBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, yena waphuma wafika wamnqonda uShimeyi wamlahla phansi wahle wambulala. Ngalokho ubukhosi basebusezandleni zikaSolomoni ngokugcweleyo.

3 USolomoni waba lobudlelwano loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe waze wathatha indodakazi yayo. Wayingenisa edolobheni likaDavida inkosikazi yakhe esaqedisa umsebenzi wokwakha ithempeli likaThixo, lomduli ohonqolozele iJerusalema. **2** Kodwa-ke, abantu babelokhu besanikelela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo ngoba ithempeli lalilokhu

lilindele ukwakhiwa lisakhelwa ibizo likaThixo. **3** USolomoni watshengisela uthando lwakhe kuThixo ngokuhamba njengokulaya kukayise uDavida, ngaphandle nje kokuthi wanikela iminikelo watshisa impepha ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. **4** Inkosi yaya eGibhiyoni ukuyanikela iminikelo, ngoba kwakuyiyo indawo eqhamileyo kweziphakemeyo, ngakho-ke uSolomoni wanikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane kulelo-alithare. **5** Khonapho eGibhiyoni uThixo waziveza kuSolomoni ebusuku emaphutsheni lapho uNkulunkulu athi, "Cela loba yini ofuna ukuba ngikunike yona." **6** USolomoni waphendula ngokuthi, "Utshengisile umusa omkhulu encekwini yakho, ubaba uDavida, ngenxa yokuthi wathembeka njalo elungile ngokuqonda enhliziyweni yakhe. Uqhubekele phambili ngomusa omkhulu kangaka wamnika indodana ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi lamuhla lokhu. **7** Khathesi, Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, uyibekile inceku yakho yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavida. Kodwa ngingumntwana nje ongakwaziyo ukwenza umsebenzi okumele awenze. **8** Inceku yakho ilapha phakathi kwabantu bakho obakhethileyo, abantu abaqakathekileyo, abanengi okungabalwayo noma ukulandisa ngenani labo. **9** Phana inceku yakho inhliziyo elobubelo ukuze ibuse abantu bakho lokuthi yahlukanise phakathi kokuhle lokubi. Ngoba ngubani olamandla okubusa abantu bakho abakhulu kangaka?" **10** UThixo wathokoziswa yilesisicelo sikaSolomoni. **11** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, "Njengoba ucele lokho kodwa ungacelanga

impilo ende loba inotho, njalo awucelanga ukuthi
ngabe izitha zakho ziyafa kodwa ucele inhliziyo
elobubele ekubuseni ngemfanelo, **12** ngizakwenza
lokho okucelileyo. Ngizakunika inhliziyo yenhlakanipho
kanye lobubele, kube yikuthi akukaze kube khona
ofanana lawe, njalo kungelakuthi uzake abekhona.
13 Phezu kwalokho, ngizakunika ongazange ukucele,
kokubili inotho lokuhlonitshwa, kube khona ekuphileni
kwakho konke njalo kungabi leyodwa inkosi ezalingana
lawe. **14** Kanti njalo nxa uzathatha inyathelo lami
ulalele imilayo lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenziwa
nguyihlo uDavida, ngizakunika impilo ende." **15**
Ngakho uSolomoni wasephaphama, wananzelela ukuthi
kwakuliphupho. Wabuyela eJerusalema, wayakuma
phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo wanikela
ngomnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. Wenzela
izinceku zakhe zonke zasendlini idili. **16** Kwasekusiba
lezifebe ezimbili ezaya enkosini zafika zema phambi
kwayo. **17** Esinye sathi, "Nkosi yami, umama lo sihlala
ndlunye. Ngikhululeke ngazuza umntwana laye ekhona.
18 Kuthe ngosuku lwesithathu ngikhululekile laye umama
lo wakhululeka wazuza umntwana. Besiyithi sodwa
sobabili, kungelamuntu endlini ngaphandle kwethu
sobabili. **19** Ebusuku indodana yalumama ifile ngoba
usuke walala phezu kwayo. **20** Wasevuka ebusuku
wangemuka indodana yami mina ncekukazi yakho
ngilele ubuthongo. Uthethe umntanami wayamxhuma
ebeleni lakhe, wathatha owakhe ofileyo wamfaka kwelami
ibele. **21** Ekuseni ngithe ngivuka ukuba ngimunyise

indodana yami, ngathola ukuthi isifile! Kodwa ngithe ngiyayikhangelisisa sokusile ngananzelela ukuthi akusiyo indodana yami engayizalayo." **22** Omunye owesifazane wathi, "Hayi! Indodana le ephilayo ngeyami, efileyo ngeyakho." Kodwa umama wokususa indaba waphikelela esithi, "Hayi bo! Ofileyo ngowakho, ophilayo ngowami." Ngakho-ke baphikisana phambi kwenkosi. **23** Inkosi yathi, "Lo uthi, 'Hayi bo! Indodana yami iyaphila kodwa eyakho ifile' kanti belo loyana uthi, 'Hayi bo! Eyakho indodana yiyo efileyo kodwa eyami ngephilayo.'" **24** Inkosi yasisithi, "Lethani inkemba." Lakanye inkosi bayiqhubela inkemba. **25** Inkosi yapha isiqondiso yathi, "Dabulani umntwana ophilayo phakathi laphakathi kuthi ingxenye liyiqhubele omunye umama kuthi lomunye laye limnike enye ingxenye." **26** Owesifazane owayelendodana ephilayo wakhulelwa lusizi ngendodana yakhe ngakho wathi enkosini, "Uxolo, ngiyacela nkosi yami, kungcono umqhubele umntwana ephila, umnike nkosi! Ungambulali umntwana." Kodwa omunye wathi, "Kakho phakathi kwethu ofanele ukumzuza lumntwana, mqume iziqa ezimbili!" **27** Inkosi yasiveza ukwahlulela kwayo: "Umntwana ophilayo mupheni umama wakuqala. Lingambulali umntwana, lo nguye unina uqobo." **28** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebezwile bonke ukwahlulela kwenkosi, bayesaba kakhulu, ngoba babona ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kwayo kokwahlulela ngemfanelo kuvela kuNkulunkulu.

4 Ngakho uSolomoni wabusa lonke elako-Israyeli. **2** Njalo ababeyizikhulu embusweni wakhe yilaba: U-Azariya

indodana kaZadokhi umphristi; **3** u-Elihorefu lo-Ahija,
amadodana kaShisha ababengonobhala; uJehoshafathi
indodana ka-Ahiludi wayemlondolozi wemibhalo; **4**
uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umlawuli omkhulu;
uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari babengabaphristi; **5** u-Azariya
indodana kaNathani wayekhangele izikhulu zeziqinti;
uZabhudi indodana kaNathani wayengumphristi njalo
engumcebisi osekhwapheni lenkosi; **6** u-Ahishari
umlawuli wasesigodlweni, u-Adonirami indodana ka-
Abhida wayekhangele izichaka. **7** USolomoni wayelezinye
njalo izikhulu zeziqinti ezilitshumi lambili ezazikhangele
ngokuqoqwa kokudla kwenkosi lomndlunkulu e-Israyeli.
Kwakusithi isikhulu ngasinye silethe ukudla okwenyanga
eyodwa ngomnyaka. **8** Nanka amabizo alezozikhulu:
uBheni-Huri wayephethe isiqinti samaqaqa ezweni lika-
Efrayimi; **9** uBheni-Dekheri wayephethe eseMakhazi,
leseShalibhimi, leseBhethi-Shemeshi kanye lese-Eloni-
Bethihanani; **10** uBheni-Hesedi wayephethe ese-Arubhothi
(eSokho lakulo lonke ilizwe leHeferi kungumango wakhe);
11 uBheni-Abhinadabi wayephethe eseNaphothi Dori (yena
wayethethe uThafathi indodakazi kaSolomoni); **12** uBhana
indodana ka-Ahiludi wayephethe eseThanakhi leMegido,
lasezindaweni zonke zeBhethi-Shani phansi kweZarethani
ngaphansi kweJezerili, kusuka eBhethi-Shani kusiya
e-Abheli-Mehola kusuka lapho kuyengena ku-Abheli-
Mehola kuquma kuyengena kuJokhimeyamu; **13** uBheni-
Gebha eRamothi Giliyadi (imizana kaJayiri indodana
kaManase eGiliyadi kwakungokwakhe, kanye lesiqinti se-
Agobhi eBhashani kuhlanganisa lamadolobho amakhulu

angamatshumi ayisithupha alemiduli lamasango avalwa ngezivalo ezenziwe ngemigqala yensimbi yethusi); **14** u-Ahinadabi indodana ka-Ido eMahanayimi; **15** u-Ahimazi eNafithali (wayethethe uBhasemathi indodakazi kaSolomoni); **16** uBhana indodana kaHushayi ko-Asheri lako-Bheyalothi; **17** uJehoshafathi indodana kaPharuya, ko-Isakhari; **18** uShimeyi indodana ka-Ela koBhenjamini; **19** uGebheri indodana ka-Uri eGiliyadi (elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori kanye lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yeBhashani). Kwakunguye kuphela umbusi wesiqinti. **20** Abantu bakoJuda labako-Israyeli babebanengi okwesihlabathi solwandle; babesidla, benatha njalo babejabula. **21** USolomoni wabusa kulolonke kusukela ezweni leMifula kusiya kwelamaFilistiya, kuze kube semingceleni yeGibhithe. Wonke amazwe la ayethela njalo abuswa nguSolomoni okwempilo yakhe yonke. **22** Okwakufanele kudliwe esigodlweni sikaSolomoni nsuku zonke kwakubalisa ifulawa elicolekileyo elilingana amakhora angamatshumi amathathu lempuphu elingana amakhora angamatshumi ayisithupha, **23** inkabi ezinonisiweyo ezilitshumi lenkomo ezingamatshumi amabili ezivela emadlelweni, izimvu lembuzi ezilikhulu ngaphandle kwempala lemiziki lempunzi lengalukhuni ezinonisiweyo. **24** Ngoba yena wabusa phezu kwemibuso entshonalanga koMfula, kusukela eThiphisa kusiya eGaza, njalo kwakulokuthula kuzozonke lezo zindawo. **25** Ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaSolomoni kuze kufike ekufeni kwakhe elakoJuda lako-Israyeli, kusukela kuDani kusiya kuBherishebha, abantu babehlezi bevikelekile,

kungulowo lalowo emthunzini wesihlahla sakhe sevini loba esomkhiwa. **26** USolomoni wayelezibaya zamabhiza enqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane ezine, njalo wayelamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. **27** Izikhulu zesiqinti, sinye ngasinye ngenyanga yaso, kwakumele zizophisane ukulethela iNkosi uSolomoni ukudla lemfanelo yakhe lababezokwethekelela esikhosini. Izikhulu lezi zazinanzelela kakhulu ukuthi akukho lokukodwa okusilelayo esikhosini. **28** Izikhulu zaziletha njalo isabelo sazo sengqoloyi lotshani bamabhiza ezinqola zempi lamanye amabhiza. **29** UNkulunkulu wanika uSolomoni ukuhlakanipha lombono womzwangedwa, lokuqedisisa okujule njengetshebetshebe lolwandle. **30** Ulwazi lukaSolomoni lwalujule ukwedlula olwezazi zonke zaseMpumalanga, njalo lujule ukwedlula ulwazi lonke lwaseGibhithe. **31** Wayehlakaniphe ukwedlula wonke amadoda, kubalwa kanye lo-Ethani um'Ezira, ehlakaniphe ukwedlula uHemani, loKhalikholi loDada, amadodana kaMaholi. Njalo udumo lwakhe lwazwakala ezizweni zonke ezazakhelene laye. **32** Wabumba izaga ezizinkulungwane ezintathu kanti njalo izingoma zakhe zaba yinkulungwane eyodwa lezinhlanu. **33** Wachasisa wahaya izihlahla, kusukela isihlahla somsedari waseLebhanoni lomhisophi okhula emidulini. Wafundisa njalo langezinyamazana lezinyoni, langezinanakazana lenhlanzi. **34** Amadoda ayequbuka evela emhlabeni wonke ukuthi azozizwela ukukhalipha kwengqondo kaSolomoni, wonke lamadoda amanye evela khonapho lamanye evela ezizweni, eza ukuzakuzwa lokhukuhlakanipha.

5 Kwathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire esizwa ukuthi
uSolomoni ugcotshwe ukuba abe yinkosi athathe isihlalo
sikayise, wathumela amanxusa akhe kuSolomoni
njengoba wayevele ezwanana loDavida. **2** Yena
uSolomoni waphendula uHiramu wathi: **3** "Wena
uyakwazi ukuthi ubaba uDavida kenelisanga ukwakhela
iBizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe ithempeli ngenxa
yezimpi ayezilwa inxa zonke, uThixo waze wamnqobela
izitha zakhe. **4** Kodwa khathesi uThixo uNkulunkulu
wami ungiphe ukuthula inxa zonke, ngakho akulasitha
loba umonakalo. **5** Ngizimisele, ngenxa yalokho, ukwakha
ithempeli leBizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wami, njengoba
watshela ubaba uDavida wathi, 'Indodana yakho
engizayibeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi izakwakhela
iBizo lami ithempeli.' **6** Khupha-ke iziqondiso zokuthi
ngiganyulelwe izihlahla zomsedari waseLebhanoni.
Amadoda avela kimi azasebenza kanye lawe, njalo
amadoda avela kuwe ngizawaholisa leloholo ozalitsho
wena. Uyakwazi ukuthi asilabo abawaziyo lowomsebenzi
ngobuciko obungalingana lobamaSidoni." **7** UHiramu
wathi esizwa ilizwi elivela kuSolomoni, wajabula kakhulu
wathi, "Udumo kalube kuThixo lamuhla, ngoba unike
uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo ezabusa lesisizwe
esikhulu." **8** Ngakho uHiramu wathumela ilizwi
kuSolomoni wathi: "Ngilitholile ilizwi ongithumele lona
njalo ngizakwenza konke okuzakuzuzisa izigodo
zesihlahla somsedari lesohlobo lwephayini. **9** Amadoda
ngapha ngakimi azagamula ahudule izigodo azifikise
elwandle evela eLebhanoni, ngibe sengizehlisa

ngemikolo ngize ngiyezifikisa lapha ozakutsho khona.
Kulapho engizazehlukanisa khona wena ube
usuzithathela khonapho uhambe lazo. Wena uzagcwalisa
isifiso sami ngokunginika isiqiniseko sokuthi uzanginika
ukudla komdlunkulu wami ukuze ungawelwa yindlala."
10 Ngalindlela uHiramu walethela uSolomoni izigodo
zesihlahla somsedari kanye lesephayini ayezifuna, **11**
kanti njalo yena uSolomoni wapha uHiramu ingqoloyi
elingana amakhora azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili yomndlunkulu, phezu kwamafutha acengekileyo
edira angamatanka azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili iminyaka leminyaka. **12** UThixo wapha
uSolomoni ingqondo ekhaliphileyo njengokumethembisa
kwakhe. Kwaba lokuthula ebudlelwaneni bukaHiramu
loSolomoni, kwathi bobabili benza isibopho
sokuhlalisana ngokuthula. **13** INkosi uSolomoni yabutha
izibhalwa zokusebenza elizweni lonke lako-Israyeli,
ezazizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **14**
Wayezithumela eLebhanoni lezizibhalwa ngezigaba
zabantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi izopha ngezopha
ngenyanga, kuyikuthi lezizibhalwa zazisebenza
eLebhanoni inyanga yonke zibe seziphumula
ekhaya okwezinyanga ezimbili. U-Adonirami nguye
owayephethe labo ababuthwa babayizibhalwa
zomsebenzi. **15** USolomoni wayelabantu bokuthwala
abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kanye
lababebaza amatshe abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye munye ezintabeni, **16** kanye
lababekhangele abasebenzayo abangamakhulu

amathathu lantathu lababebona ngokuqhubeka komsebenzi beqondisa izisebenzi. **17** Ngeziqondiso zenkosi bakhupha inkalakatha zamatshe amahle ukuze kube lamatshe amahle okwakhisa ngawo isisekelo sethempeli esilohlonzi. **18** Izingcitshi zokubaza zikaSolomoni lezikaHiramu lamaGebhali babaza balungisa izigodo lamatshe kusakhiwa ithempeli.

6 Ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane lasificaminwembili abako-Israyeli baphuma eGibhithe, ngomnyaka wesine uSolomoni ebusa ko-Israyeli, ngenyanga kaZivi, iyinyanga yesibili, waqalisa ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo. **2** Ithempeli elakhiwa yiNkosi uSolomoni elakhela uThixo lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi balo, lengalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuyaphezulu. **3** Isigaba sekhulusi elingaphambi kwendlu enkulu yethempeli sengezelela ububanzi lokuqhela kwethempeli, ngezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili njalo sasiphutsha ukwedlula indlu enkulu kusiya phambi kwayo ngezingalo ezilitshumi. **4** Amafasitela awenzayo ethempelini ayengamancinyane. **5** Emidulini yendlu enkulu yethempeli lasendlini engcwele ephakathi wakha esinye isimo, kulapho okwaba lezindlwana khona emaceleni. **6** Indawo ephansi kuzozonke yayibanzi okwezingalo ezinhlanu, kuthi iguma laphakathi lalizingalo eziyisithupha kanti-ke iguma lesithathu lalingaba ngeziyisikhombisa. Wakha imithangala ngaphandle kwethempeli ukuze kungabi lalutho olwaluzafakwa phakathi kwemiduli yethempeli. **7** Ekwakheni ithempeli, kwasetshenziswa amatshe ayebazwe alolongwa lapho ayevela khona kuphela,

ngakho kwakungezwakali sando, ihloka loba yiphi insimbi yokwakha ethempelini ngesikhathi kusakhiwa. **8** Umnyango weguma laphansi wawungezansi yethempeli; kulamakhwelelo okuya esigcawini saphakathi kuthi kusuka lapho kwedlulele esigcawini sesithathu. **9** Ngakho wakha ithempeli waliqeda, walifulela ngentungo lamapulanka ezigodo zomsedari. **10** Wasesakha izindlwana zalandelela imiduli yethempeli. Ubude bokuya phezulu kwendlwana ngayinye babuzingalo ezinhlanu, njalo zazibanjaniswe lemiduli yethempeli ngemijabo yezigodo zomsedari. **11** Ilizwi likaThixo leza kuSolomoni lathi, **12** "Okwalelithempeli olakhayo, nxa ulandela iziqondiso zami, lemilayo yami ugcine konke engikulaya ngakho ukulandele, ngawe ngizagcwalisa zonke izithembiso engazenza kuyihlo uDavida. **13** Ngizahlala phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli njalo angiyikubatshiya abantu bami bako-Israyeli." **14** Ngakho uSolomoni wakha ithempeli waliqeda. **15** Wacecisa emidulini yangaphakathi ngamapulanka omsedari, wavala ececisa kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni, walungisa iphansi lethempeli ngamapulanka ezigodo zephayini. **16** Waquma wavala indawo ezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili emsamo wethempeli ngamapulanka omsedari kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni esakha isiphephelo sangaphakathi kwethempeli, iNdawo eNgcwelengcwele. **17** Indlu enkulu phambi kwaleyo yona yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude bayo. **18** Ngaphakathi kwethempeli kwakwakhiwe ngomsedari, ubazwe iziduku lamaluba aqhakazileyo. Konke kwakungumsedari, kungabonakali

litshe lelilodwa. **19** Walungisa isiphephelo ngaphakathi
kwethempeli ukubeka ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo
khonapho. **20** Isiphephelo sangaphakathi sasizingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, amatshumi amabili
ububanzi njalo kungamatshumi amabili ukuyaphezulu.
Wahuqa ingaphakathi ngegolide elicengekileyo, wasehuqa
le-alithari lomsedari. **21** USolomoni wahuqa ingaphakathi
yethempeli ngegolide elicengekileyo, njalo wengezelela
amaketane egolide aquma phambi kwesiphephelo
sangaphakathi, sona esasihuqwe ngegolide. **22** Ngakho
wahuqa ingaphakathi yonke ngegolide. Wasehuqa njalo
ngegolide i-alithari elalingelesiphephelo sangaphakathi.
23 Phakathi kwesiphephelo sangaphakathi wenza
amakherubhi amabili ngesihlahla som'oliva, ubude
bokuya phezulu ngalinye buzingalo ezilitshumi. **24**
Uphiko olulodwa lwekherubhi lakuqala lwaluzingalo
ezinhlanu ubude balo, kanye lalolu olunye uphiko
lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu, ingalo ezilitshumi kusukela
ekucineni kophiko kusiya ekucineni kophiko. **25** Ikherubhi
lesibili lalo lalizingalo ezilitshumi, womabili amakherubhi
ayelingana njalo efanana isimo. **26** Ubude bokuya
phezulu bekherubhi ngalinye babuzingalo ezilitshumi. **27**
Amakherubhi wawafaka endlini ephakathi kwethempeli,
amaphiko awo echayekile. Uphiko lwelinye ikherubhi
lwathinta umduli wangapha kwathi uphiko lwelinye lalo
lwathinta umduli ngale, kwathi phakathi laphakathi
kwendlu amaphiko awo athintana. **28** Amakherubhi
lawo wawahuqa ngegolide. **29** Emidulini indawana
yonke ukubhoda ithempeli, ezindlini zangaphakathi

lezangaphandle wabaza amakherubhi, lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo. **30** Wahuqa njalo iphansi lezindlu zangaphandle lezangaphakathi kwethempeli ngegolide. **31** Emnyango wesiphephelo sangaphakathi wenza izivalo zamapulanka om'oliva, imigubazi yakhona ilamacele amahlanu. **32** Kwathi ezivalweni zombili zom'oliva wabaza amakherubhi, lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo, wahuqa amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala ngegolide elikhandiweyo. **33** Ngokufananayo wenza imigubazi elamacele amane ngom'oliva emnyango wokungena endlini enkulu. **34** Wenza njalo izivalo zomphayini ezimbili, ngasinye singesigoqeka kabili. **35** Wabaza amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo kuzo wasewahuqa ngegolide likhandwe lalingana phezu kokubaziweyo. **36** Wakhela njalo iguma langaphakathi imizila emithathu ngamatshe abaziweyo lowodwa owemijabo yomsedari. **37** Isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo samiswa ngomnyaka wesine ngenyanga kaZivi. **38** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye ngenyanga kaBhuli, inyanga yesificaminwembili, kwaba yikuphela kwethempeli lakhiwe njengokumiswa kwalo langeziqondiso zalo. Wayethethe iminyaka eyisikhombisa elakha.

7 Kwathatha uSolomoni iminyaka elitshumi lantathu ukuqeda ukwakha isigodlo sakhe. **2** Wakha isiGodlo seGusu leLebhanoni saba side okwezingalo ezilikhulu, lamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi lamatshumi amathathu ukuyaphezulu, sakhelwe phezu kwezinsika zemisedari eziyimizila emine, kulamapulanka omsedari phezu kwayo. **3** Sasifulelwe ngamapulanka omsedari ayephezu

kwezinsika ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, ziyimizila emithathu, umzila ulezinsika ezilitshumi lanhlanu. **4** Kwakulemizila emithathu yamafasitela, ayeqondene. **5** Yonke iminyango yayimiswe yaba magumbi mane; yayimiswe ngaphambili ngamithathu, ikhangelene. **6** Wasesakha lendlu yezinsika, ubude bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, ububanzi bayo bungezingamatshumi amathathu. Phambi kwayo kulekhulusi elilezinsika phambili, lophahla. **7** Wasesakha lendlu yesihlalo sobukhosi, iNkundla Yokwahlulela, lapho ayezathonisela khona amacala, wayendlala ngemisedari kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni. **8** Isigodlo sakhe ayezahlala kuso sasisegumeni elingemuva kwendlu yokuthonisela amacala, yayakhiwe ngokufananayo. USolomoni wakhela indodakazi kaFaro ayeyithethe, isigodlo esifanana lendlu yenkundla. **9** Zonke lezizakhiwo, kusukela ngaphandle kuze kuyefika egumeni elikhulu phakathi kanye lokusuka esisekelweni kusiya esihlothini, zazakhiwe ngamatshe aqakathekileyo ayebazwe ngesilinganiso esahiwe kuhle ngaphakathi langaphandle kwawo. **10** Izisekelo zakhiwa ngamatshe amakhulu aqinileyo, amanye ayezingalo ezilitshumi amanye njalo ezingalo eziyisificaminwembili. **11** Ngaphezulu kwakulamatshe aqinileyo, ebazwe ngesilinganiso, kanye lemijabo yomsedari. **12** Iguma elikhulu lalibiyelwe ngomduli wemithando emithathu yamatshe yelekene kanye lalowomsedari obazwe kuhle, kanti kwakunjalo lasegumeni lethempeli likaThixo lekhulusini lakhona. **13** INkosi uSolomoni

yathumela eThire ukuba kulethwe uHuramu. **14** Unina
wayengumfelokazi owesizwe sakoNafithali ezalwa
yindoda eyayingeyeThire njalo eyayiyingcitshi ekubazeni
ithusi. UHuramu wayengumuntu ohlakaniphileyo
elokuqedisisa njalo wayelobuciko leminwe ekubazeni
ithusi. Waya enkosini uSolomoni wafika wenza yonke
imisebenzi ayeyiphiwe. **15** Wabumba insika ezimbili
zethusi ezazizinde okuzingalo eziyisificaminwembili
ukuyaphezulu njalo ubundingilizi bazo zazizingalo
ezilitshumi lambili ngomzila. **16** Wabumba njalo iziduku
ezimbili zethusi ukuze zifakwe engqongeni yezinsika
zona ezazizingalo ezinhlanu ukuyaphezulu inye
ngayinye. **17** Amambule amaketane ayephothene acecisa
iziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika eziyisikhombisa
esidukwini sinye ngasinye. **18** Wenza imizila emibili
yomceciso wamaphomegranathi, igqagqele amambule
ukucecisa iziduku phezu kwezinsika. Wenza okufanayo
esidukwini sinye ngasinye. **19** Iziduku ezaziphezu
kwezinsika ekhulusini zazibunjwe okwemiduze,
ziphakeme okwezingalo ezine. **20** Phezu kweziduku
ensikeni zombili, ngaphezu kwesigaba esiyingubhe
phansi kwamambule, kungamaphomegranathi
angamakhulu amabili emizileni inxa zonke. **21** Wakha
lezonsika ekhulusini lethempeli. Insika eseningizimu
wayibiza ngokuthi nguJakhini kwathi esenyakatho
wayithi nguBhowazi. **22** Iziduku ezaziphezulu zazibunjwe
okwemiduze. Wapheleliswa kanjalo umsebenzi wezinsika.
23 Wasesenza uLwandle ngensimbi encibilikisiweyo,
luyisigombolozi, luyizingalo ezilitshumi ukusuka

emphethweni kusiya emphethweni luphakeme okwezingalo ezinhlanu. Ukulinganisa leyondingilizi kwakuthatha intambo ezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuyizingelezela. **24** Ngaphansi komphetho, kungamaqhagana agqagqeleyo, elitshumi engalweni eyodwa. Amaqhagana la ayebunjwe aba yimizila emibili ensimbininye loLwandle. **25** ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili, ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, ezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, ezintathu zikhangele eningizimu kuthi ezintathu zikhangele empumalanga. ULwandle lwalugxile phezu kwazo, imilenze yazo igobele phakathi. **26** Uhlonzi lwalulingana ububanzi besandla, umphetho ufanana lomphetho wenkomitsho, kufanana lokuqhakaza kweluba. Lwalungena izikhelelo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili. **27** Wenza njalo amathala ethusi alitshumi aphakamisekayo ubude bawo buzingalo ezine, lobubanzi buzingalo ezine, ukuphakama kuzingalo ezintathu lilinye. **28** Amathala ayenziwe ngalindlela: Kwakulezisekelo eziya phezulu emaceleni zinanyathiselwe. **29** Kulezozisekelo phakathi kwezinsika eziya phezulu kubunjelwe izilwane, inkunzi lamakherubhi, kuthi kulezonsika eziya phezulu kufanane njalo. Ngaphezulu langaphansi kwezilwane lenkunzi kulezinkatha ezikhandiweyo. **30** Inqodlana nganye ilamavili lama-ekseli ethusi, njalo nganye ilomganu phezu kwezinsika zicediswe ngemithando ekhandelwe inxa zonke. **31** Ngaphakathi kwenqodlana yinye nganye kuvulekile kuyisigombolozi esitshona okwengalo eyodwa.

Isikhala lesi siyisigombolozi ngaphansi kwaso siyingalo elengxenye. Emlonyeni kukhona okwabazelwayo kungumceciso. Okubaziweyo emaceleni kulingana inxa zonke zone, kungayisiyo indingilizi. **32** Amavili womane engaphansi kwamapulanka, lama-ekseli amavili ebotshelwe enqodlaneni. Ububanzi bendingilizi yevili ngalinye bulingana ingalo eyodwa elengxenye. **33** Amavili akhona enziwe njengawenqola yempi, ama-ekseli, amarimu, lezipokisi zawo lamahabha awo enziwe ngensimbi ezitshisiweyo. **34** Inqodlana nganye yayilezibambo ezine, esisodwa sisegumbini linye, sigxile enqodlaneni. **35** Phezu kwenqodlana kulomthando oyisizingelezi esitshona okwengxenye yengalo. Izisekelo lamapulanka kuxhume phezu kwenqodlana. **36** Wabazela khona amakherubhi, izilwane kanye lezihlahla zamalala kuyo yonke indawo ebonakalayo lomceciso inxa zonke. **37** Yiyo-ke le indlela ayenze ngayo izinqodlana ezilitshumi. Zazenziwe ngomkhando munye zilingana ubukhulu zilesimo sinye. **38** Wasebumba imiganu elitshumi ngethusi, umunye uthatha izikhelelo ezingamatshumi amane ububanzi bayo buzingalo ezine, kusithi umganu owodwa ubekwa phezu kwenqodlana nganye yezilitshumi. **39** Wasemisa inqodlana ezinhlanu zazo ngeningizimu yethempeli kwathi ezinhlanu zema enyakatho. ULwandle walubeka eningizimu, ejikweni laseningizimu yempumalanga kwethempeli. **40** Wabumba njalo imiganu lamafotsholo lemiganu yesichelo. Ngalokho uHuramu wawuphetha umsebenzi ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni ethempelini likaThixo: **41** Izinsika

ezimbili; iziduku ezimbili ezibunjwe okomganu phezu kwezinsika; amambule amabili ececise iziduku ezimbili eziyingubhe eziphezu kwezinsika; **42** amaphomegranathi angamakhulu amane amambule womabili (imbule linye lilemizila emibili yamaphomegranathi, acecise iziduku eziyingubhe eziphezu kwezinsika); **43** izinqodlana ezilitshumi lenkonxa zazo ezilitshumi; **44** uLwandle lenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kwalo; **45** imbiza, amafotsholo lemiganu yesichelo. Zonke lezizinto ezenzelwa iNkosi uSolomoni nguHuramu ezenzela ithempeli likaThixo zazenziwe ngethusi elikhazimulayo. **46** Inkosi yalungiselela ukuthi zonke zibunjwe ngesithombe somdaka emagcekeni aseJodani phakathi kwaseSukhothi laseZarethani. **47** USolomoni wayekela konke lokhu kungalinganiswanga isisindo sakho, ngenxa yokuthi kwakukunengi kakhulu; ubunzima bensimbi yethusi bungazanga bulinganiswe. **48** USolomoni wenza yonke imiceciso eyayisethempelini likaThixo: i-alithari legolide; itafula eliligolide lilesinkwa esiNgcwele sikaNkulunkulu; **49** izinti zezibane zegolide elicengekileyo (ezinhlanu zazo ngakwesokudla njalo zinhlanu langakwesokhohlo, phambi kwesiphephelo esingaphakathi); okubalazwe ngamaluba, izibane kanye lezindlawu; **50** imiganu yegolide elicengekileyo, izibane, imiganu yokuchelisa, izinditshi leyempepha; kanye lezibambo zezivalo zingezegolide ezazenzelwe indlu engaphakathi, indawo eNgcwelengcwele, kanti-ke kwakunjalo lezivalweni zendlu enkulu phakathi kwethempeli. **51** Kwathi usuphelile wonke umsebenzi

owawenziwe yinkosi uSolomoni ekwakheni kwakhe ithempeli likaThixo, waletha lezompahla ezazinikelwe nguyise uDavida, isiliva legolide layo yonke imiceciso, konke lokhu wakufaka endlini yenotho ethempelini likaThixo.

8 Ngakho iNkosi uSolomoni wamema abadala bako-Israyeli ukuthi beze kuye eJerusalema, bonke abazinhloko zezizwana lezinduna zezimuli zako-Israyeli, ukuthi balethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lisuka eZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida. **2** Amadoda wonke ako-Israyeli eza ndawonye enkosini uSolomoni ngesikhathi somkhosi ngenyanga ebizwa ngokuthi ngu-Ethanimi, inyanga yesikhombisa. **3** Kwathi bonke abadala bako-Israyeli sebefikile, abaphristi bathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano, **4** njalo basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo kanye leThente lokuHlanganela layo yonke imiceciso engcwele iphakathi kwalo. Abaphristi labaLevi bakuthwala lokhu, **5** njalo inkosi uSolomoni kanye lebandla lonke lako-Israyeli babebuthene ndawonye phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, benikela ngezimvu langenkomo ababengeke bakwazi ukuloba inani lazo loba ukuzibala. **6** Abaphristi basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo endaweni yalo engcwele engaphakathi kwethempeli, iNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, basebelifaka ngaphansi kwamaphiko amakherubhi. **7** Amakherubhi elula impiko zawo phezu kwendawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano njalo agubuzela ibhokisi lesivumelwano kanye lezibambo zokulithwala. **8** Izigodo lezi zazizinde zibonakala nxa useNdaweni eNgcwele

phambi kwesiphephelo esingaphakathi, kodwa hatshi nxa
ungaphandle kweNdawo eNgcwele; lezo zilokhu zimi njalo
lalamuhla. **9** Kwakungelalutho ebhokisini lesivumelwano
ngaphandle kwezibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe uMosi
ayezifake phakathi kwalo eseHorebhi lapho uThixo
enza khona isivumelwano labako-Israyeli ngemva
kokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe. **10** Kwathi abaphristi
sebesukile eNdaweni eNgcwele, iyezi lagcwala lagubuzela
ethempelini likaThixo. **11** Abaphristi abenzanga inkonzo
yabo ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo kaThixo yayigcwele
ethempelini lakhe. **12** Ngakho uSolomoni wathi, "UThixo
utshilo ukuba uzahlala eyezini elimnyama; **13** ngempela
sengikwakhele ithempeli elibukekayo, indawo ozahlala
kiyo kuze kube nini lanini." **14** Kwathi ibandla lonke lako-
Israyeli lisemi khonapho, inkosi yaphenduka yalibusisa.
15 Ngakho yasisithi: "Udumo kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, yena ngesandla sakhe ophelelise ukwenza
lokho akuthembisa ngowakhe umlomo ethembisa ubaba
uDavida. Ngoba wathi, **16** 'Kusukela mhla ngikhupha
abantu bami abako-Israyeli eGibhithe, bengingakaze
ngikhethe idolobho loba kukusiphi isizwana sako-
Israyeli ukuthi ngakhelwe ithempeli leBizo lami khona,
kodwa ngimkhethile uDavida ukuthi abuse abantu
bami bako-Israyeli.' **17** Ubaba uDavida wayelakho
enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi akhe ithempeli leBizo
likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **18** Kodwa uThixo
wathi kubaba uDavida, 'Wenza kuhle ngokuba lesifiso
sokungakhela ithempeli leBizo lami enhliziyweni yakho.
19 Lanxa kunjalo, kakusuwe ozalakha lelothempeli,

kodwa lizakwakhiwa yindodana yakho, eyinyama legazi lakho, yiyo ezakwakha ithempeli leBizo lami.' **20** UThixo usigcinile isithembiso asenzayo: Sengiyinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavida njalo khathesi sengihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sika-Israyeli njengokuthembisa kukaThixo, njalo sengakhele iBizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ithempeli. **21** Ngilungisile indawo khonaphana eyebhokisi lesivumelwano, kulapho okulesivumelwano sikaThixo asenza labokhokho ekubakhupheni kwakhe kwelamaGibhithe." **22** Ngalokho uSolomoni wema e-alithareni likaThixo phambi kwebandla lonke lako-Israyeli, welula izandla zakhe waziphakamisela ezulwini **23** wasesithi: Oh "Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kakho uNkulunkulu onjengawe ezulwini phezulu loba emhlabeni ngaphansi, wena ogcina isivumelwano sakho sothando lezinceku zakho, wena oqhubeka ngenhliziyo yonke endleleni yakho. **24** Usigcinile isithembiso sakho encekwini yakho uDavida ongubaba; ngomlomo wakho uthembisile njalo ngesandla sakho ukugcwalisile lokho njengoba kunjalo lamuhla. **25** Khathesi Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lezozithembiso owazenzayo lapho wathi, 'Awuyikwehluleka loba sekutheni ukuzuza indoda ezahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi ko-Israyeli, nxa amadodana akho ezananzelela ukuhamba phambi kwami njengalokhu okwenzileyo wena.' **26** Ngakho khathesi, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kaligcwaliseke ilizwi lesithembiso owalikhuluma kubaba uDavida inceku yakho. **27** Kambe uNkulunkulu uzahlala emhlabeni na? Amazulu, kanye

lezulu eliphakemeyo, alikulingani. Pho ithempeli leli
engilakhileyo lingabe liyini kuwe na! **28** Kodwa-ke akuzwe
umkhuleko wenceku yakho lokucela kwayo umusa, Oh
Thixo Nkulunkulu wami. Zwana ukukhala lokukhuleka
kwenceku yakho phambi kwakho ngalolusuku. **29** Sengathi
amehlo akho angahlala phezu kwalelithempeli ebusuku
lemini, yonale indawo owathi wena, 'IBizo lami lizakuba
khonapha,' ukuze uzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho
ngale indawo. **30** Zwana isikhalazo senceku yakho
lesabantu bakho bako-Israyeli nxa bekhuleka bekhangele
kule indawo. Zwana usezulwini okuyindawo yakho
yokuhlala, njalo nxa usizwa, uthethelele. **31** Nxa umuntu
angonela umakhelwane wakhe, afungiswe, abesefunga
isifungo phambi kwe-alithari lakho kulelithempeli, **32**
zwana usezulwini wenze. Yahlulela phakathi kwezinceku
zakho, umlahle olecala, wehlisele ekhanda lakhe lokho
akwenzileyo. Tshono ukuthi ongonanga kalacala ukuze
uveze ukuba msulwa kwakhe. **33** Nxa abantu bakho abako-
Israyeli behlulwe yisitha ngenxa yokona kwabo phambi
kwakho, kuthi nxa sebephendukela ngakuwe bebiza
ibizo lakho, bekhuleka njalo becela intethelelo kuwe
kulelithempeli, **34** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini uthethelele
izono zabantu bakho bako-Israyeli njalo ubabuyisele
elizweni owalinika okhokho babo. **35** Nxa amazulu evaleka
njalo kungaselazulu ngenxa yokuthi abantu bakho bonile
phambi kwakho, njalo nxa bekhuleka bekhangele kule
indawo bavume ibizo lakho batshiye izono zabo ngoba
ubatshayile, **36** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini uthethelele
izinceku zakho izono zazo, abantu bakho bako-Israyeli.

Bafundise indlela yokuphila eqondileyo, uthumele izulu elizweni owalinika abantu bakho ukuba libe yilifa labo.
37 Nxa kufika indlala kumbe isifo elizweni, ukukhunta lengumane, isikhongwane lemihogoyi, loba behanqwa yizitha kwelinye lamadolobho abo, loba yincithakalo enganani loba ngumkhuhlane onjani ongeza, **38** kuthi lanxa kusenziwa umkhuleko kumbe isicelo ngomunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, ngulowo lalowo ezazela inhlupheko ezinhliziyweni yakhe njalo ephakamisele izandla zakhe kulelithempeli, **39** lalela usezulwini, okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala. Thethelela njalo wenzele umuntu munye ngamunye okuhambelana lezenzo zakhe ngoba wena uyazazi inhliziyo zabo (futhi nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyo zabantu), **40** yikho bezakwesaba imihla yabo yonke yokuphila beselizweni owalinika okhokho bethu. **41** Owezizweni ongasuye omunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli kodwa evela kude ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho **42** ngoba abantu bazakuzwa ngelakho ibizo eliqakathekileyo lesandla sakho esilamandla lengalo yakho eyeluliweyo, nxa esiza akhuleke ekhangele kulelithempeli, **43** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini, indawo elilikhaya lakho, wenze loba yini owezizweni ayicela kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu bomhlaba balazi ibizo lakho njalo bakwesabe, njengoba abantu bakho abako-Israyeli bekwenza, baze bazi ukuthi indlu le engiyakhileyo ithwele iBizo lakho. **44** Nxa abantu bakho bephuma besiya empini ukuyakulwa lezitha zabo, loba kungaphi obathuma khona, njalo kuthi nxa bekhuleka kuThixo bekhangele edolobheni olikhethileyo wena kanye lethempelini engalakhela

iBizo lakho, **45** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubaphathise kulokho. **46** Nxa bonile phambi kwakho, ngoba kakho ongoniyo njalo uze ubathukuthelele ubanikele ezitheni zabo ezibathumba zibase ezizweni zazo, ezikhatshana leziseduze; **47** kuthi nxa bengaguquka ezinhliziyweni zabo besemazweni abayabe bethunjelwe kuwo, baphenduke bakuncenge besemazweni abathunjelwa khona bathi, 'Sonile, senza okungalunganga lokubi,' **48** njalo nxa bephendukela kuwe ngezinhliziyo zabo zonke langemiphefumulo yabo elizweni lezitha zabo ezabathumbayo, bakhuleke kuwe bekhangele elizweni owalinika oyise, lasedolobheni owalikhethayo lethempeli engilakhele iBizo lakho, **49** ngakho usezulwini, ikhaya lakho zwana imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubenzele khona lokho. **50** Ubathethelele abantu bakho, abakonileyo wena, bathethelele kukho konke ukona kwabo kuwe, wenze izitha zabo zibe lomusa kubo; **51** ngoba bangabantu bakho njalo bayilifa lakho, bona owabakhipha eGibhithe, esihogweni esivuthayo esincibilikisa insimbi. **(questioned)** **52** Sengathi amehlo akho angaba phezu kwenceku yakho ukukhala kwayo lokuncengela kwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, sengathi ungalalela ukukhala kwabo bekhalaza kuwe. **53** Ngoba wabakhetha phakathi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba ukuthi babe yilifa lakho, njengoba wakhuluma ngenceku yakho uMosi, lapho wena, Oh Thixo Wobukhosi, wakhipha okhokho bethu eGibhithe." **54** Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile imikhuleko le lezikhalazo kuThixo, waphakama wema phambi kwe-alithari likaThixo, lapho ayekade eguqe khona

ephakamisele izandla zakhe ezulwini. **55** Waphakama
wabusisa ibandla labako-Israyeli ngelizwi eliphezulu
wathi: **56** "Udumo kalube kuThixo, yena olethele
abantu bako-Israyeli ukuphumula njengokwethembisa
kwakhe. Akukho lokukodwa okungenzekanga kuzozonke
izithembiso ezinhle azenza ngenceku yakhe uMosi.
57 Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu angaba lathi
njengoba wayelabokhokho bethu; sengathi angaze
asitshiya loba asidele. **58** Sengathi angaguqulela inhliziyo
zethu kuye, sihambe ezindleleni zakhe sigcine lemilayo
yakhe, imithetho lezimiso azipha okhokho. **59** Sengathi
amazwi ami la, engikhuleka ngawo kuThixo, angaba
seduze kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku,
ukuze aqinise izikhalazo zenceku yakhe lezikhalazo
zabantu bakhe bako-Israyeli kusiya ngeziswelo zabo
zemihla ngemihla, **60** ukuze abantu bonke bomhlaba
bakwazi ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu lokuthi kakho
omunye. **61** Kodwa inhliziyo zenu azigcwale ukuzinikela
kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuphila ngezimiso
zakhe lokulalela imilayo yakhe, njengakhathesi." **62**
Ngalokho inkosi labo bonke abako-Israyeli banikela
imihlatshelo yabo phambi kukaThixo. **63** USolomoni
wanikela ngomhlatshelo weminikelo yobudlelwano
kuThixo; inkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lambili, izimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo
bonke abako-Israyeli banikela ithempeli likaThixo.
64 Ngalelolanga inkosi yangcwelisa iphakathi leguma
phambi kwethempeli likaThixo, njalo kulapho eyanikela

khona ngomnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha eminikelo yobudlelwano ngoba i-alithari lethusi elaliphambi kukaThixo lalilincinyane kakhulu ukuthi kutshiselwe kilo iminikelo yokutshiswa, leminikelo yamabele leminikelo yamafutha obudlelwano.
65 Ngakho uSolomoni wagcina umkhosi ngalesosikhathi
ekanye lo-Israyeli wonke, ibandla elikhulu, abantu
abavela eLebho Hamathi kusiya eSihotsheni saseGibhithe.
Bawuthakazelela phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lezinye eziyisikhombisa njalo
zaba litshumi lane sezizonke. **66** Ngosuku olulandelayo
inkosi yabachitha. Bayibusisa inkosi basuka baya
emakhaya abo, belentokozo bejabula ezinhliziyweni zabo
ngakho konke okuhle uThixo ayekwenzele inceku yakhe
uDavida kanye labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli.

9 USolomoni eseqedile ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo
lesigodlo sobukhosi, esenelisile konke ayezimisele
ukukwenza, **2** UThixo wabonakala kuye ngokwesibili,
njengoba wayebonakele kuye eGibhiyoni. **3** UThixo
wathi kuye: “Sengiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho lesikhalazo
osenzileyo phambi kwami; sengilenze labangcwele
lelithempeli olakhileyo wena ngokufaka iBizo lami
kulo lanininini. Amehlo ami kanye lenhliziyo yami
kuzakuba phezu kwalo ngezikhathi zonke. **4** Wena,
ungahamba phambi kwami ngobuqotho benhliziyo
langokuqonda njengoba uyihlo uDavida akwenza, wenze
konke engikulaya ngakho ugcine izimiso zami lemithetho
yami, **5** ngizaqinisa isihlalo sakho sobukhosi phezu
kuka-Israyeli kuze kube nininini, njengoba ngathembisa

uyihlo uDavida lapho ngathi, ‘Awuyikwehluleka ukuzuza
indoda esihlalweni sobukhosi ko-Israyeli.’ **6** Kodwa nxa
wena kanye lamadodana akho lingifulathela lingagcini
imithetho lezimiso zami engilinike khona beselisuka liye
kwabanye onkulunkulu libakhonze, **7** ngizamthathela
u-Israyeli umhlaba engangimnike wona ngilikhalale
leli ithempeli esengilingcwelisile ngeBizo lami. U-
Israyeli uzadelelwa abe yinhlekisa ebantwini bonke.
8 Lelithempeli lizakuba yinqumbi yamatshe. Bonke
abedlula lapha bazakwenyanya bahleke ulunya bathi,
‘Kanti kungani uThixo enze into enje kulelilizwe
lakulelithempeli na?’ **9** Abantu bazaphendula bathi,
‘Kungenxa yokuthi sebedele uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo,
owakhipha oyise eGibhithe, ngoba sebesuke banamathela
kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza njalo babasebenzela
yikho-nje uThixo esebehlisele incithakalo yonke le.’”
10 Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili,
lapho uSolomoni akha khona lezizindlu ezimbili,
ithempeli likaThixo kanye lesigodlo sobukhosi, **11**
iNkosi uSolomoni wanikela amadolobho angamatshumi
amabili aweGalile kuHiramu inkosi yaseThire, ngoba
uHiramu wayemnike zonke izigodo zesihlahla somsedari
lezephayini legolide ayekufuna. **12** Kodwa uHiramu
wathi esesuka eThire esiyabona amadolobho ayewaphiwe
nguSolomoni, kazange ajabule ngawo. **13** Wambuza wathi,
“Ngamadolobho bani la onginike wona, mfowethu?”
njalo wayewabiza ngokuthi yilizwe leKhabhuli, okulibizo
alokhu ebizwa ngalo lalamuhla. **14** Kunjalo-nje uHiramu
wayethumele uSolomoni igolide elalingamathalenta

alikhulu elilamatshumi amabili. **15** Nansi imbali yokubanjwa ngamandla kwabantu yiNkosi uSolomoni ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo, ukwakhiwa kwesigodlo sakhe, ledundulu elithiwa yiMilo, lomduli weJerusalema kanye leHazori, iMegido kanye leGezeri. **16** (UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wayehlasele wathumba iGezeri. Wayeyithungele ngomlilo wayitshisa. Wayebulele amaKhenani ayehlala khona, yona wasekhunga ngayo indodakazi yakhe, umkaSolomoni. **17** USolomoni waseyakha kutsha iGezeri.) Wakha iBhethi-Horoni esezansi, **18** leBhalathi, kanye leThamari enkangala, phakathi kwelizwe lakhe, **19** kanye lamadolobho ayeyiziphala lemizi yezinqola zakhe zempi kanye lamabhiza akhe lakho konke nje ayengafisa ukukwakha eJerusalema leLebhanoni kanye lakulo lonke ilizwe ayelibusa. **20** Kubo bonke abantu abasalayo bama-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi (lababantu babengasibo ama-Israyeli) **21** okutsho ukuthi, izizukulwane zabo ezasalayo ama-Israyeli angazibulalanga aziqeda, laba uSolomoni wababamba isibhalo sokwenza umsebenzi wakhe wobugqili, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla lokhu. **22** Kodwa uSolomoni kabenzanga izigqili abako-Israyeli; babengamadoda okumlwela, iziphathamandla zikahulumende, izikhulu zakhe, izinduna, kanye labalawuli bezinqola zakhe zempi labatshayeli bazo. **23** Njalo babeyizikhulu zokukhokhela imisebenzi eqakathekileyo kaSolomoni, izikhulu ezingamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu ezazikhangela amadoda ayesenza umsebenzi. **24** Ngemva

kokufika kwendodakazi kaFaro esigodlweni eyayisakhelwe nguSolomoni isuka eMzini kaDavida, wakha njalo idundulu elithiwa yiMilo. **25** Kathathu ngomnyaka uSolomoni wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wobudlelwano e-alithareni ayelakhele uThixo, etshisa impepha phambi kukaThixo kanye lemihlatshelo. Ngalokho wagcwalisa imilandu yezimiso zethempeli. **26** INkosi uSolomoni wakha njalo imikhumbi e-Eziyoni-Gebheri, eseduzane le-Elathi ngase-Edomi, ekhunjini loLwandle oluBomvu. **27** Kunjalo-nje uHiramu wathumela abantu bakhe, abagwedli ababelwazi ulwandle ukuba bayesebenza emikhunjini labakaSolomoni. **28** Bagwedla baya e-Ofiri baphenduka legolide elilesisindo samathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amabili, bayalethula enkosini uSolomoni.

10 Indlovukazi yaseShebha yathi isizwile ngodumo lukaSolomoni lokubambelela kwakhe ebizweni likaThixo, yaya kuye ukuba imlinge ngemibuzo enzima. **2** Ekufikeni kwayo eJerusalema yayiqhuba udwende olukhulu, lamakamela ethwele iziyoliso, igolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu, yafika kuSolomoni yakhuluma laye ngakho konke lokho okwakusengqondweni yayo. **3** USolomoni wayiphendula yonke imibuzo yayo, akubanga lalutho olwaba nzima enkosini ukuthi iyichasisele lona. **4** Indlovukazi yaseShebha isiyibonile yonke inhlakanipho kaSolomoni lesigodlo ayesakhile, **5** ukudla okwakusetafuleni lakhe, ukuhlaliswa kwezikhulu zakhe, izinceku zakhe lezembatho zazo, abaphathi benkezo bakhe, leminikelo yokutshiswa ayenzela uThixo

ethempelini, yaphela amandla. **6** Yathi enkosini,
“Imibiko ebifika ezindlebeni zami elizweni lami
ngengqubelaphambili langenhlakanipho yakho iqotho. **7**
Kodwa angizange ngikukholwe lokho ngaze ngafika mina
ngokwami njalo ngazibonela ngawami amehlo.
Ngempela, bengingatshelwanga ngitsho lengxenye nje;
ukuhlakanipha kwakho lokuphumelela kwakho
kuyayedlula imibiko engayizwayo. **8** Yeka intokozo
abalayo abantu bakho! Ziyathokoza iziphathamandla
zakho, zona ezima phambi kwakho zizwe inhlakanipho
yakho! **9** Udumo kalube kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho,
yena othokoze ngawe wakubeka esihlalweni sobukhosi
bako-Israyeli. Ngenxa yothando olunaphakade lukaThixo
ku-Israyeli, ukubekile waba yinkosi, ukuze ugcine
ukwahlulela ngemfanelo lokulunga.” **10** Yanika inkosi
igolide elingamathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili,
lenqwabanqwaba zeziyoliso lamatshe aligugu. Akuzange
kulethwe iziyoliso ezinengi kangako futhi njengalezo
indlovukazi yaseShebha eyazipha iNkosi uSolomoni. **11**
(Imikhumbi kaHiramu yaletha igolide livela e-Ofiri; njalo
yethula lemithwalo emikhulu yamapulanka amahle
lamatshe aligugu. **12** Inkosi yasebenzisa amapulanka
amahle njengezinsika zethempeli likaThixo kanye
lesigodlo sobukhosi, lokwenza imihubhe lemiqangala
yabahlabeleli. Akuzange kubuye kube lamapulanka
amahle amanengi kangako angeniswayo elizweni loba
abonwayo selokhu kwaba yilelolanga.) **13** INkosi
uSolomoni yanika indlovukazi yaseShebha yonke into
eyayiyifisa leyayicelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ayinika

khona kuphuma esigodlweni. Yasisuka lodwendwe lwayo yabuyela elizweni lakibo. **14** Isisindo segolide elalizuzwa nguSolomoni minyaka yonke lalingamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha, **15** kungabalwa inzuzo eyayivela emithelweni yabathengisayo labathenga bethengisa kanye leyayivela emakhosini wonke ama-Arabhu kanye lababusi belizwe. **16** Inkosi uSolomoni yenza amahawu amakhulu angamakhulu amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo; lilinye langena amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha. **17** Wenza njalo amanye amahawu amancinyane angamakhulu amathathu ngegolide elikhandiweyo, lilinye lilegugu lokuthathu kwegolide. Inkosi yawafaka esigodlweni seHlathi laseLebhanoni. **18** Inkosi yasisenza isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu sisekelwa ngempondo zendlovu sihuqwe ngegolide elihle. **19** Isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezinyathelo eziyisithupha, ngemva kwaso phezulu siyindingilizi. Emaceleni aso womabili sasilezeyamelo zengalo, yileso laleso kumi isilwane eceleni kwaso. **20** Izilwane ezilitshumi lambili zazimi ezinyathelweni eziyisithupha, kusithi esisodwa esinyathelweni ngasinye ngapha langapha emaceleni esinyathelo. Akukho okufanana lalokhu okwake kwenziwa lakuwuphi umbuso. **21** Zonke inkezo zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazozonke izitsha zeSigodlweni saseGuswini laseLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicolekileyo. Akukho okwakwenziwe ngesiliva ngoba ngensuku zikaSolomoni igugu lesiliva lalilincinyane kakhulu. **22** Inkosi yayilemikhumbi yokuthengiselana eminengi

eyayisolwandle iphathisana lekaHiramu. Yayiphenduka kanye ngemva kweminyaka emithathu ithwele igolide, isiliva kanye lempondo zendlovu, indwangu lenkawu. **23** INkosi uSolomoni yawedlula wonke amakhosi omhlaba ngenotho langenhlakanipho. **24** Umhlaba wonke weza kuSolomoni ukuzokuzwa inhlakanipho uNkulunkulu ayeyifake enhliziyweni yakhe. **25** Minyaka yonke amlethela izipho zesiliva lezegolide, izembatho, izikhali leziyoliso, lamabhiza kanye lezimbongolo. **26** USolomoni waqoqa izinqola zokulwa lamabhiza; wayelezinqola zokulwa eziyinkulungwane elamakhulu amane, amabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili ayewagcina emadolobheni awezinqola zempi amanye egcinwe kuye eJerusalema. **27** Inkosi yandisa isiliva kwangani ngamatshe eJerusalema, lezihlahla zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba. **28** Amabhiza kaSolomoni ayethengwe eGibhithe laseKhuwe, abathengi besikhosini babewathenga eKhuwe. **29** Bathenga inqola yempi eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha kanye lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu. Babuya bawedlulisa wonke bayawathengisela amakhosi amaHithi kanye lawama-Aramu.

11 Inkosi uSolomoni yayibathanda kakhulu abafazi bezizweni kanye lendodakazi kaFaro, amaMowabi, ama-Amoni, ama-Edomi, amaSidoni lamaHithi. **2** Babengabezizwe uThixo ayethe kwabako-Israyeli, “Lingathathani labo, ngoba bazaguqulela inhliziyo zenu kubonkulunkulu babo.” Lanxa kunjalo, uSolomoni

wabambelela kubo ngothando. **3** Wayelabafazi
abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa ababezalwa esikhosini
labanye abafazi beceleni abangamakhulu amathathu;
lakanye abafazi bakhe baphambukisa inhliziyo yakhe.
4 Ekuluphaleni kwakhe uSolomoni, abafazi bakhe
baphambulela ukholo lwakhe kwabanye onkulunkulu,
inhliziyo yakhe ayizange ilandele uThixo uNkulunkulu
wakhe ngokupheleleyo, njengenhliziyo kaDavida uyise.
5 USolomoni walandela u-Ashithorethi unkulunkulu
wamaSidoni, loMoleki unkulunkulu onengekayo wama-
Amoni. **6** Ngalokho uSolomoni wona phambi
kukaThixo; kazange alandele uThixo ngokupheleleyo,
njengokwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida. **7** Eqaqeni
olusempumalanga yeJerusalema, uSolomoni wakhela
unkulunkulu onengekayo wamaMowabi uKhemoshi,
loMoleki unkulunkulu onengekayo wama-Amoni indawo
yomhlatshelo. **8** Wenza okufananayo kubo bonke
abafazi bakhe bezizweni, batshisa impepha banikela
ngemihlatshelo kubonkulunkulu babo. **9** UThixo
wamthukuthelela uSolomoni ngoba inhliziyo yakhe
yayisimfulathele uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena
ayezibonakalise kuye kabili. **10** Lanxa wayemlayile
uSolomoni ukuba angalandeli abanye onkulunkulu,
uSolomoni kazange awulandele umlayo kaThixo. **11**
Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuSolomoni. “Njengoba le
kuyiyo injongo yakho njalo awugcinanga isivumelwano
sami kanye lezimiso zami, lezo engakulaya ngazo,
impela ngizawuhluthuna umbuso wakho kuwe ngiwunike
omunye wabantu abangaphansi kwakho. **12** Loba kunjalo,

ngenxa kaDavida uyihlo, angiyikwenza lokho wena usaphila. Ngizawuhluthuna esandleni sendodana yakho. **13** Kanti njalo angiyikuwuhluthuna wonke umbuso kuyo, kodwa ngizayinika isizwana esisodwa ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami njalo langenxa yeJerusalema, yona esengiyikhethile." **14** Ngakho uThixo wasemvusela isitha uSolomoni, uHadadi um'Edomi owesikhosini sama-Edomi. **15** Mandulo uDavida esalwa lama-Edomi, uJowabi umlawuli webutho, owayengcwaba abafileyo, wayetshaye wabhuqa wonke amadoda ama-Edomi. **16** UJowabi lawo wonke ama-Israyeli ahlala khonale okwezinyanga eziyisithupha, baze babhubhisa wonke amadoda e-Edomi. **17** Kodwa uHadadi, esesengumfanyana, wabalekela eGibhithe lezinye izikhulu zama-Edomi ezazisebenzele uyise. **18** Basuka eMidiyani baya ePharani. Bathe sebethatha amadoda ePharani behamba lawo, baya eGibhithe, kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, yena owapha uHadadi indlu kanye lomhlaba waze wamnika kanye lokudla. **19** UHadadi wathandeka kakhulu kuFaro, waze wamendisela udadewabo womkakhe, udadewabo kaThaphenesi iNdlovukazi. **20** Udadewabo kaThaphenesi wamzalela indodana eyathiwa nguGenubhathi. UThaphenesi wayondlela esigodlweni, kulapho-ke uGenubathi ahlala khona labantwana bakaFaro. **21** Kwathi uHadadi esezwile eseGibhithe ukuthi uDavida kasekho lokuthi uJowabi induna yempi sewafa, wathi kuFaro: "Ake ungivumele ukuba ngiye elizweni lakithi." **22** UFaro wathi kuye, "Usweleni lapha okwenza ufune ukubuyela elizweni lakini na?" UHadadi waphendula wathi, "Akulalutho

kodwa ngivumela ngihambe!” **23** UNkulunkulu wamvusela
njalo uSolomoni esinye isitha, uRezoni indodana ka-
Eliyada owayebalekile enkosini yakhe uHadadezeri
inkosi yaseZobha. **24** Waqoqa ixuku labahlamuki
waba ngumkhokheli walo ngesikhathi uDavida echitha
impi kaZobha; abahlamuki baya eDamaseko lapho
bafika bahlala khona bayiphatha leyondawo. **25**
URezoni waba yisitha sako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sokuphila
kukaSolomoni, wengezelela kuloluhlupho olwasungulwa
nguHadadi. Ngakho uRezoni wabusa e-Aramu ehlezi
ezonda ilizwe lako-Israyeli. **26** UJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebhathi laye wahlamukela inkosi. Wayekade
engesinye sezikhulu zikaSolomoni, engowesizwana sika-
Efrayimi evela eZereda, unina owayethiwa nguZeruwa
wayengumfelokazi. **27** Le yimbali yokuhlamukela
kwakhe inkosi: USolomoni wayakhe walungisa amaguma
ayizisekelo, njalo wagcwalisa evala isikhala esasisele
emdulini wedolobho likayise uDavida. **28** UJerobhowamu
wayeyindoda eyaziwayo, uSolomoni uthe ebona ukuthi
wayelijaha elenza kuhle kanganani umsebenzi walo,
wambeka induna yezisebenzi zonke endlini kaJosefa. **29**
Ngalesosikhathi uJerobhowamu waphuma eJerusalema,
wahlangana lomphrofethi weShilo u-Ahija endleleni,
egqoke isigqoko esitsha. Bahlangana bebodwa bobabili
kuleyondawo, **30** kwathi u-Ahija wathatha isigqoko
esitsha ayesigqokile wasidabula iziqa ezilitshumi lambili.
31 Wasesithi kuJerobhowamu, “Wena zithathele iziqa
ezilitshumi kulezi, ngoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli uthi, ‘Khangela, ngizahluthuna umbuso esandleni

sikaSolomoni ngikunike izizwana ezilitshumi. **32** Kodwa ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida ledolobho leJerusalema, lona engilikhethileyo phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli, ngizamtshiyela isizwana esisodwa. **33** Ngizakwenza lokhu ngoba bangifulathele bakhonza u-Ashithorethi unkulunkulukazi wamaSidoni, loKhemoshi unkulunkulu wamaMowabi, kanye loMoleki unkulunkulu wama-Amoni, njalo abahambanga ngezami izindlela, abenzanga ukulunga phambi kwami, abayigcinanga imilayo lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenziwa nguDavida uyise kaSolomoni. **34** Kodwa angiyikususa umbuso wonke esandleni sikaSolomoni; ngizamenza ukuba abe ngumbusi okwempilo yakhe yonke ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida, yena engamkhethayo njalo wayilandela imilayo yami wayigcina lemithetho yami. **35** Ngizathatha umbuso esandleni sendodana yakhe ngikunike izizwana ezilitshumi. **36** Ngizanika indodana yakhe isizwana esisodwa ukuze inceku yami uDavida ibe lesibane ngezikhathi zonke phambi kwami eJerusalema, umuzi engakhetha ukufaka iBizo lami. **37** Kodwa-ke, wena ngokwakho, ngizakuthatha, njalo uzabusa phezu kwakho konke njengokufisa kwenhliziyo yakho yonke; uzakuba ngumbusi walo lonke elako-Israyeli. **38** Nxa ungenza engikulaya ngakho uhambe ngezindlela zami wenze okuhle emehlweni ami okunjengokulalela imilayo yami lokulawulwa yimi, njengalokhu okwenziwa yinceku yami uDavida, ungenza njalo ngizakuba lawe. Ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakho njengokaDavida njalo ngizakunika u-Israyeli. **39** Ngizabethula isithunzi

abenzalo kaDavida ngenxa yalokhu, kodwa hatshi kuze kube nininini.'" **40** USolomoni wazama ukubulala uJerobhowamu kodwa uJerobhowamu wabalekela eGibhithe, enkosini uShishakhi, njalo wahlala khonale uSolomoni waze wafa. **41** Ezinye izehlakalo ezenzakala ekubuseni kukaSolomoni lakho konke akwenzayo lenhlakanipho yakhe ayitshengiselayo akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali kaSolomoni na? **42** USolomoni wabusa eJerusalema phezu kuka-Israyeli okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **43** Kwaba yikho ukufa kwakhe eselandela oyise njalo wangcwatshwelwa emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowami indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi ngemva kwakhe.

12 URehobhowami waya eShekhemu, njengoba abako-Israyeli bonke babeye khona ukuyambeka ukuba abe yinkosi. **2** UJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi wakuzwa lokhu (elokhu eseGibhithe, lapho ayebalekele khona ebalekela inkosi uSolomoni) wabuya evela eGibhithe. **3** Ngakho bakhupha ilizwi lokunxusa uJerobhowamu; kwathi yena labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuRehobhowami bafika bathi kuye: **4** "Uyihlo wasethesa ijogwe elinzima kakhulu, wena phungula lumthwalo olochuku lejogwe elinzima esaletheswa nguyihlo, yikho sizakukhonza." **5** URehobhowami waphendula wathi: "Sukani lapha okwensuku ezintathu beseliphenduka libuye kimi." Ngakho abantu bahamba. **6** INkosi uRehobhowami wabuza abadala besizwe ababehlale njalo basebenza loyise uSolomoni esaphila. Wababuza abadala wathi: "Lingangicebisa ukuthi ngibaphendule

ngithini lababantu?” **7** Baphendula bathi, “Nxa
lamuhla ungaba yinceku yalababantu, ubasebenzele,
ukhulumisane labo kuhle, bazahlala bezinceku zakho.” **8**
Kodwa uRehobhowami kazange akwamukele ukucebisa
kwabadala wakhetha ukudinga ulwazi kwabayintanga
yakhe ababekhule bonke njalo kuyibo abasebezinceku
zakhe. **9** Wababuza wathi, “Seluleko bani elilaso?
Singabaphendula sithini lababantu abathi kimi, ‘Ake
uphungule ubunzima esabetheswa nguyihlo?’” **10**
Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe amphendula athi, “Batshele
lababantu abathi kuwe, ‘Uyihlo wasethesa ubunzima,
akusiphungulele lobubunzima’ uthi kubo, ‘Ucikilicane
wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. **11** Ubaba walethesa
ubunzima, mina ngizabungezelela. Ubaba walitshaya
ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa ngenkume.’” **12** Ngemva
kwensuku ezintathu uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu
babuyela kuRehobhowami, njengalokho okwakutshiwo
yinkosi ukuthi, “Phendukani lize kimi ngemva kwensuku
ezintathu.” **13** Inkosi yasiphendula abantu ngolaka.
Yalahla izicebiso eyayiziphiwe ngabadala, **14** yalandela
ukucebisa kwabatsha, yathi, “Ubaba walethesa ijogwe
elinzima, mina ngizalenza libe nzima okuphindiweyo.
Ubaba walixathula ngemichilo, mina ngizalintinyela
ngenkume.” **15** Ngakho inkosi ayizange ibalalele abantu,
ngoba lokhu okwakusenzakala ngokwakuvela kuThixo,
ukugcwalisa ilizwi likaThixo elaphiwa uJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebhathi ngo-Ahija waseShilo. **16** Kwathi
bonke abako-Israyeli sebebonile ukuthi inkosi yalile
ukubalalela, bayiphendula inkosi bathi: “Silesabelo

bani kuDavida, yingxenye bani endodaneni kaJese?
Emathenteni enu bako-Israyeli! Gcina indlu yakho,
wena kaDavida!" Ngakho abako-Israyeli babuyela
emakhaya. **17** Kodwa uRehobhowami waqhubeka
ebabusa abako-Israyeli ababehlala emadolobheni
akoJuda. **18** INkosi uRehobhowami yathuma u-
Adoniramu, owayephethe izibhalwa, kodwa bonke
abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe bambulala.
Kodwa iNkosi uRehobhowami, yona yenelisa ukubaleka
ngenqola yempi yaya eJerusalema. **19** Kusukela
ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bayihlamukela indlu
kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla. **20** Kwathi bonke
abako-Israyeli besizwa ukuthi uJerobhowamu usebuyile
bambizela enkundleni lapho abafika bambeka ukuba
abe yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli. Isizwana
sakoJuda saba yiso sodwa esasala sibuswa yindlu
kaDavida. **21** Kwathi uRehobhowami esefike eJerusalema
wabuthanisa bonke abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini,
amadoda empi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili ukuba bayekulwa labako-Israyeli
ukuze babuyisele uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni
esihlalweni sobukhosi. **22** Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
leza kuShemaya inceku kaNkulunkulu. **23** "Tshono
kuRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni inkosi yakoJuda,
kubo bonke abendlu kaJuda lekaBhenjamini, lakubo
bonke abanye abantu uthi, **24** 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
ukuthi: Lingahambi ukuyakulwa labafowenu, abako-
Israyeli. Yanini emakhaya enu, munye ngamunye,
ngoba lokhu okwenzakalayo kuvela kimi.'" Ngakho

balilalela ilizwi likaThixo babuyela emakhaya abo, njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. **25** UJerobhowamu wasesakha iShekhemu elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi wahlala khonale. Esuka lapho waphuma wayakwakha ePheniweli. **26** UJerobhowamu wacabanga wathi, "Umbuso usuzabuyela endlini kaDavida. **27** Nxa abantu laba bangayanikela imihlatshelo ethempelini likaThixo eJerusalema, bazaphinda baphe usekelo lwabo enkosini, uRehobhowami inkosi yakoJuda. Bazangibulala babuyele enkosini uRehobhowami." **28** Ngemva kokudinga ukwelulekwa, inkosi yenza amathole egolide amabili. Yasisithi ebantwini, "Kunzima kakhulu kini ukuthi liye eJerusalema. Nampa onkulunkulu benu, Oh Israyeli, abalikhupha eGibhithe." **29** Wasemisa elinye eBhetheli, elinye njalo eDani. **30** Lokhu kwaba yisono; abantu babesiya khonale eDani ukuyakhonza lelo elalikhonale. **31** UJerobhowamu wakha amathempeli ezindaweni eziphakemeyo wasebeka abaphristi emihlotsheni yonke yabantu, lakulabo ababengasibo abaLevi. **32** Wamisa umkhosi ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu ngenyanga yetshumi lasificaminwembili, owawunjengomkhosi owasusenziwa koJuda, wanikela imihlatshelo e-Alithareni. Lokhu wakwenza eBhetheli, enikela ematholeni ayewenzile. LeBhetheli wabeka abaphristi ezindaweni eziphezulu ayezenzile. **33** Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesificaminwembili, inyanga ayezikhethele yona, wanikela imihlatshelo e-alithareni ayelakhile eBhetheli. Ngakho wamisa umkhosi kwabako-Israyeli waya e-alithareni ukuyanikela imihlatshelo.

13 UJerobhowamu esemi e-alithareni ukuze atshise
impepha, kwafika umuntu kaNkulunkulu eBhetheli evela
koJuda elelizwi likaThixo, **2** walethula e-alithareni
lelilizwi likaThixo elithi: "Wena alithare! Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo ukuthi, 'Kuzazalwa indodana endlini kaDavida,
ibizo lakhe lizakuba nguJosiya. Izakwenza umhlatshelo
phezu kwakho ngabaphristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo
okwakhathesi abenza iminikelo khona lapha, lamathambo
abantu azatshiselwa phezu kwakho.'" **3** Ngalolosuku
umuntu kaNkulunkulu wenza isibonakaliso esithi: "Lesi
yisiboniso esivela kuThixo: I-alithari lizadatshulwa
phakathi lomlotha ophezu kwalo uzachithwa." **4**
Inkosi uJerobhowamu isizwile isikhalazo sendoda evela
kuNkulunkulu nge-alithare leBhetheli yelulela isandla
sayo e-alithareni, yathi, "Mbambeni!" Kodwa isandla
leso ayeselulile soma wehluleka ukusifinyeza. **5** Kwathi
i-alithari lalo ladatshulwa phakathi umlotha walo
walahlwa, njengokwesibonakaliso esasethulwe ngumuntu
kaNkulunkulu ngelizwi likaThixo. **6** Inkosi yathi
emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, "Ake ungincengele kuThixo
uNkulunkulu wakho, ungikhulekele, ukuba isandla sami
sisiliswe sibuyele esimeni saso." Umuntu kaNkulunkulu
wasemncengela kuThixo, lesandla sikaJerobhowamu
sasiliswa saba njengakuqala. **7** Wasesithi emuntwini
kaNkulunkulu: "Ake siye ekhaya ukuba udle, ngizakunika
umvuzo." **8** Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wayiphendula
inkosi wathi, "Loba ungaze unginike ingxenye yenotho
yakho, kangihambi lawe; kangiyikudla ukudla, njalo
angiyikunatha amanzi kulindawo; **9** ngoba ngilaywe

ngelizwi likaThixo ukuthi: ‘Ungabokudla ukudla, unganathi amanzi njalo ungaphenduki ngendlela oze ngayo.’” **10** Ngakho wabuyela ngenye indlela, kasabuyelanga ngendlela ayeze ngayo eBhetheli. **11** Kwakulomphrofethi omdala owayehlala eBhetheli, okweza kuye amadodana akhe amtshela ngokwakwenziwe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ngalolosuku. Amadodana atshela uyise lokuthi indoda leyo yayitheni enkosini. **12** Uyise wasebuza amadodana ukuthi: “Pho angabe uhambe ngayiphi indlela?” Amadodana atshengisa uyise indlela eyathathwa ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu owavela koJuda. **13** Wasesithi emadodaneni akhe, “Lungisani ubabhemi lingifakele isihlalo phezu kwakhe.” Kwathi sebemlungisele wagada ubabhemi **14** walandela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamfica ehlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi wambuza wathi, “Nguwe umuntu kaNkulunkulu na ovela koJuda?” Indoda yathi, “Yebo yimi.” **15** Ngakho umphrofethi wasesithi kuye, “Woza siye ekhaya uzokudla.” **16** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi, “Angingeke ngiphenduke ukuthi ngibuyele lawe emuva, njalo angingeke ngidle ukudla loba nginathe amanzi lawe kule indawo. **17** Ilizwi likaThixo lifike kimi lathi, ‘Ungadli ukudla kwalapha, unganathi lamanzi akhona njalo ungabobuyela ngendlela oze ngayo.’” **18** Umphrofethi omdala wamphendula wathi, “Lami ngingumphrofethi njengawe. Ingilosi seza kimi ngelizwi likaThixo sathi: ‘Ubomletha umbuyisele emuva endlini yakho ukuze ayekudla isinkwa njalo anathe lamanzi.’” (Kodwa wayeqamba amanga.) **19** Ngakho umuntu kaNkulunkulu

wabuyela laye wafika wadla ukudla wanatha lamanzi endlini yakhe. **20** Besahlezi endaweni yokudlela, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye umphrofethi omdala owayemphendule wabuyela laye emuva. **21** Wakhuluma kulowomuntu kaNkulunkulu owayevela koJuda wathi, "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: 'Usuphikise ilizwi likaThixo awusagcinanga imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akulaya ngayo. **22** Uphenduke endleleni wafika wadla ukudla wanatha lamanzi lapho utshelwe ukuthi ungaze wadla ukudla kumbe unathe amanzi akhona. Ngenxa yalokho isidumbu sakho asisayikungcwatshwa emangcwabeni abokhokho bakho.'" **23** Kwathi umuntu kaNkulunkulu eseqedile ukudla lokunatha, umphrofethi owayemphendule endleleni wambuyisela emuva wafaka isihlalo sakhe phezu kukababhemi wamkhweza. **24** Uthe esengene indlela yakhe, kwavela isilwane endleleni sambulala, isidumbu sakhe sasala phansi emgwaqweni, kwathi ubabhemi wema ngapha kwesidumbu lesilwane sime ngale kwaso. **25** Abantu ababesedlula lapho babona isidumbu siwele khonapho emgwaqweni, isilwane simi eceleni phansi kwesidumbu, bedlulela edolobheni bayabikela umphrofethi omdala lapho ayehlala khona. **26** Kwathi umphrofethi owayemphendule endleleni ehambeni lwakhe ekuzwa lokhu, wathi, "Ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu odelele ilizwi likaThixo. UThixo umnikele esilwaneni, esimphoqoze sambulala, njengoba ilizwi likaThixo belimxwayisile." **27** Umphrofethi wathi emadodaneni akhe, "Ngilungiselani ubabhemi limethese isihlalo." Akwenza lokho amadodana, **28**

wasesuka esiya khonale lapho afumana khona isidumbu endleleni, ngapha kumi isilwane ngale kungubabhemi emaceleni aso. Isilwane asizange sisithinte isidumbu kanti njalo sasivele singazange simthinte lobabhemi. **29** Ngakho umphrofethi wathatha isidumbu somuntu kaNkulunkulu, wasikhweza kubabhemi, wasithwalela edolobheni lakhe lapho afika amlilela khona njalo wamngcwaba khona. **30** Wasebeka isidumbu engcwabeni lakhe, wamlilela wathi, "Maye, umfowethu!" **31** Ngemva kokumngcwaba, wathi emadodaneni akhe, "Ekufeni kwami, lingingcwabe engcwabeni lona leli okungcwatshwe khona umuntu kaNkulunkulu; libeke amathambo ami ndawonye lamathambo akhe. **32** Ngoba ilizwi alimemezelayo ngelizwi likaThixo phezu kwe-alithari eBhetheli laphezu kwazo zonke indawana zomhlatshelo eziphakemeyo emadolobheni aseSamariya lizagcwaliseka." **33** Langemva kwalokhu, uJerobhowamu kazange aguqule izindlela zakhe zokona, waqhubeka ekhetha abaphristi bendawo eziphakemeyo edobha nje ingqe ngubani ebantwini. Kwakusithi loba ngubani ofuna ukuba ngumphristi wayemgcobela indawo eziphezulu. **34** Lesi kwakuyisono sendlu kaJerobhowamu esakhokhelela ekuweni lasekudilikeni kwayo kayaze yaba khona emhlabeni.

14 Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhija indodana kaJerobhowamu wagula, **2** uJerobhowamu wathi kumkakhe, "Hamba, uzifihle ngesinye isimo, ukuze kungabikhona ozakunanzelela ukuthi ungumkaJerobhowamu. Ube ususiya eShilo. U-Ahija umphrofethi ukhonale onguye

owangitshela ukuthi ngizakuba yinkosi yabantu laba. **3** Uthathe izinkwa ezilitshumi, amakhekhe athile kanye legabha loluju, ube ususiya kuye. Uzakutshela okumele kwenzakale emntwaneni." **4** Ngakho umkaJerobhowamu wenza lokho ayekutshilo wasesiya endlini ka-Ahija eShilo. U-Ahija wayengasaboni, eseyisiphofu ngenxa yokuluphala. **5** Kodwa uThixo wayetshele u-Ahija ukuthi, "UmkaJerobhowamu uyeza uzokubuza ngendodana yakhe, iyagula, njalo uzamnika impendulo le lale ngalokhu lalokhuyana. Ekufikeni kwakhe uzakwenza kungathi kayisuye ezifihla." **6** Kwathi u-Ahija esizwa izisinde zakhe phandle wahle wema emnyango, wathi, "Ngena, Nkosikazi kaJerobhowamu, kanti ngokwani ukuzenzisa? Ngithunywe kuwe ngilombiko omubi. **7** Hamba, uyetshela uJerobhowamu ukuthi lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Ngakondla wakhula phakathi kwabantu ngakwenza umkhokheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli. **8** Ngaxebula umbuso endlini kaDavida ngawunika wena, kodwa awuzange wenze njengenceku yami uDavida, yena owagcina imilayo yami njalo wangilandela ngayo yonke inhliziyo yakhe, esenza konke okuhle phambi kwami. **9** Wonile okudlula bonke abakwandulelayo. Usuzidalele abanye onkulunkulu, izithombe ezikhandwe ngensimbi, ungithukuthelisile ngazonda njalo ungifulathele. **10** Ngenxa yalokho ngizakwehlisela incithakalo endlini kaJerobhowamu. Ngizabhubhisa bonke abesilisa bokucina ekuzalweni kwabakaJerobhowamu ko-Israyeli loba yisigqili loba okhululekileyo. Ngizayitshisa indlu

kaJerobhowamu kungathi ngibase ubulongwe, ize iphele
du. **11** Izinja zizabadla bonke abakaJerobhowamu abafele
edolobheni, lezinyoni zemkhathini zizazitika ngalabo
abafela emaphandleni. UThixo usekhulumile!' **12** Wena,
buyela ekhaya. Uzakuthi ubeka unyawo lwakho
edolobheni umfana ahle afe. **13** U-Israyeli uzalila
amngcwabe. Nguye yedwa kwabakaJerobhowamu
ozangcwatshwa, ngoba nguye yedwa endlini
kaJerobhowamu, uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
amthole enze ukulunga. **14** UThixo uzazivusela owakhe
umbusi ozakuba yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli, ozachitha
imuli kaJerobhowamu. Lamuhla yikho ukuqala
kwakho lokho. **15** UThixo uzamtshaya u-Israyeli,
kungathi ngumhlanga uzunguzeka emanzini.
Uzamquphuna u-Israyeli elizweni lakhe elihle alinika
okhokho bakhe abachithe ngaphetsheya komfula
uYufrathe, ngoba uThixo bamvuse ulaka ngokwenza
izinsika zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera. **16** Njalo
uzamlahla u-Israyeli ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu
azenzileyo wakhokhelela lo-Israyeli ukuzenza." **17**
UmkaJerobhowamu wasuka lapho waqonda eThiza. Wathi
enyathela egumeni, indodana yafa. **18** Bayingcwaba njalo,
u-Israyeli wonke wayililela njengoba uThixo wayetshilo
ngenceku yakhe umphrofethi u-Ahija. **19** Ezinye
izehlakalo zombuso kaJerobhowamu, izimpi lokuthi
wabusa njani, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi
ako-Israyeli. **20** Wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lambili wasesiyaphumula labokhokho bakhe
ekufeni. Indodana yakhe uNadabi wathatha isikhundla

sakhe waba yinkosi. **21** URehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni waba yinkosi wabusa koJuda. Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye eqalisa ukubusa, wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema idolobho elakhethwa nguThixo phakathi kwezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli ukubeka iBizo lakhe. Unina wayenguNahama; engowase-Amoni. **22** AbakoJuda bona phambi kukaThixo. Ngokona lokhu, bavusa ubukhwele bolaka lwakhe ukwedlula okwakwenziwe ngoyise. **23** Bazakhela njalo indawo eziphakemeyo zeminikelo, amatshe azilayo lezinsika zika-Ashera ezintabeni zonke langaphansi kwemithunzi yezihlahla eziyizithingithingi. **24** Kwakukhona lapho amadoda afeba lamanye amadoda ezindaweni zemihlatshelo phakathi kwelizwe; abantu ababesenza wonke amanyala ezizwe uThixo ayezixotshile phansi kwabako-Israyeli. **25** Ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaRehobhowami, uShishakhi inkosi yaseGibhithe wahlasela iJerusalema. **26** Wabutha yonke inotho yethempeli likaThixo kanye lenotho yesigodlo sobukhosi. Wahuquluza konke kanye lamahawu enziwe ngegolide ayekhandwe nguSolomoni. **27** Ngakho iNkosi uRehobhowami yakhanda amahawu ethusi ukwenanisa lawo yawabela abakhokheli babalindimasango besigodlweni. **28** Kwakusithi nxa inkosi isiya ethempelini likaThixo, abalindi babewathwala amahawu lawo, baphinde bawabuyisele endlini yabalindi. **29** Ezinye izehlakalo ekubuseni kukaRehobhowami, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? **30** Kwahlala kulempi phakathi

kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu. **31** URehobhowami wakhothama, wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. Unina wayenguNahama, engum'Amoni. U-Abhija indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi waba yinkosi ngemva kukayise.

15 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, u-Abhija waba yinkosi yakoJuda, **2** njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka emithathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu. **3** Wenza zonke izono ezazisenziwa nguyise, inhliziyo yakhe yayingekho ekukhonzeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe, inganjengenhliziyo kaDavida ukhokho wakhe. **4** Kungenani, ngenxa kaDavida uThixo uNkulunkulu wamnika isibane eJerusalema ngokuveza indodana eyayizathatha isihlalo sakhe langokuqinisa iJerusalema. **5** UDavida wayekwenzile konke okufaneleyo emehlweni kaThixo njalo kehlulekanga ukugcina imilayo kaThixo kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe ngaphandle kwendaba ka-Uriya umHithi. **6** Kwaba lempi phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu ngasosonke isikhathi sokuphila kuka-Abhija. **7** Okunye okumayelana lombuso ka-Abhija, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Abhija loJerobhowamu. **8** U-Abhija waphumula laboyise wangcwatshwa emzini kaDavida. U-Asa indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi bukayise. **9** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili okubusa kukaJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Asa waba

yinkosi yakoJuda, **10** wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lowodwa. Ibizo likagogo wakhe lalinguMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu. **11** U-Asa wenza okubukekayo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguDavida uyise. **12** Waxotsha abesilisa ababefeba ngokwenzana abafazi, wadiliza zonke izithombe ezazakhiwe ngoyise. **13** Waze waxotsha kanye logogo wakhe uMahakha wamsusa esihlalweni sokuba yindlovukazi yomndlunkulu, ngoba wayebumbe isithombe esilihlazo sika-Ashera. U-Asa wasidilizela phansi lesisithombe wayasitshisela eSigodini saseKhidironi. **14** Noma engadilizanga izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela, inhliziyo ka-Asa yayinamathele kuThixo impilo yakhe yonke. **15** Waletha ethempelini likaThixo isiliva legolide lonke uyise kanye laye ababekunikele lezinye impahla. **16** Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Asa loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli ekubuseni kwabo bonke. **17** UBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli waqophana loJuda wasesakha umuzi weRama ukuvimbela loba ngubani owayezama ukuphuma loba ukungena elizweni lika-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. **18** U-Asa wasethatha isiliva sonke legolide elalisele eziphaleni zokuligugu ethempelini likaThixo lokwakusesigodlweni sakhe. Wakubeka ezandleni zezikhulu zakhe wazithumela kuBheni-Hadadi indodana kaThabhrimoni, oyindodana kaHeziyoni, inkosi yase-Aramu, owayebusa eDamaseko. **19** "Akubekhona ubudlelwano phakathi kwami lawe," watsho, eqhubeka wathi, "njengoba kwakunjalo phakathi kukayihlo lobaba. Khangela ngikuthumela izipho zesiliva

legolide. Wena quma ubudlelwano bakho loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli yikho ezaphuma elizweni lami." **20** UBheni-Hadadi wavumelana lenkosi u-Asa wasethumela abalawuli bamabutho akhe ukuyahlasela amadolobho ako-Israyeli. Wanqoba ele-Ijoni, eleDani, ele-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha lalo lonke elaseKhinerethi kanye leNafithali. **21** UBhasha wathi ekuzwa lokhu, wema ukwakha iRama wasehlehlela eThiza. **22** Inkosi u-Asa yaquma ukuthi kungasali muntu kulolonke elakoJuda. Basebethutha eRama bethwala amatshe lamapulanka ayekade esetshenziswa nguBhasha kuleyondawo. Ngalokho inkosi u-Asa yakha iGebha kwelakoBhenjamini, leMizipha. **23** Konke okumayelana lombuso ka-Asa, lalokho anqoba kikho, lamadolobho wonke ayewakhile, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? Kodwa-ke, ekuluphaleni kwakhe, waba lomkhuhlane ezinyaweni zakhe. **24** Ngakho u-Asa waya ekuphumuleni wangcwatshwa laboyise emzini kayise uDavida. Kwathi indodana yakhe uJehoshafathi wathatha isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi. **25** UNadabi indodana kaJerobhowamu waba yinkosi yabako-Israyeli ngomnyaka wesibili ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, njalo wabusa abako-Israyeli okweminyaka emibili. **26** Wona wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, wahamba ngendlela kayise lasezonweni zakhe, lezo ezazibangele ukuthi u-Israyeli angene kuzo adale isono. **27** UBhasha indodana ka-Ahija owendlu ka-Isakhari waceba ukumbulala. Wambulala eGibhethoni elinye lamadolobho amaFilistiya, ngesikhathi uNadabi labo bonke abako-Israyeli

belihanqile. **28** UBhasha wabulala uNadabi ngomnyaka
wesithathu wombuso ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda wasehlala
esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. **29** Waqalisa ukubusa wahle
wabulala bonke abendlu kaJerobhowamu. Kazange
atshiyele uJerobhowamu loyedwa kodwa wabhubhisa
bonke elandela ilizwi likaThixo eleza lenceku yakhe u-
Ahija waseShilo **30** ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu
ayezenzile njalo enguye owabangela ukuthi u-Israyeli
one, ngoba wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli. **31** Ezinye izehlakalo ekubuseni kukaNadabi,
lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga na egwalweni
lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? **32** Kwaba lempi
phakathi kuka-Asa loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli
ngesikhathi sonke sokubusa kwabo. **33** Ngomnyaka
wesithathu ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, uBhasha indodana
ka-Ahija waba yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli laseThiza,
njalo wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lane. **34**
Wona phambi kukaThixo, wahamba ngendlela
kaJerobhowamu lezono zakhe, lezo abangela u-Israyeli
ukuthi azenze.

16 Ilizwi likaThixo leza kuJehu indodana kaHanani
lisongela uBhasha lisithi: **2** "Ngakususa othulini
ngakwenza umkhokheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli,
kodwa wasuka wahamba ngezindlela zikaJerobhowamu
njalo wabangela abantu bami bako-Israyeli ukuthi
bone bangithukuthelise ngezono zabo. **3** Ngakho
sekufanele ngichithe uBhasha labendlu yakhe, njalo indlu
yakho ngizakwenza ifanane lekaJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebhathi. **4** Bazadliwa yizinja abangabakaBhasha

abazafela edolobheni, kanti izinyoni zasemoyeni zizakudla labo abazafela emangweni.” **5** Okunye okumayelana lombuso kaBhasha, akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? **6** UBhasha waphumula laboyise wembelwa eThiza. Kwathi u-Ela indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi yabusa. **7** Njalo ilizwi lafika livela kuThixo ngoJehu indodana kaHanani lisiya kuBhasha labendlu yakhe, ngoba kulezono ezinengi ayezenzile emehlweni kaThixo, wamthukuthelisa ngezinto abazenzayo, waze wafanana labendlu kaJerobhowamu kanye lokuthi wayichitha. **8** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesithupha wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, u-Ela indodana kaBhasha waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli njalo wabusa eThiza okweminyaka emibili. **9** UZimri, esinye sezikhulu zakhe, owayelawula ingxenye yezinqola zempi, waceba ukumbulala. U-Ela wayeseThiza ngalesosikhathi, esidla edakwa endlini ka-Ariza, indoda eyayiphethe isigodlo saseThiza. **10** UZimri wangena, wamtshaya wambulala. Kwakungumnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. Wasethatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhosi waba yinkosi. **11** Uthe eqalisa ukubusa esehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, wabulala bonke abendlu kaBhasha. Katshiyanga ndoda noma kuyisihlobo loba kungumngane. **12** Ngakho uZimri wabhubhisa bonke abendlu kaBhasha, kwaba njengokwatshiwo nguThixo owasongela uBhasha ngomphrofethi uJehu **13** ngenxa yazo zonke izono azenzayo uBhasha lendodana yakhe u-Ela; benza lo-Israyeli wona kwaze kwaqubula uThixo,

uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wazonda ngenxa yezithombe zabo eziyize. **14** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Ela, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini encwadini yembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? **15** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, uZimri wabusa eThiza okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Ibutho lalisenkambeni yaseGibhethoni, idolobho lamaFilistiya. **16** Abako-Israyeli bathi sebezwile ukuthi uZimri wakha icebo lokubulala inkosi lakanye wayibulala, babeka u-Omri, umlawuli webutho wahle waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli mhlalokho enkambeni. **17** U-Omri labo bonke abako-Israyeli bahlehla basuka eGibhethoni bayavimbezela iThiza. **18** UZimri uthe ebona ukuthi idolobho laselithethwe, waya enqabeni yesigodlo senkosi wathungela isigodlo sesikhosini ngomlilo lapho ayekhona. Ngakho wafa, **19** ngenxa yezono azenzayo, esenza okubi phambi kukaThixo njalo kwakungaselamuntu ohamba ngendlela zikaJerobhowamu lasezonweni ayengene kuzo lalezo ayebangela u-Israyeli ukuba azenze. **20** Ezinye izehlakalo zokubusa kukaZimri, lomvukela ayewenzile, akulotshwanga na ogwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? **21** Kwasekusiba lokudabukana phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli, abanye babesekela uThibhini indodana kaGinathi ukuthi abe yinkosi, abanye besekela u-Omri. **22** Kodwa-ke kwabasobala ukuthi abalandeli baka-Omri bayabakhulela abakaThibhini indodana kaGinathi. Ngakho uThibhini wafa u-Omri waba yinkosi. **23** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanye ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, u-Omri waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli,

wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, eyisithupha yayo eseThiza. **24** Wathenga uqaqa lwaseSamariya kuShemeri ngamathalenta amabili esiliva njalo wakha idolobho phezu koqaqa lolo walibiza ngokuthi Samariya, elubiza ngoShemeri, owayekade engumnikazi walo. **25** Kodwa u-Omri wona waba lezono phambi kukaThixo, njalo yena wona okwedlula bonke abamandulelayo. **26** Wahamba ngazozonke izindlela zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi kanye lasezonweni zakhe, abangela ukuthi u-Israyeli azenze, ngalokho baqubula uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wazonda ngenxa yezithombe zabo eziyize. **27** Okwembali yokubusa kuka-Omri, akwenzayo kanye layephumelele kukho, akulotshwanga na ogwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? **28** U-Omri waphumula kuboyise wembelwa eSamariya. Kwathi u-Ahabi indodana yakhe wabusa ngemva kwakhe. **29** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lasificaminwembili wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, u-Ahabi indodana ka-Omri waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, njalo wabusa eSamariya kwabako-Israyeli okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili. **30** U-Ahabi indodana ka-Omri waba lezono ezingaphezu kwalabo abamandulelayo phambi kukaThixo. **31** Kwathi lanxa ebona kungasilutho ukungena ebubini bukaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, wathatha uJezebheli indodakazi ka-Ethibhali inkosi yamaSidoni, waseqalisa ukukhonza lokusebenzela uBhali. **32** Wakhela uBhali i-alithari ethempelini likaBhali ayelakhe eSamariya. **33** U-Ahabi wenzela u-Ashera insika njalo kunengi akwenzayo okwathukuthelisa uThixo,

uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okwedlula wonke amakhosi
ako-Israyeli amandulelayo. **34** Ngezinsuku zika-Ahabi
uHiyeli waseBhetheli wakha kutsha iJerikho. Ukubekwa
kwezisekelo zayo kwathatha impilo yezibulo lakhe u-
Abhiramu kwathi lasekumiseni amasango alo kwathatha
impilo yecinathunjana lakhe uSegubi, kwagcwaliseka
ilizwi likaThixo ayelikhulume ngoJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni.

17 U-Elija umThishibi owayevela ngaseThishibi eGiliyadi,
wasesithi ku-Ahabi, "Njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli, engimkhonzayo ephila, akuyikuba lamazolo
njalo akuyikuba lezulu okweminyaka embalwa ezayo
ngaphandle kokuba ngitsho." **2** Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo
lafika ku-Elija lisithi: **3** "Suka lapho, khangela
empumalanga uyecatsha eDongeni lwaseKherithi,
empumalanga kweJodani. **4** Uzanatha amanzi avela
kulesosifula, njalo sengilayile amawabayi ukuthi azabe
ekulethela ukudla khonapho." **5** Ngakho wenza lokho
okwakutshiwo nguThixo. Waya eDongeni lwaseKherithi,
empumalanga yeJodani, wafika wahlala khona. **6**
Amawabayi amlethela ukudla, isinkwa lenyama ekuseni
kwathi lantambama kwaba yisinkwa lenyama, amanzi
wayenatha esifuleni. **7** Ngemva kwesikhathi amanzi
atsha esifuleni ngoba kwakungelazulu elizweni. **8**
Ngakho kwabuye kwafika kuye ilizwi likaThixo lisithi: **9**
"Suka khathesi uye eZarefathi yeSidoni uyehlala khona.
Sengilungisile khona ukuthi umfelokazi uzakulungisela
abe ekupha ukudla." **10** Wasesiya eZarefathi. Uthe
efika esangweni ledolobho, kwakukhona umfelokazi

edobha incwathi. Wazibika kuye njalo ecela wathi,
“Ungangilethela amanzi ngenkezo kenginathe na?”
11 Uthe esayathatha amanzi, wambiza njalo wathi,
“Ngicela ungiphathele locezu lwesinkwa.” **12** Umfelokazi
waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso lanjengoba uThixo
uNkulunkulu wakho ephila, angilaso isinkwa kodwa
ngilengcosana nje yefulawa engcebethwini encane
lamafutha angenganani ediweni. Ngidobha incwathi
lezi nje ngiya lazo ngekhaya ukuze ngiyezigoqozela
engingakudla mina lendodana yami, kube yikho
esizakudla andubana sife.” **13** U-Elija wathi kumfelokazi,
“Ungesabi. Hamba uye ekhaya uyekwenza khonokho
okutshoyo. Kodwa uqale ungiphekele iqebelengwane
eliyisinkwa ngalokho olakho ube usuliletha lapha kimi,
andubana uziphekele okwakho lendodana yakho. **14**
Ngoba lokhu yikho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli
akutshiloyo: ‘Impuphu esengcebethwini kayiyikuphela,
lamafutha asediweni kawayikuphela, kuze kufike usuku
uThixo azanisa ngalo izulu elizweni?’” **15** Wasuka
lapho wayakwenza njengalokho ayekutshilo u-Elija.
Ngakho kwahlala kulokudla kuka-Elija lomfelokazi
labendlu yakhe okwensuku zonke. **16** Ngoba ifulawa
eyayisengcebethwini ayiphelanga, kanti njalo lamafutha
agobhoza kokuphela kazaphela njengokutsho kukaThixo
ku-Elija. **17** Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana
yomfelokazi owayengumninindlu yagula. Wakhula
umkhuhlane ngamandla, yaze yema ukuphefumula. **18**
Umfelokazi wathi ku-Elija, “Kanti kuyini ongizondela
khona, wena muntu kaNkulunkulu? Kambe ungabe

ulande ukuzangikhumbuza ngesono sami ukuze ubulale indodana yami na?" **19** U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Nginika indodana yakho." Wayiphatha ngezandla indodana, wakhwela layo waya endlini ephezulu ayehlala kuyo, wayilalisa embhedeni wakhe. **20** Wasecela ngamandla kuThixo esithi. "Yebo Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, wehlisele umonakalo lakulo umfelokazi engihlezi kuye na, ngokubangela ukufa kwendodana yakhe na?" **21** Wasezelula ecambalala phezu komfana kathathu ecela kuThixo, esithi, "Wena Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, ake ubuyisele impilo yalumntwana!" **22** UThixo wakuzwa ukukhala kuka-Elija lakanye impilo yomfana yabuyela, wavuka waphila. **23** U-Elija wamphakamisa umntwana wamthwalela endlini ephansi. Wamqhubela unina wasesithi kunina, "Khangela ubone, indodana yakho iyaphila!" **24** Umfelokazi wasesithi ku-Elija, "Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi ungumuntu kaNkulunkulu lokuthi ilizwi likaThixo elivela emlonyeni wakho liliqiniso."

18 Ngemva kwesikhathi eside, ngomnyaka wesithathu, ilizwi likaThixo lezwakala ku-Elija lisithi: "Hamba uyezibika ku-Ahabi, ngizanisa izulu elizweni." **2** Lakanye u-Elija wahamba wayazibika ku-Ahabi. Ngalesosikhathi indlala yayinkulu kakhulu eSamariya, **3** njalo u-Ahabi wayebize u-Obhadaya, owayengumlindi wesigodlo sakhe. (U-Obhadaya wayekholwa kakhulu kuThixo. **4** Lapho uJezebheli wayebulala abaphrofethi bakaThixo, u-Obhadaya wayethethe abalikhulu wayabafihla ezimbalwini ezimbili, bengamatshumi amahlanu ebhalwini lunye, wabathumela ukudla lamanzi.) **5** U-

Ahabi wayethe ku-Obhadaya, “Ngena elizweni lonke
emaxhaphozini lasezihotsheni. Mhlawumbe singathola
khona utshani bokupha amabhiza lezimbongolo
zethu ukuze singabulali leyodwa yezinyamazana
zethu.” **6** Ngakho behlukaniselana isigaba somhlaba
ababezawuhlola. U-Ahabi wakhangela le kwathi lo-
Obhadaya laye waya le. **7** Kwathi u-Obhadaya ezihambela
nje, wahlangabezwa ngu-Elija. U-Obhadaya wamnanzelela,
wakhothamela phansi emhlabathini, wasesithi, “Kambe
nguwe sibili, nkosi yami Elija?” **8** U-Elija waphendula
wathi, “Yebo. Hamba uyetshela inkosi yakho ukuthi, ‘U-
Elija ulapha.’” **9** U-Obhadaya wabuza wathi, “Ngoneni
kanti okwenza unikele inceku yakho ezandleni zika-
Ahabi ukuba ibulawe? **10** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ephila, akukho sizwe
loba umbuso lapho inkosi yami ingazange ithume
izithunywa ukuba zikudinge khona. Kuthe laloba isizwe
loba umbuso ulandula ukuba awukho khonale, ubenze
bafunga ukuthi abangeke bakuthole. **11** Kodwa khathesi
usungithuma ukuthi ngiye enkosini ngiyeyitshela
ukuthi, ‘U-Elija ulapha.’ **12** Angikwazi ukuthi uMoya
kaThixo uzakusa ngaphi mhla ngakutshiyayo. Nxa
ngingayatshela u-Ahabi akudinge akuswele, uzangibulala.
Kunjalo-nje mina nceku yakho ngimkhonzile uThixo
kusukela ebutsheni bami. **13** Awukezwa yini, nkosi
yami, engakwenzayo uJezebheli ebulala abaphrofethi
bakaThixo na? Ngafihla abalikhulu ezimbalwini ezimbili,
bengamatshumi amahlanu kolulodwa, ngabapha ukudla
lamanzi. **14** Njalo khathesi usungithuma ukuba ngiye

enkosini yami ngiyeyitshela ngithi, ‘U-Elija ulapha.’ Kusobala ukuthi izangibulala!” **15** U-Elija wathi, “Njengoba uThixo uSomandla engimkhonzayo ekhona, ngizazinikela ngempela ku-Ahabi lamuhla.” **16** Ngakho u-Obhadaya wahlangabeza u-Ahabi wayamtshela, u-Ahabi wayahlangabeza u-Elija. **17** Uthe ebona u-Elija, wathi kuye, “Nguwe wena, wena oluhlupho ko-Israyeli?” **18** U-Elija waphendula wathi, “Angibanganga hlupho ko-Israyeli. Kodwa nguwe labendlu kayihlo abalubangileyo. Selitshiye imilayo kaThixo lalandela oBhali. **19** Biza abantu kulolonke elako-Israyeli ngiyehlangana labo eNtabeni iKhameli. Njalo letha bonke abaphrofethi bakaBhali abangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu labaka-Ashera abangamakhulu amane, abadlela etafuleni kaJezebheli.” **20** U-Ahabi wakhupha ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli wahlanganisa abaphrofethi labo eNtabeni iKhameli. **21** U-Elija wema phambi kwabantu wathi, “Lizathandabuza kuze kube nini ngeminakano emibili le na? Nxa uThixo enguNkulunkulu mlandeleni kodwa nxa uBhali enguNkulunkulu, mlandeleni.” Kodwa abantu abazange batsho lutho. **22** Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi kubo, “Yimi ngedwa umphrofethi kaThixo oseleyo kodwa uBhali ulabangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu. **23** Sidingeleni inkunzi ezimbili. Libanike bazikhethele abayifunayo bayihlabe bayiqume amaqatha bayifake phezu kwenkuni kodwa bangabasi umlilo. Lami ngizahlinza eyinye yazo ngiyiqobaqobe ngiyifake phezu kwenkuni kodwa angiyikubasa umlilo. **24** Libe selibiza ibizo likankulunkulu wenu mina

ngizacela ebizweni likaThixo. Unkulunkulu ozaphendula ngomlilo, nguye-ke uNkulunkulu." Ngakho abantu bonke bathi, "Lokho okutshoyo kulungile." **25** U-Elija wathi kubaphrofethi bakaBhali, "Khethani inkunzi eyodwa njalo liqale lina ukuyilungiselela, njengoba lina libanengi kangaka. Memezani unkulunkulu wenu ngegama lakhe, kodwa lingalumathisi umlilo." **26** Bayithatha inkunzi ababeyiphiwe bayilungisa. Basebebiza ibizo likaBhali kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba semini enkulu. Baklabalala besithi, "We Bhali, sabela bo!" Kodwa akubanga lampendulo; kakho owaphendulayo. Bagida bezingelezela i-alithari ababelakhile. **27** Kwathi emini enkulu u-Elija waqalisa ukubahoza esithi, "Klabalalani ngamandla! Ngempela angithi ungunkulunkulu! Mhlawumbe ujule eminakanweni, engxenye ubambekile, loba engxenye uphakathi kohambo. Engxenye ulele ngakho ufuna ukuvuswa." **28** Ngakho baklabalala ngamandla baziklaya ngezingqamu langezinkemba, njengoba kwakungumkhuba wabo, kwaze kwajuluka igazi. **29** Yedlula imini enkulu, bona baqhubeka ngokuphithizela bephrofetha kwaze kwaba yisikhathi somhlatshelo wakusihlwa. Kodwa akubanga lalutho, akubanga lampendulo, kakho owazihlupha ngakho. **30** Ngakho u-Elija wathi ebantwini, "Wozani ngapha engikhona." Basondela kuye, yena walungilungisa i-alithari likaThixo elaselibhidlikile. **31** U-Elija wathatha amatshe alitshumi lambili, yilelo limele isizwana sosendo lukaJakhobe, yena owayezwe ilizwi likaThixo lisithi kuye, "Uzabizwa ngokuthi ungu-Israyeli." **32** Wakha i-

alithari ngebizo likaThixo ngalawo matshe, wagebha umgelo ozingelezela i-alithari okungangena kuwo igokoko lamabele. **33** Walungisa inkuni, wasika inyama yenkunzi wenza amaqatha, waseyibeka phezu kwenkuni. Wasesithi kubo, “Gcwalisani imigqomo emine emikhulu ngamanzi libe seliwathela phezu komhlatshelo laphezu kwenkuni.” **34** Wathi, “Kwenzeni futhi,” bakwenza lokho njalo. Wathi, “Kwenzeni okwesithathu,” lakanye bakwenza bephinda okwesithathu. **35** Amanzi agcwala aze agcwala lasemgelweni owawugombolozele i-alithari. **36** Kuthe ngesikhathi somhlatshelo, u-Elija umphrofethi wasondela wakhuleka esithi, “Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka lo-Israyeli, veza obala lamuhla ukuthi wena unguNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli kanye lokuthi mina ngiyinceku yakho, lokuthi zonke lezizinto ngizenza ngokulaya kwakho. **37** Akungiphendule Oh Thixo, akungiphendule ukuze lababantu bakwazi ukuthi wena Thixo, unguNkulunkulu, lokuthi njalo uguqula inhliziyo zabo.” **38** Khonokho umlilo kaThixo wehla watshisa umhlatshelo, inkuni, amatshe lomhlabathi, kwaze kwatsha lamanzi ayesemgelweni. **39** Abantu bonke bekubona lokhu, bazilahla phansi bakhala bathi, “UThixo nguye uNkulunkulu! UThixo nguye uNkulunkulu!” **40** U-Elija wasebalaya wathi, “Bambani abaphrofethi bakaBhali. Akungaphunyuki lamunye!” Bababamba, u-Elija wathi kabasiwe eSigodini saseKhishoni, babulawelwa khona. **41** Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi ku-Ahabi, “Hamba, udle unathe, ngoba kuzwakala umdumo wezulu elikhulu.” **42** Ngalokho u-Ahabi wasuka wayakudla njalo wanatha, kodwa u-

Elija wakhwela phezu kwentaba yaseKhameli, wagobisa ikhanda lakhe walifaka phakathi kwamadolo akhe. **43** Wathuma isisebenzi sakhe wathi: “Hamba uyephosa amehlo akho olwandle.” Lakanye isisebenzi sahamba sayakhangela. Sathi, “Akulalutho laphaya.” U-Elija watsho kwaze kwaba kasikhombisa esithi, “Buyela.” **44** Ngesikhathi sesikhombisa isisebenzi sabika sathi, “Iyezana elincinyane ngangesandla somuntu likhanya liqubuka lisuka olwandle.” Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi, “Hamba uyetshela u-Ahabi uthi, ‘Bopha inqola yakho yempi usuke lapho ungakavalelwa lizulu.’” **45** Ngalesosikhathi, kwaba mnyama emkhathini ngamayezi, kwaqubuka umoya, kwana izulu elikhulu njalo u-Ahabi wasuka ngenqola waya eJezerili. **46** Amandla kaThixo ehlela ku-Elija, njalo uthe ukuba akhwicele isembatho sakhe ebhantini wagijima phambi kuka-Ahabi indlela yonke esiya eJezerili.

19 U-Ahabi wasetshela uJezebheli ngakho konke okwakwenziwe ngu-Elija kanye lokuthi wababulala njani abaphrofethi ngenkemba. **2** Ngalokho uJezebheli wathumela isithunywa ku-Elija ukuthi siyekuthi, “Onkulunkulu kabangihlanekele ngokwengezelelweyo nxa ngingakubulalanga kuze kube kusasa, njengoba usubulele abaphrofethi.” **3** U-Elija wasesesaba, wasuka wabaleka, wayafika eBherishebha yakoJuda, wasetshiya khona inceku yakhe. **4** Yena wahamba okwelanga elilodwa engena enkangala. Wathola khona isihlahla, wahlala ngaphansi kwaso emthunzini, wakhulekela ukuthi ngabe uyafa wathi, “Kwanele, Thixo, susa ukuphila kwami ngoba angingcono kulabokhokho.” **5** Wasecambalala elala

ngaphansi kwesihlahla wajunywa yibuthongo. Khonokho ingilosi yamthinta yathi kuye, “Vuka udle.” **6** Wathalaza, lakanye wabona ngemakhanda nantiyana iqebelengwane lisatshisa emalahleni elaliphekwe kuwo, kanye lenkezo eyayilamanzi okunatha. Wadla njalo wanatha, waphinda walala. **7** Ingilosi kaThixo yaphinda yabuya okwesibili yamthinta, yathi kuye, “Vuka udle, ngoba uhambo lude luzakukhulela.” **8** Ngakho wavuka, wadla njalo wehlisa ngamanzi. Eseqiniswe yilokhokudla wahamba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane waze wayafika eHorebhi intaba kaNkulunkulu. **9** Eselapho wangena ebhalwini walala. Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lisithi, “Kanti wenzani khonapha, Elija?” **10** Yena waphendula wathi, “Bengikutshisekela kakhulu, wena Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla. Abako-Israyeli basephule isivumelwano sakho, badiliza ama-alithare akho, babulala abaphrofethi bakho ngenkemba. Yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo khathesi bayangizingela bafuna ukungibulala.” **11** UThixo wathi kuye, “Hamba uyekuma phezu kwentaba phambi kukaThixo ngoba uThixo uzadlula khona.” Kwaba lomoya owawuvunguza ngamandla udabula izintaba uqhekeza lamadwala phambi kukaThixo, kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulesosiphepho. Kwedlula isiphepho kweza ukuzamazama komhlaba kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulokhokuzamazama. **12** Kwedlula ukuzamazama komhlaba kwaqhamuka umlilo, kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulowomlilo. Ngemva komlilo kwezwakala ilizwi elipholileyo linyenyeza. **13** U-Elija uthe elizwa, wadonsa isembatho sakhe wamboza ubuso

bakhe wasuka wayakuma entubeni yobhalu. Khonokho
ilizwi lathi kuye, “Wenzani khonapha, Elija?” **14** Yena
waphendula wathi, “Bengikutshisekela kakhulu wena
Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla. Abako-Israyeli basephule
isivumelwano sakho, badiliza ama-alithare akho, babulala
abaphrofethi bakho ngenkemba. Yimi ngedwa engiseleyo,
njalo khathesi bayangizingela bafuna ukungibulala lami.”
15 UThixo wathi kuye, “Buyela ngayonale indlela oze
ngayo, uye enkangala yaseDamaseko. Ekufikeni kwakho
khonale, ugcobe uHazayeli abe yinkosi yase-Aramu. **16**
Njalo, ugcobe loJehu indodana kaNimishi abe yinkosi yako-
Israyeli, ubusugcoba u-Elisha indodana kaShafathi wase-
Abheli-Mehola athathe isikhundla sakho sobuphrofethi.
17 UJehu uzabulala bonke abazaphepha kuleyonkemba
kaHazayeli, njalo u-Elisha uzabulala labo abazasila
kuleyonkemba kaJehu. **18** Kodwa ngizaphephisa abako-
Israyeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa abangazange
bakhothamele uBhali njalo abandebe zabo azizange
zimange.” **19** Ngakho u-Elija wasuka lapho wathola
u-Elisha indodana kaShafathi. Wamfica elima labanye
ngenkabi emajogweni alitshumi lambili, yena etshayela
ezejogwe letshumi lambili. U-Elija wasondela kuye
wamembesa ngesembatho sakhe. **20** U-Elisha watshiya
inkabi zakhe walandela u-Elija. Wasesithi, “Ngivumela
ngiyevalelisa ubaba lomama, ngibuye ngizehamba lawe.”
U-Elija wamphendula wathi, “Buyela, kanti ngenzeni
kuwe?” **21** Ngakho u-Elisha wehlukana laye wabuyela
emuva. Wathatha inkabi zejogwe lakhe wazihlaba. Wabasa
umlilo ngezinto lezo ayelima ngazo ukuze ose inyama

yazo wayinika abantu bayidla. Waselandela u-Elija waba yinceku yakhe.

20 UBheni-Hadadi inkosi yama-Aramu waqoqa ibutho lakhe lonke. Wayephelekezelwa ngamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lamabili ngezinqola zawo zempi lamabhiza, wasuka wayahanqa iSamariya wayihlasela. **2** Wathuma izithunywa edolobheni ku-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, esithi, "Nanku okutshiwo nguBheni-Hadadi: **3** Isiliva legolide lakho ngokwami, abafazi benu abahle kakhulu labantwana ngabami." **4** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, "Kunjalo nkosi mbusi wami. Mina lakho konke engilakho ngokwakho." **5** Izithunywa zaphenduka njalo zisithi, "UBheni-Hadadi uthi: 'Ngathumela ngathi ngifuna isiliva legolide lakho, abafazi labantwabakho. **6** Kodwa ngasolesi isikhathi kusasa ngizathumela izikhulu zami ukuzakhuthuza isigodlo sakho lezindlu zezikhulu zakho. Zizabutha yonke into eligugu kuwe zikuthathele.'" **7** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibiza bonke abadala belizwe yathi kubo, "Ake libone lindoda edinga uhlupho! Ithe isithi ifuna abafazi bami labantwabami, isiliva legolide lami, angizange ngale." **8** Abadala kanye labantu bonke bathi, "Ungalaleli njalo ungamniki lokho akufunayo." **9** Yasitshela izithunywa zikaBheni-Hadadi ukuthi, "Tshelani inkosi umbusi wami ukuthi, 'Inceku yakho izagcwalisa isicelo sakuqala kodwa lesi hayi ayenelisi.'" Zasuka izithunywa zabuyisela impendulo kuBheni-Hadadi. **10** Ngakho uBheni-Hadadi wakhupha ilizwi njalo lisiya ku-Ahabi, wathi: "Kabangihlanekele onkulunkulu, loba kungaba

lobunzima obunganani, nxa kuzasala ubhuqu olulingana ukufunjathwa ngamadoda wonke aseSamariya.” **11** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, “Mtsheleni lithi: ‘Lowo ohloma ngezempi angabokloloda njengongahlomanga.’” **12** UBheni-Hadadi wemukela lelilizwi ezinathela lamanye amakhosi emathenteni awo, wahle walawula amabutho akhe esithi: “Hlomelani ukuhlasela.” Basebelungisela ukuhlasela idolobho. **13** Kusenjalo kweza umphrofethi ku-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli owafika wabika esithi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Uyalibona na ibutho elikhulu kangaka? Ngizalinikela ezandleni zakho lamuhla nje, ukuze wazi ukuba nginguThixo.’” **14** U-Ahabi wabuza wathi, “Kodwa ngubani ozakwenza lokhu?” Umphrofethi waphendula wathi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Lokhu kuzakwenziwa ngabalawuli bamabutho ezabelweni abayintanga yabatsha.’” Yena wabuza njalo ukuthi, “Pho ngubani ozayiqalisa impi?” Umphrofethi wamphendula wathi, “Nguwe.” **15** Ngakho u-Ahabi wamema abalawuli bamabutho abentanga yabatsha ezabelweni, abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amathathu lambili. Waseqoqa labo bonke abanye abako-Israyeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa ndawonye. **16** Basuka emini enkulu ngesikhathi uBheni-Hadadi lamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lambili ayezomhlomulela belokhu besazinathela bedakwa emathenteni abo. **17** Abalawuli bezabelweni bentanga yabatsha basuka kuqala. UBheni-Hadadi wayethumele inhloli, ezabika ukuthi, “Kulamadoda ezayo evela eSamariya.” **18** Yena wathi, “Nxa esiza ngokuthula, athumbeni ephila; nxa

ezohlasela, athumbeni ephila.” **19** Abalawuli bamabutho
ezabelweni abentanga yabatsha baphuma edolobheni
belandelwa libutho **20** njalo ngamunye wabo wabulala
lowo ayeqondene laye. Ebona lokhu, ama-Aramu abaleka,
ama-Israyeli axotshana lawo. Kodwa uBheni-Hadadi
inkosi yama-Aramu wabaleka ngebhiza lamanye
amabutho ayesilwa ngamabhiza. **21** Inkosi yako-Israyeli
yaqhubeka yakhulela abamabhiza kanye labezinqola
zempi yatshaya yabhuqa ama-Aramu amanengi kakhulu.
22 Ngemva kwalokho, umphrofethi waya enkosini yako-
Israyeli wafika wathi, “Hloma uphelele ubone ukuthi
ungenzani, ngoba entwasa inkosi yama-Aramu iyeza
izokuhlasela futhi.” **23** Kusenjalo, izikhulu zenkosi
yase-Aramu zayicebisa zathi, “Onkulunkulu babo
ngonkulunkulu bezintabeni. Yikho besikhulele. Kodwa
singalwela emagcekeni, ngempela sizabakhulela. **24** Wena
yenza kanje: Susa wonke amakhosi ekulawuleni kwawo
ufake abanye abalawuli esikhundleni sawo. **25**
Njalo kumele uqoqe amanye amabutho anjengala
anqotshwayo, kulingane amabhiza kanye lezinqola zempi
ukuze silwele emagcekeni labako-Israyeli. Ngalokho
akulakuthandabuza ukuthi sizabe silamandla kulabo.”
Wavumelana labo wenza njengokutsho kwabo. **26**
Ngesikhathi sentwasa uBheni-Hadadi waqoqa ama-
Aramu wasesiya e-Afekhi ukuze alwe labako-Israyeli. **27**
Ama-Israyeli ayeseqoqene, anikwa lemiphako, asuka
ayawahlangabeza. Ama-Israyeli amisa maqondana lawo
kungathi yimihlanjana yembuzi emibili, kanti ama-
Aramu ayegcwele indawana yonke. **28** Umphrofethi

kaNkulunkulu wasesiya enkosini yako-Israyeli wafika wathi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Njengoba ama-Aramu esithi uThixo ngunkulunkulu wezintaba hatshi uNkulunkulu wezigodi, ngizanikela wonke amabutho awo amanengi kangaka ezandleni zakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.’” **29** Bajamelana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa bahlaselana. Ama-Israyeli abulala abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu phakathi kwamabutho ama-Aramu ahamba ngezinyawo ngosuku olulodwa. **30** Amanye amabutho abalekela edolobheni lase-Afekhi, lapho adilikelwa khona ngumduli owabulala izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa. Kwathi uBheni-Hadadi wabalekela edolobheni lapho afika wacatsha endlini ephakathi. **31** Izikhulu zakhe zathi kuye, “Khangela, sesizwile ukuthi amakhosi ako-Israyeli ngamakhosi alomusa. Asihambeni enkosini yako-Israyeli sembethe amasaka okhalweni njalo sibophe amakhanda ngentambo. Mhlawumbe izakuxolela ingakubulali.” **32** Basuka bethandele amasaka ezinkalweni zabo, bebophe amakhanda ngentambo, baya enkosini yako-Israyeli bafika bathi, “Inceku yakho uBheni-Hadadi ithi, ‘Ngicela ungiyekele ngiphile.’” Inkosi yathi, “Ulokhu esaphila? Ngumfowethu lowo.” **33** Amadoda lawo abona lokhu kukhomba ubuhle alithathela phezulu lelilizwi athi, “Ye, umfowenu uBheni-Hadadi!” Inkosi yathi, “Hambani liyemthatha.” Lakanye uBheni-Hadadi uthe efika, u-Ahabi wathi kakhwele enqoleni yakhe yempi. **34** UBheni-Hadadi wazibika esithi, “Ngizabuyisela wonke amadolobho athunjwa ngubaba

kuyihlo. Ungazilungisela izindawo zokuthengiselana eDamaseko, njengoba ubaba laye wayelazo eSamariya.” U-Ahabi wathi, “Ngesivumelwano ngizakukhulula.” Wasesenza isivumelwano laye wamkhulula. **35** Ngelizwi likaThixo omunye wamadodana abaphrofethi wathi komunye, “Ake ungitshaye ngesikhali sakho,” kodwa wala. **36** Ngakho umphrofethi wasesithi, “Njengoba ungalalelanga ilizwi likaThixo, uzakuthi usuka kimi ubulawe yisilwane.” Ngemva kokusuka kwakhe, wafunyanwa yisilwane sambulala. **37** Umphrofethi wafumana enye njalo indoda wathi kuyo, “Ake ungigwaze.” Yamgwaza leyondoda yamlimaza. **38** Umphrofethi wasuka wayamelela inkosi endleleni. Wazifihla ubuso bakhe ngeqhiye. **39** Kuthe inkosi isedlula khonapho, umphrofethi wayimemeza esithi, “Inceku yakho ibe iphakathi kwempi etshisayo, kwathi omunye weza kimi lothunjiweyo wathi, ‘Linda lumuntu. Nxa engabaleka, uzamfela wena, loba uhlawule ngethalenta lesiliva.’ **40** Kuthe inceku yakho isaphathekile lapha lalaphaya, umuntu lowo wanyamalala.” Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi, “Leso yiso isigwebo sakho. Usuvele wasiqamba wena ngokwakho.” **41** Umphrofethi waphanga wembula ubuso bakhe, inkosi yako-Israyeli yabona ukuthi ngomunye wabaphrofethi. **42** Wathi enkosini, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Usukhulule umuntu ebengithe kumele afe. Kutsho ukuthi usuzamfela wena, labantu bakho bazafela abantu bakhe.’” **43** Ngokuhlulukelwa langokuzonda, inkosi yako-Israyeli yasuka yabuyela esigodlweni sayo eSamariya.

21 Kwathi ngemva kwesikhathi esithile kwaba lesenzo
esithile ngesivini sikaNabhothi umJezerili. Isivini leso
sasiseJezerili, phansi kwesigodlo sika-Ahabi inkosi
yaseSamariya. **2** U-Ahabi wathi kuNabhothi, "Kahle
mina ngilime imibhida yami esivinini sakho, njengoba
siphansi kwesigodlo sami. Mina ngizakunika isivini
esingcono, loba nxa uthanda, ngizakunika intengo
ofisa ukusithengisa ngayo." **3** Kodwa uNabhothi
wathi, "UThixo kangavumi ukuba ngikunike ilifa
labobaba." **4** Ngalokho u-Ahabi wabuyela ekhaya
enyukubele njalo ethukuthele ngoba uNabhothi
umJezerili wayethe, "Angizukukunika ilifa labobaba."
U-Ahabi walala embhedeni enyukubele wala lokudla. **5**
Umkakhe uJezebheli wangena endlini wambuza wathi,
"Kungani usineme kangaka? Kungani usala ukudla?" **6**
Yena wamphendula wathi, "Kungenxa yokuthi ngithe
kuNabhothi umJezerili, 'Ngithengisela isivini sakho;
loba nxa ufuna, ngikunike esinye isivini esikhundleni
salesi.' Kodwa ungiphendule wathi 'Angizukukunika
isivini sami.'" **7** UJezebheli umka-Ahabi wathi, "Lokhu
yikho okwenzayo njengenkosi yako-Israyeli na? Vuka
udle! Uchelese. Mina ngizakuzuzela isivini sikaNabhothi
umJezerili." **8** UJezebheli wasebhala izincwadi ngebizo
lika-Ahabi, wazidinda ngophawu luka-Ahabi, wazithumela
ebadaleni lakuzo izikhulu ezazihlala loNabhothi
emzini wakibo. **9** Ezincwadini lezo waloba ukuthi:
"Memezelani usuku lokuzila libe selibeka uNabhothi
esihlalweni esiqakathekileyo phakathi kwabantu. **10**
Libe selihlalisa izigangi ezimbili maqondana laye lithi

kazifakaze ngokuthi uthuke uNkulunkulu kanye lenkosi. Libe selimkhuphela phandle liyemkhanda ngamatshe limbulale.” **11** Ngakho abadala lezikhulu ababehlala emzini kaNabhothi benza lokho ababekuthunywe nguJezebheli ngezincwadi ayebalobele zona. **12** Bamemezela isikhathi sokuzila bahlalisa uNabhothi esihlalweni esiphakemeyo phambi kwabantu. **13** Kwasuka izigangi ezimbili zahlala phambi kwakhe zakhangelana laye zaqalisa ukwethesa uNabhothi amacala, zisithi, “UNabhothi uthuke uNkulunkulu kanye lenkosi.” Ngakho bamkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi bamkhanda ngamatshe bambulala. **14** Basebethumela ilizwi kuJezebheli besithi, “UNabhothi ukhandwe ngamatshe njalo usefile.” **15** Masinyazana uJezebheli esezwe ukuthi uNabhothi ukhandwe ngamatshe wabulawa, wathi ku-Ahabi, “Vuka uyethatha isivini sikaNabhothi umJezerili sona lesiyana alileyo ukukuthengisela sona. Uvele kasekho, usefile.” **16** U-Ahabi uthe esizwa ukuthi uNabhothi kasekho, wavuka wayathatha lesosivini sikaNabhothi waseJezerili. **17** Ilizwi likaThixo leza ku-Elija umThishibi lisithi: **18** “Yehla uyehlangabeza u-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli obusa eSamariya. Usesivinini sikaNabhothi, uye khona ukuze azithathele lesosivini. **19** Ufike uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Awubulalanga umuntu wathumba impahla yakhe na?’ Ubususithi kuyo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo; Khonapho lapho izinja ezikhothele khona igazi likaNabhothi, kukhonapho kanye lapho izinja ezizakhothela khona elakho, yebo, elakho kanye!’” **20** U-Ahabi wathi ku-Elija, “Wo usungitholile,

wena sitha sami!” U-Elija wamphendula wathi, “Yebo sengikutholile ngoba uzinikele ukwenza isono emehlweni kaThixo. **21** ‘Ngizokwehlisela ukubhujiswa. Ngizabhubhisa izizukulwane zakho ngisuse sonke isilisa sokucina ku-Ahabi ko-Israyeli loba yisigqili loba ngokhululekileyo. **22** Indlu yakho ngizayenza lokhu engakwenza ekaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi lekaBhasha indodana ka-Ahija, ngoba ungithukuthelisile wabangela ukuthi u-Israyeli enze isono.’ **23** Ngalokho uThixo uthi ngoJezebheli: ‘Izinja zizamdabudabula uJezebheli zimdlele emidulini yaseJezerili.’ **24** Izinja zizakudla bonke abangabaka-Ahabi abafela edolobheni, izinyoni zezulu zizakudla labo abazafela emaphandleni.” **25** (Akuzange kube lendoda eyayifanana lo-Ahabi yena owazinikela ukuthi adale isono phambi kukaThixo, ekhuthazwa ngumkakhe uJezebheli. **26** Waziphatha butshapha kakhulu elandela izithombe, njengama-Amori wona ayesuswe nguThixo phambi kuka-Israyeli.) **27** U-Ahabi wathi esizwa lawomazwi, wadabula izigqoko zakhe, wembatha amasaka wazila. Walala embethe amasaka wahamba edanile. **28** Ngemva kwalokho ilizwi likaThixo lathi ku-Elija umThishibi: **29** “Ukubonile na ukuthi u-Ahabi usezithobe kanganani phambi kwami? Ngenxa yokuzithoba kwakhe, angiyikumehlisela lobobubi esaphila, kodwa ngizakwehlisela endlini yakhe ensukwini zendodana yakhe.”

22 Kwathatha iminyaka kungelampi phakathi kwe-Aramu le-Israyeli. **2** Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wayabonana lenkosi yako-

Israyeli. **3** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yayike yakhuluma lezikhulu
zayo isithi, “Alikwazi na ukuthi eleRamothi Giliyadi
ngelethu kodwa asikenzi lutho ukuze silithathe ezandleni
zenkosi yase-Aramu?” **4** Ngakho yasicela uJehoshafathi
isithi, “Ungahamba lami na ukuze siyehlasela eRamothi
Giliyadi?” UJehoshafathi ephendula inkosi yako-Israyeli
wathi, “Mina ngikanye lawe, abantu bami banjengabakho,
amabhiza ami anjengawakho.” **5** Kodwa uJehoshafathi
waphinda wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, “Akubuze kuThixo
kuqala.” **6** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yahlanganisa
abaphrofethi abangaba ngamakhulu amane yasibabuza
isithi, “Ngihambe ngiyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi yini, loba
ngiyekele na?” Abaphrofethi bathi, “Hamba ngoba iNkosi
izayinikela esandleni sakho.” **7** Kodwa uJehoshafathi
wabuza wathi, “Kambe kakusela mphrofethi kaThixo
lapha esingabuza kuye na?” **8** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi
kuJehoshafathi, “Ukhona oyedwa esingabuza uThixo
ngaye kodwa ngiyamzonda ngoba kakaze aphrofethe
okuhle ngami, uhlala ekhuluma okubi. Ibizo lakhe
nguMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.” UJehoshafathi wathi,
“Inkosi kayimelanga itsho njalo.” **9** Inkosi yako-
Israyeli yasibiza omunye wezikhulu zayo yathi kuye,
“Phangisa ungilethele uMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.” **10**
Bembethe izembatho zabo zobukhosi, inkosi yako-Israyeli
loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi ezihlalweni
zabo zobukhosi esizeni sokubhulela amabele esangweni
laseSamariya labo bonke abaphrofethi bephrofetha
phambi kwabo. **11** UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana
wayekhande impondo zensimbi, wasesithi, “Nanku

okutshiwo nguThixo, uthi: ‘Ngempondo lezi uzagwaza ama-Aramu uwabhubhise.’” **12** Bonke abaphrofethi babevele bephrofetha okufananayo besithi, “Hlasela iRamothi Giliyadi unqobe, ngoba uThixo uyinikile esandleni senkosi.” **13** Isithunywa esasithunywe ukuyabiza uMikhaya sathi kuye, “Khangela, abanye abaphrofethi bafakaza bengela kuthandabuza ukuthi inkosi izanqoba. Lawe vumelana labo, ukhulume okuyithokozisayo.” **14** Kodwa uMikhaya wathi, “Njengokutsho kukaThixo, mina ngizayitshela lokho engikuthunywe nguThixo.” **15** Ekufikeni kwakhe, inkosi yambuza yathi, “Mikhaya, sihambe siyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi yini, loba ngiyekele na?” Yena waphendula wathi, “Hlasela njalo unqobe, ngoba uThixo uzalinikela ezandleni zakho nkosi.” **16** Inkosi yathi kuye, “Kumele ngikufungise kangaki ukuze ungangikhohlisi kodwa ungitshele iqiniso ebizweni likaThixo?” **17** Ngakho uMikhaya waphendula wathi, “Ngabona u-Israyeli wonke ehlakazekile ezintabeni njengezimvu ezingelamelusi, kulapho uThixo athi ‘Lababantu abalamkhomkheli. Yekela bonke babuyele emakhaya ngokuthula.’” **18** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Angikutshelanga yini ukuthi uvele kaphrofethi okuhle ngami, kodwa okubi kuphela?” **19** UMikhaya waqhubekela phambili wathi, “Ngakho zwana ilizwi likaThixo elithi, Ngabona uThixo ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi lamabutho wonke asezulwini emi ngakwesokunene sakhe lakwesokhohlo sakhe. **20** Njalo uThixo wathi, ‘Ngubani ozahugela u-Ahabi ekuhlaseleni iRamothi Giliyadi ukuze ayefela khonale na?’ Omunye

waqamba lokhu, lomunye okwakhe. **21** Ekucineni
kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukaThixo wathi, ‘Mina
ngizamhuga.’ **22** UThixo wabuza wathi, ‘Uzakwenza
ngandlela bani?’ Umoya waphendula wathi, ‘Ngizahamba
ngiyekuba ngumoya wokuqamba amanga emilonyeni yabo
bonke abaphrofethi bakhe.’ UThixo wathi, ‘Uzaphumelela
ukumhuga. Hamba-ke uyekwenza lokho.’ **23** Ngakho
khathesi uThixo usefake umoya wenkohliso emilonyeni
yabaphrofethi bakho bonke laba. UThixo usekumisele
ukubhujiswa.” **24** Kusenjalo uZedekhiya indodana
kaKhenana wasondela, wamwakala uMikhaya ebusweni.
Wabuza wathi: “Umoya kaThixo wasuka njani kimi
ungena kuwe na?” **25** UMikhaya waphendula wathi,
“Uzazibonela mhla uzakuyacatsha endlini engaphakathi.”
26 Inkosi yako-Israyeli yalaya yathi, “Thathani uMikhaya
limbuyisele ku-Amoni obusa idolobho lakoJowashi
indodana yenkosi. **27** Liyekuthi, ‘Inkosi ithi: Valelani
umuntu lo entolongweni lingamniki lutho ngaphandle
kwesinkwa lamanzi ngize ngiphenduke ngokuhle.’” **28**
UMikhaya waqonqosela wathi: “Nxa ungaphenduka kuhle,
uThixo uyabe engakhulumanga ngami.” Waqhubeka
wathi, “Lani lonke bantu abambisiseni amazwi ami!”
29 Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli loJehoshafathi inkosi
yakoJuda baya eRamothi Giliyadi. **30** Inkosi yako-
Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi: “Mina ngizakuya empini
ngizazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sami, kodwa wena
gqoka ezakho ezobukhosi.” Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli
yazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sayo yangena empini. **31**
Inkosi yase-Aramu yayilaye abalawuli bayo bezinqola

zokulwa abangamatshumi amathathu lambili yathi, “Lina lingalwi lamuntu, loba eyisikhulu loba engumuntukazana, ngaphandle kwenkosi yako-Israyeli.” **32** Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathe bebona uJehoshafathi, bahle bathi “Ngempela le yiyo kanye inkosi yako-Israyeli.” Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa basebehlasela uJehoshafathi, yena wahlaba umkhosi, **33** baphanga babona ukuthi kwakungasiyo inkosi yako-Israyeli bahle bayekela ukuxotshana laye. **34** Umuntu othile wakhokha umtshoko wakhe watshoka engaqondanga muntu umtshoko wayaciba inkosi yako-Israyeli emkenkeni wesihlangu sayo. Inkosi yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola yokulwa: “Phendula inqola yakho ungisuse lapha. Sengilimele.” **35** Kwalwiwa impi kanzima ilanga lonke. Inkosi yayeyanyiswe enqoleni yayo yokulwa ikhangele ama-Aramu. Igazi lamanxeba ayo lagelezela phansi enqoleni yokulwa, kwathi Ngalokhokuhlwa yafa. **36** Ekutshoneni kwelanga kwamenyezelwa kuyo yonke impi ukuthi: “Abantu bonke kababuyele emizini yakibo, bonke kababuyele lowo lalowo elizweni lakibo!” **37** Ngakho inkosi yafa yasiwa eSamariya, yangcwatshwa khona. **38** Inqola yokulwa bayigezisela esizibeni seSamariya (endaweni eyayigezela izifebe), izinja zakhotha igazi layo, njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo. **39** Konke okunye ngempilo langokubusa kuka-Ahabi lakho konke akwenzayo, ukwakha isigodlo esasiceciswe ngempondo zezindlovu, lamadolobho ayevikelwe okwenqaba, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? **40** U-Ahabi wangcwatshwa laboyise. Ubukhosi bakhe

bathathwa yindodana yakhe u-Ahaziya. **41** UJehoshafathi indodana ka-Asa waba yinkosi yakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kuka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli. **42** UJehoshafathi waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lemihlanu yokuzalwa, wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemihlanu. Ibizo likanina kungu-Azubha indodakazi kaShilihi. **43** Kukho konke ayekwenza wayesenyathelweni likayise u-Asa njalo kazange aphambuke; wenza konke okuhle emehlweni kaThixo. Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela kazisuswanga, abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo, betshisa impepha khonapho. **44** UJehoshafathi wahlalisana ngokuthula lenkosi yako-Israyeli. **45** Okwenzakala ekubuseni kukaJehoshafathi, ukuphumelela kwakhe kanye lokunqoba ezimpini, akulotshwanga na encwadini yembali yamakhosi akoJuda? **46** Waqeda insalela yabesilisa ababefeba emathempelini ayelokhu esasele lapho langemva kokubusa kukayise u-Asa. **47** Kwakungaselankosi e-Edomi, umsekeli nguye owayebusa. **48** UJehoshafathi wakha imikhumbi yokuthutha igolide e-Ofiri, kodwa ayizange isebenze olwandle, yahle yahlikizeka, yabhidlikela e-Eziyoni-Gebheri. **49** Ngalesosikhathi u-Ahaziya indodana ka-Ahabi wathi kuJehoshafathi, “Yekela abantu bami bahambe labakho olwandle,” kodwa uJehoshafathi wala. **50** Ngakho uJehoshafathi waphumula labokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshwa kanye labo emzini kaDavida uyise. UJehoramu indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **51** U-Ahaziya indodana ka-Ahabi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya ngomnyaka

wetshumi lesikhombisa wokubusa kukaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, yena-ke wabusa ko-Israyeli okweminyaka emibili. **52** Wona emehlweni kaThixo, ngoba wahamba enyathelweni likayise lelikanina walandela njalo izindlela zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, owabangela u-Israyeli ukuthi enze isono. **53** Wasebenzela uBhali njalo wamkhonza wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise.

2 Amakhosi

1 Ngemva kokufa kuka-Ahabi, amaMowabi ahlamukela
u-Israyeli. **2** U-Ahaziya wayewele embotsheni yendlu
yakhe engaphezulu eSamariya walimala. Wathumela
izithunywa, wathi kuzo, “Hambani liyebuza kuBhali-
Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni, ukuthi kambe
ngizasila yini kulokhu kulimala na.” **3** Kodwa ingilosi
kaThixo yathi ku-Elija umThishibi, “Suka uyehlangabeza
izithunywa zenkosi yaseSamariya uyezibuza ukuthi,
‘Kambe yikuthi akuselaNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli na
ukuze uyehlahlula kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu
wase-Ekroni?’ **4** Ngakho uThixo uthi: ‘Awuyikusuka
kulowombheda ogulela kuwo. Ngempela uzakufa!’” **5**
Ekubuyeleni kwezithunywa enkosini, yazibuza yathi,
“Kungani selibuyile na?” **6** Izithunywa zaphendula
zathi, “Kulendoda esihlangabezileyo yathi kithi, ‘Buyelani
enkosini elithumileyo liyeyitshela ukuthi, “Ilizwi
likaThixo lithi: Kungenxa yokuthi akulaNkulunkulu
yini ko-Israyeli okubangele ukuthi uthumele abantu
ukuyahlahlula kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu we-Ekroni
na? Ngakho awuyikuvuka kulowombheda olele kuwo.
Ngempela uzakufa!”’” **7** Inkosi yabuza izithunywa yathi,
“Ngumuntu onjani lowo olihlangabezileyo waselitshela
lokhu?” **8** Izithunywa zaphendula zathi, “Yindoda
ebigqoke isigqoko soboya ekhalweni ibophe ngozwezwe.”
Inkosi yathi, “Lowo ngu-Elija umThishibi.” **9** Inkosi
yasithumela ku-Elija induna yebutho labantu bayo
abangamatshumi amahlanu. Induna yebutho yakhwela
yaya ku-Elija, owayehlezi phezu koqaqa, yafika yathi

kuye, “Muntu kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ithi, ‘Yehla!’”
10 U-Elija ephendula induna yebutho wathi, “Nxa
ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela
ezulwini ukuqothule wena kanye labantu bakho
abangamatshumi amahlanu!” Lakanye wehla umlilo uvela
ezulwini wayiqothula induna yebutho kanye labantu
bayo. **11** Ngokubona lokho inkosi yathuma ku-Elija
eyinye induna yebutho lamanye amadoda angamatshumi
amahlanu. Induna yathi ku-Elija, “Muntu kaNkulunkulu,
inkosi ithi, ‘Yehla khathesi.’” **12** U-Elija waphendula wathi,
“Nxa ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela
ezulwini ukuqothule wena kanye labantu bakho!” Ngakho
umlilo kaNkulunkulu wehla uvela ezulwini waqothula
izinduna zamabutho ezakuqala zombili kanye labo bonke
abantu bayo abangamatshumi amahlanu. **13** Ngakho
inkosi yathuma induna yebutho yesithathu labantu bayo
abangamatshumi amahlanu. Induna yebutho yesithathu
yakhwela yafika yaguqa ngamadolo phambi kuka-Elija
yamncenga yathi, “Muntu kaNkulunkulu, akube lesihawu
ngempilo yami leyamadoda la angamatshumi amahlanu,
thina sizinceku zakho! **14** Angithi uyabona, umlilo
wehle uvela ezulwini waqothula izinduna zamabutho
lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu induna nganye.
Kodwa manje akunakekele impilo yami!” **15** Ingilosi
kaThixo yathi ku-Elija, “Yehla kanye layo induna;
ungayesabi.” Ngakho u-Elija wasukuma wehla kanye
lenduna waya enkosini. **16** Wasesithi enkosini, “Ilizwi
likaThixo lithi: Kungenxa yokuthi akulaNkulunkulu yini
ko-Israyeli ukuze uthume izithunywa ukuthi ziyohlahlula

kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu we-Ekroni na? Ngenxa yesenzo sakho lesi, awuyikuvuka kulowombheda olele kuwo. Ngempela uzakufa!" **17** Lakanye wafa, njengelizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa ngu-Elija. Njengoba u-Ahaziya wayengelandodana, ubukhosi bakhe bathathwa nguJoramu owaba yinkosi ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaJehoramu indodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda. **18** Konke okwembali yokubusa kuka-Ahaziya, kanye lakwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na?

2 Kwathi uThixo esezathatha u-Elija ukuba aye ezulwini ngesivunguzane, u-Elija lo-Elisha babevela eGiligali. **2** U-Elija wathi ku-Elisha, "Hlala lapha; uThixo usengithume eBhetheli." Kodwa u-Elisha wathi, "Njengoba uThixo ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho basuka baya eBhetheli. **3** Iqula labaphrofethi eBhetheli leza ku-Elisha lambuza lisithi: "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi uThixo uzakuthathela inkosi yakho lamuhla na?" U-Elisha wathi, "Yebo, ngiyakwazi, kodwa lingakhulumi ngakho." **4** Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi kuye, "Hlala lapha, Elisha; uThixo usengithume eJerikho." U-Elisha waphendula wathi: "Njengoba uThixo ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho basuka baya eJerikho. **5** Iqula labaphrofethi eJerikho laya ku-Elisha lambuza lisithi, "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi uThixo uzathatha inkosi yakho lamuhla na?" Waphendula wathi, "Yebo, ngiyakwazi, kodwa lingakhulumi ngakho." **6** Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi, "Hlala khonapha; uThixo usengithume eJodani." Yena waphendula wathi,

“Njengoba uThixo ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe.” Ngakho baqhubekela phambili ngohambo. **7** Amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu exukwini labaphrofethi asuka ayakuma bucwadlana ekhangele lapho u-Elija lo-Elisha ababemi khona eJodani. **8** U-Elija wasethatha ingubo yakhe, wayigoqa watshaya ngayo amanzi. Amanzi adabuka phakathi amanye aba kwesokunene amanye kwesokhohlo, basebechapha emhlabathini owomileyo. **9** Ekuchapheni kwabo, u-Elija wathi ku-Elisha, “Akungitshele, kambe kuyini engingakwenzela khona ngingakasuswa kuwe?” U-Elisha waphendula wathi, “Ngicela isabelo esiphindwe kabili somoya wakho.” **10** U-Elija wathi, “Usucele into elukhuni, ungangibona ngisuswa kuwe kuzakuba ngokwakho, kodwa nxa kungangabinjalo akuyikuba ngokwakho.” **11** Besahamba belokhu bekhuluma, kwafika inqola yokulwa yomlilo lamabhiza ayo avuthayo yabehlukanisa, ngakho u-Elija waya ezulwini ngesivunguzane. **12** U-Elisha ebona lokhu wamemeza wathi, “Baba! Baba! Izinqola zokulwa labamabhiza okulwa ako-Israyeli!” U-Elisha kasazange aphinde ambone futhi. Wasethatha izigqoko zakhe wazidabula. **13** Wasedobha ingubo eyayiwe ku-Elija wabuyela emuva wayakuma okhunjini lomfula uJodani. **14** Wathatha ingubo eyayiwe kuye watshaya ngayo amanzi wathi, “Ungaphi khathesi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Elija?” Wasetshaya amanzi, adabuka phakathi amanye kwesokunene amanye kwesokhohlo, wasechaphela ngaphetsheya. **15** Ixuku labaphrofethi ababevela eJerikho, ababebukele, lathi, “Umoya ka-Elija uphezu kuka-

Elisha." Basebesiya mhlangabeza bakhothama phambi kwakhe. **16** Basebesithi, "Uyabona, thina izinceku zakho silamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu enelisayo. Yekela amadoda la ayedinga inkosi yakho. Mhlawumbe uMoya kaThixo umthethe wayambeka entabeni ethile loba esihotsheni esithile." U-Elisha wathi, "Hatshi, lingabathumi." **17** Kodwa baphikelela waze wakhulelwa zinhloni zokuba elokhu esala. Wasesithi, "Bathumeni." Ngakho bathuma amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu, amdinga okwensuku ezintathu amswela. **18** Bathe sebebuyela ku-Elisha, owayesehlala eJerikho, wababuza wathi, "Bengingalitshelanga yini ukuthi lingamdingi?" **19** Amadoda omuzi wakhona athi ku-Elisha, "Akubone, nkosi yethu, umuzi lo usendaweni ebukekayo, njengoba lawe uzibonela, kodwa amanzi alapha mabi lomhlaba wakhona awulazithelo." **20** U-Elisha wathi, "Ngiphani umganu oyingubhe liwufake itswayi." Ngakho bawuletha umganu. **21** Wasephuma esiya emthonjeni wafika waphosela khona itswayi ekhuluma esithi, "Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: 'Sengiwahlambulule amanzi la. Awangeke aphinde futhi abangele ukufa loba ukungatheli kuhle kwalumhlaba.'" **22** Amanzi lawo kusukela mhlalokho kuze kube lamuhla mahle, njengokwakutshiwo ngu-Elisha. **23** Esuka lapho u-Elisha waya eBhetheli. Esahamba endleleni, kwavela kulowomuzi ixuku lentanga yabatsha lamhoza lisithi, "Qhubeka, wena mpabanga! Qhubeka, wena mpabanga!" **24** Wanyemukula, wabakhangela wasebehlisela isiqalekiso ngebizo likaThixo. Kwasekuvela amabhele amabili ehlathini afohloza abangamatshumi amane lababili babo.

25 Wasesedlulela eNtabeni yaseKhameli, uthe esesuka lapho waya eSamariya.

3 UJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, yena wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lambili. **2** Wona emehlweni kaThixo, kodwa kwakungafanani lokukayise lonina ababekwenzile. Walahla ilitshe likaBhali elalizila elalibazwe nguyise. **3** Kodwa wagxila ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, lezo ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze; kazange azifulathele. **4** UMesha inkosi yaseMowabi wayefuya izimvu, wayefanele ukubhadala inkosi yako-Israyeli izimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu kanye loboya benqama ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu. **5** Kodwa ngemva kokufa kuka-Ahabi, inkosi yamaMowabi yahlamukela inkosi yako-Israyeli. **6** Ngalesosikhathi inkosi uJoramu yasuka eSamariya yabutha abako-Israyeli bonke. **7** Wathumela lelilizwi kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi: "Inkosi yamaMowabi isingihlamukele. Singahambisana siyehlasela amaMowabi na?" UJehoshafathi waphendula esithi, "Ngizahamba lawe. Mina nginguwe, abantu bami banjengabantu bakho, amabhiza ami anjengamabhiza akho." **8** Wasebuza ukuthi, "Sizahlasela sivelela ngaphi na?" UJoramu wathi "Sizavelela eNkangala yase-Edomi." **9** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphuma lenkosi yakoJuda kanye lenkosi yase-Edomi. Ngemva kohambo bezulazula okwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi amabutho kanye lawezinyamazana zempi aphela. **10** Inkosi yako-Israyeli

yababaza yathi, “Kutheni kanti? UThixo angasibiza singamakhosi amathathu ukuze azosinikela ezandleni zamaMowabi na?” **11** Kodwa uJehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Akulamphrofethi kaThixo yini, esingabuza ngaye kuThixo na?” Esinye sezikhulu zenkosi yako-Israyeli sathi, “Ukhona u-Elisha indodana kaShafathi. Wayeyinceku ka-Elija.” **12** UJehoshafathi wathi, “Ilizwi likaThixo likuye.” Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye loJehoshafathi lenkosi yase-Edomi baya kuye. **13** U-Elisha wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, “Mina lawe singenelana njani? Hamba kubaphrofethi bakayihlo lakubaphrofethi bakanyoko.” Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, “Hayi, kungenxa yokuthi uThixo wasibiza sobathathu singamakhosi sinje ukuze asinikele kumaMowabi.” **14** U-Elisha wathi, “Njengoba uThixo uSomandla engimkhonzayo ephila, kungasikuhlonipha kwami ukuthi kuloJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, ngibe ngingayikukukhangela loba ukukubona ukuthi ukhona kodwa lokhu. **15** Kodwa-ke ngibizela umtshayi wechacho.” Umtshayi wechacho esatshaya ichacho, amandla kaThixo ehlela ku-Elisha, **16** wasesithi, “Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Lungisani imigelo eminengi kulesisigodi. **17** Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Aliyikubona yezi loba izulu, kodwa lesisigodi sizagcwala ngamanzi, kuthi lina lenkomo zenu kanye lezinyamazana zonke lithole ukunatha. **18** Le yinto elula kuThixo, njalo uzanikela amaMowabi esandleni sakho. **19** Uzanqoba kuzozonke izinqaba zedolobho lakuyo yonke imizi eqakathekileyo. Uzawisa zonke izihlahla ezinhle, ugqibele yonke imithombo yamanzi, wonakalise wonke amasimu

amahle ngamatshe.” **20** Ngosuku olulandelayo ekuseni,
ngesikhathi sokunikela imihlatshelo, lakanye babona,
nanko amanzi egeleza evelela e-Edomi! Ngakho ilizwe
lagcwala amanzi. **21** AmaMowabi wonke ayesezwile
ukuthi amakhosi ayezohlasela; ngalokho amadoda
wonke, abadala lamajaha, ababengenelisa ukuphatha
izikhali balawulwa ukuba bayevikela umngcele. **22** Bathi
bevuka emadabukakusa bathola ilanga linkanyazela
phezu kwamanzi. Ekuboneni kwamaMowabi ngale,
amanzi ayekhanya ebomvu kungani ligazi. AmaMowabi
asesithi, **23** “Ligazi leliyana! Kutsho ukuthi amakhosi
lawayana alwile abulalana wodwa. Asiyeni butha
impango, maMowabi!” **24** Kodwa amaMowabi athe
efika enkambeni yama-Israyeli, ama-Israyeli awavukela
awahlasela, amaMowabi aze abaleka. Ngakho ama-
Israyeli ahlasela ilizwe lelo abhubhisa amaMowabi. **25**
Atshabalalisa imizi kwathi indoda nganye yaphosela
ilitshe kuwo wonke amasimu amahle aze agcwala
ngamatshe. Bagqibela yonke imithombo yamanzi njalo
bagamula zonke izihlahla ezinhle. Kwasala iKhiri-
Haresethi eyasala amatshe ayo elokhu enjalo, kodwa
amadoda ayehlome ngezavutha ayihonqolozela njalo
ayihlasela. **26** Inkosi yamaMowabi ithe ibona ukuthi
isikhulelwa ekulweni, yathatha amadoda angamakhulu
ayisikhombisa alwa ngenkemba yazama ukuthi idabule
phakathi ngamandla iyephutshela enkosini yase-Edomi,
kodwa yehluleka. **27** Inkosi yaseMowabi yasithatha
ingqabutho yayo eyiyo indodana eyayizasala ibusa
yayinikela njengomnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwemiduli

yedolobho. Kwakukukhulu ukuthukuthelela abako-Israyeli baze bahlehla babuyela kwelakibo.

4 Umfazi wenye indoda phakathi kwexuku labaphrofethi
wakhalaza ku-Elisha wathi, “Indoda yami ebiyinceku
yakho isifile, njalo uyakwazi ukuthi ibe imkhonza
uThixo. Umkami ubelesikwelede sendoda ethile esifuna
ukuthumba amadodana ami amabili ukuze abe
yizigqili zayo.” **2** U-Elisha wamphendula wathi,
“Ngingakunceda kanjani na? Akungitshele, kulani
endlini yakho?” Umfelokazi wathi, “Incekukazi yakho
ayilalutho ngaphandle kwengcosana yamafutha.” **3** U-
Elisha wasesithi, “Hamba uyekweboleka imbiza ezinengi
kubomakhelwane bakho bonke. Ungaceli ezilutshwane
nje. **4** Ubusungena endlini yakho lamadodana akho
uvale umnyango. Ubusuthululela amafutha embizeni
inye nganye, ithi ingagcwala uyibeke eceleni.” **5** Wasuka
kuye kwathi ngemva kwesikhathi wavala umnyango
lamadodana akhe. Amadodana amqhubela imbiza yena
elokhu ezigcwalisa ngamafutha. **6** Kuthe imbiza zonke
sezigcwele, wathi endodaneni yakhe, “Letha enye
futhi.” Kodwa yaphendula yathi, “Akuselambiza eseleyo.”
Amafutha kazabe esajuluka. **7** Wasuka wayatshela umuntu
kaNkulunkulu, owathi, “Hamba uyethengisa amafutha
lawo ubhadale izikwelede zakho. Wena lamadodana akho
lizaphila ngaseleyo.” **8** Ngolunye usuku u-Elisha waya
eShunemi. Kwakulowesifazane onothileyo, owamcela
ukuba ahlale adle ukudla. Kwakusithi nxa ehambele
khonale wayethola ukudla khonapho. **9** Owesifazane wathi
kumyeni wakhe, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lumuntu ohlala

esedlula lapha ngumuntu ongcwele kaNkulunkulu. **10** Kasimlungisele indlu ephezulu simfakele khona umbheda, itafula, isihlalo kanye lesibane. Kube yindlu azafikela kiyo nxa elapha kithi." **11** Kwelinye ilanga, u-Elisha wafika wayangena endlini yakhe leyo wacambalala khona. **12** Wathuma inceku yakhe uGehazi, wathi, "Ngibizela umShunami." Ngakho inceku yambiza, wafika wema phansi kwakhe. **13** U-Elisha wasesithi, "Umtshele uthi, 'Usuzihluphe kangaka usilungisela. Kambe kuyini ongakwenzelwa wena? Singakukhulumela yini enkosini loba kumlawuli wamabutho na?'" Owesifazane wathi, "Ngilomuzi phakathi kwabantu bakithi." **14** U-Elisha wabuza wathi, "Kuyini esingamenzela khona na?" UGehazi wathi, "Kalandodana njalo umyeni wakhe useluphele." **15** Ngakho u-Elisha wathi, "Mbize." Inceku yasimbiza, wafika wema emnyango. U-Elisha wathi, **16** "Ngasolesi isikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo uzaphatha indodana ezandleni zakho." Owesifazane waphikisa wathi, "Atshi, nkosi yami, ungabokhohlisa incekukazi yakho, wena muntu kaNkulunkulu!" **17** Owesifazane wathatha isisu, kwathi ngomnyaka owalandelayo ngesikhathi esifananayo wakhululeka wazuza indodana njengokutshelwa kwakhe ngu-Elisha. **18** Umntwana wakhula, kwathi ngelinye ilanga walandela uyise, owayelabavuni. **19** Wasesithi kuyise, "Maye ikhanda lami! Maye ikhanda lami!" Uyise wathuma isisebenzi wathi, "Thwala umntwana uye laye kunina." **20** Isisebenzi sesimthwalele kunina unina wamanga kwaze kwaba semini enkulu umntwana wasesifa. **21** Unina wamthatha wayamlalisa

embhedeni womuntu kaNkulunkulu, waphuma wasevala umnyango. **22** Owesifazane wathumela kumkakhe ilizwi elithi, “Ngicela ungithumele esinye sezisebenzi kanye lobabhemi ukuze ngiphange ngiyebona umuntu kaNkulunkulu ngiphenduke.” **23** Umyeni wakhe wathi, “Kungani umlanda lamuhla? Akusikho ekuThwaseni kweNyanga njalo akusilo iSabatha.” Owesifazane wathi, “Kulungile kunjalo.” **24** Wethesa ubabhemi wasesithi kusisebenzi sakhe, “Khokhela; ungahambi kancane usenzela mina ngaphandle kokuba ngikutshele.” **25** Ngakho waphuma wahamba waze wayamthola umuntu kaNkulunkulu eNtabeni yaseKhameli. Ebona owesifazane esesebucwadlana, umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi kuGehazi inceku yakhe, “Khangela! Nanguyana umShunami! **26** Gijima umhlangabeze umbuze uthi, ‘Konke kulungile kuwe na? Umkakho uyaphila na? Umntanakho uyaphila na?’” Owesifazane wathi, “Konke kulungile.” **27** Kodwa esefikile emuntwini kaNkulunkulu entabeni, wagagadlela inyawo zakhe. UGehazi weza kuye wamfuqela khatshana, kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi, “Myekele! Uphakathi kosizi olukhulu, kodwa uThixo ukufihlile kimi lokho njalo kangitshelanga ukuthi kungani.” **28** Owesifazane wathi, “Ngake ngacela indodana kuwe na, nkosi yami? Angizange ngikutshele yini ukuthi ungaze wangikhohlisa na?” **29** U-Elisha wathi kuGehazi, “Khwincela ijazi lakho ebhantini, uphathe intonga yami ngesandla ubusugijima. Loba ngubani ohlangana laye, ungambingeleli, loba angaze akubingelele ungamphenduli. Ufike ubeke intonga yami ebusweni bomfana.” **30** Kodwa unina

womfana wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila lanjengoba uphila, angiyikukutshiya.” Ngakho wasuka walandela owesifazane. **31** UGehazi wahle wagijima phambili wayabeka intonga ebusweni bomfana, kodwa akuzwakalanga lutho njalo kanyikinyekanga. Ngakho uGehazi wabuyela ukuyahlangabeza u-Elisha wamtshela wathi, “Umfana kavukanga.” **32** Ekufikeni kwakhe endlini u-Elisha, wafumana lakanye nangu umfana usembhedeni wakhe ufile. **33** Wangena wavala umnyango baba bobabili lomfana wasekhuleka kuThixo. **34** Wakhwela embhedeni wacambalala phezu komfana, umlomo emlonyeni, amehlo emehlweni, izandla ezandleni. Uthe esazelula phezu komfana, umzimba womfana waqalisa ukukhudumala. **35** U-Elisha wafulathela wahambahamba endlini waphinda wabuyela embhedeni wacambalala phezu komfana. Umfana wathimula kasikhombisa wasevula amehlo. **36** U-Elisha wabiza uGehazi wathi kuye, “Biza umShunami.” Wakwenza lokho. Uthe esefikile wasesithi kuye owesifazane, “Thatha indodana yakho.” **37** UmShunami wangena, wawela ezinyaweni zakhe wakhothama. Wasethatha indodana yakhe wahamba. **38** U-Elisha wabuyela eGiligali njalo kulesosigaba kwakulendlala. Kwathi esesemhlanganweni lexuku labaphrofethi, wathuma isisebenzi sakhe wathi, “Beka imbiza enkulu eziko, uphekele abaphrofethi ukudla.” **39** Omunye wabo wayakukha imibhida egangeni wathola ivini leganga. Wakha amajodwana wagcwalisa ophikweni lwesigqoko sakhe. Ekuphendukeni kwakhe wawaqobaqoba wawafaka embizeni yesitshebo lanxa kungekho owayesazi

ukuthi kuyini. **40** Kwaphakululwa ukuba abantu badle,
kodwa bathi beqalisa ukudla bamemeza bathi, "Awu muntu
kaNkulunkulu kulokufa embizeni!" Kabazabe besakudla.
41 U-Elisha wathi, "Lethani ifulawa." Wayifaka embizeni
wasesithi, "Baphakuleleni abantu badle." Ngalokho
kwakungaselabuthi embizeni. **42** Kwafika indoda ethile
ivela eBhali-Shalisha, iphathele umuntu kaNkulunkulu
izinkwa zebhali ezingamatshumi amabili, zibhekhwe
ngezilimo zakuqala. U-Elisha wathi, "Nikani abantu
badle." **43** Inceku yakhe yathi, "Ngingababela njani
abantu abalikhulu okungaka?" Kodwa u-Elisha wathi,
"Phakululela abantu badle. Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo lithi:
'Bazakudla baze bakutshiye.'" **44** Inceku yasiphakululela
abantu, badla baze bakutshiya, njengokutsho kwelizwi
likaThixo.

5 UNamani wayengumlawuli webutho lenkosi yase-
Aramu. Wayelodumo ehlonipheka emehlweni enkosi
yakhe, ngoba ngaye uThixo wanika ele-Aramu ukunqoba.
Wayelibutho elilesibindi, kodwa wayelobulephero. **2**
Amaxuku amabutho ase-Aramu ayephumile athumba
intombazana yako-Israyeli, yaba yisichaka somkaNamani.
3 Yathi kunkosikazi yayo, "Ngabe inkosi yami ike ibonane
lomphrofethi oseSamariya! Ubezayelapha ubulephero
bayo." **4** UNamani wayatshela inkosi yakhe ngalokhu
okwakutshiwo yintombazana yako-Israyeli. **5** Inkosi
yase-Aramu yathi, "Ye kufanele uhambe, ngizabhalela
inkosi yako-Israyeli incwadi." Ngakho uNamani wasuka
ephethe amathalenta esiliva alitshumi, amashekeli
egolide azinkulungwane eziyisithupha kanye lamaxha

ezigqoko alitshumi. **6** Incwadi ahamba layo enkosini yako-
Israyeli yayisithi: “Ngalincwadi ngikuthumela inceku
yami uNamani ukuba uzomelapha ubulephero bakhe.” **7**
Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi iqeda ukufunda incwadi leyo,
yadabula izembatho zayo yathi, “NginguNkulunkulu mina
na? Ngilamandla okubulala lamandla okuphilisa na?
Kungani lumuntu ethumele umuntu esithi ngimelaphe
ubulephero? Angithi liyabona ukuthi udinga ukuxabana
lami!” **8** U-Elisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu esezwe
ukuthi inkosi yako-Israyeli yayisidabule izembatho
zayo, wayithumela ilizwi esithi, “Kungani usudabule
izembatho zakho na? Letha indoda leyo kimi ukuze
yazi ukuthi kulomphrofethi ko-Israyeli.” **9** Ngakho
uNamani wahamba lamabhiza akhe kanye lezinqola
zokulwa wayakuma emnyango wendlu ka-Elisha. **10** U-
Elisha wathuma isithunywa ukuthi siyotshela uNamani
sithi: “Hamba, uyegeza kasikhombisa emfuleni uJodani,
inyama yakho izahluma njalo lawe uhlambuluke.”
11 Kodwa uNamani wasuka ethukuthele wasesithi:
“Mina benginakana ukuthi ngempela uzaphuma eze
kimi ame abize ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe,
aphakamise isandla phezu kwezilonda angelaphe
ubulephero. **12** Imifula yaseDamaseko, i-Abhana
leFariphari kayingcono yini kulawo wonke amanzi ako-
Israyeli na? Bengingeke ngageza kiyo ngihlambuluke
na?” Ngakho wafulathela wahamba ethukuthele. **13**
Izinceku zikaNamani zamlanda zathi kuye, “Baba, alubana
umphrofethi ubekutshele ukuthi wenze into enkulu
ube ungayikuyenza na? Pho, kwehlula ngaphi nxa

esithi, ‘Geza uhlambuluke’!” **14** Yikho ukusuka kwakhe
esiya khonale efika egeza kasikhombisa, njengokulaywa
kwakhe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu, inyama yakhe yahluma
njalo yahlambuluka kungathi ngeyomfana omncinyane.
15 Ngakho uNamani kanye lezinceku zakhe babuyela
kumphrofethi uNkulunkulu. Wafika wema phambi
kwakhe wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akulankulunkulu
emhlabeni wonke ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli. Ngoxolo ngicela wamukele lesisipho senceku
yakho.” **16** Umphrofethi wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengokuba
uThixo engimkhonzayo ephila, angiyikwamukela lutho.”
Kwathi lanxa uNamani emncenga wala. **17** UNamani
wasesithi, “Nxa ungasoze ukwamukele ngiyacela, mina
nceku yakho, ukuba ngithole umhlabathi walapha
ongalingana ukuthwalwa zimbongolo ezimbili, ngoba
mina nceku angisayikunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo lakuwuphi unkulunkulu kodwa kuThixo. **18**
Kodwa inceku yakho icela ukuba uThixo ayixolele kulokhu
kuphela: Nxa inkosi yami ingena ethempelini likaRimoni
ukuze iyemkhothamela ibambelele engalweni yami lami
ngikhothame kanye layo, nxa ngikhothama ethempelini
likaRimoni, ngiyacela ukuba uThixo angixolele kulokho.”
19 U-Elisha wathi, “Hamba ngokuthula.” UNamani uthe
esehambe okomango othile, **20** uGehazi, isisebenzi
sika-Elisha inceku kaNkulunkulu, wazitshela ukuthi,
“Inkosi yami imyekele uNamani wase-Aramu, wahamba
ingasamukelanga isipho sakhe. Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
uThixo ephila ngizamgijimela ngiyezuza ulutho kuye.”
21 Ngakho uGehazi wahaluzela wamxhuma uNamani.

Kwathi uNamani embona esiza egijima, wehla enqoleni yakhe wamhlangabeza, wambuza wathi, “Kulungile konke na?” **22** UGehazi wathi, “Yebo, konke kulungile. Inkosi yami ingithumile ukuba ngithi, ‘Sekufike amajaha amabili exuku labaphrofethi bevela elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi, icela ukuba uwanike ithalenta lesiliva elilodwa lezigqoko ezimbili.’” **23** UNamani wathi, “Ngokujabula, ngithi thatha amathalenta amabili.” Wamkhuthaza uGehazi ukuba awamukele, wasebophela amathalenta esiliva amabili emigodleni emibili, lamaxha amabili ezigqoko. Wawaqhubela izisebenzi ezimbili, zawathwala zahamba kuqala phambi kukaGehazi. **24** Esefikile eqaqeni uGehazi, wathatha impahla kulezozisebenzi wayazibeka endlini. Wathi kababuyele, lakanye basuka. **25** Wasengena wafika wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe u-Elisha. U-Elisha wambuza wathi, “Ube ungaphi Gehazi?” UGehazi waphendula wathi, “Inceku yakho ayizange iye ndawo.” **26** Kodwa u-Elisha wathi kuye, “Umoya wami ubungekanye lawe na lapho lowomuntu ephenduka enqoleni ekuhlangabeza? Yisikhathi sokwamukela imali lesi na, kumbe esokwamukela izigqoko, lezivande zama-oliva, lamavini lemihlambi yezimvu, leyenkomo, kumbe eyezinceku zesilisa lesifazane? **27** Ubulephero bukaNamani buzanamathela kuwe lasenzalweni yakho kuze kube laphakade.” UGehazi wasuka phambi kuka-Elisha eselobulephero esemhlophe njengongqwaqwane.

6 Ixuku labaphrofethi lathi ku-Elisha, “Khangela, indawo esihlala kiyo lawe kayisasanelanga. **2** Asiye eJodani lapho esizagamula khona izigodo sakhe indawo yokuhlala.” U-

Elisha wathi, “Kulungile, hambani.” **3** Omunye wabo wathi,
“Ungazake uhambe lezinceku zakho na?” U-Elisha wathi,
“Kulungile ngizahamba.” **4** Ngakho wasehamba labo. Baya
eJodani bafika baqalisa ukugamula izigodo. **5** Omunye
wathi egamula, ihloka lakhe laqamuka isihloko salo sawela
emanzini. Wasekhala esithi, “Nkosi yami, ihloka leli
bengilibolekile.” **6** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasebuza esithi,
“Liwele ngaphi?” Uthe esemtshengisile indawo yakhona,
u-Elisha wagamula uswazi waluphosela khonapho, lokho
kwenza ihloka lelo landenda. **7** Wasesithi, “Lenyule
emanzini.” Umuntu lowo welula isandla sakhe walenyula.
8 Inkosi yase-Aramu yayisempini ilwisana labako-Israyeli.
Ngemva kokukhulumisana lezikhulu zayo inkosi yathi,
“Inkamba yami ngizayimisa endaweni ethile.” **9** Umuntu
kaNkulunkulu wathumela ilizwi enkosini yako-Israyeli
lisithi, “Qaphela ungedluli kuleyana indawo, ngoba ama-
Aramu azakwehla ayekhona.” **10** Ngakho inkosi yako-
Israyeli yahlolisisa kuleyondawo eyayiqanjwe ngumuntu
kaNkulunkulu. U-Elisha wakuphinda enkosini lokhu
kuxwayisa kanenginengi, ukuze izivikele ezindaweni
ezinjengalezi. **11** Lokhu kwayithukuthelisa inkosi yase-
Aramu. Yabiza izikhulu zayo yazihwabhela yathi,
“Aliyikungitshela yini ukuthi phakathi kwethu ngubani
oseceleni lenkosi yako-Israyeli na?” **12** Esinye
sezikhulu zakhe sathi, “Kakho phakathi kwethu nkosi
yami, kodwa u-Elisha, umphrofethi wako-Israyeli,
ulakho ukutshela inkosi yako-Israyeli ngalawo mazwi
owakhuluma usendlini yakho yokulala.” **13** Inkosi
yabalaya yathi, “Hambani liyemdinga lapho akhona,

ukuze ngithumele amadoda ayemthumba." Kwavela impendulo ethi, "UseDothani." **14** Inkosi yasithumela amabhiza lezinqola zokulwa kanye lamabutho aqinileyo. Bahamba ebusuku bahle bagombolozela umuzi wakhona. **15** Kuthe inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu ivuka ekuseni ngelanga elilandelayo yaphuma phandle yathola amabutho alamabhiza lezinqola zokulwa sezihonqolozele idolobho. Inceku yethuka yathi, "Maye, nkosi yami, sizakwenzenjani na?" **16** Umphrofethi wathi, "Ungesabi. Labo abalathi banengi kulalabo abangakubo." **17** U-Elisha wasekhuleka wathi, "Oh Thixo, vula amehlo akhe ukuze abone." Ngakho uThixo wavula amehlo enceku, yakhangela yabona amaqaqa agcwele amabhiza lezinqola zokulwa ezomlilo zihonqolozele u-Elisha. **18** Kuthe izitha zisondela kuye, u-Elisha wakhuleka kuThixo wathi, "Tshaya lababantu babe yiziphofu." Ngakho wabaphumputhekisa, njengokucela kuka-Elisha. **19** U-Elisha wabatshela wathi, "Akusiwo umgwaqo njalo akusiwo umuzi eliwudingayo. Ngilandelani, ngizalikhokhela liye emuntwini elimdingayo." Ngakho wabakhokhelela eSamariya. **20** Sebephakathi komuzi, u-Elisha wathi, "Thixo, vula amehlo alababantu ukuze babone." Ngakho uThixo wavula amehlo abo, bazibonela ukuthi babephakathi kweSamariya. **21** Inkosi yako-Israyeli ithe ibabona, yabuza ku-Elisha yathi, "Ngibabulale yini, baba? Ngibabulale na?" **22** Yena waphendula wathi, "Ungababulali. Kambe ungababulala yini ngenkemba loba ngomtshoko wakho abantu obathumbileyo. Baphe ukudla lamanzi ukuze badle babe sebebuyela enkosini

yabo.” **23** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibenzela idili elikhulu,
bathe sebeqedile ukudla lokunatha, yabakhulula ukuba
bahambe, ngakho basuka babuyela enkosini yabo. Kwathi
amaxuku amabutho ase-Aramu ayehlala ehlasela elako-
Israyeli akhawula ukuhlasela. **24** Ngemva kwesikhathi,
uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu yaqoqa amabutho ayo
wonke yayavimbezela umuzi waseSamariya. **25** Kwaba
lendlala enkulu eSamariya ngesikhathi sokuvinjezelwa
kwayo; ngakho inhloko kababhemi yayithengiswa
ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili,
legajana lombhida othile ngamashekeli amahlanu
esiliva. **26** Kwathi ngolunye usuku inkosi yako-Israyeli
ihambahamba phezu komduli womuzi, owesifazane
othile wamemeza esithi kuyo, “Akungincede, baba
nkosi yami!” **27** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Nxa uThixo
engakusizi, mina kambe ngizaluthatha ngaphi uncedo?
Ngizaluthatha esikhamelweni sewayini yini loba esizeni
sokubhulela na?” **28** Wasebuza wathi, “Kodwa uhlutshwa
yini?” Owesifazane waphendula wathi, “Owesifazane
lo uthe kimi, ‘Letha umntanakho ukuba simudle
lamuhla, kuzakuthi kusasa sidle owami.’ **29** Ngakho
simphekile umntanami samudla. Ngosuku olulandelayo
ngasengisithi, ‘Letha umntanakho ukuba simudle.’ Kodwa
yena ubesemfihlile.” **30** Inkosi ithe isizwa okwakutshiwo
ngowesifazane lowo yadabula izigqoko zayo. Inkosi
yayihamba phezu komduli, abantu bayikhangela, babona
ukuthi isigqoko sayo sangaphansi sasingesokulila. **31**
Inkosi yathi, “Sengathi uNkulunkulu angangihlanekela
kubi nxa ikhanda lika-Elisha indodana kaShafathi kungasa

lilokhu limi phezu kwamahlombe akhe lamuhla!” **32** U-Elisha wayehlezi endlini yakhe labadala babehlezi laye. Inkosi yasithumela isithunywa phambili, kodwa sithe singakafiki u-Elisha wathi ebadaleni, “Liyakubona yini ukuthi umbulali lo usethumele umuntu ukuba azoquma ikhanda lami na? Khangelani, ekufikeni kwesithunywa lapha libovala umnyango libambe isivalo siqine. Kalizizwa yini izisinde zenkosi yaso ngemva kwaso na?” **33** Kwathi esakhuluma, isithunywa sahle safika. Ngakho inkosi yathi, “Uhlupho lonke lolu luvela kuThixo. Pho-ke ngisamlindelelani uThixo na?”

7 U-Elisha wathi, “Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo. Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Kusasa ngasolesi isikhathi, ingxenye yegokoko lefulawa izabe isithengiswa ngeshekeli kuthi ingxenye ezimbili zegokoko lebhali zibe ngezeshekeli elilodwa esangweni laseSamariya.” **2** Isikhulu leso inkosi eyayeyeme engalweni yaso sathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, “Khangela, kambe loba uThixo angaze avule amasango empophoma zamazulu bekungenzeka lokhu na?” U-Elisha waphendula wathi, “Lokho uzakubona ngawakho amehlo, kodwa awuyikudla loba yini yakho!” **3** Kwakukhona amadoda alobulephero amane esangweni lomuzi. Akhulumisana athi, “Sihlaleleni lapha size sife na? **4** Nxa singathi, ‘Asingeneni phakathi komuzi.’ Lakhona kulendlala, sizakufa. Singahlala khonapha, sizakufa. Ngakho asiyeni enkambeni yama-Aramu siyezinikela. Bangahlala bengasibulali, sizaphila; kodwa bangasibulala, sizakufa.” **5** Kusihlwa baya enkambeni yama-Aramu. Bathe befika eduzane lenkamba, bananzelela ukuthi

kwakungaselamuntu loyedwa, **6** ngoba iNkosi yayenze
ukuthi ama-Aramu azwe umsindo wezinqola zokulwa
lamabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu endlebeni zawo, aze
atshelana athi, “Qaphelani, inkosi yako-Israyeli isisibizele
amakhosi amaHithi lamaGibhithe ukuthi azosihlasela!” **7**
Ngakho asuka abaleka ngomnyama wokuhlwa atshiya
amathente awo kanye lamabhiza labobabhemi. Abaleka
atshiya inkamba ilokhu imi injalo evikela impilo yawo.
8 Amadoda ayelobulephero angena enkambeni afika
ahlala kwelinye lamathente. Adla anatha, aze athwala
lesiliva, legolide lezigqoko, ahamba lakho ayakufihla.
Aphenduka njalo angena kwelinye lamathente athatha
njalo ezinye impahla lazo ayazifihla. **9** Asekhulumisana
esithi, “Akulunganga lokhu esikwenzayo. Lolu lusuku
lwezindaba ezinhle kodwa silokhu singazitsheli muntu.
Singalindela ukusa kwelanga sizajeziswa. Asihambeni
khathesi siyebika esigodlweni.” **10** Ngakho bahamba
bamemeza abalindi bamasango bomuzi bathi kubo, “Siye
sayafika enkambeni yama-Aramu sathola kungelamuntu
loyedwa kodwa lokhu kungezwakali lomsindo womuntu
ngaphandle kwamabhiza labobabhemi kubotshelwe,
kanye lamathente atshiywe enjengoba enjalo.” **11**
Abalindi bamasango bamemezela lezizindaba, kwaze
kwayabikwa laphakathi esigodlweni. **12** Inkosi yavuka
ebusuku yakhuluma lezikhulu zayo yathi, “Ngizalitshela
ukuthi ama-Aramu asenzeni kithi. Ayakwazi ukuthi
siphakathi kwendlala; ngakho asuke atshiya inkamba
zawo ukuze asicathamele emaphandleni enakana esithi,
‘Ngempela bazaphuma ijumo, kube lapho esizabathumba

khona singene phakathi komuzi.'" **13** Esinye sezikhulu
zenkosi sathi, "Thuma abahlanu ngamabhiza aseleyo
phakathi komuzi. Bazawelwa luhlupho olufana lolwama-
Israyeli wonke asele lapha, yebo, bazafana nje labo bonke
abako-Israyeli abalindele ukufa. Ngakho asibathume
balandele bayedingisisa okwenzakeleyo." **14** Basebekhetha
izinqola zokulwa ezimbili lamabhiza azo, inkosi
yathuma ukuba zilandele ibutho lama-Aramu. Inkosi
ekulawuleni kwayo abatshayeli balezinqola zokulwa yathi,
"Hambani liyedingisisa ukuthi kuyini okwenzakeleyo."
15 Balandela baze bayafika eJodani, bathola kuyikuthi
indlela yonke yayihlakazeke ngezigqoko langempahla
ezazilahlwe ngama-Aramu ekubalekeni kwawo. Ngakho
zaphenduka izithunywa zafika zabika enkosini. **16**
Abantu baphuma bayaphanga okwakusenkambeni
yama-Aramu. Ngakho igokoko lefulawa lathengiswa
ngeshekeli, amagokoko amabili ebhali athengiswa
ngeshekeli, njengokutsho kukaThixo. **17** Inkosi yayibeke
isikhulu eyayeyeme engalweni yaso ukuba silondoloze
isango. Abantu baphithizela basinyathela esangweni,
safa, njengokwakutshiwo ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu
ngesikhathi inkosi ize ifike endlini yakhe. **18** Kwenzakala
njengalokhu umuntu kaNkulunkulu wayetshilo enkosini:
"Ngalesi isikhathi kusasa, igokoko lefulawa lizathengiswa
ngeshekeli, amagokoko amabili ebhali azathengiswa
ngeshekeli esangweni laseSamariya." **19** Isikhulu senkosi
sona sasithe emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, "Khangela, loba
uThixo angaze avule amasango empophoma zamazulu
bekungenzeka lokhu na?" Umuntu kaNkulunkulu yena

wayephendule wathi, “Lokhu uzakubona ngawakho amehlo, kodwa awuyikudla loba yini yakho!” **20** Yikho kanye okwenzakala kulesisikhulu senkosi, ngoba abantu baphithizela basinyathela esangweni, safa.

8 U-Elisha wayetshele umfazi olomntwana ayemvuse ekufeni wathi, “Suka uhambe labendlu yakho uyehlala lapha ongathuthela khona okwesikhatshana, ngoba uThixo uzaletha indlala elizweni ezathatha iminyaka eyisikhombisa.” **2** Owesifazane lowo wakwenza lokho njengokulaywa kwakhe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu. Yena kanye labendlu yakhe basuka bayahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya okweminyaka eyisikhombisa. **3** Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa wasuka elizweni lamaFilistiya waya enkosini yakibo wayacela indawo yomuzi kanye lamasimu akhe. **4** Inkosi yayikhuluma loGehazi, isisebenzi somuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi, “Ake ungixoxele ngezimanga ezinkulu esezike zenziwa ngu-Elisha.” **5** Uthe uGehazi esathi uyalandisela inkosi ngokuthi u-Elisha wavusa njani abafileyo, owesifazane owayelendodana yakhe eyasiliswa ngu-Elisha wafika ezocela ukubuyela emzini wakhe lokulima amasimu akhe. UGehazi wathi, “Nguyenalo owesifazane, nkosi yami, nansi lendodana yakhe, eyiyo eyavuswa kwabafileyo ngu-Elisha.” **6** Inkosi yambuza ngalokhu umama lowo, lakanye wakufakaza lokho. Inkosi yasikhetha esinye sezikhulu zayo ukuba sikhangele izikhalazo zowesifazane yaqonqosela yathi, “Uze umbuyisele konke okwakungokwakhe, lenzuzo yonke eyasala izuzakala emasimini akhe kusukela mhla asuka kulelilizwe kuze kube sekuphendukeni

kwakhe lamuhla.” **7** U-Elisha waya eDamaseko, uBheni-
Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu wayegula. Inkosi isitsheliwe
ngalokho ukuthi, **8** “Umuntu kaNkulunkulu usefikile
uvela ekudeni khonale esiza lapha,” wathi kuHazayeli:
“Thatha isipho uyehlangabeza umuntu kaNkulunkulu.
Khuluma ubuze uThixo ngaye; uthi, ‘Kambe ngizasila
yini kulokhu kugula na?’” **9** UHazayeli waphuma
wayahlangabeza u-Elisha, ephethe izipho zezimpahla
ezinhle kakhulu ezenziwa ngabaleminwe eDamaseko
zithwelwe ngamakamela angamatshumi amane. Wafika
wangena wema phambi kwakhe, wathi, “Indodana yakho
uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu ungithumile ukuba
ngizobuza, uthe yena, ‘Kambe ngizasila emkhuhlaneni
na?’” **10** U-Elisha waphendula wathi, “Hamba uyemtshela
ukuthi, ‘Ngempela uzasila’; kodwa uThixo usebonakalisile
kimi umbono wokuthi uzakufa.” **11** Wamkhangela
engaciyozi emuthe nzo ngamehlo uHazayeli waze
waba lenhloni. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasekhala. **12**
UHazayeli wabuza wathi, “Kungani inkosi yami ikhala?”
Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waphendula wathi, “Kungenxa
yokuthi ngiyabazi ububi ozabenza ebantwini bako-
Israyeli; uzatshisa izinqola zabo ngomlilo, ubulale
lamadodana abo ngenkemba, uchoboze ingane zabo
njalo uqhaqhe abesifazane abazithweleyo.” **13** UHazayeli
wathi, “Kambe inceku yakho, yona iyinja ngokwayo,
ingasanelisa njani isiga esingako?” U-Elisha waphendula
wathi, “UThixo ungitshengisile ukuthi wena uzakuba
yinkosi yase-Aramu.” **14** Ngakho uHazayeli wasuka
ku-Elisha wabuyela enkosini yakhe. UBheni-Hadadi

wasebuza esithi, “Utheni u-Elisha kuwe?” UHazayeli yena waphendula wathi, “Ungitshele ukuthi ngempela uzasila.” **15** Kodwa ngosuku olulandelayo wathatha ingubo, wayigxamuza emanzini, wasembomboza ubuso benkosi ngayo yaze yafa. Ngakho uHazayeli waba yinkosi. **16** Ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, ngesikhathi uJehoshafathi eyinkosi yakoJuda, uJehoramu indodana kaJehoshafathi waqalisa ukubusa eyinkosi yakoJuda. **17** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili eqalisa ukubusa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. **18** Yena wahamba emanyathelweni amakhosi ako-Israyeli, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba wayethethe indodakazi ka-Ahabi. Wona phambi kukaThixo. **19** Loba kunjalo, ngenxa kaDavida inceku yakhe, uThixo kathandanga ukudiliza indlu kaJuda. Wayemthembise ukugcina isibane sikaDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nini lanini. **20** Ngensuku zikaJehoramu, abase-Edomi bahlamukela uJuda babeka eyabo inkosi. **21** Ngakho uJehoramu waya eZayiri lezinqola zakhe zokulwa. Ama-Edomi amhanqa yena kanye labalawuli bezinqola zokulwa, wavuka ebusuku waphulukundlela ngobusuku; kodwa amabutho akhe abaleka abuyela ekhaya. **22** Kuze kube lamhla abase-Edomi balokhu behlamukela uJuda. ULibhina laye wahlamuka ngalesosikhathi. **23** Okunye ngombuso langezehlakalo zikaJehoramu, lakho konke okunye akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **24** UJehoramu waya kwabaphansi, wangcwatshwa laboyise eMzini kaDavida.

Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.
25 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kaJoramu indodana
ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Ahaziya indodana
kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **26** U-
Ahaziya waqalisa ukubusa eleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okomnyaka owodwa.
Unina wayengu-Athaliya, umntanomntanakhe ka-Omri
inkosi yako-Israyeli. **27** Wahamba ngenyathelo labendlu
ka-Ahabi wona phambi kukaThixo, njengokwakwenziwe
ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba wayeyisihlobo sabo
ngokuthatha. **28** U-Ahaziya waya empini loJoramu
indodana ka-Ahabi besilwa loHazayeli inkosi yase-
Aramu eRamothi Giliyadi. Ama-Aramu alimaza uJoramu,
29 ngakho inkosi uJoramu yabuyela eJezerili ukuthi
iyekwelatshwa amanxeba lapho eyayilinyazwe khona
ngama-Aramu eRama ekulweni kwayo loHazayeli inkosi
yama-Aramu. Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana kaJehoramu
inkosi yakoJuda wehla wayabona uJoramu indodana ka-
Ahabi, njengoba wayeselimele.

9 Umphrofethi u-Elisha wabiza enye indoda exukwini
labaphrofethi wathi kuyo, "Khwica isembatho sakho
ebhantini ubusuthatha iqhagana lamafutha leli, uye
eRamothi Giliyadi. **2** Ekufikeni kwakho khonale,
ubodinga uJehu indodana kaJehoshafathi, indodana
kaNimishi. Ufike umthathe, umsuse kubangane bakhe
ubusumngenisa endlini engaphakathi. **3** Ube usuthatha
iqhagana lamafutha uwathele ekhanda lakhe, ube usubika
uthi, 'Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Ngikugcoba ubukhosi bako-
Israyeli.' Ube usuvula umnyango ubaleke; ungabophuza!"

4 Ngakho ijaha leli, umphrofethi, waya eRamothi Giliyadi. **5**
Ekufikeni kwakhe khonale wafica izikhulu zebutho zihlezi
ndawonye, wasesithi kuzo, “Mlawuli, ngilombiko kuwe.”
UJehu wabuza wathi, “Ngokabani phakathi kwethu?”
Yena waphendula wathi, “Ngowakho mlawuli webutho.” **6**
UJehu wasukuma wangena endlini. Umphrofethi wathela
amafutha ekhanda likaJehu wasebika ukuthi, “Ilizwi
likaThixo uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli lithi: ‘Ngigcoba wena
ukuba ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu bakaThixo, u-
Israyeli. **7** Kumele ubhubhise indlu ka-Ahabi inkosi
yakho, njalo ngizaphindisela igazi lezinceku zami
abaphrofethi kanye legazi lezinceku zikaThixo zonke
elachithwa nguJezebheli. **8** Indlu ka-Ahabi izabhujiswa.
Ngizaqeda ko-Ahabi bonke abesilisa ko-Israyeli, isigqili
loba okhululekileyo. **9** Indlu ka-Ahabi ngizayenza lokhu
engakwenza ekaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi
kanye lokwenzakala endlini kaBhasha indodana ka-
Ahija. **10** UJezebheli, yena uzadliwa yizinja elizweni
laseJezerili; kayikungcwatshwa muntu.’” Wasevula
umnyango, wabaleka. **11** UJehu uthe ephuma lapho
esebuyele kwabanye abalawuli, omunye wabo wambuza
wathi, “Kulungile konke na? Uhlanya lolu lube luzofunani
kuwe?” UJehu wathi, “Liyamazi umuntu lo kanye lezinto
azikhulumayo.” **12** Abalawuli basebesithi, “Kakusilo
iqiniso lokho! Sitshele.” UJehu wathi, “Nanku angitshele
khona: ‘Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Ngiyakugcoba ube yinkosi
ko-Israyeli.’” **13** Baphanga bathatha izembatho zabo
bazendlala ezinyaweni zakhe ezikhwelweni. Bavuthela
icilongo bamemeza besithi, “UJehu useyinkosi!” **14** Ngakho

uJehu indodana kaJehoshafathi, indodana kaNimishi wavukela uJoramu. (UJoramu labo bonke abako-Israyeli babevikela iRamothi Giliyadi kuHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu, **15** kodwa inkosi uJoramu yayisibuyele eJezerili ukuze yelatshwe amanxeba okulinyazwa ekulweni lama-Aramu kulwiwa loHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu.) UJehu wathi, "Nxa lifuna lokho, akungabikho loyedwa ozaphuma emzini ukuba ayefikisa ilizwi eJezerili." **16** Wasekhwela enqoleni yakhe yokulwa waya eJezerili, ngoba uJoramu wayephumulela khonale njalo u-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda wayehlele khona ukuba ayembona. **17** Umlindi owayemi emphotshongweni eJezerili wathi ebona amabutho kaJehu esiza, wamemeza esithi, "Ngibona impi ezayo." UJoramu wathi, "Thumela umgadi webhiza abahlangabeze ayebabuza ukuthi, 'Liza ngokuthula na?'" **18** Umgadi webhiza wasuka wayahlangabeza uJehu wathi, "Inkosi ingithume ukuba ngibuze ngisithi, 'Uza ngokuthula na?'" UJehu waphendula wathi, "Ulani lakho ukuthula na? Ngena ngemva kwami." Umlindi wabika wathi, "Isithunywa sesifikile kubo, kodwa kasiphenduki." **19** Ngakho inkosi yathuma umgadi webhiza wesibili. Esefikile kubo wathi, "Inkosi ithi: 'Liza ngokuthula na?'" UJehu waphendula wathi, "Ulani lakho ukuthula na? Ngena ngemva kwami." **20** Umlindi wabika wathi: "Usefikile kubo, kodwa kukhanya kaphenduki. Ugijima sengathi nguJehu indodana kaNimishi njalo utshayela sengathi luhlanya." **21** UJoramu wakhwaza wathi, "Bophani inqola yami yokulwa." Inqola yokulwa ithe isilungisiwe, uJoramu inkosi yako-

Israyeli kanye lo-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda bagada,
basuka omunye ekweyakhe inqola yokulwa lomunye
laye ekweyakhe, behlangabeza uJehu. Bahlangana
laye esivandeni sesiqinti esasikade singesikaNabhothi
umJezerili. **22** UJoramu uthe ebona uJehu wambuza
wathi, "Uza ngokuthula na, Jehu?" UJehu wathi, "Kambe
kungaba lokuthula njani khona kugcwele izithombe
lobuthakathi bukanyoko uJezebheli na?" **23** UJoramu
wafulathela wabaleka, ememezela ku-Ahaziya esithi,
"Umvukela, Ahaziya!" **24** UJehu wakhokha umtshoko
wakhe waciba uJoramu esiphangeni ngomtshoko wakhe.
Umtshoko wahle wangena enhliziyweni yakhe yena
wathi votshololo enqoleni yakhe yokulwa. **25** UJehu
wathi kuBhidikhari, owayeyisikhulu sakhe sezinqola
zokulwa, "Dobha isidumbu sakhe uyesiphosela ensimini
eyayingekaNabhothi umJezerili. Uyakhumbula mhla
sasigadile sobabili enqoleni yokulwa ngemva kuka-Ahabi
uyise mhla uThixo enza lesisiphrofethi ngaye esithi, **26**
'Izolo ngibone igazi likaNabhothi lelamadodana akhe,
kutsho uThixo, ngeqiniso ngizakwenza ulihlawulele
kulesisivande, kutsho uThixo.' Ngakho umthathe,
uyemphosela ensimini leyana, njengokutsho kwelizwi
likaThixo." **27** U-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda esebone
lokhu okwakwenzakele wabaleka wahamba ngomgwaqo
esiya eBhethi-Hagani. UJehu waxotshana laye ememeza
esithi, "Mbulaleni laye!" Bamlimaza enqoleni yakhe
yokulwa endleleni yokuya eGuri phansi kwe-Ibhiliyami,
kodwa wabaleka waya eMegido lapho ayafela khona. **28**
Izinceku zakhe zamthwala ngenqola yokulwa zamusa

eJerusalema zayamngcwaba laboyise ethuneni lakhe eMzini kaDavida. **29** (Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi, u-Ahaziya waba yinkosi yakoJuda.) **30** Ngakho uJehu waya eJezerili. UJezebheli wathi ekuzwa lokho, wazicomba ngesibhuda emehlweni weluka inwele zakhe waselunguza ngefasitela. **31** UJehu uthe engena esangweni, wambuza wathi, "Uza ngokuthula na, Zimri, wena mbulali wenkosi yakho?" **32** Yena wakhangela phezulu ewindini wabuza wathi, "Ngubani ongakimi na? Ngubani?" Abathenwa ababili loba abathathu bakhangela phansi kuye. **33** UJehu wathi, "Msakazeleni phansi!" Ngakho basebemsakazela phansi, elinye igazi lakhe lachaphakela emdulini lasemabhizeni ayesegidagida emnyathela ngamasondo. **34** UJehu wangena wafika wadla njalo wanatha. Wathi, "Ake limthathe lo owesifazane oqalekisiweyo liyemngcwaba, ngoba eyindodakazi yenkosi." **35** Kodwa bathe sebethi bayathatha isidumbu bathola sekusele ikhanda lenyawo lezandla kuphela. **36** Babuyela bayatshela uJehu yena owathi, "Leli yilizwi likaThixo alikhuluma ngenceku yakhe u-Elija umThishibi lisithi: Esiqintini esiseJezerili izinja zizakudla inyama kaJezebheli, **37** lesidumbu sikaJezebheli sizakuba njengobulongwe emhlabathini elizweni laseJezerili ukuze kungabi lozakuthi, 'Lo nguJezebheli.'"

10 ESamariya kwakulamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa ayengawendlu ka-Ahabi. Ngakho uJehu waloba izincwadi elobela izikhulu zaseJezerili, abadala lakulabo ababesondla abantwana baka-Ahabi. Waloba

kanje: **2** “Masinyazana ekuboneni kwenu lincwadi,
njengoba abantwana benkosi yenu besezandleni zenu
njalo lilezinqola zokulwa lamabhiza, umuzi wenqaba
lezikhali, **3** khethani lowo elimbona efanele kulabo bonke
phakathi kwamadodana enkosi yenu limfake esihlalweni
sikayise sobukhosi, beselilwela indlu yenkosi yenu.” **4**
Kodwa besaba bathi: “Nxa amakhosi amabili ehlulekile
ukumelana laye, thina singakwenza njani?” **5** Ngakho
isiphathamandla sesigodlo, usibalukhulu, abadala kanye
labalindi bathumela lelilizwi kuJehu, “Sizinceku zakho,
njalo sizakwenza konke njengokutsho kwakho. Kakho
esizamkhetha ukuba abe yinkosi; yenza lokho obona
kulungile kakhulu.” **6** Ngakho uJehu wabalobela incwadi
yesibili esithi, “Nxa livumelana lami njalo lizimisele
ukungilalela, qumani amakhanda amadodana
enkosi yenu libe selibuya lawo kusasa eJezerili
ngasonalesisikhathi.” Amakhosana esikhosini,
ayengamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ayehlala lamadoda
aqakathekileyo phakathi komuzi, okuyiwo ayesondla
amadodana enkosi. **7** Incwadi yathi ifika, amadoda
la abulala wonke amakhosana angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa. Afaka amakhanda awo ezitsheni
awathumela kuJehu eJezerili. **8** Isithunywa sithe sifika
satshela uJehu sathi: “Sebewalethile amakhanda
amakhosana.” UJehu wasekhupha ilizwi esithi,
“Abutheleleni abe zinqwaba ezimbili esangweni lomuzi
kuze kube sekuseni.” **9** Ngosuku olulandelayo uJehu
waphuma; wema phambi kwabantu wathi, “Lina
limsulwa. Yimi engithame ukubulala inkosi yami njalo

ngiyibulele, kodwa ngubani obulele bonke laba? **10** Alibokwazi ukuthi akukho lalinye ilizwi elivela kuThixo lingxame u-Ahabi labendlu yakhe, elizakwehluleka. UThixo usekwenzile lokho akuthembisa ngenceku yakhe u-Elija." **11** Ngakho uJehu wabulala bonke eJezerili abendlu ka-Ahabi ababesele, kanye lezikhulu zakhe, abangane bakhe abasekhwapheni labaphristi bakhe, akusalanga muntu kwabendlu ka-Ahabi. **12** UJehu waphuma njalo waqonda eSamariya. EBhethi-Ekhedi yaBelusi, **13** wahlangana lezihlobo zika-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda wababuza wathi, "Lingobani lina na?" Bona bamphendula bathi, "Siyizihlobo zika-Ahaziya, njalo sizekwethekelela abendlu yenkosi kanye lendlovukazi engunina." **14** Yena wathi ezincekwini zakhe, "Bathatheni bephila!" Ngakho babathatha bephila bayababulalela emthonjeni weBhethi-Ekhedi, babengamadoda angamatshumi amane. Kakho loyedwa abamtshiya ephila. **15** Ngemva kokusuka kwakhe lapho, wahlangana loJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi, owayesendleleni ezomhlangabeza. UJehu wambingelela wathi, "Wena uvumelana lami na, njengoba mina ngikanye lawe?" UJehonadabi waphendula wathi, "Mina ngilawe." UJehu wathi, "Nxa kunjalo ngibamba isandla," kwathi esembambile wamkhweza enqoleni yokulwa. **16** UJehu wasesithi, "Woza sihambe ngiyekutshengisa ukuphitshekela kwami uThixo." Ngakho wagada laye enqoleni yakhe yokulwa. **17** UJehu uthe efika eSamariya, wabulala bonke ababesele khonale abendlu ka-Ahabi, wababhubhisa njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo

ekhuluma ku-Elija. **18** Ngakho uJehu wasebuthanisa abantu bonke wasesithi kubo, “U-Ahabi ubekhonza uBhali kancinyane; uJehu uzamkhonza kakhulu. **19** Ngakho ngibizelani bonke abaphrofethi bakaBhali, zonke izikhonzi zakhe labaphristi bakhe. Linanzelele ukuthi kakho loyedwa ozasala, ngoba ngifuna ukwenza umhlatshelo omkhulu kuBhali. Ongayikubuya kasayikuphila.” UJehu wayebakhohlisa ngoba wayedinga ukubhubhisa abafundisi bakaBhali. **20** UJehu wasesithi, “Bizani umhlangano wokudumisa uBhali.” Basebewumemezela. **21** Wasethumela ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli, beza bonke abafundisi bakaBhali; kakho loyedwa ongezanga. Bagcwala baminyana ethempelini likaBhali kusukela emsamo kusiya emnyango. **22** UJehu wasesithi kulowo owayegcina izigqoko zabakhonza uBhali, “Balethele izigqoko bonke abakhonza uBhali.” Ngakho wabalethela lezozigqoko. **23** UJehu loJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi bangena ethempelini likaBhali. UJehu wathi kubakhonzi bakaBhali, “Linanzelele kungangeni loyedwa oyinceku kaThixo enkonzweni yenu, akube ngabakhonzi bakaBhali kuphela.” **24** Ngakho bangena banikela benza leminikelo yokutshiswa. UJehu wayebeke amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili wawaqonqosela wathi, “Loba ngubani ozayekela omunye walamadoda engiwabeke ezandleni zenu ephunyuka, ngizaphindisela ngempilo yakhe.” **25** UJehu wathi eseqedile ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, wathi kubalindi lezikhulu zebutho, “Ngenani liyebabulala; kungabikho loyedwa ozaphunyuka.” Ngakho babatshaya

ngenkemba bababhubhisa. Abalindi lezikhulu balahlela phandle izidumbu basebengena ethempelini likaBhali elingaphakathi. **26** Bakhipha ilitshe elikhonzwayo likaBhali balitshisa. **27** Balidiliza lelolitshe likaBhali elikhonzwayo babhidliza lethempeli lakhe, balenza laba yindlu yokuyela ngaphandle kuze kube lalamuhla lokhu. **28** Ngalokho uJehu wadiliza ukholo lukaBhali ko-Israyeli. **29** Kodwa, yena katshiyananga lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, lezo ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuzenza, ukukhonza amathole egolide eBhetheli laseDani. **30** UThixo wathi kuJehu, "Njengoba wenze kuhle ngokuphelelisa lokho okufaneleyo phambi kwami njalo wenze konke ebengikumisele abendlu ka-Ahabi, abendlu yakho bazabusa ko-Israyeli kuze kube yisizukulwane sesine." **31** Kodwa uJehu kazange ananzelele ukugcina umthetho kaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. Kazange atshiyane lezono ezazisenziwa nguJerobhowamu, lezo ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuba azenze. **32** Ngalezonsuku uThixo waqalisa ukwehlisa inani labako-Israyeli. UHazayeli wanqoba ama-Israyeli kulolonke ilizwe lawo, **33** empumalanga yeJodani kulolonke eleGiliyadi (kuthatha umango kaGadi, okaRubheni lokaManase), kusukela e-Aroweri ngaseSihotsheni se-Arinoni kusiyaphutsha eGiliyadi kungena eBhashani. **34** Okunye kwezehlakalo lezenzo ngokubusa kukaJehu, konke akwenzayo, aphumelela kukho, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **35** UJehu wafa walala kuboyise emathuneni aseSamariya. UJehowahazi

indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi yabusa. **36** UJehu
isikhathi abusa ngaso u-Israyeli eseSamariya kwaba
yiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili.
11 U-Athaliya unina ka-Ahaziya wathi ebona ukuthi
indodana yakhe isifile, waqhubeka ebulala bonke
abendlunkulu. **2** Kodwa uJehoshebha, indodakazi yenkosi
uJehoramu njalo engudadewabo ka-Ahaziya, wathatha
uJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya wamnqenqisa emsusa
phakathi kwamakhosana ayesezabulawa. Wamfihla
kanye lomlizane wakhe endlini yokulala emcatshisa
ukuze u-Athaliya angaze ambona; yikho kasazange
abulawe. **3** Wahlala ecatshisiwe yena kanye lomlizane
wakhe ethempelini likaThixo okweminyaka eyisithupha
yokubusa kuka-Athaliya. **4** Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa
uJehoyada wamema abalawuli bamakhulu, amaKharithi
kanye labalindi, bonke balethwa phambi kwakhe
ethempelini likaThixo. Wenza isivumelwano labo
wabafungisa ethempelini likaThixo. Wasebatshengisa
indodana yenkosi. **5** Wabalaya wathi, "Nanku
elizakwenza: Lina elisemaviyweni amathathu azabe
elindile ngeSabatha, ingxenye yokuthathu yenu kumele
ilinde isigodlo, **6** lengxenye yokuthathu eseSangweni
laseSuri, lengxenye yokuthathu esangweni elingemuva
kwabalindi, abazophisanayo ukulinda ithempeli, **7** lani
elisemaviyweni amabili okuvame ukuthi lingasebenzi
ngeSabatha, lonke lizalindela inkosi ithempeli. **8** Lizalinda
lizingelezele inkosi, ngulowo ehlomile ngesikhali sakhe
esandleni sakhe. Loba ngubani osondela kini kumele
abulawe. Hlalani liseduze kwenkosi loba ingaze iye

ngaphi.” **9** Abalawuli bekhulu benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguJehoyada umphristi. Umlawuli munye ngamunye wathatha iviyo lakhe lamadoda lawo ayesiya ekulindeni ngeSabatha lalawo ayezakuba engasebenzi eza kuJehoyada umphristi. **10** Ngakho yena wanika abalawuli imikhonto lamahawu ayengawenkosi uDavida ayegcinwa ethempelini likaThixo. **11** Kwathi abalindi ngamunye, ephethe isikhali esandleni sakhe, bajama bephahle inkosi iseduze kwe-alithari lethempelini, kusukela ezansi kusiya enyakatho yethempeli. **12** UJehoyada waseveza indodana yenkosi wayethwesa umqhele; wayiqhubela lesivumelwano sikaThixo wahle wamemezela ukuba isiyinkosi. Bayigcoba inkosi, abantu batshaya izandla bahlaba umkhosi besithi, “Mpilo ende enkosini!” **13** U-Athaliya uthe esizwa umkhosi wokujabula kwabalindi kanye labantu bonke, waya ebantwini ngasethempelini likaThixo. **14** Uthe ethi mehlo suka, wabona nansi inkosi, yayimi eduze kwensika njengomkhuba. Izikhulu labatshayi bamacilongo babesekele inkosi, abantu bonke bejabula ngokutshaya amacilongo. Ngakho u-Athaliya wadabula izembatho zakhe wamemeza esithi, “Umvukela! Umvukela!” **15** UJehoyada waselaya abalawuli bekhulu, ababelawula amabutho wathi: “Mkhupheni limfake phakathi kwamaviyo amabutho limhlasele ngenkemba lowo ozama ukumlandela.” Ngenxa yokuthi umphristi wayethe, “Akumelanga abulawelwe ethempelini likaThixo.” **16** Ngakho bamdumela ekufikeni kwakhe endaweni lapha okungenela khona amabhiza esigodlweni, kulapho abulawelwa khona. **17** UJehoyada wasesenza

isivumelwano phakathi kukaThixo lenkosi kanye labantu ukuthi bavume ukuba ngabantu bakaThixo. Wenza njalo isivumelwano phakathi kwenkosi labantu. **18** Abantu bonke belizwe baya ethempelini likaBhali bafika balidilizela phansi. Babhidliza ama-alithare lezithombe kwaba yizicucu, babulala uMathani umphristi kaBhali phambi kwama-alithare. Ngakho uJehoyada umphristi wasebeka abalindi ethempelini likaThixo. **19** Wathatha abalawuli bamakhulu, amaKharithi, abalindi labantu bonke belizwe, sebendawonye behla lenkosi ethempelini likaThixo baya layo esigodlweni, bengenela esangweni labalindi. Inkosi yasithatha indawo yayo esihlalweni sobukhosi, **20** abantu bonke belizwe baba lokujabula okukhulu. Kwaba lokuthula emzini, ngoba u-Athaliya wayesebulewe ngenkemba esigodlweni. **21** UJowashi waqalisa ukubusa eleminyaka eyisikhombisa.

12 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaJehu, uJowashi waba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. Ibizo likanina kunguZibiya; yena wayevela eBherishebha. **2** UJowashi wenza ukulunga phambi kukaThixo ngayo yonke leyominyaka elaywa nguJehoyada umphristi. **3** Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela azidilizwanga, ngakho abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo yabo khona, njalo betshisa impepha khona. **4** UJowashi wathi kubaphristi, “Qoqani yonke imali elethwa ethempelini likaThixo kuyiminikelo engcwele, imali eqoqwe ekubalweni kwabantu, lemali eyamukelwe ngokuzifungela komuntu lemali elethwe ngokuzithandela ethempelini. **5** Akuthi ngamunye

umphristi amukele imali evela kumgcinisikhwama, leyomali izasetshenziswa ukulungisa lapho okonakala khona ethempelini.” **6** Kodwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi amabili lemithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uJowashi, abaphristi babelokhu bengalilungisanga ithempeli. **7** Ngakho inkosi uJowashi yabiza uJehoyada umphristi kanye labanye abaphristi yababuza yathi, “Kungani lingalungisi lapho okwadilika khona ethempelini? Lingabe lisathatha enye imali kumgcinisikhwama, kodwa liyilethe ukuze kulungiswe ethempelini.” **8** Abaphristi bavuma ukuthi abasayikuthatha enye imali ebantwini njalo abasayikulungisa ithempeli bona ngokwabo. **9** UJehoyada umphristi wasethatha ibhokisi, wabhoboza isikhala esivalweni salo, waselibeka eceleni kwe-alithari, ngakwesokudla nxa umuntu engena ethempelini likaThixo. Abaphristi bokulinda emnyango basebefaka ebhokisini yonke imali eyayilethwa ethempelini likaThixo. **10** Besithi bangabona isinengi ebhokisini, babize unobhala wesigodlweni kanye lomphristi omkhulu, bafike bayibale yonke engenileyo ethempelini likaThixo babesebeyigqiba emigodleni. **11** Kwakusithi imali isibaliwe kukhitshwe eyokubhadala ababekhethelwe ukukhangela umsebenzi ethempelini. Ngaleyomali babhadala labo ababesebenza ethempelini likaThixo, ababazi kanye labakhi **12** labakha ngamatshe lababazi bamatshe. Bathenga amapulanka lamatshe abaziweyo ayesetshenziswa ukwakha kulungiswa ithempeli likaThixo, njalo babhadala zonke izindleko

ezazingezomsebenzi wokuvuselela ithempeli. **13** Imali eyalethwa ethempelini likaThixo kayisetshenziswanga ukwenza imiganu yesiliva, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokuchela, lamacilongo loba ezinye izinto zegolide lezesiliva; **14** yaphiwa izisebenzi ezayisebenzisa ukulungisa ithempeli. **15** Akudingakalanga ukuthi bacele imvumo kulabo ababanika imali yokubhadala ababesebenza, ngoba babesebenza beyiphatha ngokuthembeka okupheleleyo. **16** Imali yeminikelo yecala leminikelo yesono kayilethwanga ethempelini likaThixo ngoba yayingeyabaphristi. **17** Ngalesosikhathi uHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wayahlasela iGathi, wayithumba, wasezimisela ukuthumba iJerusalema, **18** kodwa uJowashi inkosi yakoJuda wathatha zonke impahla ezingcwele ezazinikelwe ngokhokho bakhe uJehoshafathi loJehoramu lo-Ahaziya, amakhosi akoJuda lalezozipho ezazinikelwe nguye ngokwakhe, legolide lonke elatholakala ethempelini likaThixo lasesigodlweni, wazithumela kuHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu. UHazayeli wasesuka eJerusalema. **19** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini encwadini yembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **20** Izikhulu zakhe zaceba ndawonye ngaye zambulala eBhethi-Milo, emgwaqweni owehla usiya eSila. **21** Izikhulu ezambulalayo ngoJozabhadi indodana kaShimeyathi loJehozabhadi indodana kaShomeri. Wafa wangcwatshwa laboyise eMzini kaDavida. U-Amaziya indodana yakhe yabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

13 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu wokubusa
kukaJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda,
uJehowahazi indodana kaJehu waba yinkosi yako-
Israyeli eSamariya njalo wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi
lesikhombisa. **2** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo
ngokulandela izono zikaJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebhathi, owayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze,
njalo kazange axekelane lazo. **3** Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo
lwavutha ku-Israyeli, okwaze kwathi okwesikhathi eside
wabayekela bengaphansi kombuso kaHazayeli inkosi yase-
Aramu loBheni-Hadadi indodana yakhe. **4** UJehowahazi
wacela ukuthethelelwa kuThixo. UThixo wamuzwa,
ngoba wabona ukuba abako-Israyeli bancindezelwe
kanganani yinkosi yase-Aramu. **5** UThixo wabapha
umkhululi abako-Israyeli owabakhulula esandleni
sama-Aramu. Ngalokho abako-Israyeli bahlala emizini
yabo njengakuqala. **6** Kodwa abatshiyananga lezono
zabendlu kaJerobhowamu, lezo ayebangele abako-Israyeli
ukuthi bazenze; baqhubeka ngazo, njalo lezinsika
zika-Ashera zahlala zilokhu zikhona eSamariya. **7**
Akusalanga lutho lwamabutho kaJehowahazi ngaphandle
kwabagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi amahlanu,
lezinqola zempi ezilitshumi kanye lezinkulungwane
ezilitshumi zamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo, ngoba
inkosi yase-Aramu yayibhubhise bonke abanye yabenza
baba njengothuli ngesikhathi sokubhula. **8** Mayelana
lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJehowahazi, lakho konke
akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe, akulotshwanga
encwadini yembali yamakhosi abako-Israyeli na?

9 UJehowahazi waphumula laboyisemkhulu njalo
wangcwatshwa eSamariya. Indodana yakhe uJowashi
yabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **10** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amathathu lesikhombisa kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda,
uJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi waba yinkosi yako-
Israyeli eSamariya, yena-ke wabusa okweminyaka
elitshumi lesithupha. **11** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo
njalo kazange axekelane lezono zikaJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi
azenze, waqhubeka ngazo. **12** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo
zombuso Jowashi lakho konke akwenzayo lokuphumelela
kwakhe lezimpi azilwa lo-Amaziya inkosi yamaJuda
akulotshwanga encwadini yembali yamakhosi ako-
Israyeli na? **13** UJowashi waphumula laboyisemkhulu,
ubukhosi bakhe bathathwa nguJerobhowamu. UJowashi
wangcwatshwa eSamariya ndawonye lamakhosi abako-
Israyeli. **14** U-Elisha wayegula umkhuhlane owacina
usumbulala. UJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wahamba
ukuyambona wafika wakhala wathi, “Baba! Baba! Izinqola
zokulwa labagadi bamabhiza ako-Israyeli!” **15** U-Elisha
wathi, “Thatha idandili lemitshoko.” Wakwenza lokho.
16 Wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, “Phatha idandili lelo
ngezandla.” Yathi isiliphethe, u-Elisha wabeka izandla
zakhe phezu kwezandla zenkosi. **17** U-Elisha wasesithi,
“Vula iwindi elisempumalanga.” Yalivula, u-Elisha wathi,
“Tshoka!” Yatshoka. U-Elisha wasememeza eqonqosela
wathi, “Umtshoko wokunqoba kaThixo, umtshoko
wokunqoba ele-Aramu! Uzabhubhisa ama-Aramu e-
Afekhi.” **18** Wasesithi enkosini, “Thatha imitshoko

yakho," inkosi yayithatha. U-Elisha wasesithi kuyo, "Tshaya iphansi leli," inkosi yatshaya iphansi kwaze kwaba kathathu yasisima. **19** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu kwamzondisa lokho wasesithi kuyo inkosi, "Bekufanele ukuthi utshaye iphansi kahlanu loba kasithupha; ngalokho kade uzabe unqobe ele-Aramu njalo walibhubhisa. Kodwa khathesi usuzalinqoba kathathu kuphela." **20** U-Elisha wafa wangcwatshwa. Abahlaseli bamaMowabi babejayele ukungena elizweni entwasa. **21** Kwathi kwesinye isikhathi abako-Israyeli bengcwaba indoda ethile, babona nampa abahlaseli; basebelahlela isidumbu leso ethuneni lika-Elisha. Kuthe isidumbu leso sithinta amathambo ka-Elisha, indoda leyo yavuka yasukuma yama ngezinyawo zayo. **22** UHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wancindezela abako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaJehowahazi. **23** Kodwa uThixo waba lomusa kubo waba lozwelo watshengisela ukubakhathalela ngenxa yesivumelwano sakhe lo-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe. Kuze kube lamuhla kathandi ukubabhubhisa loba ukubalahla basuke phambi kwakhe. **24** UHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu wafa, uBheni-Hadadi indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **25** Ngakho uJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi wabuya wathumba njalo amadolobho embusweni kaBheni-Hadadi indodana kaHazayeli ayethunjwe empini kayise uJehowahazi. UJowashi wamnqoba kathathu, ngakho wawabuyisa amadolobho abako-Israyeli.

14 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Amaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **2**

Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu eqalisa ukubusa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Unina kwakunguJehowadani, owayevela eJerusalema. **3** Yena wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, kodwa kwakungafanani lokukayise uDavida. Kukho konke ayekwenza walandela inyathelo likayise uJowashi. **4** Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela azizange zisuswe; abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo lokutshisa impepha kulezondawo. **5** Kuthe umbuso usuqinile ezandleni zakhe, wabulala izikhulu ezazibulele uyise owayeyinkosi. **6** Kodwa kasabulalanga amadodana alabo ababulala uyise inkosi, njengokulotshiweyo eNcwadini yoMthetho kaMosi lapho uThixo alaya khona wathi: "Abazali abayikufela abantwababo, loba abantwana bafele abazali babo; ngulowo lalowo uzafela isono sakhe." **7** Nguye owanqoba ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, eSigodini seTswayi waze wathumba iSela empini, wayibiza ngokuthi yiJokitheli, okulibizo layo kuze kube lalamuhla. **8** Ngakho u-Amaziya wathumela izithunywa kuJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi, indodana kaJehu, inkosi yako-Israyeli emqopha esithi, "Woza, uqondane lami ubuso ngobuso." **9** Kodwa uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waphendula u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda wathi, "Isihlahlana sameva saseLebhanoni sathumela umsedari eLebhanoni ilizwi sathi, 'Yendisela indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami.' Kwavela isilo eLabhanoni eseza safika sagxobagxoba isihlahlana sameva ngamasondo aso. **10** Ngempela uyinqobile i-Edomi ngakho khathesi

usuziqhenya. Ziqhenye ekunqobeni kwakho, kodwa uhlale ekhaya! Kungani uzibizela uhlupho uzibangela ukulwa kwakho njalo lokukaJuda na?” **11** Loba kunjalo, u-Amaziya, kazange alalele, ngakho uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wahlasela. Yena waqondana lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda bakhangelana ubuso ngobuso eBhethi-Shemeshi koJuda. **12** UJuda wachithwa ngu-Israyeli, kwathi amadoda wonke abalekela emizini yawo. **13** UJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wathumba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJowashi, eyindodana ka-Ahaziya, eBhethi-Shemeshi. Ngakho uJowashi wasesiya eJerusalema wayadiliza umduli weJerusalema kusukela esangweni lika-Efrayimi kusiya eSangweni leJiko, isibanga esingaba yizingalo ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ubude. **14** Wathatha lonke igolide lesiliva lazozonke ezinye impahla ezatholakala zisethempelini likaThixo lasezindlini zenotho esigodlweni waphinda wathumba labantu wahamba labo eSamariya. **15** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJowashi, lakho konke lokuphumelela kwakhe, lempi ayilwa lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, lokhu akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **16** UJowashi waphumula laboyise, njalo wembelwa eSamariya lamakhosi ako-Israyeli. UJerobhowamu indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **17** U-Amaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waphila okweminyaka elitshumi lemihlanu ngemva kokufa kukaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli. **18** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso ka-Amaziya azilotshwanga na

egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? **19** Bamenzela
icebo eJerusalema, wasebalekela eLakhishi, kodwa
bathumela amadoda amlandela ayambulalela khonale. **20**
Bamthwala ngebhiza bamletha eJerusalema lapha
angcwatshwa khona labokhokho bakhe, eMzini kaDavida.
21 Ngakho abantu bonke koJuda bathatha u-Azariya,
owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa yokuzalwa
bamgcoba ubukhosi bukayise u-Amaziya. **22** Nguye
owakha kutsha i-Elathi walibuyisela koJuda ngemva
kokuphumula kukayise labokhokho bakhe. **23**
Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu ka-Amaziya indodana
kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda, uJerobhowamu indodana
kaJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waba yinkosi eSamariya,
njalo wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye.
24 Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo njalo kazange atshiye
lasinye sezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi,
lezo abangela u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze. **25** Nguye
owabuyisela imingcele yako-Israyeli kusukela eLebho
Hamathi kusiya eLwandle lwase-Arabha, njengelizwi
likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, alikhuluma ngenceku
yakhe uJona indodana ka-Amithayi, umphrofethi
owayevela eGathi-Heferi. **26** UThixo wayekubonile ukuthi
kwakubuhlungu kanganani kubo bonke abako-Israyeli,
izigqili loba ababekhululekile, ukuhlupheka ababekukho;
kungekho labani owayengabasiza. **27** Kanti njengoba
uThixo wayengatshongo ukuthi uzakwesula ibizo lika-
Israyeli ngaphansi kwamazulu, wabahlenga ngesandla
sikaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi. **28** Mayelana
lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaJerobhowamu, konke

akwenzayo, kanye lokuphumelela kwakhe empini, lokuthi wathumba njani wabuyisela embusweni ka-Israyeli iDamaseko leHamathi, ayengawe Juda, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **29** UJerobhowamu waphumula laboyise, amakhosi ako-Israyeli. UZakhariya indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

15 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Azariya indodana ka-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **2** Wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha yokuzalwa esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili. Ibizo likanina lalinguJekholiya; evela eJerusalema. **3** Wenza ukulunga phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise u-Amaziya. **4** Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela, azidilizwanga; abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo kanye lokutshisela impepha kuzo. **5** UThixo wehlisela inkosi u-Azariya ubulephero eyabugula yaze yafa, njalo yayihlala yodwa endlini yayo. UJothamu indodana yakhe wayegcina isigodlo senkosi, ephethe labantu belizwe. **6** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Azariya, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **7** U-Azariya wafa walala kuboyise njalo wangcwatshwa phansi kwabo eMzini kaDavida. UJothamu indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi. **8** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu leminyaka efica mibili ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uZakhariya indodana kaJerobhowamu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya,

njalo wabusa okwezinyanga eziyisithupha. **9** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe ngoyise. Kazange atshiye izono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, yena owabangela ukuba u-Israyeli azenze. **10** UShalumi indodana kaJabheshi wenza amacebo okususa uZakhariya wamhlasela phambi kwabantu, wambulala wahle wathatha ubukhosi waba yinkosi. **11** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaZakhariya zilotshwe egwalweni lwembali yombuso wamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **12** Ngakho kwagcwaliseka ilizwi likaThixo kuJehu elathi: "Abendlu yakho bazabusa u-Israyeli kuze kube yisizukulwane sesine." **13** UShalumi indodana kaJabheshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye ka-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda, yena wabusa eSamariya okwenyanga eyodwa. **14** Ngakho uMenahemu indodana kaGadi wehla esuka eThiza esiya eSamariya. Wahlasela uShalumi indodana kaJabheshi eSamariya, wambulala wasethatha ubukhosi. **15** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaShalumi, lamacebo okuhlamuka lawokukhokhela kwakhe, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **16** Ngalesosikhathi uMenahemu, wathi esuka eThiza wahlasela uThifisa laye wonke umuntu owatholakala esedolobheni lababeseduzane lalo, ngoba bala ukuvula amasango abo. Wasuka uThifisa waqhaqha wonke amanina ayezithwele. **17** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lasificamunwemunye ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uMenahemu indodana kaGadi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, wabusa eSamariya okweminyaka elitshumi. **18** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. Ekubuseni kwakhe

konke kazange atshiyane lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele ukuba u-Israyeli azenze. **19** Ngakho uPhuli inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela ilizwe, njalo uMenahemu wamnika amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuze azuze ukusekelwa lokuqinisa umbuso wakhe. **20** UMenahemu wathelisa bonke abako-Israyeli. Wonke umuntu onothileyo kwakumele athele ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu ukuze aphiwe inkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngakho inkosi yase-Asiriya yasuka elizweni, ayizange ibe isahlala khona. **21** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaMenahemu, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **22** UMenahemu waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe. UPhekhahiya indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi. **23** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uPhekhahiya indodana kaMenahemu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, yena wabusa okweminyaka emibili. **24** UPhekhahiya wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. Kazange atshiyane lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuba azenze. **25** Omunye wezikhulu zakhe, uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya wabumba amacebo okumsusa. Wathatha amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu aseGiliyadi, wayabulala uPhekhahiya, kanye lo-Aghobi lo-Ariye enqabeni yesigodlo eSamariya. Ngakho uPhekha wabulala uPhekhahiya njalo wahle wathatha ubukhosi. **26** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaPhekhahiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **27** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi

amahlanu lambili ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, njalo wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili. **28** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. Kazange atshiyane lezono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele ukuthi u-Israyeli azenze. **29** Ngezinsuku zikaPhekha inkosi yako-Israyeli, uThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya weza wathumba i-Ijoni, le-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha, leJanowa, leKhedeshi kanye leHazori. Wathumba iGiliyadi kanye leGalile, kubalwa lelizwe lonke likaNafithali njalo waxotshela abantu e-Asiriya. **30** Ngakho uHosheya indodana ka-Ela wenza amacebo okususa uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya. Wamhlasela wambulala, wasethatha umbuso waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kaJothamu indodana ka-Uziya. **31** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaPhekha, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **32** Ngomnyaka wesibili kaPhekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli, uJothamu indodana ka-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **33** Waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala bakhe, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Ibizo likanina kwakunguJerusha indodakazi kaZadokhi. **34** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguyise u-Uziya. **35** Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela kazisuswanga; abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo lokutshisa impepha khonale. UJothamu wavuselela iSango laNgaphezulu

lethempeli likaThixo. **36** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaJothamu, kanye lakwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **37** (Ngalezonsuku uThixo waqala ukuthuma uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu kanye loPhekha indodana kaRemaliya ukumelana loJuda.) **38** UJothamu waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa labo eMzini kaDavida, okwakulidolobho likayise. U-Ahazi indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.

16 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaPhekha indodana kaRemaliya, u-Ahazi indodana kaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **2** U-Ahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili esiba yinkosi, yena wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Wayengafanani loyise uDavida, ngoba kazange enze ukulunga phambi kukaThixo. **3** Wahamba ngezindlela zamakhosi ako-Israyeli waze wenza umnikelo wokutshiswa ngendodana yakhe, elandela izindlela zezizwe ezingamanyala uThixo ayezixotshe abako-Israyeli bengakangeni kulelolizwe. **4** Wanikela imihlatshelo njalo watshisa impepha ezindaweni zokukhonzela phezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla eziyizithingithingi. **5** Ngakho uRezini inkosi yama-Aramu kanye loPhekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli basuka bayahlasela iJerusalema bavimbezela u-Ahazi, kodwa abazange bamehlule. **6** Ngalesosikhathi, uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu, wahluthuna i-Elathi wayibuyisela kuma-Aramu ngokududula abantu bakoJuda. Ama-Edomi ahle angena e-Elathi ahlala khona kuze kube lamuhla. **7** U-Ahazi wathuma izithunywa ukuthi

ziyekuthi kuThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya, “Ngiyinceku yakho lesichaka. Woza uzongikhulula esandleni senkosi yase-Aramu lasesandleni senkosi yako-Israyeli, amakhosi angihlaselayo.” **8** Ngakho u-Ahazi wathatha isiliva legolide elafunyanwa ethempelini likaThixo lasezindlini zenotho zesigodlweni senkosi wakuthumela kwaba yisipho senkosi yase-Asiriya. **9** Inkosi yase-Asiriya yahle yamhlomulela ngokuhlasela iDamaseko yayithumba. Yakhupha ababehlala khona yabaxotshela eKhiri njalo uRezini yahle yambulala. **10** Ngakho inkosi u-Ahazi yasisiya eDamaseko ukuze ibonane loThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya. Yabona i-alithari eDamaseko yasithumela umdwebo walelo alithare ku-Uriya umphristi lengcazelo egcweleyo yokwakhiwa. **11** Ngakho u-Uriya umphristi wasesakha i-alithari ngomdwebo owawuvela enkosini u-Ahazi eDamaseko waliqeda inkosi u-Ahazi ingakaphenduki. **12** Inkosi ithe isivela eDamaseko yabona i-alithari yahle yayanikela kulo. **13** Inkosi yanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wamabele, yathela okunathwayo komnikelo, yachela igazi lomnikelo wobudlelwano e-alithareni. **14** I-alithari lethusi elalimi phambi kukaThixo yaliletha livela ngaphambili ethempelini, phakathi kwe-alithari elitsha lethempeli likaThixo, yalifaka ngenyakatho ye-alithare elitsha. **15** Inkosi u-Ahazi yasilaya u-Uriya umphristi yathi, “Phezu kwe-alithari elikhulu elitsha, nikela umnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni kuthi ntambama kube ngumnikelo wamabele, lomnikelo wabantu bonke elizweni, lomnikelo wabo wonke wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo. Chela i-

alithari ngalo lonke igazi leminikelo yokutshiswa kanye lemihlatshelo. Kodwa ngizasebenzisa i-alithari lethusi ukucela iziqondiso." **16** Ngakho u-Uriya umphristi wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe yinkosi u-Ahazi. **17** Inkosi u-Ahazi yasusa izinsimbi zenqodlana lemiganu phezulu, yethula uLwandle phezu kwenkabi zethusi ezazingaphansi kwalo, yalubeka phezu kwesisekelo selitshe. **18** Yasusa isembeso seSabatha esasakhiwe ethempelini, yavala intuba yokungena inkosi eyayiphandle kwethempeli likaThixo, ivumela okwakufunwa yinkosi yase-Asiriya. **19** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Ahazi, kanye lokunye akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **20** U-Ahazi waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi.

17 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokubusa kuka-Ahazi inkosi yakoJuda, uHosheya indodana ka-Ela waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, njalo wabusa iminyaka eyisificamunwemunye. **2** Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, kodwa akubanga njengokwamakhosi ako-Israyeli amandulelayo. **3** UShalimaneseri inkosi yase-Asiriya weza wahlasela uHosheya, owayekade eyisichaka sakhe esasithela kuye. **4** Kodwa inkosi yase-Asiriya yafumana ukuthi uHosheya ngumhlamuki, ngoba wayekade ethumele amanxusa enkosini yaseGibhithe uSo, njalo engasatheli imithelo enkosini yase-Asiriya njengalokhu ayekwenza minyaka yonke. Ngakho uShalimaneseri wambamba wamfaka entolongweni. **5** Inkosi yase-Asiriya yasihlasela ilizwe lonke, yangena

eSamariya yalivimbezela okweminyaka emithathu. **6** Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya, inkosi yase-Asiriya yathumba iSamariya yaxotshela abako-Israyeli e-Asiriya. Yabahlalisa eHala, ngaseGozani eMfuleni uHabhori lasemizini yamaMede. **7** Konke lokhu kwenzakala ngenxa yokona kwabako-Israyeli phambi kukaThixo, owabakhupha eGibhithe emandleni kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. Bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu **8** belandela lemikhuba yezizwe uThixo ayezixotshile phambi kwabo kanye lemikhuba amakhosi ako-Israyeli ayeseyingenisile. **9** Basebesenza ngasese izinto ezazingalunganga kuThixo. Kusukela emphongolweni wesilindo kusiya enqabeni yomuzi basebezakhele izindawo zokukhonzela emizini yabo. **10** Bazimisela amatshe okukhonzela lezinsika zika-Ashera kuwo wonke amaqaqa aphakemeyo langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla eziyizithingithingi. **11** Kuzozonke izindawo zokukhonzela batshisa impepha, njengalokhu okwakusenziwa yizizwe uThixo ayezixotshile phambi kwabo. Benza okubi okwathukuthelisa uThixo. **12** Bakhonza izithombe, lanxa uThixo wayethe, "Lingabokwenza lokhu." **13** UThixo wayebaxwayisile abako-Israyeli kanye labakoJuda ngabaphrofethi bakhe bonke lezanuse wathi: "Tshiyani izindlela zenu ezimbi. Gcinani imithetho yami lezimiso zami ezisemlayweni engalaya okhokho benu ngawo lengawuthumela kini ngezinceku zami abaphrofethi." **14** Kodwa abalalelanga njalo baba ntamolukhuni njengabokhokho babo, bona abangazange bathembele kuThixo wabo. **15** Balahla izimiso zakhe lesivumelwano

asenza labokhokho babo lezixwayiso ayebanike zona.
Balandela izithombe eziyize, labo ngokwabo baba
yize, balingisela izizwe ababehlala phakathi kwazo
lanxa uThixo wayebalaye wathi, “Lingenzi njengabo,”
njalo benza izinto ayebanqabele ukuthi bazenze. **16**
Bayephula yonke imilayo kaThixo wabo, bazenzela
izithombe ezikhandiweyo ezamathole amabili, benza
insika ku-Ashera. Bakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi
zezulu, njalo bakhonza uBhali. **17** Benza umhlatshelo
ngamadodana lamadodakazi abo emlilweni. Babevumisa
njalo besenza ubuthakathi, bazinikela ekwenzeni
okubi phambi kukaThixo bamthukuthelisa. **18** Ngakho
uThixo wabathukuthelela abako-Israyeli wabaxotsha
kuye. Isizwana sakoJuda yiso kuphela esasalayo, **19**
loba nje laye uJuda engayigcinanga imilayo kaThixo.
Balandela imikhuba eyayingeniswe ngabako-Israyeli.
20 Ngakho uThixo wakhalala bonke abantu bako-
Israyeli; wabahlukuluza njalo wabanikela ezandleni
zabaphangi, waze wabasusa phambi kwakhe. **21**
UThixo uthe esemkhiphile u-Israyeli endlini kaDavida,
babeka uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi ukuba
abe yinkosi yabo. UJerobhowamu wamphambula
u-Israyeli ekulandeleni uThixo wambangela ukuba
enze isono esikhulu. **22** Abako-Israyeli baqhubeka
ngazozonke izono zikaJerobhowamu abaze bazidela.
23 UThixo waze wabasusa phambi kwakhe, njengoba
wayexwayisile ngezinceku zakhe zonke abaphrofethi.
Ngakho abantu bako-Israyeli bathunjwa elizweni
labo basiwa e-Asiriya, njalo balokhu bekhonale.

24 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yaletha abantu ababevela
eBhabhiloni, leKhutha, le-Ava, leHamathi kanye
leSefavayimi yayabahlalisa emizini yeSamariya endaweni
eyayingeyabako-Israyeli. **25** Ekuqaleni kokuhlala kwabo
khona, babengamkhonzi uThixo; ngakho uThixo
wathumela izilwane phakathi kwabo, zabulala abanye
babo. **26** Kwabikwa enkosini yase-Asiriya kwathiwa,
“Abantu obaxotshele eSamariya wabahlalisa emizini
yakhona abakwazi ukuthi unkulunkulu walelolizwe
ufunani. Usethumele izilwane phakathi kwabo,
ezibabulalayo zibaqeda, ngoba abantu abakwazi ukuthi
ufunani.” **27** Inkosi yase-Asiriya yakhupha isiqondiso
yathi, “Thuma omunye wabaphristi owabathumbayo
eSamariya, abuyele ayohlala labantu njalo abafundise
ukuthi unkulunkulu walelolizwe ufunani.” **28** Ngakho
omunye wabaphristi ababethunjwe eSamariya weza
wayahlala eBhetheli wabafundisa ukuthi uThixo
ukhonzwa njani? **29** Loba kunjalo, yileloqembu ngobuzwe
balo lenza onkulunkulu balo emadolobheni wonke
ababehlaliswe khona, bababeka ezindaweni zokukhonzela
ezazakhiwe ngabantu beSamariya. **30** Abantu ababevela
eBhabhiloni babumba uSukhothi-Bhenothi, kwathi
ababevela eKhutha benza uNerigali, ababevela eHamathi
benza u-Ashima, **31** ama-Avi enza uNibhazi kanye
loTharithaki, lamaSefavi enza umhlatshelo ngokutshisa
abantwababo emlilweni benikela ku-Adrameleki lo-
Anameleki, onkulunkulu bamaSefavayimi. **32** Bamkhonza
uThixo, kodwa basebezikhethela phakathi kwabo inhlobo
zonke zabantu ukuthi babe ngabaphristi ezindaweni

eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela. **33** Bamkhonza uThixo,
kodwa babekhonza labonkulunkulu babo belandela
imikhuba yezizwe ababevela kizo. **34** Kuze kube
lamuhla balokhu bekwenza lokhu belandela imikhuba
emidala. Abamkhonzi uThixo njalo abalandeli izimiso
leziqondiso, imithetho lemilayo uThixo ayeyiphe
abantwana bakaJakhobe, lo ambiza ngokuthi ngu-Israyeli.
35 UThixo wathi esenza isivumelwano labako-Israyeli,
wabalaya wathi, "Lingakhonzi abanye onkulunkulu loba
ukubakhothamela, lingabenzeli lutho loba ukubenzela
umhlatshelo. **36** Khonzani kuphela uThixo, yena
owalikhuphula walisusa eGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu
langesandla somusa esivulekileyo, nguye yedwa
okumele limkhonze. Kuye lizakhothama njalo kuye
lizanikela imihlatshelo. **37** Linanzelele ngezikhathi zonke
ukulondoloza izimiso, leziqondiso, imithetho lemilayo
alilobela yona. Lingabokhonza abanye onkulunkulu.
38 Lingakhohlwa isivumelwano engasenza lani, njalo
lingakhonzi abanye onkulunkulu. **39** Kodwa, khonzani
uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, nguye ozalikhulula ezandleni
zezitha zenu zonke." **40** Loba kunjalo, kabazange balalele
kodwa baqhubeka belandela imikhuba yabo yakuqala.
41 Lanxa babemkhonza uThixo, babelandela izithombe
zabo. Lalamuhla abantwababo labantwana babantwababo
balokhu besenza khonokho okwakusenziwa ngoyise.

18 Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaHosheya indodana ka-
Ela inkosi yako-Israyeli, uHezekhiya indodana ka-Ahazi
inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **2** Wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi, njalo

wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo likanina lalingu-Abhija indodakazi kaZakhariya. **3** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida. **4** Wadiliza izindawo zokukhonzela, wabhidliza amatshe ababewakhonza njalo wagamulela phansi insika zika-Ashera. Watshaya wenza izicucu inyoka yethusi eyayenziwe nguMosi, ngoba kuze kube yilesosikhathi abako-Israyeli babelokhu beyitshisela impepha. (Yayibizwa ngokuthi Nehushithani.) **5** UHezekhiya wayethembele kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Kakho owayenjengaye kuwo wonke amakhosi akoJuda, loba kulabo abamandulelayo kumbe labo abamlandelayo ekubuseni. **6** Wabambelela kuThixo kazange ekele ukumlandela, wagcina imilayo uThixo ayeyinike uMosi. **7** UThixo wayelaye; waphumelela kukho konke ayekwenza. Wahlamukela inkosi yase-Asiriya kasabanga ngaphansi kwayo. **8** Kusukela emphongolweni wesilindo kusiya emzini oyinqaba, wanqoba amaFilistiya, kuze kuyefika khonale eGaza lamazwe akhona. **9** Ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uHezekhiya, okwakungumnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kukaHosheya indodana ka-Ela inkosi yako-Israyeli, uShalimaneseri inkosi yase-Asiriya wayahlasela iSamariya wayivimbezela. **10** Ngemva kweminyaka emithathu ama-Asiriya alithumba. Ngakho iSamariya yathunjwa ngomnyaka wesithupha wokubusa kukaHezekhiya, okwakungumnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kukaHosheya inkosi yako-Israyeli. **11** Inkosi yase-Asiriya

yaxotshela abako-Israyeli e-Asiriya yabahlalisa eHala ngaseGozani eMfuleni uHabhori lasemizini yamaMede.
12 Lokhu kwenzakala ngoba bengalalelanga uThixo wabo, kodwa sebephule isivumelwano sakhe, lakho konke uMosi inceku kaThixo ayebalaye ngakho. Abazanga balalele njalo abazanga bakwenze. **13** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wokubusa kwenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela wonke amadolobho avikelweyo akoJuda wawathumba. **14** Ngakho uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wathumela ilizwi enkosini yase-Asiriya eLakhishi esithi, "Ngiphambanisile. Suka kimi, mina ngizakubhadala konke okufunayo kimi." Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathi uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kayinike amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu amathathu kanye legolide elingamathalenta angamatshumi amathathu. **15** Ngakho uHezekhiya wamnika sonke isiliva esatholakala ethempelini likaThixo lasezindlini zenotho yesigodlweni senkosi. **16** Ngalesisikhathi uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda waxexebula igolide elalisezivalweni zethempeli likaThixo lelalinanyathiselwe emigubazini yethempeli likaThixo, walinika inkosi yase-Asiriya. **17** Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathumela umlawuli omkhulu wamabutho ayo, lesikhulu somndlunkulu kanye lomlawuli wamabutho lamabutho amanengi, besuka eLakhishi besiya enkosini uHezekhiya eJerusalema. Bafika eJerusalema bema emgelweni wechibi elingaphezulu, elisendleleni yeNsimu yoMgezisi. **18** Babiza inkosi ngokwayo: Kodwa kweza u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umphathi wesigodlo, loShebhina umabhalane, loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali. **19**

Umlawuli webutho wathi kubo, “Tshelani uHezekhiya
ukuthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-
Asiriya ithi: Uthembeni ngalesisibindi sakho na? **20** Uthi
ulamaqhinga lamandla ebutho, kodwa ukhuluma amazwi
ayize. Uthembe bani uze ungihlamukele nje? **21** Khangela,
ngiyazi uthembe iGibhithe, yona enjengomhlanga
ozimvava osika isandla somuntu umlimaze nxa eweyamile.
Unjalo uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe kubo bonke abathembele
kuye. **22** Njalo nxa lisithi kimi, “Thina sithembe
uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu”: kasuye yini uHezekhiya
asusa izindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lama-alithare akhe,
esithi kuJuda leJerusalema, “Kumele likhonzele phambi
kwaleli i-alithari eliseJerusalema”? **23** Khathesi woza
wenze isivumelwano lenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asiriya:
Ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili nxa
bekhona abazawagada! **24** Pho ungayehlula njani induna
yezikhulu ezincane zenkosi yami eyodwa, lanxa uthembele
eGibhithe ekutholeni izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza
na? **25** Phezu kwalokho, kanti ngizehlasela lokuzochitha
lindawo ngaphandle kwelizwi elivela kuThixo na? UThixo
uqobo nguye othe ngizohlasela ilizwe leli ngilichithe.’” **26**
Ngakho u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya, loShebhina
loJowa bathi kumlawuli webutho, “Ake ukhulume
ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramayikhi, ngoba siyasizwa.
Ungasikhulumisi ngesiHebheru lababantu abasemdulini
besizwa.” **27** Kodwa umlawuli webutho waphendula
esithi, “Inkosi yami ingithume ukuba izinto lezi ngizitsho
kuphela enkosini yenu lakini, hatshi ebantwini abahlezi
emdulini, okuzakuthi labo, njengani badle ubulongwe

babo banathe lomchamo wabo na?” **28** Umlawuli webutho
wasukuma wasememeza ngesiHebheru esithi, “Zwanini
ilizwi lenkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya! **29** Lokhu
yikho okutshiwo yinkosi: Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya
ukuba alikhohlise. Angeke alikhulule. **30** Lingamvumeli
uHezekhiya elincenga ukuba lithembe kuThixo lapho
esithi, ‘Ngempela uThixo uzasikhulula; idolobho leli
kaliyikuphiwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.’ **31**
Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya. Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi yase-
Asiriya: Yenza isivumelwano sokuthula lami, uphume
uze kimi. Lapho-ke omunye lomunye uzakudla esivinini
sakhe lasemkhiweni wakhe anathe lamanzi emthonjeni
wakhe, **32** ngize ngifike ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni
elifanana lelakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe
lesinkwa lezivini, ilizwe lezihlahla zama-oliva loluju.
Khethani impilo hatshi ukufa, Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya,
ngoba uyalikhohlisa nxa esithi, ‘UThixo uzasikhulula.’
33 Kambe ukhona unkulunkulu wesinye isizwe osewake
wakhulula ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya
na? **34** Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseHamathi le-Ariphadi
na? Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseSefavayimi labaseHena
labase-Iva na? Bayikhululile iSamariya esandleni sami
na? **35** Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe la
oke wenelisa ukukhulula ilizwe lakhe kimi na? Pho
uThixo angayikhulula njani iJerusalema esandleni sami
na?” **36** Kodwa abantu bathula kabazange batsho lutho,
ngoba inkosi yayilaye yathi, “Lingamphenduli.” **37** U-
Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo
loShebhina umabhalane loJowa indodana ka-Asafi

umbhali, baya kuHezekhiya izigqoko zabo zidabukile bamtshela okwakutshiwo ngumlawuli webutho.

19 Kwathi lapho uHezekhiya, inkosi, esezwe lokhu,
wadabula izigqoko zakhe wagqoka amasaka, wasesiya
ethempelini likaThixo. **2** Wathuma u-Eliyakhimu
umphathi wesigodlo, uShebhina umabhalane labaphristi
abangabakhokheli, bonke begqoke amasaka, baya
kumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. **3** Bathi kuye,
"UHezekhiya uthi: ilanga lanamhla lusuku losizi lokusolwa
kanye lehlazo njengalapho abantwana sekufike isikhathi
sokuthi bazalwe kodwa amandla okubeletha engekho. **4**
Mhlawumbe uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho izawezwa wonke
amazwi omlawuli webutho, onkosi yakhe, inkosi yase-
Asiriya, emthume ukuba athuke uNkulunkulu ophilayo,
lokuthi uzamthuka ngenxa yamazwi uThixo uNkulunkulu
wakho awazwileyo. Ngakho-ke khulekela insali elokhu
iphila." **5** Kwathi izithunywa zenkosi uHezekhiya
sezifikile ku-Isaya, **6** u-Isaya wathi kuzo, "Tshelani
inkosi yenu lithi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ungesabi
lokhu okuzwileyo, amazwi lawana izinceku zenkosi
yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngawo. **7** Lalela! Ngizafaka
umoya ozamenza athi nxa esizwa umbiko othile, afune
ukubuyela elizweni lakhe, athi angafika khonale ngenze
ukuba abulawe ngenkemba.'" **8** Kwathi lapho umlawuli
webutho esezwile ukuthi inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisisukile
eLakhishi, laye wasuka wayathola inkosi isilwa leLibhina.
9 USenakheribhi wemukela umbiko othi uThirihaka,
inkosi yaseKhushi, wayesiza ukuba amhlasele. Ngakho
wathumela njalo izithunywa kuHezekhiya lombiko othi:

10 “Tshela uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuthi: Ungavumi
ukuthi unkulunkulu omthembileyo akukhohlise esithi,
‘IJerusalema kaliyikunikelwa enkosini yase-Asiriya.’
11 Ngempela usukuzwile okwenziwa ngamakhosi ase-
Asiriya emazweni wonke, ewabhidliza okupheleleyo.
Wena-ke uzaphepha na? **12** Onkulunkulu bezizwe
ezatshabalaliswa ngokhokho bami bake bazikhulula
na onkulunkulu beGozani, leHarani, leRezefi kanye
labantu base-Edeni ababeseThelasari? **13** Ingaphi
inkosi yaseHamathi, inkosi yase-Ariphadi, angaphi
amakhosi aseLayiri leSefavayimi, loba eyaseHena kumbe
eyase-Iva?” **14** UHezekhiya wamukela incwadi eyeza
lezithunywa wayibala. Emva kwalokho waya ethempelini
leNkosi, wayichaya phambi kukaThixo. **15** UHezekhiya
wakhuleka kuThixo esithi: “Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
osebukhosini phakathi kwamaKherubhi, wena kuphela
nguwe onguNkulunkulu wemibuso yonke yasemhlabeni.
Nguwe owenza izulu lomhlaba. **16** Beka indlebe, Thixo,
uzwe; vula amehlo akho Thixo, ubone. Lalela uzwe amazwi
uSenakheribhi awathumele ukuzathuka uNkulunkulu
ophilayo. **17** Kuliqiniso, Thixo, ukuthi amakhosi ase-
Asiriya azitshabalalisa lezizizwe kanye lamazwe azo. **18**
Aphosele onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni abatshabalalisa,
ngoba kungesibo onkulunkulu kodwa yizigodo lamatshe
kuphela, okubunjwe ngezandla zabantu. **19** Khathesi,
Thixo, Nkulunkulu wethu, sikhulule esandleni sakhe,
ukuze imibuso yonke emhlabeni ibekwazi, ukuthi
wena wedwa, Thixo, unguNkulunkulu.” **20** U-Isaya
indodana ka-Amozi wathumela ilizwi kuHezekhiya elithi:

“Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli:
Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho mayelana loSenakheribhi
inkosi yase-Asiriya. **21** Nanti ilizwi uThixo aselikhulume
ngaye: ‘Ndodakazi eGcweleyo iZiyoni iyakweyisa njalo
iyakuklolodela. Ndodakazi iJerusalema inqekuza ikhanda
layo lapho wena ubaleka. **22** Ngubani lowo omthukileyo
wamhlazisa? Ngubani lowo omphakamisele ilizwi
lakho wamphakamisela lamehlo akho ngokuzigqaja
na? NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli! **23** Ngezithunywa zakho
umthukile uThixo. Utshilo njalo ukuthi, “Ngezinqola zami
ezinengi ngikhwelile eziqongweni zezintaba, iziqongo
eziphezulu kakhulu zaseLebhanoni. Sengigamule ngawisa
izihlahla ezinde zemisedari, izihlahla ezikhethiweyo
zamaphayini. Ngifikile eziqongweni zalo ezikhatshana,
emaguswini alo amahle kakhulu. **24** Ngigebhile imithombo
ezizweni nganatha amanzi khona. Ngezinyawo zami
ngomisile zonke izifula zaseGibhithe.”’” **25** “‘Kawuzwanga
na? Lokhu ngakumisa endulo. Ngakuceba ensukwini
zasendulo; khathesi sengenze ukuba kufezeke, ukuthi
usudilize amadolobho avikelweyo aba yizinqwaba
zamatshe. **26** Abantu bakhona, abangaselamandla,
badangele njalo bayangekile. Banjengezilimo ensimini,
njengamahlumela aluhlaza, lanjengotshani obuhluma
ephahleni lwendlu bubuye butshe bungakakhuli. **27** Kodwa
ngiyakwazi lapho okhona, lalapho usiza uphinde uhambe;
kanye lokuthi ungithukuthelela kangakanani. **28** Ngenxa
yokungithukuthelela kwakho langenxa yokuthi ubuqholo
bakho sebufikile ezindlebeni zami ngizafaka umkhala
wami emakhaleni akho lamatomu ami emlonyeni wakho,

njalo ngizakwenza ubuyele ngendlela oze ngayo.’ **29** Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe, Hezekhiya: Lonyaka lizakudla okuzikhulela kodwa, ngomnyaka wesibili lidle umkhukhuzela wakhona. Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu hlanyelani livune, hlanyelani izivini lidle izithelo zazo. **30** Futhi insali yendlu kaJuda izagxilisa njalo impande phansi ithele izithelo ngaphezulu. **31** Ngoba eJerusalema kuzavela insali, kuthi entabeni iZiyoni kuphume ixuku labasindayo. Ukutshiseka kukaThixo uSomandla kuzakwenza ukuba lokhu kufezeke. **32** Ngakho-ke mayelana lenkosi yase-Asiriya uThixo uthi: ‘Kasoze angene kulelidolobho loba atshoke umtshoko lapha. Kasoze eze kulo elehawu kumbe akhe umduli wokulivimbezela. **33** Uzabuyela ngendlela eza ngayo, kasoze angene kulelidolobho, kutsho uThixo. **34** Idolobho leli ngizalivikela ngilihlenge, ngenxa yami langenxa kaDavida inceku yami.’” **35** Ngalobobusuku ingilosi kaThixo yasuka yayabulala abantu abalikhulu elilamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu lezinkulungwane ezihonqweni zama-Asiriya. Kwathi lapho abantu bevuka ekuseni kwakhona bonke kwasekuyizidumbu kuphela! **36** Ngakho uSenakheribhi inkosi yama-Asiriya wasuka ezihonqweni wahamba. Wabuyela eNiniva wahlala khona. **37** Kwathi ngolunye usuku ekhonza ethempelini likaNisirokhi unkulunkulu wakhe, amadodana akhe u-Adrameleki loShareza ambulala ngenkemba asebalekela elizweni lase-Ararathi. U-Esarihadoni indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

20 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula, eselengela ekufeni.
Umphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi waya kuye wathi:
“Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Lungisa indlu yakho, ngoba
uzakufa; awuyikusila.” **2** UHezekhiya waphendula ubuso
bakhe wakhangela emdulini wakhuleka kuThixo esithi, **3**
“Khumbula, Thixo, ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho
ngokuthembeka langokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yami yonke,
njalo ngenze okuhle emehlweni akho.” UHezekhiya
wakhala kabuhlungu. **4** U-Isaya engakasuki egumeni
elingaphakathi, kwafika ilizwi likaThixo kuye lisithi: **5**
“Buyela uyetshela uHezekhiya, umkhokheli wabantu
bami uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu
kayihlo uDavida. Uthi: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho
njalo ngizibonile lezinyembezi zakho; ngizakusilisa.
Ngosuku lwesithathu kusukela khathesi uzakhwela uye
ethempelini likaThixo. **6** Ngizakwengezelela iminyaka
elitshumi lanhlanu empilweni yakho. Ngizakukhulula
wena kanye ledolobho leli ezandleni zenkosi yase-
Asiriya. Ngizavikela idolobho leli ngizenzela mina
njalo ngisenzela inceku yami uDavida.’” **7** U-Isaya
wathi: “Lungisani isigaqa semikhiwa.” Bakwenza lokho
basebethoba ngaso ithumba, wasesila. **8** UHezekhiya
wayebuze u-Isaya wathi, “Kuyini okuzakuba yisibonakaliso
sokuthi uThixo uzangisilisa kanye lokuthi ngizakhwela
ngiye phezulu ethempelini leNkosi ngosuku lwesithathu
kusukela khathesi na?” **9** U-Isaya waphendula wathi,
“Nansi isibonakaliso sikaThixo kuwe, esokuthi uThixo
uzakwenza akuthembisayo. Kambe isithunzi sizakuya
phambili amanyathelo alitshumi kumbe sizabuyela

emuva amanyathelo alitshumi na?” **10** “UHezekhiya
wathi kulula ukuba isithunzi siye phambili amanyathelo
alitshumi, kodwa kasiyi emuva amanyathelo alitshumi.”
11 Ngakho umphrofethi u-Isaya wacela kuThixo, uThixo
wenza ukuthi isithunzi sibuyele emuva okwezinyathelo
ezilitshumi esasehle ngawo ezikhwelelweni zika-Ahazi.
12 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodakhi-Bhaladani indodana
kaBhaladani inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wabhalela uHezekhiya
izincwadi wamthumela lesipho ngoba wayezwile
ngokugula kukaHezekhiya. **13** UHezekhiya wazamukela
izithunywa wazitshengisa konke okwakusendlini yakhe
yokugcinela impahla, isiliva, igolide, iziyoliso kanye
lamafutha acengekileyo, izikhali zakhe lakho konke
okwakukhona enothweni yakhe. Akulalutho esigodlweni
sakhe loba embusweni wakhe wonke uHezekhiya
angazitshengisanga lona. **14** Ngakho u-Isaya umphrofethi
waya kuHezekhiya inkosi wambuza wathi, “Atheni
amadoda lawana njalo avela ngaphi?” UHezekhiya
waphendula wathi: “Avela elizweni elikhatshana.
Avele eBhabhiloni.” **15** Umphrofethi wabuza wathi:
“Aboneni esigodlweni sakho?” UHezekhiya wathi, “Abone
konke okusesigodlweni sami. Akulalutho phakathi
kwempahla zami eziligugu engingawatshengisanga
khona.” **16** Ngakho u-Isaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya,
“Zwana ilizwi likaThixo lithi: **17** Isikhathi sizafika
sibili lapho konke okusesigodlweni sakho lakho konke
oyihlo abakugcinayo kusiyafika lolosuku, kuzathwalelwa
eBhabhiloni. Akuyikusala lutho, kutsho uThixo. **18** Njalo
abanye besizukulwane sakho, abenyama legazi lakho,

abazazalwa nguwe, bazathathwa bayekuba ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi yaseBhabhiloni.” **19** UHezekhiya waphendula wathi: “Ilizwi likaThixo olikhulumileyo lilungile.” Ngoba wayenakana esithi: “Kambe kakuyikuba lokuthula lokuvikeleka ekuphileni kwami na?” **20** Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaHezekhiya, konke ukuphumelela kwakhe lokwakha kwakhe ichibi kanye lomgelo owaletha amanzi phakathi komuzi, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **21** UHezekhiya waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe. Indodana yakhe uManase yathatha ubukhosi.

21 UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili eqalisa ukubusa njalo wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lemihlanu eJerusalema. Ibizo likanina lalinguHefizibha. **2** Wenza ububi emehlweni kaThixo, elandela imikhuba eyenyanyekayo yezizwe uThixo ayezixotshile phambi kuka-Israyeli. **3** Wavuselela izindawo zokukhonzela ezazidilizwe nguyise uHezekhiya, wakha lama-alithare kaBhali wenza lensika ka-Ashera, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe ngu-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli. Wakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi zezulu wazikhonza. **4** Wakha ama-alithare ethempelini likaThixo, lona uThixo ayethe, “EJerusalema ngizabeka khona iBizo lami.” **5** Kuwo womabili amaguma ethempeli likaThixo, wakhela izinkanyezi zezulu ama-alithare. **6** Wenza umhlatshelo ngendodana yakhe emlilweni, wavumisa, wenza imilingo, wasebenza lezanuse labemimoya. Wenza okubi kakhulu emehlweni kaThixo, wamthukuthelisa. **7** Wathatha insika ebaziweyo ka-Ashera ayeyenzile wayifaka

ethempelini, lona lelo kanye uThixo ayethe kuDavida lakuSolomoni indodana yakhe, “Kulelithempeli lakulo umuzi waseJerusalema, engiwukhethileyo kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli, ngizabeka iBizo lami kuze kube nininini. **8** Angiyikuphinda ngenze inyawo zabako-Israyeli zizule elizweni engalinika okhokho babo, nxa bezananzelela balandele yonke imilayo engabanika yona bagcine wonke uMthetho abawunikwa nguMosi inceku yami.” **9** Kodwa abantu abalalelanga. UManase wabalahlekisa, ngakho bona kakhulu ukwedlula izizwe uThixo ayezitshabalalise phambi kokuba u-Israyeli angene. **10** UThixo wakhuluma ngezinceku zakhe abaphrofethi wathi: **11** “UManase inkosi yakoJuda wenzile wonke amanyala la. Wenzile izono lezi ezenyanyekayo. Usenze ububi obukhulu obedlula obama-Amori ayekhona ngaphambi kwakhe, njalo usekhokhelele uJuda esonweni ngezithombe zakhe, **12** ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukuthi, Ngizakwehlisela phezu kweJerusalema loJuda incithakalo ezakwenza indlebe zakhe wonke oyizwayo zinkenteze. **13** Ngizakwelula phezu kweJerusalema intambo eyasetshenziswa ekulahleni iSamariya, lentambo eyasetshenziswa ekulahleni indlu ka-Ahabi. Ngizakwesula iJerusalema njengomuntu owesula umganu, awesule awumbokothe. **14** Ngizalahla insalela yabantu bami, ngibanikele ezitheni zabo. Bazathunjwa babe yimpango yezitha zabo zonke, **15** ngoba benzile okubi phambi kwami, bangithukuthelisa, kusukela ekuphumeni kwabokhokho babo eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla.” **16** Futhi uManase

wachitha igazi elinengi kakhulu elingelacala waze waligcwalisa iJerusalema kusukela ekuqaleni kwalo kuze kube sekucineni, ngaphandle kwesono ayebangele uJuda ukuba asenze, ngakho benza isono emehlweni kaThixo.
17 Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kukaManase, lakho konke akwenzayo, kanye lesono asenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **18** UManase waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshelwa esivandeni sesigodlo sakhe, isivande sika-Uza. U-Amoni indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi. **19** U-Amoni waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka emibili. Ibizo likanina lalinguMeshulemethi indodakazi kaHaruzi; owayevela eJothibha. **20** Wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise uManase.
21 Walandela konke okwakwenziwe nguyise, wakhonza izithombe ezazikhonzwa nguyise, njalo wazikhothamela.
22 Wamdela uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bakhe, njalo kazange ahambe ngendlela kaThixo. **23** Izikhulu zika-Amoni zamelana laye zabumba icebo zambulala esigodlweni sakhe. **24** Abantu bakulelolizwe basebebulala ababecebe ukubulala inkosi u-Amoni, basebebeka indodana yakhe uJosiya waba yinkosi, esikhundleni sakhe.
25 Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kuka-Amoni, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **26** Wangcwatshwa ethuneni lakhe, esivandeni sika-Uza. UJosiya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.

22 UJosiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisificaminwembili
eqalisa ukubusa njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lowodwa. Ibizo likanina
lalinguJedida indodakazi ka-Adaya; wayevela
eBhozikhathi. **2** Wenza okulungileyo emehlweni
kaThixo njalo wahamba ezindleleni zonke zikayise
uDavida, engaphambukeli eceleni kwesokudla loba
esenxele. **3** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili
wokubusa kwakhe, uJosiya inkosi wathumela unobhala
wakhe, uShafani indodana ka-Azaliya, indodana
kaMeshulami, ethempelini likaThixo. Wathi, **4** "Hamba
uye kuHilikhiya umphristi omkhulu uyekuthi kalungise
imali elethwe ethempelini likaThixo, ekade iqoqwa
ebantwini ngabalindi beminyango. **5** Abayigcinise
amadoda akhethelwe ukukhangela ukuqhubeka
komsebenzi ethempelini. Babe yibo abazaholisa
abasebenza ukulungisa kutsha ithempeli likaThixo, **6**
ababazi, abakhi, lababazi bamatshe. Babe yibo njalo
abazathenga amapulanka lamatshe abaziweyo okulungisa
kutsha ithempeli. **7** Kodwa akudingeki ukuthi babike
ngokusetshenziswa kwemali abayigcinisiweyo, ngoba
basebenza ngokwethembeka." **8** UHilikhiya umphristi
omkhulu wathi kuShafani unobhala, "Sengithole
uGwalo lwemiThetho ethempelini likaThixo." Walunika
uShafani walufunda. **9** Ngakho uShafani waya enkosini,
wayibikela wathi, "Izikhulu zakho sezibhadele imali
ebisethempelini likaThixo njalo seziyigcinise izisebenzi
kanye labakhangela ethempelini." **10** UShafani
unobhala wasebikela inkosi esithi, "UHilikhiya umphristi

usenginike ugwalo." Ngakho uShafani waselubala phambi kwenkosi. **11** Inkosi ithe isizwile amazwi eNcwadi yoMthetho, yadabula izembatho zayo. **12** Yapha leziziqondiso kuHilikhiya umphristi, lo-Ahikhami indodana kaShafani, lo-Akhibhori indodana kaMikhaya loShafani unobhala kanye lo-Asaya inceku yenkosi, yathi: **13** "Hambani kuThixo liyengibuzela mina labantu kanye loJuda wonke ngalokhu okulotshwe kulolugwalo osolutholakele. Lukhulu ulaka lukaThixo oluvuthayo kithi ngoba okhokho bethu kabawalalelanga amazwi alolugwalo: abakulandelanga konke okulotshiweyo kulo mayelana lathi." **14** UHilikhiya umphristi, lo-Ahikhami, lo-Akhibhori, loShafani lo-Asaya bayakhuluma lomphrofethikazi uHulida umkaShalumi indodana kaThikhiva, indodana kaHarihasi, umgcini wezigqoko. UHulida wayehlala eJerusalema Esigabeni Sesibili. **15** Yena wathi kubo: "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukuthi, tshelani indoda elithume kimi ukuthi, **16** 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ngizakwehlisela incithakalo kulindawo lasebantwini bayo ngakho konke okulotshwe egwalweni olubalwa yinkosi yakoJuda. **17** Ngoba bangihlamukele, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, njalo bangithukuthelisile ngazozonke izithombe abazenze ngezandla zabo, ulaka lwami luzavutha kule indawo lungacitshwa muntu.' **18** Tshelani inkosi yakoJuda yona elithume ukuzabuza kuThixo, lithi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, mayelana lamazwi eliwazwileyo: **19** Ngenxa yokuthi inhliziyo yakho ivumile njalo uzithobile phambi

kukaThixo lapho usizwa engikukhulume ngendawo le labantu bayo, ukuthi bazakuba ngabaqalekisiweyo bachithwe, njalo ngenxa yokuthi udabule izigqoko zakho wakhala phambi kwami, ngikuzwile, kutsho uThixo. **20** Ngakho ngizakusa kubokhokho bakho, njalo uzangcwatshwa ngokuthula. Amehlo akho awayikuyibona incithakalo engizayehlisela kule indawo.'" Ngakho izithunywa zayithatha leyompendulo zayisa enkosini.

23 Inkosi yasibiza bonke abadala bakoJuda labeJerusalema. **2** Yasuka yaya ethempelini likaThixo lamadoda akoJuda, abantu baseJerusalema, abaphristi labaphrofethi, abantu bonke kusukela kubantukazana kusiya kuzo kanye izikhulu. Yabafundela bonke besizwa wonke amazwi oGwalo lweSivumelwano, olwatholakala ethempelini likaThixo. **3** Inkosi yema ngasensikeni, yavuselela isivumelwano phambi kukaThixo sokumlandela lokugcina imilayo yakhe lemithetho yakhe lezimiso zakhe ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomoya wayo wonke, ngalokho iqinisa amazwi esivumelwano ayebhaliwe kulolugwalo. Ngakho bonke abantu bazinikela kuso isivumelwano. **4** Inkosi yalaya uHilikhiya umphristi omkhulu labaphristi abalandelayo labalindi beminyango ukuba bakhuphe ethempelini likaThixo zonke izitsha ezazenzelwe uBhali lo-Ashera, lazozonke izinkanyezi zaphezulu, wazitshisela ngaphandle kweJerusalema eziqintini zeSigodi saseKhidironi, umlotha wazo wawuthwalela eBhetheli. **5** Wakhupha abaphristi bezithombe ababekhethwe yinkosi yakoJuda ukuba batshise impepha emizini yakoJuda lakuleyo

ephansi kweJerusalema, labo ababetshisa impepha kuBhali lelanga lenyanga lezinkanyezi zonke zaphezulu.
6 Wakhupha ethempelini likaThixo insika ka-Ashera,
wayisa esigodini seKhidironi ngaphandle kweJerusalema,
wayitshisela khona, wayichola yaba luthuli
wasechithachithela umlotha wayo phezu kwamangcwaba
abantukazana. **7** Wadiliza izindlu zabesilisa ababefeba
ethempelini likaThixo lapho abesifazane ababethungela
khona u-Ashera amaveli. **8** UJosiya waletha bonke
abaphristi besuka emizini yakoJuda, wangcolisa izindawo
zokukhonzela, kusukela eGebha kusiya lapho abaphristi
ababetshisela khona impepha eBherishebha.
Wabhidliza izindawo zokukhonzela emasangweni
ekungeneni kwesango likaJoshuwa umphathi womuzi,
ngakwesokhohlo kwesango lomuzi. **9** Loba abaphristi
bezindawo zokukhonzela bengaphathisanga e-
alithareni likaThixo eJerusalema, kodwa badla isinkwa
esingelamvubelo kanye labanye abaphristi ababedlelana
labo. **10** Wangcolisa iThofethi elisesihotsheni saseBheni-
Hinomu ukuze kungabikhona otshisa indodana yakhe
kumbe indodakazi emlilweni kaMoleki. **11** Entubeni
yethempeli likaThixo wasusa amabhiza amakhosi
abakoJuda ayewahlukanisele ilanga, wona ayeseduze
lendlu yesikhulu esasithiwa nguNathani-Meleki. UJosiya
wasetshisa izinqola zempi ezazehlukaniselwe ilanga. **12**
Wadilizela phansi ama-alithare ayakhiwe ngamakhosi
akoJuda ephahleni eduze lendlu ephezulu ka-Ahazi lama-
alithare uManase ayewakhile emagumeni womabili
ethempeli likaThixo. Wawasusa lapho, wawachoboza, aba

yizicucu waziphosela eSigodini seKhidironi. **13** Inkosi yangcolisa izindawo zokukhonzela ezazingempumalanga kweJerusalema, ngaseningizimu kwentaba yokuXhwala, uSolomoni inkosi yako-Israyeli eyayizakhele u-Ashithorethi unkulunkulukazi oyisinengiso wamaSidoni, loKhemoshi uNkulunkulu oyisinengiso wamaMowabi, kanye loMoleki oyisinengiso wama-Amoni. **14** UJosiya wabhidliza amatshe okukhonza, waquma izinsika zika-Ashera, wafaka amathambo abantu abanengi endaweni yazo. **15** Le-alithari elaliseBhetheli indawo yokukhonzela eyayenziwe nguJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi owenza ukuba u-Israyeli one, lalelo-alithare lendawo yokukhonzela, wakubhidliza. Watshisa indawo yokukhonzela wayichola yaba yimpuphu njalo watshisa insika ka-Ashera. **16** UJosiya wathalaza ngapha langapha, kwathi ebona amangcwaba amanengi ayelapho ewatheni loqaqa wathi kawasuswe, atshiswe e-alithareni ukulingcolisa mayelana lelizwi likaThixo elamenyezelwa ngumuntu kaThixo owaziphrofethayo lezizinto. **17** Inkosi yabuza yathi, “Ilitshe lesikhumbuzo sengcwaba leliyana engilibonayo ngelani?” Abantu bomuzi bathi, “Liphawule ingcwaba lenceku kaNkulunkulu eyavela koJuda, yaqalekisa i-alithari laseBhetheli ngalezizinto ozenze kulo.” **18** Yena wasesithi, “Liyekeleni lingavumeli muntu awathinte amathambo akhe.” Ngakho bawayekela amathambo akhe kanye lalawo awomphrofethi owavela eSamariya. **19** UJosiya wasusa amathempeli ezindawo zokukhonzela ezisemizini yaseSamariya ayekade akhiwe ngamakhosi ako-Israyeli, ethukuthelisa uThixo, wenza

kiwo lokho ayekwenze eBhetheli. **20** UJosiya wabulalela
abaphristi bezindawo zokukhonzela phezu kwama-
alithare, watshisela amathambo abantu phezu kwawo.
Wasebuyela eJerusalema. **21** Inkosi uJosiya yalaya
bonke abantu yathi, "Ligcine iPhasika likaThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu, njengoba kulotshiwe eGwalweni
LweSivumelwano." **22** Lalingagcinwa iPhasika elinjalo
kusukela ensukwini zabehluleli abaphatha u-
Israyeli, lakuzo zonke insuku zamakhosi ako-Israyeli
lezamakhosi akoJuda. **23** Kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi
lasificaminwembili wenkosi uJosiya, lagcinwa iPhasika
likaThixo eJerusalema. **24** Wakwenza njalo uJosiya
ukususa izangoma, labahlahluli, labonkulunkulu
basezindlini, lezithombe kanye lazozonke izinto
zamanyala ezazikhona koJuda laseJerusalema. Lokhu
kwakuyikugcwalisa izimiso zomlayo owawulotshwe
encwadini umphristi uHilikhiya ayithola ethempelini
likaThixo. **25** Ngaphambi kwakhe noma ngemva kwakhe
uJosiya kakubanga khona inkosi eyafanana laye
eyaphendukela kuThixo njengalokhu akwenzayo
ngenhliziyo yakhe langomphefumulo wakhe wonke njalo
langamandla akhe wonke mayelana lawo wonke
uMthetho kaMosi. **26** Kanti uThixo kadedanga
ekuvutheni kolaka lwakhe olwavutha kakhulu koJuda
ngenxa yazo zonke izinto uManase amthukuthelisa
ngazo. **27** Ngakho uThixo wathi, "Ngizamsusa phambi
kwami uJuda njengoba ngasusa u-Israyeli, ngiwulahle
lumuzi waseJerusalema engawukhethayo, lethempeli leli
engathi ngalo, 'Ibizo lami lizakuba kulo.'" **28** Ezinye

izehlakalo ngombuso kaJosiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **29** Ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaJosiya, uFaro Nekho inkosi yaseGibhithe waya eMfuleni uYufrathe ukuyancedisa inkosi yase-Asiriya. Inkosi uJosiya wamhlangabeza empini kodwa uNekho waqondana laye wambulala eMegido. **30** Izisebenzi zikaJosiya zaletha isidumbu sakhe ngenqola yokulwa zisuka eMegido zisiya eJerusalema njalo zamngcwabela ethuneni lakhe. Ngakho abantu elizweni bathatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya bamgcoba ubukhosi bukayise. **31** UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu ubudala bakhe esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema inyanga ezintathu. Ibizo likanina kwakunguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya njalo wayevela eLibhina. **32** Wenza ububi emehlweni kaThixo njengabokhokho bakhe. **33** Inkosi uFaro Nekho wambopha ngamaketani eRibhila elizweni lamaHamathi ukuze angabusi eJerusalema, wamthelisa kakhulu uJuda amathalenta alikhulu esiliva, lethalenta legolide. **34** UFaro Nekho wabeka u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaJosiya esihlalweni sobukhosi esikhundleni sikayise uJosiya waseguqula ibizo lakhe wathi nguJehoyakhimi. Kodwa wathatha uJehowahazi waya laye eGibhithe, wafela khonale. **35** UJehoyakhimi wathela ngenani lesiliva legolide elalifunwa nguFaro Nekho. Ukuze akwenelise lokho wayethelisa abantu elizweni ngesiliva legolide ngesilinganiso ayebona sibalingene. **36** UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala bakhe ethatha ubukhosi, yena wabusa eJerusalema

iminyaka elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina lalinguZebhuda indodakazi kaPhedaya owayevela eRuma. **37** Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, njengabokhokho bakhe.

24 Ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yahlasela ilizwe, uJehoyakhimi wathela kuye okweminyaka emithathu. Kodwa waphinda waguquka wamvukela uNebhukhadineza. **2** UThixo wathuma abahlaseli bamaKhaladiya lama-Asiriya lamaBhabhiloni lama-Aramu lamaMowabi, lama-Amoni, amhlasela. Wabathuma ukuchitha uJuda njengelizwi likaThixo alikhuluma ngezinceku zakhe abaphrofethi. **3** Ngempela konke lokho kwenzeka koJuda mayelana lomlayo kaThixo ukuze basuswe phambi kwakhe ngenxa yazo zonke izono zikaManase azenzayo, **4** langenxa yegazi elachithekayo lingelacala. Ngoba wayegcwalise iJerusalema ngegazi elingelacala njalo uThixo wayengazimiselanga ukuthethelela. **5** Ezinye izehlakalo zembali kaJehoyakhimi azilotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **6** Wafa uJehoyakhimi waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosi. **7** Inkosi yaseGibhithe ayizange ihlasele futhi iphuma elizweni layo, ngenxa yokuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisithethe ingxenye yelizwe layo enkulu kakhulu, kusukela eSihotsheni seGibhithe kuze kuyefika eMfuleni uYufrathe. **8** UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okwezinyanga ezintathu. Ibizo likanina

lalinguNehushita indodakazi ka-Elinathani; evela eJerusalema. **9** Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise. **10** Ngalesosikhathi amabutho kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni afika eJerusalema, awuvimbezela umuzi, **11** uNebhukhadineza yena ngokwakhe wazafika amabutho akhe esewuvimbezele umuzi. **12** UJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda wazinikela enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, yena lonina lezinceku zakhe kanye labathenwa bakhe. Ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwenkosi yaseBhabhiloni uNebhukhadineza wathumba uJehoyakhini. **13** Njengelizwi likaThixo, uNebhukhadineza wabutha yonke inotho yasethempelini likaThixo lenotho yesigodlo senkosi, wabutha zonke izitsha zegolide ezazisethempelini likaThixo, ezazenziwe nguSolomoni inkosi yako-Israyeli, njengokutsho kukaThixo. **14** Wathumba abaseJerusalema bonke: izikhulu zonke, lawo wonke amadoda empi lazozonke izingcitshi ezileminwe, abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Kwasala abantukazana kuphela elizweni. **15** UNebhukhadineza wamthatha uJehoyakhini wayamgqilaza eBhabhiloni. Wathumba njalo eJerusalema unina wenkosi labafazi bayo lezikhulu zayo lamadoda aziwayo elizweni. **16** Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yathumbela eBhabhiloni wonke amadoda angamaqhawe, azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, aqinileyo ayengaphuma impi, kanye lezingcitshi ezileminwe eziyinkulungwane. **17** Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabeka uMathaniya isinini sikaJehoyakhini waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikaJehoyakhini, yasimupha ibizo elitsha

lokuthi nguZedekhiya. **18** UZedekhiya waba yinkosi
eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo wabusa
eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina
lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya, waseLibhina.
19 Wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, njengalokho
okwakwenziwe nguJehoyakhimi. **20** Kwakungenxa
yokuthukuthela kukaThixo ukuze kwenzakale konke
lokhu eJerusalema lakoJuda, njalo ekucineni kwabangela
ukuthi uThixo abachithe. Ngalokho uZedekhiya
wayihlamukela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.

25 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa
kukaZedekhiya, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yetshumi,
uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waya
eJerusalema lebutho lakhe lonke, wayivimbezela;
wayakhela imiduli yokuvimbezela inxa zonke. **2** Idolobho
lavinjezelwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye
kaZedekhiya inkosi. **3** Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye
lwenyanga yesine indlala yayisinzima edolobheni, abantu
bengaselakudla. **4** Umduli wedolobho wafohlwa, ibutho
lonke labaleka. Basuka edolobheni bephuma ngesango
eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili, phansi kwesivande
senkosi, lanxa nje amaBhabhiloni ayeligombolozele
idolobho. Babaleka beqonde e-Arabha. **5** Kodwa ibutho
lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi layamfica emagcekeni
aseJerikho. Wonke amabutho akhe ehlukana laye njalo
ahlakazeka, **6** yena wathunjwa. Wasiwa enkosini
yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila, lapho afika wagwetshelwa
khona. **7** Babulala amadodana kaZedekhiya ekhangele.
Basebemkhupha amehlo, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi

bamusa eBhabhiloni. **8** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificamunwemunye kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, owayesebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, wafika eJerusalema. **9** Wathungela ithempeli likaThixo ngomlilo, lesigodlo senkosi lezindlu zonke zaseJerusalema. Zonke izindlu eziqakathekileyo wazitshisa. **10** Wonke amabutho aseBhabhiloni, ekhokhelwa ngumlawuli wamabutho okulinda umndlunkulu, adiliza imiduli ehonqolozele iJerusalema. **11** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi wathatha bonke abantu ababesele edolobheni wabasa ekuthunjweni, ndawonye labo bonke abantu lalabo abasebeye enkosini yaseBhabhiloni. **12** Kodwa umlawuli wamabutho watshiya inengi labantu ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni ukuba basebenze ezivinini lasemasimini. **13** AbeBhabhiloni baphahlaza izinsika zethusi lezinti zezibane loLwandle lwethusi, okwakusethempelini likaThixo. Bathwalela ithusi lelo eBhabhiloni. **14** Bathatha njalo imbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lezinditshi lazozonke izitsha zethusi ezazisetshenziswa enkonzweni yasethempelini. **15** Umlawuli wabalindi besigodlo wathatha indengezi lemiganu yokuchela, konke okwakwenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo loba isiliva. **16** Ithusi elalivela ensikeni ezimbili, loLwandle kanye lelezidindi ezisusekayo, konke okwakwenzelwe ithempeli likaThixo nguSolomoni, kwakulesisindo esasingelinganiswe. **17** Ubude bensika ngayinye

babuzingalo ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili. Isiduku sethusi phezu kwenye insika sasizingalo ezintathu ubude baso njalo siceciswe ngomeluko lamaphomegranathi ethusi nxazonke. Eyinye insika kanye lomeluko wayo layo yayinjalo. **18** Umlawuli wabalindi wathumba uSeraya induna yabaphristi, loZefaniya umsekeli wakhe kanye labalindi bomnyango abathathu. **19** Kulabo ababelokhu besedolobheni, wathatha isikhulu esasiphethe amadoda okulwa labacebisi besikhosini abahlanu. Wathatha lonobhala owayeyinduna eyayiphethe ukubuthwa kwabantu bengeniswa emabuthweni kanye lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha ayelawo atholakala phakathi komuzi. **20** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabathatha bonke wabasa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila. **21** Khonale eRibhila, elizweni laseHamathi, inkosi yathi kabaqunywe. Ngakho abakoJuda baya ekuthunjweni kude lelizwe labo. **22** UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wakhetha uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, oyindodana kaShafani, ukuba aphathe abantu ababesele koJuda. **23** Kwathi zonke izikhulu zabalawuli bamabutho lamabutho sebezwile ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisibeke uGedaliya ukuba nguSibalukhulu, beza kuGedaliya eMizipha izikhulu kungu-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, uJohanani indodana kaKhareya, uSeraya indodana kaThanihumethi umNethofa, uJazaniya indodana kaMahakhathi, labantu babo. **24** UGedaliya wafunga isifungo ebathembisa labantu babo wathi: "Lingesabi izikhulu zaseBhabhiloni. Hlalani elizweni lisebenzele inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, konke kuzalilungela." **25** Kodwa ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-

Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, indodana ka-Elishama, owayezalwa esikhosini, weza lamadoda alitshumi bafika babulala uGedaliya lamadoda akoJuda kanye laweBhabhiloni ayekade elaye eMizipha. **26** Ngenxa yalokhu, abantu bonke kusukela kubantukazana kusiya kwabaphakemeyo, kanye lezikhulu zamabutho, babalekela eGibhithe ngokwesaba abeBhabhiloni. **27** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka u-Evili-Merodakhi aba yinkosi eBhabhiloni, wakhulula uJehoyakhini entolongweni ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga yetshumi lambili. **28** Wakhuluma laye ngomusa, wamnika isihlalo esihloniphekayo esasingaphezu kwezamanye amakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. **29** Ngakho uJehoyakhini wakhupha izigqoko zakhe zasentolongweni, wadla lenkosi izikhathi zonke okwempilo yakhe yonke. **30** Nsuku zonke inkosi yayinika uJehoyakhini isabelo esimisiweyo malanga wonke, empilweni yakhe yonke.

1 Imilando

1 U-Adamu, uSethi, u-Enoshi, **2** uKhenani, uMahalaleli, uJaredi, **3** u-Enoki, uMethuzela, uLameki, uNowa. **4** Amadodana kaNowa ayeyila: uShemu, uHamu loJafethi. **5** Amadodana kaJafethi ayeyila: uGomeri, uMagogi, uMadayi, uJavani, uThubhali, uMesheki loThirasi. **6** Amadodana kaGomeri ayeyila: u-Ashikhenazi, uRifathi kanye loThogarima. **7** Amadodana kaJavani ayeyila: u-Elisha, uThashishi, uKhithimi loRodanimu. **8** Amadodana kaHamu ayeyila: uKhushi, uMizirayimi, uPhuthi loKhenani. **9** Amadodana kaKhushi ayeyila: uSebha, uHavila, uSabhitha, uRahama loSabhitheka. Amadodana kaRahama ayeyila: uShebha loDedani. **10** UKhushi wayenguyise kaNimrodi, owakhula waba liqhawe elilamandla emhlabeni. **11** UMizirayimi wayenguyise wamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabhi, amaNafithuhi, **12** amaPhathrosi, lamaKhasiluhi (okwadabuka khona amaFilistiya) lamaKhafithori. **13** UKhenani wayenguyise kaSidoni izibulo lakhe, amaHithi, **14** amaJebusi, ama-Amori, amaGigashi, **15** amaHivi, ama-Arikhi, amaSini, **16** ama-Avadi, amaZemari kanye lamaHamathi. **17** Amadodana kaShemu ayeyila: u-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-Afazadi, uLudi lo-Aramu. Amadodana ka-Aramu ayeyila: u-Uzi, uHuli, uGetha loMesheki. **18** U-Afazadi wayenguyise kaShela, uShela wazala u-Ebha. **19** Amadodana amabili ayezalwa ngu-Ebha ayeyila: Omunye wayenguPhelegi, ngoba ngezinsuku zakhe umhlaba wawudabuke phakathi; umfowabo kwakuthiwa nguJokithani. **20** UJokithani wayenguyise ka-Alimodadi, uShelefi, uHazarimavethi,

uJera, **21** uHadoramu, u-Uzali, uDikila, **22** u-Obhali, u-Abhimayeli, uShebha, **23** u-Ofiri, uHavila kanye loJobhabhi. Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJokithani. **24** UShemu, u-Afazadi uShela, **25** u-Ebha, uPhelegi, uRewu **26** uSerugi, uNahori, uThera **27** lo-Abhrama (u-Abhrahama). **28** Amadodana ka-Abhrahama ayeyila: u-Isaka lo-Ishumayeli. **29** Laba babeyinzalo yabo: uNebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishumayeli, uKhedari, u-Adibheli, uMibhisamu, **30** uMishima, uDuma, uMasa, uHadadi, uThema, **31** uJethuri, uNafishi kanye loKhedema. La yiwo ayengamadodana ka-Ishumayeli. **32** Amadodana azalwa nguKhethura, umfazi ka-Abhrahama oweceleni, ayeyila: uZimirani, uJokishani, uMedani, uMidiyani, u-Ishibhaki loShuwa. Amadodana kaJokishani ayeyila: uShebha loDedani. **33** Amadodana kaMidiyani ayeyila: u-Efa, u-Eferi, uHanokhi, u-Abhida lo-Elida. Bonke laba babeyizizukulwane zikaKhethura. **34** U-Abhrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka. Amadodana ka-Isaka ayeyila: u-Esawu lo-Israyeli. **35** Amadodana ka-Esawu ayeyila: u-Elifazi, uRuweli, uJewushi, uJalamu loKhora. **36** Amadodana ka-Elifazi ayeyila: uThemani, u-Omari, uZefi, uGathamu loKhenazi; ekaThimina kungu-Amaleki. **37** Amadodana kaRuweli ayeyila: uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza. **38** Amadodana kaSeyiri ayeyila: uLothani, uShobhali, uZibhiyoni, u-Ana, uDishoni, u-Ezeri loDishani. **39** Amadodana kaLothani ayeyila: uHori loHomami. UThimina wayengudadewabo kaLothani. **40** Amadodana kaShobhali ayeyila: u-Alivani, uManahathi, u-Ebhali, uShefo lo-Onami. Amadodana kaZibhiyoni ayeyila: u-Ayiya lo-Ana. **41** Indodana ka-Ana yayingu:

uDishoni. Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila: uHemirani, u-Eshibhani, u-Ithirani loKherani. **42** Amadodana ka-Ezeri ayeyila: uBhilihani, uZavani lo-Akhani. Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila: u-Uzi lo-Arani. **43** La ayengamakhosi abusa e-Edomi kungakabusi inkosi yako-Israyeli: uBhela indodana kaBheyori, idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yiDinihabha. **44** UBhela esefile, uJobhabhi indodana kaZera waseBhozira wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **45** UJobhabhi esefile, uHushamu waselizweni lamaThemani wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **46** UHushamu esefile, uHadadi indodana kaBhedadi owanqoba uMidiyani elizweni laseMowabi, wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe lalibizwa ngokuthi yi-Avithi. **47** UHadadi esefile, uSamila waseMasirekha wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **48** USamila esefile, uShawuli waseRehobhothi phezu komfula wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **49** UShawuli esefile, uBhali-Hanani indodana ka-Akhibhori wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **50** UBhali-Hanani esefile, uHadadi wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi yiPawu, njalo ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli indodakazi kaMathiredi, indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi. **51** UHadadi laye wafa. Izinduna zase-Edomi kwakuyilezi: uThimina, u-Aliva, uJethethi, **52** u-Oholibhama, u-Ela, uPhinoni, **53** uKhenazi, uThemani, uMibhizari, **54** uMagidiyeli lo-Iramu. Lezi kwakuzinduna ze-Edomi.

2 Amadodana ka-Israyeli ayeyila: uRubheni, uSimiyoni, uLevi, uJuda, u-Isakhari, uZebhuluni, **2** uDani, uJosefa, uBhenjamini, uNafithali, uGadi lo-Asheri. **3** Amadodana

kaJuda yila: ngu-Eri, lo-Onani kanye loShela. Laba bobathathu wabazala lowesifazane ongumKhenani, indodakazi kaShuwa. U-Eri, izibulo likaJuda, wayeyisigangi phambi kukaThixo, ngalokho uThixo wambulala. **4** UThamari, umalukazana kaJuda wamzalela uPherezi loZera. UJuda wayelamadodana amahlanu. **5** Amadodana kaPherezi yila: nguHezironi loHamuli. **6** Amadodana kaZera yila: nguZimri, lo-Ethani, loHemani, loKhalikholi kanye loDarida. Bonke babebahlanu. **7** Indodana kaKhami yile: ngu-Akhari, owaletha inhlupheko ko-Israyeli ngesiphambeko asenza ngalokho okungcwelisiweyo. **8** Indodana ka-Ethani yile: ngu-Azariya. **9** Amadodana azalwa nguHezironi yila: nguJerameli, loRamu kanye loKhalebi. **10** URamu wayenguyise ka-Aminadabi, njalo u-Aminadabi enguyise kaNahashoni, umkhokheli wabantu bakoJuda. **11** UNahashoni wayenguyise kaSalimoni, uSalimoni enguyise kaBhowazi. **12** UBhowazi enguyise ka-Obhedi, u-Obhedi enguyise kaJese. **13** UJese wayenguyise ka-Eliyabi izibulo lakhe; indodana yesibili kungu-Abhinadabi, eyesithathu kunguShimeya, **14** eyesine kunguNethaneli, eyesihlanu kunguRadayi, **15** eyesithupha kungu-Ozemu, eyesikhombisa kunguDavida. **16** Odadewabo kwakunguZeruya lo-Abhigeli. Amadodana amathathu kaZeruya kwakungu-Abhishayi, loJowabi kanye lo-Asaheli. **17** U-Abhigeli wayengunina ka-Amasa, oloyise okwakuthiwa nguJetha um'Ishumayeli. **18** UKhalebi indodana kaHezironi wayelabantwana abazala kumkakhe u-Azubha (lakuJeriyothi). Amadodana ka-Azubha ayeyila: nguJesheri, loShobhabi, kanye lo-

Adoni. **19** Ekufeni kuka-Azubha, uKhalebi wathatha u-Efrathi, owamzalela uHuri. **20** UHuri wayenguyise ka-Uri, njalo u-Uri enguyise kaBhezaleli. **21** Muva, uHezironi wembatha lendodakazi kaMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi (ayemthethe eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ubudala bakhe), yena wamzalela uSegubi. **22** USegubi wayenguyise kaJayiri, owayephethe imizi engamatshumi amabili lantathu eGiliyadi. **23** (Kodwa uGeshuri lo-Aramu bathumba iHavothi-Jayiri, kanye leKhenathi lezindawana eziyimizana eseduzane, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha.) Bonke laba babeyisizukulwane sikaMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi. **24** Ngemva kokufa kukaHezironi eKhalebi-Efratha, u-Abhija umkaHezironi wamzalela u-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa. **25** Amadodana kaJerameli izibulo likaHezironi yila: nguRamu izibulo lakhe, loBhuna, lo-Oreni, lo-Ozemu kanye lo-Ahija. **26** UJerameli wayelomunye umfazi owayethiwa ngu-Athara unina ka-Onami. **27** Amadodana kaRamu izibulo likaJerameli yila: nguMazi, loJamini kanye lo-Ekheri. **28** Amadodana ka-Onami yila: nguShamayi loJada. Amadodana kaShamayi yila: nguNadabi lo-Abhishuri. **29** Umka-Abhishuri kwakungu-Abhihayili, owamzalela u-Ahibhani loMolidi. **30** Amadodana kaNadabi yila: nguSeledi lo-Aphayimi. USeledi wafa engelabantwana. **31** Indodana ka-Aphayimi yile: ngu-Ishi, uyise kaSheshani. USheshani wayenguyise ka-Ahilayi. **32** Amadodana kaJada, umfowabo kaShamayi yila: nguJetha loJonathani. UJetha wafa engelabantwana. **33** Amadodana kaJonathani yila: nguPhelethi loZaza. Laba babeyinzalo kaJerameli. **34** USheshani wayengelawo

amadodana, wayelamadodakazi wodwa. Wayelesisebenzi saseGibhithe esasithiwa nguJariha. **35** USheshani wendisela isisebenzi sakhe lesi esinguJariha, indodakazi yakhe eyamzalela u-Athayi. **36** U-Athayi wayenguyise kaNathani, uNathani enguyise kaZabhadi, **37** uZabhadi enguyise ka-Efilali, u-Efilali enguyise ka-Obhedi, **38** u-Obhedi enguyise kaJehu, uJehu enguyise ka-Azariya, **39** u-Azariya enguyise kaHelezi, uHelezi enguyise ka-Eleyasa, **40** u-Eleyasa enguyise kaSisimayi, uSisimayi enguyise kaShalumi, **41** uShalumi enguyise kaJekhamiya, uJekhamiya enguyise ka-Elishama. **42** Amadodana kaKhalebi umfowabo kaJerameli yila: uMesha izibulo lakhe, onguyise kaZifi, lendodana yakhe uMaresha, uyise kaHebhroni. **43** Amadodana kaHebhroni yila: nguKhora, loThaphuwa, loRekhemu loShema. **44** UShema wayenguyise kaRahama, uRahama yena enguyise kaJokheyama. URekhemu wayenguyise kaShamayi. **45** Indodana kaShamayi kunguMawoni, uMawoni wayenguyise kaBhethi Zuri. **46** Umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi u-Efa wayengunina kaHarani, loMoza kanye loGazezi. UHarani wayenguyise kaGazezi. **47** Amadodana kaJahidayi yila: nguRegemi, loJothamu, loGeshani, loPhelethi, lo-Efa kanye loShafi. **48** UMahakha umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi wayengunina kaShebheri loThirihana. **49** Nguye njalo owazala uShafi uyise kaMadimana kanye loSheva uyise kaMakhibhena loGibhiya. Indodakazi kaKhalebi kwakungu-Akhisa. **50** Yibo laba abenzalo kaKhalebi. Amadodana kaHuri izibulo lika-Efrathi yila: nguShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, **51** loSalima uyise

kaBhethilehema, loHarefi uyise kaBhethi-Gaderi. **52** Inzalo kaShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi yile: nguHaro, ingxenye yamaManahathi, **53** labosendo lukaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi kungama-Ithira lamaPhuthi lamaShumathi lamaMishirayi. Kulapho okwakudabuka khona amaZorathi lama-Eshithawoli. **54** Abenzalo kaSalima yilaba: nguBhethilehema, umNethofa, u-Athirothi-Bhethi-Jowabi, ingxenye yamaManahathi, amaZori, **55** losendo lwabalobi ababehlala eJabhezi: AmaThirathi lamaShimeya lamaSukhathi. Laba babengamaKheni beyinzalo kaHamathi ukhokho wamaRekhabi.

3 Nanka amadodana kaDavida awazala eHebhroni: Izibulo lakhe lalingu-Amnoni indodana ka-Ahinowama owaseJezerili; owesibili, uDanyeli indodana ka-Abhigeli waseKhameli; **2** owesithathu, ngu-Abhisalomu indodana kaMahakha indodakazi kaThalimayi inkosi yaseGeshuri; owesine, u-Adonija indodana kaHagithi; **3** owesihlanu, uShefathiya indodana ka-Abhithali; owesithupha, u-Ithireyamu amzuza ku-Egila, umkakhe. **4** Abayisithupha laba uDavida wabazalela eHebhroni, lapho abusa khona okweminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha. UDavida wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lemithathu, **5** njalo la yiwo amadodana awazalela khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani loSolomoni. Amadodana amane la wawazala loBhathishebha indodakazi ka-Amiyeli. **6** Njalo kwaba lo-Ibhari, u-Elishama, u-Elifelethi, **7** uNoga, uNefegi, uJafiya, **8** u-Elishama, u-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi, beyisificamunwemunye bonke. **9**

Bonke laba babengamadodana kaDavida, ngaphandle kwamadodana akhe awazala labafazi bakhe beceleni. Udadewabo wamadodana la wayenguThamari. **10** Indodana kaSolomoni kwakunguRehobhowami, indodana yakhe kungu-Abhija, indodana yakhe kungu-Asa, indodana yakhe kunguJehoshafathi, **11** indodana yakhe kunguJehoramu, indodana yakhe kungu-Ahaziya, indodana yakhe kunguJowashi, **12** indodana yakhe kungu-Amaziya, indodana yakhe kungu-Azariya, indodana yakhe kunguJothamu, **13** indodana yakhe kungu-Ahazi, indodana yakhe kunguHezekhiya, indodana yakhe kunguManase, **14** indodana yakhe kungu-Amoni, indodana yakhe kunguJosiya. **15** Amadodana kaJosiya yila: nguJohanani izibulo, uJehoyakhimi indodana yesibili, uZedekhiya eyesithathu, uShalumi eyesine. **16** Abasala behlala esikhundleni sikaJehoyakhimi yilaba: nguJekhoniya indodana yakhe loZedekhiya. **17** Abosendo lukaJekhoniya owayethunjiwe yilaba: uSheyalithiyeli indodana yakhe, **18** uMalikhiramu, loPhedaya, loShenazari, loJekhamiya, loHoshama, kanye loNedabhiya. **19** Amadodana kaPhedaya yila: nguZerubhabheli loShimeyi. Amadodana kaZerubhabheli yila: nguMeshulami loHananiya. UShelomithi engudadewabo. **20** Babekhona njalo abanye abahlanu: uHashubha, u-Oheli, uBherekhiya, uHasadiya, loJushabi-Hesedi. **21** Abosendo lukaHananiya yilaba: nguPhelathiya loJeshaya, kanye lamadodana kaRefaya, ka-Anani, ka-Obhadaya kanye lokaShekhaniya. **22** Abosendo lukaShekhaniya yilaba: nguShemaya lamadodana akhe: uHathushi, lo-Igali, loBhariya, loNeyariya kanye

loShafathi, beyisithupha. **23** Amadodana kaNeyariya yila:
ngu-Eliyonayi, loHezekhiya, lo-Azirikhamu, bebathathu.
24 Amadodana ka-Eliyonayi yila: nguHodaviya, lo-
Eliyashibi, loPhelaya, lo-Akhubi, loJohanani, loDelaya
kanye lo-Anani, beyisikhombisa.

4 Abosendo lukaJuda kuyilaba: NguPherezi, loHezironi,
loKhami, loHuri loShobhali. **2** UReyaya indodana
kaShobhali wayenguyise kaJahathi, uJahathi onguyise
ka-Ahumayi kanye loLahadi. Laba babengabosendo
lwamaZorathi. **3** La ayengamadodana ka-Ethamu: uJezerili,
lo-Ishima kanye lo-Idibhashi. Udadewabo kwakuthiwa
nguHazeleliphoni. **4** UPhenuweli wayenguyise kaGedori,
lo-Ezeri uyise kaHusha. Laba kungabosendo lukaHuri,
izibulo lika-Efrathi uyise kaBhethilehema. **5** U-Ashuri
uyise kaThekhowa wayelabafazi ababili, uHela loNara.
6 UNahara wamzalela u-Ahuzami, loHeferi, loThemeni
kanye loHahashithari. Laba kwakungabosendo lukaNara.
7 Amadodana kaHela yila: nguZerethi, loZohari, lo-
Ethinani, **8** loKhozi owayenguyise ka-Anubi loHazobhebha
kanye labosendo luka-Ahareheli indodana kaHarumi. **9**
UJabhezi wayelodumo kulabafowabo. Unina wayemuphe
lelibizo lokuthi Jabhezi, ngoba esithi "Ngamzala
kabuhlungu." **10** UJabhezi wakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli wathi: "Sengathi ungangibusisa uqhelise ilizwe
lami! Isandla sakho kasibe lami, ungivikele ebubini,
ngingehlelwa yibuhlungu." UNkulunkulu wamnika
lokho ayekucela. **11** UKhelubi, umfowabo kaShuha,
wayenguyise kaMehiri, owayenguyise ka-Eshithoni. **12** U-
Eshithoni wayenguyise kaBhethi-Rafa, loPhaseya kanye

loThehina uyise ka-Iri Nahashi. Laba babengabantu bakaRekha. **13** Amadodana kaKhenazi yila: ngu-Othiniyeli loSeraya. Amadodana ka-Othiniyeli yila: nguHathathi loMeyonothayi. **14** UMeyonathayi wayenguyise ka-Ofira. USeraya wayenguyise kaJowabi, owayengukhokho wesizwe samaGe-Harashimi. Babizwa ngalelibizo ngoba babezingcitshi. **15** Amadodana kaKhalebi indodana kaJefune yila: ngu-Iru, lo-Ela kanye loNamu. Indodana ka-Ela yile: nguKhenazi. **16** Amadodana kaJehaleleli yila: nguZifi, loZifa, loThiriya kanye lo-Asareli. **17** Amadodana ka-Ezra yila: nguJetha, loMeredi, lo-Eferi kanye loJaloni. Omunye wabafazi bakaMeredi wazala uMiriyemu, loShamayi kanye lo-Ishibha uyise ka-Eshithemowa. **18** Laba kwakungabantwana bakaBhithiya indodakazi kaFaro, eyayendele kuMeredi. Umkakhe ongumJudakazi wamzalela uJeredi uyise kaGedori, uHebheri uyise kaSokho, loJekuthiweli uyise kaZanowa. **19** Amadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo kaNahama, uyise kaKheyila owaseGami, lo-Eshithemowa waseMahakhathi. **20** Amadodana kaShimoni yila: ngu-Amnoni, loRina, loBheni-Hanani kanye loThiloni. Abosendo luka-Ishi yilaba: nguZohethi loBheni-Zohethi. **21** Amadodana kaShela indodana kaJuda yila: ngu-Eri uyise kaLekha, loLada uyise kaMaresha labantwana babeluki bamalembu amahle eBhethi-Ashibheya. **22** UJokhimu, lamadoda aseKhozeba, uJowashi loSarafi, owabusa amaMowabi loJashubi Lehemu. (Lokhu kutholakala emibhalweni yasendulo). **23** Laba kwakungababumbi ababehlala eNethayimi leGedera; behlala khona besebenzela inkosi. **24** Abosendo

lukaSimiyoni yilaba: nguNemuweli, loJamini, loJaribhi,
loZera kanye loShawuli; **25** uShalumi wayeyindodana
kaShawuli, uMibhisamu indodana yakhe loMishima
indodana yakhe. **26** Abosendo lukaMishima yilaba:
nguHamuweli indodana yakhe, loZakhuri indodana yakhe
loShimeyi indodana yakhe. **27** UShimeyi wayelamadodana
alitshumi lesithupha lamadodakazi ayisithupha, kodwa
abafowabo babengelabantwana abanengi, ngakho usendo
lwabo lonke aluzanga lwande njengabantu bakaJuda. **28**
Babehlala eBherishebha, eMolada, eHazari-Shuwali, **29**
eBhiliha, e-Ezema, eTholadi, **30** eBhethuweli, eHoma,
eZikhilagi, **31** eBhethi-Makhabhothi, eHazari Susimi,
eBhethi-Bhiri laseShaharayimu. Yiyo eyayiyimizi yabo
kwaze kwabusa uDavida. **32** Imizana eyayilapho
kwakuyi-Ethamu, i-Ayini, iRimoni, iThokheni le-Ashani,
imizi emihlanu **33** layo yonke imizana eyayiseduzane
lalimizi kuze kuyefika eBhalathi. Lezi yizo izindawo
abahlaliswa khona. Bagcina imibhalo yosendo lwabo. **34**
UMeshobabi loJamuleki, loJosha indodana ka-Amaziya
35 loJoweli, loJehu indodana kaJoshibhiya, indodana
kaSeraya, indodana ka-Asiyeli **36** kanye lo-Eliyonayi,
loJakhobha, loJeshohaya, lo-Asaya, lo-Adiyeli, loJesimiyeli,
loBhenaya, **37** kanye loZiza indodana kaShifi, indodana
ka-Aloni, indodana kaJedaya, indodana kaShimiri,
indodana kaShemaya. **38** Amadoda aqanjiweyo ngamabizo
ngaphezulu ayengabakhokheli bosendo lwakwabo. Izimuli
zabo zanda kakhulu, **39** zaqhela zayakwakha langaphandle
kweGedori okuya ngempumalanga yesihotsha bedinga
amadlelo emihlambi yabo. **40** Bathola umhlaba ovundileyo

olamadlelo amahle, obanzi ophilileyo njalo uthule. Kwakuke kwahlala amanye amaHamu khonapho. **41** Amadoda alamabizo abhaliweyo afika ngezinsuku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. Bahlasela amaHamu emizini yawo kanye lamaMewuni ayelapho bawabhuqa du, njengoba kubonakala lalamuhla. Basebezihlalela besakha khonapho, ngoba kwakulamadlelo emihlambi yabo. **42** Abangamakhulu amahlanu alaba abakaSimiyoni, bekhokhelwa nguPhelathiya, uNeyariya loRefaya lo-Uziyeli amadodana ka-Ishi, bahlasela ilizwe lamaqaqa laseSeyiri. **43** Babulala ama-Amaleki ayephunyukile asala, njalo sebehlale kulindawo kuze kube lamuhla.

5 Amadodana kaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli (wayelizibulo, kodwa kwathi esengcolise umbheda kayise owomtshado, amalungelo akhe njengezibulo aphiwa amadodana kaJosefa indodana ka-Israyeli, ngakho kasalotshwanga emibhalweni yosendo njengelungelo lokuzalwa kwakhe, **2** lanxa uJuda wayelamandla amakhulu kulabo bonke abafowabo njalo enguye owazala umbusi, ilungelo lobuzibulo laya kuJosefa). **3** Amadodana kaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli ayeyila: nguHanokhi, loPhalu, loHezironi kanye loKhami. **4** Abenzalo kaJoweli yilaba: nguShemaya indodana yakhe, loGogi indodana yakhe, loShimeyi indodana yakhe, **5** loMikha indodana yakhe, loReyaya indodana yakhe, loBhali indodana yakhe, **6** kanye loBhera indodana yakhe, lowo uThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya eyamthumba yamusa ezizweni. UBhera wayengumkhokheli wabakoRubheni. **7** Izihlobo zabo ngosendo lwabo, njengokulotshwe

emibhalweni yosendo yilezi: nguJeyiyeli induna, loZakhariya, kanye **8** loBhela indodana ka-Azazi, indodana kaShema, indodana kaJoweli. Bakha bahlala emangweni osuka e-Aroweri kusiya eNebho laseBhali-Meyoni. **9** Empumalanga babehlezi emangweni ofika emaphethelweni enkangala etshaya khonale eMfuleni uYufrathe, ngoba izifuyo zabo zasezandile eGiliyadi. **10** Ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaSawuli balwa impi lamaHagari; bawanqoba basebehlala emizaneni yawo emangweni wonke ongempumalanga yeGiliyadi. **11** AbakaGadi babehlala phansi kwabo eBhashani, kuze kuyefika eSalekha: **12** UJoweli wayeyinduna, uShafamu emlandela, besekusiza uJanayi loShafathi, ngaseBhashani. **13** Izihlobo zabo, ngokuzalana kwabo, yilezi: nguMikhayeli, loMeshulami, loShebha, loJorayi, loJakhani, loZiya kanye lo-Ebha, beyisikhombisa sebendawonye. **14** Laba babengamadodana ka-Abhihayili indodana kaHuri, indodana kaJarowa, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaJeshishayi, indodana kaJahido, indodana kaBhuzi. **15** U-Ahi indodana ka-Abhidiyeli, indodana kaGuni, wayeyinhloko yemuli yakwabo. **16** AbakaGadi babehlala eGiliyadi, eBhashani lemizaneni yakhona, kanye lasemadlelweni aseSharoni kuze kuyefika emaphethelweni awo. **17** Bonke laba balotshwa emibhalweni yosendo ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda loJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli. **18** AbakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase babelamadoda ayeselungele ukubuthwa azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lane

lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha amadoda ayeseqwahele esenelisa ukuphatha ihawu ahlome ngenkemba, atshoke ngemitshoko, ayesevele afundela ukulwa empini. **19** Bahlasela uHagari loJethuri loNafishi loNodabi. **20** Bahlonyulelwa ekulweni kwabo labo, njalo uNkulunkulu wanikela uHagari labanye bakhe ezandleni zabo, ngoba bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu empini. Wayiphendula imikhuleko yabo, ngoba bamethemba. **21** Bathumba izifuyo zakoHagiri ezibalisa amakamela azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, izimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezimbili. Bathumba njalo abantu abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu, **22** abanye abanengi babulawa, ngoba le kwakuyimpi kaNkulunkulu. Bona bahlala kulelolizwe kwaze kwaba yisikhathi bethunjwa. **23** Abantu ababeyingxenye yesizwana sikaManase babebanengi; bahlala elizweni kusukela eBhashani kusiya eBhali-Hemoni, kusitsho iSeniri (iNtaba yaseHemoni). **24** Laba yibo ababezinhloko zezimuli: u-Eferi, lo-Ishi, lo-Eliyeli, lo-Aziriyeli, loJeremiya, loHodaviya, kanye loJahidiyeli. Babengamadoda empi alezibindi, amadoda adumileyo, njalo bezinhloko zezimuli zabo. **25** Kodwa bona babengathembekanga kuNkulunkulu waboyise basebekhonza onkulunkulu bezizwe uNkulunkulu wabo ababhubhisa kulawomazwe bengakahlali khona. **26** Ngakho uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wadunga umoya kaPhuli inkosi yase-Asiriya (okuyikuthi, Thigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya), owathumba abakoRubheni, labakoGadi

kanye lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase. Wabathatha wabasa eHala, leHabhori, leHara lasemfuleni uGozani, lapho abakhona lalamuhla.

6 Amadodana kaLevi yila: nguGeshoni, loKhohathi, kanye loMerari. **2** Amadodana kaKhohathi yila: ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli. **3** Abantwana baka-Amramu yilaba: ngu-Aroni, loMosi kanye loMiriyemu. Amadodana ka-Aroni yila: nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu lo-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari. **4** U-Eliyazari wayenguyise kaFinehasi, uFinehasi enguyise ka-Abhishuwa, **5** u-Abhishuwa enguyise kaBhukhi, uBhukhi enguyise ka-Uzi, **6** u-Uzi enguyise kaZerahiya, uZerahiya enguyise kaMerayothi, **7** uMerayothi enguyise ka-Amariya, u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi, **8** u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi, uZadokhi enguyise ka-Ahimazi, **9** u-Ahimazi enguyise ka-Azariya, u-Azariya enguyise kaJohanani, **10** uJohanani enguyise ka-Azariya; nguye lo owayengumphristi ethempelini elakhiwa nguSolomoni eJerusalema. **11** U-Azariya enguyise ka-Amariya, u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi, **12** u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi, uZadokhi enguyise kaShalumi, **13** uShalumi enguyise kaHilikhiya, uHilikhiya enguyise ka-Azariya, **14** u-Azariya enguyise kaSeraya, uSeraya enguyise kaJozadaki. **15** UJozadaki wathunjwa lapho uThixo athumba abakoJuda labaseJerusalema ngesandla sikaNebhukhadineza. **16** Amadodana kaLevi yila: nguGeshoni, loKhohathi kanye loMerari. **17** Nanka amabizo amadodana kaGeshoni: nguLibhini loShimeyi. **18** Amadodana kaKhohathi yila: ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari,

loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli. **19** Amadodana kaMerari
yila: nguMahili loMushi. Laba babelusendo lwabaLevi
behlelwe ngoluhlu lwaboyise: **20** AbakaGeshoni yilaba:
nguLibhini indodana yakhe, loJahathi indodana yakhe,
loZima indodana yakhe, **21** loJowa indodana yakhe,
lo-Ido indodana yakhe, loZera indodana yakhe kanye
loJeyatherayi indodana yakhe. **22** Abosendo lukaKhohathi
yilaba: ngu-Aminadabi indodana yakhe, loKhora indodana
yakhe, lo-Asiri indodana yakhe, **23** lo-Elikhana lo-
Ebhiyasafi indodana yakhe lo-Asiri indodana yakhe,
24 loThahathi indodana yakhe, lo-Uriyeli indodana
yakhe, lo-Uziya indodana yakhe kanye loShawuli
indodana yakhe. **25** Abosendo luka-Elikhana yilaba:
ngu-Amasayi, lo-Ahimothi, **26** lo-Elikhana indodana
yakhe, loZofayi indodana yakhe, loNahathi indodana
yakhe, **27** lo-Eliyabi indodana yakhe, loJerohamu indodana
yakhe, lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe kanye loSamuyeli
indodana yakhe. **28** Amadodana kaSamuyeli ayeyila:
uVashini izibulo lo-Abhija indodana yesibili. **29** Abosendo
lukaMerari yilaba: nguMahili, loLibhini indodana yakhe,
loShimeyi indodana yakhe, lo-Uza indodana yakhe,
30 loShimeya indodana yakhe, loHagiya indodana
yakhe kanye lo-Asaya indodana yakhe. **31** Laba yibo
abakhethwa nguDavida ukuphatha ukuhlabelela endlini
kaThixo ngemva kokubekwa kwebhokisi lesivumelwano
khona. **32** Bakhonza ngokuhlabelela phambi kwebhokisi
lesivumelwano, iThente lokuHlanganela, uSolomoni
waze wakha ithempeli likaThixo eJerusalema. Benza
inkonzo yabo ngendlela okwakuqoqwe ngayo. **33**

Bona ababekhethelwe lowomsebenzi kanye lamadodana abo yilaba: Kwabendlu kaKhohathi yilaba: nguHemani umhlabeleli, indodana kaJoweli, indodana kaSamuyeli **34** indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJerohamu, indodana ka-Eliyeli, indodana kaThowa, **35** indodana kaZufi, indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaMahathi, indodana ka-Amasayi, **36** indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJoweli, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaZefaniya **37** indodana kaThahathi, indodana ka-Asiri, indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi, indodana kaKhora, **38** indodana ka-Izihari, indodana kaKhohathi, indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli. **39** U-Asafi umkhula kaHemani owasebenza laye ngasesandleni sakhe sokudla: U-Asafi indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana kaShimeya, **40** indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaBhaseya, indodana kaMalikhija, **41** indodana ka-Ethini, indodana kaZera, indodana ka-Adaya, **42** indodana ka-Ethani, indodana kaZima, indodana kaShimeyi, **43** indodana kaJahathi, indodana kaGeshoni, indodana kaLevi; **44** kanti njalo kubakhula babo amaMerari kwesenxele isandla sakhe yilaba: ngu-Ethani indodana kaKhishi, indodana ka-Abhidi, indodana kaMaluki, **45** indodana kaHashabhiya, indodana ka-Amaziya, indodana kaHilikhiya, **46** indodana ka-Amizi, indodana kaBhani, indodana kaShemeri, **47** indodana kaMahili, indodana kaMushi, indodana kaMerari, indodana kaLevi. **48** Abafowabo kubaLevi babephiwe yonke eminye imisebenzi ethabanikeleni, endlini kaNkulunkulu. **49** Kodwa u-Aroni labosendo lwakhe yibo ababesethula iminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni kanye lase-alithareni lempepha

lakho konke okwakusenziwa eNdaweni eNgcwele kakhulu, becelela u-Israyeli umusa, njengalokhu uMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu yayitshilo. **50** Laba ngabosendo luka-Aroni: ngu-Eliyazari indodana yakhe, loFinehasi indodana yakhe, lo-Abhishuwa indodana yakhe, **51** loBhukhi indodana yakhe, lo-Uzi indodana yakhe, loZerahiya indodana yakhe, **52** loMerayothi indodana yakhe, lo-Amariya indodana yakhe, lo-Ahithubi indodana yakhe, **53** loZadokhi indodana yakhe kanye lo-Ahimazi indodana yakhe. **54** Imizi ababehlezi kiyo kuselizweni ababeliphiwe (yimizi eyayiphiwe abosendo luka-Aroni beyinzalo kaKhohathi, ngoba isabelo sakuqala sasingesabo) yile: **55** Babephiwe iHebhroni koJuda lamadlelo akhona. **56** Kodwa amasimu lemizana eyayiseduzane ledolobho kwaphiwa uKhalebi indodana kaJefune. **57** Ngakho abosendo luka-Aroni baphiwa iHebhroni (umuzi wokuphephela), leLibhina, leJathiri, le-Eshithemowa, **58** leHileni, leDebhiri, **59** le-Ashani, leJuta leBhethi-Shemeshi, ndawonye lamadlelo akhona. **60** Esizwaneni sikaBhenjamini baphiwa iGibhiyoni, leGebha, le-Alemethi le-Anathothi, kanye lamadlelo akhona. Imizi eyaphiwa amaKhohathi yayilitshumi lantathu. **61** Abaseleyo bamaKhohathi baphiwa imizi elitshumi beyingxenye yendlu yesizwana sikaManase. **62** Abosendo lukaGeshoni, indlu ngendlu, baphiwa imizi elitshumi lemithathu ezizwaneni zako-Isakhari, ko-Asheri lakoNafithali, kanye lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase esiseBhashani. **63** Abosendo lukaMerari, indlu ngendlu, baphiwa imizi elitshumi lambili esizwaneni

sikaRubheni, lesikaGadi lesikaZebhuluni. **64** Ngakho
yiyo imizi lamadlelo ayo eyaphiwa abaLevi ngama-
Israyeli. **65** Esizwaneni sakoJuda, lesakoSimiyoni
loBhenjamini baphiwa imizi esike yaqanjwa. **66**
Amanye amaKhohathi aphiwa imizi elizweni lesizwana
sika-Efrayimi. **67** Elizweni lamaqaqa lika-Efrayimi
baphiwa iShekhemu (umuzi wokuphephela) leGezeri,
68 leJokhimeyamu, leBhethi-Horoni, **69** le-Ayijaloni
leGathi-Rimoni, kanye lamadlelo akhona. **70** Engxenyeni
yesizwana sikaManase abako-Israyeli, banika insalela
yamaKhohathi, i-Aneri leBhileyamu kanye lamadlelo
akhona. **71** AmaGeshoni azuza lezindawo: Kwabosendo
lwengxenye yesizwana sikaManase bazuza iGolani
eBhashani kanye le-Ashitharothi, ndawonye lamadlelo
akhona; **72** esizwaneni sika-Isakhari bazuza iKhedeshi,
leDabherathi, **73** leRamothi le-Anema lamadlelo akhona;
74 esizwaneni sika-Asheri bazuza iMashali, le-Abhidoni,
75 leHukhokhi leRehobhi, kanye lamadlelo akhona;
76 esizwaneni sikaNafithali bazuza iKhedeshi eGalile,
leHamoni, leKhiriyathayimi kanye lamadlelo akhona. **77**
AmaMerari (insalela yabaLevi) aphiwa kanje: esizwaneni
sikaZebhuluni azuza iJokhiniyamu, iKhatha, iRimoni
leThabhori, kanye lamadlelo akhona; **78** esizwaneni
sikaRubheni ngaphetsheya kweJodani ngempumalanga
yeJerikho azuza iBhezeri enkangala, leJahazi, **79**
leKhedemothi kanye leMefahathi lamadlelo akhona;
80 lasesizwaneni sikaGadi azuza iRamothi eGiliyadi,
leMahanayimi, **81** leHeshibhoni, leJazeri, kanye lamadlelo
akhona.

7 Amadodana ka-Isakhari yila: nguThola, loPhuwa,
loJashubi loShimroni, bonke babebane. **2** Amadodana
kaThola yila: ngu-Uzi, loRefaya, loJeriyeli, loJahamali, lo-
Ibhisamu loSamuyeli, bonke bezinhloko zezindlu
zabo. Ngezinsuku uDavida esabusa, abosendo
lukaThola abangamadoda aselindele impi ngoluhlu
lokuzalana kwabo, babengamadoda ayezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu ayisithupha.
3 Indodana ka-Uzi kungu: Izrahiya. Amadodana
ka-Izrahiya yila: nguMikhayeli, lo-Obhadaya,
loJoweli lo-Ishiya. Ngobuhlanu babo babezinduna.
4 Ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, babelamadoda
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha
ayeselungele ukuthi angaphuma ayekulwa impi, ngoba
babelabafazi labantwana abanengi. **5** Abayizihlobo
abesilisa abasebefanele ukuthi bangaya empini
bengabosendo luka-Isakhari, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo,
sebendawonye babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa. **6** Amadodana
kaBhenjamini amathathu yila: nguBhela, loBhekheri
loJediyeli. **7** Amadodana kaBhela yila: ngu-Ezibhoni, lo-
Uzi, lo-Uziyeli, loJerimothi lo-Iri, babebahlanu bonke,
bezinhloko zezindlu zabo. Bona-ke ngoluhlu losendo
lwabo babelamadoda ayelungele ukulwa empini
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili
lamatshumi amathathu lane. **8** Amadodana kaBhekheri
yila: nguZemira, loJowashi, lo-Eliyezeri, lo-Eliyonayi, lo-
Omri, loJeremothi, lo-Abhija, lo-Anathothi kanye lo-
Alemethi. Wonke la kwakungamadodana kaBhekheri. **9**

Imbali yoluhlu lwezimuli zababezinhloko zemindeni ibalisa ukuthi babengabantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu amabili amadoda empi. **10** Indodana kaJediyeli kwakunguBhilihani. Amadodana kaBhilihani yila: nguJewushi, loBhenjamini, lo-Ehudi, loKhenana, loZethani, loThashishi kanye lo-Ahishahari. **11** Wonke lamadodana kaJediyeli ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo. Kwakulamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa ayekulwa empini azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesikhombisa, lamakhulu amabili. **12** AmaShuphimu lamaHuphimu ayengawosendo luka-Iri, lamaHushimu engawosendo luka-Aheri. **13** Amadodana kaNafithali yila: nguJaziyeli, loGuni, loJezeri kanye loShalumi, abosendo lukaBhiliha. **14** Abosendo lukaManase yilaba: ngu-Asiriyeli amzala lomfazi weceleni ongum'Aramu. Wazala uMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi. **15** UMakhiri wathatha umfazi ozalwa ngamaHuphimu lamaShuphimu. Udadewabo kwakunguMahakha. Omunye owosendo kwakunguZelofehadi owazala amankazana kuphela. **16** UmkaMakhiri uMahakha wazala indodana yathiwa nguPhereshi. Umfowabo yena wethiwa ibizo elithi Shereshi, njalo amadodana akhe kwakungu-Ulamu loRakhemu. **17** Indodana ka-Ulamu kungu: Bhedani. La ngamadodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMakhiri, indodana kaManase. **18** Udadewabo uHamolekhethi wazala u-Ishodi, lo-Abhiyezeri loMahila. **19** Amadodana kaShemida yila: ngu-Ahiyani, loShekhemu, loLikhi kanye lo-Aniyami. **20** Abosendo luka-Efrayimi yilaba: nguShuthela, loBheredi indodana yakhe, loThahathi indodana yakhe, lo-Eleyada

indodana yakhe, loThahathi indodana yakhe, **21** loZabhadi indodana yakhe kanye loShuthela indodana yakhe. (U-Ezeri lo-Eliyadi babulawa ngababezalwa eGathi, baze bayethumba izifuyo zabo. **22** Uyise u-Efrayimi wabalilela okwensuku ezinengi, izihlobo zakhe zabuya ukuzomduduza. **23** Walala njalo lomkakhe wakhulelwa, wazala indodana ayitha ibizo elithi Bheriya, kuyikutshengisa ukuthi kwakonakele phakathi kwemuli. **24** Indodakazi yakhe kwakunguShera owakha iBhethi-Horoni yaPhansi leyaPhezulu kanye le-Uzeni-Shera.) **25** URefa wayeyindodana yakhe, loReshefi indodana yakhe, loThela indodana yakhe, loThahani indodana yakhe, **26** loLadani indodana yakhe, lo-Amihudi indodana yakhe, lo-Elishama indodana yakhe, **27** loNuni indodana yakhe kanye loJoshuwa indodana yakhe. **28** Amazwe lemizi yabo yayihlanganisa iBhetheli lemizana eseduzane, iNaharani empumalanga, iGezeri lemizana yayo kusiya entshonalanga, iShekhemu lemizana yayo kusiyafika e-Aya lemizana yayo. **29** Emingceleni yakwelakoManase kuleBhethi-Shani, leThanakhi, leMegido, kanye leDori lemizana yakhona. Ababehlala kulimizi ngabosendo lukaJosefa indodana ka-Israyeli. **30** Amadodana ka-Asheri yila: ngu-Imna, lo-Ishiva, lo-Ishivi kanye loBheriya. Udadewabo kunguSera. **31** Amadodana kaBheriya yila: nguHebheri loMalikhiyeli uyise kaBhirizayithi. **32** UHebheri wayenguyise kaJafilethi, loShomeri loHothamu kanye lodadewabo uShuwa. **33** Amadodana kaJafilethi yila: nguPasaki, loBhimihali kanye lo-Ashivathi. Laba kwakungamadodana kaJafilethi. **34** Amadodana

kaShomeri yila: ngu-Ahi, loRohiga, loHubha kanye lo-Aramu. **35** Amadodana omfowabo uHelemu yila: nguZofa, lo-Imna, loSheleshi kanye lo-Amali. **36** Amadodana kaZofa yila: nguSuwa, loHarineferi, loShuwali, loBheri, lo-Imra, **37** loBhezeri, loHodi, loShama, loShilisha, lo-Ithirani kanye loBhera. **38** Amadodana kaJetha yila: nguJefune, loPhisipha kanye lo-Ara. **39** Amadodana ka-Ula yila: ngu-Ara, loHaniyeli kanye loRiziya. **40** Bonke laba babengabosendo luka-Asheri bezinhloko zendlu ngendlu, amadoda akhethiweyo, amabutho alesibindi njalo bengabakhokheli abalokuhlakanipha. Inani lamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa aye empini, kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwakwabo, kwakuzinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha.

8 UBhenjamini wayenguyise kaBhela izibulo lakhe, lo-Ashibheli indodana yesibili, lo-Ahara eyesithathu, **2** loNoha eyesine loRafa indodana yesihlanu. **3** Amadodana kaBhela ayeyila: u-Adari, uGera, u-Abhihudi, **4** u-Abhishuwa, uNamani, u-Ahowa, **5** uGera, uShefufani kanye loHuramu. **6** Laba ngabosendo luka-Ehudi, ababezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala eGebha abaxotshelwa eManahathi: **7** KunguNamani, lo-Ahija, kanye loGera owabaxotshayo njalo enguyise ka-Uza, lo-Ahihudi. **8** Kulamadodana azalwa nguShaharayimi eMowabi ngemva kokwehlukana labafazi bakhe oHushimi loBhara. **9** Emfazini wakhe uHodeshi wayelabantwana laba: uJobhabhi, loZibhiya, loMesha, loMalikhami, **10** loJewuzi, loSakhiya kanye loMirima. Yiwo amadodana akhe, ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zawo. **11** KuHushimi wazala

u-Abhithubi lo-Eliphali. **12** Amadodana ka-Eliphali ayeyila:
u-Ebheri, uMishami, uShemedi (nguye owakha i-Ono
leLodi lemizana eseduzane layo), **13** kanye loBheriya
loShema, bona bezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala
e-Ayijaloni abayibo njalo abaxotsha ababehlala eGathi.
14 U-Ahiyo, uShashaki, uJeremothi, **15** uZebhadiya, u-
Aradi, u-Ederi, **16** uMikhayeli, u-Ishipha kanye loJoha
bengamadodana kaBheriya. **17** UZebhadiya, uMeshulami,
uHizikhi, uHebheri, **18** u-Ishimerayi, u-Iziliya, loJobhabhi
kungamadodana ka-Eliphali. **19** UJakhimi, uZikhiri,
uZabhidi, **20** u-Eliyenayi, uZilethayi, u-Eliyeli, **21** u-
Adaya, uBheraya kanye loShimirathi kungamadodana
kaShimeyi. **22** U-Ishiphani, u-Ebheri, u-Eliyeli, **23** u-
Abhidoni, uZikhiri uHanani, **24** uHananiya, u-Elamu, u-
Anithothija, **25** u-Ifideya loPhenuweli bengamadodana
kaShashaki. **26** UShamisherayi, uShehariya, u-Athaliya,
27 uJareshiya, u-Elija, kanye loZikhiri kungamadodana
kaJerohamu. **28** Bonke laba babezinhloko zezindlu,
izinduna kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala
eJerusalema. **29** UJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala
eGibhiyoni. Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, **30** njalo
indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-Abhidoni, eselanywa
nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, **31** loGedori,
lo-Ahiyo, loZekheri **32** kanye loMikhilothi, owayenguyise
kaShimeya. Laba labo babehlala eJerusalema eduze
lezihlobo zabo. **33** UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi
enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise kaJonathani,
loMalikhi-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali.
34 Indodana kaJonathani: kwakunguMeri-Bhali yena

enguyise kaMikha. **35** Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila: uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi. **36** U-Ahazi wayenguyise kaJehoyada, uJehoyada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-Azimavethi loZimri, njalo uZimri enguyise kaMoza. **37** UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya, loRafa eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli indodana yakhe. **38** U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila: u-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli, loSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye loHanani. Wonke la ayengamadodana ka-Azeli. **39** Amadodana omfowabo u-Eshekhi ayeyila: u-Ulamu izibulo lakhe, uJewushi indodana yesibili kanye lo-Elifelethi eyesithathu. **40** Amadodana ka-Ulamu ayengamaqhawe alezibindi ayezintshantshu zemitshoko. Babelamadodana amanengi lamadodana amadodana abo, babelikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu sebendawonye. Bonke laba babeyinzalo kaBhenjamini.

9 Bonke abako-Israyeli babelotshiwe eluhlwini logwalo lokuzalana kwabo lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli. AbakoJuda bathunjwa basiwa eBhabhiloni ngenxa yokungathembeki kwabo. **2** Abokuqala ukwakha kutsha elizweni labo bahlala emizini yabo babengabantu bako-Israyeli, abaphristi, abaLevi lezinceku zethempelini. **3** AbakoJuda, abakoBhenjamini kanye labako-Efrayimi loManase ababehlala eJerusalema yilaba: **4** Ngu-Uthayi indodana ka-Amihudi, indodana ka-Omri, indodana ka-Imri, indodana kaBhani, owosendo lukaPherezi indodana kaJuda. **5** KwabakoShilo ngu-Asaya izibulo lamadodana akhe. **6** KwabakoZera: nguJuweli. Abantu

bakoJuda babengamakhulu ayisithupha alamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **7** KwabakoBhenjamini: nguSalu indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaHodaviya, indodana kaHasenuwa; **8** lo-Ibhineya indodana kaJerohamu; lo-Ela indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaMikhiri; loMeshulami indodana kaShefathiya, indodana kaRuweli, indodana ka-Ibhinija. **9** Abantu bakoBhenjamini, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo njengokulotshiweyo, babengamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. Bonke laba kwakungamadoda ayizinhloko zezindlu zawo. **10** Abaphristi yilaba: nguJedaya; loJehoyaribhi; kanye loJakhini; **11** lo-Azariya indodana kaHilikhiya, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaZadokhi, indodana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-Ahithubi, isikhulu esasiphethe indlu kaNkulunkulu; **12** lo-Adaya indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaPhashuri, indodana kaMalikhija; loMasayi indodana ka-Adiyeli, indodana kaJahizera, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaMeshilemithi, indodana ka-Imeri. **13** Abaphristi ababezinhloko zezindlu zabo babeyinkulungwane eyodwa elamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha. Babengamadoda alolwazi, belomlandu wokuphatha umsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu. **14** AbaLevi yilaba: nguShemaya indodana kaHashubhi, indodana ka-Azirikhamu, indodana kaHashabhiya, ongum'Merari; **15** loBhakhibhakhari, loHereshi, loGalali kanye loMathaniya indodana kaMikha, indodana kaZikhiri, indodana ka-Asafi; **16** lo-Obhadaya indodana kaShemaya, indodana kaGalali, indodana kaJeduthuni, kanye loBherekhiya indodana ka-Asa,

indodana ka-Elikhana, owayehlala emizini yamaNethofa.
17 Abalindi bamasango yilaba: nguShalumi, lo-Akhubi,
loThalimoni, lo-Ahimani labafowabo loShalumi induna
yabo, **18** eyayilinda iSango leNkosi empumalanga, kuze
kube lamuhla. Abalindi bamasango bakoLevi yilaba: **19**
nguShalumi indodana kaKhore, indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi,
indodana kaKhora, lababelinda amasango ndawonye
bengabendlunye (amaKhora) beyibo ababefanele
bananzelele iminyango yeThempeli njengoba oyise
babevele belinda iminyango yendlu kaThixo.
20 Ekadeni owayephethe abalindi bamasango
kwakunguFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari njalo uThixo
wayelaye. **21** UZakhariya indodana kaMeshelemiya
wayengumlindisango lokungena eThenteni
lokuHlanganela. **22** Sebebonke labo ababekhethiwe ukuba
ngabalindimasango ezindaweni eziqakathekileyo
babengamakhulu amabili aletshumi lambili. Babelotshwe
ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo emizini yabo. Abalindi
bamasango babefakwe kulezizindawo zokwethembeka
nguDavida loSamuyeli umboni. **23** Bona kanye lenzalo
yabo babephethe ukugcinakala kwamasango endlu
kaThixo indlu ethiwa iThente. **24** Abalindimasango
laba babesenhlangothini zozine: empumalanga,
entshonalanga, enyakatho laseningizimu. **25** Abafowabo
ababehlezi labo emizini yabo babefanele babebelinda
labo bezophisana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ihlandla
ngalinye. **26** Abalindimasango abakhulu, abangabaLevi,
ngobune babo babefanele bagcine izindlu lenotho
esendlini kaNkulunkulu. **27** Babelala belindile ubusuku

bonke besendlini kaNkulunkulu, ngoba babefanele bayilinde; njalo yibo ababelezihluthulelo beyivula ngokusa insuku zonke. **28** Abanye babo babegcina izitsha zenkonzo ezazisetshenziswa ethempelini; babezibala zingena babuye bazibale njalo seziphuma. **29** Abanye njalo babegcine impahla yendlini lakho konke okwakusendlini engcwele, kanye lokugcina ifulawa lewayini, lamafutha, impepha leziyoliso. **30** Kodwa abanye abaphristi babesebenza ukuhlanganisa iziyoliso. **31** UmLevi obizwa ngokuthi nguMathithiya, indodana elizibulo likaShalumi umKhora, wayephiwe umlandu wokubumba isinkwa somnikelo. **32** Abanye abazalwane bamaKhohathi babephethe umsebenzi ngamaSabatha wonke owokubumba isinkwa esokubekwa etafuleni. **33** Labo ababengabahlabeleli, bezinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi, babehlala ezindlini phakathi kwethempeli bengaphiwanga eminye imisebenzi ngoba babephathekile kowabo emini lebusuku. **34** Bonke laba babezinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLevi, izinduna njengokulotshiweyo eluhlwini losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala eJerusalema. **35** uJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala eGibhiyoni. Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, **36** njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-Abhidoni eselanywa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, **37** loGedori, lo-Ahiyo, loZakhariya kanye loMikhilothi. **38** UMikhilothi wayenguyise kaShimeyamu. Laba labo babehlala eJerusalema eduze lezihlobo zabo. **39** UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise kaJonathani, loMalikhi-Shuwa, lo-

Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali. **40** Indodana kaJonathani kwakunguMeri-Bhali, yena enguyise kaMikha. **41** Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila: uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi. **42** U-Ahazi wayenguyise kaJada, uJada enguyise ka-Alemethi, lo-Azimavethi loZimri, yena uZimri enguyise kaMoza. **43** UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya; uRefaya eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli indodana yakhe. **44** U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila: u-Azirikhamu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli. LoSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye loHanani. Laba babengamadodana ka-Azeli.

10 AmaFilistiya alwa lo-Israyeli; abako-Israyeli babaleka, njalo abanengi bafela eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. **2** AmaFilistiya axotshana kanzima loSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe, abulala amadodana akhe uJonathani, lo-Abhinadabi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. **3** Impi yatshisa macele wonke kuSawuli, njalo kwathi abatshoki bemitshoko sebemxhumile, bamlimaza. **4** USawuli wathi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, "Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungigwaze, hlezi abantu laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze bangenze ihlazo." Kodwa umphathi wezikhali zakhe wesaba, akaze akwenza lokho, ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba yakhe waziwisela phezu kwayo. **5** Kwathi umphathi wezikhali ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe, wafa. **6** Ngakho uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu bafa, labo bonke abendlu yakhe bafa ndawonye. **7** Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli ababesesigodini

bebona ukuthi ibutho lalibalekile lokuthi uSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe basebefile, batshiya imizi yabo babaleka. AmaFilistiya afika ahlala kuyo. **8** Ngelanga elalandelayo, amaFilistiya esefikile ukuba akhuthuze abafileyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe befile eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. **9** Bamkhuthuza baze bamquma ikhanda lakhe balithatha kanye lezikhali zakhe, basebethuma izithunywa kulolonke ilizwe lamaFilistiya ukuthi zimemezele lindaba ezithombeni zabo lebantwini bakibo. **10** Abeka izikhali zakhe ethempelini labonkulunkulu babo kwathi ikhanda lakhe balibeka ethempelini likaDagoni. **11** Abantu bonke baseJabheshi Giliyadi sebezwile ngokwakwenziwe ngamaFilistiya kuSawuli, **12** wonke amaqhawe alezibindi ahamba ayathatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezamadodana akhe aya lazo eJabheshi. Basebengcwaba amathambo abo ngaphansi kwesihlahla esikhulu eJabheshi, bazila insuku eziyisikhombisa. **13** USawuli wafa ngoba wayengathembekanga kuThixo; kaligcinanga ilizwi likaThixo wakhe waze wayadinga ukuqondiswa yizangoma, **14** esikhundleni sokukhuleka kuThixo. Ngakho uThixo wamenza wafa wathatha ubukhosi wabunika uDavida indodana kaJese.

11 Bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuDavida eHebhroni bafika bathi: “Thina siyinyama yakho legazi lakho. **2** Esikhathini esedlulayo, lanxa uSawuli eseseyinkosi, wena nguwe owawukhokhela u-Israyeli emkhankasweni wezimpi. Njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wathi kuwe, ‘Wena uzakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo uzakuba ngumbusi wabo.’” **3** Kwathi

abadala bonke bako-Israyeli sebefikile enkosini uDavida eHebhroni, wenza isivumelwano labo eHebhroni phambi kukaThixo, basebegcoba uDavida ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli, njengesithembiso sikaThixo asenza ngoSamuyeli. **4** UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya eJerusalema (kusitsho iJebusi). AmaJebusi ayehlala khona **5** athi kuDavida, "Kawuyikungena lapha." Kodwa lanxa kunjalo, uDavida wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida. **6** UDavida wayethe, "Ozakhokhela ekuhlaseleni amaJebusi uzakuba nguMlawuli omkhulu wempi." UJowabi indodana kaZeruya nguye owaqala ukuya khona, ngakho wazuza ubukhokheli. **7** UDavida wasehlala enqabeni, yikho yathiwa ibizo lokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida. **8** Wakha idolobho inxa zonke kusukela emadundulwini kuze kuyefinyelela emidulini ehonqolozeleyo, ngalesosikhathi uJowabi esakha evuselela umuzi. **9** UDavida waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla, ngoba uThixo uSomandla wayelaye. **10** Lezi zinduna zamaqhawe kaDavida ezazimsekele ngokuqinileyo embusweni kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, ukuba abe yinkosi, njengokuthembisa kukaThixo. **11** Lolu yiluhlu lwalawo maqhawe kaDavida: UJashobheyamu, umHakhimoni, wayengumlawuli wezikhulu; waphakamisela amadoda angamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, ababulalayo ekuhlaseleni kunye. **12** Yena elandelwa ngu-Eliyazari indodana kaDodo um'Ahohi omunye wamaqhawe amathathu. **13** WayeloDavida ePhasi Damimi, ekuhlomeni kwamaFilistiya elungiselela ukudibana empini. Endaweni ethile kwakulensimu yebhali, amabutho abaleka

ebalekela amaFilistiya. **14** Kodwa bona bema bajama phakathi kwensimu. Bayivikela bawabulala amaFilistiya, uThixo wabapha ukunqoba okukhulu. **15** Izinduna ezintathu kwezingamatshumi amathathu zaya edwaleni kuDavida ebhalwini lwase-Adulami, ngalesosikhathi amanye amaFilistiya ayebuthene eSigodini saseRefayi. **16** Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, iviyo lamabutho amaFilistiya laliseBhethilehema. **17** UDavida womela amanzi wasesithi, "Oh, sengathi kungaba lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi okunatha emthonjeni oseduze lesango laseBhethilehema!" **18** Ngakho abathathu laba badabula phakathi kweviyo lamaFilistiya bayakukha amanzi eduzane lesango laseBhethilehema bayawanika uDavida. Kodwa wala ukuwanatha, wakhetha ukuwathululela phambi kukaThixo. **19** Wasesithi, "UNkulunkulu kangangivumeli ukukwenza lokhu! Kufanele yini ukuthi nginathe igazi lalababantu abanikele impilo yabo engozini bewaletha?" Ngoba babeka impilo zabo engozini bewaletha, uDavida kawanathanga. Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zalawomabutho womathathu. **20** U-Abhishayi umfowabo kaJowabi wayeyinduna yabaThathu labo. Waphakamisela umkhonto wakhe phezu kwabangamakhulu amathathu, ababulalayo, ngakho waba lodumo njengabaThathu. **21** Waba lodumo oluphindwe kabili phezu kwalaba abaThathu waze waba ngumlawuli wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo. **22** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayeliqhawe elilesibindi laseKhabhizeli, elenza izenzo zobuqhawe obukhulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili

ayezintshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangena emgodini wabulala isilwane mhla kulongqwaqwane. **23** Wabulala umGibhithe owayemude okwezingalo eyisikhombisa njalo eqatha. Lanxa umGibhithe wayephethe umkhonto esandleni kwakungani uphethe umkhonto onjengogodo lomaluki, uBhenayiya waqondana laye ngenduku. Wahluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wambulala ngawo umkhonto wakhe. **24** Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, laye futhi wayedume njengamaqhawe amathathu. **25** Wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwedlula bonke abangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa wayengabalwa kanye labaThathu. UDavida wambeka ukuba abe ngumphathi wabalindi bakhe. **26** Amaqhawe ayelamandla ayeyila: u-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi, u-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBhethilehema, **27** uShamothi umHarori, uHelezi umPheloni, **28** u-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa, u-Abhiyezeri wase-Anathothi, **29** uSibhekhayi umHushathi, u-Ilayi um'Ahohi, **30** uMaharayi umNethofathi, uHeledi indodana kaBhana umNethofa, **31** u-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibhiya koBhenjamini, uBhenaya umPhirathoni, **32** uHurayi wasezindongeni zaseGashi, u-Abhiyeli um'Aribhathi, **33** u-Azimavethi umBhaharumi, u-Eliyaba umShalibhoni, **34** amadodana kaHashemi umGizoni, uJonathani indodana kaShageye umHarari, **35** u-Ahiyamu indodana kaSakhari umHarari, u-Elifali indodana ka-Uri, **36** uHeferi indodana kaMekherathi, u-Ahija umPheloni, **37** uHeziro umKhameli, uNarayi indodana ka-Ezibhayi, **38** uJoweli umfowabo kaNathani, uMibhari indodana kaHagiri, **39** uZelekhi

um'Amoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, owayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya, **40** u-Ira um'Ithira, uGarebhi um'Ithiri, **41** u-Uriya umHithi, uZabhadi indodana ka-Ahilayi, **42** lo-Adina indodana kaShiza owakoRubheni, owayeyinduna yakoRubheni, kanye labangamatshumi amathathu ababelaye, **43** loHanani indodana kaMahakha, loJoshafathi um'Mithini, **44** lo-Uziya um'Ashitherathi, loShama loJeyiyeli amadodana kaHothamu um'Aroweri, **45** loJediyeli indodana kaShimiri, umfowabo uJoha umThizi, **46** lo-Eliyeli um'Mahavi, loJeribhayi loJoshaviya amadodana ka-Elinamu, lo-Ithima waseMowabi, **47** lo-Eliyeli, lo-Obhedi kanye loJasiyeli waseMezobha.

12 La ngamabutho ayeloDavida eZikhilagi, ngesikhathi engavunyelwa ukubonakala kuSawuli indodana kaKhishi (kwakungamaqhawe ayemhlomulele empini; **2** ayehlome ngemitshoko, ezingcitshi ekutshokeni lokutshaya ngezavutha loba ejikijela ngesokudla loba ngesenxele; ayeyizihlobo zikaSawuli engawesizwe sikaBhenjamini): **3** U-Ahiyezeri induna yawo loJowashi amadodana kaShemaha owaseGibhiya; loJeziyeli loPhelethi amadodana ka-Azimavethi; loBherakha, loJehu um'Anathothi, **4** kanye lo-Ishimaya umGibhiyoni, indoda eyayilamandla amakhulu kwabangamatshumi amathathu, engumkhokheli wabangamatshumi amathathu, loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli, loJohanani, loJozabhadi umGederathi, **5** lo-Eluzayi, loJerimothi, loBheliya, loShemariya kanye loShefathiya umHarufi, **6** lo-Elikhana, lo-Ishiya, lo-Azareli,

loJowezeri loJashobheyamu amaKhora; **7** kanye loJowela loZebhadiya amadodana kaJerohamu waseGedori. **8** Abanye abakoGadi babalekela kuDavida enqabeni yakhe enkangala. Babengamabutho alezibindi, belungele ukulwa njalo bekwazi ukuphatha ihawu lomkhonto. Ubuso babo babungobezilwane, njalo belesiqubu njengamagogo ezintabeni. **9** U-Ezeri wayeyinduna, u-Obhadaya engumsekeli womlawuli, u-Eliyabi engowesithathu, **10** uMishimana engowesine, uJeremiya engowesihlanu, **11** u-Athayi engowesithupha, u-Eliyeli engowesikhombisa, **12** uJohanani engowesificaminwembili, u-Elizabhadi engowesificamunwemunye, **13** uJeremiya engumsekeli wetshumi kanye loMakhabhanayi owayengowetshumi lanye. **14** Amadoda akoGadi ayengabalawuli bamabutho, kuthi omncinyane wabo wayengamelana labalikhulu kodwa omkhulu wabo engamelana labayinkulungwane. **15** Yiwo la amadoda achapha uJodani ngenyanga yakuqala umfula ugcwele uphuphuma emakhunjini awo wonke, yibo njalo abaxotsha bonke ababehlala ezihotsheni, empumalanga kanye lasentshonalanga. **16** Amanye amadoda akoBhenjamini lamanye ayevela koJuda lawo alandela uDavida khonale enqabeni yakhe. **17** UDavida waphuma ukuba ayewahlangabeza wathi kuwo: "Nxa lingilandela ngokuthula, lizongiphathisa njengabangane, ngizimisele ukuhlanganyela kanye lani. Kodwa nxa lidinga ukunginikela ezitheni zami, mina ngimsulwa, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho kakubone lokho, alijezise." **18** Ngakho uMoya wasesehlela ku-Amasayi, umlawuli

wabangamatshumi amaThathu, wathi: “Singabakho thina, wena Davida! Sikanye lawe wena ndodana kaJese! Impumelelo, impumelelo kuwe, njalo impumelelo kulabo abaphathisana lawe! Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho uzakusiza.” Ngakho uDavida wabamukela wabenza abakhokheli bamaviyo amabutho ayehlasela. **19** Amanye amadoda akoManase abalekela kuDavida ekuhambeni kwakhe lamaFilistiya esiyahlasela uSawuli. (Yena kanye lamabutho akhe kasazange ancedise amaFilistiya, ngoba ngemva kokubuzisisana, ababusi bawo bathi kaxotshwe. Bathi bona: “Uyingozi kithi, ngoba angasiphendukela abuyele enkosini yakhe uSawuli.”) **20** UDavida wathi esiya eZikhilagi, nanka amadoda abaleka koManase amlandela: ngu-Adina, loJozabhadi, loJediyeli, loMikhayeli, loJozabhadi, lo-Elihu kanye loZilethayi ababengabalawuli benkulungwane koManase. **21** Bancedisa uDavida ekulweni lamaviyo abahlaseli, ngoba bonke babengamabutho alezibindi, njalo basebengabalawuli phakathi kwamabutho akhe. **22** Insuku zonke, ukusa kwamalanga, kwakutheleka abantu bezoncedisa uDavida, waze waba lebutho elikhulu, njengebutho likaNkulunkulu. **23** Nanka amanani amadoda ayehlomele impi eza kuDavida eHebhroni ezomncedisa ukuthatha umbuso kaSawuli, njengokutsho kukaThixo: **24** amadoda ayevela koJuda ehlome ngamahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili ehlomele ukulwa impi; **25** abakaSimiyoni, amabutho ayelungele ukuhlasela babezinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lekhulu, **26** amadoda

akoLevi ayezinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha,
27 kubalwa loJehoyada, umkhokheli wabendlu ka-Aroni
babezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa
zamadoda **28** kanye loZadokhi, ibutho elaliseselijaha
lilesibindi, lilezikhulu zendlu yakwabo ezingamatshumi
amabili lambili; **29** amadoda akoBhenjamini, labakibo
kaSawuli babezinkulungwane ezintathu, ababesele
bethembekile kuSawuli kuze kufike lesisikhathi yibo
ababebanengi kulelonani; **30** amadoda ako-Efrayimi,
amadoda ayelezibindi, edumile ezizwaneni zawo,
ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili, **31** amadoda ayevela kungxenye
yesizwana sikaManase, ekhethwe ngamabizo awo ukuba
azobeka uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi, ayezinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili; **32** amadoda ayevela ko-
Isakhari, ayezwisisa umumo walesosikhathi njalo esazi
ukuthi u-Israyeli kumele enzeni. Kwakuzinduna
ezingamakhulu amabili kanye lezihlobo zazo
ezazingaphansi kwazo; **33** amadoda ayevela koZebhuluni,
amabutho ayezingwazi empini, ngezikhali zemihlobo
etshiyeneyo, eza ukuzancedisa uDavida ngokuzinikela
okungalakuthandabuza, ayezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amahlanu; **34** amadoda ayevela
koNafithali kwakuyizikhulu eziyinkulungwane eyodwa,
kanye lamadoda ayephethe amahawu lemikhonto
ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa; **35** amadoda ayevela koDani, ezimisele
ukulwa empini, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha; **36**

amadoda ayevela ko-Asheri, amabutho ayevele ekwejayele ukulwa empini njalo ezimisele ukulwa, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane; **37** njalo ngempumalanga yeJodani, amadoda akoRubheni, koGadi lakungxenye yesizwana sikaManase, ayehlome ngemihlobohlobo yezikhali, ayezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. **38** Bonke laba babengamabutho azinikeleyo ukungena laloba yisiphi isigaba. Ngamabutho aya eHebhroni ezimisele ukufika abeke uDavida esihlalweni sobukhosi abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli. Abanye bonke abako-Israyeli babengqondonye befisa ukwethesa uDavida ubukhosi. **39** Wonke lamadoda athatha insuku ezintathu eloDavida, esidla njalo enatha, njengoba izimuli zawo zaziwalungisele umphako. **40** Konke labomakhelwane babo, ababevela kude khonale ku-Isakhari, loZebhuluni lakuNafithali beza bethwele ukudla ngabobabhemi, amakamela, imbongolo langenkabi. Kwakulefulawa enengi, amakhekhe omkhiwane, amakhekhe erezini, iwayini, amafutha, inkomo lezimvu, ngoba kwakulokujabula ko-Israyeli.

13 UDavida wacebisana lezikhulu zakhe zonke, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu. **2** Wasesithi kuwo wonke umbuthano wako-Israyeli: “Nxa likubona kulungile njalo nxa kuyintando kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, asithumeleni ilizwi eduze lakhatshana kubo bonke abafowethu kuwo wonke amazwe ako-Israyeli, kanye lakubaphristi labaLevi abalabo khonale emadolobheni abo lasemadlelweni abo, sibanxusa ukuthi beze bazohlanganyela kanye lathi. **3** Asibuyiseni ibhokisi

lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wethu kithi, ngoba asizange sibuze kulo ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaSawuli.”
4 Bonke ababebuthene bavumelana ukukwenza lokho, ngoba bonke abantu bakubona kufanele ukukwenza lokho. **5** Ngakho uDavida wahlanganisa ama-Israyeli wonke, kusukela eMfuleni uShihori eGibhithe kusiya eLebho Hamathi, ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. **6** UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye baya eBhala yakoJuda (iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi) ukuthi baye khonale bayebuya lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu, osesihlalweni sobukhosi ephahlwe ngamaKherubhi, ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo elibizwa ngaleloBizo. **7** Balisusa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Abhinadabi ngenqola entsha, eyayiqondiswa ngu-Uza lo-Ahiyo. **8** UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli babejabula bezithokozisa ngamandla abo wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngezingoma betshaya lamachacho, lezingungu, lezigubhu, lamacilongo. **9** Bathi befika esizeni sokubhulela eKhidoni, u-Uza welula isandla sakhe ezama ukuzinzisa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, ngoba inkabi zazikhubekile. **10** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, wamtshaya wafa ngoba wayebeke isandla sakhe phezu kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo. Ngakho wahle wafa khonapho phambi kukaThixo. **11** Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, njalo kuze kube lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi yiPherezi Uza. **12** UDavida wamesaba uNkulunkulu ngalolosuku waze wabuza wathi: “Pho ngingaliletha

njani kimi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu?” **13** Kasazange alithathe ibhokisi lesivumelwano ukuze libe kuye eMzini kaDavida. Kodwa-ke walisa eceleni endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi umGithi. **14** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lahlala kwabendlu ka-Obhedi-Edomi endlini yakhe okwezinyanga ezintathu, yikho uThixo wabusisa indlu yakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire wathumela izithunywa kuDavida, ndawonye lezigodo zomsedari, ababazi bamatshe kanye lababazi ukuthi bayemakhela isigodlo. **2** UDavida wahle wakwazi ukuthi uThixo usembekile ukuba abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli lokuthi umbuso wakhe uphakanyisiwe kakhulu ngenxa yabantu bakhe bako-Israyeli. **3** EJerusalema uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi wazala amanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **4** Nanka amabizo abantwana abazalelwa khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani, uSolomoni, **5** u-Ibhari, u-Elishuwa, u-Eliphelethi, **6** uNoga, uNefegi, uJafiya, **7** u-Elishama, uBheyeliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi. **8** AmaFilistiya athi esizwa ukuthi uDavida usegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli, aphuma wonke ehlome ephelele esiyamzingela, kodwa uDavida wakuzwa lokho wahle waphuma yena ukuyawahlangabeza. **9** AmaFilistiya ayesefikile njalo ukuyahlasela eSigodini saseRefayi; **10** ngakho uDavida wabuza kuNkulunkulu wathi: “Ngihambe ngiyewahlasela amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikela kimi na?” UThixo wamphendula wathi, “Hamba, ngizawanikela kuwe.” **11** Ngakho uDavida lamabutho akhe aya eBhali Pherazimi lapho awehlula khona. Wathi: “Njengamanzi

efohla, uNkulunkulu ufohlele ezitheni zami ngesandla sami.” Ngakho leyondawo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiBhali Pherazimi. **12** AmaFilistiya ayebaleke atshiya onkulunkulu bawo khonale, uDavida wathi kabatshiswe ngomlilo. **13** AmaFilistiya aphinda njalo ukuhlasela isigodi, **14** ngakho uDavida wabuza kuNkulunkulu njalo, uNkulunkulu wamphendula wathi, “Ungasuki uqonde phambili kodwa bazingeleze ubusubahlasela uvelela ezihlahleni zebhalisamu. **15** Kuzakuthi lapho usizwa izisinde zabahambayo ezihlahleni zebhalisamu, uphume uhlasele, ngoba lokho kuzabe kusitsho ukuthi uNkulunkulu usehambe phambi kwakho ukuyanqoba amabutho amaFilistiya.” **16** Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu, njalo bawacakazela phansi amaFilistiya umango wonke kusukela eGibhiyoni kusiya eGezeri. **17** Yikho udumo lukaDavida lwanda lwafinyelela kuwo wonke amazwe, uThixo wenza izizwe zonke zimesabe.

15 Ngemva kokuba uDavida esakhile ezakhe izindlu eMzini kaDavida, wakha indawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, walimisela ithente kuleyondawo. **2** UDavida wasesithi: “Kakho ozathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwabaLevi ngoba uThixo wabakhethela ukuthwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lokumkhonza kuze kube nininini.” **3** UDavida wasehlanganisa bonke abako-Israyeli eJerusalema ukuze balethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo endaweni ayeyilungisele lona. **4** Wahlanganisa abosendo luka-Aroni labaLevi ngezindlu

zabo: **5** Kwabendlu kaKhohathi, kwakungu-Uriyeli
umkhokheli lezihlobo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili; **6**
kwabendlu kaMerari, kwakungu-Asaya umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili; **7**
kwabendlu kaGeshoni, kwakunguJoweli umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezilikhulu labantu abangamatshumi
amathathu; **8** kwabendlu ka-Elizafani, kwakunguShemaya
umkhokheli lezihlobo ezingamakhulu amabili; **9**
kwabendlu kaHebhroni, kwakungu-Eliyeli umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; **10**
kwabendlu ka-Uziyeli, kwakungu-Aminadabi umkhokheli
lezihlobo ezilikhulu labantu abalitshumi lambili. **11**
UDavida wasenxusa abaphristi uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari
kanye lo-Uriyeli, lo-Asaya, loJoweli, loShemaya, lo-Eliyeli
lo-Abhinadabi abaLevi. **12** Wasesithi kubo, "Lina
lizinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi, zihlambululeni lina kanye
lezihlobo zenu ukuze liyethatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano
sikaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, lililethe endaweni
engiyilungisele lona. **13** UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu
wasithukuthelela ngenxa yokuthi lina abaLevi, ayisini
elathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo kuqala.
Asizanga sibuze kuThixo ukuthi kwakumele senzeni
njengokulaya kwakhe." **14** Ngakho abaphristi labaLevi
bazihlambulula ukuze bathwale ibhokisi lesivumelwano
sikaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **15** Yikho abaLevi
bathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo ngezibambo
zezigodo emahlombe abo, njengokulaya kukaMosi
kulandelwa ilizwi likaThixo. **16** UDavida watshela
abakhokheli babaLevi ukuthi bakhethe abafowabo ukuthi

babe ngabahlabeleli ukuze bahlabelele izingoma ezimnandi, betshaya amachacho lezigubhu lemihubhe.
17 AbaLevi bakhetha uHemani indodana kaJoweli;
kubafowabo, u-Asafi indodana kaBherekhiya;
lakubafowabo amaMerari, u-Ethani indodana
kaKhushaya; **18** kanye labafowabo ngokulandelana
ngezikhundla: uZakhariya, loJahaziyeli, loShemiramothi,
loJeyiyeli, lo-Uni, lo-Eliyabi, loBhenaya, loMaseya,
loMathithiya, lo-Elifelehu, loMikhineya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi
kanye loJehiyeli abalindi bamasango. **19** Abahlabeleli
uHemani lo-Asafi kanye lo-Ethani babezatshaya izigubhu
zethusi; **20** loZakhariya, lo-Aziyeli, loShemiramothi,
loJehiyeli, lo-Uni, lo-Eliyabi, loMaseya kanye loBhenaya
babezatshaya imihubhe, ngokuhambelana le-alamothi **21**
loMathithiya, lo-Elifelehu, loMikhineya, lo-Obhedi-
Edomi, loJeyiyeli kanye lo-Azaziya babezatshaya
imiqangala, njengokuqondiswa kwabo yishiminithi, **22**
uKhenaniya umkhokheli kubaLevi wayengumhlabelisi;
wayephethe lapha ngoba wayeligabazi. **23** UBherekhiya
lo-Elikhana babengabalindi bamasango ebhokisi
lesivumelwano, **24** loShebhaniya, loJoshafathi
loNethaneli, lo-Amasayi, loZakhariya, loBhenaya kanye
lo-Eliyezari bengabaphristi bokuvuthela icilongo phambi
kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. U-Obhedi-
Edomi loJehiya labo babengabalindi beminyango
yebhokisi lesivumelwano. **25** Ngakho uDavida labadala
bako-Israyeli labalawuli bamaxuku enkulungwane
bahamba ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo
endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi, bahamba ngokujabula. **26**

Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayebasizile abakoLevi ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, benza umhlatshelo wenkunzi eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa. **27** UDavida labo bonke abaLevi ababethwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo labahlabeleli loKhenaniya umkhokheli wabahlabeleli babegqoke izigqoko zelembu lelineni elihle, uDavida wayegqoke lesigqoko semahlombe selineni elihle. **28** Ngakho abako-Israyeli ngobunengi babo baletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo ngomdumo omkhulu, bevuthela impondo zenqama betshaya lamacilongo, lezigubhu lamachacho lemihubhe. **29** Ekungeneni kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo eMzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wayebukele elunguze ngefasitela. Wathi ebona inkosi uDavida izithokozisa igida, wayeyisa ngenhliziyo yakhe.

16 Balithwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu bayalingenisa ethenteni uDavida ayelilungiselele lona, banikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leyobudlelwano phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **2** UDavida eseqedile ukunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa langeyobudlelwano, wabusisa abantu ngebizo likaThixo. **3** Wababela bonke abako-Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazane, yilowo lalowo isinkwa, lekhekhe lezithelo kanye lekhekhe lamavini awonyisiweyo. **4** Wakhetha abanye abaLevi ukukhonza phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo bedumisa uThixo, bebonga uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: **5** Induna kwakungu-Asafi, uZakhariya engumsekeli, kulandela uJeyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loMathithiya, lo-Eliyabi, loBhenaya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi kanye

loJeyiyeli. Babezatshaya amachacho lemihubhe, u-Asafi
etshaya izigubhu, **6** abaphristi uBhenaya loJahaziyeli
bengabokuvuthela amacilongo phambi kwebhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **7** Ngalolosuku uDavida
wamisa ukuba u-Asafi labanye bakhe bahlabelele lelihubo
bebonga uThixo: **8** Bongani uThixo, memezani ibizo
lakhe, lizazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe. **9**
Hlabelelani kuye, hlabelelani indumiso kuye; likhulume
ngezenzo zakhe zonke ezimangalisayo. **10** Jabulani
ebizweni lakhe elingcwele; kazithokoze inhliziyo zabo
abamdingayo uThixo. **11** Dingani uThixo lamandla
akhe, limdinge yena njalonjalo. **12** Khumbulani izenzo
zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzayo, izimangaliso azenzayo,
lezahlulelo azikhulumayo, **13** lina zizukulwane zika-
Israyeli inceku yakhe, lina madodana kaJakhobe,
abakhethiweyo bakhe. **14** Yena unguThixo uNkulunkulu
wethu; izahlulelo zakhe zigcwele wonke umhlaba. **15**
Uyakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe nini lanini, ilizwi
lomlayo wakhe, okwezizukulwane ezizinkulungwane, **16**
isivumelwano asenza lo-Abhrahama, isifungo asenza
lo-Isaka, **17** wasiqinisa kuJakhobe saba yisimiso, laku-
Israyeli saba yisivumelwano esingapheliyo, **18** wathi
"Ngizalinika ilizwe laseKhenani njengesabelo selifa lenu."
19 Kwathi lisesebalutshwana, bebalutshwana kakhulu,
beyizihambi kulo, **20** bezula kuzizwe ngezizwe besuka
komunye umbuso besiya komunye. **21** Kavumelanga
loba ngubani ukubancindezela; wawakhuza amakhosi
ngenxa yabo, **22** "Lingabathinti abagcotshiweyo bami;
lingahlukuluzi abaphrofethi bami." **23** Hlabelani

kuThixo lina, mhlaba wonke, limemezele insindiso
yakhe insuku ngezinsuku. **24** Fakazani ngobukhosi
bakhe ezizweni zonke, lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo
phakathi kwabantu bonke. **25** Ngoba umkhulu uThixo,
ufanele ukudunyiswa ngokuphindiweyo; kumele
esatshwe ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **26** Ngoba
bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe; kodwa
uThixo wadala amazulu. **27** Inkazimulo lobukhosi
kuphambi Kwakhe Amandla lentokozo kusendaweni
yakhe yokuhlala. **28** Mnikeni uThixo, lina zizukulwane
zezizwe. Mnikeni uThixo ubukhosi lamandla. **29**
Mnikeni uThixo udumo olufanele ibizo lakhe. Lethani
umnikelo libuye phambi kwakhe. Mkhonzeni uThixo
enkazimulweni yobungcwele bakhe; **30** thuthumelani
phambi kwakhe mhlaba wonke! Umhlaba ugxilile, ngeke
ugudluzwe. **31** Amazulu kawathokoze, lomhlaba ujabule,
kabathi phakathi kwabezizwe, "UThixo uyabusa." **32**
Ulwandle kaluhlokome lakho konke okukulo, amasimu
kawathakazelele lakho konke okukuwo. **33** Lapho-
ke izihlahla zonke zeganga zizahlabela ngentokozo
phambi kukaThixo, ngoba uyeza ukuzakwahlulela
umhlaba. **34** Bongani uThixo ngoba ulungile. Uthando
lwakhe olungapheliyo lumi kokuphela. **35** Celani lithi:
"Sisindise, Oh Nkulunkulu Mkhululi wethu, usiqoqe
usikhulule phakathi kwezizwe, ukuze silibonge ibizo
lakho elingcwele, sijabule ekukudumiseni." **36** Kabongwe
uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kusukela endulo kuze
kube nininini. Bonke abantu bathi: "Ameni. Kabongwe
uThixo!" **37** UDavida wasetshiya o-Asafi labakhula

bakhe ukuba bagcine ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo,
bakhonze njalo benze konke okufanele kwenziwe lapho
ngezinsuku zonke. **38** Abanye abatshiya lapho ukuze
bakhonze labo ngo-Obhedi-Edomi labakhula bakhe,
ababengamatshumi ayisithupha lasificaminwembili. U-
Obhedi-Edomi indodana kaJeduthuni, kanye loHosa
babengabalindi bamasango. **39** UDavida watshiya
uZadokhi umphristi kanye labanye abaphristi phambi
kwethabanikeli likaThixo endaweni ephakemeyo
yokukhonzela eGibhiyoni **40** ukunikela kuThixo
iminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni ngezikhathi zonke,
ekuseni lantambama, njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni
kaThixo, awupha abako-Israyeli. **41** Abanye abasala labo
babengoHemani loJeduthuni labanye bonke balabo
ababekhethiwe beqanjwa ngamabizo ukuba badumise
uThixo, "ngoba uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube
nininini." **42** UHemani loJeduthuni babengabokuvuthela
amacilongo lokutshaya izigubhu lamanye amachacho
ezingoma ezingcwele. Amadodana kaJeduthuni ayehlala
esangweni. **43** Abanye bonke basuka, ngulowo lalowo
waqonda emzini wakhe, uDavida wabuyela emzini wakhe
ukuyabusisa abendlu yakhe.

17 UDavida esehlezi esigodlweni sakhe wasesithi
kuNathani umphrofethi, "Uyabona, mina ngihlezi
esigodlweni esakhiwa ngomsedari, kodwa ibhokisi
lesivumelwano sikaThixo lingaphansi kwethente." **2**
UNathani wathi kuDavida, "Konke okusengqondweni
yakho, kwenze, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe." **3**
Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu leza kuNathani,

lisithi: **4** “Hamba uyetshela inceku yami uDavida uthi,
‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ayisuwe ozangakhela indlu
yokuhlala kuyo. **5** Angikahlali endlini kusukela mhla
ngakhulula abako-Israyeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla.
Sengibhode ngisuka kulelithente ngaya kuleliyana,
ngisuka endaweni ethile yokuhlala ngisiya kweyinye. **6**
Konke lapho engihambe khona labako-Israyeli, kambe
kukhona lapho engike ngathi kubakhokheli babo
engabalaya ukuthi beluse abantu bami, “Kungani
lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari na?”’ **7** Ngakho tshela
inceku yami uDavida ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni ekweluseni izimvu,
ukuze ube ngumbusi wabantu bami abako-Israyeli. **8**
Ngibe ngilawe lapho obuhamba khona, ngizinqobile
zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Ngalokho ibizo lakho
ngizalenza libe lodumo olufana lamabizo amadoda adume
kakhulu emhlabeni. **9** Njalo ngizalungisela abantu bami
bako-Israyeli indawo engeyabo ngibafake khona labo babe
lekhaya labo lapho abangayikuhlutshwa khona. Abantu
abagangileyo abasayikubancindezela futhi, njengalokhu
abakwenza kuqala **10** lalokhu asebephikelele ukukwenza
kusukela esikhathini engamisa ngaso abakhokheli
ebantwini bami u-Israyeli. Ngizazinqoba zonke izitha
zakho. Ngiyaqinisa kuwe ukuthi uThixo uzakwakhela
indlu: **11** Kuzakuthi nxa insuku zakho seziphelile ususiya
kubokhokho bakho, ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ithathe
isikhundla sakho, omunye wamadodana akho, njalo
ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe. **12** Lowo nguye ozangakhela
indlu yami, ngakho ngizamisa isihlalo sombuso wakhe

kuze kube nininini. **13** Ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami. Angiyikususa uthando lwami kuye, njengalokhu engakwenza kulowo owakwandulelayo. **14** Ngizambeka yena endlini yami lasembusweni wami kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhe uzakuma kokuphela.'" **15** UNathani wabikela uDavida amazwi wonke esambulelo. **16** Ngakho inkosi uDavida wangena wahlala phambi kukaThixo, wasesithi, "Ngingubani mina, awu Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, bayini abendlu yami, lokho okwenze waze wangibeka kulesi isimo? **17** Kanti njalonje lakho kubuye kukhanye kungathi kakwenelanga emehlweni akho, Oh Nkulunkulu, usukhulume ngelizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Ungiphethe Nkulunkulu wami, awu Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, kungathi ngingomunye wabaphakemeyo kakhulu. **18** Kambe kuyini okunye uDavida angakutsho kuwe ngokuhlonipha okwenze encekwini yakho? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, **19** Oh Thixo. Ngenxa yenceku yakho, njalo langentando yakho, uyenzile into le enkulu, waziveza obala lezizithembiso ezinkulu kangaka. **20** Kakho ofanana lawe, Oh Thixo, njalo kakho omunye uNkulunkulu kodwa nguwe kuphela, njengoba sesizwile ngezethu indlebe. **21** Njalo ngubani ongafanana labantu bakho bako-Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe emhlabeni esiloNkulunkulu owayazikhululela abantu, lokuzenzela ibizo, lokwenza imimangaliso enzima ngokuxotsha izizwe phambi kwabantu bakho, owabakhulula eGibhithe? **22** Wabenza abantu bakho u-Israyeli baba ngabantu bakho kuze kube nini lanini, njalo wena, Thixo, usunguNkulunkulu wabo.

23 Lakhathesi, Thixo akuthi lesosithembiso owasenza
encekwini yakho labendlu yayo sigcwaliseke kuze kube
nininini. Yenza njengokuthembisa kwakho, **24** kuze
kubonakale ukuthi ibizo lakho lizaphakanyiswa kuze kube
nininini. Ngakho abantu bazakuthi, 'UThixo uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngoka-Israyeli uNkulunkulu!'
Kuthi indlu yenceku yakho imiswe phambi kwakho. **25**
Wena Nkulunkulu wami ukuveze obala encekwini yakho
ukuthi uzayakhela indlu. Ngalokho inceku yakho isithole
isibindi sokukhuleka kuwe. **26** Oh Thixo, unguNkulunkulu
wena! Usuthembise lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. **27**
Ngakho kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho,
ukuthi ibe khona phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini
ebusweni bakho; ngoba wena, Oh Thixo, uyibusisile, njalo
izabusiswa nini lanini."

18 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi uDavida wahlasela
amaFilistiya wawanqoba, wathumba iGathi lemizana
eseduzane layo eyayiphethwe ngamaFilistiya. **2**
UDavida wanqoba njalo amaMowabi aba ngaphansi
kwakhe athela kuye. **3** Kanti njalo, uDavida
walwa loHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, kwaze kwafika
eHamathi, esiyamisa umbuso wakhe emangweni
olandela uMfula iYufrathe. **4** UDavida wathumba
izinqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, abatshayeli
bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho
ahamba phansi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili.
Wawaquma imisila wonke amabhiza ezinqola zokulwa
kwasala alikhulu kuphela. **5** Kwathi ama-Aramu
aseDamaseko ezoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha,

uDavida wawatshaya wawabhuqa ama-Aramu kwafa azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lambili. **6** Wenza izinqaba e-Aramu embusweni waseDamaseko, ama-Aramu aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe athela kuye. UThixo wanika uDavida ukunqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayezihlasela. **7** UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide ayephethwe yizikhulu zikaHadadezeri wawathwalela eJerusalema. **8** Kusukela eThebha laseKhuni, imizi eyayingekaHadadezeri, uDavida wathatha khona ithusi elinengi kakhulu, lelo uSolomoni enza ngalo uLwandle lwethusi, izinsika lezinye impahla ezabunjwa ngethusi. **9** Kuthe lapho Towu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi uDavida usenqobe lonke ibutho likaHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, **10** wathumela indodana yakhe uHadoramu enkosini uDavida ukuthi iyembingelela emenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba uHadadezeri owayekade esilwa impi loTowu. UHadoramu wayethwele imihlobohlobo yezimpahla zegolide lesiliva kanye lezethusi. **11** Inkosi uDavida yazahlukanisela kuThixo, lezo zinto njengalokho eyayikwenze impahla zegolide lesiliva ezazithunjwe kulezozizwe zama-Edomi lamaMowabi, lama-Amoni, lamaFilistiya lama-Amaleki. **12** U-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya watshaya wabhuqa ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili eSigodini seTswayi. **13** Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda e-Edomi, bonke abase-Edomi babangaphansi kombuso kaDavida. UThixo wapha uDavida ukunqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayesiya kuzo. **14** UDavida wabusa kulolonke elako-Israyeli, esenza okuqondileyo lokulungele abantu bakhe bonke. **15** UJowabi

indodana kaZeruya wayephethe amabutho; uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi engumlobi, **16** uZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari babengabaphristi; uShavisha wayengumabhalane; **17** uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephethe amaKherethi lamaPhelethi, lamadodana kaDavida ayeyizikhulu ayeseduzane lenkosi embusweni.

19 Kwathi emva kwesikhathi, uNahashi inkosi yama-Amoni wafa, ngakho indodana yakhe yathatha isikhundla yaba yinkosi. **2** UDavida wacabanga wathi, "Ngizakuba lomusa kuHanuni indodana kaNahashi ngoba uyise wayelomusa kimi." Ngakho uDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyakhalela uHanuni ngoyise. Izithunywa zikaDavida zithe zifika kuHanuni ukuthi zimkhalele elizweni lama-Amoni, **3** izikhulu zama-Amoni zathi kuHanuni, "Wena nkosi unakana ukuthi uDavida uhlonipha uyihlo ngokuthuma izithunywa zokukukhalela na? Amadoda akhe la kawasizinhloli ezithunywe ukuzahlola umumo welizwe ukuze ahluthune umbuso na?" **4** Ngenxa yalokho uHanuni wabamba izithunywa zikaDavida, waziphuca, waquma izigqoko zazo zafika ezibunu, wasezixotsha. **5** Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile lokho wathuma izithunywa ukuba zihlangabeze izithunywa, njengoba zazihlukuluzwe zayangiswa kakhulu. Inkosi yathi, "Lina hlalani eJerikho indevu zenu zize zikhule, libe selisiza ngapha." **6** Kwathi ama-Amoni esebonile ukuthi asenuka emakhaleni kaDavida, uHanuni lama-Amoni bathumela amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane okuqhatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo e-Aramu

Naharayimu, le-Aramu-Mahakha laseZobha. **7** Baqhatsha
izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, banxusa lenkosi
uMahakha lamabutho akhe, yona eyeza yazakanisa
eMedebha labantu bayo, ama-Amoni lawo eqoqana
emadolobheni awo aphuma ukuya empini. **8** Uthe
ekuzwa lokho uDavida, wathumela uJowabi kanye
lamabutho akhe wonke. **9** Ama-Amoni asondela esehlome
aphelela emangenelweni edolobho lakibo, kanti amakhosi
ayenxusiwe ayejamile lawo wodwa egangeni. **10** UJowabi
wabona ukuthi kwakulamaviyo amabutho phambi
kwakhe langemva kwakhe, ngakho wakhetha amanye
amaqhawe athenjiweyo ko-Israyeli wabahlela ukuba
bamelane lama-Aramu. **11** Amanye amabutho ayesele
wathi kawalawulwe ngu-Abhishayi umfowabo, wona-ke
ajamelana lama-Amoni. **12** UJowabi wasesithi, "Nxa ama-
Aramu ezangikhulela, wena uzangihlomulela; kanti-ke
nxa ama-Amoni ezakukhulela lami ngizakuhlomulela.
13 Qina, kasilwe ngesibindi silwela abantu bakithi
lemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu. UThixo uzakwenza lokho
okufaneleyo njengokubona kwakhe." **14** Ngakho uJowabi
lamabutho ayelawo wasuka ukuyakulwa lama-Aramu,
wona ahle abaleka phambi kwakhe. **15** Kuthe ama-Amoni
ebona ukuthi ama-Aramu ayabaleka, abaleka lawo phambi
kuka-Abhishayi umfowabo kaJowabi, abuyela phakathi
kwedolobho. Ngakho uJowabi wasebuyela eJerusalema.
16 Kwathi ama-Aramu esebonile ukuthi ehlulwe ngama-
Israyeli, athuma izithunywa zayaphendula ama-Aramu
ayengaphetsheya koMfula, kanye loShofaki umlawuli

wamabutho kaHadadezeri lamabutho ayekhokhele. **17** Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu, waqoqa bonke abako-Israyeli, wachapha uJodani, wajamelana labo ngamaviyo ayeqondene laye. UDavida walungiselela amaviyo akhe ukudibana lama-Aramu empini, lakanye alwa lawo. **18** Abaleka ebona u-Israyeli, ngakho uDavida wabulala abatshayeli bezinqola zokulwa abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane. Waze wabulala loShofaki umlawuli wamabutho akhona. **19** Kwathi izinceku zikaHadadezeri zibona ukuthi zehlulwe ngabako-Israyeli, zaxolisana loDavida, zathela kuye. Ngakho ama-Aramu awathandanga ukunceda ama-Amoni kusukela lapho.

20 Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwezimpi zamakhosi ukuyakulwa, uJowabi wakhokhela amabutho ayehlomile. Watshaya wabhuqa ilizwe lama-Amoni waze wayavimbezela ilizwe laseRabha, kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema. UJowabi wahlasela iRabha wayitshiya ingamanxiwa. **2** UDavida wathatha umqhele owawusekhanda lenkosi yabo isisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide, ucediswe ngamatshe aligugu, umqhele wasufakwa ekhanda likaDavida. Wathatha impango enengi kakhulu kulelodolobho, **3** njalo abantu ababelapho wabasusa wabasa lapho ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki ensimbi kanye lamahloka. Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuwo wonke amadolobho ama-Amoni. Kwathi uDavida ngokwakhe kanye lamabutho akhe wonke babuyela eJerusalema.

4 Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi, kwaqhamuka impi
yamaFilistiya, eGezeri. Ngalesosikhathi uSibhekhayi
umHushathi wabulala uSiphayi, omunye wabosendo
lwamaRefayi kwaba yikwehlulwa kwamaFilistiya. **5**
Kweyinye impi lamaFilistiya, u-Elihanani indodana
kaJayiri wabulala uLahimi umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi,
owayelomkhonto ololuthi olunjengolomeluki. **6** Kanti
njalo kwenye impi, eyalwelwa eGathi, kwakulendoda
enkulu kakhulu ileminwe eyisithupha esandleni
ngasinye, lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni ngalunye,
sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili
lane. Laye wayengowosendo lukaRafa. **7** Ngokuchothoza
kwakhe abako-Israyeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya,
umfowabo kaDavida, wambulala. **8** Laba ngabosendo
lukaRafa eGathi, njalo bafela ezandleni zikaDavida
lamabutho akhe.

21 USathane wasemelana labako-Israyeli njalo wafuqela
uDavida ukuba abale abantu bako-Israyeli. **2** Ngakho
uDavida wathi kuJowabi kanye labalawuli bamabutho,
“Hambani liyebala u-Israyeli kusukela eBherishebha
kusiya koDani. Beseliphenduka lizongitshela ukuze ngazi
ukuthi bangaki khonale.” **3** Kodwa uJowabi waphendula
wathi, “Sengathi uThixo angandisa amabutho akhe
ngokuphindwe okwedlula ikhulu. Mhlekazi wami nkosi,
kambe kabasibantu benkosi yami bonke laba? Inkosi
yami ifunelani ukukwenza lokhu? Kungani ithanda
ukwehlisela icala phezu kwabako-Israyeli?” **4** Loba
kwakunjalo, uJowabi wakhulelwa yilizwi lenkosi, ngakho
uJowabi walibhoda lonke elako-Israyeli wasebuyela

eJerusalema. **5** UJowabi wafika wabikela uDavida inani
lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Kulolonke elako-Israyeli
kwakulamadoda ayisigidi lezinkulungwane ezilikhulu
ayelakho ukuthi angayiphatha inkemba, kubalwa
labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane alamatshumi
ayisikhombisa koJuda. **6** Kodwa ekubaleni kwakhe uJowabi
kazange ahlanganise abaLevi labakaBhenjamini, ngoba
umlayo wenkosi wawumnenga. **7** Kanti njalo lowomlayo
wawuyisono phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lakanye wamjezisa
u-Israyeli. **8** Ngakho uDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu,
"Ngonile kakhulu phambi kwakho ngokwenza lokhu.
Ngakho, ngiyakuncenga, susa umlandu lo encekwini
yakho. Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu." **9** UThixo
wakhuluma loGadi, umboni kaDavida, wathi: **10** "Hamba
uyetshela uDavida ukuthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
Ngikunika ukuthi ukhethe phakathi kokuthathu. Khetha
okukodwa okumele ngikwehlisele khona mina.'" **11**
Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, "Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo: 'Zikhethele wena okufunayo: **12**
iminyaka emithathu yendlala, loba izinyanga ezintathu
zokududulwa uxotshwa yizitha zakho, ngenkemba zazo
zikukhulela, loba insuku ezintathu zokumelana lenkemba
kaThixo, kuyikuthi kuyabe kuyisifo elizweni, ingilosi
kaThixo iletha incithakalo kulolonke elako-Israyeli.'
Ngakho, khathesi khetha ukuthi ngifike ngithini kulo
ongithumileyo." **13** UDavida wathi kuGadi, "Ngisosizini
olukhulu kakhulu; kungangcono ngizinikele ezandleni
zikaThixo, ngoba umusa wakhe mkhulu kakhulu;
kodwa unganginikeli ezandleni zabantu." **14** Ngakho

uThixo wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli, kwafa amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ko-Israyeli. **15** Njalo uNkulunkulu wasethumela ingilosi ukuba iyechitha iJerusalema. Kodwa ingilosi ithe isakwenza lokho, uThixo wazisola ngencithakalo eyayizakwenzakala wahle wakhuza ingilosi eyayizabhubhisa abantu wathi, "Kwanele! Susa isandla sakho." Ingilosi kaThixo ngalesosikhathi yayisimi esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi. **16** UDavida wakhangela phezulu wabona ingilosi kaThixo imi phakathi kwezulu lomhlaba, iphethe inkemba esandleni sayo phezu kweJerusalema. Ngakho uDavida labadala, begqoke amasaka, bawa phansi ngobuso. **17** UDavida wathi kuNkulunkulu, "Angithi yimi engithe akubalwe amadoda okulwa na? Yimi engonileyo ngadala isono. Laba abasilutho yizimvu ezilandelayo. Benzeni? Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, isandla sakho asiwele phezu kwami labendlu yami, kodwa akuthi isifo singasali ebantwini bakho." **18** Ngakho ingilosi kaThixo yathuma uGadi ukuthi ayetshela uDavida ukuthi ayekwakha i-alithari likaThixo esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi. **19** Lakanye uDavida walalela ilizwi elakhitshwa nguGadi ngebizo likaThixo. **20** U-Onani esabhula ingqoloyi, wanyemukula wabona ingilosi; amadodana akhe amane ayelaye acatsha. **21** Kwasekufika uDavida, kuthe u-Onani embona, watshiya ukubhula wayakhothamela uDavida elokhu ebuso bukhothamele phansi. **22** UDavida wathi kuye, "Ake ungivumele ngibone isiza sakho sokubhulela amabele ukuze ngakhe i-alithari likaThixo, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe. Ngithengisela sona ngentengo yaso egcweleyo." **23**

U-Onani wathi kuDavida, “Sithathe! Inkosi yami kayenze lokho ebona kuyithokozisa. Khangela, mina ngizaletha inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, lemibhulo yokubhula izakuba zinkuni, ingqoloyi izakuba ngumnikelo wamabele. Konke lokhu ngiyakunika.” **24** Kodwa inkosi uDavida yathi ku-Onani, “Hayi, ngifuna ukuthenga ngentengo egcweleyo. Angiyikuthatha okuya kuThixo okungokwakho, angiyikunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa engingawuthenganga.” **25** Ngakho uDavida wanika u-Onani amashekeli egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha ethenga leyondawo. **26** UDavida wakhela uThixo i-alithari kuleyondawo wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano. Wakhuleka kuThixo, uThixo wamphendula ngomlilo uvela ezulwini phezu kwe-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **27** Ngakho uThixo wakhuluma lengilosi, yona yasibuyisela inkemba yayo esikhwameni sayo. **28** Ngalesosikhathi, uDavida esebonile ukuthi uThixo wayemphendule esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi, wanikela iminikelo kuleyondawo. **29** Ithabanikeli likaThixo, elalakhiwe nguMosi enkangala, kanye le-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa ngalesosikhathi kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibhiyoni. **30** Kodwa uDavida wehluleka ukuya khona ukuze abuze kuNkulunkulu ngoba wayesesaba inkemba yengilosi kaThixo.

22 UDavida wasesithi, “Indlu kaThixo uNkulunkulu izakuba khonapha, kanye le-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa ka-Israyeli.” **2** Ngakho uDavida wakhupha ilizwi lokuthi bonke abezizweni abahlala ko-Israyeli babuthaniswe, kwathi phakathi kwabo wakhetha ababazi

bamatshe ukuze balungise babaze amatshe okwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. **3** Wabuthanisa insimbi enengi kakhulu yokwenza izipikili zezivalo lezinsimbi zokuhlanganisa, wabuthanisa lethusi elinengi elingelakulinganiswa. **4** Wadinga lezigodo zomsedari ezinengi ezingelakubalwa, ngoba amaSidoni labaseThire baletha inani lazo elikhulu kakhulu kuDavida. **5** UDavida wasesithi, "Indodana yami uSolomoni isengumntwana njalo ayikabi lolwazi, ngoba phela indlu ezakwakhelwa uThixo kumele ibe yindlu ebukekayo kakhulu ibe lodumo lesithunzi emehlweni ezizwe zonke. Ngakho ngizalungiselela ukwakhiwa kwayo." Yikho uDavida walungiselela ngokujulileyo esaphila. **6** Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, wamlaya ukuthi akhele uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli indlu. **7** UDavida wathi kuSolomoni: "Ndodana yami, ngangizimisele ukwakhela iBizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu wami indlu. **8** Kodwa ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: 'Wena uchithe igazi elinengi, walwa izimpi ezinengi. Kawuyikwakhela iBizo lami indlu, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi kakhulu emhlabeni. **9** Kodwa, uzazala indodana ezakuba ngumuntu othanda ukuthula; ngizayiphumuza ezitheni zayo inxa zonke. Izathiwa nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika u-Israyeli ukuthula ensukwini zokubusa kwakhe. **10** Nguye ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu. Uzakuba yindodana yami, mina ngizakuba nguyise. Njalo ngizaqinisa ubukhosi bakhe ko-Israyeli kuze kube nininini.' **11** Ndodana yami, uThixo kabe lawe ukuze uphumelele ukwakha indlu kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwakhe ngawe. **12** Sengathi uThixo

angakunika ukuhlakanipha lokuqedisisa, ukuze kuthi lapho ekunika amandla ko-Israyeli, uwulondoloze umlayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **13** Uzaphumelela nxa unanzelela ukugcina izimiso lemithetho uThixo ayinika u-Israyeli ngoMosi. Qina, ube lesibindi. Ungesabi utshaywe luvalo. **14** Ngayo yonke imizamo yami ngilungisele indlu kaThixo amathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayisigidi, lethusi kanye lensimbi okulesisindo esingelakubalwa, lezigodo kanye lamatshe. Lawe ungengezelela kulokho. **15** Ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi bamatshe, labakha ngamatshe, lababazi, lezingcitshi zemisebenzi yonke, **16** eyegolide, isiliva, ithusi kanye lensimbi, izingcitshi ezingelakubalwa. Qalisa-ke umsebenzi, uThixo abe lawe." **17** UDavida waselaya bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli ukuba basize uSolomoni indodana yakhe. **18** Wathi kubo, "uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kakho kini na? Kalinikanga ukuthula inxa zonke na? Ngoba unikele abantu belizwe esandleni sami, lelizwe libuswa nguThixo labantu bakhe. **19** Ngakho nikelani inhliziyo zenu ekufuneni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Qalisani ukwakha indlu kaThixo uNkulunkulu, ukuze ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lezitsha zikaThixo ezingcwele kungeniswe ethempelini elizakwakhelwa iBizo likaThixo."

23 Kwathi uDavida esemdala eseluphele, wabeka uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli. **2** Wasehlanganisa bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, labaphristi kanye labaLevi. **3** AbaLevi abaleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi amathathu kusiya phezulu

babalwa, inani lamadoda laba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lasificaminwembili.
4 UDavida wasesithi: “Phakathi kwalaba, abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane bazakhangela ukuqhutshwa komsebenzi wethempeli likaThixo kuthi abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha bazakuba yizikhulu labahluleli. **5** Abazinkulungwane ezine bazakuba ngabalindi bamasango kuthi abazinkulungwane ezine badumise uThixo ngamachacho lezigubhu engizigcinele lowomsebenzi.” **6** UDavida wehlukanisa abaLevi ngamaxuku kusiya ngamadodana kaLevi: uGeshoni, loKhohathi kanye loMerari. **7** Exukwini labakaGeshoni yilaba: uLadani loShimeyi. **8** Amadodana kaLadani yila: nguJehiyeli owokuqala, loZethami kanye loJoweli, bonke bebathathu. **9** Amadodana kaShimeyi yila: nguShelomothi, loHaziyeli kanye loHarani, bonke bebathathu. Laba babezinhloko zezindlu zenzalo kaLadani. **10** Lamadodana kaShimeyi yila: nguJahathi, loZiza, loJewushi kanye loBheriya. Laba kwakungamadodana kaShimeyi, bonke babebane. **11** UJahathi engowakuqala loZiza engowesibili, kodwa uJewushi loBheriya abazange babelamadodana amanengi, ngakho babalwa njengemuli yinye bahle baphiwa umsebenzi bendawonye. **12** Amadodana kaKhohathi yila: ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli, bonke babebane. **13** Amadodana ka-Amramu yila: ngu-Aroni loMosi. U-Aroni wehlukaniselwa ukunikela izinto ezingcwele kakhulu kuThixo, ukuze yena lamadodana akhe batshise impepha phambi

kukaThixo lokumkhonza lokubusisa ngebizo lakhe kuze kube nininini. **14** Amadodana kaMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu abalwa ndawonye labesizwana sikaLevi. **15** Amadodana kaMosi yila: nguGeshomu lo-Eliyezari. **16** Abosendo lukaGeshomu: nguShubhayeli engowakuqala. **17** Abosendo luka-Eliyezari: nguRehabhiya engowakuqala. U-Eliyezari kazange abe lamanye amadodana kodwa amadodana kaRehabhiya ayemanengi kakhulu. **18** Amadodana ka-Izihari yila: nguShelomithi engowokuqala. **19** Amadodana kaHebhroni yila: nguJeriya engowokuqala, lo-Amariya engowesibili, loJahaziyeli engowesithathu kanye loJekhameyamu owesine. **20** Amadodana ka-Uziyeli yila: nguMikha engowakuqala lo-Ishiya owesibili. **21** Amadodana kaMerari yila: nguMahili loMushi. Amadodana kaMahili yila: ngu-Eliyezari loKhishi. **22** U-Eliyezari wafa engelamadodana: wayelamadodakazi wodwa. Amadodakazi endela kubafowabo, amadodana kaKhishi. **23** Amadodana kaMushi yila: nguMahili, lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi, bonke bebathathu. **24** Laba kwakungabosendo lukaLevi ngezindlu zabo, abazinhloko zezindlu njengokulotshwa kwamabizo lokubalwa kwabo ngamunye, okutsho ukuthi, abasebenzayo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ababesebenza ethempelini likaThixo. **25** Ngoba uDavida wathi: "Njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, enike abantu bakhe ukuthula lokuthi bazahlala eJerusalema kuze kube nininini, **26** abaLevi akusafanele bathwale ithabanikeli loba kuyini okusetshenziswa ezinkonzweni zalo." **27** Njengeziyalezelo

zikaDavida zokucina, abaLevi babalwa kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu.
28 Umsebenzi wabaLevi wawungowokuncedisa inzalo ka-
Aroni emsebenzini wethempeli likaThixo: ukugcina
amaguma akhona; izindlu ezisemaceleni, ukuhlambulula
zonke izinto ezingcwele lokwenza yonke imisebenzi
endlini kaNkulunkulu. **29** Babephethe umsebenzi
wesinkwa sokwahlukanisela ethaleni, ifulawa yomnikelo
wamabele, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, ukuxuba
lokupheka isinkwa, lezilinganiso zonke zezisindo
lobukhulu bakhona. **30** Njalo babemele beme
ngezinyawo ekuseni nsuku zonke ukubonga lokudumisa
uThixo. Kwakufanele benzenjalo lantambama, **31**
lalapho kunikelwa iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo
ngamaSabatha, emadilini okuThwasa kweNyanga, lakuyo
yonke imikhosi emisiweyo. Babefanele bamsebenzele
uThixo ngazozonke izikhathi ngenani elilingeneyo
langendlela ababeyimiselwe. **32** Ngakho abaLevi bawenza
umsebenzi wabo weThenteni lokuHlanganela,
laseNdaweni eNgcwele, ngaphansi kwabafowabo
abayisizukulwana sika-Aroni, emsebenzini wethempeli
likaThixo.

24 Lezi yizo izigaba zamadodana ka-Aroni: Amadodana
ka-Aroni nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu, lo-Eliyazari kanye lo-
Ithamari. **2** Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa uyise engakafi,
njalo babengelamadodana; ngakho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari
yibo ababa ngabaphristi. **3** Ngokuphathisana loZadokhi
owosendo luka-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ahimeleki owosendo
luka-Ithamari, uDavida wabehlukanisa ngezigaba kusiya

ngemisebenzi ababemele bayenze. **4** Babebanengi
abosendo luka-Eliyazari abakhokheli kulabosendo luka-
Ithamari ngakho behlukaniswa bamiswa njengalokhu:
kwakusiba ngabalitshumi lesithupha kwabosendo luka-
Eliyazari abazinhloko labayisificaminwembili kusendo
luka-Ithamari. **5** Babakhetha kungelakubandlulula
ngokuphosa inkatho, ngoba zazikhona izikhulu zendawo
yokuphephela lezikhulu zikaNkulunkulu phakathi
kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari laphakathi koluka-Ithamari. **6**
Umlobi uShemaya indodana kaNethaneli, umLevi, waloba
amabizo abo phambi kwenkosi kanye lezikhulu: uZadokhi
umphristi, lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari kanye
lenhloko zezimuli zabaphristi labaLevi, kuthathwa imuli
eyodwa ku-Eliyazari kuphinde kuthathwe imuli eyodwa
ku-Ithamari. **7** Inkatho yakuqala yadla uJehoyaribhi,
eyesibili yadla uJedaya, **8** eyesithathu yadla uHarimu,
eyesine yadla uSeworimi, **9** eyesihlanu yadla uMalikhija,
eyesithupha yadla uMijamini, **10** eyesikhombisa yadla
uHakhozi, eyesificaminwembili yadla u-Abhija, **11**
eyesificamunwemunye yadla uJeshuwa, eyetshumi yadla
uShekhaniya, **12** eyetshumi lanye yadla u-Eliyashibi,
eyetshumi lambili yadla uJakhimi, **13** eyetshumi lantathu
yadla uHupha, eyetshumi lane yadla uJeshebheyabi, **14**
eyetshumi lanhlanu yadla uBhiliga, eyetshumi lesithupha
yadla u-Imeri, **15** eyetshumi lesikhombisa yadla uHeziri,
eyetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili yadla uHapizezi,
16 eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye yadla uPhethahiya,
eyamatshumi amabili yadla uHezekhiyeli, **17** eyamatshumi
amabili lanye yadla uJakhini, eyamatshumi amabili lambili

yadla uGamuli, **18** eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yadla
uDelaya, eyamatshumi amabili lane yadla uMaziya. **19**
Yizo lezi izigaba ababehlukaniswe ngazo ukuze benze
umsebenzi wokukhonza ekungeneni kwabo ethempelini
likaThixo, ngezimiso ezenzelwa ukhokho wabo u-Aroni,
njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli. **20** Kwathi-ke ababesele abosendo lukaLevi:
emadodaneni ka-Amramu: uShubhayeli; emadodaneni
kaShubhayeli: nguJehideya. **21** Kuvela kuRehabhiya,
amadodana akhe yila: ngu-Ishiya engowokuqala. **22** Kuma-
Izihari: nguShelomothi; emadodaneni kaShelomothi;
nguJahathi. **23** Amadodana kaHebhroni yila: nguJeriya
owokuqala lo-Amariya owesibili, loJahaziyeli owesithathu
loJekhameyamu owesine. **24** Indodana ka-Uziyeli:
nguMikha; emadodaneni kaMikha nguShamiri. **25**
Umfowabo kaMikha: ngu-Ishiya; emadodaneni ka-Ishiya:
nguZakhariya. **26** Amadodana kaMerari: nguMahili
loMushi. Indodana kaJahaziya: nguBheno. **27** Amadodana
kaMerari: Kusuka kuJahaziya: nguBheno, loShohamu,
loZakhuri kanye lo-Ibhiri. **28** Kusuka kuMahili: ngu-
Eliyezari, ongazange abe lamadodana. **29** Kusukela
kuKhishi: indodana kaKhishi: nguJerameli. **30** Njalo
lakumadodana kaMushi: nguMahili, lo-Ederi kanye
loJerimothi. Laba kwakungabaLevi, ngezimuli zabo.
31 Labo baphosa inkatho, njengalokhu okwenziwa
ngabafowabo abosendo luka-Aroni, phambi kweNkosi
uDavida loZadokhi, u-Ahimeleki, labayizinhloko zezimuli
zabaphristi kanye lezabaLevi. Imuli yomfowabo omdala

yaphathwa njengemuli yomfowabo omncinyane kulabo bonke.

25 UDavida, elabalawuli bamabutho, wakhetha abanye bamadodana ka-Asafi, uHemani loJeduthuni emsebenzini wokuphrofetha, baphelekezelwa yimihubhe lamachacho lezigubhu. Nantu uluhlu lwamadoda ayesenza lowomsebenzi: **2** Emadodaneni ka-Asafi: nguZakhuri, loJosefa, loNethaniya kanye lo-Asarela. Amadodana ka-Asafi ayesesandleni sika-Asafi, yena owayephrofetha esesandleni senkosi. **3** NgakuJeduthuni, amadodana akhe yila: nguGedaliya, loZeri, loJeshaya loShimeyi, loHashabhiya kanye loMathithiya, beyisithupha ndawonye, besesandleni sikayise uJeduthuni, owayephrofetha esebenzisa umhubhe ukubonga lokudumisa uThixo. **4** NgakuHemani, amadodana akhe yila: nguBhukhiya, loMathaniya, lo-Uziyeli, loShubhayeli kanye loJerimothi; uHananiya, loHanani, lo-Eliyatha, loGidalithi loRomamthi-Ezeri; loJoshibhekhasha, loMalothi, loHothiri kanye loMahaziyothi. **5** Bonke laba kwakungamadodana kaHemani umboni wenkosi. Bona ebaphiwe ngesithembiso sikaNkulunkulu sokumphakamisa. UNkulunkulu wapha uHemani amadodana alitshumi lane lamadodakazi amathathu. **6** Wonke lamadoda ayephethwe ngoyise emsebenzini wokuhlabela ethempelini likaThixo, ngezigubhu, amachacho lemihubhe enkonzweni endlini kaNkulunkulu. U-Asafi, loJeduthuni kanye loHemani babengaphansi kwenkosi. **7** Bona kanye lezihlobo zabo zonke babewufundele umsebenzi wokuhlabelela njalo

bengamagabazi okuhlabelela uThixo, babengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili labantu abayisificaminwembili. **8** Abatsha labadala ngokufanayo, abafundisayo lababefunda, baphosa inkatho. **9** Inkatho yakuqala eyayingeka-Asafi yawela kuJosefa lamadodana akhe kanye lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili; eyesibili yawela kuGedaliya, yena kanye lezihlobo lamadodana akhe belitshumi lambili; **10** eyesithathu yawela kuZakhuri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili; **11** eyesine yawela ku-Iziri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe belitshumi lambili; **12** eyesihlanu yawela kuNethaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe belitshumi lambili; **13** eyesithupha yawela kuBhukhiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **14** eyesikhombisa yawela kuJesarela, lamadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **15** eyesificaminwembili yawela kuJeshayiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **16** eyesificamunwemunye yawela kuMathaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **17** eyetshumi yawela kuShimeyi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **18** eyetshumi lanye yawela ku-Azareli, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **19** eyetshumi lambili yawela kuHashabhiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **20** eyetshumi lantathu yawela kuShubhayeli, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **21** eyetshumi lane yawela kuMathithiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **22** eyetshumi lanhlanu yawela

kuJerimothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **23** eyetshumi lesithupha yawela kuHananiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **24** eyetshumi lesikhombisa yawela kuJoshibhekhasha, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **25** eyetshumi lasificaminwembili yawela kuHanani, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **26** eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye yawela kuMalothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **27** eyamatshumi amabili yawela ku-Eliyatha, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **28** eyamatshumi amabili lanye yawela kuHothiri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **29** eyamatshumi amabili lambili yawela kuGidalithi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **30** eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yawela kuMahaziyothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **31** eyamatshumi amabili lane yawela kuRomamthi-Ezeri lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili.

26 Izigaba zabalindi bamasango: KwabakoKhora: kunguMeshelemiya indodana kaKhora, omunye wamadodana ka-Asafi. **2** UMeshelemiya wayelamadodana ahlanganisa uZakhariya eyakuqala loJediyeli eyesibili, loZebhadiya eyesithathu, loJathiniyeli eyesine, **3** lo-Elamu eyesihlanu, loJehohanani eyesithupha kanye lo-Eliyehonayi eyesikhombisa. **4** U-Obhedi-Edomi laye wayelamadodana: kunguShemaya eyakuqala, loJehozabhadi eyesibili, loJowa eyesithathu, loSakhari eyesine, loNethaneli eyesihlanu, **5** lo-Amiyeli

eyesithupha, lo-Isakhari eyesikhombisa, kanye loPhewulethayi eyesificaminwembili. (Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayembusisile u-Obhedi-Edomi.) **6** Indodana yakhe uShemaya layo yayilamadodana, ayengabakhokheli kwabendlu kayise ngoba babengamadoda enelisayo. **7** Amadodana kaShemaya wona yila: ngu-Othini, loRafayeli, lo-Obhedi kanye lo-Elizabhadi; izihlobo zakhe u-Elihu loSemakhiya lazo zazingamadoda ayesenelisa. **8** Bonke laba babengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi; bona kanye lamadodana abo lezihlobo zabo babengamadoda enelisayo belamandla okwenza umsebenzi, bengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi, babengamatshumi ayisithupha lambili sebendawonye. **9** UMeshelemiya wayelamadodana lezihlobo, amadoda ayekhaliphile ayelitshumi lasificaminwembili esendawonye. **10** UHosa ongum'Merari wayelamadodana: uShimiri engowakuqala (loba wayengasuye izibulo, uyise wayembeke kulesosikhundla sokuba ngowokuqala), **11** loHilikhiya engowesibili, loThabhaliya engowesithathu kanye loZekhariya engowesine. Amadodana lezihlobo zikaHosa sebendawonye babelitshumi lantathu. **12** Izigaba zabalindi bamasango, kusiya ngabakhokheli bazo, zazilomlandu wokwenza umsebenzi ethempelini likaThixo, njengokwakusenziwa yizihlobo zabo. **13** Benza inkatho isango lilinye, kusiya ngemuli, abatsha labadala kufanana. **14** Inkatho yeSango langaseMpumalanga yawela kuShelemiya. Basebesenzela inkatho indodana yakhe uZakhariya owayengumcebisi okhaliphileyo,

inkatho yeSango langaseNyakatho yawela kuye. **15** Inkatho yeSango langaseZansi lawela ku-Obhedi-Edomi, amadodana akhe kwathiwa kawalinde isiphala. **16** Inkatho yeSango langaseNtshonalanga kanye leSango leShalekhethi emgwaqweni ongaphezulu laya kuShuphimu loHosa. Kwalinda abalindi ngabalindi: **17** Kwakusiba labaLevi abayisithupha ngelanga empumalanga, abane ngelanga enyakatho, abane ezansi ngelanga kuthi esiphaleni kube lababili lakhona ngazozonke izikhathi. **18** Phambili ngentshonalanga, kwakulabane emgwaqweni, ababili besegumeni uqobo. **19** Lezi yizigaba zabalindi bamasango ababengabosendo lukaKhora loMerari. **20** Abanye babaLevi babephatha inotho yethempeli likaNkulunkulu leziligugu ezingcwele. **21** Abosendo lukaLadani, ababe ngamaGeshoni ngoLadani njalo ababezinhloko zabakaLadani umGeshoni, kwakunguJehiyeli, **22** amadodana kaJehiyeli, loZethami lomfowabo uJoweli. Laba yibo ababephethe inotho yethempeli likaThixo. **23** Kuma-Amramu, ama-Izihari, lamaHebhroni lama-Uziyeli babemi ngalindlela: **24** uShubhayeli, owosendo lukaGeshomu indodana kaMosi, wayeyisikhulu esasiphethe ezenotho. **25** Izihlobo zakhe ngo-Eliyezari yilezi: nguRehabhiya indodana yakhe, loJeshaya indodana yakhe, loJoramu indodana yakhe, loZikhiri indodana yakhe loShelomithi indodana yakhe. **26** (UShelomithi lezihlobo zakhe babephethe zonke ezenotho ezingcwele ezazinikelwe yinkosi uDavida, labayizinhloko zezindlu ababengabalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, langabanye

abalawuli bamabutho. **27** Eyinye impango eyayithunjwe ekulweni bayinikela ekulungisweni kwethempeli likaThixo. **28** Lakho konke okwakunikelwe nguSamuyeli umboni loSawuli indodana kaKhishi, lo-Abhineri indodana kaNeri loJowabi indodana kaZeruya, lazozonke ezinye ezazinikelwe zazisesandleni sikaShelomithi kanye lezihlobo zakhe.) **29** Kwabaka-Izihari yilaba: UKhenaniya lamadodana akhe baphiwa umsebenzi ngaphandle kwethempeli, beyizikhulu labehluleli kwabako-Israyeli. **30** KwabakaHebhroni yilaba: UHashabhiya lezihlobo zakhe, amadoda enelisayo ayengamakhulu alitshumi layisikhombisa ayekhangele ingxenye ka-Israyeli entshonalanga yeJodani kuwo wonke umsebenzi kaThixo lokuba yizinceku zenkosi. **31** AmaHebhroni wona, umkhokheli wawo kwakunguJeriya kusiya ngokulotshwa koluhlu lokuzalana kwezimuli zawo. Kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane wokubusa kukaDavida kwahlolisiswa kulololuhlu lwemibhalo, kwafunyanwa ukuthi amadoda akhaliphileyo phakathi kwamaHebhroni ayeseJazeri ngaseGiliyadi. **32** UJeriya wayelezihlobo ezingamakhulu angamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ezazikhaliphile njalo zizinhloko zezimuli zazo, ngakho inkosi uDavida wazibeka ukuthi ziphathe abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sikaManase kukho konke okwakungokukaNkulunkulu lokuyizindaba zenkosi.

27 Nantu uluhlu lwabako-Israyeli, inhloko zezimuli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, ababesebenzela inkosi kulokho okuqondane lamaviyo empi ayefanele ukuzophisana ngenyanga kuze

kuyephela umnyaka. Iviyo lilinye lalilamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **2** Owayephethe iviyo lakuqala, ngenyanga yakuqala, kwakunguJashobheyamu indodana kaZabhidiyeli. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane esigabeni sakhe. **3** Yena wayengowosendo lukaPherezi njalo eyinduna yezikhulu zonke zamabutho okwenyanga yakuqala. **4** Owayephethe iviyo ngenyanga yesibili kwakunguDodayi wako-Ahohi; uMikhilothi engumkhokheli weviyo lakhe. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **5** Umlawuli wamabutho wesithathu, owezopho lesithathu, kwakunguBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umphristi. Wayeyinduna, njalo esigabeni sakhe kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **6** Nguyenalo uBhenaya owayeliqhawe phakathi kwamaTshumi amaThathu njalo eyinduna yamaTshumi amaThathu. Indodana yakhe u-Amizabhadi yayiphethe iviyo lakhe. **7** Owesine, owezopho lenyanga yesine, kwakungu-Asaheli umfowabo kaJowabi; indodana yakhe uZebhadiya wasala esethatha isikhundla sakhe. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **8** Owesihlanu, owezopho lenyanga yesihlanu, kwakungumlawuli uShamihuthi owako-Izira. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **9** Owesithupha, owezopho lenyanga yesithupha, kwakungu-Ira indodana ka-Ikheshi waseThekhowa. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi

amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **10** Owesikhombisa, owezopho lenyanga yesikhombisa, kwakunguHelezi umPheloni, owako-Efrayimi. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **11** Owesificaminwembili, owezopho lenyanga yesificaminwembili, kwakunguSibhekhayi umHushathi wakoZera. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **12** Owesificamunwemunye, owezopho lesificamunwemunye, kwakungu-Abhiyezeri um'Anathothi owakoBhenjamini. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **13** Owetshumi, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi, kwakunguMaharayi umNethofa wakoZera. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **14** Owetshumi lanye, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi lanye, kwakunguBhenaya umPhirathoni wako-Efrayimi. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **15** Owetshumi lambili, owezopho lenyanga yetshumi lambili, kwakunguHelidayi umNethofa, owemuli ka-Othiniyeli. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyweni lakhe. **16** Izikhulu ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli yilezi: KwabakoRubheni: ngu-Eliyezari indodana kaZikhiri; kwabakoSimiyoni, nguShefathiya indodana kaMahakha; **17** kwabakoLevi: nguHashabhiya indodana kaKhemuweli; kwabako-Aroni: nguZadokhi; **18** kwabakoJuda: ngu-Elihu, umfowabo kaDavida; kwabaka-Isakhari: ngu-Omri indodana kaMikhayeli; **19** kwabakoZebhuluni: ngu-

Ishimaya indodana ka-Obhadaya; kwabakoNafithali:
nguJerimothi indodana ka-Aziriyeli **20** kwabako-Efrayimi:
nguHosheya indodana ka-Azaziya; kwabayingxenye
yesizwana sikaManase: nguJoweli indodana kaPhedaya;
21 kwabayingxenye yesizwana sikaManase eGiliyadi: ngu-
Ido indodana kaZakhariya; kwabakoBhenjamini:
nguJasiyeli indodana ka-Abhineri; **22** kwabakoDani: ngu-
Azareli indodana kaJerohamu. Laba babeyizikhulu
ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli. **23** UDavida kazange abhale
phansi inani lamadoda ayeleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lababengaphansi kwaleyo, ngoba uThixo
wayethembise ukuthi wayezakwandisa u-Israyeli abe
njengezinkanyezi emkhathini. **24** UJowabi indodana
kaZeruya waqalisa ukubala amadoda kodwa kaqedanga.
Ulaka lwehlela u-Israyeli ngenxa yalokho kubalwa
ngakho inani lelo alibhalwanga encwadini yezindaba
zeNkosi uDavida. **25** U-Azimavethi indodana ka-Adiyeli
wayephethe iziphala zesikhosini. UJonathani indodana
ka-Uziya wayephethe iziphala emaphandleni ezabelweni,
emadolobheni, emizini kanye lasezilindweni. **26** U-
Eziri indodana kaKhelubi wayephethe izisebenzi
emaphandleni ezazilima amasimu. **27** UShimeyi
um'Ramathi wayephethe izivini. UZabhidi waseShefama
wayephethe izithelo zezivini zokwenza iwayini. **28**
UBhali-Hanani umGederi wayephethe izihlahla zama-
oliva lomkhiwane wesikhamore emawatheni
ezintatshana zasentshonalanga. UJowashi wayephethe
amafutha e-oliva. **29** UShithirayi umSharoni wayephethe
imihlambi eyayisemadlelweni aseSharoni. UShafathi

indodana ka-Adilayi, wayephethe imihlambi ezihotsheni.
30 U-Obhili owako-Ishumayeli wayephethe amakamela,
uJehideya owakoMeronothi ephethe ezabobabhemi. **31**
UJazizi umHagari wayephethe ezemihlambi yezimvu.
Bonke laba babeyizikhulu ezaziphethe impahla zenkosi
uDavida. **32** UJonathani, isihlobo sikaDavida,
wayengumcebisi, indoda ehlakaniphileyo njalo
engumbhali. UJehiyeli indodana kaHakhimoni
wayephethe amadodana enkosi. **33** U-Ahithofeli
wayengumcebisi wenkosi. UHushayi owako-Arikhi
wayengumngane wenkosi. **34** UJehoyada indodana
kaBhenaya nguye owathatha isikhundla sika-Ahithofeli
kwalandela u-Abhiyathari. UJowabi wayengumlawuli
webutho lenkosi.

28 UDavida wamema zonke izikhulu zako-Israyeli
zabuthana eJerusalema: izikhulu zezizwana, abalawuli
bamaviyo emsebenzini wenkosi, abalawuli
bezinkulungwane kanye labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu
ezaziphethe ezezimpahla lezifuyo zenkosi lamadodana
ayo, kanye lezikhulu zesigodlweni, amaqhawe labo bonke
ababelezibindi empini. **2** Inkosi uDavida yasukuma yathi:
"Lalelani, zihlobo labantu bami, bengizimisele ukwakhela
ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, indlu yokuhlala njalo
kuyisenabelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngaze ngenza
amalungiselelo okukufeza lokho. **3** Kodwa uNkulunkulu
wathi kimi: 'Awuyikulakhela indlu iBizo lami, ngoba wena
ungowempi njalo usuchithe igazi.' **4** Kodwa uThixo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wakhetha mina kuyo yonke
indlu yakwethu ukuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli kuze kube

nininini. Wakhetha uJuda ukuba abe ngumkhokheli,
kwathi khona endlini kaJuda wakhetha imuli yakwethu,
kwazakuthi emadodaneni kababa kumthokozisile
ukungibeka ngibe yinkosi kulolonke elako-Israyeli. **5**
Kuwo wonke amadodana ami njengoba uThixo engiphe
amanengi, umkhethile uSolomoni indodana yami ukuba
ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi esikhosini sombuso kaThixo
ko-Israyeli. **6** Wathi kimi: 'USolomoni indodana yakho
yiyo ezangakhela indlu yami ilungise lamaguma ami,
ngoba ngimkhethile ukuba abe yindodana yami, lami
ngizakuba nguyise. **7** Ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze
kube nininini nxa eqina ekugcineni imilayo yami
lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenzakalayo lamuhla.' **8**
Ngakho-ke phambi kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, lebandla
likaThixo uNkulunkulu, laphambi kukaNkulunkulu
wethu: gcinani linanzelele imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu, ukuze libe lelizwe elihle elizalitshiyela
izizukulwane kube yilifa lazo kuze kube nininini. **9** Njalo
wena ndodana yami, Solomoni, mamukele uNkulunkulu
kayihlo, umkhonze ngokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yakho
yonke langengqondo yokuvuma, ngoba uThixo uyihlola
yonke inhliziyo kanti uyayazi iminakano lezenzo zonke.
Nxa umdinga uThixo, uzamthola wena, kodwa nxa
umfulathela, uzakufulathela yena kuze kube nininini. **10**
Nanzelela-ke ngoba uThixo ukukhethile ukuba umakhele
ithempeli libe yindawo yokukhonzela. Qina wenze
umsebenzi." **11** Ngakho uDavida wasenika uSolomoni
indodana yakhe umdwebo wesakhiwo sethempeli,
lowezindlu zalo, lowezindlu zenotho, lowezindlu

zangaphezulu, lowezindlu zangaphakathi, lowendlu yesihlalo somusa. **12** Wamnika umdwebo wakho konke ayekutshengiswe nguMoya engqondweni yakhe ngamaguma ethempeli likaThixo, lowezindlu eziwazingelezeleyo, lowendlu yenotho yethempeli, lowendlu yenotho yezinto ezingcwele. **13** Wamtshela langesimo sezigaba zabaphristi lezabaLevi, langawo wonke umsebenzi wasethempelini likaThixo, langezitsha zonke zenkonzo, **14** langesisindo segolide lazozonke izitsha zegolide zaleyo laleyo nkonzo, langesisindo sezitsha zesiliva zaleyo laleyo nkonzo: **15** langesisindo sezinti zezibane zegolide kanye lezibane zazo, langesisindo segolide salolo lalololuthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, lobunzima besiliva balolo lalololuthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, njengokusetshenziswa kwazo enkonzweni; **16** langesisindo segolide saleyotafula lezinkwa ezahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu lesisindo sesiliva esamatafula enziwe ngesiliva; **17** isisindo segolide elicengekileyo lezinti, imiganu yokuchelisa lezinkezo zakhona, lesisindo saleso lalesositsha segolide, kanye lesaleso lalesositsha sesiliva. **18** Wamtshela langesimo se-alithare lempepha elenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo lesisindo salo, langomfanekiso wesihlalo esingamakherubhi egolide achaye amaphiko awo egubuzele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo. **19** UDavida wasesithi: "Konke lokhu ngilakho kulotshwe ngesandla sikaThixo phezu kwami, njalo wanginika ukuzwisisa kukho konke lokhu langokuphelela kwesimo sakhona." **20** Okunye okwatshiwo nguDavida kuSolomoni indodana

yakhe yikuthi, “Qina ube lesibindi, njalo uwenze lumsebenzi. Ungesabi njalo ungalahli ithemba ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wami, ulawe. Kawuyikwehluleka njalo kayikukufulathela kuze kube sekupheleni komsebenzi wethempeli likaThixo. **21** Izigaba zabaphristi labaLevi sebelindele wonke umsebenzi wethempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo kuzakuthi bonke abazinikeleyo bakuphathise ngobungcitshi babo obupheleleyo kuyo yonke imisebenzi. Izikhulu labantu bonke zizayamukela yonke imilayo yakho.”

29 Inkosi uDavida yathi ebandleni lonke: “Indodana yami uSolomoni, yena kanye osekhethwe nguNkulunkulu, usesengumfana njalo usesemutsha. Umsebenzi mkhulu, ngoba lesisakhiwo sobukhosi ayisiso esomuntu kodwa ngesikaThixo uNkulunkulu. **2** Sengilungiselele ngayo yonke inzuzo engilayo ukwakhiwa kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu wami, igolide lokwenza izinto zegolide, isiliva sokwenza izinto zesiliva, ithusi lokwenza izinto zethusi, lensimbi yokwenza izinto zensimbi, lezigodo zokwenza izinto zezigodo, kanye lohlobo lwamatshe e-onikisi, lamatshe okubekwa, lamatshe okucecisa, lalemibala, lenhlobonhlobo zonke zamatshe amahle lamatshe alukhuni amanengi, konke lokhu ngikubuthelele ngakunengi. **3** Ngaphandle kwalokho, ngenxa yokutshisekela kwami ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wami, manje senginikela inotho yami yegolide lesiliva ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami ngaphezu kwakho konke engikulethileyo ethempelini leli elingcwele: **4** ngamathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezintathu egolide

(igolide lase-Ofiri) lamathalenta esiliva esicengekileyo azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa okokugudula ngalo imiduli yezindlu, **5** okomsebenzi wegolide lokomsebenzi wesiliva lokwawo wonke umsebenzi ozakwenziwa yizingcitshi. Ngakho, ngubani ofuna ukuzinikela kuThixo lamuhla?" **6** Abazinhloko zezindlu, izikhulu zezizwana zako-Israyeli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezazikhangele ngokuqhutshwa komsebenzi wenkosi bapha ngokuzinikela. **7** Banikela emsebenzini wethempeli likaNkulunkulu amathalenta azinkulungwane ezinhlanu lezinhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, amathalenta ethusi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili mibili, lamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ensimbi. **8** Loba ngubani owayelamatshe aligugu wawanikela endlini yenotho yethempeli likaThixo yona eyayiphethwe nguJehiyeli umGeshoni. **9** Abantu baba lokujabula okukhulu bebona ukuzinikela kwabakhokheli babo, ngoba banikela kuThixo ngokukhululeka langezinhliziyo zabo zonke. UDavida inkosi laye wajabula kakhulu. **10** UDavida wamdumisa uThixo phambi kwebandla lonke esithi: "Kawudunyiswe, Wena Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukhokho, kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini. **11** Bungobakho, Oh Thixo, ubukhulu lamandla lodumo lobukhosi lenkazimulo, ngoba konke okusezulwini lokusemhlabeni kungokwakho. Bungobakho, Oh Thixo, ubukhosi; uphakeme wena phezu konke. **12** Inotho lodumo kuvela kuwe; ungumbusi wazo zonke izinto. Esandleni

sakho kukhona ukuqina lamandla. Kukuwe ukuphakamisa
lokupha amandla kubo bonke. **13** Siyakubonga khathesi,
Nkulunkulu wethu, silidumisa ibizo lakho elilodumo. **14**
Kodwa mina ngiyini, bayini abantu bami, ukuthi sinikele
ngenhliziyo yonke na? Konke kuvela kuwe, thina sikunike
kuphela lokho okuvela esandleni sakho. **15** Singabezizweni
lezethekeli emehlweni akho, njengoba labokhokho
bethu bonke babenjalo. Insuku zethu emhlabeni
ziyafanana lesithunzi, asisilutho, kalikho ithemba. **16**
Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, lokhu esesikunikele
ngobunengi bakho ekwakhiweni kwethempeli eliyindawo
yeBizo lakho eliNgcwele, kuvela esandleni sakho, njalo
konke kuvele kungokwakho. **17** Ngiyazi, Nkulunkulu
wami, uhlola inhliziyo njalo uyabuthanda ubuqotho.
Zonke lezizinto ngizinikele ngokufisa langenhliziyo
yobuqotho. Khathesi ngikhangele ngentokozo abantu
bakho abalapha ukuthi banikele ngesifiso kuwe. **18** Oh
Thixo, Nkulunkulu wabobaba o-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka lo-
Israyeli, yenza inhliziyo zabantu bakho zime ngalokhu
kulangatha, njalo inhliziyo zabo zibe kuwe kuze kube
nininini. **19** Phana uSolomoni, indodana yami, inhliziyo
epheleleyo ukuze agcine imilayo yakho lemithetho yakho
lezimiso zakho, lokuthi akhe lesisakhiwo esiyisigodlo
mina esengisilungiselele." **20** UDavida wasesithi
kulolonke ibandla, "Dumisani uThixo uNkulunkulu
wenu." Ngakho bonke bamdumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu
wabokhokho babo, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi, bekhonza
uThixo, behlonipha lenkosi. **21** Ngosuku olulandelayo
banikela imihlatshelo kuThixo leminikelo yokutshiswa:

inkunzi eziyinkulungwane, lenqama eziyinkulungwane lamazinyane amaduna ayinkulungwane, leminikelo yokunathwayo, layo yonke eminye imihlatshelo banikela ngokunengi benikelela bonke abako-Israyeli. **22** Badla banatha ngokujabula okukhulu ngalolosuku phambi kukaThixo. Basebememukela okwesibili uSolomoni indodana kaDavida, bamgcoba phambi kukaThixo ukuthi abe ngumbusi, kuthi uZadokhi abe ngumphristi. **23** USolomoni wasebusa embusweni kaThixo esikhundleni sikayise uDavida. Waphumelela njalo wonke u-Israyeli wamlalela. **24** Izikhulu zonke kanye lamaqhawe, ndawonye lamadodana eNkosi uDavida bazinikela ngaphansi kombuso weNkosi uSolomoni. **25** UThixo wamphakamisa kakhulu uSolomoni wamnika isithunzi phezu kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, njalo wamnika ubukhosi obungazange bube khona esikhosini kwabako-Israyeli. **26** UDavida indodana kaJese wayeyinkosi yabo bonke abako-Israyeli. **27** Wabusa kwabako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane, eyisikhombisa eHebhroni kwathi engamatshumi amathathu lantathu eJerusalema. **28** Wafa eseluphele eseleminyaka eminengi kakhulu lenotho lodumo; uSolomoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **29** Izehlakalo zombuso weNkosi uDavida kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshiwe egwalweni lwembali kaSamuyeli umboni, egwalweni lwembali kaNathani umphrofethi kanye lasegwalweni lwembali kaGadi umboni. **30** Kubalwa ukubusa kwakhe ngokugcweleyo, amandla lakho

konke okwakusenzakala kuye lakwabako-Israyeli leminye imibuso yawo wonke amanye amazwe.

2 Imilando

1 USolomoni indodana kaDavida waqina embusweni
wakhe, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe wayelaye
njalo wamenza waba mkhulu kakhulu. **2** Kwathi
uSolomoni wakhuluma kubo bonke abako-Israyeli
kusukela kubalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli
bamakhulu, kusiya kubahluleli lakubo bonke abakhokheli
bako-Israyeli, abazinhloko zezimuli **3** kwaze kwathi
yena uSolomoni lebandla lonke baya endaweni
ephakemeyo yokukhonzela eGibhiyoni, njengoba ithente
lokuhlanganela likaNkulunkulu, elalenziwe nguMosi
inceku kaThixo enkangala lalikuleyondawo. **4** UDavida
wayeselethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu
lisuka eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi elisa endaweni ayelilungisele
yona, ngoba wayeselimisele ithente eJerusalema.
5 Kodwa i-alithari lethusi elalakhiwe nguBhezaleli
indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, laliseGibhiyoni
phambi kwethabanikeli likaThixo; ngakho uSolomoni
lebandla lonke bahamba ukuyafuna intando yakhe
khona. **6** USolomoni wasesiya e-Alithareni lethusi phambi
kukaThixo ethenteni lokuhlanganela wafika wanikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane phezu kwalo. **7**
Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuSolomoni
wathi kuye: “Cela loba kuyini okufunayo ukuze ngikunike
khona.” **8** USolomoni ephendula uNkulunkulu wathi:
“Utshengisile umusa omkhulu kakhulu kubaba uDavida
njalo mina usungibeke ngaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
9 Khathesi, Thixo Nkulunkulu, gcwalisa isithembiso
owasenza kubaba uDavida, ngoba ungenze inkosi phezu

kwabantu abanengi okothuli lomhlabathi. **10** Nginika ukuhlakanipha lolwazi, ukuze ngikhokhele lababantu, ngoba ngubani ongabusa abantu bakho abanengi kangaka?" **11** UNkulunkulu wathi kuSolomoni, "Njengoba lesi kuyisifiso somoya wakho njalo kawucelanga impahla lenotho lodumo, lokubhubha kwalabo abakuzondayo, lokuthi awucelanga impilo ende kodwa ucele inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze ubuse phezu kwabantu bami engikwenze waba yinkosi yabo, **12** ngenxa yalokho ngizakunika inhlakanipho lolwazi. Njalo ngizakunika impahla, lenotho lodumo, okungakaze kwenzakale emakhosini akwandulelayo njalo akuyikwenzakala lakumakhosi alandelayo." **13** Ngakho uSolomoni waya eJerusalema esuka endaweni yokukhonzela eGibhiyoni, evela phambi kwethente lokuhlanganela. Wabusa phezu kuka-Israyeli. **14** USolomoni wabuthanisa izinqola zokulwa lamabhiza; wayelezinqola zokulwa ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane lamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, ayekugcina emizini yezinqola zezimpi okunye ekugcina yena eJerusalema. **15** Inkosi yandisa isiliva legolide eJerusalema kwangani ngamatshe, lezihlahla zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba. **16** Amabhiza kaSolomoni ayethengwe eGibhithe laseKhuwe, abathengi besikhosini babewathenga eKhuwe. **17** Bathenga inqola yempi eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha kanye lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu. Babuya bawedlulisa wonke

bayawathengisela amakhosi amaHithi kanye lawama-Aramu.

2 USolomoni wathi akwakhiwe ithempeli leBizo
likaThixo kanye lesigodlo sakhe. **2** Wabutha amadoda
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa
awokuthwala imithwalo, lamadoda azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili awokubaza
amatshe emaqaqeni, lazinkulungwane ezintathu
lamakhulu ayisithupha ayezakhangela abasebenzayo. **3**
USolomoni wakhupha ilizwi elalisiya kuHiramu
inkosi yaseThire lisithi: "Ngithumela izigodo
zomsedari njengalokhu owakwenza kubaba uDavida
owawumthumela umsedari ukuthi azakhele isigodlo
ayezahlala kuso. **4** Sengilungiselela ukwakha ithempeli
leBizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wami lokulinikela kuye
ukutshisela impepha eloqhatshi olumnandi phambi
kwakhe, lokunikela isinkwa esingcwele ngezikhathi
zonke, lokunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa ekuseni
lantambama langeSabatha langokuThwasa kweziNyanga
kanye lasemikhosini emisiweyo kaThixo uNkulunkulu
wethu. Lokhu ngokumiselwe u-Israyeli ngokungapheliyo.
5 Ithempeli engizalakha lizaqakatheka, ngoba
uNkulunkulu wethu mkhulu kulabo bonke onkulunkulu.
6 Ngubani ozamakhela ithempeli, njengoba lamazulu,
kanye lamazulu aphezulu engqongeni, angeke amanele.
Pho ngingubani mina ukuba ngimakhele ithempeli,
ngaphandle kwendawo yokutshisela imihlatshelo phambi
kwakhe? **7** Ngakho, ngithumela indoda eyingcitshi
ekusebenzeni ngegolide langesiliva, ithusi lensimbi,

langamalembu ayibubende labomvu laluhlaza, ekwaziyo ukubalaza, ukuthi izosebenzela koJuda laseJerusalema labami abazingcitshi emisebenzini yezandla, labo abalethwa ngubaba uDavida. **8** Ngithumela izigodo zomsedari lezephayini leze-aligumi ezivela eLebhanoni, ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi abantu bakho bazingcitshi ekugamuleni izigodo khonale. Abantu bami bazasebenza labakho **9** bengilethela izigodo ezinengi, ngoba ithempeli engilakhayo kufanele libe ngelikhulu njalo elibukekayo. **10** Ngizanika izinceku zakho, abagamuli bezigodo, ingqoloyi ecolekileyo eyizilinganiso ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, izilinganiso zebhali ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, amatshumi amabili ezinkulungwane zezilinganiso zewayini kanye lezilinganiso zezithelo ze-oliva eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili." **11** UHiramu inkosi yaseThire waloba incwadi ephendula uSolomoni wathi: "Kungenxa yokuthi uThixo uyabathanda abantu bakhe, kungakho ukwenze waba yinkosi yabo." **12** UHiramu wabuye wengezelela wathi: "Udumo kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena owadala izulu lomhlaba! Unike inkosi uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo, egcwele ukukhalipha lombono, ezakwakhela uThixo ithempeli njalo izakhele layo isigodlo sayo. **13** Ngikuthumela uHuramu-Abhi, indoda eyingcitshi kakhulu, **14** unina wayo wayedabuka koDani loyise evela eThire. Wafundela ukusebenza igolide lesiliva, ithusi lensimbi, ilitshe lezigodo, kanye lamalembu ayibubende, aluhlaza labomvu lelineni elicolekileyo. Ulobuciko kukho konke ukubalaza

lokulungisa amise izimo zezifanekiso aziphiweyo. Uzasebenza lezingcitshi zakho lalaba abenkosi yami, enguyihlo uDavida. **15** Ngakho inkosi yami kayithumele izinceku zayo ingqoloyi lebhali lamafutha e-oliva kanye lewayini njengokuthembisa kwayo. **16** Thina sizagamula zonke izigodo zeLebhanoni ozifunayo, sizenze iminyaba ezandenda olwandle igelezele eJopha. Wena uyihlangabeze uyithwalele eJerusalema." **17** USolomoni wasebala bonke abezizweni ababeko-Israyeli, ngemva kokubalwa okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida; kwatholakala kuyikuthi babezinkulungwane ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu ayisithupha. **18** Wasesithi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ababengabokuthwala, kuthi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili babengabokubaza amatshe emaqaqeni, abazinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha babengabokukhangela abasebenzayo.

3 USolomoni waseqalisa ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo eJerusalema eNtabeni yaseMoriya, lapho uThixo wayeke waziveza khona phambi kukayise uDavida. Kwakusesizeni sokubhulela amabele sika-Onani umJebusi, indawo eyayilungiselelwe nguDavida. **2** Waqalisa ukwakha ngosuku lwesibili lwenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. **3** Isisekelo sesakhiwo sethempeli likaNkulunkulu esasimiswe nguSolomoni sasizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha ubude baso njalo sibanzi okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili (kuyisilinganiso sezingalo zakudala). **4** Umkhandlwana

owawuphambi kwethempeli wawubanzi okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ulingana lowethempeli njalo umude ukuyaphezulu lakho kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. Ngaphakathi wagudula ngegolide elihle. **5** Wabethela indlu yalo enkulu ngamapulanka ephayini wasehuqa ngegolide elicengekileyo wacecisa ngokucomba amalala lemiceco yamaketane. **6** Wagqizisa ithempeli ngamatshe aligugu. Igolide alisebenzisayo kwakuligolide lePharivayimu. **7** Wasegudula ingaphakathi yophahla lemijabo yakhona, imigubazi, imiduli lezivalo zethempeli ngegolide, njalo wabazela amakherubhi emidulini. **8** Wakha iNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, ubude bayo bulingana lobubanzi bethempeli, izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude njalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi bayo. Wagudula ngaphakathi ngamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide elicengekileyo. **9** Izipikili zegolide zilesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu. Wabuye wagudula ngegolide izindawo ezingaphezulu. **10** ENdaweni eNgcwelengcwele wenza amakherubhi abaziweyo wawahuqa ngegolide. **11** Amaphiko amakherubhi nxa evulekile eyizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. Uphiko olulodwa lwekherubhi lakuqala lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo njalo luthinta umduli wethempeli, kusithi olunye uphiko, lalo luzingalo ezinhlanu, luthinta uphiko lwelinye ikherubhi. **12** Ngokufananayo uphiko lwekherubhi lesibili lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo lalo luthinta omunye umduli wethempeli, njalo kusithi olunye uphiko lalo oluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo, luthinta uphiko lwekherubhi lakuqala. **13** Amaphiko

amakherubhi ayechaye okuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. Ayemi ngezinyawo zawo, ekhangele indlu enkulu. **14** Wenza ikhetheni ngelembu eliluhlaza, leliyibubende lelibomvu, langelineni elicolekileyo, welukela imifanekiso yamakherubhi kilo. **15** Ngapha ngaphambi kwethempeli wamisa insika ezimbili, zona zombili zazizinde okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, ngalinye lilesiduku phezulu esilingana izingalo ezinhlanu. **16** Wenza amaketane aphotheneyo wawabeka phezu kwezinsika. Njalo wenza amaphomegranathi alikhulu wawanamathisela emaketaneni. **17** Wasesakha izinsika zaphansi kwethempeli, eyinye ngezansi eyinye layo ngenyakatho. Insika engezansi wayibiza ngokuthi Jakhini kwathi eyenyakatho wayibiza ngokuthi Bhowazi.

4 Wenza i-alithari lethusi elizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude balo, lezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi njalo izingalo ezilitshumi ukuyaphezulu. **2** Wasesenza uLwandle ngethusi elincibilikisiweyo, luyisizingelezi, luzingalo ezilitshumi ukusuka okhunjini kusiya kolunye ukhumbi njalo luzingalo ezinhlanu ukuyaphezulu. Isilinganiso sokuluzingelezela sizingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu. **3** Ngaphansi komphetho, kulenkunzi eziluzingelezileyo, ingalo nganye iletshumi. Inkunzi zazibunjelwe emizileni emibili ndawonye loLwandle. **4** ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili, ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, ezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, ezintathu eningizimu kanye lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga. ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwazo, izinqe zazo zazifulathele ngaphakathi. **5**

Uhlonzi lwalungangobubanzi besandla, umphetho walo unjengomphetho wenkomitsho njengeluba liqhakaza. Lwaluthwala amatanka azinkulungwane ezintathu. **6** Wasesenza izinditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi, ezinhlanu wazifaka eceleni laseningizimu ezinye ezinhlanu wazifaka enyakatho. Zazingezokuhlambululela izinto zokusetshenziswa eminikelweni yokutshiswa, kodwa uLwandle lwalungolokugezela abaphristi. **7** Wenza izinti zezibane zegolide ezilitshumi elandela isilinganiso sazo, wazifaka ethempelini, ezinhlanu zazo eceleni leningizimu ezinye ezinhlanu ngenyakatho. **8** Wenza amatafula alitshumi wawafaka ethempelini, amahlanu ngeningizimu kwathi amahlanu ngenyakatho. Njalo wenza imiganu elikhulu eyegolide eyokuchela. **9** Wenza iguma labaphristi, leguma elikhulu kanye lezivalo zeguma, wasehuqa izivalo ngethusi. **10** Wafaka uLwandle eceleni leningizimu ejikweni leningizimu yempumalanga. **11** Wenza njalo lezimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokuchela. Kwaba yikuqeda kukaHiramu umsebenzi ayezinikele ukuwenzela inkosi uSolomoni ethempelini likaNkulunkulu: **12** izinsika ezimbili; iziduku eziyingubhe phezu kwezinsika; okwelukiweyo kungakubili kucecise iziduku eziyingubhe phezu kwezinsika; **13** amaphomegranathi angamakhulu amane ezalukweni zombili (imizila emibili yamaphomegranathi esalukweni ngasinye, kucecisa iziduku eziyingubhe phezu kwensika); **14** izinqodlana ezilenkonxa phezulu; **15** uLwandle lenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kwalo; **16** imbiza, amafotsholo, izinti zenyama lakho konke

okuhambelana lalokho. Zonke izinto uHuramu-Abhi azenzela inkosi uSolomoni ezethempeli likaThixo zazingezethusi elilolongiweyo. **17** Inkosi yabumbela lezozinto ngebumba emagcekeni aseJodani phakathi kweSukhothi leZereda. **18** Zonke lezizinto ezenziwa nguSolomoni zazinengi okukuthi isisindo sethusi lazo sasingalinganiswanga. **19** USolomoni wenza zonke izinto ezazisethempelini likaNkulunkulu: i-alithari legolide; amatafula esinkwa esiNgcwele; **20** izinti zezibane zegolide elihle lezibane zazo zokukhanyisa endlini engaphakathi njengokumisiweyo, **21** lamaluba, lezibane lezindlawu (zazenziwe ngegolide elihle); **22** izihlokozo zezibane ezegolide, imiganu yokuchela, lezindengezi zokuthwala umlilo, lezivalo zethempeli eziligolide, izivalo zangaphakathi eNdaweni eNgcwele Kakhulu lezivalo zendlu enkulu.

5 USolomoni eseqedile wonke umsebenzi wethempeli likaThixo ayewenzile, waletha zonke izinto ezazinikelwe nguyise uDavida, isiliva legolide lempahla wazibeka endaweni yezenotho ethempelini likaNkulunkulu. **2** USolomoni wasebiza abadala bako-Israyeli ebanxusela eJerusalema, lezinhloko zezizwana kanye lezinduna zezimuli zako-Israyeli ukuthi bathathe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo eZiyoni, balise eMzini kaDavida. **3** Wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli ahlangana ndawonye enkosini ngesikhathi somkhosi ngenyanga yesikhombisa. **4** Kwathi bonke abadala bako-Israyeli sebefikile, abaLevi bathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, **5** balithwala kanye lethente lokuhlanganela

lazozonke izinto ezingcwele ezaziphakathi kwalo. Abaphristi, ababengabaLevi, bazithwala; **6** njalo iNkosi uSolomoni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababebuthene kuye babephambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, benikela imihlatshelo eminengi yezimvu lenkomo ezazingeke zilotshwe loba zibalwe. **7** Abaphristi basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo endaweni yalo engcwele engaphakathi ethempelini, iNdawo eNgcwele Kakhulu, balifaka ngaphansi kwamaphiko amakherubhi. **8** Amakherubhi avula amaphiko awo phezu kwendawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, amboza ibhokisi lesivumelwano kanye lemijabo yalo yokulithwala. **9** Imijabo yayimide kakhulu okokuthi izihloko zayo, zisuka ebhokisini, zazibonakala endlini engcwele yangaphakathi, kodwa hatshi eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele; zisekhona lanamhlanje. **10** Kwakungelalutho ebhokisini ngaphandle kwezibhebhedu zombili uMosi azifaka kulo eHorebhi, lapho uThixo enza khona isivumelwano lo-Israyeli sebephumile eGibhithe. **11** Abaphristi basebesuka eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele. Bonke abaphristi abalapho babezingcwelisile, kungananzwa ixuku labo. **12** Bonke abaLevi ababengabahlabeleli, u-Asafi, uHemani, uJeduthuni lamadodana abo lezihlobo zabo bamela ngempumalanga kwe-alithari, begqoke ilineni elihle njalo betshaya izigubhu, amachacho lemiqangala. Babephelekezelwa ngabaphristi abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili bekhalisa amacilongo. **13** Abatshayi bamacilongo labahlabeleli bahlanganyela ndawonye, kungathi yilizwi linye, ukuba badumise njalo bebonga

uThixo. Sekuhlangene amacilongo lezigubhu lokunye okukhaliswayo, baphakamisa amazwi abo bedumisa uThixo behlabela besithi: “Ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini.” Ithempeli likaThixo lagcwala iyezi, **14** ngakho abaphristi babengeke benze inkonzo yabo ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala ithempeli likaNkulunkulu.

6 USolomoni wasesithi, “UThixo usetshilo ukuthi uzahlala eyezini elimnyama, **2** sengikwakhele ithempeli elimangalisayo, indawo yakho ozahlala kuyo kuze kube nininini.” **3** Ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lisemi khonapho, inkosi yaphenduka yababusisa. **4** Yasisithi: “Kadunyiswe uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena osegcwalise ngezandla zakhe ayekuthembise ubaba uDavida ngomlomo wakhe. Ngoba wathi, **5** ‘Kusukela ngelanga engakhupha ngalo abantu bami eGibhithe, akuladolobho engalikhethayo laloba kusiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli, ukuba iBizo lami lakhelwe ithempeli khona, njalo angikhethanga loba ngubani ukuba abe ngumkhokheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli. **6** Kodwa khathesi sengikhethe iJerusalema ukuba iBizo lami libe khonale, njalo sengikhethe uDavida ukuba abuse abantu bami bako-Israyeli.’ **7** Ubaba uDavida wayetshiseka enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba akhele iBizo likaThixo ithempeli, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **8** Kodwa uThixo wathi kubaba uDavida, ‘Wenza kuhle ngokuba lesifiso sokungakhela ithempeli leBizo lami enhliziyweni yakho. **9** Lanxa kunjalo, kayisuwe ozakwakha ithempeli, kodwa indodana yakho eyinyama yakho

legazi lakho, yiyo ezakwakhela iBizo lami ithempeli.’ **10** UThixo usigcinile isithembiso asenzayo. Sengiyinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavida njalo khathesi sengihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sika-Israyeli njengokuthembisa kukaThixo, njalo sengakhele iBizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ithempeli. **11** Kulapho engibeke khona ibhokisi, phakathi kwalo kulesivumelwano sikaThixo asenza labantu bako-Israyeli.” **12** USolomoni wasesima phambi kwe-alithari likaThixo phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lako-Israyeli welula izandla zakhe. **13** Wayenze isitubhu sethusi, ubude baso buzingalo ezinhlanu, lobubanzi baso buzingalo ezinhlanu njalo buzingalo ezintathu ukuyaphezulu, sona wayesimise phakathi laphakathi kweguma elingaphandle. Wema phezu kwesitubhu waseguqa phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lako-Israyeli waphakamisela izandla zakhe ezulwini. **14** Wasesithi: “Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kakho uNkulunkulu ofanana lawe ezulwini lasemhlabeni, wena ogcina isivumelwano sakho sothando lezinceku zakho eziqhubeka endleleni yakho ngezinhliziyo eziphelelelyo. **15** Usigcinile isithembiso sakho encekwini yakho uDavida ongubaba; ngomlomo wakho uthembisile njalo ngesandla sakho ukugcwalisile lokho njengoba kunjalo lamuhla. **16** Ngakho Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba isithembiso owasenza kuye usithi, ‘Kawuyikuswela umuntu ozakuma phambi kwami esihlalweni sobukhosi buka-Israyeli, nxa amadodana akho ezahamba ngokomthetho wami phambi kwami, njengalokhu okwenzileyo wena.’ **17** Ngakho khathesi, Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kaligcwaliseke

ilizwi lesithembiso owalikhuluma kuDavida inceku yakho.
18 Kambe uNkulunkulu uzahlala labantu emhlabeni
na? Amazulu, kanye lamazulu aphezulu kakhulu,
kawakulingani. Pho lisilela kanganani lelithempeli
engilakhileyo! **19** Kodwa-ke akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku
yakho lokucela kwayo umusa, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami.
Zwana ukukhala lokukhuleka kwenceku yakho phambi
kwakho. **20** Ebusuku lemini amehlo akho kakhangele
lindlu, yona eyindawo owathi iBizo lakho lizakuba kuyo.
Akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho ngalindawo. **21**
Akulalele ukucela kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho
bako-Israyeli nxa bekhuleka bekhangele kule indawo.
Akuzwe ezulwini, lona eliyindawo yakho yokuhlala;
ukuze uthi ungezwa, uthethelele. **22** Nxa umuntu
angonela umakhelwane wakhe, afungiswe, abesefunga
isifungo phambi kwe-alithari lakho kulelithempeli, **23**
zwana usezulwini, uthethelele. Zahlulele izinceku zakho,
uyigwebe leyo elecala ngalokho ekwenzileyo, njalo
uyidedele engonanga uyiphe umvuzo ofanele ukuba
msulwa kwayo. **24** Kuthi lapho abantu bakho bako-
Israyeli behlulwe yizitha ngoba bonile kuwe, akuthi
lapho bephenduka befakaza ibizo lakho, bekhuleka
njalo becela phambi kwakho kulelithempeli, **25** zwana
usezulwini uthethelele izono zabantu bakho bako-Israyeli
ubabuyisele elizweni owabapha lona kanye laboyise. **26**
Akuthi nxa emazulwini kuvalekile lingasani izulu ngoba
abantu bakho bonile kuwe, njalo bathi nxa bekhuleka
bekhangele kulindawo befakaza ibizo lakho betshiya
izono zabo ngoba ubajezisile, **27** zwana usezulwini

uthethelele izono zenceku zakho, abantu bakho u-Israyeli. Bafundise indlela eqondileyo yokuphila uthumele izulu elizweni owalinika abantu bakho ukuba libe yilifa labo. **28** Nxa kufika indlala loba isifo elizweni, loba ingumane loba isikhwekhwe, intethe loba isikhongwane, loba izitha zibavimbezela loba kukuyiphi imizi yabo, loba kufika incithakalo kumbe umkhuhlane bani, **29** kuthi lanxa umkhuleko kumbe isicelo sisenziwa ngomunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, ngulowo lalowo ebona inhlupheko lezinsizi zakhe njalo ephakamisela izandla zakhe kulelithempeli, **30** lalela usezulwini, okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala. Thethelela, wenzele umuntu munye ngamunye lokho okuhambelana lezenzo zakhe, ngoba wena uyazazi inhliziyo zabo (futhi nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyo zabantu), **31** ukuze bakwesabe bahambe ezindleleni zakho besaphila elizweni owalipha okhokho bethu. **32** Akuthi owezizweni ongasuye omunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli kodwa evela elizweni elikhatshana ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho lesandla sakho esilamandla lengalo yakho elulekileyo, nxa esiza ekhuleka ekhangele kulelithempeli, **33** umuzwe usezulwini, lona eliyindawo yakho yokuhlala, umenzele owezizweni loba kuyini akucela kuwe, ukuze kuthi abantu bonke emhlabeni balazi ibizo lakho bakwesabe, njengalokhu abantu bakho bako-Israyeli bekwenza, ukuze bazi ukuthi lindlu engiyakhileyo ngeyeBizo lakho. **34** Nxa abantu bakho bephuma besiya empini ukuyakulwa lezitha zabo, loba kungaphi lapho obathuma khona, njalo kuthi nxa bekhuleka kuwe bekhangele lelidolobho olikhethileyo kanye lalelithempeli

engilakhele iBizo lakho, **35** uzwe usezulwini imikhuleko
yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubamele wena. **36** Nxa bonile
phambi kwakho, ngoba kakho ongoniyo njalo uze
ubathukuthelele ubanikele ezitheni zabo ezibathumba
zibase elizweni elikhatshana loba eliseduzane, **37** kuthi nxa
bengaguquka ezinhliziyweni zabo besemazweni abayabe
bethunjelwe kuwo, baphenduke bakuncenge besemazweni
abathunjelwa khona bathi, 'Sonile, senza okungalunganga
lokubi,' **38** loba nxa bephendukela kuwe ngezinhliziyo zabo
zonke langemiphefumulo yabo elizweni njalo bekhuleka
bekhangele elizweni owalinika oyise, edolobheni
owalikhethayo lasethempelini engilakhele iBizo lakho;
39 ngakho wena osezulwini, endaweni yakho yokuhlala,
akuzwe imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubamele.
Njalo ubathethelele abantu bakho, bona abakoneleyo.
40 Ngakho-ke, Nkulunkulu wami sengathi amehlo akho
angavuleka lezindlebe zakho zilalele imikhuleko eyenziwa
kule indawo. **41** Ngakho phakama, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu,
42 Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu, ungafulatheli ogcotshiweyo
wakho.

7 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka, kwehla umlilo
uvela ezulwini, waqhunqisa umnikelo wokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo, inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwalisa ithempeli.
2 Abaphristi behluleka ukungena ethempelini likaThixo
ngoba laligcwele inkazimulo kaThixo. **3** Kwathi lapho
bonke abako-Israyeli bebona umlilo usehla lenkazimulo
kaThixo ethempelini, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi
embundwini weguma, badumisa bebonga uThixo besithi:
"Yena ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini."

4 Inkosi labantu bonke banikela imihlatshelo kuThixo.
5 Ngalokho inkosi uSolomoni yanikela umhlatshelo
wenkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lambili kanye lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane
ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili. Ngakho inkosi labantu
bonke banikela ithempeli likaNkulunkulu. **6** Abaphristi
bema ngezindawo zabo, njengoba labaLevi labo bema
ngamachacho lawo inkosi uDavida eyayivele iwenzele
ukudumisa uThixo njalo ayevele esetshenziswa nxa
ebonga, esithi, "Uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube
nininini." Maqondana labaLevi, abaphristi babevuthela
amacilongo abo, njalo bonke abako-Israyeli babemi. **7**
USolomoni wahlukanisela uThixo indawo yaphakathi
laphakathi kweguma phambi kwethempeli likaThixo,
njalo kulapho anikelela khona iminikelo yokutshiswa
lamafutha eminikelo yobudlelwano, ngoba i-alithari
lethusi ayelenzile lalingeke lenele iminikelo yokutshiswa,
iminikelo yamabele kanye lamafutha. **8** Ngakho
ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wathakazelela umkhosi
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, labo bonke abako-Israyeli
ababelaye, ababelibandla elikhulu, abanye bevela
eLebho Hamathi kusiya eSihotsheni saseGibhithe.
9 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili benza umhlangano,
ngoba babekhonze ngokunikela i-alithari okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa lomkhosi wezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa
phezulu. **10** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lantathu
lwenyanga yesikhombisa wakhulula abantu ukuthi
babuyele emakhaya abo bethokoza njalo bejabula
ngenhliziyo ngenxa yezinto ezinhle uThixo ayezenzele

uDavida loSolomoni kanye labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli.
11 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ithempeli likaThixo
lesigodlo, esenelisile lokwenza konke ayekunakana
ngethempeli likaThixo kanye lesigodlo sakhe, **12** UThixo
wabonakala kuye ebusuku wathi: "Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko
wakho njalo sengizikhethele indawo le ukuba ibe
lithempeli lemihlatshelo. **13** Nxa ngivala iphezulu ukuze
kungabi lezulu, loba ngithumela intethe ukuchitha ilizwe,
ingabe ngithumela isifo phakathi kwabantu bami, **14**
nxa abantu bami, ababizwa ngebizo lami, bezazithoba
bakhuleke badinge ubuso bami njalo batshiye izindlela
zabo ezimbi, kulapho ngizakuzwa khona ngisezulwini
ngithethelele izono zabo njalo ngiphephise ilizwe
labo. **15** Ngalokho amehlo ami azavuleka, lezindlebe
zami zizalalela imikhuleko eyenziwa kulindawo. **16**
Ngilikhethile ngizahlukanisela lelithempeli ukuze iBizo
lami libe kulo kuze kube nininini. Amehlo ami lenhliziyo
yami kuzakuba kulo ngazozonke izikhathi. **17** Wena,
nxa ungahamba phambi kwami njengalokhu okwenziwa
nguyihlo uDavida, wenze konke engikulaya ngakho,
ulandele izimiso lemithetho yami, **18** ngizaqinisa isihlalo
sakho sobukhosi, njengesivumelwano engasenza loyihlo
uDavida ngisithi: 'Kawuyikuswela umuntu ozabusa
u-Israyeli.' **19** Kodwa ungafulathela utshiye izimiso
lemilayo engikunika yona usuke uyekhothamela abanye
onkulunkulu ubakhonze, **20** kulapho ngizakhucula
abako-Israyeli elizweni lami, engabanika lona, kuthi
lelithempeli engilahlukanisele iBizo lami ngilichithe,
ngilenze libe yinto ekhohlakeleyo into eyinhlekisa

kubo bonke abantu. **21** Loba lelithempeli likhanga amehlo, bonke abedlula lapha bazamangala bathi, ‘Kanti kungani uThixo ekwenzile lokhu okunje kulelilizwe kanye lakulelithempeli?’ **22** Abantu bazaphendula bathi, ‘Ngoba bamfulathele uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, owabakhupha eGibhithe, basuka bayabambelela kwabanye onkulunkulu, bebakhonza njalo bebakhothamela, yikho ebehlisele incithakalo yonke le.’”

8 Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili, leyo uSolomoni akha ngayo ithempeli likaThixo kanye lesigodlo sakhe, **2** uSolomoni wabuye wavusa imizi uHiramu ayemnike yona, wahlalisa abako-Israyeli kuyo. **3** USolomoni wayahlasela iHamathi-Zobha wayithumba. **4** Wakha njalo leThamari enkangala layo yonke imizi yeziphala ayakha eHamathi. **5** Wavusa iBhethi-Horoni elingaphezu kanye leBhethi-Horoni elingaphansi, imizi ebiyelweyo elemithangala lamasongo alemigoqo, **6** kanye leBhalathi lamadolobho akhe wonke ayeyiziphala lemizi yezinqola zakhe zempi kanye lamabhiza akhe lakho konke nje ayengafisa ukukwakha eJerusalema leLebhanoni kanye lakulo lonke ilizwe ayelibusa. **7** Abantu bonke ababesele kumaHithi, lama-Amori, lamaPherizi, lamaHivi kanye lamaJebusi (lababantu babengasiwo ama-Israyeli), **8** kutshiwo labo inzalo yabo eyayisele elizweni, labo abangabhujiswanga ngama-Israyeli, uSolomoni wababutha baba yizigqili: njengoba kunjalo kuze kube lanamhla. **9** Kodwa abako-Israyeli uSolomoni kabenzanga izigqili emsebenzini wakhe; babengamadoda akhe empi, abalawuli bezinduna zebutho, labalawuli

bezinqola zokulwa labokulwa ngezinqola zokulwa. **10** Njalo babeyizikhulu zenkosi uSolomoni, bengamakhulu amabili alamatshumi amahlanu ababephethe abantu. **11** USolomoni wasusa indodakazi kaFaro eMzini kaDavida wayisa esigodlweni asakhela yona, ngoba wathi, "Umkami kamelanga ahlale esigodlweni sikaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli, ngoba izindawo esezike zangena ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo zingcwele." **12** USolomoni wasenikela kuThixo umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwe-alithari likaThixo ayelakhele phambi komkoto, **13** kulandelwa umkhuba wemihla ngemihla njengokulaya kukaMosi eqakathekisa iSabatha, lokuThwasa kweNyanga kanye lokwemikhosi emithathu yomnyaka, uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, uMkhosi wamaViki loMkhosi weziHonqo. **14** Elandela isimiso sikayise uDavida wamisa izigaba zabaphristi ngezinkonzo zabo, njalo abaLevi bekhokhela ekudumiseni lokuphathisa abaphristi kusiya ngemfanelo yemihla ngemihla. Wakhetha abalindi bamasango ngezigaba ukulinda amasango ehlukeneyo ngoba yikho okwakutshiwo nguDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. **15** Kabaphambukanga kulokho inkosi uDavida eyayikutshilo mayelana labaphristi labaLevi kanye lezindlu zenotho. **16** Wonke umsebenzi kaSolomoni wenziwa, kusukela ngosuku lokubekwa kwesisekelo sethempeli likaThixo kwaze kwaba sekupheleni kwawo. Kwaba yikuphela kokwakhiwa kwethempeli likaThixo. **17** Ngakho uSolomoni wasesiya e-Eziyoni-Gebheri lase-Elathi ngasemakhunjini ase-Edomi. **18** UHiramu wathumela kuye imikhumbi eyayiphethwe yizinduna zakhe, amadoda

ayelwazi ulwandle. Zona, kanye lezinceku zikaSolomoni zaya e-Ofiri, zayathwala igolide elingamathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, zayalethula enkosini uSolomoni.

9 Indlovukazi yaseShebha isizwile ngodumo lukaSolomoni, yaya eJerusalema ukuba iyemlinga ngemibuzo enzima. Yayiphelekezelwa ludwende olukhulu, amakamela ayethwele iziyoliso, igolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu, yafika kuSolomoni yaxoxa laye ngakho konke eyayikumumethe. **2** USolomoni wayiphendula yonke imibuzo yayo, akubanga lalutho olwaba nzima ukuthi aluchasisele yona. **3** Inkosikazi yaseShebha isibonile konke ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni, lesigodlo ayesakhile, **4** lokudla kwakhe, lokuhlaliswa kwezinduna zakhe, lokuhlelwa kwezinceku zakhe lezigqoko zazo, labaphathi benkezo lezigqoko zabo, leminikelo yokutshiswa ayeyinikela ethempelini likaThixo, kwayiqeda amandla. **5** Yathi enkosini, "Imibiko ebifika ezindlebeni zami elizweni lami ngengqubelaphambili langenhlakanipho yakho iqotho. **6** Ngibe ngingayikholwa leyo mbiko ngaze ngazibonela ngawami amehlo. Ngeqiniso, akufiki engxenyeni engikuzwileyo ngokujula kwenhlakanipho yakho; engikubonileyo kwedlula engakuzwayo ngawe ngokuphindwe kanengi. **7** Yeka ukujabula kwabantu bakho! Yeka ziyadela izikhulu zakho, ezihlezi zimi phambi kwakho zizizwela inhlakanipho yakho! **8** Udumo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, obe lokuthokoza ngawe wakufaka esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi ukuba ube yinkosi

ubusele uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngenxa yothando
lukaNkulunkulu wakho ngo-Israyeli, lokuzimisela
ukubamela kuze kube nininini, ukubekile waba yinkosi
phezu kwabo, ukuze ulondoloze ukwahlulela ngemfanelo
langokulunga.” **9** Indlovukazi yasinika uSolomoni
amathalenta egolide alikhulu elilamatshumi amabili,
iziyoliso ezinengi, lamatshe aligugu. Kwakungakaze
kube leziyoliso ezinjengalezo ezaphiwa inkosi
uSolomoni yindlovukazi yaseShebha. **10** (Izinceku
zikaHiramu lezikaSolomoni zaletha igolide livela e-
Ofiri; zaletha lezigodo zom’aligumu lamatshe
aligugu. **11** Inkosi yasebenzisa izigodo zom’aligumu
ukwakha inyathelo lethempeli likaThixo lenyathelo
lesigodlo sesikhosini, kanye lokwenza imihubhe
lemiqangala yabahlabeleli. Kwakungakaze kubonakale
okunjengalokhu kwelakoJuda). **12** Inkosi uSolomoni
yapha inkosikazi yaseShebha okwedlula lokho
eyayikucelile, kwakukunengi kugabhela lokho
ayekuphathelwe yinkosikazi. Yavalelisa-ke inkosikazi
yabuyela elizweni layo lobhobo lwezindwendwe zayo. **13**
Isisindo segolide elalifika kuSolomoni minyaka yonke
lalingamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi
ayisithupha lasithupha, **14** kungabalwa inzuzo eyayivela
emithelweni yabathengisi labathengi. Kunjalo-nje
amakhosi ase-Arabhiya leziphathamandla zelizwe zaletha
igolide lesiliva kuSolomoni. **15** Inkosi uSolomoni yenza
amahawu amakhulu angamakhulu amabili ngegolide
elikhandiweyo; lilinye langena amashekeli angamakhulu
ayisithupha. **16** Inkosi yasisenza ezinye ezincinyane

ezingamakhulu amathathu ngegolide elikhandiweyo, sisinye sithatha amashekeli egolide elikhandiweyo angamakhulu amathathu. Inkosi yazibeka eSigodlweni saseGuswini laseLebhanoni. **17** Ngakho inkosi yasisenza isihlalo esikhulu sinanyekwe ngempondo zendlovu ngaphakathi kodwa ngaphandle kuligolide elihle. **18** Isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezinyathelo eziyisithupha njalo kulesenabelo segolide esasixhunywe kuso. Emaceleni esihlalo kwakulezeyamelo zengalo, yileso laleso kumi isilwane eceleni kwaso. **19** Izilwane ezilitshumi lambili zazimi kulawomakhwelelo ayisithupha, sisinye simi nganxanye kwekhwelelo ngalinye. Kakukho okunjalo okwakuke kwenzekala loba kuwuphi umbuso. **20** Zonke inkezo zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazozonke izitsha zeSigodlweni saseGuswini laseLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicolekileyo. Akukho okwakwenziwe ngesiliva ngoba ngensuku zikaSolomoni igugu lesiliva lalilincinyane kakhulu. **21** Inkosi yayilodibi lwemikhumbi yezokuthengiselana eyayigwedlwa ngabantu bakaHiramu. Yayiphenduka kanye ngemva kohambo lweminyaka emithathu, iphenduka ithwele igolide, isiliva lempondo zendlovu, inkawu lendwangu. **22** Inkosi uSolomoni yawedlula wonke amakhosi omhlaba ngenotho langenhlakanipho. **23** Amakhosi wonke omhlaba eza kuSolomoni ukuzokuzwa inhlakanipho uNkulunkulu ayeyifake enhliziyweni yakhe. **24** Minyaka yonke amlethela izipho zesiliva lezegolide, izembatho, izikhali leziyoliso, lamabhiza kanye lezimbongolo. **25** USolomoni wayelezibaya zamabhiza lezezinqola

zokulwa ezizinkulungwane ezine, kanye lamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, ayekugcina emizini yezinqola zokulwa okunye njalo kukuye khonapho eJerusalema. **26** Wabusa wonke amakhosi kusukela emfuleni iYufrathe kusiya elizweni lamaFilistiya, lasemngceleni weGibhithe. **27** Inkosi yandisa isiliva kwangani ngamatshe eJerusalema, lezihlahla zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba. **28** USolomoni wayezuza amabhiza ayevela eGibhithe lakuwo wonke amanye amazwe. **29** Ezinye izehlakalo ezenzakala ekubuseni kukaSolomoni kazilotshwanga yini kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni, ezindabeni zomlandu kaNathani umphrofethi, lasesiphrofethini sika-Ahija waseShilo, lasemibonweni ka-Ido umboni emayelana loJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi? **30** USolomoni wabusa u-Israyeli wonke eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **31** Waya kwabaphansi, wangcwatshwa emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowami indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

10 URehobhowami waya eShekhemu ngoba bonke abako-Israyeli babeye khona ukuze bamethese ubukhosi. **2** Kwathi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi ekuzwa lokhu (wayeseGibhithe lapho abuya evela khona ngoba wayebalekele inkosi uSolomoni.) **3** Abako-Israyeli basebethumela ilizwi bembiza uJerobhowamu, kwathi-ke yena kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuRehobhowami bafika bathi: **4** "Uyihlo wasithwalisa umthwalo onzima, kodwa wena khathesi

ake uphungule ubunzima asethesa bona, wethule lemithwalo yethu enzima abesithwalise yona, yikho sizakukhonza.” **5** URehobhowami wabaphendula wathi: “Libobuya ngemva kwensuku ezintathu.” Ngakho abantu basuka bahamba. **6** INkosi uRehobhowami yasicebisana labadala ababeloyise uSolomoni esaphila, yathi: “Lingicebisa ukuthi ngibanike mpendulo bani lababantu?” **7** Baphendula bathi, “Ungaba lomusa kulababantu, ubathokozise, ukhulumisane labo kuhle, bazahlala bezinceku zakho.” **8** Kodwa uRehobhowami kazange akwamukele ukucebisa kwabadala wakhetha ukudinga ulwazi kwabayintanga yakhe ababekhule bonke njalo kuyibo abasebezinceku zakhe. **9** Wababuza wathi, “Seluleko bani elilaso? Singabaphendula sithini lababantu abathi kimi, ‘Ake uphungule ubunzima esabetheswa nguyihlo’?” **10** Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe amphendula athi, “Batshele lababantu abathi kuwe, ‘Uyihlo wasethesa ubunzima, akusiphungulele lobubunzima’ uthi kubo, ‘Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. **11** Ubaba walethesa ubunzima, mina ngizabungezelela. Ubaba walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa ngenkume.’” **12** UJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu babuyela kuRehobhowami ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho kwakhe ukuthi, “Phendukani lize kimi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu.” **13** Lakanye inkosi yaphendula abantu ngolaka, yalahla iseluleko sabadala, **14** yalandela iseluleko samajaha yathi, “Ubaba walethwesa ubunzima, mina ngizakwengezelela kubo. Walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa

ngezinkume.” **15** Ngakho inkosi kayibalalelanga abantu, ngoba lokhu kwenziwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi likaThixo ayelikhulume ngo-Ahija waseShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi. **16** Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli bebona ukuthi inkosi iyala ukubalalela bayiphendula bathi: “Silesabelo bani kuDavida na, silengxenye bani endodaneni kaJese na? Yanini emizini yenu lina bako-Israyeli! Sala lendlu yakho, Davida!” Ngakho bonke abako-Israyeli babuyela emakhaya. **17** Kodwa uRehobhowami waqhubeka ebabusa abako-Israyeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda. **18** Inkosi uRehobhowami yasithuma u-Adoniramu owayengumphathi wezibhalwa, kodwa abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe wafa. Kodwa inkosi uRehobhowami yaphanga yakhwela enqoleni yayo yokulwa, yabalekela eJerusalema. **19** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bayihlamukela indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla.

11 Kwathi uRehobhowami esefike eJerusalema, wabuthanisa abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini, amadoda empi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ukuba bayekulwa labako-Israyeli ukuze babuyisele uRehobhowami embusweni. **2** Kodwa ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi: **3** “Tshela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni inkosi yakoJuda, labo bonke abako-Israyeli koJuda lakoBhenjamini uthi, **4** ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Lingaphumi ukuthi liyekulwa labafowenu. Buyelani emizini yenu, lina lonke, ngoba lokhu kuyikwenza kwami.’” Ngakho balalela ilizwi likaThixo, babuyela

emizini yabo, kabasayanga kulwa loJerobhowamu. **5** URehobhowami wahlala eJerusalema njalo wakha imizi eyizinqaba koJuda: **6** iBhethilehema, le-Ethamu, leThekhowa, **7** leBhethi Zuri, leSokho, le-Adulami, **8** leGathi, leMaresha, leZifi, **9** le-Adorayimi, leLakhishi, le-Azekha, **10** leZora, le-Ayijaloni, kanye leHebhroni. Le kwakuyimizi ebiyelweyo koJuda lakoBhenjamini. **11** Waqinisa izinqaba zayo wabeka abalawuli bempi kuyo, wabuthela ezinqabeni ukudla lamafutha om'oliva lewayini. **12** Wafaka izihlangu lemikhonto kuyo yonke imizi, wayiqinisa kakhulu. Ngakho-ke wabusa koJuda lakoBhenjamini. **13** Abaphristi labaLevi kulezozabelo kulolonke elako-Israyeli bamsekela. **14** AbaLevi bahle batshiya amadlelo abo lempahla, baya koJuda laseJerusalema, ngoba uJerobhowamu lamadodana akhe wala ukuthi bangabaphristi bakaThixo. **15** Wasekhetha abakhe abaphristi wababeka ezindaweni zokukhonzela, labezithombe zembuzi lezamathole ayezenzile. **16** Abezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli ababezimisele ukukhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, balandela abaLevi eJerusalema ukuyanikela imihlatshelo yabo kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. **17** Baqinisa umbuso kaJuda basekela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni iminyaka emithathu, belandela indlela kaDavida lekaSolomoni ngalesosikhathi. **18** URehobhowami wathatha uMahalathi, indodakazi kaJerimothi indodana kaDavida, leka-Abhihayili indodakazi ka-Eliyabi indodana kaJese, waba ngumkakhe, **19** wamzalela amadodana la: uJewushi loShemariya loZahamu. **20** Wasethatha njalo

uMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu owamzalela o-Abhija lo-Athayi loZiza loShelomithi. **21** URehobhowami wathanda kakhulu uMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu ukwedlula bonke omkakhe labafazi beceleni; wathatha abafazi abalitshumi lasificaminwembili, labafazi beceleni abangamatshumi ayisithupha. **22** URehobhowami wabeka u-Abhija indodana kaMahakha ukuba abe yinkosana enkulu kubafowabo ngoba wayeqonde ukumenza inkosi. **23** Wenza ngokuhlakanipha, amadodana akhe wawabeka ezindaweni zonke zakoJuda lakoBhenjamini, kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo. Wasebanika ukudla okunengi, wabadingela labafazi abanengi.

12 Ngemva kokuba uRehobhowami eselamandla, lombuso wakhe usuqinile, yena kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli bawudela umlayo kaThixo. **2** Kodwa ngoba bona kuThixo, uShishakhi inkosi yaseGibhithe wahlasela iJerusalema ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokubusa kwenkosi uRehobhowami. **3** Wahlasela ngezinqola zokulwa ezingamakhulu alitshumi lambili labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, labantu abangelakubalwa ubunengi babo abanye bengabeLibhiya, lamaSukhi labaKhushi abeza laye bevelela ngaseGibhithe, **4** wathumba imizi yakoJuda ebiyelweyo waze wayafika leJerusalema. **5** Ngakho uShemaya umphrofethi waya kuRehobhowami kanye lakubakhokheli bakoJuda ababebuthene eJerusalema ngokwesaba uShishakhi, wafika wathi kubo, "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uthi, 'Lingilahlile lina; ngakho sengilinikela kuShishaki.'" **6** Abakhokheli bako-Israyeli lenkosi yabo bazithoba

batsho bathi, “uThixo ulungile.” **7** Kwathi uThixo
esebonile ukuzithoba kwabo ilizwi lakhe lafika kuShemaya
lisithi: “Njengoba bezithobile, kangisayikubabhubhisa,
kodwa ngizabakhulula emva kwesikhatshana, lolaka
lwami kalusayikwehliselwa eJerusalema ngesandla
sikaShishakhi. **8** Kodwa bazakuba yizinceku zakhe ukuze
bazi umahluko phakathi kokungikhonza lokukhonza
amakhosi amanye amazwe.” **9** UShishakhi inkosi
yaseGibhithe wasehlasela iJerusalema, wabutha yonke
inotho yasethempelini likaThixo kanye lenotho
yasesigodlweni sesikhosini. Wathatha konke waze
wathatha lezihlangu zegolide ezazenziwe nguSolomoni.
10 Ngakho iNkosi uRehobhowami yasisenza izihlangu
zethusi endaweni yalezo njalo yazibeka ngaphansi
kwabalawuli babalindi bamasango asesigodlweni
sesikhosini. **11** Kwakusithi lapho inkosi isiya
ethempelini likaThixo, abalindi babehamba layo
bephethe izihlangu, kuze kuthi emva kwesikhathi
bazibuyisele endlini yabalindi. **12** Ngenxa yokuthi
uRehobhowami wazithoba, ulaka lukaThixo lwadeda
kuye, kasazange abe esabhujiswa. Ngempela kwakukhona
okuhle koJuda. **13** Inkosi uRehobhowami yaqinisa
umbuso wayo eJerusalema njalo yaqhubeka ibusa.
Ekugcotshweni kwakhe ubukhosi wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amane lanye, wabusa okweminyaka
elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema umuzi kaThixo
ayewukhethile phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli ukuze
abeke iBizo lakhe. Ibizo likanina linguNahama, engowako-
Amoni. **14** Wenza okubi wona ngoba engazange abeke

inhliziyo yakhe ekumdingeni uThixo. **15** Okumayelana lokubusa kukaRehobhowami, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, akulotshwanga na emibhalweni kaShemaya umphrofethi leka-Ido umboni mayelana lokuzalana kwabantu? Kwaba lempi njalo phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu. **16** URehobhowami wakhothama, wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. U-Abhija, indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi waba yinkosi ngemva kukayise.

13 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJerobhowamu, u-Abhija waba yinkosi yakoJuda, **2** njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka emithathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguMikhaya, indodakazi ka-Uriyeli waseGibhiya. Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Abhija loJerobhowamu. **3** Bathi behlangana ekulweni, u-Abhija wayelamadoda aqinileyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, kanti uJerobhowamu wahlangabezana laye elamadoda azinkulungwane ezificaminwembili. **4** U-Abhija wema phezu kweNtaba iZemarayimu, elizweni lamaqaqa lako-Efrayimi, wathi: “Wena Jerobhowamu kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, lalelani kimi, lizwe! **5** Alikwazi na ukuthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, unikele ubukhosi bako-Israyeli kuDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini ngesivumelwano setswayi na? **6** Kukanti uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, isikhulu sikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, uhlamukele inkosi yakhe. **7** Abantu ababi bamlandela behlamukela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni esesemncinyane engakaqedisisi njalo engakabi lamandla

okumelana labo. **8** Khathesi licabanga ukumelana lombuso kaThixo, ophethwe ngamadodana kaDavida ngoba libona libanengi kakhulu, lilamathole eGolide elawenzelwa nguJerobhowamu ukuba abe ngonkulunkulu. **9** Kalibaxotshanga yini abaphristi bakaThixo, amadodana ka-Aroni, kanye labaLevi, lazibekela abenu abaphristi njengalokhu okwenziwa ngabantu bamanye amazwe na? Kuthi lowo ofika elenkunzi loba inqama eziyisikhombisa ukuba ahlukaniselwe uThixo waba ngumphristi walokho okungayisikho onkulunkulu. **10** Kodwa thina, uThixo uNkulunkulu ngowethu, asimdelanga. Thina abaphristi esilabo ngamadodana ka-Aroni, amkhonzayo uThixo, njalo baphathiswa ngabaLevi. **11** Bayanikela kuThixo ekuseni lantambama insuku zonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lempepha elephunga elihle. Bayalungisa izinkwa ezahlukaniselwe uThixo etafuleni legolide elihle, balumathise izibane oluthini lwegolide ntambama nsuku zonke. Thina siyawulalela umlayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. Kodwa lina limdelile. **12** UNkulunkulu ulathi, nguye osikhokhelayo. Abaphristi bakhe abaphethe amacilongo bazawavuthela besibizela ekulweni lani. Madoda ako-Israyeli, lingabokulwa loThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, ngoba aliyikuphumelela." **13** UJerobhowamu wayesethumele elinye iviyo lamabutho akhe ngemva ukuze athi yena ejamelane labakoJuda phambili lona licathamele ngemva kwabo. **14** AbakoJuda bafulathela kodwa babona ukuthi babehlaselwa inxa zonke phambili langemva kwabo. Bakhala kuThixo. Abaphristi bevuthela amacilongo abo **15** kwathi

abakoJuda bakhwaza ngephimbo lokuhlasela empini. Kuthe kuzwakala ukukhwaza ngephimbo lokuhlasela, uNkulunkulu wabhuqa uJerobhowamu labo bonke abako-Israyeli phambi kuka-Abhija labakoJuda. **16** Abako-Israyeli babalekela abakoJuda njalo uNkulunkulu wabanikela ezandleni zabo. **17** U-Abhija lamabutho akhe babulala amadoda amanengi kakhulu, kwafa amadoda ako-Israyeli aqinileyo empini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **18** Amadoda ako-Israyeli aqinileyo ngalesosikhathi anqotshwa, kwathi abakoJuda baphumelela ngoba babethembele kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. **19** U-Abhija waxotshana loJerobhowamu wamthathela amadolobho eBhetheli, leleJeshana kanye lele-Efroni, lemizi eyayiseduzane khonapho. **20** UJerobhowamu kazange abuse futhi kusabusa u-Abhija. UThixo wamtshaya wafa. **21** Kodwa u-Abhija waqina waba lamandla embusweni. Wathatha abafazi abalitshumi lane waba lamadodana angamatshumi amabili lamadodakazi alitshumi lesithupha. **22** Ezinye izehlakalo ekubuseni kuka-Abhija, akwenzayo lakutshoyo, kulotshiwe ezindabeni zomphrofethi u-Ido.

14 Ngakho u-Abhija waya kubokhokho bakhe wembelwa eMzini kaDavida. Indodana yakhe u-Asa wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi, njalo ngezinsuku zokubusa kwakhe kwaba lokuthula elizweni okweminyaka elitshumi. **2** U-Asa wenza okuhle lokulungileyo phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **3** Wasusa wonke ama-alithare ezizweni lezindawo zokukhonzela, wadiliza izinsika zakhona lezithombe zikankulunkulukazi

u-Ashera. **4** Walaya abakoJuda ukuba bakhonze uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, balandele yonke imithetho lemilayo yakhe. **5** Wavala izindawo zokukhonzela lama-alithare empepha kuwo wonke amadolobho akoJuda, ngakho kwaba lokuthula ekubuseni kwakhe. **6** Wakha imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda, njengoba kwakulokuthula elizweni. Kakho owalwa impi laye ngaleyominyaka, ngoba uThixo wamnika ukuphumula. **7** Wathi kwabakoJuda, "Kasakheni imizi le siyizingelezele ngemiduli, lemiphotshongo, lamasango leminxibo. Ilizwe lilokhu lingelethu, ngoba simtholile uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu; simkhonzile usesilethele ukuthula inxa zonke." Basebesakha njalo baphumelela. **8** U-Asa wayelamabutho empi azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu koJuda, ayehlome ngamahawu amakhulu lemikhonto, lamanye azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili alamatshumi ayisificaminwembili koBhenjamini, ayehlome ngezihlangu ezincinyane lamadandili. Wonke kungamadoda alezibindi zokulwa. **9** UZera umKhushi waphuma ebathukuthelele ephelekezelwa libutho elikhulu lezinqola zokulwa ezingamakhulu amathathu, waze wayafika eMaresha. **10** U-Asa waphuma laye ukuyamjamela, bafika bajama eSigodini saseZefatha phansi kweMaresha. **11** U-Asa wasekhuleka kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: "Thixo, kakho omunye onjengawe ongavikela ababuthakathaka kwabalamandla. Sisize, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba thina sithembele kuwe, ngebizo lakho siphumile ukuba silwe lalelibutho lempi elikhulu kangaka. Oh Thixo,

unguNkulunkulu wethu; umuntu angezake amelane lawe.”
12 UThixo wawatshaya wawabhuqa amaKhushi phambi
kuka-Asa labakoJuda. AmaKhushi abaleka, **13** kodwa u-
Asa lamabutho akhe waxotshana lawo waze wayawafikisa
eGerari. Kwafa amaKhushi amanengi okokuthi kasazange
azame ukuqoqana kutsha; abhuqwa phambi kukaThixo
laphambi kwamabutho akhe. Amadoda akoJuda
atshuquluza impango enengi kakhulu. **14** Atshabalalisa
yonke imizi yaseGerari, ngoba ukuthukuthela kukaThixo
kwakuphezu kwayo. Atshuquluza yonke imizi ngoba
impango yayinengi kuyo. **15** Ahlasela izihonqo
zabelusi njalo abutha imihlambi yezimvu, imbuzi kanye
lamakamela. Asebuyela eJerusalema.

15 Umoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kuka-Azariya
indodana ka-Odedi. **2** Waphuma ukuba ayehlangabezana
lo-Asa wasesithi kuye, “Lalela kimi, Asa labo
bonke abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini. UThixo ulawe
nxa wena ukuye. Nxa umfuna, uzamthola, kodwa
nxa umlahla uzakulahla. **3** Okwesikhathi eside
abako-Israyeli babengelaye uNkulunkulu weqiniso,
bengelaye umphristi wokufundisa njalo bengelawo
umthetho. **4** Kodwa osizini lwabo baphendukela
kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, bamdinga bamthola. **5**
Ngalezonsuku, ngenxa yokuxokozela okukhulu kwezizwe,
kwakungelula ukuhambahamba. **6** Kwakulencithakalo
isizwe sichithwa ngesinye, umuzi uchithwa ngomunye,
ngoba uNkulunkulu wabehlisela zonke inhlobonhlobo
zosizi. **7** Kodwa wena, qina ungayekethisi, ngoba
owakho umsebenzi uzakuba lomvuzo.” **8** U-Asa wathi

ewezwa lamazwi lesiphrofethi sika-Azariya indodana ka-Odedi umphrofethi, waqina waba lesibindi. Wasusa zonke izithombe ezinengisayo kulolonke ilizwe lakoJuda lelakoBhenjamini lasemizini ayeyithumbile emaqaqeni ako-Efrayimi. Wavuselela i-alithari likaThixo elaliphambi komkoto wethempeli likaThixo. **9** Wasebuthanisa bonke abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini kanye labantu ababevela ko-Efrayimi, lakoManase kanye lakoSimiyoni ababehlezi phakathi kwabo, ngoba babebanengi kakhulu abako-Israyeli ababethe ngokubona ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wayelaye bathutha beza ngakuye. **10** Babuthana eJerusalema ngenyanga yesithathu ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kuka-Asa. **11** Ngalesosikhathi benza imihlatshelo kuThixo eyezinkomo ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lezimvu kanye lembuzi eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa kulezo ababezithumbe babuya lazo. **12** Benza isivumelwano sokuba bamdinge uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, ngezinhliziyo zabo ezipheleleyo langomoya. **13** Bonke ababengayi kumdinga uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, babefanele babulawe, loba bebancinyane loba bebakhulu, loba kungowesilisa kumbe owesifazane. **14** Benza isifungo kuThixo ngokuvungama, bememeza njalo bevuthela lamacilongo lempondo. **15** AbakoJuda bathokoza bonke ngesifungo ngoba babesenze ngenhliziyo yabo yonke. Bamdinga uThixo ngokulangatha, wabavumela ukuthi bamthole. Ngakho uThixo wabanika ukuthula inxa zonke. **16** Inkosi u-Asa yasusa ugogo wayo uMahakha esikhundleni sokuba yindlovukazi ngoba wayenze insika

yokukhonzela unkulunkulukazi u-Ashera oyisinengiso. U-Asa wayidiliza insika, wayiqumaquma wayitshisela eSigodini saseKhidironi. **17** Lanxa engasusanga izindawo zokukhonzela ko-Israyeli, u-Asa wayezinikele kuThixo ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke empilweni yakhe yonke. **18** Wangenisa ethempelini likaNkulunkulu isiliva legolide lezinto lezo yena kanye loyise ababezahlukanisele uThixo. **19** Akusazange kube lempi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu wokubusa kuka-Asa.

16 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesithupha wokubusa kuka-Asa uBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli wasuka wayavimbezela uJuda wakhela iRama inqaba ukunqabela loba ngubani ukuthi angaphumi loba angangeni elizweni lika-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. **2** Ngakho u-Asa wathatha isiliva legolide esiphaleni senotho sethempeli likaThixo lakwesakhe esigodlweni sakhe wakuthumela kuBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu, owayebusa eDamaseko. **3** Wathi, "Kasenze isivumelwano mina lawe njengalokho okwakwenziwe ngubaba loyihlo. Uyabona, nanku mina ngikuthumele isiliva legolide. Wena yesula isivumelwano sakho loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli yikho ezahlehla angiyekele." **4** UBheni-Hadadi wavumelana lenkosi u-Asa wahle wathumela abalawuli bamabutho akhe ukuba bayehlasela imizi yako-Israyeli. Banqoba elako-Ijoni, lelakoDani le-Abheli-Mayimi kanye layo yonke imizi yeziphala zakoNafithali. **5** UBhasha wathi ekuzwa lokhu wema ukwakha iRama wahle wayekela umsebenzi wakhe. **6** Ngakho inkosi u-Asa yaletha wonke amadoda akoJuda athutha amatshe

lezigodo eRama okwakusetshenziswa nguBhasha. Wakha ngakho iGebha leMizipha. **7** Ngalesosikhathi uHanani umboni wafika ku-Asa inkosi yakoJuda wathi kuye: “Ngenxa yokuthi wethembele enkosini yase-Aramu wadela ukwethembela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ibutho lenkosi yase-Aramu seliphunyukile esandleni sakho. **8** Kanti amaKhushi lamaLibhiya babengelabutho elilamandla amakhulu lamanani amanengi ezinqola zokulwa lamadoda alwa ngamabhiza na? Kodwa-ke kwathi usuthembele kuThixo, wabanikela esandleni sakho. **9** Ngoba amehlo kaThixo athungatha umhlaba wonke ukuze aqinise labo abanhliziyo zabo zizimisele kuye. Usuwenze ubuwula, ngakho kusukela khathesi uzahlala usempini.” **10** U-Asa wazondela umboni ngenxa yalokho; wathukuthela wahle wamfaka entolongweni. Kusenjalo u-Asa waphatha abanye babantu ngochuku. **11** Izehlakalo zombuso ka-Asa, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. **12** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu layisificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe u-Asa wahlaselwa ngumkhuhlane ezinyaweni zakhe. Loba umkhuhlane wakhe wawubuhlungu kakhulu, kazange adinge usizo kuThixo, kodwa wayesiya ezinyangeni. **13** Kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane lowodwa u-Asa wafa walala kunye laboyise. **14** Bamngcwaba ethuneni ayezenzele lona eMzini kaDavida. Bambeka phezu kwethala elaligcwele amakha enhlobo ngenhlobo ayexutshwe ngokuhlakanipha kwezingcitshi zamakha, babasa umlilo omkhulu wokumhlonipha.

17 UJehoshafathi indodana ka-Asa waba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe; wazilungisela ukumelana lo-Israyeli
empini. **2** Wabeka amabutho emizini ebiyelweyo
yakoJuda wafaka amaviyo koJuda kanye lasemizini yako-
Efrayimi eyayithunjwe nguyise u-Asa. **3** UThixo wayelaye
uJehoshafathi ngoba ngeminyaka yakuqala wayehamba
ngezindlela ezalandelwa nguyise uDavida. Kabadinganga
oBhali, **4** kodwa wadinga uNkulunkulu kayise
njalo walalela imilayo yakhe kazange alingisele
okwakusenziwa ngabako-Israyeli. **5** UThixo wawuqinisa
umbuso wakhe, bonke abakoJuda baletha izipho
kuJehoshafathi, ngakho wanotha kakhulu njalo
wahlonitshwa kakhulu. **6** Inhliziyo yakhe yayi kuThixo
ngokuzinikela okukhulu ezindleleni zakhe; njalo wasusa
zonke izindawo zokukhonzela wadiliza lezinsika
zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera koJuda. **7** Ngomnyaka
wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wathuma izikhulu zakhe
oBheni-Hali, lo-Obhadaya, loZakhariya, loNethaneli
kanye loMikhaya ukuba ziyefundisa emizini yakoJuda. **8**
Ndawonye lazo kwakulabanye abaLevi uShemaya
loNethaniya, loZebhadiya, lo-Asaheli, loShemiramothi,
loJehonathani, lo-Adonija, loThobhija kanye loThobhi-
Adonija lo-Elishama loJehoramu abaphristi. **9** Bafundisa
kulolonke elakoJuda, bethwele uGwalo lwemiThetho
kaThixo; babhoda yonke imizi yakoJuda befundisa
abantu. **10** Ukumesaba uThixo kwagcwala kuyo yonke
imibuso yamazwe akhelane loJuda, ngakho abasayanga
empini loJehoshafathi. **11** Amanye amaFilistiya alethela
uJehoshafathi izipho lesiliva njengomthelo, lama-

Arabhu aletha imihlambi yezimvu: izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa enqama, lembuzi eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **12** UJehoshafathi waba lamandla amakhulu angezelelweyo, wakha izinqaba lamadolobho eziphala koJuda **13** njalo wayelokudla okunengi emizini yakoJuda. Wayelamabutho akwaziyo ukulwa ayehlala eJerusalema. **14** Wona ayemi kanje ngezimuli: KwabakoJuda, abalawuli bamaviyo enkulungwane babeyilaba: u-Adina umlawuli wayelamaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu; **15** kulandele uJehohanani umlawuli, elamabutho azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; **16** kulandele u-Amasiya indodana kaZikhiri, owazinikela ukusebenzela uThixo elamaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili. **17** KwabakoBhenjamini: kwakungu-Eliyada, indoda eliqhawe, elamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili ayehlome ngamadandili lezihlangu; **18** kulandele uJehozabhadi elamadoda azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ayehlomele ukulwa impi. **19** Yiwo la amadoda ayesebenzela inkosi, ngaphandle kwalawo ayesemzini ebiyelweyo kulolonke elakoJuda.

18 Ngakho uJehoshafathi wayenothe kakhulu njalo ehlonipheka, waba lobunini lo-Ahabi ngokwendiselana. **2** Ngemva kweminyaka ethile wayakwethekelela u-Ahabi eSamariya. U-Ahabi wamhlabela izimvu ezinengi lenkomo yena kanye labantu ayelabo njalo wamkhuthaza ukuba

ahlasele iRamothi Giliyadi. **3** U-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli
yabuza uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Uzahamba
lami na ukuyahlasela iRamothi Giliyadi?” UJehoshafathi
waphendula wathi, “Mina nginjengawe, abantu bami
banjengabantu bakho; sizakuba lawe empini.” **4** Kodwa
uJehoshafathi waphinda wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli,
“Akubuze kuThixo kuqala.” **5** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli
yasibuthanisa abaphrofethi, amadoda angamakhulu
amane, yababuza yathi, “Siphume impi siyehlasela
iRamothi Giliyadi, loba ngizithibe na?” Bayiphendula
bathi, “Hamba, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayinikela esandleni
senkosi.” **6** Kodwa uJehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Kambe
kakusela mphrofethi kaThixo lapha esingabuza kuye
na?” **7** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi,
“Ukhona oyedwa esingabuza uThixo ngaye kodwa
ngiyamzonda ngoba kakaze aphrofethe okuhle ngami,
uhlala ekhuluma okubi. Ibizo lakhe nguMikhaya indodana
ka-Imla.” UJehoshafathi wathi, “Inkosi kayimelanga
itsho njalo.” **8** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yabiza
esinye sezikhulu zayo yathi kuso, “Ngibizela uMikhaya
indodana ka-Imla khathesi.” **9** Bembethe izembatho
zabo zobukhosi, inkosi yako-Israyeli loJehoshafathi
inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi
esizeni sokubhulela amabele esangweni laseSamariya
labo bonke abaphrofethi bephrofetha phambi kwabo. **10**
UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana wayekhande impondo
zensimbi, wasesithi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uthi:
‘Ngempondo lezi uzagwaza ama-Aramu uwabhubhise.’”
11 Bonke abaphrofethi babevele bephrofetha okufananayo

besithi, “Hlasela iRamothi Giliyadi unqobe, ngoba uThixo uyinikile esandleni senkosi.” **12** Isithunywa esasithunywe ukuyabiza uMikhaya sathi kuye, “Khangela, abanye abaphrofethi bafakaza bengela kuthandabuza ukuthi inkosi izanqoba. Lawe vumelana labo, ukhulume okuyithokozisayo.” **13** Kodwa uMikhaya wathi, “Ngeqiniso njengoba uThixo ekhona, engingamtshela khona yilokhu okutshiwo nguThixo.” **14** Uthe efika, inkosi yambuza yathi, “Mikhaya, siye empini eRamothi Giliyadi, loba ngizithibe na?” Yena waphendula wathi: “Hlasela unqobe, ngoba bazanikelwa ezandleni zakho.” **15** Inkosi yathi kuye, “Kumele ngikufungise kangaki ukuze ungangikhohlisi kodwa ungitshele iqiniso ebizweni likaThixo?” **16** Ngakho uMikhaya waphendula wathi, “Ngabona abako-Israyeli bonke behlakazekile emaqaqeni njengezimvu ezingelamelusi, uThixo wathi, ‘Lababantu kabalamkhokheli. Kabazibuyelele emakhaya ngokuthula.’” **17** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Kangikutshelanga yini ukuthi uvele kaphrofethi lutho oluhle ngami kodwa okubi kuphela na?” **18** UMikhaya waqhubeka wathi, “Ngakho zwanini ilizwi likaThixo: Ngabona uThixo ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi lebutho lonke lasezulwini limi ngakwesokudla langakwesokhohlo. **19** Njalo uThixo wathi, ‘Ngubani ozakhohlisa u-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli ukuba ahlasele eRamothi Giliyadi njalo ayofela khona na?’ Omunye wabonisa lokhu, omunye laye lokhuyana. **20** Ekucineni kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukaThixo wathi: ‘Mina ngizamhuga.’ UThixo wathi kuwo: ‘Ngendlela bani

na?' **21** Wona wathi: 'Ngizahamba ngiyekuba ngumoya wokuqamba amanga emilonyeni yabo bonke abaphrofethi bakhe.' UThixo wathi: 'Uzaphumelela ukumhuga. Hamba-ke uyekwenza lokho.' **22** Ngakho khathesi uThixo usefake umoya wenkohliso emilonyeni yabaphrofethi bakho bonke laba. UThixo usekumisele ukubhujiswa." **23** Ngakho uZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana waphakama wayawakala uMikhaya ngempama ebusweni, watsho embuza wathi, "Umoya kaThixo wasuka njani kimi ukuyakhuluma kuwe na?" **24** UMikhaya waphendula wathi, "Wena ngokwakho uzakubona lokho mhla ubalekela endlini engaphakathi usiyacatsha." **25** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi, "Bambani uMikhaya, limbuyisele ku-Amoni umbusi wedolobho lakuJowashi indodana yenkosi **26** lithi: 'Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi, ithi: Valelani umuntu lo entolongweni, lingamniki lutho ngaphandle kwesinkwa lamanzi ngize ngiphenduke kukuhle.'" **27** UMikhaya waqonqosela wathi: "Nxa ungaphenduka kuhle, uThixo uyabe engakhulumanga ngami." Waqhubeka wathi, "Lani lonke bantu abambisiseni amazwi ami!" **28** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda baya eRamothi Giliyadi. **29** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi: "Mina ngizakuya empini ngizazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sami, kodwa wena gqoka ezakho ezobukhosi." Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sayo yangena empini. **30** Ngakho inkosi yase-Aramu yayiqonqosele abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa yathi, "Lingalwi lamuntu, loba ngomncinyane loba ngomkhulu, ngaphandle kwenkosi

yako-Israyeli.” **31** Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathi bebona uJehoshafathi bathi, “Yiyonale inkosi yako-Israyeli.” Ngakho bamphendukela ukuba bamhlasele, kodwa uJehoshafathi wahlaba umkhosi, uThixo wamsiza. UNkulunkulu wabenza baya khatshana laye, **32** ngoba abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathi sebebonile ukuthi kasiyo inkosi yako-Israyeli, abazange besaxotshana laye. **33** Kodwa omunye watshoka kungananzelelwe umtshoko waphutsha emkhandlwini wesikhali wagwaza inkosi yako-Israyeli. Inkosi yatshela umtshayeli wenqola yokulwa yathi, “Phendula inqola yakho ungisuse lapha, sengilimele.” **34** Impi yalwiwa ilanga lonke, njalo inkosi yako-Israyeli yeyama enqoleni yayo yokulwa ikhangele ama-Aramu kwaze kwaba ntambama. Kuthe litshona layo yabe isifa.

19 UJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi esebuyela eJerusalema esigodlweni sakhe ephephile, **2** uJehu umboni, indodana kaHanani, waphuma ukuba ayomhlangabeza wasesithi enkosini, “Kufanele yini ukuba uncedise ababi njalo uthande abamzondayo uThixo? Ngenxa yalokho, ulaka lukaThixo luphezu kwakho. **3** Kodwa-ke kukhona okuhle ngawe, ngoba uziqedile elizweni lonke izinsika zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera, inhliziyo yakho wayimisela ukudinga uNkulunkulu.” **4** UJehoshafathi wayehlala eJerusalema, waphuma wahambela abantu kusukela eBherishebha kusiya elizweni lamaqaqa lako-Efrayimi wabaphendula ukuba bamkhonze uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. **5** Wakhetha abehluleli elizweni, kuwo wonke

amadolobho abiyelweyo akoJuda. **6** Wabatshela wathi:
“Linanzelele elikwenzayo, ngoba kalehluleli umuntu
kodwa lehlulela uThixo, yena uzalisiza ekwahluleleni. **7**
Ngakho mesabeni uThixo linanzelele elikwenzayo,
yahlulelani ngonanzelelo ngoba kuThixo uNkulunkulu
wethu kakukho ukwehlulela kubi loba ubandlululo
loba ukufumbathisana.” **8** Lakhona eJerusalema,
uJehoshafathi wabeka abaLevi abathile labaphristi
lezinhloko zezindlu zabako-Israyeli ukuba balawule
umthetho kaThixo balamule lemibango. Babehlala
eJerusalema. **9** Wabanika iziqondiso ezithi: “Kumele
lethembeke ngokumesaba uThixo, ngobuqotho
langenhliziyo nye epheleleyo. **10** Wonke amacala eza kini
evela ezihlotsheni zenu kuwo wonke amadolobho elihlala
kiwo loba kungamacala okuchitha igazi loba
awokwephula umthetho, imilayo, izimiso loba iziqondiso,
baxwayiseni ukuba bangoni kuThixo, funa ulaka lwakhe
lwehlele phezu kwenu labafowenu. Lingenza lokho
aliyikwenza isono. **11** U-Amariya umphristi omkhulu
nguye ozalikhangela emsebenzini wonke kaThixo, kuthi
uZebhadiya indodana ka-Ishumayeli, umkhokheli
wesizwe sakoJuda alikhokhele ezintweni eziqondane
lenkosi, abaLevi labo bazakuba yizikhulu zenu. Yenzani
ngesibindi, njalo sengathi uThixo angaba lalabo
abazakwenza ngobuqotho.”

20 Ngemva kwalokho amaMowabi lama-Amoni kanye
labanye bamaMewuni baphuma impi ukuba bayehlasela
uJehoshafathi. **2** Amanye amadoda aya kuJehoshafathi
afika athi kuye, “Kulempi enkulu ezayo ukuzakuhlasela

evela ngase-Edomi, ngaphetsheya kolwandle. IsiseHazazoni Thamari" (okuyikuthi, Eni-Gedi). **3** Ngokwethuka, uJehoshafathi wazimisela ukumdinga uThixo, wamemezela ukuba akuzilwe ukudla kulolonke elakoJuda. **4** Abantu bakoJuda baqoqana bahlangana bezodinga usizo kuThixo, lakanye baphuma kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda. **5** Ngakho uJehoshafathi wema phambi kwebandla lakoJuda lelaseJerusalema ethempelini likaThixo phambi kweguma elitsha **6** wathi, "Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wabokhokho, kakusuwe yini uNkulunkulu osezulwini? Ubusa phezu kwemibuso yezizwe zonke. Amandla asesandleni sakho, njalo kakho ongamelana lawe. **7** Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, awubaxotshanga ababekuleli lizwe phambi kwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli wabanika ukuba libe ngelabo nini lanini abesizukulwane sika-Abhrahama umngane wakho na? **8** Sebehlale kulo njalo sebakhe indawo yokukhonzela yeBizo lakho, besithi, **9** 'Nxa sisehlelwa zinhlupheko, loba yinkemba yokwahlulela, loba yizifo loba yindlala, sizakuma ngobukhona bakho phambi kwalelithempeli elileBizo lakho sikhale kuwe ekuhlukuluzweni kwethu, wena uzasizwa njalo usisindise.' **10** Kodwa khathesi nanka amadoda ama-Amoni lamaMowabi labeNtabeni yaseSeyiri, abelizwe owalela u-Israyeli ukuba alinqobe ekuphumeni kwakhe eGibhithe; okwabangela ukuthi babatshiye abaze bababhubhisa. **11** Khangela ukuthi khathesi baphindisela ngokunganani ngokusemuka isipho owasipha sona ukuba sibe yilifa lethu. **12** Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, awuyikubahlulela na? Ngoba

asilamandla okumelana lebutho elikhulu kangaka elisihlaselayo. Asikwazi esingakwenza, kodwa amehlo ethu aphezu kwakho.” **13** Wonke amadoda akoJuda, labomkabo labantwabawo lensane, bema lapho phambi kukaThixo. **14** UMoya kaThixo wehlela kuJahaziyeli indodana kaZakhariya, indodana kaBhenaya, indodana kaJeyiyeli, indodana kaMathaniya, umLevi oyisizukulwane sika-Asafi, emi phambi kwebandla. **15** Wasesithi: “Lalela, wena Nkosi Jehoshafathi labo bonke abahlala koJuda labaseJerusalema! Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo kini: ‘Lingesabi njalo lingadediswa yibukhulu bebutho laleyompi. Ngoba ukulwa akusikwenu, kodwa ngokukaNkulunkulu. **16** Kusasa hambani liyejamelana labo. Bona bazakhwela ngokhalo lwaseZizi, lina lizabathola ekucineni kodonga eNkangala yaseJeruweli. **17** Aliyikuyilwa limpi. Lunganini ezindaweni; lime ngesibindi lizabona ukuhlenga kukaThixo azalenzela khona, Oh lina bakaJuda lani beJerusalema. Lingesabi, lingadangali. Phumani kusasa liyehlasela, uThixo uzakuba lani.’” **18** UJehoshafathi wakhothama ubuso buphansi kanti njalo bonke abakoJuda labaseJerusalema bawela phansi ngobuso bemkhonza uThixo. **19** Ngakho abanye abaLevi bamaKhohathi, lamaKhora bema bamdumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngelizwi eliphakemeyo okuphezulu. **20** Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu basuka baya eNkangala yaseThekhowa. Bathi besuka lapho, uJehoshafathi waphakama wathi, “Lalelani kimi, bantu bakoJuda lani baseJerusalema! Thembelani kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphathisa; likholwe

abaphrofethi bakhe, lizaphumelela.” **21** Ngemva
kokubuza abantu, uJehoshafathi wakhetha amadoda
okuhlabelela uThixo lokumdumisa ngenxa yenkazimulo
yobungcwele bakhe bekhokhele amabutho, besithi:
“Mbongeni uThixo, ngoba uthando lwakhe lumi
nininini.” **22** Bathi beqalisa ukuhlabelela njalo bedumisa,
uThixo wabeka abantu bokucathamela abase-Amoni
labase-Mowabi labaseNtabeni iSeyiri ababedinga
ukuhlasela uJuda, behlulwa. **23** Amadoda ako-Amoni
lawamaMowabi avukela amadoda ayevela eNtabeni
yaseSeyiri ukuba bawabulale bawatshabalalise. Ngemva
kokuba sebeqedile ukubulala abaseSeyiri, banceda
ngokubulalana bodwa. **24** Amadoda akoJuda athe efika
endaweni emalungana lenkangala bakhangela lapho
okwakulebutho elikhulu khona babona ngezidumbu
zelekene phansi, kungekho loyedwa owayebalekile. **25**
Ngakho uJehoshafathi lamanye amadoda bahamba
bayabutha impango, njalo phakathi kwayo bafumana
impahla zokusebenzisa lezembatho lezinye njalo impahla
eziligugu ukwedlula lezo ababengazithwala. Impango
yayinengi kwaze kwathatha insuku ezintathu beyithutha.
26 Ngosuku lwesine babuthana eSigodini saseBherakha,
lapho abadumisela khona uThixo. Kungenxa yalokho
yonale indawo yabizwa ngokuthi iSigodi saseBherakha
kuze kube lamuhla. **27** Ngakho wonke amadoda akoJuda
lawaseJerusalema abuyela ngokuthokoza eJerusalema,
bekhokhelwa nguJehoshafathi ngoba uThixo
wayebenzele lokho okwakubajabulisile phezu kwezitha
zabo. **28** Bangena eJerusalema baya ethempelini

likaThixo betshaya imihubhe lemiqangala lamacilongo.
29 Ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kwehlela phezu kwayo yonke
imibuso emazweni besizwa ngokulwa kukaThixo esilwa
lezitha zika-Israyeli. **30** Lakanye umbuso kaJehoshafathi
waba lokuthula, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe wayemnike
ukuphumula inxa zonke. **31** Ngakho uJehoshafathi
wabusa koJuda. Waba yinkosi yakoJuda eleminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, wabusa eJerusalema
okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Unina
wayengu-Azubha indodakazi kaShilihi. **32** Wahamba
ngezindlela zikayise u-Asa njalo kazange aphambuke
kuzo; wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo. **33**
Izindawo zokukhonzela kazisuswanga njalo abantu
babelokhu bengazimiselanga ngezinhliziyo zabo
ngokupheleleyo kuNkulunkulu waboyise. **34** Ezinye
izehlakalo ngombuso kaJehoshafathi kusukela ekuqaleni
kusiya ekucineni, zilotshiwe embalini kaJehu, indodana
kaHanani, yona elotshwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-
Israyeli. **35** Ngokuqhubeka kwezikhathi, uJehoshafathi
inkosi yakoJuda waba lesibopho asenza lo-Ahaziya inkosi
yako-Israyeli, owayelecala lokwenza okubi. **36**
Wavumelana laye ukuba bakhe imikhumbi yokuthwala
impahla zokuthengiselana. Ngemva kokuba isiyakhiwe e-
Eziyoni-Gebheri, **37** u-Eliyezari indodana kaDodavahu
waseMaresha wakhuluma isiphrofethi esilahla
uJehoshafathi, esithi, “Ngenxa yokuthi wenza isibopho
lo-Ahaziya, uThixo uzadiliza lokho okwenzileyo.”
Imikhumbi yabhidlika ayaze yenelisa ukungena olwandle
isiyathengisa.

21 Ngakho uJehoshafathi waphumula labokhokho
bakhe, wangcwatshwa kanye labo emzini kaDavida
uyise. UJehoramu indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni
sakhe. **2** Abafowabo bakaJehoramu, amadodana
kaJehoshafathi, babengo-Azariya, loJehiyeli, loZakhariya,
lo-Azariyahu, loMikhayeli kanye loShefathiya. Bonke
laba babengamadodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yako-
Israyeli. **3** Uyise wayebanike izipho ezinengi zesiliva
lezegolide kanye lezinye impahla eziligugu, lamadolobho
abiyelweyo koJuda, kodwa ubukhosi wayebunike
uJehoramu ngoba eyindodana yakhe yamazibulo. **4**
UJehoramu esengenile esikhundleni sikayise waqinisa
umbuso wakhe, wabulala bonke abafowabo ngenkemba
kanye lamanye amakhosana ako-Israyeli. **5** UJehoramu
waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
lambili, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka
eyisificaminwembili. **6** Walandela izindlela zamakhosi
ako-Israyeli, njengalokho okwakwenziwe ngabendlu ka-
Ahabi, ngoba wathatha indodakazi ka-Ahabi. Wenza
okubi phambi kukaThixo. **7** Lanxa kunjalo, ngenxa
yesivumelwano uThixo ayesenze loDavida, uThixo
kathandanga ukuyidiliza indlu kaDavida. Wayethembise
ukumbekela isibane yena kanye lesizukulwane sakhe
nini lanini. **8** Ngensuku zikaJehoramu, abase-Edomi
bahlamukela uJuda babeka eyabo inkosi. **9** Ngakho
uJehoramu waya khonale lezikhulu zakhe lazozonke
izinqola zakhe zempi. Abase-Edomi bamhanqa kanye
labalawuli bezinqola zakhe zempi, kodwa wavuka ebusuku
waphunyuka. **10** Kuze kube lamhla abase-Edomi balokhu

behlamukela uJuda. AbaseLibhina labo bahlamuka ngasolesi isikhathi, ngoba uJehoramu wayefulathele uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **11** Njalo wamisa izindawo zokukhonzela emaqaqeni akoJuda, wenza abaseJerusalema ukuba bakhonze izithombe, wadukisa abakoJuda. **12** UJehoramu wemukela incwadi eyayivela ku-Elija umphrofethi isithi: “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavida, uthi: ‘Kawuhambanga ezindleleni zikaJehoshafathi uyihlo lezika-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. **13** Kodwa ulandele izindlela zamakhosi ako-Israyeli, waholela abakoJuda labantu baseJerusalema ekuzingcoliseni njengalokhu indlu ka-Ahabi eyakwenzayo njalo usubulele abafowenu abendlu kayihlo ababengcono kulawe. **14** Ngakho-ke uThixo usezabatshaya abantu bakini lamadodana akho, labomkabo lakho konke okungokwakho, ngesidutshulo esikhulu. **15** Lawe uqobo uzagula umkhuhlane omubi owesifo samathumbu akho, amathumbu akho aze ahotshuke ngokuhamba kwensuku ngenxa yesifo.’” **16** UThixo wamvusela uJehoramu ulaka lwamaFilistiya lama-Arabhu ayehlala eduzane lamaKhushi. **17** Bahlasela koJuda, bangena khona bathutha zonke impahla ababezitholile esigodlweni senkosi, labantwabayo labomkayo. Akulandodana eyasalayo ngaphandle kuka-Ahaziya isicino sabo. **18** Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu uThixo wehlisela uJehoramu isifo samathumbu esingelaphekiyo. **19** Ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi ekupheleni komnyaka wesibili, amathumbu akhe ahotshuka ngenxa yesifo, wafa esebuhlungwini obukhulu. Abantu bakhe abazange

babase umlilo wokumhlonipha njengalokhu ababekwenza kuboyise. **20** UJehoramu waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. Wafa engakhalelwa muntu, wabekwa eMzini kaDavida, kodwa kungesikho emangcwabeni amakhosi.

22 Abantu baseJerusalema babeka u-Ahaziya, indodana encinyane kaJehoramu, ukuba abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise, njengoba abahlaseli ababeze lama-Arabhu enkambeni, babebulele wonke amadodana akhe amadala. Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **2** U-Ahaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili ekubeni kwakhe yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okomnyaka owodwa. Unina wayengu-Athaliya, umntanomntanakhe ka-Omri. **3** Laye ngomunye owalandela izindlela zabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba unina wamkhuthaza ukwenza okubi. **4** Wona phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba ngemva kokufa kukayise bahle baba ngabacebisi bakhe, babangela ukuchitheka kwakhe. **5** Walalela ukweluleka kwabo aze ahambe loJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli empini yokuhlasela uHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu eRamothi Giliyadi. Ama-Aramu alimaza uJoramu; **6** wahle wabuyela eJezerili ukuba ayephozisa amanxeba okulinyazwa kwakhe eRama ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu. Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waya eJezerili ukuyabona uJoramu indodana ka-Ahabi njengoba

wayeselimele. **7** Ngokwethekelela kuka-Ahaziya kuJoramu,
uNkulunkulu wayemise ukumbhubhisa u-Ahaziya.
Ngoba ekufikeni kwakhe khonale wahle waphuma
loJoramu ukuyahlangabeza uJehu indodana kaNimishi
owayegcotshwe nguThixo ukubhubhisa indlu ka-Ahabi. **8**
Kwathi lapho uJehu esenza lokhu okuyifaneleyo indlu
ka-Ahabi, wahlangana lezikhulu zakoJuda lamadodana
abafowabo baka-Ahaziya ababesebenzela u-Ahaziya,
wababulala. **9** Wasedinga u-Ahaziya abantu bakhe
bambamba esecatshile eSamariya, bamletha kuJehu,
wabulawa. Bamngcwaba ngoba bathi: "Wayeyindodana
kaJehoshafathi owadinga uThixo ngenhliziyo yakhe
yonke." Ngakho kwakungaselamuntu endlini ka-Ahaziya
olamandla okuwumisa umbuso. **10** Kwathi u-Athaliya
unina ka-Ahaziya esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe isifile,
waqhubekela phambili edinga ukubhubhisa umndlunkulu
wendlu yakoJuda. **11** Kodwa uJehoshabhiyathi, indodakazi
yenkosi uJehoramu, watshontsha uJowashi indodana
ka-Ahaziya phakathi kwamakhosana omndlunkulu
ayesezabhujiswa wamfihla endlini yakhe yokulala kanye
lomlizane wakhe. Njengoba uJehoshebha indodakazi
yenkosi uJehoramu wayengumkaJehoyada umphristi njalo
engudadewabo ka-Ahaziya, wamfihla umntwana ukuze
angabulawa ngu-Athaliya. **12** Wacatsha labo ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu okweminyaka eyisithupha yokubusa
kuka-Athaliya elizweni.

23 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada waqunga
isibindi. Wenza isivumelwano labalawuli bamakhulu
embuthweni: o-Azariya indodana kaJerohamu lo-

Ishumayeli indodana kaJehohanani, lo-Azariya indodana ka-Obhedi, loMaseya indodana ka-Adaya kanye lo-Elishafathi indodana kaZikhiri. **2** Bangena kulolonke elakoJuda, baqoqa abaLevi kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda labayizinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli. Ekufikeni kwabo eJerusalema, **3** ibandla lonke lenza isivumelwano lenkosi ethempelini likaNkulunkulu. UJehoyada wathi kubo, "Indodana yenkosi izabusa, njengoba uThixo wathembisa abayinzalo kaDavida. **4** Ngakho nanku okumele likwenze: Ingxenye yesithathu yenu baphristi labaLevi abalinda ngeSabatha bafanele balinde eminyango, **5** eyinye ingxenye yesithathu esigodlweni somndlunkulu kanye lenye njalo ingxenye yesithathu ezalinda eSangweni leSisekelo, kuthi wonke amanye amadoda abesemagumeni ethempeli likaThixo. **6** Kakho ozangena ethempelini likaThixo ngaphandle kwabaphristi labaLevi abazabe besemsebenzini; labo bezangena ngoba behlanjululwe, kodwa wonke amanye amadoda azalinda lokho azabe ekutshengiswe nguThixo. **7** AbaLevi bazahonqolozela inkosi, ngulowo lalowo wabo ehlomile. Loba ngubani ozangena ethempelini kumele abulawe. Lingaxekelani lenkosi loba kungaphi lapho ezabe ikhona." **8** AbaLevi lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda benza khonokho kanye ababekutshelwe nguJehoyada umphristi. Kwaba ngulowo lalowo wathatha abantu bakhe, kulabanye ababesiyaqalisa amazopho abo ngeSabatha labanye ababetshayisa ngemva kwamazopha abo ngoba uJehoyada umphristi wayelokhu engakakhululi loba iviyo elilodwa. **9** Wasenika abalawuli bamaviyo amabutho alikhulu

imikhonto lamahawu amakhulu lamancinyane ayekade engawenkosi uDavida ayesethempelini likaNkulunkulu.
10 Wasemisa wonke amadoda, ngamunye ephethe izikhali zakhe ezandleni, ezingelezele inkosi eduze kwe-alithari lethempeli, kusukela eceleni langezansi kusiya enyakatho yethempeli. **11** UJehoyada lamadodana akhe basebeveza indodana yenkosi njalo bayethesa umqhele; bayiqhubela lencwadi yesivumelwano bayibeka yaba yinkosi. Bayigcoba bavungama bathi: "Mpilonde nkosi!" **12** U-Athaliya uthe esizwa umsindo wabantu begijima njalo behalalisa inkosi, wasuka waya kubo ethempelini likaThixo. **13** Lakanye wayibona inkosi imi ensikeni yayo ngasemangenelweni. Izikhulu labavutheli bamacilongo besekele inkosi, njalo bonke abantu belizwe bejabula bevuthela amacilongo, kanye labahlabeleli bephethe izinto zokuhlabelela bekhokhela emkhosini wokuhaya inkosi. U-Athaliya wadabula izigqoko zakhe njalo wamemeza ethi: "Umvukela! Umvukela!" **14** UJehoyada umphristi wathumela abalawuli bamaviyo amabutho alikhulu, ababelawula amabutho, wathi: "Mkhupheleni phandle u-Athaliya phakathi kwamaviyo kuthi loba ngubani omlandelayo limbulale ngenkemba." Ngoba umphristi wayethe, "Lingambulaleli ethempelini likaThixo." **15** Ngakho bambamba esefikile emangenelweni eSango laMabhiza emagumeni esigodlo, njalo kulapho abambulalela khona.
16 UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano sokuthi yena kanye labantu lenkosi bazakuba ngabantu bakaThixo **17** Bonke abantu baya ethempelini likaBhali, balidilizela

phansi, babhidliza lama-alithare akhe lezithombe zakhe, babulala uMathani umphristi kaBhali phambi kwama-alithare. **18** UJehoyada wabeka abalindi bethempeli likaThixo ezandleni zabaphristi, ababengabaLevi, bona uDavida ayevele ebenzele amazopho abo ethempelini, ukuze balethe iminikelo yokutshiswa kaThixo njengokulotshwa kwayo eMthethweni kaMosi, kulokujabula lokuhlabelela njengokulaya kukaDavida. **19** Wahlalisa njalo abalindiminyango emasangweni ethempeli likaThixo ukuze kungangeni loyedwa ongahlanjululwanga. **20** Wasethatha abalawuli bamabutho alikhulu, lezikhulu lababusi babantu kanye labantu bonke belizwe basebeletha inkosi ethempelini likaThixo. Bangena esigodlweni ngeSango elingaPhezulu bahlalisa khona inkosi esihlalweni soBukhosi, **21** njalo bonke abantu elizweni bajabula. Kwaba lokuthula kulolonke idolobho ngoba u-Athaliya wayesebulewe ngenkemba.

24 UJowashi waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisikhombisa yokuzalwa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. Ibizo likanina linguZibhiya owayevela eBherishebha. **2** UJowashi wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo iminyaka yonke uJehoyada engumphristi. **3** UJehoyada wamdingela abafazi ababili, wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **4** Ngemva kwesikhathi esithile uJowashi wabona kufanele ukuthi alungise kutsha ithempeli likaThixo. **5** Wabuthanisa abaphristi labaLevi wathi kubo: “Yanini emizini yakoJuda liyeqoqa imali yomnyaka ngomnyaka kuye wonke um’Israyeli, lilungiswe kutsha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wenu.

Kwenzeni khathesi.” Kodwa abaLevi abazange bakwenze masinyane. **6** Ngakho inkosi yabiza uJehoyada umphristi omkhulu yathi kuye, “Kungani ungatshelanga abaLevi ukuba baqoqe koJuda laseJerusalema umthelo owabekwa nguMosi inceku kaThixo kanye lasebandleni lako-Israyeli okweThente loBufakazi na?” **7** Amadodana ka-Athaliya umfazi oxhwalileyo adiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu abuye azisebenzisela lezinto zalo ezingcwele kuboBhali. **8** Ngokulaya kwenkosi, kwenziwa ibhokisi labekwa phandle, esangweni lethempeli likaThixo. **9** Kwasekumenyezelwa kulolonke elakoJuda laseJerusalema ukuba kulethwe kuThixo, umthelo owawumiswe nguMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu enkangala ukuba uzakhitshwa ngabako-Israyeli. **10** Izikhulu zonke labantu bonke baletha okwabo ngokujabula, bakufaka ebhokisini laze lagcwala. **11** Kwakusithi nxa ibhokisi lingalethwa ngabaLevi ezikhulwini zenkosi zithi zingabona ukuthi sekulemali enengi, unobhala wesigodlweni lesikhulu somphristi omkhulu bafike bathulule okwakusebhokisini babe sebelibuyisela endaweni yalo. Bakwenza lokho ngezikhathi zonke baze babuthelela imali enengi kakhulu. **12** Inkosi loJehoyada baholisa abantu ababesenza umsebenzi owawufanele wenziwe ethempelini likaThixo. Baqhatsha ababazi bamatshe lababazi ukuze bakhe kutsha ithempeli likaThixo, labakhandi bezinsimbi kanye labakhandi bethusi besakha kutsha ithempeli. **13** Amadoda ayebona ngokuqhutshwa komsebenzi ayekhaliphile, njalo umsebenzi ayewukhangele waqhubeka kuhle. Lakhiwa

kutsha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu labuyela esimeni salo elaliyiso njalo baliqinisa. **14** Bathe sebeqedile, baletha imali eyasalayo enkosini lakuJehoyada, benza ngayo impahla zethempeli likaThixo: izitsha zokusebenzela kanye lezeminikelo yokutshiswa, izinditshi lezinye izitsha zegolide lezesiliva. UJehoyada esaphila, iminikelo yokutshiswa yayihlezi ikhona ethempelini likaThixo. **15** UJehoyada wayeseluphele eleminyaka eminengi, wafa eleminyaka yokuzalwa elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu. **16** Wangcwatshwa lamakhosi eMzini kaDavida ngenxa yalokho okuhle akwenza ko-Israyeli ekwenzela uNkulunkulu ethempelini lakhe. **17** Ngemva kokufa kukaJehoyada, izikhulu zakoJuda zayakhonza enkosini uJowashi, yazilalela. **18** Balidela ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise, basebekhonza izinsika zika-Ashera, lezithombe zakhe. Ngenxa yalesisono, ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwehlela phezu kwabakoJuda laseJerusalema. **19** Lanxa uThixo wathumela abaphrofethi ebantwini ukuba bababuyisele kuye njalo lanxa bafakaza ngokungavumelani labo, abazange babalalele. **20** Ngakho uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela kuZakhariya indodana yomphristi uJehoyada. Wema phambi kwabantu wathi, "Nanku okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu: 'Kungani lingalaleli imilayo kaThixo? Aliyikuphumelela. Ngenxa yokumlahla uThixo elikwenzileyo, laye uselilahlile.'" **21** Kodwa bamhlamukela, kwathi ngokuqondisa kwenkosi bamkhanda bambulala ngamatshe egumeni lethempeli likaThixo. **22** INkosi uJowashi ayizange izihluphe ngomusa eyayiwenzelwe nguJehoyada uyise kaZakhariya kodwa

yabulala indodana yakhe, yona yathi ekufeni kwayo, “UThixo kakubone lokhu, aphindisele.” **23** Ekupheleni komnyaka amabutho ama-Aramu ahlasela uJowashi; ahlasela koJuda laseJerusalema abulala bonke abakhokheli babantu. Impango yonke ayithumela enkosini yawo eDamaseko. **24** Kwathi loba impi yama-Aramu yayikade ize lamadoda amalutshwana, uThixo wanikela ezandleni zawo ibutho elikhulu kakhulu. Njengoba abakoJuda babemlahlile uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, uJowashi wehlulelwa ngokufaneleyo. **25** Ama-Aramu athi esehlehla, atshiya uJowashi elimele kakhulu. Izikhulu zakhe zamhlamukela ngokubulala kwakhe indodana kaJehoyada umphristi, zahle zambulalela embhedeni wakhe. Ngakho wafa wayangcwatshwa eMzini kaDavida, kodwa kungasikho emathuneni amakhosi. **26** Laba abaceba ukumbulala kwakunguZabhadi, indodana kaShimeyathi owesifazane wama-Amoni loJehozabhadi, indodana kaShimirithi owesifazane wamaMowabi. **27** Imbali yamadodana akhe, iziphrofethi ezinengi ngaye, lembali yokwakhiwa kutsha kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu kulotshiwe egwalweni lwezindaba zamakhosi. U-Amaziya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

25 U-Amaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala ekubekweni kwakhe ukuba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo likanina linguJehowadani evela eJerusalema. **2** Wenza okulungileyo emehlweni kaThixo, kodwa kakwenzanga ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. **3** Kwathi umbuso wakhe

usuqinile, wabulala izikhulu zakhe ezazibulele inkosi uyise. **4** Kodwa amadodana azo kawabulalanga, wenza okuseMthethweni, eNcwadini kaMosi, lapho uThixo wapha umlayo wathi: “Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwababo, labantwababo kabayikubulawa ngenxa yaboyise; ngulowo lalowo uzafela izono zakhe.” **5** U-Amaziya wabuthanisa abantu bakoJuda wabamisa ngezindlu zabo bephethwe yizinduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu kwelakoJuda lelakoBhenjamini. Wasebutha kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, wathola bezinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, amadoda akhethiweyo, angaphuma impi, angahloma ngemikhonto langezihlangu. **6** Wabuya waqhatsha ko-Israyeli amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu. **7** Kodwa kwafika kuye inceku kaNkulunkulu yathi: “Nkosi yami, amabutho ako-Israyeli la akufanelanga aphume impi kanye lawe ngoba uThixo kakho kwabako-Israyeli, kakho lakubani ebantwini bako-Efrayimi. **8** Loba ungaze uhambe uyekulwa ngesibindi empini, uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha phambi kwesitha ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okukusiza loba ukukuchitha.” **9** U-Amaziya wasebuza inceku kaNkulunkulu wathi, “Pho ngizakuthini ngamathalenta alikhulu engiwabhadalele amabutho ako-Israyeli?” Inceku kaNkulunkulu yaphendula yathi, “UThixo angakunika okunengi kakhulu kulalokho.” **10** U-Amaziya wawakhulula amabutho ayevela ko-Efrayimi wathi kawabuyele kibo. Lokhu amabutho abazondela abakoJuda

abuyela kibo ngokufuthelana okukhulu. **11** U-Amaziya
wasequnga isibindi, waphuma lamabutho akhe, waya
eSigodini seTswayi, lapho abulala khona amadoda
aseSeyiri azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **12** Ibutho lakoJuda
lathumba amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ephila,
lawaqhuba layawafikisa engqongeni yeliwa lapho
awaphosela khona phansi aphahlazeka wonke aba
yizicucu. **13** Kwathi amabutho ayebuyiselwe emuva ngu-
Amaziya ngoba engasafuni ukuthi amlwele impi,
ahamba ehlasela imizi yaseSamariya laseBhethi-Horoni
kwelakoJuda. Abulala abantu abazinkulungwane
ezintathu njalo athutha impango enengi kakhulu. **14** U-
Amaziya wathi esevela bulala ama-Edomi wabuya
ethwele onkulunkulu babantu baseSeyiri. Wabamisa baba
ngonkulunkulu bakhe wakhothama kubo wanikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa. **15** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha
wathukuthelela u-Amaziya, wasethuma umphrofethi
owafika wambuza wathi, “Kungani udinga uncedo
kubonkulunkulu balababantu na, abehluleka ukuvikela
abantu babo ekubahlaseleni kwakho?” **16** Wathi
esakhuluma, inkosi yathi kuye, “Sikubekile yini ukuba
ngumcebisi wenkosi na? Thula! Kungani udinga
ukubulawa na?” Ngakho umphrofethi wema kodwa
wasesithi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzimisele
ukuthi akubhubhise, ngoba lokhu akwenzileyo kutsho
ukuthi awuzange ulalele ukucebisa kwami.” **17**
Ngemva kokuba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda eseke
wabuza abacebisi bakhe, wathumela ilizwi kuJowashi
indodana kaJehowahazi, indodana kaJehu, inkosi yako-

Israyeli wathi: “Woza, siqondane ubuso ngobuso.” **18** Kodwa uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waphendula u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Isihlahla sameva saseLebhanoni sathumela umbiko kwesomsedari waseLebhanoni sathi: ‘Yendisela indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami ibe ngumkayo.’ Ngakho kwavela isilo saseLebhanoni sanyathela safohloza isihlahla sameva. **19** Uzitshela ukuthi usuyinqobile i-Edomi, khathesi usuziqhenya. Kodwa hlala ekhaya! Kungani uzibangela uhlupho oluzakuchitha luze luchithe loJuda na?” **20** Kodwa u-Amaziya kazange alalele ngoba uNkulunkulu wayekumisile ukuthi uzabanikela kuJowashi, ngenxa yokukhonza kwabo onkulunkulu bama-Edomi. **21** Ngakho uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wasehlasela. Yena kanye lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda baqondana ubuso ngobuso eBhethi-Shemeshi koJuda. **22** UJuda wachithwa ngu-Israyeli, kwathi amadoda wonke abalekela emizini yawo. **23** UJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wathumba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya, eBhethi-Shemeshi. Ngakho uJowashi waya laye eJerusalema njalo wadiliza umduli weJerusalema kusukela eSangweni lika-Efrayimi kusiya eSangweni laseJikweni isibanga esingaba ngamanyathelo angamakhulu ayisithupha ubude baso. **24** Wasethatha lonke igolide lesiliva lazozonke impahla azithola ethempelini likaNkulunkulu ezazilindwe ngu-Obhedi-Edomi, kanye leziligugu zenotho yesigodlweni lezithunjwa, wasebuyela eSamariya. **25** U-Amaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waphila

okweminyaka elitshumi lemihlanu ngemva kokufa kukaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli.
26 Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Amaziya, kusukela
ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, azilotshwanga yini
egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lako-Israyeli na? **27**
Kusukela ekuphambukeni kuka-Amaziya engasalandeli
uThixo, bamsongela eJerusalema wabalekela eLakhishi,
kodwa bathumela amadoda amlandela eLakhishi
ambulalela khonale. **28** Wabuyiswa esethwelwe ngebhiza
wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaJuda.

26 Ngakho bonke abantu bakoJuda bathatha u-Uziya,
owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha ubudala, bambeka
waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise u-Amaziya. **2** Nguye
owakha kutsha umuzi we-Elathi wawubuyisela koJuda
ngemva kokufa kwenkosi u-Amaziya owangcwatshwa
kubokhokho bakhe. **3** U-Uziya wayeleminyaka elitshumi
lesithupha ubudala ekubeni kwakhe yinkosi njalo wabusa
eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu
lambili. Ibizo likanina linguJekholiya; evela eJerusalema.
4 Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu
okwakwenziwe nguyise u-Amaziya. **5** Wazimisela
ukumdinga uNkulunkulu ngezinsuku zikaZakhariya,
owamfundisa ukumesaba uNkulunkulu. Esamlandela
uThixo, uNkulunkulu wamphumelelisa. **6** Waphuma
impi wayakulwa lamaFilistiya wadiliza imiduli yaseGathi,
laseJabhine lase-Ashidodi. Wasesakha kutsha imizi
eseduzane le-Ashidodi leminye kwezinye iziqinti phakathi
kwamaFilistiya. **7** UNkulunkulu wayelaye ekuhlaseleni
kwakhe amaFilistiya kanye lama-Arabhu ayehlala

eGuri Bhali kanye lekuhlaseleni amaMewuni. **8** Ama-Amoni aletha umthelo wawo ku-Uziya, udumo lwakhe lwanda lasemingceleni kusiyafika eGibhithe, ngoba wayeselamandla amakhulu. **9** U-Uziya wakha imiphotshongo eJerusalema ngaseSangweni leNgosi langaseSangweni leSigodi langasengosini yomduli, wayivikela ngezinqaba. **10** Wakha njalo imiphotshongo enkangala, wemba imithombo eminengi, ngoba wayefuyile elemihlambi yezifuyo emawatheni amaqaqa lasemagcekeni. Wayelabantu bokulima lababesezivinini emaqaqeni lasemhlabeni ovundileyo, ngoba wayethanda ukulima. **11** U-Uziya wayelamabutho ayekwazi ukulwa ebuthwe ngamaviyo ayeqoqwe nguJeyiyeli umabhalane loMaseya isikhulu esasiqondiswa nguHananiya, omunye wezikhulu zomndlunkulu. **12** Inani labakhokheli lonke ngezimuli emadodeni okulwa lalizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha. **13** Babelawula ibutho elilamadoda abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu ayefundele ukulwa, amaviyo alamandla okuhlomulela inkosi ezitheni zayo. **14** U-Uziya wahlomisa amabutho akhe wonke ngezihlangu, imikhonto, ingowane zensimbi lamabhatshi ensimbi, lemitshoko lamatshe ezavutha. **15** EJerusalema wakhandisa imitshina yokufutha imitshoko leyokujikijela amatshe amakhulu ayikhandisa emadodeni ayezingcitshi eyayisetshenziswa emiphotshongweni esemajikweni. Udumo lwakhe lwanda lwayafika kude, ngoba wancediswa kakhulu waze waba lamandla amakhulu kakhulu. **16** Kodwa kwathi u-Uziya eselamandla

amakhulu, ukuziqhenya kwakhe kwamlethela incithakalo. Kazange athembeke kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe, waze wangena ethempelini likaThixo, ukuba ayetshisa impepha e-alithareni lempepha. **17** U-Azariya umphristi labanye abaphristi bakaThixo abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili abalezibindi bamlandela phakathi ethempelini. **18** Bajamelana laye bathi kuye, "Akulunganga ukuthi wena, Uziya, utshisele uThixo impepha. Lokho ngokwabaphristi, abenzalo ka-Aroni, abehlukaniselwa ukutshisa impepha. Phuma kulindawo engcwele, ngoba awuzange wethembeke, njalo awuyikuphakanyiswa nguThixo uNkulunkulu." **19** U-Uziya owayephethe udengezi lokutshisela impepha esandleni sakhe, wathukuthela. Uthe elokhu esakhwazela abaphristi ngoba kwabo phambi kwe-alithari lempepha ethempelini likaThixo, kwaqalisa ubulephero ebunzini lobuso bakhe. **20** Kwathi u-Azariya umphristi omkhulu labanye abaphristi bemkhangela, babona eselobulephero ebunzini lakhe, ngakho baphanga bamkhuphela phandle. Lakanye yena ngokwakhe wayevele esefisa ukuphuma, ngoba uThixo wayesemtshayile. **21** U-Uziya inkosi waba lobulephero kwaze kwaba lilanga lakhe lokufa. Wayesehlala endlini yakhe eyayimi yodwa ngoba elobulephero njalo engasavunyelwa ethempelini likaThixo. UJothamu indodana yakhe yaphatha isigodlo njalo yaphatha abantu bonke belizwe. **22** Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso ka-Uziya, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni, zilotshwe ngumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. **23** U-Uziya waphumula labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa eduze

kwabo ensimini yokungcwaba eyayingeyamakhosi ngoba abantu bathi, “Wayelobulephero.” Ngakho uJothamu indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi.

27 UJothamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala eqalisa ukubusa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Ibizo likanina lalinguJerusha indodakazi kaZadokhi. **2** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo njengalokhu okwenziwa nguyise u-Uziya kodwa yena kasangenanga ethempelini likaThixo njengoyise. Lanxa kunjalo, abantu baqhubeka besenza okubi. **3** UJothamu wakha wavuselela iSango langaPhezulu lethempeli likaThixo wenza njalo umsebenzi omkhulu emdulini ngapha ngaseqaqeni lwe-Ofeli. **4** Wakha amadolobho emaqaqeni aseJuda lemiphotshongo ezindaweni ezenileyo. **5** UJothamu wahlasela inkosi yama-Amoni wawanqoba. Ngalowomnyaka ama-Amoni athela kuye ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu, lezilinganiso zezilimo zengqoloyi ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zebhali. Ama-Amoni amlethela inani elifananayo ngomnyaka wesibili langomnyaka wesithathu. **6** UJothamu waba lamandla amakhulu ngoba waqina kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **7** Ezinye izehlakalo embusweni kaJothamu, kanye lezimpi azilwayo lokunye ayekwenza, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda. **8** Waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, njalo wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. **9** UJothamu waphumula labokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshwa

eMzini kaDavida. U-Ahazi indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi.

28 U-Ahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili ubudala nyakana esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Kenzanga njengoyise uDavida, kazange enze okulungileyo emehlweni kaThixo. **2** Wahamba ngezindlela zamakhosi ako-Israyeli njalo wabaza izithombe zokukhonza oBhali. **3** Watshisa imihlatshelo eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu wanikela amadodana akhe emlilweni, elandela izindlela ezenyanyekayo zezizwe uThixo ayezixotshe mandulo kokufika kwabako-Israyeli. **4** Wanikela imihlatshelo njalo watshisa impepha ezindaweni zokukhonzela phezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla eziyizithingithingi. **5** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe wamnikela enkosini yama-Aramu. Ama-Aramu amnqoba athumba abantu bakhe abanengi abaletha eDamaseko. Yena njalo wanikelwa ezandleni zenkosi yako-Israyeli, yona eyambulalela abantu abanengi kakhulu. **6** Kwathi ngelanga elilodwa uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya wabulala amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili koJuda ngoba abakoJuda babemfulathele uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **7** UZikhiri ibutho lako-Efrayimi, wabulala uMaseya indodana yenkosi, lo-Azirikhamu isikhulu somndlunkulu, kanye lo-Elikhana, owayengumsekeli wenkosi. **8** Abako-Israyeli bathumba ezihlotsheni zabo zakoJuda omkabo, lamadodana lamadodakazi abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili. Babutha njalo impango enengi kakhulu, abayithwala

babuyela layo eSamariya. **9** Kodwa umphrofethi
wenkosi okwakuthiwa ngu-Odedi wayekhonale, ngakho
waphuma ukuyahlangabeza ibutho ekuphendukeni
kwalo eSamariya. Wathi kulo, "Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo,
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo wayethukuthelele abakoJuda,
wabanikela ezandleni zenu. Kodwa lina selibabhubhise
ngolaka oluze lwayathinta ezulwini. **10** Khathesi selifuna
ukuthi amadoda labesifazane bakoJuda laseJerusalema
babe yizigqili zenu. Kodwa lina ngokwenu kalonanga
yini kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu na? **11** Lalelani kimi!
Buyiselani amadoda akini eliwenze izibotshwa, ngoba
ulaka lukaThixo olwesabekayo luphezu kwenu." **12**
Abanye babakhokheli bako-Efrayimi u-Azariya indodana
kaJehohanani, loBherekhiya indodana kaMeshilemothi,
loJehizikhiya indodana kaShalumi, kanye lo-Amasa
indodana kaHadilayi bamelana lalabo ababevela empini
bathi kubo, **13** "Lingalethi lezozibotshwa lapha,
ngoba kungenzeka sibe lecala phambi kukaThixo.
Selidinga ukuthi lengezelele lelocala phezu kwesono
sethu na? Ngoba icala lethu livele likhulu, njalo
lentukuthelo yakhe eyesabekayo iphezu kwabako-
Israyeli." **14** Ngakho amabutho akhululula ababebotshiwe
asebuyisela lempahla ezaziyimpango phambi kwezikhulu
laphambi kwebandla. **15** Amadoda ayeqanjwe
ngamabizo abuyisela izibotshwa ezimpahleni zempango
bagqokisa ababenqunu. Babanika izigqoko lamanyathelo,
ukudla lokunathwayo, kanye lomuthi wokwelapha.
Bonke ababuthakathaka babagadisa obabhemi. Ngakho
babathatha bababuyisela kwabanye babo eJerikho,

iDolobho lamaLala, basebebuyela eSamariya. **16** Ngalesosikhathi inkosi u-Ahazi yacela uncedo enkosini yase-Asiriya. **17** Ama-Edomi ayesephendukile ezohlasela abakoJuda njalo asuka eqhuba izibotshwa, **18** kanti amaFilistiya lawo ngapha ayesehlasele amadolobho angaphansi kwamaqaqa kanye laseNegebi yakoJuda. Bathumba basebehlala khona eBhethi-Shemeshi, le-Ayijaloni leGederothi, kanye laseSokho, leThimina leGimizo lemizana eyayiseduze lalapho. **19** UThixo wabatshaya abakoJuda ngoba u-Ahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli wayekhuthaze ukona kwabakoJuda watshengisela ukungathembeki okukhulu kuThixo. **20** UThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya esikhundleni sokumsiza laye wafika wengezelela uhlupho. **21** U-Ahazi wathatha ezinye zezimpahla zasethempelini likaThixo lezinye azithatha endlini yomndlunkulu esigodlweni waze wathatha lezamakhosana wayaziqhubela inkosi yase-Asiriya, kodwa lakho lokhu akumncedanga. **22** Kwathi lanxa inkosi u-Ahazi iphakathi kobunzima, yandisa ukona kwayo kuThixo. **23** Yanikela imihlatshelo kubonkulunkulu baseDamaseko, ababeyehlule, ngoba yakhumbula yathi, “Njengoba onkulunkulu bamakhosi ama-Aramu bewancedile, ngizanikela imihlatshelo kubo ukuze bangisize lami.” Kodwa-ke kwahle kwaba yikuwa kwayo lokuchitheka kwabako-Israyeli. **24** U-Ahazi wabutha zonke izitsha ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wazisusa. Wavala iminyango yethempeli likaThixo wasesakha ama-alithare kuwo wonke amajiko eJerusalema. **25** Wakha izindawo zokukhonzela kuwo wonke amadolobho

akoJuda ukuze atshisele onkulunkulu imihlatshelo; wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. **26** Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso wakhe lezindlela zakhe zonke, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda lako-Israyeli. **27** U-Ahazi waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa labo emzini waseJerusalema, kodwa kabekwanga emathuneni amakhosi ako-Israyeli. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi.

29 UHezekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemihlanu ubudala ethatha ubukhosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo likanina lalingu-Abhija indodakazi kaZakhariya. **2** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida. **3** Ngenyanga yakuqala ngomnyaka wakuqala wokubusa kwakhe, wavula iminyango yethempeli likaThixo wayilungisa. **4** Wamema abaphristi kanye labaLevi, wababuthanisa egumeni eliseceleni langempumalanga **5** wathi: "Lalelani kimi, lina baLevi! Zihlambululeni khathesi njalo lihlambulule lethempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo. Lisuse amanyala endaweni engcwele. **6** Obaba babengathembekanga; benza okubi emehlweni kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu bamdela. Indawo kaThixo bayincitsha ubuso bakhangela eceleni njalo bamfulathela uThixo. **7** Bavala njalo izivalo zomphempe bacitsha izibane. Abazange batshise impepha njalo kabalethanga iminikelo

yokutshiswa endaweni engcwele kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **8** Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo selwehlele phezu kwabakoJuda laphezu kwabaseJerusalema; uThixo usebenze besabeka, bathuthumelisa baba yinto yokweyiswa, njengoba lizibonela ngawenu amehlo. **9** Lokhu sekubangele ukubulawa kwabo ngenkemba njalo lokuthi amadodana lamadodakazi labomkethu babe sekuthunjweni. **10** Khathesi ngifuna ukwenza isivumelwano loThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ukuze ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo lusidedele. **11** Madodana ami, kalingabi ngabangananziyo ngoba uThixo uselikhethile lina ukuma phambi kwakhe limkhonze, limsebenzele lokutshisa impepha." **12** Ngakho laba abaLevi bahle baqalisa umsebenzi: KwabakaKhohathi, uMahathi indodana ka-Amasayi loJoweli indodana ka-Azariya; kwabakaMerari, uKhishi indodana ka-Abhidi lo-Azariya indodana kaJehaleleli; kwabakaGeshoni, uJowa indodana kaZima lo-Edeni indodana kaJowa; **13** kwabosendo luka-Elizafani, kunguShimiri loJeyiyeli; kwabosendo luka-Asafi, kunguZakhariya loMathaniya; **14** kwabosendo lukaHemani, kunguJehiyeli loShimeyi; kwabosendo lukaJeduthuni, kunguShemaya lo-Uziyeli. **15** Bathi sebebuthanise abafowabo bazihlambulula bona, bangena ukuyahlambulula ithempeli likaThixo, njengokuqondisa kwenkosi, eyayilandela ilizwi likaThixo. **16** Abaphristi bangena endaweni engcwele kaThixo ukuba bayeyihlambulula. Konke okwakungcolile ethempelini likaThixo bakukhuphela egumeni lethempeli likaThixo. AbaLevi bakuthwala baya lakho eSigodini

saseKhidironi. **17** Baqalisa ukwahlukanisela ngosuku
lwakuqala lwenyanga yakuqala, kwathi ngosuku
lwesificaminwembili lwenyanga bafika emphempeni
kaThixo. Ngezinsuku ezilandelayo ezificaminwembili
bangcwelisa ithempeli likaThixo uqobo, baze baqeda
ngosuku lwetshumi lesithupha lwenyanga yakuqala. **18**
Basebengena enkosini uHezekhiya ukuba bayembikela
bathi: "Sesilihlambulule lonke ithempeli likaThixo, le-
alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke,
kanye lethala lokwendlalela isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo
kanye lazozonke impahla zakhona. **19** Sesilungise
sangcwelisa zonke izitsha ezasuswa yinkosi u-Ahazi
ngokungathembeki kwakhe eseseyinkosi. Khathesi
seziphambi kwe-alithari likaThixo." **20** Ekuseni
ngosuku olulandelayo inkosi uHezekhiya wabuthanisa
izikhulu zedolobho ndawonye wasesiya ethempelini
likaThixo. **21** Baletha inkunzi eziyisikhombisa, lenqama
eziyisikhombisa, lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna
ayisikhombisa kanye lempongo eziyisikhombisa
kungumnikelo wesono sombuso, lesendlu yokukhonzela
kanye lesikaJuda. Inkosi yalaya abaphristi, abenzalo
ka-Aroni, ukunikela ngalokho e-alithareni likaThixo.
22 Ngakho babulala inkunzi, abaphristi bathatha
igazi bachela ngalo e-alithareni; kwalandela inqama
abazibulala bachela igazi lazo e-alithareni; basebebulala
amazinyane ezimvu bachela igazi lawo e-alithareni. **23**
Impongo zomnikelo wesono zalethwa phambi kwenkosi
laphambi kwebandla, babeka izandla zabo phezu
kwazo. **24** Abaphristi basebebulala impongo baletha

igazi lazo e-alithareni kungumnikelo wesono ukuze kwenzelwe wonke u-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana, ngoba inkosi yayilaye ukuthi kube lomnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono kunikelelwa wonke u-Israyeli. **25** AbaLevi yababeka phakathi kwethempeli likaThixo belezigubhu, lamachacho lemihubhe njengalokho okwakumiswe nguDavida loGadi umboni wenkosi loNathani umphrofethi; lokhu kwakungumlayo kaThixo oweza ngabaphrofethi bakhe. **26** Ngakho abaLevi balinda belamachacho kaDavida, abaphristi belamacilongo. **27** UHezekhiya wakhupha isiqondiso sokuba kwenziwe umnikelo wokutshiswa e-alithareni. Kuthe kuqalisa umnikelo, ukuhlabelela uThixo lakho kwaqalisa, kwahamba kanyekanye lamacilongo kanye lamachacho kaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli. **28** Ibandla lonke lakhothama lakhonza, abahlabeleli behlabela labamacilongo bewavuthela. Konke lokhu kwaqhubeka kwaze kwaphela umnikelo wokutshiswa. **29** Ngemva kokuphela kweminikelo inkosi labo bonke ababekhona baguqa bakhonza. **30** Inkosi uHezekhiya lezikhulu zayo yatshela abaLevi ukuba badumise uThixo ngamazwi kaDavida kanye laka-Asafi umboni. Ngakho badumisa ngokuhlabelela ngenjabulo bakhothamisa amakhanda abo bakhonza. **31** UHezekhiya wasesithi, “Selizinikele kuThixo khathesi. Wozani lilethe imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga ethempelini likaThixo.” Ngakho ibandla laletha imihlatshelo leminikelo, yokubonga, njalo ababelenhliziyo ezivumayo baletha iminikelo yokutshiswa. **32** Inani leminikelo yokutshiswa

eyalethwa libandla kwakuzinkunzi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, inqama ezilikhulu lamazinyane amaduna ezimvu angamakhulu amabili, konke kungokomnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **33** Izifuyo ezahlukaniselwa ukuba ngumhlatshelo kwakuzinkunzi ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezintathu. **34** Kodwa, abaphristi babebalutshwana kakhulu ekuhlinzeni ezomnikelo wokutshiswa; ngakho basebencediswa ngabafowabo abaLevi waze waphela umsebenzi njalo abanye abaphristi baze bangcweliswa ngoba abaLevi babekunanzelele kakhulu ukuzingcwelisa kulabaphristi. **35** Umnikelo wokutshiswa wawumnengi, kanye lamafutha omnikelo wobudlelwano kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo okwakuhambelana lomnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngakho lokhu kwaba yikuvuselelwa kwenkonzo ethempelini likaThixo. **36** UHezekhiya labo bonke abantu bajabula ngababekuphiwe nguNkulunkulu ekwenzela abantu bakhe, ngoba kwakwenzakale ngokuphangisa.

30 UHezekhiya wanxusa bonke abako-Israyeli labakoJuda, wanxusa labako-Efrayimi labakoManase ngezincwadi eJerusalema, ukuthi bazokudla iPhasika ethempelini likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **2** Inkosi lezikhulu zayo lebandla lonke eJerusalema bavumelana ukwenza ukugcina iPhasika ngenyanga yesibili. **3** Babengenelisanga ukwenza umkhosi ngesikhathi sawo ngoba abaphristi babebalutshwana ababezingcwelisile njalo labantu babengabuthananga eJerusalema. **4** Icebo leli lakhanya lilihle enkosini lasebandleni lonke. **5**

Baquma ukuthi kukhutshwe ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli kusukela eBherishebha kusiya koDani, kunxuswa abantu ukuthi beze eJerusalema emkhosini wePhasika likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Umkhosi lo wawungakaze wenziwe ngabanengi kusiya ngomthetho owalotshwa phansi. **6** Ngokulaya kwenkosi, izithunywa zangena kulolonke elako-Israyeli lelakoJuda ziphethe izincwadi ezazivela enkosini lasezikhulwini zayo, ezazilotshwe ukuthi: “Bantu bako-Israyeli, buyelani kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama lo-Isaka lo-Israyeli, ukuze abuyele kulabo benu abaseleyo abaphunyuke ezandleni zamakhosi ase-Asiriya. **7** Lingabi njengaboyihlo lezihlobo zenu ababengathembekanga kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, waze wabenza baba yisibonelo sokwesabekayo njengoba libona. **8** Lingabi ntamolukhuni njengaboyihlo; zehliseni kuThixo. Wozani endlini yokukhonza aseyingcwelisile kuze kube nininini. Mkhonzeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze ulaka lwakhe olwesabekayo lusuke kini. **9** Nxa libuyela kuThixo, abafowenu labantwabenu bazathola umusa kulabo ababathumbayo, babuye kulelilizwe, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ulomusa lesihawu. Kayikulifulathela nxa libuyela kuye.” **10** Ngakho izithunywa zaphuma zangena kuyo yonke imizi lemizana ko-Efrayimi lakoManase, zayafika lakhonale koZebhuluni, kodwa abantu bazihleka ulunya njalo baziklolodela. **11** Lanxa kunjalo, abanye abantu bako-Asheri labakoManase labakoZebhuluni bazithoba baya eJerusalema. **12** Njalo lakoJuda isandla sikaNkulunkulu sasisebantwini

ukubapha ukubambana engqondweni ukuze benze lokho
inkosi lezikhulu zayo eyayithe abakwenze, njengokutsho
kwelizwi likaThixo. **13** Kwabuthana abantu abalixuku
elikhulu eJerusalema bethakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa
esingelaMvubelo ngenyanga yesibili. **14** Basusa ama-
alithare eJerusalema bakhucula ama-alithare empepha
bawathwala bayawaphosela eSigodini saseKhidironi. **15**
Babulala amazinyane ezimvu awePhasika ngosuku
lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yesibili. Abaphristi labaLevi
bayangeka bazihlambulula baletha iminikelo yokutshiswa
ethempelini likaThixo. **16** Basebebuyela ezikhundleni
zabo zenjayelo njengokumisiweyo emthethweni kaMosi
umuntu kaNkulunkulu. Abaphristi bachela igazi
ababeliqhutshelwa ngabaLevi. **17** Njengoba babebanengi
ababengazihlambululanga exukwini, abaLevi bahlaba
amanye amazinyane ezimvu awePhasika besenzela labo
ababengahlanjululwanga ngokomkhuba njalo bengelakho
ukuzahlukanisela izimvu zabo phambi kukaThixo. **18**
Lanxa abantu abanengi ababevela ko-Efrayimi, koManase,
ko-Isakhari lakoZebhuluni babengakazihlambululi,
kodwa badla iPhasika, okwakungekho emthethweni
olotshiweyo. Kodwa uHezekhiya wabakhulekela wathi:
"Kungathi uThixo, olungileyo, angathethelela bonke **19**
abamdingayo uNkulunkulu uThixo, uNkulunkulu
wabokhokho babo loba bengahlambulukanga
ngokomthetho wendawo engcwele." **20** Lakanye uThixo
wawuzwa umkhuleko kaHezekhiya wasilisa abantu. **21**
Ama-Israyeli ayeseJerusalema athakazelela uMkhosi
weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa

ngokujabula okukhulu, abaLevi labaphristi behlabelela kuThixo insuku zonke, bephathiswa ngamachacho okudumisa uThixo. **22** UHezekhiya wabakhuthaza bonke abaLevi abatshengisela ukuzinikela emsebenzini kaThixo. Ngalezonsuku eziyisikhombisa badla leyongxenye eyayiyisabelo sabo njalo banikela umnikelo wobudlelwano bamdumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **23** Ibandla lonke laselivumelana ukuthakazelela umkhosi lo okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; ngakho umkhosi bawuqhuba okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa bejabula. **24** UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda walethela ibandla inkunzi eziyinkulungwane lezimvu ezizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lembuzi zingezebandla, kwathi izikhulu lazo zaletha inkunzi eziyinkulungwane lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Abaphristi abanengi kakhulu bazihlambulula. **25** Ibandla lonke lakoJuda lajabula, ndawonye labaphristi labaLevi labo bonke ababebuthene bevela ko-Israyeli, ndawonye labezizweni ababevela ko-Israyeli lababehlala koJuda. **26** Kwaba lokujabula okukhulu eJerusalema, ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli kwakungazange kube lomkhosi onjalo eJerusalema. **27** Abaphristi labaLevi bema babusisa abantu, uNkulunkulu wabezwa, ngoba imikhuleko yabo yafika ezulwini, endaweni yakhe engcwele ahlala kiyo.

31 Sekuphelile konke lokhu abako-Israyeli ababesemkhosini bangena emizini yakoJuda, badiliza izinsika zokukhonzela u-Ashera. Badiliza izindawo

zokukhonzela lama-alithare kulolonke elakoJuda lakoBhenjamini kanye lako-Efrayimi lakoManase. Bathe sebekudilizile konke lokhu, abako-Israyeli babuyela emizini yabo, ezindaweni zabo. **2** UHezekhiya wamisa abaphristi labaLevi ngezigaba ngamunye wabo kusiya ngemisebenzi yabo yobuphristi kumbe eyabaLevi eyokunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano, ukukhonza, ukubonga kanye lokuhlabelela indumiso emasangweni endaweni ehlala uThixo. **3** Inkosi yapha okuvela kweyayo inotho iminikelo yokutshiswa yekuseni lantambama kanye lokweminikelo yokutshiswa ngamaSabatha, leyokuThwasa kweziNyanga kanye leyemikhosi emisiweyo njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni kaThixo. **4** Inkosi yathi abantu abahlala eJerusalema kumele banike abaphristi labaLevi imfanelo yabo ukuze basebenze ngokuzinikela eMthethweni kaThixo. **5** Masinyazana ngemva kwesiqondiso, abako-Israyeli banikela kakhulu ngokwesivuno sakuqala samabele, lokwewayini elitsha, lokwamafutha lokwenyosi lakho konke okwakutholakala emasimini. Baletha okunengi kakhulu, okwetshumi kukho konke. **6** Amadoda ako-Israyeli lawakoJuda ayehlala emizini yakoJuda lawo aletha okwetshumi kwemihlambi yenkomo leyezimvu zawo lezinto ezingcwele zokunikela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wawo, azibuthelela inqwabanqwaba. **7** Baqalisa ukukwenza lokhu ngenyanga yesithathu baze baqeda ngenyanga yesikhombisa. **8** UHezekhiya lezikhulu zakhe befika bebona lezozinqwabanqwaba badumisa uThixo njalo babusisa abantu bakhe bako-

Israyeli. **9** UHezekhiya wabuza abaphristi labaLevi
ngenqwabanqwaba; **10** u-Azariya umphristi omkhulu,
owendlu kaZadokhi wamphendula wathi, “Kusukela
abantu beqalise ukuletha iminikelo yabo ethempelini
likaThixo, sesizuze ukudla okunengi njalo okusalayo
kunengi kakhulu, ngoba uThixo ubabusisile abantu
bakhe, yikho kulalokhu okunengi kangaka okuseleyo.” **11**
UHezekhiya wapha imilayo yokuba kwakhiwe iziphala
ethempelini likaThixo, lakanye lokho kwenziwa. **12**
Ngakho baqhubeka beletha izipho ngokwethembeka,
lokwetshumi kanye lezipho eziqakathekileyo.
UKhenaniya induna enkulu, umLevi, wayephethe
lezizinto, njalo umfowabo uShimeyi wayengumsekeli
wakhe. **13** UJehiyeli, lo-Azaziya, loNahathi, lo-Asaheli,
loJerimothi, loJozabhadi, lo-Eliyeli, lo-Isimakhiya
loMahathi kanye loBhenaya babekhangele umsebenzi
bengaphansi kukaKhenaniya lomfowabo uShimeyi,
njengokukhethwa kwabo yinkosi uHezekhiya lo-Azariya
isikhulu esasikhangele ithempeli likaNkulunkulu. **14**
UKhore indodana ka-Imna umLevi, owayengumlindi
weSango langeMpumalanga, wayephethe iminikelo
yokuzithandela kuNkulunkulu, enguye owaba okunikelwe
kuThixo kanye lezipho ezingcwelisiweyo. **15** U-Edeni,
loMiniyamini, loJeshuwa, loShemaya, lo-Amariya kanye
loShekhaniya bamncedisa kakhulu bethembekile emizini
yabaphristi, besabelana kusiya ngezigaba zabaphristi,
abadala labatsha, ngokufananayo. **16** Phezu kwalokho,
babesabela abesilisa kusukela kwabaleminyaka
emithathu ngokulotshwa egwalweni lokuzalana

kwabo bonke ababezangena ethempelini likaThixo besiyakwenza imisebenzi etshiyeneyo kusiya ngemilandu yabo ngezigaba zabo. **17** Babela abaphristi ngezimuli zabo njengokulotshiweyo egwalweni lokuzalana kwabo njalo kwabanjalo lakubaLevi abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa labadala, kusiya ngemisebenzi yabo langezigaba zabo. **18** Lokhu kwakuhlanganisa abantwana, abesifazane kanye lamadodana lamadodakazi esigaba sonke kwabasegwalweni lokuzalana kwabo. Ngoba babethembekile ngokuzahlala bengcwele. **19** Abaphristi abayinzalo ka-Aroni, ababehlala eziqintini eduzane lamadolobho loba kwamanye amadolobho, babeqanjwe ngamabizo ukuthi babelane iziqa baze babele lalabo bonke ababelotshiwe ezingwalweni zokuzalana kwabaLevi. **20** Lokhu yikho okwenziwa nguHezekhiya kulolonke elakoJuda, esenza okufaneleyo lokulungileyo ngokwethemba kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **21** Kukho konke ayekwenza emsebenzini wethempeli likaNkulunkulu lasekulaleleni kwakhe umthetho lemilayo, wadinga uNkulunkulu njalo wasebenza ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. Ngalokho waphumelela.

32 Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu uHezekhiya ayekwenze ngokwethembeka, kweza uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela elakoJuda. Wavimbezela amadolobho ayelezinqaba, edinga ukuwanqoba abe ngawakhe. **2** UHezekhiya uthe ebona ukuthi uSenakheribhi usefikile njalo uhlose ukuhlasela iJerusalema, **3** wabuza izikhulu zakhe kanye labebutho ukuthi kwakungaba njani ukuthi kuvalwe amanzi avela emithonjeni

engaphandle kwedolobho, bahle bamncedisa. **4** Ixuku
elikhulu lamadoda labuthana, lakanye bawavala amanzi
awemthonjeni lawesifula esasidabula phakathi kwelizwe.
Bathi, “Kungani amakhosi ase-Asiriya afanele afice
amanzi amanengi na?” **5** Ngakho wasebenza ngamandla
evuselela umduli lokwakha imiphotshongo phezu kwawo.
Wakha omunye umduli ngaphandle kwalowo waseqinisa
imithangala eyayivele ingeyoMuzi kaDavida. Wenza
lezikhali lezihlangu ezinengi kakhulu. **6** Wabeka izikhulu
zebutho zaphatha abantu wasezimisa phambi kwakhe
egcekeni lesango elingasedolobheni wazikhuthaza
ngalamazwi: **7** “Qinani libe lesibindi. Lingesabi njalo
lingethuselwa libutho elikhulu kangaka lenkosi yase-
Asiriya ngoba kulamandla amakhulu akithi adlula akuye.
8 Yena ulengalo yenyama kuphela, kodwa thina siloThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu ukusisiza lokusilwela izimpi zethu.”
Abantu baba lesibindi ngenxa yalokho okwatshiwo yinkosi
yakoJuda uHezekhiya. **9** Muva, uSenakheribhi inkosi
yase-Asiriya lawo wonke amabutho akhe esavimbezele
eLakhishi, wathuma izikhulu zakhe eJerusalema ziphethe
lelilizwi elalisiya kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kanye
labantu bonke abakoJuda abebekhona lapho wathi: **10**
“Nanku okutshiwo nguSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya
uthi: Usithatha ngaphi wena isibindi, esokuthi wale ulokhu
useJerusalema yona ivinjezelwe? **11** Nxa uHezekhiya
esithi, ‘UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu uzasisindisa ezandleni
zenkosi yase-Asiriya,’ uyalikhohlisa, ukuba life ngendlala
langomhawu wamanzi. **12** UHezekhiya akasuye yini
ngokwakhe owasusa izindawo zikankulunkulu lowu

eziphakemeyo lama-alithare, esithi kuJuda leJerusalema,
‘Kumele likhonzele e-alithareni elilodwa njalo litshisele
kulo imihlatshelo na’? **13** Kutsho ukuthi alikwazi yini lokho
engikwenzileyo lalokho okwenziwa ngobaba ebantwini
bamanye amazwe na? Kambe onkulunkulu balezozizwe
benelisa yini ukukhulula ilizwe labo esandleni sami na?
14 Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe balezozizwe
ezabhujiswa ngobaba owake wenelisa ukukhulula abantu
bakhe kimi na? UNkulunkulu wenu angalikhulula
njani esandleni sami? **15** Qaphelani lingakhohliswa
nguHezekhiya limyekele elilahlekisa. Lingamethembi,
ngoba kakho unkulunkulu loba ngowasiphi isizwe loba
yiwuphi umbuso oseke wenelisa ukukhulula abantu bakhe
esandleni sami loba esandleni sabokhokho. Pho kanganani
ukuba owenu unkulunkulu angalikhulula yini esandleni
sami!” **16** Izikhulu zikaSenakheribi zaqhubekela phambili
zikhuluma kubi ngoThixo uNkulunkulu langenceku
yakhe uHezekhiya. **17** Inkosi yaloba lezincwadi ithuka
uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, isitsho lokhu okubi
ngaye: “Njengoba onkulunkulu babantu bamanye amazwe
behluleka ukukhulula abantu babo esandleni sami,
kuyafanana kunjalo uNkulunkulu kaHezekhiya kasoze
enelise ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami.” **18**
Basebememeza ngesiHebheru ebantwini baseJerusalema
ababephezu komduli, bebethusela ukuze besabe
babesebethumba idolobho. **19** Bakhuluma ngoNkulunkulu
weJerusalema njengalokho abakwenza ngabonkulunkulu
babanye abantu bemhlabeni, izinto ezibunjwe yizandla
zabantu. **20** INkosi uHezekhiya lomphrofethi u-Isaya

indodana ka-Amozi bakhala ngomkhuleko ngalokhu. **21** UThixo wathuma ingilosi, eyabhubhisa wonke amadoda empi labakhokheli lezikhulu enkambeni yenkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngakho wabuyela elizweni lakhe ngokuyangeka. Esengene ethempelini likankulunkulu wakhe, amanye amadodana akhe amjuqa ngenkemba. **22** Ngalokho uThixo wamsindisa uHezekhiya labantu baseJerusalema esandleni sikaSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya lakuzo zonke ezinye izitha. UThixo wabavikela wabaphatha kuhle inxa zonke. **23** Abanengi balethela uThixo iminikelo eJerusalema kanye lezipho eziligugu kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. Kusukela lapho waba lesithunzi wahlonitshwa yizizwe zonke. **24** Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula eselengela ekufeni. Wakhuleka kuThixo, wamphendula ngokumnika isibonakaliso. **25** Kodwa inhliziyo kaHezekhiya yagcwala ngokuzikhukhumeza ngakho kazange azihluphe ngesihawu ayesitshengisiwe; ngakho intukuthelo kaThixo yehlela phezu kwakhe lasebantwini bakoJuda labaseJerusalema. **26** Ngakho uHezekhiya waphenduka ukuzikhukhumeza ngenhliziyo yakhe, labantu baseJerusalema labo benza njalo; ngalokho ulaka lukaThixo alusabehlelanga ngezinsuku zikaHezekhiya. **27** UHezekhiya wayelenotho enengi njalo elodumo, wasesakha izindlu zokulondolozela isiliva sakhe legolide kanye lamatshe akhe aligugu, iziyoliso, izihlangu lakho konke okunye okuligugu. **28** Wakha njalo iziphala zokugcinela amabele, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, wakha izibaya zemihlobo eyehlukeneyo yenkomo, lezibaya zemihlambi yezimvu. **29** Wakha imizi wazuza imihlambi

yezimvu leyenkomo, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamnika inotho enkulu kakhulu. **30** UHezekhiya nguye owavala amanzi entombo yangaphezulu kweGihoni wawadonsa agelezela ngentshonalanga koMuzi kaDavida. Waphumelela kukho konke ayekwenza. **31** Ekufikeni kwamanxusa ayethunywe ngababusi beBhabhiloni bezobuza ngomangaliso owawenzakele elizweni, uNkulunkulu wamtshiya ukuze amhlole ukuthi azi konke okwakusenhliziyweni yakhe. **32** Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kukaHezekhiya lemisebenzi yakhe yokuzinikela kulotshiwe embonweni womphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. **33** UHezekhiya waphumula labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa eqaqeni lapha okulamangcwaba abosendo lukaDavida. AbakoJuda bonke labantu baseJerusalema bamhlonipha ekufeni kwakhe. Kwathi uManase indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi.

33 UManase waba yinkosi eleminyaka elitshumi lambili ubudala njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu. **2** Wenza ububi emehlweni kaThixo, elandela imikhuba eyenyanyekayo yezizwe uThixo ayezixotshile phambi kuka-Israyeli. **3** Wavuselela izindawo zokukhonzela ezazibhidlizwe nguyise uHezekhiya; waphinda wakhela oBhali ama-alithare kanye lezinsika zika-Ashera. Wakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi zezulu wazikhonza. **4** Wakha ama-alithare ethempelini likaThixo, lona uThixo ayekhulume ngalo wathi: “IBizo lami lizahlala eJerusalema kuze kube nininini.” **5** Emagumeni womabili ethempeli

likaThixo wakhela izinkanyezi zezulu ama-alithare. **6** Wanikela amadodana akhe emlilweni eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu, wenza imilingo, ukuvumisa, lokuthakatha njalo wayahlahlula lakwabalamadlozi. Wenza okubi kakhulu phambi kukaThixo, wamthukuthelisa. **7** Wathatha isithombe ayesibazile wasibeka ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, lelo uNkulunkulu ayethe kuDavida lasendodaneni yakhe uSolomoni, "Kulelithempeli kanye laseJerusalema, engilikhethileyo ezizwaneni zako-Israyeli, ngizafaka iBizo lami kuze kube nininini. **8** Angiyikuyekela inyawo zabako-Israyeli zisuke kulelilizwe engalabela okhokho babo, nxa bezananzelela benze konke engabalaya ngakho okwemithetho, izimiso leziqondiso ezaphiwa uMosi." **9** Kodwa uManase wakhokhelela abakoJuda labaseJerusalema ekulahlekeni, benza ububi okwedlula izizwe uThixo azibhubhisa mandulo kokufika kwabako-Israyeli. **10** UThixo wakhuluma kuManase labantu bakhe, kodwa kabalalelanga. **11** Ngakho uThixo wabehlisela abalawuli bamabutho enkosi yase-Asiriya, abathumba uManase, bamfaka umkhala emakhaleni, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi bamusa eBhabhiloni. **12** Ekuhlulukelweni kwakhe wacela umusa kaThixo uNkulunkulu waboyise. **13** Ngakho uthe esekhuleka kuThixo, wezwa ukuncenga kwakhe walalela isicelo sakhe; wambuyisela eJerusalema ebukhosini bakhe. Ngalokho uManase wakwazi ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu. **14** Ngemva kwalokho wakha kutsha umduli wangaphandle owoMuzi kaDavida, entshonalanga kwentombo yesigodini seGihoni, kusiya emangenelweni

eSango leNhlanzi kubhoda uqaqa lwe-Ofeli; njalo wawakha waba mude kulakuqala. Wafaka abalawuli bamabutho kuwo wonke amadolobho alezinqaba koJuda. **15** Wasusa bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni wasusa lesithombe ethempelini likaThixo, lawo wonke ama-alithare ayewakhele eqaqeni lwethempeli kanye laseJerusalema; konke lokhu wakulahlela ngaphandle kwedolobho. **16** Wavuselela i-alithari likaThixo wenza iminikelo yobudlelwano leminikelo yokubonga phezu kwalo njalo watshela uJuda ukumkhonza uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **17** Kodwa abantu baqhubeka benikela imihlatshelo ezindaweni zokukhonzela, kodwa benikela kuphela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **18** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaManase, kanye lomkhuleko wakhe kuNkulunkulu wakhe lamazwi akhulunywa ngababoni kuye ngebizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kulotshiwe embalini yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **19** Umkhuleko wakhe lokuthi uNkulunkulu wakwamukela njani ukuncenga kwakhe, lokona kwakhe konke, kanye lokungathembeki, lalezozindawo zokukhonzela ayezakhile lezinsika zika-Ashera lezithombe engakazehlisi ngokuzithoba, kulotshiwe konke emibhalweni yababoni. **20** UManase waphumula labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa esigodlweni sakhe. U-Amoni indodana yakhe yathatha isikhundla sakhe. **21** U-Amoni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka emibili. **22** Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenziwe nguyise uManase. U-Amoni wakhonza njalo wanikela imihlatshelo

kuzozonke izithombe ezazenziwe nguManase. **23** Kodwa kenzanga njengoyise uManase, ngoba yena kazehlisanga phansi kukaThixo; u-Amoni wenza amacala ngokuphindiweyo. **24** Izikhulu zika-Amoni zathama icebo zambulalela esigodlweni sakhe. **25** Kodwa abantu belizwe babulala bonke labo ababethame amacebo ngenkosi u-Amoni, babeka uJosiya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosi.

34 UJosiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisificaminwembili ubudala njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanye. **2** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo njalo wahamba ngenyathelo likayise uDavida, kazange aphambukele kwesokudla loba esokhohlo. **3** Ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe, elokhu esesengumntwana, waqalisa ukumdinga uNkulunkulu kakhokho wakhe uDavida. Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili waqalisa ukuhlambulula elakoJuda laseJerusalema, wavala izindawo zokukhonzela, izinsika zika-Ashera, izithombe ezibaziweyo lezikhandiweyo. **4** Ngeziqondiso zakhe kwabhidlizwa ama-alithare aboBhali; waqoba ama-alithare empepha ayengaphezu kwawo; wahlikiza izinsika zika-Ashera, izithombe kanye lemifanekiso. Lokhu wakuvadlaza wasekuchithizela phezu kwamangcwaba alabo ababenikele imihlatshelo kulezozithombe. **5** Watshisela amathambo abaphristi ema-alithareni abo, ngalokho wahlambulula elakoJuda laseJerusalema. **6** Emizini yakoManase, lako-Efrayimi lakoSimiyoni, kuze kuyefika koNafithali, lasemanxiweni aseduzane layo, **7** wadiliza ama-alithare lezinsika

zika-Ashera njalo wahlifiza izithombe zaba yimpuphu wachithiza ama-alithare empepha kulolonke elako-Israyeli aba yizicucu. Wasebuyela eJerusalema. **8** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaJosiya, ukuze ahlambulule ilizwe kanye lethempeli, wathumela uShafani indodana ka-Azaliya loMaseya umbusi wedolobho, loJowa indodana kaJowahazi, umlobi, ukuba bavuselele ithempeli likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **9** Baya kuHilikhiya umphristi omkhulu bamnika imali eyayilethwe ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, eyayiqoqwe ngabaLevi ababengabagcini beminyango beyiqoqa ebantwini bakoManase, lako-Efrayimi layo yonke insalela yabako-Israyeli lakubo bonke abantu bakoJuda labakoBhenjamini lababehlala eJerusalema. **10** Basebeyiqhubela amadoda ayekhethelwe ukukhangela ukuqhubeka komsebenzi wasethempelini likaThixo. Lamadoda ayeholisa ababevuselela lokwakha kutsha ithempeli. **11** Eyinye bayiqhubela ababazi labakhi ukuze bathenge amatshe abaziweyo lezigodo lezintungo zezindlu ezadilika amakhosi akoJuda engananzelele. **12** Amadoda ayisebenza imisebenzi yawo ngokwethembeka. Ayekhokhelwa njalo eqondiswa ngoJahathi lo-Obhadaya, abaLevi bosendo lukaMerari, uZakhariya loMeshulami abosendo lukaKhohathi. AbaLevi bonke ababengamagabazi kwezamachacho omculo, **13** babephethe izisebenzi njalo bekhangele izisebenzi kulowo lalowo umsebenzi. Abanye abaLevi babengonobhala, labalobi kanye labalindi beminyango. **14** Besakhipha imali eyayingeniswe ethempelini likaThixo, uHilikhiya

umphristi wafumana uGwalo loMthetho kaThixo owawuphiwe uMosi. **15** UHilikhiya wathi kuShafani unobhala, “Sengilutholile uGwalo loMthetho ethempelini likaThixo.” Waselunika uShafani. **16** Ngalokho uShafani waluthatha walusa enkosini wayibikela wathi: “Izikhulu zakho ziyakwenza konke ozilaye ukuba zikwenze. **17** Sebeyibhadele imali leyo eyayisethempelini likaThixo njalo sebeyitshiyele abakhangeli bomsebenzi kanye lezisebenzi.” **18** Ngakho uShafani unobhala wabikela inkosi, wathi, “UHilikhiya umphristi usengiphe ugwalo.” Ngakho uShafani waselubala phambi kwenkosi. **19** Inkosi yonela ukuzwa amazwi oMthetho, yadabula izembatho zayo **20** yapha leziziqondiso kuHilikhiya, lo-Ahikhami indodana kaShefani, lo-Abhidoni indodana kaMikha, loShafani unobhala kanye lo-Asaya inceku yenkosi yathi: **21** “Hambani liyengibuzela kuThixo lensalela yako-Israyeli labakoJuda ngalokhu okulotshwe kulolugwalo olutholakeleyo. Lukhulu ulaka lukaThixo phezu kwethu ngenxa yabokhokho abangazange balilalele ilizwi likaThixo; kabenzanga ngendlela okulotshwe ngayo kulolugwalo.” **22** UHilikhiya lalabo ayethunywe labo yinkosi bahamba ukuba bayekhuluma loHulida umphrofethikazi owayengumkaShalumi indodana kaThokhathi, indodana kaHasira, umlondolozi wezembatho. UHulida wayehlala eJerusalema endaweni yeSiqinti Sesibili. **23** Wathi kubo, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Tshelani umuntu olithume kimi lithi, **24** ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uthi: Ngizakwehlisela lindawo

labantu bayo incithakalo lazozonke izithuko ezilotshiweyo egwalweni olufundwe phambi kwenkosi yakoJuda. **25** Ngoba bangidelile batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha njalo bangithukuthelisile ngakho konke abakwenze ngezandla zabo, ulaka lwami luzakwehlela phezu kwalindawo njalo aluyikucitshwa.' **26** Tshelani inkosi yakoJuda, elithume ukuzabuza kuThixo lithi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, mayelana lamazwi owezwileyo: **27** Njengoba uzisolile wazehlisa ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu wezwa ukuthi utheni ngalindawo labantu bayo njalo langenxa yokuthi uzehlisile wazithoba phambi kwami wadabula izembatho zakho walila phambi kwami, ngikuzwile, utsho njalo uThixo. **28** Wena ngizakususa ngikuse kubokhokho bakho, njalo uzangcwatshwa ngokuthula. Amehlo akho awayikubona leyoncithakalo engizayehlisela indawo le lakulabo abahlala khona.'" Ngempela bayithatha leyompendulo baya layo enkosini. **29** Inkosi yasibuthanisa bonke abadala bakoJuda labaseJerusalema. **30** Yaya ethempelini likaThixo labantu bakoJuda, kanye labaseJerusalema, labaphristi kanye labaLevi labantu bonke kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu. Inkosi yabafundela wonke amazwi ayeseGwalweni lweSivumelwano, olwatholakala ethempelini likaThixo. **31** Inkosi yema ensikeni yayo yavuselela isivumelwano sayo phambi kukaThixo, ukumkhonza uThixo lokwamukela imilayo yakhe, leziqondiso, lezimiso zakhe ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomphefumulo wayo wonke, lokulalela amazwi esivumelwano esilotshiweyo ogwalweni. **32** Yasifungisa

bonke ababeseJerusalema labakoBhenjamini ukuba bazasigcina; abantu baseJerusalema bakwenza lokho belandela isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. **33** UJosiya wasusa zonke izithombe ezenyanyekayo ezabelweni zonke ezazingezako-Israyeli, wenza bonke abako-Israyeli bamkhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. Ngezinsuku zokuphila kwakhe kazange aphambuke endleleni kaThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo.

35 UJosiya wenza uMkhosi wePhasika kuThixo eJerusalema, iwundlu lePhasika lahlatshwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala. **2** Wabeka abaphristi ngemisebenzi yabo njalo wabakhuthaza emsebenzini wethempeli likaThixo. **3** KubaLevi, ababefundisa abako-Israyeli bonke njalo ababevele behlukaniselwe uThixo wathi: "Bekani ibhokisi lesivumelwano elingcwele ethempelini elakhiwa nguSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli. Akumelanga libe lithwalwa ngamahlombe enu. Khathesi khonzani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli. **4** Hlanganani ngezindlu zenu langezigaba zenu, kusiya ngeziqondiso ezalotshwa nguDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye loSolomoni indodana yakhe. **5** Manini endaweni engcwele leqembu labaLevi kuzozonke izigaba ngezindlu zezihlobo zenu, kube ngabemuli. **6** Hlabani amawundlu ePhasika, lizihlambulule lilungisele izihlobo zenu lenze njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo ngoMosi." **7** UJosiya wanika abantu makhaza bonke ababekhona izimvu lembuzi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi

amathathu zomnikelo wePhasika, kanye lenkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu, zonke zingezayo inkosi. **8** Izikhulu zakhe lazo zapha ngokuzinikela ebantwini zapha labaphristi labaLevi. UHilikhiya, loZakhariya loJehiyeli, abaphrofethi bethempeli likaNkulunkulu, bapha abaphristi iminikelo yePhasika engamakhulu angamatshumi amabili lesithupha lenkomo ezingamakhulu amathathu. **9** Abanye abapha kanye loKhenaniya loShemaya, loNethaneli, abafowabo, kanye loHashabhiya, loJeyiyeli, loJozabhadi, abakhokheli babaLevi, bapha okomnikelo wePhasika izinkulungwane ezinhlanu kanye lenkomo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ezabaLevi. **10** Inkonzo yalungiswa kwathi abaphristi bema ezindaweni zabo labaLevi ezigabeni zabo ngeziqondiso zenkosi. **11** Amawundlu ePhasika ahlatshwa, abaphristi bemukela igazi bachela ngalo, abaLevi ngalesosikhathi babehlinza. **12** Babeka eceleni iminikelo yokutshiswa ukuze banike izigaba ngezigaba zezimuli zabantu ukuze banikele kuThixo, njengokulotshiweyo eGwalweni lukaMosi. Benza okufaneleyo lasenkomeni. **13** Bosa izinyamazana zePhasika emlilweni njengokulaywa kwabo, babilisa iminikelo engcwele ezimbizeni, ezindengezini lasemapaneni baphanga bakuphakela abantu. **14** Ngemva kwalokho, bazilungisela okwabo ndawonye lokwabaphristi, ngoba abaphristi, abayinzalo ka-Aroni, babephathekile ngeminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leyamahwahwa kwaze kwaba kusihlwa. Ngakho abaLevi bazilungisela okwabo lokwabaphristi abangabendlu ka-Aroni. **15** Abahlabeleli, abenzalo ka-

Asafi, babesezindaweni ezaqanjwa nguDavida, lo-Asafi, loHemani kanye loJeduthuni umboni wenkosi. Abalindi bamasango esangweni linye ngalinye akuzange kudingeke ukuthi basuke ezindaweni zabo, ngoba abaLevi abayizihlobo zabo babebalungisele okwabo. **16** Ngakho ngalesosikhathi umsebenzi kaThixo wenzelwa ukugcinwa kwePhasika lokunikelwa kweminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni likaThixo, njengoba inkosi uJosiya yayitshilo. **17** Abako-Israyeli ababekhona bathakazelela iPhasika ngalesosikhathi njalo bathakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **18** IPhasika lalingazange ligcinwe ngalindlela ko-Israyeli kusukela ngezinsuku zomphrofethi uSamuyeli; njalo kayikho leyodwa inkosi yako-Israyeli eyayike yathakazelela iPhasika elinjengaleli elenziwa nguJosiya, labaphristi, labaLevi labo bonke abakoJuda labako-Israyeli ababelapho labantu baseJerusalema. **19** LeliPhasika lathakazelelwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili wokubusa kukaJosiya. **20** Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu uJosiya eseqondisile konke ngeThempeli, uNekho inkosi yaseGibhithe wayahlasela iKharikhemishi eYufrathe, uJosiya waphuma ukuyadibana laye empini. **21** Kodwa uNekho wamthumela amanxusa esithi, “Kulokuxabana bani phakathi kwami lawe, we nkosi yakoJuda? Phela angihlaseli wena khathesi, ngihlaselana laleyondlu engilwa layo impi. UNkulunkulu ungitshele ukuba ngiphangise; wena mana ungaphikisani loNkulunkulu, yena olami, funa akubhubhise.” **22** Kodwa uJosiya kazange amyekele, wazifihla ukuze abe sempini.

Kazange alalele akutshelwa nguNekho kuvela kuNkulunkulu kodwa laye wayakulwa emagcekeni aseMegido. **23** Abatshoki bayiciba inkosi uJosiya, yatshela izikhulu zayo yathi, “Ngisusani lapha, sengilimele kakubi.” **24** Ngakho bamethula enqoleni yakhe yokulwa, bamfaka kweyinye ayelayo bamusa eJerusalema, lapho afela khona. Wangcwatshwa emathuneni abokhokho bakhe, bonke abakoJuda labako-Israyeli bamlilela. **25** UJeremiya laye waloba isililo ngoJosiya, njalo kuze kube lamuhla abahlabeleli bonke abesilisa labesifazane lokhu behaya isililo ngoJosiya. Lokhu kulila kwaba ngumkhuba ko-Israyeli njalo kubhaliwe eZililweni. **26** Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kukaJosiya lezinye izenzo zokuzinikela kwakhe, mayelana lokulotshiweyo eMthethweni kaThixo **27** zonke izehlakalo, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekuphetheni, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda.

36 Abantu belizwe bathatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya bamenza inkosi eJerusalema esikhundleni sikayise. **2** UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu yobudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okwezinyanga ezintathu. **3** Inkosi yaseGibhithe yamethula ubukhosi eJerusalema njalo yathelisa abakoJuda amathalenta alikhulu esiliva kanye lethalenta legolide. **4** Inkosi yaseGibhithe, yabeka u-Eliyakhimu, umfowabo kaJehowahazi, ukuba abe yinkosi yakoJuda laseJerusalema yasiguqula ibizo lika-Eliyakhimu laba nguJehoyakhimi. Kodwa uNekho wathatha umfowabo ka-Eliyakhimu uJehowahazi

wamusa eGibhithe. **5** UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wamhlasela wambopha ngamaketane ethusi wasemusa eBhabhiloni. **7** UNebhukhadineza wasuka lezinye impahla zethempeli likaThixo wazisa ethempelini lakhe elaliseBhabhiloni. **8** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaJehoyakhimi, lamanyala awenzayo lakho konke okwatholakala kulihlazo ngaye, kulotshiwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi. **9** UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okwezinyanga ezintathu lezinsuku ezilitshumi. Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo. **10** Kwathi entwasa, inkosi uNebhukhadineza yathumela ukuthi bamlethe eBhabhiloni, kanye lempahla eziligugu ezazivela ethempelini likaThixo, wabeka uZedekhiya isinini sikaJehoyakhini ukuba yinkosi yakoJuda laseJerusalema. **11** UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. **12** Wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe njalo kazange azithobe ngaphansi komphrofethi uJeremiya, owayekhulumela uThixo. **13** Wahlamukela inkosi uNebhukhadineza, owayemfungise ngebizo likaNkulunkulu. Waba lenkani, lenhliziyo elukhuni, kazange azithobe kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **14**

Abakhokheli bonke babaphristi lababantu baqhubeka ngokungathembeki, belandela izenzo ezingamanyala zezizwe, bengcolisa ithempeli likaThixo, ayezehlukanisele lona eJerusalema. **15** UThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, wathumela ilizwi ephindaphinda ngezithunywa zakhe, ngoba wayelesihawu ebantwini bakhe kanye lendawo yakhe yokuhlala. **16** Kodwa izithunywa zikaNkulunkulu babezihleka ulunya, beseyisa amazwi akhe njalo beklolodela abaphrofethi bakhe lwaze lwavutha ulaka lukaThixo ebantwini bakhe kungasekho okunganceda. **17** Ngakho wathuma inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, yabulala amajaha akibo ngenkemba endlini engcwele, njalo akusindanga jaha loba ntombi, indoda endala loba oseluphele. UNkulunkulu wabanikela bonke esandleni sikaNebhukhadineza. **18** Wathutha zonke impahla zethempeli likaNkulunkulu wazisa eBhabhiloni, zonke ezincinyane lezinkulu, kanye lezenotho yethempelini likaThixo lezenotho yenkosi leyezikhulu zayo. **19** Batshisa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu njalo badiliza umduli weJerusalema; batshisa zonke izigodlo batshabalalisa lakho konke okwakuligugu khonapho. **20** Wathatha bonke ababesele bengadliwanga yinkemba wabasa eBhabhiloni baba yizichaka zakhe lezamadodana akhe kwaze kwangena umbuso wasePhezhiya. **21** Ilizwe lazuza ukuphumula kwalo kwamasabatha; kusosonke isikhathi salo sencithakalo laphumula kwaze kwaphela iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa ukugcwalisa ilizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa nguJeremiya. **22** Ngomnyaka wakuqala wenkosi yasePhezhiya uKhurosi, ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi

likaThixo elakhulunywa nguJeremiya, uThixo wathinta
inhliziyo kaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya ukuba yenze
isimemezelo kuwo wonke umbuso wayo, ukuthi sibhalwe
phansi kuthiwe: **23** “Nanti ilizwi likaKhurosi inkosi
yasePhezhiya elithi: ‘UThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini
unginike yonke imibuso yomhlaba njalo ungikhethile
ukuba ngimakhele ithempeli eJerusalema koJuda. Loba
ngubani, wabantu bakhe phakathi kwenu sengathi uThixo
uNkulunkulu wakhe angaba laye, kahambe.’”

U-Ezra

1 Ngomnyaka wakuqala wenkosi yasePhezhiya uKhurosi,
ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa
nguJeremiya, uThixo wathinta inhliziyo kaKhurosi inkosi
yasePhezhiya ukuba yenze isimemezelo kuwo wonke
umbuso wayo, ukuthi sibhalwe phansi kuthiwe: **2** "Nanku
okutshiwo yinkosi uKhurosi wasePhezhiya: 'UThixo,
uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, ungiphile yonke imbuso
yasemhlabeni njalo ungikhethile ukuthi ngimakhele
ithempeli eJerusalema koJuda. **3** Loba ngubani wabantu
bakhe phakathi kwenu angahamba aye eJerusalema
koJuda ayekwakha ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli, uNkulunkulu oseJerusalema njalo sengathi
uNkulunkulu wabo angaba labo. **4** Akuthi abantu loba
ngabakuyiphi indawo lapho okungabe kuseselensalela
kabamuphe isiliva legolide, impahla lezifuyo,
leminikelo yokuzithandela yethempeli likaNkulunkulu
eJerusalema.'" **5** Kwasekusithi abazinhloko zemizi
yakoJuda lakoBhenjamini, kanye labaphristi labaLevi,
labo bonke ababethintwe inhliziyo zabo nguNkulunkulu,
bazilungisela ukuhamba ukuyakwakha indlu kaThixo
eJerusalema. **6** Bonke omakhelwane babo babancedisa
ukuzuza izinto zesiliva legolide, impahla lezifuyo, lezipho
eziligugu phezu kwayo yonke iminikelo yokuzizwela. **7**
Phezu kwalokho iNkosi uKhurosi yakhupha zonke
izitsha ezazingezethempeli likaThixo ezazithunjwe
nguNebhukhadineza eJerusalema zabekwa ethempelini
likankulunkulu wakhe. **8** UKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya
wathi kazilethwe nguMithiredathi umgcinisikhwama

onguye owazibalayo ezibalela uSheshibhazari inkosana yakoJuda. **9** Nanzi-ke lezompahla: imiganu yegolide yayingamatshumi amathathu, imiganu yesiliva yayiyinkulungwane, amapane esiliva ayengamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye, **10** imiganu yegolide ezingubhe yayingamatshumi amathathu, eyesiliva efana layo yayingamakhulu amane letshumi, ezinye impahla zaziyinkulungwane. **11** Sekukonke, kwakuyizinkulungwane ezinhlanu lamakhulu amane ezinto zegolide lesiliva. USheshibhazari weza lazozonke lezizinto lapho izithunjwa zafika eJerusalema zivela eBhabhiloni.

2 Manje-ke yilaba abantu bendawo ababuyayo ekuthunjweni, ababethunjiwe nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabasa eBhabhiloni (babuyela eJerusalema lakoJuda, ngulowo emzini wakibo, **2** behamba loZerubhabheli, loJeshuwa, loNehemiya, loSeraya, loRelayiya, loModekhayi, loBhilishani, loMisipha, loBhigivayi, loRehumi loBhana): Uluhlu lwamadoda ako-Israyeli: **3** isizukulwane sikaPharoshi sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu elilamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **4** esikaShefathiya sasingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **5** esika-Ara sasingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu, **6** esikaPhahathi-Mowabi (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa loJowabi) sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lambili, **7** esika-Elamu sasiyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **8** esikaZathu

sasingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amane lanhlanu, **9** esikaZakhayi sasingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha, **10** esikaBhani sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili, **11** esikaBhebhayi sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **12** esika-Azigadi sasiyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lambili, **13** esika-Adonikhamu sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lasithupha, **14** esikaBhigivayi sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha, **15** esika-Adini sasingamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **16** esika-Atheri (ngoHezekhiya) sasingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificaminwembili, **17** esikaBhezayi sasingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **18** esikaJora sasilikhulu letshumi lambili, **19** esikaHashumi sasingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **20** esikaGibhari sasingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu, **21** amadoda eBhethilehema ayengamakhulu amabili lantathu, **22** eNethofa ayengamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha, **23** e-Anathothi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili, **24** e-Azimavethi ayengamatshumi amane lambili, **25** eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, eKhefira leBherothi ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu, **26** eRama leGebha ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye, **27** eMikhimashi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili, **28** eBhetheli le-Ayi ayengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **29** eNebho ayengamatshumi amahlanu

lambili, **30** eMagibhishi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu
lasithupha, **31** kweyinye i-Elamu ayeyinkulungwane
elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **32**
eHarimi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
amabili, **33** eLodi, eHadidi le-Ono ayengamakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, **34** eJerikho
ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane
lanhlanu, **35** eSenaya ayezinkulungwane ezintathu
lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu. **36**
Abaphristi: esizukulwaneni sikaJedaya (ngosendo
lukaJeshuwa) babengamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu, **37** kwesika-Imeri
babeyinkulungwane lamatshumi amahlanu lambili, **38**
kwesikaPhashuri babeyinkulungwane elamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi amane lasikhombisa, **39**
kwesikaHarimi babeyinkulungwane letshumi
lasikhombisa. **40** AbaLevi: besizukulwane
sikaJeshuwa loKhadimiyeli (abosendo lukaHodaviya)
babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane. **41** Abahlabeleli:
besizukulwane sika-Asafi babelikhulu lamatshumi
amabili lasificaminwembili. **42** Abalindi bamasango:
besizukulwane sikaShalumi, lo-Atheri, loThalimoni, lo-
Akhubi, loHathitha loShobhayi babelikhulu lamatshumi
amathathu lasificamunwemunye. **43** Izinceku
zethempelini: zesizukulwane sikaZiha, loHasufa,
loThabhawothi, **44** loKherosi, loSiyaha, loPhadoni, **45**
loLebhana, loHagabha, lo-Akhubi, **46** loHagabi,
loShalimayi, loHanani, **47** loGideli, loGahari, loReyaya, **48**
loRezini, loNekhoda, loGazami, **49** lo-Uza, loPhaseya,

loBhesayi, **50** lo-Asina, loMewunimi, loNefusimi, **51** loBhakibhuki, loHakufa, loHahuri, **52** loBhaziluthi, loMehida, loHasha, **53** loBhakhosi, loSisera, loThema, **54** loNeziya kanye loHathifa. **55** Izizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni: isizukulwane sikaSothayi, loHasoferethi, loPheruda, **56** loJala, loDakhoni, loGideli, **57** loShefathiya, loHathili, loPhokherethi-Hazebhayimi kanye lo-Ami. **58** Izinceku zethempelini lezizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni zazingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili. **59** Abalandelayo laba bavela emadolobheni aseTheli Mela, eTheli Hasha, eKherubi, e-Adani, lase-Imeri, kodwa behluleka ukuveza ukuthi usendo lwabo lwaphuma ko-Israyeli: **60** abesizukulwane sikaDelaya, loThobhiya loNekhoda babengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lambili. **61** Ababephuma kubaphristi kwakuyilaba: Abesizukulwane sikaHobhaya, esikaHakhozi lesikaBhazilayi (indoda eyayithethe indodakazi kaBhazilayi umGiliyadi layo yayibizwa ngalelobizo). **62** Laba baphenya imibhalo yembali yezimuli zabo, kodwa bayiswela ngakho basuswa ebuphristini kwathiwa bangcolile. **63** Umbusi wabalaya ukuthi bangakudli loba yikuphi ukudla okungcwele kuze kube lomphristi wokubuza inkatho i-Urimi leThumimi. **64** Ixuku lonke lalilinani elifika izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili, lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi ayisithupha, **65** ngaphandle kwezinceku lezincekukazi zabo ezizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi amathathu lasikhombisa; njalo babe

labahlabeleli besilisa labesifazane abangamakhulu amabili. **66** Babelamabhiza angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lasithupha, lezimbongolo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu, **67** lamakamela angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu kanye labobabhemi abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha ezilamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili. **68** Bathi ukufika kwabo endlini kaThixo eJerusalema abanye bezinhloko zezimuli benza umnikelo wokuzizwela waba ngowokwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo. **69** Banikela esikhwameni esikhulu ngokwamandla abo ukwenza umsebenzi lo banika amadrakhima azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye egolide lesiliva esifika izinkulungwane ezinhlanu samamina lezembatho zobuphristi ezilikhulu. **70** Abaphristi, labaLevi, labahlabeleli, labalindi bamasango kanye lezinceku zethempelini bahlala emadolobheni akibo, ndawonye labanye abantu, labo bonke abako-Israyeli bahlala emadolobheni akibo.

3 Kwathi sekufika inyanga yesikhombisa, lapho abako-Israyeli sebehlezi emizini yakibo, abantu babuthana njengomuntu munye eJerusalema. **2** Kwasekusithi uJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labaphristi ayesebenza labo kanye loZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli labakhula bakhe baqalisa ukwakha i-alithari likaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukwenza umhlatshelo womnikelo wokutshiswa kulo, mayelana lalokho okulotshiweyo eMthethweni kaMosi umuntu

kaNkulunkulu. **3** Lokuba babesesaba abantu bendawo,
balakha i-alithari esisekelweni salo benza iminikelo
yokutshiswa kuThixo kulo, yomibili imihlatshelo yokusa
lowokuhlwa. **4** Kwathi njalo belandela okulotshiweyo
bawugubha uMkhosi weziHonqo besenza inani
elifaneleyo leminikelo yokutshiswa elungiselwe lelo
lalelo ilanga. **5** Emva kwalokho baletha iminikelo
yenjayelo eyokutshiswa, iminikelo yokuThwasa
kweNyanga leminikelo yayo yonke imikhosi kaThixo
emisiweyo engcwele, kanye laleyo eyayilethwa
njengeminikelo yokuzithandela eyalethwa kuThixo. **6**
Ngelanga lokuqala lenyanga yesikhombisa baqalisa
ukuletha iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo, lokuba
isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo sasingakabekwa. **7**
Basebesipha ababazi bamatshe lababazi nje imali, bapha
ukudla lokunathwayo lamafutha ebantwini baseThire
leSidoni, ukuze balethe izigodo zemisedari ngendlela
yolwandle kusuka eLebhanoni kusiya eJopha njengoba
kwakuvunyelwe nguKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya. **8**
Ngenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka wesibili bebuyile endlini
kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, uZerubhabheli indodana
kaSheyalithiyeli, loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki
labo bonke abafowabo (abaphristi labaLevi labo
bonke ababuyayo eJerusalema bevela ebugqilini)
bawuqalisa umsebenzi, bakhetha abaLevi abaleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ukuthi baphathe
umsebenzi wokwakha indlu kaThixo. **9** UJeshuwa
lamadodana akhe labafowabo loKhadimiyeli lamadodana
akhe (abazukulu bakaHodaviya) lamadodana kaHenadadi

kanye lamadodana abo labafowabo, bonke bengabaLevi, bahlangana ndawonye ukukhangela labo ababesebenza endlini kaNkulunkulu. **10** Kwathi abakhi sebesibekile isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo abaphristi bagqoka izembatho zabo, baphatha amachacho, kanye labaLevi (amadodana ka-Asafi) bephethe izigubhu, bonke bema ezindaweni zabo ukudumisa uThixo njengokwamiswa nguDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli. **11** Badumisa bebonga, bahlabelela uThixo bathi: "Ulungile; uthando lwakhe ku-Israyeli lumi laphakade." Bonke abantu bamemeza bedumisa uThixo ngoba isisekelo sendlu kaThixo sasesibekiwe. **12** Kodwa abanengi babaphristi abadala labaLevi kanye lezikhulu zezimuli ababelibonile ithempeli lakuqala, bakhala kakhulu bebona isisekelo saleli ithempeli sibekwa, ikanti abanye babo bamemeza ngokuthaba. **13** Kakho owayengawehlukanisa umsindo wokumemeza kokuthokoza lomsindo wokukhala ngoba abantu benza umsindo omangalisayo. Njalo umsindo lowo wezwakala kude.

4 Kwathi lapho izitha zakoJuda lakoBhenjamini sezizwile ukuthi ababeyizithunjwa basebesakha ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli **2** beza kuZerubhabheli lakulabo ababezinhloko zezimuli bathi, "Yekelani silincedise ukwakha ngoba lathi, njengani, siyamdinga uNkulunkulu wenu njalo kukade sisenza imihlatshelo kuye kusukela esikhathini sika-Esarihadoni inkosi yase-Asiriya, onguye owasiletha lapha." **3** Kodwa uZerubhabheli, loJeshuwa labo bonke ababezinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli baphendula bathi, "Kalilani lakho ukwakhisana

lathi ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wethu. Thina sodwa sizalakha, silakhela uThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli, njengokulaywa kwethu nguKhurosi, inkosi yasePhezhiya."
4 Kwasekusithi abantu balelolizwe baqalisa ukubadondisa abantu bakoJuda babenza besaba ukuqhubeka besakha. **5** Bathenga abacebisi bokudunga umsebenzi bawunyampise ngasosonke isikhathi sokubusa kukaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDariyu inkosi yasePhezhiya. **6** Ekuqaleni kokubusa kuka-Ahasuweru bethesa abantu bakoJuda labaseJerusalema icala. **7** Njalo kwathi ngezinsuku zika-Athazekisisi inkosi yasePhezhiya uBhishilamu, loMithiredathi loThabheli labo bonke abangane babo baloba incwadi isiya ku-Athazekisisi. Incwadi leyo yayibhalwe ngolimi lwesi-Aramayikhi ngendlela yokuloba kwawo ama-Aramu. **8** URehumi umlawuli webutho loShimishayi unobhala babhala incwadi isiya ku-Athazekisisi inkosi besola iJerusalema besithi: **9** URehumi umlawuli webutho loShimishayi unobhala kanye labo bonke abahlangene labo, abehluleli lezinduna zabantu abasuka eThripholi, ePhezhiya, e-Ereki leBhabhiloni lama-Elamu aseSusa, **10** kanye labanye abantu inkosi enkulu ehloniphekayo u-Ashuribhaniphali (u-Osinaphari) eyabaxotshayo yayabahlalisa edolobheni laseSamariya lakwezinye izindawo ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe. **11** (Nanka amazwi encwadi leyo abayibhalayo.) Kuyo iNkosi u-Athazekisisi, Ivela ezincekwini zakho, abantu abangaphetsheya kweYufrathe: **12** Inkosi ifanele yazi ukuthi amaJuda afikayo kithi lapha evela kuwe aseye

eJerusalema njalo sebelakha kutsha idolobho lelo elihlamukayo, elibi kakhulu. Sebevusa imiduli bevuselela lezisekelo. **13** Phezu kwalokho inkosi kufanele ukuba yazi ukuthi aluba idolobho leli lingaze lakhiwe lemiduli yalo imiswe njalo, kakusayikubhadalwa imithelo lenkongozelo yenkosi, lomthetho wokungenisa impahla ezweni, besekusithi-ke isikhwama senkosi sisilele izimali. **14** Pho njengoba thina silomlandu ophuma esigodlweni njalo kungafanelanga ukuthi sibone inkosi idelelwa, sithumela umbiko lo ukuyazisa inkosi, **15** ukuze kuhlolisiswe ezingwalweni zezindaba ezatshiywa yilabo abakwandulelayo. Kulezongwalo uzathola ukuthi idolobho leli lidolobho lokuhlamuka, lilohlupho emakhosini lakwezinye izigaba zombuso, liyindawo yokuhlamuka kulokhu kwasukela endulo. Yilokho okwabangela ukubhidlizwa kwalelidolobho. **16** Inkosi siyazisela ukuthi aluba idolobho leli lingakhiwa, imiswe njalo imiduli yalo, izakube ingasasalanga lalutho ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe. **17** Inkosi yathumela impendulo le: KuRehumi umlawuli wempi loShimishayi unobhala labo bonke abaphathisana labo abahlala eSamariya lakwezinye izindawo ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe: Ngiyalibingelela. **18** Incwadi elasithumela yona isiguqulwe ulimi yabalwa phambi kwami. **19** Ngakhupha ilizwi kwaphenywa, kwafunyanwa ukuthi idolobho leli lilembali ende eyokuvukela amakhosi, liyindawo yokuhlamuka lokuxhwala. **20** IJerusalema isike yaba lamakhosi alamandla ayebusa kulolonke elangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, kubhadalwa kuwo imithelo, inkongozelo

yenkosi lemithelo yokungenisa impahla elizweni. **21** Manje-ke khuphani umlayo kulawomadoda ukuthi kabamise umsebenzi, ukuze idolobho leli lingakhiwa ngize ngitsho mina. **22** Nanzelelani ukuthi lingayilibali indaba le. Kuyekelelwani indaba le ikhula yona ilimaza izifiso zenkosi? **23** Incwadi yeNkosi u-Athazekisisi yonela ukubalelwa uRehumi loShimishayi unobhala lalabo ababephathisa bahle bahamba masinyane kubaJuda eJerusalema bababamba ngamandla ukumisa umsebenzi. **24** Kanjalo umsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema wema kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaDariyu inkosi yasePhezhiya.

5 Ngalesosikhathi uHagayi umphrofethi loZakhariya umphrofethi, umzukulu ka-Ido babephrofitha kubaJuda laseJerusalema ngebizo likaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli onguye owayephezu kwabo. **2** Kwasekusithi uZerubhabheli indodana kaShelathiyeli loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki baqalisa ukwakha kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema. Abaphrofethi bakaNkulunkulu babelabo bebancedisa. **3** Ngalesosikhathi uThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe loShethari-Bhozenayi labaphathisi babo baya kubo bababuza bathi, “Ngubani olivumeleyo ukwakha kutsha ithempeli leli lokuvuselela lesisakhiwo?” **4** Babuza njalo bathi, “Ngobani amabizo amadoda ayakhayo indlu le na?” **5** Kodwa ilihlo likaNkulunkulu wabo lalibalindile abadala babaJuda njalo kabazange beme kuze kuyefika umbiko kuDariyu kubuye njalo impendulo yakhe ibhaliwe. **6** Le yiyo incwadi

eyathunyelwa nguThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe loShethari-Bhozenayi labasekeli babo, izinduna zaphetsheya kweYufrathe yaya kuDariyu iNkosi.
7 Umbiko abawuthumelayo wawubhalwe kanje: Kuyo iNkosi uDariyu: Ukubingelela okuhle. **8** Inkosi kufanele yazi ukuthi saya esiqintini sakoJuda, ethempelini likaNkulunkulu omkhulu. Abantu bayalakha ngamatshe amakhulu, kunqunyiswa imijabo emidulini. Umsebenzi uqhutshwa ngokukhuthala, njalo uyaphambili ngokuphangisa ukhokhelwa yibo. **9** Sabuza abadala bakhona sathi, "Ngubani oliphe imvumo yokwakha kutsha leli ithempeli lokuvuselela isakhiwo lesi?" **10** Njalo sababuza amabizo abo ukuze sibhale amabizo abakhokheli babo sisenzela ukukwazisa. **11** Nansi impendulo abasipha yona: "Siyizinceku zikaNkulunkulu wezulu lomhlaba, yikho silakha kutsha ithempeli elakhiwa kudala, elakhiwa yinkosi enkulu yako-Israyeli yaliqeda. **12** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi okhokho bethu bamthukuthelisa uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, wabanikela ezandleni zikaNebhukhadineza umKhaladiya, inkosi yaseBhabhiloni owalibhidlizayo lelithempeli abantu wabaxotshela eBhabhiloni. **13** Kodwa ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKhurosi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, iNkosi uKhurosi wakhupha isimemezelo sokuthi kwakhiwe indlu kaNkulunkulu. **14** Wabuye wasusa ethempelini laseBhabhiloni impahla zegolide lesiliva ezendlu kaNkulunkulu ezazithethwe nguNebhukhadineza ethempelini eJerusalema waziletha ethempelini eBhabhiloni. Kwathi iNkosi uKhurosi yazinika indoda

eyayithiwa nguSheshibhazari, eyamkhetha ukuba ngumbusi, **15** wamtshela wathi, ‘Thatha impahla lezi uhambe lazo uyezibeka ethempelini eJerusalema. Njalo yakha kakutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo.’ **16** Yikho uSheshibhazari weza wabeka izisekelo zendlu kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema. Kusukela ngalelolanga kuze kube manje ibilokhu isakhiwa kodwa kayikapheli.” **17** Ngakho-ke nxa kulungile enkosini, kakudingisiswe ezincwadini zezindaba zamakhosi aseBhabhiloni kubonwe ingabe yikho na ukuthi iNkosi uKhurosi wayesenzile isimemezelo sokuthi yakhiwe indlu le kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema. Lapho-ke inkosi kayisithumele isinqumo sayo ngendaba le.

6 INkosi uDariyu wasekhupha umlayo, basebephenya ezincwadini ezaziqoqwe ndawonye endlini yenotho yesizwe eBhabhiloni. **2** Kwafunyanwa khona umqulu womgoqwa enqabeni yase-Ekhibhathana elizweni laseMediya kulotshwe lokhu kuwo: Umbhalo wesimiso: **3** Ngomnyaka wokuqala weNkosi uKhurosi, inkosi yakhupha isimemezelo mayelana lethempeli likaNkulunkulu eJerusalema: Ithempeli kalakhiwe kutsha libe yindawo yokwenzela imihlatshelo, njalo izisekelo zalo kazibekwe. Kalibe yizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha ukuphakama, ububanzi bube yizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, **4** kwakhiwe imizila emithathu yamatshe amakhulu lomzila owodwa wezigodo. Izindleko zonke zizabhadalwa yisikhwama sesikhosini. **5** Akuthi njalo impahla zegolide lesiliva uNebhukhadineza azithatha ethempelini eJerusalema

waziletha eBhabhiloni zibuyiselwe ezindaweni zazo ethempelini eJerusalema; zimele zibekwe endlini kaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngakho-ke wena Thathenayi, mbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, loShethari-Bhozenayi labaphathisi benu bakulowo umango, sukani lapho. **7** Lingaphazamisi umsebenzi wethempeli lelo likaNkulunkulu. Yekelani umbusi wamaJuda labadala bamaJuda bakhe kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo. **8** Njalo sengimisa umlayo walokho okumele lina likwenzele abadala bamaJuda ekwakhiweni kwendlu kaNkulunkulu: Izindleko zala amadoda zizabhadalwa ngokugcweleyo yisikhwama senkosi, kuthathwa emithelweni yangaphetsheya kweYufrathe ukuze umsebenzi ungaze wema. **9** Loba yini efunekayo, amajongosi, inqama, amazinyane amaduna eminikelo yokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu wezulu, lengqoloyi, itswayi, iwayini lamafutha okuyabe kucelwe ngabaphristi eJerusalema, kabakuphiwe nsuku zonke kungaphuthi, **10** ukuze benze imihlatshelo ethokozisayo kuNkulunkulu wezulu njalo bakhulekele impilakahle yenkosi lamadodana ayo. **11** Phezu kwalokho ngibeka umthetho othi nxa ekhona ozaguqula lesisimiso, kakuhwatshwe uthungo endlini yakhe aphakanyiswe axhonxwe kulo. Akuthi ngenxa yalelicala indlu yakhe ibhidlizwe ibe yinqwaba yenhlabathi. **12** Sengathi uNkulunkulu owenza ukuthi iBizo lakhe lihlale khona, angayichitha loba yiphi inkosi loba ngabantu abaphakamisa isandla sabo ukuguqula umlayo lo loba ukudiliza ithempeli leli eliseJerusalema. Mina kaDariyu ngiwumisile umthetho

lo. Kawulandelwe ngokukhuthala. **13** Kwathi-ke, ngenxa yomthetho iNkosi uDariyu eyase iwuthumele, uThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, loShethari-Bhozenayi labasekeli babo bakwenza lokho ngenkuthalo. **14** Yikho-ke abadala bamaJuda baqhubeka ngokwakha bephumelela betshunyayezwa nguHagayi umphrofethi loZakhariya, umzukulu ka-Ido. Baqeda ukulakha ithempeli belandela umlayo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli kanye lezimiso zikaKhurosi, loDariyu lo-Athazekisisi, amakhosi asePhezhiya. **15** Ithempeli laqedwa ngosuku lwesithathu enyangeni ka-Adari, ngomnyaka wesithupha wokubusa kweNkosi uDariyu. **16** Kwasekusithi abantu bako-Israyeli, abaphristi, labaLevi labo bonke ababethunjiwe benza umkhosi. **17** Ukunikela indlu kaNkulunkulu le bapha umnikelo wenkunzi ezilikhulu, inqama ezingamakhulu amabili, amazinyane amaduna angamakhulu amane njalo lempongo ezilitshumi lambili njengomnikelo wesono ka-Israyeli wonke. **18** Njalo bagcoba abaphristi ezigabeni zabo labaLevi ngamaxuku abo ukwenza umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, njengokulotshiweyo eNcwadini kaMosi. **19** Ngelanga letshumi lane lenyanga yokuqala, izithunjwa zathakazelela iPhasika. **20** Abaphristi labaLevi babezihlambulule behlanzekile ngokomkhuba. AbaLevi balihlaba izinyane lePhasika elabo bonke ababethunjiwe, labafowabo abaphristi njalo bezihlabela labo ngokwabo. **21** Ngakho abako-Israyeli ababebuyile ebugqilini balidla, kanye labo bonke labo abasebezehlukanisile emikhutsheni engcolileyo

yabomakhelwane beZizwe ukuze badinge uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **22** Bathakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa bethokoza, ngoba uThixo wayebagcwalise ngokuthokoza ngokuguqula ingqondo yenkosi yase-Asiriya ukuthi ibancedise emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

7 Ngemva kwalezizinto, ngesikhathi sokubusa kuka-Athazekisisi inkosi yasePhezhiya, u-Ezra indodana kaSeraya, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaHilikhiya, **2** indodana kaShalumi, indodana kaZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi, **3** indodana ka-Amariya, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaMerayothi, **4** indodana kaZerahiya, indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaBhukhi, **5** indodana ka-Abhishuwa, indodana kaFinehasi, indodana ka-Eliyazari, indodana ka-Aroni umphristi omkhulu, **6** u-Ezra lo weza evela eBhabhiloni. Wayeyisifundiswa esazi kakhulu ngoMthetho kaMosi, owawuphiwe nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Inkosi yayimuphe konke ayekucelile, ngoba isandla sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe sasiphezu kwakhe. **7** Abanye abako-Israyeli, labaphristi, lamaLevi, labahlabeleli, labalindi bamasango lezinceku zethempelini labo babuya eJerusalema ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kwenkosi u-Athazekisisi. **8** U-Ezra wafika eJerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wenkosi. **9** Wayeqalise uhambo lwakhe esuka eBhabhiloni ngelanga lakuqala lenyanga yokuqala, wafika eJerusalema ngelanga lakuqala lenyanga yesihlanu, ngoba isandla somusa

sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwakhe. **10** Ngoba u-Ezra
wayezinikele ekufundeni lokugcina uMthetho kaThixo
lokufundisa izimiso zawo ko-Israyeli. **11** Nansi incwadi
iNkosi u-Athazekisisi ayeyiphe u-Ezra umphristi
lomabhalane, indoda eyayifundile ezindabeni zemithetho
lezimiso zikaThixo ku-Israyeli: **12** Athazekisisi, nkosi
yamakhosi, Ku-Ezra umphristi, umfundisi womthetho
kaNkulunkulu wasezulwini: Ngiyabingelela. **13** Manje-ke
ngimisa umthetho wokuthi ingqe ngubani wako-Israyeli
osembusweni wami, kugoqela abaphristi labaLevi, ofisa
ukuhamba lawe eJerusalema, kahambe. **14** Uthunywa
yinkosi labacebisi bayo abayisikhombisa ukuba
uyofunisisa ngoJuda langeJerusalema mayelana
loMthetho kaNkulunkulu wakho, owuphetheyo. **15** Njalo
ubothatha isiliva legolide elinikwe ngesihle yinkosi
labacebisi bayo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ohlala
eJerusalema, **16** kanye lesiliva legolide lonke
ongalizuza elizweni laseBhabhiloni kanye leminikelo
yokuzizwela eyabantu labaphristi benikelela ithempeli
likaNkulunkulu wabo eJerusalema. **17** Ngaleyomali
umele uthenge inkunzi, lenqama, lamazinyane
ezimvu amaduna, ndawonye leminikelo yabo
yamabele leyokunathwayo, konke kunikelwe
e-alithareni lethempeli likaNkulunkulu wenu
eJerusalema. **18** Wena labazalwane bakho abangamaJuda
selingenza lokho okuyabe kufanele ngesiliva legolide
eliseleyo, mayelana lentando kaNkulunkulu wenu. **19**
Hambisani kuNkulunkulu weJerusalema zonke
impahla eliziphathisiweyo ezokukhonza ethempelini

likaNkulunkulu wenu. **20** Akuthi loba yini efunekayo
ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wenu elifuna ukuthi
izuzakale, kayidingwe ngendleko ephuma esikhwameni
senkosi. **21** Mina, iNkosi Athazekisisi ngimisa umthetho
wokuthi bonke abaphathi bezikhwama abangaphetsheya
kweYufrathe baphe u-Ezra umphristi, umfundisi
woMthetho kaNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngokuphangisa
loba yini ayicelayo kini, **22** kuze kube ngamathalenta
esiliva alikhulu, lamasaka alikhulu engqoloyi, imigqomo
elikhulu yewayini, imigqomo elikhulu yamafutha e-oliva,
letswayi elingelakulinganiswa. **23** Ingqe yini emiswe
nguNkulunkulu wasezulwini, kakwenziwe ngokukhuthala
kusenzelwa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wasezulwini.
Kakudingeki ukuthi ulaka luze lwehliselwe phezu
kwenkosi lamadodana ayo. **24** Yazini njalo ukuthi
kalilamvumo yokubiza imithelo loba inkongozelo yenkosi
kumbe imbadalo yokungenisa impahla elizweni
kubaphristi, labaLevi, labahlabeleli, labalindimasango,
lezinceku zethempelini loba kwezinye izisebenzi
zale indlu kaNkulunkulu. **25** Yikho wena Ezra,
ngokuhlakanipha olakho okukaNkulunkulu wakho, beka
abathonisi labehluleli ukwahlulela kuhle bonke abantu
abangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, bonke abayaziyo
imithetho kaNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele ufundise labo
abangayaziyo. **26** Lowo ongawulaleliyo umthetho
kaNkulunkulu wenu lomthetho wenkosi ngeqiniso
umele ajeziswe ngokufa, loba ngokuxotshwa, loba
ngokuhluthunelwa impahla loba ngokufakwa
entolongweni. **27** Udumo kalube kuThixo, uNkulunkulu

wabokhokho bethu, okufakileyo enhliziyweni yenkosi ukuletha inhlonipho endlini kaThixo eJerusalema ngale indlela **28** njalo otshengise umusa wakhe kini phambi kwenkosi labeluleki bakhe lazozonke izinduna zakhe ezilamandla. Ngenxa yokuthi isandla sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wami besiphezu kwami, ngaba lesibindi ngaqoqa amadoda angabakhokheli ko-Israyeli ukuthi bahambe lami.

8 Laba bazinhloko zezimuli lalabo ababhalisa kubo abeza lami sisuka eBhabhiloni ngesikhathi sokubusa kweNkosi u-Athazekisisi: **2** abesizukulwane sikaFinehasi, uGeshomu; abesizukulwane sika-Ithamari, uDanyeli; abesizukulwane sikaDavida, uHathushi **3** owesizukulwane sikaShekhaniya; abesizukulwane sikaPharoshi, uZakhariya, okwabhalisa kanye laye amadoda alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu; **4** abesizukulwane sikaPhahathi-Mowabi: kwakungu-Eliyehonayi indodana kaZerahiya oweza lamadoda angamakhulu amabili; **5** abesizukulwane sikaZathu, kwakunguShekhaniya indodana kaJahaziyeli, oweza lamadoda angamakhulu amathathu; **6** abesizukulwane sika-Adini, kwakungu-Ebhedi indodana kaJonathani, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu; **7** abesizukulwane sika-Elamu, kwakunguJeshaya indodana ka-Athaliya, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa; **8** abesizukulwane sikaShefathiya, kwakunguZebhadiya indodana kaMikhayeli, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; **9** abesizukulwane sikaJowabi, kwakungu-Obhadaya indodana kaJehiyeli, oweza lamadoda angamakhulu

amabili aletshumi lasificaminwembili; **10** abesizukulwane
sikaBhani, kwakunguShelomithi indodana kaJosifiya,
oweza lamadoda alikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha, **11**
abesizukulwane sikaBhebhayi, kwakunguZakhariya
indodana kaBhebhayi, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi
amabili lasificaminwembili; **12** abesizukulwane sika-
Azigadi, kwakunguJohanani indodana kaHakathani,
oweza lamadoda alikhulu letshumi; **13** abesizukulwane
sika-Adonikhamu, abokucina, kwakungu-Elifelethi,
uJuweli loShemaya, beza lamadoda angamatshumi
ayisithupha; **14** abesizukulwane sikaBhigivayi,
kwakungu-Uthayi loZakhuri, abeza lamadoda
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **15** Ngababuthanisa
eMgelweni wamanzi agelezela ku-Ahava, samisa khona
okwensuku ezintathu. Ngathi sengihlola phakathi
kwabantu labaphristi, kangitholanga loyedwa wamaLevi
khona. **16** Yikho ngasengibiza u-Eliyezari, lo-Ariyeli,
loShemaya, lo-Elinathani, loJaribi, loNathani, loZakhariya
loMeshulami ababengabakhokheli, loJoyaribi
lo-Elinathani ababengabantu abafundileyo, **17**
ngabathumela ku-Ido, lezihlobo zakhe, izinceku
zethempelini eKhasifiya, ukwenzela ukuthi basilethele
izikhonzi zendlu kaNkulunkulu. **18** Ngoba isandla somusa
sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwethu, basilethela
uSherebhiya, indoda emadodeni, owesizukulwane
sikaMahili indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli,
lamadodana kaSherebhiya labafowabo, amadoda
alitshumi lasificaminwembili; **19** loHashabhiya, kanye
loJeshaya owesizukulwane sikaMerari, kanye labafowabo

labantwababo, bonke babengamadoda angamatshumi amabili. **20** Bona beza lezinceku zethempelini ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili ezazimiswe nguDavida lezinduna zakhe ukuncedisa abaLevi. Bonke babhalwa phansi amabizo abo. **21** Khonapho, ekhunjini loMgelo we-Ahava, ngamemezela ukuzila ukudla, ukuze sizehlise phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu simcele asiphe uhambo oluhle, thina labantwabethu, lempahla zethu zonke. **22** Ngaba lenhloni ukucela enkosini amabutho labagadi bamabhiza ukuthi basivikele ezitheni endleleni ngoba inkosi sasiyitshele sathi, "Isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu wethu siphezu kwakhe lowo okhangele kuye, kodwa ulaka lwakhe olukhulu luyavutha kulabo abamfulathelayo." **23** Ngakho sazila ukudla, samncenga uNkulunkulu wethu ngakho lokhu, wawuphendula umkhuleko wethu. **24** Ngasengisehlukanisa kwabanye abaphristi abalitshumi lambili abangabakhokheli, ndawonye loSherebhiya, loHashabhiya labalitshumi labafowabo, **25** ngabalinganisela umnikelo wesiliva legolide lempahla ezaziyizipho ezasisuka enkosini, labacebisi bayo, lezikhulu zayo labako-Israyeli bonke ababekhona lapho, siyisipho sendlu kaNkulunkulu. **26** Ngabalinganisela amathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu esiliva, impahla zesiliva ezilobunzima obungamathalenta alikhulu, amathalenta alikhulu egolide, **27** imiganu yegolide engamatshumi amabili kuthiwa intengo yayo ingaba ngamadariki ayinkulungwane, lezitsha ezimbili ezethusi elilolongiweyo eliligugu njengegolide. **28** Ngathi kubo,

“Lina kanye lempahla lezi lingcwelisiwe eNkosini. Isiliva legolide kungumnikelo wokuzithandela kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu. **29** Kulindeni ngonanzelelo lize liyokulinganisa emakamelweni endlu kaThixo eJerusalema phambi kwabakhokheli babaphristi lamaLevi labayizinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli.” **30** Kwathi-ke abaphristi labaLevi basemukela isiliva legolide lempahla ezingcwele ezazilinganisiwe ukuze zisiwe endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu eJerusalema. **31** Ngosuku lwetshumi lambili lwenyanga yokuqala saphakama sasuka eMgelweni we-Ahava saqonda eJerusalema. Isandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu sasiphezu kwethu, wasivikela ezitheni lasezigebengwini indlela yonke. **32** Ngakho safika eJerusalema, saphumula khona okwensuku ezintathu. **33** Ngosuku lwesine sangena endlini kaNkulunkulu salinganisa isiliva legolide lempahla zonke ezingcwelisiweyo sazibeka ezandleni zikaMeremothi indodana ka-Uriya umphristi. U-Eliyezari indodana kaFinehasi laye wayekhona, labaLevi oJozabhadi indodana kaJeshuwa loNowadiya indodana kaBhinuwi. **34** Konke kwakukhona ngenani lakho langesisindo, kwathi isisindo sonke salotshwa phansi ngasonaleso isikhathi. **35** Yikho izithunywa ezabuya ebugqilini zenza umnikelo wokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: inkunzi ezilitshumi lambili ezika-Israyeli wonke, inqama ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha, amawundlu amaduna angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa kanye lomnikelo wesono oyizimpongo ezilitshumi lambili. Konke lokhu

kwakungumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **36** Bathi njalo
bethula imilayo yenkosi kuzikhulu zenkosi lakubabusi
bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, okwathi-ke bona
bancedisa abantu kanye lasendlini kaNkulunkulu.

9 Sezenziwe zonke lezi izinto, abakhokheli beza kimi
bathi, "Abantu bako-Israyeli bonke, labaphristi, labaLevi
kabazehlukanisanga labantu bezizwe abalezenzo
ezinengekayo, abanjengamaKhenani, amaHithi,
amaPherizi, amaJebusi, ama-Amori, amaMowabi,
amaGibhithe lama-Amoni. **2** Bathatha amanye
amadodakazi abo aba ngomkabo bathathela lamadodana
abo, baxubanisa isizwe esingcwele labantu abahlezi labo.
Njalo abakhokheli lezikhulu yibo abakhokheleyo kulokhu
kungathembeki." **3** Ngathi ngikuzwa lokho ngadabula
isigqoko sami lejazi lami, ngadonsa inwele ekhanda lami
lezindevu zami ngahlala phansi ngididekile. **4**
Kwasekusithi wonke lowo owethuswa ngamazwi
kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli waziqoqa phansi kwami ngenxa
yalokhu ukona kwezithunjwa. Ngahlala khonapho
ngididekile kwaze kwaba ngumhlatshelo wakusihlwa. **5**
Kwathi-ke ngomhlatshelo wakusihlwa, ngaphakama
ekuzehliseni kwami, isigqoko sami lejazi lami kudabukile,
ngaguqa, izandla zami zivuliwe kuThixo uNkulunkulu
wami **6** ngakhuleka ngathi: "Oh Nkulunkulu wami,
ngiyangekile kakhulu njalo ngilenhloni ukuphakamisela
ubuso bami kuwe, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba izono zethu
ziphakeme kulamakhanda ethu lecala lethu selifikile
emazulwini. **7** Kusukela ensukwini zabokhokho bethu
kuze kube manje, icala lethu likhulu. Ngenxa yezono

zethu, thina lamakhosi ethu labaphristi bethu sesilokhu sidliwa yinkemba njalo sigqilazwa, siphangwa njalo siyangiswa ngamakhosi ezizwe, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla. **8** Kodwa khathesi, okwesikhatshana nje, uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ube lomusa ngokusitshiyela insalela lokusipha indawo eqinileyo endlini yakhe engcwele, okuthi ngakho uNkulunkulu wethu uletha ukukhanya emehlweni ethu lokukhululeka kancinyane ekugqilazweni kwethu. **9** Lokuba siyizigqili, uNkulunkulu wethu kasidelanga ebugqilini bethu. Usitshengise umusa emehlweni amakhosi asePhezhiya; usiphile impilo entsha ukuba sakhe kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu wethu sivuselele amanxiwa ayo, njalo usesiphile umduli wokusivikela koJuda laseJerusalema. **10** Kodwa manje, awu Nkulunkulu wethu, kuyini esingakutsho sekwenzakale lokhu? Ngoba siyidelile imilayo **11** owayinika ngezinceku zakho abaphrofethi uze uthi: 'Ilizwe eselingena kulo ukulithatha yilizwe elingcolisiweyo ngokuxhwala kwabantu balo. Ngemikhuba yabo enengekayo sebeligcwalise ngamanyala abo kusukela ngapha kwalo kuze kufike ekucineni ngale. **12** Ngakho-ke lingendiseli amadodakazi enu emadodaneni abo kumbe amadodana enu athathe amadodakazi abo. Lingadingi isibopho sobudlelwano labo loba nini, ukuze liqine lidle izinto ezinhle zelizwe elizalitshiyela abantwabenu njengelifa laphakade.' **13** Osekwenzakele kithi kungumvuzo wezenzo zethu ezimbi lecala lethu elikhulu, ikanti wena Nkulunkulu wethu usijezise okunganeno kwezono zethu wasipha abayinsalela kanje. **14** Sizaphinda njalo sephule imilayo

yakho sendiselane labantu bezizwe abagila imikhuba eyenyanyekayo kangaka na? Ungaze wasizondela kakhulu na usibhubhise ungasitshiyeli lansalela loba abasindileyo na? **15** Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ulungile! Namhlanje sisele njengensalela. Nanku silapha phambi kwakho ngecala lethu, lokuba engekho ongema ebukhoneni bakho ngenxa yalo icala lethu."

10 Lapho u-Ezra wayekhuleka njalo evuma izono, ekhala eziwisela phansi phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, ixuku elikhulu labako-Israyeli kubalisa amadoda labafazi labantwana, babuthana kuye. Labo bakhala kabuhlungu. **2** Yikho uShekhaniya indodana kaJehiyeli, omunye wesizukulwane sika-Elamu, wathi ku-Ezra, "Kasizange sithembeke kuNkulunkulu wethu ngoba sathatha abafazi bezizweni ebantwini esakhelene labo. Kodwa loba kunjalo ithemba lisekhona ngo-Israyeli. **3** Manje kasenzeni isivumelwano phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu ukubalahla bonke labobafazi labantwababo njengeseluleko senkosi yami lalabo abayesabayo imilayo kaNkulunkulu wethu. Kakwenziwe ngendlela yoMthetho. **4** Sukuma; indaba le isezandleni zakho. Thina sizakusekela, yikho yiba lesibindi ukwenze." **5** Ngakho u-Ezra waphakama wafungisa bonke abakhokheli babaphristi labaLevi lo-Israyeli wonke ukwenza lokho okwakumisiwe. Basenza lesosifungo. **6** U-Ezra wasesuka endlini kaNkulunkulu waya endlini kaJehohanani indodana ka-Eliyashibi. Elapho kadlanga lutho njalo kazange anathe manzi, ngoba waqhubeka elilela ukungathembeki kwezithunjwa. **7** Kwasekukhutshwa

isimemezelo kulolonke elakoJuda kanye leJerusalema ukuthi zonke izithunjwa kaziqoqane eJerusalema. **8** Ingqe ngubani ongafikanga phakathi kwensuku ezintathu wayezathathelwa yonke impahla alayo, kulandelwa isinqumo sezinduna labadala, kuthi yena ngokwakhe axotshwe emphakathini walabo ababethunjiwe. **9** Phakathi kwalezonsuku ezintathu wonke amadoda akoJuda lakoBhenjamini ayesebuthene eJerusalema. Kwathi ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lenyanga yesificamunye bonke abantu babehlezi esigcawini phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, bekhathazekile ngombuthano lowo njalo begxanxwa lizulu elalisina. **10** Kwathi u-Ezra umphristi wasukuma wathi kubo, "Kalithembekanga; lisuke lathatha abafazi bezizweni, lengeza icala lika-Israyeli. **11** Manje-ke vumani izono zenu kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, lenze intando yakhe. Zahlukaniseni kulababantu elakhelene labo lasebafazini benu abezizwe." **12** Inkundla yonke yaphendula ngelizwi elikhulu yathi: "Uqondile! Kumele senze njengoba usitsho. **13** Kodwa kulabantu abanengi lapha futhi lesi yisikhathi sezulu; ngakho ngeke sime lapha phandle. Futhi indaba le ingazake iphethwe ngosuku olulodwa kumbe ezimbili, ngoba sonile kakhulu ngento le. **14** Akuthi izinduna zethu zisimele thina sonke. Akuthi wonkemuntu emizini yethu othethe umfazi wabezizwe eze ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, eze labadala kanye labehluleli balowomuzi, luze ludede kithi ulaka olwesabekayo lukaNkulunkulu wethu." **15** Kwaba nguJonathani kuphela, indodana ka-Asaheli loJahizeya indodana kaThikhiva, besekelwa

nguMeshulami loShabhethayi umLevi abakuphikisayo lokhu. **16** Ngakho izithunjwa zenza njengokwakumisiwe. U-Ezra umphristi wakhetha amadoda ayeyizinhloko zezimuli, oyedwa emulini, bonke baqanjwa ngamabizo. Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi bahlala phansi bawahlolisisa lawomacala, **17** kwathi ngelanga lokuqala ngenyanga yokuqala baqeda ukuphatha indaba yamadoda ayethethe abafazi bezizweni. **18** Phakathi kwezizukulwane zabaphristi, laba abalandelayo yibo ababethethe abafazi bezizweni: Abesizukulwane sikaJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labafowabo: uMaseya, u-Eliyezari, uJaribhi loGedaliya. **19** (Bonke baphakamisa izandla zabo bafunga ukubalahla abafazi babo, kwathi ngenxa yecala labo ngulowo wakhupha inqama emhlambini ukuba ngumnikelo wesono.) **20** Abesizukulwane sika-Imeri: nguHanani loZebhadiya. **21** Abesizukulwane sikaHarimi: nguMaseya, lo-Elija, loShemaya, loJehiyeli lo-Uziya. **22** Abesizukulwane sikaPhashuri: ngu-Eliyonayi, loMaseya, lo-Ishumayeli, loNethaneli, loJozabhadi lo-Eleyasa. **23** Phakathi kwabaLevi nampa: uJozabhadi, loShimeyi, loKhelaya (kutshiwo uKhelitha), loPhethahiya, loJuda lo-Eliyezari. **24** Phakathi kwabahlabeleli nampa: u-Eliyashibi. Phakathi kwabalindimasango: nguShalumi, loThelemu lo-Uri. **25** Phakathi kwabanye abako-Israyeli: Abesizwe sikaPharoshi: nguRamiya, u-Iziya, uMalikhija, uMijamini, u-Eliyezari, uMalikhija loBhenaya. **26** Abesizukulwane sika-Elamu: nguMathaniya, uZakhariya, uJehiyeli, u-Abhidi, uJeremothi lo-Elija. **27** Abesizukulwane sikaZathu: ngu-Eliyonayi, u-Eliyashibi, uMathaniya,

uJeremothi, uZabhadi lo-Aziza. **28** Abesizukulwane
sikaBhebhayi: nguJehohanani, uHananiya, uZabhayi lo-
Athilayi. **29** Abesizukulwane sikaBhani: nguMeshulami,
uMaluki, u-Adaya, uJashubi, uSheyali loJeremothi.
30 Abesizukulwane sikaPhahathi-Mowabi: ngu-Adina,
uKhelali, uBhenaya, uMaseya, uMathaniya, uBhezaleli,
uBhinuwi loManase. **31** Abesizukulwane sikaHarimi: ngu-
Eliyezari, u-Ishiya, uMalikhija, uShemaya, uSimiyoni, **32**
uBhenjamini, uMaluki, loShemariya. **33** Abesizukulwane
sikaHashumi: nguMathenayi, uMathatha, uZabhadi,
u-Elifelethi, uJeremayi, uManase loShimeyi. **34**
Abesizukulwane sikaBhani: nguMadayi, u-Amramu,
u-Uweli, **35** uBhenaya, uBhedeya, uKheluhi, **36**
uVaniya, uMeremothi, u-Eliyashibi, **37** uMathaniya,
uMathenayi loJasu. **38** Abesizukulwane sikaBhinuwi
loBhani: nguShimeyi, **39** uShelemiya, uNathani, u-Adaya,
40 uMakhinadebhayi, uShashayi, uSharayi, **41** u-Azareli,
uShelemiya, uShemariya, **42** uShalumi, u-Amariya loJosefa.
43 Abesizukulwane sikaNebho: nguJeyiyeli, uMathithiya,
uZabhadi, uZebhina, uJadayi, uJoweli loBhenaya. **44** Bonke
laba bathatha abafazi bezizweni, abanye babo bazala
abantwana labafazi labo.

UNehemiya

1 La ngamazwi kaNehemiya indodana kaHakhaliya:
Kwathi ngenyanga kaKhisilevi ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amabili, ngisenqabeni yaseSusa, **2** uHanani, omunye
wabafowethu, wafika evela koJuda elamanye amadoda,
ngababuza ngamaJuda lawo ayeyinsalela asinda
ebugqilini, njalo ngabuza ngeJerusalema. **3** Bathi
kimi, "Labo abasindayo ebugqilini ababuyelayo elizweni
baphakathi kohlupho olumangalisayo lokuyangeka
okukhulu. Umduli weJerusalema wadilika lamasango
ayo atshiswa ngomlilo." **4** Ngathi sengizwile lezizinto
ngahlala phansi ngakhala. Okwensuku ezithile ngalila,
ngazila ukudla njalo ngikhuleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu
wasezulwini. **5** Ngasengisithi: "Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu
wasezulwini, uNkulunkulu omkhulu owesabekayo, ogcina
isivumelwano sakhe sothando lalabo abamthandayo,
abalalela imilayo yakhe, **6** ake kuthi indlebe yakho ilalele
lamehlo akho avuleke ukuze uzwe umkhuleko okhulekwa
yinceku yakho kuwe imini lobusuku, ikhulekela izinceku
zakho, abantu bako-Israyeli. Ngiyazivuma izono ezenziwe
kuwe yithi ama-Israyeli, kugoqela mina lendlu kababa.
7 Senzile ububi kuwe. Kasilalelanga imilayo yakho,
izimemezelo lemithetho owayinika inceku yakho uMosi."
8 Khumbula umlayo owalaya ngawo inceku yakho uMosi
wathi, "Aluba lingathembekanga ngizalichithachitha
phakathi kwezizwe, **9** kodwa nxa libuya kimi lilalele
imilayo yami, lapho-ke loba abathunjiweyo bakini
besemkhawulweni womhlaba, ngizabaqoqa besuka
khonale ngibabuyise endaweni engiyikhethileyo ukuba

likhaya leBizo lami. **10** Bazinceku zakho labantu bakho owabahlengayo ngamandla akho amakhulu lesandla sakho esilamandla. **11** Oh Thixo, akuthi indlebe yakho ilalele umkhuleko wale inceku yakho, lomkhuleko wezinceku zakho ezithokoza ekwesabeni ibizo lakho. Phumelelisa inceku yakho lamuhla ngokuyipha isihawu phambi kwendoda le." Ngangingumphathi wezitsha zokudla kwenkosi.

2 Ngenyanga kaNisani ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili weNkosi u-Athazekisisi, ngesikhathi ephiwa iwayini, ngalithatha iwayini ngalisa enkosini. Ngangingakaze ngivele kuyo ngidanile; **2** ngakho inkosi yangibuza yathi, "Kungani ubuso bakho bukhanya buhlobile kanje wena ungaguli? Lokhu ngeke kube ngokunye ngaphandle kokudana okusenhliziyweni." Ngezwa ngisesaba kakhulu, **3** kodwa ngathi enkosini, "Phila lanini nkosi! Ubuso bami bungayekelelani na ukuhloba njengoba idolobho lapho okulele khona okhokho selingamanxiwa nje, lamasango alo atshiswa ngomlilo na?" **4** Inkosi yathi kimi, "Pho ufunani?" Ngasengikhuleka kuNkulunkulu wezulwini, **5** yikho ngasengiyiphendula inkosi ngathi, "Aluba kungaba yikuthanda kwenkosi njalo nxa inceku yakho ifumene umusa emehlweni ayo, kayingithumele kulelodolobho elikoJuda lapho okwambelwa khona okhokho ukuze ngiyolakha kakutsha." **6** Inkosi eyayihlezi lendlovukazi eceleni kwayo yangibuza yathi, "Uhambo lwakho luzathatha isikhathi esingakanani, njalo uzabuya nini?" Inkosi yathanda ukuthi ngihambe; yikho ngamisa isikhathi. **7** Ngaphinde ngathi kuyo,

“Nxa kuyikuthanda kwenkosi, ngicela izincwadi ziye kubabusi bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, ukwenzela ukuthi bangivikele ohanjweni lwami ngize ngiyefika koJuda? **8** Njalo ngicela incwadi eya ku-Asafi, umphathi wegusu lenkosi, yikho ezanginika izigodo zokwenza izinsika zamasango esigodlo eduzane lethempeli lezomduli wedolobho kanye lezendlu engizahlala kuyo.” Kwathi ngoba isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu wami sasiphezu kwami, inkosi yazamukela izicelo zami. **9** Yikho ngasengisiya kubabusi bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe ngabapha izincwadi zenkosi. Inkosi yayingiphe futhi abalawuli bebutho kanye lamabutho amabhiza ukuba bangiphelekezele. **10** Kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi umHoroni loThobhiya um’Amoni owayeyinduna bekuzwa lokhu, bakhathazeka kakhulu ukuthi ukhona owayeselande ukuzathuthukisa inhlalo yaba-Israyeli. **11** Ngaya eJerusalema, kwathi sengihlale khona insuku ezintathu **12** ngaphuma kusebusuku ngilamadoda ambalwa. Ngangingazange ngitshele muntu ngalokho uNkulunkulu wami ayekubeke enhliziyweni yami ngeJerusalema. Ngangingelanyamazana ngaphandle kwaleyo engangiyigadile. **13** Ebusuku ngaphuma ngeSango leSigodi ngaqonda uMthombo weKhanka leSango loBulongwe, ngihlola imiduli yeJerusalema, eyayibhidliziwe, kanye lamasango ayo ayetshiswe ngomlilo. **14** Ngaqhubeka sengiqonde eSangweni loMthombo leSiziba Senkosi, kodwa kwakungelantshukuntshu yokudlula ubabhemi wami engangimgadile; **15** yikho ngasengikhwela ngesigodi

kusebusuku, ngihlola umduli. Ekucineni ngaphenduka ngangena ngeSango leSigodi. **16** Izinduna kazizange zikwazi ukuthi ngangiye ngaphi lokuthi ngangisenzani, ngoba ngangivele ngingakatsho lutho kubaJuda loba kubaphristi loba ezikhulwini loba ezinduneni loba lakubobani ababezakwenza umsebenzi. **17** Ngasengisithi kubo, "Liyalubona uhlupho esiphakathi kwalo: iJerusalema selingamanxiwa nje, lamasango alo atshisiwe ngomlilo. Wozani, siwakhe kutsha umduli weJerusalema ukuze singabi silokhu sihlaziswa." **18** Ngaphinda ngabatshela ngesandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu wami kimi lokuthi inkosi yayitheni kimi. Baphendula bathi, "Kasiqaliseni ukwakha." Yikho bahle bawuqalisa umsebenzi lo omuhle. **19** Kodwa kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi umHoroni, loThobhiya induna yom'Amoni loGeshemi umArabhu bekuzwa lokho, basichithoza basihleka. Babuza bathi, "Kuyini lokhu elikwenzayo. Selihlamukele inkosi na?" **20** Ngabaphendula ngokuthi, "UNkulunkulu wasezulwini uzasiphumelelisa. Thina izinceku zakhe sesiqalisa ukwakha kutsha, kodwa lina, kalilasabelo eJerusalema, loba imfanelo loba lungelo bani lomdabuko wenu."

3 U-Eliyashibi umphristi omkhulu labanye bakhe abangabaphristi baya emsebenzini wokwakha bavuselela iSango leZimvu. Balinikela basebemisa kuhle izivalo zalo, bakha baze bayafika eMphotshongweni weKhulu, lawo abawunikelayo, baqhubeka bayafika eMphotshongweni kaHananeli. **2** Amadoda aseJerikho wona akha isigaba esilandelayo, kwathi uZakhuri indodana ka-

Imri wakha eceleni kwabo. **3** ISango leNhlanzi lakhiwa
ngamadodana kaHasena. Amisa imigubazi yalo afaka
lezivalo lamabhawudo kanye leminxibo yakhona. **4**
UMeremothi indodana ka-Uriya, indodana kaHakhozi,
yena wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo. Kusukela kuye
kwakha uMeshulami indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana
kaMeshezabeli, kwalandela kuye uZadokhi indodana
kaBhana laye wayesakha. **5** Isigaba esilandelayo
savuselelwa ngamadoda aseThekhowa, kodwa izikhulu
zakhona zala ukusebenza ngaphansi kwabakhokheli
babo. **6** ISango leJeshana lavuselelwa nguJoyada indodana
kaPhaseya loMeshulami indodana kaBhesodeya. Bamisa
imigubazi yalo bafaka izivalo lamabhawudo leminxibo
ezindaweni zakhona. **7** Eceleni kwabo, kwakuvuselela
amadoda aseGibhiyoni lawaseMizipha, uMelathiya
waseGibhiyoni loJadoni waseMeronothi, izindawo
ezaziphethwe ngumbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe.
8 U-Uziyeli indodana kaHarihaya, omunye wabakhandi
begolide, wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo; uHananiya,
omunye wabenzi bamakha, laye wavuselela isigaba
esilandelayo. Balivuselela iJerusalema kwaze kwafika
eMdulini Obanzi. **9** URefaya indodana kaHuri, umbusi
wengxenye yeJerusalema, walungisa isigaba esilandelayo.
10 Okubambene lalapha kwavuselelwa nguJedaya
indodana kaHarumafi okwakumalungana lendlu yakhe,
loHathushi indodana kaHashabhineya wavuselela
eceleni kwakhe. **11** UMalikhija indodana kaHarimi
loHashubhi indodana kaPhahathi-Mowabi bavuselela
esinye isigaba loMphotshongo Wamaziko. **12** UShalumi

indodana kaHaloheshi, umbusi wengxenye yeJerusalema, wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo esizwa ngamadodakazi akhe. **13** ISango leSigodi lavuselelwa nguHanuni lezakhamizi zaseZanowa. Balakha kutsha bafaka izivalo zalo lamabhawudo kanye leminxibo ezindaweni zakhona. Bavusa njalo umduli okwezinyathelo ezingamakhulu amahlanu kusiyafika eSangweni loBulongwe. **14** Isango loBulongwe lalungiswa nguMalikhija indodana kaRekhabi, umbusi wesiqinti saseBhethi-Hakheremi. Walivuselela wafaka izivalo lamabhawudo leminxibo yakhona ezindaweni zakhona. **15** ISango loMthombo lavuselelwa nguShaluni indodana kaKholi-Hoze, umbusi wesiqinti saseMizipha. Walivuselela, wafaka uphahla lezivalo lamabhawudo leminxibo ezindaweni zakhona. Wavuselela futhi umduli weSiziba saseSilowami, eceleni kweSivande senkosi kwaze kwayafika ezinyathelweni ezehla zisuka eDolobheni likaDavida. **16** Ngale kwakhe, uNehemiya indodana ka-Azibhuki, umbusi wengxenye yesiqinti saseBhethi Zuri wavuselela kwaze kwayafika maqondana lamathuna kaDavida, kusiyafika echibini lokwembiwa leNdlu yaMaqhawe. **17** Kulandela yena, kwaba ngabaLevi ababesakha ngaphansi kukaRehumi indodana kaBhani. Eceleni kwakhe, kwakusakha uHashabhiya, umbusi wengxenye yesiqinti seKheyila, owayesakhela isiqinti sakhe. **18** Kulandela yena, kwakusakha amadoda akibo engaphansi kukaBhavayi indodana kaHenadadi, umbusi wenye ingxenye yesiqinti saseKheyila. **19** Kulandela yena, kungu-Ezeri indodana kaJeshuwa, umbusi waseMizipha, owavuselela esinye isigaba, kusukela

endaweni eqondane lomqanso oya endlini yezikhali kwaze kwafika ejikweni. **20** Kulandela yena, kunguBharukhi indodana kaZabhayi owakha esinye isigaba ngesivuvu, kusukela ejikweni kusiya entubeni engena endlini ka-Eliyashibi umphristi omkhulu. **21** Kulandela yena, esinye isigaba savuselelwa nguMeremothi indodana ka-Uriya, indodana kaHakhozi, kusukela entubeni yako-Eliyashibi kusiya lapho ecina khona. **22** Sekusuka lapho kwalungisa abaphristi bakulowomango. **23** Ngale kwabo, kwakusakha uBhenjamini loHashubhi belungisa phambi kwendlu yabo; kulandela bona, kwasebenza u-Azariya indodana kaMaseya, indodana ka-Ananiya, esakha eduze lendlu yakhe. **24** Kulandela yena, uBhinuwi indodana kaHenadadi wavuselela esinye isigaba, kusukela endlini ka-Azariya kusiya ejikweni, **25** loPhalali indodana ka-Uzayi wasebenza maqondana lejiko lomphotshongo othutsha phezu kwesigodlo esingaphezulu kusiya egcekeni labalindi. Kulandela yena, kunguPhedaya indodana kaPharoshi **26** lezinceku zethempelini ezazihlala eqaqeni luka-Ofeli abakha baze bafika endaweni malungana leSango laManzi kusiya empumalanga kanye lomphotshongo othutshayo. **27** Kulandela bona, kwakungamadoda aseThekhowa avuselela esinye isigaba, kusukela emphotshongweni omkhulu othutshayo kusiya emdulini ka-Ofeli. **28** Ngaphezulu kweSango leBhiza, kwakusakha abaphristi, ngulowo phambi kwendlu yakhe. **29** Kulandela bona, uZadokhi indodana ka-Imeri wayesakha phambi kwendlu yakhe. Kulandela yena, kwakunguShemaya indodana kaShekhaniya, umlindi weSango laseMpumalanga,

laye owakhayo. **30** Owamlandelayo, nguHananiya indodana kaShelemiya, loHanuni, indodana yesithupha kaZalafi, laye wavuselela esinye isigaba. Owalandela bona nguMeshulami indodana kaBherekhiya owakha malungana lalapho ayehlala khona. **31** Kulandela yena, kwakunguMalikhija, omunye wabakhandi begolide, wakha kwaze kwayafika endlini yezinceku zethempelini kanye labathengisi, malungana leSango lokuHlolwa, kuze kufike endlini engaphezulu kwejiko; **32** kwathi phakathi kwendlu engaphezu kwejiko leSango leZimvu abakhandi begolide labathengisi baba yibo abavuselelayo.

4 Kwathi uSanibhalathi esizwa ukuthi sasiwuvusa umduli, wazonda waze wagcwalelana. Wabahleka ulunya amaJuda, **2** wasesithi phambi kwabakhula bakhe lebutho laseSamariya, "OkungamaJuda lokhu kuthi kwenzani kambe? Kungawuvusa umduli wakho na? Kuzayenza imihlatshelo na? Kuzawuqeda ngalanga linye? Kungakubuyisa na ukuphila ematsheni lawana azinqwaba zengcekeza etshe kanjeyana?" **3** UThobhiya um'Amoni, owayeseceleni kwakhe wathi, "Lokhu abakwakhayo, loba nje ikhanka lingakhwela phezu kwakho, lingawudiliza umduli wabo wamatshe!" **4** Sizwe, Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba siyeyiswa. Phindisela kubo emakhanda izithuko zabo. Banikele babe yimpango elizweni lobugqili. **5** Ungaligubuzeli icala labo kumbe wesule izono zabo emehlweni akho, ngoba bebehlambaza abakhi. **6** Ngakho sawakha umduli wonke waze waphakama okufika ingxenye yobude bawo, ngoba abantu basebenza ngenhliziyo yabo yonke. **7** Kodwa kwathi ukuba

uSanibhalathi, loThobhiya, lama-Arabhu, lama-Amoni lamadoda ase-Ashidodi besizwa ukuthi ukuvuselelwa kwemiduli yaseJerusalema kwasekuqhubekile njalo lezikhala zazivalwa bazonda kakhulu. **8** Baceba ukuba beze bazohlasela iJerusalema bavuse uthuli kulo. **9** Kodwa sakhuleka kuNkulunkulu wethu sabeka abalindi emini lebusuku ukuthi balindele lokhukuhlaselwa. **10** Kusenjalo, abantu bakoJuda bathi, "Amandla abasebenzi asededa, ikanti izibi zisezinengi okokuthi siyehluleka ukuqhubeka ngokwakha umduli." **11** Izitha zethu lazo zathi, "Besalibele nje futhi bengakasiboni, bazaqabuka sesiphakathi kwabo sesibabulala siwuphethe lumsebenzi." **12** Kwasekusithi amaJuda ababehlala eduze labo beza bazasitshela baphindaphinda besithi, "Lingaze liqonde ngaphi bazalihlasela kuphela." **13** Ngasengimisa abanye abantu ngezimuli zabo ezindaweni lapho umduli owawuphansi khona, ezazingeneka lula, behlomile ngezinkemba, lemikhonto langemitshoko. **14** Ngemva kokuba sengiwuhlolisisile wonke umumo, ngasukuma ngathi ezikhulwini, lezinduna lakubantu bonke jikelele, "Lingabesabi. Khumbulani uThixo, omkhulu owesabekayo, lilwele abafowenu, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, abafazi benu lemizi yenu." **15** Kwathi izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi sasesilazi icebo lazo lokuthi uNkulunkulu wayeselifubisile, sonke sabuyela kuwo umduli, ngulowo kowakhe umsebenzi. **16** Kusukela ngalelolanga, ingxenye yamadoda engangilawo yenza umsebenzi, enye ingxenye yahloma ngemikhonto, lamahawu, lemitshoko lamabhatshi ensimbi. Izinduna zazimisa ngemva kwabo bonke abantu

bakoJuda **17** ababesakha umduli. Labo ababethwala izinto
zokwakha babesenza umsebenzi ngesandla esisodwa
ngesinye umuntu ephethe isikhali, **18** njalo ngulowo
lalowo umakhi wayehlome inkemba ilengiswe eceleni
kwakhe nxa esebenza. Kodwa indoda yokutshaya
icilongo yahlala ikimi. **19** Ngasengisithi ezikhulwini,
lezinduna lakubantu bonke jikelele, "Umsebenzi ubanzi
usabalele, njalo sehlukene kakhulu omunye komunye
kulandela umduli. **20** Lingezwa ingabe kungaphi
okukhala khona icilongo, phuthumani khona lize kithi.
UNkulunkulu wethu uzasilwela!" **21** Yikho sawuqhuba
umsebenzi ingxenye yamadoda ihlomile ngemikhonto,
kusukela emathathakusa kuze kuphume izinkanyezi. **22**
Ngasonaleso isikhathi ngabuye ngathi ebantwini, "Akuthi
yonke indoda kanye lomsizi wayo balale ngaphakathi
kweJerusalema ebusuku, ukuze babengabalindi bethu
ebusuku, babe ngabasebenzi emini." **23** Mina labafowethu,
lamadoda ayelami, labalindi ababelami kasizange
sihlubule izigqoko zethu; ngulowo waphatha isikhali
sakhe loba engena emanzini.

5 Ngalesosikhathi amadoda labomkabo baxokozela
kakhulu besola abazalwane babo bamaJuda. **2** Abanye
babesithi, "Thina lamadodana lamadodakazi ethu
sibanengi kakhulu; ukuthi sidle ukuze siphile kumele
sizuze amabele." **3** Abanye babesithi, "Sesibambisa
ngamasimu ethu, langezivini zethu kanye lemizi yethu
ukuzuza amabele ngesikhathi sendlala." **4** Abanye
njalo labo babesithi, "Sesiseboleka imali ukuze sikwazi
ukubhadala imithelo yenkosi eyamasimu ethu lezivini

zethu. **5** Loba siyinyamanye legazi linye labantu bakithi njalo loba amadodana ethu elingana lawabo, kodwa sizibona sesifuqela amadodana lamadodakazi ethu ebugqilini. Abanye bamadodakazi ethu bavele sebegqilaziwe, kodwa kasilamandla, ngoba amasimu ethu lezivini zethu sekungokwabanye." **6** Ngathi sengizwile ukukhala kwabo kanye lensolo yabo, ngathukuthela kakhulu. **7** Ngakuhlolisisa kuhle konke lokhu engqondweni yami ngasengicala izikhulu lezinduna. Ngathi, "Libhadalisa abantu bakini inzuzo!" Ngasengibiza umhlangano omkhulu ukuthi ngiqondane labo, **8** ngathi, "Ngokusemandleni ethu, sesabahlenga abazalwane bethu abangamaJuda ababethengiselwe kwabeZizwe. Kodwa manje selibathengisa abafowenu, babuye bathengiselwe kithi njalo!" Bathula ngoba baswela abangakutsho. **9** Ngaqhubeka ngathi, "Elikwenzayo kakulunganga. Kungani lingahambi ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu na ukuze lingaklolodelwa yizitha zethu zabeZizwe? **10** Mina labafowethu labantu bami lathi siyabeboleka abantu imali lamabele. Kodwa ukufuna inzuzo kakuphele! **11** Babuyiseleni khona manje amasimu abo, lezivini zabo, lezihlahla zabo zama-oliva kanye lezindlu zabo, njalo lenzuzo yokweboleka leyo eliyithathayo kubo, ingxenye eyodwa yekhulu emalini, emabeleni, ewayinini elitsha lemafutheni." **12** Bathi, "Sizakubuyisela. Njalo kasiyikubiza lutho kubo. Sizakwenza njengoba usitsho." Ngasengibiza abaphristi ngathi izikhulu lezinduna kabenze isifungo sokuthi bazakwenza lokho abakuthembisileyo. **13** Njalo ngathintitha amavinqo

esigqoko sami ngathi, “UNkulunkulu uzamthintitha kanje emkhupha endlini yakhe laselifeni lakhe wonke umuntu ongemi ngalesi isithembiso. Kanjalo umuntu onjalo kathintithwe achithwe!” Besizwa lokho umhlangano wonke wathi, “Ameni,” badumisa uThixo. Abantu benza njengokuthembisa kwabo. **14** Kwathi njalo, kusukela ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili wokubusa kweNkosi u-Athazekisisi, sengibekiwe ukuba ngumbusi wabo elizweni lakoJuda, kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wakhe wamatshumi amathathu lambili, iminyaka elitshumi lambili, mina labazalwane bami kasizange sikuthinte ukudla okwakwabelwe umbusi. **15** Kodwa ababusi bangaphambili, labo abangandulelayo, babethwalisa nzima abantu ngokuthatha kubo amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amane phezu kokudla lewayini. Labasekeli babo labo bathwalisa nzima abantu. Kodwa ngenxa yokumesaba uNkulunkulu mina kangikwenzanga lokho. **16** Esikhundleni salokho, ngazinikela emsebenzini womduli lo. Wonke amadoda ayelami abuthana khona ukuzasebenza; kasizange sizizuzele umhlaba. **17** Phezu kwalokho, amaJuda alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu kanye lezinduna babesidla kwami kanye lalabo abeza kithi bevela ezizweni eziseduze. **18** Insuku ngensuku kwakuhlatshwa inkabi eyodwa, lezimvu zekhethelo eziyisithupha, lenkukhu, kulungiselwe mina, kuthi kuzozonke insuku ezilitshumi kulethwe yonke imihlobo yewayini. Phezu kwakho konke lokhu, kangizange ngikubize lokho kudla okwakuyisabelo sombusi, ngoba abantu laba babethwele nzima ngezinto ezifunekayo. **19**

Ungikhumbule ngomusa, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngenxa yakho konke esengikwenzele lababantu.

6 Kwathi ukuba ilizwi lifike kuSanibhalathi, loThobhiya, loGeshemi um'Arabhu lakuzo zonke izitha zethu ukuthi ngasengiwakhile kutsha umduli kungasasalanga sikhala kuwo loba nje ngalesosikhathi ngangingakafaki izivalo emasangweni, **2** uSanibhalathi loGeshemi bangithumela lelilizwi: "Woza, kesihlangane komunye wemizi esemagcekeni ase-Ono." Kodwa babeceba ukungenza kubi; **3** yikho ngasengithuma izithunywa kubo lale impendulo: "Ngiphezu komsebenzi omkhulu yikho ngeke ngize. Kungani umsebenzi ufanele ume ngiwutshiyela ukuza kini na?" **4** Kwaze kwaba kane bengithumela mbiko munye, lami ngala ngampendulo nye. **5** Kwathi ngesikhathi sesihlanu, uSanibhalathi wathuma inceku yakhe iphethe lona lelolizwi, ilencwadi esandleni ingavalwanga **6** ilotshwe ukuthi: "Kubikwa phakathi kwezizwe loGeshemi uthi kuliqiniso ukuthi wena lamaJuda liceba ukuhlamuka, ngakho lakha umduli. Njalo, imbiko le ithi wena usufuna ukuba yinkosi yawo **7** futhi usuze wabeka abaphrofethi ukuthi benze lesisimemezelo ngawe eJerusalema esithi: 'Sekulenkosi koJuda!' Umbiko lo ungahle uyofika enkosini; yikho woza sibonisane." **8** Ngambuyisela impendulo le: "Akulanto enjalo mayelana lalokho othi kuyenzakala; konke kuphume engqondweni yakho." **9** Bonke babezama ukusethusela, bekhumbula besithi, "Izandla zabo zizaphela amandla bangabe besasebenza, yikho umsebenzi kawuyikuphela." Kodwa ngakhuleka

ngathi, “Manje qinisa izandla zami.” **10** Ngelinye
ilanga ngaya endlini kaShemaya indodana kaDelaya,
indodana kaMehethabheli, owayezivalele endlini yakhe.
Wathi, “Kasihlangane endlini kaNkulunkulu, phakathi
kwethempeli, sivale iminyango yethempeli, ngoba
kulamadoda abuyayo ebusuku ukuzokubulala.” **11** Kodwa
ngathi, “Umuntu onjengami kungamfanela ukubaleka
na? Kumbe umuntu onjengami angangena ethempelini
ukusiza impilo yakhe na? Kangiyi!” **12** Ngabona
ukuthi wayengathunywanga nguNkulunkulu, kodwa
wayenze isiphrofethi sokungilahla ngoba oThobhiya
loSanibhalathi babemthengile. **13** Wayethengwe ukuthi
angethuse ukuze ngenze isono ngokwenza lokhu,
ukwenzela ukuthi bangiphe ibizo elibi ngizondakale. **14**
Bakhumbule oThobhiya loSanibhalathi, Oh Nkulunkulu
wami, ngenxa yalokho asebekwenzile; mkhumbule njalo
umphrofethikazi uNowadiya labo bonke labobaphrofethi
abebekade bezama ukungethusa. **15** Ngakho umduli
waphela ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili ku-Eluli,
ngemva kwensuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili.
16 Izitha zethu zonke sezikuzwile lokho, zonke
izizwe eziseduze zesaba zalahla ithemba, ngoba
zananzelela ukuthi umsebenzi lo wenziwa uxhaswe
nguNkulunkulu. **17** Njalo, ngalezonsuku izikhulu
zakoJuda zazithumezela izincwadi ezinengi kuThobhiya,
lezimpendulo zikaThobhiya zabe zilokhu zifika kuzo. **18**
Phela abanengi koJuda babebambelele kuye ngesifungo,
ngoba wayengumkhwenyana kaShekhaniya indodana
ka-Ara, futhi indodana yakhe uJehohanani yayithethe

indodakazi kaMeshulami indodana kaBherekhiya. **19** Ikanti njalo babelokhu behlezi bengibikela ngezenzo zakhe ezinhle, basuke bayemtshela ukuthi ngitheni. Njalo uThobhiya wathumezela izincwadi ukungethusela.

7 Umduli usuyakhwe kutsha lezivalo sengizifakile ezindaweni zazo, abalindi bamasango labahlabeleli labaLevi bakhethwa. **2** Ngabeka umfowethu uHanani ukuphatha iJerusalema, kanye loHananiya umlawuli wesigodlo lenqaba ngoba wayeyindoda elobuqotho, emesabayo uNkulunkulu kulamadoda amanengi. **3** Ngathi kubo, "Amasango aseJerusalema makangavulwa ilanga lize litshise. Nxa abalindimasango belokhu besemsebenzini, kabavale iminyango bayinxibe. Njalo khethani izakhamizi zeJerusalema ukuba ngabalindi, abanye ezindaweni lapho abamiswe khona, abanye eduze lezindlu zabo." **4** Idolobho lalilikhulu libanzi, kodwa kwakulabantu abalutshwana phakathi kwalo, lezindlu zazingakavuselelwa. **5** Kwathi uNkulunkulu wami wakubeka enhliziyweni yami ukuqoqa ndawonye izikhulu, lezinduna labantukazana nje ukuthi bazobhalisa ngezimuli. Ngathola umbhalo wezizukulwane walabo ababuya kuqala. Nanku engakuthola kubhaliwe lapho: **6** laba yibo abantu belizwe abafikayo bephuma ebugqilini ababethunjiwe nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. Baba yizigqili (babuyela eJerusalema lakoJuda, ngulowo waya emzini wakibo, **7** abeza kanye loZerubhabheli, loJeshuwa, loNehemiya, lo-Azariya loRamiya, loNahamani, loModekhayi, loBhilishani loMisipherethi, loBhigivayi, loNehumi loBhana): uluhlu

lwamadoda ako-Israyeli: **8** awesizukulwane sikaPharoshi
ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu elilamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lambili, **9** akaShefathiya ayengamakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **10** aka-Ara
ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu
lambili, **11** akaPhahathi-Mowabi (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa
loJowabi) ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili letshumi lasificaminwembili, **12** aka-
Elamu ayeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **13** akaZathu ayengamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu, **14**
akaZakhayi ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi
ayisithupha, **15** akaBhinuyi ayengamakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi amane lasificaminwembili, **16** akaBhebhayi
ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili
lasificaminwembili, **17** aka-Azigadi ayezinkulungwane
ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili
lambili, **18** aka-Adonikhamu ayengamakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lasikhombisa, **19**
akaBhigivayi ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi
ayisithupha lasikhombisa, **20** aka-Adini ayengamakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu, **21**
aka-Atheri (ngoHezekhiya) ayengamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lasificaminwembili, **22**
akaHashumi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
amabili lasificaminwembili, **23** akaBhezayi
ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lane, **24**
akaHarifi ayelikhulu letshumi lambili, **25** akaGibhiyoni
ayengamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu, **26**

amadoda ayeseBhethilehema leNethofa ayelikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lasificaminwembili, **27** ayese-Anathothi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili, **28** ayeseBethi Azimavethi ayengamatshumi amane lambili, **29** ayeseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, leKhefira leBherothi ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu, **30** ayeseRama leGebha ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye, **31** ayeseMikhimashi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili, **32** ayeseBhetheli le-Ayi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **33** awakweyinye iNebho ayengamatshumi amahlanu lambili, **34** awakweyinye i-Elamu ayeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **35** ayeseHarimi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili, **36** aseJerikho ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu, **37** ayeseLodi, eHadidi le-Ono ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lane, **38** ayeseSenaya ayezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu. **39** Abaphristi: abesizukulwane sikaJedaya (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa) babengamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu, **40** abaka-Imeri babeyinkulungwane elamatshumi amahlanu lambili, **41** abakaPhashuri babeyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lasikhombisa, **42** abakaHarimi babeyinkulungwane eletshumi lasikhombisa. **43** AbaLevi: abesizukulwane sikaJeshuwa (ngoKhadimiyeli ngosendo lukaHodaviya) babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa

lane. **44** Abahlabeleli: Abesizukulwane sika-Asafi babelikhulu lamatshumi amane lasificaminwembili. **45** Abalindimasango ethempeli: abesizukulwane sikaShalumi, lo-Atheri, loThalimoni, lo-Akhubi, loHathitha loShobhayi babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lasificaminwembili. **46** Izinceku zethempelini: abesizukulwane sikaZiha, loHasufa loThabhawothi, **47** loKherosi, loSiya, loPhadoni, **48** loLebhana, loHagabha, loShalimayi, **49** loHanani, loGideli, loGahari, **50** loReyaya, loRezini, loNekhoda, **51** loGazami, lo-Uza, loPhaseya, **52** loBhesayi, loMewunimi, loNefushesimi, **53** loBhakibhuki, loHakufa, loHahuri, **54** loBhaziluthi, loMehida, loHasha, **55** loBhakhosi, loSisera, loThema, **56** loNeziya loHathifa. **57** Abezizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni: Abesizukulwane sikaSothayi, loSoferethi loPherida, **58** loJayala, loDakhoni, loGideli, **59** loShefathiya, loHathili, loPhokherethi-Hazebhayimi lo-Amoni. **60** Izinceku zethempelini labezizukulwane zezinceku zikaSolomoni babengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili. **61** Abalandelayo laba bavela emadolobheni aseTheli Mela, eTheli Hasha, eKherubi, e-Adoni, lase-Imeri, kodwa behluleka ukuveza ukuthi usendo lwabo lwaphuma ko-Israyeli: **62** abesizukulwane sikaDelaya, loThobhiya loNekhoda babengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili. **63** Ababephuma kubaphristi kwakuyilaba: abesizukulwane sikaHobhaya, esikaHakhozi lesikaBhazilayi (indoda eyayithethe indodakazi kaBhazilayi umGiliyadi layo yayibizwa ngalelobizo). **64** Laba baphenya imibhalo

yembali yezimuli zabo, kodwa bayiswela ngakho basuswa ebuphristini kwathiwa bangcolile. **65** Ngakho-ke, umbusi wabalaya ukuthi bangakudli loba yikuphi ukudla okungcwele kuze kubekhona umphristi wokubuza inkatho i-Urimi leThumimi. **66** Ixuku lonke lalilinani elifika inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha, **67** ngaphandle kwezinceku zabo ezesilisa labesifazane ezazifika inkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lasikhombisa; njalo belabahlabeleli besilisa labesifazane abafika amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **68** Kwakulamabhiza ayefika amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lasithupha, imbongolo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu, amakamela angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, **69** labobabhemi abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili. **70** Ezinye inhloko zezimuli zancedisa emsebenzini. Umbusi wanikela esikhwameni esikhulu, amadrakhima egolide ayinkulungwane, imiganu engamatshumi amahlanu lezigqoko zabaphristi ezingamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amathathu. **71** Abanye abazinhloko zezimuli baphosela esikhwameni amadrakhima egolide azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamamina esiliva azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amabili. **72** Sekukonke okwaphiwa ngabantu bonke kwaba ngamadrakhima egolide azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, amamina

esiliva azinkulungwane ezimbili lezigqoko zabaphristi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lasikhombisa. **73** Abaphristi, labaLevi, labalindimasango, labahlabeleli, lezinceku zethempelini, kanye labanye abantu lo-Israyeli wonke, bahlala emadolobheni akibo.

8 Kwathi sekuyinyanga yesikhombisa abako-Israyeli basebehlezi emadolobheni akibo. Bonke abantu babuthana ngangqondo yinye egcekeni elaliphambi kweSango laManzi. Bacela u-Ezra umbhali ukuthi alethe iNcwadi yoMthetho kaMosi, uThixo ayelaye ngawo ama-Israyeli. **2** Yikho kwathi ngelanga lokuqala lenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ezra umphristi wawuletha uMthetho phambi komhlangano, owawugcwele amadoda labafazi labo bonke ababelokuzwisisa. **3** Wafunda kakhulu kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kwaze kwaba semini enkulu ekhangele egcekeni leSango laManzi phambi kwamadoda, labafazi labanye ababelokuzwisisa. Bonke abantu balalelisisa ukuzwa iNcwadi yoMthetho. **4** U-Ezra umbhali wayemi phezu kwethala eliphakemeyo elalenziwe ngezigodo lenzelwe umkhosi lo. Eceleni kwakhe kwesokunene kwakumi uMathithiya, loShema, lo-Anaya, lo-Uriya, loHilikhiya, loMaseya; kwathi kwesokhohlo kunguPhedaya, loMishayeli, loMalikhija, loHashumi, loHashibhadana, loZakhariya loMeshulami. **5** U-Ezra wayivula incwadi. Bonke abantu babembona ngoba wayemi ekuphakameni ngaphezu kwabo; kwathi lapho eyivula abantu basukuma. **6** U-Ezra wamdumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, kwathi bonke abantu baphendula baphakamisa izandla zabo bathi, “Ameni!

Ameni!” Basebekhothama bekhonza uThixo bethe mbo
ngobuso phansi. **7** AbaLevi ababalisa uJeshuwa, loBhani,
loSherebhiya, loJamini, lo-Akhubi, loShabhethayi,
loHodiya, loMaseya, loKhelitha, lo-Azariya, loJozabhadi,
loHanani loPhelaya bafundisa abantu uMthetho abantu
belokhu bemi khonapho. **8** Babebala eNcwadini
yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu, bewuchasisa baveze lokho
okutshoyo ukuze abantu bakuzwisise lokho okwakubalwa.
9 Kwasekusithi uNehemiya umbusi, lo-Ezra umphristi
lombhali, kanye labaLevi ababefundisa abantu bathi kubo
bonke, “Lelilanga lingcwele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.
Lingalili kumbe likhale.” Kwakungoba bonke babekhala
lapho babelalele amazwi oMthetho. **10** UNehemiya wathi,
“Hambani liyozitika ngokudla okumnandi lokunathwayo
okumnandi, okunye likuthumele labo abangelakho
okulungisiweyo. Ilanga lanamhla lingcwele kuThixo
wethu. Malingadani, ngoba ukuthokoza kukaThixo
kungamandla enu.” **11** AbaLevi babathulisa bonke abantu,
bathi, “Thulani, ngoba lolu lusuku olungcwele. Lingadani.”
12 Kwathi abantu bonke basebehamba bayakudla banatha,
bathumela okunye ukudla kwabanye bazithokozisa
kakhulu, ngoba manje basebewazwisisa lawomazwi
abasebewazwile. **13** Ngosuku lwesibili lwenyanga,
abazinhloko zezimuli zonke, kanye labaphristi labaLevi,
babuthana ku-Ezra umbhali ukuba bahlolisise amazwi
oMthetho. **14** Bakufumana kubhaliwe eMthethweni,
owalaywa nguThixo ngoMosi, ukuthi ama-Israyeli
babemele bahlale ezihonqweni ngesikhathi somkhosi
wenyanga yesikhombisa **15** lokuthi njalo lelilizwi

babemele balimemezele liye kuwo wonke amadolobho abo laseJerusalema elithi: “Phumani liye emaqaqeni liyokhwebula amagatsha ama-oliva lama-oliva eganga, lamamithili, lamalala lezihlahla ezilomthunzi, lenze izihonqo,” njengoba kulotshiwe. **16** Ngakho abantu baphuma babuya lamagatsha bazakhela izihonqo ephahleni lwezindlu zabo, emagumeni abo, emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu lasegcekeni eliseSangweni laManzi lalelo elaliseSangweni lika-Efrayimi. **17** Ixuku lonke elavela ebugqilini lakha izihonqo lahlala kuzo. Kusukela ensukwini zikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kuze kube yilolosuku, ama-Israyeli ayengazange awenze kanjalo lowo mkhosi. Kwakukukhulu ukuthokoza kwabo. **18** Insuku ngensuku, kusukela kolokuqala kusiya kolokucina, u-Ezra wayebala eNcwadini yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu. Bawuthakazelela lowo mkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kwathi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, kwabakhona umhlangano omkhulu, njengokumisiweyo emthethweni.

9 Ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lane aleyonyanga, ama-Israyeli ahlangana ndawonye, azila ukudla egqoke amasaka njalo bezithele uthuli emakhanda abo. **2** Labo ababengabako-Israyeli ngomdabuko bazehlukanisa kwabezizwe. Bema ezindaweni zabo bavuma izono zabo lobubi babokhokho babo. **3** Bema khonapho ababekhona babala eNcwadini yoMthetho kaThixo uNkulunkulu wabo okwengxenye yesine yosuku, kwathi enye ingxenye yesine babevuma izono zabo njalo bekhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **4** Ethaleni kwakumi abaLevi, uJeshuwa, loBhani,

loKhadimiyeli, loShebhaniya, loBhuni, loSherebhiya, loBhani loKhenani, abamemeza baqongisa amazwi kuThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **5** Njalo abaLevi ababalisa uJeshuwa, loKhadimiyeli, loBhani, loHashabhineya, loSherebhiya, loHodiya, loShebhaniya, loPhethahiya bathi: "Sukumani lidumise uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, okhona kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. Libusisiwe ibizo lakho elingcwele, sengathi lingaphakanyiswa ngaphezulu kwakho konke ukubusiswa lokudunyiswa. **6** Wena wedwa unguThixo. Wenza amazulu, kanye lamazulu aphezukonke, lazozonke izinkanyezi zawo, umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo, inlwandle lakho konke okukuzo. Uyapha ukuphila kukho konke, lamabutho wonke asezulwini ayakukhonza. **7** UnguThixo uNkulunkulu, owakhetha u-Abhrama wamkhupha e-Uri lamaKhaladiya wambiza ngokuthi ngu-Abhrahama. **8** Wabona ukuthi inhliziyo yakhe yayithembekile kuwe, ngakho wenza isivumelwano laye ukupha izizukulwane zakhe ilizwe lamaKhenani, lamaHithi, lama-Amori, lamaPherizi, lamaJebusi lamaGigashi. Usigcinile isithembiso sakho ngoba ulungile. **9** Wakubona ukuhlupheka kwabokhokho bethu eGibhithe; wezwa ukukhala kwabo eLwandle oluBomvu. **10** Wathumela izibonakaliso ezingumangaliso lezimanga kuFaro, kuzozonke izinduna zakhe lakubo bonke abantu belizwe lakhe, ngoba wawukwazi ukuthi amaGibhithe ababephatha njani ngodlakela. Wazenzela ibizo, elimiyo kuze kube lamuhla. **11** Walwehlukanisa ulwandle phambi kwabo, ukuze bedlule kulo emhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa waphosela labo ababebaxhuma

ekujuleni, njengelitshe liphoselwa ethwaceni lwamanzi.
12 Emini wawubakhokhela ngensika yeyezi, ebusuku
ngensika yomlilo ukubapha ukukhanya endleleni
ababehamba ngayo. **13** Wehla weza eNtabeni yaseSinayi;
wakhuluma kubo usezulwini. Wabapha izimiso lemithetho
eqondileyo njalo elungileyo, lezimemezelo lemilayo
elungileyo. **14** Wabazisa ngeSabatha lakho elingcwele
njalo wabapha imilayo, lezimiso lemithetho ngenceku
yakho uMosi. **15** Ngesikhathi belambile wabapha isinkwa
sivela ezulwini njalo ekomeni kwabo wabalethela amanzi
ephuma edwaleni; wabatshela ukuthi bangene balithathe
ilizwe owafunga uphakamisa isandla ukubapha. **16** Kodwa
bona, okhokho bethu, baba yiziqholo baqinisa intamo,
kabaze balalela imilayo yakho. **17** Bala ukulalela njalo
behluleka ukukhumbula izimanga owazenzayo phakathi
kwabo. Baqinisa intamo kwathi ekuhlamukeni kwabo
bakhetha umkhokheli ukuze babuyele ebugqilini babo.
Kodwa unguNkulunkulu oxolelayo, olomusa lesihawu,
ophuza ukuthukuthela kodwa wandile ngothando. Ngakho
kawubafulathelanga, **18** lalapho sebezibumbele isithombe
sethole besithi, 'Lo ngunkulunkulu wenu owalikhuphayo
eGibhithe,' lanxa benze amanyala esabekayo. **19** Ngenxa
yesihawu sakho esikhulu kawubakhalalanga enkangala.
Emini insika yeyezi kayikhawulanga ukubakhokhela
endleleni yabo, loba insika yomlilo ebusuku ukukhanyisa
indlela ababemele bahambe ngayo. **20** Wanika uMoya
wakho omuhle ukubafundisa. Kawuyigodlanga imana
yakho emilonyeni yabo, njalo wabapha amanzi ukucitsha
umhawu wabo. **21** Okweminyaka engamatshumi

amane wabagcina enkangala; kabazange baswele lutho, izembatho zabo kaziguganga lezinyawo zabo kazivuvukanga. **22** Wabapha imibuso lezizwe, wababela lemingcele ekude. Balithatha ilizwe likaSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani. **23** Wenza amadodana abo aba manengi njengezinkanyezi zomkhathi, wabaletha elizweni owawutshele okhokho babo ukuba bangene kulo balithathe. **24** Amadodana abo angena alithatha ilizwe. Wawehlukanisa phambi kwabo amaKhenani, ababehlala phakathi kwelizwe; wanikela amaKhenani kubo, ndawonye lamakhosi awo labantu belizwe, ukuba benze kubo njengokuthanda kwabo. **25** Bathumba amadolobho abiyelweyo lomhlaba ovundileyo; bazithatha izindlu ezazigcwaliswe ngakho konke okuhle, lemithombo eyayivele igejiwe, izivini, lezivande zama-oliva lezihlahla ezinengi ezezithelo. Badla bazitika bakhithika imikhaba; bazithokozisa ngokulunga kwakho okukhulu. **26** Kodwa kabalalelanga bakuhlamukela; umthetho wakho bawubeka ngemva kwabo. Babulala abaphrofethi bakho, ababebakhuza ukuze babuyele kuwe; bahlambaza ngendlela eyesabekayo. **27** Ngakho wabanikela ezitheni zabo, zabancindezela. Kodwa kwathi sebencindezelwe bakhala kuwe. Usezulwini wabezwa, kwathi ngesihawu sakho esikhulu wabapha abakhululi, ababahlengayo ezandleni zezitha zabo. **28** Kodwa bonela ukuphumula, baphinda njalo benza okubi phambi kwakho. Wase ubadela ezandleni zezitha zabo ukuthi zibabuse. Kwathi lapho sebekhala kuwe njalo, wezwa usezulwini, kwathi ngesihawu sakho

wabakhulula izikhathi ngezikhathi. **29** Wabaxwayisa ukuthi babuyele emthethweni wakho, kodwa baqholoza kabaze bayilalela imilayo yakho. Benza isono ngezimiso zakho, okuthi nxa umuntu ezilalela aphile. Ngobuqholo bakufulathela, baqinisa intamo, bala ukulalela. **30** Okweminyaka eminengi wababekezelela. NgoMoya wakho wabakhuza ngabaphrofethi bakho. Kodwa kabananzanga, ngakho wabanikela ebantwini abakhelene labo. **31** Kodwa ngomusa wakho omkhulu kawubaqedanga njalo kawubadelanga, ngoba unguNkulunkulu olomusa, olozwelo. **32** Ngakho-ke manje, Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla njalo omangalisayo, ogcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando, ungadeleli bonke lobu ubunzima obusehleleyo thina laphezu kwamakhosi ethu labakhokheli, phezu kwabaphristi labaphrofethi bethu, phezu kwabobaba labantu bakho bonke, kusukela ensukwini zamakhosi ase-Asiriya kuze kube lamuhla. **33** Kukho konke lokho okwenzakeleyo kithi, ubeqotho; wenze ngokuthembeka, thina sisenza okubi. **34** Amakhosi ethu, abakhokheli bethu, abaphristi bethu labobaba abawulandelanga umthetho wakho; abayinanzanga imilayo yakho izixwayiso owabapha zona. **35** Loba babesembusweni wabo, bekholisa ukulunga kwakho kubo elizweni elibanzi elivundileyo lelo owabapha lona, kabakukhonzanga futhi kabaguqukanga ezindleleni zabo ezimbi. **36** Kodwa ake ubone, siyizigqili lamuhla, izigqili elizweni owalipha okhokho bethu ukuthi badle izithelo zalo lezinye izinto ezinhle eziphuma kulo. **37** Ngenxa yezono zethu, isivuno salo esinengi siya emakhosini

osuwabeke phezu kwethu. Abusa phezu kwemizimba yethu laphezu kwezinkomo zethu njengokuthanda kwawo. Siphakathi kosizi olumangalisayo.” **38** “Ngenxa yakho konke lokhu, sesisenza isivumelwano esibophayo, sisibhala phansi, njalo abakhokheli bethu, abaLevi labaphristi bethu bafaka uphawu lwabo kuso.”

10 Labo abafaka uphawu lwabo yilaba: Umbusi: uNehemiya indodana kaHakhaliya. LoZedekhiya, **2** loSeraya, lo-Azariya, loJeremiya, **3** loPhashuri, lo-Amariya, loMalikhija, **4** loHathushi, loShebhaniya, loMaluki, **5** loHarimi, loMeremothi, lo-Obhadaya, **6** loDanyeli, loGinethoni, loBharukhi, **7** loMeshulami, lo-Abhija, loMijamini, **8** loMaziya, loBhiligayi loShemaya. Laba babe ngabaphristi. **9** AbaLevi: uJeshuwa indodana ka-Azaniya, uBhinuwi owamadodana kaHenadadi loKhadimiyeli, **10** labasekeli babo: uShebhaniya, uHodiya, uKhelitha, uPhelaya loHanani, **11** uMikha, uRehobhi, uHashabhiya, **12** uZakhuri, uSherebhiya, uShebhaniya, **13** uHodiya, uBhani loBheninu. **14** Abakhokheli babantu yilaba: uPharoshi, uPhahathi-Mowabi, u-Elamu, uZathu uBhani, **15** uBhuni, u-Azigadi, uBhebhayi, **16** u-Adonija, uBhigivayi, u-Adini, **17** u-Atheri, uHezekhiya, u-Azuri, **18** uHodiya, uHashumi, uBhezayi, **19** uHarifi, u-Anathothi, uNebhayi, **20** uMagiphiyashi, uMeshulami, uHeziri, **21** uMeshezabeli, uZadokhi, uJaduwa, **22** uPhelathiya, uHanani, u-Anaya, **23** uHosheya, uHananiya, uHashubhi, **24** uHaloheshi, uPhiliha, uShobeki, **25** uRehumi, uHashabhina, uMaseya, **26** u-Ahija, uHanani, u-Anani, **27** uMaluki, uHarimi loBhana. **28** Inengi labantu, abaphristi, abaLevi,

abalindimasango, abahlabeleli, lezinceku zethempeli labo bonke abazehlukanisayo ebantwini bezizwe ngenxa yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu, kanye lamakhosikazi abo lamadodana lamadodakazi abo ayeseqedisisa **29** bonke bahlanganyela labafowabo ababeyizikhulu, ukuzibopha ngesiqalekiso langesifungo ukuwulandela uMthetho kaNkulunkulu owanikwa ngoMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu lokulalela kuhle yonke imilayo, leziqondiso lezimemezelo zikaThixo iNkosi yethu. **30** Sithembisa ukuthi kasiyikwendisa amadodakazi ethu ebantwini esakhelene labo loba sithathele amadodana ethu amadodakazi abo. **31** Nxa labo esakhelene labo beletha impahla kumbe amabele okuthengiswa ngeSabatha, kasiyikuthenga kubo ngeSabatha loba ngaliphi ilanga elingcwele. Kuwo wonke umnyaka wesikhombisa sizayekela amasimu ethu alaluke njalo sizacitsha zonke izikwelede. **32** Siyazethesa umlandu wokugcwalisa umlayo wokupha okwesithathu kweshekeli ngomnyaka okomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu: **33** okwesinkwa esibekwe etafuleni; okomnikelo wenjayelo owamabele lowokutshiswa; okweminikelo yamaSabatha, eyamadili okuThwasa kweNyanga leminye imikhosi emisiweyo; eyiminikelo engcwele, iminikelo yesono yokubuyisana eka-Israyeli; leyayo yonke imilandu yendlini kaNkulunkulu. **34** Thina abaphristi, abaLevi labantu sesenze inkatho ukubona ukuthi yiphi imuli emele ilethe inkuni ngasiphi isikhathi endlini kaNkulunkulu ezokutshiswa e-alithareni likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni. **35** Njalo sizethesa umlandu wokuletha endlini kaThixo

umnyaka ngomnyaka izithelo zakuqala zamabele ethu lokwezithelo zonke zezihlahla. **36** Njengoba kulotshiwe njalo eMthethweni, sizaletha amazibulo amadodana ethu, awenkomo zethu, lawemihlambi yethu yezimvu endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu, kubaphristi abasebenza khona. **37** Futhi njalo, sizaletha okuya eziphaleni zasendlini kaNkulunkulu, kubaphristi, okokuqala kwempuphu yethu, okweminikelo yamabele ethu, izithelo zezihlahla zethu zonke lewayini lethu elitsha kanye lamafutha. Njalo sizaletha okwetshumi okwamabele ethu kubaLevi, ngoba ngabaLevi abaqoqa okwetshumi kuwo wonke amadolobho esisebenza kuwo. **38** Umphristi odabuka ku-Aroni kaphelekezele abaLevi besamukela okwetshumi, njalo abaLevi kumele balethe okwetshumi okomnikelo wetshumi kuze endlini kaNkulunkulu, eziphaleni eziqondane lesikhwama. **39** Abantu bako-Israyeli, kanye labaLevi, bamele balethe iminikelo yabo yamabele, iwayini elitsha lamafutha eziphaleni lapho okugcinwa khona impahla zendlu engcwele, njalo lapho okuhlala khona abaphristi abasebenzayo labalindimasango labahlabeleli. “Kasiyikuyidela indlu kaNkulunkulu.”

11 Abakhokheli babantu bafika bahlala eJerusalema. Abantu bonke basebesenzisa inkatho ukukhetha oyedwa etshumini ngalinye owayemele ayehlala eJerusalema, idolobho elingcwele, kuthi abaseleyo abayisificamunwemunye bahlale emadolobheni akibo. **2** Abantu bawabonga wonke amadoda azinikelayo ukuyahlala eJerusalema. **3** Laba yibo abakhokheli bezigodi abayahlala eJerusalema (amanye ama-Israyeli, labaphristi,

labaLevi, lezinceku zethempelini kanye labezizukulwane zezisebenzi zikaSolomoni bahlala emadolobheni akoJuda, ngulowo esabelweni sakhe emadolobheni ehlukeneyo, **4** kwathi abanye babantu bakoJuda lakoBhenjamini bahlala eJerusalema): Abesizukulwane sikaJuda: U-Athaya indodana ka-Uziya, indodana kaZakhariya, indodana ka-Amariya, indodana kaShefathiya, indodana kaMahalaleli owosendo lukaPherezi; **5** loMaseya indodana kaBharukhi, indodana kaKholi-Hoze, indodana kaHazaya, indodana ka-Adaya, indodana kaJoyaribi, indodana kaZakhariya, isizukulwane sikaShilo. **6** Abesizukulwane sikaPherezi ababehlala eJerusalema babefika 468, amadoda aqinileyo. **7** Abesizukulwane sikaBhenjamini: uSalu indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaJoyedi, indodana kaPhedaya, indodana kaKholaya, indodana kaMaseya, indodana ka-Ithiyeli, indodana kaJeshaya, **8** labalandeli bakhe, uGabhayi loSalayi, amadoda afika amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili. **9** UJoweli indodana kaZikhiri wayenguye induna yabo, loJuda indodana kaHasenuwa wayephethe iSiqinti seSibili sedolobho. **10** Ababesuka kubaphristi: uJedaya; indodana kaJoyaribi; uJakhini; **11** uSeraya indodana kaHilikhiya, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaZadokhi, indodana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-Ahithubi, umphathi endlini kaNkulunkulu, **12** labasekeli babo, abaqhuba umsebenzi wethempeli, amadoda afika amakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amabili lambili; u-Adaya indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaPhelaliya, indodana ka-Amizi, indodana kaZakhariya,

indodana kaPhashuri, indodana kaMalikhija, **13** labasekeli bakhe, ababe yizinhloko zezimuli, amadoda afika amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lambili; u-Amashisayi indodana ka-Azareli, indodana ka-Ahizayi, indodana kaMeshilemothi, indodana ka-Imeri, **14** labasekeli bakhe, ababengamadoda aqinileyo alikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasitshiyagalombili. Induna yabo kwakunguZabhidiyeli indodana kaHagedolimi. **15** Ababesuka kubaLevi: uShemaya indodana kaHashubhi, indodana ka-Azirikhamu, indodana kaHashabhiya, indodana kaBhuni; **16** uShabhethayi loJozabhadi, bobabili bezinduna zabaLevi ababekhangele umsebenzi waphandle kwendlu kaNkulunkulu; **17** uMathaniya indodana kaMikha, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana ka-Asafi, umqondisi owayekhokhela inkonzo yokubonga lemkhulekweni; uBhakhibhukhiya, engowesibili phakathi kwabasekeli bakhe; u-Abhida indodana kaShamuwa, indodana kaGalali, indodana kaJeduthuni. **18** AbaLevi ababesemzini ongcwele babefika amakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane. **19** Abalindimasango: u-Akhubi, loThalimoni labasekeli babo, ababelinda amasango babengamadoda afika ikhulu elilamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **20** Bonke abanye abako-Israyeli, kanye labaphristi labaLevi, babekuwo wonke amadolobho akoJuda, ngulowo esesabelweni sakwabo esomdabuko. **21** Izinceku zethempelini zazihlala entabeni i-Ofeli, ziphethwe nguZiha loGishipha. **22** Umlawuli wabaLevi eJerusalema waye ngu-Uzi indodana kaBhani, indodana kaHashabhiya, indodana kaMathaniya,

indodana kaMikha. U-Uzi wayengomunye wabazukulu baka-Asafi, ababengabahlabeleli abakhangele inkonzo endlini kaNkulunkulu. **23** Abahlabeleli babengaphansi kwezimiso zenkosi, ezaziqondisa ababemele bakwenze insuku zonke. **24** UPhethahiya indodana kaMeshezabeli, omunye wesizukulwane sikaZera indodana kaJuda, wayengumeluleki wenkosi mayelana lezindaba zonke zabantu. **25** Mayelana lemizi kanye lamasimu ayo, abanye babantu bakoJuda bahlala eKhiriyathi Aribha lakweminye imizi eseduze, eDibhoni lemizini eseduze kwayo, eJekhabhizeli lemizana yakhona, **26** eJeshuwa, eMolada, eBhethi Phelethi, **27** eHazari-Shuwali, eBherishebha lemizana yakhona, **28** eZikhilagi, eMekhona lemizana yakhona, **29** e-Eni Rimoni, eZora, eJamuthi, **30** eZanowa, e-Adulami lemizana yakhona, eLakhishi lamasimu ayo, lase-Azekha lemizana yakhona. Yikho babehlala yonke indawo kusukela eBherishebha kusiya eSigodini sikaHinomu. **31** Abesizukulwane sikaBhenjamini ababesuka eGebha bahlala eMikhimashi, e-Aya, eBhetheli lemizana yakhona, **32** e-Anathothi, eNobhi, le-Ananiya, **33** eHazori, eRama leGithayimi, **34** eHadidi, eZebhoyimi laseNebhalathi, **35** eLodi lase-Ono, njalo laseSigodini seZingcitshi. **36** Abanye bezigaba zabaLevi bakoJuda bahlala koBhenjamini.

12 Laba ngabaphristi labaLevi ababuya loZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli kanye loJeshuwa: USeraya, uJeremiya, u-Ezra, **2** u-Amariya, uMaluki, uHathushi, **3** uShekhaniya, uRehumi, uMeremothi, **4** u-Ido, uGinethoni, u-Abhija, **5** uMijamini, uMowadiya, uBhiliga, **6** uShemaya, uJoyaribi, uJedaya, **7** uSalu, u-Amoki, uHilikhiya loJedaya.

Laba babengabakhokheli babaphristi labakhulu babo ngezinsuku zikaJeshuwa. **8** AbaLevi babe nguJeshuwa, loBhinuwi, loKhadimiyeli, loSherebhiya, loJuda njalo loMathaniya, okwathi yena, labakhula bakhe yibo ababekhokhela izingoma zenkonzo yokubonga. **9** UBhakhibhukhiya lo-Uni, labakhula babo, babesima ngale bakhangelane labo ezinkonzweni. **10** UJeshuwa wayenguyise kaJoyakhimu, uyise ka-Eliyashibi, u-Eliyashibi uyise kaJoyada, **11** uJoyada uyise kaJonathani, uJonathani uyise kaJaduwa. **12** Ngezinsuku zikaJoyakhimu, laba babezinhloko zezimuli zabaphristi: abendlu kaSeraya, nguMeraya; abendlu kaJeremiya nguHananiya; **13** abendlu ka-Ezra, nguMeshulami; abendlu ka-Amariya, nguJehohanani; **14** abendlu kaMaluki, nguJonathani; abendlu kaShebhaniya, nguJosefa; **15** abendlu kaHarimi, ngu-Adina; abendlu kaMeremothi, nguHelikhayi; **16** abendlu ka-Ido, nguZakhariya; abendlu kaGinethoni, nguMeshulami; **17** abendlu ka-Abhija nguZikhiri; abendlu kaMiniyamini lekaMowadiya, nguPhilithayi; **18** abendlu kaBhiliga nguShamuwa; abendlu kaShemaya nguJonathani; **19** abendlu kaJoyaribi, nguMathenayi; abendlu kaJedaya, ngu-Uzi; **20** abendlu kaSalu, nguKhalayi; abendlu ka-Amoki, ngu-Ebheri; **21** abendlu kaHilikhiya, nguHashabhiya; abendlu kaJedaya nguNethaneli. **22** Abazinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi ngezinsuku zika-Eliyashibi, loJoyada, uJohanani loJaduwa, kanye lezabaphristi, babhalwa phansi kubusa uDariyu wasePhezhiya. **23** Abakhokheli bezimuli ezizukulwaneni zikaLevi kuze kube yisikhathi sikaJohanani indodana ka-Eliyashibi

babhalwa phansi encwadini yemilando. **24** Abakhokheli
babaLevi babengoHashabhiya, loSherebhiya, loJeshuwa
indodana kaKhadimiyeli, labakhula babo ababesima
baqondane labo nxa bedumisa njalo besenza inkonzo
yokubonga, yilabo bevumela abanye, njengokwamiswa
nguDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. **25** UMathaniya,
loBhakhibhukhiya, u-Obhadaya, uMeshulami, uThalimoni
lo-Akhubi babe ngabalindimasango ababelinda iziphala
emasangweni. **26** Bawenza umsebenzi lo ngezinsuku
zikaJoyakhimu indodana kaJeshuwa, indodana kaJozadaki,
langezinsuku zikaNehemiya umbusi lo-Ezra umphristi
lombhali. **27** Ekunikelweni komduli waseJerusalema,
abaLevi badingwa lapho ababehlala khona balethwa
eJerusalema ukuzathakazelela umkhosi wokunikelwa
ngezingoma langokubonga langokutshaya izigubhu
lamachacho lemiqangala. **28** Abahlabeleli labo
balethwa ndawonye besuka emangweni oseduze
leJerusalema, basuka emizini yamaNethofa, **29** eBhethi
Giligali, lasemangweni waseGebha le-Azimavethi, ngoba
abahlabeleli basebezakhele imizi eduze leJerusalema.
30 Kwathi lapho abaphristi labaLevi sebezihlambulule
ngokomkhuba, bahlambulula abantu, amasango lomduli.
31 Ngathi abakhokheli bakoJuda bakhwele phezu
komduli. Njalo ngamisa amaqembu amakhulu amabili
awabahlabeleli ukuthi babonge. Elinye lalimele
likhwele phezulu komduli kwesokunene, kusiya
ngesangweni loBulongwe. **32** UHoshayiya lengxenye
yabakhokheli bakoJuda babalandela, **33** kunye lo-
Azariya, lo-Ezra, loMeshulami, **34** loJuda, loBhenjamini,

loShemaya, loJeremiya, **35** kanye labanye abaphristi ababelamacilongo, loZakhariya indodana kaJonathani, indodana kaShemaya, indodana kaMathaniya indodana kaMikhaya, indodana kaZakhuri, indodana ka-Asafi, **36** labakhula bakhe oShemaya, lo-Azareli, loMilalayi, loGilalayi, loMayi, loNethaneli, loJuda loHanani bephethe amachacho njengokwakumiswe nguDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. U-Ezra umbhali nguye owayekhokhele udwendwe. **37** SebeseSangweni loMthombo baqhubeka bakhwela izinyathelo eziya eMzini kaDavida emqansweni oya emdulini bedlula ngaphezulu kwendlu kaDavida baya eSangweni laManzi ngempumalanga. **38** Iqembu lesibili labahlabeleli lona lafulathela elakuqala laya le. Ngabalandela phezu komduli ngilengxenye yabantu, sedlula uMphotshongo waMaziko siqonda uMduli Obanzi, **39** sedlula isango lika-Efrayimi, leSango likaJeshana, iSango leNhlanzi, uMphotshongo kaHananeli loMphotshongo weKhulu saze sayafika eSangweni leZimvu. ESangweni laBalindi bafika bema. **40** Amaqembu lawo abahlabeleli amabili ayesipha ukubonga asesima ezindaweni zawo endlini kaNkulunkulu; lami ngenze njalo, kanye lengxenye yezinduna, **41** labaphristi o-Eliyakhimu, loMaseya, loMiniyamini, loMikhaya, lo-Eliyonayi, loZakhariya loHananiya belamacilongo abo **42** njalo loMaseya, loShemaya, lo-Eliyezari, lo-Uzi, loJehohanani, loMalikhija, lo-Elamu lo-Ezeri. Amaqembu abahlabeleli ahlabela ekhokhelwa nguJezirahiya. **43** Ngalelolanga banikela imihlatshelo emangalisayo, bethokoza ngoba uThixo wayebaphe ukuthokoza

okukhulu. Abesifazane kanye labantwana labo bathokoza. Umsindo wokuthokoza eJerusalema wawuzwakala kude.
44 Ngalesosikhathi kwakhethwa amadoda ukugcina iziphala zalokho okwakulethwa, izithelo zokuqala kanye lokwetshumi. Okusuka emasimini aseduzane lamadolobho babemele bakulethe eziphaleni lezo zilinganiso ezazivumelwa nguMthetho okwabaphristi labaLevi, ngoba uJuda wayejabuliswe ngumsebenzi owawuqhutshwa ngamaphristi lamaLevi. **45** Bayiphatha inkonzo kaNkulunkulu wabo lenkonzo yokuhlanjululwa, njalo benzenjalo labahlabeleli kanye labalindimasango, njengemilayo kaDavida lendodana yakhe uSolomoni. **46** Ngoba kudala, ensukwini zikaDavida lo-Asafi, kwakulabaqondisi babahlabeleli labezingoma zokudumisa lokubonga uNkulunkulu. **47** Yikho ngezinsuku zikaZerubhabheli loNehemiya, ama-Israyeli onke apha isabelo sansukuzonke esabahlabeleli labalindimasango. Baphinda njalo babeka eceleni esinye isabelo esabanye abaLevi, kwathi abaLevi labo bacezula okunye kwabo kwaba ngokwabosendo luka-Aroni.

13 Ngalelolanga iNcwadi kaMosi yabalelwa abantu besizwa kwafunyanwa kuyo kubhaliwe ukuthi akungabi lam'Amoni loba um'Mowabi ovunyelwa emhlanganweni kaNkulunkulu, loba sekutheni, **2** ngoba babengahlangabezanga ama-Israyeli ngokudla lamanzi kodwa bathenga uBhalamu ukuba abaqalekise. (UNkulunkulu wethu kodwa waguqula isiqalekiso leso saba yisibusiso.) **3** Kwathi abantu sebewuzwile umthetho, babasusa ko-Israyeli bonke labo ababedabuka ezizweni. **4**

Mandulo kwalokhu, u-Eliyashibi umphristi nguye owayephethe iziphala zendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu. Wasuka wezwana kakhulu loThobhiya, **5** wasemlungisela indlu enkulu eyayikade isetshenziswa ukulondoloza amabele omnikelo lempepha kanye lempahla zethempeli, kanye njalo lamabele awokwetshumi, lewayini elitsha lamafutha, konke okwakumiswe ukuthi kube ngokwabaLevi, labahlabeleli labalindimasango, kanye lezipho eziya kubaphristi. **6** Kodwa kwathi kusenzakala konke lokhu, mina ngangingekho eJerusalema, ngoba ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lambili wokubusa kuka-Athazekisisi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngabuyela enkosini. Muva kwalokho ngacela imvumo kuye **7** ngabuyela eJerusalema. Kulapho engafika ngabona khona ngaleyonto embi eyenziwa ngu-Eliyashibi ngokupha uThobhiya indlu emagumeni asendlini kaNkulunkulu. **8** Ngacaphuka kakhulu ngaphosela phandle zonke impahla zikaThobhiya. **9** Ngakhupha ilizwi ukuthi kazihlanjululwe izindlu, ngasengibuyisela kuzo impahla zendlini kaNkulunkulu, ndawonye lamabele omnikelo lempepha. **10** Ngezwa njalo ukuthi abaLevi babengaphiwanga lokho okwakuyisabelo sabo, lokuthi bonke abaLevi labahlabeleli ababeqhuba inkonzo basebebuyele emasimini abo. **11** Ngazikhwazela izinduna ngazibuza ngathi, “Kungani indlu kaNkulunkulu ingasakhathalelwa na?” Ngasengibabizela ndawonye ngababeka ezindaweni zemisebenzi yabo. **12** Bonke abakoJuda baletha okwetshumi kwamabele, iwayini elitsha lamafutha eziphaleni. **13** Ngasengibeka uShelemiya umphristi,

loZadokhi umbhali, lomLevi owayethiwa nguPhedaya ukuba baphathe iziphala, ngenza uHanani indodana kaZakhuri, indodana kaMathaniya, ukuba ngumsekeli wabo, ngoba amadoda la kwakuthiwa athembekile. Baphiwa umlandu wokwabela abafowabo isabelo sabo. **14** Ungikhumbule ngalokhu, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ungakucitshi lokho engikwenzele indlu kaNkulunkulu wami ngokuthembeka kanye lezinkonzo ezikuyo. **15** Ngalezonsuku ngabona abantu bakoJuda bevoxa izikhamelo zewayini ngeSabatha njalo beletha amabele bewethesa kubobabhemi, kunye lewayini, lamagrebisi, lomkhiwa leminye imithwalo. Konke lokhu babekuletha eJerusalema ngeSabatha. Ngakho-ke ngasengibaxwayisa ukuthi bangathengisi ukudla ngosuku lolo. **16** Abantu beThire ababehlala eJerusalema babeletha inhlanzi lemihlobo yonke yezimpahla bezithengisa eJerusalema ebantwini bakoJuda ngeSabatha. **17** Ngazikhuza izikhulu zakoJuda ngathi kuzo, “Manyala bani la eliwenzayo lingcolisa usuku lweSabatha na? **18** Kakusikho yini okwenziwa ngoyihlomkhulu, okwabangela ukuthi uThixo wethu, ehlisele kithi laphezu kwalelidolobho lobubunzima na? Manje selibuye lisandisa ulaka ku-Israyeli ngokugcolisa iSabatha.” **19** Kwathi nxa selimathunzi emasangweni aseJerusalema kungakabi yiSabatha, ngalaya ukuthi iminyango kayivalwe ingaze yavulwa iSabatha ize idlule. Ngamisa emasangweni abanye abantu bami ukuze kungangeni mthwalo ngosuku lweSabatha. **20** Okwezikhathi ezimbalwa abathengi labathengisi bezinhlobo zonke zezimpahla

balala ngaphandle kweJerusalema. **21** Kodwa ngabaxwayisa ngathi, “Lenzelani ukulala phansi komduli na? Lingakuphinda lokhu kuzakuba lokuxabana.” Kusukela kulesosikhathi kabasaphindanga beza ngeSabatha. **22** Ngasengilaya abaLevi ukuthi bazihlambulule besebesiyalinda amasango ukuze kugcinwe usuku lweSabatha lungcwele. Ungikhumbule langalokhu njalo, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, njalo utshengise umusa kimi mayelana lothando lwakho olukhulu. **23** Phezu kwalokho, ngalezonsuku ngabona amadoda akoJuda ayethethe abafazi base-Ashidodi, le-Amoni laseMowabi. **24** Ingxenye yabantwababo babekhuluma ulimi lwase-Ashidodi kumbe ulimi lwabanye abantu, bengakwazi ukukhuluma isiHebheru. **25** Ngabathethisa, ngakhuluma iziqalekiso phezu kwabo. Amanye amadoda ngawatshaya ngaze ngawasiphuna inwele zawo. Ngathi kabenze isifungo ngebizo likaNkulunkulu ngathi, “Lingendiseli amadodakazi enu emadodaneni abo, njalo lingathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi abo futhi lani lingazithatheli wona. **26** Kwakungasimitshado enjengale yini eyenza uSolomoni inkosi yako-Israyeli yenze isono? Phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi kwakungelankosi efana laye. Wayethandwa nguNkulunkulu wakhe, njalo uNkulunkulu wamenza inkosi ka-Israyeli wonke, kodwa laye wahugelwa esonweni ngabafazi bezizweni. **27** Manje-ke sesingezwa ukuthi lani selisenza wonke amanyala la esabekayo njalo kalisathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wethu ngokuthatha abafazi bezizwe na?” **28** Omunye wamadodana kaJoyada indodana ka-Eliyashibi umphristi

omkhulu wayengumkhwenyana kaSanibhalathi umHoroni. Ngahle ngamxotshela khatshana kwami.
29 Ubakhumbule, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba babungcolisile ubuphristi lesivumelwano sobuphristi lesabaLevi.
30 Ngakho ngabahlambulula abaphristi labaLevi kuzozonke izinto zezizweni, ngababela imisebenzi yabo, ngulowo waqondana lomsebenzi wakhe.
31 Ngaphinde ngenza amalungiselelo okulethwa kwenkuni ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo, njalo lawezithelo zokuqala. Ungikhumbule ngomusa, Oh Nkulunkulu wami.

U-Esta

1 Lokhu yikho okwenzakala ngesikhathi sika-Ahasuweru,
owayebusa izifunda ezingaphezu kwekhulu elilamatshumi
amabili lasikhombisa kusukela e-Indiya kuze kuyefika
eTopiya. **2** Ngalesosikhathi inkosi u-Ahasuweru wayebusa
esesigodlweni saseSusa, **3** kwathi ngomnyaka wesithathu
wokubusa kwakhe, wenzela izikhulu zakhe kanye
leziphathamandla zakhe idili elikhulu. Abakhokheli
bebutho basePhezhiya labaseMediya, amakhosana,
kanye lezikhulu zezifunda zonke zazikhona. **4**
Okwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
watshengisa ubukhulu benotho yombuso wakhe
kanye lobucwazicwazi lobukhosi bombuso wakhe.
5 Kwathi lezonsuku seziphelile, inkosi yenza idili
elikhulu elabakhona okwensuku eziyisikhombisa,
endaweni ehonqolozelweyo esigodlweni senkosi,
lisenzelwa bonke abantu abaziwayo labantukazana
ababesesigodlweni saseSusa. **6** Egumeni kwakulezilengiso
ezimhlophe leziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, zibotshelwe
emasongweni esiliva ngentambo zelineni elimhlophe
lelembu eliyibubende ensikeni zamatshe aqinileyo.
Kwakulemibheda yegolide lesiliva phezu kwephansi
elaligandelwe ngamatshe aligugu, abomvu, aluhlaza,
amhlophe lamnyama lamanye adulayo. **7** Iwayini
lalinathelwa ezinkezweni zegolide, inye ngayinye
yehlukene kwezinye, njalo iwayini lesikhosini lalilinengi,
kutshengisa ukukhululeka kwesandla senkosi. **8**
Ngokulaya kwenkosi, isethekeli sinye ngasinye
sasikhululekile ukuthi sinathe ngokwentando yaso,

ngoba inkosi yayilaye zonke iziphathamandla ezazisipha iwayini ukuthi ziphe umuntu wonke njengokufisa kwakhe. **9** INdlovukazi uVashithi layo yenzela abesifazane ababesesigodlweni seNkosi u-Ahasuweru idili elikhulu. **10** Ngelanga lesikhombisa, inkosi u-Ahasuweru isidakiwe ngenxa yewayini, yalaya abathenwa abayisikhombisa ababeyisebenzela, uMehumani, uBhizitha, uHaribhona, uBhigitha, u-Abhagitha, uZethari loKharikhasi, **11** ukuthi balethe kuyo iNdlovukazi uVashithi ethwele umqhele wakhe wobukhosi ukuze abukise ubuhle bakhe ebantwini kanye lezikhulwini, ngoba wayemuhle kakhulu. **12** Kodwa kwathi abathenwa beyitshela ngokulaya kwenkosi, iNdlovukazi uVashithi yala ukuya. Ngakho inkosi yathukuthela yavutha ngolaka. **13** Njengoba kwakuyinjwayelo ukuthi inkosi icebisane lezingcitshi ezindabeni eziphathelene lemithetho kanye lokwahlulela, yakhuluma lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo ayezwisisa ngomumo walezozikhathi **14** njalo ayeseduzane kakhulu lenkosi kwakunguKharishena, uShethari, u-Adimatha, uThashishi, uMeresi, uMarisena loMemukhani, izikhulu eziyisikhombisa zasePhezhiya laseMediya ezazilemvumo yokuya enkosini njalo zilezikhundla eziphakemeyo embusweni. **15** Yasibuza yathi, "Umthetho uthi kwenziweni eNdlovukazini uVashithi? Phela kayilalelanga umlayo wenkosi u-Ahasuweru awuthumele kuyo ngabathenwa." **16** UMemukhani wasephendula phambi kwenkosi kanye lezikhulu zayo wathi, "INdlovukazi uVashithi yonile, hatshi enkosini kuphela, kodwa lasezikhulwini zonke kanye labantu bonke

bezabelo zonke zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru. **17** Phela isenzo seNdlovukazi sizakwazakala kuwo wonke amakhosikazi, abesedelela omkawo esithi, ‘Inkosi u-Ahasuweru yalaya iNdlovukazi uVashithi ukuthi ilethwe phambi kwayo, kodwa yala ukuza.’ **18** Lamhlanje amakhosikazi aphakemeyo asePhezhiya kanye laseMediya asizwileyo isenzo seNdlovukazi azaphendula izikhulu zenkosi zonke ngendlela efananayo. Kuzakuba khona ukungahloniphi kanye lengxabangxoza. **19** Ngakho-ke, nxa kulungile enkosini, kakube lomthetho ozaphuma esigodlweni njalo ulotshwe emithethweni yelizwe lePhezhiya leMediya, ongeke uguqulwe njalo, ukuthi uVashithi akumelanga aphinde angene lapho okulenkosi u-Ahasuweru. Njalo inkosi kayiphe isikhundla sayo sobundlovukazi komunye ongcono kulayo. **20** Kuzakuthi nxa umthetho wenkosi umenyezelwa kuwo wonke umbuso wayo omkhulu, abesifazane bonke bazahlonipha omkabo kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu.” **21** Inkosi kanye lezikhulu zayo bathokoza ngalokhu kucebisa, inkosi yasisenza khona lokho uMemukhani akucebisayo. **22** Yathumela izincwadi kuzozonke izabelo zombuso, kuleso laleso sabelo incwadi yaso ngolimi olukhulunywa kuso, kwamenyezelwa ngendimi zazo ukuthi yileyo laleyo ndoda kumele ibuse umuzi wayo.

2 Emva kokuba ukuthukuthela kweNkosi u-Ahasuweru sekudedile, yamkhumbula uVashithi kanye lalokho ayekwenzile, lalokho okwakumenyezelwe ngaye. **2** Izinceku zenkosi zasezisithi kuyo, “Akudingelwe inkosi amantombazana agcweleyo, amahle. **3** Inkosi

kayikhethe iziphathamandla kuzozonke izabelo zombuso wayo ukuthi zilethe wonke amantombazana amahle endlini yabesifazane esigodlweni saseSusa. Bafakwe ezandleni zikaHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi, okhangele abesifazane; zilungiswe kuhle njalo ziphiwe amakha okuziqhola. **4** Besekusithi intombi ethokozisa inkosi ibe yiNdlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashithi." Iseluleko lesi sayithokozisa inkosi, yasisilandela. **5** Kwakukhona esigodlweni saseSusa umJuda owendlu yakoBhenjamini, okwakuthiwa nguModekhayi, indodana kaJayiri, indodana kaShimeyi, indodana kaKhishi, **6** owayethunjwe eJerusalema nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, kanye loJekhoniya inkosi yakoJuda wayephakathi kwabathunjwayo. **7** UModekhayi wayelomzawakhe okwakuthiwa nguHadasa, amondla ngoba engelayise lonina. Intombazana le yayisaziwa langokuthi ngu-Esta, yayibukeka kakhulu, inhle njalo uModekhayi wayeyondle njengendodakazi yakhe ize ifelwe nguyise lonina. **8** Kwathi umlayo wenkosi kanye lesimiso sekumenyezelwe, amantombazana amanengi alethwa esigodlweni saseSusa afakwa ezandleni zikaHegayi. U-Esta laye wathathwa wasiwa esigodlweni sobukhosi wanikelwa ngaphansi kukaHegayi, owayelinda indawo yabesifazane. **9** Intombazana le yamthokozisa wayithanda. Wahle wayinika okokuzilungisa kuhle lamakha okuziqhola kanye lokudla okuhle. Wayipha amantombazana ayisikhombisa okuyisebenzela ayekhethwe esigodlweni senkosi, wayisusa kanye lamantombazana ayo, wabafaka endaweni yabesifazane enhle kakhulu. **10** U-Esta

wayengavezanga ukuthi udabuka ngaphi lembali yemuli yakibo, ngoba uModekhayi wayethe angakwenzi lokho.
11 Insuku zonke uModekhayi wayehamba eduzane leguma lendlu yabesifazane ukuze ezwe ukuba u-Esta uqhuba njani lokuthi uyaphila na. **12** Intombi yayiqeda izinyanga eziyisithupha igcotshwa, ilungiswa kuhle njalo iqholwa ngamakha njengalokho okwakulungiselelwa abesifazane; izinyanga eziyisithupha igcotshwa ngamafutha emure lezinye eziyisithupha iqholwa ngamakha lokunye okokuqhola, ingakayi eNkosini u-Ahasuweru. **13** Indlela intombi eyayisiya ngayo enkosini yile: loba yini intombi eyayiyifuna yayikuphiwa ukuze ihambe lakho esigodlweni senkosi isuka endlini yabesifazane. **14** Ntambama yayisiya esigodlweni kuthi ekuseni ibuyele kweyinye indawo yabesifazane iyelondolozwa nguShahashigazi, umthenwa wenkosi owayegcina abafazi beceleni. Wayengabuyeli enkosini ngaphandle kokuba yona ithokoza ngaye njalo imbize ngebizo lakhe. **15** Kwathi lapho ithuba lika-Esta (intombazana eyayondliwe nguModekhayi, indodakazi kamalumakhe u-Abhihayili) selifikile ukuthi aye enkosini, kacelanga lutho ngaphandle kwalokho okwakukhulunywe nguHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi owayelondoloza abesifazane. U-Esta wathakazelelwa yibo bonke abambonayo. **16** U-Esta wasiwa enkosini ngenyanga yetshumi, inyanga yeThebhethi, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kweNkosi u-Ahasuweru. **17** Inkosi yakhangwa ngu-Esta kakhulukazi okwedlula abanye bonke abesifazane, njalo yamthakazelela yathokoza ngaye okwedlula zonke ezinye izintombi

ezigcweleyo. Ngakho yamethesa umqhele wobukhosi yamenza waba yindlovukazi endaweni kaVashithi. **18** Inkosi yasisenza idili elikhulu kakhulu, idili lika-Esta, isenzela izikhulu kanye leziphathamandla zayo. Yamemezela usuku lwekhefu kuzozonke izabelo, yapha lezipho ngesandla esikhululekileyo sobukhosi. **19** Kwathi izintombi ezigcweleyo sezihlangene okwesibili, uModekhayi wayehlezi esangweni lenkosi. **20** U-Esta wayekwenze kwaba yimfihlo okwemuli yakhe lalapho adabuka khona njengokutshelwa kwakhe nguModekhayi ukuba akwenze, njalo waqhubeka elandela imilayo kaModekhayi njengalokhu ayekwenza esamkhulisa. **21** Ngesikhathi uModekhayi ehlezi esangweni lenkosi, abathenwa benkosi ababili ababelinda emnyango, uBhigithani loThereshi, bathukuthela baceba ukuyibulala inkosi u-Ahasuweru. **22** Kodwa uModekhayi wakuzwa ababekuceba wasetshela iNdlovukazi u-Esta, owabika lokho enkosini, ebabaza isenzo esihle sikaModekhayi. **23** Kwathi lowombiko usuhlolisisiwe kwatholakala ukuthi uliqiniso, iziphathamandla lezo zombili zalengiswa endaweni yokulenga. Konke lokhu kwalotshwa ogwalweni lwezindaba phambi kwenkosi.

3 Ngemva kwalezo zehlakalo, inkosi u-Ahasuweru wenza uHamani indodana kaHamedatha um'Agagi waba lodumo ngokumphakamisa, wamupha isikhundla esiphakemeyo, esihloniphekayo ukwedlula esezinye zezikhulu zonke. **2** Zonke iziphathamandla zesigodlweni esangweni lenkosi zaguqa phansi zamkhothamela uHamani, ngoba inkosi yayilaye lokho ngaye. Kodwa

uModekhayi kazange amkhothamele loba amkhonze.
3 Ngakho iziphathamandla zesigodlweni esangweni
lenkosi zabuza uModekhayi zisithi, “Kungani ungalaleli
umlayo wenkosi?” **4** Bakhuluma laye insuku ngezinsuku
kodwa wala ukwenza lokho. Ngakho bamtshela
uHamani ngalokho befuna ukubona kumbe isenzo
sikaModekhayi sasizakwamukeleka, ngoba wayebatshelile
ukuthi yena ungumJuda. **5** Kwathi uHamani ebona
ukuthi uModekhayi kamguqeli njalo kamkhonzi,
wathukuthela kakhulukazi. **6** Kwathi ngoba esekwazi
ukuthi uModekhayi udabuka ngaphi, wawulahla umqondo
wokubulala uModekhayi yedwa. Kodwa uHamani wadinga
indlela yokubulala bonke abomhlobo kaModekhayi,
amaJuda, kuwo wonke umbuso ka-Ahasuweru. **7**
Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokubusa kuka-Ahasuweru,
ngenyanga yakuqala, inyanga ethiwa nguNisani, benza
inkatho ethiwa yiphuri phambi kukaHamani ukuze
bakhethe usuku lenyanga. Inkatho yadla inyanga
yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa yi-Adari. **8** UHamani
wasesithi eNkosini u-Ahasuweru, “Kukhona abantu
abathile abahlakazeke basabalala phakathi kwabantu
abasezabelweni zonke zombuso wakho abalemikhuba
eyehlukene leyabantu bonke, njalo abangalaleli imithetho
yenkosi. Inkosi akumelanga ibayekelele kulokho. **9**
Nxa lokhu kulungile enkosini, kakube lesimemezelo
somthetho wokuba babhujiswe. Mina ngizafaka phakathi
kwengcebo yesigodlweni amathalenta esiliva alitshumi
lenkulungwane ukuphathisa amadoda azakwenza
umsebenzi lo.” **10** Ngakho inkosi yakhupha indandatho

yophawu lwayo emunweni yayipha uHamani indodana kaHamedatha, um'Agagi, isitha samaJuda. Inkosi yathi kuHamani, **11** "Gcina imali le, wenze ebantwini njengokuthanda kwakho." **12** Kwathi ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu ngenyanga yokuqala onobhala besigodlweni babizwa. Babhala ngokulotshwa kwesabelo sinye ngasinye njalo ngolimi lwabantu balesosabelo, yonke imilayo kaHamani eyayisiya kuziphathamandla zenkosi, ababusi bezabelo ezehlukeneyo kanye lasezikhulwini ezaziphethe abantu abehlukeneyo. Yayibhalwe ngebizo leNkosi u-Ahasuweru ngokwakhe njalo yadindwa ngophawu lwendandatho yakhe. **13** Izincwadi zathunyelwa ngezithunywa kuzozonke izabelo zenkosi kulomlayo wokuba kubhujiswe, kubulawe njalo kutshabalaliswe wonke amaJuda, abatsha labadala, abesifazane labantwana ngelanga elilodwa, ilanga letshumi lantathu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, enyangeni ethiwa ngu-Adari, njalo lokuphanga impahla yabo. **14** Amazwi esimemezelo leso ayezakhutshwa abe ngumthetho omisiweyo kuzozonke izabelo, aziswe bonke abantu bakuzo zonke izizwe ukuze bazilungiselele lolosuku. **15** Izithunywa zakhuthazwa ngumlayo wenkosi, zaphuma zakhupha umthetho omisiweyo esigodlweni saseSusa. Inkosi loHamani bahlala phansi banatha, kodwa abedolobho laseSusa badideka.

4 Kwathi uModekhayi esezwile ngakho konke okwasekwenziwe, wadabula iziqgoko zakhe, wagqoka amasaka okulila, wazihuqa ngomlotha, waphuma wangena phakathi komuzi ekhala kakhulu njalo kabuhlungukazi. **2** Kodwa wahamba wayafika esangweni

lenkosi, ngoba akulamuntu owayevunyelwa ukungena egqoke amasaka okulila. **3** Kuzozonke izabelo lapho isimiso somthetho lomlayo wenkosi okwafika khona, kwaba lokulila okukhulu kubaJuda, bazila ukudla, bakhala njalo belila. Abanengi balala emlotheni begqoke amasaka okulila. **4** Kwathi izinceku zika-Esta kanye labathenwa bakhe befika bemtshela ngoModekhayi, waba lokudabuka okukhulu. Wamthumela izembatho zokuthi agqoke endaweni yamasaka okulila, kodwa wala ukuzamukela. **5** U-Esta wasebiza uHathakhi, omunye wabathenwa benkosi owayekhethwe ukuba yinceku yakhe, wamlaya ukuba ayedingisisa lokho okwakukhathaza uModekhayi lembangela yakho. **6** Ngakho uHathakhi waya kuModekhayi egcekeni ledolobho phambi kwesango lenkosi. **7** UModekhayi wamtshela konke okwakwenzakale kuye, kugoqela inani lemali uHamani ayethembise ukulibhadala lingene enothweni yenkosi kusenzelwa ukubhujiswa kwamaJuda. **8** Wamupha njalo amazwi esimemezelo leso ayesekhutshwe aba ngumthetho omisiweyo wokubhujiswa kwabo, owawumenyezelwe eSusa, ukuze awutshengise u-Esta njalo amchazele ngawo; njalo wamtshela ukuthi amkhuthaze ukuba aye enkosini ukuyacela isihawu sayo encengela abantu bakibo. **9** UHathakhi wabuyela wayamtshela u-Esta lokho okwakukhulunywe nguModekhayi. **10** Yena wasemlaya ukuba athi kuModekhayi, **11** "Zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi kanye labasezigodlweni ezabelweni bayakwazi ukuthi inkosi ilomthetho owodwa zwi kuloba yiphi

indoda loba owesifazane osondela enkosini angene endlini ephakathi engabizwanga; kufanele abulawe, ngaphandle kokuba inkosi yelule intonga yayo yegolide imkhombe ngayo ukuze impilo yakhe iphephe. Kodwa, sekwedlule amalanga angamatshumi amathathu selokhu ngacina ukubizelwa enkosini." **12** Kwathi amazwi ka-Esta ebikwa kuModekhayi, **13** waphendula wathi: "Ungacabangi ukuthi ngoba wena usendlini yenkosi nguwe wedwa kuwo wonke amaJuda ozaphepha. **14** Nxa ungala uthule ngalesisikhathi, usizo lokukhululwa kwamaJuda kuzavela kwenye indawo, kodwa wena kanye lemuli kayihlo lizabhubha. Njalo kwazi bani, ukuthi uze kulesi sikhundla sobukhosi ngenxa yesikhathi esinjengalesi na?" **15** U-Esta wasethumela impendulo le kuModekhayi: **16** "Hamba uyebuthanisa ndawonye wonke amaJuda aseSusa, lingizilele ukudla. Lingaze ladla loba ukunatha okwensuku ezintathu, ebusuku lemini. Mina kanye lezincekukazi zami sizazila njengani. Nxa lokhu sekwenziwe, ngizakuya enkosini loba nje lokho kungekho emthethweni. Nxa ngisifa, ngiyabe ngifile." **17** Ngakho uModekhayi wasuka wayakwenza lokho okwakulaywe ngu-Esta.

5 Ngelanga lesithathu u-Esta wagqoka izembatho zakhe zobukhosi wema enkundleni engaphakathi kwesigodlo phambi kwendlu yenkosi. Inkosi yayihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi endlini yayo, ikhangele emnyango. **2** Yathi ibona iNdlovukazi u-Esta imi enkundleni, yathokoza ngaye, yasiselula intonga yayo yegolide eyayisesandleni sayo, yamkhomba ngayo. U-Esta wasesondela wathinta

isihloko sentonga. **3** Inkosi yasibuza yathi, “Kutheni Ndlovukazi Esta? Siyini isicelo sakho na? Uzanikwa loba yini, okungafika kungxenye yombuso.” **4** U-Esta wathi, “Nxa inkosi ithokoza ngalokhu, bengicela ukuthi inkosi kanye loHamani beze lamhla edilini engililungisele yona.” **5** Inkosi yathi, “UHamani keze khathesi, ukuze kwenziwe okucelwa ngu-Esta.” Inkosi loHamani baya edilini elalilungiswe ngu-Esta. **6** Kwathi besanatha iwayini, inkosi yambuza njalo u-Esta yathi, “Siyini isicelo sakho? Uzakukwamukeliswa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Uzanikwa loba yini okungafika kungxenye yombuso.” **7** U-Esta waphendula wathi, “Isikhalazo sami lesicelo sami yilokhu: **8** Nxa inkosi ingamukela ngomusa njalo nxa inkosi ithokoza ngokwamukela isikhalazo sami njalo igcwalise isicelo sami, bengicela ukuthi inkosi kanye loHamani kusasa beze edilini engizabalungisela lona. Kulapho engizaphendula okubuzwe yinkosi.” **9** UHamani wasuka lapho mhlalokho ethabe kakhulukazi. Kodwa uthe ebona uModekhayi esesangweni lenkosi wananzelela ukuthi kamsukumeli loba ukutshengisa ukwesaba phambi kwakhe, wagcwalelana ngokumthukuthelela uModekhayi. **10** Kodwa wazibamba waya emzini wakhe, wabiza abangane bakhe ndawonye kanye loZereshi umkakhe, **11** uHamani wasezincoma kubo ngenotho yakhe enengi, langamadodana akhe amanengi, kanye lazozonke izindlela inkosi eyayimhlonipha ngazo lokuthi imphakamise yambeka phezu kwezinye izikhulu leziphathamandla. **12** UHamani wengeza wathi, “Njalo akusikho kodwa lokhu. Yimi ngedwa zwi umuntu omenywe yiNdlovukazi u-

Esta ukuba ngiphelekezele inkosi edilini elenzileyo. Njalo usenginxusile kanye lenkosi kusasa. **13** Kodwa konke lokhu akungisuthisi ikakhulu nxa ngilokhu ngibona umJuda loya onguModekhayi ehlezi esangweni lenkosi." **14** Umkakhe uZereshi kanye labangane bakhe bonke bathi kuye, "Yenza indawo yokulengisa abantu, ibe zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ubude, ubusucela inkosi ekuseni ukuba ilengise uModekhayi lapho. Ube usuziyela edilini uchelesile." Umcabango lo wamthokozisa kakhulu uHamani, yasisakhiwa indawo yokulengisa.

6 Ngalobobusuku inkosi yaswela ubuthongo; ngakho yalaya ukuba kulethwe kuyo ugwalo lwemiLando, imibhalo yombuso wayo, izobalelwa. **2** Kwatholakala emibhalweni ukuba uModekhayi wayeveze ukuba uBhigithani loThereshi, abathenwa benkosi ababelinda entubeni, babecebe ukubulala inkosi u-Ahasuweru. **3** Inkosi yathi, "UModekhayi wazuza dumo bani lokwaziwa ngalokhu?" Izinceku zenkosi zathi, "Akulalutho alwenzelwayo." **4** Inkosi yasisithi, "Ngubani osenkundleni na?" UHamani wayesanda kungena enkundleni yangaphandle yesigodlo ezokhuluma lenkosi mayelana lokulengisa uModekhayi endaweni ayeyakhele lokho. **5** Izinceku zayo zathi, "UHamani umi enkundleni." Inkosi yalaya yathi, "Mngeniseni." **6** UHamani esengenile, inkosi yathi kuye, "Kuyini okungenzelwa umuntu inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo?" UHamani wacabanga ngaphakathi wathi, "Kambe ngubani ongaphiwa udumo yinkosi ngaphandle kwami?" **7** Ngakho

waphendula inkosi wathi, “Emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo, **8** kabamlethele isembatho sobukhosi esesake sagqokwa yinkosi kanye lebhiza eselake lagadwa yinkosi, elilomqhele wobukhosi ekhanda lalo. **9** Isembatho leso kanye lebhiza kakube sezandleni zesinye sezikhulu zenkosi ezihloniphekayo kakhulu. Umuntu lo inkosi ethokoza ngaye efuna ukumupha udumo kagqokiswe lezozembatho, abesekhokhelwa edabula phakathi kwemigwaqo yedolobho egade ibhiza, kumenyezwe phambi kwakhe ukuthi, ‘Lokhu yikho okwenziwa emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo!’” **10** Inkosi yasilaya uHamani yathi, “Hamba khona manje uyethatha izembatho kanye lebhiza wenze njengokucebisa kwakho kuModekhayi umJuda ohlezi esangweni lenkosi. Ungaze watshiya loba yikuphi okuqambileyo.” **11** UHamani wasethatha izembatho kanye lebhiza. Wamgqokisa uModekhayi, wasemkhokhela ephezu kwebhiza, wadabula imigwaqo yedolobho, ehamba ememeza esithi, “Lokhu yikho okwenziwa emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo!” **12** Ngemva kwalokho uModekhayi wabuyela esangweni lenkosi. Kodwa uHamani watshitsha waya ngekhaya, emboze ikhanda ngosizi, **13** watshela uZereshi umkakhe kanye labangane bakhe bonke ngakho konke okwakumehlele. Abeluleki bakhe lomkakhe uZereshi bathi kuye, “Njengoba uModekhayi osuqale ukuwa phambi kwakhe engumJuda ngokwemvelo, awungeke umelane laye, uzatshabalala ngempela.” **14** Kwathi besakhuluma laye, kwafika

abathenwa benkosi bamthatha masinyane ukuya edilini elalilungiswe ngu-Esta.

7 Inkosi loHamani basebesiyakudla leNdlovukazi u-Esta, **2** kwathi besanatha iwayini ngalelolanga lesibili, inkosi yabuza njalo yathi, “Ndlovukazi Esta, kuyini okucelayo na? Uzakukwamukeliswa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Uzanikwa loba yini okungafika kungxenye yombuso.” **3** INdlovukazi yaphendula yathi, “Nxa ngifumene umusa kuwe nkosi, njalo nxa inkosi kuyithokozisa, bengicelela ukuphila, yiso isicelo sami lesi. **4** Ngoba mina kanye labantu bakithi sithengisiwe ukuze sichithwe njalo sibulawe ukuze singabikhona emhlabeni. Ngabe besimane sathengiswa njengezigqili zesilisa lezesifazane, bengizazithulela, ngoba akulahlupho olunje olungabangela ukuthi inkosi iphanjaniswe.” **5** Inkosi u-Ahasuweru wathi ku-Esta iNdlovukazi, “Ngubani lowo? Ungaphi umuntu obelesibindi sokwenza into enje?” **6** U-Esta wathi, “Isitha lomuntu ololunya nguyenalo uHamani olomona.” UHamani wasethuthumela phambi kwenkosi lendlovukazi. **7** Inkosi yasukuma igcwele ulaka yatshiya iwayini layo yaya phandle esivandeni sesigodlo. Kwathi uHamani ebona ukuthi inkosi yayisiyenze isinqumo ngempilo yakhe, wasala ngemuva ukuba azincengele impilo yakhe eNdlovukazini u-Esta. **8** Kwathi inkosi isiphendukile esivandeni sesigodlo ingena endlini yedili, yathola uHamani eziphosa esihlalweni lapho u-Esta ayehlezi khona. Inkosi yababaza yathi, “Kambe ungadlova indlovukazi ngikhonapha endlini na!” Kwathi ilizwi lelo liphuma emlonyeni wenkosi, bagubuzela ubuso

bukaHamani. **9** Kwathi uHaribhona, omunye wabathenwa ababesebenzela inkosi wathi, “Kulensika yokulengisa abantu ephakeme okuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu emiswe eduze lendlu kaHamani. Yena ubeyenzele uModekhayi, owaveza icebo elibi ukusiza inkosi.” Inkosi yathi, “Mlengiseni kuyo!” **10** Bamlengisa kuleyonsika ayeyilungisele ukulengisa uModekhayi. Ulaka lwenkosi lwaseludeda.

8 Mhlalokho inkosi u-Ahasuweru yanika iNdlovukazi u-Esta impahla kaHamani, isitha samaJuda. UModekhayi weza phambi kwenkosi, ngoba u-Esta wayesechazile ngobuhlobo babo. **2** Inkosi yakhupha indandatho yayo yophawu lobukhosi, eyayisiyithathele uHamani, yayipha uModekhayi. U-Esta wamkhetha uModekhayi ukuba aphathe impahla kaHamani. **3** U-Esta wabuye wancenga enkosini, eziwisela ezinyaweni zayo njalo ekhala. Wayicela ukuba inqabele icebo elibi likaHamani um’Agagi, ayelicebe ngamaJuda. **4** Inkosi yasiselulela intonga yayo yegolide ku-Esta owasukuma wama phambi kwayo. **5** Wathi, “Nxa kuyithokozisa inkosi, njalo nxa ingamukela ngokuthokoza ibona kuyinto efanele ukwenziwa, njalo nxa ithokoza ngami, akubhalwe umlayo ozachitha izincwadi ezalotshwa nguHamani indodana kaHamedatha, um’Agagi, ezazibhalwe ngezimiso zokuchitha amaJuda kuzozonke izabelo zenkosi. **6** Kambe kungavuma njani ukubona incithakalo isehlela abantu bakithi? Kungavuma njani ukuba ngibone incithakalo yemuli yakithi?” **7** Inkosi u-Ahasuweru waphendula iNdlovukazi loModekhayi umJuda ngokuthi,

“Ngoba uHamani ehlasele amaJuda, sengiphe u-Esta impahla yakhe, njalo sebemlengise esakhiweni sokulengisa. **8** Ngakho-ke bhala omunye umlayo ngebizo lenkosi usenzela amaJuda njengokubona kwakho, ubusuyingcina ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, ngoba awukho umbiko olotshwe ngebizo lenkosi wangcinwa ngophawu lwendandatho yayo ongadilizwa.” **9** Onobhala besigodlweni bahle babizwa masinyane, ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lantathu ngenyanga yesithathu, inyanga ethiwa nguSivana. Babhala yonke imilayo kaModekhayi kumaJuda, lakuziphathamandla, kubabusi lakuzikhulu kuzozonke izabelo ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kusukela e-Indiya kuze kuyefika eTopiya. Imilayo leyo yayibhalwe ngombhalo walelo lalelo lizwe ngolimi lwalabobantu njalo lakubaJuda ngombhalo wabo lolimi lwabo. **10** UModekhayi wabhala ngebizo leNkosi u-Ahasuweru, wangcina izincwadi lezo ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, wathuma izithunywa ezazigada amabhiza ayelesiqubu efuyelwe ukusetshenziswa yinkosi. **11** Isimiso somlayo wenkosi sasinika amaJuda kuwo wonke amadolobho imvumo yokuhlangana lokuzivikela; ukuchitha, ukubulala babhubhise yonke impi ehlomileyo eyaloba yisiphi isizwe loba isifunda esasingabahlasela kanye labesifazane labantwana; lokuthi baphange impahla yezitha zabo. **12** Ilanga elamiswayo ukuba amaJuda enze lokho kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru lalingeletshumi lantathu ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari. **13** Isimiso somlayo lowo sasizakhutshwa sibe ngumthetho kuzozonke izabelo,

umenyezelwe ebantwini bezizwe zonke ukuze amaJuda ahlale elungele ngalelolanga ukuphindisela ezitheni zawo. **14** Izithunywa zaphuma ngokuphangisa zigade amabhiza esigodlweni, zifuqwa ngumlayo wenkosi. Isimiso somlayo samenyezelwa edolobheni laseSusa. **15** UModekhayi wasuka phambi kwenkosi egqoke izembatho zobukhosi ezilombala oluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lomhlophe, umqhele wegolide omkhulu kanye lesembatho esiyibubende eselembu lelineni elihle. Kwaba ledili lentokozo edolobheni laseSusa. **16** Kwaba yisikhathi sokuthaba lokuthokoza, injabulo lodumo kubaJuda. **17** Kuzozonke izabelo lakuwo wonke amadolobho, ingqe lapho isimiso somlayo wenkosi esaya khona, kwaba lentokozo lenjabulo kubaJuda, kwaba lamadili kwadliwa. Abantu abanengi bakwezinye izizwe baba ngabaJuda ngenxa yokwesaba amaJuda.

9 Ngelanga letshumi lantathu ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari, isimemezelo somlayo wenkosi kwakufanele senziwe. Ngalelilanga izitha zamaJuda zazisithi zizakuwanqoba, kodwa akusayanga njengokucabangela kwabo ngoba amaJuda aba yiwo anqobayo. **2** AmaJuda abuthana emadolobheni awo kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru ukuhlasela labo ababefuna ukubachitha. Kakho owayengamelana labo, ngoba abantu bezizwe zonke ezinye babebesaba. **3** Ngakho zonke izikhulu zezabelo, iziphathamandla, ababusi kanye lezisebenzi zenkosi bancedisa amaJuda, ngoba besesaba uModekhayi. **4** UModekhayi wayesengumuntu omkhulu esigodlweni; udumo lwakhe lwamemetheka kuzozonke

izabelo, waba lamandla amakhulu kakhulu. **5** AmaJuda
acakaza izitha zawo zonke ngenkemba, enza intando
yawo ezitheni ezaziwazonda. **6** Esigodlweni saseSusa,
amaJuda abulala njalo achitha amadoda angamakhulu
amahlanu. **7** Abulala njalo uPharishandatha, uDalifoni,
u-Asiphatha, **8** uPhoratha, u-Adaliya, u-Aridatha, **9**
uPharimashitha, u-Arisayi, u-Aridayi loVayizatha, **10**
amadodana alitshumi kaHamani indodana kaHamedatha,
isitha samaJuda. Kodwa abazange bayithathe impango.
11 Inani lalabo ababulawayo esigodlweni saseSusa labikwa
enkosini ngalelolanga. **12** Inkosi yathi eNdlovukazini
u-Esta, "AmaJuda asebulale njalo achitha amadoda
angamakhulu amahlanu kanye lamadodana kaHamani
alitshumi enqabeni yaseSusa. Kuyini asebekwenze
kwezinye izabelo zenkosi? Tshono, siyini isicelo sakho?
Uzakunikwa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Lakho uzakwenzelwa."
13 U-Esta wathi, "Nxa kuyithokozisa inkosi, phana
imvumo kubaJuda abaseSusa ukuthi benze isimiso
somlayo lo kusasa njalo uvumele ukuba amadodana
kaHamani alitshumi alengiswe esakhiweni sokulengisa."
14 Inkosi yalaya ukuba kwenziwe lokho. Isimiso somlayo
samenyezelwa eSusa, alengiswa amadodana kaHamani
alitshumi. **15** AmaJuda aseSusa ahlangana ndawonye
ngelanga letshumi lane ngenyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari,
abulala amadoda angamakhulu amathathu eSusa,
kodwa abazange bayithinte impango. **16** Kusenjalo,
amaJuda ayesele ezabelweni zenkosi ahlangana ukuba
azivikele lokuthi athole ukuphumula ezitheni zawo.
Abulala izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa

lanhlanu kodwa kawazange ayithinte impango. **17** Lokhu kwenzakala ngelanga letshumi lantathu ngenyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari, kwathi ngelanga letshumi lane aphumula alenza ilanga lentokozo ledili. **18** AmaJuda aseSusa wona ayehlangene ngelanga letshumi lantathu leletshumi lane, kwathi ngeletshumi lanhlanu aphumula alenza laba lilanga lentokozo lokudla. **19** Yikho amaJuda ahlala emaphandleni lemizini engelamithangala ethakazelela usuku lwetshumi lane olwenyanga ka-Adari njengelanga lentokozo ledili, ilanga lokuphana izipho. **20** UModekhayi wabhala ngalezizinto, wasethumela izincwadi kuwo wonke amaJuda kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru, eziseduze lezikhatshana, **21** ukuthi babeledili lokuthokoza minyaka yonke ngamalanga etshumi lane letshumi lanhlanu enyangeni ethiwa ngu-Adari **22** kube yisikhumbuzo sesikhathi lapho amaJuda athola khona ukuphumula ezitheni zawo, njalo kuyinyanga lapho usizi lwaba yintokozo lokulila kwaba lilanga lokujabula. Wawabhalela ukuba akhumbule lawo malanga abe zinsuku zokuthokoza lamadili njalo aphanane izipho zokudla kanye lokupha abayanga izipho. **23** Ngakho amaJuda avuma ukuqhubeka ngamadili entokozo ayewaqalile, esenza lokho uModekhayi ayewabhalele ngakho. **24** Ngoba uHamani indodana kaHamedatha, um'Agagi, isitha samaJuda wonke, wayecebe ukuwachitha amaJuda njalo wayenze inkatho okuthiwa yiphuri eyadala ukubhujiswa lencithakalo yawo. **25** Kodwa kwathi icebo lelo selivelile enkosini, yathumela imilayo ebhaliweyo ukuthi amaqhinga

amabi kaHamani ayekade ewamisele amaJuda acine esephendukela yena, njalo yena lamadodana akhe balengiswe endaweni eyakhelwe lokho. **26** (Ngakho amalanga lawo athiwa yiPhurimi, kusuka ebizweni elithi phuri.) Ngenxa yakho konke okubhalwe encwadini le lakho konke ababekubonile lokwakwenzakale kubo, **27** amaJuda akwenza umlandu wawo ukuthi aqalise umkhuba wokuthi wona kanye lezizukulwane zawo labo bonke abahlanganyela lawo kumele loba kutheni baphumule ngezinsuku lezi ezimbili minyaka yonke, ngendlela eyayimisiwe langesikhathi esasiqanjiwe. **28** Amalanga la kumele akhunjulwe njalo alandelwe kuzozonke izizukulwane zezimuli zonke, ezifundeni zonke lemadolobheni wonke. Akumelanga amalanga ePhurimi la ayekelwe ukuthakazelelwa ngamaJuda, loba ukuthi isikhumbuzo sawo sikhohlakale kumbe sitshabalale kuzizukulwane zawo. **29** Ngakho, iNdlovukazi u-Esta, indodakazi ka-Abhihayili, kanye loModekhayi umJuda, babhala ngegunya langamandla amakhulu beqinisekisa incwadi yesibili eyayimayelana lePhurimi. **30** UModekhayi wathumela izincwadi kubo bonke abangamaJuda ezifundeni ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa embusweni ka-Ahasuweru, amazwi okubafisela ukuthula lokubaqinisa, **31** ukuba lezinsuku zePhurimi ngezikhathi ezazimisiwe, njengokumemezela kukaModekhayi umJuda leNdlovukazi u-Esta, lanjengalokhu ababeziqalisele khona kanye lezizukulwane zabo mayelana lezikhathi zokuzila lokulila. **32** Isimemezelo sika-Esta saqinisa imithetho le emayelana lePhurimi, kwalotshwa phansi emibhalweni.

10 Inkosi u-Ahasuweru wenza isinqumo sokuthelisa
abantu kuwo wonke umbuso lasemikhunjini ekhatshana.
2 Zonke izenzo zamandla akhe amakhulu, kanye
lemibhalo elandisa ngobukhulu bukaModekhayi inkosi
eyayimphakamise ngabo, akulotshwanga na egwalweni
lwemiLando yamakhosi aseMediya lasePhezhiya? **3**
UModekhayi umJuda wayelandela inkosi u-Ahasuweru
esikhundleni embusweni, engumhlonitshwa omkhulu
phakathi kwamaJuda, njalo eqakathekiswa ngabanengi
kubaJuda bakibo, ngoba wayesebenzela ukuphila kuhle
kwabantu bakibo njalo wayemela inhlalakahle yawo
wonke amaJuda.

UJobe

1 Elizweni lase-Uzi kwakuhlala indoda eyayithiwa nguJobe. Indoda le yayingelasici, iqotho; yayimesaba uNkulunkulu njalo ikuxwaya okubi. **2** Yayilamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu, **3** ilezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, amakamela azinkulungwane ezintathu, izipani zenkabi ezingamakhulu amahlanu labobabhemi abangamakhulu amahlanu, njalo ilezisebenzi ezinengi. Yayinothile kulabo bonke abantu beMpumalanga. **4** Amadodana akhe ayesenza amazopha okwenza amadili okuthakazelela amalanga okuzalwa kwawo ezindlini zawo, anxuse odadewabo bobathathu ukuzakudla anathe labo. **5** Kwakusithi mhla idili liphela, uJobe wayewabiza azowahlambulula. Ekuseni kakhulu wayesenza umnikelo wokutshiswa wamunye ngamunye esithi, “Mhlawumbe abantwabami benzile isono bathuka uNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zabo.” Lo waba ngumkhuba wakhe uJobe.
6 Ngelinye ilanga izingilosi zeza ukuzezethula phambi kukaThixo, loSathane weza lazo. **7** UThixo wathi kuSathane, “Uvela ngaphi?” USathane wamphendula uThixo wathi, “Ngivela ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni, ngihambahamba ngisiya le lale.” **8** UThixo wasesithi kuSathane, “Usuke wayinanzelela yini inceku yami uJobe? Kakho emhlabeni onjengaye; kalasici, uqondile, indoda emesabayo uNkulunkulu, exwaya okubi.” **9** USathane waphendula wathi, “Kambe uJobe umesaba kungelasizatho na uNkulunkulu? **10** Kawumbiyelanga ngothango yini yena lendlu yakhe, kanye lakho konke

alakho? Uwubusisile umsebenzi wezandla zakhe kuze kuthi imihlambi yakhe yezimvu leyenkomo igcwale ilizwe lonke. **11** Kodwa ake welule isandla sakho uchithe konke alakho, uzabona uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho." **12** UThixo wathi kuSathane, "Kulungile, konke alakho kusezandleni zakho, kodwa yena ngokwakhe ungamthinti." USathane wasesuka phambi kukaThixo. **13** Ngelinye ilanga amadodana kaJobe lamadodakazi akhe ayezitika ngokudla, enatha iwayini endlini yomnewabo omdala, **14** isithunywa safika kuJobe sathi, "Inkabi bezilima labobabhemi besidla eduze khonapho, **15** kwafika amaSabhini ahlasela aqhuba konke ahamba. Izisebenzi azicakazile ngenkemba kwasala mina ngedwa engisindileyo ukuzakubikela!" **16** Sisakhuluma esinye isithunywa safika sathi, "Umlilo kaNkulunkulu wehle uvela ezulwini wazitshisa izimvu lezisebenzi, kusele mina ngedwa engisindileyo ukuzakubikela!" **17** Elokhu esakhuluma kwafika esinye isithunywa sathi, "AmaKhaladiya abe ngamaqembu amathathu ehlela emakameleni akho awaqhuba ahamba lawo. Izisebenzi azicakazile ngenkemba kwasila mina ngedwa ukuzakubikela!" **18** Elokhu esakhuluma kwafika njalo esinye isithunywa sathi, "Amadodana lamadodakazi akho abesidla edilini enatha iwayini endlini yomnewabo omdala, **19** kwathi masinyane vungu isavunguzane siqhamuka enkangala saphekula amagumbi womane endlu. Yathi mbo phezu kwabo bahle bafa, kwasila mina ngedwa ukuzakubikela!" **20** Ekuzwa lokho uJobe wasukuma wadabula isembatho sakhe, waphuca ikhanda

lakhe. Wazilahla phansi wakhonza **21** wathi: “Ngaphuma
ngize esiswini sikamama, njalo ngizasuka ngize. UThixo
wapha njalo usethethe; kalidunyiswe ibizo likaThixo.” **22**
Phakathi kwakho konke lokhu uJobe kazange enze isono
ngokubeka umlandu wokuthi athi uNkulunkulu wonile.

2 Kwelinye ilanga njalo izingilosi zeza phambi kukaThixo,
loSathane laye weza lazo ukuzezethula kuye. **2**
UThixo wasesithi kuSathane, “Uvela ngaphi?” USathane
wamphendula wathi, “Ngivela ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni,
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uJobe? Kakho emhlabeni onjengaye; kalasici, uqondile,
indoda emesabayo uNkulunkulu, exwaya okubi. Ulokhu
emi kubo ubuqotho bakhe lanxa wangiphoqa ukuthi
ngimdilize kungelasizatho.” **4** USathane waphendula
wathi, “Isikhumba ngesikhumba! Umuntu anganikela
loba yini alayo ukusiza impilo yakhe. **5** Kodwa yelula
isandla sakho umtshaye inyama lamathambo akhe,
uzabona uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho.” **6** UThixo
wathi kuSathane, “Kulungile, usezandleni zakho, kodwa
ungayithinti impilo yakhe.” **7** Ngakho uSathane wasesuka
phambi kukaThixo wathela uJobe izilonda ezibuhlungu
kusukela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe kusiyafika esicholo
sekhanda lakhe. **8** UJobe wasethatha ucezu lodengezi
wazihwaya ngalo ehlezi esilotheni. **9** Umkakhe wathi
kuye, “Ulokhu ubambelele kubo ubuqotho bakho na?
Mthuke uNkulunkulu uzifele!” **10** Wamphendula wathi,
“Ukhuluma njengomfazi oyisiwula. Sizakwamukela okuhle
kuNkulunkulu singalwamukeli uhlupho na?” Kukho konke

lokhu uJobe kenzanga isono ngakutshoyo. **11** Kwathi abangane bakaJobe abathathu, u-Elifazi umThemani, uBhilidadi umShuhi loZofari umNahama sebezwile ngazozonke inhlupho ezazimwele, basuka emakhaya abo bahlangana bavumelana ukuthi bahambe bayomqinisa njalo bamduduze. **12** Bathi bembona besesebucwala kabaze bamazi; baqhinqa isililo, badabula izembatho zabo, bathela uthuli emakhanda abo. **13** Basebehlala phansi laye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lobusuku obuyisikhombisa. Kakho kubo owatsho ulutho kuye ngoba babona ubuhlungu obukhulu ayephakathi kwabo.

3 Ngemva kwalokho uJobe wavula umlomo wakhe waliqalekisa ilanga azalwa ngalo. **2** Wathi: **3** "Sengathi ilanga lokuzalwa kwami lingatshabalala, lalobobusuku okwathiwa, 'Kuzelwe umfana!' **4** Lolosuku sengathi lungaphenduka ubumnyama; sengathi uNkulunkulu ophezulu angangalunanzi; lokukhanya kucime ngalo. **5** Sengathi ubumnyama lethunzi elikhulu kungaluginya njalo; sengathi iyezi lingalusibekela; sengathi umnyama ungalugubuzela. **6** Lobobusuku, sengathi ubumnyama bungabuthi jwamu; sengathi bungayekelwa ukubalwa kanye lezinsuku zomnyaka futhi bungangeniswa lakuyiphi inyanga. **7** Sengathi lobobusuku bungaba yinyumba; sengathi kungeze kwezwakala umsindo wentokozo ngalo. **8** Sengathi labo abaqalekisa insuku bangaluqalekisa lolosuku, labo abazimisele ukuhlokoza uLeviyathani. **9** Sengathi izinkanyezi zalo zokusa zingafiphala; lulindele imini kube yize lungayiboni imisebe yokuqala yokusa, **10** ngoba kaluyivalanga iminyango yesibeletho ngisiza

ukufihla uhlupho emehlweni ami. **11** Kungani ngingafanga
ngizalwa, ngahle ngacitsha ngisaphuma esiswini na?
12 Kungani kwaba lamadolo okungemukela lamabele
okungimunyisa na? **13** Ngoba manje ngabe ngilele
ekuthuleni; ngabe ngisebuthongweni ekuphumuleni
14 kanye lamakhosi lababusi bomhlaba, ababezakhele
izindawo okwamanje sezingamanxiwa, **15** kanye
lamakhosana ayelegolide, egcwalise izindlu zawo
ngesiliva. **16** Kumbe kungani ngingathukuzwanga
emhlabathini njengomphunzo na, njengosane oluvele
lungazange lubone ukukhanya kosuku? **17** Khonale
ababi kabasaxokozeli, njalo khonale abakhatheleyo
basekuphumuleni. **18** Abathunjiweyo labo bazuza
ukukhululeka; kabasakuzwa ukuhaladwa ngumtshayeli
wabathunjiweyo. **19** Abantukazana lezikhulu bakhonale,
lesigqili siyakhululwa enkosini yaso. **20** Kungani
ukukhanya kuphiwa labo abasosizini na, lokuphila
kulabo abalobuhlungu emphefumulweni, **21** kulabo
abakhalela ukufa okungafikiyo, abakuthungathayo
ukwedlula ingcebo efihliweyo, **22** abaphuphuma
ngenjabulo bathokoza nxa sebefika engcwabeni? **23**
Kungani impilo iphiwa umuntu ondlela yakhe ifihliwe,
uNkulunkulu amhonqolozeleyo na? **24** Ngoba ukububula
sokuphenduke ukudla kwami kwansukuzonke; ukugomela
kwami kuthululeka njengamanzi. **25** Ebengikwesaba
sekungehlele, obekungitshayisa ngovalo sekwenzakele
kimi. **26** Kangilakho ukuchelesa, kangilakho ukuthula;
kangilakuphumula, kodwa ukuhlupheka kuphela."

4 Wasephendula u-Elifazi umThemani wathi: **2** "Nxa
umuntu angaphosa ilizwi nje kuwe uzacunuka na?
Kodwa ngubani ongathula angakhulumi na? **3** Khumbula
ukuthi sewabafundisa njani abanengi, ukuthi ubaqinise
njani abalezandla ezibuthakathaka. **4** Amazwi akho
abasekele labo abakhubekayo; uwaqinisile amadolo
axegayo. **5** Kodwa manje uhlupho luze kuwe, usuphela
amandla; lukutshaya ubusudela ithemba. **6** Kungani
ukukholwa kwakho kungabi yiso isibindi sakho na
lezindlela zakho ezimsulwa zibe lithemba lakho na? **7**
Khumbula manje: Ngubani owathi engelacala wabhubha
na? Kungaphi lapho abaqotho abake babhujiswa khona
na? **8** Ngokubona kwami labo abalima okubi lalabo
abahlanyela ububi bavuna bona. **9** Ngokuphefumula
kukaNkulunkulu bayabhubha; ngokukhwaza kolaka
lwakhe bayafa. **10** Izilwane zingabhonga zihwabhe,
kodwa amazinyo ezilwane ezinkulu ayephuka. **11**
Isilwane siyafa ngokuswela ukudla besekuthi imidlwane
yesilwanekazi ihlakazeke. **12** Kulethwe ilizwi kimi
ngasese, indlebe zami zilizwile linyenyezwa. **13** Phakathi
kwamaphupho adungayo ebusuku, lapho abantu belele
obukabhuka, **14** ukwesaba lokuthuthumela kwangifikela
kwenza wonke amathambo ami aqhaqhazela. **15**
Kwathi tshazi umoya emehlweni ami, wahlasimula
umzimba wami lenwele zami zema. **16** Umoya lowo
wema, kodwa kangikwazanga ukuthi kuyini. Kwakumi
into phambi kwamehlo ami, ngasengisizwa ilizwi
elihelezayo: **17** 'Kambe umuntu angalunga ukwedlula
uNkulunkulu na? Umuntu angahlanzeka kuloMenzi

wakhe na? **18** Nxa uNkulunkulu engazethembi izinceku
zakhe, nxa ebeka izingilosi zakhe umlandu ngokona,
19 pho-ke kuzakuba njani kulabo abahlala ezindlini
zodaka, ozisekelo zazo zisothulini, abahlifizeka lula
njengenondo! **20** Phakathi kokusa lokuhlwa bayabhidlizwa
babe yizicucu; benganananzwa langubani, bayabhubha
kokuphela. **21** Izintambo zamatende abo kazidonswa na,
bafe bengelalwazi?'"

5 "Memeza nxa uthanda, kodwa ngubani ozakuphendula
na? Uzaphendukela kuwuphi wabangcwele na? **2**
Ukucaphuka kuyasibulala isiwula lomhawu uyamqeda
oyisithutha. **3** Mina ngokwami sengasibona isiwula
siphumelela, kodwa masinyane nje indlu yaso
yayisiqalekisiwe. **4** Abantwabaso kabavikelekanga
lakancinyane, baphoselwa entolongweni bengelamvikeli.
5 Abalambileyo bayazidlela isivuno sakhe, besithatha
kanye lasemeveni, labomileyo bahahabela inotho
yakhe. **6** Ngoba ubunzima kabugobhozi emhlabathini,
loba uhlupho luhlume phansi. **7** Kodwa umuntu
uzalelwa ukuhlupheka njengoba ngeqiniso inhlansi
zomlilo ziqhatshela phezulu. **8** Kodwa aluba ubuyimi,
bengizamncenga uNkulunkulu; bengizakwethula udubo
lwami kuye. **9** Uyazenza izimanga ezingelakulinganiswa,
imimangaliso engelakubalwa. **10** Uyanisa izulu
emhlabeni; uthumela amanzi elizweni. **11** Abaphansi
uyabakhweza phezulu, lalabo abakhalayo ubaphakamisela
ekuphepheni. **12** Uyawafubisa amacebo amaqili,
ukuze izandla zawo zingaphumeleli. **13** Uyababamba
abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo, kuthi amaqhinga

eziphoxo achitheke. **14** Ubumnyama buyabehlela
emini; phakathi kwemini bayaphumputha kungathi
kusebusuku. **15** Uyabasindisa abaswelayo baphephe
inkemba emlonyeni wabo; uyabasindisa ekubanjweni
ngabalamandla. **16** Ngakho abayanga balalo ithemba,
ukwahlulela kubi kuvala owakho umlomo. **17**
Ubusisiwe umuntu oqondiswa nguNkulunkulu; ngakho
ungaseyisi isijeziso sikaSomandla. **18** Ngoba uyagwaza,
kodwa aphinde abophe amanxeba; uyalimaza kodwa
izandla zakhe njalo ziyapholisa. **19** Uzakuhlenga
ezinhluphekweni eziyisithupha; kweziyisikhombisa
kawuyikuwelwa yingozi. **20** Ngesikhathi sendlala
uzakuhlenga ekufeni, lasempini akuhlenge ekugaleleni
kwenkemba. **21** Uzavikelwa ekuhletshweni, ungaze wesaba
nxa kufika incithakalo. **22** Uzakuhleka ukuchithakala
kanye lendlala, njalo ungaze wazesaba izilo zomhlaba.
23 Ngoba uzakuba lesivumelwano lamatshe eganga,
lezinyamazana zeganga zizahlalisana kuhle lawe. **24**
Uzakwazi ukuthi ithente lakho livikelekile; uzahlolisisa
impahla yakho uthole kungelalutho olungekho. **25**
Uzakwazi ukuthi abantwabakho bazakuba banengi,
lesizukulwane sakho sibe ngangotshani bomhlaba.
26 Uzakuza engcwabeni usukhulile okugcweleyo
njengezikhwebu zamabele eziqoqwa seziphelele. **27**
Sesikuhlolile lokhu, kuliqiniso. Ngakho kuzwisise,
ukulandele wena ngokwakho.”

6 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** “Nxa ubuhlungu
bami bungalinganiswa lokuhlupheka kwami konke
kufakwe esikalini! **3** Ngempela bungasinda ukwedlula

itshebetshebe yolwandle, akungamangalisi ukuthi amazwi ami abhede kanje. **4** Imitshoko kaSomandla iphakathi kwami, umoya wami unatha itshefu yayo; inhlupho zokuhlukuluza zikaNkulunkulu ziqondiswe kimi. **5** Kambe ubabhemi weganga uyakhala yini utshani bukhona, loba inkabi ikhonye yona ukudla ilakho? **6** Ukudla okuduma kuyadleka na kungelatswayi, kumbe okumhlophe kweqanda kuyanambitheka yini? **7** Ngiyala ukukuthinta; ukudla okunjalo kubuyisa inhliziyo yami. **8** Oh, aluba ngingazuza isicelo sami, uNkulunkulu angiphe lokho engikufisayo, **9** ukuthi uNkulunkulu avume ukungichoboza, ekele nje isandla sakhe singiqede! **10** Lalapho ngizabe ngilokhu ngilale induduzo intokozo yami ebuhlungwini obungadediyo, ukuthi bengingawaphikanga amazwi akhe oNgcwele. **11** Ngilamandla bani okuthi ngibe lokhu ngithemba? Ngisamelelwe yini ukuba ngibe ngilokhu ngibekezela? **12** Ngilamandla elitshe yini? Inyama yami ilithusi na? **13** Ngilawo yini amandla okuzisiza, manje njengoba sengemukwe impumelelo? **14** Iloba ngubani ogodla umusa kumkhula wakhe udela ukwesaba uSomandla. **15** Kodwa abafowethu kabathenjwa njengemifula egeleza icitsha, njengemifula echithayo **16** ileliqhwa eselincibilika, njalo igcwele ngongqwaqwane osencibilikile, **17** kodwa ikhawule ukugeleza ngesikhathi sokoma, kuthi sekutshisa amanzi anyamalale ezindleleni zawo. **18** Indwendwe zamakamela ziyaphambuka ezindleleni zazo; zintule enkangala zifele khona. **19** Indwendwe zamakamela aseThema zidinga amanzi, abathengisi baseShebha balinde bethembile.

20 Bayadana ngoba bebekade bethembile; bayafika
khonale bafike badane. **21** Lani selitshengise ukuthi
kalilancedo; libona into eyesabekayo beselisesaba. **22**
Sengake ngatsho yini ukuthi, ‘Ake lingihlawulele lokhu,
ngihlengani ngempahla yenu, **23** ngikhululani esandleni
sesitha, ngihlengani ekufithizelweni ngabalesihluku’?
24 Ngifundisani, ngizathula; ake lingitshengise lapho
engiphambanise khona. **25** Abuhlungu kanganani amazwi
eqiniso! Kodwa ukuphikisa kwenu kutshengisani? **26**
Lizama ukuqondisa engikutshoyo, amazwi omuntu
oselahlekelwe lithemba liwathethe njengomoya nje
na? **27** Lina lingenza inkatho ngezintandane, lithengise
lomngane wenu. **28** Kodwa okwamanje wobani lomusa
lingizwele. Ngingaqamba amanga phambi kwenu na?
29 Dedani, lingenzi okungaqondanga; khumbulani
kutsha, phela ubuqotho bami busengozini. **30** Kukhona
okubi na okusezindebeni zami? Kambe umlomo wami
kawukwehlukanisi okubi na?”

7 “Umuntu kakho ekutshikatshikeni okunzima yini
emhlabeni? Insuku zakhe kazifani lezomuntu
oqhatshiweyo na? **2** Njengesigqili siloyisa amathunzi
okuhlwa, lanjengoqhatshiweyo elindele umholo wakhe, **3**
kanjalo ngibekelwe izinyanga ezingelambadalo, lobusuku
bosizi sebabelwe mina. **4** Ngithi nxa ngilala ngicabange
ngithi, ‘Kuzakusa nini na’? Ubusuku buyadonsa
ngiqwayize kuze kuse. **5** Umzimba wami uphihlika
impethu lamathuthuva, isikhumba sami siyobukile
siyabhibhidla. **6** Insuku zami ziyaphangisa kulosungulo
lomaluki, zisuka ziphele kungekho ithemba. **7** Khumbula,

Oh Nkulunkulu, ukuthi impilo yami ngumoya nje;
amehlo ami kawayikufa akubona njalo ukuthokoza. **8**
Ilihlo elingibonayo khathesi alisayikuphinde lingibone
futhi; lizangidinga, kodwa ngizakuba ngingasekho. **9**
Njengeyezi elinyamalalayo liphele, kanjalo lowo ongena
engcwabeni kaphenduki. **(Sheol h7585)** **10** Kasoze
lanini aphinde angene endlini yakhe; indawo
yakhe kayisayikubuye imazi lanini. **11** Ngakho-ke
kangizukuthula; ngizakhuluma ubuhlungu obusemoyeni
wami, ngizasola ngokudabuka komphefumulo wami. **12**
Ngilulwandle yini, kumbe ngiyisilo semanzini okungaze
lihlale lingilindile? **13** Ngithi lapho ngicabanga ukuthi
umbheda wami uzangiduduza lecansi lami liphungule
ukusola kwami, **14** lakhona lapho liyangethusa
ngamaphupho njalo lingethusele ngemibono, **15** okwenza
ngiqome ukuklinywa lokufa, kulalo umzimba wami. **16**
Ngiyayeyisa impilo yami; kangiloyisi ukuphila
okwaphakade. Ngiyekelani; insuku zami kazisatsho lutho.
17 Umuntu uyini ongaze uzihluphe kangaka ngaye,
ungaze umnake kangaka, **18** uze umhlole ekuseni insuku
zonke njalo umlinge imizuzwana yonke na? **19** Kawusoze
uke ukhangele eceleni kwami na, loba uke ungixekele
okomzuzwana yini? **20** Aluba ngenze isono, kuyini
engikwenzileyo kuwe, wena mlindi wabantu? Kungani
ukhethe ukuhlukuluza mina na? Sengingumthwalo kuwe
na? **21** Kungani ungaxoleli iziphambeko zami na,
uthethelele izono zami? Ngoba kakusekhatshana
ukuthi ngilale othulini; uzangidinga, kanti ngizabe
ngingasekho."

8 UBhilidadi umShuhi wasephendula wathi: **2** "Koze kube
nini ukhuluma izinto ezinjalo? Amazwi akho angumoya
ophenquzayo. **3** Kambe uNkulunkulu uyakuhlanekela
ukulunga na? Kambe uSomandla uyakuhlanekela
okuhle na? **4** Lapho abantwabakho besona kuye,
wabapha isijeziso sokona kwabo. **5** Kanti nxa wena
uzakhangela kuNkulunkulu uncenge kuSomandla, **6**
nxa umsulwa ulungile, lamanje nje uzaphakama akusize
akubuyisele esimeni sakho. **7** Lapho owaqalisa khona
kuzakhanya sekukuncinyane, ngoba ngezinsuku ezizayo
uzabe usuphumelela kakhulu. **8** Buza izizukulwane
ezingaphambili udinge ukuthi okhokho babo bafundani, **9**
ngoba thina sizelwe izolo nje, kasazi lutho, lezinsuku zethu
emhlabeni zilithunzi kuphela. **10** Kambe kaziyikukulaya
zikutshele na? Kaziyikuletha amazwi okuzwisisa na?
11 Konje imihlanga ingakhula ibe mide ingekho
exhaphozini na? Imizi ingaphila kungelamanzi na? **12**
Nxa leyonqodi isakhula ingakaqunywa imane ibune
masinyane kulotshani. **13** Sinjalo isiphetho sabo bonke
abakhohlwa uNkulunkulu; litshabalala kanjalo ithemba
lalowo ongakholwayo. **14** Lokho akuthembayo kufohlozeka
lula; lokho eyeme kukho yibulembu besayobe. **15**
Uyeyama kulobubulembu bakhe, kodwa bubhidlike;
uyabambelela kubo, kodwa bukhithike. **16** Unjengesihlahla
esithelelwa kakhulu sikhula elangeni, esisabalalisa
ingatsha zaso esivandeni; **17** sinxibanise impande zaso
enqunjini yamatshe, sizama ukuzuza ukugxila kuhle
ematsheni. **18** Kodwa singasitshulwa kuleyondawo,
leyondawo isisilandula ithi, 'Angikaze ngikubone.' **19**

Ngeqiniso impilo yaso iyabuna, ezinye izihlahla zibe zilokhu zikhula emhlabathini lowo. **20** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu kamlahli umuntu ongelasici futhi kaqinisi izandla zezigangi. **21** Usazogcwalisa umlomo wakho ngohleko lezindebe zakho ngokumemeza ngentokozo. **22** Izitha zakho zizakwembathiswa ngehlazo, lamathente ababi azatshabalala."

9 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** "Ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuliqiniso. Kodwa umuntu wenyama angalunga yini kuNkulunkulu? **3** Loba umuntu ubengafisa ukuphikisana laye ngeke amphendule lakanye emibuzweni eyinkulungwane. **4** Ukuhlakanipha kwakhe kujulile, amandla akhe makhulu. Ngubani kambe oke wamelana laye wasinda? **5** Uyazidudula izintaba zona zingazi lutho, azigenqule nxa esezondile. **6** Uyawunyikinya umhlaba endaweni yawo, axukuxe izinsika zawo. **7** Uyalitshela ilanga ukuba lingakhanyi; asibekele ukukhanya kwezinkanyezi. **8** Nguye kuphela owelula amazulu, ohamba phezu kwamagagasi olwandle. **9** UnguMenzi wezinkanyezi iNgulube leZinja, iSilimela lomthala waseningizimu. **10** Wenza imimangaliso engafinyelelekiyo, izimanga ezingelakubalwa. **11** Uthi nxa esedlula kimi, ngingamboni; ahambe khonapho ngingezwa lutho. **12** Nxa ehluthuna, ngubani ongamalela? Ngubani ongathi kuye, 'Wenzani wena?' **13** UNkulunkulu kalunqandi ulaka lwakhe; labasekeli bakaRahabi besaba bawela ezinyaweni zakhe. **14** Pho mina ngingaphikisana laye njani? Ngingawathatha ngaphi amazwi okujijana laye? **15** Laloba

ngingelamlandu, ngeke ngimphendule; ngingancenga uMahluleli wami kuphela ukuthi angihawukele. **16** Lanxa bengingambiza asabele, angikholwa ukuthi ubengangilalela. **17** Ubengangicobodisa ngesiphepho andise amanxeba ami kungelasizatho. **18** Ubengasoze angiphe ithuba lokukhokha umoya kodwa ubezahle angincindezele ngosizi. **19** Nxa kungokwamandla, alamandla amakhulu! Nxa kungokokwahlulela ngokulunga, ngubani ongamthonisisa? **20** Loba ngingabe ngimsulwa, umlomo wami ubungangilahla; lanxa ngimsulwa wona ubuzakuthi ngilecala. **21** Lanxa ngingelacala, angizihluphi ngami; ngiyayeyisa impilo yami. **22** Kuyafanana konke; yikho ngisithi, 'Ubhubhisa bonke abangelacala lababi.' **23** Nxa isifo esibi sibulala ngokuphangisa, uyabahleka abangelacala ngokulahla kwabo ithemba. **24** Nxa ilizwe liwela ezandleni zababi, wembesa amehlo abahluleli balo. Nxa kungayisuye, pho ngubani? **25** Amalanga ami alesiqubu esidlula esesithunywa; ayaphapha anyamalale kungela mthonselanyana wokuthokoza. **26** Antweza edlule njengezikepe zelala, njengenkozi zisehla zihwitha ezikudlayo. **27** Nxa ngingathi, 'Ngizakubeka eceleni ukusola kwami, ngicitshe ukunyukubala kwami, ngibobotheke,' **28** ngilokhu ngihemahema ngezinhlupho zami, ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi kawuzukungigeza. **29** Njengoba ngivele sengibekwe icala, ngizazihluphelani ngokulwela ize na? **30** Loba ngingaze ngigeze ngesepa lezandla zami ngesoda yokuhlambulula, **31** uzavele ungiphosele emgodini olodaka ngize ngenyanywe

yizigqoko zami. **32** Akasumuntu njengami ukuthi
ngingamphendula, ukuthi singamisana emthethwandaba.
33 Aluba ubengabakhona osilamulayo, abeke isandla
sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili, **34** omunye nje ongasusa
uswazi lukaNkulunkulu kimi, ukuze ngingatshukunyiswa
yikwesaba lokhu. **35** Lapho-ke bengizakhuluma
ngingesabi yena, kodwa okwakhathesi kunje, ngeke."

10 "Senginengwa yimpilo yami; ngakho sengizasola
ngingasathikazi ngithulule ubuhlungu bomphefumulo
wami. **2** Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu: Ungangilahli, kodwa
ngitshela ukuthi ungethesa cala bani. **3** Kuyakuthabisa na
ukungizwisa ubuhlungu, ukulahla umsebenzi wezandla
zakho, ikanti uyahlekelela ngamacebo ababi? **4** Ulamehlo
enyama na? Ubona njengokubona kwabantu na? **5** Insuku
zakho ziyafanana lezabantu yini, kumbe iminyaka yakho
njengeyomuntu yini, **6** osungaze uphenye iziphambeko
zami njalo ulandelele isono sami, **7** loba wena ukwazi
ukuthi angilacala lokuthi kakho ongangikhulula esandleni
sakho? **8** Izandla zakho zangibumba zangenza. Pho
usuzaphenduka ungibhidlize na? **9** Khumbula ukuthi
wangibumba njengomdaka. Pho usuzabuye ungiphendule
uthuli na? **10** Kawungichithanga yini njengochago njalo
wangijiyisa njengolaza, **11** wangigqokisa ngesikhumba
lenyama, wangithungela ndawonye ngamathambo
lemisipha? **12** Wangipha ukuphila wangitshengisa umusa,
ukunanza kwakho kwawelusa umoya wami. **13** Kodwa
lokhu yikho owakufihla enhliziyweni yakho, njalo ngiyazi
ukuthi lokhu kwakukhona engqondweni yakho: **14** Nxa
ngona, ngabe wawungikhangele wawungeke wekela ukona

kwami kungajeziswa. **15** Aluba ngilecala, maye mina!
Laloba ngimsulwa, akukho engingakwenza, ngoba ngiyafa
ngenhloni njalo ngiyagalula ekuhluphekeni kwami. **16** Nxa
ngingathi ngivusa ikhanda ungicwathela njengesilwane
uphinde utshengise amandla akho esabekayo kimi. **17**
Uletha ofakazi abatsha abangilahlayo, wandise ulaka
lwakho kimi; amabutho akho angihlasela amaviyo
ngamaviyo. **18** Pho kungani wangikhupha esibelethweni
na? Ngifisa ukuthi ngabe ngafa ngingakabonwa laloba
yiliphi ilihlo. **19** Aluba ngavele ngingabi ngophilayo,
loba ngathwalwa ngisuka esibelethweni ngasiwa
ethuneni! **20** Insuku zami ezilutshwane kaseziphelile nje?
Akungifulathele ukuze ngizuze umzuzwana wentokozo
nje **21** ngingakayi lapho okungabuywa khona, elizweni
lobumnyama lethunzi elikhulu, **22** elizweni lobusuku
obujule ngempela, elethunzi elinzima lengxubevange,
lapho lokukhanya kunjengobumnyama."

11 UZofari umNahama wasephendula wathi: **2** "Uthi
amazwi wonke la angayekelwa ukuphendulwa na?
Uwawane lolu luyekelwe nje lubheda? **3** Umbhedo wakho
lo ungenza abantu bathule na? Uthi ungangakhuzwa
muntu wena ukhulumela eceleni? **4** Uthi kuNkulunkulu,
'Inkolo yami kayilansolo njalo ngimsulwa phambi
kwakho.' **5** Oh, ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe uNkulunkulu
uyakhuluma, avule izindebe zakhe ekusola **6** akuvulele
imfihlo zokuhlakanipha, ngoba inhlakanipho yeqiniso
ikabili. Yazi lokhu: UNkulunkulu uvele usezikhohliwe
ezinye izono zakho. **7** Kambe ungayifinyelela yini
imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu? Ungaziphenya iziphetho

zikaSomandla na? **8** Ziqongile ngaphezu kwamazulu,
ungenzani kambe? Zizikile kulokujula kolwandle, kuyini
ongakwazi pho? **(Sheol h7585)** **9** Ukulinganiswa kwazo kude
kulomhlaba njalo kubanzi kulolwandle. **10** Nxa engeza
lapha akuphosele entolongweni abize inkundla, ngubani
ongamphikisa na? **11** Liqiniso ukuthi uyababona abantu
abakhohlisayo; njalo nxa ebona okubi, kananzeleli na? **12**
Kodwa umuntu oyisithutha ngeke ahlakaniphe njengoba
ubabhemi weganga engeke azalwa ngumuntu. **13** Kodwa
nxa ugxilisa inhliziyo yakho kuye uphakamisele izandla
zakho kuye, **14** nxa ulahla isono esisesandleni sakho
ungavumeli bubi buhlale ethenteni lakho, **15** lapho-ke
uzabuveza ubuso bakho ungelanhloni; uzakuma uqine
ungesabi. **16** Uzalukhohlwa ngempela uhlupho lwakho,
lufike nje engqondweni njengezikhukhula ezadlulayo.
17 Impilo izakhanya kulemini enkulu, lobumnyama
buzakuba njengasekuseni. **18** Uzavikeleka, ngoba ithemba
likhona; uzakhangela ofuna khona uzuze ukuphumula
uvikelekile. **19** Uzazilalela, kungekho okwethusayo, njalo
abanengi bazabe sebezisondeza kuwe. **20** Kodwa amehlo
ababi azafiphala, behluleke lokubaleka; ithemba labo libe
yikuhotsha umoya wokufa."

12 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** "Wo, lina yini
elizibona kuyini abantu, njalo lolwazi luzakufa lani! **3**
Kodwa lami ngilayo ingqondo njengani; kalingedluli
ngalutho. Ngubani ongazaziyo izinto zonke lezi? **4**
Sengiyinto yokuhlekisa ebanganini bami, lanxa ngacela
kuNkulunkulu waphendula, inhlekisa sibili, kodwa
ngilungile, ngimsulwa! **5** Abantu abahlezi kuhle

bayakweyisa ukwehlelwa ngumnyama, bathi kuyimfanelo yalabo onyawo zabo sezitshelela. **6** Amathente ezigebenga avikelekile, lalabo abamthukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu bavikelekile, uNkulunkulu ulabo ezandleni zakhe. **7** Kodwa ake ubuze izinyamazana, zizakufundisa, kumbe izinyoni zemoyeni, zizakutshela; **8** kumbe khuluma lomhlaba, uzakufundisa, loba uthi inhlanzi zolwandle zikwazise. **9** Yikuphi kwalezizinto okungaziyo na ukuthi yisandla sikaThixo esikwenzileyo lokhu? **10** Esandleni sakhe kulempilo yazo zonke izidalwa lokuphefumula kwabantu bonke. **11** Indlebe kayiwahloli yini wonke amazwi njengolimi lunambitha ukudla? **12** Angithi ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa ebadaleni na? Angithi impilo ende iletha ukuzwisisa na? **13** NgokukaNkulunkulu ukuhlakanipha lamandla; ukweluleka lokuzwisisa kungokwakhe. **14** Lokho akubhidlizayo kungeke kwamiswa njalo; lowo amvalelayo ngeke avulelwe. **15** Angaze awavale amanzi, kuba lokoma; angawavulela kuba lomonakalo elizweni. **16** Angawakhe amandla lenhlakanipho; okhohliswayo lomkhohlisi ngabakhe bonke. **17** Abeluleki uyabakhupha bahambe beze enze abehluleli babe yiziphukuphuku. **18** Uyanyomula izibopho ezibotshwe ngamakhosi azibophe ngelembu ekhalweni. **19** Abaphristi uyabakhupha beze awagenqule amadoda abesithi asegxilile. **20** Uyazithulisa izindebe zabeluleki abathenjiweyo asuse ulwazi lwabadala. **21** Izikhulu uzihleka usulu abalamandla abathathele lawomandla. **22** Uyembula imfihlo ezenzeka emnyameni amathunzi azikileyo awalethe ekukhanyeni. **23** Wenza izizwe zikhule, abesezidiliza; uyaziqhelisa izizwe, aphinde

azichithe. **24** Abakhokheli basemhlabeni ubemuka
ukuhlakanipha kwabo; ubenza bantule enkangala. **25**
Bayaphumputha emnyameni kungelakukhanya; ubenza
badiyazele njengezidakwa."

13 "Amehlo ami asekubonile konke lokhu, indlebe
zami zikuzwile zakuqedisisa lokhu. **2** Elikwaziyo lina
lami ngiyakwazi; kalingcono ngalutho kulami. **3**
Kodwa ngiloyisa ukukhuluma loSomandla, ngiphikisane
loNkulunkulu ngendaba yami. **4** Kodwa lina lingigcona
ngamanga; lonke lizinyanga ezingelamsebenzi! **5**
Thulani lithi zwi lonke! Lokho kungaba yikuhlakanipha
kini. **6** Zwanini-ke manje engikutshoyo; lalelani
ukuncenga kwezindebe zami. **7** Lingakhuluma
okubi limele uNkulunkulu na? Lingamkhulumela
inkohliso na? **8** Limtshengisa ukuthi liyabandlulula
yini? Yini elimkhulumelayo uNkulunkulu akutshoyo?
9 Kungalilungela yini nxa engalihlola? Kambe
lingamkhohlisa njengoba lingakhohlisa abantu na?
10 Ngempela angaligcona nxa lingabe litshengisa
ukubandlulula. **11** Inkazimulo yakhe ingezake ilethuse
na? Ukwesabeka kwakhe kungezake kulehlele na?
12 Izitsho zenu ziyizaga zomlotha; lezivikelo zenu
yizivikelo zebumba kuphela. **13** Thulani ngikhulume
mina; kungivelele loba kuyini okuvelayo. **14** Ngizifakelani
engozini na ngiphathe impilo yami ezandleni zami? **15**
Lanxa engangibulala kodwa ngizakwala ngimethemba;
ngizazivikela izindlela zami phambi kwakhe. **16**
Ngeqiniso lokhu kuzangihlenga, ngoba kakho umuntu
ongakholwayo ongasondela kuye! **17** Ake lilalele kuhle

amazwi ami; vulani indlebe zenu lizwe engikutshoyo.
18 Manje-ke njengoba sengiyilungisile indaba yami,
ngiyabona ukuthi ngizakhululwa. **19** Ngubani kambe
ongangethesa icala? Nxa ekhona, ngizathula ngife.
20 Akungiphe lezizinto ezimbili nje, Oh Nkulunkulu,
lapho-ke angiyikukucatshela: **21** Sisusele khatshana lami
isandla sakho, ukhawule ukungethusa ngokwesabeka
kwakho. **22** Ubusungibizela ecaleni, ngizaphendula, kumbe
ungiyekele ngikhulume, lawe uphendule. **23** Sengenze
iziphambeko lezono ezinganani na? Ngitshengisa
isiphambeko sami lesono sami. **24** Kungani ufihla ubuso
bakho ungithathe njengesitha sakho? **25** Uzahluphana
lehlamvu eliphetshulwa ngumoya na? Uzaxotshana
lomule owomileyo na? **26** Ngoba ubhala izinto ezibuhlungu
ngami ungenze ngivune izono zobutsha bami. **27** Ukhina
inyawo zami ngezibopho; ulandelela zonke izindlela
zami ngokudweba uphawu ezinyathelweni zezinyawo
zami. **28** Yikho-ke umuntu ecikizeka njengento ebolileyo,
njengesigqoko esidliwe yinondo."

14 "Umuntu ozelwe ngumfazi ulensuku ezilutshwane
njalo ezigcwele inhlupho. **2** Uyaqhakaza njengeluba
aphinde abune; njengesithunzi esithi tshazi, akemi.
3 Onjalo ungala ulokhu umkhangele na? Ungamisa
phambi kwakho umthonisise na? **4** Ngubani ongaveza
okuhlambulukileyo kokungcolileyo na? Kakho! **5**
Insuku zomuntu zimisiwe; uzibekile izinyanga zokuphila
kwakhe wabeka lemikhawulo angeke ayeqe. **6**
Ngakho-ke myekele ungazihluphi ngaye, aze aqede
lesosikhathi sakhe njengomuntu oqhatshiweyo. **7**

Kungaba lethemba ngesihlahla; singaganyulwa siyahluma
njalo, amahlumela aso kawayikwehluleka ukukhula. **8**
Impande zaso zingaguga phansi emhlabathini lesiphunzi
saso sife emhlabathini, **9** kodwa singezwa amanzi
siyahluma sikhuphe ingatsha njengesihlahla esitsha.
10 Kodwa umuntu uyafa alaliswe phansi; uphefumula
okokucina angabe esabakhona. **11** Njengamanzi esitsha
olwandle lanjengomfula ucitsha amanzi wome qha,
12 ngokunjalo umuntu ulala phansi angabe esavuka;
kuze kutshabalale amazulu abantu kabayikuvuka kumbe
baphatshanyiswe ebuthongweni babo. **13** Kube uyangifihla
ethuneni ungithukuze ulaka lwakho luze ludlule!
Kube ungibekela isikhathi ube usungikhumbula! **(Sheol
h7585)** **14** Umuntu angafa uphinde aphile na? Zonke
insuku zokutshikatshika kwami ngizalindela isikhathi
sokuyekelwa kwami. **15** Uzabiza lami ngizasabela; uzasifisa
lesosidalwa esenziwa yizandla zakho. **16** Ngeqiniso
lapho uzabala izinyathelo zami kodwa kawuyikulandelela
izono zami. **17** Iziphambeko zami zizananyekwa
emgodleni; uzasigubuzela isono sami. **18** Kodwa
njengentaba ikhumuzeka ize ibhidlike, lanjengedwala
ligudluka endaweni yalo, **19** njengamanzi awagubhayo
amatshe lezikhukhula zikhukhula umhlabathi, kanjalo
uyalibhidliza ithemba lomuntu. **20** Umehlula kanye
angaphindi abekhona, adlule; uyabuguqula ubuso
bakho umxotshe. **21** Nxa amadodana akhe ezuza
udumo, kawakwazi; nxa izizukulwane zakhe zisehliswa,
kazikuboni. **22** Bezwa kuphela ubuhlungu bemizimba
yabo bazikhalele bona.”

15 Wasephendula u-Elifazi umThemani wathi: **2** “Kambe indoda ehlakaniphileyo ingaphendula ngeze nje loba igcwalise isisu sayo ngomoya otshisayo wempumalanga na? **3** Ingadaza inkani ngamazwi angatsho lutho, ngezinkulumo ezingelasisindo na? **4** Wena uze weyise ukulunga njalo uphazame lokukhonza uNkulunkulu. **5** Isono sakho sikhuthaza umlomo wakho; usuthethe ulimi lwamaqili. **6** Umlomo wakho yiwo okulahlayo, hatshi owami; izindebe zakho zifakaza ububi bakho. **7** Nguwe yini umuntu wokuqala ukuzalwa? Wabakhona kuqala kulezintaba na? **8** Uyake ulalele yini enkundleni kaNkulunkulu? Nguwe wedwa yini ololwazi? **9** Kuyini okwaziyo wena thina esingakwaziyo? Ulemibono bani wena thina esingelayo? **10** Asebezimpunga lamakhehla bavumelana lathi, amadoda amadala kuloyihlo. **11** Induduzo zikaNkulunkulu kazikwanelisi yini, amazwi akhulunywa kamnandi kuwe? **12** Kungani uvumela ukufuqwa yinhliziyo na, kungani amehlo akho eqwayiza, **13** uze ubhodlise ulaka lwakho kuNkulunkulu ukhihlize amazwi anjalo ngomlomo wakho? **14** Umuntu uyini ukuthi abe ngohlanzekileyo na, lozelwe ngowesifazane ongaba ngcwele? **15** Nxa uNkulunkulu engazethembi izingilosi zakhe, njalo lamazulu engathembekanga kuye, **16** pho umuntu ongcolileyo ke, oxhwalileyo, onatha ububi njengamanzi! **17** Lalela kimi ngikuchazele; wothi ngikutshele esengakubonayo, **18** lokho osekwafakazwa yizihlakaniphi, bengafihli lutho abaluthatha kubokhokho babo **19** (abayibo kuphela abaphiwa ilizwe njalo akwaze kwedlula

muntu wezizweni phakathi kwabo): **20** Ngezinsuku
zakhe zonke umuntu omubi uhlutshwa yizinhlungu,
kube yisihluku seminyaka yonke ayibekelweyo. **21**
Imisindo eyesabisayo iyagcwala ezindlebeni zakhe; nxa
kusithi kuyalunga, izikliwi zimhlasele. **22** Ulahlekelwa
lithemba lokuwuphepha umnyama; umiselwe inkemba.
23 Uyantula nje abe yikudla kwamanqe; uyazi ukuthi
usuku lobumnyama selusondele. **24** Usizi lobuhlungu
emoyeni bumlethela uvalo; inhlupho ziyamgabhela,
njengenkosi isilungele ukuhlasela, **25** ngoba efumbathele
uNkulunkulu inqindi, ezimisela ukulwa loSomandla, **26**
aqholoze amhlasele ngesihlangu esiqinileyo, esilohlonzi.
27 Lanxa ezimuke ubuso bungaka, umkhaba ulenga
ngedanga, **28** uzahlala emadolobheni angamanxiwa
lezindlini ezingahlali muntu, izindlu eziwohlokayo
zibe yinqumbi. **29** Kasayikunotha futhi lenotho yakhe
kayiyikuma, lezifuyo zakhe kazisayikugcwala ilizwe
lonke. **30** Kayikuphepha emnyameni; ilangabi lizabunisa
amahlumela akhe lomoya wokuphefumula komlomo
kaNkulunkulu uzamthwalela kude. **31** Makangazikhohlisi
ngokuthemba okuyize, ngoba akazukuzuza lutho ngakho.
32 Singakapheli isikhathi sakhe uzajeziswa, lezingatsha
zakhe kaziyikuhluma. **33** Uzaba njengevini eliphundlwe
izithelo zalo zingakavuthwa, njengesihlahla se-oliva
sikhithiza impoko zaso. **34** Ngoba ixuku labangamesabiyo
uNkulunkulu kalizukuba lezithelo, lomlilo uzawahangula
amathente alabo abathanda isivalamlomo. **35** Bazithwala
uhlupho babelethe ububi; isibeletho sabo sibumba
inkohliso.”

16 UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** “Sengezwa izinto
ezinengi ezifana lalezi; lingabaduduzi ababi lina lonke! **3**
Zizaphela nini inkulumo zokubhuda kwenu lokhu? Kuyini
okulihluphayo laphikelela nje lidaza inkani? **4** Lami
bengingakhuluma njengani aluba yini elisesikhundleni
sami; ngabe ngikhupha inkulumo ezimnandi ngilisola
ngize nginikine ikhanda lami. **5** Kodwa umlomo
wami ngabe uyaliqinisa; induduzo yezindebe zami
idedise inhlungu zenu. **6** Kodwa nxa ngikhuluma,
ubuhlungu obukimi kabudedi; loba ngingaze ngithule,
kabupheli. **7** Ngeqiniso, Nkulunkulu, usungiqede amandla;
usuyitshabalalisile yonke imuli yami. **8** Usungibophile
sekuyibo ubufakazi balokho; lokucikizeka kwami
kuyakhula kungilahla. **9** UNkulunkulu uyanginxwanela
angidlikize ngolaka lwakhe, angigedlele amazinyo; isitha
sami singinyonkoloze ngamehlo ahlabayo. **10** Abantu
bavula imilomo yabo bengihoza; bangimakala esihlathini
bengihlambaza babambane bangihlanganyele. **11**
UNkulunkulu usenginikele ebantwini ababi wangiphosela
ezandleni zezigangi. **12** Konke kwakukuhle kimi, kodwa
wangibhidliza; wangixhakalaza ngentamo wangichoboza.
Usengenze ngaba yinto yakhe yokunenjwa; **13** abacibi
bemtshoko bakhe bangihanqile. Ungiciba izinso zami
engelazwelo achithele inyongo yami phansi. **14** Ungisukela
njalonjalo; angidumele njengebutho. **15** Sengithungele
isembatho sesaka emzimbeni wami ngathukuza ibunzi
lami othulini. **16** Ubuso bami sebubomvu ngokukhala,
amathunzi anzima ahonqolozela amehlo ami; **17** kodwa
izandla zami kaziluqhelanga udlakela, lomkhuleko wami

uhlanzekile. **18** Awu mhlaba, ungaligqibeli igazi lami;
sengathi lokukhala kwami kungaze kwacitshwa lanini!
19 Lakhathesi ufakazi wami usezulwini; umeli wami
uphezulu khonale. **20** Umeli wami ngumngane wami
nxa amehlo ami empompoza inyembezi kuNkulunkulu;
21 uyamncengela umuntu kuNkulunkulu njengomuntu
encengela umngane wakhe. **22** Kusasele iminyakana
engemingaki andubana ngiye lapho kungabuywa khona."

17 "Umoya wami udabukile, insuku zami ziqunyiwe,
ithuna lingimelele. **2** Impela abaklolodayo bangihanqile;
amehlo ami asehlezi elinde ulaka lwabo. **3** Ngipha, Oh
Nkulunkulu, lesosibambiso osifunayo. Kambe ngubani
omunye ongangenzela lesosibambiso na? **4** Usuzivalile
ingqondo zabo kabasazwisisi; ngakho kawuzukubayekela
bagiye. **5** Nxa umuntu angaphika umngane wakhe
ukuze ahlawulwe, amehlo abantwabakhe azafiphala. **6**
UNkulunkulu usengenze ngaba yisiga ebantwini bonke,
umuntu okhafulelwa ngabanye emehlweni. **7** Amehlo
ami asethundubele ngosizi; umdumbu wami wonke
usuyisithunzi nje. **8** Abantu abaqotho kuyabanenga
lokhu; abangelacala bayacaphuka ngabangakholwayo.
9 Kungenani, abalungileyo bazabambelela ezindleleni
zabo, kuthi labo abalezandla ezihlanzekileyo baqine. **10**
Kodwa khathesi lina lonke ake lizame futhi! Kangiboni
loyedwa ohlakaniphileyo kini. **11** Sezidlule insuku zami,
amacebo ami asedilikile, kunjalo lezifiso zenhliziyo
yami. **12** Lababantu bathatha ubusuku njengemini; bathi
bebona ubumnyama bathi, 'Ukukhanya sekusondele.' **13**
Nxa ikhaya engilithembileyo lilingcwaba kuphela, nxa

ngisendlala umbheda wami emnyameni, **(Sheol h7585)** **14** nxa ngisithi ekuboleni, ‘Baba,’ ngithi empethwini, ‘Mama’ kumbe ‘Dadewethu,’ **15** pho lingaphi ithemba lami na? Ngubani ongabona ithemba ngami? **16** Kuzakwehlela emasangweni okufa na? Sizakwehlela ndawonye othulini na?” **(Sheol h7585)**

18 Kwathi lapho uBhilidadi umShuhi waphendula wathi: **2** “Koze kube nini ulokhu uphethe emlonyeni? Nakana andubana sikhulume. **3** Kungani usithatha njengezinkomo kube ingathi siyizithutha kuwe na? **4** Wena ozidabudabulayo ube yiziqa ngokuthukuthela kwakho, uthi sesingawudela umhlaba ngenxa yakho? Loba uthi amadwala agudlulwe ezindaweni zawo na? **5** Isibane somubi siyacima; ilangabi lomlilo wakhe liyaphela ukubhebha. **6** Ukukhanya ethenteni lakhe kuyafiphala; isibane esiseceleni kwakhe siyacima. **7** Izisinde zakhe zamandla ziyadeda; lamacebo akhe yiwo amlahla phansi. **8** Inyawo zakhe zimbeka emambuleni acine esemthandele. **9** Umjibila umhwiphula ngesithende; isihitshela simuthi nki. **10** Isihitshela usifihlelwe phansi; umjibila uthukuziwe endleleni yakhe. **11** Uyethuka ngokwesaba inxa zonke kumlandelele langaphi aya khona. **12** Umonakalo umlambele; incithakalo imlindele nxa esiwa. **13** Kudla ingxenye yesikhumba sakhe; izibulo lokufa lidla izitho zakhe. **14** Uyasuswa ekuvikelekeni kwethente lakhe aqhutshwe asiwe enkosini yokwesaba. **15** Umlilo uhlala ethenteni lakhe; isolufa evuthayo ichithachithwe emzini wakhe. **16** Impande zakhe ziyabuna ngaphansi lamagatsha akhe abune ngaphezulu. **17** Ukukhunjulwa

kwakhe kuyaphela emhlabeni; kalabizo elizweni. **18** Uyasuswa ekukhanyeni aye ebumnyameni njalo axotshwe emhlabeni. **19** Kalabantwana loba isizukulwane ebantwini bakibo, kakho loyedwa owakhe lapho ake ahlala khona. **20** Abantu bentshonalanga bayanengwa yisiphetho sakhe; abantu bempumalanga bayatshaqeka. **21** Ngempela linjalo ikhaya lomuntu omubi; yiyo indawo yalowo ongamaziyo uNkulunkulu."

19 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** "Koze kube nini lilokhu lingichukuluza, lingicobodisa ngamazwi na? **3** Selingithethise amahlandla alitshumi manje; lingihlasela lingelanhloni. **4** Nxa kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiphambukile, isiphambeko sami ngumlandu wami ngedwa. **5** Nxa isibili liziphakamisa ngaphezulu kwami, lingincindezele ngokuyangeka kwami, **6** yazini ukuthi uNkulunkulu ungonile wangithandela ngomambule wakhe. **7** Loba ngingaze ngikhale ngithi, 'Ngiyahlukuluzwa bo!' angitholi mpendulo; loba ngicela uncedo, kangahlulelwa ngokulunga. **8** Uyivalile indlela yami akudluleki; izindlela zami uzembese ngomnyama. **9** Usengiphucile konke ukuhlonitshwa wangethula umqhele ekhanda lami. **10** Ungidabula inxa zonke ngize ngiphele du; usiphuna ithemba lami njengesihlahla. **11** Ulaka lwakhe luyavutha kimi; ungibalela phakathi kwezitha zakhe. **12** Amabutho akhe eza ngamandla; angakhela isihonqo sokungivimbezela amise egqagqele ithente lami. **13** Usenze abafowethu bangihlamuka; abangane bami sebemelana lami. **14** Izihlobo zami sezihambile; abangane bami sebekhohliwe ngami. **15**

Izethekeli zami lezincekukazi zami zithi ngingowemzini;
zingikhangela njengowezizweni. **16** Ngithi nxa
ngibiza isisebenzi sami singasabeli, lokuba ngisincenga
ngomlomo wami. **17** Ukuphefumula kwami kuyamnukela
umkami; ngiyenyanyeka kubafowethu. **18** Labafanyana
bayangiklolodela; ngithi nxa ngiqhamuka bangihoze.
19 Bonke abangane bami abasekhwapheni bayanengeka
ngami; labo engibathandayo sebengifulathele. **20**
Angiselalutho ngaphandle kwesikhumba lamathambo
kuphela; ngiphephe manayinayi. **21** Ngizwelani
usizi, bangane bami, wobani losizi, ngoba isandla
sikaNkulunkulu singitshayile. **22** Lingilandelelani
njengoNkulunkulu na? Lizakufa lasutha ngenyama
yami na? **23** Oh, uthi ngabe amazwi ami ayalotshwa,
ngabe abhaliwe emqulwini, **24** ngabe athwetshulwe
ngensimbi phezu komnuso, loba agujwe edwaleni
lanininini! **25** Ngiyazi ukuthi uMhlengi wami uyaphila,
lokuthi ekupheleni uzakuma emhlabeni. **26** Kuzakuthi
nxa isikhumba sami sesibhujisiwe, kodwa ngikuyo
inyama yami ngizambona uNkulunkulu; **27** mina
ngokwami ngizambona ngawami amehlo, mina hatshi
omunye. Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela ngokulangatha! **28**
Lingaze lithi, 'Sizamzingela qho ngoba nguye ozilethele
ukuhlupheka,' **29** yini okumele liyesabe inkemba; ngoba
intukuthelo izaletha isijeziso ngenkemba, lapho-ke
lizakwazi ukuthi kulokwahlulela."

20 Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi: **2**
"Imicabango yami ekhathazekileyo ingifuqa ukuthi
ngiphendule ngoba sengikhubekile kakhulu. **3** Ngizwa

kulokukhuzwa okungilulazisayo njalo ukuzwisisa kwami kungifuqela ukuthi ngiphendule. **4** Ngempela uyakwazi ukuthi kwakuvele kunjani lendulo, kusukela ukubekwa komuntu emhlabeni, **5** ukuthi injabulo yomubi imfitshane, intokozo yongakholwayo ngeyomzuzwana nje. **6** Loba ukuzigqaja kwakhe kufika emazulwini lekhanda lakhe lithinta emayezini, **7** uzabhubha okwaphakade, njengobulongwe bakhe; labo abake bambona bazakuthi, 'Ungaphi kanti?' **8** Njengephupho uyanyamalala angabe esabonwa njalo, axotshwe njengombono webusuku. **9** Ilihlo elake lambona kalisayikumbona njalo; indawo yakhe ingeke ibe isambona. **10** Abantwabakhe bazazincengela ebayangeni ngezandla zakhe abuyisele inotho yakhe. **11** Amadlabuzane obutsha alawo emathanjeni akhe azalala kanye laye othulini. **12** Loba ububi bumnandi emlonyeni wakhe, ebufihla ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe, **13** loba esehluleka ukutshiyana labo abugcine emlonyeni wakhe, **14** kodwa ukudla kwakhe kuzahloba esiswini sakhe; kuzaphenduka kube yibuhlungu bezinyoka ngaphakathi kwakhe. **15** Uzayihlanza yonke inotho ayiginyayo; uNkulunkulu uzakwenza isisu sakhe sikuhlanze konke. **16** Uzamunya ubuhlungu bezinyoka; amazinyo ebululu azambulala. **17** Akayikuyikholisa imifula, leyomifula egeleza uluju lolaza. **18** Lokho akuginqeleyo kumele akubuyise engakudlanga; akayikuyikholisa inzuzo yokuthengiselana kwakhe. **19** Ngoba ubebancindezela abayanga basala bengelalutho; wathumba izindlu angazakhanga. **20** Ngempela akayikudeda kulobubuhwaba bakhe; ngeke

azisindise ngenotho yakhe. **21** Akusela lutho angabe
esaludla; ukuphumelela kwakhe kakuyikuma. **22** Phakathi
kwenotho yakhe uzahlaselwa zinhlupho; ubuhlungu
buzamehlela ngamandla. **23** Nxa esesigcwalisile
isisu sakhe, uNkulunkulu uzabhodlisela ulaka lwakhe
oluvuthayo kuye akhwele ehle ngezidutshulo phezu
kwakhe. **24** Lanxa angaze abalekele isikhali sensimbi
umtshoko wethusi uzamciba. **25** Uyawuhwatsha emhlane
wakhe, umcijo wawo ocazimulayo awuhwatshe esibindini.
Uzangenwa yikwesaba okukhulu; **26** umnyama omkhulu
uyilindele inotho yakhe. Umlilo ongungumayo uzamqeda
utshise lokho okuseleyo ethenteni lakhe. **27** Amazulu
azabembula ububi bakhe; umhlaba uzamvukela. **28**
Isikhukhula sizayithwala indlu yakhe, kungamanzi
azimpophoma mhla wosuku lolaka lukaNkulunkulu.
29 Sinjalo isiphetho uNkulunkulu asimisele ababi, ilifa
abalikhethelwe nguNkulunkulu."

21 UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** "Lalelani kuhle
amazwi ami; lokhu akube yinduduzo elingipha yona.
3 Ake lingibekezelele nxa ngisakhuluma, ngithi nxa
sengikhulumile liklolode. **4** Ukusola kwami kuqonde
umuntu yini? Ngingayekelelani ukucunuka pho? **5**
Ngikhangelani, lizamangala; vulani imilomo yenu
ngezandla. **6** Nxa ngikhumbula ngalokhu ngitshaywa
luvalo; ngizwa umzimba wami uqhaqhazela. **7**
Kungani ababi bephila impilo ende, baluphale nje
amandla abo esanda? **8** Babona abantwababo bezinza
benamile, inzalo yabo layo beyikhangele. **9** Imizi yabo
ihlezi kayilakwesaba; induku kaNkulunkulu kayikho

phezu kwabo. **10** Inkunzi zabo zikhuthele ziyazala;
amankomokazi abo azala kuhle kawaphunzi. **11**
Abantwababo bayazihambela njengomhlambi; izingane
zabo ziyazigidela zichelesile. **12** Bayahlabela betshaya
izigubhu lamachacho; bayazithokozisa ngomsindo
wemiqangala. **13** Yonke iminyaka yabo ngeyokuphumelela
baze bayongena egodini belokuthula. **(Sheol h7585)** **14** Kodwa
bathi kuNkulunkulu, 'Tshiyana lathi! Kasifisi ukuzazi
izindlela zakho. **15** Ungubani yena uSomandla ofuna
ukuthi simkhonze na? Sizazuzani nxa sikhuleka kuye
na?' **16** Kodwa ukuphumelela kwabo kakukho ezandleni
zabo, ngakho kangisondeli ezelulekweni zababi. **17**
Kodwa kukangaki na isibane sababi sicinywa? Kukangaki
besehlelwa ngamabhadi na, abawabelwa nguNkulunkulu
ezondile? **18** Kukangaki besiba njengomule emoyeni na,
njengamakhoba ephetshulwa yisivunguzane? **19** Kuthiwa,
'UNkulunkulu ulomba isijeziso somuntu asibekele
amadodana akhe.' Kajezise yena umuntu ngokwakhe
ukuze akwazi! **20** Amehlo akhe kawakubone ukuchithwa
kwakhe; kalunathe ulaka lukaSomandla. **21** Ngoba
uvele uzihlupha ngani ngemuli avele ezayitshiya nxa
izinyanga zakhe azabelweyo seziphelile na? **22** Kambe
ukhona ongafundisa uNkulunkulu ulwazi, njengoba yena
esahlulela labaphezulu na? **23** Umuntu uyafa ephilile
kuhle, kukuhle konke ekhululekile, **24** umzimba wakhe
uzimukile, amathambo akhe egcwele umnkantsho. **25**
Omunye ufa elobuhlungu emphefumulweni wakhe,
evele engakaze akholise lutho oluhle. **26** Bobabili
balaliswe ndawonye eceleni komunye othulini, impethu

zinyakaze phezu kwabo bobabili. **27** Ngiyazi kamhlophe
ukuthi licabangani, amacebo elidinga ukungilimaza
ngawo. **28** Lithi, ‘Ingaphi-ke manje indlu yesikhulu,
amathente okwakuhlala kuwo abantu ababi?’ **29** Kalikaze
libuze labo abahambayo na? Kalize lananzelela izinto
abazilandisayo, **30** ukuthi umuntu omubi uyaphepha
ngosuku lokubhujiswa na, ukuthi uyakhululwa ngosuku
lwesiphithiphithi? **31** Kambe ngubani omtshela ngobubi
bakhe ebusweni bakhe na? Ngubani ophindiselayo
ngalokho akwenzileyo na? **32** Uthwalelwa engcwabeni,
lilindwe ingcwaba lakhe ngemfanelo. **33** Inhlabathi
esigodini leso imnandi kuye; bonke abantu bayamlandela,
banengi kakhulu njalo abahamba kuqala kulaye. **34** Pho-
ke lingangiduduza njani likhuluma ize nje? Akusalanga
lutho elilutshoyo ngaphandle kwenkohliso.”

22 U-Elifazi umThemani wasephendula wathi: **2**
“Umuntu angasiza uNkulunkulu na? Lesihlakaniphi
uqobo kambe singamsiza na? **3** Bekungamupha ntokozo
bani uSomandla ukulunga kwakho na? Ubengazuzani
ngabe kuthiwa kawulasici na? **4** Yikumesaba kwakho
yini akukhuzela khona lakwethesela khona amacala
na? **5** Kabubukhulu ububi bakho na? Lezono
zakho angithi kazipheli na? **6** Wawubiza isibambiso
kubafowenu kungelasizatho; uhlubula abantu izigqoko
zabo basale beze. **7** Abakhatheleyo wawubancitsha
amanzi, abalambileyo ungabaphi ukudla, **8** lanxa
wena wawuyindoda elamandla, ulepulazi, indoda
ehlonitshwayo, uphila kulo. **9** Abafelokazi wabaxotsha
ungabaphanga lutho izintandane waziqeda amandla. **10**

Kungenxa yalokho usuhanqwe yimijibila, usuhlukuluzwa
luhlupho masinyane, **11** yikho kumnyama kangaka
ungasaboni, njalo yikho ususibekelwa zimpophoma
zamanzi. **12** UNkulunkulu kakho esiqongweni samazulu
na? Ake ubone phela ukuthi ziphakeme njani izinkanyezi
ezisesiqongweni! **13** Kodwa wena uthi, 'UNkulunkulu
wazini? Angahlulela phakathi komnyama onje? **14** Usithwe
ngamayezi amakhulu, ngakho kasiboni nxa ehambahamba
ezulwini eliphezulu.' **15** Wena-ke uzakwalela endleleni
endala na eseyahanjwa ngababi? **16** Bedluliswa singakafiki
isikhathi sabo, izisekelo zabo zakhukhulwa nguzamcolo.
17 Bathi kuNkulunkulu, 'Tshiyana lathi! USomandla
angasenzani na?' **18** Ikanti kunguye owagcwalisa izindlu
zabo ngezinto ezinhle, ngakho kangingeni ezelulekweni
zababi. **19** Abalungileyo bayakubona lokho bathokoze;
abangelacala bayabahleka bathi, **20** 'Ngempela izitha
zethu zichithiwe, lokuseleyo kwenotho yazo sekubhuqwe
ngumlilo.' **21** Zehlise kuNkulunkulu ukuze uwelelane
laye; ngaleyondlela ukuphumelela kuzakuza kuwe. **22**
Yamukela iziqondiso eziphuma emlonyeni wakhe, amazwi
akhe uwabeke enhliziyweni yakho. **23** Nxa ubuyela
kuSomandla, uzavuselelwa; nxa ususa ububi bube kude
lethente lakho **24** lomthuso wakho uwulahlele othulini,
igolide lakho lase-Ofiri ulilahlele emadwaleni ezifuleni,
25 lapho-ke uSomandla uzakuba ligolide lakho, lesiliva
esikhethekileyo kuwe. **26** Ngempela uzazuza ukuthokoza
kuSomandla uphakamisele ubuso bakho kuNkulunkulu.
27 Uzakhuleka kuye, yena akuzwe, njalo uzagcwalisa
izifungo zakho. **28** Lokho okumisileyo kuzakwenziwa,

lokukhanya kuzazikhanyisa izindlela zakho. **29** Nxa abantu besehliswa ubususithi, ‘Baphakamiseni!’ lapho-ke uzabasiza abahlulukelweyo. **30** Uzabasiza lalabo abonayo, abazakhululwa ngenxa yokubamsulwa kwakho.”

23 Waphendula uJobe wathi: **2** “Lalamuhla ukusola kwami kulokhu kubuhlungu kabi, isandla sakhe siyasinda loba ngibubula kangaka. **3** Ngabe ngiyakwazi lapho engingamfumana khona; aluba nje bengingaya emzini wakhe! **4** Bengizayibeka kuhle indaba yami phambi kwakhe ngigcwalise umlomo wami ngamazwi empikiswano. **5** Bengizakuzwa ukuthi yena uphendula athini, ngikuhlolisise lokho akutshoyo. **6** Kambe angangiphikisa ngamandla na? Hatshi, angazake angethese cala. **7** Lapho umuntu oqotho ubengendlala indaba yakhe phambi kwakhe, njalo bengizakhululwa lanini kumahluleli wami. **8** Kodwa nxa ngisiya empumalanga, yena kakho khona; nxa ngisiya entshonalanga, kangimfumani khona. **9** Nxa esemsebenzini enyakatho, kangimboni; angaphendukela eningizimu, kangiboni lokuthi tshazi kwakhe. **10** Kodwa uyayazi indlela engihamba ngayo; nxa esengilingile, ngizaphuma senginjengegolide. **11** Inyawo zami bezilokhu zilandelana lezinyathelo zakhe; ngalela endleleni yakhe angaze ngaphambuka. **12** Angigudlukanga emilayweni yezindebe zakhe; ngiwenze igugu amazwi omlomo wakhe ukwedlula isinkwa sami sansukuzonke. **13** Kodwa uzimele yedwa, ngubani ongaphikisana laye na? Uyenza loba yini ayifunayo. **14** Uyagcwalisa isimiso sakhe ngami, njalo manengi amacebo anjalo awagcinileyo.

15 Yikho-nje ngithuthumela ukuma phambi kwakhe;
ngithi ngingakukhumbula konke lokhu ngimesabe. **16**
UNkulunkulu usenze inhliziyo yami yaphela amandla;
uSomandla usengethusile. **17** Kodwa kawuyikungithulisa
umnyama lo, umnyama lo onzima ovala ubuso bami."

24 "Kungani uSomandla engabeki izikhathi zokwahlulela
na? Kungani labo abamaziyo belindela ize bengazazi
lezinsuku na? **2** Abantu bayayiguqula imingcele ngokususa
izikhonkwane; bayayelusa imihlambi entshontshiweyo. **3**
Bayathatha bahambe lobabhemi wentandane, bathathe
inkabi yomfelokazi ibe yisibambiso. **4** Abaswelayo
bayabagudlula endleleni bancindezele abayanga belizweni
baze bayocatsha. **5** Njengabobabhemi beganga enkangala,
abayanga babhudula ukudla; egwaduleni kulapho
okuzuzwa khona ukudla kwabantwababo. **6** Babutha
ukudla kwenkomo emasimini badobhe okuseleyo ezivinini
zababi. **7** Ngoba bengelazigqoko balala beze ubusuku
bonke; kabalalutho lokuzembesa emqandweni. **8**
Bagxonxwa lizulu lezintabeni bakhusele emadwaleni
beswele indawo yokuphephela. **9** Umntwana oyintandane
uhluthunwa ebeleni; usane lomyanga luyathunjelwa
isikwelede. **10** Ngoba bengelazigqoko bahamba nqunu;
bathwala izikhwebu zamabele kodwa belambile. **11**
Bahluza ama-oliva emigelweni; bagidagida esikhamelweni
sewayini kodwa bomile. **12** Ukububula kwabafayo
kuzwakala kuphuma edolobheni, lemiphefumulo
yabalimeleyo ikhala icela uncedo. Kodwa uNkulunkulu
kabeki muntu icala ngenxa yokona. **13** Bakhona labo
abahlamukela ukukhanya, abangazaziyo izindlela zalokho

kukhanya loba ukuhlala kuzo. **14** Nxa ukukhanya kwemini
sekuhambile isigebenga siyaphuma sibulale abampofu
labaswelayo; ebusuku siyanyonyoba njengesela. **15**
Ilihlo lesiphingi lilindela ukuhlwa; sikhumbula sithi,
'Akulamuntu ozangibona,' sihlala sibusithile ubuso baso.
16 Ebumnyameni abantu bayagqekeza izindlu, kodwa
emini bayazivalela endlini; kabakufuni ukukhanya.
17 Bonke labo ubumnyama obukhulu buyikusa kubo;
bathandana lezinto ezesabekayo ezobumnyama. **18**
Ikanti baligwebu phezu kwamanzi; esabo isabelo selizwe
siqalekisiwe, ukuze kungayi muntu ezivinini. **19**
Njengalokhu ukutshisa lokoma kuhangula ungqwaqwane
oncibilikayo, kanjalo ingcwaba liyabahlwitha abenze
isono. **(Sheol h7585)** **20** Isibeletho siyabakhohlwa, impethu
zizitike phezu kwabo; abantu ababi kabasakhunjulwa
kodwa bayafohlozwa njengesihlahla. **21** Bancindezela
owesifazane oyinyumba longelamntwana, kumfelokazi
kabalamusa. **22** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazihudulela kude
izikhulu ngamandla akhe. Noma bangaze bahlale bazinze
kodwa kabalathemba lempilo. **23** Angabayekela bahlale
besizwa bevikelekile, kodwa amehlo akhe ayazibona
izindlela zabo. **24** Okwesikhatshana nje balodumo,
baphinde banyamalale; bayehliswa njalo bafe njengabo
bonke abanye; bayaqunywa njengezihloko zamabele. **25**
Aluba lokhu kungenjalo, ngubani ongathi ngilamanga
alulazise amazwi ami abe yize?"

25 Kwathi-ke uBhilidadi umShuhi waphendula wathi: **2**
"Umbuso lesizotha kukuye uNkulunkulu; nguye omisa
konke ngemfanelo ezulwini eliphezulu. **3** Amabutho

akhe angabalwa na? Ngubani ongaphunyelwa yikukhanya kwakhe na? **4** Pho umuntu angaba ngolungileyo njani kuNkulunkulu na? Angenza njani ozelwe ngowesifazane ukuthi ahlanzeke na? **5** Khangela, nxa inyanga ngokwayo ingakhazimuli, lezinkanyezi zingahlanzekanga emehlweni akhe, **6** pho umuntu-ke usilela kanganani, oyimpethu nje, umuntu, oyinhlava nje kuphela!"

26 UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** "Usumsize njani ongelamandla! Usuyilamulele njani ingalo ebuthakathaka! **3** Yiseluleko esinjani osusiphe lowo ongelakuhlakanipha! Njalo usubonise mbono bani! **4** Ngubani okuncedisileyo ukukhuluma amazwi la na? Ngokabani umoya okhulume ngomlomo wakho na? **5** Abafileyo basebuhlungwini obukhulu, labo abangaphansi kwamanzi lalabo abahlala kuwo. **6** UKufa kwambulekile phambi kukaNkulunkulu; ikhamisile indawo yokubhubha. **(Sheol h7585)** **7** Uyawendlala umkhathi wenyakatho endaweni engelalutho; aphanyeke umhlaba phezu kweze. **8** Ugoqele amanzi emayezini akhe, kodwa amayezi kawapatshaki yikusindwa ngamanzi. **9** Uyayigubuzela inyanga egcweleyo, endlale amayezi phezu kwayo. **10** Umisa umkhawulo wokwengama umkhathi emanzini kube ngumngcele phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama. **11** Izinsika zamazulu ziyazamazama, zisethuswa yikukhuza kwakhe. **12** Ngamandla akhe waluthulisa ulwandle; ngenhlakanipho yakhe waquma uRahabi waba yiziqa. **13** Ngomoya wakhe umkhathi wacethula; isandla sakhe sayigwaza inyoka ibaleka. **14** Njalo le yimisebenzi yakhe engaphandle nje ekucineni;

esikuzwayo yilizwana nje lokunyenyeza kwakhe! Pho ngubani ongawuzwisisa umdumo wamandla akhe na?”

27 UJobe waqhubeka ngenkulumo yakhe wathi: **2** “Ngifunga ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo, ngubani ongithathele ilungelo lami lokwahlulelwa ngokulunga, uSomandla, ongizwise ubuhlungu bomphefumulo, **3** nxa ngilokhu ngiselempilo ngaphakathi kwami, umphefumulo kaNkulunkulu usemakhaleni ami, **4** izindebe zami kazisoze zikhulume ububi, lolimi lwami kaluyikukhuluma inkohliso. **5** Kangisoze ngivume ukuthi lina lilungile ngelikutshoyo; ngizaze ngiyekufa ngingabulandulanga ubuqotho bami. **6** Ngizakugcina ukulunga kwami ngingakuyekeli; umzwangedwa wami kawuyikungihlupha empilweni yami. **7** Sengathi izitha zami zingaba njengababi, abaxabana lami babe njengabangaqondanga! **8** Ngoba ulethemba bani ongakholwayo nxa esefile, uNkulunkulu angathatha impilo yakhe na? **9** UNkulunkulu uyakulalela yini ukukhala kwakhe nxa usizi lumehlela na? **10** Uzakuthola yini ukuthokoza kuSomandla? Uzacela kuNkulunkulu sonke isikhathi na? **11** Ngizalifundisa mayelana lamandla kaNkulunkulu; izindlela zikaSomandla kangiyikuzifihla. **12** Lonke lizibonele lokhu ngokwenu. Pho, ngeyani inkulumo yonke le eyize na? **13** Nansi isabelo uNkulunkulu asiqumela ababi, ilifa elemukelwa ngumuntu olesihluku sivela kuSomandla: **14** Loba bebanengi njani abantwabakhe, isabelo sabo yinkemba; lenzalo yakhe kayisoze lanini izuze ukudla okwaneleyo. **15** Isifo esibi sizabangcwaba labo abatshiywa nguye besaphila, labafelokazi babo kabayikubalilela. **16** Lokuba angaze

abuthelele isiliva njengothuli lezigqoko zibe yinqwaba njengodaka, **17** lokho akubuthelelayo abalungileyo bazakugqokela, labangelacala bazakwaba isiliva sakhe. **18** Indlu ayakhayo injengesidleke sobulembu, njengedumba elenziwe ngumlindi. **19** Uthi esiyalala enothile, kodwa kasayikuphinda njalo; uthi esevula amehlo, konke sekuphelile. **20** Utshaywa luvalo kungathi ufuqwa yisikhukhula; isiphepho siyamhwitha ebusuku. **21** Umoya wempumalanga udlula laye, anyamalale; uyamkhukhula endaweni yakhe. **22** Utshaya phezu kwakhe ngesihluku esithi uyabaleka ecambalele evika amandla awo. **23** Utshaya izandla umhleka ulunya uvunguza laye umsusa endaweni yakhe."

28 Kulomgodi wesiliva lendawo lapho okucengwa khona igolide. **2** Insimbi ithathwa emhlabathini, lethusi lincibilikiswa emanyeleni. **3** Umuntu uyawuxotsha umnyama; uguduza ezingoxweni eziphansi kude edinga amanyele emnyameni othe bhuqe. **4** Khatshana kwezindawo zabantu ugebha umgodi, ezindaweni lapho okungafiki nyawo lwamuntu; khatshana kwabantu uyalenga, azunguzeke. **5** Umhlaba, okuphuma kuwo ukudla, uyaguquka ngaphansi ingathi utshiswe ngomlilo; **6** amasafire amatshe amahle ayaphuma emadwaleni, uthuli lwawo lugcwele igolide. **7** Kakukho nyoni edla inyama eyaziyo leyondlela efihlekileyo, kakulalihlo laluphi ukhozi oselwake lwayibona. **8** Izilo ezizithembileyo kazilubeki unyawo kuyo, njalo kakulasilwane esizingela khona. **9** Isandla somuntu yiso esihlasela idwala eliyinsengetshe siveze obala impande zezintaba. **10**

Uyaligubha idwala angene; ilihlo lakhe liwabone wonke amagugu alo. **11** Uyathungatha lapho okudabuka khona imifula aveze obala izinto ezifihlekileyo. **12** Kodwa ukuhlakanipha kungafunyanwa ngaphi na? Kuhlala ngaphi na ukuzwisisa? **13** Umuntu kakuzwisisi ukuqakatheka kwakho; kakufunyanwa elizweni labaphilayo. **14** Phansi ekujuleni kuthi, "Kakukho kimi"; ulwandle luthi, "Kangilakho mina." **15** Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide elicolekileyo, njalo lentengo yakho ingeke yalinganiswa ngesiliva. **16** Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide lase-Ofiri, loba nge-onikisi kumbe isafire. **17** Kungazake kulinganiswe legolide loba amatshe akhazimulayo, njalo kakuzuzwa ngemiceciso yegolide. **18** Amatshe amahle ekhorali lejaspa lawo kawabalwa lapha; intengo yokuhlakanipha ingaphezulu kwamarubhi. **19** Ithophazi yaseKhushi ngeke ilinganiswe lakho; ngeke kuthengwe langegolide elicolekileyo. **20** Pho kuvela ngaphi ukuhlakanipha na? Kuhlala ngaphi ukuzwisisa? **21** Kufihliwe emehlweni ento yonke ephilayo, kucatshisiwe lakuzo izinyoni zasemoyeni. **22** INcithakalo loKufa kuthi, "Amahungahunga akho yiwo kuphela esiwezwayo." **23** UNkulunkulu uyayizwisisa indlela yakho njalo nguye yedwa okwaziyo lapho okuhlala khona, **24** ngoba uyayikhangela imikhawulo yomhlaba akubone konke okungaphansi kwamazulu. **25** Wathi emisa umfutho womoya, elinganisa isimo samanzi, **26** wathi ebeka umthetho wezulu elinayo lendlela yezulu elilesiphepho, **27** wasekukhangela ukuhlakanipha wakuhlola butsha; wakukholwa wakuqinisa, wakulinga

ukuthi kuqinile. **28** Wathi emuntwini, “Ukumesaba
uThixo yikho ukuhlakanipha, lokuxwaya ububi yikho
ukuzwisisa.”

29 UJobe waqhubeka ngenkulumo yakhe wathi: **2**
“Ngiyaziloyisa lezozinyanga esezadlulayo, lezinsuku
uNkulunkulu esangilinda, **3** lapho isibane sakhe
sisakhanyisa phezu kwekhanda lami ngihamba
ngokukhanya kwakhe emnyameni! **4** Oh, lezinsuku
ngisazizwa ukuthi ngiyimi, lapho ubudlelwano obukhulu
loNkulunkulu busesendlini yami, **5** lapho uSomandla
eseselami labantwabami besaphila lami, **6** lapho indlela
yami ifafazwe ngolaza ledwala lingithululela impophoma
zamafutha e-oliva. **7** Ekuyeni kwami emasangweni
edolobho ngafika ngahlala enkundleni, **8** amajaha
angibona agudluka ema eceleni, abadala baphakama
bema ngezinyawo; **9** amadoda ayizikhulu athula akaze
akhuluma avala imilomo yawo ngezandla zawo; **10** amazwi
ezikhulu ehliselwa phansi, inlimi zazo zanamathela
olwangeni lwazo. **11** Loba ngubani owangizwayo
wakhuluma kuhle ngami, kwathi labo abangibonayo
bangibuka, **12** ngoba ngalamulela abayanga abacela
uncedo, lezintandane ezazingelamsizi. **13** Indoda eyayisifa
yangibusisa; ngenza inhliziyo yomfelokazi yahlabelela. **14**
Ngavunula ukulunga njengezigqoko zami; ukwahlulela
ngokulunga kwaba yisembatho sami lengwane
yami. **15** Ngangingamehlo kwabayiziphofu lezinyawo
kwabaqhulayo. **16** Nganginguyise kwabaswelayo;
ngayimela indaba yesihambi. **17** Ngawephula amazinyo
ababi ngahluthuna labo ababebabambile ngamazinyo

abo. **18** Ngakhumbula ngathi, ‘Ngizafela endlini yami,
insuku zami zinengi njengezinhlamvu zetshebetshebe. **19**
Impande zami zizafinyelela emanzini, amazolo azalala
emagatsheni ubusuku bonke. **20** Udumo lwami luzahlala
lulutsha kimi, idandili lami lilitsha esandleni sami.’ **21**
Abantu babengilalela belethemba, belindele ukwelulekwa
bethule zwi. **22** Nxa sekukhulume mina, kungakhulumi
omunye njalo; amazwi ami ayengena kamnandi
ezindlebeni zabo. **23** Babengilindela njengokulindela
izulu, bawanathe amazwi ami njengezulu lentwasa. **24**
Ngangisithi ngingababobothekela, bathabe bangakholwa;
ukukhanya kobuso bami kwakuligugu kubo. **25** Yimi
engangibakhethela ukuthi benzeni ngoba ngisanduna
kubo; ngangihlala njengenkosi phakathi kwamabutho
ayo; ngangifana lomduduzi wabalilayo.”

30 “Kodwa manje bayangiklolodela, amadoda
angabantwana kimi, oyise engangingabehlisa ngibelusise
izimvu zami. **2** Amandla ezandla zabo ayengangisiza
ngani mina, ngoba amadlabuzane abo ayesephelile; **3**
sebejujukile ngokuswela langendlala, bazula elizweni
elomileyo emangweni eyinkangala engelalutho ebusuku.
4 Enkotheni khonale bakha imibhida emunyu, ukudla
kwabo kuzimpande zezihlahla. **5** Baxotshwa ebantwini
bakibo, bathethiswa kungathi babengamasela. **6**
Kwasekumele bahlale ezihotsheni zezifula ezomileyo,
ezimbalwini emadwaleni lemilindini emhlabathini. **7**
Bakhonya phakathi kwezihlahla baqugubala ezixukwini.
8 Base bengabantu abaphansi abangaselabizo,
sebexotshiwe elizweni. **9** Kodwa manje amadodana

abo asengihaya ngengoma; sengiyisiga kubo. **10** Bayangenyanya njalo bamela khatshana lami; kabathikazi ukungikhafulela ebusweni. **11** Khathesi njengoba uNkulunkulu eselithukulule idandili lami wangitshaya ngezinhlupheko, sebeklamasa kabasazithinti. **12** Kwesokunene kwami ixuku liyangihlasela; bathiya inyawo zami ngemijibila bakhe imibundu yokungivimbezela. **13** Badiliza indlela yami; bayaphumelela ukungibhidliza besithi 'Akekho ozamsiza.' **14** Bahlasela ingathi bafohlela esikhaleni esivulekileyo; beza bethululeka phezu kwezinqwaba zamanxiwa. **15** Ukwesaba okukhulu kungiphethe; isithunzi sami sobuntu singathi siphethwe ngumoya, ukuvikeleka kwami kunyamalala njengeyezi. **16** Manje impilo yami isincipha; insuku zokuhlupheka zingibambe nko. **17** Ubusuku bugwaza amathambo ami; lokuqaqamba kobuhlungu bami kakupheli. **18** Ngamandla akhe amakhulu uNkulunkulu unjengelembu kimi; uyangikhama ngamabheqe entanyeni yami. **19** Ungivoxela edakeni, ngicina sengiluthuli lomlotha. **20** Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, kodwa kawuphenduli; ngiyasukuma, kodwa uyangikhangela kuphela. **21** Ungisukela ngesihluku; ungihlasela ngamandla esandla sakho. **22** Uyangihlwitha ngiphetshulwe ngumoya; ngiphoseke le lale phakathi kwesiphepho. **23** Ngiyazi ukuthi uzangilalisa phansi ekufeni, endaweni emiselwe konke okuphilayo. **24** Ngempela kakho ombeka isandla umuntu oswelayo nxa ekhalela ukusizwa esebunzimeni. **25** Kangibakhalelanga yini labo abahluphekileyo? Umoya

wami kawubazwelanga usizi abayanga na? **26** Kodwa
ngathi ngilindele ubuhle, kweza ububi; ngathi ngilindele
ukukhanya kweza ubumnyama. **27** Ukudunguluka
ngaphakathi kwami kakukhawuli; insuku zokuhlupheka
zingijamele. **28** Ngihamba nje ngimnyama kubi,
kungesikutshiswa lilanga; ngiyasukuma enkundleni
ngicele uncedo. **29** Sengingumfowabo wamakhanka,
umkhula wezikhova. **30** Isikhumba sami siba mnyama,
siyaxathuka; umzimba wami uyatshisa ngomkhuhlane.
31 Ichacho lami selilungiselwe isililo, lomqangala wami
ulindele umkhosi wokukhala."

31 "Ngasenza isivumelwano lamehlo ami ukuthi
angakhangeli intombi ayihawukele. **2** Siyini isabelo
somuntu asabelwe nguNkulunkulu ophezulu na, ilifa
lakhe elivela kuSomandla phezulu? **3** Akusikubhujiswa
kwababi lokutshabalaliswa kwalabo abenza okubi na? **4**
Kanti kaziboni yini izindlela zami abale zonke izinyathelo
zami? **5** Nxa ngike ngahamba ngokwamanga loba
unyawo lwami lwakhuthalela inkohliso **6** uNkulunkulu
akangikale esikalini sakhe esiqotho ukuze abone ukuthi
angilasici, **7** nxa izinyathelo zami zike zaphambuka
endleleni, nxa inhliziyo yami ikhokhelwe ngamehlo
ami, noma kumbe izandla zami zike zangcoliswa, **8**
lapho-ke abanye kabazidlele lokho engikuhlanyeleyo,
njalo amabele ami kawasitshunwe. **9** Nxa inhliziyo
yami ike yakhangwa ngowesifazane, kumbe nxa ngike
ngacathama ngasemnyango kamakhelwane, **10** lapho-
ke owami umfazi kacholele enye indoda, njalo amanye
amadoda kawalale laye. **11** Ngoba lokho bekuzakuba

lihlazo, isono esifanele ukwahlulelwa. **12** Kungumlilo
otshisayo onguMaqothula; ngabe kwasiphuna isivuno
sami. **13** Nxa ngingaphathanga kuhle izisebenzi zami,
esesilisa lesesifazane nxa kukhona abakusolayo kimi,
14 ngizakuthini lapho uNkulunkulu esengibuza ngakho
na? Ngizaphendula ngithini nxa sekumele ngichaze na?
15 Yena lowo owangenzayo esibelethweni kabenzanga
labo na? Kasuye yini yena kanye owasenzayo sonke
phakathi kwezisu zabomama na? **16** Nxa ngilahlele eceleni
izifiso zabayanga loba ngayekela amehlo omfelokazi
edinwa yizinyembezi, **17** nxa ngizidlele ngedwa isinkwa
sami, ngingasabelani lezintandane, **18** kodwa ebutsheni
bami ngabondla njengaboyise, njalo kusukela ekuzalweni
kwami ngamkhokhela umfelokazi, **19** nxa ngike ngabona
umuntu esifa ngokuswela izigqoko, loba umuntu oswelayo
engelasivunulo, **20** njalo inhliziyo yakhe ayingibusisanga
ngokumfudumeza ngoboya bezimvu zami, **21** nxa ngike
ngaphakamisa isandla sami phezu kwentandane, kodwa
mina ngikwazi ukuthi bayangilalela emthethwandaba,
22 nxa kunjalo kayikhumuke ingalo yami kusukela
ehlombe, kayephulwe endololwaneni. **23** Ngoba ngesaba
ukubhubhisa kukaNkulunkulu, kwathi ngokwesaba
inkazimulo yakhe, ngayekela ukwenza izinto ezinjalo.
24 Nxa ngifake ithemba lami phezu kwegolide, loba
ngathi kulo igolide elicolekileyo, ‘Ulithemba lami,’ **25**
nxa bengithokoziswa yinotho yami enengi, lenzuzo
evele ngezandla zami, **26** nxa ngilikhangele ilanga
libenyezela loba inyanga ihamba ngenkazimulo, **27**
yaze yayengeka inhliziyo yami ngaphakathi nganga

isandla sami ukuzikhonza, **28** lezi lazo yizono ebezifanele
ukwahlulelwa, ngoba bengizabe ngingathembekanga
kuNkulunkulu ophezulu. **29** Nxa ngike ngathokoza
ngomnyama owehlele isitha sami kumbe ngagqabhaza
ngohlupho olumehleleyo, **30** kangivumelanga umlomo
wami ukuba wenze isono ngokuqalekisa ukuphila
kwakhe, **31** nxa abantu bendlu yami bengakaze bathi,
'Ngubani ongazange azitike ngenyama kaJobe na?'
32 kodwa kakulasihambi esake salala emgwaqweni,
ngoba umnyango wami wawuhlala uvulelwe izihambi
33 nxa ngisithukuzile isono sami njengokwenziwa
ngabantu, ngokufihla umlandu wami enhliziyweni
yami **34** ngoba ngisesaba abantu ngithuthunyeliswa
yikweyiswa ngabosendo ngazithulela ngaze ngala
lokuphumela phandle. **35** (Oh, kube ukhona ongizwayo!
Sengisayina incwadi yokuzivikela kwami, uSomandla
kangiphendule; ongimangalelayo kabhale phansi icala
angethesa lona. **36** Leyoncwadi ngingayithwala
ehlombe lami, ngingayithwala ekhanda njengomqhele.
37 Bengingamchazela ngokugcweleyo ngazozonke
izinyathelo zami; ngisondele kuye njengenkosana.)
38 Nxa ilizwe lakithi lingiphika lemifolo yalo imanzi
ngezinyembezi, **39** nxa ngike ngadla izithelo zalo angaze
ngabhadala loba ngephula imimoya yabanikazi, **40** nxa
kunjalo kakumile ameva esikhundleni sengqoloyi, lokhula
esikhundleni sebhali." Aphela lapha amazwi kaJobe.

32 Amadoda la womathathu ema ukuphendula uJobe
ngoba wayelungile ngokubona kwakhe. **2** Kodwa
u-Elihu indodana kaBharakeli umBhuzi, owendlu

kaRamu, wamzondela uJobe ngokuzigeza yena endaweni yokugezwa nguNkulunkulu. **3** Wayebazondele njalo labangane labo bobathathu ngoba babengayitholanga indlela yokuphikisa uJobe kodwa bemlahlile ngokumsola. **4** U-Elihu wayeke wema ukukhuluma loJobe ngoba babebadala kulaye. **5** Kodwa kwathi esebona ukuthi wonke amadoda womathathu ayengaselalutho ayengalutsho, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha. **6** Ngakho-ke u-Elihu indodana kaBharakeli umBhuzi wathi: "Ngimncinyane ngeminyaka, lina libadala; yikho bengisesaba, ngithikaza ukutsho engikwaziyo. **7** Ngikhumbule ngathi, 'Kakukhulume ubudala; iminyaka yokukhula kayifundise ukuhlakanipha.' **8** Kodwa kungumoya osemuntwini, ukuphefumula kukaSomandla, okumupha ukuqedisisa. **9** Kakusibo bodwa abadala abahlakaniphileyo, njalo kakusibo bodwa abalupheleyo abakuzwisisayo okulungileyo. **10** Ngakho ngithi: Lalelani kimi; lami ngizalitshela engikwaziyo. **11** Bengithule lisakhuluma, ngikulalele ukucabanga kwenu; lathi lisadinga amazwi, **12** ngalilalela ngokupheleleyo. Kodwa kakho lamunye kini otshengise ukuthi uJobe ulahlekile; kakho omunye wenu osephendule imibono yakhe. **13** Lingaze lathi, 'Sesikutholile ukuhlakanipha; uNkulunkulu kaveze ukuphosisa kwakhe, hatshi umuntu.' **14** Kodwa uJobe kakaqondisisi amazwi akhe kimi, futhi kangiyikumphendula ngendlela yenu yokuphikisa. **15** Sebededile kabaselakho okunye abangakutsho; sebesilela amazwi. **16** Ngike ngime na njengoba sebethule, sebemi nje laphayana bengaselampendulo? **17** Lami ngisake ngikhulume; lami ngizakutsho engikwaziyo. **18** Ngoba

manengi amazwi engilawo, umoya ongaphakathi kwami uyangifuqa; **19** ngaphakathi ngiyafuthelana njengewayini elivalelwe embodleleni; njengemixhaka yewayini esifuna ukudubuka. **20** Kumele ngikhulume ukuze ngibhodle; kumele ngivule indebe zami ngiphendule. **21** Kangizukutshengisa ubandlululo loba kukubani, futhi kangisoze ngiyenge muntu; **22** ngoba ngabe ngangiligabazi ekukhulumeni, uMenzi wami ubezangisusa masinyane."

33 "Khathesi-ke, Jobe, lalela amazwi ami; lalelisisa konke engikutshoyo. **2** Sengizawuvula umlomo wami; amazwi ami asesolimini lwami. **3** Amazwi ami aphuma enhliziyweni eqotho; izindebe zami zikhuluma ngokukholwa lokho engikwaziyo. **4** UMoya kaNkulunkulu wangenza; umphefumulo kaSomandla ungipha impilo. **5** Ngiphendula nxa usenelisa; zilungiselele ukuthi ungiphikise. **6** Lami nginjengawe phambi kukaNkulunkulu; lami njalo ngathathwa emhlabathini. **7** Ukungesaba kwakho makungakwethusi, njalo isandla sami masingasindi kuwe. **8** Kodwa ukhulumile ngisizwa, ngiwezwile amazwi wona kanye, **9** 'Ngimsulwa njalo kangilasono; ngihlanzekile kangilamlandu. **10** Ikanti uNkulunkulu ubone okusolekayo kimi; ungithatha njengesitha sakhe. **11** Uyazikhina inyawo zami ngezibopho; uyaziqaphelisisa zonke izindlela zami.' **12** Kodwa ngiyakutshela ukuthi lapha uyalahleka, uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulomuntu. **13** Kungani umsola usithi kaphenduli amazwi omuntu na? **14** Ngempela uNkulunkulu uyakhuluma, khathesi akhulume ngale indlela, aphinde akhulume ngenye lokuba umuntu

angaze akunanzelela. **15** Kungaba ngephupho, kube
ngombono ebusuku lapho abantu belele befile bethe
nya emibhedeni yabo, **16** angakhuluma ezindlebeni
zabo, abethuse ngezixwayiso, **17** ukuze aguqule
umuntu ekwenzeni okubi aqede ukuzikhukhumeza
kwakhe, **18** ukulondoloza umphefumulo wakhe ungayi
egodini, lempilo yakhe ingabhubhi ngenkemba. **19**
Loba umuntu angajeziswa ngobuhlungu esembhedeni
wakhe, langokuqaqamba okungathuliyo emathanjeni
akhe, **20** aze ezwe umzimba wakhe usunengwa yikudla
lomoya wakhe usenyanya lokudla okumnandi kakhulu.
21 Inyama yakhe iyacikizeka iphele, lamathambo
akhe ayekade evaliwe abonakale egcekeni. **22** Umoya
wakhe uyasondela egodini, lempilo yakhe kuzo
izithunywa zokufa. **23** Kodwa nxa kulengilosi eceleni
kwakhe, engumeli, eyodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane,
ukutshela umuntu okuyikho okumfaneleyo, **24** ukuba
lomusa kuye isithi, 'Mxolele angayingena egodini;
sengimzuzele inhlawulo yakhe yokumhlenga **25**
bese inyama yakhe ivuselelwa njengeyomntwana;
iyavuselelwa ibe njengezinsukwini zobutsha bakhe.' **26**
Uyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu amthokozele, abubone ubuso
bukaNkulunkulu amemeze ngentokozo; uyabuyiselwa
nguNkulunkulu esimeni sakhe sokulunga. **27** Kuthi-ke
abesebuya ebantwini athi, 'Ngenza isono, ngahlanekela
okulungileyo, kodwa kangisazuzanga obekungifanele. **28**
Wawuhlenga umphefumulo wami ukuze ungayi egodini,
ngakho ngizaphila ukuze ngikholise ukukhanya.' **29**
UNkulunkulu uyazenza zonke lezizinto emuntwini kabili,

noma kathathu **30** ukubuyisa umphefumulo wakhe ungayi
egodini, ukuthi isibane sokuphila sikhanye kuye. **31**
Nanzelela, Jobe, ulalele kimi; thula kukhulume mina.
32 Nxa ulolutho lokutsho, ngiphendula; khuluma sibili,
ngoba ngifuna ukuthi ugezwe umlandu. **33** Kodwa nxa
lungekho lalela kimi; thula zwi mina ngizakufundisa
ukuhlakanipha."

34 U-Elihu waqhubeka esithi: **2** "Zwanini amazwi
ami, lina madoda ahlakaniphileyo; lalelani kimi, lina
madoda ayizifundiswa. **3** Phela indlebe iyawahlola amazwi
njengolimi lunambitha ukudla. **4** Asizihluzeleni thina
okulungileyo; kasifundeni ndawonye okuhle. **5** UJobe
uthi, 'Kangilacala, kodwa uNkulunkulu kangahluleli
ngokulunga. **6** Loba mina ngiqondile, kuthiwa ngilamanga;
loba ngingelacala, umtshoko wakhe ungihlaba isilonda
esingelaphekiyo.' **7** UJobe kanti ungumuntu bani, onatha
ukuklolodela njengamanzi? **8** Uzwanana labantu abenza
ububi; uhambisana labantu ababi. **9** Ngoba uthi, 'Umuntu
kakumsizi ngalutho ukuzama ukuthokozisa uNkulunkulu.'
10 Ngakho lalelani kimi lina madoda azwisisayo. Kakube
khatshana laye uNkulunkulu ukwenza ububi, khatshana
kukaSomandla ukona. **11** Uyamphindisela umuntu
ngalokho akwenzileyo; umehlisela lokho okufanele
ukuziphatha kwakhe. **12** Kakungeni engqondweni
ukuthi uNkulunkulu angenza ububi, ukuthi uSomandla
angakutshila ukwahlulela ngokulunga. **13** Ngubani
owambekayo phezu komhlaba na? Ngubani owathi
kalawule umhlaba wonke na? **14** Aluba wayengathanda
asuse umoya wakhe lokuphefumula, **15** bonke abantu

babengatshabalala kanyekanye, umuntu wayezabuyela othulini. **16** Nxa lilokuzwisisa, zwanini lokhu; lalelani lokhu engikutshoyo. **17** Kambe lowo ozonda ukwahlulela ngokulunga angabusa na? Liyamlahla yini Yena oqotho njalo olamandla? **18** Kayisuye yini othi emakhosini, 'Kalisizi lutho,' athi kwabayizikhulu, 'Libabi,' **19** ongatshengisi ukwazisa amakhosana kulabanye loba athande abanothileyo kulabayanga, ngoba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla zakhe? **20** Bayafa nje masinyane, loba phakathi kobusuku; abantu bayanyikinywa bedlule; abalamandla bayasuswa kungelasandla somuntu. **21** Amehlo akhe aphezu kwezindlela zabantu; ubona zonke izinyathelo zabo. **22** Akulandawo emnyama loba ithunzi elisithileyo, lapho abenzi bobubi abangacatsha khona. **23** UNkulunkulu kasweli ukuthi aphinde abahlolisise abantu, ukuze abalethe ekwahlulelweni phambi kwakhe. **24** Engaqalanga wahlola uyabaphahlaza abalamandla abeke abanye endaweni yabo. **25** Ngoba ezinanzelela izenzo zabo, uyabagenqula ebusuku bahlifizeke. **26** Uyabajezisa ngenxa yobubi babo kube segcekeni emuntwini wonke, **27** ngoba baphambuka ekumlandeleni abaze banaka layiphi indlela yakhe. **28** Benza ukukhala kwabayanga kweza phambi kwakhe, laye wakuzwa ukukhala kwabasweleyo. **29** Kodwa nxa elokhu ezithulele, ngubani ongamsola na? Angafihla ubuso bakhe ngubani ongambona na? Kanti uphezu komuntu lesizwe ngokufanayo, **30** ukwalela ongamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ukuthi abuse, ukuze angafakeli abantu izifu. **31** Akesithi umuntu athi kuNkulunkulu, 'Ngilecala kodwa kangisayikona

njalo. **32** Ngifundisa lokho engingakuboniyo; nxa
ngenze okubi, kangisayikuphinda ngikwenze.' **33** Pho
uNkulunkulu akuvuze ngokwentando yakho na, wena
usala ukuphenduka? Kumele ukhethe wena, hatshi
mina; ngakho ngitshela lokho okwaziyo. **34** Amadoda
alokuqedisisa azakutsho, amadoda ahlakaniphileyo
abangizwayo ngisithi kini, **35** 'UJobe ukhuluma
engelalwazi; amazwi akhe kawalambono.' **36** Oh, uJobe
angasake alingwe ngokweqileyo ngoba uphendule
njengomuntu omubi! **37** Phezu kwesono sakhe
wengeza ukuhlamuka; uyakloloda ngokuqakeza izandla
zakhe phakathi kwethu andise amazwi akhe aphikisa
uNkulunkulu."

35 U-Elihu wasesithi: **2** "Ukhumbula ukuthi lokhu
kulungile yini? Uthi, 'Ngizagezwa nguNkulunkulu.' **3**
Kodwa uyambuza uthi, 'Kungisiza ngani lokhu na,
njalo ngizuzani ngokungenzi isono?' **4** Ngithanda
ukukuphendula kanye labangane bakho abalapha. **5**
Ake ukhangele emazulwini ubone; khangela amayezi
aphakeme kangaka ngaphezu kwakho. **6** Ungaze wenze
isono, lokho kumthinta ngani na? Nxa izono zakho
zizinengi, kwenzani lokho kuye na? **7** Nxa ulungile,
kuyini omnika khona wena na, kumbe yena wamukelani
esandleni sakho? **8** Ububi bakho bulimaza kuphela umuntu
onjengawe, lokulunga kwakho kuthinta amadodana
abantu kuphela. **9** Abantu bayakhala ngomthwalo
wokuncindezelwa; bacela ukuphunyuzwa ezingalweni
zalabo abalamandla. **10** Kodwa kakho othi, 'Ungaphi
uNkulunkulu uMenzi wami na, opha amahubo ebusuku,

11 osifundisayo thina kulezinyamazana zalapha emhlabeni
asenze sihlakaniphe kulezinyoni zasemoyeni?' **12**
Kaphenduli nxa abantu bebiza ngenxa yokuziphakamisa
kwababi. **13** Ngempela uNkulunkulu kakulaleli ukuncenga
kwabo kwamanga; uSomandla kayilaleli into enjalo. **14**
Kuzakuba njani pho, angakulalela nxa usithi kawumboni,
usithi indaba yakho iphambi kwakhe ngakho kuzamele
ulinde yena, **15** njalo futhi, ukuthi ulaka lwakhe kalujezisi
njalo akabunanzi lakancane ububi. **16** Yikho uJobe evula
umlomo wakhe ekhuluma ize; ngokuswela ulwazi wandisa
amazwi."

36 U-Elihu waqhubeka esithi: **2** "Ake lingibekezelele
okwesikhatshana ukuze ngilitshengise ukuthi kunengi
okumele kutshiwo ngobuhle bukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngiluzuza
kude ulwazi lwami; ngithi ukwahlulela okulungileyo
ngokukaMenzi wami. **4** Yiba leqiniso ukuthi amazwi ami
aqinisile; yena opheleleyo elwazini ulawe. **5** UNkulunkulu
ulamandla, kodwa keyisi muntu; ulamandla njalo katshedi
ezimisweni zakhe. **6** Ababi kabayekeli bephila kodwa
abahluphekayo uyabapha okubafaneleyo. **7** Kawasusi
amehlo akhe kwabalungileyo; ubakhweza esihlalweni
kanye lamakhosi abaphakamise nini lanini. **8** Kodwa nxa
abantu bebotshwe ngamaketane, bethiwe nko ngezibopho
zezinhlupheko, **9** uyabatshela lokho abakwenzileyo,
ukuthi benze isono ngokuziphakamisa. **10** Ubenza balalele
ukuqondiswa abalaye ukuthi baphenduke ebubini babo.
11 Nxa bemlalela bamkhonze, zonke insuku zabo eziseleyo
zizaphumelela, leminyaka yabo ibe ngeyokusuthiseka. **12**
Kodwa nxa bengalaleli, bazabhubha ngenkemba, bafe

bengelalwazi. **13** Abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu bagodle
ukusola enhliziyweni; loba angaze ababophe kabaceli
ukusizwa. **14** Bafa besesebatsha, bephakathi kweziphingi
ezingamadoda, ezihlala ezindaweni zokukhonzela. **15**
Kodwa labo abahluphekayo uyabakhulula ekuhluphekeni
kwabo; ukhuluma labo besezinkathazweni zabo. **16**
Uyakulimukisa ukuthi uphume emihlathini yosizi uye
endaweni ebanzi, ekhululekileyo njalo engelazibopho,
ebumnandini betafula yakho igcwele izidlo ezimnandi.
17 Kodwa manje usindwa yikwahlulelwa okulungele
ababi; ukuthonisiswa lokwahlulelwa ngokulunga yikho
osekukuduba. **18** Qaphela kungabikhona okulingayo
ngenotho; ungavumeli ukuthengwa ngemali kukususe
endleleni. **19** Kambe inotho yakho loba konke
ukutshikatshika kwakho kungakusekela ukuze ungangeni
osizini na? **20** Ungalangazeleli ubusuku, ukuze uyohudula
abantu ezindaweni zabo. **21** Qaphela ungangeni kokubi,
okukhanya ingathi uyakuthanda kulokuhlupheka. **22**
UNkulunkulu uphakeme ngamandla akhe. Ngubani
ongafundisa njengaye na? **23** Ngubani omisele izindlela
zakhe na, loba othe kuye, 'Usuwenze okungalunganga?'
24 Khumbula ukukhulisa umsebenzi wakhe, abantu
abawudumisileyo ngengoma. **25** Bonke abantu jikelele
bakubonile lokhu; abantu bakukhangela bemi khatshana.
26 Ubukhulu bukaNkulunkulu bungaphezulu kokuzwisisa
kwethu! Iminyaka yakhe ingezake yaziwe. **27** Uyawadonsa
amathonsi amanzi, aqulungane abe lizulu elingena
ezifuleni; **28** amayezi athulula amanzi awo kune izulu
elikhulu ebantwini. **29** Ngubani ongakuzwisisa ukuthi

uwendlala njani amayezi na, ukuthi ukhwaza njani esesiqongweni sakhe na? **30** Ake libone ukuthi uwuhlakaza njani umbane wakhe azizingelezele ngawo, abhukutshe ezinzikini zolwandle. **31** Yiyo indlela abusa ngayo izizwe aziphe ukudla okunengi. **32** Ugcwalisa izandla zakhe ngombane awukhombise lapho omele utshaye khona. **33** Ukuduma kwakhe kubika isiphepho esizayo; lenkomo ziyatshengisa ukuza kwaso."

37 "Konke lokhu kwenza inhliziyo yami itshaye ize itshede endaweni yayo. **2** Lalela! Lalela ukubhonga kwelizwi lakhe, ukuzamazama okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe. **3** Uyawukhulula umbane wakhe ngaphansi kwawo wonke amazulu awuthumele emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **4** Ngemva kwalokho kuza umdumo wokubhonga kwakhe; uduma ngelizwi lakhe lobukhosi. Nxa ilizwi lakhe seliqaqamba ulikhulula lonke angaligodli. **5** Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liduma ngezindlela ezimangalisayo; wenza izinto ezinkulu ngaphezu kokuzwisisa kwethu. **6** Utshela ungqwaqwane athi, 'Khithika phezu komhlaba,' lezulu athi kulo, 'Thululeka ube yisihlambo esikhulu.' **7** Ukuze kuthi bonke abantu abadalayo bakwazi ukusebenza kwakhe, uyamisa umuntu wonke emsebenzini wakhe. **8** Izinyamazana ziyacatsha; zihlale ezikhundleni zazo. **9** Isiphepho siyaphuma ekamelweni laso, umqando uphume entshongolweni esikayo. **10** Ukuphefumula kukaNkulunkulu kukhupha iliqhwa, amanzi aluwaca ajiye abe yilitshe. **11** Ugcwalisa amayezi ngamanzi; ahlakaze umbane wakhe ngawo. **12** Ngokuqondisa kwakhe ayaqhela embese umhlaba wonke ukuze enze

loba yini awalaya yona. **13** Uyawaletha amayezi ajezise ngawo abantu, loba ukuthelezela umhlaba wakhe ukuze atshengise uthando lwakhe. **14** Lalela lokhu, Jobe; akume ukhumbule izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu. **15** Uyakwazi na ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwalawula njani amayezi enze umbane wakhe ulavuke? **16** Uyakwazi na ukuthi amayezi emi njani elengile, leyomimangaliso yakhe yena lowo opheleleyo elwazini? **17** Wena oginqiswa yikutshisa kwezigqoko zakho nxa umhlaba uthule zwi kubetha umoya waseningizimu, **18** ungamncedisa yini ukwendlala isibhakabhaka, esilukhuni njengesibuko sensimbi yethusi? **19** Ake usitshele ukuthi pho sithini kuye; ngeke siyimise kuhle indaba yethu ngoba kumnyama nje lapha kithi. **20** Atshelwe kambe ukuthi ngifuna ukukhuluma? Ukhona umuntu ongacela ukuthi aginywe? **21** Phela kakho ongalikhangela ilanga, njengoba licazimula kangaka esibhakabhakeni nxa umoya uwaphephule wonke amayezi kwacethula. **22** Esuka enyakatho uqhamuka ngenkazimulo enjengegolide; uNkulunkulu uqhamuka ngobukhosi obesabekayo. **23** USomandla asingeke simfinyelele njalo uphakeme ulamandla; ekwahluleleni kwakhe okuhle lokulunga okukhulu kancindezeli. **24** Ngakho-ke abantu bayamhlonipha, ngoba kanti kabanaki yini bonke abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni?”

38 UThixo wasekhuluma loJobe ephakathi kwesiphepho. Wathi: **2** “Ngubani na lowo odunga amacebo ami ngamazwi okungazi? **3** Qina njengendoda; ngizakubuza, lawe uzangiphendula. **4** Wawungaphi lapho ngibeka izisekelo zomhlaba na? Ngitshela nxa uqedisisa. **5** Ngubani

owamisa izilinganiso zawo na? Phela angithi uyazi!
Ngubani owayidonsayo intambo yokulinganisa kuwo
na? **6** Izinsika zawo zamiswa phezu kwani na, loba
ngubani owamisa ilitshe lawo lekhoneni na **7** lapho
izinkanyezi zokusa zazihlabelela kanyekanye lezingilosi
zonke zamemeza ngentokozo? **8** Ngubani owavalela
ulwandle ngemva kwezivalo lapho selufohla esiswini
na, **9** lapho ngisenza amayezi aba yisembatho salo na
ngalugoqela ngomnyama omkhulu, **10** lapho ngalubekela
imikhawulo ngamisa iminyango yalo lemigoqo endaweni
yayo, **11** lapho engathi, 'Ungeza uze ufike lapha kodwa
ungedluli; kulapha amagagasi akho azigqajayo aphelela
khona?' **12** Sewake wabekela ikuseni umthetho na, loba
watshengisa ukusa indawo yakho **13** ukuba kuphakamise
umhlaba ngemiphetho kuthintithe ababi abakuwo? **14**
Umhlaba ubumbeka isimo njengebumba ufakwe uphawu;
imibala yawo ikhanye ithi bha njengelembu. **15** Ababi
bayacitshelwa ukukhanya, lengalo yabo ephakanyisiweyo
iyephulwa. **16** Sewake wahamba emithonjeni yolwandle
na loba wahamba ezingoxweni zenziki yalo na? **17**
Amasango okufa aseke abonakaliswa kuwe na? Usuke
wawabona amasango ethunzi lokufa na? **18** Ubuqedisisile
na ubukhulu bobubanzi bomhlaba? Ngitshela nxa ukwazi
konke lokhu. **19** Yiphi indlela eya ekhaya elihlala
ukukhanya na? Ubumnyama bona buhlala ngaphi? **20**
Ungakusa ezindaweni zakho na? Uyazazi izindlela eziya
emizini yazo na? **21** Ye uyakwazi, ngoba wawuvele
usuzelwe! Usuphile iminyaka yonke le! **22** Sewake
wangena eziphaleni zikangqwaqwane loba wabona

iziphala zesiqhotho na, **23** engizilindisele izikhathi zohlupho, insuku zempi lokuhlasela na? **24** Ingaphi indlela eya esigodlweni sokwaba umbane, loba indawo yokuhlakaza umoya wempumalanga phezu komhlaba na? **25** Ngubani ogubhe intshukuntshu yezihlambo zezulu, lendlela yomdumo wesiphepho; **26** ukuthelezela ilizwe elingahlali muntu, inkangala okungelamuntu kuyo, **27** ukusuthisa ilizwe elilugwadule kulenze lihlume utshani na? **28** Izulu elinayo liloyise na? Ngubani onguyise wamathonsi amazolo na? **29** Ngesikabani isisu esizala iliqhwa na? Ngubani ozala umtshazo ovela phezulu na **30** lapho amanzi abalukhuni njengelitshe, lapho iphezulu yolwandle ijiyile? **31** Ungasibopha na isiLimela lesi esihle? Ungazithukulula yini izintambo zeziNja? **32** Ungawuletha na uMthala ngesikhathi sawo loba ukhuphe inkanyezi ethiwa yiNgulube lemidlwane yayo? **33** Uyayazi imithetho yasezulwini na? Ungawakha yini umbuso kaNkulunkulu emhlabeni? **34** Ungawamemeza yini amayezi uthi akunethise ngesihlambo samanzi? **35** Uyakuthuma yini ukuphazima kombane? Uyabika kuwe yini uthi, ‘Ngilapha’? **36** Ngubani owapha inhliziyo ukuhlakanipha kumbe owapha ingqondo ukuzwisisa na? **37** Ngubani ololwazi lokubala amayezi na? Ngubani ongagenqula amaqhaga asezulwini na **38** nxa uthuli seluqina lamagade omhlabathi esebumbene? **39** Uyasizingelela na isilwanekazi ukudla kwaso, uyiqede indlala yezilwane **40** lapho zilele ezikhundleni zazo kumbe zicwathile ezixukwini? **41** Ngubani opha iwabayi ukudla lapho

amatsiyane alo ekhala kuNkulunkulu ezulazula ehayila ngendlala na?”

39 “Uyakwazi na ukuthi amagogo azala nini?
Uyawubukele yini nxa impalakazi izala izinyane layo?
2 Uyawuzibale yini izinyanga zize zizale? Uyasazi isikhathi ezizazala ngaso na? **3** Ziyalala phansi
zizale abantwana bazo; kube sekuphela ubuhlungu
bokuhelelwa kwazo. **4** Amazinyane azo ayaqina akhule
abe lamandla egangeni; ayasuka ahambe angabuyi. **5**
Ngubani owakhulula ubabhemi weganga na? Ngubani
owathukulula igoda lakhe na? **6** Ngamupha ugwadule
lwaba likhaya lakhe, lenkangala yetswayi ibe ngumango
wakhe. **7** Uyazincifela iziphithiphithi zedolobho; kakuzwa
ukukhahlanyezwa ngumtshayeli. **8** Uyazihambela abhode
izintaba emadlelweni akhe edinga loba yini eluhlaza.
9 Inyathi kambe izavuma ukukusebenzela na? Izahlala
esibayeni sakho ebusuku na? **10** Ungayibamba ngomchilo
ulime ngayo na? Ingazilima na izigodi zakho? **11**
Ungayithemba yini ngenxa yamandla ayo amakhulu na?
Ungawuyekelela yona umsebenzi wakho onzima na? **12**
Ungayithemba ukuthi izalayitsha amabele akho na iwase
esizeni? **13** Impiko zentshe zitshaya kakuhle, kodwa ngeke
zilinganiswe lempiko kanye lezinsiba zengabuzane. **14**
Ibekela amaqanda ayo emhlabathini iwayekele afudumale
etshebetshebeni, **15** inganakananga ukuthi unyawo
oluthile lungawahlifiza, ukuthi inyamazana yeganga ethile
ingawanyathela. **16** Amatsiyane ayo iyawakhahlameza,
kube sengathi akusi wayo; ingakhathali ukuthi ukubekela
kwayo kwaba yize, **17** ngoba uNkulunkulu kayiphanga

ukuhlakanipha loba ingqondo yokubona okufaneleyo.
18 Kodwa nxa isiselula impiko zayo ukuthi igijime,
iyalihleka ibhiza lomgadi walo. **19** Uyalipha na wena
ibhiza amandla kumbe ugqokise intamo yalo ngomhlonga
na? **20** Uyalenza leqe njengentethe na, lingethuse
ngokuhwabha kwalo kokuziqenya? **21** Liyaphanda
ngenkani, lithokoziswa ngamandla alo, lidlubulunde
lihlasela isitha. **22** Liyakuhleka ukwesaba, kalesabi lutho;
kaliyikhekhelezi inkemba. **23** Umxhaka wemitshoko
ukhehlezela emhlubulweni walo, ndawonye lomkhonto
obenyezelayo kanye lomdikadika. **24** Liyafuthelana
ngamadlabuzane ligijime limbe phansi; kakulivumeli
ukuma nxa icilongo selikhala. **25** Konela ukuthi likhale
icilongo lihwabhe lithi, 'Aha!' Lihle lilizwe iphunga
lempi isesekhatshana, ukukhwaza kwezinduna lomkhosi
wempi. **26** Ukhozi luphatshiswa yikuhlakanipha kwakho
na lwelule impiko zalo ziqonde eningizimu? **27** Ukhozi
luntweza ngokutshelwa nguwe yini kanye lokwakhela
isidleke salo esiqongweni? **28** Luhlala eliweni, lulale
khona ebusuku; idwala elililiwa yilo inqaba yalo. **29**
Ludinga ukudla kwayo lusuka khona; amehlo alo akubona
ekude. **30** Amatsiyane alo azitika ngegazi, kuthi lapho
okulokubuleweyo khona lalo lukhona."

40 UThixo wathi kuJobe: **2** "Lowo ophikisana loSomandla
angamqondisa na? Yena lowo obeka uNkulunkulu
icala kamphendule!" **3** Ngakho uJobe wasephendula
uThixo wathi: **4** "Kakungilingananga, ngingakuphendula
njani na? Ngivala umlomo wami ngesandla sami.
5 Ngikhulumile kanye, kodwa kangilampendulo,

kabili, kodwa kangisayikukhuluma njalo.” **6** UThixo
wasekhuluma loJobe ephakathi kwesiphepho wathi: **7**
“Qina njengendoda; ngizakubuza, wena uzangiphendula.
8 Ungakusola na ukwahlulela kwami ngokulunga?
Ungangilahla ukuze uzigeze na? **9** Ulayo ingalo
enjengekaNkulunkulu na, njalo ilizwi lakho lingaduma
njengelakhe yini? **10** Nxa kunjalo zicecise ngobukhosi
langenkazimulo, uzembathise ngodumo lobukhosi. **11**
Khulula ukuvutha kolaka lwakho, khangela wonke umuntu
ozigqajayo umthobise, **12** khangela wonke umuntu
ozigqajayo umbeke phansi, ubacobodise ababi khonapho
abakhona. **13** Bambele bonke ndawonye othulini; goqela
ubuso babo engcwabeni. **14** Lapho-ke lami ngizavuma
kuwe ukuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa.
15 Khangela imvubu, engayidala kanye lawe njalo
edla utshani njengenkomo. **16** Ilamandla amangalisayo
okhalweni lwayo, amandla angaka emisipheni yesisu
sayo! **17** Umsila wayo uyazunguza njengomsedari;
imisipha yemilenze yayo yalukene. **18** Amathambo
ayo alezimbobo zethusi, lezitho zayo zinjengemiqwayi
yensimbi. **19** Iyingqala yezidalwa zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa
uMenzi wayo angayehlula ngenkemba yakhe. **20** Izintaba
zimlethela izithelo zazo, kuthi zonke izilo zeganga zidlalele
eduze. **21** Ilala ngaphansi kwezihlahla ezibukekayo,
isithekile phakathi kwemihlanga exhaphozini. **22**
Izihlahla ezinhle ziyayisitha ngemithunzi yazo; imidubu
okhunjini lomfula iyihonqolozele. **23** Nxa umfula uthwele
izikhukhula kayethuki; kayithi thiki lokuba iJodani
ithululela impophoma emlonyeni wayo. **24** Ukhona yini

ongayibamba ngamehlo, kumbe ayithiye ayibhoboze amakhala na?”

41 “Ungambamba na uLeviyathani ngewuka loba uhitshele ulimi lwakhe ngentambo na? **2** Ungawufaka umkhala yini emakhaleni akhe kumbe ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngewuka na? **3** Uzabe elokhu ekuncenga yini ukuthi umzwele? Uzakhuluma lawe ngamazwi apholileyo yini? **4** Uzakwenza isivumelwano lawe na ukuthi abe yisichaka sakho kokuphela? **5** Ungamenza abe yisifuyo sokudlalisa njengenyoni na kumbe umfake umkhungo adlaliswe ngamantombazana na? **6** Abathengi bazabhejelana ngentengo yakhe na? Bazakwahlukaniselana ngaye na abathengi? **7** Ungasibhoboza yini isikhumba sakhe ngenhlendla loba ikhanda lakhe ngemikhonto yokuciba inhlanzi? **8** Ungabeka isandla phezu kwakhe, uzahlala ukukhumbula ukutshukana kwenu ungaphindi futhi! **9** Ukucabanga ukuthi ungamehlula kuyize; ukumbona nje kodwa kuqeda amandla. **10** Kakho ongaba lesibindi sokuthi alwe laye. Pho ngubani ongamelana lami na? **11** Ngubani engilomlandu kuye othi kangihlawule na? Konke okukhona ngaphansi kwezulu ngokwami. **12** Kangisoze ngikhawule ukubabaza izitho zakhe, amandla akhe langesimo sakhe esihle. **13** Ngubani ongaxebula isikhumba sakhe na? Ngubani ongasondela kuye ngamatomu na? **14** Ngubani ongaqunga isibindi avule iminyango yomlomo wakhe, ogqagqelwe zingavula zamazinyo na? **15** Umhlane wakhe ulezinhlu zamahawu abophene silikici; **16** yilelo lithe mba kwelinye okuthi kakungeni moya phakathi kwawo. **17** Anamathelene ndawonye; abambene

okokuthi angeke ehlukaniswe. **18** Ukuthimula kwakhe
kukhupha inhlansi zomlilo; amehlo akhe anjengemisebe
yokusa. **19** Amalangabi omlilo alavuka emlonyeni
wakhe; inhlansi zomlilo ziqhatsha ziphuma khona. **20**
Intuthu ithunqa iphuma emakhaleni akhe kungathi
isuka embizeni ebilayo phezu komlilo wemihlanga. **21**
Ukuphefumula kwakhe kulumathisa amalahle, njalo
kulavuka amalangabi emlonyeni wakhe. **22** Amandla akhe
asentanyeni yakhe; okuphambi kwakhe kuhle kuphele
amandla. **23** Amavinqo enyama yakhe abambene nki;
aqine nko kawehlukaniseki. **24** Isifuba sakhe silukhuni
njengelitshe, siqine njengengaphansi kwembokodo. **25**
Uthi nxa ephakama kwesabe amaqhawe ngokwawo;
atshede ebalekela ukubhula komsila wakhe. **26** Inkemba
leyo emfikelayo kayenzi lutho, kumbe umkhonto, loba
umtshoko loba isijula. **27** Insimbi uyithatha njengotshani
lethusi kungathi luluthi olubolileyo. **28** Imitshoko
kayimenzi abaleke; lamatshe esavutha anjengomule kuye.
29 Induku kuye ingumuca wotshani; uyahleka esizwa
ukukhenceza komdikadika. **30** Ingaphansi yomzimba
wakhe injengendengezi ezibukhali, itshiya umzila odakeni
kungathi yisileyi esizunguzekayo. **31** Udunga inziki
zamanzi ayabuke njengembiza enkulu ibila, aluvube
ulwandle njengembiza yamagcobo. **32** Ngemva kwakhe
utshiya umzila okhazimulayo; umuntu angazathi ulwandle
luloboya obumhlophe. **33** Kakukho emhlabeni okulingana
laye, isidalwa esingesabiyo. **34** Ubakhangelela phansi
bonke abathi bazithembile; uyinkosi phezu kwabo bonke
abazigqajayo."

42 UJobe wasemphendula uThixo wathi: **2** “Ngiyazi
ukuthi ungazenza zonke izinto; kalikho icebo lakho
elingavinjwa. **3** Ubuzile wathi, ‘Ngubani lo ovala
iseluleko sami engelalwazi na?’ Ngeqiniso ngikhulumile
ngezinto ebengingazizwisisi, izinto ezimangalisayo
engingeke ngizazi. **4** Wena uthe, ‘Lalela manje, mina
ngizakhuluma; ngizakubuza, wena uzangiphendula.’
5 Indlebe zami zasezizwile ngawe kodwa manje
amehlo ami asekubonile. **6** Ngakho sengizeyisa,
sengiphenduka ngizilahla othulini lasemlotheni.” **7**
Kwathi uThixo esetshilo lezizinto kuJobe wathi ku-Elifazi
umThemani, “Ngikuzondele wena kanye labangane bakho
bobabili, ngoba kalikhulumanga ngami okulungileyo
njengenceku yami uJobe. **8** Ngakho manje thathani
inkunzi eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa liye
encekwini yami uJobe liyekwenza umnikelo wenu
wokutshiswa. Inceku yami uJobe izalikhulekela, mina
ngizawamukela umkhuleko wayo ngingaze ngalijezisa
okufanele ubuthutha benu. Kalikhulumanga ngami
okulungileyo njengenceku yami uJobe.” **9** Ngakho
u-Elifazi umThemani, uBhilidadi umShuhi loZofari
umNahama benza lokho abakutshelwa nguThixo; njalo
uThixo wawemukela umkhuleko kaJobe. **10** UJobe
esebakhulekele abangane bakhe, uThixo wamenza
waphumelela njalo wamupha okunengi okuphindwe
kabili kulokho ayelakho kuqala. **11** Bonke abafowabo
labodadewabo kanye lobani owayemazi ngaphambili weza
ukuzakudla laye endlini yakhe. Bamkhalela, bamzwela
ngakho konke ukuhlupheka uThixo ayemehlisele khona,

kwathi ngulowo lalowo wamupha ulutho lwesiliva kanye lesongo legolide. **12** UThixo wayibusisa impilo yokucina kaJobe ukwedlula eyokuqala. Waba lezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane, izinkulungwane eziyisithupha zamakamela, inkulungwane yezipani zenkabi labobabhemi abayinkulungwane. **13** Waphinda njalo waba lamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu. **14** Indodakazi yokuqala wayetha ibizo elithi Jemima, eyesibili yayinguKheziya, eyesithathu yaba nguKhereni-Haphutshi. **15** Kakuzange kube khona elizweni lonke abesifazane ababebahle njengamadodakazi kaJobe, njalo uyise wawabela ilifa kanye labanewabo. **16** Ngemva kwalokhu uJobe waphila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane; wababona abantwabakhe labantwababo kwaze kwaba yisizukulwane sesine. **17** UJobe wafa esemdala njalo eseluphele.

Amahubo

1 Ubusisiwe umuntu ongahambi ngezeluleko zababi;
ongemiyo endleleni yezoni; ongahlaliyo esihlalweni
sabaklolodayo. **2** Kodwa ukuthokoza kwakhe
kusemthethweni kaThixo, futhi unakana ngomthetho
wakhe imini lobusuku. **3** Unjengesihlahla esihlanyelwe
emifuleni yamanzi, esithela izithelo zaso ngesikhathi
saso, ohlamvu laso kalibuni. Konke akwenzayo
kuyaphumelela. **4** Ababi kabanjalo! Banjengamakhoba
aphetshulwa ngumoya. **5** Ngakho ababi kabayikuma
ekwahlulelweni, noma izoni enkundleni yabalungileyo. **6**
Ngoba uThixo uyayilinda indlela yabalungileyo, kodwa
indlela yababi iya ekubhujisweni.

2 Kungani izizwe zixokozela, labantu besakha amacebo
ngeze? **2** Amakhosi omhlaba ayahloma ajame
lababusi bahlangana ndawonye bemelana loThixo
njalo lalowo ogcotshiweyo wakhe besithi; **3**
“Kasiwaqamuleni amaketane abo, silahle izibopho
zabo.” **4** Yena osesihlalweni ezulwini uyahleka;
uThixo uyabahleka. **5** Abesebakhalimela ngolaka,
abathuthumelise ngentukuthelo yakhe, esithi, **6**
“Sengiyibekile eyami inkosi phezu kweZiyoni, intaba
yami engcwele.” **7** Ngizasimemezela isimiso sikaThixo:
Wathi kimi, “UyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguyihlo.
8 Cela kimi, ngizakwenza izizwe zibe yilifa lakho,
imikhawulo yomhlaba kube yinotho yakho. **9** Uzazibusa
ngentonga yobukhosi eyensimbi, uzazibhidliza zicubuzeke
njengebumba.” **10** Ngakho-ke lina makhosi, limukani,
liyaxwayiswa lina babusi bomhlaba. **11** Mkhonzeni

uThixo ngokumesaba, lithokozele umbuso wakhe ngokuthuthumela. 12 Ikhothameleni iNdodana, funa ithukuthele beselibhujiswa endleleni yenu, ngoba intukuthelo yakhe ingavutha ngesikhatshana. Babusisiwe bonke abaphephela kuye.

3 Ihubo likaDavida ebalekela indodana yakhe u-Abhisalomu. Oh Thixo banengi kangaka abayizitha zami! Banengi kangaka abangihlaselayo! 2 Abanengi bathi ngami, "UNkulunkulu kayikumhlenga." 3 Kodwa wena uyisihlangu sokungivikela, Oh, Thixo, inkazimulo yami, uphakamisa ikhanda lami. 4 Ngikhala kakhulu kuThixo uyangiphendula esentabeni yakhe engcwele. 5 Ngilala phansi ngijumeke; ngibuye ngiphaphame, ngoba uThixo uyangilondoloza. 6 Angiyikubesaba abangamatshumitshumi ezinkulungwane abangihlaselayo inxa zonke. 7 Phakama, awu Thixo Ngisindise, Oh Nkulunkulu wami. Zibethe zonke izitha zami emhlathini; akhumule amazinyo ababi. 8 KuThixo kuvela insindiso. Sengathi isibusiso Sakho singaba sebantwini Bakho.

4 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngeziginci. Ihubo likaDavida. Ngiphendula lapho ngikubiza, Oh Nkulunkulu wami olungileyo. Ake ungiphumuze ekuhlulukelweni engikukho; woba lomusa kimi njalo uzwe umkhuleko wami. 2 Koze kube nini, we bantu, koze kube nini inkazimulo yami liyenza ihlazo? Koze kube nini lithanda inkohliso njalo lidinga onkulunkulu bamanga? 3 Yazini ukuthi uThixo usezehlukanisele labo abathembekileyo, njalo uThixo uyezwa nxa ngikhala kuye. 4 Ekuthukutheleni kwenu lingoni; nxa

lisemibhedeni yenu hlolani inhliziyo zenu, lithule.
5 Nikelani imihlatshelo eqondileyo, limethembe
uThixo. **6** Abanengi bayabuza bathi, “Kuvele ngubani
ongasitshengisa ukulunga na?” Sengathi ukukhanya
kobuso bakho kungakhazimula phezu kwethu, Oh
Thixo. **7** Uyigcwalisile inhliziyo yami ngentokozo enkulu
eyedlula ubunengi bamabele abo lewayini labo elitsha. **8**
Ngizalala phansi ngijunywe yibuthongo ngilokuthula,
ngoba wena wedwa, Oh Thixo, uhlezi ungilondolozile.

5 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kwabemifece. Ihubo
likaDavida. Zwana amazwi ami, Oh Thixo, hawukela
ukububula kwami. **2** Lalela ukukhala kwami ngidinga
uncedo, Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami, ngoba ngikhuleka
kuwe. **3** Ekuseni, Oh Thixo, uyalizwa ilizwi lami;
ekuseni ngibeka izicelo zami phambi kwakho ngilinde
ngithembile. **4** Kawusuye uNkulunkulu othokoza ngobubi;
ababi ngeke bahlale lawe. **5** Iziqholo ngeke zime
phambi kwakho; uyabazonda bonke abenza okubi. **6**
Uyababhubhisa labo abaqamba amanga; abomele igazi
labakhohlisayo uThixo uyabenyanya. **7** Kodwa mina,
ngomusa wakho omkhulu, ngizangena endlini yakho;
ngizakhothamela phansi ngokuhlonipha ngikhangele
ethempelini lakho elingcwele. **8** Ngikhokhele, Oh Thixo,
ngokulunga kwakho; ngenxa yezitha zami yenza iqonde
indlela yakho phambi kwami. **9** Kalikho lalinye ilizwi
lomlomo wabo elithembekileyo; inhliziyo yabo igcwele
ukubhidliza. Umphimbo wabo ulingcwaba elikhamisileyo;
ngolimi lwabo bakhuluma inkohliso. **10** Tshono uthi
balecala, Oh Nkulunkulu! Akuthi amacebo abo abe

yikuwa kwabo. Baxotshele khatshana ngenxa yezono zabo ezinengi, ngoba bakuhlamukele wena. **11** Kodwa akuthi bonke abaphephela kuwe bathokoze; kabahlabelele njalonjalo ngenjabulo. Basibekele ngovikelo lwakho, kuthi labo abalithandayo ibizo lakho bajabule ngawe. **12** Ngoba ngempela, Oh Thixo, uyababusisa abalungileyo; uyabazungeza ngomusa wakho njengesihlangu.

6 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngeleziginci. Kulandelwa isheminithi. Ihubo likaDavida. Oh Thixo ungangikhalimeli ngolaka lwakho njalo ungangitshayi uthukuthele. **2** Woba lomusa kimi, Thixo, ngoba ngiphela amandla; Oh Thixo, ngisilisa, ngoba amathambo ami alobuhlungu. **3** Umoya wami udabukile. Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo, koze kube nini? **4** Phenduka, Oh Thixo, ungikhulule; ngihlenga ngenxa yothando lwakho olungehlulekiyo. **5** Kakho okukhumbulayo nxa esefile. Ngubani okukhonzayo esengcwabeni lakhe? **(Sheol h7585)** **6** Ngikhathele ngokububula; ubusuku bonke umbheda wami uba manzi te ngikhala umendlalo wami ngiwugcwalise ngezinyembezi. **7** Amehlo ami ayafiphala ngenxa yosizi; ayanqundeka ngenxa yazo zonke izitha zami. **8** Xekani kimi lina lonke elenza okubi, ngoba uThixo usekuzwile ukulila kwami. **9** UThixo usekuzwile ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa; UThixo uyawamukela umkhuleko wami. **10** Zonke izitha zami zizayangeka zidaniswe; zizatshibilika zibuyele emuva masinyane sezilehlazo.

7 Ishigayoni kaDavida ayihlabelela uThixo mayelana loKhushi umBhenjamini. Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, ngiphephela kuwe; ngisindisa ungikhulule kubo bonke

abangizingelayo, **2** ngoba bazanginithiza njengesilwane
bangiklebule iziqanyana kungekho ongangilamulela. **3**
Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami, nxa ngikwenzile lokhu
izandla zami zilecala, **4** nxa ngenze okubi kulowo
ohlalisene kuhle lami loba ngisuke ngaphanga isitha
sami kungelasizatho, **5** nxa kunjalo akuthi isitha sami
singihlasele; masigxobagxobele impilo yami emhlabathini
singibhuqabhuqele phansi ebhuqwini. **6** Vuka, Oh Thixo,
ngolaka lwakho; vuka uvimbele ukuthukuthela kwezitha
zami. Vuka, Nkulunkulu wami, memezela ukwahlulela
okuhle. **7** Akuthi abantu bebuthene bakuhanqe busa phezu
kwabo usekuphakameni. **8** UThixo kahlulele bonke abantu.
Ngahlulele, Oh Thixo ngokwanele ukulunga kwami,
ngokwanele ubuqotho bami, wena oPhezukonke. **9** Oh
Nkulunkulu olungileyo, ohlolisisa imicabango lezinhliziyo,
qeda udlakela lwababi ukuze abalungileyo bavikeleke. **10**
Isihlangu sami nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, osindisa
abaqotho ngenhliziyo. **11** UNkulunkulu ngumahluleli
olungileyo, uNkulunkulu obonisa ulaka lwakhe insuku
zonke. **12** Nxa umuntu engadeli ububi bakhe uzalola
inkemba yakhe; uzaligoba alithiye idandili lakhe. **13**
Usezilungisile izikhali zakhe ezibulalayo; uselungisa
imitshoko yakhe evutha umlilo. **14** Lowo osuthiswe
ngobubi akhulelwe yikona uzala ukuphumputheka. **15**
Lowo omba umgodi awuphande uwela kulowomgodi
awumbileyo. **16** Inkathazo ayidalileyo iyamphendukela;
lesihluku sakhe sehlela phezu kwekhanda lakhe.
17 Ngizambonga uThixo ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe;
ngizahlabelela indumiso egameni likaThixo oPhezukonke.

8 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yegithithi. Ihubo
likaDavida. Oh Thixo, Thixo wethu, ibizo lakho libabazeka
kangaka emhlabeni wonke! Uyibekile inkazimulo yakho
ngaphezulu emazulwini. **2** Ukumisile ukudunyiswa
yizindebe zabantwana lensane ngenxa yezitha zakho,
ukuze uthulise isitha lomphindiseli. **3** Nxa nginakana
ngamazulu akho, umsebenzi weminwe yakho, inyanga
lezinkanyezi ozibeke endaweni yazo, **4** uyini umuntu
osungaze uzihluphe ngaye na, indodana yomuntu ukuba
uyinanze? **5** Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosi,
wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosi. **6** Wamenza
umbusi phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho; wabeka
zonke izinto ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe: **7** yonke
imihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo lezinyamazana zeganga,
8 izinyoni zasemkhathini lenhlanzi zolwandle, konke
okuntsheza emanzini olwandle. **9** Oh Thixo, Thixo wethu,
ibizo lakho libabazeka kangaka emhlabeni wonke!

9 Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Ihlatshelwa njengengoma
ethi "Ukufa kweNdodana." Ihubo likaDavida.
Ngizakudumisa, Oh Thixo, ngenhliziyo yami yonke;
ngizafakaza ngazozonke izimangaliso zakho. **2**
Ngizathokoza ngijabule ngawe, ngizahlabelela indumiso
egameni lakho, wena oPhezukonke. **3** Izitha zami
ziyafulathela zibaleke; ziyakhubeka zitshabalale phambi
kwakho. **4** Ngoba ulisekele ilungelo lami; usuhlalile
esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi wahlulela kakuhle. **5**
Uzikhuzile izizwe, wababhubhisa ababi; wawesula
amabizo abo kuze kube nini lanini. **6** Ukubhidlika
okungapheliyo kusehlele isitha sami, wawasiphuna

amadolobho aso; lokukhunjulwa kwaso sekuphele nya. **7** UThixo uyabusa kuze kube nininini; usesimisile isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi ukuze ahlulele. **8** Uzabusa umhlaba ngokulunga njalo uzakwahlulela abantu ngokufaneleyo. **9** UThixo uyisiphephelo sabancindezelweyo, uyinqaba ezikhathini zokuhlupheka. **10** Labo abalaziyo ibizo lakho bazathemba kuwe, ngoba wena, Thixo, kawubafulatheli abakudingayo. **11** Hlabelelani indumiso kuThixo esebukhosini eZiyoni; fakazani phakathi kwezizwe ngalokho akwenzileyo. **12** Ngoba yena ophindiselayo kulowo ochitha igazi uyakhumbula; akakudeli ukukhala kwabahlukuluzwayo. **13** Oh Thixo, ake ubone ukuthi izitha zami zingichukuluza njani! Yiba lesihawu ungenyule emasangweni okufa, **14** ukuze ngifakaze indumiso yakho emasangweni eNdodakazi yaseZiyoni kuthi khonale ngithokoze ngokusindisa kwakho. **15** Izizwe ziwele emgodini eziwumbileyo; inyawo zazo zibanjwe emambuleni eziwathiyileyo. **16** UThixo waziwa ngokwahlulela kwakhe okulungileyo; ababi babanjwa yizenzo zezandla zabo. **17** Ababi babuyela engcwabeni, zonke izizwe ezikhohlwa uNkulunkulu. **(Sheol h7585)** **18** Kodwa abaswelayo kabayikukhohlakala kokuphela, njalo lethemba labahlukuluzwayo kaliyikutshabalala. **19** Vuka Thixo, ungayekeli umuntu anqobe; akuthi izizwe zahlulelwe phambi kwakho. **20** Batshayise ngovalo, Oh Thixo; akuthi izizwe zikwazi ukuthi zingabantu nje.

10 Kungani, Oh Thixo, umela khatshana? Kungani uzifihla ngezikhathi zokuhlupheka? **2** Ngobuqholo bakhe umuntu omubi uzingela ababuthakathaka, abayengeka

ngamacebo awakhayo. **3** Uzikhukhumeza ngezinkanuko
zenhliziyo yakhe; ubusisa abayizihwaba athuke uThixo. **4**
Ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwakhe omubi kamdingi uThixo;
kuyo yonke imicabango yakhe akulandawo kaNkulunkulu.
5 Izindlela zakhe ziyaphumelela; uyadelela njalo
lemithetho yakho ikhatshana laye aneme lapho ebona
izitha zakhe. **6** Uthi, "Akulalutho olungangixukuxa;
ukuthokoza ngokwami lanini, angiyikufa ngahlupheka."
7 Umlomo wakhe ugcwele amanga lenhlamba lezithuko;
ulimi lwakhe luqukethe uhlupho lobubi. **8** Ucathama
ngaphandle kwemizi; avumbuluke lapho abulale
abantu abamsulwa, ahlale ecatheme ekusithekeni. **9**
Uyacathama njengesilwane ekusithekeni; ucathamela labo
abangelamandla; uyabadumela abahudulele emambuleni
akhe. **10** Ababambileyo uyabachoboza baphangalale;
uyabawisa ngamandla akhe. **11** Uzitshela athi,
"UNkulunkulu usekhohliwe; uyabugubuzela ubuso
bakhe angabe esabona." **12** Vuka, Thixo! Phakamisa
isandla sakho, Oh Nkulunkulu. Ungabakhohlwa
abazihluphekelayo. **13** Kungani umuntu omubi
ethuka uNkulunkulu na? Kungani na ezitshela esithi,
"Kazukungithonisisa?" **14** Kodwa wena, Oh Nkulunkulu,
uyalubona uhlupho losizi; uyakunanzelela ukuze
ulamule. Ongelamandla uzilahla kuwe; wena ungumsizi
wezintandane. **15** Yephula ingalo yomuntu oxhwalileyo;
mthonisise ngokuganga kwakhe obekuzahlala kungaziwa.
16 UThixo ungumbusi kuze kube nini lanini; izizwe
zizabhubha elizweni lakhe. **17** Uyazizwa, Oh Thixo, izifiso
zabancindezelweyo; uyabaqinisa, ulalele ukukhala kwabo,

18 ulamulele izintandane labancindezelweyo, ukuze kuthi
umuntu, ongowasemhlabeni, angabe esesabeka futhi.

11 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Mina
ngiphephela kuThixo. Pho ungatsho kanjani kimi
ukuthi: “Balekela entabeni yakho njengenyoni. 2
Ngoba, khangela, ababi sebewanwebile amadandili
abo; imitshoko yabo sebeyixhume ezintanjeni ukuthi
batshoke becatshile emathunzini beciba labo abaqotho
ezinhliziyweni. 3 Kambe nxa kubhidlizwa izisekelo,
kuyini abangakwenza abalungileyo na?” 4 UThixo
usethempelini lakhe elingcwele; uThixo usesihlalweni
sakhe sobukhosi basezulwini. Uyawakhangela amadodana
abantu; amehlo akhe ayabahlola. 5 UThixo uyabahlola
abalungileyo, kodwa ababi lalabo abathanda udlakela
uyabazonda ngomoya wakhe wonke. 6 Ababi uzabehlisela
amalahle avuthayo lesalufa etshisayo; umoya otshisayo
uzabahaqaza. 7 Ngoba uThixo ulungile, uthanda
ukwahlulela okuhle; abaqotho bazabubona ubuso bakhe.

12 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yesheminithi.
Ihubo likaDavida. Siza Thixo, ngoba kabasekho
abakholwayo; abathembekileyo sebenyamalele kabasekho
ebantwini. 2 Bonke baqamba amanga kubomakhelwane
babo; izindebe zabo eziyengayo zihlezi zikhuluma
inkohliso esezinhliziyweni zabo. 3 Sengathi uThixo
angaziquma zonke izindebe ezikhohlisayo kanye
laluphi ulimi oluzikhukhumezayo 4 oluthi, “Sizanqoba
ngendimi zethu; izindebe zethu zizasilwela ngubani
oyinkosi yethu na?” 5 “Ngenxa yokuncindezelwa
kwabayanga lokububula kwabaswelayo, sengizavuka

khathesi," kutsho uThixo. "Ngizabavikela kulabo ababachukuluzayo." **6** Njalo amazwi kaThixo amsulwa, njengesiliva esicengwe esithandweni somlilo esebumba, njengegolide elihlanjululwe kasikhombisa. **7** Oh Thixo, uzahlala usiphephisile njalo usivikele ebantwini ababi nini lanini. **8** Ababi bayaklamasa santando nxa bebona izinto ezilihlazo zidunyiswa ngabantu.

13 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo? Uzangikhohlwa lanininini na? Koze kube nini ungifihlela ubuso bakho na? **2** Koze kube nini ngitshukumisana lemicabango yami, inhliziyo yami ihlale idabukile insuku zonke na? Koze kube nini isitha sami sitshakala phezu kwami? **3** Ngizwela ungiphendule, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami. Khanyisela amehlo ami funa ngihle ngilale kokuphela; **4** isitha sami sizakuthi, "Sengimehlule," labangizondayo bathokoze nxa ngisiwa. **5** Kodwa ngiyalwethemba uthando lwabo olungapheliyo; inhliziyo yami iyathokoza ngensindiso yakho. **6** Ngizahlabelela kuThixo, ngoba ungenzele ukulunga.

14 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KaDavida. Isiwula sithi enhliziyweni yaso, "AkulaNkulunkulu." Baxhwalile, izenzo zabo zibolile; kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle. **2** UThixo ukhangela phansi esezulwini emadodaneni abantu ingabe bakhona yini abazwisisayo, abamdingayo uNkulunkulu. **3** Bonke baphambukile, bonke sebexhwalile; kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle, kakho lamunye. **4** Kanti lezizixhwali kaziyikufa zafunda yini? Zona ezidla abantu bami ingathi zidla isinkwa, ezingamkhonziyo uThixo. **5** Kodwa yibo

abagubhazeliswa luvalo ngoba uNkulunkulu ukhona phakathi kwabalungileyo. **6** Lina benzi bobubi lifubisa amalungiselelo abayanga, kodwa uThixo uyisiphephelo sabo. **7** Awu, sengathi insindiso ka-Israyeli ingaqhamuka eZiyoni! Nxa uThixo esebuyisela impumelelo yabantu bakhe, kathokoze uJakhobe lo-Israyeli ajabule!

15 Ihubo likaDavida. Thixo, ngubani ongahlala endlini yakho engcwele na? Ngubani ongahlala entabeni yakho engcwele na? **2** Ngulowo okuhamba kwakhe kungelansolo njalo owenza okulungileyo, okhuluma iqiniso liphuma enhliziyweni yakhe, **3** ongachothoziyo ngolimi lwakhe, ongoneli umakhelwane wakhe futhi ongagconi umzalwane wakhe, **4** oweyisa umuntu oxhwalileyo kodwa ohlonipha labo abesaba uThixo, ogcina isifungo sakhe loba kubuhlungu ukwenzenjalo, **5** owebolekisa imali yakhe engadingi inzuzo njalo owalayo ukuthengwa ukuze kwetheswe umlandu kongelacala. Lowo owenza lezizinto akayikuzanyazanyiswa lanini.

16 Imikithamu kaDavida. Ngilondoloza, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngoba ngiphephela kuwe. **2** Ngathi kuThixo, "UnguThixo wami; ngaphandle kwakho angilakho okuhle." **3** Labo abangcwele abakhona elizweni bangabakhazimulayo engithokoza ngabo. **4** Labo abagijimela abanye onkulunkulu inhlupho zabo zizakwanda. Angiyi kuyithulula iminikelo yegazi kubonkulunkulu labo njalo amabizo abo kawayikuphuma kwezami izindebe. **5** Thixo, usungahlukanisele isabelo sami kanye lenkezo yami; konke okwami usukumise kuhle. **6** Imingcele yesabelo sami idabula ezindaweni ezibukekayo; ngeqiniso elami

ilifa liyathokozisa. 7 Ngizamdumisa uThixo, onguye
ongelulekayo; lasebusuku inhliziyo yami iyangiqondisa. 8
Ngikhangele kuThixo kokuphela. Njengoba esesandleni
sami sokunene angiyi kunyikinywa. 9 Ngakho-ke inhliziyo
yami iyathokoza lolimi lwami luyajabula; lomzimba wami
uzaphumula uvikelekile, 10 ngoba kawuzukungiyekela
ngize ngiye endaweni yabafileyo, njalo kawusoze wekele
othembekileyo wakho ezwe ukubola. (Sheol h7585) 11
Usungazisile indlela yempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngokuthaba
phambi kwakho, ngenjabulo engapheliyo kwesokunene
sakho.

17 Umkhuleko kaDavida. Zwana, Oh Thixo, ukuncenga
kwami okulungileyo; lalela ukukhala kwami. Zwana
umkhuleko wami, kawusuki ezindebeni ezikhohlisayo.
2 Ukugezwa kwami ecaleni kakuvele kuwe; sengathi
amehlo Akho angabona lokho okuqondileyo. 3
Udungulule inhliziyo yami wangihlola ebusuku
wangilinga, kawuyikufumana lutho olubi engiluhlelileyo;
sengizimisele ukuthi umlomo wami ungenzi sono. 4
Mayelana lezenzo zabantu, mina ngizazithiba ezindleleni
zobudlwangudlwangu ngelizwi lezindebe zakho. 5
Izinyathelo zami zalela ezindleleni zakho; inyawo zami
kazizange zitshelele. 6 Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu
ngoba uzangiphendula; ngilalela uzwe umkhuleko
wami. 7 Tshengisa ukumangalisa kothando lwakho
olukhulu, wena osindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene,
labo ababalekela kuwe ezitheni zabo. 8 Ngilondoloza
njengegugu lakho; ngifihla emthunzini wamaphiko
akho 9 kwababi abangihlaselayo, ezitheni zami ezimbi

ezingihanqileyo. **10** Bagcika inhliziyo zabo ezingelazwelo,
lemilomo yabo ikhuluma iqholoza. **11** Sebeze bangithola,
manje sebengihanqile bangiqhuzulele amehlo bafuna
ukungilahla phansi. **12** Banjengesilwane silambele loba
yini esingayidumela, njengesilwane esesabekayo siquthile
sicatshile. **13** Phakama, Oh Thixo, basukele, balahle
phansi; ngilamulela kwababi ngenkemba yakho. **14** Oh
Thixo, ngisindisa ngesandla sakho ebantwini abanjalo,
ebantwini bakulumhlaba omvuzo wabo ukuyonale impilo.
Udedisa iphango lalabo obathandayo; amadodana abo
akhomba ngophakathi; baqoqela abantwababo inotho. **15**
Mina-ke ngenxa yokulunga ngizabubona ubuso bakho;
ngizakuthi ekuvukeni kwami nganeliswe yikubona isimo
sakho.

18 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida inceku kaThixo
Wahlabelela uJehova amazwi alelihubo lapho uJehova
wamsindisa esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lasesandleni
sikaSawuli. Wathi: Ngiyakuthanda, Oh Thixo, Mandla ami.
2 UThixo ulidwala lami, inqaba yami, lomsindisi wami;
uNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lami, lapho engiphephela
khona, isihlangu sami lophondo lokusindiswa kwami,
inqaba yami. **3** Ngakhuleka kuThixo ofanele ukudunyiswa
njalo ngikhululwe ezitheni zami. **4** Izibopho zokufa
zangihilela; lezikhukhula zokubhubhisa zangikhulela.
5 Izibopho zengcwaba zangithandela; imijibila yokufa
yangijamela. **(Sheol h7585)** **6** Ekukhathazekeni kwami
ngakhuleka kuThixo; ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami
ngicela usizo. Walizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe;
ukukhala kwami kwafinyelela kuye, ezindlebeni zakhe. **7**

Umhlaba wagedezela wazamazama, izisekelo zezintaba zanyikinyeka; zagedezela ngoba wayethukuthele. **8** Intuthu yalanquka emakhaleni Akhe umlilo ohangulayo waphuma emlonyeni wakhe, amalahle avuthayo alavuka ephuma kuwo. **9** Waqhekeza amazulu wehlela phansi; amayezi amnyama ayengaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe **10** Wagada amakherubhi waphapha; wantweza phezu kwamaphiko omoya. **11** Wenza umnyama isembeso sakhe, isigubuzelo esimhanqileyo, amayezi ezulu amnyama asemkhathini. **12** Phakathi kokukhazimula kobukhona bakhe kwaqubuka amayezi, kulesiqhotho lezikhatha zombane. **13** UThixo wakhwaza esezulwini; ilizwi loPhezukonke lanqenqetha. **14** Waciba imitshoko wazihlakaza izitha, ngembane eminengi waziqothula. **15** Izigodi zolwandle zambulwa lezisekelo zomhlaba zavezwa obala ekukhuzeni kwakho Thixo, ngomfutho wokuphefumula kwamakhala akho. **16** Welula isandla Sakhe esezulwini wangibamba wangihlenga enzikini yamanzi. **17** Wangihlenga esitheni sami esilamandla, ezitheni zami ezazingigabhela ngamandla. **18** Zangijamela mhla ngisebunzimeni, kodwa uThixo waba yinsika yami. **19** Wangikhupha wangibeka endaweni ebanzi wangihlenga ngoba wayethokoza ngami. **20** UThixo ungenzele okulingene ukulunga kwami; wanginika umvuzo ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwezandla zami. **21** Ngoba ngizigcinile izindlela zikaThixo; angenzanga okubi ngokufulathela uNkulunkulu wami. **22** Yonke imithetho yakhe ibiphambi kwami; angizifulathelanga izimiso zakhe. **23** Ngibe ngilokhu ngimsulwa phambi

kwakhe njalo ngisixwayile isono. **24** UThixo unginike umvuzo ngokufanele ukulunga kwami, ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwezandla zami phambi Kwakhe. **25** Kwabathembekileyo lawe uthembekile, kwabamsulwa lawe umsulwa. **26** Kwabahlanzekileyo uziveza uhlanzekile kodwa kwabangaqondanga uziveza ukhaliphile. **27** Uyabasindisa abathobekileyo; kodwa uyabehlisela phansi labo abamehlo asesiphundu. **28** Wena, Oh Thixo, gcina isibane sami sibhebha; uNkulunkulu wami uguqula umnyama wami ube yikukhanya. **29** Ngosizo lwakho ngingaphuma ngimelane lebutho lempi; ngoNkulunkulu wami ngingaweqa umduli. **30** Izindlela zikaNkulunkulu uqobo lwakhe ziphelele; ilizwi likaThixo kalilasici. Ulihawu labo bonke abaphephela kuye. **31** Ngoba ngubani uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaThixo? Njalo ngubani oliDwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu na? **32** NguNkulunkulu ongihlomisa amandla enze indlela yami iphelele. **33** Wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala; ungenza ngime ezingqongweni **34** Ufundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi; izingalo zami zingaligobisa idandili lethusi. **35** Wena uyanginika isihlangu sakho sokunqoba, lesandla sakho sokunene siyangiqinisa; uyazehlisela phansi ukuze ungenze ngibe mkhulu. **36** Uqhelisa indlela enginyathela kuyo, ukuze inqagala zami zingapheci. **37** Ngaxotshana lezitha zami ngazifica; kangiphendukanga ngingakazibhubhisi zonke. **38** Ngazichoboza, zazingeke zisavuka; zawela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zami **39** Wangihlomisa ngamandla okulwa impi; wenza abaxabana lami bakhothama ezinyaweni zami. **40** Wenza izitha

zami zafulathela zabaleka, njalo ngazibhubhisa izitha zami. **41** Bakhala becela uncedo, kodwa wayengekho owayengabalamulela kuThixo, kodwa kaphendulanga. **42** Ngabatshaya bacholeka njengothuli luphetshulwa ngumoya; ngabathulula njengodaka ezindleleni. **43** Ungikhulule ekuhlaselweni yilababantu; usungenze ngaba yinhloko yezizwe; abantu engangingabazi sebebuswa yimi. **44** Bathi bengizwa nje ngendaba, bangilalele; abezizweni bayatshotshobala phambi kwami. **45** Bonke badelile; beza bethuthumela bevela ezinqabeni zabo. **46** Uthixo uyaphila! Alidunyiswe iDwala lami! Kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami! **47** UnguNkulunkulu ongiphindiselelayo, onqoba izizwe zibe ngaphansi kwami, **48** ongisindisayo ezitheni zami. Wena wangikhuphula ngaphezu kwezitha zami; wangihlenga ebantwini bodlakela. **49** Ngakho ngizakudumisa phakathi kwezizwe, Oh Thixo; ngizahlabelela indumiso yebizo lakho. **50** Upha inkosi yakhe ukunqoba okukhulu; utshengisa umusa wakhe ongaphuthiyo kogcotshiweyo wakhe, kuDavida kanye lezizukulwane zakhe kuze kube nininini.

19 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Amazulu afakaza inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu; lomkhathi utshumayela umsebenzi wezandla zakhe. **2** Usuku ngosuku lezizinto ziyakhuluma; ubusuku lobusuku zibonisa ulwazi. **3** Akula nkulumo, akula mazwi ilizwi lazo alizwakali. **4** Kodwa Ilizwi lazo lizwakala emhlabeni wonke, amazwi azo afika emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Emazulwini uNkulunkulu uselakhele ithente ilanga. **5** Lona linjengomyeni ephuma exhibeni lakhe,

njengentshantshu ethakazelela ukugijima ibanga layo. **6** Liphuma emkhawulweni wamazulu lihambe indlela yalo liyotshona ngakuloyana; kakukho okusithekileyo ekutshiseni kwalo. **7** Umthetho kaThixo uphelele uvuselela umphefumulo. Izimiso zikaThixo zithembekile, zihlakaniphisa izithutha. **8** Iziqondiso zikaThixo zilungile, ziletha ukuthokoza enhliziyweni. Imilayo kaThixo isobala, iletha ukukhanya emehlweni. **9** Ukumesaba uThixo kuhlanzekile, kumi kuze kube phakade. Izahlulelo zikaThixo ziqinisekile njalo zilungile ngokupheleleyo. **10** Ziligugu okudlula igolide, okudlula igolide elinengi elicengekileyo; zimnandi kuloluju, uluju olujuluka ohlangeni. **11** Ngazo inceku yakho iyacetshiswa; ukuzilandela kulomvuzo omkhulu. **12** Ngubani ongazizwisisa iziphambeko zakhe? Thethelela iziphambeko zami ezisithekileyo. **13** Phephisa inceku yakho ezonweni zamabomo; sengathi zingeze zabusa phezu kwami. Lapho ngizakuba msulwa ngingabi lacala lokona okukhulu. **14** Sengathi amazwi omlomo wami leminakano yenhliziyo yami kungathokozisa emehlweni akho, Oh Thixo, Dwala lami loMhlengi wami.

20 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Sengathi uThixo angakuphendula nxa usenkathazweni; sengathi ibizo likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe lingakuvikela. **2** Sengathi angakuthumela usizo luvela endlini engcwele njalo akunike ukuhlomulela kuvela eZiyoni. **3** Sengathi angakhumbula yonke imihlatshelo yakho njalo emukele iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa. **4** Sengathi angakupha isifiso senhliziyo yakho enze izimiso zakho zonke ziphumelele. **5**

Sizamemeza ngokujabula lapho usunqobile, siphakamise uphawu lwethu egameni likaNkulunkulu wethu. Sengathi uThixo angakupha zonke izicelo zakho. **6** Manje sengisazi ukuthi uThixo uyamhlenga ogcotshiweyo wakhe; uyamphendula esezulwini lakhe elingcwele ngamandla Akhe asindisayo awesandla Sakhe sokunene. **7** Abanye bathemba izinqola zempi, abanye amabhiza, kodwa thina sithemba ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **8** Bafuqelwa phansi bawe, kodwa thina siyaphakama sime sigxile. **9** Oh Thixo, sindisa inkosi! Sabela lapho simemeza!

21 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Yebo Thixo umbusi uyathokoza ngamandla akho. Kukhulu ukuthokoza kwakhe ngokunqoba akuphiwa nguwe! **2** Usumphile isiloyiso senhliziyo yakhe njalo kawumncitshanga isicelo sezindebe zakhe. **3** Wamemukela ngezibusiso ezinhle wamethesa umqhele wegolide elicengekileyo ekhanda lakhe. **4** Wacela kuwe ukusila, wamupha ubude bezinsuku kuze kube nini lanini. **5** Ngokunqoba akuphiwe nguwe lukhulu udumo lwakhe; usumgqizise inkazimulo lobukhosi. **6** Ngempela usumuphe izibusiso ezingapheliyo wamenza wajabula ngentokozo yobukhona Bakho. **7** Ngoba umbusi uyamthemba uThixo; ngothando loPhezukonke olungaphuthiyo akayikuzanyazanyiswa. **8** Isandla Sakho sizazibamba zonke izitha Zakho; isandla Sakho sokunene sizabaxhakalaza abakuzondayo. **9** Kuzakuthi lapho uqhamuka wena uzabenza babe njengomlilo wemvutho enkulu. Ngenxa yentukuthelo yakhe uThixo uzabaginya, umlilo wakhe uzabaqothula. **10** Wena uzabhubhisa

izizukulwane zabo emhlabeni, inzalo yabo ebantwini. **11** Loba beceba okubi Ngawe besakha amaqhinga amabi, abangeke baphumelele; **12** ngoba uzabenza bafulathele babaleke nxa usubakhombela usulinwebile idandili. **13** Phakanyiswa, Oh Thixo ngamandla Akho; sizahlabela sibabaze amandla Akho.

22 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kulandela itshuni ethi, "Impalakazi yekuSeni." Ihubo likaDavida. Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, kungani usungidelile na? Kungani ukhatshana kokungisindisa, khatshana kwamazwi okububula kwami? **2** Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyakhala emini, kodwa kawuphenduli; ebusuku, kangithulanga. **3** Kanti usesihlalweni sobukhosi uNguye oNgcwele uyindumiso ka-Israyeli. **4** Obaba babeka ithemba labo Kuwe; bona bathemba wena wabakhulula. **5** Bakhala kuwe bakhululwa; bathemba kuwe kabaze badaniswa. **6** Kodwa ngiyimpethu nje kangisumuntu, ngihozwa ngabantu njalo abanengi bangeyise. **7** Bonke abangibonayo bayangihleka; bayangithethisa baze banyikinye amakhanda: **8** "Uthemba uThixo lowo Thixo kamkhulule. Kamsindise njengoba ethokoza ngaye." **9** Kanti wena wangikhupha esiswini; wangenza ngakuthemba kusukela ebeleni likamama. **10** Kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ngabekwa ezandleni Zakho; kusukela esiswini sikamama ulokhu unguNkulunkulu wami. **11** Ungabi khatshana kwami, ngoba uhlupho luseduze njalo kakho ongangisiza. **12** Inkunzi ezinengi zingihanqile; inkunzi ezilamandla zaseBhashani zingihonqolozele. **13** Izilwane ezibhongayo

ezibamba zidabudabule zingikhamisela imilomo yazo.
14 Ngiyathululeka njengamanzi, njalo amathambo ami
wonke akhumukile. Inhliziyo yami isiphenduke yaba
yingcino; isincibilikile ngaphakathi kwami. **15** Amandla
ami asetshile qhu ingathi ludengezi, lolimi lwami
luyanamathela elwangeni lwami; uyangilalisa othulini
lokufa. **16** Izinja sezingihanqile; ixuku labantu ababi
selingihonqolozele, sebengigwaze izandla lezinyawo.
17 Ngingawabala wonke amathambo ami; abantu
bayanginyonkoloza bangiklolodele. **18** Behlukaniselana
izembatho zami njalo benze inkatho ngezigqoko zami.
19 Kodwa wena, Thixo, ungabi kude lami. Ungamandla
ami, woza masinyane uzongisiza. **20** Phephisa impilo
yami enkembeni, impilo yami eligugu emandleni azo
izinja. **21** Ngilamulela emlonyeni wezilwane; ngisindisa
empondweni zezinyathi. **22** Ngizamemezela ibizo Lakho
kubafowethu; emphakathini ngizakudumisa. **23** Lina
elimesabayo uThixo, mdumiseni! Lani lina zizukulwane
zikaJakhobe, mbabazeni! Mhlonipheni, lina lonke
zizukulwane zika-Israyeli! **24** Ngoba keyisanga loba adelele
ukuhlupheka kwalowo ohlukuluzwayo; kamfihlelanga
ubuso bakhe kodwa walalela ukukhala kwakhe ecela
ukusizwa. **25** Sivela kuwe isithathelo sokudumisa kwami
emhlanganweni omkhulu; ngizagcwalisa izifungo zami
phambi kwalabo abakwesabayo. **26** Abayanga bazakudla
basuthe labo abamdingayo uThixo bazamdumisa sengathi
inhliziyo zenu zingaphila nini lanini! **27** Yonke imikhawulo
yomhlaba izakhumbula iphendukele kuThixo, njalo
lezimuli zonke zezizwe zizakhothama phansi phambi

kwakhe, **28** ngoba umbuso ungokaThixo njalo uyabusa phezu kwezizwe. **29** Zonke izinothi zomhlaba zizazitika ngokudla njalo zikhonze; bonke abangena othulini bazaguqa phambi Kwakhe labo abangeke baziphilise. **30** Abesikhathi esizayo bazamkhonza; izizukulwane zizakwaziswa ngoThixo. **31** Bazatshumayela ukulunga kwakhe, ebantwini abangakazalwa ngoba ukwenzile Yena.

23 Ihubo likaDavida. UThixo ungumelusi wami, angiyikuswela lutho. **2** Ungilalisa emadlelweni aluhlaza, ungikhokhelela emanzini apholileyo, **3** uvuselela umphefumulo wami. Uyangihola ezindleleni zokulunga ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **4** Loba ngidabula esigodini sethunzi lokufa, angiyikwesaba okubi ngoba wena ulami; intonga Yakho lodondolo Lwakho kuyangiduduza. **5** Ulungisa itafula phambi kwami emehlweni ezitha zami. Ugcoba ikhanda lami ngamafutha; inkomitsho yami igcwele iyaphuphuma. **6** Impela okuhle lothando kuzangilandela zonke insuku zokuphila kwami, njalo ngizahlala endlini kaThixo kuze kube nininini.

24 Ihubo likaDavida. Umhlaba ngokaThixo, lakho konke okukuwo, ilizwe labo bonke abahlala kulo; **2** ngoba wenza isisekelo sawo phezu kolwandle wawumisa phezu kwamanzi. **3** Ngubani ongaqansa intaba kaThixo na? Ngubani ongema endaweni yakhe engcwele na? **4** Ngulowo olezandla ezihlanzekileyo lenhliziyo emhlophe, ongaphakamiseli umphefumulo wakhe kunkulunkulu wamanga loba afunge ngenkohliso. **5** Uzakwamukela isibusiso kuThixo lokukhululwa

kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wakhe. **6** Sinjalo isizukulwane salabo abamdingayo, abadinga ubuso Bakho, Oh Nkulunkulu kaJakhobe. **7** Phakamisani amakhanda enu, lina masango; phakamani, lina minyango yekadeni, ukuba iNkosi yenkazimulo ingene. **8** Ngubani iNkosi yenkazimulo? NguThixo oqinileyo olamandla, uThixo olamandla empini. **9** Phakamisani amakhanda enu, lina masango; aphakamiseni, lina minyango yekadeni, ukuba iNkosi yenkazimulo ingene. **10** Ungubani na lowo Thixo wenkazimulo? NguThixo uSomandla iNkosi yenkazimulo.

25 ElikaDavida. Kuwe, Thixo, ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami. **2** Ngethemba kuwe, ungangiyekeli ngiyangeka, futhi ungayekeli izitha zami zinginqobe. **3** Kakukho bani othemba lakhe likuwe ozayangiswa lanini, kodwa bazayangiswa abadinga ukulimaza kungelasizatho. **4** Ngibonisa izindlela Zakho, Oh Thixo, ngifundisa izindlela Zakho; **5** ngikhokhela eqinisweni Lakho ungifundise ngoba unguNkulunkulu, uMsindisi wami, lethemba lami likuwe insuku zonke. **6** Khumbula, Oh Thixo, isihawu Sakho esikhulu kanye lothando, ngoba konke kuvela ekadeni. **7** Ungakhumbuli izono zobutsha bami lezindlela zokuhlamuka kwami; ngikhumbula ngokufanele uthando Lwakho, ngoba ulungile, Oh Thixo. **8** UThixo ulungile, uqotho; ngakho weluleka izoni ngezindlela zakhe. **9** Uhola abathobekileyo kulokho okuqondileyo abafundise indlela yakhe. **10** Zonke izindlela zikaThixo zilothando, ziyathembeka kulabo abagcina izimiso zesivumelwano Sakhe. **11** Ngenxa yegama Lakho, Oh Thixo, thethelela ububi bami, loba

bubukhulu. **12** Ngubani-ke umuntu omesabayo uThixo?
Uzameluleka ngaleyondlela ayimiselweyo. **13** Uzaphila
insuku zakhe ekhomba ngophakathi, lezizukulwane
zakhe zizakudla ilifa lelizwe. **14** Bayathenjwa nguThixo
labo abamesabayo; ubenza basazi isivumelwano Sakhe.
15 Amehlo ami ahlezi ekuThixo lanini, ngoba nguye
kuphela ozakhumula inyawo zami esithiyweni. **16**
Phendukela kimi ube lobubele lami, ngoba ngilesizungu,
ngikhathazekile. **17** Inhlupheko zenhliziyo yami
sezandile; ngikhululula ekudabukeni kwami. **18** Khangela
ukukhathazeka kwami lokuhawula kwami, ususe zonke
izono zami. **19** Ake ubone ukuthi izitha zami sezande
kangakanani, lokuthi zingizonda kubi kanjani! **20** Linda
impilo yami ungihlenge; ungangiyekeli ngiyangeke,
ngoba ngizuza isiphephelo Kuwe. **21** Sengathi ubuqotho
lokuqonda kungangivikela, ngoba ngizuza isiphephelo
Kuwe. **22** Hlenga u-Israyeli, Oh Nkulunkulu, kuzozonke
inhlupheko zakhe.

26 ElikaDavida. Veza ukungabi lacala kwami, Thixo,
ngoba sengiphile impilo engelansolo; ngihlezi
ngimethemba uThixo ngingaxhamandi. **2** Ngilinga, Oh
Thixo, ungizame, hlola inhliziyo yami lengqondo yami; **3**
ngoba uthando Lwakho luhlezi luphambi kwami, njalo
kokuphela ngihamba eqinisweni Lakho. **4** Kangidlelani
labantu abakhohlisayo njalo kangiwelelani labazenzisi; **5**
ngiyawenyanya umbuthano wezigangi; njalo
ngiyala ukuhlala lezixhwali. **6** Ngigeza izandla zami
ngokungelacala, bese ngilizungeza i-alithari Lakho, Oh
Thixo, **7** ngimemezele ngamandla indumiso Yakho

ngibatshele bonke ngemisebenzi Yakho eyisimanga. **8** Ngiyayithanda indlu ohlala kuyo, Oh Thixo, indawo lapho inkazimulo Yakho ehlala khona. **9** Ungamukisi umphefumulo wami ndawonye lowezoni, impilo yami kanye lalabo abomele igazi, **10** ozandla zabo zilamacebo amabi, ozandla zabo zokunene zifumbethe izivalamlomo. **11** Kodwa mina ngiphila impilo engelasici; ngihlenga ube lesihawu kimi. **12** Inyawo zami zimi emhlabathini ochayileyo; ngizamdumisa uThixo emhlanganweni omkhulu.

27 ElikaDavida. UThixo uyikukhanya kwami lensindiso yami ngizakwesaba bani na? UThixo uyinqaba yokuphila kwami ngubani engingamesaba na? **2** Nxa ababi bengihlasela bezodlithiza inyama yami, lapho izitha zami labangizondayo bengihlasela, bazakhubeka bawe. **3** Loba impi ingivimbezela, inhliziyo yami kayizukwesaba; loba ngivukelwa yimpi, loba kunjalo ngizakuma isibindi. **4** Yinye into engiyicelayo kuThixo, yilokhu engikudingayo: ukuba ngihlale endlini kaThixo zonke insuku zokuphila kwami, ngibuke ubuhle bukaThixo, lokuthi ngimdinge ethempelini lakhe. **5** Phela ngosuku lokuhlupheka uzangilondoloza emzini wakhe, uzangifihla esiphephelweni sethabanikeli lakhe angimise phezulu kwedwala elisesiqongweni. **6** Lapho-ke ikhanda lami lizaphakanyiswa ngaphezu kwezitha ezingihanqileyo; ethabanikeleni lakhe ngizakwenza umhlatshelo ngimemeza ngentokozo; ngizahlabelela ingoma zendumiso kuThixo. **7** Zwana ilizwi lami lapho ngimemeza Oh Thixo; woba lomusa kimi

ungiphendule. **8** Ithi inhliziyo yami Ngawe, “Dinga ubuso bakhe!” Ubuso Bakho, Thixo ngizabudinga. **9** Ungangifihleli ubuso Bakho, ungayixotshi inceku yakho ngokuthukuthela; wena ubungumsizi wami. Ungangilahli loba ungidele, Oh Nkulunkulu, Msindisi wami. **10** Loba obaba lomama bengangidela, uThixo uzangemukela. **11** Ngifundisa indlela Yakho, Oh Thixo; ngihola endleleni eqondileyo ngenxa yabancindezeli bami. **12** Unganginikeli entandweni yabangizondayo, ngoba ofakazi bamanga bayangivukela bevutha ulaka. **13** Ngilokhu ngilesibindi ngalokhu: ngizakubona ukulunga kukaThixo emhlabeni wabaphilayo. **14** Lindela uThixo qina ume isibindi ulindele uThixo.

28 Ihubo likaDavida. Ngikhala Kuwe, Oh Thixo, Dwala lami; ungangivaleli indlebe Yakho. Phela nxa ulokhu uthule ngizakuba njengalabo asebengene egodini. **2** Zwana ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa, nxa ngikhala Kuwe ngicela usizo, nxa ngiphakamisela izandla zami eNdaweni Yakho eNgcwelengcwele. **3** Ungangihuduli ndawonye lababi, lalabo abenza ububi, abakhuluma kamnandi labomakhelwane kodwa begcine ububi ezinhliziyweni zabo. **4** Bajezisele izenzo zabo kanye lemisebenzi yabo emibi; bajezisele imisebenzi yezandla zabo, ubaphindisele ngokubafaneleyo. **5** Njengoba bengananzi imisebenzi kaThixo lalokho okwenziwe yizandla zakhe, uzababhidlizela phansi angaphindi ababumbe futhi. **6** Udumo kalube kuye uThixo, ngoba ukuzwile ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa. **7** UThixo ungamandla ami lesihlangu sami; inhliziyo

yami yethemba Kuye, ngiyancedwa. Inhliziyo yami iyaqolotsha ngentokozo njalo ngizambonga ngehubo. **8** UThixo ungamandla abantu bakhe, inqaba yensindiso yogcotshiweyo wakhe. **9** Sindisa abantu Bakho ubusise ilifa lakho; woba ngumelusi wabo ubathwale lanininini.

29 Ihubo likaDavida. Mupheni uThixo, lina ziphakanyiswa, mupheni uThixo ubukhosi lamandla. **2** Mupheni uThixo ubukhosi obufanele ibizo lakhe; mkhonzeni uThixo ekukhazimuleni kobungcwele bakhe. **3** Ilizwi likaThixo liyazulazula phezu kwamanzi; uNkulunkulu wenkazimulo uyandindiza, uThixo uyandindiza phezu kwamanzi amanengi. **4** Ilizwi likaThixo lilamandla; ilizwi likaThixo lilobukhosi. **5** Ilizwi likaThixo lephula imisedari; uThixo uyiqamula ibe yizicucu imisedari yaseLebhanoni. **6** Wenza iLebhanoni itshakale njengethole, iSiriyoni njengeguqa lenyathi. **7** Ilizwi likaThixo litshaya ngezikhatha zombane. **8** Ilizwi likaThixo liyayizamazamisa inkangala; uThixo uyayizamazamisa iNkangala yaseKhadeshi. **9** Ilizwi likaThixo liyayitshila imikusu likhwebule izihlahla amagusu asale eze. Njalo ethempelini lakhe bonke bazamemeza bathi, “Inkazimulo!” **10** UThixo uhlezi ebukhosini phezu kwesikhukhula; uThixo unguMbusi lanininini. **11** UThixo unika amandla ebantwini bakhe; uThixo ubusisa abantu bakhe ngokuthula.

30 Ihubo. Ingoma. Elokunikela ithempeli. ElikaDavida. Ngizakuphakamisa, Oh Thixo, ngoba wangenyula ekujuleni awaze wavumela izitha zami zijabule phezu kwami. **2** Awu Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami, ngacela Kuwe

uncedo wangisilisa. **3** Yebo Thixo wangenyula elibeni,
wangisiza ngaphepha ukungena egodini. **(Sheol h7585)**
4 Hlabelelani kuThixo lina bathembekileyo bakhe;
dumisani ibizo lakhe elingcwele. **5** Ngoba ukuthukuthela
Kwakhe ngokomzuzwana nje, kodwa umusa wakhe
ukhona okwempilo yonke; ukulila kungaqhubeka ubusuku
bonke, kodwa ukuthokoza kuyafika ekuseni. **6** Ngathi
lapho ngizizwa ngihlezi kuhle ngathi, "Kangisoze ngafa
ngahlukuluzeka." **7** Yebo Thixo, wathi lapho ungizwela
wenza intaba yami yagxila qho; kodwa kwathi lapho
usufihle ubuso Bakho ngaphelelwa lithemba. **8** Ngakhala
kuwe, Thixo; ngacela umusa eNkosini: **9** "Kulenzuzo
bani ngokubhujiswa kwami na, ngokutshona kwami
egodini? Kambe uthuli luzakudumisa na? Lona luzafakaza
na ngokuthembeka Kwakho? **10** Zwana, Oh Thixo, ube
lomusa kimi; woba lusizo lwami." **11** Waguqula ukububula
kwami kwaba ngumgido; wangihlubula izigqoko zamasaka
wangigqokisa ukuthokoza, **12** ukuze inhliziyo yami
ikuhlabelele ingathuli. Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami,
ngizakubonga nini lanini.

31 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Kuwe
Thixo, sengithole isiphephelo; mangingayangiswa
lanini; ngihlenga ngokulunga Kwakho. **2** Ngilalela,
woza ngokuphangisa ungihlenge; woba lidwala lami
lokuphephela, inqaba eqinileyo yokungisindisa. **3**
Njengoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami, ngikhokhela
ungihole ngenxa yegama Lakho. **4** Ngikhulula emjibileni
othiyelwe mina, ngoba uyisiphephelo sami. **5** Ezandleni
Zakho nginikela umphefumulo wami; ngihlenga, Oh

Thixo, Nkulunkulu weqiniso. **6** Ngiyabazonda labo
abanamathela izithombe eziyize; ngithemba kuThixo.
7 Ngizathokoza ngijabule othandweni Lwakho, ngoba
wakubona ukuhlupheka kwami wabazi ubuhlungu
bomphefumulo wami. **8** Kawungifuqelanga esitheni
kodwa ugxilise inyawo zami endaweni ebanzi. **9**
Woba lomusa kimi, Oh Thixo, ngoba ngiyahlupheka;
amehlo ami ayafiphala ngenxa yosizi, umphefumulo
wami lomzimba wami ngokudabuka. **10** Impilo yami
incitshiswa yikukhathazeka, leminyaka yami yikububula;
amandla ami ayadeda ngenxa yokuhlupheka kwami,
lamathambo ami aphela amandla. **11** Ngenxa yezitha zami,
sengiyinhlekisa enjani kubomakhelwane; sengiyinhlekisa
kubangane bami labo abangibonayo ezindleleni
bayangibalekela. **12** Sebekhohliwe ngami kungathi
sengafa; senginjengembiza yebumba ehlephukileyo. **13**
Ngoba ngizwa izingoma zabanengi; kulezisongo inxa
zonke; bakha amasu okungilimaza, njalo baceba ukuchitha
impilo yami. **14** Kodwa ngiyethemba Kuwe, Thixo; ngithi,
"UnguNkulunkulu wami." **15** Izikhathi zami zisezandleni
Zakho; ngisindisa ezitheni zami lakulabo abangizingelayo.
16 Ubuso Bakho mabukhazimulele encekwini Yakho;
ngisindisa ngothando Lwakho olungehlulekiyo. **17**
Mangingahlaziswa, Oh Thixo, ngoba sengikhalile
Kuwe; kodwa akuthi ababi bahlaziswe balale bathule
zwi ethuneni. **(Sheol h7585)** **18** Akuthi izindebe zabo
zamanga zithuliswe, ezikhuluma ngokuzigqaja lokweyisa
bakhuluma ngobuqholo ngabantu abalungileyo. **19**
Kukhulu kangakanani ukulunga Kwakho okugcinele labo

abakwesabayo, okunika obala abantu bebona kulabo abaphephela Kuwe. **20** Uyabafihla ekusithekeni kobukhona Bakho emaqingeni ababi uyabagcina bevikelwe emzini wakhe ezilimini ezichothozayo. **21** Udumo alube kuThixo ngoba watshengisa uthando lwakhe olumangalisayo kimi ngisedolobheni elihanqiweyo yimpi. **22** Ngiphakathi kokwethuka ngathi, "Sengisusiwe kangisabonakali Kuwe!" Kanti wakuzwa ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa, lapho ngangicela kuwe ukusizwa. **23** Mthandeni uThixo, lina bangcwele bakhe! UThixo uyabalondoloza abathembekileyo, kodwa abazigqajayo uyabaphindisela ngokugcweleyo. **24** Qinani lime isibindi, lonke lina elithemba uThixo.

32 Ihubo likaDavida. Ubusisiwe lowo oziphambeko zakhe zithethelelwe, ozono zakhe zisibekelwe. **2** Ubusisiwe lowo ongasoze abalelwe isono sakhe nguThixo, njalo ongelankohliso emoyeni wakhe. **3** Ngathi lapho ngithule, amathambo ami ababuthakathaka ngenxa yokububula kwami ilanga lonke. **4** Ngoba imini lobusuku isandla Sakho sasingelekile, singisinda; amandla ami aphela kwafana lesikhudumezi sehlobo. **5** Lapho-ke ngasengisivuma isono sami Kuwe angabe ngisasibekela ububi bami. Ngathi, "Ngizazivuma iziphambeko zami kuThixo," walithethelela icala lesono sami. **6** Ngakho akuthi wonke umuntu othembekileyo akhuleke kuwe usatholakala; ngeqiniso kuzakuthi lapho impophoma seziqubuka, kabayi kumfinyelela. **7** Uyindawo yami yokuphephela; uzangivikela enkathazweni ungizungeze ngezingoma zensindiso. **8** Ngizakutshengisa ngikufundise

indlela ofanele uhambe ngayo; ngizakweluleka ngikulinde. **9** Ungabi njengebhiza loba imbongolo, khona akulakuzwisisa kodwa kumele kukhokhelwa ngamatomu ukuze umuntu kumlalele. **10** Zinengi izikhalazo zababi, kodwa uthando lukaThixo olungaphuthiyo luyamzungeza umuntu othemba kuye. **11** Thokozani kuThixo, lithabe lina balungileyo; hlabelelani lonke lina eliqotho enhliziyweni!

33 Hlabelelani kuThixo ngentokozo, lina balungileyo; kubafanele abaqotho ukumdumisa. **2** Dumisani uThixo ngechacho; mhlabeleleni ngesiginci sezintambo ezilitshumi. **3** Mhlabeleleni ingoma entsha; tshayani kamnandi lihlokome ngentokozo. **4** Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo lilungile, liqinisile; uthembekile kukho konke akwenzayo. **5** UThixo uthanda ukulunga lokwahlulela okuqondileyo; umhlaba ugcwele uthando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo. **6** Ngelizwi likaThixo amazulu enziwa, ubunkanyankanya bezinkanyezi ngomoya womlomo wakhe. **7** Uyawaqoqa amanzi olwandle awathele enkonxeni; athululele inziki zolwandle eziphaleni. **8** Umhlaba wonke kawesabe uThixo; akuthi bonke abantu bomhlaba bazithobe phambi Kwakhe. **9** Ngoba wakhuluma, kwahle kwaba khona; wayala, kwema kwaqina nko. **10** UThixo uyawachitha amacebo ezizwe; uyazinyampisa izinhloso zabantu. **11** Kodwa amacebo kaThixo ami aqinile nini lanini, izinhloso zenhliziyo yakhe kuzozonke izizukulwane. **12** Sibusisekile isizwe uNkulunkulu waso onguThixo, abantu abakhethayo baba yilifa lakhe. **13** UThixo ukhangele phansi esezulwini ababone bonke abantu; **14** esemzini wakhe uyababona bonke abahlala emhlabeni **15** yena owenza inhliziyo zabo

bonke, enanzelela konke abakwenzayo. **16** Akulankosi
esizwa yibukhulu bebutho layo; akulaqhawe eliphunyuka
ngamandla alo amakhulu. **17** Yikuthemba ize ukuthi
ibhiza lingakusindisa; loba lona lilamandla amakhulu
ngeke lisindise. **18** Kodwa amehlo kaThixo akulabo
abamesabayo, kulabo othemba labo lisethandweni lwakhe
olungapheliyo, **19** ukubakhulula ekufeni baphiliswe lanxa
kulendlala. **20** Simlindele uThixo ngokwethemba; ulusizo
lwethu lesihlangu sethu. **21** Inhliziyo zethu zithokoza
Ngaye, ngoba sithembe ebizweni lakhe elingcwele.
22 Sengathi uthando Lwakho olungaphuthiyo, Thixo,
lungaba phezu kwethu njengalokhu sibeka ithemba lethu
kuwe.

34 ElikaDavida. Lapho azenza uhlanya ku-Abhimelekhi,
owamxotshayo wahamba. Ngizamphakamisa uThixo
ngezikhathi zonke; indumiso yakhe izahlala isezindebeni
zami. **2** Umphefumulo wami uzaziqhenya Thixo akuthi
abahluphekileyo bezwe bajabule. **3** Bongani uThixo kanye
lami; kasiphakamiseni ibizo lakhe sonke, ndawonye.
4 Ngamdinga uThixo wangiphendula; wangikhulula
kukho konke engangikwesaba. **5** Labo abakhangele
Kuye bayakhazimula; ubuso babo abungeke bembeswe
lihlazo. **6** Isihlupheki lesi samemeza, uThixo wasizwa;
wasisindisa kuzozonke inhlupheko zaso. **7** Ingilosi
kaThixo iyabazungeza labo abamesabayo, ibakhulule. **8**
Nambithani libone ukuthi uThixo ulungile; ubusisiwe
umuntu ophephela Kuye. **9** Mesabeni Uthixo, lina
bangcwele bakhe, ngoba labo abamesabayo kabasweli
lutho. **10** Izilwane zingaphela amandla zilambe, kodwa

labo abamdingayo uThixo kabasweli lutho oluhle.
11 Wozani, bantwabami, lalelani kimi; ngizalifundisa
ukumesaba uThixo. **12** Lowo othanda ukuphila abone
lezinsuku ezinhle kumele **13** anqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi
lezindebe zakhe ekukhulumeni inkohliso. **14** Tshiya ububi
wenze okulungileyo; funa ukuthula ukunxwanele. **15**
Amehlo kaThixo akhangele abalungileyo lezindlebe zakhe
ziyezwa ukukhala kwabo; **16** ubuso bukaThixo bumelana
lalabo abenza okubi, ukuba acitshe ukukhunjulwa
kwabo emhlabeni. **17** Abalungileyo bayakhala kuThixo
abezwe; uyabakhulula kuzozonke inhlupheko zabo.
18 UThixo useduze labo abalezinhliziyo ezephukileyo
asindise labo abadabukileyo emoyeni. **19** Umuntu
olungileyo angaba lezinhlupheko ezinengi, kodwa
uThixo uyamkhulula kuzozonke. **20** Uyawavikela wonke
amathambo akhe, kungephuki loba lalinye. **21** Ububi
buzambulala oyisixhwali; izitha zolungileyo zizalahlwa.
22 UThixo uyazihlenga izinceku zakhe; kakho ozalahlwa
ophephela kuye.

35 ElikaDavida. Xabana labo, Thixo abaxabana lami;
lwana labo abalwa lami. **2** Thatha isihlangu lewisa;
phakama uzongilamulela. **3** Phakamisa umkhonto
lesijula, ukuqondise kwabangihlaselayo. Ngitshela ukuthi,
“Ngiyikusindiswa kwakho.” **4** Sengathi labo abazingela
impilo yami bangayangiswa bathelwe ngehlazo; sengathi
labo abazama ukungidiliza bangabuyiselwa emuva
bedumazekile. **5** Sengathi bangaba njengamakhoba
emoyeni, ingilosi kaThixo ibe ibadudula ibaxotsha;
6 sengathi indlela yabo ingaba mnyama itshelele,

ingilosi kaThixo ibe ibahlezi ezithendeni. **7** Ngoba
bangithiya ngamambule abo ngingonanga lutho,
baphinda bangembela umgodi kungelasizatho, **8** sengathi
bangadilizwa belibele lawomambule abawathiyileyo
abahilele, sengathi bangawela kulowomgodi babhidlizwe.
9 Lapho-ke umoya wami uzathokoza kuThixo
ujabule ekusindiseni Kwakhe. **10** Mina qobo
lwami ngizamemeza ngithi, "Ngubani onjengawe,
Oh Thixo? Uyabakhulula abahluphekayo kulabo
abalamandla kulabo, abahluphekayo labaswelayo kulabo
ababantshontshelayo." **11** Ofakazi bolunya bayangivelela;
bangibuza ngezinto engingazaziyo. **12** Bangiphindisela
okuhle ngokubi umphefumulo wami usale usudabukile.
13 Ikanti kwathi bona begula ngembatha amasaka
ngazithoba ngazila ukudla. Kwathi lapho imikhuleko
yami ingaphendulwa **14** ngaba sesililweni kwangathi
ngililela umngane wami loba umfowethu. Ngakhothamisa
ikhanda lami ngokudabuka kwangathi ngililela
umama. **15** Kodwa ngathi sengikhubekile baqwebana
bokha insini; abahlaseli bangihlanganyela ngilibele.
Bangichothoza okungapheliyo. **16** Bakloloda ngomona
njengabangakholwayo; bangigedlela amazinyo abo.
17 Nkosi, uzakuma ubukele kuze kube nini na?
Yenyula impilo yami ekungilimazeni kwabo, impilo
yami eligugu kulezizilwane. **18** Ngizakubonga phakathi
komhlangano omkhulu; ngikudumise ngiphakathi
kwamaxuku abantu. **19** Ungabayekeli abayizitha zami
ngingabonelanga lutho, bantele phezu kwami. Ungayekeli
labo abangizondayo kungelasizatho, banginyonkoloze

ngomona. **20** Kabakhulumi okuqondileyo kodwa babumba
amacala amanga, ngalabo abaphila ngokuthula elizweni.
21 Bangikhamisela imilomo bathi, “Hiya belo! Sizibonele
ngawethu amehlo la.” **22** Oh Thixo, usukubonile lokhu;
ungathuli. Ungabi khatshana kwami, Oh Nkosi. **23**
Vuka, uphakame ungilamulele! Ngilwela, Nkulunkulu
Thixo wami. **24** Ngigeza ngokulunga Kwakho, Thixo,
Nkulunkulu wami; ungabayekeli bantele phezu kwami. **25**
Ungabayekeli bacabange bathi, “Ehe, yikho ebesikufuna!”
loba bathi, “Sesimginyile.” **26** Sengathi bonke
abantela ngokuhlupheka kwami bangathelwa ngehlazo
basanganiseke; sengathi bonke abazikhukhumezayo
phezu kwami bangembeswa ngokuyangeka langehlazo.
27 Sengathi labo abathokoza ngokugezwa kwami
bangahalalisa ngentokozo lenjabulo; sengathi bangatsho
kokuphela bathi, “Makaphakanyiswe uThixo othokoza
ngokuhlala kuhle kwenceku yakhe.” **28** Ulimi lwami
luzakhuluma ngokulunga Kwakho langendumiso Yakho
ilanga lonke.

36 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida inceku
kaThixo. Ngilenkinga enhliziyweni yami mayelana
lokuxhwala kwesigangi: Kakukho ukwesaba uNkulunkulu
engqondweni yaso. **2** Phela kweyaso ingqondo
siyazikhohlisa size sehluleke ukubona kumbe ukuzonda
isono saso. **3** Amazwi omlomo waso abolile
alenkohliso; kasiselakho ukuhlakanipha lokulunga. **4**
Kwala loba silele siceba ububi; sizinikela endleleni
yobubi njalo kasikulahli okubi. **5** Uthando Lwakho,
Thixo, lufika emazulwini, ukuthembeka Kwakho

esibhakabhakeni. **6** Ukulunga Kwakho kunjengezintaba
ezesabekayo, ukwahlulela kuhle Kwakho njengolwandle
olukhulu. Oh Thixo, uyamlondoloza umuntu kanye
lenyamazana. **7** Luligugu elinganani uthando Lwakho
olungaphuthiyo, Oh Nkulunkulu! Bonke abantu
bazuza isiphephelo emthunzini wamaphiko Akho. **8**
Bayazitika ngokudla okunengi endlini Yakho; ubapha
okunathwayo okwemfuleni wakho wokuthokoza. **9** Ngoba
kuwe kulomthombo wokuphila; kokwakho ukukhanya
sibona ukukhanya. **10** Qhubeka ngothando Lwakho
kulabo abakwaziyo, ukuluga Kwakho kwabaqotho
enhliziyweni. **11** Sengathi unyawo lwabazazisayo
lungehluleka ukunginyathela, loba ukuthi isandla sababi
singangixotshi. **12** Bonani-ke ukuthi izigangi sezithe daca
ziwiselwe phansi, kazisavuki futhi!

37 ElikaDavida. Ungazikhathazi ngabantu ababi loba
uhawukele labo abenza okungalunganga; **2** ngoba
bazabuna masinyane njengotshani, njengezimila
eziluhlaza bazakufa masinyane. **3** Themba kuThixo
wenze okulungileyo; hlala elizweni ukholise amadlelo
amahle. **4** Zithokozise kuThixo Yena uzakupha izifiso
zenhliziyo yakho. **5** Nikela indlela zakho kuThixo;
themba kuye, Yena uzakwenzela lokhu: **6** Uzakwenza
ukulunga kwakho kukhazimule njengentathakusa,
ubuqotho balokho okulwelayo njengelanga lemini enkulu.
7 Chuma phambi kukaThixo umlindele ngesineke;
ungakhathazeki nxa abantu bephumelela ngezindlela
zabo, nxa bephutshisa amaqhinga abo amabi. **8** Xwayana
lokuzonda njalo ufulathele intukuthelo; ungakhathazeki,

kukhokhelela ebubini kuphela. **9** Ngoba abantu ababi bazasuswa, kodwa labo abathemba uThixo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe. **10** Kuseyisikhatshana nje, ababi bazabe bengasekho; loba usubadinga kabasayikufunyanwa. **11** Kodwa abathobekileyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe njalo bakholise ukuthula okukhulu. **12** Ababi baceba ukulimaza abalungileyo babagedlele amazinyo; **13** kodwa iNkosi iyabahleka ababi, ngoba iyazi ukuthi usuku lwabo luyeza. **14** Ababi bakhokha inkemba, badonsa idandili ngenhloso yokulimaza abahluphekayo labaswelayo, lokubulala labo abahamba ngokulunga. **15** Kodwa izinkemba zabo zizagwaza ezabo inhliziyo, lamadandili abo azakwephulwa. **16** Kungcono ingcosana leyo abalayo abalungileyo kulenotho yababi abanengi; **17** ngoba amandla ababi azaqedwa, kodwa uThixo uyabaxhasa abalungileyo. **18** Insuku zabangelasici ziyaziwa nguThixo, ilifa labo lizakuma lanini. **19** Ngezikhathi zomonakalo abayikubuna; ngezikhathi zendlala bazasutha. **20** Kodwa ababi bazabhubha; izitha zikaThixo zinjengobuhle beganga, zizanyamalala, zinyamalale njengentuthu. **21** Ababi bayaboleka kodwa kababuyiseli, kodwa abalungileyo bayapha kakhulu; **22** labo uThixo ababusisayo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe; kodwa labo abathukayo bazasuswa. **23** Nxa uThixo ethokoziswa yikuhamba komuntu, uyaqinisa izinyathelo zakhe; **24** loba angakhubeka, kayikuwa, ngoba uThixo uyamsekela ngesandla sakhe. **25** Ngangimutsha, manje sengiluphele, kodwa angizange ngibone abalungileyo bedelwa loba abantwababo becela isinkwa. **26** Bayaphana kokuphela njalo bayebolekana

nje; abantwababo bazabusiswa. **27** Phendukani ebubini lenze ukulunga lapho-ke lizahlala elizweni nini lanini. **28** Ngoba uThixo uthanda abalungileyo njalo kayikubadela abathembekileyo bakhe. Bazavikelwa kuze kube nini lanini kodwa inzalo yababi izalahlwa; **29** abalungileyo bazazuza ilifa lelizwe bahlale kulo lanini. **30** Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ukhuluma ukuhlakanipha, lolimi lwakhe lukhuluma okuqondileyo. **31** Umthetho kaNkulunkulu wakhe usenhliziyweni yakhe; inyawo zakhe kazitsheleli. **32** Ababi bacathamela abalungileyo befuna impilo yabo qobo lwayo; **33** kodwa uThixo kayikubayekela bazenzele abakuthandayo kubo kumbe balahlwe licala nxa bethonisiswa. **34** Lindelani uThixo ligcine indlela yakhe. Uzaliphakamisa lilithathe ilifa lelizwe; lizakubona lokhu nxa ababi sebesusiwe. **35** Sengike ngabona umuntu omubi olesihluku kulokubhadala ehluma njengesihlahla, esikhula kuhle emhlabathini waso wemvelo, **36** kodwa waphanga wafa kabe esabakhona; ngathi loba sengimdinga ngamswela. **37** Nanzelela abangelecala, qaphela abaqotho. Likhona ikusasa kumuntu wokuthula. **38** Kodwa zonke izoni zizabhujiswa; ikusasa lezigangi lizasuswa. **39** Ukusindiswa kwabalungileyo kuvela kuThixo; uyinqaba yabo ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka. **40** UThixo uyabasiza abakhululе; abakhululе kwababi abasindise, ngoba baphephela kuye.

38 Ihubo likaDavida. Isikhalazo. Awu Thixo, ungangikhuzi ngolaka loba ungijezise uthukuthele. **2** Ngoba imitshoko yakho ingicibile, njalo wangibhansula kakhulu ngesandla sakho. **3** Ngenxa yokuthukuthela

kwakho kangiselakuphila emzimbeni wami; amathambo ami kawasaqinanga ngenxa yesono sami. **4** Ukona kwami sekungisinda njengomthwalo onzima ongathwalekiyo. **5** Izilonda zami sezilobovu sezisenyanyeka ngenxa yobuthutha bami besono. **6** Ngiyangiswe ngehliswa kakhulu; sengitshona ngilila ilanga lonke. **7** Ngiphethwe liqolo ngobuhlungu obuqumayo; umzimba wami kawuselampilo. **8** Sengibuthakathaka, sengicikizekile; ngiyabubula ngobuhlungu benhliziyo. **9** Zonke iziloyiso zami zisobala kuwe, Oh Thixo, ukububula kwami kakufihlekanga kuwe. **10** Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela, amandla ami ayaphela; lokukhanya sekufiphele emehlweni ami. **11** Abangane bami labakhula bami sebengibalekela ngenxa yamanxeba ami; omakhelwane bami sebehlalela khatshana **12** Labo abafuna impilo yami sebethiyile, labo abafuna ukungilimaza bakhuluma ngokungidiliza; ilanga lonke batshonela ukwakha amacebo enkohliso. **13** Sengifana lesacuthe esingezwayo, njengesimungulu esehluleka ukuvula umlomo waso; **14** senginjengomuntu ongezwayo, olomlomo ongaphenduliyo. **15** Ngikulindele, Oh Thixo, uzaphendula, Oh Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami. **16** Ngoba ngathi, “Ungabayekeli baklolode kumbe bazikhukhumeze phezu kwami nxa unyawo lwami lutshelela.” **17** Ngoba sengiseduze lokuwa, lobuhlungu bungiphethe njalonjalo. **18** Ngiyabuvuma ububi bami; ngiyakhathazeka ngesono sami. **19** Banengi labo abayizitha zami ezitshisekayo, labo abangizonda bengelasizatho banengi. **20** Labo abangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi bayangigcona lapho

ngisenza okulungileyo. **21** Oh Thixo, ungangideli; ungabi khatshana lami, Oh Nkulunkulu wami. **22** Woza masinyane uzongisiza, Nkosi yami loMsindisi wami.

39 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaJeduthuni. Ihubo likaDavida. Ngathi, "Ngizaziqaphela izindlela zami, ngiluthinte ulimi lwami esonweni; ngizawugcika umlomo wami nxa ababi bekhona phambi kwami." **2** Kodwa kwathi lapho ngithule ngithe zwi, ngingatsho lutho loba lungoluhle ubuhlungu benhliziyo yami bakhula. **3** Inhliziyo yami yavutha ngaphakathi kwami; kwathi lapho ngizuliswa yimicabango, umlilo wavutha; ngasengikhuluma ngolimi lwami: **4** "Ngitshengisa, Thixo, isiphetho sempilo yami lobunengi bezinsuku zami; ngazisa ukuthi impilo yami igijima kanganani. **5** Usuwenze insuku zami zaba lobubanzi besandla; ububanzi beminyaka yami kabusilutho kuwe. Impilo yabantu ingumoya kuphela, kanye lalabo abakhanya behlalisekile. **6** Umuntu uhambahamba njengesithunzi nje; uyatshikatshika, kodwa konke akwenzayo kuyize lodwa; ubuthelela inotho engazi ukuthi izakuba ngekabani. **7** Kodwa okwamanje, Thixo, ngisafunani kambe? Ithemba lami likuwe. **8** Ngisindisa kuzozonke iziphambeko zami; ungangenzi inhlekisa yezitha. **9** Ngathula; ngangingeke ngiwuvule umlomo wami, ngoba lokhu kwenziwe nguwe. **10** Susa uswazi lwakho kimi; sengikhulelwa yisidutshulo sesandla sakho. **11** Abantu uyabakhuza ubajezisele isono sabo; ucikiza inotho yabo njengenondo ngempela umuntu ngamunye ungumoya nje. **12** Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh Thixo, lalela isikhalazo sami

ngicela uncedo; ungabi ligcikandlebe nxa ngikhala. Phela
ngihlala lawe nginjengesihambi, ngiyisethekeli njengoba
okhokho bonke babenjalo. **13** Ake ukhangele eceleni
nje ukuze ngithokoze njalo, ngingakasuki lapha ngibe
ngongasekho."

40 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo.
Ngamlindela ngesineke uThixo; waphendukela ngakimi
wezwa ukukhala kwami. **2** Wangenyula emgodini
otshonayo, wangikhupha edakeni lexhaphozini; wamisa
inyawo zami edwaleni, wangipha indawo eqinileyo
yokuma. **3** Wangipha ingoma entsha emlonyeni wami,
ihubo lokudumisa kuNkulunkulu wethu. Abanengi
bazabona besabe babeke ithemba labo kuThixo. **4**
Ubusisiwe umuntu owenza uThixo abe lithemba
lakhe, ongathembi abazigqajayo, lalabo abaqambukela
kubonkulunkulu bamanga. **5** Zinengi, Thixo, Nkulunkulu
wami, izimangaliso ozenzileyo. Izinto owasilungiselela
zona kakho ongazibala kuwe; aluba bengingakhuluma
loba ngilandise ngazo, zingaba zinengi ngokweqileyo
ukuzibalisa. **6** Kawufisanga imihlatshelo leminikelo
kodwa indlebe zami uzikleklile; iminikelo yokutshiswa
leminikelo yesono kawuzange uyidinge. **7** Lapho-ke
ngasengisithi, "Ngilapha, sengifikile kulotshiwe ngami
emqulwini. **8** Ngiyakunxwanela ukwenza intando yakho,
Oh Nkulunkulu wami; umthetho wakho usenhliziyweni
yami." **9** Ngiyafakaza ngokulunga ngisemhlanganweni
omkhulu; angizivali izindebe zami, njengoba usazi, Oh
Thixo. **10** Ukulunga kwakho kangikufihli enhliziyweni
yami; ngikhuluma ngokuthembeka kwakho lokusindisa

kwakho. Kangilufihli uthando lwakho leqiniso lakho emhlanganweni omkhulu. **11** Ungasigodli isihawu sakho kimi, Oh Thixo; sengathi uthando lwakho leqiniso lakho kungahlala kungivikela. **12** Phela inhlupheko ezingelakubalwa zingihanqile; izono zami sezingificile, kangisaboni. Zinengi kulenwele zekhanda lami, njalo inhliziyo yami isiphela amandla. **13** Jabula, awu Thixo, ungisindise; awu Thixo, woza masinyane uzongisiza. **14** Sengathi bonke abafuna ukuqeda impilo yami bangayangiswa basanganiswe; sengathi bonke abafisa ukungidiliza bangabuyiselwa emuva beyangekile. **15** Sengathi bonke abathi kimi, "Ehe, Ehe!" banganengwa lihlazo labo. **16** Kodwa akuthi bonke abakudingayo bathokoze bajabule kuwe; akuthi labo abathanda insindiso yakho bahlale besithi, "UThixo kadunyiswe!" **17** Kodwa mina ngiyahlupheka, ngiyaswela; sengathi iNkosi ingangikhumbula. Ilusizo lwami lomkhululi wami; Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ungalibali.

41 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Ubusisiwe lowo onanza abahluphekayo; uThixo uyamkhulula ngezikhathi zokuhlupheka. **2** UThixo uzamvikela alondoloze impilo yakhe; uzambusisa phakathi kwelizwe akasoze amnikele emandleni ezitha zakhe. **3** UThixo uzamqinisa lanxa elele egula njalo amsilise avuke ekuguleni kwakhe. **4** Ngathi, "Oh Thixo ake ungihawukele; ngisilisa, ngoba ngonile kuwe." **5** Izitha zami ziyangigcona zithi, "Uzakufa nini licitshe ibizo lakhe?" **6** Nxa omunye wabo efika ezongibona, ukhuluma kuhle angikhohlise, kodwa enhliziyweni yakhe

egaya izibozi; athi angaphuma ahambe esekhihliza ebantwini. **7** Bonke abangizondayo banyenyezelana ngami; bangicabangela wonke amanyala besithi, **8** “Usengenwe ngumkhuhlane omubi; kasoze asile avuke futhi.” **9** Lomngane wami osekhwapheni, ebengimthembile, lowo obesidla lami isinkwa usengihlamukele. **10** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo ake ungihawukele; ake ungivuse ukuze ngibakhawulise. **11** Ngiyazi ukuthi uyathokoza ngami, ngoba isitha sami kasingehluli. **12** Ubuqotho bami busekelwa nguwe njalo ungimisa phambi kwakho nini lanini. **13** Udumo alube kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini.

42 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora. Njengempala inxwanela imifula yamanzi, kunjalo umphefumulo wami uyakunxwanela, Oh Nkulunkulu. **2** Umphefumulo wami womela uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ophilayo. Ngizahamba nini ngiyohlangana loNkulunkulu? **3** Inyembezi zami seziyikudla kwami imini lobusuku, lapho abantu besithi kimi ilanga lonke, “Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho?” **4** Lezizinto ngiyazikhumbula nxa ngizisola kakhulu ngidabukile: Ngangihamba endlini kaNkulunkulu, ngaphansi kwempiko zikaSomandla sihlokoma ngentokozo langokubonga lexuku elithakazelela umkhosi. **5** Kungani wephukile na, wena mphefumulo wami? Kungani udungekile kanje ngaphakathi kwami? Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezakumdumisa, uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu wami.

6 Umphefumulo wami wephukile ngaphakathi kwami;
ngakho ngizakukhumbula kusukela esifundeni seJodani,
iziqongo zaseHemoni, kusukela entabeni iMizari. **7** Inziki
imemeza inziki phakathi kwenhlokomo yezimpophoma
zakho; wonke amavinqo lokukhaphaka sekugabhela
phezu kwami. **8** Emini uThixo uyaluqondisa uthando
lwakhe ebusuku ingoma yakhe ikhona kimi umkhuleko
kuNkulunkulu wempilo yami. **9** Ngithi kuNkulunkulu
iDwala lami, "Kutheni usungikhohliwe na? Kutheni
sengizula ngingolilayo, ngincindezelwa yisitha na?" **10**
Amathambo ami ezwa ubuhlungu obungiqedayo lapho
izitha zami zingihoza, zisithi kimi ilanga lonke, "Ungaphi
uNkulunkulu wakho?" **11** Kungani wephukile na, wena
mphefumulo wami? Kungani udungekile kanje
ngaphakathi kwami? Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu,
ngoba ngisezakumdumisa, uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu
wami.

43 Ngigeza, awu Nkulunkulu, ungimele uphikise
isizwe esingathembekanga; ngikhulula ebantwini
ababi abalenkohliso. **2** UnguNkulunkulu inqaba
yami. Usungilahlelani na? Kungani sengizula ngilila
ngincindezelwa yisitha sami na? **3** Thumela
ukukhanya kwakho leqiniso lakho, kakungikhokhele;
kakungilethe entabeni yakho engcwele, endaweni
lapho ohlala khona. **4** Lapho-ke ngizakuya e-
alithareni likaNkulunkulu, kuNkulunkulu, intokozo
yami lenjabulo yami. Ngizakudumisa ngechacho, Oh
Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wami. **5** Kungani wephukile,
wena mphefumulo wami? Kungani udungekile kanje

ngaphakathi kwami? Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu,
ngoba ngisezakumdumisa, uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu
wami.

44 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo lamaDodana
kaKhora. Sizizwele ngezethu indlebe, yebo Oh Nkulunkulu
obaba basitshela owakwenzayo ensukwini zabo, ensukwini
zekadeni. **2** Ngezakho izandla wazixotsha izizwe
wagxumeka obaba; wabahlifiza abantu wenza obaba
baphumelela. **3** Kwakungasinkemba zabo ezathumba
ilizwe, njalo kakusingalo yabo eyaletha ukunqoba; kwaba
yisandla sakho sokunene, ingalo yakho, lokukhanya
kobuso bakho, ngoba wawubathanda. **4** UyiNkosi yami
loNkulunkulu wami, ophayo ukunqoba kuJakhobe.
5 Ngawe siyazihlehlisa izitha zethu; ngebizo lakho
siyazigxobagxoba izitha zethu. **6** Angilithembi idandili
lami, inkemba yami kayingiletheli ukunqoba; **7** kodwa
wena usipha ukunqoba phezu kwezitha zethu, abalwa
lathi ubathela ihlazo. **8** Siyazincoma ngoNkulunkulu
ilanga lonke, njalo sizalidumisa ibizo lakho nini
lanini. **9** Kodwa manje ususilahlile wasiyangisa;
kawusaphelekezeli izimpi zethu. **10** Wasenza sahlehla
phambi kwesitha, abalwa lathi sebethethe impango.
11 Wasiyekela sadliwa njengezimvu wasichithachitha
phakathi kwezizwe. **12** Wathengisa abantu bakho
ngengcosana nje awazuza lutho ngalokho kuthengisa.
13 Ususenze saba lihlazo kubomakhelwane, inhlekisa
lendumazo kwesihlalisene labo. **14** Ususenze saba yisiga
phakathi kwezizwe; abantu banyikinya amakhanda ngathi.
15 Ukuyangeka kwami kuyangilandela ilanga lonke,

ubuso bami buhuqwe ngehlazo, **16** ngokuhozwa yilabo abangisolayo njalo abangenyanyayo, ngenxa yesitha esijonge ukuphindisela. **17** Konke lokhu kwenzakala kithi, lanxa sasingakulibalanga; asathembeka esivumelwaneni sakho. **18** Inhliziyo zethu zazingabuyelanga emuva; inyawo zethu zazingaphambukanga endleleni yakho. **19** Kodwa wasichoboza saba yikudla kwamaganyane, wasembesa ngomnyama omkhulu. **20** Aluba sasesilikhohliwe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wethu loba saphakamisela izandla zethu kunkulunkulu wezizweni, **21** kambe ngabe uNkulunkulu kakubonanga lokho na, njengoba esazi imfihlo zenhliziyo? **22** Ikanti ngenxa yakho wena sikhangelane lokufa ilanga lonke; sithathwa njengezimvu ezizahlatshwa. **23** Vuka, Oh Thixo! Ulaleleni na? Ziphaphamise! Ungasilahli kokuphela. **24** Ubufihlelani ubuso bakho na, ukhohlwe ukuhlupheka kwethu lokuncindezelwa? **25** Sesibhuqwe phansi othulini; imizimba yethu isinamathele phansi. **26** Phakama usisize; sihlenge ngenxa yothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo.

45 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Njengengoma ethi “Izimbali.” Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora. Ingoma yomtshado. Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela ngendaba enkulu nxa ngivuma inkondlo yami ngiyihayela inkosi; ulimi lwami lusiba lomlobi ololwazi. **2** Uyilikhwa lamakhwa emadodeni wonke lezindebe zakho ziconjwe kuhle ngobunono, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu ekubusisile lanininini. **3** Hloma inkemba yakho okhalweni, wena omkhulu; zembathise ngokukhazimula langobukhosi. **4** Usebukhosini bakho khwela enqoleni ulokunqoba umele

iqiniso lokuzithoba lokulunga; akuthi isandla sakho sokunene senze izimanga. **5** Akuthi imitshoko yakho ecijileyo icibe inhliziyo zezitha zenkosi; akuthi izizwe ziwe ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho. **6** Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Oh Nkulunkulu, sizakuma nini lanini; intonga yokwahlulela okulungileyo izakuba yintonga yombuso wakho. **7** Uyakuthanda ukulunga njalo uyabuzonda ububi; ngakho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho usekubeke ngaphezu kwabakhula bakho ngokukugcoba ngamafutha entokozo. **8** Zonke izembatho zakho ziqholiwe ngemure, langenhlaba langekhasiya; ezigodlweni ezicecisiwe ngempondo zendlovu kuqhamuka inhlokomo yeziginci ekuthokozisayo. **9** Amadodakazi amakhosi akhona kanye labanye abesifazane abahloniphekayo; kwesokunene sakho ngumlobokazi wesikhosini ocecisiwe ngegolide lase-Ofiri. **10** Lalela, ndodakazi, nanzelela uvule indlebe; khohlwa abakini, lendlu yakwenu. **11** Inkosi iyaphelelwa ngobuhle bakho; yihloniphe, ngoba iyinkosi yakho. **12** Indodakazi yaseThire izakuza lesipho, amadoda anothileyo azazincengela kuwe. **13** Ngaphakathi exhibeni layo inkosazana yibucwazicwazi; isembatho sayo sicecisiwe ngegolide. **14** Isiwa enkosini yembethe izivunulo ezelukiweyo; abakhaphi bayo bayayilandela balethwe kuwe. **15** Bangeniswa lapho ngentokozo lenjabulo; bangena esigodlweni senkosi. **16** Amadodana enu azathatha isikhundla saboyihlo; lizawenza abe ngamakhosana elizweni lonke. **17** Ibizo lakho ngizalenza likhunjulwe kokuphela yizizukulwane zonke; yikho-ke izizwe zizakudumisa nini lanini.

46 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora.
Ingoma ngendlela ye-alamothi. UNkulunkulu
uyisiphephelo sethu lamandla ethu, usizo oluhlezi
lukhona nxa kulohlupho. **2** Ngakho kangiyikwesaba,
umhlaba ungaze ubhidlike lezintaba ziwele ekujuleni
kolwandle, **3** loba amanzi alo ehlokoma agubhazele
izintaba zivevezele ngokuqubuka kwalo. **4** Kukhona
umfula ozifudlana zawo zithokozisa idolobho
likaNkulunkulu, indawo engcwele okuhlala kuyo
oPhezukonke. **5** UNkulunkulu ungaphakathi kwalo,
kaliyikuwiswa; uNkulunkulu uzalisiza ngovivi lokusa. **6**
Izizwe ziyahlokoma, imibuso iyachitheka; uphakamisa
ilizwi lakhe umhlaba uncibilike. **7** UThixo uSomandla
ulathi; uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe uyinqaba yethu. **8**
Wozani libone imisebenzi kaThixo, incithakalo
aseyenzile emhlabeni. **9** Uyathulisa izimpi kuze kube
semikhawulweni yomhlaba; uyalephula idandili avadlaze
lomkhonto, utshisa izinqola ngomlilo. **10** "Thulani, lazi
ukuba mina nginguNkulunkulu; ngizaphakanyiswa
phakathi kwezizwe; ngizaphakanyiswa emhlabeni." **11**
UThixo uSomandla ulathi, uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe
uyinqaba yethu.

47 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora.
Ihubo. Qakezani izandla zenu, zizwe zonke; hlokomani
kuNkulunkulu ngomsindo wokuthokoza. **2** Wesabeka
kangakanani uThixo oPhezukonke, iNkosi enkulu kuwo
wonke umhlaba! **3** Wazehlula zonke izizwe zaba ngaphansi
kwethu, abantu babangaphansi kwezinyawo zethu. **4**
Wasikhethela ilifa lethu, igugu likaJakhobe amthandayo.

5 UNkulunkulu usekhuphukile phakathi komsindo
wentokozo, uThixo uphakathi kokukhala kwamacilongo.
6 Hlabelelani indumiso kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani
indumiso; hlabelelani indumiso eNkosini yethu,
hlabelelani indumiso. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi
yomhlaba wonke; hlabelelani kuye ihubo lokudumisa.
8 UNkulunkulu uyazibusa izizwe; uNkulunkulu uhlezi
esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi esingcwele. **9** Izikhulu
zezizwe ziyaqoqana njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu ka-
Abhrahama, ngoba amakhosi omhlaba angakaNkulunkulu;
uphakeme kakhulukazi.

48 Ingoma. Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora. Umkhulu
uThixo, ufanele ngokuphindiweyo ukudunyiswa, emzini
kaNkulunkulu wethu, intaba yakhe engcwele. **2** Muhle
kakhulu ngokuphakama kwakhe, uyintokozo yomhlaba
wonke. Njengeziqongo zeZafoni injalo intaba iZiyoni,
umuzi weNkosi eNkulu. **3** UNkulunkulu usemithangaleni
yawo; ubonisa ukuthi nguye oyinqaba yawo. **4**
Kwathi lapho amakhosi ehlanganisa izimpi zawo, lapho
ehlasela kanyekanye, **5** awubona umuzi lo ethuka
aphaphatheka esetshaywa luvalo. **6** Ahle athuthumela
khonapho, ezwa ubuhlungu obuzwiwa ngowesifazane
ehelelwa. **7** Wena wabatshabalalisa njengemikhumbi
yaseThashishi ibhidlizwa ngumoya wempumalanga.
8 Lokho esikuzwileyo yikho esikubonileyo emzini
kaThixo uSomandla, emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu:
uNkulunkulu uzawuvikela lanini. **9** Phakathi kwethempeli
lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, siyacabanga ngothando lwakho
olungaphuthiyo. **10** Njengebizo lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu,

udumo lwakho lufika emikhawulweni yomhlaba; isandla sakho sokunene sigcwele ukulunga. **11** Intaba iZiyoni iyathokoza, imizi yakoJuda iyathaba ngezahlulelo zakho. **12** Hambahamba eZiyoni, ibhode, bala izilindo zayo eziphezulu, **13** nanzelela kuhle imithangala yayo, hlola izinqaba zayo, ukuze ukwazi ukulandisela isizukulwane esizayo. **14** Ngoba uNkulunkulu lo nguNkulunkulu wethu nini lanini; uzakuba ngumholi wethu lasekupheleni.

49 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora. Ihubo. Zwanini lokhu lina bantu lonke; lalelani, lonke elihlala kulo umhlaba, **2** abantukazana lezikhulu, abanothileyo labayanga ngokufanayo: **3** Umlomo wami uzakhuluma amazwi okuhlakanipha; amazwi aphuma enhliziyweni yami azanika ukuzwisisa. **4** Ngizabeka indlebe yami kuso isaga; ngechacho ngizaliqhaqha ilibho: **5** Ngingesabelani na nxa kufika insuku ezimbi, lapho abakhohlisi ababi bengihanqa, **6** labo abathembe inotho yabo abazitshaya isifuba ngenotho yabo enengi? **7** Kakho umuntu ongahlenga impilo yomunye kumbe amkhuphele inhlawulo kuNkulunkulu, **8** ngoba ukuhlenga impilo yomuntu kuyadula, akulambhadalo engakwenelisa, **9** ukuze aphile kokuphela angaboni ukubola. **10** Phela bonke bayabona ukuthi izihlakaniphi ziyafa; ngokunjalo iziwula labasangeneyo bayabhubha batshiye inotho yabo kwabanye. **11** Amangcwaba abo ayizindlu zabo zanininini, yimizi yabo okwezizukulwane ezingapheliyo, lokuba nje basebeqambe iziqinti ngamabizo abo. **12** Kodwa umuntu, lokuba elenotho, kaphili kokuphela; unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo. **13** Lesi yisiphetho salabo abazithembayo

bona, labalandeli babo, abavumelana labakutshoyo. **14** Njengezimvu bamiselwe ingcwaba, ukufa kuzazitika kubo. Abaqotho bazabusa phezu kwabo ekuseni; izidumbu zabo zizabola engcwabeni, kude lemizi yabo efana leyamakhosi. **(Sheol h7585)** **15** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzayihlenga eyami impilo engcwabeni; ngempela uzangithatha angise kuye. **(Sheol h7585)** **16** Ungasuki udangale kakhulu ngokubona omunye enotha; nxa indlu yakhe igcwala ngobunkentshenkentshe; **17** phela kazukuhamba lalutho mhla esifa, ubukhazikhazi lobo kayikwehla labo. **18** Loba wayesithi esaphila azibone engobusisiweyo abantu bayakukhonza nxa uphumelela, **19** uzakuyahlangana lesizukulwane sabokhokho bakhe, abangasayikuphinde bakubone ukukhanya kwempilo. **20** Umuntu olenotho kodwa engaqedisisi unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo.

50 Ihubo lika-Asafi. USomandla, uNkulunkulu, uThixo, uyakhuluma, ubiza umhlaba kusukela okuphuma khona ilanga kuze kufike lapho elitshona khona. **2** EseZiyoni, epheleleyo ngobuhle, uNkulunkulu uyakhazimula. **3** UNkulunkulu wethu uyeza, kayikuthula; umlilo uyahangula phambi kwakhe, emaceleni akhe kukhukhula isiphepho. **4** Ubiza amazulu ngaphezulu lomhlaba, ukuze ehlulele abantu bakhe: **5** "Qoqani kimi abahlanjululiweyo bami, abenza isivumelwano lami ngemihlatshelo." **6** Lamazulu atshumayela ukulunga kwakhe; ngoba uNkulunkulu ngumahluleli ngokwakhe. **7** "Zwanini, bantu bami, ngizakhuluma; yebo Israyeli, ngizafakaza ngimelane lawe; nginguNkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wakho **8** Kangikukhuzi ngemihlatshelo yakho kumbe iminikelo

yakho yokutshiswa, ehlezi ikhona phambi kwami. **9** Angisweli inkunzi ephuma esibayeni sakho kumbe imbuzi zesilugu sakho, **10** ngoba yiphi layiphi inyamazana yeganga ngeyami, lenkomo ezisemaqaqeni azinkulungwane. **11** Ngazi zonke izinyoni ezisezintabeni, lezidalwa zeganga ngezami. **12** Aluba ngangingolambayo ngangingekulitshela, ngoba umhlaba ngowami, lakho konke okukuwo. **13** Ngidla inyama yezinkunzi yini kumbe nginatha igazi lembuzi na? **14** Yenzani imihlatshelo yokubonga kuNkulunkulu, gcwalisani izifungo zenu koPhezukonke, **15** njalo lize kimi mhla lisekuhluphekeni; ngizalikhulula, lani lizangidumisa." **16** Kodwa kwababi, uNkulunkulu uthi: "Lilelungelo bani ukukhuluma imithetho yami kumbe liphathe isivumelwano sami ezindebeni zenu na? **17** Liyazizonda iziqondiso zami, lilahlela amazwi ami emuva kwenu. **18** Lithi lingabona isela lihle libambane lalo; lisuka lingenelane lezifebe. **19** Lisebenzisa imilomo yenu ukukhuluma okubi lifundise ulimi lwenu inkohliso. **20** Linyeya umfowenu njalonjalo, limgcone umntakanyoko uqobo. **21** Lizenzile lezizinto ngazithulela; lalikhumbula ukuthi ngifana lani. Kodwa ngizalikhuza ngilibonisa icala lenu obala. **22** Nanzelelani lokhu, lina elikhohlwa uNkulunkulu, funa ngilidabudabule, kungekho ongalilamulela: **23** Lowo onikela iminikelo yokubonga uyangidumisa, njalo ulungisa indlela ukuze ngimtshengise insindiso yami."

51 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Lapho umphrofethi uNathani efike kuye emveni kokuba uDavida efebe loBhathishebha. Ake ungihawukele, awu

Nkulunkulu, ngenxa yothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo;
ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu yesula iziphambeko
zami. **2** Hlanza wonke amanyala ami ungihlambulule
esonweni sami. **3** Phela ngiyazazi iziphambeko zami, isono
sami sihlezi siphambi kwami. **4** Ngenzile isono kuwe, wena
wedwa, ngenza okubi phambi kwakho, ukuze kukhanye
ukuthi wena uqondile nxa ukhuluma njalo kube kufanele
nxa usahlulela. **5** Ngeqiniso ngavele ngazalwa ngilesono,
ngaba yisoni ngiqalisa esiswini sikamama. **6** Ngempela
wena ufuna iqiniso elisuka emibilini; uyangifundisa
ukuhlakanipha ngaphakathi kwami. **7** Ngihlanza
ngehisophi ngihlambuluke; ngigezisa ngibemhlophe
kuleliqhwa. **8** Mangizwe intokozo lokuthaba; makuthi
amathambo owacobozileyo ajabule. **9** Fihla ubuso
bakho esonweni sami ucitshe nya wonke amanyala
ami. **10** Dala phakathi kwami inhliziyo ehlanzekileyo,
Oh Nkulunkulu uvuselele ngaphakathi kwami umoya
othembekileyo. **11** Ungangilahli ebusweni bakho kumbe
ususe kimi uMoya oNgcwele. **12** Buyisela kimi intokozo
yokusindisa kwakho njalo ungiphe umoya ovumayo
ukuthi ungisekele. **13** Lapho-ke ngizafundisa abonayo
izindlela zakho, lezoni zizabuyela kuwe. **14** Ngikhulula
ecaleni lokuchitha igazi, Oh Nkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu
ongisindisayo, njalo ulimi lwami luzahlabelela ukulunga
kwakho. **15** Oh Thixo, vula izindebe zami, umlomo
wami uzamemezela indumiso yakho. **16** Kawuthokoziswa
yimihlatshelo, ngoba bengizawuletha; kawuthakazeleli
iminikelo yokutshiswa. **17** Imihlatshelo kaNkulunkulu
iyinhliziyo edabukileyo; inhliziyo edabukileyo, ezisolayo,

awu Nkulunkulu, kawuyikuyilahla. **18** Nxa kuyintando
yakho phumelelisa iZiyoni; yakha imiduli yeJerusalema.
19 Lapho-ke kuzakuba lemihlatshelo elungileyo, iminikelo
yokutshiswa egcweleyo elungileyo, lapho-ke inkunzi
zizanikelwa e-alithareni lakho.

52 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Lapho
uDoyegi um'Edomi wayeye kuSawuli wamtshela wathi,
"UDavida uye wayangena endlini ka-Ahimeleki."
Kungani uncoma ngobubi, wena somandlase? Kungani
utshona untela ilanga lonke, wena olihlazo emehlweni
kaNkulunkulu? **2** Ulimi lwakho luceba incithakalo;
lunjengensingo eloliweyo, wena owenza inkohliso. **3**
Uthanda ububi kulobuhle, amanga kulokukhuluma
iqiniso. **4** Uyawathanda wonke amanga alimazayo,
wena limi olukhohlisayo! **5** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu
uzakwehlisela ukubhubha okungapheliyo: Uzakuhlwitha
akukhuphe ethenteni lakho; uzakuquphula akususe
elizweni labaphilayo. **6** Abalungileyo bazabona
besabe; bazamhleka bathi, **7** "Nangu-ke manje
umuntu lo ongenzanga uNkulunkulu inqaba yakhe
kodwa wathemba inotho yakhe enkulu wakhula
waba lamandla ngokuwisa abanye!" **8** Kodwa mina
nginjengesihlahla se-oliva esikhula endlini kaNkulunkulu;
ngithembe uthando lukaNkulunkulu olungaphuthiyo nini
lanini. **9** Ngizakudumisa lanini ngalokho okwenzileyo;
ngizathemba ebizweni lakho, ngoba lihle ibizo lakho.
Ngizakudumisa phambi kwabangcwele bakho.

53 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yemahalathi.
Ihubo likaDavida. Isiwula sithi enhliziyweni yaso,

“AkulaNkulunkulu.” Baxhwalile, lezindlela zabo zibolile;
kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle. **2** UNkulunkulu ukhangela
phansi esezulwini emadodaneni abantu ingabe bakhona
yini abazwisisayo, abamdingayo uNkulunkulu. **3** Abantu
bonke baphambukile, bonke sebexhwalile; kakho loyedwa
owenza okuhle, kakho lamunye. **4** Kanti lezizixhwali
kaziyikufa zafunda yini? Zona ezidla abantu bami
ingathi zidla isinkwa, ezingamkhonziyo uNkulunkulu. **5**
Kodwa yibo abagubhazeliswa luvalo khona kungelalutho
olwesabekayo. UNkulunkulu wawahlakaza amathambo
alabo abalihlaselayo; lina labayangisa ngoba uNkulunkulu
wabeyisa. **6** Sengathi insindiso ka-Israyeli ingaqhamuka
eZiyoni! Nxa uNkulunkulu esebuyisela impumelelo
yabantu bakhe, kathokoze uJakhobe lo-Israyeli ajabule!

54 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Ihubo
likaDavida. Lapho amaZifi aya kuSawuli afika athi,
“Kanti uDavida kacatshanga yini phakathi kwethu?”
Ngisindisa, awu Nkulunkulu, ngebizo lakho; ngigeza
ecaleni ngamandla akho. **2** Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh
Nkulunkulu; lalela amazwi omlomo wami. **3** Ngihlaselwa
ngabantu engingabaziyo; izikliwi zifuna impilo yami
abantu abangamnanzanga uNkulunkulu. **4** Ngeqiniso
uNkulunkulu ulusizo lwami; uThixo nguye ongisizayo. **5**
Akuthi ububi bubuyele phezu kwalabo abangigconayo;
ngokuthembeka kwakho babhubhise. **6** Ngizakwenzela
umhlatshelo owomnikelo wokuzithandela; ngizalidumisa
ibizo lakho, Thixo, ngoba lihle. **7** Ngoba ingikhulule
kuzozonke inhlupheko zami, lamehlo ami akubonile
ukunqotshwa kwezitha zami.

55 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Ihubo
likaDavida. Lalela umkhuleko wami, Oh Nkulunkulu,
ungafulatheli isikhalazo sami; **2** ngizwa ungiphendule.
Imicabango yami iyangikhathaza, ngididekile **3**
ngelizwi lesitha sami, lokunyonkolozwa ngababi; ngoba
bangibangela inhlupho bangithuka bethukuthele. **4**
Inhliziyo yami iyatshiseka ngaphakathi kwami; ukwesaba
ukufa kuyangiqinela. **5** Ukwesaba lokuthuthumela
sekungihlasele; isithuli sesingigabhela. **6** Ngathi, "He,
aluba ngangilamaphiko njengejuba! Ngangizaphapha
ngizoziphumulela kude. **7** Ngangizabaleka ngiye kude
ngiyehlala enkangala; **8** ngangizaphanga ngiye enqabeni
yami, kude kwesikhukhula lesiphepho." **9** Sanganisa
ababi, Oh Thixo, sanganisa ukukhuluma kwabo, ngoba
ngibona udlakela lengxabano edolobheni. **10** Emini
lebusuku bayacathama emidulini yalo; umona lenzondo
kugcwele lapho. **11** Imimoya yokubhidliza yiyo esibusa;
izisongo lamanga akusasuki emigwaqweni. **12** Aluba
ngithukwa yisitha ngingakubhensela lokho; aluba
ongizondayo engivukela ngingamcatshela. **13** Kodwa
nguwe, umuntu njengami, umkhula wami, umngane
wami oseduze, **14** engake ngaba lobudlelwano obukhulu
laye lapho sasihamba ndawonye labanengi endlini
kaNkulunkulu. **15** Yekela ukufa kuzijume izitha zami;
yekela bagqitshelwe bephila engcwabeni, ngoba ububi
buthe khoxo phakathi kwabo. **(Sheol h7585)** **16** Kodwa
ngiyambiza uNkulunkulu, uThixo angisindise. **17**
Kusihlwa, ekuseni lemini ngiyakhala ngisosizini, yena
uyalizwa ilizwi lami. **18** Uyangihlenga ngingakalimali

kuleyompi engihlaselayo, loba bebanengi abaxabana lami. **19** UNkulunkulu osesihlalweni sobukhosi lanininini, uzabezwa abachithachithe abantu abangaguqukiyo ezindleleni zabo njalo abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **20** Umkhula wami uyabahlasela abangane bakhe; wephula isivumelwano asenzayo. **21** Inkulumo yakhe ibutshelezi njengolaza, kodwa kulempi enhliziyweni yakhe amazwi akhe alolozela ukwedlula amafutha kodwa abukhali kulensingo. **22** Yethula inswelo zakho kuThixo yena uzakusekela; akazukuyekela abalungileyo bawe. **23** Kodwa wena, Nkulunkulu ababi uzabawisela egodini lokungcola; abantu abomele igazi njalo abakhohlisayo kabasoze bayiphile ingxenye yezinsuku zabo. Kodwa mina, ngithemba kuwe.

56 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kulandelwa itshuni ethi, "Ijuba phezu kwemikusu ekude." ElikaDavida. Imikithamu. Lapho wayesethunjwe ngamafilistiya eGathi. Woba lomusa kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngoba abantu baxotshana lami kubi; ilanga lonke bayajujumezela bengihlasela. **2** Labo abangigconayo baxotshana lami ilanga lonke; abanengi bangihlasela bekloloda. **3** Nxa ngisesaba ngizathemba kuwe. **4** KuNkulunkulu, engidumisa ibizo lakhe, ngithemba kuye uNkulunkulu; angiyikwesaba. Umuntu wenyama angenzani kimi? **5** Ilanga lonke batshona behlanekela amazwi ami; beqoqa ukungibhidliza. **6** Bayabuthana bengicathamela balandele izinyathelo zami betshisekela ukucitsha impilo yami. **7** Loba sekutheni ungabayekeli baphunyuke; ngokuthukuthela kwakho, Nkulunkulu, zidilize izizwe. **8** Bhala phansi isililo sami; bhala

ithonsi ngalinye lezinyembezi zami emqulwini wakho kazikho yini emibhalweni yakho? **9** Lapho-ke izitha zami zizafulathela nxa sengicela uncedo. Ngalokhu ngizakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulami. **10** KuNkulunkulu, engidumisa ibizo lakhe, kuThixo engidumisa ibizo lakhe, **11** kuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba; angiyikwesaba. Umuntu angenzani kimi na? **12** Ngibanjwe yizifungo kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu; ngizakwethula umnikelo wami wokubonga kuwe. **13** Ngoba ungikhulule ekufeni lezinyawo zami lapho ngikhubeka, ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaNkulunkulu ekukhanyeni kwempilo.

57 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, "Ungabhidlizi." ElikaDavida. Imikithamu. Ngesikhathi ebalekele uSawuli wacatsha ebhalwini. Woba lesihawu kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu, woba lomusa kimi, ngoba umphefumulo wami uphelela kuwe. Ngizaphephela ethunzini lamaphiko akho kuze kudlule incithakalo le. **2** Ngiyakhala kuNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kuNkulunkulu ogcwalisa isimiso sakhe ngami. **3** Uyathumela esezulwini angisindise, abakhwazele labo abafuna ukungilimaza. UNkulunkulu uyehlisa uthando lwakhe lokwethembeka kwakhe. **4** Ngiphakathi kwezilwane; ngilala phakathi kwezilo eziqholozayo abantu abamazinyo abo yimikhonto lemitshoko, abanlimi zabo zinkemba ezibukhali. **5** Mawuphakanyiswe, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu; akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibesemhlabeni wonke. **6** Bangithiya ngamambule ezinyaweni ngaphela amandla ngokudabuka. Bangimbela igodi endleleni kodwa sebewele kulo bona. **7** Inhliziyo

yami ibambelele, kayiguquki Oh Nkulunkulu, inhliziyo yami ibambelele; ngizahlabela ngenze iculo elimnandi. **8** Vuka, mphefumulo wami! Vukani, chacho lomqangala! Ngizayivusa intathakusa. **9** Ngizakudumisa, Oh Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe; ngizahlabela ngawe phakathi kwabantu. **10** Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakho, lufika emazulwini; ukuthembeka kwakho kufinyelela esibhakabhakeni. **11** Mawuphakanyiswe, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngaphezulu kwamazulu; akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibesemhlabeni wonke.

58 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, "Ungabhidlizi." ElikaDavida. Imikithamu. Lina babusi, kambe likhuluma okuqondileyo na? Lahlulela ngobuqotho yini ebantwini? **2** Hatshi, ezinhliziyweni zenu lakha amacebo okubusa kubi, lezandla zenu zijezisa ngochuku emhlabeni. **3** Kwasekuzalweni ababi bayaphumputheka; kwasekuzalweni baxhwalile, beqamba amanga. **4** Itshefu yabo ifana letshefu yenyoka, ifana leyebululu elingezwa umsindo, **5** elingananzi lomculo wombumbi, loba lowombumbi eligabazi elinganani. **6** Khumula amazinyo emilonyeni yazo, awu Nkulunkulu; zikhumule, Oh Thixo, izingavula zezilwane! **7** Yekela zinyamalale njengamanzi agelezayo; zithi lapho zinweba idandili, kayithundubale imitshoko yazo. **8** Njengomnenke uncibilika uphele ulokhu uhamba, njengomphunzo, kabangaliboni ilanga. **9** Imbiza zakho zingakaqalisi ukutshisa ngomlilo wenkuni zameva loba ngezimanzi kumbe ngezomileyo ababi bazakhukhulelwa khatshana. **10** Abalungileyo bazajabula

nxa sebephindiselelwa, nxa sebegeza inyawo zabo egazini lababi. **11** Lapho-ke abantu bazakuthi, “Ngempela abalungileyo bajinge bathole umvuzo; ngempela ukhona uNkulunkulu owahlulela umhlaba.”

59 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Ungabhidlizi.” ElikaDavida. Imikithamu. Ngesikhathi uSawuli ethume amadoda ukuqaphela indlu kaDavida ukuze bambulale. Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, awu Nkulunkulu; ngivikela kulabo abangivukelayo. **2** Ngikhulula kubenzi bobubi ungisindise ebantwini abomele igazi. **3** Ake ubone ukuthi bangicathamela njani! Amadoda esabekayo angakhela amacebo kungelacala loba isono engisenzileyo, Oh Thixo. **4** Angonanga lutho, kodwa balungele ukungihlasela. Phakama ungisize; ake ubone umumo engikuwo! **5** Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ake uzivuse wena ukuze uzijezise zonke izizwe; ungabazweli isihawu bonke abahlamuki ababi. **6** Bathi bephenduka kusihlwa babe behwabha njengezinja, bahwede bebhoda ledolobho. **7** Ake ubone ukuthi baphihlizani emilonyeni yabo: baphihliza izinkemba ezindebeni zabo, bese besithi, “Ngubani osizwayo?” **8** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo, uyabahleka; uyazigqabhazela zonke lezozizwe. **9** Oh Mandla ami, ngiyakulindela; wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, uyinqaba yami, **10** Nkulunkulu wami olothando. UNkulunkulu uzahamba phambi kwami angenze ngiklolode phezu kwalabo abangingcolisayo. **11** Kodwa ungababulali, Nkosi hawu lethu, funa abantu bakithi bakhohlwe. Ngamandla akho baphumputhekise njalo

ubehlule wena Thixo, sihlangu sethu. **12** Ngenxa yezono zemilomo yabo, ngenxa yamazwi ezindebe zabo, kababanjwe belokhu bezigqaja benjalo. Ngenxa yezethuko lamanga abawaqambayo, **13** babhuqe ngolaka, babhuqe bangabi khona futhi. Lapho-ke kuzakwaziwa lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabusa phezu kukaJakhobe. **14** Bathi bephenduka kusihlwa babe behwabha njengezinja, bahambahambe becathama edolobheni. **15** Bayazula bedinga ukudla bahlabe umkhulungwane nxa bengasuthanga. **16** Kodwa mina ngizahlabelela ngihaya amandla akho, ekuseni ngizahlabelela ngihaya uthando lwakho, ngoba wena uyinqaba yami, isiphephelo sami ezikhathini zokuhlupheka. **17** Oh wena Mandla ami, ngihlabelela indumiso kuwe; wena, Oh Nkulunkulu uyinqaba yami, Nkulunkulu wami olothando.

60 Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. Kulandelwa itshuni ethi, “Iluba lesiVumelwano.” Imikithamu kaDavida. Elokufundisa. Lapho alwa lo-Aramu Naharayimu lo-Aramu Zobha, njalo lapho uJowabi athi ekubuyeni kwakhe walahla phansi ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili eSigodini seTswayi. Ususilahlile, Oh Nkulunkulu, wabhidliza izinqaba zethu; ubukade uthukuthele, manje ake usivuselele! **2** Usulizamazamisile ilizwe waliqhekeza; namathisela iminkenke yalo ngoba selivevezela. **3** Ubabonisile abantu bakho izikhathi ezilukhuni; usiphe iwayini elisenza sidiyazele. **4** Kodwa kulabo abakwesabayo usuphakamise uphawu lokubahlanganisa ndawonye. **5** Sisindise, usisize ngesandla sakho sokunene, ukuze

bonke labo obathandayo bakhululwe. **6** UNkulunkulu
usekhulumile esendlini yakhe engcwele: “Ngokunqoba
ngizayaba iShekhemu, ngihlole leSigodi saseSukhothi.
7 Ngeyami iGiliyadi, loManase ngowami; u-Efrayimi
yisivikelo sekhanda lami, uJuda uyintonga yami
yobukhosi. **8** IMowabi ngumganu wami wokugezela,
phezu kuka-Edomi ngiphosela amanyathelo ami; phezu
kweFilistiya ngihalalisa umkhosi wokunqoba.” **9** Ngubani
ozangisa emzini olenqaba na? Ngubani ozangiholela
e-Edomi na? **10** Kakusuwe na, Oh Nkulunkulu, wena
osusilahlile, ongasaphumi lathi ezimpini zethu? **11** Ake
usisize ezitheni zethu, ngoba usizo lomuntu luyize. **12**
Nxa siloNkulunkulu sizanqoba, njalo uzazinyathelela
phansi izitha zethu.

61 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci.
ElikaDavida. Zwana ukukhala kwami, Oh Nkulunkulu;
lalela umkhuleko wami. **2** Ngisemkhawulweni womhlaba
ngiyakubiza, ngiyabiza lapho inhliziyo yami isiphela
amandla; ngikhokhelela edwaleni eliphakeme kulami. **3**
Ngoba ube uyisiphephelo sami, inqaba eqinileyo evikela
esitheni. **4** Ngiyalangazelela ukuhlala ethenteni lakho
laphakade ngizifihle emthunzini wamaphiko akho. **5** Phela
usuzizwile izifungo zami, Oh Nkulunkulu; usungiphile ilifa
lalabo abalesabayo ibizo lakho. **6** Yandisa insuku zempilo
yenkosi, iminyaka yayo okwezizukulwane ezinengi. **7**
Sengathi ingaba sesihlalweni iphambi kukaNkulunkulu
nini lanini; wabele uthando Lwakho lokuthembeka
Kwakho kuyivikele. **8** Lapho-ke ngizahlala ngihlabelela

indumiso ebizweni Lakho ngigcwalise izifungo zami insuku ngensuku.

62 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KuJeduthuni. Ihubo likaDavida. Umphefumulo wami ufumana ukuphumula kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ukusindiswa kwami kuvela kuye. **2** Yena yedwa uyilo idwala lami lensindiso yami; uyinqaba yami, kangisoze ngihlukunyezwe lanini. **3** Koze kube nini lilokhu lihlukuluza umuntu na? Lonke lizamlahla phansi na yena ongumduli otshekileyo, oluthango olutebhayo? **4** Bazimisele ukumqethula esikhundleni sakhe esiphezulu; bathokoziswa ngamanga. Ngemilomo yabo bayabusisa, kodwa ezinhliziyweni zabo bayaqalekisa. **5** Fumana ukuphumula, Oh mphefumulo wami, kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ithemba lami livela kuye. **6** Yena yedwa ulidwala lami lensindiso; uyinqaba yami, kangisoze ngihlukunyezwe. **7** Insindiso yami lodumo lwami kweyeme kuNkulunkulu; ulidwala lami eliqinileyo, isiphephelo sami. **8** Thembani kuye ngezikhathi zonke, lina bantu; likhuphe konke okusezinhliziyweni zenu kuye, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu. **9** Abantukazana bangumoya nje, izikhulu ziyinkohliso nje; aluba belinganiswa esikalini kabasilutho; bonke ndawonye bangumoya kuphela. **10** Lingathembi ukuqilibezela kumbe lizikhukhumeze ngempahla zokwebiwa; kungaze kube inotho yenu iyanda, lingabeki inhliziyo zenu kuyo. **11** Yinye into uNkulunkulu ayikhulumileyo, zimbili izinto engizizwileyo, ukuthi amandla wonke ngawakho wena, Oh Nkulunkulu. **12** Lokuthi wena, Thixo, ulothando

olojulileyo, umuntu ngamunye uzamupha umvuzo ngalokho akwenzileyo.

63 Ihubo likaDavida eseNkangala yakoJuda. Oh Nkulunkulu, unguNkulunkulu wami, ngiyakudinga ngitshiseka; umphefumulo wami uyakomela, umzimba wami uyakudinga, elizweni elomileyo eseligugile lapho okungelamanzi khona. **2** Ngikubonile endlini Yakho engcwele ngawabona amandla Akho lenkazimulo Yakho. **3** Ngoba uthando Lwakho lungcono kulempilo, izindebe zami zizakutsho inkazimulo Yakho. **4** Ngizakudumisa kokuphela nxa ngisaphila, ngebizo lakho ngizaphakamisa izandla zami. **5** Umphefumulo wami uzasuthiswa ngokudla okuhle okuphilisayo; ngezindebe ezihlabelayo umlomo wami uzakudumisa. **6** Ngisembhedeni wami ngiyakhumbula; ngiyakukhumbula lanxa ngisemlindweni wasebusuku. **7** Ngoba ulusizo lwami, ngiyahlabelela ngisemthunzini wamaphiko Akho. **8** Umphefumulo wami unamathele Kuwe; isandla sakho sokunene siyangisekela. **9** Labo abazingela impilo yami bazabhujiswa; bazakwehlela phansi ekujuleni komhlabathi. **10** Bazakwabelwa ukudliwa yinkemba babe yikudla kwamakhanka. **11** Kodwa inkosi izathokoza kuNkulunkulu; bonke abafunga ngebizo likaNkulunkulu bazamdumisa, ikanti imilomo yabaqamba amanga izathuliswa.

64 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Ake ungizwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, nxa ngiletha ukusola kwami; vikela impilo yami ekusongelweni yisitha. **2** Ngifihla emacebeni abantu ababi, kulokho kuxokozela kwezixhwali. **3** Bayazilola inlimi zabo njengezinkemba

bakhombele amazwi abo njengemitshoko ebulalayo.
4 Batshoka becathemele umuntu ongonanga lutho;
bayaphanga ukumciba bengelavalo. **5** Bayakhuthazana
ngamacebo amabi, bakhulumisana ngokufihla imijibila
yabo; bathi, “Sizabonwa ngubani?” **6** Baceba ukona
besithi, “Sesakhe icebo elihle kakhulu!” Ngempela
ingqondo yomuntu lenhliziyo yakhe ilobuqili. **7** Kodwa
uNkulunkulu uzabaciba ngemitshoko; ngokuphangisa nje
bazalahlwa phansi. **8** Uzakwenza banyeyane bona bodwa
bacine sebedilizana; bonke abababonayo bazanyikinya
amakhanda babahleke. **9** Bonke abantu bomhlaba
bazakwesaba; bazafakaza imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu
banakane ngalokho akwenzileyo. **10** Akuthi abalungileyo
bathokoze kuThixo baphephele kuye; akuthi bonke
abaqotho ngenhliziyo bamdumise.

65 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Ingoma.
Udumo lukulindele, Oh Nkulunkulu, eZiyoni; kuwe
izifungo zethu zizagcwaliseka. **2** Yebo, wena owuzwayo
umkhuleko, bonke abantu bazakuza kuwe. **3** Kwathi lapho
sisancindezelwa yizono, wazithethelela iziphambeko
zethu. **4** Babusisiwe labo obakhethayo ubasondeze
bazohlala emagumeni Akho! Sigcwalisiwe ngezinto
ezinhle zendlu Yakho, ezethempeli lakho elingcwele.
5 Uyasiphendula ngezenzo zokulunga ezimangalisayo,
Oh Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu, themba lemikhawulo
yonke yomhlaba lenlwandle ezikude, **6** owabumba
izintaba ngamandla akho, lapho wena usuziqinisile
ngamandla, **7** owathulisa ukuduma kolwandle, ukuduma
kwamagagasi azo, lokuhlokoma kwezizwe. **8** Labo

abahlala khatshana bayazesaba izimangaliso zakho; lapho okudabuka khona ukusa lokuhlwa okufiphala khona, uhlabela izingoma zentokozo. **9** Uyawunakekela umhlaba uwuthelezele ngamanzi; uyawunothisa kakhulu. Imifula kaNkulunkulu igcwalisiwe ngamanzi ukuze abantu bazuze amabele, ngoba ukumisile wena lokho. **10** Uyayigcwalisa imisele yawo ngamanzi uyendlale kahle imibundu yawo; uyawuthambisa ngemikhizo ubusise amabele awo. **11** Uyawuphelelisa umnyaka ngenala, izinqola Zakho ziphuphume ngokugcwala. **12** Amadlelo asenkangala ayaphuphuma; izintaba zigqokiswe ngenjabulo. **13** Amadlelo agcwele imihlambi yezimvu lezigodi zisibekelwe ngamabele; ziyamemeza ngentokozo zihlabelela.

66 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ingoma. Ihubo. Memezani ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu mhlaba wonke! **2** Hlabelani ngobukhosi bebizo lakhe; yenzani udumo lwakhe lube lenkazimulo! **3** Yitshoni kuNkulunkulu lithi, “Imangalisa kangaka imisebenzi yakho! Izitha Zakho ziyethuka phambi Kwakho **4** Umhlaba wonke uyakhothama Kuwe; bahlabela udumo Kuwe, bahlabelela udumo ebizweni Lakho.” **5** Wozani libone akwenzileyo uNkulunkulu, ukumangalisa kwemisebenzi yakhe ayenzela abantu! **6** Waguqula ulwandle lwaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo, badabula phakathi kwamanzi behamba ngezinyawo wozani sithokoze Kuye. **7** Uyabusa laphakade ngamandla Akhe, amehlo Akhe ayazikhangela izizwe sengathi abahlamuki. **8** Dumisani uNkulunkulu wethu, lina bantu lonke, akuthi inhlokomo yokudunyiswa kwakhe izwakale; **9** uzilondolozile impilo zethu wavikela inyawo zethu ukuze

zingatsheleli. **10** Ngoba wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, wasilinga;
wasicenga njengesiliva. **11** Wasingenisa entolongweni
waseleka ngemithwalo emihlane yethu. **12** Wayekela
abantu bakhwela bazehlela emakhanda ethu; sedlula
phakathi komlilo lamanzi, kodwa wasiletha endaweni
yenala. **13** Ngizakuza ethempelini Lakho lomnikelo
wokutshiswa ngigcwalise izifungo zami Kuwe. **14**
Izifungo ezathenjiswa yizindebe zami lomlomo wami
lapho ngisekuhluphekeni. **15** Ngizakuhlabela izifuyo
ezinonileyo, lomnikelo wenqama; ngizanikela ngenkunzi
kanye lembuzi. **16** Wozani lilalele, lina lonke elimesabayo
uNkulunkulu; wothani ngilitshele lokho angenzele
khona. **17** Ngakhala Kuye ngomlomo wami; indumiso
yakhe yayisolimini lwami. **18** Aluba ngangigcine isono
enhliziyweni yami, iNkosi ngabe kayizange ingilalele; **19**
kodwa ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu walalela walizwa ilizwi lami
ngikhuleka. **20** Kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu ongawulahlanga
umkhuleko wami futhi ongagodlanga uthando lwakhe
kimi.

67 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Ihubo.
Ingoma. Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaba lomusa kithi
asibusise akhazimulise ubuso bakhe kithi, **2** ukuze izindlela
zakho zaziwe emhlabeni, insindiso yakho kuzozonke
izizwe. **3** Sengathi abantu bangakudumisa, Oh Nkulunkulu;
sengathi bonke abantu bangakudumisa. **4** Sengathi
izizwe zingajabula zihlabele ngentokozo, ngoba wena
ubusa abantu ngokulunga ukhokhele izizwe zomhlaba. **5**
Sengathi bonke abantu bangakudumisa Oh Nkulunkulu;
sengathi abantu bonke bangadumisa wena. **6** Lapho-ke

umhlaba uzathela isivuno, uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wethu, uzasibusisa. **7** UNkulunkulu uzasibusisa, kuthi yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba izamesaba.

68 Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo. Ingoma. UNkulunkulu kaphakame, izitha zakhe azihlakazwe; izitha zakhe azimbalekele. **2** Njengentuthu iphetshulwa ngumoya lawe baphephulele kude; njengengcino encibilikiswa ngumlilo, ababi kababhubhe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa sekungathi abalungileyo bangajabula bathokoze phambi kukaNkulunkulu; sengathi bangathaba bathokoze. **4** Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso ebizweni lakhe, mphakamiseni yena ohlezi phezu kwamayezi lithokoze phambi kwakhe obizo lakhe nguThixo. **5** Uyise wezintandane, umlamuleli wabafelokazi, nguNkulunkulu emzini wakhe ongcwele. **6** UNkulunkulu uyabalungisela indawo ezimulini labo abalesizungu, ukhokhela izibotshwa ngokuhlabela; kodwa ababhlamuki bahlala elizweni elomileyo. **7** Kwathi lapho ukhokhela abantu bakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, lapho wawudabula elizweni eliyinkangala, **8** umhlaba wanyikinyeka, umkhathi walithulula izulu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu, onguYena oweSinayi, phambi kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **9** Wanisa izulu elinengi, Oh Nkulunkulu; wavuselela ilifa lakho elaselikhathele. **10** Abantu bakho bahlala kulo bazinza, kwathi ngokuphana kwakho Nkulunkulu, wabaphakela abangabayanga. **11** INkosi yalikhupha ilizwi, kwaba labanengi kakhulu abalimemezelayo besithi, **12** "Makhosi lamabutho

phangisani libaleke; ezihonqweni amakhosikazi abelana impango. **13** Khonapho lisalele phakathi kwemililo yezihonqo, impiko zejuba lami zihuqiwe ngesiliva, izinsiba zalo ngegolide elikhazimulayo." **14** Lapho uSomandla wawahlakaza amakhosi elizwe, kwakunjengongqwaqwane eqoqene phezu kweZalimoni. **15** Izintaba zeBhashani yizintaba ezilesithunzi; zilezindongandonga izintaba zaseBhashani. **16** Kungani linyonkoloza ngomona, lina zintaba ezindongandonga, leyontaba uNkulunkulu akhetha ukubusa kuyo, lapho uThixo ngokwakhe uzahlala khona lanini? **17** Izinqola zikaNkulunkulu zingamatshumi ezinkulungwane; lezinkulungwane zezinkulungwane; iNkosi isifikile ivela eSinayi yangena endlini yayo engcwele. **18** Wathi ekukhuphukeni kwakho uqansa, wakhokhela abathunjiweyo; wemukela izipho ebantwini, lakulabo abahlamukayo ukuze wena, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu, uhlale khona. **19** Udumo kalube kuThixo, kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, othwala imithwalo yethu insuku zonke. **20** UNkulunkulu wethu nguNkulunkulu osindisayo; kuThixo wobukhosi kuvela ukuphepha ekufeni. **21** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uzawachoboza amakhanda ezitha zakhe, imiqhele eloboya yalabo abaqhubekayo ngezono zabo. **22** INkosi ithi, "Ngizabaletha besuka eBhashani; ngizabaletha besuka ekujuleni kolwandle, **23** ukuze ligxamuze inyawo zenu egazini lezitha zenu, lezilimi zezinja zenu zibe lesabelo sazo." **24** Udwendwe lwakho Nkulunkulu seluqhamuka, yebo udwendwe lukaNkulunkulu wami leNkosi lungena endlini engcwele.

25 Phambili ngabahlabeleli, kulandele abamachacho;
phakathi kwabo kulamantombazana atshaya amagedla.
26 Dumisani uNkulunkulu ebandleni elikhulu; dumisani
uThixo embuthanweni ka-Israyeli. **27** Masinyane
isizwana sakoBhenjamini sibakhokhele, nantiyana ixuku
elikhulu lamakhosana kaJuda, njalo nankayana
amakhosana kaZebhuluni lakaNafithali. **28** Veza amandla
akho, Oh Nkulunkulu, sitshengise amandla akho
Nkulunkulu, njengowakwenza endulo. **29** Ngenxa
yethempeli lakho eliseJerusalema amakhosi azakulethela
izipho. **30** Khuza isilo esiphakathi kwemihlanga
umhlambi wenkunzi phakathi kwamathole ezizwe.
Sezithotshisiwe kazilethe izibhebhedu zesiliva. Hlakaza
izizwe ezithokoza ngempi. **31** Amanxusa azavela
eGibhithe; iKhushi izazithoba kuNkulunkulu. **32**
Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, awu lina mibuso yomhlaba,
hlabelelani indumiso kuThixo, **33** kuye ohlala phezu
kwesibhakabhaka sekadeni, okhwaza ngelizwi elikhulu.
34 Fakazani ngamandla kaNkulunkulu, obukhosi bakhe
buphezu kuka-Israyeli; omandla akhe asesibhakabhakeni.
35 Uyamangalisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, usendlini yakho
engcwele; uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli upha amandla
ebantwini bakhe. Indumiso kayibe kuNkulunkulu!

69 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, "Amaluba."
ElikaDavida. Ngisindisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngoba umsinga
wamanzi usugamenxe ngentamo yami. **2** Ngiyagalula
ezinzikini ezitotayo, lapho okungekho ndawo yokugxila.
Sengifike enzikini; impophoma sezingikhulela. **3**
Sengidiniwe yikumemeza ngicela uncedo; umphimbo

wami usome qha. Amehlo ami aseze efiphele,
edinga uNkulunkulu wami. **4** Labo abangizondayo
kungelasizatho banengi okwedlula inwele zekhanda
lami; banengi abayizitha zami kungelambangela,
labo abafuna ukungidiliza. Ngiyaphoqelwa ukuhlawula
engingakuntshontshanga. **5** Uyabazi ubuthutha bami,
wena Nkulunkulu; isono sami kasifihlakalanga kuwe.
6 Akuthi labo abathemba kuwe bangayangiswa
ngenxa yami, Oh Thixo, Thixo Somandla; akuthi
labo abakudingayo, bangahlaziswa ngenxa yami,
Oh Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **7** Ngiyakubhensela
ukugconwa ngenxa yakho, ihlazo lihuqiwe ebusweni
bami. **8** Ngingowemzini kubafowethu, ngingowemzini
emadodaneni kamama; **9** ngoba ukutshisekela indlu
yakho kufuthelene kimi, lezethuko zalabo abakuthukayo
ziwela kimi. **10** Ngithi lapho ngilila ngizila ukudla,
ngibhensele ukwetheswa inhlamba; **11** kuthi lapho
ngivunula amasaka abantu badlale ngami. **12** Labo
abalinda emasangweni bayangihleka, ngiyingoma nje
yezidakwa. **13** Kodwa ngikhuleka kuwe, Oh Thixo,
ngesikhathi somusa wakho; ngothando lwakho olukhulu,
Oh Nkulunkulu, ngiphendula ngensindiso yakho
eqinisekileyo. **14** Ngihlenga exhaphozini, ungangiyekeli
ngigalule; ngikhululula kulabo abangizondayo, emanzini
atshonayo. **15** Ungayekeli izikhukhula zingigalulise
loba inziki zingiginye, loba umgodi uvaleke umlomo
wawo phezu kwami. **16** Ngiphendula, Oh Thixo,
ngenxa yokulunga kothando lwakho; emuseni wakho
omkhulu phendukela kimi. **17** Ungayifihleli ubuso

bakho inceku yakho; ngiphendula masinyane, ngoba ngiphakathi kohlupho. **18** Sondela ungikhulule; ngihlenga ngenxa yezitha zami. **19** Uyakwazi ukuthi ngigconwa njani, ngihlaziswa njalo ngiyangiswa; zonke izitha zami ziphambi kwakho. **20** Ukugconwa sekuyephule inhliziyo yami kwangitshiya esithubeni; ngadinga uzwelo ngaluswela, abaduduzi, kodwa ngabaswela. **21** Bathela inyongo ekudleni kwami banginathisa iviniga nxa ngomile. **22** Sengathi itafula eliphambi kwabo lingaba ngumjibila; sengathi lingaba yisijeziso lesithiyo. **23** Sengathi amehlo abo angafiphala ukuze bangaboni, lamaqolo abo akhokhobe kokuphela. **24** Thululela ulaka lwakho phezu kwabo; akuthi ulaka lwakho olwesabekayo lubehlele. **25** Sengathi indawo yabo ingaba ngamanxiwa; akungabi lamuntu ozahlala emathenteni abo. **26** Ngoba bahlupha labo obalimazayo bakhulume ngobuhlungu balabo obalimazayo. **27** Bethese amacala phezu kwamacala; ungayekeli bazuze isabelo sensindiso yakho. **28** Sengathi bangesulwa encwadini yokuphila bangaze babalwa kanye labalungileyo. **29** Ngisebuhlungwini, ngikhathazekile; sengathi insindiso yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu ingangivikela. **30** Ngizalidumisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu ngengoma, ngilibabaze ngokubonga. **31** Lokhu kuzamthabisa uThixo okwedlula inkabi, okwedlula inkunzi yonke ilempondo lamangqina ayo. **32** Abayanga bazabona bajabule lina elimdingayo uNkulunkulu, sengathi inhliziyo zenu zingaphila! **33** UThixo uyabezwa abaswelayo, kabeyisi abantu bakhe abathunjiweyo. **34** Akuthi izulu lomhlaba kumdumise,

inlwandle lakho konke okunyakaza kuzo, **35** ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayisindisa iZiyoni ayakhe kutsha imizi yakoJuda. Yikhona-ke abantu bazakwakha khona balithathe libe ngelabo; **36** abantwana bezinceku zayo lizakuba yilifa labo, labalithandayo ibizo lakhe bazahlala khona.

70 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Isikhalazo. Phangisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, ungisindise; Oh Thixo, woza masinyane uzongisiza. **2** Sengathi labo abafuna impilo yami bangayangiswa basanganiswe; sengathi bonke abafisa ukuwa kwami bangabuyiselwa emuva beyangekile. **3** Sengathi labo abathi kimi, "Ehe! Ehe!" bangafulathela ngenxa yehlazo labo. **4** Kodwa akuthi bonke abakudingayo bathokoze bajabule kuwe; akuthi labo abathanda insindiso yakho bahlale besithi, "uThixo kadunyiswe!" **5** Ikanti ngingumyanga ngiyaswela; woza masinyane kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu. Ulusizo lwami lomkhululi wami; Oh Thixo, ungaphuzi.

71 Kuwe Thixo, sengithole isiphephelo; mangingayangiswa lanini. **2** Ngihlenga ungikhulule ngokulunga kwakho; ngilalela, woza ngokuphangisa ungisindise. **3** Woba lidwala lami lokuphephela, lapho engingaya khona loba nini; tshono umlayo wokuba ngisindiswe, ngoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami. **4** Ngikhulula, Oh Nkulunkulu, esandleni sababi, emandleni abantu ababi abalochuku. **5** Ngoba ube ulithemba lami, Oh Thixo Wobukhosi, ithemba lami kusukela ebutsheni bami. **6** Kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ngahle ngeyama kuwe; nguwe owangikhuphayo esiswini sikamama.

Ngizakudumisa njalonjalo. **7** Senginjengomhlolo
kwabanengi, kodwa wena uyisiphephelo sami esiqinileyo.
8 Umlomo wami ugcwele udumo lwakho, umemezela
inkazimulo yakho ilanga lonke. **9** Ungangilahleli kude
nxa sengiluphele; ungangifulatheli lapho amandla ami
esephelile. **10** Ngoba izitha zami zikhuluma kubi ngami;
labo abalindele ukungibulala bahlangana ngami. **11** Bathi,
"UNkulunkulu usemlahlile; xotshanani laye limbambe,
ngoba kakho ozamlamulela." **12** Ungabi khatshana
kwami, Oh Nkulunkulu; woza masinyane, Oh Nkulunkulu
wami, uzongisiza. **13** Sengathi labo abangethesa amacala
bangabhubha beyangekile; sengathi labo abafuna
ukungilimaza bangabhixwa ngehlazo lokuyangeka. **14**
Kodwa mina ngizahlala ngithembile; ngizakudumisa
kakhulu. **15** Umlomo wami uzafakaza ngokulunga
kwakho, langensindiso yakho ilanga lonke, lokuba
ngingasazi isilinganiso sayo. **16** Ngizakuza ngifakaze
ngemisebenzi yakho emikhulu, Oh Thixo Wobukhosi;
ngizafakaza ngokulunga kwakho, okwakho wedwa. **17**
Kusukela ebutsheni bami, Oh Nkulunkulu, wangifundisa,
kuze kube lamuhla ngimemezela imisebenzi yakho
emangalisayo. **18** Lokuba sengiluphele sengiyimpunga
ungangideli, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngize ngifakaze ngamandla
akho esizukulwaneni esizayo, amandla akho kubo bonke
abalandelayo. **19** Ukulunga kwakho kufika emkhathini,
Oh Nkulunkulu, wena osuwenze izinto ezinkulu.
Ngubani, Oh Nkulunkulu, onjengawe? **20** Loba usungenze
ngabona inhlupheko ezinengi lezibuhlungu, uzangenyula
njalo ekujuleni komhlabathi. **21** Uzalwandisa udumo

lwami ungiduduze futhi njalo. **22** Ngizakudumisa ngechacho ngenxa yokuthembeka kwakho, Nkulunkulu wami; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuwe ngomqangala, wena oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **23** Izindebe zami zizamemeza ngentokozo lapho ngihlabelela indumiso kuwe mina ongisindisileyo. **24** Ulimi lwami luzatshona lukhuluma ngokulunga kwakho ilanga lonke, ngoba labo abafuna ukungilimaza sebeyangisiwe basanganiswa.

72 ElikaSolomoni. Yiphe inkosi ukwahlulela kwakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, lokulunga kwakho indodana yesikhosini. **2** Uzakwahlulela abantu bakho ngokulunga, labahluphekayo bakho ngemfanelo. **3** Izintaba zizaletha ukuphumelela ebantwini, lamaqaqa azaletha izithelo zokulunga. **4** Uzabavikela abahlukuluzwayo phakathi kwabantu asindise abantwana balabo abaswelayo afohloze umncindezeli. **5** Uzaphila kokuphela njengelanga, njengenyanga kuzozonke izizukulwane. **6** Uzakuba njengezulu lisina phezu kotshani obugundiweyo, njengemikhizo ithelezela umhlabathi. **7** Ngezinsuku zayo abalungileyo bazaphumelela; ukuphumelela kuzakwanda inyanga ize itshabalale. **8** Uzabusa kusukela elwandle kusiya elwandle, njalo kusukela eMfuleni kusiya emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **9** Izizwe ezihlala enkangala zizakhothama kuye, izitha zakhe zizakhotha uthuli. **10** Amakhosi eThashishi lawemazweni akude azaletha imithelo kuye; amakhosi aseShebha leSebha azayilethela izipho. **11** Wonke amakhosi azakhothama kuye lezizwe zonke zizakhonza kuye. **12** Ngoba uzabakhulula abaswelayo

abakhalayo kuye, abahluphekayo abangelamsizi. **13** Uzabahawukela ababuthakathaka labaswelayo asindise abaswelayo ekufeni. **14** Uzabahlenga ekuncindezelweni lekuhlukuluzweni, ngoba igazi labo liligugu kuye. **15** Mayibe lempilo ende! Mayiphiwe igolide laseShebha. Abantu kabayikhulekele bayenzele izibusiso ilanga lonke. **16** Akuthi amabele ande elizweni lonke; azunguze eziqongweni zamaqaqa. Izithelo zalo kazikhihlize njengeLebhanoni; kaligcwale njengotshani egangeni. **17** Sengathi ibizo lakhe lingema njalo laphakade, kalibe khona lanini nxa lilokhu lisekhona ilanga. Zonke izizwe zizabusiswa ngaye, zizakuthi ubusisiwe. **18** Udumo alube kuye uThixo uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, onguye yedwa owenza izinto ezimangalisayo. **19** Udumo kalube sebizweni lakhe elingcwele laphakade; sengathi umhlaba wonke ungagcwala inkazimulo yakhe. **20** Lokhu yikho ukuphetha kwemikhuleko kaDavida indodana kaJese.

73 Ihubo lika-Asafi. Ngempela uNkulunkulu ulungile ku-Israyeli, kulabo abahlanzekileyo enhliziyweni. **2** Kodwa mina, inyawo zami zaphose zatshelela; ngaphose ngakhuthisa ukunyathela. **3** Ngasuka ngahawukela abaklolodayo ngibona ukuphumelela kwezigangi. **4** Kabalazo inhlungu; imizimba yabo iphilile iqinile. **5** Kabalayo imithwalo enzima ejayelekileyo ebantwini; kabahlukuluzwa loba yini njengabanye abantu. **6** Ngakho-ke ukuziqhenya kuyisigqizo sabo entanyeni; bazigqokisa ngokwenza isihluku. **7** Ezinhliziyweni zabo ezingelazwelo kuphuma ububi; iminakano emibi yezingqondo zabo

ayilamikhawulo. **8** Bayakloloda, bakhulume ngomona;
bayaqholoza basongele ukuncindezela. **9** Imilomo yabo
ithi izulu selingelabo, lezilimi zabo zihle ziwuthathe
umhlaba. **10** Yikho abantu bakibo bebakholwa, bawanathe
amanzi kakhulukazi. **11** Bathi, "UNkulunkulu angakwazi
kanjani? OPhezukonke ulalo ulwazi na?" **12** Yikho
lokhu abayikho khona ababi bavele kabananzi, iyanda
eyabo inotho. **13** Ngempela bekuyize ukugcina inhliziyo
yami ihlanzekile; kube yize ukugeza izandla zami
ngokungelacala. **14** Ilanga lonke ngitshona ngikhathazwa;
ngiyajeziswa ekuseni zonke insuku. **15** Aluba ngangithe,
"Ngizakhuluma ngitsho njalo," ngabe ngangibakhohlisa
abantwabakho. **16** Ngathi ngizama ukukuzwisisa konke
lokhu ngezwa kungisinda, **17** ngaze ngangena endlini
engcwele kaNkulunkulu; lapho-ke ngasengizwisisa
isiphetho sabo. **18** Ngempela uyababeka endaweni
etshelelayo; ubalahlela phansi ekubhujisweni. **19**
Yeka, ukubhujiswa kwabo lula nje, bakhuculwe nje
yikwesaba! **20** Njengephupho nxa umuntu ephaphama
kuzakuba njalo lapho usuvuka, Thixo, uzabeyisa
njengemifanekiso yengqondo kuphela. **21** Lapho inhliziyo
yami yayifuthelene lomoya wami uthukuthele, **22**
ngangiyisithutha esingaziyo; ngangiyinyamazana yeganga
kuwe. **23** Ikanti ngihlezi ngilawe; uyangibamba ngesandla
sami sokunene. **24** Uyangikhokhela ngokweluleka kwakho
kuthi ngemva kwalokho uzangithatha ungise ebukhosini.
25 Ngilobani na ezulwini ngaphandle kwakho? Lomhlaba
kawulakho engikufisayo ngaphandle kwakho. **26** Inyama
yami lenhliziyo yami kungehluleka kodwa uNkulunkulu

ungamandla enhliziyo yami, uyisabelo sami laphakade.
27 Labo abakhatshana lawe bazabhubha; uyababhidliza
bonke abangathembekanga kuwe. **28** Kodwa mina kimi
kuhle ukuba seduze loNkulunkulu. Sengenze uThixo
Wobukhosi isiphephelo sami; ngizafakaza ngazozonke
izenzo zakho.

74 Ihubo lika-Asafu Kungani ususilahlile kokuphela
na, awu Nkulunkulu? Kungani ulaka lwakho luvutha
phezu kwezimvu zedlelo lakho na? **2** Khumbula
abantu owabathengayo ekadeni, isizwe selifa lakho
owasihlengayo iNtaba iZiyoni, owawuhlala khona. **3**
Phenduka ungene emanxiweni aphakade la, incithakalo
yonke le yenziwe yisitha endlini engcwele. **4** Izitha
zakho zazibhonga endaweni owawuhlangana lathi kuyo;
zamisa impawu zazo njengeziboniso. **5** Zenza njengabantu
abaphakamise amahloka ukuphendla indlela yabo
eguswini. **6** Zafohloza konke okubaziweyo ngamahloka
azo langezando. **7** Zatshisa indlu yakho engcwele yaphela
nya; zangcolisa indawo ehlala iBizo lakho. **8** Zathi
ngezinhliziyo zazo, “Sizababhuqa baphele nya!” Zatshisa
zonke izindawo zokukhonzela uNkulunkulu elizweni. **9**
Kasisaboniswa mimangaliso; kakuselabuphrofethi, kakho
kithi owaziyo ukuthi kuzaze kube nini kunjalo. **10** Koze
kube nini isitha sikuklolodela na, awu Nkulunkulu? Izitha
zizalithuka kokuphela ibizo lakho na? **11** Kungani ufinyeza
isandla sakho sokunene na? Sikhuphe ezingoxweni
zezembatho zakho ubabhubhise. **12** Kodwa wena
Nkulunkulu uyiNkosi yami kwasekadeni; uletha insindiso
emhlabeni. **13** Kwakunguwe owaqhekeza ulwandle

ngamandla akho; wafohloza amakhanda esilo phakathi kwamanzi. **14** Kwakunguwe owachoboza amakhanda kaLeviyathani waba yikudla kwezidalwa zasenkangala. **15** Kwakunguwe owavula imithombo lemifula; womisa qha imifula eyayihlala igeleza. **16** Imini ngeyakho, ngobakho njalo lobusuku; walimisa ilanga kanye lenyanga. **17** Kwakunguwe owamisa imingcele yonke yomhlaba; wenza ihlobo kanye lobusika. **18** Khumbula ukuthi isitha besikuklolodela, Thixo, ukuthi iziwula bezihlambaza ibizo lakho. **19** Ungaqhubeli umphefumulo wejuba lakho ezinyamazaneni; ungaze wakhohlwa kokuphela impilo yabantu bakho abahluphekayo. **20** Nanzelela isivumelwano sakho, ngoba izikhundla zobugebenga zigcwele kulolonke ilizwe ezindaweni ezilamathunzi. **21** Ungayekeli abancindezelweyo babuyele beyangekile; sengathi abayanga labaswelayo bangalidumisa ibizo lakho. **22** Phakama, awu Nkulunkulu, vikela okungokwakho; khumbula ukuthi iziwula zikuhleka njani ilanga lonke. **23** Ungakulibali ukuvungama kwalabo abalwa lawe, ukuxokozela kwezitha zakho, okuzwakala kokuphela.

75 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Iculo elithi, "Ungabhidlizi." Ihubo lika-Asafi. Ingoma. Siletha ukubonga kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, siletha ukubonga, ngoba iBizo lakho liseduze; abantu bakhuluma ngemisebenzi Yakho emangalisayo. **2** Wena uthi, "Ngikhetha isikhathi esimisiweyo; yimi engahlulela okuqondileyo. **3** Nxa umhlaba kanye labantu bawo kuzamazama, yimi engizibamba ziqine izisekelo zawo. **4** Ngithi kwabayiziqholo, 'Lingabe lisazincoma,' ngithi kwababi, 'Lingaziphakamisi

impondo zenu. **5** Lingaphakamiseli uphondo lwenu
phezulu ezulwini; lingakhulumi liziqhenya.'" **6** Kakho
ovela empumalanga loba entshonalanga, kumbe
ovela enkangala ongaphakamisa umuntu. **7** Kodwa
nguNkulunkulu owahlulelayo: uyamehlisa omunye,
amkhweze omunye. **8** Esandleni sikaThixo kukhona inkezo
egcwele iwayini eliphuphumayo elixutshwe ngeziyoliso;
uyalithulula, kuthi bonke ababi bomhlaba balinathe kanye
lenzece zalo. **9** Kodwa mina ngizamemezela lokhu lanini;
ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu kaJakhobe, **10**
yena othi, "Ngizazithulisa zonke impondo zababi, kodwa
impondo zabalungileyo zizaphakanyiswa."

76 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kusetshenziswa iziginci.
Ihubo lika-Asafi. Ingoma. Uyaziwa uNkulunkulu koJuda
ibizo lakhe likhulu ko-Israyeli. **2** Ithente lakhe liseSalema,
indawo yakhe yokuhlala iseZiyoni. **3** Khonapho wayephula
imitshoko ebenyezelayo, izihlangu lezinkemba, izikhali
zempi. **4** Uyakhazimula ngokukhanya, ulobukhosi
obudlula izintaba ezigcwele izinyamazana. **5** Amadoda
alezibindi alele ucaca aphangiwe, alele ubuthongo
bawo bokucina; kakho loyedwa wamabutho lawo
ongaphakamisa izandla zakhe. **6** Uthi ungakhwaza wena,
Oh Nkulunkulu kaJakhobe, ibhiza lenqola kuhle kulale
phansi kuthi zwi. **7** Wena wedwa uyesatshwa. Ngubani
ongema phambi kwakho nxa usuthukuthele? **8** Wathi
usezulwini wehlisa ukwahlulela kwakho, ilizwe lesaba
lathula, **9** lapho wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, waphakama
ukwahlulela, ukusindisa bonke abahluphekayo belizwe. **10**
Ngempela ulaka lwakho ebantwini lukulethela indumiso,

kuthi bonke abasilileyo elakeni lwakho bathotshiswe. **11** Yenzani izifungo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lizigcwalise; akuthi wonke amazwe abomakhelwana alethe izipho kuye Yedwa omele esatshwe. **12** Uyephula ubuqholo bababusi; uyesatshwa ngamakhosi omhlaba.

77 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KuJeduthuni, Elika-Asafi. Ihubo. Ngakhala kuNkulunkulu ngicela uncedo; ngakhala kuNkulunkulu ukuthi angizwe. **2** Ngathi ngikhathazekile ngamdinga uThixo; ebusuku ngazelula izandla azazezadinwa lomphefumulo wami wala ukududuzeka. **3** Ngakukhumbula, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngabubula; ngacabanga, umoya wami wancipha. **4** Wala ukuthi amehlo ami avaleke; ngangikhathazekile ngisehluleka ukukhuluma. **5** Ngakhumbula ngezinsuku ezedlulayo, insuku zakudala; **6** ngakhumbula izingoma zami ebusuku. Inhliziyo yami yacabanga lomoya wami wadinga: **7** "INkosi izakhalala kokuphela na? Ayisayikuphinde itshengise uthando lwayo njalo na? **8** Kanti uthando lwayo olungapheliyo selunyamalele kokuphela na? Kanti isithembiso sayo sesiphelile kokuphela na? **9** Kanti uNkulunkulu usekhohliwe ukuba lesihawu na? Usethe ngokuzonda wagodla uzwelo lwakhe na?" **10** Ngasengikhumbula ngathi, "Yilokhu okunginqundayo, ukuthi isandla sokunene soPhezukonke kasisekho phezu kwami. **11** Ngizayikhumbula imisebenzi kaThixo; yebo, ngizayikhumbula imimangaliso yakho yekadeni. **12** Ngizacabanga ngayo yonke imisebenzi yakho nginakane ngazozonke izenzo zakho ezinkulu." **13** Izindlela zakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, zingcwele; nguphi

unkulunkulu omkhulu njengoNkulunkulu wethu na? **14** Nguwe Nkulunkulu owenza izimanga; uyawatshengisa amandla akho ebantwini. **15** Ngengalo yakho elamandla wabakhulula abantu bakho, izizukulwane zikaJakhobe loJosefa. **16** Amanzi akubona wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, amanzi akubona atshotshobala; inziki zagonyuluka. **17** Amayezi awathulula amanzi, isibhakabhaka sandindiza ngokuduma; imitshoko yakho yaphazima yaya le lale. **18** Umdumo wakho wezwakala uphakathi kwesivunguzane, umbane wakho wawukhanyisa umhlaba; umhlaba wavevezela wanyikinyeka. **19** Indlela yakho yadabula olwandle, umkhondo wakho phakathi kwamanzi, kodwa izinyathelo zakho zazingabonakali. **20** Wabahola abantu bakho njengomhlambi wezimvu ngesandla sikaMosi lo-Aroni.

78 Ihubo ka-Asafu Zwanini imfundiso yami, bantu bami; lilalele amazwi omlomo wami. **2** Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemifanekiso, ngizakutsho izinto ezifihlekileyo, izinto zekadeni, **3** esakuzwayo lesikwaziyo esakutshelwa ngokhokho bethu. **4** Kasizukuzifihlela abantwana babo; sizasitshela isizukulwane esizayo ngemisebenzi emangalisayo kaThixo, amandla akhe, lemimangaliso aseyenzile. **5** Wamisela uJakhobe imithetho wabeka umlayo ko-Israyeli, walaya okhokho bethu ukuthi bawufundise abantwababo, **6** ukuze aziwe yisizukulwane esilandelayo, kanye labantwana abazazalwa, kuthi labo batshele abantwababo. **7** Yikho-ke bazabeka ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu njalo abasoze bakhohlwa izenzo zakhe kodwa bagcine imilayo yakhe. **8** Kabayikuba

njengabokhokho babo ababeyisizukulwana esilobuqholo lesihlamukayo, onhliziyo zabo zazingazinikelanga kuNkulunkulu omoya yabo yayingathembekanga kuye. **9** Amadoda ako-Efrayimi, loba ayehlomile ngemitshoko, afulathela mhla welanga lempi; **10** kabasigcinanga isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, bala ukuphila ngomthetho wakhe. **11** Bakhohlwa lokho ayekwenzile, izimanga ayebatshengise zona. **12** Wenza imimangaliso oyise bekhangele elizweni laseGibhithe, esigodini saseZowani. **13** Walwahlukanisa ulwandle wabahola bachapha; wenza amanzi ema aqina saka njengomduli. **14** Wabahola ngeyezi emini njalo ngokukhanya komlilo ubusuku bonke. **15** Wawaqhekeza amadwala enkangala wabapha amanzi amanengi njengolwandle; **16** wantshazisa impophoma emadwaleni amawa wenza amanzi ageleza njengemifula. **17** Kodwa baqhubeka besona phambi kwakhe, bamhlamukela enkangala yena oPhezukonke. **18** Bamlinga uNkulunkulu ngabomo ngokucela ukudla ababekutshisekela. **19** Bamchothoza uNkulunkulu besithi, “Kambe uNkulunkulu angendlala itafula lokudlela enkangala na? **20** Wathi lapho etshaya idwala, amanzi antshantshaza, kwageleza amanzi amanengi. Kodwa angasipha njalo lokudla na? Angabalethela inyama abantu bakhe na?” **21** UThixo wathi ebezwa wathukuthela kakhulu; umlilo wakhe wavuthela kuJakhobe, ulaka lwakhe lwaqina ku-Israyeli, **22** ngoba kabamkholwanga uNkulunkulu njalo kabawathembanga amandla okuhlenga kwakhe. **23** Loba kunjalo walaya umkhathi ngaphezulu wavula iminyango yamazulu; **24** wanisa imana

ukuthi badle abantu, wabapha amabele asezulwini. **25** Abantu badla isinkwa sezingilosi; wabathumela konke ukudla ababengakudla. **26** Wawukhulula umoya wempumalanga uvela emazulwini, wawukhulula umoya weningizimu ngamandla akhe. **27** Wanisela inyama kubo njengothuli, izinyoni eziphaphayo zaba njengetshebetshebe ogwini lolwandle. **28** Wazenza zehlela phakathi kwezihonqo zabo, indawana yonke emathenteni abo. **29** Bazitika baze bakhangela, ngoba wayebaphe ababekade bekukhalela. **30** Kodwa bengakakutshiyi lokho kudla ababekukhalela belokhu besakunambitha emilonyeni yabo, **31** ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwavutha kubo; wabulala zona iziqwabalanda zabo, wawahemula amajaha ako-Israyeli. **32** Phezu kwakho konke lokhu baqhubeka besona; phezu kwezimanga zakhe, kabazange bakholwe. **33** Ngakho wenza insuku zabo zaphelela ezeni njalo leminyaka yabo yagcwala ukwesaba. **34** Kwakusithi uNkulunkulu angababulala, bamdinge; baphendukele kuye njalo ngokutshiseka. **35** Bakhumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayelidwala labo, ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wayenguMhlengi wabo. **36** Kodwa-ke kwakuyikumyenga ngemilomo yabo, beqamba amanga kuye ngendimi zabo; **37** inhliziyo zabo zazingabambelelanga kuye, babengathembekanga esivumelwaneni sakhe. **38** Kodwa wayelesihawu; wazithethelela izono zabo kaze ababhubhisa. Isikhathi ngesikhathi waluthoba ulaka lwakhe akaze akuqubula konke ukuthukuthela kwakhe. **39** Wakhumbula ukuthi babeyinyama nje intshongolo eyedlulayo nje ingabe

isabuya. **40** Kodwa ukuthi bamhlamukela kanengi njani
enkangala, bamdabukisa egwaduleni! **41** Baphindaphinda
ukulinga uNkulunkulu; bamthukuthelisa oNgcwele
ka-Israyeli. **42** Kabawakhumbulanga amandla akhe
usuku abakhulula ngalo kumncindezeli, **43** usuku
lapho aveza khona izibonakaliso zakhe ezimangalisayo
eGibhithe, izimanga zakhe esigodini saseZowani. **44**
Waguqula imifula yabo yaba ligazi; behluleka ukunatha
ezifuleni zabo. **45** Wathumela imihlambi yezibawu
zabantinya, lamaxoxo ababhuqayo. **46** Amabele abo
wawathela izintethe, izithelo zabo isikhongwane.
47 Wathintitha amavini abo ngesiqhotho lemikhiwa
yabo yesikhamore wayitshazisa ngongqwaqwane. **48**
Inkomo zabo wazithela ngesiqhotho, izifuyo zabo
zadliwa yizikhatha zombane. **49** Wabathululela ulaka
lwakhe oluvuthayo, intukuthelo yakhe, ukucunuka
lenzondo ixuku lezingilosi ezibhubhisayo. **50** Wayilungisa
indlela yolaka lwakhe; kabaphephisanga ekufeni
kodwa wabanikela emikhuhlaneni. **51** Wawabulala
wonke amazibulo aseGibhithe, izithelo zabo zokuqala
zokuba ngamadoda emathenteni kaHamu. **52** Kodwa
wabakhupha abantu bakhe njengomhlambi wezimvu;
wabahola njengezimvu bedabula inkangala. **53**
Wabakhokhela ngonanzelelo, ngakho babengesabi;
kodwa ulwandle lwazigubuzela izitha zabo. **54** Kanjalo
wabaletha emngceleni welizwe lakhe elingcwele, elizweni
lamaqaqa ayelithethe ngesandla sakhe sokunene. **55**
Wazixotsha izizwe phambi kwabo wabahlukanisela
ilizwe lazo laba yilifa; wahlalisa izizwana zako-Israyeli

emizini yazo. **56** Kodwa bamlinga uNkulunkulu,
bamhlamukela oPhezukonke; kabayigcinanga imilayo
yakhe. **57** Njengabokhokho babo babengathembekanga
bengakholwa, ungeke wathemba njengedandili elenziwe
kubi. **58** Bamvusa ulaka ngezindawo zabo eziphezulu;
baqubula ubukhwele bakhe ngezithombe zabo. **59**
Wathi uNkulunkulu ngokukuzwa lokho, wathukuthela
kakhulu; wamlahla qobo lokumlahla u-Israyeli. **60**
Walidela ithabanikeli lakhe eShilo, ithente ayelakhile
phakathi kwabantu. **61** Umphongolo wakhe wamandla
wawusa ekuthunjweni, inkazimulo yakhe ezandleni
zesitha. **62** Abantu bakhe wabanikela ukudliwa yinkemba;
wayethukuthele kakhulu ngelifa lakhe. **63** Umlilo
waziqeda izinsizwa zabo, izintombi zabo zaswela izingoma
zomtshado; **64** abaphristi babo babulawa ngenkemba,
abafelokazi babo behluleka ukulila. **65** INkosi yasivuka
njengokade esebuthongweni, njengomuntu ephaphama
ekudakweni yiwayini. **66** Wazitshaya zahlehla izitha zakhe;
waziyangisa okungapheliyo. **67** Khonapho-ke wawakhalala
amathente kaJosefa, akaze asikhetha isizwana sika-
Efrayimi; **68** kodwa wakhetha isizwana sikaJuda, iNtaba
iZiyoni ayeyithanda. **69** Wakha indlu yakhe engcwele
njengeziqongo, njengomhlaba awumisela ingunaphakade.
70 Wakhetha uDavida inceku yakhe wamthatha ezilugwini
zezimvu; **71** wamsusa ekweluseni izimvu wamletha ukuba
ngumelusi wabantu bakhe uJakhobe, baka-Israyeli ilifa
lakhe. **72** Njalo uDavida wabelusa ngobuqotho benhliziyo;
wabakhokhela ngesandla sobungcitshi.

79 Ihubo lika-Asafi Oh Nkulunkulu, izizwe sezilingenele
ilifa lakho; sezilingcolisile ithempeli lakho eligcwele,
iJerusalema isibhidliziwe yaba luthuli. **2** Izidumbu
zezinceku zakho sebezilahlile ukuba yikudla kwezinyoni
zasemoyeni, inyama yabangcwele bakho yaba yikudla
kwezilo zelizwe. **3** Balichithile igazi njengamanzi
bahonqolozela ngalo iJerusalema, kasekho ozangcwaba
abafileyo. **4** Siyizinto zokuchothozwa kubomakhelwane
bethu, inhlekisa lokweyiswa yibo bonke esihlala
labo. **5** Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo? Uzazonda kuze
kube nininini na? Koze kube nini ubukhwele bakho
butshisa njengomlilo na? **6** Thululela intukuthelo
yakho kulezozizwe ezingakunanziyo, ezingalibiziyo ibizo
lakho **7** ngoba zimchithile uJakhobe zalibhidliza ilizwe
lakibo. **8** Ungawethesi thina umlandu wabokhokho;
sengathi isihawu sakho singeza masinyane ukuzasivikela,
ngoba sesisebunzimeni obubi. **9** Sisize, awu Nkulunkulu
Msindisi wethu, ngenxa yobukhosi bebizo lakho; sikhulule
uthethelele izono zethu, ngenxa yebizo lakho. **10** Kungani
izizwe zisithi, "Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo?" Yenza
emehlweni ethu, kwaziwe phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi
uyaliphindisela igazi lezinceku zakho elachithwayo. **11**
Sengathi ukububula kwezibotshwa kungafinyelela kuwe;
ngamandla engalo yakho sindisa labo abagwetshelwe
ukufa. **12** Baphindisele kasikhombisa omakhelwane
bethu ngezinhlamba ababekuchaphaza ngazo, Thixo. **13**
Kuzakuthi-ke thina abantu bakho, izimvu zedlelo lakho,
sikudumise laphakade; kusuka esizukulwaneni kusiya
esizukulwaneni sizabalisa udumo lwakho.

80 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Amaluba
esiVumelwano.” Elika-Asafi. Ihubo. Sizwe, Oh Malusi
ka-Israyeli, wena okhokhela uJosefa njengomhlambi
wezimvu; wena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi uphahlwe
ngamakherubhi, benyezela **2** phambi kuka-Efrayimi
loBhenjamini loManase. Vusa amandla akho; woza
usisindise. **3** Sivuselele, Oh Nkulunkulu; yenza ubuso
bakho bukhanye phambi kwethu, ukuze sisindiswe.
4 Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla, koze kube nini
ulaka lwakho luvutha phezu kwemikhuleko yabantu
bakho? **5** Usubafunzile ngesinkwa sezinyembezi; ubenze
banatha inyembezi ezigcwele umganu. **6** Ususenze saba
yimbangela yengxabano kubomakhelwane bethu, lezitha
zethu ziyasihleka. **7** Sivuselele, Oh Nkulunkulu Somandla;
khanyisa ubuso bakho kithi, ukuze sisindiswe. **8** Waletha
ivini ulisusa eGibhithe; wazixotsha izizwe waligxumeka,
9 walicentela indawo labamba emhlabathini lagcwala
ilizwe. **10** Izintaba zagcwala umthunzi walo, imisedari
emikhulu yathi silikici ngamagatsha alo. **11** Lakhulisa
amagatsha alo anabela oLwandle, amahlumela alo afika
kude eMfuleni. **12** Kungani na usudilize imiduli yalo
ukuze bonke abedlulayo baziqhululele izithelo zalo? **13**
Ingulungunda ziyalivadlaza, lezidalwa zeganga zizitika
ngalo. **14** Buya kithi, Oh Nkulunkulu Somandla! Khangela
phansi usezulwini ubone! Nakekela ivini leli, **15** impande
ehlanyelwe yisandla sakho sokunene, indodana ozondlele
yona wena. **16** Ivini lakho seliqunyiwe, selitshiswe
ngomlilo; ngokukhuza kwakho abantu bayabhubha. **17**
Yeyamisa isandla sakho emuntwini ongakwesokunene

kwakho, indodana yomuntu ozondlele yona. **18** Yikho
asiyikukufulathela, sivuselele, ukuze sibize ibizo lakho.
19 Sivuselele, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla; khanyisa
ubuso bakho kithi, ukuze sisindiswe.

81 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yegithithi. Elika-
Asafi Hlabelelani ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu ongamandla
ethu; memezani kakhulu kuNkulunkulu kaJakhobe!
2 Qalisani ukuhlabela, tshayani isigubhu, khalisani
ichacho elimnandi lomhubhe. **3** Khalisani uphondo
lwenqama ekuThwaseni kweNyanga, lalapho inyanga
isigcwele, ngelanga lomkhosi; **4** lesi yisimemezelo sika-
Israyeli, umthetho kaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe. **5** Wakumisa
njengesimiso kuJosefa lapho aphuma wavukela ilizwe
leGibhithe, lapho ezwa khona ulimi esasingaluzwa.
Ngezwa ilizwi engingalaziyo lisithi: **6** "Ngawethula
umthwalo emahlombe abo; izandla zabo zakhululwa
engcebethwini. **7** Ekuhluphekeni kwenu lamemeza
mina ngalikhulula. Ngaliphendula ngiphakathi komdumo
weyezi; ngalilinga emanzini aseMeribha. **8** Zwanini, awu
bantu bami, mina ngizalixwayisa aluba lingangilalela,
Oh Israyeli! **9** Lingabi lonkulunkulu wezizweni
phakathi kwenu; lingabokhothamela unkulunkulu
ongaziwayo. **10** NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
owalikhuphayo eGibhithe. Vulani kakhulu umlomo
wenu ngizawugcwalisa. **11** Kodwa abantu bami
kabangilalelanga; u-Israyeli wala ukungithobela. **12**
Ngakho ngasengibayekela ngezinhliziyo zabo zobuqholo
ukuthi balandele lokho abakufunayo. **13** Aluba abantu
bami bengangilalela, aluba u-Israyeli engalandela izindlela

zami, **14** masinyane nje ngingazibhuqa izitha zabo
ngiphakamisele isandla sami ezitheni zabo! **15** Labo
abamzondayo uThixo bangatshotshobala phambi kwakhe,
kuthi isijeziso sabo sibe ngesaphakade. **16** Kodwa lina
lingaphiwa ingqoloyi enhle kakhulu; ngilisuthise ngoluju
oluphuma edwaleni."

82 Ihubo lika-Asafi UNkulunkulu usesihlalweni
emhlanganweni omkhulu; nguye owahlulelayo
phakathi kwabo "nkulunkulu": **2** "Koze kube nini
livikela ababi na libonakala lithanda izigangi? **3**
Lamlelani ababuthakathaka lezintandane; melani
amalungelo abayanga labahlukuluzwayo. **4** Lamlelani
ababuthakathaka labaswelayo; bephuleni esandleni
sababi. **5** Onkulunkulu kabazi lutho, kabazwisisi lutho.
Bayantula emnyameni; zonke izisekelo zomhlaba
zixukuxiwe. **6** Ngathi, 'Lingo "nkulunkulu"; lonke
lingamadodana akhe oPhezukonke.' **7** Kodwa lizakufa
lingabantu nje; lizakuwa njengamanye amakhosi wonke."
8 Phakama, Oh Nkulunkulu, yahlulela umhlaba, ngoba
zonke izizwe ziyilifa lakho.

83 Ingoma. Ihubo lika-Asafi. Oh Nkulunkulu, ungathuli
uthi zwi; ungangincitshi indlebe yakho, ungameli
khatshana lami, Oh Nkulunkulu. **2** Akubone ukuthi
ziphithizela kanjani izitha zakho, ukuthi ziwaqaphisa
kanganani amakhanda azo. **3** Ngobuqili zakhela abantu
bakho amacebo; zisongela labo obathembileyo. **4** Bathi,
"Wozani kasibabhuqe du njengesizwe, ukuze ibizo lika-
Israyeli lingaphindi likhunjulwe." **5** Nganhliziyonye
bawakha amacebo ndawonye; bayahlangana beme

ndawonye ukumelana lawe, **6** amathente ase-Edomi lama-Ishumayeli, awamaMowabi lawamaHagari, **7** amaGebhali, lama-Amoni lama-Amaleki, amaFilistiya labantu beThire. **8** Lama-Asiriya asebambene labo ukuqinisa izizukulwane zikaLothi. **9** Yenza kubo njengoba wenza eMidiyani, njengowakwenza kuSisera loJabhini emfuleni iKhishoni, **10** ababhubha e-Endo baba njengezibi emhlabathini. **11** Yenza izikhulu zabo zibe njengo-Orebhi loZebhi, wonke amakhosana abo abe njengoZebha loZalimuna, **12** abathi, "Kasiwathumbe amadlelo kaNkulunkulu." **13** Benze babe njengenkunkuma, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya. **14** Njengalokhu umlilo uhangula igusu kumbe ilangabi lilumathisa izintaba, **15** kanjalo basukele ngesivunguvungu sakho ubethuse ngesiphepho sakho. **16** Bahuqe ubuso babo ngehlazo ukuze abantu balidinge ibizo lakho, Oh Thixo. **17** Sengathi bangayangeka lanini badunyazwe; kungathi bangafa belehlazo. **18** Yenza bakwazi ukuthi wena, obizo lakho unguThixo ukuthi wena wedwa ungoPhezukonke emhlabeni wonke.

84 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yegithithi. Elabantwana bakaKhora. Ihubo. Yeka ubuhle bendlu yakho, Oh Thixo Somandla! **2** Umphefumulo wami uyalangazela, uze ungathi uyaphela, ngifuna amaguma kaThixo; inhliziyo yami lenyama yami kukhalela uNkulunkulu ophilayo. **3** Intaka layo ilizuzile ikhaya, lenkonjane isidleke sayo, lapho ingazalela khona abantwana bayo indawo eduze kwe-alithari lakho, Oh Thixo Somandla, Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami. **4** Babusisiwe labo abahlala endlini yakho; bahlala

bekudumisa kokuphela. **5** Babusisiwe labo abalamandla
abo akuwe asebebeke inhliziyo zabo ekulagiseni kuwe.
6 Bathi nxa bedabula esiGodini seBhaka basenze sibe
yindawo yemithombo; izulu lekwindla lalo ligcwalise
iziziba. **7** Ayakhula amandla abo ande, ngulowo lalowo aze
aqhamuke kuNkulunkulu eZiyoni. **8** Zwana umkhuleko
wami, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla; akungilalele, Oh
Nkulunkulu kaJakhobe. **9** Khangela isihlangu sethu, Oh
Nkulunkulu; khangela ngomusa kogcotshiweyo wakho.
10 Lungcono usuku olulodwa emagumeni akho kulensuku
eziyinkulungwane kwenye indawo; kungabangcono ngibe
ngumlindimasango endlini kaNkulunkulu kulokuhlala
emathenteni ababi. **11** Ngoba uThixo ulilanga lesihlangu;
uThixo uyapha umusa lodumo; kancitshani langaluphi
ulutho oluhle kulabo ozinyathelo zabo zingelansolo.
12 Oh Thixo Somandla, ubusisiwe umuntu owethemba
kuwe.

85 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Elamadodana kaKhora.
Ihubo. Ulithandile ilizwe lakho, Oh Thixo; uyibuyisile
inhlanhla kaJakhobe. **2** Wazithethelela iziphambeko
zabantu bakho wazisibekela zonke izono zabo. **3**
Walubuyisela eceleni lonke ulaka lwakho wakufulathela
ukuthukuthela kwakho okwesabekayo. **4** Sivuselele njalo,
Oh Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu, ukubeke khatshana
ukukucunula kwethu. **5** Uzasizondela kuze kube phakade
na? Uzalugcina ulaka lwakho kuzozonke izizukulwane
na? **6** Kawuzukusivuselela na, ukuze abantu bakho
bathokoze kuwe? **7** Sitshengise uthando lwakho
olungaphuthiyo, Oh Thixo, usinike insindiso yakho.

8 Ngizalalela lokho uNkulunkulu uThixo azakutsho;
uthembisa abantu bakhe ukuthula, abangcwele bakhe
kodwa kabangabuyeli ebufebeni babo. **9** Ngempela
insindiso iseduze kulabo abamesabayo, ukuze inkazimulo
yakhe ihlale elizweni lethu. **10** Uthando lokuthembeka
kuyahlangana ndawonye; ukulunga lokuthula kuyangana.
11 Ukuthembeka kuqhamuka emhlabathini, ukulunga
kukhanya phansi kusezulwini. **12** Ngeqiniso uThixo
uzanika okulungileyo, lelizwe lethu lizathela isivuno
salo. **13** Ukulunga kuhamba phambi kwakhe kulungisele
izinyathelo zakhe indlela.

86 Umkhuleko kaDavida Zwana, Oh Thixo, ungiphendule,
ngoba ngingumyanga ngiyaswela. **2** Vikela impilo
yami, ngoba ngizinikele kuwe; sindisa inceku yakho
ekuthembayo; UnguNkulunkulu wami. **3** Woba lesihawu
kimi, Oh Thixo, ngoba ngitshona ngikubiza ilanga
lonke. **4** Letha ukuthokoza encekwini yakho, ngoba
kuwe, Oh Thixo, ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami. **5**
Uyathethelela njalo ulungile, Oh Thixo, ugcwele uthando
kulabo abakhuleka kuwe. **6** Zwana umkhuleko wami,
Oh Thixo; lalela ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa. **7**
Mhla ngiphakathi kokuhlupheka ngizakhala kuwe, ngoba
uzangiphendula. **8** Phakathi kwabonkulunkulu kakho
onjengawe, Oh Thixo; kakulazenzo ezingalinganiswa
lezakho. **9** Zonke izizwe owazenzayo zizakuza zikhonze
kuwe, Nkosi; zizaletha udumo ebizweni lakho. **10**
Ngoba umkhulu njalo wenza imisebenzi emangalisayo;
wena wedwa unguNkulunkulu. **11** Ngifundisa indlela
yakho, Oh Thixo, ukuze ngihambe eqinisweni lakho;

ngipha inhliziyo engaxamalazanga, ukuze ngilesabe ibizo lakho. **12** Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ngizalidumisa ibizo lakho laphakade. **13** Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakho kimi; ungenyule ekujuleni kwendawo yabafileyo. **(Sheol h7585)** **14** Iziqholo ziyangihlasela, Oh Nkulunkulu iqembu lamadoda alesihluku lizingela impilo yami abantu abangakunanziyo wena. **15** Kodwa wena, Nkosi, unguNkulunkulu olozwelo, olobubelo, ophuza ukuzonda, owandayo ngothando lokuthembeka. **16** Phendukela ngakimi ube lesihawu kimi; veza amandla akho ngenceku yakho, ngisindise ngoba ngiyakukhonza, njengokwenziwa ngumama. **17** Ngipha isiboniso sokulunga kwakho, ukuze izitha zami zisibone ziyangeke, ngoba wena, Oh Thixo, usungisizile njalo wangiduduza.

87 Elamadodana kaKhora. Ihubo. Ingoma. Usakhile isisekelo sakhe entabeni engcwele; **2** uThixo uyawathanda amasango eZiyoni okudlula yonke imizi kaJakhobe. **3** Izinto ezinhle okumangalisayo ziyatshiwo ngawe, we muzi kaNkulunkulu: **4** "Ngizabalisa uRahabi leBhabhiloni phakathi kwalabo abathi bayangazi iFilistiya leThire, kanye leKhushi ngibe sengisithi, 'Lo wazalelwa eZiyoni.'" **5** Ngempela kuzathiwa ngeZiyoni, "Lo laloyana bazalelwa khona, kuthi yena oPhezukonke uzaliqinisa." **6** UThixo uzaloba eluhlwini lwamabizo abantu: "Lo wazalelwa eZiyoni." **7** Bazakuthi betshaya amachacho bahlabele bathi, "Yonke imithombo yami ikuwe."

88 Ingoma. Ihubo lamadodana kaKhora. Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, Mahalathi leyanothi

(Ukuhlupheka lokuchukuluzwa) Ihubo likaHemani um'Ezira. Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu ongisindisayo, ebusuku lemini ngikhala kuwe. **2** Akuthi umkhuleko wami ufinyelele kuwe; phendula indlebe yakho izwe ukukhala kwami. **3** Ngoba umphefumulo wami ugcwele inhlupheko lempilo yami isilengela engcwabeni. **(Sheol h7585)** **4** Ngibalwa ndawonye lalabo asebesiya egodini; senginjengendoda engelamandla. **5** Sengahlukaniselwe kwabafileyo, lezidumbu ezilele engcwabeni, wena ongasabakhumbuliyo njalo, abangasekho kulabo obanakekelayo. **6** Usungifake egodini elitshona okudlulayo, ekujuleni okumnyama bhuqe. **7** Intukuthelo yakho iyangeleka; usungigalulisile ngawo wonke amagagasi akho. **8** Usungithathele abangane bami abasekhwapheni wangenza ngaba lesidina kubo. Ngivalelwe kangiselantuba; **9** amehlo ami asebona kalufifi ngenxa yosizi. Ngiyakubiza, Oh Thixo, insuku zonke; ngiphakamisela izandla zami kuwe. **10** Izimanga zakho uyazitshengisa kwabafileyo na? Kambe labo asebefile bangavuka bakudumise na? **11** Uthando lwakho luyamenyezelwa engcwabeni yini, ukuthembeka kwakho endaweni yokuBhubha na? **12** Izimanga zakho ziyaziwa yini endaweni yobumnyama, kumbe izenzo zakho zokulunga elizweni lokungabikho na? **13** Kodwa ngikhala kuwe ngoncedo, Oh Thixo; ekuseni umkhuleko wami uyafika kuwe. **14** Kungani, awu Thixo, ungifulathela ungifihlela ubuso bakho? **15** Kusukela ebutsheni bami ngavele ngahlupheka ngaba seduze lokufa; ngiphethwe yikwesatshiswa nguwe,

sengize ngidangele. **16** Intukuthelo yakho isingigabhele;
ukwesaba wena sekungiqedile. **17** Ilanga lonke
kungihanqile njengesikhukhula; sekungigalulisa nya.
18 Usungithathele abakhula bami lengibathandayo;
ubumnyama sebunguyena mngane wami oseduze.

89 Ihubo lika-Ethani umEzira Ngizahlabelela ngothando
lukaThixo olukhulu lanininini; ngomlomo wami
ngizakwenza ukuthembeka kwakho kwaziwe
ezizukulwaneni zonke. **2** Ngizamemezela ukuthi uthando
lwakho lumi luqinile laphakade, ukuthi ukuthembeka
kwakho wakugxilisa ezulwini uqobo. **3** Wathi, "Sengenze
isivumelwano lalowo okhethiweyo wami, sengifungile
kuDavida inceku yami, **4** 'Ngizawumisa umndeni wakho
laphakade, ngisiqinise isihlalo sakho sobukhosi
kuzozonke izizukulwane.'" **5** Amazulu ayazidumisa
izimanga zakho, Oh Thixo, lokuthembeka kwakho
emhlanganweni wabangcwele. **6** Phela ngubani
onjengoThixo phakathi kwabaphilayo ezulwini na?
Ngubani onjengoThixo phakathi kwabaphilayo ezulwini
na? **7** Enhlanganisweni yabangcwele uNkulunkulu
uyesatshwa kakhulu; uyesabeka kulabo bonke abahlezi
laye. **8** Yebo Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla, ngubani
onjengawe na? Ulamandla, Oh Thixo, ukuthembeka
kwakho kukuhonqolozele. **9** Uyabusa phezu kolwandle
olugubhazelayo; lapho amavinqo alo equbuka,
uyawathulisa. **10** Wamchoboza uRahabi njengomunye
wababuleweyo; ngengalo yakho elamandla wazichitha
izitha. **11** Ngawakho amazulu, ngowakho njalo lomhlaba;
wawudala umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo. **12** Wayidala

inyakatho kanye leningizimu; iThabhori leHemoni zihlabelela ibizo lakho ngentokozo. **13** Ingalo yakho igcwele amandla; isandla sakho siqinile, esokunene siphakeme. **14** Ukulunga lokwahlulela kuhle yikho okuyinsika yesihlalo sakho sobukhosi; uthando lokuthembeka kuhamba phambili kwakho. **15** Babusisiwe labo asebekufundile ukukubabaza, abahamba ekukhanyeni kobukhona bakho, Oh Thixo. **16** Bayathokoza ngebizo lakho ilanga lonke; bayagubhazela ngokulunga kwakho. **17** Ngoba uyibukhosi babo lamandla abo, kuthi ngomusa wakho uphakamise uphondo lwethu. **18** Ngempela isihlangu sethu ngesikaThixo, iNkosi yethu Kuye oYedwa oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **19** Endulo wakhuluma ngombono, ebantwini bakho abathembekileyo wathi: “Sengiwehlisele amandla phezu kweqhawe; sengiphakamise insizwa phakathi kwabantu. **20** Sengifumane uDavida inceku yami; ngamafutha ami angcwele sengimgcobile. **21** Isandla sami sizamsekela; ngempela ingalo yami izamqinisa. **22** Akulasitha esizamncindezela ukuthi athele kuso; kakho umuntu omubi ozamcindezela. **23** Ngizazichoboza izitha zakhe phambi kwakhe ngibalahlele phansi abalwa laye. **24** Uthando lwami oluthembekileyo luzaba laye, ukuthi ngebizo lami luphakanyiswe uphondo lwakhe. **25** Ngizabeka isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwemifula. **26** Uzamemeza kimi athi, ‘UnguBaba, Nkulunkulu wami, iDwala elinguMsindisi wami.’ **27** Njalo ngizamisa abe lizibulo lami, inkosi ephakeme ngaphezu kwawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba.

28 Ngizalugcina uthando lwami kuye laphakade,
lesivumelwano sami laye kasiyikuphela. **29** Inzalo yakhe
ngizayimisa nini lanini, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi
kasiyikufa saphela. **30** Aluba amadodana akhe edela
umlayo wami angalandeli izimiso zami, **31** nxa besephula
izimemezelo zami behluleke ukugcina imiyalo yami, **32**
ngizajezisa isono sabo ngoswazi, lesiphambeko sabo
ngokubatshaya; **33** kodwa kangiyikulususa uthando
lwami kuye, njalo kangisoze ngiguqule ukuthembeka
kwami. **34** Kangiyikusephula isivumelwano sami kumbe
ngiguqule lokho okuphume ezindebeni zami. **35** Ngavele
ngafunga kanye ngobungcwele bami angiyikuqamba
amanga kuDavida, **36** ukuthi inzalo yakhe izaqhubeka
laphakade lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sizakuma
phambi kwami njengelanga; **37** sizakuma laphakade
njengenyanga, ufakazi othembekileyo yisibhakabhaka."
38 Kodwa usumalile, usumlahlile, ubumthukuthelela
kakhulu ogcotshiweyo wakho. **39** Ususikhalele
isivumelwano lenceku yakho wawubhuqela othulini
umqhele wakhe. **40** Usuyibhidlizile yonke imiduli yakhe,
izinqaba zakhe wazenza amanxiwa. **41** Bonke abedlula
khona bamphangile; useyinhlekisa yabomakhelwane. **42**
Usuphakamisile isandla sokunene sezitha zakhe;
usuwenze zonke izitha zakhe zathokoza. **43** Uyibuyisele
emuva inkemba yakhe ebukhali awaze wamsekela
empini. **44** Usuyiqedile inkazimulo yakhe wadilizela
phansi isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi. **45** Uluqumile lwaba
lufitshane usuku lobutsha bakhe; usumembese ingubo
yehlazo. **46** Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo? Uzazifihla

kokuphela na? Koze kube nini ulaka lwakho luvutha njengomlilo? **47** Khumbula ukwedlula masinyane kwempilo yami. Ngoba wabadalela ize nje abantu! **48** Ngumuntu bani ongaphila angaze abona ukufa, loba azisindise emandleni eliba na? **(Sheol h7585)** **49** Oh Thixo, lungaphi uthando lwakho lwakudala olukhulu, okwathi ngokuthembeka kwakho wafunga ngalo kuDavida? **50** Khumbula, Thixo ukuthi inceku yakho iklolodelwa njani, ukuthi enhliziyweni yami ngithwele izigcono zezizwe, **51** izigcono izitha zakho eziklolode ngazo, Oh Thixo, okuthe ngazo zaklolodela ogcotshiweyo wakho kukho konke akwenzayo. **52** Udumo kalube kuThixo laphakade!

90 Umkhuleko kaMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu. Thixo, wena ulikhaya lethu kuzozonke izizukulwane. **2** Izintaba zingakabikhona lalapho ungakawuvezi umhlaba kanye lelizwe, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade unguNkulunkulu. **3** Ubuyisela abantu ethulini, usithi, “Buyelani othulini, lina madodana abantu.” **4** Ngoba iminyaka eyinkulungwane ekuboneni kwakho injengosuku olusanda kudlula, kumbe njengomlindo webusuku. **5** Uyabakhucula abantu ebuthongweni bokufa; banjengotshani obutsha obekuseni **6** lokuba ekuseni buhluma bubutsha, kuthi ntambama sebomile sebubunile. **7** Ulaka lwakho luyasitshabalalisa sithuthumeliswe yikucaphuka kwakho. **8** Usubuchayile ububi bethu phambi kwakho, izono zethu zensitha wazichaya ekukhanyeni kobukhona bakho. **9** Zonke insuku zethu ziyedlula ngaphansi kolaka lwakho; leminyaka yethu siyiphetha ngokububula. **10** Ubude bezinsuku

zethu buyiminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa loba amatshumi ayisificaminwembili, nxa silamandla; kanti lelobanga layo liluhlupho losizi, ngoba iphanga yedlule, lathi siphaphe nje sedlule. **11** Ngubani owaziyo amandla olaka lwakho na? Ngoba intukuthelo yakho inkulu njengokwesatshwa okukufaneleyo. **12** Sifundise ukubala kuhle insuku zethu, ukuze sizuze inhliziyo yenhlakanipho. **13** Phola, Oh Thixo! Koze kube nini kulokhu kunjalo na? Woba lesihawu ezincekwini zakho. **14** Sisuthise ekuseni ngothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo, ukuze sihlabelele ngentokozo sijabule zonke insuku zethu. **15** Senze sijabule okwensuku ezilingana ukusihlupha kwakho, okwensuku ezilingana lalezo esesabona ngazo ukudubeka. **16** Sengathi imisebenzi yakho ingatshengiswa ezincekwini zakho, inkazimulo yakho ebantwaneni babo. **17** Sengathi umusa weNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ungehlela kithi; uqinise umsebenzi wezandla zethu yebo, qinisa umsebenzi wezandla zethu.

91 Lowo ohlala ekusithekeni koPhezukonke uzaphumula emthunzini kaSomandla. **2** Ngizakuthi kuThixo, “Uyisiphephelo sami lenqaba yami, uNkulunkulu wami, engithemba kuye.” **3** Ngempela uzakuphephisa emjibileni womthiyi lasesifeni esibi esibulalayo. **4** Uzakusibekela ngezinsiba zakhe, uzuze isiphephelo ngaphansi kwamaphiko akhe; ukuthembeka kwakhe kuzakuba yisihlangu sakho lenqaba yakho. **5** Awuyikwesaba umnyama wobusuku, loba umtshoko ontweza emini, **6** kumbe ingozi ehahabela emnyameni, kumbe umkhuhlane obhubhisayo emini enkulu. **7** Abazinkulungwane

bangawa eceleni lakho; itshumi lezinkulungwane esandleni sakho sokunene, kodwa kakusoze kusondele kuwe. **8** Uzaphosa nje amehlo akho ubukele ubone ukujeziswa kwababi. **9** Ungenza oPhezukonke abe likhaya lakho yena uThixo oyisiphephelo sami **10** lapho-ke akulangozi engakuwela, akulamonakalo ozasondela ethenteni lakho. **11** Ngoba uzayala izingilosi zakhe ngawe zikulinde kuzozonke izindlela zakho; **12** zizakuphakamisa ezandleni zazo, ukuze ungakhubeki elitsheni. **13** Uzanyathela isilwane lephimpi; uzasigxoba isilwane esikhulu lenyoka. **14** "Ngoba uyangithanda," kutsho uThixo, "ngizamkhulula; ngizamvikela, ngoba uyalinaka ibizo lami. **15** Uzangibiza, ngimphendule; ngizakuba laye ekuhluphekeni, ngizamkhulula ngimenzele udumo. **16** Ngizamsuthisa ngempilo ende ngimtshengise insindiso yami."

92 Ihubo. Ingoma. Elosuku lweSabatha. Kuhle ukudumisa uThixo lokuhlabelela ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke, **2** ukumemezela uthando lwakho ekuseni lokuthembeka kwakho ebusuku, **3** ukutshaya iziginci ngomhubhe wezintambo ezilitshumi lemvungamo emnandi yechacho. **4** Ngoba uyangijabulisa ngezenzo zakho, Oh Thixo; ngihlala ngentokozo ngomsebenzi wezandla zakho. **5** Mikhulu kangaka imisebenzi yakho, Oh Thixo, izikile imicabango yakho! **6** Umuntu ongelangqondo akazi, iziwula kazizwisisi, **7** ukuthi loba ababi bemila njengotshani lezigangi zonke ziphumelela, zizabhujiswa nini lanini. **8** Kodwa wena Thixo, uphakeme laphakade. **9** Ngoba ngempela izitha zakho, Oh Thixo, ngempela

izitha zakho zizabhubha; zonke izigangi zizachithizwa.
10 Uluphakamisile uphondo lwami njengolwenyathi;
ngagcotshwa ngamakha amnandi. **11** Amehlo ami
abonile ukwehlulwa kwezitha zami; indlebe zami zizwile
ngokuchithizwa kwezitha zami ezimbi. **12** Abalungileyo
bazaqhela njengesihlahla selala, bazakhula njengomsedari
waseLebhanoni; **13** ngoba behlanyelwe endlini kaThixo,
bazaqhela emagumeni kaNkulunkulu wethu. **14** Bazabe
belokhu bethela izithelo lanxa sebebadala, bazahlala
belokhu behluma beluhlaza, **15** bememezela besithi,
"UThixo uqotho; uliDwala lami, kakukho bubi kuye."

93 UThixo uyabusa, ugqoke ubukhosi; uThixo ugqoke
ubukhosi njalo uzihlome ngamandla. Umhlaba ugxilile
uqinile; ngeke ugudlulwe. **2** Isihlalo sakho saqiniswa
ekadeni; uNguwe kusukela phakade. **3** Inlwandle
seziphakamisile, Oh Thixo, inlwandle ziliphakamisile
ilizwi lazo; inlwandle ziwaphakamisile amagagasi azo
agubhuzelayo. **4** Ngamandla adlula umdumo wamanzi
amanengi, ngamandla adlula awokugubhuza kolwandle
uThixo ophezulu ulamandla. **5** Izimiso zakhe zimi ziqinile;
ubungcwele bukhazimulisa indlu Yakho okwensuku
ezingapheliyo, Oh Thixo.

94 Oh Thixo, uNkulunkulu ophindiselayo, Oh Nkulunkulu
ophindiselayo, khanya uvele. **2** Phakama, awu Mahluli
womhlaba; baphindisele abazigqajayo ngokubafaneleyo.
3 Koze kube nini ababi, Oh Thixo, koze kube nini
ababi beklamasa na? **4** Bathulula amazwi okukloloda;
zonke izigangi zifuthelene ngokuzikhukhumeza. **5**
Ziyabanyathezela abantu bakho, Oh Thixo; zincindezela

ilifa lakho. **6** Zibulala umfelokazi kanye lowezizweni;
zibulala intandane. **7** Zithi, “UThixo kaboni; uNkulunkulu
kaJakhobe kananzi.” **8** Limukani, lina elingelangqondo
phakathi kwabantu; lina ziphukuphuku, lizahlakanipha
nini? **9** Yena lowo owayigxumekayo indlebe kezwa
yini? Yena lowo owabumba ilihlo kaboni na? **10** Yena
lowo oqondisa izizwe kajezisi yini? Yena lowo ofundisa
umuntu kalalwazi na? **11** UThixo uyayazi imicabango
yomuntu; uyayazi ukuthi iyize nje. **12** Ubusisiwe umuntu
omqondisayo, Oh Thixo, umuntu omfundisa okomthetho
wakho; **13** uyamphumuza ensukwini zokuhlupheka, kuze
kuthi ababi bembelwe igodi. **14** Ngoba uThixo kazukwala
abantu bakhe; kasoze lanini afulathele ilifa lakhe. **15**
Ukwahlulela kuzaphinda njalo kumiswe ngokulunga,
kuthi bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo bakulandele. **16**
Ngubani ozangimela ekulweni lababi na? Ngubani
ozangelekelela ekulweni lezigangi na? **17** Aluba uThixo
wayengangelulekanga, ngabe ngahle ngahlala ngathula
zwi ekufeni. **18** Lapho ngasengisithi, “Unyawo lwami
selutshelela,” uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo, lwangisekela.
19 Nxa ukunqineka kwase kungikhulela, induduzo
yakho yaletha intokozo emphefumulweni wami. **20**
Kambe isihlalo sobukhosi esixhwalileyo singema lawe
yini leso esiletha inhlupheko ngezimemezelo zaso?
21 Bayahlangana ukumelana labalungileyo ongelacala
agwetshelwe ukufa. **22** Kodwa uThixo useyinqaba yami,
loNkulunkulu wami ulidwala engiphephela kulo. **23**
Uzabaphindisela ngenxa yezono zabo ababhubhise ngenxa
yobubi babo; uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu uzababhubhisa.

95 Wozani sihlabelele ngentokozo kuThixo;
kasihlokomeni kamnandi kulo iDwala lokusindiswa
kwethu. **2** Kasizeni phambi kwakhe ngokubonga
simdumise ngamachacho langengoma. **3** Ngoba uThixo
unguNkulunkulu omkhulu, iNkosi enkulu ngaphezu
kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **4** Inziki zomhlaba zisezandleni
zakhe, leziqongo zezintaba ngezakhe. **5** Ngolwakhe
ulwandle ngoba walwenza, lezandla zakhe zawenza
umhlaba owomileyo. **6** Wozani, kasikhothame
simkhonze, kasiguqe phambi kukaThixo uMenzi wethu; **7**
ngoba unguNkulunkulu wethu, thina singabantu bedlelo
lakhe, umhlambi awunakekelayo. Lamhla, nxa lisizwa
ilizwi lakhe, **8** lingazenzi lukhuni inhliziyo zenu njengoba
lenzenjalo eMeribha, njengelakwenza ngaleliyana ilanga
eMasa enkangala, **9** lapho okhokho benu abangilinga
khona bengizama, lanxa babekubonile engakwenzayo. **10**
Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngangisizondele
lesosizukulwane; ngathi, "Bangabantu onhliziyo zabo
ziyahlanhlatha, njalo kabazazanga izindlela zami." **11**
Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni
kwami ngathi, "Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami."

96 Hlabelani kuThixo ingoma entsha; hlabelani kuThixo
mhlaba wonke. **2** Hlabelani kuThixo, dumisani ibizo
lakhe; memezelani insindiso yakhe insuku ngezinsuku. **3**
Fakazani ngobukhosi bakhe ezizweni zonke, lemisebenzi
yakhe emangalisayo phakathi kwabantu bonke. **4** Ngoba
umkhulu uThixo, ufanele ukudunyiswa ngokuphindiweyo;
kumele esatshwe ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.
5 Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe,

kodwa uThixo wadala amazulu. **6** Inkazimulo lobukhosi
kuphambi Kwakhe; amandla lobukhosi kusendlini yakhe
engcwele. **7** Mnikeni uThixo, lina zizukulwane zezizwe.
Mnikeni uThixo ubukhosi lamandla. **8** Mnikeni uThixo
udumo olufanele ibizo lakhe. Lethani umnikelo libuye
phambi kwakhe. **9** Mkhonzeni uThixo enkazimulweni
yobungcwele bakhe; thuthumelani phambi kwakhe
mhlaba wonke. **10** Wothini phakathi kwezizwe, "UThixo
uyabusa." Umhlaba ugxilile, ungeke wagudluzwa;
uzabehlulela abantu ngokubafaneleyo. **11** Amazulu
kawathokoze, lomhlaba ujabule; ulwandle kaluhlokome,
lakho konke okukulo; **12** amasimu kawathakazelele
lakho konke okukuwo. Lapho-ke izihlahla zonke zeganga
zizahlabela ngentokozo; **13** phambi kukaThixo, ngoba
uyeza, uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba. Uzakwahlulela
umhlaba ngokulunga, ahlulele abantu ngeqiniso.

97 UThixo uyabusa, umhlaba kawuthokoze; akuthi
amakhumbi akude ajabule. **2** Amayezi lomnyama omkhulu
kumsibekele; ukulunga lokwahlulela kuhle kuyisisekelo
sesihlalo Sakhe sobukhosi. **3** Umlilo uhamba phambi
Kwakhe uzihangule izitha zakhe inxa zonke. **4** Umbane
wakhe ukhanyisa umhlaba; umhlaba ukubone lokho
uthuthumele. **5** Izintaba zincibilika njengengcino phambi
kukaThixo, phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke. **6**
Amazulu amemezela ukulunga kwayo, labantu bonke
bayayibona inkazimulo yayo. **7** Bonke abakhonza
izifanekiso bathelwa ihlazo, labo abazikhukhumeza
ngezithombe mkhonzeni, lonke lina bonkulunkulu!
8 IZiyoni iyezwa ithokoze lemizi yakoJuda iyajabula

ngenxa yokwahlulela Kwakho, Oh Thixo. **9** Ngoba wena, Oh Thixo ungoPhezukonke kuwo wonke umhlaba; uphakeme ngaphezulu kakhulu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **10** Akuthi bonke abamthandayo, uThixo, bazonde okubi, ngoba uyazilinda impilo zabathembekileyo bakhe abakhulule esandleni sababi. **11** Ukukhanya kuyehliselwa kwabalungileyo lentokozo kwabaqotho enhliziyweni. **12** Thokozani kuThixo lina elilungileyo, lidumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele.

98 Ihubo Hlabelelani uThixo ingoma entsha, ngoba wenzile izinto ezimangalisayo; isandla sakhe sokunene lengalo yakhe engcwele sekumenzele insindiso. **2** UThixo useyenze yaziwa insindiso yakhe waveza ukulunga kwakhe ezizweni. **3** Uselukhumbule uthando lwakhe lokuthembeka Kwakhe endlini ka-Israyeli; yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba iyibonile insindiso kaNkulunkulu wethu. **4** Hlokomani ngentokozo kuThixo, mhlaba wonke, hlabelani ingoma ngokujabula okukhulu, litshaya amachacho; **5** yenzani umsindo kuThixo ngomhubhe, ngomhubhe langomsindo wokuhlabela, **6** ngamacilongo langomsindo wophondo lwenqama hlokomani ngentokozo phambi kukaThixo, iNkosi. **7** Akuthi ulwandle luhlokome, lakho konke okuphakathi kwalo, umhlaba labo bonke abahlala kuwo. **8** Akuthi imifula iqakeze izandla zayo, akuthi izintaba zihlabele kanyekanye ngentokozo; **9** kazihlabele phambi kukaThixo, ngoba Uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba. Uzakwahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga labantu bonke ngokufaneleyo.

99 UThixo uyabusa, izizwe kazithuthumele; uhlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi phakathi kwamakherubhi, umhlaba
kawuzamazame. **2** Mkhulu uThixo eZiyoni; uphakeme
ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke. **3** Kabadumise ibizo Lakho
elikhulu elesabekayo Yena ungcwele. **4** INkosi ilamandla,
ithanda ukwahlulela okuhle umisile ukwaba ngemfanelo;
kuJakhobe usuwenzile okuqondileyo lokulungileyo.
5 Dumisani uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu likhonze
phansi kwesihlalo sakhe; yena ungcwele. **6** UMosi lo-
Aroni babephakathi kwabaphristi bakhe, uSamuyeli
wayekulabo ababelibiza ibizo lakhe; bambiza uThixo Yena
wabaphendula. **7** Wabakhulumisa ephakathi kwensika
yeyezi; bagcina izimiso zakhe lezimemezelo azitshoyo
kubo. **8** Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, wabaphendula;
ku-Israyeli wawunguNkulunkulu othethelelayo, lanxa
wabajezisa ngenxa yezenzo zabo ezimbi. **9** Phakamisani
uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, limkhonze entabeni yakhe
engcwele, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ungcwele.

100 Ihubo. Elokubonga. Hlokomani ngentokozo
kuThixo, mhlaba wonke. **2** Mkhonzeni uThixo ngenjabulo;
wozani phambi Kwakhe ngezingoma zokuthokoza. **3** Yazini
ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu. Nguye owasenzayo,
singabantu bakhe, izimvu zedlelo lakhe. **4** Ngenani
emasangweni akhe ngokubonga lemagumeni akhe
ngokudumisa; mbongeni lidumise ibizo lakhe. **5** Ngoba
uThixo ulungile lothando lwakhe lumi kuze kube phakade;
ukuthembeka kwakhe kumi kuzozonke izizukulwane.

101 ElikaDavida. Ihubo. Ngizahlabelela ngothando
lwakho lokwahlulela kwakho okuhle; kuwe, Oh

Thixo, ngizahlabelela indumiso. **2** Ngizananzelela
ukuthi ngiphile impilo engasolekiyo uzakuza nini
kimi na? Ngizahamba endlini yami ngenhliziyo
engasolekiyo. **3** Phambi kwamehlo ami angiyikubeka
lutho olungcolileyo. Izenzo zabantu abangakholwayo
ngiyazizonda; kazizukunginamathela. **4** Abantu
abalenhliziyo exhwalileyo bazakuba khatshana lami;
angiyikuhambelana lobubi. **5** Lowo ochothoza
umakhelwane wakhe ngasese, lowo ngizamthulisa;
olamehlo asesiphundu lenhliziyo ezigqajayo, lowo
kangilasikhathi laye. **6** Amehlo ami azakuba
kwabathembekileyo elizweni, ukuthi bahlale lami; lowo
okuhamba kwakhe kakulansolo uzangisebenzela ekhonza
kimi. **7** Kakho othanda ukwenza inkohliso ozahlala
endlini yami; kakho okhuluma amanga ozakuma phambi
kwami. **8** Zonke insuku ekuseni ngizabathulisa bonke
ababi phakathi kwelizwe; ngizamlahla phansi wonke
umuntu oyisigangi edolobheni likaThixo.

102 Umkhuleko womuntu okhathazekileyo. Lapho
esephela umoya eseqhinqa isililo phambi kukaThixo.
Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh Thixo; ukukhala kwami
ngicela uncedo kakufike kuwe. **2** Ungangifihleli
ubuso bakho nxa ngikhathazekile. Ngipha indlebe
yakho; nxa ngibiza ngiphendula masinyane. **3**
Ngoba insuku zami ziyanyamalala njengentuthu;
amathambo ami ayavutha njengamalahle abhebhayo.
4 Inhliziyo yami yonakele, ibunile njengotshani;
ngiyakhohlwa ukudla kwami. **5** Ngenxa yokububula
kwami okukhulu sengiphelile, isikhumba sesinamathela

emathanjeni. **6** Sengifana lesikhova senkangala,
njengesikhova semanxiweni. **7** Ngilala ngikhangele;
senginjengenyoni ehlezi yodwa ephahleni. **8** Ilanga lonke
izitha zami ziyangichukuluza; labo abangichothozayo
badlala ngebizo lami njengesethuko. **9** Ngoba ngidla
umlotha njengokudla kwami, ngixube okunathwayo
kwami ngezinyembezi **10** ngenxa yokuthukuthela
kwakho okukhulu, ngoba ungiqukule wangilahlela
eceleni. **11** Insuku zami zifana lesithunzi sakusihlwa;
ngiyabuna njengotshani. **12** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo,
uhlezi ebukhosini lanininini; udumo lwakho lumi
ezizukulwaneni zonke. **13** Uzaphakama uzwele iZiyoni
isihawu, ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokutshengisa umusa
kuyo, isikhathi esimisiweyo sesifikile. **14** Ngoba amatshe
ayo aligugu ezincekwini zakho; othuli lwayo nje
lubalethela usizi. **15** Izizwe zizalesaba ibizo likaThixo,
wonke amakhosi omhlaba azahlonipha inkazimulo
yakhe. **16** Ngoba uThixo uzayakha kutsha iZiyoni avele
enkazimulweni yakhe. **17** Uzaphendula imikhuleko
yabahluphekayo; kazukweyisa isicelo sabo. **18** Lokhu
kakulotshwe phansi kube ngokwesizukulwane sakusasa,
ukuze abantu abangakadalwa bamdumise uThixo:
19 "UThixo wakhangela phansi ephezulu endlini
yakhe engcwele, esezulwini wawuhlola umhlaba, **20**
ukuze ezwe ukububula kwezibotshwa lokukhulula labo
ababegwetshelwe ukufa." **21** Ngalokho-ke ibizo likaThixo
lizamenyezelwa eZiyoni lodumo lwakhe eJerusalema,
22 lapha izizwe lemibuso sekuhlangana ndawonye
ukukhonza uThixo. **23** Wawanciphisa amandla ami

ngisaphila; waziphungula insuku zami. **24** Yikho ngasengisithi, “Ungangithathi, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngilokhu ngisephakathi kwensuku zami; iminyaka yakho ihlala ikhona ezizukulwaneni zonke. **25** Ekuqaleni wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho. **26** Konke kuzabhubha, kodwa wena uzasala; konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko. Njengesivunulo uzakuguqula kucine sekulahlwa. **27** Kodwa wena uhlala unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela. **28** Abantwana bezinceku zakho bazahlala besemehlweni akho; izizukulwane zazo zizaqiniswa phambi kwakho.”

103 ElikaDavida. Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami;
konke okuphakathi kwami, kakudumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele. **2** Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami,
ungaze wakhohlwa konke okuhle okuthola kuye **3**
othethelelayo zonke izono zakho akusilise kuzozonke izifo zakho, **4** ohlenga impilo yakho egodini akwethese uthando lesihawu, **5** osuthisa izifiso zakho ngezinto ezinhle ukuze ubutsha bakho buvuselelwe njengengqungqulu. **6** UThixo ubenzela ukulunga lokwahlulela okuhle labo abancindezelweyo. **7** Izindlela zakhe wazazisa uMosi, izenzo zakhe wazazisa abantu bako-Israyeli; **8** uThixo ulesihawu njalo ulomusa, uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, kodwa uyanda ngothando. **9** Kahlali ebeka imilandu futhi kagcini ulaka lwakhe kokuphela; **10** kasiphathi ngokufanele izono zethu kumbe asijezise ngokulingene iziphambeko zethu. **11** Ngoba njengokuphakama komkhathi ngaphezu komhlaba, lukhulu kangako uthando lwakhe kulabo abamesabayo; **12** njengobukhatshana bempumalanga

kuyo intshonalanga kanjalo ususile iziphambeko zethu kithi. **13** Ngendlela ubaba elozwelo ebantwaneni bakhe, kanjalo uThixo ulozwelo kulabo abamesabayo; **14** ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi sibunjwe njani, uyakhumbula ukuthi siluthuli. **15** Umuntu yena insuku zakhe zinjengotshani, ukhula amemetheke njengembali yeganga; **16** umoya uyayiphephetha ihle inyamalale, indawo yakhe ingabe isayikhumbula lanini. **17** Kodwa kusukela phakade kusiya phakade uthando lukaThixo lukulabo abamesabayo, lokulunga Kwakhe ebantwaneni babantwana **18** kulabo abagcina isivumelwano Sakhe njalo bakhumbule ukulalela izimiso zakhe. **19** UThixo usemisile isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi ezulwini, njalo ubukhosi bakhe buphezu kwakho konke. **20** Dumisani uThixo, lina zingilosi, lina zinceku zakhe elenza intando yakhe, elilalela ilizwi lakhe. **21** Dumisani uThixo, lonke mabutho akhe asezulwini, lina zinceku zakhe elenza intando yakhe. **22** Dumisani uThixo, imisebenzi yakhe yonke ezindaweni zonke embusweni wakhe. Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami.

104 Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami. Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, umkhulu kakhulu; ugqoke inkazimulo lobukhosi. **2** Uyazigoqela ngokukhanya kungathi njengesivunulo; amazulu uyawelula njengethente **3** anqumise intungo zezindlu zangaphezulu zilale phezu kwamanzi. Wenza amayezi inqola yakhe yamabhiza, undiza ngezimpiko zomoya. **4** Wenza izikhatha zomoya zibe yizithunywa zakhe, amalangabi omlilo izinceku zakhe. **5** Wawugxilisa umhlaba ezisekelweni zawo; ungeke wagudlulwa. **6** Wawembesa

ngolwandle njengesivunulo; amanzi ema ngaphezu kwezintaba. **7** Kodwa wathi ngokukhwaza amanzi abaleka, ngomsindo wokuduma kwakho asibathela; **8** ageleza phezu kwezintaba, ehlela ezigodini endaweni owamisele kuyo. **9** Wamisa umkhawulo angeke aweqe; kasayikubuya awugubuzele njalo umhlaba lanini. **10** Wenza imithombo impompozele amanzi ezindongeni; ageleza phakathi kwezintaba, **11** zipha amanzi kuzozonke izinyamazana zeganga; labobabhemi beganga bacitsha lapho ukoma. **12** Izinyoni zomoya zakhela eduze kwamanzi; ziyatshiloza phakathi kwezingatsha. **13** Uyazithelezela izintaba esezindlini zakhe eziphezulu; umhlaba uyawusuthisa ngezithelo zomsebenzi wakhe. **14** Umilisela inkomo utshani, ahlanyelele abantu bona bahlakule kuzuzakale ukudla emhlabathini: **15** iwayini elijabulisa inhliziyo yomuntu, amagcobo enza ubuso bakhe bukhazimule, lesinkwa esilulamisa inhliziyo yakhe. **16** Izihlahla zikaThixo ziyathelelwa okwaneleyo, imisedari yeLebhanoni ayihlanyelayo. **17** Izinyoni zakhela kuyo izidleke zazo; ingabuzane lakha indlu yalo ezihlahleni zephayini. **18** Izintaba eziphakemeyo ngezamagogo, amawa ayisiphephelo sezimbila. **19** Inyanga yehlukanisa izibanga zomnyaka, lelanga liyazi ukuthi litshona nini. **20** Uletha umnyama, kube sebusuku, lapho zonke izinyamazana zeganga zizingele. **21** Izilwane ziyabhonga zifuna inyama yazo zidinga ukudla kwazo kuNkulunkulu. **22** Ilanga liyaphuma, zibe sezicatsha; ziyabuyela ezikhundleni zazo zilale. **23** Umuntu abe esephuma aye emsebenzini wakhe, ayotshikatshika kuze

kube ntambama. **24** Minengi kanganani imisebenzi yakho,
Oh Thixo! Zonke wazenza ngenhlakanipho; umhlaba
ugcwele izidalwa zakho. **25** Nantuyana ulwandle, uthwaca
olungakaya, olunyakazela ngezidalwa ezingelakubalwa
izinto eziphilayo ezinkulu lezincinyane. **26** Kulapho
imikhumbi endenda khona isiyale lale, loleviyathani, isilo
owasenza ukuthi sidlale khona. **27** Zonke lezi zikhangele
kuwe ukuthi uziphe ukudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo.
28 Uthi ungazipha bese zikubuthela ndawonye; uthi
ungavula isandla sakho, zisuthiswe ngezinto ezinhle.
29 Uthi ungafihla ubuso bakho zitshaywe luvalo; uthi
ungathatha umphefumulo wazo, zife zibuyele othulini.
30 Uthi ungathumela uMoya wakho zidalwe, uwenze ube
muhle umhlaba. **31** Sengathi inkazimulo kaThixo ingema
lanini; sengathi uThixo angathokoza ngemisebenzi yakhe
32 yena okhangela umhlaba uthuthumele, othinta izintaba
zithunqe intuthu. **33** Ngizahlabelela kuThixo impilo
yami yonke; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu
wami lanini nxa ngisaphila. **34** Sengathi iminakano
yami ingamthokozisa, ngoba ngiyathokoza kuThixo. **35**
Kodwa sengathi izoni zinganyamalala emhlabeni lezigangi
zingabe zisaba khona. Dumisa uThixo, Oh Mphefumulo
wami. Dumisa uThixo, Oh Mphefumulo wami.

105 Bongani uThixo, memezani ibizo lakhe; lizazise
phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe **2** Hlabelelani kuye,
hlabelelani indumiso kuye; likhulume ngezenzo zakhe
zonke ezimangalisayo. **3** Jabulani ebizweni lakhe
elingcwele; kazithokoze inhliziyo zabo abamdingayo
uThixo. **4** Dingani uThixo lamandla akhe, limdinge

yena njalonjalo. **5** Khumbulani izenzo zakhe
ezimangalisayo azenzayo, izimangaliso azenzayo,
lezahlulelo azikhulumayo, **6** lina zizukulwane zika-
Abhrahama inceku yakhe, lina madodana kaJakhobe,
abakhethiweyo bakhe. **7** UnguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu;
izahlulelo zakhe zisemhlabeni wonke. **8** Uyasikhumbula
isivumelwano sakhe nini lanini, ilizwi lomlayo wakhe,
okwezizukulwane ezizinkulungwane, **9** isivumelwano
asenza lo-Abhrahama, isifungo asifungayo ku-Isaka. **10**
Wakuqinisa lokhu kuJakhobe kwaba yisimiso ku-Israyeli
njengesivumelwano saphakade: **11** wathi "Ngizalinika
ilizwe laseKhenani njengesabelo selifa lenu." **12** Kwathi
besesebalutshwana, bebalutshwana kakhulu, beyizihambi
kulo, **13** bezula kuzizwe ngezizwe besuka komunye
umbuso besiya komunye. **14** Kavumelanga loba ngubani
ukubancindezela; wawakhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo:
15 "Lingabathinti abagcotshiweyo bami; lingahlukuluzi
abaphrofethi bami." **16** Waletha indlala elizweni
wachitha zonke iziphala zokudla; **17** wathumela indoda
yabandulela uJosefa owathengiswa waba yisigqili. **18**
Bambhonxula inyawo zakhe ngezibopho, wabotshwa
intamo ngezinsimbi, **19** kwaze kwathi lokho ayekutsho
ngaphambili kwagcwaliseka, kwaze kwathi ilizwi likaThixo
latshengisa ukuthi wayeqinisile. **20** Inkosi yathumela
ukuthi akhululwe, umbusi wezizwe wamkhulula. **21**
Wamenza umbusi wendlu yakhe, umbusi wakho konke
okwakungokwakhe, **22** ukuqondisa amakhosana akhe
njengokubona kwakhe lokufundisa abadala bakhe
inhlakanipho. **23** Kwathi-ke u-Israyeli wayangena

eGibhithe; uJakhobe wahlala njengowezizweni elizweni likaHamu. **24** UThixo wenza abantu bakhe banda kakhulu; wabenza baba banengi kakhulu bandela izitha zabo, **25** kwathi inhliziyo zabo wazenza zazonda abantu bakhe, bakha amacebo amabi ngezinceku zakhe. **26** Wathuma uMosi inceku yakhe, lo-Aroni ayebakhethile. **27** Benza iziboniso zakhe ezimangalisayo phakathi kwabo, izimanga zakhe elizweni likaHamu. **28** Wathumela umnyama wenza ilizwe laba mnyama kanti angithi babewahlamukele amazwi akhe? **29** Waguqula amanzi abo aba ligazi, okwenza inhlanzi zawo zafa. **30** Ilizwe labo lanyakazela ngamaxoxo, angena ezindlini zokulala ezababusi babo. **31** Wakhuluma, kwavela umtshitshi wezibawu, lenswintila elizweni labo lonke. **32** Wenza izulu labo laba yisiqhotho, laba lombane elizweni labo lonke; **33** wacakazela phansi amavini abo lemikhiwa, waphundla izihlahla zelizwe labo. **34** Wakhuluma zatheleka izintethe, izintethe ezingelakubalwa; **35** zadla yonke into eluhlaza elizweni labo, zadla izithelo zomhlabathi wabo. **36** Ngemva kwalokho wasebulala amazibulo wonke elizweni labo, izithelo zokuqala zobulisa babo. **37** Wamkhupha u-Israyeli, ethwele esisitheka isiliva legolide, kakwaba lamunye phakathi kwezizwana zabo owehlulwa yikufa. **38** IGibhithe yathokoza ngokusuka kwabo, ngoba base bemesaba kubi u-Israyeli. **39** Wendlala iyezi lagubuzela, lomlilo ukukhanyisa ebusuku. **40** Bacela wabalethela izagwaca, wabasuthisa ngesinkwa sasezulwini. **41** Wavula ilitshe amanzi antshaza; njengomfula ageleza enkangala. **42** Ngoba wakhumbula isithembiso sakhe esingcwele

esaphiwa inceku yakhe u-Abhrahama. **43** Wabakhupha abantu bakhe ngokuthokoza, abakhethiweyo bakhe ngenhlokomo yentokozo. **44** Wabapha amazwe ezizwe, badla ilifa lalokho okwakuginqelwe ngabanye, **45** ukuze bagcine iziqondiso zakhe njalo balalele imithetho yakhe. Dumisani uThixo.

106 Dumisani uThixo. Bongani uThixo, ngoba ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi lanini. **2** Ngubani ongamemezela imisebenzi emikhulu kaThixo loba atsho ngokugcweleyo udumo lwakhe na? **3** Babusisiwe labo abahlala besenza ngendlela enhle, abahlezi besenza okulungileyo. **4** Ungikhumbule, Thixo, nxa usuveza umusa ebantwini bakho, woza ungisize nxatshana usubasindisa, **5** ukuze lami ngikholise ukuphumelela kwalabo obakhethileyo, ukuze ngabelwe entokozweni yesizwe sakho ngihlanganyele lelifa lakho ekudumiseni. **6** Sonile, njengalokho abakwenzayo okhokho bethu; senzile okubi senza izinto ezimbi. **7** Lapho okhokho bethu beseGibhithe, kabayinakanga imimangaliso yakho; kabazikhumbulanga izenzo zakho zomusa ezinengi, bahlamuka besolwandle, uLwandle oluBomvu. **8** Kodwa wabasindisa ngenxa yebizo lakhe, ukuze amandla akhe amakhulu aziwe. **9** Walukhuza uLwandle oluBomvu, loma qha; wabahola badabula ezinzikini njengasenkangala. **10** Wabasindisa esandleni sesitha; wabahlenga esandleni sesitha. **11** Amanzi asibekela izitha zabo, kakho loyedwa wazo owasindayo. **12** Lapho-ke base bezikholwa izithembiso zakhe bahlabelela indumiso yakhe. **13** Kodwa baphanga bakukhohlwa lokho ayekwenzile

kabaze balindela ukweluleka kwakhe. **14** Enkangala
bakhulelwa yizinkanuko zabo; khona emqothwini
bamlinga uNkulunkulu. **15** Ngakho wabapha lokho
abakucelayo, kodwa wabathela ngomkhuhlane ocikizayo.
16 Ezihonqweni basuka babalomhawu loMosi njalo lango-
Aroni, owayengcwelisiwe kuThixo. **17** Umhlaba wavuleka
waginya uDathani; wagqibela ixuku lika-Abhiramu. **18**
Umlilo walavuza phakathi kwabalandeli babo; ilangabi
labatshisa ababi. **19** EHorebhi benza ithole, bakhonza
isithombe esenziwe ngensimbi. **20** Badela ukuKhazimula
kwabo bakhetha isithombe senkunzi edla utshani. **21**
Bakhohlwa uNkulunkulu owabasindisayo, owayenze izinto
ezinkulu eGibhithe, **22** imimangaliso elizweni likaHamu
lezenzo ezibabazekayo ngasoLwandle oluBomvu. **23**
Ngakho wathi uzababhubhisa aluba kungesuMosi,
owakhethwayo wakhe, owema phambi kwakhe ukuvalela
ulaka lwakhe ukuze angababhubhisi. **24** Kwathi njalo
baleyisa ilizwe elihle; kabasikholwanga isithembiso sakhe.
25 Bakhonona besemathenteni abo kabaze bamlalela
uThixo. **26** Ngakho wafunga kubo ephakamise isandla
sakhe ukuthi wayezabenza bafele enkangala, **27** enze
izizukulwane zabo ziqedwe ngabezizwe zihlakazeke
emazweni wonke. **28** Bazibopha ingathi kusejogweni
kuBhali wasePheyori badla imihlatshelo eyayinikelwe
kubonkulunkulu abangaphiliyo; **29** bamthukuthelisa
uThixo ngezenzo zabo ezimbi; kwavela isifo phakathi
kwabo. **30** Kodwa uFinehasi wema wancenga isifo
sadeda. **31** Lokhu kwenza kuthiwe wayelungile kwaziswa
izizukulwane zonke ezizayo. **32** Bamzondisa uThixo

ngasemthonjeni weMeribha, uhlupho lwase lusehlela uMosi ngenxa yabo; **33** ngoba bahlamukela uMoya kaNkulunkulu, uMosi waze wakhupha amazwi amabi ngezindebe zakhe. **34** Kababababhubhisanga abantu bezizwe njengalokhu ababekulaywe nguThixo, **35** kodwa baphithikana labezizwe bathatha imikhuba yazo. **36** Bakhonza izithombe zazo, kwaba yisifu kubo. **37** Benza imihlatshelo ngamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo emadimonini. **38** Bachitha igazi elalingelacala, igazi lamadodana lamadodakazi abo, abenza ngabo imihlatshelo yezithombe zaseKhenani, ilizwe langcola ngegazi labo. **39** Bazingcolisa ngalokho abakwenzayo; ngezenzo zabo baziphatha njengeziphingi. **40** Ngakho uThixo wabathukuthelela abantu bakhe wanengwa yilifa lakhe. **41** Wabanikela kwabezizwe, izitha zabo zabusa phezu kwabo. **42** Izitha zabo zabancindezela zababeka ngaphansi kwamandla azo. **43** Izikhathi ezinengi wabakhulula, kodwa babezimisele ukuhlamuka bacikizeka ngenxa yesono sabo. **44** Kodwa wananzelela ukuhlupheka kwabo esezwile ukukhala kwabo; **45** ngenxa yokubahawukela wakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe, kwathi ngothando lwakhe olukhulu wadeda. **46** Wenza bonke labo ababebathumbile ukuthi babelesihawu kubo. **47** Sisindise, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, usiqoqe usikhulule phakathi kwezizwe, ukuze silibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele sijabule ekukudumiseni. **48** Kabongwe uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kusukela nini kuze kube nininini. Akuthi bonke abantu bathi, “Ameni!” Dumisani uThixo.

107 Mbongeni uThixo ngoba ulungile, uthando lwakhe
lumi laphakade. **2** Akuthi abahlengiweyo bakaThixo
batsho lokhu, labo abahlenga esandleni sesitha, **3**
labo abaqoqa emazweni kusuka empumalanga kusiya
entshonalanga, kusuka enyakatho laseningizimu. **4**
Abanye bantula egwaduleni lwenkangala, baswela
indlela eya emzini ababengahlala khona. **5** Balamba
boma, impilo zabo zancipha. **6** Basebekhala kuThixo
besekuhluphekeni kwabo, wasebakhulula osizini lwabo.
7 Wabahola ngendlela eqondileyo baya edolobheni
lapho ababengahlala khona. **8** Ngakho kabambonge
uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo
zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzela abantu, **9** ngoba ubenza
bakholwe abomileyo asuthise abalambileyo ngezinto
ezinhle. **10** Abanye bahlala emnyameni lasethunzini
elinzima beyizibotshwa ezihluphekayo zibotshwe
ngamaketane ensimbi, **11** ngoba babewahlamukele
amazwi kaNkulunkulu beyisa iseluleko soPhezukonke.
12 Ngakho wabathwalisa umsebenzi onzima; bawa
kodwa kungekho ongabasiza. **13** Ngakho basebekhala
kuThixo besekuhluphekeni kwabo wabasindisa osizini
lwabo. **14** Wabakhupha emnyameni lethunzini elinzima
waqamula amaketane abo. **15** Ngakho kabambonge
uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo zakhe
ezimangalisayo azenzela abantu, **16** ngoba uyawafohloza
amasango ethusi ephule imigoqo yensimbi. **17** Abanye
baba yiziwula ngenxa yezindlela zabo zokuhlamuka
badliwa yizinhlupheko ngenxa yokuxhwala kwabo.
18 Benyanya konke ukudla balengela emasangweni

okufa. **19** Bakhala kuThixo besekuhluphekeni kwabo,
wabasindisa osizini lwabo. **20** Wathumela ilizwi lakhe
labasilisa; wabahlenga engcwabeni. **21** Kabambonge
uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo zakhe
ezimangalisayo ebantwini. **22** Kabenze imihlatshelo
yeminikelo yokubonga bafakaze ngezenzo zakhe
zonke ngezingoma zokuthokoza. **23** Abanye bawela
olwandle ngemikhumbi; babengabathengisi emanzini
abanzi. **24** Bayibona imisebenzi kaThixo, izenzo
zakhe ezimangalisayo ekujuleni. **25** Ngoba wakhuluma
kwaqubuka isiphepho esasukumisa amagagasi aba
laphaya. **26** Akhwela athinta emazulwini, ehla ayatshona
ezinzikini; bekuleyongozi isibindi sabo samemetheka
saphela. **27** Bazigxobagxoba badiyazela njengabantu
abadakiweyo; baphelelwa lulwazi. **28** Basebekhala kuThixo
besekuhluphekeni kwabo, wabakhupha esizini lwabo.
29 Wasethulisa isiphepho ngokunyenyeza; amagagasi
olwandle aphola athi cwaka. **30** Bajabula bonke sekudedile,
wabahola wabasa ethekwini ababelifuna. **31** Kabambonge
uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo
zakhe ezimangalisayo ebantwini. **32** Kabamphakamise
emhlanganweni wabantu bamdumise enkundleni
yabadala. **33** Waguqula imifula yaba yinkangala,
imithombo egelezayo yaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo,
34 lomhlabathi olezithelo waba lugwadule oluletshwayi,
ngenxa yobubi balabo ababehlala khona. **35** Waguqula
inkangala yaba ngamachibi amanzi lomhlabathi
owomileyo waba yimithombo egelezayo; **36** lapho
waletha abalambileyo ukuba bahlale khona, khonapho

basungula umuzi ababezahlala kuwo. **37** Bahlanyela amasimu, bagxumeka amavini athela isivuno esikhulu; **38** wababusisa banda baba banengi kakhulu, akaze ayekela imihlambi yabo inciphe. **39** Kwasekusithi ubunengi babo sebunciphile, bathotshiswa ngokuncindezelwa, ngokuhlupheka langosizi; **40** kwathi yena othela ihlazo ezikhulwini wabantulisa egwaduleni olungakhanyi mzila. **41** Kodwa abaswelayo wabakhupha ekuhluphekeni kwabo wandisa izimuli zabo njengemihlambi yezimvu. **42** Abaqotho bayabona bathokoze, kodwa bonke ababi bagcike imilomo yabo. **43** Lowo ohlakaniphileyo, kaqaphele lezizinto anakane ngothando olukhulu lukaThixo.

108 Ingoma. Ihubo likaDavida. Inhliziyo yami ibambelele, kayiguquki, Oh Nkulunkulu; ngizahlabela ngenze iculo elimnandi ngomoya wami wonke. **2** Vuka, mhubhe lechacho! Ngizayivusa intathakusa. **3** Ngizakudumisa, yebo Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe; ngizahlabela ngawe phakathi kwabantu. **4** Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakho, luphakame kulamazulu; ukwethembeka kwakho kufinyelela emkhathini. **5** Kawuphakanyiswe, yebo Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu, akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibe khona emhlabeni wonke. **6** Sisindise usisize ngesandla sakho sokunene, ukuze kuthi laba obathandayo bakhululwe. **7** UNkulunkulu usekhulumile esendlini yakhe engcwele: “Ngokunqoba ngizayaba iShekhemu ngihlole leSigodi saseSukhothi. **8** Ngeyami iGiliyadi, loManase ngowami; u-Efrayimi yisivikelo sekhanda lami, uJuda uyintonga yami yobukhosi. **9**

IMowabi ngumganu wami wokugezela, phezu kuka-Edomi ngiphosela amanyathelo ami; phezu kweFilistiya ngihalalisa umkhosi wokunqoba.” **10** Ngubani ozangisa emzini olenqaba na? Ngubani ozangiholela e-Edomi na? **11** Kakusuwe na, Oh Nkulunkulu, wena osusikhalele, ongasaphumi lathi ezimpini zethu? **12** Ake usisize ezitheni zethu, ngoba usizo lomuntu luyize. **13** Nxa siloNkulunkulu sizanqoba, njalo uzazinyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

109 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo. Oh Nkulunkulu, wena engikudumisayo, ungali ulokhu uthule, **2** ngoba abantu ababi abalenkohliso bayivulile imilomo yabo bekhuluma ngami; bakhuluma bengigcona ngendimi zabo zamanga. **3** Bangihonqolozela ngamazwi enzondo; bayangisukela nje kungelasizatho. **4** Ukubathanda kwami bakuphindisela ngokungisola, kodwa ngingumuntu womkhuleko. **5** Bangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi, langenzondo ukubathanda kwami. **6** Bathi, “Khethani umuntu omubi ozamelana laye; ombeka icala kame kwesokunene sakhe. **7** Nxa esethonisiswa kafunyanwe elecala, futhi sengathi imikhuleko yakhe ingamlahla. **8** Sengathi insuku zakhe zingabazilutshwana; kakube lomunye ozathatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhokheli. **9** Sengathi abantwabakhe bangaba zintandane lomkakhe abe ngumfelokazi. **10** Sengathi abantwabakhe bangaba zinzulane zeziceli; sengathi bangaxotshwa emizini yabo esingamanxiwa. **11** Sengathi lowo aboleke kuye angamemuka konke alakho; sengathi labezizweni bangaphanga izithelo zamandla akhe. **12** Akungabikhona omenzela umusa loba ozwela izintandane zakhe. **13**

Sengathi izizukulwane zakhe zingaphela, amabizo abo esulwe esizukulwaneni esilandelayo. **14** Sengathi ububi bukayise bungakhunjulwa phambi kukaThixo, sengathi isono sikanina singacitshi lanini. **15** Sengathi izono zabo zingahlala zisobala phambi kukaThixo, ukuze aphelise du ukukhunjulwa kwabo emhlabeni. **16** Ngoba kazange akhumbule ukwenza umusa kodwa wabazingelela ukufa abayanga labaswelayo labadabukileyo enhliziyweni. **17** Wayekuthanda ukwethesa isithuko, sengathi singehlela kuye. Wayengakuthandi ukubusisa sengathi kungaba khatshana laye. **18** Wayevunula ukuthuka njengesigqoko; kwangena emzimbeni wakhe njengamanzi, emathanjeni akhe njengamafutha. **19** Sengathi kungaba njengengubo athandelwe ngayo njengebhanti abotshwe ngalo lanini." **20** Sengathi lokhu kungaba yisijeziso sikaThixo kulabo abangethesa amacala, labo abakhuluma okubi ngami. **21** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo woBukhosi, ngenzela kuhle ngenxa yebizo lakho; ngenxa yokulunga kothando lwakho akungikhulule. **22** Ngoba ngingumyanga ngiyaswela, lenhliziyo yami ilimele ngaphakathi kwami. **23** Ngiyafiphala njengethunzi lakusihlwa; ngiyaphetshulwa njengentethe. **24** Amadolo ami asebuthakathaka ngokuzila ukudla; umzimba wami usuzacile usutshwabhene. **25** Sengiyinto yokuhlekisa kulabo abangibeka amacala; bathi bengibona banyikinye amakhanda abo. **26** Akungisize, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami; ngisindisa ngokuya ngothando lwakho. **27** Kumele bakwazi ukuthi lokhu ngokwesandla sakho; wena, Oh Thixo, nguwe okwenzileyo. **28** Bangangiqalekisa, kodwa wena uzabusisa;

bathi bayahlasela bayangiswe, kodwa inceku yakho izathokoza. **29** Abangivukelayo kabembeswe ihlazo bagoqelwe ngokuyangeka njengengubo. **30** Ngomlomo wami ngizambabaza kakhulu uThixo; ngisemphakathini ngizamdumisa. **31** Ngoba umi ngakwesokunene salowo oswelayo, ukusindisa impilo yakhe kulabo abamnikela ekufeni.

110 ElikaDavida. Ihubo. UThixo uthi enkosini yami:
"Hlala ngakwesokunene sami ngize ngenze izitha zakho
zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho." **2** UThixo uzakwelula
intonga yakhe elamandla eyobukhosi kusuka eZiyoni
wena uzabusa phakathi kwezitha zakho **3** Amabutho
akho azazinikela mhla uphuma impi. Wembethe ubukhosi
obungcwele, phakathi komnyama wempondozankomo
uzakwamukela amazolo obutsha bakho. **4** UThixo
ufungile njalo kasoze ayiguqule ingqondo yakhe: "Wena
ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini emkhondweni
kaMelikhizedekhi." **5** INkosi ikwesokunene sakho;
izawachoboza amakhosi mhla wosuku lokuthukuthela
kwayo. **6** Izazahlulela izizwe, yenze inqwaba yabafileyo
njalo ibachoboze ababusi bomhlaba wonke. **7** Izanatha
emfuleni oseceleni kwendlela; ngakho-ke izaliphakamisa
ikhanda layo.

111 Dumisani uThixo. Ngizambabaza uThixo ngenhliziyo
yami yonke enkundleni yabaqotho lasemhlanganweni.
2 Mikhulu imisebenzi kaThixo; isemicabangweni yabo
bonke abathokoza ngayo. **3** Zilenkazimulo lobukhosi
izenzo zakhe, lokulunga Kwakhe kumi kuze kube
laphakade. **4** Wenzile ukuthi izimanga zakhe zikhunjulwe;

uThixo ulomusa lesihawu. **5** Uyabapha ukudla labo
abamesabayo; uyasikhumbula isivumelwano Sakhe lanini.
6 Ubatshengisile abantu bakhe amandla emisebenzi
yakhe, ngokubapha amazwe ezinye izizwe. **7** Imisebenzi
yezandla zakhe ithembekile, ilungile; zonke iziqondiso
zakhe ziyathembeka. **8** Zimi kaziguquki nini lanini,
zenziwa ngeqiniso langobuqotho. **9** Wathumela abantu
bakhe insindiso; wasingcwelisa isivumelwano Sakhe
okwanininini lingcwele liyesabeka ibizo lakhe. **10**
Ukumesaba uThixo kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho bonke
abalandela iziqondiso zakhe balokuzwisisa okuhle.
Kungokwakhe ukudunyiswa kwaphakade.

112 Dumisani uThixo. Ubusisiwe umuntu owesaba
uThixo, othokoza kakhulu ngemilayo yakhe. **2**
Abantwabakhe bazaba lamandla elizweni; isizukulwane
soqotho sizabusiswa. **3** Inotho lenzuzo kusendlini yakhe,
lokulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade. **4** Lasebumnyameni
kuyavela ukukhanya kwabaqotho, emuntwini olomusa,
olesihawu lolungileyo. **5** Ubuhle buzakwehlela kuye
ophanayo loweboleka ekhululekile, oqhuba zonke izinto
zakhe ngemfanelo. **6** Ngeqiniso kayikunyikinyeka; umuntu
olungileyo uzakhunjulwa lanininini. **7** Akayikwesaba
imibiko emibi; inhliziyo yakhe ichumile, yethembele
kuThixo. **8** Inhliziyo yakhe ikhululekile, akalakwesaba;
ekucineni uzakhangela izitha zakhe ngokunqoba. **9**
Uhlakazele izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke,
ukulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade; uphondo lwakhe
luzaphakanyiselwa phezulu ngenhlonipho. **10** Umuntu
omubi uzakubona lokhu afuthelane, uzagedla amazinyo

akhe, acikizeke emzimbeni; izinkanuko zababi zizaphetha ziyize.

113 Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani uThixo, lina zinceku zakhe, dumisani ibizo likaThixo. **2** Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaThixo, khona manje kanye laphakade. **3** Kusukela okuphuma khona ilanga kusiyafika lapho elitshona khona, kufanele lidunyiswe ibizo likaThixo. **4** UThixo uphakeme ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke, inkazimulo yakhe ngaphezulu kwamazulu. **5** Ngubani na onjengoThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, oNguye ohlezi ebukhosini phezulu, **6** okhothama akhangele phansi emazulwini lasemhlabeni? **7** Uyabavusa abampofu othulini, aphakamise abaswelayo esilotheni; **8** abahlalise lamakhosana, amakhosana abantu bakibo. **9** Lomfazi oyinyumba umenza ahlale kuhle emzini wakhe afane lalowo ongunina wabantwana. Dumisani uThixo.

114 Kwathi ekuphumeni kuka-Israyeli eGibhithe, indlu kaJakhobe isuka ebantwini bolimi lwezizweni, **2** uJuda waba yindlu engcwele kaNkulunkulu, u-Israyeli waba ngumbuso wakhe. **3** Ulwandle lwakubona lwabaleka, iJodani yabuyela emuva. **4** Izintaba zaqothuka njengenqama, amaqaqa enza njengamawundlu. **5** Kwakungani, we lwandle, wasuka wabaleka? Wena Jodani wabuyela emuva? **6** Lani zintaba laqolotsha njengenqama, lina maqaqa njengamawundlu? **7** Thuthumela, we mhlaba, phambi kukaThixo, phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe, **8** owaphendula idwala laba lichibi, idwala eliqinileyo laba ngumthombo wamanzi.

115 Kakungabi kithi, Oh Thixo, hatshi kithi kodwa kwelakho ibizo kakube lenkazimulo, ngenxa yothando

lokuthembeka Kwakho. **2** Kungani izizwe zisithi, “Ungaphi
uNkulunkulu wabo na?” **3** UNkulunkulu wethu usezulwini;
wenza loba yini ayithandayo. **4** Kodwa izithombe
zabo yisiliva legolide, zenziwe ngezandla zabantu. **5**
Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi, amehlo, kodwa kaziboni;
6 zilezindlebe, kodwa kazizwa, amakhala, kodwa kazinuki
lutho; **7** zilezandla, kodwa kazenelisi ukuthinta, inyawo,
kodwa kazihambi; njalo ngeke nje zenze umsindo
ngemphimbo yazo. **8** Labo abazenzayo bazakuba njengazo,
kube njalo lakulabo abathemba kuzo. **9** Oh ndlu ka-Israyeli,
methembe uThixo lusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo. **10** Oh,
ndlu ka-Aroni, methembe uThixo ulusizo lwabo lesihlangu
sabo. **11** Lina elimesabayo, thembani kuThixo ulusizo
lwabo lesihlangu sabo. **12** UThixo uyasikhumbula njalo
uzasibusisa: Uzayibusisa indlu ka-Israyeli, uzayibusisa
indlu ka-Aroni, **13** uzababusisa labo abamesabayo uThixo
abancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo. **14** Sengathi
uThixo angalenza lande, lonke lina kanye labantwana
benu. **15** Sengathi lingabusiswa nguThixo uMenzi wezulu
lomhlaba. **16** NgakaThixo amazulu aphezu kwakho
konke, kodwa umhlaba wawunika abantu. **17** Kakusibo
abafileyo abadumisa uThixo, labo abangena phansi
ekuthuleni; **18** yithi esimbabazayo uThixo, khona manje
kanye laphakade. Dumisani uThixo.

116 Ngiyamthanda uThixo ngoba walizwa ilizwi lami;
wezwa ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa. **2** Ngoba wangipha
indlela yakhe, ngizambiza kokuphela nxa ngisaphila. **3**
Izibopho zokufa zangithandela, ubuhlungu obukhulu
bengcwaba bangehlela; ngagajelwa yikuhlupheka losizi.

(Sheol h7585) **4** Ngasengibiza ibizo likaThixo: “Oh Thixo
ake ungisindise!” **5** UThixo ulomusa njalo ulungile;
uNkulunkulu wethu ulesihawu. **6** UThixo uvikela
abalenhliziyo ethobekileyo; ngathi ngihluphekile kakhulu
wangisindisa. **7** Phumula njalo, we mphefumulo
wami, ngoba uThixo ukwenzile ukulunga. **8** Ngoba
wena Thixo, uwukhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni,
amehlo ami ezinyembezini, lezinyawo zami azaze
zakhubeka, **9** ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaThixo
elizweni labaphilayo. **10** Ngathembela kuThixo; ngakho
ngasengisithi, “Ngiyahlupheka kakhulu.” **11** Ngiphakathi
kokulahla ithemba ngathi, “Bonke abantu balamanga.”
12 Ngingambonga ngani uThixo ngabo bonke ubuhle
bakhe kimi? **13** Ngizayiphakamisa inkezo yensindiso
ngimemeze ibizo likaThixo. **14** Ngizazigcwalisa izifungo
zami kuThixo phambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe. **15**
Kuligugu emehlweni kaThixo ukufa kwabathembekileyo
bakhe. **16** Oh Thixo, ngempela ngiyinceku Yakho, indodana
yencekukazi yakho; usungikhulule emaketaneni ami.
17 Ngizakwenzela umhlatshelo womnikelo wokubonga
ngilibize ibizo likaThixo **18** Ngizazigcwalisa izifungo
zami kuThixo phambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe, **19**
emagumeni endlu kaThixo phakathi kwakho, wena
Jerusalema. Dumisani uThixo.

117 Dumisani uThixo lina zizwe zonke; mbabazeni lina
bantu lonke. **2** Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakhe kithi,
lokuthembeka kukaThixo kumi kuze kube phakade.
Dumisani uThixo.

118 Mbongeni uThixo ngoba ulungile; uthando lwakhe
lumi laphakade. **2** U-Israyeli katsho athi: “Uthando lwakhe
lumi laphakade.” **3** Kayithi indlu ka-Aroni: “Uthando
lwakhe lumi laphakade.” **4** Akuthi bonke abamesabayo
uThixo bathi: “Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.” **5**
Ngathi ngidabukile ngakhala kuThixo, waphendula
ngokungikhululа. **6** UThixo ulami, angiyikwesaba.
Umuntu angenzani kimi na? **7** UThixo ulami; ungumsizi
wami. Ngizazinyonkoloza ngegunya izitha zami. **8**
Kungcono ukuphephela kuThixo kulokuthemba umuntu.
9 Kungcono ukuphephela kuThixo kulokuthemba
amakhosana. **10** Zonke izizwe zangihanqa, kodwa
ngegama likaThixo ngazichitha. **11** Zangihanqa inxa
zonke kodwa ngegama likaThixo ngazichitha. **12**
Zangiminyezela njengezinyosi kodwa zafa masinyane
njengokungunguma komlilo wameva; ngebizo likaThixo
ngazichitha. **13** Ngasunduzelwa emuva ngaphose ngawa,
kodwa uThixo wangisiza. **14** UThixo ungamandla ami
lengoma yami; yena useyikusindiswa kwami. **15** Imisindo
yentokozo lokunqoba iphuma emathenteni abalungileyo:
“Isandla sokunene sikaThixo senzile izinto ezinkulu! **16**
Isandla sokunene sikaThixo siphakanyisiwe kakhulu;
isandla sokunene sikaThixo senzile izinto ezinkulu!”
17 Angizukufa kodwa ngizaphila, ngizamemezela lokho
akwenzileyo uThixo. **18** UThixo ungitshayile kakhulu,
kodwa kanginikelanga ekufeni. **19** Ngivulela amasango
okulunga; ngizangena ngimbonge uThixo. **20** Nanti
isango likaThixo okungangena khona abalungileyo. **21**
Ngizakubonga, ngoba ungiphendulile; usuyinsindiso yami.

22 Ilitshe ababelilahlile seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni; **23** uThixo ukwenzile lokhu; njalo kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu. **24** Leli lilanga alenzileyo uThixo; kasithokoze sijabule ngalo. **25** Oh Thixo, sisindise; Oh Thixo, siphumelelise. **26** Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo. Siyakubusisa sisendlini kaThixo. **27** UThixo unguNkulunkulu, wenzile ukukhanya kwakhe kwehlela phezu kwethu. Liphethe izingatshana, ngenani edibini lomgido lize liyefika empondweni ze-alithare. **28** UnguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakubonga; unguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakuphakamisa. **29** Mbongeni uThixo ngoba ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube phakade.

119 Babusisiwe labo abandlela zabo zingelansolo, abahamba ngomthetho kaThixo. **2** Babusisiwe labo abagcina imilayo yakhe, abayidinga ngenhliziyo yabo yonke. **3** Kaboni lutho; bahamba ezindleleni zakhe. **4** Wena ubekile izimiso ukuthi zilandelwe ngokupheleleyo. **5** He, aluba izindlela zami zithembekile ekulaleleni izimemezelo zakho! **6** Lapho-ke ngeke ngibe lenhloni nxa ngikhumbula yonke imilayo yakho. **7** Ngizakudumisa ngenhliziyo eqotho ngilokhu ngiyifunda imithetho yakho elungileyo. **8** Ngizazilalela izimemezelo zakho; ungangikhalali ngempela. **9** Ijaha lingaphila njani impilo ehlambulukileyo? Ngokuphila ngendlela yelizwi lakho. **10** Ngikudinga ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ungangiyekeli ngiphambuke emilayweni yakho. **11** Ilizwi lakho ngilifihlile enhliziyweni yami ukuze ngingenzi isono kuwe. **12** Udumo kalube kuwe, Oh Thixo; ngifundisa izimemezelo zakho. **13** Ngezindebe zami ngiyayibala yonke

imithetho ephuma emlonyeni wakho. **14** Kuyangithokozisa
ukulandela izimiso zakho njengomuntu ethabela inotho
enkulu. **15** Ngiyanakana ngezimiso zakho ngikhumbule
ngezindlela zakho. **16** Ngiyathokoza ngezimemezelo
zakho; angiyikulidela ilizwi lakho. **17** Yenzele okuhle
inceku yakho ukuba ngiphile; ngizalilalela ilizwi lakho.
18 Vula amehlo ami ukuze ngibone izinto ezimangalisayo
emthethweni wakho. **19** Ngiyisihambi emhlabeni;
ungangifihleli imilayo yakho. **20** Umphefumulo wami
uhugekile ngokulangazelela imithetho yakho ngezikhathi
zonke. **21** Uyabakhuza abaklolodayo, abaqalekisiweyo
abaphambukayo emithethweni yakho. **22** Susa kimi
ihlazo lokweyisa, ngoba ngiyazigcina izimiso zakho. **23**
Loba ababusi behlangana ngami bengigcona, inceku
yakho izanakana ngezimemezelo zakho. **24** Izimiso zakho
ziyinjabulo yami; zingabacebisi bami. **25** Ngehliselwe
phansi othulini; londoloza impilo yami njengokwelizwi
lakho. **26** Ngabalisa izindlela zami wangiphendula;
ngifundisa izimiso zakho. **27** Ngenza ngizwisise imfundiso
yezimiso zakho; lapho-ke ngizanakana ngezimanga zakho.
28 Umphefumulo wami ukhathele ngosizi; ngiqinisa
njengokwelizwi lakho. **29** Ngivikela ezindleleni zenkohliso;
woba lobubele kimi ngokomthetho wakho. **30** Ngikhethe
indlela yeqiniso; sengibeke inhliziyo yami emithethweni
yakho. **31** Ngibambelele ezimisweni zakho, Oh Thixo;
ungangiyekeli ngiyangeka. **32** Ngigijima ngendlela
yemithetho yakho, ngoba uyikhulule inhliziyo yami. **33**
Ngifundisa, Oh Thixo; ukulandela izimemezelo zakho;
ukuthi ngizigcine kuze kufike ekucineni. **34** Ngipha

ukuzwisisa ukuze ngigcine umthetho wakho ngiwulalele
ngayo yonke inhliziyo yami. **35** Ngiqondisa endleleni
yemilayo yakho, ngoba khonapho ngifumana ukuthokoza.
36 Phendulela inhliziyo yami ezimisweni zakho kungabi
ngokokuzizuzela okungokwami. **37** Phendula amehlo
ami asuke ezintweni ezingesilutho; londoloza impilo
yami njengokwelizwi lakho. **38** Gcwalisa isithembiso
sakho encekwini yakho, ukuze wesatshwe. **39** Susa
ihlazo engilesabayo, ngoba imithetho yakho ilungile.
40 Ngizilangazelela kanjani izimiso zakho! Londoloza
impilo yami ekulungeni kwakho. **41** Sengathi uthando
lwakho olungaphuthiyo lungeza kimi, Oh Thixo, insindiso
yakho ize njengokuthembisa kwakho; **42** lapho-ke
ngizamphendula lowo ongithukayo, ngoba ngithembe
ilizwi lakho. **43** Ungangemuki emlonyeni ilizwi leqiniso,
ngoba ithemba lami ngilibeke emithethweni yakho. **44**
Ngizahlala ngiwulalela umthetho wakho, okwanini lanini.
45 Ngizazihambela ngikhululekile, ngoba ngiyidingisisile
imithetho yakho. **46** Ngizakhuluma ngezimiso zakho
phambi kwamakhosi ngingabi lamahloni, **47** ngoba
ngithokoza ngisemilayweni yakho ngoba ngiyayithanda.
48 Ngizaphakamisa izandla zami emilayweni yakho
engiyithandayo, nginakana ngezimemezelo zakho. **49**
Khumbula ilizwi lakho encekwini yakho, ngoba usungiphe
ithemba. **50** Induduzo yami phakathi kokuhlupheka
kwami yile: Isithembiso sakho sigcina impilo yami.
51 Abaklolodayo bangihleka baze bakholise, kodwa
kangiphambuki emthethweni wakho. **52** Ngiyayikhumbula
imithetho yakho yekadeni, Oh Thixo, ngifumana

ukududuzeka kuyo. **53** Ngithukuthela ngife ngenxa
yababi, asebedele umthetho wakho. **54** Izimemezelo
zakho ziyiyo injongo yengoma yami loba ngingabe
ngihlala ngaphi **55** Ebusuku ngiyalikhumbula ibizo
lakho, Oh Thixo, njalo ngizawugcina umthetho wakho.
56 Le yiyo injayelo yokwenza kwami: Ngiyayilalela
imithetho yakho. **57** Uyingxenye yami, Oh Thixo,
ngithembisile ukulalela amazwi akho. **58** Ngiyabudinga
ubuso bakho ngenhliziyo yami yonke; woba lobubele
kimi njengesithembiso sakho. **59** Sengizihlolile izindlela
zami ngaphendula izinyathelo zami zaya ezimisweni
zakho. **60** Ngizaphangisa ngingaphuzi ukulalela imilayo
yakho. **61** Loba ababi bengangibopha ngentambo,
angiyikuwukhohlwa umthetho wakho. **62** Phakathi
kobusuku ngivukela ukukubonga ngemithetho yakho
emihle. **63** Ngingumngane kubo bonke abakwesabayo,
kubo bonke abalandela imithetho yakho. **64** Umhlaba
ugcwele uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo; ngifundisa izimiso
zakho. **65** Senzele okuhle isisebenzi sakho njengelizwi
lakho, Oh Thixo. **66** Ngifundisa ulwazi lokwahlulela
okufaneleyo, ngoba ngiyayikholwa imilayo yakho. **67**
Ngingakabi sekuhluphekeni ngalahleka, kodwa manje
sengilalela ilizwi lakho. **68** Ulungile njalo okwenzayo
kulungile; ngifundisa izimiso zakho. **69** Lokuba
abaklolodayo bengibhaceke ngamanga, ngiyazigcina
izimiso zakho ngenhliziyo yami yonke. **70** Inhliziyo
zabo zilolunya kazilazwelo, kodwa mina ngijabula
ngomthetho wakho. **71** Kwakukuhle kimi ukuthi
ngihlutshwe ukuze ngifunde izimiso zakho. **72** Umthetho

ophuma emlonyeni wakho uligugu kimi okudlula inhlamvu zesiliva legolide eziyizinkulungwane. **73** Izandla zakho zangenza zangibumba, ngipha ukuzwisisa ukuze ngifunde imilayo yakho. **74** Sengathi labo abakwesabayo bangathokoza nxa bengibona, ngoba sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini lakho. **75** Ngiyazi, Thixo, ukuthi imithetho yakho ilungile, lokuthi ungihlukuluzile ngenxa yokuthembeka kwakho. **76** Sengathi uthando lwakho olungaphuthiyo lungaba yinduduzo kimi, njengesithembiso sakho encekwini yakho. **77** Isihawu sakho kasize kimi ukuze ngiphile, umthetho wakho uyikuthokoza kwami. **78** Sengathi abaklolodayo bangayangiswa ngokungigcona ngingonanga lutho; kodwa mina ngizanakana ngemithetho yakho. **79** Sengathi labo abakwesabayo bangaphendukela kimi, bona abezwisisa izimiso zakho. **80** Sengathi inhliziyo yami ingaba msulwa ngezimiso zakho, ukuze ngingayangiswa. **81** Umphefumulo wami uyacikizeka ngokulangazelela insindiso yakho, kodwa ngilibekile ithemba lami elizwini lakho. **82** Amehlo ami aseze efiphala ngokulinda isithembiso sakho; ngithi, “Uzaze ungiduduze nini na?” **83** Lanxa nginjengesixaxa sewayini esesikhumba sifuswe entuthwini, kangizilibali izimiso zakho. **84** Inceku yakho izalinda kuze kube nini na? Uzabajezisa nini abangihluphayo na? **85** Abaklolodayo bangigebhela amagodi, bephikisa umthetho wakho. **86** Yonke imilayo yakho ithembekile, ngisiza, ngoba abantu bayangichukuluza kungelasizatho. **87** Baphose bangesula emhlabeni, kodwa kangiyilahlanga imithetho yakho. **88**

Ngivuselela ngomusa wakho olothando, ukuze ngigcine izimiso zomlomo wakho. **89** Ilizwi lakho, Oh Thixo, kalipheli lanini; limi liqinile emazulwini. **90** Ukuthembeka kwakho kukhona kuzozonke izizukulwane; wawumisa umhlaba, uzakuma kokuphela. **91** Imithetho yakho imi lanamhla lokhu, ngoba zonke izinto zikhonza wena. **92** Aluba umthetho wakho ubungesiyo injabulo yami ngabe ngabhubha ngiphakathi kokuhlupheka kwami. **93** Kangisoze ngafa ngayilibala imithetho yakho, ngoba ngayo uyilondolozile impilo yami. **94** Ngisindisa ngoba ngingowakho; ngiyidingisisile imithetho yakho. **95** Ababi balindele ukungichitha, kodwa ngizanakana ngezimiso zakho. **96** Kukho konke ukuphelela ngibona kulomkhawulo; kodwa imilayo yakho ayilamingcele. **97** Oh, ngiwuthanda kangakanani umthetho wakho! Ngikhumbula ngawo ilanga lonke. **98** Imilayo yakho iyangihlakaniphisa kulezitha zami, ngoba ngihlezi ngilayo. **99** Ngicacile ukuqedisisa kwami kulabafundisi bami, ngoba ngiyanakana ngezimiso zakho. **100** Ngiyezwisisa okudlula abadala, ngoba ngiyayilalela imithetho yakho. **101** Inyawo zami kaziyinyathelanga layiphi indlela embi ukuze ngilalele ilizwi lakho. **102** Kangiphambukanga emithethweni yakho, ngoba wena ngokwakho ungifundisile. **103** Amazwi akho anambitheka kamnandi kimi, amnandi kulenyosi emlonyeni wami! **104** Ngiyazuza ukuqedisisa emithethweni yakho; ngakho ngiyayizonda loba layiphi indlela engalunganga. **105** Ilizwi lakho liyisibane ezinyaweni zami liyikukhanya kwendlela yami. **106** Sengenzile isifungo ngasiqinisa,

ukuthi ngizalandela imithetho yakho elungileyo. **107** Sengihlupheke kakhulu; londoloza impilo yami, Oh Thixo njengokutshiwo yilizwi lakho. **108** Yamukela, Oh Thixo, indumiso epheleleyo ngomlomo wami, ungifundise imithetho yakho. **109** Loba ngihlezi ngizibona sengingene engozini, kangiyi kuwulibala umthetho wakho. **110** Ababi sebengithiye ngomjibila kodwa kangiphambukanga emithethweni yakho. **111** Izimiso zakho ziyilifa lami laphakade; ziyintokozo yenhliziyo yami. **112** Inhliziyo yami izimisele ukugcina imilayo yakho kuze kube sekupheleni. **113** Ngiyabazonda abantu abangongqondombili, kodwa ngiyawuthanda umthetho wakho. **114** Uyisiphephelo sami lesihlangu sami; sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini lakho. **115** Sukani kimi lina benzi bobubi, ukuze ngikwazi ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu wami! **116** Ngisekela njengesithembiso sakho ukuze ngiphile; ithemba lami lingaze labhidlika. **117** Ngiqinisa ukuze ngikhululwe; ngizahlala ngizinanza izimiso zakho. **118** Uyabalahla bonke labo abaphambuka ezimisweni zakho, ngoba ukukhohlisa kwabo kuyize. **119** Bonke ababi bomhlaba uyabalahlela kude njengezibi; ngakho ngiyazithanda izimiso zakho. **120** Inyama yami iyathuthumela ngokukwesaba; ngizwa ngiyesaba imithetho yakho. **121** Ngenzile okulungileyo lokufaneleyo; ungangiyekeleli abancindezeli bami. **122** Qinisa impilakahle yenceku yakho; ungayekeli abaklolodayo bangincindezele. **123** Amehlo ami asefiphala elokhu ekhangele insindiso yakho, ekhangele isithembiso sakho esilungileyo. **124** Yenza encekwini yakho ngokothando lwakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho. **125**

Ngiyinceku yakho; ngipha ukuqedisisa ukuthi ngizwisise izimiso zakho. **126** Sekuyisikhathi sakho sokuthi wenze okwakho, Oh Thixo umthetho wakho uyephulwa nje. **127** Ngoba ngiyayithanda imilayo yakho kulegolide, kulegolide elicengekileyo, **128** njalo njengoba ngisithi imithetho yakho ilungile, ngiyayizonda yonke indlela engaqondanga. **129** Izimiso zakho ziyamangalisa; ngakho ngiyazilalela. **130** Ukwambulwa kwamazwi akho kuletha ukukhanya; kunika ukuzwisisa kwabayizithutha. **131** Ngivula umlomo wami ngikhefuzele, ngilangazelela imilayo yakho. **132** Phendukela kimi ube lomusa kimi, njengoba uhlezi ukwenza kwabathanda ibizo lakho. **133** Qondisa izinyathelo zami ngokwelizwi lakho; kakungabi lesono esingibusayo. **134** Ngihlenga ekuncindezelweni ngabantu, ukuze ngilalele imithetho yakho. **135** Yenza ubuso bakho bukhanye encekwini yakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho. **136** Imifula yezinyembezi iyajuluka emehlweni ami, ngoba umthetho wakho kawulalelwa. **137** Ulungile wena Thixo, lemithetho yakho ilungile. **138** Izimiso ozibekileyo zilungile; zithembekile ngokupheleleyo. **139** Ukutshiseka kwami kuyangicoba, ngoba izitha zami kaziwananzi amazwi akho. **140** Izithembiso zakho zihlolisisiwe kakhulu, inceku yakho iyazithanda. **141** Loba ngingumuntukazana ngiseyiswa, angiyikhohlwa imithetho yakho. **142** Ukulunga kwakho kumi laphakade njalo umthetho wakho uliqiniso. **143** Uhlupho losizi kuyakungehlele, kodwa imilayo yakho iyikuthokoza kwami. **144** Izimiso zakho zihlezi zilungile; ngipha ukuzwisisa ukuze ngiphile. **145** Ngiyamemeza ngayo yonke inhliziyo yami; ngiphendula, Thixo,

mina ngizalalela imithetho yakho. **146** Ngiyakubiza, ngisindisa mina ngizagcina izimiso zakho. **147** Ngivuka emathathakusa ngikhale kuwe ngicela usizo; sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini lakho. **148** Amehlo ami alala ekhangele ngemilindo yonke yobusuku, ukuze ngicabange ngezithembiso zakho. **149** Zwana ilizwi lami ngokuya kothando lwakho; londoloza impilo yami, Oh Thixo ngokuya kwemithetho yakho. **150** Labo abakha amasu amabi baseduze, kodwa bakhatshana lomthetho wakho. **151** Ikanti useduze, wena Thixo, lemilayo yakho yonke iqinisile. **152** Sekukade ngafunda ezimisweni zakho ukuthi wazenzela ukuthi zime lanininini. **153** Khangela ukuhawula kwami ungikhulule, ngoba kangiwukhohlwanga umthetho wakho. **154** Ake ungimele ukuze ungihlenge; londoloza impilo yami njengesithembiso sakho. **155** Insindiso ikhatshana kwababi, ngoba kabazidingi izimiso zakho. **156** Isihawu sakho sikhulu, Oh Thixo londoloza impilo yami mayelana lemithetho yakho. **157** Zinengi izitha ezingihluphayo, kodwa kangiphambukanga ezimisweni zakho. **158** Ngikhangela abangakholwayo ngibenyanye, ngoba kabalilaleli ilizwi lakho. **159** Ake ubone ukuthi ngiyithanda kanganani imithetho yakho; londoloza impilo yami, Oh Thixo, ngokothando lwakho. **160** Wonke amazwi akho aqinisile; yonke imithetho yakho elungileyo ngeyaphakade. **161** Ababusi bayangihlupha kungelasizatho, kodwa inhliziyo yami iyaliqhuqhela ilizwi lakho. **162** Isithembiso sakho siyangithokozisa ingathi ngumuntu othole impango enkulu. **163** Amanga ngiyawazonda njalo ngiyawenyanya kodwa

umthetho wakho ngiyawuthanda. **164** Ngikudumisa kasikhombisa ngelanga ngenxa yemithetho yakho elungileyo. **165** Kukhulu ukuthula abalakho labo abathanda umthetho wakho, kakulalutho olungabakhubekisa. **166** Ngiyilindele insindiso yakho, Oh Thixo njalo ngiyayilandela imilayo yakho. **167** Ngiyazilalela izimiso zakho, ngoba ngiyazithanda kakhulu. **168** Ngiyayilalela imithetho yakho lezimiso zakho, ngoba uyazazi zonke izindlela zami. **169** Sengathi ukukhala kwami kungafika kuwe, Oh Thixo ngipha ukuzwisisa njengelizwi lakho. **170** Sengathi ukuncenga kwami kungafika kuwe; ngikhulula njengesithembiso sakho. **171** Sengathi indebe zami zingageleza indumiso yakho, ngoba uyangifundisa imithetho yakho. **172** Sengathi ulimi lwami lungalihlabela ilizwi lakho, ngoba yonke imilayo yakho ilungile. **173** Sengathi isandla sakho singalungela ukungisiza, ngoba sengikhethe imithetho yakho. **174** Ngilangazelela insindiso yakho, Oh Thixo ngoba umthetho wakho uyinjabulo yami. **175** Kangiphile ukuze ngikudumise, sengathi njalo lemithetho yakho ingangisekela. **176** Ngiphambukile njengemvu elahlekileyo. Yidinge inceku yakho, ngoba kangikayikhohlwa imilayo yakho.

120 Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngiyambiza uThixo ngisosizini, laye angiphendule. **2** Ngisindisa, Oh Thixo, ezindebeni zamanga lezindimini zenkohliso. **3** Uzakwenzani kuwe, aphinde enzeni njalo, wena limi lwenkohliso? **4** Uzakujezisa ngomtshoko obukhali owebutho, ngamalahle avuthayo esihlahla. **5** Maye mina ngokuhlala kwami eMesheki, ngokuthi ngihlala emathenteni aseKhedari!

6 Sengihlale isikhathi eside kakhulu phakathi kwalabo
abazonda ukuthula. **7** Ngingumuntu wokuthula; kodwa
ngithi ngingakhuluma, sebefuna impi.

121 Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngiphakamisela amehlo ami
ezintabeni usizo lwami luvela ngaphi na? **2** Usizo
lwami luvela kuThixo, uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba. **3**
Kayikuyekela unyawo lwakho lutshelela yena okulindayo
kayikuwozela; **4** ngempela yena olinda u-Israyeli
akayikuwozela, akayikulala. **5** UThixo uyakulinda uThixo
ungumthunzi wakho esandleni sakho sokunene; **6** ilanga
kaliyikukutshisa emini noma loba inyanga ebusuku. **7**
UThixo uzakuvikela kuzozonke izingozi uzalinda impilo
yakho; **8** uThixo uzalondoloza ukufika kwakho lokusuka
kwakho manje kuze kube phakade.

122 Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida. Ngathokoza
lalabo abathi kimi, "Kasiye endlini kaThixo." **2**
Inyawo zethu zimi ngaphakathi kwamasango akho,
wena Jerusalema. **3** IJerusalema yakhiwe njengomuzi
obambeneyo waqina. **4** Kulapho eziqansela khona
izizwana, izizwana zikaThixo, ukudumisa ibizo likaThixo
njengalokho okwamiselwa u-Israyeli, ukuba abonge
ibizo likaThixo. **5** Kulapho okumi khona izihlalo
zobukhosi ezokwahlulela, izihlalo zobukhosi ezendlu
kaDavida. **6** Khulekelani ukuthula kwaseJerusalema:
"Sengathi labo abakuthandayo bangaphepha. **7** Sengathi
kungaba lokuthula ngaphakathi kwemiduli yakho
lokuvikela ngaphakathi kwezinqaba zakho." **8** Ngenxa
yabafowethu labangane bami, ngizakuthi, "Ukuthula
akube ngaphakathi kwakho." **9** Ngenxa yendlu kaThixo

uNkulunkulu wethu, ngizakhuthaza ukuphumelela kwakho.

123 Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngiphakamisela amehlo ami
kuwe, wena osesihlalweni sobukhosi emazulwini! **2**
Njengalokhu amehlo ezisebenzi ekhangela isandla
somqatshi wazo, lanjengoba amehlo encekukazi
ekhangela isandla senkosikazi yayo, kanjalo amehlo ethu
akhangela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, aze abe lomusa
kithi. **3** Woba lomusa kithi, Oh Thixo, woba lomusa
kithi, ngoba sesidiniwe yikweyiswa. **4** Sesibhensele
ukuhozwa okunengi ngabazigqajayo, ukweyiswa yilabo
abaklolodayo.

124 Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida. Aluba uThixo
ubengemanga lathi yekela u-Israyeli atsho njalo, **2** aluba
uThixo ubengemanga lathi, lapho sasihlaselwa ngabantu,
3 lapho ulaka lwabo lwalutshisa ngathi ngabe basiginya
siphila; **4** ngabe izikhukhula zasigalulisa, umsinga
wawuzasikhukhula, **5** amanzi ayabulayo ayezasikhucula.
6 Udumo kalube kuThixo ongasiyekelanga sadlithizwa
ngamazinyo abo. **7** Siphunyukile njengenyoni emjibileni
womthiyi; umjibila uqamukile sahle saphunyuka. **8** Usizo
lwethu lusegameni likaThixo uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba.

125 Ingoma yemiqanso. Labo abamethembayo uThixo
banjengentaba iZiyoni, yona enganyikinyekiyo, emi
kuze kube laphakade. **2** Njengezintaba ezigombolozele
iJerusalema, ngokunjalo uThixo uzungeza abantu bakhe
manje kuze kube laphakade. **3** Intonga yobukhosi
eyababi kayiyikusala ezweni elabelwe abalungileyo, ngoba
abalungileyo bangaqabuka sebesebenzisa izandla zabo

ukwenza okubi. **4** Yenza okuhle, awu Thixo, kulabo abalungileyo, kulabo abaqotho enhliziyweni **5** kodwa labo abaphambukela ezindleleni ezitshekileyo uThixo uzabaxotsha kanye labenzi bobubi. Ukuthula kakube ku-Israyeli.

126 Ingoma yemiqanso. Kwathi lapho uThixo ebuyisa izithunjwa eZiyoni, sasinjengabantu abaphuphayo. **2** Imilomo yethu yayigcwele ngohleko, lezindimi zethu zicula izingoma zentokozo. Basebesithi abezizwe, "UThixo ubenzele izinto ezimangalisayo." **3** UThixo usenzele izinto ezimangalisayo, ngakho siyathokoza kakhulu. **4** Buyisa ukuphumelela kwethu, Oh Thixo, njengemifula eseNegebi. **5** Labo abahlanyela ngezinyembezi bazavuna ngezingoma zentokozo. **6** Lowo ophuma ekhala, ethwele inhlanyelo ukuba ayehlanyela uzabuya ngezingoma zentokozo, ethwele izinyanda.

127 Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaSolomoni. Ngaphandle kokuba uThixo ayakhe indlu, abakhi bayo basebenzela ize. Ngaphandle kokuba uThixo awulinde umuzi, abalindi bawo balinda ize. **2** Kuyize ukuvuka kwenu ngovivi liphinde libambe kuze kuhlwe, lisebenzela ukudla kokufaka emlonyeni ngoba upha ubuthongo kulabo abathandayo. **3** Amadodana ayilifa elivela kuThixo, abantwana bangumvuzo ovela kuye. **4** Njengemitshoko esandleni sebutho anjalo amadodana azelwe ngumuntu esesemutsha. **5** Ubusisiwe umuntu omxhaka wakhe ugcwele wona. Kayikuyangeka nxa sebedibana lezitha entubeni.

128 Ingoma yemiqanso. Babusisiwe bonke abamesabayo
uThixo, abahamba ngezindlela zakhe. **2** Lizakudla izithelo
zomsebenzi wenu; izibusiso lokuphumelela kuzakuba
ngokwenu. **3** Umkakho wesifazane uzakuba njengevini
elithela kakhulu phakathi kwendlu yakho; amadodana
akho azakuba njengamahlumela e-oliva esetafuleni
yakho. **4** Ibusisiwe kanjalo indoda eyesaba uThixo. **5**
Sengathi uThixo angakubusisa eseZiyoni insuku zonke
zokuphila kwakho; sengathi ungakubona ukuphumelela
kweJerusalema, **6** njalo sengathi ungaphila uze ubone
isizukulwane sakho. Ukuthula kakube ku-Israyeli.

129 Ingoma yemiqanso. Sebengihluphe kakhulu
kusukela ebutsheni bami katsho njalo u-Israyeli, **2**
sebengihluphe kakhulu kusukela ebutsheni bami, kodwa
kabangehlulanga. **3** Abalimi bawulimile umhlane wami
benza imifolo emide. **4** Kodwa uThixo ulungile;
ungikhulule ezintanjeni zababi. **5** Akuthi bonke
abayizondayo iZiyoni babuyiselwe emuva beyangekile.
6 Sengathi bangaba njengotshani obukhula ephahleni
obubuna bungakakhuli; **7** umvuni angeke agcwalisa
isandla sakhe ngabo, loba lowo obuthayo agcwalise
izingalo zakhe. **8** Sengathi labo abadlulayo bangabokuthi,
“Izibusiso zikaThixo mazibe kuwe; siyakubusisa ngegama
likaThixo.”

130 Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngingaphansi ekujuleni
ngiyakhala kuwe, Thixo; **2** Thixo, zwana ilizwi lami.
Indlebe zakho kazilalele ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa. **3**
Aluba wena, Thixo ububhala phansi zonke izono, ngubani
ongema na Nkosi? **4** Kodwa kuwe kulentethelelo; ngalokho

uyesatshwa. **5** Ngiyamlindela uThixo, umphefumulo
wami uyalinda, ngibeka ithemba lami elizwini lakho. **6**
Umphefumulo wami ulindela uThixo okudlula abalindi
bemelele ukusa, okudlula abalindi bemelele ukusa. **7** We
Israyeli, beka ithemba lakho kuThixo, ngoba kuye uThixo
kulothando olungaphuthiyo njalo kuye kulensindiso
epheleleyo. **8** Yena ngokwakhe uzahlenga u-Israyeli
kuzozonke izono zabo.

131 Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida. Inhliziyo
yami kayizikhukhumezi, Oh Thixo, amehlo ami
kawaziphakamisi; kangizihluphi ngezindaba ezinkulu
loba ngezinto ezimangalisayo kimi. **2** Kodwa
ngiwupholisile ngawuthulisa umphefumulo wami;
njengomntwana okhutshwe ebeleni likanina,
njengomntwana okhutshwe ebeleni unjalo umphefumulo
wami uthule ngaphakathi kwami. **3** Oh, Israyeli, beka
ithemba lakho kuThixo manje kuze kube phakade.

132 Ingoma yemiqanso. Oh Thixo, khumbula uDavida
ngezinhlupheko zonke azibhenselayo. **2** Wafunga isifungo
kuThixo wenza isithembiso kuMninimandla kaJakhobe: **3**
"Angizukungena endlini yami loba ngiye embhedeni wami,
4 angiyikuwavumela amehlo ami ubuthongo, akukuba
lakuwozela enkopheni zami, **5** ngize ngifumane indawo
kaThixo, indawo yokuhlala uMninimandla kaJakhobe."
6 Sakuzwa lokhu e-Efrathi, sakubona emangweni
waseJayari: **7** "Kasiye lapho ahlala khona; kasikhonze
phansi kwesihlalo sakhe. **8** Phakama, Oh Thixo, ubuye
endaweni yakho yokuphumula, wena umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano elitshengisa amandla akho. **9** Sengathi

abaphristi bakho bangembeswa ngokulunga; sengathi labathembekileyo bakho bangahlabelela ngentokozo.”
10 Ngenxa yenceku yakho uDavida, ungamfulatheli ogcotshiweyo wakho. **11** UThixo wenza isifungo kuDavida, isifungo esiqinileyo angakusaphula wathi:
“Omunye wezizukulwane zakho ngizambeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi **12** aluba amadodana akho egcina isivumelwano sami lezimiso engibafundisa zona, lapho-ke amadodana abo azahlala esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi kuze kube nini lanini.” **13** Ngoba uThixo uyikhethile iZiyoni, uyithandile ukuba yindawo yakhe yokuhlala:
14 “Le yindawo yami yokuphumula lanini; lapha ngizahlala ngisebukhosini, ngoba ngiyithandile **15** ngizayibusisa ngokudla okunengi; abayanga bayo ngizabasuthisa ngokudla. **16** Ngizavunulisa abaphristi bayo ngensindiso, labathembekileyo bakhe bazahlabelela ngentokozo nini lanini. **17** Lapha ngizakhulisa uphondo lukaDavida ngilungisele ogcotshiweyo wami isibane. **18** Ngizakwembathisa izitha ngehlazo, kodwa umqhele osekhanda lakhe uzakhazimula.”

133 Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida. Bheka kuhle, kuyabukeka kangakanani nxa abazalwane behlezi ndawonye ngokuzwana! **2** Kunjengamafutha aligugu athelwe ekhanda, ejuluka endevini, ejuluka endevini zika-Aroni, ehlele emabheqeni ezigqoko zakhe. **3** Kufana lokuthi amazolo aseHemoni akhithikela eNtabeni iZiyoni. Ngoba lapho uThixo wehlisela isibusiso sakhe, esiyikuphila okwaphakade.

134 Ingoma yemiqanso. Dumisani uThixo, lonke lina
zinceku zikaThixo eliqhuba inkonzo endlini kaThixo
ebusuku. **2** Phakamisani izandla zenu endlini engcwele
lidumise uThixo. **3** Sengathi uThixo, uMenzi wezulu
lomhlaba, angalibusisa eseZiyoni.

135 Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani ibizo likaThixo;
mdumiseni lina zinceku zikaThixo, **2** lina eliqhuba inkonzo
endlini kaThixo, emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu. **3**
Dumisani uThixo ngoba uThixo ulungile; hlabelani
indumiso ebizweni lakhe ngoba lokho kuhle. **4** Ngoba
uThixo usemkhethile uJakhobe ukuba ngowakhe, u-
Israyeli ukuba yinotho yakhe eligugu. **5** Ngiyazi
ukuthi uThixo mkhulu, lokuthi iNkosi yethu inkulu
kulabonkulunkulu bonke. **6** UThixo wenza loba
yini ayifunayo, emazulwini lasemhlabeni, enlwandle
lasezinzikini zazo. **7** Wenza amayezi aqubuka
emikhawulweni yomhlaba; uthuma umbane kanye
lezulu, avulele umoya oseziphaleni zakhe. **8**
Wawalahla phansi amazibulo aseGibhithe, amazibulo
abantu lawezinyamazana. **9** Wathumela izibonakaliso
lezimangaliso zakhe phakathi kwakho, wena Gibhithe,
phezu kukaFaro lezinceku zakhe zonke. **10** Wazilahla
phansi izizwe ezinengi wabulala amakhosi alamandla, **11**
uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani
lawo wonke amakhosi aseKhenani **12** wanika ilizwe labo
laba yilifa, ilifa labantu bakhe, u-Israyeli. **13** Ibizo lakho, Oh
Thixo, limi kuze kube nininini, udumo lwakho, Oh Thixo,
ezizukulwaneni zonke. **14** Ngoba uThixo uzabalamulela
abantu bakhe abe lesihawu ezincekwini zakhe. **15**

Izithombe zezizwe ziyisiliva legolide, zenziwe ngezandla zabantu. **16** Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi, amehlo, kodwa kaziboni; **17** zilezindlebe, kodwa kazizwa, njalo kazilamphefumulo emilonyeni yazo. **18** Labo abazenzayo bazakuba njengazo, kube njalo lakulabo abathemba kuzo. **19** Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, dumisa uThixo; wena ndlu ka-Aroni, dumisa uThixo; **20** wena ndlu kaLevi, dumisa uThixo lina elimesabayo, dumisani uThixo. **21** Udumo alube uThixo lusuka eZiyoni, kuye ohlala eJerusalema. Dumisani uThixo.

136 Bongani uThixo, ngoba ulungile. **2** Bongani uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu. **3** Bongani uMbusi wababusi: **4** Kuye yedwa owenza izimanga ezinkulu, **5** Owathi ngokuzwisisa kwakhe wenza amazulu, **6** Owendlala umhlaba phezu kwamanzi, **7** Owenza izibane ezinkulu, **8** Ilanga ukubusa emini, **9** Inyanga lezinkanyezi ukubusa ebusuku, **10** Kuye owatshaya walalisa amazibulo aseGibhithe, **11** Wakhupha u-Israyeli phakathi kwabo, **12** Ngesandla esilamandla lengalo eyeluliweyo, **13** Kuye owadabula uLwandle oluBomvu lwehlukana, **14** Wakhuphula u-Israyeli phakathi kwalo, **15** Kodwa wakhukhulela uFaro lempi yakhe eLwandle oluBomvu, **16** Wahola abantu bakhe enkangala, **17** Owalahla phansi amakhosi amakhulu, **18** Wabulala amakhosi esabekayo, **19** uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, **20** lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, **21** Wanikela amazwe abo njengelifa, **22** Abayilifa encekwini yakhe u-Israyeli, **23** Kuye Yedwa owasikhumbula singesibantu balutho, **24** Wasikhulula

ezitheni zethu, **25** Njalo onika ukudla izidalwa zonke, **26** Bongani uNkulunkulu wasezulwini,

137 Ngasemifuleni yaseBhabhiloni sahlala phansi sakhala lapho sasikhumbula iZiyoni. **2** Khona lapho ezihlahleni zemidubu saphanyeka amachacho ethu, **3** ngoba khonapho abathumbi bethu bacela izingoma kithi, labahlukuluzi bethu bafuna izingoma zentokozo; bathi, “Sihlabeleleni enye yezingoma zaseZiyoni!” **4** Singazihlabela kanjani izingoma zikaThixo siselizweni lemzini na? **5** Aluba ngikukhohlwa, Oh Jerusalema, isandla sami sokunene kasilahlekelwe yibungcitshi baso. **6** Sengathi ulimi lwami lunganamathela elwangeni lomlomo wami uba ngingakukhumbuli wena, uba ngingathathi iJerusalema njengentokozo yami ephezu konke. **7** Khumbula, Oh Thixo, ama-Edomi akwenzayo mhla iJerusalema ithunjwa. “Lidilizeni,” baklabalala, “lidilizeni kanye lezisekelo zalo!” **8** Wena Ndodakazi yaseBhabhiloni, oqunyelwe ukubhubha, ubusisiwe lowo okuphindiselayo ngalokho okwenzileyo kithi. **9** Ubusisiwe lowo othatha insane zakho, azisakazele ematsheni.

138 ElikaDavida. Ngizakudumisa, Thixo, ngenhliziyo yami yonke; phambi kwabo “nkulunkulu” ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho. **2** Ngizakhothama ngikhangele ethempelini lakho elingcwele ngidumise ibizo lakho, ngenxa yothando lwakho lokuthembeka kwakho, ngoba uphakamise ngaphezu kwezinto zonke ibizo lakho lelizwi lakho. **3** Ngabiza wena wangiphendula; wangenza ngaba lesibindi lenhliziyo eqinileyo. **4** Sengathi wonke amakhosi omhlaba angakudumisa, Oh Thixo, lapho

esizwa amazwi omlomo wakho. 5 Sengathi bangahlabela ngezindlela zikaThixo ngoba inkazimulo kaThixo inkulu. 6 Loba uThixo ephakeme, uyabananza abathobekileyo, kodwa abazigqajayo ubazi ekhatshana labo. 7 Loba ngihamba phakathi kohlupho uyayilondoloza impilo yami; uyaselula isandla sakho ukungivikela elakeni lwezitha zami, ngesandla sakho sokunene uyangisindisa. 8 UThixo uzagcwalisa icebo lakhe ngami; uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo, lumi laphakade ungawutshiyi umsebenzi wezandla zakho.

139 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo. Oh Thixo, usungihlolile usungazi. 2 Uyakwazi lapho ngihlala lalapho ngiphakama; uyayibona imicabango yami lanxa ukhatshana. 3 Uyananzelela ukuphuma kwami lokulala phansi kwami; uzazi kuhle zonke izindlela zami. 4 Ilizwi lingakabi khona elimini lwami usulazi lonke, wena Thixo. 5 Uyangihonqolozela emuva laphambili; ubekile isandla sakho phezu kwami. 6 Ukwazi okunje kungumangaliso kimi, kuphakeme kakhulu ngeke ngikufinyelele. 7 Ngingaya ngaphi ngisuke eMoyeni wakho na? Ngingabalekela ngaphi ngisuke kuwe na? 8 Ngingakhuphukela emazulwini, ukhona lapho; nxa ngilala ezinzikini, ukhona lapho. (Sheol h7585) 9 Aluba ngindiza ngamaphiko okusa, aluba ngisehlela ngaphetsheya kolwandle, 10 lalapho isandla sakho sizangikhokhela, isandla sakho sokunene sizangibamba singiqinise. 11 Nxa ngisithi, “Ngempela ubumnyama buzangifihla ukukhanya kube yibusuku eduze kwami,” 12 lalobo bumnyama kabukuba mnyama kuwe;

ubusuku buzakhanya njengemini, ngoba ubumnyama buyikukhanya kuwe. **13** Ngoba wadala ingaphakathi yobuyimi; wangiphetha kuhle ndawonye esiswini sikamama. **14** Ngiyakudumisa ngokuthi ngabunjwa ngesimanga esesabekayo; iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho, lokho ngikwazi kamhlophe. **15** Isimo samathambo ami sasingafihlekanga kuwe lapho ngangisenziwa endaweni esithekileyo. Lapho ngangiselukelwa ndawonye ezinzikini zomhlaba, **16** amehlo akho awubona umzimba wami ungakabi lesimo. Zonke insuku ezamiselwa mina zabhalwa encwadini yakho lalunye lwazo lungakabi khona. **17** Iligugu elinganani kimi imicabango yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu! Bukhulu kanganani ubunengi bayo! **18** Aluba ngingayibala ingedlula ubunengi bezinhlamvu zetshebetshebe. Ngithi nxa ngivuka ngibe ngilokhu ngilawe. **19** Ungasake ubabulale ababi, awu Nkulunkulu! Sukani kimi lina bachithi begazi! **20** Bakhuluma ngawe beqonde ububi; abakuphikisayo badlala ngebizo lakho. **21** Kangibazondi yini abakuzondayo na Oh, Thixo, ngibenyanye labo abakuvukelayo na? **22** Ngiyabazonda ngenzondo yonke; ngithi bayizitha zami. **23** Ngihlola, Oh Nkulunkulu, uyazi inhliziyo yami; ngizama ukuze wazi ukunqineka kwemicabango yami. **24** Ake ubone ingabe kulendledlana embi kimi, ungihole ngendlela yaphakade.

140 Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo LikaDavida. Ngilamulela, Oh Thixo, ebantwini ababi; ngivikela ebantwini bodlakela, **2** abakha amacebo amabi ezinhliziyweni zabo bahlokomise impi ukusa kwamalanga. **3** Benza izindimi zabo zicije njengezenyoka; ubuhlungu

benhlangwana busezindebeni zabo. **4** Ngivikela,
Oh Thixo, ezandleni zababi; ngiphephisa ebantwini
bodlakela abaceba ukungigwenxa. **5** Abantu abazigqajayo
bangifihlele isifu; sebewanwebile amambule abo
bangithiya lapha lalapha endleleni yami. **6** Oh Thixo,
ngithi kuwe, "UnguNkulunkulu wami." Zwana, ukukhala
kwami ngicela umusa. **7** Oh Thixo wobukhosi, mhlengi
wami olamandla, ovikela ikhanda lami ngelanga lempi
8 ungavumeli ababi izifiso zabo Oh Thixo; ungayekeli
amacebo abo ukuthi aphumelele, funa bazigqaje. **9** Akuthi
ingqondo zalabo abangihanqileyo zandelwe luhlupho
oludalwe yizindebe zabo. **10** Akuthi amalahle avuthayo
abakhithikele; sengathi bangaphoselwa emlilweni,
emigodini ebhixa udaka, bangavuki futhi. **11** Akuthi
abahlebayo bangatholi indawo elizweni; akuthi umnyama
ubahlale izithende abantu bochuku. **12** Ngiyazi ukuthi
uThixo ubenzela okulungileyo abayanga, ubamele
abaswelayo. **13** Ngempela abalungileyo bazalidumisa ibizo
lakho labaqotho bazahlala phambi kwakho.

141 Ihubo likaDavida Oh Thixo, ngiyakubiza; woza
masinyane kimi. Zwana ilizwi lami nxa ngikubiza. **2**
Sengathi umkhuleko wami ungema phambi kwakho
njengempepha; kuthi ukuphakama kwezandla zami kube
njengomhlatshelo wakusihlwa. **3** Ngibekela umlindi
womlomo wami, Oh Thixo, qaphela umnyango wezindebe
zami. **4** Ungayekeli inhliziyo yami ihugwe ngokubi,
ngingene ezenzweni ezimbi labantu abayizigangi;
mangingadli izibiliboco zabo. **5** Ake ngitshaywe ngumuntu
olungileyo, kungumusa; kake angikhuze, kungamafutha

ekhanda lami. Ikhanda lami kaliyikukwala. Ikanti umkhuleko wami uhlezi umelana lezenzo zezigangi. **6** Ababusi bazo bazaphoselwa phansi emaweni, lababi bazafunda ukuthi amazwi ami ayekhulunywe kuhle. **7** Bazakuthi, "Njengalowo olimayo eqeqebula umhlabathi, kanjalo amathambo ethu achithiziwe emlonyeni weliba." **(Sheol h7585)** **8** Kodwa amehlo ami agxile kuwe, Oh Thixo woBukhosi; kuwe ngiyaphephela unganginikeli ekufeni. **9** Ngivikela emijibileni asebeyithiyele mina, ezifini ezithiywe yizigangi. **10** Akuthi ababi bawele emambuleni abo, mina ngidlule kuhle ngiphephile.

142 Ihubo likaDavida. Lapho esebhalwini. Umkhuleko. Ngiyamemeza kakhulu kuThixo; ngiphakamisela ilizwi lami kuThixo ngicela umusa. **2** Ngithululela ukusola kwami phambi kwakhe; phambi kwakhe ngichaza ukuhlupheka kwami. **3** Lapho umphefumulo wami uncipha ngaphakathi kwami, nguwe oyaziyo indlela yami. Endleleni engihamba ngayo abantu bangithiyile khona. **4** Khangela kwesokunene sami ubone; kakho lobani onginanzayo. Angilaso isiphephelo; kakho onakekela impilo yami. **5** Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Thixo; ngithi, "Uyisiphephelo sami, uyisabelo sami elizweni labaphilayo." **6** Lalela ukukhala kwami, ngoba ngileziswelo ezizikileyo, ngikhululula kulabo abaxotshana lami, ngoba balamandla kakhulu kulami. **7** Ngikhululula entolongweni yami, ukuze ngidumise ibizo lakho. Lapho-ke abalungileyo bazangibuthanela ngenxa yokulunga kwakho kimi.

143 Ihubo likaDavida Oh Thixo, zwana umkhuleko wami, zwana ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa; ngokuthembeka

kwakho langokulunga kwakho woza uzongiphumuza.
2 Ungangenisi inceku yakho ekwahlulelweni, ngoba
kakho ophilayo ongabe ulungile kuwe. **3** Isitha
siyangizingela, singincindezela phansi emhlabathini;
singenza ngihlale emnyameni njengalabo abafa kudala.
4 Kanjalo umphefumulo wami uyaphela ngaphakathi
kwami; inhliziyo yami ngaphakathi kwami idanile. **5**
Ngiyazikhumbula insuku zekadeni; ngidla ingqondo
ngayo yonke imisebenzi yakho nginakane ngalokho
okwenziwe yizandla zakho. **6** Ngiyelula izandla zami
kuwe; umphefumulo wami uyakomela njengomhlabathi
owomileyo. **7** Ngiphendula masinyane, awu Thixo;
umoya wami uyaphela. Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho
funa ngibe njengalabo abaya egodini. **8** Akuthi ukusa
kungilethele ilizwi lothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo,
ngoba sengibeke ithemba lami kuwe. Ngitshengisa
indlela okumele ngihambe ngayo, ngoba ngiphakamisela
umphefumulo wami kuwe. **9** Ngikhulula ezitheni
zami, Oh Thixo, ngoba ngizifihla kuwe. **10** Ngifundisa
ukwenza intando yakho, ngoba unguNkulunkulu wami;
sengathi uMoya wakho omuhle kakhulu ungangikhokhela
emhlabathini ochayileyo. **11** Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Oh
Thixo, londoloza impilo yami; ngokulunga kwakho
ngikhupha ekuhluphekeni. **12** Ethandweni lwakho
olungaphuthiyo, thulisa izitha zami; bhubhisa bonke
abangizondayo, ngoba ngiyinceku yakho.

144 ElikaDavida. Udumo kalube kuThixo iDwala lami,
yena ofundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi, leminwe
yami ukuhlasela. **2** UnguNkulunkulu wami othandekayo

lenqaba yami, inqaba yami lomkhululi wami, isihlangu sami engiphephela kuso, othobisa abantu bami ngaphansi kwami. **3** Kambe Thixo, umuntu uyini ungaze umnanze, indodana yomuntu ukuthi uyikhumbule na? **4** Umuntu unjengomphefumulo; insuku zakhe zinjengesithunzi esidlulayo masinyane. **5** Yahlukanisa izulu lakho, Oh Thixo, wehlele phansi; thinta izintaba, ukuze zithunqe intuthu. **6** Thumela umbane uzihlakaze izitha; phosa imitshoko yakho zichitheke. **7** Yelula isandla sakho sisuka phezulu; ngihlenga ungikhulule emanzini alamandla abezizweni **8** omilomo yabo igcwele amanga, ozandla zabo zokunene zilenkohliso. **9** Ngizakuhlabelela ingoma entsha, Oh Nkulunkulu; ngechacho lezintambo ezilitshumi ngizakutshayela ingoma, **10** kuye yedwa onika amakhosi ukunqoba, ohlenga inceku yakhe uDavida enkembeni ebulalayo. **11** Ngihlenge, ungikhulule ezandleni zabezizwe omilomo yabo igcwele amanga, ozandla zabo zokunene zilenkohliso. **12** Kuzakuthi amadodana ethu ebutsheni bawo azakuba njengezihlahla ezikhuliswa kuhle, kuthi amadodakazi ethu abe njengezinsika ezibazelwe ukucecisa isigodlo. **13** Iziphala zethu zizagcwala ngemihlobo yonke yokudla. Izimvu zethu zizakwanda ngezinkulungwane, ngamatshumi ezinkulungwane emadlelweni ethu; **14** inkabi zethu zizadonsa imithwalo enzima. Akusayikuba khona ukubhidlizwa kwemiduli, ukuya ebugqilini, lokukhala kosizi emigwaqweni yakithi. **15** Babusisiwe labobantu lokhu okuzakwenzakala kubo; babusisiwe abantu oNkulunkulu wabo ngu Thixo.

145 Ihubo lokudumisa. ElikaDavida. Ngizaphakamisa
wena, Nkulunkulu wami oyiNkosi; ngizalidumisa
ibizo lakho kuze kube phakade. **2** Zonke insuku
ngizakudumisa ngibabaze ibizo lakho kuze kube
phakade. **3** Umkhulu uThixo njalo ufanele kakhulu
ukudunyiswa; ubukhulu bakhe kakho ongabulinganisa. **4**
Yileso laleso isizukulwane sizababaza imisebenzi yakho
kwesinye; sizatshelana ngezenzo zakho ezinkulu. **5**
Sizakhuluma ngenkazimulo yakho ebenyezelayo ubukhosi
bakho, lami ngizazidla ingqondo ngemisebenzi yakho
emangalisayo. **6** Zizalandisa ngamandla emisebenzi
yakho emangalisayo, lami ngizafakaza ngemisebenzi
yakho emikhulu. **7** Bazakwenza umkhosi ngokulunga
kwakho okukhulu bahlabele ngentokozo ngokulunga
kwakho. **8** UThixo ulomusa njalo ulesihawu, uyaphuza
ukuthukuthela, kodwa uyanda ngothando. **9** UThixo
ulungile kubo bonke; ulesihawu kukho konke akwenzayo.
10 Konke owakwenzayo kuzakudumisa, wena Thixo;
abathembekileyo bakho bazakubabaza. **11** Bazalandisa
ngenkazimulo yombuso wakho bakhulume ngamandla
akho, **12** kuze kuthi bonke abantu bazi ngezenzo zakho
ezinkulu lokubenyezela kwenkazimulo yombuso wakho.
13 Umbuso wakho ungumbuso ongapheliyo, lobukhosi
bakho bumi kuzozonke izizukulwane. UThixo uthembekile
kuzozonke izithembiso zakhe njalo ulothando kukho
konke akwenzayo. **14** UThixo uyabaxhasa bonke labo
abawayo abaphakamise bonke abacubayo. **15** Amehlo
abo bonke akhangela kuwe, wena ubaphe ukudla kwabo
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. **16** Uyavula isandla sakho usuthise

izidingo zakho konke okuphilayo. **17** UThixo ulungile
kuzozonke izindlela zakhe njalo uthembekile kukho
konke akwenzayo. **18** UThixo useduze kulabo abacela
kuye, kubo bonke abacela kuye ngeqiniso. **19** Uyagcwalisa
izidingo zalabo abamesabayo; uyezwa ukukhala kwabo
abasindise. **20** UThixo uyabalinda bonke abamthandayo,
kodwa bonke ababi uzababhubhisa. **21** Umlomo wami
uzakhuluma ngokudumisa uThixo. Akuthi izidalwa zonke
zidumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele kuze kube nini lanini.

146 Dumisani uThixo. Dumisa uThixo mphefumulo
wami. **2** Ngizamdumisa uThixo impilo yami yonke;
ngizahlabela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami nxa
ngisaphila. **3** Lingabeki ithemba lenu emakhosini,
ebantwini benyama, abangeke basindise. **4** Kuthi umoya
wabo ungaphuma, babuyele emhlabathini; mhlalokho nje
amacebo ahle abhidlike. **5** Ubusisiwe lowo osizo lwakhe
lunguNkulunkulu kaJakhobe, othemba lakhe likuThixo
uNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** UnguMenzi wamazulu lomhlaba,
ulwandle lakho konke okulapho: uThixo owala elokhu
ethembekile laphakade. **7** Uyabalwela abancindezelwayo
anike abalambileyo ukudla. UThixo ukhulula izibotshwa,
8 uThixo wenza iziphofu zibone, uThixo uyabaphakamisa
labo asebebhazalele, uThixo uthanda abalungileyo.
9 UThixo uyabalinda abezizweni asekele izintandane
labafelokazi, kodwa anyampise izindlela zababi. **10** UThixo
uyabusa nini lanini, uNkulunkulu wakho, wena Ziyoni,
ezizukulwaneni zonke. Dumisani uThixo.

147 Dumisani uThixo. Kuhle kangakanani ukuhlabela
indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu, kumnandi njalo kufanele

ukumbonga! **2** UThixo uyalakha iJerusalema; aqoqe
labo abahlakazekileyo baka-Israyeli. **3** Uyabathoba
abadabukileyo enhliziyweni abophe amanxeba abo. **4**
Umisile ubunengi bezinkanyezi aziqambe leyo laleyo
ngamabizo. **5** INkosi yethu inkulu, njalo makhulu
amandla ayo; ukuzwisisa kwayo kakulamkhawulo. **6**
UThixo uyabasekela abathobekileyo kodwa abaphosele
phansi ababi. **7** Hlabelani kuThixo ngokubonga; litshaye
amachacho kuNkulunkulu wethu. **8** Uyembesa umkhathi
ngamayezi; awuphe umhlaba izulu njalo akhulise
utshani ezintabeni. **9** Unika inkomo utshani aphe
lamatsiyane amawabayi nxa esekhala. **10** Ukuthokoza
kwakhe kakukho emandleni ebhiza, loba injabulo
yakhe ekuqineni kwemilenze yomuntu; **11** UThixo
uthokoza ngalabo abamesabayo, ababeka ithemba labo
ethandweni lwakhe olungaphuthiyo. **12** Umbabaze
uThixo, Oh Jerusalema; dumisa uNkulunkulu wakho,
Oh Ziyoni. **13** Ngoba uyaqinisa imigoqo yamasango
akho, abusise labantu bakho ngaphakathi kwakho. **14**
Wenza ukuthula emikhawulweni yelizwe lakho. Njalo
ukusuthisa ngamabele amahle kakhulu. **15** Uthumela
umlayo wakhe emhlabeni; ilizwi lakhe ligijima masinyane.
16 Wendlala ungqwaqwane njengoboya bezimvu ahaze
iliqhwa njengomlotha. **17** Uphosela phansi isiqhotho
sakhe njengamatshe. Ngubani ongamelana lomfutho
wakhe olomqando na? **18** Uthumela ilizwi lakhe konke
kuncibilike; aphephethise umoya wakhe amanzi ageleze.
19 Ulivezile ilizwi lakhe kuJakhobe, imithetho yakhe

lezahlulelo ku-Israyeli. **20** Lokhu kazange akwenzele esinye isizwe; kaziyazi imithetho yakhe. Dumisani uThixo.

148 Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani uThixo emazulwini, mdumiseni eziqongweni ngaphezulu. **2** Mdumiseni zingilosi zakhe zonke, mdumiseni lonke mabutho asezulwini. **3** Mdumiseni, langa lenyanga, mdumiseni lonke zinkanyezi ezikhazimulayo. **4** Mdumiseni lina ziqongo zamazulu lani manzi ngaphezulu komkhathi. **5** Konke kakudumise ibizo likaThixo ngoba yena watsho ilizwi kwadaleka. **6** Wazibeka ezindaweni zazo okwanini lanini; wanika isahlulelo esingela kuguquka. **7** Dumisani uThixo emhlabeni, lina zidalwa zasolwandle lezinziki zalo zonke, **8** umbane lesiqhotho, ungqwaqwane lamayezi, umoya wesiphepho owenza intando yakhe, **9** lina zintaba lamaqaqa wonke, zihlahla zezithelo lemisedari yonke, **10** zinyamazana zeganga lenkomo zonke, zinanakazana lezinyoni eziphaphayo, **11** makhosi omhlaba lezizwe zonke, lina makhosana lababusi bonke emhlabeni, **12** majaha lezintombi, maxhegu labantwana. **13** Kabalidumise ibizo likaThixo, ngoba ibizo lakhe lodwa liphakeme; inkazimulo yakhe ingaphezulu komhlaba lamazulu. **14** Ubaphakamisele abantu bakhe uphondo, indumiso yabo bonke abathembekileyo bakhe, eka-Israyeli, abantu abasesifubeni sakhe. Dumisani uThixo.

149 Dumisani uThixo. Hlabelelani uThixo ingoma entsha, indumiso yakhe ebandleni labathembekileyo. **2** Akuthi u-Israyeli athokoze ngoMenzi wakhe; akuthi abantu baseZiyoni bajabule ngeNkosi yabo. **3** Kabadumise ibizo lakhe ngokusina, batshaye amagedla

lamachacho. **4** Ngoba uThixo uyathokoza ngabantu bakhe;
abathobekileyo ubapha umqhele wensindiso. **5** Akuthi
abathembekileyo bathokoze ngale inhlonipho, bahlabele
ngentokozo besemibhedeni yabo. **6** Sengathi indumiso
kaNkulunkulu ingaba semilonyeni yabo lenkemba esika
nxazonke ibe sezandleni zabo, **7** ukuthi benze impindiselo
phezu kwezizwe lesijeziso phezu kwabantu, **8** babophe
amakhosi azo ngentambo lezikhulu zabo ngezibopho
zensimbi, **9** ukugcwalisa kubo isigwebo abasibhalelwayo.
Lokhu kuyinkazimulo yabathembekileyo bakhe bonke.
Dumisani uThixo.

150 Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani uNkulunkulu endlini
yakhe engcwele; mdumiseni emazulwini Akhe amakhulu.
2 Mdumiseni ngenxa yezenzo zakhe zamandla;
mdumiseni ngenxa yobukhulu bakhe obudlula konke.
3 Mdumiseni ngokutshaya icilongo, mdumiseni
ngechacho langomhubhe, **4** mdumiseni ngegedla
langokusina, mdumiseni ngeziginci langomqangala,
5 mdumiseni ngamazenge akhencezayo; mdumiseni
ngomsindo wamazenge ancencethayo! **6** Akuthi konke
okuphefumulayo kumdumise uThixo. Dumisani uThixo.

Izaga

1 Izaga zikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, inkosi yako-
Israyeli: **2** ukuba abantu bazuze ukuhlakanipha
lokuzithiba; ukuba bazwisise amazwi okuqedisisa; **3**
ukuba bazuze impilo yokuzithiba lobuqotho, besenza
okulungileyo, okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo; **4** ukunika
ulwazi kwabayizithutha, ulwazi lokukhetha okuqondileyo
kwabatsha **5** ukuthi ohlakaniphileyo alalele engeze
ukufunda kwakhe, kuthi obonisisayo azuze izeluleko,
6 ukuba abantu bazwisise izaga lemizekeliso, izitsho
lamalibho abahlakaniphileyo. **7** Ukwesaba uThixo
kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho, kodwa iziwula ziyakweyisa
ukuqedisisa lokuzithiba. **8** Lalela, ndodana yami,
izeluleko zikayihlo njalo ungadeli imfundiso kanyoko. **9**
Kuzakuba ngumqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho lomgaxo
wokucecisa intamo yakho. **10** Ndodana yami, aluba
izoni zikuhuga, ungaze wavuma. **11** Nxa zisithi,
“Woza sihambe; kasicathamele abantu sichithe igazi,
kasicwathele omunye umuntu ongelacala; **12** kasibaginye
bephila njengengcwaba, sibajwamule njengabawele
emgodini; **(Sheol h7585)** **13** sizazuza impahla ezinhle
ezehlukeneyo sigcwalise izindlu zethu ngempango;
14 phathisana lathi ukuze sibelesikhwama sinye” **15**
ndodana yami, ungahambi lazo, ungalugxobi olwakho
ezindleleni zazo; **16** ngoba ezabo inyawo zigijima
ekoneni, bachitha igazi lula. **17** Kakusizi ukuthiya
ngembule lithe dandalazi emehlweni ezinyoni! **18**
Abantu laba bacathamela ukuchitheka kwelabo igazi;
bajuma okwabo ukuphila. **19** Sinjalo isiphetho salabo

abadinga inzuzo ngobugebenga; kuyayichitha impilo yalabo abayitholayo. **20** Ukuhlakanipha kuyamemeza emgwaqweni, kuphakamisa ilizwi lakho ezinkundleni; **21** kuyanqongoloza lezindleleni okuxokozela khona, kuyatshumayela emasangweni omuzi kuthi: **22** "Koze kube nini lina zithutha lithanda ubuthutha benu na? Koze kube nini izideleli zikholisa ukudelela leziphukuphuku zizonda ulwazi na? **23** Lalelani ukukhuza kwami liphenduke! Ngizalivulela isifuba sami, ngilivezele imicabango yami. **24** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi langifulathela ngilibiza, kwangabi khona onginanzayo ngiselula isandla sami, **25** njengoba lala izeluleko zami njalo kalavuma ukukhuza kwami, **26** ngakho lami ngizahleka selihlupheka; ngizaliklolodela nxa lisehlelwa lusizi, **27** nxa usizi lulehlela njengesiphepho; nxa incithakalo ilikhukhula njengesivunguzane, nxa usizi lezinhlupheko ziligabhela. **28** Lapho-ke bazangibiza kodwa kangiyikusabela; bazangidinga bangangitholi. **29** Ngoba babeluzonda ulwazi kabaze bakhetha ukwesaba uThixo **30** ngoba kabavumanga iseluleko sami, badelela ukukhuza kwami, **31** bazakudla izithelo zokuhamba kwabo basuthiswe ngezithelo zamacebo abo. **32** Phela ubuhlongandlebe bezithutha buzazibulala, lokungananzi kweziphukuphuku kuzazibhubhisa; **33** kodwa lowo ongilalelayo uzahlala evikelekile ekhululekile, engesabi lutho olungamlimaza."

2 Ndodana yami, nxa usamukela amazwi ami ugcine imilayo yami ngaphakathi kwakho, **2** uvule indlebe yakho izwe ukuhlakanipha unikele inhliziyo yakho ukuthi izwisise, **3** njalo nxa ucela ukuqedisisa

ukhalela kakhulu ukuzwisisa, **4** futhi ukudingisisa
njengokudinga isiliva ukuphenye njengento eligugu
efihliweyo, **5** lapho-ke uzakuzwisisa ukumesaba uThixo
njalo uluzuze ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngoba uThixo
uyapha ukuhlakanipha, emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma
ulwazi lokuqedisisa. **7** Abaqotho ubapha ukunqoba,
ulihawu lalabo abahamba bengasoleki, **8** ngoba
uyayilinda indlela yabalungileyo avikele ukuhamba
kwabathembekileyo bakhe. **9** Yikho uzazwisisa lokho
okulungileyo lokuqondileyo lokufaneleyo zonke izindlela
ezinhle. **10** Ngoba ukuhlakanipha kuzangena enhliziyweni
yakho, lolwazi lube mnandi emphefumulweni wakho. **11**
Ukwazi ukukhetha kuzakuvikela, lokuzwisisa kuzakulinda.
12 Ukuhlakanipha kuzakusindisa ezindleleni zabantu
ababi, abantu abamazwi abolileyo, **13** abatshiya izindlela
eziqondileyo, bahambe ngezindlela ezilamathunzi, **14**
abathokoza ngokwenza okubi bajabule ngokungcola
kokubi, **15** abandlela zabo zitshekile lokuhamba kwabo
kakuqondakali. **16** Kuzakukhulula njalo koyisiphingikazi,
lasemfazini olamazwi akhohlisayo, **17** osetshiye indoda
yakhe yobutsha bakhe wadela isifungo asenza phambi
kukaNkulunkulu. **18** Ngoba indlu yakhe iholela ekufeni
lezindlela zakhe zidonsela kwabafileyo. **19** Kakho ongena
kuye obuyayo kumbe aphinde azuze izindlela zokuphila.
20 Ngakho uzahamba ezindleleni zabantu abalungileyo
walele emikhondweni yabaqondileyo. **21** Ngoba abaqotho
bazahlala elizweni, labangasolekiyo bazasala kulo; **22**
kodwa izigangi zizasuswa elizweni, labangathembekanga
bazakhutshwa kulo.

3 Ndodana yami, ungakhohlwa imfundiso yami, kodwa
ugcine imilayo yami enhliziyweni yakho, **2** ngoba
izakwandisa impilo yakho okweminyaka eminengi,
ikuphe ukuthula. **3** Akungasuki kuwe loba nini uthando
lokuthembeka; kubophele entanyeni yakho, ukubhale
egwalibeni lenhliziyo yakho. **4** Ngalokho uzathandeka
uzuze ibizo elihle emehlweni kaNkulunkulu laphambi
kwabantu. **5** Themba kuThixo ngenhliziyo yakho yonke,
ungathembi ekuzwisiseni kwakho; **6** mvume kuzozonke
izindlela zakho, yena uzaqondisa zonke izindlela zakho. **7**
Ungazenzi ohlakaniphileyo ngokubona kwakho; yesaba
uThixo uxwaye okubi. **8** Lokho kuzawuphilisa umzimba
wakho kuwaqinise lamathambo akho. **9** Dumisa uThixo
ngenotho yakho; ngezithelo zakho zokuqala zonke;
10 ngalokho iziphala zakho zizagcwala ziphuphume,
lezimbiza zakho zewayini zize zichitheke ngewayini
elitsha. **11** Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya kukaThixo
njalo ungacaphukeli ukukhuza kwakhe, **12** ngoba
uThixo ulaya labo abathandayo, njengoyise elaya
indodana yakhe ayithandayo. **13** Ubusisiwe umuntu ozuza
ukuhlakanipha, umuntu ozuza ukuqedisisa, **14** ngoba
khona kulenzuzo eyedlula isiliva lenzuzo eyedlula igolide.
15 Kuligugu elidlula amarubhi; kakukho okuloyisayo
okungalinganiswa lakho. **16** Impilo ende isesandleni sakho
sokunene; kwesokhohlo kulenotho lodumo. **17** Izindlela
zakhe zilokuthokoza, lemikhondo yakhe ilokuthula.
18 Kuyisihlahla sokuphila kulabo abakwamukelayo;
labo abakuphathayo bazabusiswa. **19** Ngokuhlakanipha
uThixo wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, ngokuqedisisa

wamisa izulu endaweni yalo; **20** ngolwazi lwakhe
inlwandle zehlukaniswa, lamayezi athontisa amazolo.
21 Ndodana yami, gogosa ingqondo ehlela ngolwazi,
ungayekeli kukucatshele; **22** kuzakuba yikuphila kuwe,
kube ngumceciso omuhle entanyeni yakho. **23** Lapho-
ke uzahamba ngendlela evikelweyo unyawo lwakho
lungakhubeki; **24** nxa ulala kawuyikwesaba; uzalala
ubuthongo obumnandi. **25** Ungabi lovalo nxa ujunywa
ngumonakalo kumbe yikubhidlika lokho okwehlela ababi,
26 ngoba uThixo uzakuba lithemba lakho avikele unyawo
lwakho emjibileni. **27** Ungaze wala ukusiza labo abadinga
uncedo, wena ulakho ongabasiza ngakho. **28** Ungabokuthi
kumakhelwane wakho: "Ubobuya kwesinye isikhathi;
ngizakunika kusasa" wena ulalo lololutho. **29** Ungacebi
okubi ngomakhelwane wakho, ohlezi lawe ekwethemba. **30**
Ungaxabani lomuntu kungelasizatho yena engakonelanga
ngalutho. **31** Ungamhawukeli umuntu othanda ukulwa
loba nje ufise lakuphi ukwenza kwakhe, **32** ngoba uThixo
uyamenyanya umuntu oxhwalileyo kodwa oqotho umbeka
ekhwapheni lakhe. **33** Isiqalekiso sikaThixo sehlela
endlini yababi, kodwa uyayibusisa indlu yabalungileyo. **34**
Uyabahleka usulu abayizideleli ezizithembayo, kodwa abe
lomusa kwabathobekileyo. **35** Abahlakaniphileyo baphiwa
udumo kodwa abayiziwula ubathela ihlazo.

4 Zwanini, madodana ami, izeluleko zikayihlo; lalelani
lizuze ukuqedisisa. **2** Ngilipha izifundo ezipheleleyo;
ngakho lingalahli imfundiso yami. **3** Ngathi
ngisengumfana emzini kababa, ngisebuthakathaka,
ngiyimi ngedwa ingane kamama, **4** wangifundisa

ubaba wathi, “Abambe amazwi ami ngenhliziyo yakho
yonke; gcina imilayo yami ukuze uphile. **5** Zuza
ukuhlakanipha, zuza ukuqedisisa; ungawakhohlwa
amazwi ami, kumbe ugudluke kuwo. **6** Ungafulatheli
ukuhlakanipha, kuzakuvikela; kuthande, kuzakulinda. **7**
Ukuhlakanipha kuyinqaba; ngakho zuza ukuhlakanipha.
Zuza ukuqedisisa loba kungathatha konke olakho. **8**
Kugogose, kuzakuphakamisa; kugone, kuzakunika udumo.
9 Kuzakwethesa umqhele wamaluba omusa ekhanda
lakho kukwethese umqhele wenkazimulo.” **10** Zwana
mntanami, yamukela lokho engikutshoyo, ukuze insuku
zokuphila kwakho zibe zinengi. **11** Ngiyakukhokhela
endleleni yokuhlakanipha, ngikuqondise ezindleleni
eziqondileyo. **12** Nxa uhamba kawuyikuthikaza; nxa
ugijima kawuyikukhubeka. **13** Bambelela iziqondiso,
ungayekethisi; zigcine kuhle ngoba ziyikuphila kwakho.
14 Ungayingeni indlela yababi njalo ungahambi endleleni
yezigangi. **15** Ixwaye, ungahambi ngayo; itshiye uqhubeke
ngeyakho indlela. **16** Phela kabalali bengenzanga
ukuganga; badela ubuthongo ukuze baqale balimaze
omunye umuntu. **17** Badla isinkwa sobubi banathe
iwayini lobudlwangudlwangu. **18** Indlela yabalungileyo
injengovivi lokusa, kukhule ukukhanya kwalo kuze
kuphelele emini. **19** Kodwa indlela yababi ifana lomnyama
omkhulu; kabazi ukuthi kuyini okubakhubayo. **20** Ndodana
yami, zwana lokhu engikutshoyo; lalelisisa amazwi ami. **21**
Ungawasusi emehlweni akho, agcine enhliziyweni yakho;
22 ngoba ayikuphila kulabo abawafumanayo; lokuqina
komzimba wonke womuntu. **23** Phezu kwakho konke,

gcina inhliziyo yakho, ngoba ingumthombo wokuphila kwakho. **24** Lahla izibozi zamazwi emlonyeni wakho; ungakhuphi inkulumo yokuxhwala ezindebeni zakho. **25** Khangelisa amehlo akho nta phambili, uwathi nhlo amehlo akho kulokho okuphambi kwakho. **26** Lungisa izindlela ukuze inyawo zakho zinyathele kuhle, uhambe ngezindlela eziqinileyo kuphela. **27** Ungaphambukeli kwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo; ugcine unyawo lwakho lunganyatheli okubi.

5 Ndodana yami, nanzelela ukuhlakanipha kwami, ulalele kuhle amazwi ami alombono, **2** ukuze uhlale ukwazi ukukhetha okuqondileyo lokuze izindebe zakho zigcine ulwazi. **3** Phela izindebe zesifebekazi zithonta uluju, lenkulumo yaso iyatshelela kulamafutha; **4** kodwa ekucineni iyababa ingathi yinyongo, ibukhali njengenkemba esika nxa zombili. **5** Inyawo zaso zehlela ekufeni; izinyathelo zaso ziqonda nta elibeni. **(Sheol h7585)** **6** Kasikhathali ukuthi kuphilwa njani; izindlela zaso ziyazombeleza, kodwa kasikuboni lokho. **7** Ngalokho-ke, madodana ami, ngilalelani; lingaphambuki kulokho engikukhulumayo. **8** Hambani ngendlela ekhatshana kwaso, lingasondeli emnyango wendlu yaso, **9** funa unikele kwabanye amandla akho wonke lobudala bakho kulowo olesihluku, **10** funa abemzini bazitike ngenotho yakho lokusebenza kwakho kunothise umuzi wenye indoda. **11** Ekupheleni kokuphila kwakho uzabubula, lapho inyama yakho lomzimba wakho sekugugile. **12** Uzakuthi, “Uthi ngangikuzonda yini ukulaywa! Inhliziyo yami yayikuzonda njani ukuqondiswa!

13 Ngangingafuni ukulalela abafundisi bami kumbe
ukulalela abeluleki bami. **14** Ngacina sengisenkingeni
enkulu ngiphakathi kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu." **15**
Natha amanzi kowakho umgqomo, amanzi agelezayo
kowakho umthombo. **16** Kambe imifudlana yakho
ingayekelwa igelezela emigwaqweni, lezifula zakho
zamanzi zigelezele ezinkundleni zabantu na? **17** Kazibe
ngezakho wena wedwa, ungazabelani labafokazana
nje. **18** Sengathi ungabusiswa umthombo wakho njalo
sengathi ungathokoza ngomfazi wobutsha bakho. **19**
Oyimpalakazi ethandekayo, imbabala ebutshelezi amabele
akhe sengathi angakusuthisa lanini, nini lanini ukhangwe
luthando lwakhe. **20** Kungani ndodana yami, uthunjwa
yisifebekazi? Kungani ugona iqolo lomfazi wenye indoda?
21 Phela izindlela zomuntu zisobala kuThixo, uyazihlola
zonke izindlela zakhe. **22** Izenzo ezimbi zomuntu
omubi ziyamthiya; izibopho zesono sakhe zimuthe
nko. **23** Uzabhubha ngoba engalayeki, elahlekiswa
yibuphukuphuku bakhe.

6 Ndodana yami, nxa wenzele umakhelwane wakho
isibambiso, nxa libambene izandla ukuba uzamhlawulela
imilandu yakhe, **2** aluba usuzihilele ngalokho okutshiloyo,
wazibambisa ngamazwi omlomo wakho, **3** lapho-ke
yenza lokhu, ndodana yami, ukuzikhulula, njengoba
usuwele ezandleni zakhe umakhelwane wakho: Hamba
ufike uzehlise; mncengancenge umakhelwane wakho! **4**
Ungabuvumeli ubuthongo emehlweni akho, ungavumeli
ukuwozela enkopheni zakho. **5** Zikhulule njengempala
ezandleni zomzingeli, njengenyoni esifini somthiyi. **6**

Khangela ubunyonyo, wena vila; hlolisisa ukwenza kwabo uhlakaniphe! **7** Kabulamphathi, kabula mkhangeli loba umbusi, **8** kodwa buyaqoqa umphako wabo ehlobo bubuthe ukudla kwabo nxa kuvunwa. **9** Uzalala khonapho kuze kube nini, vila ndini? Uzavuka nini ebuthongweni bakho? **10** Ukulala okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane, ukugoqa izandla kancane uphumula, **11** ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela lokuswela njengesigebenga. **12** Isigangi lesixhwali esihamba sikhuluma amanyala, **13** esiqhweba ngelihlo sitshengise ngezinyawo zaso njalo sitshengise ngeminwe yaso, **14** esiceba ububi ngenkohliso enhliziyweni yaso sithanda ukuvusa inkani kokuphela. **15** Ngakho lowo uzawelwa yingozi ngokuphazima; uzabhidlizwa ngokuphangisa kungasekho okungenziwa. **16** Ziyisithupha izinto uThixo azizondayo, eziyisikhombisa eziyisinengiso kuye: **17** amehlo atshengisa ukudelela, ulimi oluqamba amanga, izandla ezichitha igazi elingelacala, **18** inhliziyo egaya izibozi, inyawo eziphangisa ukuya ebubini, **19** umfakazi wamanga, okhuluma inkohliso lomuntu oletha ukuxabana kubazalwane. **20** Ndodana yami, gcina imilayo kayihlo ungadeli imfundiso kanyoko. **21** Kubophele enhliziyweni yakho nini lanini; kugqize entanyeni yakho. **22** Nxa uhamba, lezizinto zizakukhokhela; lanxa ulele zizakulinda; uthi uvuka zikukhulumise. **23** Ngoba imilayo le iyisibane, imfundiso le iyikukhanya, leziqondiso zokuzithiba ziyindlela yokuphila, **24** zikuvikela kowesifazane ongaziphathanga, laselimini olumnandi lomfazi ongelambeko. **25** Ungasuki umfise ngenhliziyo yakho ngenxa yobuhle bakhe kumbe akuhuge

ngamehlo akhe. **26** Ngoba isifebe siyakululazisa ufane
lesinkwa, kodwa umfazi womuntu uyayibhidliza impilo
yakho uqobo. **27** Kambe umuntu angokhela umlilo
emathangazini akhe na zingaze zatsha izigqoko zakhe?
28 Kambe umuntu angahamba phezu kwamalahle inyawo
zakhe zingaze zatsha na? **29** Kunjalo kulowo olala lomfazi
wenye indoda; kakho omthintayo ongayikujeziswa.
30 Abantu kabalithuki isela nxa lintshontsha ngoba
lifuqwa liphango. **31** Kodwa lingabanjwa lihlawuliswa
kasikhombisa, lanxa inhlawulo ilithathela yonke impahla
yendlu yalo. **32** Kodwa indoda efebayo kayilangqondo;
lowo okwenzayo lokho uyazibulala yena ngokwakhe.
33 Izidutshulo lehlazo kuyisabelo sakhe, ukuyangeka
kwakhe kakusoze kwafa kwaphela. **34** Ngoba ubukhwele
bendoda yalowomfazi buyiqubula ulaka, ingabe isaba
lozwelo lapho isiphindisela. **35** Kayizukuvuma inhlawulo;
kayiyikwamukela isivalamlomo loba singakanani.

7 Ndodana yami, agcine amazwi ami ulondoloze imilayo
yami ngaphakathi kwakho. **2** Gcina imilayo yami ukuze
uphile; ulinde imfundiso yami njengegugu lakho elikhulu.
3 Ibophele eminweni yakho; uyilobe enhliziyweni
yakho. **4** Tshela ukuhlakanipha uthi, "Ungudadewethu
wena," uthi ukuqedisisa kuyisihlobo sakho; **5** lezizinto
zizakuvikela emfazini oyisifebe, lakumkakho ongelambeko
ngamazwi akhe adukisayo. **6** Ngema ewindini lendlu
yami ngalunguza ngesikhala. **7** Ngabona phakathi
kwabayizithutha, ngananzelela phakathi kwamajaha
ngabona ijaha elingelangqondo. **8** Lalisehla ngomgwaqo
liseduze lejiko, liqonda endlini yowesifazane **9** ntambama

sekunqunda amehlo, umnyama wobusuku usujiya. **10** Khonokho nje kwaqhamuka owesifazane elihlangabeza egqoke okwesifebe ngoba eqophile. **11** (Umfazi lowo, ngumuntu womsindo uyisiqholo, inyawo zakhe kazihlali phansi; **12** khathesi nangu emgwaqweni, njalo nangu enkundleni, utshobatshoba izindawana zonke.) **13** Wafika waligona lelijaha walanga wakhuluma engelanhloni wathi: **14** "Ngenzile umnikelo wobudlelwano ngekhaya; lamuhla ngizigcwalisile izifungo zami. **15** Yikho ngilapha ukukuhlangabeza; sengikudinge ngaze ngakuthola! **16** Sengiwendlele umbheda wami ngamalineni eGibhithe awemibalabala. **17** Sengiwuqholile umbheda wami ngemure, ngenhlaba langesinamoni. **18** Woza sizitike ngothando kuze kuse; kasizijabulise ngothando! **19** Indoda yami kayikho ekhaya; ihambile iye khatshana. **20** Ithwele isikhwama sayo sigcwele imali, ngakho kayibuyi kuze kube phakathi kwenyanga." **21** Ngamazwi akhe amnandi waledukisa ijaha lelo; walihuga ijaha lelo ngolimi olumnandi. **22** Khonokho nje lahle lamlandela njengenkabi idonselwa ukuyabulawa, njengomziki uzingenisa emjibileni, **23** umtshoko uze uyehlaba isibindi, njengenyoni ithothela ngaphansi kwesifu, ingaboni ukuthi isizingenise ekufeni. **24** Ngakho-ke madodana ami, ngilalelani; zwanini lokhu engikutshoyo. **25** Lingayivumeli inhliziyo ikhangwe yizindlela zakhe, langabe iphumputhekele emikhubeni yakhe. **26** Banengi labo asebadilizile; izinkubela zakhe zilucaca olwesabekayo. **27** Indlu yakhe ingumgudu oya engcwabeni, iholela phansi ezindongeni zokufa. **(Sheol h7585)**

8 Ukuhlakanipha kakumemezi yini? Ukuqedisisa
kakuphakamisi ilizwi lakho na? **2** Emiqolweni yezindlela,
emahlanganweni ezindlela kulapho okujame khona; **3**
emasangweni angena phakathi kwedolobho, ezintubeni
kuyamemeza kakhulu kusithi: **4** "Ngimemeza lina,
madoda; ilizwi lami libiza bonke abantu. **5** Lina
eliyizithutha, zuzani ukuqonda; lina ziphukuphuku,
zuzani ukuqedisisa. **6** Lalelani ngoba ngilitshela izinto
eziqakathekileyo; ngivula izindebe zami ngikhuluma
okuqondileyo. **7** Umlomo wami ukhuluma okuliqiniso,
ngoba izindebe zami ziyabenyanya ububi. **8** Wonke amazwi
omlomo wami aqondile; kalikho lelilodwa elitshekileyo
loba elingcolileyo. **9** Kulowo ozwisisayo wonke alungile;
akulankohliso kulabo abalolwazi. **10** Khetha iseluleko
sami kulesiliva, ulwazi kulegolide elikhethiweyo, **11**
ngoba ukuhlakanipha kuligugu okudlula amarubhi,
njalo akulanto ongayifisa ezifisweni zakho okulingana
lakho. **12** Mina, kuhlakanipha, ngihlala ndawonye
lokuqondisisa; ngilolwazi lokukhetha kuhle. **13** Ukwesaba
uThixo yikuzonda ububi; ngiyakuzonda ukuzazisa
lobuqholo, ukuziphatha kubi lenkulumo ebolileyo.
14 Ukweluleka lokwahlulela okuhle kungokwami;
ngilokuzwisisa lamandla. **15** Amakhosi abusa ngenxa
yami lababusi balakho ukutshaya imithetho elungileyo;
16 amakhosana abusa ngami, lazozonke izikhulu ezibusa
emhlabeni. **17** Ngiyabathanda labo abangithandayo,
labo abangidingayo bayangithola. **18** Kimi kukhona
inotho lodumo, inotho engapheliyo lokuphumelela.
19 Izithelo zami zingcono kulegolide elicengiweyo;

okuphuma kimi kwedlula isiliva sekhethelo. **20** Ngihamba
ngendlela yokulunga, ngilandela umkhondo wokuqonda,
21 ngiyabela inotho kulabo abangithandayo ngigcwalise
iziphala zabo. **22** UThixo wangenza ngaba khona ngaqalela
konke okukhona, kuqala kokwenza ezinye izinto; **23**
ngaba khona ekudabukeni kwezinto, kwasekuqaleni,
umhlaba ungakabi khona. **24** Kungakabi lezilwandle,
ngasengizelwe, kungakabi khona izihotsha ezigcwele
amanzi; **25** izintaba zingakamiswa ensikeni zazo, engakabi
khona amaqaqa, ngasengizelwe, **26** uThixo engakawenzi
umhlaba lamaganga, loba lonke uthuli lomhlaba. **27**
Ngangikhona uThixo ehlela kuhle izulu, ephawula kuhle
imingcele yomkhathi lolwandle, **28** esenza amayezi
emkhathini wazizinzisa inziki zolwandle, **29** ebeka
imingcele yolwandle ukuze amanzi angedluli izimiso
zakhe, ngesikhathi lapho emisa izisekelo zomhlaba.
30 Ngalesosikhathi nganginguмbumbi eceleni kwakhe.
Ngangilenjabulo enkulu insuku ngensuku, ngithokoza
ukuba laye kokuphela, **31** ngithokoza ngomhlaba
wakhe wonke ngijabuliswa yibukhona babantu. **32**
Ngakho-ke, madodana ami, ngilalelani; babusisekile
labo abalondoloza izindlela zami. **33** Lalelani imfundiso
yami ukuze lihlakaniphe; lingaqali ukuyidela. **34**
Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ongilalelayo, olinda imihla yonke
eminyango yami, elindile entubeni yami. **35** Ngoba lowo
ongifumanayo uzuza ukuphila emukeliswe ukuthandwa
nguThixo. **36** Kodwa lowo owehlulekayo ukungifumana
uyazilimaza; bonke abangizondayo bathanda ukufa.”

9 Ukuhlakanipha sekuzakhele indlu yakho, imisiwe
ngezinsika eziyisikhombisa. **2** Isiphekiwe inyama yakho
kwalungiswa lewayini; konke sekudekiwe etafuleni. **3**
Usewathumile amantombazana, uyanxusa emi ezindaweni
eziphakemeyo zedolobho. **4** "Akuthi bonke abayizithutha
beze lapha!" Esitsho kulabo abangaqedisisiyo. **5** "Wozani
lidle ukudla kwami linathe iwayini esengililungisile. **6**
Lahlani izindlela zenu zobuthutha lizaphila; hambani
ngendlela yokuzwisisa." **7** Lowo oweluleka oklolodayo
ubiza inhlamba; okhuza umuntu oxhwalileyo ucina
ethethiswa. **8** Ungakhuzi isiqholo ngoba sizakuzonda;
khuza ohlakaniphileyo uzakuthanda. **9** Yeluleka umuntu
ohlakaniphileyo uzakwandisa ukuhlakanipha kwakhe;
fundisa umuntu olungileyo, uzakwengeza ulwazi lwakhe.
10 Ukumesaba uThixo kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho,
njalo ulwazi ngaLowo oNgcwele luyikuqedisisa. **11**
Ngoba ngami zizakuba zinengi insuku zakho, kwandiswe
iminyaka yokuphila kwakho. **12** Nxa uhlakaniphile,
ukuhlakanipha kwakho kuzakusiza; aluba uyisiqholo,
uzahlupheka wedwa. **13** Umfazi othiwa nguBuwula
ulomsindo; kagobeki njalo kazi lutho. **14** Uthanda
ukuhlala emnyango wendlu yakhe, esihlalweni endaweni
esesiqongweni sedolobho, **15** abe ehuga labo abedlulayo,
abahamba beqonde lapho abaya khona. **16** "Abeze lapha
bonke abayizithutha!" Esitsho kulabo abangacabangiyo.
17 "Ulutho lokuntshontshwa lumnandi; ukudla okudlelwa
ensitha kuyahlabusa!" **18** Kodwa kabazi ukuthi kuyafiwa,
kuleyondawo, ukuthi izethekeli zalowomfazi sezaphelela
ekujuleni kwengcwaba. **(Sheol h7585)**

10 Izaga zikaSolomoni: Indodana ehlakaniphileyo
iletha ukuthokoza kuyise, kodwa indoda eyisiwula
iletha ukudabuka kunina. **2** Inotho ezuzwe ngobuqili
kayisizi lutho, kodwa ukulunga kukhulula ekufeni.
3 UThixo kayekeli abalungileyo belambile kodwa
uyavimbela izinkanuko zezixhwali. **4** Izandla ezivilaphayo
ziletha ubuyanga, kodwa izandla ezikhutheleyo ziletha
inotho. **5** Lowo obutha amabele ngesikhathi sawo
yindodana ehlakaniphileyo, kodwa olalayo ngesikhathi
sokuvuna yindodana ehlazisayo. **6** Izibusiso zingumqhele
womuntu olungileyo. Kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu
bugcwele emlonyeni womubi. **7** Umkhumbulo ngomuntu
olungileyo ubusisekile kodwa ibizo lesigangi lizabola.
8 Abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni bayalalela izeluleko,
kodwa isiphukuphuku esivala ngomsindo siyadilika. **9**
Umuntu oqotho uhamba engelakwesaba, kodwa ohamba
ngezindlela ezigobileyo uzadaluleka. **10** Lowo oqwayiza
ngomona uletha usizi, lesiphukuphuku esivala ngomsindo
siyadilika. **11** Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ungumthombo
wokuphila, kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu bugcwele
emlonyeni womubi. **12** Inzondo idunga ingxabano, kodwa
uthando lusibekela bonke ububi. **13** Ukuhlakanipha
kufunyanwa ezindebeni zalowo oqedisisayo; kodwa
uswazi lwehla emhlane walowo ongezwayo. **14** Abantu
abahlakaniphileyo bayaluqoqa ulwazi, kodwa umlomo
wesiwula ugwegwa ukubhidlika. **15** Inotho yezikhulu
ingumuzi wazo ovikelweyo; kodwa ubuyanga buyikudilika
kwabampofu. **16** Inzuzo yabalungileyo iyabaphilisa,
kodwa umholo wababi ubalethela ukujeziswa. **17** Lowo

olalela ukuqondiswa utshengisa indlela yokuphila, kodwa lowo oyala ukwelulekwa wedukisa abanye. **18** Lowo ofihla inzondo yakhe ulendebe ezilamanga, kuthi lowo onyeyayo yisiwula. **19** Lapho okwande khona amazwi, isono kasisweleki, kodwa lowo ogcina ulimi lwakhe uhlakaniphile. **20** Ulimi lomuntu olungileyo luyisiliva esikhethiweyo, kodwa inhliziyo yesigangi kayisilutho. **21** Izindebe zolungileyo ziphilisa abanengi; kodwa iziwula ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo. **22** Isibusiso sikaThixo siletha inotho, leyonotho ingabi lahlupho. **23** Isiwula siyajabula ezenzweni zobubi, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthokoza ngokuhlakanipha. **24** Lokho akwesabayo omubi kuzamfumana; kodwa lokho akuloyisayo olungileyo uzakuphiwa. **25** Nxa isiphepho sesikhukhule sedlula, ababi sebedlule, kodwa abalungileyo bagxilile lanini. **26** Njengeviniga emlonyeni, lentuthu emehlweni, unjalo olesidensi kulabo abamthumayo. **27** Ukumesaba uThixo kuyengeza ubude bempilo, kodwa iminyaka yababi iyafinyezwa. **28** Ikusasa yabalungileyo iyikuthokoza, kodwa amathemba ababi aphelela ezeni. **29** Indlela kaThixo yisiphephelo sabalungileyo, kodwa iyikubhidlika kwalabo abenza okubi. **30** Abalungileyo kabasiphuleki, kodwa ababi kabayikusala elizweni. **31** Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ukhupha inhlakanipho, kodwa ulimi oluxhwalileyo luzaqunywa. **32** Izindebe zabalungileyo ziyakwazi okufaneleyo, kodwa umlomo wezigangi ukhupha izibozi.

11 UThixo uyazenyanya izilinganiso zokudlelezela, kodwa uthokoza ngezilinganiso eziqondileyo. **2** Nxa kungena ukuzigqaja kungena lokweyisa,

kodwa ukuzithoba kuhamba lenhlakanipho. **3** Ubuqotho kwabaqondileyo buyabakhokhela, kodwa abangathembekanga babulawa yibumenemene babo. **4** Inotho kayisizi lutho ngosuku lweziphithiphithi kodwa ukulunga kuyaphephisa ekufeni. **5** Ukulunga kwabangelacala kuqondisa indlela yabo, kodwa ababi bawiswa yibubi babo. **6** Ukulunga kwabaqondileyo kuyabakhulula, kodwa abangathembekanga bagwenxwa yizinkanuko zabo ezimbi. **7** Umuntu omubi angafa ithemba lakhe liyaphela; konke abesithi uzakuzuza ngamandla akhe kuphelela ezeni. **8** Umuntu olungileyo uyakhululwa enkathazweni, kusuke kuyewela komubi. **9** Ngomlomo wakhe umuntu ongakholwayo uyamchitha umakhelwane, kodwa ngolwazi abalungileyo bayaphepha. **10** Nxa kuphumelela abalungileyo umuzi uyathokoza; nxa kusifa omubi kuba lokujabula. **11** Ngokubusiswa ngabalungileyo omubi ubalodumo, kodwa ngomlomo wezigangi uyachitheka. **12** Umuntu ongelangqondo weyisa umakhelwane wakhe, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthiba ulimi lwakhe. **13** Onyeyayo wehluleka ukuvala isifuba sakhe, kodwa othembekileyo uyayigcina imfihlo. **14** Isizwe esingelabukhokheli obuqondileyo siyachitheka, kodwa ngobunengi babeluleki siyanqoba. **15** Lowo okhuphela omunye umuntu isibambiso uzahlupheka, kodwa owalayo ukupha isibambiso uvikelekile. **16** Umfazi olomusa uyahlonitshwa, kodwa amadoda alesihluku azuza inotho kuphela. **17** Umuntu olomusa uyazisiza, kodwa umuntu ololunya uyazilimaza. **18** Umuntu omubi uhola umvuzo wobuqili, kodwa lowo ohlanyela ukulunga

uvuna umvuzo omuhle. **19** Lowo omiyo ekulungeni uzuza
ukuphila, kodwa oxotshana lobubi uya ekufeni. **20**
UThixo uyabazonda abantu abalenhliziyo embi, kodwa
uyathokoza ngalabo abandlela zabo zilungile. **21** Kodwa
yazi lokhu, ababi bazajeziswa kodwa abalungileyo
bazahlala bekhululekile. **22** Njengesongo legolide lifakwe
emakhaleni engulube, unjalo umfazi omuhle kodwa
ongelambeko. **23** Izifiso zabalungileyo zizuza okuhle
kodwa ithemba lababi liphelela osizini. **24** Ophayo
ngesihle uyazuza okunengi kulakuqala, lowo
ogodlayo ungenelwa yibuyanga. **25** Lowo ophayo
uzaphumelela; owonga abanye laye uzakongiwa. **26**
Abantu bayamqalekisa lowo ogodla amabele, kodwa
izibusiso zingumqhele walowo ovuma ukuwathengisa.
27 Lowo odinga ukulunga uzuza umusa, kodwa
okubi kwehlela lowo okudingayo. **28** Othembele
enothweni yakhe uzakuwa; kodwa olungileyo uzaphila
njengehlamvu eliluhlaza. **29** Olethela abendlu yakhe
uhlupho ilifa lakhe yize, lesihawu sizakuba yinceku
yohlakaniphileyo. **30** Izithelo zolungileyo ziyisihlahla
sokuphila, njalo lowo ozuza imiphefumulo uhlakaniphile.
31 Nxa abalungileyo bezuza ukujeziswa emhlabeni pho
kuzakuba njani kwabangakholwayo labayizoni!

12 Othanda ukuqondiswa uthanda ulwazi, kodwa
ozonda ukukhuzwa uyisithutha. **2** Umuntu olungileyo
uthola umusa kuThixo, kodwa uThixo uyamlahla
owakha amacebo amabi. **3** Umuntu angazake amiswe
yibubi, kodwa olungileyo angeke aquphuke. **4** Umfazi
olesimilo ungumqhele womkakhe, kodwa umfazi

oyangisayo unjengokubola kwamathambo akhe. **5** Izimiso zabalungileyo ziqondile, kodwa izeluleko zababi ziyinkohliso. **6** Amazwi ababi alindele ukuchitha igazi, kodwa inkulumo yabalungileyo iyabakhulula. **7** Abantu ababi bayachithwa bangabe besaba khona, kodwa indlu yolungileyo imi izinzile. **8** Umuntu udunyiswa ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, kodwa abantu abalengqondo ezimbi bayeyiswa. **9** Kungcono ukungabi ngubani kodwa ulesisebenzi, kulokuzitshaya ulutho kodwa uswela lokudla. **10** Umuntu olungileyo uyayinanzelela imfuyo yakhe kodwa okuhle komuntu omubi yilunya. **11** Lowo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uzathola ukudla okunengi, kodwa lowo ophika ngezifiso eziyize akalangqondo. **12** Ababi bahawukela impango yezigangi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo imi iqinile. **13** Umuntu omubi uthiyeka ngenkulumo yakhe yesono, kodwa umuntu olungileyo uyaphepha enkathazweni. **14** Umuntu uzuza okuhle ngamazwi omlomo wakhe, umsebenzi wezandla zakhe umnika inzuzo. **15** Indlela yesiwula ikhanya iqondile kuso, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyalalela izeluleko. **16** Isiwula siyaphangisa ukuthukuthela, kodwa umuntu olengqondo kananzi loba ethukwa. **17** Umfakazi oleqiniso upha ubufakazi obuqondileyo, kodwa umfakazi ongathembekanga ukhuluma amanga. **18** Amazwi okubhuda agwaza njengenkemba, kodwa ulimi lohlakaniphileyo luyelapha. **19** Izindebe zeqiniso zimi lanini, kodwa ulimi olulamanga luma umzuzwana nje. **20** Inhliziyo zabaceba ububi zigcwele inkohliso, kodwa kulokuthokoza kwabaletha ukuthula. **21**

Akukho ngozi ewela abalungileyo, kodwa izigangi zikhulelwa zinhlupho. **22** UThixo uyazenyanya izindlela ezilamanga, kodwa uyathokoza ngabantu abaleqiniso. **23** Umuntu olengqondo kazitshengiseli ulwazi lwakhe, kodwa iziwula ziyabutshengisela ubuthutha bazo. **24** Izandla ezikhutheleyo zizaletha inhlalakahle, kodwa ubuvila budonsela ekugqilazweni. **25** Inhliziyo ekhathazekileyo iyamcakisa umuntu, kodwa ilizwi elilomusa liyamthokozisa. **26** Umuntu olungileyo ukhetha abangane ngonanzelelo, kodwa indlela yababi iyabaphumputhekisa. **27** Umzingeli olivila kazuzi nyama yokosa, kodwa umuntu okhutheleyo uyazibula ngenotho yakhe. **28** Endleleni yokulunga kulokuphila, kuleyondlela kulokuphila okungapheliyo.

13 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo iyemukela izeluleko zikayise, kodwa ihlongandlebe kalilaleli nxa likhuzwa. **2** Umuntu uzuza okuhle ngamazwi omlomo wakhe, kodwa ababi batshisekela udlakela. **3** Lowo olinda izindebe zakhe ulinda impilo yakhe, kodwa lowo osuka abhede nje uyazibulala. **4** Ivila liyafisa kodwa lingazuzi lutho, kodwa izifiso zokhutheleyo ziyagcwaliseka. **5** Abalungileyo bayakuzonda okungamanga, kodwa izigangi ziletha ihlazo lesigcono. **6** Ukulunga kuyamlinda umuntu oqotho, kodwa ububi buyamchitha oyisoni. **7** Umuntu angazenza onothileyo, yena engelalutho, omunye azitshaye umyanga, kanti elenotho enengi. **8** Inotho yomuntu ingahlenga impilo yakhe, kodwa umyanga uvele kasongelwa muntu. **9** Isibane sabalungileyo sikhanya sithi kla! Kodwa isibane sezigangi

siyafiphala ngentuthu. **10** Ukuziqakisa kukhokhelela
engxabanweni, kodwa ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa
kwabemukela ukwelulekwa. **11** Imali ezuzwe ngobuqili
iyanyamalala, kodwa lowo oyizuza ngokuqogelela
uyayandisa. **12** Ithemba eliphuzayo ligulisa inhliziyo,
kodwa isifiso esigcwalisiweyo siyisihlahla sokuphila.
13 Lowo oweyisa izeluleko uzibizela ingozi, kodwa
othobela umlayo uzaphiwa umvuzo. **14** Imfundiso
yabahlakaniphileyo ingumthombo wokuphila, iphephisa
umuntu emijibileni yokufa. **15** Ukuzwisisa okuhle
kuletha ukuthandeka, kodwa indlela yabakhohlisayo
inzima. **16** Wonke umuntu ohlakaniphileyo wenza
konke ngolwazi, kodwa isiwula sitshengisa ubuthutha
baso. **17** Isithunywa esibi siwela phakathi kohlupho,
kodwa isithunywa esithembekileyo siletha ukusila. **18**
Ongananzi ukuqondiswa wehlelwa yibuyanga lehlazo,
kodwa onanza ukukhuzwa uyadunyiswa. **19** Simnandi
emphefumulweni isifiso singagcwaliseka, kodwa iziwula
kazifuni ukutshiya ububi. **20** Ohamba lezihlakaniphi
uyahlakanipha, kodwa othandana leziwula uwela
engozini. **21** Umnyama ulandelana loyisoni, kodwa
impumelelo ingumvuzo wabalungileyo. **22** Umuntu
olungileyo utshiyela izizukulwane sakhe ilifa, kodwa
inotho yesoni ibekelwa abalungileyo. **23** Insimu yomyanga
ingathela ukudla okunengi, kodwa umona wabalamandla
uyayikhukhula. **24** Lowo ongasebenzisi uswazi uyayizonda
indodana yakhe, kodwa lowo oyithandayo unqinekela
ukuyiqondisa. **25** Olungileyo uyadla asuthe ntintinini,
kodwa isisu somubi sihlala silambile.

14 Umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uyakha indlu yakhe, kodwa
lowo oyisiwula uyayibhidliza ngezandla zakhe. **2** Lowo
ohamba ngobuqotho uyamesaba uThixo, kodwa lowo
ondlela zakhe zigobile uyameyisa. **3** Inkulumo yesiwula
isikhothisa ngoswazi emhlane, kodwa indebe zalowo
ohlakaniphileyo ziyamvikela. **4** Lapho okungelankabi
khona isibaya siyize, kodwa amandla enkabi aletha
isivuno esinengi. **5** Umfakazi oleqiniso kakhohlisi,
kodwa umfakazi ongelaqiniso uhutsha amanga. **6**
Oweyisayo uyakudinga ukuhlakanipha kodwa kakutholi,
kodwa ulwazi luyazizela koqondisisayo. **7** Suka
emuntwini oyisiwula, ngoba awuyikuthola ulwazi
ezindebeni zakhe. **8** Ukuhlakanipha kwabaqondayo
yikuthi bayacabanga ngalokho abakwenzayo, kodwa
ubuthutha beziwula buyinkohliso. **9** Iziwula zikwenza
ubuthutha ukuphenduka ezonweni, kodwa abaqotho
bafisa ukwenza uxolo. **10** Inhliziyo leyo laleyo
iyakwazi ukudabuka kwayo, njalo kakho ongakwazi
ukuthokoza kwayo. **11** Indlu yomubi izadilizwa, kodwa
ithente loqotho lizaphumelela. **12** Kukhona indlela
ebonakala ilungile emuntwini, kodwa isiphetho sayo
siyikufa. **13** Ukuhleba kungabe kufihle ubuhlungu
benhliziyo, lokuthokoza kucine sekulusizi. **14** Abangelakho
bazavuzwa ngokubafaneleyo, lomuntu olungileyo laye
avuzwe ngokwakhe. **15** Umuntu oyisithutha ukholwa
loba yini, kodwa olengqondo uyakucabangisisa konke
akwenzayo. **16** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyamesaba
uThixo, axwaye okubi, kodwa isiwula siliphikankani
kodwa sizizwa sivikelekile. **17** Umuntu olicaphucaphu

wenza izinto zobuthutha, lomuntu oliqili uyazondwa. **18** Abangazi lutho ilifa labo yibuwula, kodwa abalengqondo betheswa umqhele wolwazi. **19** Abantu ababi bazilahla phansi phambi kwabalungileyo, lezixhwali ziguqa emasangweni abalungileyo. **20** Abayanga bahlanyukelwa langabomakhelwane babo, kodwa izinothi zilabangane abanengi. **21** Lowo oweyisa umakhelwane wenza isono, kodwa ubusisiwe olomusa kwabaswelayo. **22** Kabalahleki yini abaceba ububi? Kodwa abamisa ukwenza okuhle bafumana uthando lokuthembeka. **23** Ukusebenza nzima konke kuletha inzuzo, kodwa ukuqina ngomlomo kuthelela ubuyanga. **24** Inotho yabahlakaniphileyo ingumqhele wabo, kodwa ubuphukuphuku beziwula buzala ubuthutha. **25** Umfakazi oleqiniso uyabakhulula abantu, kodwa umfakazi wamanga uyakhohlisa. **26** Lowo owesaba uThixo ulenqaba eqinileyo, uzakuba yisiphephelo senzalo yakhe. **27** Ukumesaba uThixo kungumthombo wokuphila, kuvikela umuntu emijibileni yokufa. **28** Ubunengi babantu elizweni kuludumo enkosini, kodwa nxa kungelabantu umbusi kasilutho. **29** Umuntu obekezelayo uyazwisisa kakhulu, kodwa ophanga ukuthukuthela uveza ubuthutha. **30** Ingqondo elokuthula iletha ukuphila emzimbeni, kodwa umhawu ubolisa amathambo. **31** Lowo oncindezela abayanga weyisa uMenzi wabo, kodwa olomusa kwabaswelayo udumisa uNkulunkulu. **32** Nxa kufika ubunzima ababi bayadilika, kodwa abalungileyo balesiphephelo lasekufeni. **33** Ukuhlakanipha kuzinzile enhliziyweni yabaqedisisayo, kuyaziveza kanye lakwabayiziwula. **34** Ukulunga

kuyasiphakamisa isizwe, kodwa isono silihlazo lakubaphi abantu. **35** Inkosi iyathokoza ngenceku ehlakaniphileyo, kodwa inceku ehlazisayo iyayithukuthelisa.

15 Impendulo ethobekileyo iyaludedisa ulaka, kodwa ilizwi elilukhuni livusa ulaka. **2** Ulimi lomuntu ohlakaniphileyo lukhulisa ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wesiwula uphihlika ubuphukuphuku. **3** Amehlo kaThixo asezindaweni zonke, alinde ababi labalungileyo. **4** Ulimi oluletha ukuphola luyisihlahla sokuphila, kodwa ulimi olukhohlisayo luyawephula umoya. **5** Isiwula siyakulahla ukulaya kukayise, kodwa owemukela ukuqondiswa uveza ukuhlakanipha. **6** Indlu yolungileyo igcwele inotho, kodwa inzuzo yababi ibehlisela uhlupho. **7** Izindlela zabahlakaniphileyo ziyalwandisa ulwazi, kodwa kazenzi njalo inhliziyo zeziwula. **8** UThixo uyawenyanya umhlatshelo wababi, kodwa umkhuleko wabaqotho uyamthokozisa. **9** UThixo uyayenyanya indlela yababi, kodwa uyabathanda labo abalandela ukulunga. **10** Ukujeziswa okubuhlungu kumlindele ophambuka endleleni; ozonda ukuqondiswa uzakufa. **11** UKufa lokuBhujiswa kusobala phambi kukaThixo kangakanani ke inhliziyo zabantu! **(Sheol h7585)** **12** Isideleli siyakuzonda ukuqondiswa; kasibuzi kwabahlakaniphileyo. **13** Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza ubuso buchelese, kodwa inhliziyo ebuhlungu yephula umoya. **14** Inhliziyo eqedisisayo idinga ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wesiwula wongiwa ngobuthutha. **15** Zonke insuku zabancindezelweyo zilukhuni, kodwa inhliziyo ethokozileyo ihlezi iminza. **16** Kungcono ukuba lokulutshwana umesaba uThixo kulokuba lenotho

enengi ulenhlupho. **17** Kungcono ukutsheba ngemibhida lapho okulothando khona, kulokudla inyama enonileyo okugcwele khona inzondo. **18** Ololaka oluvuthayo ubanga ukuxabana, kodwa umuntu obekezelayo uqeda inkani. **19** Indlela yevila igcwele ameva, kodwa indlela yomuntu olungileyo ikhamisile. **20** Indodana ehlakaniphileyo iletha intokozo kuyise, kodwa indoda eyisiwula yeyisa unina. **21** Ubuthutha bujabulisa umuntu ongelangqondo, kodwa umuntu olokuzwisisa uhamba ngendlela eqondileyo. **22** Amaqhinga ayehluleka nxa kungelazeluleko, kodwa ayaphumelela ngabeluleki abanengi. **23** Umuntu uyathokoza ngokupha impendulo eqondileyo yeka kuhle kangakanani ukuzwa ilizwi elifaneleyo! **24** Indlela yempilo iyimpumelelo kohlakaniphileyo ukuze angalengeli engcwabeni. **(Sheol h7585)** **25** UThixo uyayibhidliza indlu yomuntu oziphakamisayo, kodwa indawo yomfelokazi kayiyikuncitshiswa. **26** UThixo uyayizonda imicabango yababi, kodwa leyo eyabalungileyo iyamthabisa. **27** Indoda eyisihwaba iluhlupho kwabendlu yayo, kodwa lowo ozonda ukufunjathiswa uzaphila. **28** Olungileyo uyayihlolisisa impendulo engakaphenduli, kodwa umlomo womubi ukhihliza okubi. **29** UThixo ukhatshana kwababi, kodwa uyezwa umkhuleko wabalungileyo. **30** Ubuso obubobothekayo buletha intokozo enhliziyweni, lezindaba ezinhle ziqinisa umzimba. **31** Lowo olalela ukukhuzwa okumphilisayo, uzahlala kuhle labahlakaniphileyo. **32** Lowo onganaki ukulaywa uyazeyisa yena ngokwakhe, kodwa onanza iziqondiso uzuza ukuzwisisa. **33**

Ukumesaba uThixo kufundisa umuntu ukuhlakanipha,
njalo ukuzithoba kwandulela udumo.

16 Umuntu angawabumba amacebo ngenhliziyo
yakhe, kodwa uThixo nguye omupha amazwi
okuwachaza. **2** Umuntu angabona sengathi zonke
izindlela zakhe ziqondile, kodwa uThixo uyazihlolisisa
zonke injongo zomuntu. **3** Nikela kuThixo konke
okwenzayo, kuzaphumelelisa wonke amacebo akho.
4 UThixo uzilungisele isiphetho sakho konke kanye
lababi usuku lokubhujiswa. **5** UThixo uyabazonda
bonke abazikhukhumezayo. Ngempela kabayikuphepha
ukujeziswa. **6** Isono siyahlawulelwa ngothando
langokwethembeka; ngokwesaba uThixo umuntu
uyaphepha ebubini. **7** Nxa izindlela zomuntu zimthokozisa
uThixo, uyenza lezitha zakhe zihlalisane laye ngokuthula.
8 Kungcono ukuzuza okulutshwana ngendlela elungileyo
kulokuzuza okunengi ngobuqili. **9** Umuntu angalungisa
indlela yakhe engqondweni yakhe, kodwa uThixo
nguye olawula izinyathelo zakhe. **10** Izindebe zombusi
zikhuluma kungathi lidlozi ngakho umlomo wakhe
kawungaphambuli umthetho. **11** Izilinganiso eziqondileyo
zivela kuThixo; zonke izisindo ezisemgodleni zenziwa
nguye. **12** Amakhosi ayakuzonda ukwenza okubi,
ngoba isihlalo sobukhosi sakhelwe phezu kokulunga.
13 Amakhosi athokoziswa yizindebe ezithembekileyo;
ayamazisa umuntu okhuluma iqiniso. **14** Ulaka lwenkosi
luyisithunywa sokufa, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo
uyaluxolisa. **15** Nxa ubuso benkosi bulentokozo,
kukhomba ukuphila; ukuthandwa yiyo kunjengeyezi

lezulu entwasa. **16** Kungcono kangakanani ukuzuza
ukuhlakanipha kulegolide, ukukhetha ukuzwisisa
kulesiliva! **17** Umgwaqo womuntu oqotho uceza
ububi; lowo onanzelelayo indlela yakhe unanzelela
impilo yakhe. **18** Ukuzigqaja kwandulela ukubhujiswa,
umoya omubi ulandelwa yikuwa. **19** Kungcono
umoya othobekileyo lokuhlala kwabancindezelweyo
kulokwabelana impango labazigqajayo. **20** Lowo
olalela izeluleko uyaphumelela, njalo ubusisiwe lowo
othemba uThixo. **21** Abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni
kuthiwa bayaqedisisa, njalo amazwi amnandi aqinisa
izeluleko. **22** Ukuzwisisa kungumthombo wokuphila
kulabo abalakho, kodwa ubuwula buletha isijeziso
eziwuleni. **23** Inhliziyo yomuntu ohlakaniphileyo
ikhokhela umlomo wakhe, kanti lezindebe zakhe
zikhuthaza izeluleko. **24** Amazwi amahle alikhekheba
loluju, amnandi emphefumulweni njalo ayelapha
emathanjeni. **25** Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile
emuntwini, kodwa isiphetho sayo siyikufa. **26** Isisebenzi
sifuqwa liphango ukusebenza kakhulu; ukulamba yikho
okusikhuthazayo. **27** Isixhwali siceba ububi, lenkulumo
yaso injengomlilo ohaqazayo. **28** Umuntu ongelangqondo
udaza inkani, njalo lomuntu onyeyayo wehlukanisa
abangane. **29** Umuntu wodlakela uhuga umakhelwane
wakhe amholele endleleni engalunganga. **30** Lowo ofica
ngelihlo lakhe uceba izibozi; lowo oluma indebe zakhe
uqonde ububi. **31** Inwele ezimhlophe zingumqhele
wobukhulu, zizuzwa ngempilo elungileyo. **32** Ungcono
umuntu obekezelayo kuleqhawe, umuntu ozinqandayo

ulaka lwakhe kulalowo othumba idolobho. **33** Inkatho iphoselwa enkundleni, kodwa isinqumo sayo sisemandleni kaThixo.

17 Lungcono uqweqwe lwesinkwa umuntu elokuthula kulendlu egcwele amagqibhagqibha okudla kodwa kulengxabano. **2** Isisebenzi esihlakaniphileyo sizabusa indodana eyangisayo, sizakwabelwa ilifa njengomunye wamadodana. **3** Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni, imvutho ngeyegolide kodwa uThixo uhlola inhliziyo. **4** Umuntu oxhwalileyo uyazilalela izindebe ezimbi; lomqambimanga uyalulalela ulimi olulomona. **5** Lowo ohleka umyanga weyisa uMenzi wakhe; oklolodayo nxa konakele kayikuphepha isijeziso. **6** Abazukulu bangumqhele wabalupheleyo, njalo labantwana baziqhenya ngabazali babo. **7** Izindebe zokutshinga azisifanelanga isiwula zimbi kangakanani ke izindebe zamanga kumbusi! **8** Isivalamlomo siyintelezi kulowo osinikayo; uyaphumelela kukho konke. **9** Ofihla ukona komunye uqinisa uthando, kodwa okhuluma ngakho kokuphela wehlukanisa abangane abasekhwapheni. **10** Ukukhuza kuyamqondisa umuntu olengqondo kulokutshaya isiwula imvimvinya ezilikhulu. **11** Umuntu omubi udinga ukuhlamuka kuphela; uzathunyelwa inxusa elilesihluku. **12** Kungcono ukuqondana lebhele elithathelwe imidlwane yalo kulokuhlangana lesiwula ebuthutheni baso. **13** Nxa umuntu ephindisela okuhle ngobubi, ububi kabusoze basuka endlini yakhe. **14** Ukusungula inkani kunjengokubhidliza umduli wedamu; ngakho yekela indaba ingakadaleki inkani. **15** Ukukhulula olecala

lokugweba omsulwa uThixo uyakuzonda kokubili. **16** Isizani imali esandleni sesiwula, sivele singatshisekeli ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha? **17** Umngane ulothando ngezikhathi zonke, lomzalwane uzalelwa izikhathi zenhlupheko. **18** Umuntu ongananzeleliyo uyaziwisela anike isibambiso enceda umakhelwane wakhe. **19** Lowo othanda inkani uthanda isono; lowo owakha isango eliphakemeyo udinga ukubhidlizwa. **20** Umuntu olenhliziyo exhwalileyo kaphumeleli; lowo olimi lwakhe luyakhohlisa uwela ekuhluphekeni. **21** Ukuba lendodana eyisiwula kuthelela usizi; akulakuthokoza kuyise wesiwula. **22** Inhliziyo ethokozayo ingumuthi omuhle, kodwa umoya owephukileyo womisa amathambo. **23** Umuntu omubi wamukela isivalamlomo ensitha ukuze ahlanekele indlela yokwahlulela. **24** Umuntu ohluzisisayo izinto ukhokhelwa yikuhlakanipha, kodwa amehlo esiwula asabalala afike ekucineni komhlaba. **25** Indodana eyisiwula ithelela uyise usizi lokudabuka kulowo owayizalayo. **26** Kakukuhle ukujezisa umuntu ongelacala, loba ukufaka uswazi izisebenzi ngenxa yobuqotho bazo. **27** Umuntu ololwazi ubeka amazwi akhe ngokunanzelela, njalo umuntu oqedisisayo kathukutheli ngokuphangisa. **28** Lesiwula kuthiwa sihlakaniphile nxa sithule, kuthiwe siyaqedisisa nxa sibamba ulimi lwaso.

18 Umuntu ongelamusa uzifunela okwakhe; uyazilahla zonke iziqondiso ezinhle. **2** Isiwula kasikuthakazeleli ukuzwisisa kodwa sithokoza ngokutsho eyaso imibono. **3** Nxa kufika ububi kufika lokweyisa, njalo ihlazo liza lokudumazeka. **4** Amazwi omlomo womuntu

ayinziki yamanzi, kodwa umthombo wokuhlakanipha ngumfudlana ontuntuzayo. **5** Kakukuhle ukulungisela ababi loba ukungehluleli kuhle abangelacala. **6** Izindebe zesiwula zisilethela ingxabano, lomlomo waso unxusa ukutshaywa. **7** Umlomo wesiwula yiwo osidilizayo, lezindebe zaso zingumjibila womphefumulo waso. **8** Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo anjengezibiliboco; angena ekujuleni kwenhliziyo yomuntu. **9** Lowo ovilaphayo emsebenzini wakhe ungumfowabo walowo odilizayo. **10** Ibizo likaThixo liyinqaba eqinileyo; abalungileyo babalekela kulo baphephe. **11** Inotho yezikhulu ingumuzi wazo ovikelweyo; zicabanga ukuthi imiduli yawo ayikhweleki. **12** Umuntu uyazikhukhumeza ngenhliziyo yakhe, mandulo kokuba awe, ikanti ukuzithoba kwandulela udumo. **13** Lowo ophendulayo engaqali alalele lobo yibuwula bakhe lehlazo lakhe. **14** Umphefumulo womuntu uyamqinisa nxa egula, kodwa ngubani ongaphila elomoya owephukileyo na? **15** Inhliziyo yabaqedisisayo izuza ulwazi; indlebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyakudinga. **16** Isipho siyamvulela indlela ophayo azuze ithuba lokubonana labakhulu. **17** Ecaleni okhuluma kuqala ubonakala enguye olungileyo, kuze kuqhamuke omunye ambuzisise. **18** Ukwenza inkatho kuyakuqeda ukulwisana, kubehlukanise abaxabanayo. **19** Umzalwane owonelweyo uba lukhuni kulomuzi ohonqolozelweyo, lezingxabano zinjengamasango enqaba avaliweyo. **20** Isisu somuntu sigcwaliswa yizithelo zomlomo wakhe; usuthiswa yisivuno sezindebe zakhe. **21** Ulimi lulamandla okuphila lokufa, njalo labo abaluthandayo bazakudla

izithelo zalo. **22** Lowo ozuza umfazi ufumana okuhle,
athole umusa kuThixo. **23** Umyanga uyancenga ukuthi
axolelwe, kodwa isinothi siphendula ngolaka. **24** Umuntu
olabangane abanengi ucina kubi, kodwa kuba khona
umngane othembeka okudlula umfowenu.

19 Ungcono umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho kulesiwula
esilezindebe ezingcolileyo. **2** Kakulunganga ukutshiseka
kodwa ungelalwazi, loba ukuwalazela uze ulahlekelwe
yindlela. **3** Ubuwula bomuntu budiliza impilo yakhe,
ikanti inhliziyo yakhe ithukuthelela uThixo. **4** Inotho
iletha abangane abanengi, kodwa umyanga ufulathelwa
ngumngane wakhe weduze. **5** Umfakazi wamanga uthola
isijeziso, lalowo ohutshuza amanga kayikuphunyuka.
6 Banengi abazincengela ukuthandwa ngumbusi, njalo
wonke umuntu ngumngane walowo ophanayo. **7**
Umyanga uhlanyukelwa yizihlobo zakhe zonke, pho
abangane bakhe bona bamnina kangakanani! Lanxa
ebancenga kangakanani, ngeke esabathola. **8** Lowo ozuze
ukuhlakanipha uthanda umphefumulo wakhe; lowo
ogogosa ukuzwisisa uyaphumelela. **9** Umfakazi wamanga
uthola isijeziso, njalo lowo ohutshuza amanga uzabhubha.
10 Kakusifanelanga isiwula ukuthi sihlale enothweni
kubi kangakanani ukuthi isigqili sibuse amakhosana. **11**
Ukuhlakanipha komuntu kumupha isineke; kumupha
udumo ukunganaki ukuqalwa. **12** Ukuthukuthela kwenkosi
kunjengokubhonga kwesilwane, kodwa ukuthandwa
yiyo kunjengamazolo etshanini. **13** Indodana eyisiwula
iyamchitha uyise, lomfazi olenkani unjengamanzi athonta
ephahleni njalonje. **14** Izindlu lenotho yilifa elizuzwa

ebazalini, kodwa umfazi ozwisisayo uvela kuThixo. **15** Ubuvila buletha ubuthongo obukhulu, njalo umuntu owehluleka ukuzenwaya uyalamba. **16** Lowo olalela izeluleko uvikela impilo yakhe, kodwa lowo ozedelelayo uzakufa. **17** Olomusa kubayanga upha uThixo, uzamupha umvuzo ngalokho akwenzayo. **18** Qondisa indodana yakho, ngoba lokho kuzayisiza; ungabi lengxenye yokuyibulala. **19** Umuntu ololaka oluphuphumayo luyamtshayisa, ungamlamulela, usuzahlala umlamulela njalo. **20** Lalela ukucetshiswa, wamukele ukuqondiswa, ngoba ekucineni uzahlakanipha. **21** Inhliziyo yomuntu igcwele amacebo amanengi, kodwa yisimiso sikaThixo esimayo. **22** Umuntu uloyisa uthando olungaqamukiyo; kungcono ukuba ngumyanga kulokuba lamanga. **23** Ukumesaba uThixo kuholela ekuphileni: olakho uhlala esuthisekile, engathintwa yizinhlupheko. **24** Ivilavoxo litshonisa isandla salo emganwini, liyehluleke ukubuyisa isandla emlonyeni lidle. **25** Thela uswazi isideleli, abathobekileyo bazafunda ukuhlakanipha; khuza umuntu oqedisisayo, uzazuza ulwazi. **26** Lowo ontshontshela uyise, axotshe unina yindodana ethelela inhloni lehlazo. **27** Nxa uyekela ukulandela izeluleko, ndodana yami, uzalahleka utshiye amazwi okwazi. **28** Umfakazi oxhwalileyo uyawudelela umthetho, lomlomo womubi uminza ububi. **29** Izijeziso zilungiselwe izideleli, loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula.

20 Iwayini lenza ukudelela lotshwala buyaxabanisa, okhohliswa yilezi izinto kahlakaniphanga. **2** Ulaka lwenkosi lunjengokubhonga kwesilwane; lowo oyizondisayo udela impilo yakhe. **3** Kumupha udumo

umuntu ukubalekela ukuxabana, kodwa iziphukuphuku zonke ziphangisa ukuthenga inkani. **4** Ivila kalilimi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo; kuthi ngesikhathi sokuvuna liswele amabele. **5** Izifiso zenhliziyo yomuntu zingamanzi azikileyo, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uyazifinyelela. **6** Banengi abathi balothando olungapheliyo, kodwa ngubani ongamthola umuntu othembekileyo na? **7** Umuntu olungileyo uphila impilo encomekayo; babusisiwe abantwabakhe abamfuzayo. **8** Inkosi nxa ihlezi esihlalweni sayo isahlulela, iyakuhlungula konke okubi ngamehlo ayo. **9** Ngubani ongathi, "Ngiyigcinile inhliziyo yami imhlophe; ngihlanzekile kangilasono?" **10** Izisindo ezitshiyanayo lezilinganiso ezitshiyanayo uThixo uyakuzonda kokubili. **11** Lomntwana waziwa ngezenzo zakhe, ngokuthi isimilo sakhe sihle, siqotho. **12** Indlebe ezizwayo lamehlo abonayo kokubili kwenziwa nguThixo. **13** Ungathandani lobuthongo uzakuba ngumyanga, hlala uvukile uzakuba lokudla okunengi. **14** "Kubi, kubi!" kutsho umthengi; esuka lapho usezincoma ngakuthengileyo. **15** Likhona igolide lamatshe aligugu amanengi, kodwa izindebe ezikhuluma ulwazi zilivelakancane. **16** Thatha isembatho salowo owenzela owezizweni isibambiso; sigcine nxa ebambisela owesifazane ongaziphathanga. **17** Ukudla okuzuzwe ngenkohliso kumnandi emuntwini, kodwa kucina sekungathi udla itshebetshebe. **18** Nxa usenza amacebo dinga izeluleko; nxa usiyahlasela zuza ukuqondiswa. **19** Onyeyayo uyehluleka ukugcina imfihlo, ngakho yehlukana lomuntu okhuluma angathuli. **20** Nxa umuntu

ethuka uyise loba unina, isibane sakhe sizacinywa abesemnyameni omubi. **21** Ilifa elizuzwa lula ekuqaleni alilakubusiswa ekucineni. **22** Ungabokuthi, “Lami ngizakulungisa ngalokhu ongenze khona!” Yekela, uThixo nguye ozakusiza. **23** UThixo uyazizonda izilinganiso eziguquguqulwayo, njalo kathokoziswa yizikali zokudlelezela. **24** Izinyathelo zomuntu zikhokhelwa nguThixo. Pho umuntu angayazi kanjani na indlela yakhe? **25** Yikuzithiya ukuthembisa ngokuphangisa ukupha ulutho, phambili umuntu aphinde azisole ngalesosifungo. **26** Inkosi ehlakaniphileyo iyabahlungula ababi; iyabahadla njengelitshe lokuchola. **27** Isibane sikaThixo siyawuhlolisisa umphefumulo womuntu; sihlolisisa ekujuleni kwemibilini yakhe. **28** Uthando lokwethembeka kuyayivikela inkosi; ngothando isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sivikelekile. **29** Udumo lwamajaha lusemandleni awo, izimvu zekhanda ziyinkazimulo yabadala. **30** Izidutshulo lamanxeba kugezisa okubi, lezibhaxulo zihlambulula ingaphakathi.

21 Inhliziyo yenkosi isezandleni zikaThixo, uyiholela lapho athanda khona njengomsele wamanzi. **2** Umuntu ubona kungathi zonke izindlela zakhe zilungile, kodwa uThixo uhlola inhliziyo. **3** Ukwenza okulungileyo lokufaneleyo kuyathandeka kuThixo kulomhlatshelo. **4** Amehlo okuzikhukhumeza lenhliziyo ezigqajayo, okuyikho okukhokhela ababi, konke yizono! **5** Amalungiselelo abakhutheleyo anika umvuzo njengoba nje amawala eletha ubuyanga. **6** Inotho ezuzwe ngendlela yamanga iyinkungu ememethekayo lomjibila wokufa. **7**

Ukuhlukuluza kwababi kuzabakhukhula, ngoba bayala ukwenza okulungileyo. **8** Indlela yomuntu olecala iyathubezela, kodwa ukwenza kongelalo kuqondile. **9** Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahla lwendlu kulokuhlala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo. **10** Umuntu omubi utshisekela ububi; kalasihawu ngomakhelwane wakhe. **11** Nxa kujeziswa isideleli isithutha sizuza ukuhlakanipha; nxa ohlakaniphileyo eqondiswa uzuza ulwazi. **12** Olungileyo uyayinanzelela indlu yesigangi kuthi lesosigangi asibhubhise. **13** Nxa umuntu egcika indlebe zakhe ukuze angezwa ukukhala kwabayanga, laye uzakuthi esekhala angalalelwa muntu. **14** Isipho esiphiwa ensitha siyaludedisa ulaka, lesivalamlomo esifihlwe emajazini siyakudedisa ukuthukuthela. **15** Ukwahlulela kuhle kuthokozisa olungileyo kodwa izigangi kuzitshayisa uvalo. **16** Umuntu ophambuka endleleni yokuzwisisa ucina esendawonye labafileyo. **17** Lowo othanda ukuzithokozisa uzakuba ngumyanga; laloba ngubani othanda iwayini lezibondlo ngeke anothe. **18** Ababi baba ngumhlawulelo wabalungileyo, labangathembekanga bangumhlawulelo wabaqotho. **19** Kungcono ukuhlala enkangala kulokuhlala lomfazi olenkani lothethayo. **20** Indlu yohlakaniphileyo igcwele amaqubaquba ezibiliboco lamafutha, kodwa umuntu oyisithutha udla aqede du konke alakho. **21** Lowo odinga ukulunga lothando uzuza ukuphila, ukuphumelela lodumo. **22** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uhlasela umuzi wabalamandla adilizele phansi inqaba abayithembileyo. **23** Lowo oqaphela umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe uyaziphephisa ezingozini. **24** Umuntu

ozigqajayo loyisiqholo ibizo lakhe ngu “Sideleli,” wenza izinto ngokuziqakisa okukhulu. **25** Izinkanuko zevila yizo ezililimazayo, ngoba izandla zalo ziyala ukusebenza. **26** Ilanga lonke litshona lifisa okungapheliyo, kodwa abalungileyo bayapha bengagodli. **27** Umhlatshelo wababi uyisinengiso kambe mubi kangakanani nxa ulethwa ngenhliziyo embi. **28** Umfakazi wamanga uzabhubha, kuthi lowo omlalelayo uzabhujiswa lanini. **29** Umuntu omubi utshengisa isibindi samanga, kodwa umuntu oqotho uyananzelela izenzo zakhe. **30** Akulakuhlakanipha, akulambono, akulacebo okunganqoba uThixo. **31** Ibhiza liyalungiselelwa usuku lwempi, kodwa ukunqoba kulawulwa nguThixo.

22 Ibizo elihle liyathandeka kulenotho enengi; ukuhlonitshwa kungcono kulesiliva kumbe igolide. **2** Abanothileyo labayanga bayafanana ngalokhu: UThixo unguMenzi wabo bonke. **3** Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acatshe, kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena enkathazweni. **4** Ukuzithoba lokwesaba uThixo kuletha inotho lodumo lokuphila. **5** Endleleni yababi kugcwele ameva lemjibila, kodwa onanzelela umphefumulo wakhe unqenqela khatshana. **6** Fundisa umntwana indlela amele ahambe ngayo, kuzakuthi esemdala kayikuphambuka kuyo. **7** Abanothileyo babusa abayanga, lalowo owebolekayo uyisichaka salowo omebolekayo. **8** Lowo ohlanyele ububi uvuna ukuhlupheka, njalo uswazi lolaka lwakhe luzakwephulwa. **9** Umuntu ophanayo uzabusiswa, ngoba wabela abayanga ukudla kwakhe. **10** Xotsha isideleli, lenkani ihle iphume;

ukuxabana lokuthukana kuyaphela. **11** Othanda inhliziyo ehlanzekileyo, onkulumo yakhe ipholile uzakuba ngumngane wombusi. **12** Amehlo kaThixo ayaluvikela ulwazi kodwa uyawadiliza amazwi abangathembekanga. **13** Ivilavoxo lithi, “Kulesilwane phandle! Ngizabulawa ezindleleni!” **14** Umlomo wesifebekazi unjengomgodi otshonayo; lowo othukwe nguThixo uzawobokela kuwo. **15** Ubuwula bugxilile enhliziyweni yomntwana, kodwa uswazi lokuqondisa luzabuxotshela khatshana. **16** Lowo oncindezela abayanga ukuze anothe ngabo, lalowo oncenga abanothileyo ngezipho, bonke bacina sebengabayanga. **17** Lalela uzwe amazwi ezihlakaniphi; nikela inhliziyo yakho ezifundweni zami, **18** ngoba kuyathokozisa nxa uzigcina enhliziyweni yakho, uzitsho kalula ngezindebe zakho. **19** Ukuze ithemba lakho lihlale kuThixo, yikho ngikufundisa lamuhla wena ngokwakho. **20** Kangikulobelanga yini izitsho ezingamatshumi amathathu, izitsho zokweluleka lolwazi, **21** ezikufundisa amazwi eqiniso athembekileyo, ukuze ukwazi ukupha impendulo ezilesisindo kulowo okuthumileyo na? **22** Ungagegeleli abayanga ngoba bengabayanga njalo ungaphoseli abaswelayo entolongweni, **23** ngoba uThixo uzakuba ngumeli wabo abahlukuluze labo ababahlukuluzayo. **24** Ungabi ngumngane womuntu ololaka, ungahambi lomuntu ozonda masinyane, **25** funa ufunde izindlela zakhe uzingenise emjibileni. **26** Ungabi ngumuntu ophanga ukwenza izithembiso kumbe onika isibambiso ngezikwelede; **27** ungayiswela inhlawulo uzakwemukwa noma ngumbheda wakho

olala kuwo. **28** Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele elabekwa ngokhokho bakho. **29** Uyambona umuntu oyingcitshi emsebenzini wakhe na? Uzasebenzela amakhosi; akayikusebenzela abantukazana.

23 Nxa uhlala phansi usidla lombusi, nanzelela ukuthi kuyini okuphambi kwakho, **2** ungazifaki ingqamu entanyeni nxa uhugwa yibuhwaba. **3** Ungahawukeli izibiliboco zakhe ngoba lokho kudla kuyakhohlisa. **4** Ungazihlukuluzi uzigugise ngomsebenzi uzama inotho; hlakanipha wazi ukuzikhuza. **5** Ungayibona manje inotho, masinyane isinyamalele, ngoba ngempela izamila impiko iphaphele emkhathini njengengqungqulu. **6** Ungakudli ukudla komuntu oncitshanayo, ungazihawukeli izibiliboco zakhe; **7** ngoba yena uhlezi ebalisa ngendleko. Angathi kuwe, "Dlana unathe," kodwa kungasuki enhliziyweni yakhe. **8** Uzakuhlanza okuncane lokho okudlileyo ube udlalise amazwi akho okubonga. **9** Ungakhulumi lesithutha ngoba sizakweyisa inhlakanipho yamazwi akho. **10** Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele loba uzithathele amasimu ezintandane, **11** ngoba uMhlengi wazo ulamandla; uzakuba ngumeli wazo aphikisane lawe. **12** Nikela inhliziyo yakho ekufundisweni lezindlebe zakho emazwini olwazi. **13** Ungayekeli ukumlaya umntwana; ukumtshaya ngoswazi akuyikumbulala. **14** Mjezise ngoswazi ukuze uphephise umphefumulo wakhe ekufeni. **(Sheol h7585)** **15** Ndodana yami, aluba inhliziyo yakho ihlakaniphile, inhliziyo yami layo izathokoza; **16** ingaphakathi yami izajabula lapho izindebe zakho zikhuluma okulungileyo. **17** Inhliziyo

yakho mayingahawukeli izoni, kodwa hlala utshisekela ukwesaba uThixo. **18** Ngeqiniso lihle ikusasa lakho, lethemba lakho kaliyikucitshwa. **19** Lalela, ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe, ubeke inhliziyo yakho endleleni elungileyo. **20** Ungahlangani leziminzi zewayini labazitika ngenyama, **21** ngoba izidakwa lezihwaba ziba ngabayanga, ukuwozela kwazo kuzembese amadabudabu. **22** Lalela uyihlo owakuletha emhlabeni, njalo ungeyisi unyoko nxa eseluphele. **23** Thenga iqiniso ungalithengisi; zuza ukuhlakanipha lokuzikhuza lokuzwisisa. **24** Uyise womuntu olungileyo uyathokoza kakhulu; lowo olendodana ehlakaniphileyo uyathokoza ngayo. **25** Sengathi uyihlo lonyoko bangathokoza; sengathi lowo owakuzalayo angajabula! **26** Ndodana yami, ngipha inhliziyo yakho, amehlo akho ahlale ezindleleni zami, **27** ngoba isifebe singumgodi otshonayo lomfazi olibele lendlela ungumthombo oyingozi. **28** Uyacathamela njengesigebenga, andise amadoda angathembekanga. **29** Ngubani ohlaba umkhosi? Ngubani olosizi na? Ngubani otshingayo? Ngubani olensolo na? Ngubani omahluzuhluzu ngeze? Ngubani omehlo abomvu gebhu na? **30** Yilabo abalibala ngewayini, abahamba bedinga inzwisa yewayini elidibanisiweyo. **31** Ungahugwa liwayini ulibona libomvu, nxa likhazimula enkomitshini, lapho lisehla kamnandi! **32** Ekucineni liluma njengenyoka libe lobuhlungu obubulalayo njengenhlangwana. **33** Amehlo akho azabona izinto ezingaqedakaliyo lengqondo yakho icabange izinto ezididayo. **34** Uzakuba njengomuntu ondendayo phakathi kolwandle, olele esiqongweni

sensika yomkhumbi. **35** Uzakuthi, “Bangitshayile kodwa kangilimalanga! Bangibethile kodwa kakubuhlungu! Ngizavuka nini bo ngiyodinga obunye utshwala?”

24 Ungabahawukeli abantu abaxhwalileyo, ungafisi ubungane labo; **2** ngoba ezingqondweni zabo bahlose udlakela, lezindebe zabo zikhuluma ngokuvusa umsindo. **3** Indlu yakhiwa ngokuhlakanipha, imiswe ngokuzwisisa; **4** amakamelo ayo agcwaliswe ngolwazi, agcwaliswe ngemiceciso yakude eligugu. **5** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamandla amakhulu, njalo umuntu ololwazi uyandisa amandla; **6** ukuthi unqobe empini kufunakala izeluleko, lokunqoba kudinga abeluleki abanengi. **7** Ukuhlakanipha kuphakeme kakhulu koyisiwula; enkundleni kalalutho angalukhuluma. **8** Lowo oceba ububi uzakwaziwa njengomacebomabi. **9** Amacebo obuwula ayisono, njalo abantu bayasizonda isideleli. **10** Nxa uthikaza ngezikhathi zenhlupheko, mancinyane kanganani amandla akho! **11** Bahlangule labo abaholelwa ekufeni; banqande labo abadayizela besiya ekubulaweni. **12** Nxa usithi, “Angithi besingazi lutho ngalokhu,” kambe lowo ohlola inhliziyo kakuboni lokho na? Kakwazi lokho yini onguye olinda ukuphila kwakho na? Akayikuvuza ubani lobani ngakwenzileyo na? **13** Dlana uluju ndodana yami, ngoba lulungile; uluju olujuluka ekhekhebeni lumnandi luyanambitheka. **14** Yazi njalo ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kumnandi emphefumulweni wakho, aluba ukuzuza ikusasa lakho lilethemba elihle, njalo ithemba lakho aliyikudaniswa. **15** Ungacathameli indlu yomuntu olungileyo njengesigebenga, ungawuhlaseli umuzi wakhe;

16 ngoba loba angaze awe kasikhombisa umuntu
olungileyo uyavuka futhi, kodwa ababi babhazalaliswa
yizinhlupheko. **17** Ungathatshiswa yikuwa kwesitha sakho;
nxa sikhubeka ungavumeli inhliziyo yakho ithokoze,
18 ngoba uThixo uzakubona lokho asole abesepholisa
ulaka lwakhe kuso isitha. **19** Ungazikhathazi ngenxa
yabantu ababi loba ubahawukele abaxhwalileyo, **20**
ngoba umuntu omubi akalalo ithemba lakusasa, njalo
isibane sezixhwali sizacinywa. **21** Yesaba uThixo lombusi,
ndodana yami, ungangenelani labahlamuki, **22** ngoba laba
bobabili bazakwehlisa ulaka lubabhubhise, ngoba phela
ngubani kambe okwaziyo ukubhubhisa abangakwehlisa?
23 La ngamanye amazwi ezihlakaniphi: Ukwahlulela
ngobandlululo kakulunganga: **24** Loba ngubani othi
kolecala, "Umsulwa," abantu bonke bazamqalekisa lezizwe
zonke zizamhlamukela. **25** Kodwa kuzabalungela labo
abamlahlayo olecala, lezibusiso ezinengi zizabehlela.
26 Impendulo eqotho injengokwangiwa ezindebeni. **27**
Qeda umsebenzi wakho waphandle ulungise lamasimu
akho; kuthi-ke usuqedile wakhe indlu yakho. **28**
Ungafakazi ngokubethela umakhelwane kungelamlandu,
kumbe usebenzise izindebe zakho ukhohlisa. **29**
Ungabokuthi, "Ngizakwenza kuye njengoba enze
kimi; ngizahlawulisa ngalokho angenze khona." **30**
Ngedlula ensimini yevilavoxo, ngedlula esivinini somuntu
ongelangqondo; **31** ameva ayesekhula indawo yonke,
indawo yonke isithe phethu ukhula, lomduli wamatshe
usudilikile. **32** Ngakunanzelela konke engangikubona
ngafunda isifundo kulokho engakubonayo: **33** Ukulala

okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane, ukugoqa izandla kancane uphumula, **34** ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela lokuswela njengesigebenga.

25 Lezi ngezinye njalo izaga zikaSolomoni, ezabhalwa yizinceku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda: **2** Kuyinkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ukufihla indaba; ukuchwayisisa indaba ludumo lwababusi. **3** Njengalokhu izulu liphakeme lomhlaba ujulile, kanjalo imicabango yamakhosi kayifinyelelwa. **4** Susa amakhafutha ahlangene lesiliva umkhandi athole ukulungisa isitsha sihle; **5** susa abantu ababi phambi kwenkosi, isihlalo sayo sizaqiniswa ngokulunga. **6** Ungaziphakamisi phambi kwenkosi, ungaziphendleli indawo phakathi kwezikhulu; **7** kuba ngcono ukuthi yona ithi, "Woza uhlale ngapha," kulokuthi yona ikwehlise phambi kwezikhulu. Lokho okubonileyo ngawakho amehlo **8** ungaphangisi ukukubika emthethwandaba, ngoba uzathini nxa umakhelwane wakho esekuyangisa? **9** Nxa ungaya edale lomakhelwane wakho ungahambi usuhlabela imfihlo yenu, **10** funa lowo okuzwayo akuyangise uhlale usungumuntu olebizo elibi. **11** Ilizwi elikhulunywe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo linjengama-aphula egolide ananyekwe emcepheni wesiliva. **12** Njengecici legolide kumbe umceciso wegolide elicengiweyo kunjalo ukukhuza komuntu ohlakaniphileyo, kolalelayo. **13** Njengokuqanda kongqwaqwane ngesikhathi sokuvuna sinjalo isithunywa esithembekileyo kwabasithumileyo; sivuselela imiphefumulo yabaphathi baso. **14** Njengamayezi lomoya okungalethi izulu unjalo umuntu

ozikhukhumeza ngamandla angelawo. **15** Ngokubekezela inkosi ingancengwa ize ivume, lolimi oluthambileyo lungalephula ithambo. **16** Nxa uthole inyosi, dlana okwaneleyo ungedlulisi amalawulo, uzazihlanza. **17** Ungabi ngunsukuzonke endlini kamakhelwane wakho uzacina usumdaka abesekuzonda. **18** Unjengesagila loba inkemba kumbe umtshoko obukhali umuntu ofakaza amanga ngomakhelwane wakhe. **19** Njengezinyo elibuhlungu loba unyawo olwenyeleyo kunjalo ukweyama emuntwini ongathembekanga ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka. **20** Njengomuntu okhumula ibhatshi mhla kumakhaza, loba njengokuthela iviniga phakathi kwesoda unjalo ohlabelela izingoma emuntwini odabukileyo. **21** Nxa isitha sakho silambile siphe ukudla sidle; nxa somile siphe amanzi sinathe. **22** Ngokwenza lokho, umokhela amalahle avuthayo ekhanda, njalo uThixo uzakubusisa. **23** Njengomoya wasenyakatho uletha izulu, lunjalo ulimi olulobuqili luvusa ulaka. **24** Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahla lwendlu kulokuhlala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo. **25** Njengamanzi aqandayo emuntwini okhatheleyo, zinjalo izindaba ezimnandi ezivela elizweni elikude. **26** Njengesiziba esidungekileyo loba umthombo ongcolileyo unjalo umuntu olungileyo odedela umuntu omubi. **27** Kakukuhle ukudla inyosi wedlulise, njalo kakulasithunzi ukuzidingela ukudunyiswa. **28** Njengedolobho eselidilikelwe ngumthangala walo unjalo umuntu ongazithintiyo.

26 Njengongqwaqwane ehlobo loba izulu ebusika kanjalo udumo alusifanelanga isiwula. **2** Njengentaka

ephaphazelayo loba inkonjane entwezayo, sinjalo isiqalekiso esingelasizatho kasinamatheli. **3** Isiswebhu ngesebhiza, amatomu ngakababhemi, loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula! **4** Ungabophendula isiwula ngendlela yobuwula baso, funa ubenjengaso wena ngokwakho. **5** Phendula isiwula ngendlela yobuwula baso, sizabona kungathi sihlakaniphile. **6** Njengokuziquma inyawo zakho loba ukunatha itshefu, kunjalo ukuthumela umlayezo ngesiwula. **7** Njengemilenze eqhugezelayo eyomuntu oqhulayo sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwula. **8** Njengokubophela ilitshe esavutheni kunjalo ukupha udumo koyisiwula. **9** Njengogatsha lwameva luphethwe yisidakwa sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwula. **10** Njengomtshoko ociba loba ngubani odlulayo unjalo oqhatsha isiwula loba umuntu ozedlulelayo. **11** Njengenja ebuyela emahlanzweni ayo kanjalo isiwula siyabuphinda ubuthutha baso. **12** Uyambona yini umuntu ozibona engohlakaniphileyo? Kulethemba elingcono ngesiwula kulaye. **13** Ivilavoxo lithi, “Kulesilwane endleleni, kulesilwane emigwaqweni!” **14** Njengesivalo esitshibilika ngamabhanti aso kanjalo ivila liphenduka embhedeni walo. **15** Ivilavoxo litshonisa isandla salo emganwini; livilaphe ukusa isandla emlonyeni lidle. **16** Ivila lizibona lihlakaniphile kakhulu okwedlula abantu abayisikhombisa abangaphendula ngokuhlakanipha. **17** Njengomuntu odonsa inja ngendlebe unjalo umuntu othi edlula angenele ingxabano ingesiyakhe. **18** Njengohlanya luphosa izikhuni zomlilo kumbe imitshoko ebulalayo, **19** injalo

indoda ephoxa umakhelwane wayo ibisisithi, “Bengizidlalela nje!” **20** Nxa kungaselankuni umlilo uyacima; nxa kungaselakunyeya ukuxabana kuyaphela. **21** Njengamalahle avuthayo loba njengenkuni emlilweni, unjalo umuntu othanda ingxabano ekuvuseni inkani. **22** Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo anjengezibiliboco; angena ekujuleni kwenhliziyo yomuntu. **23** Njengesiliva egcotshwe esitsheni sebumba sikhazimule kunjalo ukuthakazelela kwezindebe zenhliziyo elobubi. **24** Umuntu olenhliziyo embi uvala ngezindebe ezimnandi, kodwa enhliziyweni yakhe ufihle inkohliso. **25** Loba ukukhuluma kwakhe kumnandi, kodwa ungaze wamkholwa, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe igcwele izithuko eziyisikhombisa. **26** Inzondo yakhe angayivala ngobuqili, kodwa ububi bakhe buzavezwa obala ebantwini. **27** Umuntu angagebha umgodi, uzawela kuwo; umuntu angagiqa ilitshe, lizaphenduka ligiqikele phezu kwakhe. **28** Ulimi oluqamba amanga luyabazonda labo olubalimazayo, lomlomo okhohlisayo uletha incithakalo.

27 Ungazincomi ngelakusasa, ngoba kawukwazi ukuthi liza lithweleni. **2** Yekela omunye akudumise, hatshi owakho umlomo; akube ngomunye, kungabi ngezakho izindebe. **3** Ilitshe liyasinda, itshebetshebe ngumthwalo onzima, kodwa ukucatshulwa yisiwula kunzima okudlula kokubili. **4** Ulaka lulolunya lentukuthelo iyagabha, kambe ngubani ongema phambi komhawu na? **5** Kungcono ukuthukwa obala kulokuthandwa ngokufihlakeleyo. **6** Ukulinyazwa ngumngane kakwesabeki, kodwa isitha sikwanga sedlulise amalawulo. **7** Osuthiyo

kathakazeleli uluju oluvela ekhekhebeni, kodwa kolambileyo lokubabayo kunambitheka mnandi. **8** Njengenyoni elahleka esidlekeni sayo, unjalo umuntu otshiya umuzi wakhe. **9** Amakha lempepha kuletha intokozo enhliziyweni, lobumnandi bomngane busuka ezelulekweni zakhe eziqinileyo. **10** Ungadeli umngane wakho lomngane kayihlo, futhi ungayi endlini yomfowenu nxa wehlelwe yizinhlupheko ungcono umakhelwane eduze kolomfowenu okhatshana. **11** Hlakanipha, ndodana, ulethe intokozo enhliziyweni yami; lapho ngizakwazi ukumphendula ongeyisayo. **12** Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acatshe, kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena enkathazweni. **13** Thatha isigqoko salowo owenzela owemzini isibambiso; sigcine njengesithembiso aluba esenzela umfazi ongelasimilo. **14** Uba umuntu evukisa umakhelwane wakhe ngokumnqolonga ekuseni kakhulu, kuzathiwa uyamqalekisa. **15** Umfazi olenkani unjengamathonsi angapheliyo mhlana kusina; **16** ukumkhuza kufana lokukhuza umoya loba lokubamba okulamagcobo ngesandla. **17** Njengensimbi ilola insimbi, kanjalo indoda ikhaliphisa enye. **18** Lowo onakekela isihlahla somkhiwa uzakudla izithelo zawo, kuthi lowo olondoloza umqhatshi wakhe abelodumo. **19** Njengamanzi etshengisa ubuso bomuntu, kanjalo inhliziyo yomuntu itshengisa ayikho khona. **20** UKufa leNcithakalo kakusuthi, anjalo lamehlo omuntu. **(Sheol h7585)** **21** Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni imvutho ngeyegolide, kodwa abantu bahlolwa ngodumo lwabo. **22** Ungaze uchole isiwula elitsheni, usichole njengamabele

ngembokodo kawusoze ubususe ubuwula baso. **23** Woba leqiniso ukuthi uhlala usazi kuhle isimo sezifuyo zakho, nanzelela imihlambi yakho; **24** ngoba inotho kayiyikuhlala kokuphela, lomqhele wobukhosi kawuyikuba ngowezizukulwane zonke. **25** Utshani bungaqunywa kuqalise ukuhluma obunye kuthi bonke obusikiweyo ezintabeni sebubuthiwe, **26** amawundlu azakupha uboya bezigqoko, lembuzi zikuphe imali elingana intengo yesiqinti. **27** Uzakuba lochago lwembuzi olunengi olwakho lolwendlu yakho lusuthise lezinceku zakho.

28 Umuntu omubi uyabaleka loba engaxotshaniswa muntu, kodwa abalungileyo balesibindi njengesilwane. **2** Nxa ilizwe lihlamuka liba lababusi abanengi, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo lololwazi ugcina ukuthula. **3** Umbusi oncindezela abayanga unjengezulu elinengi elikhukhula amabele. **4** Labo abaphikisa umthetho bakhuthaza izigangi, kodwa labo abawugcinayo bayazenqabela. **5** Abantu ababi kabakuzwisisi ukwahlulela kuhle, kodwa labo abamdingayo uThixo bayakuzwisisa kakhulu. **6** Ungcono umyanga ohamba ngokulunga kulesinothi esilezindlela zokungcola. **7** Lowo ogcina umthetho yindodana eqedisisayo, kodwa umngane wezixhwali uyangisa uyise. **8** Lowo owandisa inotho yakhe ngenzaliso uyibuthela omunye ozaba lomusa kubayanga. **9** Loba ngubani ongawulaleliyo umthetho, lemikhuleko yakhe izakuba yisinengiso. **10** Lowo oholela olungileyo endleleni embi uzawela emjibileni wakhe, kodwa ongelacala uzakwamukela ilifa elihle. **11** Umuntu onothileyo

angazibona ingathi uhlakaniphile, kodwa umyanga oqedisisayo uhle abone ukuthi kasumuntu. **12** Nxa olungileyo enqoba kulokujabula okukhulu; kodwa nxa omubi ethatha umbuso abantu bayacatsha. **13** Lowo ofihla iziphambeko zakhe kayikuphumelela, kodwa lowo ozivumayo azitshiye ufumana umusa. **14** Ubusisiwe umuntu ohlala emesaba uThixo, kodwa lowo oyenza lukhuni inhliziyo yakhe uwela enkathazweni. **15** Njengesilwane esibhongayo loba ibhele elihlaselayo unjalo umuntu omubi nxa ebusa abantu abangelamandla. **16** Umbusi oncindezelayo wehluleka ukwahlulela kuhle, kodwa lowo ozonda inzuzo yokuganga uzakuba lempilo ende. **17** Umuntu odliwa ngumzwangedwa wokubulala omunye uzaba ngohlala ebaleka aze ayokufa; akungabi lomuntu omsekelayo. **18** Lowo ompilo yakhe ingelacala uvikelekile, kodwa ondlela zakhe zixhwalile uzakuwa masinyane. **19** Lowo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uzathola ukudla okunengi, kodwa lowo ophika ngezifiso eziyize uzakuba ngumyanga onukayo. **20** Umuntu othembekileyo uzabusiswa ngokuphumelela, kodwa ogijimela ukunotha kayikuphepha ekujezisweni. **21** Ukubandlulula abantu kakulunganga ikanti umuntu uyona ukuze azuze ucezu lwesinkwa. **22** Umuntu oncitshanayo utshisekela ukunotha kodwa kaboni ukuthi unyenyelwa yibuyanga. **23** Lowo okhuza umuntu uzacina esethandeka kulalowo ololimi olukhohlisayo. **24** Lowo ontshontshela uyise loba unina athi, “Akusinto embi” ungumngane lomuntu obhidlizayo. **25** Umuntu olomhawu ubanga ingxabano, kodwa lowo omethembayo uThixo

uzaphumelela. **26** Lowo ozithembayo yena uyisiwula,
kodwa lowo ohamba ngenhlakanipho uvikelekile. **27** Lowo
opha abayanga kayikuswela lutho, kodwa ovala amehlo
ingathi kababoni uzuza iziqalekiso ezinengi. **28** Lapho
izigangi zisiba yiziphathamandla abantu bayacatsha;
kodwa nxa kusifa izixhwali abalungileyo bayaphumelela.
29 Umuntu oqinisa intamo phezu kokukhuzwa kanengi
uzabhujiswa ngesikhatshana kungabi lokuphepha. **2**
Lapho kuphumelela abalungileyo abantu bayajabula;
nxa kubusa izixhwali abantu bayabubula. **3** Umuntu
othanda ukuhlakanipha uletha intokozo kuyise, kodwa
ohamba lezifebe utshaphaza inotho yakhe. **4** Ngokubusa
kuhle inkosi iyaliqinisa ilizwe layo, kodwa leyo elihaga
lezivalamlomo iyalibhidliza. **5** Loba ngubani okhohlisa
umakhelwane wakhe uzendlalela umambule wokuzithiya.
6 Umuntu omubi uthiywa yisono sakhe, kodwa
umuntu olungileyo angahlabela athokoze. **7** Olungileyo
uyawananza amalungelo abayanga, kodwa ababi
kabazidubi ngalokho. **8** Izideleli zingalidunga idolobho,
kodwa abantu abahlakaniphileyo bayaludedisa ulaka.
9 Nxa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo esiya emthethwandaba
lesiwula, isiwula siyatshinga sibhede kube lomsindo.
10 Abadinga ukuchitha igazi bayamzonda umuntu
oqotho njalo badinga ukubulala abalungileyo. **11**
Isiwula siyalukhihliza lonke ulaka lwaso, kodwa
umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyazithiba. **12** Nxa umbusi
elalela amanga, zonke izikhulu zakhe ziba zimbi. **13**
Umyanga lomncindezeli bakanye kulokhu: UThixo
uvula amehlo abo bobabili. **14** Nxa inkosi isahlulela

abayanga kungelabandlululo, isihlalo sayo sobukhosi sizaqina. **15** Uswazi lokuqondisa lunika ukuhlakanipha, kodwa umntwana oyekelwayo uhlazisa unina. **16** Nxa ababi bephumelela, lesono laso siyaphumelela, kodwa abalungileyo bazabawisa. **17** Qondisa indodana yakho, izakupha ukuthula; izaletha injabulo emphefumulweni wakho. **18** Lapho okungekho khona isambulelo, abantu badela ukuzithiba; kodwa ubusisiwe lowo ogcina umlayo. **19** Inceku kayiqondiswa ngamazwi nje wodwa, loba izwisisa kayiyikukwenza ekutshelwayo. **20** Uyambona umuntu owalazela ukukhuluma? Kulethemba elingcono esiwuleni kulaye. **21** Umuntu ototoza inceku yakhe isakhula, leyonceku izamthwalisa nzima ekucineni. **22** Umuntu othukuthelayo udala ingxabano, kodwa lowo olicaphucaphu wenza izono ezinengi. **23** Ukuzigqaja komuntu kuyamehlisa, kodwa umuntu ozehlisayo uzuza udumo. **24** Osizana lesela uyazizonda yena; usezifungise kulo ngakho ngeke afakaze iqiniso. **25** Ukwesaba abantu kuba yizithiyo, kodwa lowo othemba uThixo uzaphepha. **26** Abanengi bazama ukuzisondeza kumbusi, kodwa ukwahlulela okuhle kuvela kuThixo. **27** Abalungileyo bayabenyanya abangathembekanga; abaxhwalileyo bayabenyanya abalungileyo.

30 Amazwi ka-Aguri indodana kaJakhe, amazwi ahlakaniphileyo: Umuntu lo wathi ku-Ithiyeli: “Ngikhathele, Oh Nkulunkulu, kodwa ngizophumelela. **2** Angilalwazi okudlula bonke abantu; angilakho ukuzwisisa komuntu. **3** Angikufundanga ukuhlakanipha njalo kangilalwazi ngaye oNgcwele. **4** Ngubani oseke waya

ezulwini waphinda wehla na? Ngubani oseke wafumbatha umoya ngesandla sakhe na? Ngubani oseke wagoqela amanzi ngesigqoko sakhe na? Ngubani omise yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba na? Lingubani ibizo lakhe, lebizo lendodana yakhe? Ngitshela nxa usazi! **5** Wonke amazwi kaNkulunkulu akalamposiso; uyisihlangu kulabo abacatsha kuye. **6** Ungengezeleli emazwini akhe, funa akukhuze akwenze umqambimanga. **7** Zimbili izinto engizicela kuwe, Oh Thixo; ungangincitshi zona ngingakafi: **8** Susa kimi inkohliso lamanga; ungangiphi ubuyanga loba inotho, kodwa ungiphe kuphela ukudla kwami kwansukuzonke. **9** Phela ngingaba lokunengi kakhulu ngikuphike wena ngithi, 'Ungubani uThixo?' loba ngibengumyanga ngintshontshe; ngalokho ngiliyangise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami. **10** Ungahlebi inceku enkosini yayo, ngoba izakuqalekisa ungene enkathazweni. **11** Bakhona abathuka oyise, abangababusisiyo onina; **12** labo abazibona belungile ikanti kabahlambululwanga emanyaleni abo; **13** labo abamehlo abo ahlezi egcwele ulaka, abakhangela ngokudelela; **14** labo omazinyo abo zinkemba, omihlathi yabo inanyathiselwe izingqamu ukuze baginye abayanga baphele emhlabeni, labaswelayo abaphakathi kwabantu. **15** Umkhaza ulamadodakazi amabili; ayamemeza athi, 'Siphe! Siphe!' Zintathu izinto ezingasuthiyo, zine ezingakaze zithi, 'Sekwanele!': **16** lingcwaba yisisu senyumba, lomhlabathi ongasuthiyo amanzi, lomlilo ongezukufa wathi, 'Sekwanele!' **(Sheol h7585)** **17** Ilihlo elihleka uyise, elidelela ukulalela unina, lizakotsholwa

ngamawabayi asesigodini, lizadliwa ngamanqe. **18** Kukhona izinto ezintathu ezingimangalisayo kakhulu,
ezine engingazizwisisiyo: **19** indlela yengqungqulu
emkhathini, umzila wenyoka edwaleni, indlela
yomkhumbi olwandle, lendlela yejaha lentombi. **20** Le
yindlela yesiphingikazi: siyadla sesule umlomo waso
besesisithi, 'Angenzanga lutho olubi.' **21** Zintathu izinto
ezizamazamisa umhlaba, zine ongeke uzithwale: **22**
yinceku ebayinkosi, yisiwula esisuthiyo, **23** ngumfazi
owendileyo ongathandwayo, lencekukazi ethathela
inkosikazi indoda. **24** Kukhona emhlabeni izinto ezine
ezincinyane, ikanti-ke zihlakaniphile kakhulu:
25 Ubunyonyo kabulamandla anganani, kodwa
buyabuthelela ukudla kwabo ehlobo; **26** lezimbila
ziyizidalwa ezilamandla angatsho lutho, kodwa zenza
izikhundla zazo ezingoxweni zamadwala; **27** izintethe
kazilankosi, kodwa zihamba ziludibi olwesabekayo; **28**
umbankwa ungabanjwa ngesandla, kodwa ungena
lasezigodlweni zamakhosi. **29** Kulezinto ezintathu
ezihamba zinqekuza kamnandi, zine ezihamba zibeka
kamnandi: **30** yisilwane, esilamandla esabekayo phakathi
kwezilo, esingabalekeli lutho; **31** liqhude eliditshazelayo,
yimpongo, njalo lenkosi nxa ihanqwe libutho layo. **32**
Nxa ube yisithutha waziphakamisa, kumbe nxa wakhe
amacebo okwenza okubi, vala umlomo wakho ngesandla
sakho. **33** Ngoba njengokuphehla uchago kudala iphehla,
lanjengoba ukugubha amakhala kubanga umungula,
kunjalo ukuvusa ulaka kudala ingxabano."

31 Amazwi enkosi uLemuweli, amazwi enhlakanipho
awafundiswa ngunina: **2** Oh, ndodana yami! Oh ndodana
yethumbu lami! Oh, ndodana yezifungo zami, **3** ungadlalisi
amandla akho ebafazini, izifutho zakho kulabo abadiliza
amakhosi. **4** Kakusikho kwamakhosi, bakithi Lemuweli
kakusikho kwamakhosi ukunatha iwayini, kakusikho
kwababusi ukunxwanela utshwala, **5** funa badakwe
bakhohlwe izimiso zomthetho, behluleke ukumisela kuhle
abahluphekayo amalungelo abo. **6** Phana utshwala kulabo
abavele sebezifele, iwayini kulabo abalosizi olukhulu; **7**
kabanathe bakhohlwe ubuyanga babo bakhohlwe nya
usizi lwabo. **8** Bamele labo abehlulekayo ukuzikhulumela,
uwamele amalungelo alabo abangelalutho. **9** Khuluma
njalo wahlulele ngokulunga; alwele amalungelo abayanga
labaswelayo. **10** Ngubani na ongathola umfazi olesimilo?
Uligugu elidlula kakhulu amatshe amahle. **11** Indoda
yakhe iyamthemba ngokupheleleyo njalo kayisweli lutho
oluqakathekileyo. **12** Uyenzela okuhle, hatshi okubi,
empilweni yakhe yonke. **13** Uyakhetha kuhle iwulu
lesikusha akweluke kuhle ngezandla ezikhutheleyo. **14**
Unjengemikhumbi yabathengisi, eletha ukudla okuvela
kude. **15** Uvuka ekuseni kusesemnyama; alungisele
abomuzi wakhe ukudla abele lezincekukazi zakhe. **16**
Uyayihlolisisa insimu mandulo kokuyithenga; ngalokho
akuzuzayo uyahlanyela isivini sakhe. **17** Uwubamba
ngokukhuthala umsebenzi wakhe; aqinise izingalo zakhe
emsebenzini. **18** Uyananzelela ukuthi ukuthengisa
kwakhe kulenzuzo, lokuthi isibane sakhe kasicimi
ebusuku. **19** Uphatha uluthi lokuphotha ngesandla sakhe

abesebamba ngeminwe yakhe isigudugudu sokweluka. **20** Welulela izandla zakhe kubayanga njalo ulezandla ezilula kwabaswelayo. **21** Lapho kukhithika ungqwaqwane, kalakwesaba ngabendlu yakhe; ngoba bonke bagqoke ezibomvu. **22** Wendlala amalembu ombheda wakhe; agqoke ilineni elihle lezigqoko eziyibubende. **23** Indoda yakhe iyahlonitshwa enkundleni lapho efika ihlale khona ndawonye labadala belizwe. **24** Uthunga izigqoko zelineni azithengise, abathengi bemigaxo bayizuza kuye. **25** Wembethe amandla lesithunzi; uyahleka loba kusiza insuku ezimbi. **26** Ukhuluma ngenhlakanipho, lezeluleko eziqondileyo zisolimini lwakhe. **27** Unqinekela ezomuzi wakhe njalo kadli isinkwa sobuvila. **28** Abantwabakhe bayambonga bathi ubusisiwe; lendoda yakhe layo iyamdumisa ithi, **29** "Banengi abafazi abenza izimangaliso zobuhle, kodwa wena uyabedlula bonke." **30** Ukubukeka kuyakhohlisa, lobuhle buyaphela; kodwa umfazi owesaba uThixo kadunyiswe. **31** Kaphiwe umvuzo wobuhle abenzayo, imisebenzi yakhe imlethele udumo enkundleni.

UmTshumayeli

1 Amazwi oMtshumayeli, indodana kaDavida inkosi
yaseJerusalema: **2** “Ize! Ize!” kutsho uMtshumayeli. “Ize
elipheleleyo! Konke kuyize.” **3** Umuntu uzuzani ngawo
wonke umsebenzi wakhe awusebenza nzima ngaphansi
kwelanga? **4** Izizukulwane ziyafika, izizukulwane ziyedlula,
kodwa umhlaba umi lanini. **5** Ilanga liyaphuma njalo
ilanga liyatshona, liphinde liphange libuyele lapho
eliphuma khona. **6** Umoya uphephethela eningizimu
ujike uye enyakatho; uyabhoda, ubhode njalo ujinge
ubuyela endleleni yawo. **7** Zonke izifula zigelezela
olwandle, kodwa ulwandle kalugcwali. Endaweni lapho
izifula ezidabuka khona zicina zibuyela khona njalo. **8**
Zonke izinto ziyadina, lokho okungelandiswe muntu.
Ilihlo kalidinwa yikubona, lendlebe layo kayigcwali
ngokuzwa. **9** Lokho okwake kwaba khona kuzakuba khona
njalo; okwake kwenziwa kuzakwenziwa njalo; akulalutho
olutsha ngaphansi kwelanga. **10** Kukhona yini umuntu
angathi ngakho, “Khangela! Lolulutho lutsha?” Selwake
lwaba khona ngaphambili, kudala; lwalukhona singakabi
khona. **11** Kayikho imikhumbulo ngabantu bakudala, njalo
lalabo abezayo abayikukhunjulwa yilabo abalandelayo.
12 Mina Mtshumayeli, ngangiyinkosi yako-Israyeli
eJerusalema. **13** Ngazinikela ekufundeni lokudingisisa
ngolwazi konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwezulu. Unzima
kangakanani umthwalo uNkulunkulu awethese abantu!
14 Sengizibonile zonke izinto ezenziwayo ngaphansi
kwelanga; zonke kazitsho lutho, kuyikuxotshana lomoya.
15 Okutshileneyo kungaze kwaqondiswa; okungekho

kungaze kwabalwa. **16** Ngacabanga ngedwa ngathi,
“Khangela, sengikhulile njalo kwanda ukuhlakanipha
kwami okudlula bonke asebake babusa eJerusalema
ngaphambi kwami; sengibe lakho ukuhlakanipha
okukhulu lolwazi.” **17** Ngasengizimisela ukuzwisisa
ukuhlakanipha, njalo lokuphambana ingqondo lobuwula,
kodwa ngafunda ukuthi lokhu lakho kuyikuxotshana
lomoya. **18** Phela ngokwanda kokuhlakanipha kuyanda
lokukhathazeka; ukwandisa ulwazi yikwandisa usizi.

2 Ngacabanga ngenhliziyo ngathi, “Kulungile, ake
ngizame ukuzithokozisa ngibone ingabe kuhle yini.”
Kodwa lokho lakho kwakhanya kuyize. **2** Ngathi,
“Ukuhleka kuyibuthutha. Ukuzithokozisa khona
kusizani?” **3** Ngazama ukuzithabisa ngewayini, ngisenza
ubuwula kodwa ingqondo yami ilokhu ingikhokhela
ngokuhlakanipha. Ngangifuna ukubona ukuthi kuyini
okumlungeleyo umuntu ukuthi akwenze lapha ngaphansi
kwezulu ngezinsukwana lezo zokuphila kwakhe. **4**
Ngaqalisa imisebenzi emikhulu: ngazakhela izindlu
ngahlanyela amavini. **5** Ngasungula izivande lezigcawu
zokubukwa ngahlanyela kuzo yonke imihlobo yezihlahla
lezithelo. **6** Ngenza iziziba zamanzi okuthelela izihlahla
ezazikhula kuhle. **7** Ngathenga izigqili zesilisa lezesifazane,
ngilezinye futhi izigqili ezazalelwa emzini wami. Ngaba
lemihlambihlambi yenkomo lezimvu okwedlula bonke
abake babakhona eJerusalema ngaphambi kwami. **8**
Ngabuthelela isiliva legolide, kanye lempahla yamakhosi
eligugu ivela ezigodini. Ngazidingela abahlabeleli
besilisa labesifazane, lesithembo esikhulu, khona

okujabulisa inhliziyo yendoda. **9** Ngaba mkhulu
ngokwedluleyo kulaloba ngubani owaba seJerusalema
ngaphambi kwami. Phakathi kwayo yonke inyakanyaka
le ukuhlakanipha kwami kwahlala kukhona. **10**
Angizincitshanga lutho olwalufiswa ngamehlo ami;
inhliziyo yami angiyalelanga layiphi intokozo. Inhliziyo
yami yathokoza ngawo wonke umsebenzi wami,
lokhu kwaba ngumvuzo wezithukuthuku zami. **11**
Kanti lanxa ngahlolisisa konke okwenziwa yizandla
zami lalokho engangibhensela ukukuzuza, konke
kwakuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya; kwakungela nzuzo
ngaphansi kwelanga. **12** Ngasengigxilisa imicabango yami
ekuhlolisiseni ukuhlakanipha, njalo lobuhlanya kanye
lobuwula. Kambe angenzani othatha isikhundla senkosi
ngaphandle kwalokho obekuvele sekwenziwe? **13** Ngabona
ukuhlakanipha kungcono kulobuwula, njengokukhanya
kungcono kulomnyama. **14** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo
ulamehlo ekhanda, ikanti isiwula sihamba ebumnyameni;
kodwa ngacina sengibona ukuthi isiphetho sabo
bonke sinye. **15** Ngasengicabanga enhliziyweni yami
ngathi, “Isiphetho sesiwula sizangehlela lami. Pho,
ngizuzani ngokuhlakanipha?” Ngathi ngenhliziyo
yami, “Lokhu lakho kuyize.” **16** Ngoba umuntu
ohlakaniphileyo, njengesiwula, akazukukhunjulwa
kokuphela; ngezinsuku ezizayo bobabili bazakhohlakala.
Njengesiwula, umuntu ohlakaniphileyo laye uzakufa! **17**
Yikho-ke ngasengikuzonda ukuphila, ngoba umsebenzi
owenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga wawubuhlungu kimi.
Wonke uyize, yikuxotshana lomoya. **18** Ngazizonda

zonke izinto engangiziginqele ngaphansi kwelanga, ngoba ngimele ngitshiyele lowo oza ngemva kwami. **19** Njalo ngubani owaziyo ingabe uzakuba ngumuntu ohlakaniphileyo loba isiwula? Kodwa nguye ozalawula wonke umsebenzi wamaginqo ami lobungcitshi bami. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **20** Ngalokho inhliziyo yami yaqalisa ukuphela amandla ngikhumbula konke lokho engakuginqelayo ngaphansi kwelanga. **21** Ngoba umuntu angenza umsebenzi wakhe ngokuhlakanipha, ngolwazi langamasu, kodwa utshiyela konke alakho komunye ongazange akusebenzele. Lokhu lakho kuyize, kungumnyama. **22** Umuntu uzuzani ngakho konke ukusebenza nzima langokutshikatshika kabuhlungu lapha emhlabeni? **23** Ubuhlungu umsebenzi wakhe awenzayo kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe; kwala kanye lebusuku umkhumbulo wakhe kawuphumuli. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **24** Akukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphandle kokuthi adle, anathe njalo azuze ukusuthiseka ngomsebenzi wakhe. Lokhu lakho ngiyakubona ukuthi kuvela kuNkulunkulu, **25** ngoba ngaphandle kwakhe ngubani ongadla kumbe azuze intokozo? **26** Kulowo omthokozisayo uNkulunkulu umupha ukuhlakanipha, ulwazi lokuthaba, kodwa koyisoni umupha umsebenzi wokuqoqa lokulonda inotho ukuze ayiphe lowo othokozisa uNkulunkulu. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya.

3 Zonke izinto zilesikhathi sazo, konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga kulesibanga sakho: **2** isikhathi sokuzalwa lesikhathi sokufa, isikhathi sokuhlanyela lesikhathi sokusiphuna, **3** isikhathi sokubulala lesikhathi

sokuphilisa, isikhathi sokubhidliza lesikhathi sokwakha,
4 isikhathi sokukhala lesikhathi sokuhleka, isikhathi
sokulila lesikhathi sokugida, **5** isikhathi sokuchithiza
amatshe lesikhathi sokuwabutha, isikhathi sokugona
lesikhathi sokunina, **6** isikhathi sokudinga lesikhathi
sokukhalala, isikhathi sokugcina lesikhathi sokulahla, **7**
isikhathi sokudabula lesikhathi sokuthunga, isikhathi
sokuthula lesikhathi sokukhuluma, **8** isikhathi
sokuthanda lesikhathi sokuzonda, isikhathi sempi
lesikhathi sokuthula. **9** Umuntu osebenzayo uzuzani
na ngokusadalala kwakhe? **10** Sengiwubonile umthwalo
uNkulunkulu awethese abantu. **11** Yonke into uyenze
yabanhle ngesikhathi sayo. Wamupha umuntu iphakade
enhliziyweni yakhe; kodwa abantu bangeke bafinyelele
kulokho uNkulunkulu asakwenzayo kwasekuqaleni
kusiya ekupheleni. **12** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi kakukho
okungcono ebantwini kulokuthi bajabule njalo benze
okuhle besaphila. **13** Ukuthi wonke umuntu adle,
anathe asuthiseke ekusebenzeni kwakhe gadalala, lokhu
kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu. **14** Ngiyazi yonke into
eyenziwa nguNkulunkulu izakuba khona kokuphela;
akulalutho olungengezwa kukho loba kususwe kukho.
UNkulunkulu uyenza lokho ukuze abantu bamkhonze.
15 Loba yini ekhona seyake yaba khona, kulalokho
okuzakuba khona sekwaba khona ngaphambili; njalo
uNkulunkulu uzakubalisa okwedlulayo. **16** Njalo
ngabona okunye ngaphansi kwelanga: endaweni
yokwahlulela, ububi babukhona, endaweni yokulungisa,
ububi babukhona. **17** Ngacabanga ngenhliziyo yami,

“UNkulunkulu uzabehlulela bonke abalungileyo lababi, ngoba sizaba khona isikhathi sezenzakalo zonke, isikhathi sawo wonke umsebenzi.” **18** Ngacabanga njalo ngathi, “UNkulunkulu uyabahlola abantu ukuze babone ukuthi banjengezinyamazana. **19** Isiphetho somuntu siyafana lesezinyamazana; isiphetho sinye sibalindele bonke: njengoba lokhu kuyafa, kanjalo lokunye kuyafa. Konke kokubili kulomphefumulo munye; umuntu kangcono kulenyamazana. Konke kuyize. **20** Konke kuya ndawo yinye; konke kuvela othulini, yikho konke kubuyela othulini. **21** Ngubani owaziyo ingabe umphefumulo womuntu uyakhwela uye phezulu kuthi owenyamazana wehlele phansi phakathi emhlabathini?” **22** Yikho ngabona ukuthi kakukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphandle kokuthi akholise umsebenzi wakhe ngoba leso yiso isabelo sakhe. Ngoba kambe ngubani ongamenza ukuthi abone lokho okuzakwenzakala yena esedlule?

4 Ngakhangela njalo ngabona konke ukuncindezelwa okwakukhona ngaphansi kwelanga: Ngabona inyembezi zabancindezelwayo babengelabaduduzi; amandla ayekulaba abancindezelayo abalaye umduduzi. **2** Ngangifakaza ukuthi abafileyo, abavele sebefile, bayathokoza kulabaphilayo, abalokhu besaphila. **3** Kodwa okungcono kulakho kokubili ngulowo ongakabikhona, ongakaboni ububi obenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga. **4** Ngasengibona ukuthi konke ukusebenza lokuphumelela konke kuvela emhawini womuntu ngomakhelwane wakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize, kuyikuxotshana lomoya. **5** Isiwula sigoqa izandla zaso sidilize impilo yaso. **6**

Kungcono isandla esisodwa esigcweleyo silokuthula kulezandla ezimbili ezingagcwalanga ezilomtshikatshika lokuxotshana lomoya. **7** Njalo ngabona okunye okuyize ngaphansi kwelanga: **8** Kwakulendoda eyayiyodwa zwi; yayingelandodana loba umfowabo. Yayisebenza gadalala ingaphumuli, kodwa amehlo ayo ayengasuthiswa yinotho yayo. Yabuza yathi, "Ngiginqela bani kangaka, njalo kungani ngizincitsha intokozo?" Lokhu lakho kuyize umsebenzi othelela usizi! **9** Ababili bangcono kuloyedwa, ngoba balomvuzo obonakalayo ngomsebenzi wabo. **10** Omunye angawa, umngane wakhe uyamncedisa amvuse. Kodwa maye lowomuntu owayo kungelamuntu ongamsiza amvuse! **11** Njalo nxa ababili belala ndawonye bazakhudumezana. Kanti umuntu angakhudumala kanjani eyedwa na? **12** Loba umuntu engehlulwa nxa eyedwa, ababili bangazivikela. Intambo elemicu emithathu kayiqamuki lula. **13** Lingcono ijaha elingumyanga kodwa lihlakaniphile kulenkosi endala eyisiwula eyalayo ukwamukela izixwayiso. **14** Ijaha lelo kungabe ngeliphuma ejele libe yinkosi, loba lingelazalelwa ebuyangeni elizweni lalowombuso. **15** Ngabona ukuthi bonke ababephila behamba ngaphansi kwelanga balilandela lelojaha elathatha isikhundla sobukhosi. **16** Amakhosi la (endala lencinyane) kungabe ayelodumo elandelwa ngabantu abanengi abangelakubalwa. Kodwa izizukulwane ezilandelayo azimthandanga lowo owathatha ubukhosi. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya.

5 Qaphela izinyathelo zakho nxa usiya endlini
kaNkulunkulu. Sondela ulalele kulokuthi wenze
imihlatshelo yeziwula ezingaziyo ukuthi ziyona. **2**
Ungawalazeli ngomlomo wakho, ungabi lephaphu
uphange uthembise kuNkulunkulu. UNkulunkulu
usezulwini ikanti wena usemhlabeni, ngakho kawabe
malutshwana amazwi akho. **3** Njengephupho elifika nxa
kulezinkathazo ezinengi, injalo inkulumo yesiwula nxa
ilamazwi amanengi. **4** Nxa usenza isifungo kuNkulunkulu,
ungaphuzi ukusigcwalisa. Kathokozi ngeziwula; gcwalisa
isifungo sakho. **5** Kungcono ukungafungi kulokwenza
isifungo ungabe usasigcwalisa. **6** Ungavumeli umlomo
wakho ukungenise esonweni. Njalo ungatshingeli
isithunywa sethempelini usithi, "Isifungo sami
besiyisiphosiso." UNkulunkulu angakuthukuthelelani
lokho okutshoyo abesebhidliza umsebenzi wezandla zakho
na? **7** Ukuphupha kanengi lamazwi amanengi kuyize.
Ngakho mesabe uNkulunkulu. **8** Nxa ubona abayanga
esiqintini bencindezelwa, bencitshwa ukwahlulelwa
okuhle kanye lamalungelo, ungamangaliswa yilezozinto;
ngoba phela induna nganye ikhangelwe ngomunye
ongaphezu kwayo, kuthi ngaphezu kwabo bonke
kube labanye njalo abangaphezulu. **9** Inala elizweni
ngeyomuntu wonke; inkosi ngokwayo ithola inzuzo
ngalokho okuvela emasimini. **10** Lowo othanda imali
akaneliswa yiloba yimalini; lowo othanda inotho
akasuthiswa yilokho akuzuzayo. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **11**
Nxa inotho isanda, bayanda lalabo abayisebenzisayo.
Imsiza ngani umniniyo ngaphandle kokuyithapha

ngamehlo nje kuphela? **12** Bumnandi ubuthongo
besisebenzi, loba sisidla okuncane loba okunengi, kodwa
isinothi asilali ngenxa yenotho yaso. **13** Sengibone
ububi obudanisayo ngaphansi kwelanga: ubuhaga
ngenotho okulimaza umnikazi, **14** loba inotho esuke
yachitheka ngomnyama othile, okuthi nxa umuntu
elendodana ayisayikuthola lutho. **15** Umuntu uphuma
esiswini sikanina engelalutho, njengokufika kwakhe
ubuyela enjalo. Kazuzi lutho olusuka emsebenzini wakhe
angaluphatha ezandleni zakhe. **16** Lobu labo yibubi
obudanisayo: Njengokufika kwakhe, umuntu uzabuyela
enjalo, ngakho uzuzani, njengoba esebenza esadalalela
umoya? **17** Zonke insuku zakhe udlela emnyameni,
ekhathazekile, ehluphekile, ezondile. **18** Ngasengibona
ukuthi kuhle kuqondile ukuthi umuntu adle njalo
anathe, njalo azuze ukusuthiseka ekutshikatshikeni
kwakhe ngomsebenzi ngaphansi kwelanga ngalezonsuku
ezilutshwane ezokuphila uNkulunkulu asamuphe zona
ngoba lesi yisabelo sakhe. **19** Kunjalo futhi ukuthi nxa
uNkulunkulu esipha umuntu inotho lempahla, amvumele
ukuthi akholise ngazo, emukele isabelo sakhe athokoze
emsebenzini wakhe, lesi yisipho sikaNkulunkulu. **20**
Kahlali ekhumbula ngezinsuku zempilo yakhe ngoba
uNkulunkulu umenza ahlale ngenjabulo enhliziyweni.

6 Sengibone obunye ububi ngaphansi kwelanga engibona
ukuthi bunzima kakhulu ebantwini: **2** UNkulunkulu
upha umuntu inotho lempahla lodumo ukuze angasileli
lutho oluloyiswa yinhliziyo yakhe, kodwa uNkulunkulu
kamniki amandla okuthi azikholise lezozinto, zikholiswa

ngowemzini. Lokhu kuyize, ububi obudanisayo. **3** Umuntu angaba labantwana abalikhulu aphile okweminyaka eminengi; ikanti loba angaze aphile kanganani kodwa nxa engeke akholise inotho yakhe njalo angangcwatshwa ngendlela eqondileyo, ngithi umphunzo ungcono kulaye. **4** Ufika ungasilutho, unyamalale emnyameni lebizo lawo liphelele emnyameni. **5** Loba lowomphunzo ungazange ulibone ilanga loba wazi ulutho usekuphumuleni okungcono kulalowomuntu **6** loba angaze aphile okweminyaka eyinkulungwane iphindwe kabili kodwa angaze akholisa inotho yakhe. Kabayi ndawonye bonke na? **7** Yonke imizamo yomuntu iya emlonyeni wakhe, kodwa iphango lakhe kaligcwali. **8** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ungcono ngani kulesiwula? Umuntu ongumyanga uzuzani ngokwazi ukuziphatha kuhle phambi kwabanye na? **9** Kungcono okubonwa lilihlo kulokuhwaywa liphango. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya. **10** Loba yini ekhona seyavele yethiwa ibizo, laloba yini umuntu ayiyo yona kuvele sekusaziwa; akulamuntu ongaphuthumana lomunye olamandla kulaye. **11** Ngokwanda kwamazwi siyancipha lesisindo sawo; pho kumsiza ngani umuntu? **12** Kambe ngubani okwaziyo okulungele umuntu ekuphileni kwakhe ngensuku ezimbalwa ezingatsho lutho adlula kuzo njengethunzi na? Ngubani ongamtshela okuzakwenzeka ngaphansi kwelanga yena esedlule?

7 Ibizo elihle lingcono kulamakha amnandi, lelanga lokufa lingcono kulelanga lokuzalwa. **2** Kungcono ukuya endlini yesililo kulokuya endlini yamadili, ngoba ukufa kuyisiphetho somuntu wonke; abaphilayo

kabakunanzelele lokho. **3** Usizi lungcono kulokuhleka,
ngoba ubuso obudanileyo buyayisiza inhliziyo. **4** Inhliziyo
yabahlakaniphileyo isendlini yokulila, kodwa inhliziyo
yeziwula isendlini yokuzithokozisa. **5** Kungcono ukulalela
izixwayiso zomuntu ohlakaniphileyo kulokulalela ingoma
yeziwula. **6** Njengokuchachamba kwameva ngaphansi
kwembiza, lunjalo uhleko lweziwula. Lokhu lakho kuyize.
7 Ukuqilibezela kwenza ohlakaniphileyo abe yisiwula,
lesivalamlomo siyayona inhliziyo. **8** Isiphetho sendaba
singcono kulokuqala kwayo, lokubekezela kungcono
kulokuqinisa intamo. **9** Ungaphangisi ukufuthelana
ngaphakathi, ngoba ulaka luhlezi lugonwe yiziwula. **10**
Ungaze wathi, "Kungani insuku zayizolo zazingcono
kulalezi?" Ngoba kakukuhle ukubuza imibuzo enjalo. **11**
Ukuhlakanipha, njengelifa, kuyinto enhle njalo kuyabasiza
bonke abaphilayo. **12** Ukuhlakanipha kuyisiphephelo
njengoba imali iyisiphephelo, kodwa ubungcono bolwazi
yilobu: ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kuyayilondoloza impilo
yalowo olakho. **13** Nakana ngalokho uNkulunkulu
akwenzayo: Ngubani ongakuqondisa lokho akwenze
kwagoba na? **14** Ngezikhathi konke kukuhle, thokoza;
kodwa ngezikhathi zobubi, cabanga ukuthi: uNkulunkulu
ukwenzile lokhu kanye lalokhuyana njalo. Ngakho-
ke umuntu ngeke akwazi ukuthi ikusasa lakhe
lizakuba yini. **15** Kuyonale impilo yami eyize
sengizibonile izinto lezi zombili: umuntu olungileyo
uyafa elungile enjalo, lomuntu omubi uba lempilo
enhle emubi enjalo. **16** Ungalungi wedlulise, futhi
ungabi lokuhlakanipha okweqileyo kambe uzibulalelani

na? **17** Ungaxhwali okudlulisileyo, njalo ungabi
yisiwula kambe ufelani singakafiki isikhathi sakho?
18 Kuhle ukuthi uthi ubambe lokhu ungayekeli
uphunyukwe ngokunye. Umuntu owesaba uNkulunkulu
kedlulisi amalawulo. **19** Ukuhlakanipha kwenza umuntu
ohlakaniphileyo oyedwa abe lamandla kulababusi
abalitshumi edolobheni. **20** Akulamuntu loyedwa
olungileyo emhlabeni owenza okulungileyo ongazake
enze isono. **21** Ungaphiki ngokulalela wonke amazwi
akhulunywa ngabantu, funa uzwe inceku yakho ikuthuka
22 ngoba uyakwazi enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi wena
ngokwakho uyawubathuke abanye. **23** Konke lokhu
ngakuhlolisisa ngokuhlakanipha ngathi, "Ngizimisele
ukuhlakanipha" kodwa lokhu kwakungaphezu kwami.
24 Ukuhlakanipha okungabe kukhona, kukhatshana
kakhulu njalo kuzikile kakhulu: ngubani ongakufinyelela
na? **25** Ngasengibeka ingqondo yami ukuthi ngizwisise,
ngidingisise njalo ngichwayisise ukuhlakanipha kanye
lesimo sezinto lokuzwisisa ubuphukuphuku bokuxhwala
lobuhlanya lobuwula. **26** Ngibona ukuthi uyingozi
eyedlula ukufa umfazi ongumjibila, onhliziyo yakhe
iyisithiyo njalo ozandla zakhe zingamaketane. Indoda
eyesaba uNkulunkulu izaphepha kuye, kodwa isigangi
uzasihilela. **27** Uthi uMtshumayeli, "Khangela, nanku
esengikunanzelele: Ngihlanganisa lokhu lalokhu ngizama
ukubona isimo sezinto **28** ngilokhu ngisachwayisisa kodwa
ngingatholi ngafumanisa indoda eyodwa elungileyo
kwabayinkulungwane, kodwa ngitsho loyedwa umfazi
oqondileyo kubo. **29** Yilokhu kuphela esengikufumene:

UNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu wabaqotho, kodwa abantu basuka bazenzele okwabo.”

8 Ngubani onjengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo na? Ngubani oyaziyo ingcazelo yezinto na? Ukuhlakanipha kuyabukhanyisa ubuso bomuntu njalo kuguqula ukunyukubala kwabo. **2** Ngithi hlonipha umlayo wenkosi ngoba wenza isifungo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ungawalazeli ukusuka phambi kwenkosi. Ungalumeli ulutho nxa lungaqondanga ngoba yona ingenza loba yini eyithandayo. **4** Njengoba ilizwi lenkosi lingaphikiswa ngubani ongathi kuyo, “Kanti wenzani?” **5** Lowo ohlonipha imilayo yayo akayikwehlelwa ngokubi, lenhliziyo ehlakaniphileyo iyasazi isikhathi lendlela yokwenza. **6** Ngoba into yonke ilesikhathi esiqondileyo lendlela yokwenza eqondileyo, lanxa umuntu eyabe esindwa yizinkathazo zakhe. **7** Njengoba kungekho muntu olaziyo ikusasa, ngubani pho ongamtshela okuzayo na? **8** Njengoba kungelamuntu olamandla phezu komoyo ovunguzayo Akulamuntu olamandla phezu kosuku lwakhe lokufa. Njengoba ibutho lingakhululwa ngesikhathi sempi, kunjalo ukuxhwala akuyikubakhulula labo abaphila ngakho. **9** Konke lokhu ngakubona lapho ngangihlolisisa ngengqondo yami konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga. Kukhona isikhathi lapho umuntu aphatha khona abanye ngochuku kanti uyazilimaza yena. **10** Ngabona njalo ababi bengcwatshwa, labo ababehlala befika bahambe endaweni engcwele bazuze udumo kulelodolobho ababeganga khona. Khona lakho kuyize. **11** Nxa isigwebo secala singenziwanga masinyane, abantu

basuka bacabange ukuqhubeka ngokuganga kwabo. **12** Loba umuntu ogangileyo engenza amacala alikhulu ajinge aphile okwesikhathi eside, ngiyazi ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono kulabo abamesabayo uNkulunkulu, abazithobayo kuNkulunkulu. **13** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi izixhwali kazimesabi uNkulunkulu, kakuzukuzilungela, lezinsuku zazo kaziyukweluleka njengesithunzi. **14** Kukhona njalo enye into eyize eyenzakalayo emhlabeni: abantu abalungileyo abazuza okufanele ababi, labantu ababi abazuza okufanele abalungileyo. Ngithi lokhu lakho kudida ingqondo. **15** Ngakho-ke ngikhuthaza ukuzithokozisa empilweni ngoba kakukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphansi kwelanga kulokuzitika, unathe, uthokoze. Lapho-ke injabulo izahlala injalo kuye emsebenzini wakhe zonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe aziphiwe nguNkulunkulu lapha emhlabeni. **16** Ngathi ngibeka ingqondo yami ekwazini ukuhlakanipha lokunanzelela imisebenzi yabantu emhlabeni, umuntu engalali imini lobusuku, **17** ngasengibona konke uNkulunkulu akwenzileyo. Kakho ongaqedisisa okwenzakalayo ngaphansi kwelanga. Loba umuntu ohlakaniphileyo angazitshaya owaziyo, kodwa angeke akuqedisise.

9 Yikho ngakucabanga konke lokhu ngabona ukuthi abalungileyo labahlakaniphileyo labakwenzayo kusezandleni zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa kakho owaziyo ingabe ulindelwe luthando langabe yinzondo. **2** Bonke balesiphetho sinye, abaqondileyo labaxhwalileyo, abalungileyo lababi, abahlambulukileyo labangcolileyo,

abenza imihlatshelo labangayenziyo. Njengoba kunjalo emuntwini olungileyo, kunjalo lakoyisoni; njengoba kunjalo kwabenza izifungo, kunjalo lakulabo abesaba ukuzenza. **3** Lobu yibo ububi obuvelela zonke izinto ngaphansi kwelanga: Konke kulesiphetho sinye. Njalo inhliziyo zabantu zigcwele izibozi futhi kulokubheda phakathi kwazo nxa besaphila, ikanti emva kwakho konke baya kwabafileyo. **4** Loba ngubani olethemba nxa esahlezi kwabaphilayo, yebo kambe phela inja ephilayo ingcono kulesilwane esifileyo! **5** Ngoba abaphilayo bayakwazi ukuthi bazakufa, kodwa abafileyo kabazi lutho; kabaselawo omunye umvuzo, ngitsho lokukhumbula ngabo kuyaphela. **6** Uthando lwabo, inzondo yabo lomona wabo sekwedlula nya; nini lanini kabasayikuba lengxenye loba kukuphi okwenzakalayo ngaphansi kwelanga. **7** Hamba nje uyezidlela ukudla kwakho uchelesile, unathe iwayini lakho ngenhliziyo emhlophe, ngoba uNkulunkulu usakuvumele okwamanje. **8** Gqoka ezimhlophe ngezikhathi zonke, ugcobe ikhanda lakho ngamafutha. **9** Kholisa impilo lomfazi wakho omthandayo kuzozonke insuku zale impilo eyize uNkulunkulu akunike yona ngaphansi kwelanga, zonke insuku zakho eziyize. Phela lesi yiso isabelo sakho empilweni phakathi kokutshikatshika kwakho ngaphansi kwelanga. **10** Lokho isandla sakho esingakwenza kwenze ngamandla akho wonke, ngoba engcwabeni lapho oya khona akusetshenzwa, akulakulungiselela, kakulalwazi kumbe ukuhlakanipha. **(Sheol h7585)** **11** Ngikubonile okunye njalo ngaphansi kwelanga: Ukutshiya abanye kakuyi

ngesiqubu kumbe ukunqoba impi kuye ngamandla; kakutsho ukuthi ukudla kuya kwabahlakaniphileyo kumbe inotho kwabakhaliphileyo loba okuhle kwehlele abafundileyo; kodwa kuya ngesikhathi langenhlanhla kubani. **12** Futhi kakho owaziyo ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sizafika nini: Njengezinhlanzi ezigolwa kabuhlungu ngamambule loba izinyoni zibanjwa esifini, kanjalo abantu bafikelwa yizikhathi ezimbi ezibafikela belibele. **13** Ngaphinda ngabona ngaphansi kwelanga lesisibonelo sokuhlakanipha esagxila engqondweni yami: **14** Kwake kwaba khona idolobho elincinyane elalilabantu abalutshwana kulo. Kwasuka inkosi elamandla yalihlasela, yalihonqolozela yakha amadundulu amakhulu okuvimbezela. **15** Kulelodolobho kwakuhlala indoda ethile engesulutho kodwa ihlakaniphile, ngakho yawusindisa umuzi lowo ngokuhlakanipha kwayo. Kodwa kakho loyedwa owaphinde wayikhumbula leyondoda eyayingebani. **16** Yikho-ke ngasengisithi, “Ukuhlakanipha kungcono kulamandla.” Kodwa ukuhlakanipha komuntukazana kuyeyiswa lamazwi akhe akasanakwa. **17** Amazwi apholileyo abahlakaniphileyo afanele alalelwe ngcono kulokumemeza kombusi weziwula. **18** Ukuhlakanipha kungcono kulezikhali zempi, umoni oyedwa uyabuchitha bonke ubuhle.

10 Njengoba impukane ezifele phakathi kwamakha ziwenza anuke kubi, kunjalo lobuwula obuncinyane bugabhela ukuhlakanipha lodumo. **2** Inhliziyo yolungileyo ikhungathekela ekulungeni, kodwa inhliziyo yesiwula ikhungathekela ebubini. **3** Loba ehamba nje emgwaqweni

oyisiwula kalangqondo, utshengisa loba ngubani ubuphukuphuku bakhe. **4** Aluba umbusi ekuthukuthelela, ungasuki esikhundleni sakho; ukuthobeka kungathoba umonakalo obungaba khona. **5** Bukhona ububi esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga, kuliphutha elenziwa ngumbusi: **6** Iziwula ziphakanyiselwa ezikhundleni ezinengi eziphezulu, kodwa abanothileyo belezikhundla eziphansi. **7** Sengibone izichaka zigade amabhiza, kuthi amakhosana ahambe ngezinyawo njengezichaka. **8** Lowo ogebha umgodi angawela kuwo; odiliza umduli angalunywa yinyoka. **9** Oqhekeza amatshe angalinyazwa yiwo; obanda inkuni angaba sengozini yazo. **10** Lapho ihloka libuthundu ubukhali balo bungalolwanga, kudingeka amandla amanengi kodwa ubungcitshi buyaphumelelisa. **11** Nxa inyoka ihle ilume ingakalunjwa, umlumbi kaselanzuzo. **12** Amazwi aphuma emlonyeni wesihlakaniphi amnandi, kodwa isiwula sichithwa yizindebe zaso. **13** Ekuqaleni amazwi aso ayibuwula; ekucineni aseyikuwumana okubi **14** njalo isiwula sanda ngamazwi. Kakho okwaziyo okuzayo ngubani ongamazisa okuzakwenzakala ngemva kwakhe na? **15** Umtshikatshika wesiwula uyasidinisa; kasiyazi indlela eya edolobheni. **16** Maye kuwe, wena lizwe onkosi yalo yayiyisichaka, amakhosana akho azitika ngamadili ekuseni. **17** Ubusisiwe wena, wena lizwe onkosi yalo izalwa esikhosini amakhosana alo adla ngezikhathi eziqondileyo edlela ukuqina hatshi ukudakwa. **18** Nxa indoda ilivila intungo ziyabhensa; nxa izandla zayo ziyekethisa indlu iyavuza. **19** Idili lenzelwa ukujabula, lewayini

lenza impilo ibe mnandi, kodwa imali yiyo impendulo yakho konke. **20** Ungayithuki inkosi lasemicabangweni yakho, loba uqalekise abanothileyo loba usendlini yakho yokulala, ngoba mhlawumbe inyoni yasemoyeni ingawathwala amazwi akho, loba inyoni ephaphayo ingayabika okutshoyo.

11 Phosela isinkwa sakho phezu kwamanzi, ngoba ngemva kwensuku ezinengi uzasifumana futhi. **2** Yabela abayisikhombisa, yebo abayisificaminwembili, ngoba kawuwazi umonakalo ongehlela elizweni. **3** Nxa amayezi ethwele, anisa izulu emhlabathini. Aluba isihlahla singawela eningizimu loba enhla, silala khonapho esiwele khona. **4** Lowo onanzelela umoya kayikuhlanyela; lowo okhangela amayezi akazukuvuna. **5** Njengoba ungayazi indlela yomoya, loba ukubunjwa komzimba esiswini sikanina, yikho ungeke uzwisise umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, uMenzi wezinto zonke. **6** Hlanyela inhlanyelo yakho ekuseni, kuthi ntambama uphumuze izandla zakho, ngoba kawukwazi okuzaphumelela, kumbe yilokhu loba yilokhuyana, langabe kokubili kuzalunga ngokufananayo. **7** Ukukhanya kumnandi, njalo kuhle emehlweni ukubona ilanga. **8** Umuntu angaze aphile iminyaka emingaki, kayikholise yonke. Kodwa makakhumbule insuku zobumnyama, ngoba zizabe zizinengi. Konke okuzakuza kuyize. **9** Jabula nsizwa usesemutsha, uvumele inhliziyo yakho ikuthokozise ensukwini zobutsha bakho. Landela izindlela zenhliziyo yakho lakho konke amehlo akho akubonayo, kodwa yazi ukuthi ngenxa yazo zonke lezizinto uNkulunkulu uzakumisa ekwahlulelweni. **10**

Ngakho-ke, susa ukukhathazeka enhliziyweni yakho ulahlele kude inhlupheko zomzimba wakho, ngoba ubutsha lamadlabuzane kuyize.

12 Khumbula uMdali wakho ngezinsuku zobutsha bakho, kungakafiki insuku zokuhlupheka njalo kusondele leminyaka lapho ozakuthi, “Angizuzi kuthokoza kuyo” **2** andubana ilanga lokukhanya kanye lenyanga lezinkanyezi kufiphale, lamayezi achitheke ngemva kwezulu; **3** lapho abalindi bendlu bezathuthumela, amadoda aqinileyo akhokhobe, labacholi batshiye umsebenzi ngoba sebebalutshwana, kuthi labalunguzayo ngamawindi sebebona lufifi; **4** lapho iminyango ephumela emigwaqweni isivaliwe lomsindo wokuchola usufiphala; lapho abantu besethuswa yikukhala kwenyoni, lezingoma zazo zincipha; **5** lapho abantu sebesesaba izindawo eziphakemeyo lezingozi emigwaqweni; lapho isihlahla se-alimondi sesiqhakaza lentethe isihamba ngokuzihudula nje njalo kungasekho ukulangazelela. Lapho-ke umuntu usesiya ekhaya lakhe laphakade njalo abalilayo bagcwale emigwaqweni. **6** Mkhumbule intambo yesiliva ingakaqamuki, kumbe umganu wegolide ungakabhidlizwa; lodiwo lungakahlikizwa emthonjeni, loba ivili lephulwe emgodini wamanzi, **7** kuthi umhlabathi ubuyele emhlabathini lapho owavela khona, lomphefumulo ubuyele kuNkulunkulu onguye owawuphayo. **8** “Ize! Ize!” kutsho uMtshumayeli, “Konke kuyize!” **9** UMtshumayeli wayehlakaniphile, njalo esabela abantu ulwazi. Wazidla ingqondo wadingisisa wamisa kuhle izaga ezinengi. **10** UMtshumayeli

wadingisisa ukuze azuze amazwi ayiwonawona, kwathi-
ke konke akulobayo kwaqonda njalo kuliqiniso. **11**
Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengenswazi zokwethusa
izimvu, izitsho zabo eziqoqiweyo zinjengezipikili
ezibethelwe zatshona, zivela kuMalusi munye. **12**
Limuka, ndodana yami, loba kuyini okudlula lapho.
Ukulotshwa kwezincwadi ezinengi akulamkhawulo, njalo
ukufunda kakhulu kuhlukuluza umzimba. **13** Manje-ke
konke sekuzwakele; nansi isiphetho sendaba: Mesabe
uNkulunkulu ugcine imiyalo yakhe, ngoba lo yiwo wonke
umlandu womuntu. **14** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzazahlulela
zonke izenzo, lalokho okufihliweyo loba kuhle loba kubi.

Ingoma Yezingoma

1 Ingoma yezingoma kaSolomoni. **2** Kangange
ngezangiwo zomlomo wakhe ngoba uthando lwakho
lumnandi kulewayini. **3** Limnandi iphunga lamagcobo
akho; ibizo lakho linjengamakha atheliweyo. Yikho
izintombi zikuthanda kangaka! **4** Ngithatha uhambe
lami, kasiphangise! Inkosi kayingingenise endlini
yayo. Abangane Siyathokoza njalo siyajabula ngawe;
sizalubabaza uthando lwakho okudlula iwayini.
Umlobokazi Kabazenzi ukuba bakuthande! **5** Ngimnyama
kodwa ngiyabukeka, lina madodakazi aseJerusalema
ngimnyama okwamathente aseKhedari, okwamakhetheni
amathente kaSolomoni. **6** Linganginyonkolozi ngoba
ngimnyama, ngimnyama ngenxa yokutshiswa lilanga.
Abanewethu bangizondela bangenza umlindi wesivini;
angabe ngisanaka esami isivini. **7** Akungitshele,
wena engikuthandayo, uyelusela ngaphi imihlambi
yezimvu zakho lokuthi ziphumula ngaphi izimvu zakho
emini? Kungani ngisiba njengomfazi ombozileyo eceleni
kwemihlambi yabangane bakho na? **8** Nxa ungazi, wena
omuhle okudlula bonke abesifazane, landela umkhondo
wezimvu udlisele amazinyane embuzi zakho eduze
lamathente abelusi. **9** Sithandwa sami, ngikufanisa
lebhiza elisikazi elibotshwe enqoleni kaFaro. **10** Izihlathi
zakho zinhle ngokuceciswa, intamo yakho ngobuhlalu
obucazimulayo. **11** Sizakwenzela amacici egolide, ebalazwe
ngesiliva. **12** Khonapho inkosi isetafuleni amakha ami
enadi alanquza iphunga lawo elimnandi. **13** Kimi
isithandwa sami sinjengemfuko yemure ithe khoxo

phakathi kwamabele ami. **14** Kimi isithandwa sami
sinjengelixha lempoko zehena eliphuma esivinini se-Eni-
Gedi. **15** Bakithi, umuhle njani sithandwa sami! Ngeqiniso
umuhle! Amehlo akho angamajuba. **16** Umuhle ngempela,
sithandwa sami! Bakithi, uyabukeka! Umbheda wethu
butshani obuluhlaza tshoko. **17** Izinsika zendlu yethu
ngezomsedari lezintungo ngezefire.

2 Ngililuba laseSharoni, imbali yasezigodini. **2**
Njengembali phakathi kwameva sinjalo isithandwa
sami phakathi kwezintombi. **3** Njengesihlahla
se-aphula phakathi kwezihlahla zeganga sinjalo
isithandwa sami phakathi kwamajaha. Kumnandi kimi
ukuhlala emthunzini waso, lezithelo zakhe ziyahlabusa
kimi. **4** Useke wangisa endlini yedili, lophawu
lwakhe kimi luthando. **5** Ngiqinisani ngamavini
awonyisiweyo, lingivuselele ngama-aphula, ngoba
sengiyathiswa luthando. **6** Ingalo yakhe yobunxele
ngiyiqamele, kuthi ingalo yakhe yokunene ingigonile. **7**
Madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngiyaliqonqosela ngezimpala
langezimpalakazi zeganga. Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse
uthando luze luzifunele lona. **8** Zwanini! Yisithandwa
sami! Khangelani! Nansi siyeza, siseqa ezintabeni
siqolotsha emaqaqeni. **9** Isithandwa sami sinjengempala
loba ithole lomziki. Khangela! Nansiyana simi ngale
komduli wakwethu, sikhangele sibona emawindini,
silunguza ngezimbotshana. **10** Isithandwa sami sakhuluma
sathi kimi, “Sukuma, sithandwa sami, wena omuhle, woza
sihambe. **11** Khangela! Ubusika sebudlulile; isikhathi
sezulu sesidlule. **12** Amaluba asebonakala emangweni;

isikhathi sokuhlabelela kwezinyoni sesifikile, ukukhala kwamajuba sekuzwakala elizweni lakithi. **13** Umkhiwa usuthela izithelo zawo zakuqala; amavini aqhakazayo aseletha iphunga elimnandi. Sukuma, woza sithandwa sami; wena omuhle wami, woza sihambe." **14** Juba lami elisezingoxweni zedwala, ekusithekeni kwamawa entaba, akungitshengise ubuso bakho, akungizwise ilizwi lakho; ngoba limnandi ilizwi lakho, lobuso bakho buyabukeka. **15** Sibambeleni amakhanka, amakhanka amancinyane onayo ezivinini, izivini zethu esezithela. **16** Isithandwa sami ngesami lami ngingowakhe; uzithokozisa ngoba phakathi kwamaluba. **17** Akuze kube emadabukakusa lapho kunyamalala khona izithunzi, phenduka sithandwa sami, ube njengempala loba njengegogo elisengumntwana phezu kwezintaba ezilamakhelekethe.

3 Ubusuku bonke ngisembhedeni wami ngamdinga lowo othandwa yinhliziyo yami; ngamdinga kodwa kangimfumananga. **2** Sengivuka manje ngizulazule phakathi kwedolobho, emigwaqweni lasemagcekeni alo; ngizalibhudula ngidinga othandwa yinhliziyo yami. Kanjalo ngamdinga kodwa angaze ngamthola. **3** Abalindi bangifica belokhu benquma phakathi kwedolobho. "Like lambona yini lowo othandwa yinhliziyo yami?" **4** Ngathi ngisedlula kubo ngabe ngimbona othandwa yinhliziyo yami. Ngambamba angaze ngamyekela ukuba ahambe ngaze ngamletha endlini kamama, endlini yakhe lowo owangizalayo. **5** Madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngiyaliqonqosela ngezimpala langezimpalakazi zeganga. Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando luze luzifunele

lona. **6** Ngubani lo ozayo eqhamuka enkangala kungathi
yisikhatha sentuthu, eziqhole ngamakha emure lenhlaka
eyenziwe ngemihlobo yonke yezinongo zomthengisi? **7**
Khangela! Yinqola kaSolomoni, isekelwe ngamabutho
angamatshumi ayisithupha, angabathenjwa abayinqaba
ko-Israyeli, **8** bonke begqize izinkemba enqulwini,
bonke sebake bazilwa izimpi, ngulowo lalowo inkemba
yakhe eceleni kwakhe, elungele ukuhlatshwa komkhosi
ebusuku. **9** Inkosi uSolomoni yazenzela inqola leyo;
yayenza ngezigodo zeLebhanoni. **10** Imijabo yayo yayenza
ngesiliva, isisekelo sayo yasenza ngegolide. Isihlalo sayo
yasithungela ilembu eliyibubende ingaphakathi yayo
yaceciswa ngothando ngamadodakazi aseJerusalema. **11**
Phumani phandle madodakazi aseZiyoni, libone iNkosi
uSolomoni ithwele umqhele, umqhele ewetheswa ngunina
mhla welanga atshada ngalo, ilanga inhliziyo yakhe
yathokoza ngalo.

4 Kayisibuhle bakho, sithandwa sami! Awu, ayisibuhle,
bakithi! Amehlo akho embeswe liveli, angamajuba.
Inwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla entabeni
iGiliyadi. **2** Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvu
zisanda kugundwa, zivela geziswa yileyo ihamba
laleyo efanana layo; kayikho ethe qekele yodwa. **3**
Izindebe zakho zinjengozwezwe olubomvu; muhle
umlomo wakho. Izihlathi zakho ezembeswe liveli
lakho ezinjengephomegranathi elidatshulwe phakathi.
4 Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wokulinda
kaDavida, owakhiwa waba muhle kakhulu; kulengiswe
kuwo amahawu ayinkulungwane, wonke angamahawu

amaqhawe. **5** Amabele akho omabili anjengamazinyane
amabili, njengamaphahla amazinyane empala adla
utshani phakathi kwezimbali. **6** Nxa kusesemadabukakusa
izithunzi zingakabaleki emuntwini, ngizakuya entabeni
yemure laseqaqeni lwamakha amnandi. **7** Umuhle
kakhulukazi, ntokazi yami; kakulanto engenhle kuwe.
8 Woza, mlobokazi wami, sisuke eLebhanoni, woza
sisuke eLebhanoni. Yehla emaweni ase-Amana, wehle
esiqongweni saseSeniri, isiqongo seHemoni, ezimbalwini
zezingonyama lezintabeni okuhlala ingwe kuzo. **9**
Uyithumbile inhliziyo yami, dadewethu, mlobokazi wami;
uyithumbile inhliziyo yami ngokungithi jeqe ngamehlo
akho, langengqongqo elilodwa lobuhlalu bakho. **10**
Luthokozisa kanganani uthando lwakho, dadewethu,
mlobokazi wami! Lumnandi kakhulu kulewayini, lephunga
lamakha akho kulawo wonke amafutha! **11** Izindebe zakho
ziconsa ubumnandi njengoluju, mlobokazi wami; uchago
loluju kungaphansi kolimi lwakho. Iphunga lezivunulo
zakho linjengeleLebhanoni. **12** Uyisivande esibiyelweyo,
dadewethu, mlobokazi wami; ungumthombo obiyelweyo,
lesiphethu esihuqelweyo sagcikwa. **13** Izilimo zakho
ziyisivande samaphomegranathi alezithelo ezinhle
zilehena lenadi, **14** inadi lesafuroni, ikhalamu
lesinamoni, lemihlobo yonke yezihlahla zempepha, imure
lenhlaba lazozonke iziyoliso zekhethelo. **15** Uyisiphethu
sesivandeni, umthombo ogeleza amanzi ugeleza usehla
eLebhanoni. **16** Vuka moya wenyakatho, woza moya
weningizimu! Phephetha esivandeni sami, ukuze amakha

aso agcwale indawo yonke. Akuthi isithandwa sami size esivandeni saso sikholise izithelo zaso zekhethelo.

5 Sengingenile esivandeni sami, dadewethu, mlobokazi wami; sengiyibuthile imure yami lesiyoliso sami. Sengizidlile inhlanga zami loluju lwami; sengiyinathile iwayini yami lochago lwami. Abangane Dlanini, bangane, linathe; nathani lizidele, lina zithandani. **2** Ngalala kodwa inhliziyo yami ivukile. Zwana! Isithandwa sami siyaqoqoda: "Ngivulela, dadewethu, sithandwa sami, juba lami, wena ongelasiyinga. Ikhanda lami ligcwele amazolo, inwele zami zilobumanzi bobusuku." **3** Sengisikhulule isigqoko sami ngisigqoke futhi na? Sengizigezile inyawo zami ngibuye ngizingcolise futhi na? **4** Isithandwa sami sangenisa isandla saso embotsheni yomnyango; inhliziyo yami yagubhazela ifuna sona. **5** Ngavuka ngayasivulela isithandwa sami, izandla zami zijuluka imure, iminwe yami igeleza imure, phezu kwezibambo zekhiye. **6** Ngasivulela isithandwa sami, kodwa isithandwa sami sasesisukile, sasesihambile. Inhliziyo yami yadangala ngoba sesihambile. Ngasithalaza kodwa ngasiswela. Ngasimemeza kodwa kasisabelanga. **7** Abalindi bangibona ngesikhathi bebhodabhoda, behlola idolobho. Bangitshaya bangilimaza; bangihlubula bathatha ibhatshi lami, labobalindi bemiduli! **8** Lina madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngiyaliqonqosela nxa lisithola isithandwa sami lizasitshelani? Sitsheleni ukuthi mina sengiyathiswa luthando. **9** Isithandwa sakho singcono ngani kulezinye izithandwa wena omuhle okudlula bonke abesifazane? Singcono ngani isithandwa sakho kulezinye osungaze

usiqonqosele kangaka? **10** Isithandwa sami siyakhazimula
sincwaba, siyabonakala laphakathi kwezinkulungwane
ezilitshumi. **11** Ikhanda laso liligolide elicengwe kakhulu;
inwele zaso ziyibulembu, zimnyama okwewabayi. **12**
Amehlo aso anjengamajuba esezifuleni ezilamanzi,
agezwe ngochago, amiswa njengamatshe engcebo. **13**
Izihlathi zaso zinjengendima yeziyoliso ezilephunga
lamakha. Izindebe zaso zinjengezimbali, ziconsa
imure. **14** Izingalo zaso yimiqwayi yegolide elixutshwe
ngekhrisolithe. Umzimba waso unjengophondo lwendlovu
olulolongiweyo lwaceciswa ngamasafire. **15** Imilenze
yaso yizinsika zelitshe eliqinileyo elibutshelezi elimiswe
ezisekelweni zegolide elicengekileyo. Isithombo saso
sinjengeLebhanoni, njengemisedari yakhona eyebanga
laphezulu. **16** Umlomo waso uyibumnandi qobo lwabo;
siyabukeka ngokupheleleyo. Lesi yiso isithandwa sami,
yena umngane wami, we madodakazi aseJerusalema.

6 Sesiye ngaphi isithandwa sakho wena omuhle
kulabo bonke abesifazane? Siqonde ngaphi isithandwa
sakho ukuze sikudingise sona? **2** Isithandwa sami
sehlele ngesivandeni saso, endimeni yamaluba eziyoliso,
ukuzulazula ezivandeni lokuqunta izimbali. **3** Ngingowaso
isithandwa sami, laso singesami; uzithokozisa ngoba
phakathi kwamaluba. **4** Umuhle, sithandwa sami,
njengeThiza, uthandeka njengeJerusalema, ulesithunzi
njengamabutho ephethe uphawu lwempi. **5** Susa
amehlo akho kimi; angihubula igwebu. Inwele zakho
zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla eGiliyadi. **6** Amazinyo
akho anjengomhlambi wezimvu zivela geziswa yileyo

ihamba laleyo efanana layo; akula ehamba yodwa. **7** Izihlathi zakho ezivalwe liveli lakho zinjengezingxenye zesithelo sephomegranathi. **8** Kungabe kukhona amakhosikazi angamatshumi ayisithupha, labanye abafazi beceleni abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lezintombi ezipheleleyo ezingelakubalwa; **9** kodwa ijuba lami, opheleleyo wami, wehlukene, nguye yedwa kunina, uyintandokazi yalowo owamzalayo. Izintombi zambona zathi ubusisiwe; amakhosikazi labafazi beceleni bambabaza. **10** Ngubani lo oqhamuka njengokusa, omuhle njengenyanga, okhazimula njengelanga, olobukhosi njengezinkanyezi ziludwendwe? **11** Ngehlela esivandeni esilezithelo ezilenkelo ngisiyabona amahlumela esigodini, ngisiyabona ingabe amavini ayesenunkula yini langabe amaphomegranathi ayeseqhakazile na. **12** Ngisalibele nje isifiso sami sangibeka ezinqoleni zobukhosi ezabantu bakithi. **13** Phenduka, phenduka, wena mShulamithi; phenduka, phenduka, ukuze sikubuke! Umyeni Liyabe limbukelani umShulamithi kungathi libuka umgido kaMahanayimi?

7 Zinhle kakhulu inyawo zakho emanyathelweni, awu ndodakazi yenkosana! Amathebe mahle anjengamatshe aligugu, ingathi abunjwa kuhle yingcitshi. **2** Inkaba yakho yindingilizana yesiphathelo esihle esihlala sigcwele iwayini elixutshiweyo. Ukhalo lwakho luyinqunjana yengqoloyi ezingelezwe yizimbali. **3** Amabele akho anjengamazinyane amabili, njengamaphahla empala. **4** Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wempondo zendlovu. Amehlo akho ayiziziba zeHeshibhoni eduze

lesango laseBhathi Rabhimi. Impumulo yakho injengomphotshongo waseLebhanoni ukhangele eDamaseko. **5** Ikhanda lakho lingumqhele kuwe njengentaba iKhameli. Inwele zakho zingumceciso wobukhosi; inkosi ithunjiwe ngamagoda azo. **6** Wamuhle bantu njalo uyathokozisa, wena sithandwa, ngezintokozo zakho! **7** Uluthi lwakho luthe klwi, njengesihlahla sephamu, lamabele akho anjengelixha lezithelo. **8** Ngathi, "Ngizakhwela esihlahleni sephamu; ngizaziphatha lezozithelo zalo." Sengathi amabele akho angaba njengamaxha evini, amakha okuphefumula kwakho abe njengama-aphula, **9** lomlomo wakho ube njengewayini elidlula wonke. Umlobokazi Sengathi iwayini lelo lingaya kusithandwa sami, ligeleze kakuhle ezindebeni lasemazinyweni. **10** Ngingowaso isithandwa sami, silangathela mina. **11** Woza, sithandwa sami, kasihambe siye emaphandleni, kasiyolala emizini. **12** Kasihambe ekuseni ezivinini ukuyabona ingabe amavini asenunkula na, ingabe amaluba amaphomegranathi awo aseqhakazile lapho ngizakupha uthando lwami. **13** Izihlahla zamamandraki zikhupha iphunga elimnandi, kuthi emnyango wakwethu kube lezibiliboco zonke ezintsha lezindala, engikubekele zona, sithandwa sami.

8 Aluba nje unjengomfowethu kimi, owondliwa emunya emabeleni kamama! Lapho-ke, nxa ngikufica phandle, ngithi loba ngikwanga, angabikhona ongisolayo. **2** Ngabe ngiyakudonsa ngikuse endlini kamama yena owangikhulisayo. Ngabe ngikupha iwayini elixutshiweyo unathe, uluju lwamaphomegranathi ami. **3** Ingalo yakhe

yobunxele ngiyiqamele kuthi ingalo yakhe yokunene ingigonile. **4** Madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngiyaliqonqosela:
Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando luze luzifunele lona. **5** Ngubani lo oqhamukayo evela enkangala na, eyeme isithandwa sakhe?
Umlobokazi Ngikuvusile ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-aphula; kulapho unyoko akumithela khona, kulapho ahelelwa wakuzalela khona. **6** Ngibeka ngibe njengesidindo enhliziyweni yakho, njengesidindo engalweni yakho; ngoba uthando lulamandla njengokufa, ubukhwele balo kabuyekethisi njengengcwaba. Luyatshisa njengomlilo obhebha kakhulu, njengelangabi elivuthayo. **(Sheol h7585)** **7** Impophoma zamanzi ngeke zilucime uthando; imifula ngeke ilukhukhule. Nxa umuntu enganika yonke inotho yomuzi wakhe ngenxa yothando kungaba yinhlekisa. **8** Silentombazana engumnawethu, njalo kayikaphuhli. Sizamenzelani kambe umnawethu mhla sekuthiwa uyacelwa? **9** Uba engumduli, sizakwakha imiphotshongo yesiliva phezu kwakhe. Uba engumnyango, sizamvala ngamapulanka esihlahla somsedari. **10** Ngingumduli, lamabele ami anjengemiphotshongo. Yikho-nje emehlweni akhe sengifana lalowo olethe ukusuthiseka. **11** USolomoni wayelesivini eBhali Hamoni; wasiqhatshisela ebalimini isivini sakhe. Munye ngamunye kwakumele athele umthelo wezithelo zawo ongamashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane. **12** Kodwa esami isivini ngesami ukupha santando; amashekeli lawo ayinkulungwane ngawakho, bakithi Solomoni, lamakhulu amabili amashekeli ngawalabo abalondoloza izithelo zawo. **13** Wena

ohlala ezivandeni labangane bekususa isizungu, ake ngilizwe ilizwi lakho! **14** Masihambe, sithandwa sami, woba njengembabala kumbe njengejongosana lomziki ezintabeni ezigcwele amakha.

U-Isaya

1 Umbono omayelana ngoJuda leJerusalema owabonwa
ngu-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi ensukwini zokubusa
kuka-Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi loHezekhiya amakhosi
akoJuda. **2** Zwanini, mazulu! Lalelani, mhlaba! Ngoba
uThixo usekhulumile: “Ngondla abantwana ngabakhulisa,
kodwa sebengihlamukele. **3** Inkabi iyamazi umniniyo,
lobabhemi uyasazi isibaya somnikazi wakhe, kodwa
u-Israyeli kazi, abantu bami kabaqedisisi.” **4** Maye
kuso isizwe esonayo, abantu abathwele amacala,
inzalo yabenza okubi, abantwana abaxhwalileyo!
Sebemlahlile uThixo; bamdelele oNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
bamfulathela. **5** Kungani kumele litshaywe futhi?
Kungani liqhubeka ngokuhlamuka? Ikhanda lakho
lonke lilimele, yonke inhliziyo yakho ihlukuluziwe.
6 Kusukela ngaphansi kwentende yonyawo lwakho
kusiya esicholo sekhanda lakho akukho kuphelela,
kodwa izilonda lemvivinya kuphela, kanye lamanxeba;
akugeziswanga, akubotshwanga kumbe kwathanjiswa
ngamafutha. **7** Ilizwe lenu lichithekile, amadolobho
enu atshiswa ngomlilo, umhlaba wenu uphundlwa
ngabezizweni, phambi kwenu uqobo, uchitheka
njengalapho udilizwa ngabezizweni. **8** Indodakazi
yaseZiyoni isele njengedumba esivinini, njengendlwana
ensimini yamajodo, njengedolobho elihonqolozelweyo. **9**
Aluba uThixo uSomandla kasitshiyelanga abalutshwana
abasindayo, sasizakuba njengeSodoma; sasizafana
leGomora. **10** Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina babusi
baseSodoma, lalelani umthetho kaNkulunkulu wethu,

lina bantu baseGomora! **11** “Ubunengi bemihlatshelo
yenu buyini kimi?” kutsho uThixo. “Ngileminikelo
yokutshiswa edlula efunekayo, eyenqama lamahwahwa
ezifuyo ezinonisiweyo; igazi lenkunzi, lelamawundlu
lelembuzi kalingithokozisi. **12** Lapho lisiza phambi kwami,
ngubani othe linyathele amaguma ami na? **13** Yekelani
ukuletha iminikelo eyize! Impepha yenu iyisinengiso
kimi. Angingeke ngibekezelele imbuthano yenu yobubi,
eyokuThwasa kweNyanga, amaSabatha lemihlangano.
14 Umphefumulo wami uyawazonda amadili enu
okuthwasa kwezinyanga lemikhosi yenu emisiweyo.
Sekube ngumthwalo kimi; sengikhathele ngokukuthwala.
15 Lapho lichaya izandla zenu likhuleka, ngizalifihlela
amehlo ami; loba selikhuleka imikhuleko eminengi,
angiyikulalela. Izandla zenu zigcwele igazi! **16** Gezani libe
ngabahlambulukileyo. Susani izenzo zenu ezimbi phambi
kobuso bami; yekelani ukwenza okubi. **17** Fundani ukwenza
okulungileyo; funani ukwahlulela okuhle. Khuthazani
abancindezelweyo. Vikelani izintandane; lamulelani
umfelokazi. **18** Wozani, siqondisane sindawonye,”
kutsho uThixo. “Lanxa izono zenu zibomvu gebhu,
zizakuba mhlophe njengonqwaqwane, loba zibomvu
njengegazi, zizakuba njengoboya bezimvu. **19** Nxa
livuma njalo lilalela, lizakudla okuhle kwelizwe; **20**
kodwa nxa linqaba, lihlamuka, lizadliwa yinkemba.”
Ngoba umlomo kaThixo usukhulumile. **21** Khangelani
ukuthi idolobho elithembekileyo seliphenduke laba
yisifebe kanjani! Lake lagcwala ngokufaneleyo;
ukulunga kwakuhlala kulo, kodwa khathesi sekuhlala

ababulali! **22** Isiliva senu sesingamanyele, iwayini
lenu elihle selihlanganiswe lamanzi. **23** Ababusi
benu bangabahlamuki, abangane bamasela; bonke
bathanda izivalamlomo, bafune izipho. Izintandane
kabazivikeli; indaba yomfelokazi kayifiki kibo. **24** Ngakho-
ke iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uMninimandla ka-Israyeli,
uthi: "Yebo! Ngizabhodlisela ezitheni zami, ngibuye
ngiphindisele kwabayizitha zami. **25** Ngizaphakamisela
isandla sami kini; ngizawahlambulula ngokupheleleyo
amanyele enu, ngisuse lakho konke ukungcola kwenu.
26 Ngizabuyisa abehluleli benu njengezinsukwini
zakudala, labeluleki benu njengasekuqaleni. Muva
uzabizwa ngokuthi iDolobho Lokulunga, iDolobho
Elithembekileyo." **27** IZiyoni izahlengwa ngemfanelo,
abaphendukayo bayo bahlengwe ngokulunga. **28** Kodwa
abahlamuki lezoni bazachithwa, lalabo abalahla uThixo
bazabhubha. **29** "Lizayangeka ngenxa yezihlahla zom'okhi
ezingcwele elazithokozisa ngazo. Lizadana ngamasimu
elawakhethayo. **30** Lizafana lom'okhi olamahlamvu
asebuna, lanjengensimu engelamanzi. **31** Indoda
elamandla izafana lencwathi, umsebenzi wayo ufane
lenhlansi; kokubili kuzakutsha kanyekanye, kungekho
ozacitsha umlilo."

2 Lokhu yikho okwabonwa ngu-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi
mayelana loJuda leJerusalema: **2** Ngezinsuku zokucina
intaba yethempeli likaThixo izamiswa njengenhloko
phakathi kwezintaba; izaphakanyiselwa phezu kwezintaba
njalo izizwe zonke zizabekelela zisiya kuyo. **3**
Abantu abanengi bazakuza bathi, "Wozani siye phezu

kwentaba kaThixo, siye ethempelini likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe. Uzasifundisa izindlela zakhe, ukuze sihambe emikhondweni yakhe." Umthetho uzavela eZiyoni, ilizwi likaThixo livele eJerusalema. **4** Uzakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe, alamule ingxabano zabantu abanengi. Bazakhanda izinkemba zabo zibe yimihlathi yamakhuba, lemikhonto yabo ibe ngamahloka okuthena izihlahla. Isizwe asiyikuhlomela isizwe ngenkemba loba sifundele ukulwa impi futhi. **5** Woza, ndlu kaJakhobe, kasihambe ekukhanyeni kukaThixo. **6** Wena, Thixo, usubalahlile abantu bakho, isizukulwane sikaJakhobe. Bagcwele ukholo oluyize lwaseMpumalanga benza lemisebenzi yobungoma njengamaFilisti, njalo babambana izandla labangakholwayo. **7** Ilizwe labo ligcwele isiliva legolide; inotho yabo ayilakuphela. Ilizwe labo ligcwele amabhiza; izinqola zabo zempi kazipheli. **8** Ilizwe labo ligcwele izithombe; bakhothamela umsebenzi wezandla zabo, lakulokho okwenziwa yiminwe yabo. **9** Ngakho abantu bazakwehliselwa phansi bonke bazehliswa ungabathetheleli. **10** Ngenani ezimbalwini zamatshe lasemhlabathini, licatshele ukwesabeka kukaThixo lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe! **11** Amehlo omuntu oziphakamisayo azathotshiswa, lokuziphakamisa kwabantu kwehliselwe phansi; uThixo kuphela nguye ozaphakanyiswa ngalolosuku. **12** UThixo uSomandla ulosuku alubekele bonke abazazigqajayo labazikhukhumezayo; lakho konke okuphakemeyo (kuzathotshiswa), **13** olwazo zonke izihlahla zemisedari zaseLebhanoni ezinde leziphakemeyo, lazozonke izihlahla

zom'Okhi zaseBhashani, **14** olwazo zonke izintaba
ezindekazi lamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo, **15** olwayo yonke
imiphotshongo ephakemeyo layo yonke imiduli eyinqaba,
16 olwemikhumbi yonke yaseThashishi layo yonke imikolo
emihle. **17** Ukuziphakamisa kwabantu kuzakwehliselwa
phansi, ukuzazisa kwabantu kuthobekiswe; uThixo
kuphela nguye ozadunyiswa ngalolosuku, **18** izithombe
zizanyamalala zithi nya. **19** Abantu bazabalekela
ezimbalwini zamatshe lasemilindini emhlabathini
bebalekela ukwesabeka kukaThixo lenkazimulo yobukhosi
bakhe lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye umhlaba.
20 Ngalolosuku abantu bazazilahlela emvukuzaneni
lakubomalulwane izithombe zabo zesiliva lezegolide
abazenzela ukuba bazikhonze. **21** Bazabalekela
ezimbalwini zamatshe lasezingoxweni zamawa bebalekela
ukwesabeka kukaThixo lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe,
lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye umhlaba. **22** Yekelani
ukwethemba umuntu olomphefumulo nje kuphela
emakhaleni akhe. Ngoba uyini yena na?

3 Khangelani khathesi UThixo, uThixo uSomandla
usezasusa eJerusalema lelizweni lakoJuda okufunekayo
losizo: konke ukudla lamanzi, **2** iqhawe lebutho,
umahluleli lomphrofethi, isangoma lomuntu omdala, **3**
induna yebutho labangamatshumi amahlanu lamadoda
ayizikhulu, umeluleki, ingcitshi yemisebenzi,
lesanuse esihlakaniphileyo. **4** "Ngizakwenza abafana
babeyizikhulu zabo; abantwana nje bazababusa." **5**
Abantu bazancindezelana, umuntu avukele umuntu,
umakhelwane avukele umakhelwane. Abatsha bazavukela

abadala, abeyisekayo bavukele abahlonitshwa. **6** Indoda
izabamba omunye wabafowabo emzini kayise ithi,
“Ulesembatho, woba ngumkhokheli wethu, inqwaba
yamanxiwa le izakuba ngaphansi kombuso wakho.” **7**
Kodwa ngalolosuku uzakhala athi, “Angilamasiza. Endlini
yami akulakudla loba izigqoko; ungangenzi umkhokheli
wabantu.” **8** IJerusalema liyadiyazela, uJuda uyawa;
amazwi abo lezenzo zabo kuphambene loThixo, kweyisa
ubukhosi bakhe. **9** Ukukhangeleka kobuso babo kufakaza
kubi ngabo; babukisa izono zabo njengeSodoma;
kabazifihli. Maye kubo! Bazilethele incithakalo phezu
kwabo. **10** Tshela abalungileyo ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle
kubo, ngoba bazakholisa izithelo zezenzo zabo. **11** Maye
kwababi! Incithakalo isiphezu kwabo! Bazaphindiselwa
ngalokho izandla zabo ezikwenzileyo. **12** Abatsha
bancindezela abantu bami, abesifazane bayababusa. Awu,
bantu bami, abakhokheli benu bayaliduhisa;
bayaliphambula endleleni. **13** UThixo uphakama ukuba
afakaze indaba yakhe, uyasukuma ukuba ahlulele abantu.
14 UThixo uqalisa ukwahlulela abadala labakhokheli
babantu esithi, “Yini elitshabalalise isivini sami;
elikuthumbe kubayanga kusezindlini zenu. **15** Litshoni
ngokuchoboza abantu bami langokuchola ubuso
babayanga?” kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla. **16**
UThixo uthi, “Abesifazane baseZiyoni bayaziphakamisa,
bahamba belule izintamo, behuga ngamehlo abo,
begwenxeka ngamanyathelo amancane, izigqizo
zikhencezela enqagaleni zabo. **17** Ngakho-ke uThixo
uzakwenza amakhanda abesifazane baseZiyoni abe

lezilonda; uThixo uzakwenza isikhumba samakhanda abo siphuceke.” **18** Ngalolosuku uThixo uzahluthuna imiceciso yabo: amasongo, imincwazi, lemigaxo yentanyeni **19** amacici, izigqizo lezimbombozo, **20** amaqhiye, izigetsho lamabhanti; amambodlela amakha lezintebe, **21** indandatho ezilophawu lamasongo empumulo, **22** izembatho ezinhle lezingubo lezigqoko, izikhwama **23** lezibuko, lezigqoko zelineni, imiqhele lamaveli. **24** Endaweni yephunga elimnandi kuzakuba lomnuko omubi; endaweni yebhanti kuzakuba legoda, endaweni yenwele ezilungiswe kuhle kuzakuba lempabanga, endaweni yezigqoko ezinhle kuzakuba ngamasaka, endaweni yobuhle, kuzakuba lihlazo. **25** Amadoda akini azakuwa ngenkemba, kanjalo lamabutho akini empini. **26** Amasango aseZiyoni azakhala alile, kuthi yona ihlale phansi ichithekile.

4 Ngalolosuku abesifazane abayisikhombisa bazabamba indoda yinye bathi, “Sizakudla ukudla kwethu sigqoke izigqoko zethu; sivumele kuphela nje ukuba sibizwe ngebizo lakho. Susa ihlazo lethu.” **2** Ngalolosuku uGatsha lukaThixo luzakuba luhle lube yinkazimulo, lezithelo zelizwe zizakuba ligugu lenkazimulo kwabasindayo ko-Israyeli. **3** Labo abatshiywe eZiyoni, abasele eJerusalema, kuzathiwa bangcwele, labo bonke abalotshiweyo phakathi kwabaphilayo eJerusalema. **4** INkosi izagezisa ingcekeza yabesifazane baseZiyoni, izahlambulula amachatha egazi eJerusalema ngomoya wokwahlulela langomoya womlilo. **5** Lapho-ke, phezu kwayo yonke iNtaba iZiyoni langaphezulu kwabo bonke abahlangana khona,

uThixo uzakwenza iyezi lentuthu emini, lokukhanya kwamalangabi omlilo ebusuku; ngaphezu kwenkazimulo yonke kuzakuba lesivikelo esinjengophahla. **6** Sizakuba yisisitho lomthunzi wokuvika ukutshisa kwemini, isiphephelo lendawo yokucatshela isiphepho lezulu.

5 Ngizahlabelela lowo engimthandayo ingoma ngesivini sakhe: Othandwa yimi wayelesivini eqaqeni oluvundileyo. **2** Wasigebha, wasusa amatshe kuso, wahlanyela kuso amavini amahle. Wakha umphotshongo ophakemeyo phakathi kwaso njalo wagebha lesikhamelo sewayini kuso. Walindela izithelo ezinhle, kodwa amavini athela ezimbi kuphela. **3** "Manje-ke lina abahlala eJerusalema lani madoda akoJuda, yahlulelani phakathi kwami lesivini sami. **4** Kuyini okudlula lapho okwakumele kwenziwe esivinini sami engingakwenzanga kuso na? Lapho ngangilindele izithelo ezinhle kungani sona sathela ezimbi kuphela na? **5** Khathesi-ke sengizalitshela engizakwenza esivinini sami: Ngizasusa uthango lwaso; sizadilizwa. Ngizabhidliza umduli waso, sizagxotshwa ngezinyawo. **6** Ngizasenza sibe liganga kungabikho ukuthenwa kumbe ukuhlakulwa; inkotha lameva kuzakhula kuso. Ngizalaya amayezi anganisi zulu kuso." **7** Isivini sikaThixo uSomandla yindlu ka-Israyeli; abantu bakoJuda bayinsimu eligugu kuye. Wayelindele okufaneleyo, kodwa wabona ukuchitheka kwegazi; endaweni yokulunga, wezwa ukukhala kosizi. **8** Maye kini elengeza izindlu ngezindlu lihlanganise insimu ensimini kuze kusweleke indawo eseleyo, njalo lihlala lodwa elizweni. **9** UThixo uSomandla usetshilo

ngisizwa wathi: “Ngeqiniso izindlu ezinengi zizakuba
ngamanxiwa; ezinkulu ezinhle zisale zingaselamuntu
ohlala kuzo. 10 Izindima ezilitshumi zesivini zizathela
ifatshi elilodwa lewayini, ihomeri lenhlanyelo lithele
ihefa lamabele.” 11 Maye kulabo abavuka ngovivi
ekuseni begijimela ukunatha utshwala; abaqhubekayo
kuze kube phakathi kobusuku baze badakwe butshwala.
12 Balamachacho lemihubhe emadilini abo, amagedla,
imihlanga, lewayini, kodwa kabazinaki izenzo zikaThixo,
akukho nhlonipho yomsebenzi wezandla zakhe. 13
Ngakho-ke abantu bami bazakuya ekuthunjweni ngenxa
yokungazwisisi; izikhulu zabo zizabulawa yindlala
lenengi labo lizakoma ngomhawu wamanzi. 14
Ngakho indawo yabafileyo izakwelula imihlathi yayo,
ikhamise umlomo wayo okungelamkhawulo; izikhulu
zabo lenengi labo bawele phakathi labo bonke
abaxokozelayo labazithokozisayo. (Sheol h7585) 15 Abantu
bazakwehliselwa phansi, abantu bazathobekiswa, amehlo
abaziphakamisayo athotshiswe. 16 Kodwa uThixo
uSomandla uzaphakanyiswa ngokwahlulela kwakhe
okuhle; ubungcwele bukaNkulunkulu buzabonakala
ngokulunga kwakhe. 17 Lapho-ke izimvu zizakudla angathi
kusemadlelweni azo, amazinyane adle emanxiweni
ezinothi. 18 Maye kulabo abahudula isono ngentambo
zenkohliso lobubi kungathi kungamagoda enqola, 19
kulabo abathi, “UNkulunkulu kaphangise, kaphangisise
umsebenzi wakhe ukuze siwubone. Kalisondele
icebo loNgcwele ka-Israyeli kalize ukuze silazi.”
20 Maye kulabo abathi okubi kuhle bathi okuhle

kubi, ababeka umnyama esikhundleni sokukhanya; ukukhanya esikhundleni somnyama; ababeka okubabayo esikhundleni sokumnandi, okumnandi esikhundleni sokubabayo. **21** Maye kulabo abahlakaniphileyo emehlweni abo njalo besile ekuboneni kwabo. **22** Maye kulabo abangamaqhawe ekunatheni iwayini njalo bezintshantshu ekuhlanganiseni okunathwayo, **23** abakhulula abalamacala ngenxa yokufunjathiswa. Kodwa banqabele abamsulwa imfanelo yabo. **24** Ngakho-ke, njengalokhu umlilo utshisa inhlanga, utshani obomileyo buphelela phakathi kwamalangabi, ngokunjalo impande zabo zizabola. Lamaluba abo aphephuke njengothuli; ngoba bawalile umthetho kaThixo uSomandla balidelela ilizwi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **25** Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo luzavutha ebantwini bakhe; isandla sakhe siphakeme njalo uyabatshaya. Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka, izidumbu zabafileyo zinjengezibi ezindleleni. Ikanti kukho konke lokhu ulaka lwakhe kaluphelanga, isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe. **26** Uphakamisela izizwe ezikude uphawu, ubatshayela ikhwelo abasemaphethelweni omhlaba. Nampa besiza ngokuphangisa langejubane! **27** Kakho omunye wabo odinwayo loba okhubekayo, kakho owozelayo kumbe olalayo, akukho bhanti elixegiswayo ekhalweni, akukho ntambo yenyathelo equmekileyo. **28** Imitshoko yabo ibukhali, wonke amadandili abo agotshisiwe; amasondo amabhiza abo afana lelitshe elilukhuni, amavili ezinqola zabo zokulwa anjengesivunguzane. **29** Ukubhonga kwabo kufana lokwesilwane, babhonga njengezilwane ezikhulayo,

bayabhavuma lapho bebamba inyamazana edliwayo,
babaleke layo kungekho ongabemuka. **30** Ngalolosuku
bazabhavumela phezu kwayo njengokubhavuma
kolwandle. Njalo nxa umuntu ekhangela ilizwe, uzabona
umnyama losizi; lelanga lizakwenziwa libe mnyama
ngamayezi.

6 Ngomnyaka inkosi u-Uziya eyafa ngawo, ngabona
uThixo ehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi esiphezulu
esiphakemeyo, injobo yesembatho sakhe igcwele
ithempeli. **2** Ngaphezu kwakhe kwakulamaserafimu,
elinye lelinye lilempiko eziyisithupha. Ayegubuzele ubuso
bawo ngezimpiko ezimbili, egubuzele inyawo zawo
ngezimbili, ephapha ngezimbili. **3** Elinye lamemezela
kwelinye lisithi: "Ungcwele, ungcwele, ungcwele uThixo
uSomandla, umhlaba wonke ugcwele inkazimulo yakhe."
4 Ekuzwakaleni kwamazwi awo imigubazi lombundu
kwanyikinyeka, kwathi ithempeli lagcwala intuthu. **5**
Mina ngakhala ngathi, "Maye mina! Sengibhujisiwe!
Ngoba ngingumuntu olezindebe ezingcolileyo, njalo
ngihlala phakathi kwabantu abalezindebe ezingcolileyo,
lamehlo ami asebone iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla." **6**
Lapho-ke elinye lamaserafimu laphaphela kimi liphethe
ilahle elivuthayo esandleni salo elalilithethe ngodlawu
e-alithareni. **7** Lathinta umlomo wami ngalo lathi,
"Khangela, lokhu sekuthinte izindebe zakho; icala
lakho selisusiwe, njalo lesono sakho sesihlawulelwe."
8 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi leNkosi lisithi, "Ngizathuma
bani na? Ngubani na ozasihambela?" Mina ngathi,
"Ngilapha. Ngithuma!" **9** Yasisithi, "Hamba uyetshela

abantu uthi: ‘Zwanini kokuphela, kodwa lingaqedisisi;
libone kokuphela, kodwa lingabonisisi.’ **10** Yenza inhliziyo
yalababantu ibe lukhuni; wenze indlebe zabo zibe
buthundu, uvale amehlo abo. Hlezi babone ngamehlo
abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo, baqedisise ngezinhliziyo
zabo, baphenduke basiliswe.” **11** Ngasengisithi, “Koze
kube nini, Nkosi?” Yona yaphendula yathi: “Amadolobho
aze achitheke njalo kungaselabantu kuwo, izindlu zize
zisale zingaselabantu, lamasimu ephundleke abhuquzeka,
12 uThixo aze axotshele umuntu wonke khatshana
njalo ilizwe lidelwe ngokupheleleyo. **13** Lanxa ingxenye
eyodwa etshumini isala elizweni izachithwa futhi. Kodwa
njengezihlahla zetherebhinti lemi-okhi zitshiya izidindi
lapho seziganyulwe, ngokunjalo inhlanyelo engcwele
izakuba yisidindi elizweni.”

7 Kwathi u-Ahazi indodana kaJothamu, indodana ka-
Uziya, eyinkosi yakoJuda, uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu
loPhekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli
basuka bayahlasela iJerusalema, kodwa kabalinqobanga.
2 Indlu kaDavida yatshelwa kwathiwa, “I-Aramu
isimanyene lo-Efrayimi,” inhliziyo ka-Ahazi lezabantu
bakhe zanyikinyeka njengezihlahla zegusu zinyikinywa
ngumoya. **3** UThixo wasesithi ku-Isaya, “Hamba
wena lendodana yakho uSheyari-Jashubi ukuba
lihlangabeze u-Ahazi ekucineni komgelo wamanzi
oweChibi Elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni oya Ensimini
Yomgezisi. **4** Lithi kuye, ‘Nanzelela, hlala ngokuthula,
njalo ungesabi. Inhliziyo yakho kayingadeli ngenxa
yolaka olwesabekayo lukaRezini lo-Aramu lolwendodana

kaRemaliya.’” **5** U-Aramu lo-Efrayimi lendodana kaRemaliya sebecebe ukukutshabalalisa besithi, **6** “Kasihlaseleni ilizwe lakoJuda; kasilidabuleni phakathi silabelane, senze indodana kaThabheli ibe yinkosi yalo.” **7** Kodwa-ke lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ukuthi: “‘Akuyikuphumelela, akuyikwenzakala, **8** ngoba inhloko ye-Aramu yiDamaseko, inhloko yeDamaseko nguRezini kuphela. Phakathi kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu u-Efrayimi uzakuba esetshabalele engaseyiso sizwe. **9** Inhloko ka-Efrayimi yiSamariya, inhloko yeSamariya yindodana kaRemaliya kuphela. Nxa lingami liqine okholweni lwenu alisoze livele lime.’” **10** UThixo wakhuluma njalo ku-Ahazi wathi, **11** “Cela isibonakaliso kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ingabe ekujuleni kwezulu loba phezulu engqongweni.” **(Sheol h7585)** **12** Kodwa u-Ahazi wathi, “Angiyikucela. Angiyikulinga uThixo.” **13** U-Isaya wasesithi, “Khathesi-ke zwana wena lendlu kaDavida. Akwenelanga na ukulinga ukubekezela kwabantu? Uzalinga lokubekezela kukaNkulunkulu wami njalo na? **14** Ngakho-ke iNkosi ngokwayo izanika isibonakaliso: Intombi egcweleyo izakhulelwa izale indodana bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Emanuweli. **15** Uzakudla amasi loluju lapho eselolwazi olwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi akhethe okulungileyo. **16** Kodwa-ke umfana engakazi okwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi akhethe okulungileyo, ilizwe lamakhosi amabili owesabayo lizachithwa. **17** UThixo uzakwehlisela phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho, laphezu kwendlu kayihlo, isikhathi esingafani lesinye kusukela u-Efrayimi ebhazuka kuJuda, uzaletha

inkosi yase-Asiriya.” **18** Ngalelolanga uThixo uzatshaya
ikhwelo ebiza impukane ezisekudabukeni kwezifula
zaseGibhithe lezinyosi eziselizweni lase-Asiriya. **19**
Zizakuza zonke zihlale ezingoxweni ezingamawa,
ezimbalwini zamadwala, ezihlahleni zonke zameva
kuwo wonke amagodi amanzi. **20** Ngalolosuku iNkosi
izasebenzisa impuco ebolekwe enkosini yase-Asiriya
ngaphetsheya koMfula iYufrathe ukuphuca ikhanda lakho
loboya obusembaleni yakho, lokugunda indevu zakho
lazo. **21** Ngalolosuku umuntu uzafuya ithokazi elilodwa
lembuzi ezimbili. **22** Ngenxa yobunengi bochago oluzavela
kuzo, uzakuba lamasi azawadla. Bonke abazasala elizweni
bazakudla amasi loluju. **23** Ngalolosuku, ezindaweni
zonke lapho okwakulamavini ayinkulungwane alingana
amashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane, kuzakuba lokhula
lameva kuphela. **24** Abantu bazakuya khona belamadandili
lemitshoko ngoba ilizwe lizakuba seligcwele ukhula
lameva. **25** Emaqaqeni wonke ake alinywa ngekhuba
kawusayikuya khona ngenxa yokwesaba ukhula lameva,
azakuba yindawo yokwelusela inkomo lamadlelo ezimvu.

8 UThixo wathi kimi, “Thatha isibhebhedu selitshe
esikhulu ulobe kuso ngolimi olujwayelekileyo ukuthi:
Maheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi (okutsho ukuthi: abaphanga
ukuhuquluza okuphangiweyo). **2** Ngizabiza u-
Uriya umphristi loZakhariya indodana kaJebherekhiya
njengabofakazi bami abathembekileyo.” **3** Ngemva
kwalokho ngaya kumphrofethikazi, wathatha isisu,
wazala indodana. UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Mbize
ngokuthi nguMaheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi. **4** Kuzakuthi

umfana engakakwazi ukuthi ‘Ubaba’ loba ‘Umama,’
inotho yaseDamaseko lempahla ethunjwe eSamariya
kuzathathwa yinkosi yase-Asiriya.” **5** UThixo wakhuluma
kimi futhi wathi: **6** “Ngenxa yokuthi abantu laba
sebewalile amanzi ageleza kuhle aseShilowa bethokozela
uRezini lendodana kaRemaliya, **7** ngakho-ke iNkosi
isiseduze ukubalethela izikhukhula zamanzi ezilamandla,
eziyinkosi yase-Asiriya lobukhosi bayo bonke, zivela
eYufrathe. Azachithekela ngaphandle kwayo yonke
imigelo yawo, ageleze phezu kwamakhumbi ayo wonke,
8 afohlele koJuda, agcwale kulo, adlule phakathi kwalo
efika entanyeni. Impiko zawo ezeluliweyo zizakwembesa
ububanzi belizwe lakho, Awu, Emanuweli!” **9** Hlabani
umkhosi wempi lina zizwe, lichithwe! Lalelani lonke lina
mazwe akude. Lungiselani impi, lichithwe! Lungiselani
impi lichithwe! **10** Lungisani icebo lenu, kodwa kalisoze
liphumelele: bumbani isu lenu, kodwa kaliyikuma,
ngoba uNkulunkulu ulathi. **11** UThixo wakhuluma kimi
isandla sakhe esilamandla siphezu kwami, engixwayisa
ukuba ngingalandeli indlela yalababantu. Wathi: **12**
“Ungabokuthi kungamacebo amabi konke abantu laba
abathi kungamacebo amabi; ungakwesabi abakwesabayo
njalo ungakuqhuqhi. **13** UThixo uSomandla nguye
okumele limazi engongcwele, nguye okumele limesabe,
nguye okumele limqhuqhe. **14** Uzakuba yisiphephelo;
kodwa kuzo zombili izindlu zako-Israyeli uzakuba
yilitshe elikhubekisa abantu ledwala elibenza bawe.
Ebantwini baseJerusalema uzakuba yisifu lomjibila. **15**
Inengi labo lizakhubeka; bazakuwa bephuke, bazathiywa

bathunjwe.” **16** Bopha ubufakazi besixwayiso, uqinise umthetho phakathi kwabafundi bakaNkulunkulu. **17** Ngizamlindela uThixo, ofihlela indlu kaJakhobe ubuso bakhe. Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye. **18** Mina ngilapha, kanye labantwana uThixo angiphe bona. Siyizibonakaliso lempawu ku-Israyeli ezivela kuThixo uSomandla, ohlala entabeni iZiyoni. **19** Nxa abantu bekutshela ukuthi buza abalamadlozi labalemimoya yobuthakathi, labanyenyezayo bengunguza, kambe abantu akumelanga babuzisise uNkulunkulu wabo na? Kungani abaphilayo libabuzela kwabafayo na? **20** Emthethweni lakubo ubufakazi! Nxa bengakhulumi ngokumayelana lelizwi leli, kabalakho ukukhanya kokusa. **21** Bazazula lelizwe behlulukelwe, belambile. Lapho sebephalwe yindlala, bazathukuthela, bathuke inkosi yabo loNkulunkulu wabo bekhangele phezulu. **22** Emva kwalokho bazakhangela emhlabeni babone usizi kuphela, lomnyama owesabekayo, njalo bazaphoselwa emnyameni opheleleyo.

9 Kodwa-ke akusayikuba khona ukudangala kulabo ababesosizini. Ensukwini ezedlulayo walithobisa ilizwe likaZebhuluni lelizwe likaNafithali. Kodwa ensukwini ezizayo uzayipha udumo iGalile yabezizweni, eNdleleni eya oLwandle elandela iJodani: **2** Abantu abahamba emnyameni sebebone ukukhanya okukhulu; kulabo abahlala elizweni lethunzi lokufa ukukhanya sekukhanyisile. **3** Usikhulisile isizwe wandisa intokozo yabo, bayathokoza phambi kwakho njengabantu bethokoza ekuvuneni, njengempi ithokoza isaba impango. **4** Ngoba njengamhla wokwehlulwa kukaMidiyani

usulephule ijogwe elibasindayo, umgoqo onqume emahlombe abo, intonga yomncindezeli wabo. **5** Lonke inyathela lebutho elisetshenziswe empini, kanye lazozonke izigqoko ezigiqwe egazini kuzakuya ekutshisweni; kuzakuba ngokokubasisa umlilo. **6** Ngoba sizalelwe umntwana, siphiwe indodana, umbuso uzakuba phezu kwamahlombe akhe. Uzabizwa ngokuthi uMeluleki Omangalisayo, uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uBaba Waphakade, iNkosana yokuThula. **7** Ukwanda kombuso wakhe lokuthula akuyikuba lomkhawulo. Uzabusa esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida laphezu kombuso wakhe, ewumisa njalo ewuqinisa ngokufaneleyo langokulunga, kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube nini lanini. Ukutshiseka kukaThixo uSomandla kuzakufeza lokhu. **8** INkosi isithumele ilizwi lesixwayiso kuJakhobe lizakwehlela phezu kuka-Israyeli. **9** Abantu bonke bazakwazi u-Efrayimi labakhele eSamariya, abathi ngokuzigqaja langokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo, **10** “Izitina sezidilikele phansi, kodwa sizakwakha njalo ngamatshe abaziweyo; imikhiwa isiganyulelwe phansi, kodwa sizafaka imisedari endaweni yayo.” **11** Kodwa uThixo usebaqinisele izitha zikaRezini, njalo usetshotshozele izitha zabo. **12** Ama-Aramu avela empumalanga lamaFilistiya avela entshonalanga asedle u-Israyeli ngomlomo ovulekileyo. Kodwa kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli, isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe. **13** Kodwa abantu abakabuyeli kuye owabatshayayo. Loba badinge uThixo uSomandla. **14** Ngakho uThixo uzaquma ko-Israyeli ikhanda

lomsila, ugatsha lwelala lomhlanga ngasuku lunye; **15** abadala lezikhulu balikhanda, abaphrofethi abafundisa amanga bangumsila. **16** Labo abakhokhela abantu laba bayabalahlekisa, labo abakhokhelwayo bayedukiswa. **17** Ngakho iNkosi kayiyikuthokoza ngezinsizwa zabo, izintandane labafelokazi kayiyikuba lozwelo kubo, ngoba bonke bayameyisa uNkulunkulu, njalo babi; imilomo yonke ikhuluma amanyala. Kodwa kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwayo akupheli, isandla sayo silokhu siphakanyisiwe. **18** Ngeqiniso ububi butshisa njengomlilo, budla ukhula lameva, buthungela izixuku zehlathi zivuthe amalangabi izikhatha zentuthu ziqonga zisiya phezulu. **19** Ngolaka lukaThixo uSomandla ilizwe lizatshiswa, abantu bazakuba zinkuni zomlilo, kakho ozaphephisa umfowabo. **20** Bazaqeda kwesokudla kodwa babe belokhu belambile; bazakudla kwesokhohlo, kodwa bangasuthi. Omunye lomunye uzakudla abantwabakhe: **21** UManase uzakudla u-Efrayimi, u-Efrayimi adle uManase; bobabili bazamelana loJuda. Kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli, isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

10 Maye kulabo abenza imithetho emibi, lakulabo ababhala izimiso ezincindezelayo, **2** ukuba kwamukwe abayanga amalungelo abo lokugodla okufaneleyo kwabantu bami abancindezelweyo; bazingela abafelokazi baqhwage izintandane. **3** Lizakwenzani ngosuku lokuthonisiswa lapho incithakalo isiza ivela khatshana? Lizabalekela kubani ukuba lithole usizo na? Lizayitshiya ngaphi inotho yenu? **4** Akukho okuzasala, kodwa ukuba baquthe phakathi kwabathunjiweyo loba

bafe lababuleweyo. Ikanti kukho konke lokhu,
ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli, isandla sakhe
silokhu siphakanyisiwe. **5** “Maye kum’Asiriya,
intonga yentukuthelo yami, esandleni sayo kulesagila
solaka lwami! **6** Ngimthumela ukuyamelana lesizwe
esingelankulunkulu, ngimthumela ukuyamelana labantu
abangithukuthelisayo, ukuba athumbe ahluthune impahla
yokuthunjwa, lokubanyathelela phansi njengodaka
ezindleleni. **7** Kodwa lokhu akusikho akujongileyo,
lokhu akusikho okusengqondweni yakhe; injongo
yakhe yikutshabalalisa, abhubhise izizwe ezinengi. **8**
Uthi, ‘Izinduna zami zebutho kazisimakhosi zonke
na? **9** IKhalino kaliphumelelanga njengeKharikhemishi
na? IHamathi kalinjenge-Ariphadi na? LeSamariya
kayinjengeDamaseko na? **10** Lanjengoba isandla sami
sabamba imibuso yezithombe, imibuso ezifanekiso zayo
zedlula ezeJerusalema lezeSamariya, **11** angiyikuliphatha
iJerusalema lezithombe zalo ngendlela engaphatha ngayo
iSamariya lezithombe zayo na?’” **12** Lapho uThixo
esewuqedile wonke umsebenzi wakhe mayelana lentaba
iZiyoni leJerusalema uzakuthi, “Ngizayijezisa inkosi yase-
Asiriya ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwayo lokuzazisa okubonakala
emehlweni ayo.” **13** Ngoba uthi: “‘Ngamandla esandla
sami langokuhlakanipha kwami sengenze lokhu ngoba
ngilokuqedisisa. Ngayisusa imingcele yezizwe, ngathumba
inotho yazo; njengolamandla nganqoba amakhosi azo.
14 Njengomuntu efinyelela isidleke senyoni, ngokunjalo
isandla sami safinyelela enothweni yezizwe, njengabantu
bebutha amaqanda atshiyiweyo, kanjalo ngaqoqa amazwe

wonke; akukho okwaphaphazelisa amaphiko loba okwavula umlomo wakho kwatshiyoza.'" **15** Konje ihloka liyaziphakamisela ngaphezu kwalowo olizulisayo na, loba isaha izincome imelane lalowo oyisebenzisayo na? Njengangathi induku izanyikinya lowo oyiphakamisayo, kumbe isagila sinyikinye lowo ongasiso sigodo! **16** Ngakho-ke, iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uzathumela isifo esicikizayo emabuthweni ayo aqinileyo; ngaphansi kobukhosi bayo kuzaphembeka umlilo njengelangabi elibhebhayo. **17** Ukukhanya kuka-Israyeli kuzakuba ngumlilo, oNgcwele wabo abe lilangabi, ngosuku olulodwa lizatshisa liqede ameva akhe lokhula lwakhe. **18** Ubuhle bamahlathi akhe lamasimu akhe avundileyo, uzakuqeda ngokupheleleyo njengalapho umuntu ogulayo ecikizeka. **19** Izihlahla zamahlathi ezisalayo zizakuba zilutshwana, okungathi lomntwana azibale. **20** Ngalolosuku insalela yako-Israyeli, abendlu kaJakhobe abasindayo, kabasayikwethemba kuye owabatshayayo wababhubhisa kodwa ngeqiniso bazathembela kuThixo, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **21** Insalela izabuyela, insalela kaJakhobe izabuyela kuSomandla uNkulunkulu. **22** Loba abantu bakho, we Israyeli, benjengetshebetshebe olwandle, kuzabuya insalela kuphela. Incithakalo isimenyezelwe, iyabakhulela kodwa ilungile. **23** INkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uzasifeza isimemezelo sokubhujiswa elizweni lonke. **24** Ngakho-ke lokho yikho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla akutshoyo: "Awu bantu bami abahlala eZiyoni, lingawesabi ama-Asiriya alitshaya ngentonga njalo lawo aliphakamisela isagila njengokwenziwa yiGibhithe. **25** Masinyane

ukulithukuthelela kwami kuzaphela, ulaka lwami luzaqondiswa ekubhujisweni kwabo.” **26** UThixo uSomandla uzabatshaya ngomchilo njengalapho atshaya iMidiyani edwaleni lase-Orebi, njalo uzaphakamisela intonga yakhe ngaphezu kwamanzi njengalokhu akwenza eGibhithe. **27** Ngalolosuku imithwalo yabo izasuswa emahlombe enu, lejogwe labo entanyeni zenu; ijogwe lizakwephulwa ngoba selizimukile. **28** Bayangena e-Ayathi; badabula phakathi kweMigironi; bagcina impahla eMikhimashi. **29** Badlula emkhandlwini bathi, “Ebusuku sizalala eGebha.” IRama liyathuthumela; iGibhiya likaSawuli liyabaleka. **30** Hlaba umkhosi, We! Ndodakazi kaGalimi, lalela we Layisha! Anathothi ozihawulelayo! **31** IMadimena iyabaleka; abantu baseGebhimu bazacatsha. **32** Ngalolosuku bazakuma kancane, kancane eNobhi, bazakhomba ngezinqindi zabo intaba yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni, eqaqeni lwaseJerusalema. **33** Khangelani, iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uzaquma ingatsha ngamandla amakhulu. Izihlahla ezidephileyo zizaqunywa. Ezinde zazo zizakwehliselwa phansi. **34** Ngehloka uzagamula izixuku zehlathi; iLebhanoni izakuwa phambi kwakhe olaMandla.

11 Ihlumela lizavela esidindini sikaJese; uGatsha oluhlume empandeni zakhe luzathela izithelo. **2** UMoya kaThixo uzakuba phezu kwakhe, uMoya wokuhlakanipha lowokuqedisisa, uMoya wokweluleka lowamandla, uMoya wokwazi lowokwesaba uThixo, **3** njalo uzathokoziswa yikwesaba uThixo. Kayikwahlulela ngalokho akubona ngamehlo akhe, loba aqume ngalokho akuzwa ngendlebe

zakhe; **4** kodwa abaswelayo uzabehlulela ngokulunga
athathe izinqumo ngabayanga basemhlabeni ngokulunga.
Uzatshaya umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe;
ngomoya wendebe zakhe uzabulala ababi. **5** Ukulunga
kuzakuba libhanti lakhe, ukwethembeka kube luzwezwe
ekhalweni lwakhe. **6** Impisi izahlala lezinyane lemvu,
ingwe izalala phansi lembuzi, ithole kanye lesilwane
kudle ndawonye; umntwana omncane akukhokhele.
7 Inkomokazi izakudla lebhele, amankonyane akho
alale ndawonye; njalo isilwane sizakudla utshani
njengenkabi. **8** Usane luzadlalela phansi komlindi
webululu, umntwana omncane angenise isandla sakhe
emlonyeni womlindi wenhlangwana. **9** Abayikulimaza
loba badilize kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele, ngoba
umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lukaThixo njengamanzi
egcwalisa ulwandle. **10** Ngalolosuku iMpande kaJese
izakuma njengophawu ebantwini; izizwe zizabuthana
kuye, indawo yakhe yokuphumula izakuba lodumo. **11**
Ngalolosuku uThixo uzakwelula isandla sakhe okwesibili
ukuba abuyise insalela zabantu bakhe abasala e-
Asiriya, eGibhithe, ePhathrosi, eTiyopiya, eKhushi, e-
Elamu, eShinari, eHamathi lasezihlengeni zolwandle. **12**
Uzaphakamisela izizwe uphawu aqoqe abaxotshwayo ko-
Israyeli. Uzahlanganisa abantu bakoJuda abahlakazekileyo
bevela emagumbini amane omhlaba. **13** Ubukhwele
buka-Efrayimi buzaphela, izitha zikaJuda zizaqunywa;
u-Efrayimi akayikukhwelezela uJuda, kumbe uJuda
abe lobutha ku-Efrayimi. **14** Bazahwitha phansi
emithezukweni yaseFilistiya ngasentshonalanga; bebonke

bazaphanga abantu basempumalanga. Bazanqoba i-Edomi leMowabi lama-Amoni azakuba ngaphansi kwabo. **15** UThixo uzacitsha umsele wolwandle lwaseGibhithe, ngomoya otshisayo uzadlulisa isandla sakhe phezu komfula uYufrathe. Uzawahlukanisa ube yizifula eziyisikhombisa ukuze abantu bawuchaphe befake amanyathelo. **16** Kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu wezinsalela zabantu bakhe abasele e-Asiriya, njengoba kwakunjalo ko-Israyeli ekubuyeni kwabo bevela eGibhithe.

12 Ngalolosuku wena uzakuthi: "Ngizakubonga Oh Thixo. Lanxa wawungithukuthelele ulaka lwakho seluphelile, njalo usungiduduzile. **2** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uyinsindiso yami; ngizathemba ngingesabi. UThixo, uThixo ngokwakhe ungamandla lengoma yami; usebe yinsindiso yami." **3** Ngentokozo uzakukha amanzi emithonjeni yensindiso. **4** Ngalolosuku uzakuthi: "Mbongeni uThixo, bizani ibizo lakhe, zaziseni izizwe ngalokhu akwenzileyo, limemezele ukuthi ibizo lakhe liphakeme. **5** Hlabelelani kuThixo, ngoba wenze izinto ezinhle kakhulu; lokhu kwenzeni kwazakale emhlabeni wonke. **6** Memezani kakhulu lihlabele ngokuthokoza, bantu baseZiyoni, ngoba mkhulu oNgcwele ka-Israyeli phakathi kwenu."

13 Leli yilizwi elimayelana leBhabhiloni elaboniswa u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi: **2** Phakamisa uphawu phezu koqaqa oluligceke, umemezele kubo, ubaqhwebe ngesandla ukuba bangene emasangweni asesikhosini. **3** Sengibalayile abangcwele bami, sengiwalayile amaqhawe

ami ukuba afeze ulaka lwami, lawo athokozela ukunqoba kwami. **4** Lalelani, umsindo phezu kwezintaba, onjengowexuku elikhulu. Lalelani, ukuxokozela phakathi kwemibuso njengezizwe zibuthana ndawonye! UThixo uSomandla ubutha ibutho elibuthela impi. **5** Bavela emazweni akude, emikhawulweni yamazulu, uThixo lezikhali zolaka lwakhe, ukuba kuchithwe ilizwe lonke. **6** Lilani ngoba usuku lukaThixo seluseduze. Luzafika njengokuchithakala okuvela kuSomandla. **7** Ngenxa yalokhu izandla zonke zizakuba buthakathaka, inhliziyo zabantu bonke zizaphela amandla. **8** Bazakuba lokwesaba okukhulu, baphathwe yibuhlungu losizi; bazabhinqika njengowesifazane ehelelwa. Bazakhangelana bemangele, ubuso babo bungamalangabi. **9** Khangelani usuku lukaThixo luyeza, usuku lwesihluku, ulaka lokuthukuthela okukhulu, ukwenza ilizwe lichitheke, kubhujiswe izoni eziphakathi kwalo. **10** Izinkanyezi zezulu lemithala yazo akuyikukhanyisa. Ilanga eliphumayo lizafiphazwa lenyanga ayiyikukhanyisa. **11** Umhlaba ngizawujezisa ngenxa yobubi bawo, lababi ngenxa yezono zabo. Ngizaqeda ukukloloda kwabazikhukhumezayo, ngehlise ukuzigqaja kwabalesihluku. **12** Ngizakwenza abantu basweleke okudlula igolide elicengekileyo, basweleke okudlula igolide lase-Ofiri. **13** Ngakho-ke ngizakwenza amazulu anyikinyeke; lomhlaba uzamazame endaweni yawo ngokuthukuthela kukaThixo uSomandla, ngosuku lolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo. **14** Njengempala ezingelwayo, lanjengezimvu ezingelamelusi, omunye lomunye uzabuyela ebantwini bakibo,

omunye lomunye uzabalekela elizweni lakibo. **15** Lowo ozathunjwa uzagwazwa; bonke abazabanjwa bazabulawa ngenkemba. **16** Izingane zabo zizamahlazelwa phambi kwamehlo abo; izindlu zabo zizakhuthuzwa, omkabo babanjwe ngodlakela. **17** Khangelani, ngizabavusela amaMede angelandaba lesiliva, njalo engalijabuleli legolide. **18** Imitshoko yawo izabulala izinsizwa; kawayikuba lozwelo ezinganeni loba abe lesihawu ebantwaneni. **19** IBhabhiloni, igugu lemibuso, ubukhazikhazi bokuziqhenya kwamaKhaladiya, lizachithwa nguNkulunkulu njengeSodoma leGomora. **20** Akuyikuhlalwa kulo futhi loba kwakhiwe kulo kuzozonke izizukulwane; akulama-Arabhu azamisa amathente awo khona, loba umelusi ozaphumuza imihlambi yakhe khona. **21** Kodwa izinyamazana zeganga zizahlala khona, amakhanka azahlala ezindlini zakhona lezikhova zizahlala khona, lamagogo aqolotshe khona. **22** Impisi zizakhala ezinqabeni zakhona, amakhanka ezindlini ezinhle zobukhosi. Isikhathi salo sesizafika njalo insuku zalo kaziyikwandiswa.

14 UThixo uzakuba lesihawu kuJakhobe; uzamkhetha njalo u-Israyeli, abahlalise elizweni labo. Abezizwe bazahlangana labo bamanyane lendlu kaJakhobe. **2** Izizwe zizabathatha zibase endaweni yabo. Indlu ka-Israyeli izathumba izizwe zibe yizisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane elizweni likaThixo. Bazakwenza abathumbi babo babe yizigqili, babuse abancindezeli babo. **3** Ngosuku uThixo azaliphumuza ngalo ekuhluphekeni, ekutshikatshikeni, lasebugqilini obulesihluku, **4** lizakutsho

la amazwi okukloloda enkosini yaseBhabhiloni lithi:
Umncindezeli usefikile ekucineni, ukuthukuthela kwakhe
sekuphelile! 5 UThixo useyephule intonga yababi,
induku yobukhosi eyababusi, 6 abatshaya abantu
ngokuthukuthela, langokugalela okungapheliyo, banqoba
izizwe ngentukuthelo langokuncindezela okungapheliyo.
7 Amazwe wonke alokuphumula lokuthula; aphahluka
ahlabelele izingoma. 8 Lezihlahla zamaphayini lemisedari
yaseLebhanoni ziyathokoza ngawe zithi, "Njengoba
khathesi usuwiselwe phansi akula ozakuzasigamula."
9 Ithuna ngaphansi liyanyakaza ukuba likuhlangabeze
ekufikeni kwakho. Livusa imimoya yabafayo ukuba
ikubingelele, bonke labo ababengababusi emhlabeni;
libenza basukume ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi, bonke labo
ababengamakhosi ezizwe. (Sheol h7585) 10 Bazaphendula
bonke, bazakuthi kuwe, "Lawe usubuthakathaka
njengathi, usube njengathi." 11 Bonke ubukhosi
bakho sebehliselwe phansi ethuneni, kanye lomsindo
wamachacho akho. Impethu zendlaliwe ngaphansi
kwakho, inhlavane zikwembesile. (Sheol h7585) 12 Yeka
ukuwa kwakho uvela ezulwini, wena nkanyezi yekuseni,
ndodana yokusa! Uphoselwe phansi emhlabeni, wena
owake wehlisela izizwe phansi! 13 Wathi enhliziyweni
yakho, "Ngizakwenyukela ezulwini, ngizaphakamisela
isihlalo sami sobukhosi ngaphezu kwezinkanyezi
zikaNkulunkulu; ngizahlala ebukhosini phezu kwentaba
yombuthano, ezingqongweni zentaba engcwele. 14
Ngizakwenyukela phezu kwezindawo eziphakemeyo
emayezini; ngizazenza ngibe njengoPhezukonke." 15

Kodwa ulethwe phansi ethuneni, ekuzikeni kwegodi.
(Sheol h7585) **16** Labo abakubonayo bakudonsela amehlo,
bayacabanga ngowakudalelwayo bathi: “Nguye lo
na umuntu owanyikinya umhlaba wenza imibuso
yaqhaqhazela, **17** umuntu owenza umhlaba waba
lugwadule, owadiliza amadolobho awo, kazavumela
abathunjwayo bakhe ukubuyela ekhaya na?” **18**
Wonke amakhosi ezizwe alele ebukhosini, enye
lenye ethuneni layo. **19** Kodwa wena uphoselwe
ngaphandle kwethuna lakho njengogatsha olulahliweyo;
welekwe ngababulawayo, lalabo abagwazwa ngenkemba,
labo abehlela ematsheni egodi. Njengesidumbu
esinyathelwe ngezinyawo, **20** kawuyikuhlangana labo
ekungcwatshweni; ngoba usulichithile ilizwe lakho
wabulala labantu bakini. Inzalo yababi kakungakhulunywa
ngayo futhi. **21** Lungisa indawo yokubulalela
abantwabakhe ngenxa yezono zabokhokho babo.
Kabamelanga bavuke ukuba bathathe ilizwe bagcwalise
umhlaba ngamadolobho abo. **22** “Ngizabavukela,”
kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Ngizakwesula iBhabhiloni
labasindayo abantwabakhe lezizukulwane,” kutsho
uThixo. **23** “Ngizalenza libe yindawo yezikhova
lelizwe elilixhaphozi. Ngizalithanyela ngomthanyelo
wencithakalo,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **24** UThixo
uSomandla ufungile wathi, “Ngeqiniso, njengoba
sengilungisile, kuzakuba njalo, njalo njengoba ngikumisile
kuzakuma kanjalo. **25** Ngizamchoboza um’Asiriya elizweni
lami; ezintabeni zami ngizamnyathelela phansi. Ijogwe
lakhe lizasuswa ebantwini bami, umthwalo wakhe

ususwe emahlombe abo.” **26** Lokhu yikho okumiselwe umhlaba wonke, lesi yisandla eselulelwe phezu kwezizwe zonke. **27** Ngoba uThixo uSomandla usenze isimiso, ngubani ongamvimbela na? Isandla sakhe siphakanyisiwe, ngubani ongasibuyisela emuva na? **28** Ilizwi leli lafika nyakana kusifa inkosi u-Ahazi: **29** Lingathokozi, lonke lina maFilistiya, lisithi intonga eyalitshayayo yephukile; ngoba empandeni yenyoka leyana kuzavela inhlangwana, inzalo yayo izakuba yinyoka elobuthi obutshokayo. **30** Abangabayanga kubayanga bazathola amadlelo, abaswelayo bazalala phansi bevikelekile. Kodwa impande yakho ngizayitshabalalisa ngendlala; izabulala abaseleyo bakho. **31** Lila wena sango! Bubula wena dolobho! Chithekani lonke lina maFilistiya! Iyezi lentuthu livela enyakatho; njalo akulamatshida eviyweni lalo. **32** Yimpendulo bani ezanikwa izithunywa zalesosizwe na? “UThixo useyakhile iZiyoni, abantu bakhe abahluphekileyo bazaphephela kuye.”

15 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leMowabi: I-Ari eMowabi itshabalalisiwe, idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa. IKhiri eMowabi itshabalalisiwe; idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa. **2** IDibhoni iya phezulu ethempelini layo; ezindaweni zayo eziphakemeyo ukuyalila; iMowabi ililela iNebho leMedebha. Amakhanda wonke aphuciwe; indevu zonke zigeliwe. **3** Ezindleleni bagqoka amasaka, phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu lasezindaweni zabantu bonke, bayalila bonke, baphele amandla ngokulila. **4** IHeshibhoni le-Eliyale kuyakhala, amazwi akho azwakala laseJahazi. Ngakho-ke amabutho aseMowabi ayakhala, inhliziyo

zawo zidangele. **5** Inhliziyo yami ikhalela iMowabi,
ababalekayo bayo babaleka baze bayefika kude eZowari;
kude njengase-Egilathi Shelishiya. Bahamba ngendlela
eya eLuhithi, bakhala ohanjweni lwabo; endleleni eya
eHoronayimi balilela ukubhujiswa kwabo. **6** Amanzi
aseNimirimi acitshile, utshani bubunile, uhlaza kalusekho,
akukho lutho oluluhlaza oluseleyo. **7** Ngakho inotho
abayizuzileyo bayigcina, bayithwalela ngaphetsheya
kweSifula semiDubu. **8** Ukuklabalala kwabo kuzwakele
emngceleni waseMowabi, ukukhala kwabo kufika kude
e-Egilayimi, ukulila kwabo kufika eBheri-Elimi. **9**
Amanzi aseDimoni agcwele igazi kodwa ngizajinge
ngilethe okunengi phezu kweDimoni, isilwane phezu
kwababalekayo baseMowabi, lakulabo abazasala elizweni.

16 Thumelani izimvu njengendlela yokuhlonipha
kumbusi welizwe evela eSela, edabula enkangala,
esiya entabeni yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni. **2** Njengenyoni
ephaphazelayo isuswe esidlekeni, banjalo abesifazane
baseMowabi emazibukweni ase-Arinoni. **3** UMowabi
uthi, "Zinzisani ingqondo zenu lenze isinqumo.
Yenzani isithunzi senu sibe njengobusuku emini
enkulu; bafihleni ababalekayo, linganikeli iziphepheli.
4 Vumelani iziphepheli zamaMowabi zihlale kini;
libe yisiphephelo sazo kubachithi." Umncindezeli
uzakufa, ukuchitheka kuzaphela, umhlaseli uzanyamalala
elizweni. **5** Ngothando, kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhosi;
ngokwethembeka, indoda izahlala kuso, ivela endlini
kaDavida, yona ethi ekwahluleleni ifune imfanelo, njalo
iphangisisa indlela yokulunga. **6** Sizwile ngokuzigqaja

kukaMowabi. Ukuzigqaja kwakhe kokuzikhukhumeza lokuzazisa, ukuzigqaja kwakhe lobuqholo bakhe, kodwa ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe kuyize. **7** Ngakho-ke abaseMowabi bayalila, balilela iMowabi bonke. Khalani libubulele izinkwa ezilezithelo zevini eKhiri-Haresethi. **8** Amasimu aseHeshibhoni ayabuna, anjalo lamavini aseSibhima. Ababusi bezizwe sebewanyathelele phansi amavini amahle kuqala ayefika eJazeri, njalo anda kusiya ngasenkangala. Amahlumela awo anaba aze ayafika ngasolwandle. **9** Ngakho ngiyakhala njengalokhu iJazeri ikhala, ngikhalela amavini aseSibhima. Awu Heshibhoni lawe Eliyale, ngilithambisa ngezinyembezi. Ukuklabalalela izithelo zenu esezivuthiwe ngentokozo lezivuno zenu sekuphelile. **10** Ukuthokoza lokuthaba akusekho ezivinini; kakho ohlabelayo loba amemeze ezivinini; kakho onyathela iwayini ezikhamelweni ngoba umsindo sengiwuqedile. **11** Inhliziyo yami ikhalela uMowabi njengechacho, ingaphakathi yami ikhalela iKhiri-Haresethi. **12** Lapho uMowabi evela endaweni yakhe ephakemeyo uyazidinisa nje kuphela; lalapho esiya endaweni yakhe yokukhonzela ukuba akhuleke akusizi lutho. **13** Leli yilizwi uThixo avele eselikhulumile ngoMowabi. **14** Kodwa khathesi uThixo uthi: “Phakathi kweminyaka emithathu, njengesisebenzi esibotshwe yisivumelwano singayibala, udumo lukaMowabi labantu bakhe bonke abanengi kuzakweyiswa, njalo abazasinda bakhona bazakuba balutshwana kakhulu njalo bengelamandla.”

17 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leDamaseko: “Khangela
iDamaseko kayisayikuba lidolobho kodwa izakuba
yinqumbi yamanxiwa. **2** Amadolobho ase-Aroyeri
azatshiywa, etshiyelwa imihlambi ezalala phansi
kungekho ozayenza yesabe. **3** Idolobho elivikelweyo
lizanyamalala ko-Efrayimi lamandla obukhosi eDamaseko;
insalela ka-Aramu izakuba njengodumo lwabako-
Israyeli,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **4** “Ngalolusuku
udumo lukaJakhobe luzakwehla; amafutha asemzimbeni
wakhe azancipha. **5** Kuzakuba njengalapho umvuni
evuna amabele amiyo evuna amabele ngengalo yakhe,
njenganxa umuntu edobha izikhwebu zamabele eSigodini
saseRefayi. **6** Ikanti ezinye izikhwebu zizasala, njengalapho
isihlahla se-oliva sibhuliwe, kusale ama-oliva amabili
loba amathathu ezingatsheni eziphezulu kakhulu,
amane loba amahlanu ezingabeni zezithelo,” kutsho
uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **7** Ngalolosuku abantu
bazathembela kuMenzi wabo amehlo abo aphendukele
koNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **8** Abayikuthembela ema-alithareni,
umsebenzi wezandla zabo, njalo kabayikuzinanza
izinsika zika-Ashera lama-alithare empepha enziwa
yiminwe yabo. **9** Ngalolosuku amadolobho abo
aqinileyo, abawatshiyayo ngenxa yama-Israyeli azafana
lezindawo ezatshiyelwa izixukwana lezihlahlanyana.
Konke kuzakuba yincithakalo. **10** Selimkhohliwe
uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wenu, kalilikhumbulanga iDwala,
inqaba yenu. Ngakho lanxa ligxumeka izihlahla
ezinhle, lihlanyele lamavini avela ezizweni, **11** lanxa
lingawenza akhule ngelanga elizawagxumeka ngalo,

loba liwenze ahlume ngekuseni eliwahlanyele ngayo, kodwa isivuno sizakuba yize ngosuku lwesifo lobuhlungu obungelaphekiyo. **12** Maye, ukuhlokoma kwezizwe ezinengi, zihlokoma njengokuhlokoma kolwandle! Yeka ukuxokozela kwezizwe, zihuba njengokuhuba kwamanzi amanengi! **13** Lanxa izizwe zihuba njengokugubhuza kwamanzi, nxa ezikhuza zibalekela khatshana, njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya emaqaqeni, lanjengothuli olubangwa yisivunguzane. **14** Kusihlwa kuba lokuthuthumela. Kungakasi, kabasekho. Lesi yiso isabelo salabo abasikhuthuzayo, isabelo salabo abasihlaselayo.

18 Maye ngelizwe elilokuphaphazela kwempiko emifuleni yaseKhushi, **2** elithuma izithunywa zihamba olwandle ngezikepe zemihlanga phezu kwamanzi. Hambani, zithunywa ezilejubane, liye ebantwini abade abalejwabu elibutshelezi, ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni zonke, isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo, esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula. **3** Lonke lina bantu bomhlaba, lina elihlala emhlabeni, lapho uphawu luphakanyiswa phezu kwezintaba lizalubona, lalapho uphondo lukhala lizaluzwa. **4** Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi: "Ngizakwala ngithule, ngikhangele ngisendaweni yami yokuhlala, njengokucwebezela kokutshisa ekukhanyeni kwelanga, lanjengenkungu yamazolo ngesikhathi sokuvuna." **5** Ngoba kungakavunwa, lapho ukukhahlela sekudlule, amaluba esesiba livini elivuthiweyo, uzaquma amahlumela ngamahloka okuthena, aqume lengatsha ezinabayo, azisuse. **6** Zonke

zizatshiyelwa izinyoni zasezintabeni ezidla inyama, lezinyamazana zeganga; izinyoni zizakudla ihlobo lonke, izinyamazana zeganga ubusika bonke. **7** Ngalesosikhathi izipho zizalethwa kuThixo uSomandla zivela ebantwini abade abalamajwabu abutshelezi, zivela ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni zonke. Isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo, esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula, izipho zizalethwa entabeni iZiyoni, endaweni yeBizo likaThixo uSomandla.

19 Isiphrofethi esimayelana leGibhithe sithi: Khangela uThixo ukhwele phezu kweyezi elilesiqubu esiza eGibhithe. Izithombe zaseGibhithe ziyathuthumela phambi kwakhe, njalo inhliziyo zamaGibhithe ziba buthakathaka ngaphakathi kwawo. **2** "Ngizadunga umGibhithe alwe lomGibhithe, umuntu uzakulwa lomfowabo, umakhelwane alwe lomakhelwane, idolobho lilwe ledolobho, umbuso ulwe lombuso. **3** AbaseGibhithe bazaphelelwa lithemba, njalo ngizakwenza amacebo abo abe yize; bazabuza izithombe lemimoya yabafayo, amadlozi lezanuse. **4** AbaseGibhithe ngizabanikela enkosini elesihluku, inkosi eyesabekayo izababusa," kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla. **5** Amanzi omfula azakutsha, umfula uzacitsha, wome. **6** Imigelo izanuka, izifula zaseGibhithe zizakwentsha zitshe. Imihlanga lebhuma kuzabuna, **7** kanjalo lezihlahlanyana emakhunjini kaNayili lapho umfula othela khona. Konke okuhlanyelwe eduzane loNayili Kuzakoma, kuphephukele khatshana Kungabikhona. **8** Abagoli benhlanzi bazababula balile, bonke abaphosa amawuka

kuNayili, loba abajika amambule emanzini bazaphela amandla. **9** Labo abasebenzisa isikusha bazadangala, abeluka ilineni elihle bazaphelelwa lithemba. **10** Izisebenzi zasemalenjini zizadana, njalo bonke abahola imiholo bazakuba lusizi. **11** Izikhulu zaseZowani azisilutho kodwa izithutha nje; abaluleki bakaFaro abahlakaniphileyo banika izeluleko zobuwula. Ungatsho kanjani kuFaro uthi, “Mina ngingomunye wamadoda ahlakaniphileyo, umfundi wamakhosi endulo?” **12** Khathesi bangaphi abantu bakini abahlakaniphileyo? Kabalitshengise balazise ngalokhu uThixo uSomandla asecebe ukukwenza emelana leGibhithe. **13** Izikhulu zaseZowani sezibe yizithutha, abakhokheli baseMemfisi bakhohlisiwe, abazinsika zabantu bakhona sebedukise iGibhithe. **14** UThixo usethele umoya wesiyezi phakathi kwabo; benza iGibhithe ibhadazele kukho konke ekwenzayo, njengesidakwa sidiyazela emahlanzweni aso. **15** Akulalutho iGibhithe engalwenza, ikhanda loba umsila, ugatsha lwelala loba umhlanga. **16** Ngalolosuku abaseGibhithe bazafana labesifazane. Bazathuthumela ngokwesaba isandla esiphakanyisiweyo uThixo uSomandla abaphakamisele sona. **17** Lelizwe lakoJuda lizaletha ukwesaba kwabaseGibhithe. Bonke okuzakhulunywa kubo ngoJuda bazathuthumela, ngenxa yalokho uThixo uSomandla aceba ukukwenza kubo. **18** Ngalolosuku amadolobho amahlanu aseGibhithe azakhuluma ulimi lwaseKhenani, afungele ukwethembeka kuThixo uSomandla. Elinye lawo lizathiwa liDolobho leNcithakalo. **19** Ngalolosuku kuzakuba le-alithari

likaThixo phakathi kwelizwe laseGibhithe, lelitshe lesikhumbuzo sikaThixo emngceleni walo. **20** Lizakuba yisibonakaliso lobufakazi kuThixo uSomandla elizweni laseGibhithe. Lapho bekhalaza kuThixo ngenxa yabancindezeli babo, uzabathumela umsindisi lomvikeli, abahlenge. **21** Kanjalo uThixo uzakwenza ukuba azakale kwabaseGibhithe, njalo ngalolosuku bazamvuma uThixo. Bazakhonza ngemihlatshelo langeminikelo yamabele; bazakwenza izifungo kuThixo, bazigcine. **22** UThixo uzatshaya iGibhithe ngesifo; uzabatshaya aphinde abasilise. Bazaphendukela kuThixo, njalo uzakuzwa imikhuleko yabo abasilise. **23** Ngalolosuku bazakuba lomgwaqo osuka eGibhithe usiya e-Asiriya. Abase-Asiriya bazakuya eGibhithe, abeGibhithe labo baye e-Asiriya. AbaseGibhithe labase-Asiriya bazakhonza ndawonye. **24** Ngalolosuku i-Israyeli izakuba ngeyesithathu kanye leGibhithe le-Asiriya kube yisibusiso emhlabeni. **25** UThixo uSomandla uzababusisa esithi, "Kayibusiswe iGibhithe abantu bami, i-Asiriya umsebenzi wezandla zami le-Israyeli ilifa lami."

20 Ngomnyaka indunankulu yebutho eyafika ngawo e-Ashidodi, ithunywe nguSagoni inkosi yase-Asiriya, yahlasela i-Ashidodi yayithumba, **2** ngalesosikhathi uThixo wakhuluma ngo-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathi kuye, "Susa isaka oligqokileyo emzimbeni wakho ukhuphe lamanyathela ezinyaweni zakho." Wenza njalo, wahamba nqunu njalo engagqokanga lutho ezinyaweni. **3** UThixo wasesithi, "Njengoba inceku yami u-Isaya ihambe nqunu njalo ingagqokanga lutho ezinyaweni

okweminyaka emithathu njengesibonakaliso lomhlolo
kwabaseGibhithe labaseKhushi, **4** ngokunjalo inkosi
yase-Asiriya izabaqhuba benqunu njalo bengafakanga
manyathela ezinyaweni abaseGibhithe abathunjiweyo
labaseKhushi abaxotshwayo elizweni lakibo, abatsha
labadala, izibunu zisegcekeni, kube lihlazo eGibhithe.
5 Labo ababethembe iKhushi bezincoma ngeGibhithe,
bazakwesaba bayangiswe. **6** Ngalolosuku abantu abahlala
kulelicele eliseduze kolwandle bazakuthi, 'Khangelani
osokwenzakale kulabo ebesigwaba ngabo, labo esabalekela
kubo ukuba sithole usizo lokukhululwa enkosini yase-
Asiriya! Pho sizaphepha kanjani na?'"

21 Isiphrofethi mayelana leNkangala engasoLwandle:
Njengesivunguzane sidlula eNegebi, umhlaseli uvela
enkangala evelela elizweni elesabekayo. **2** Ngitshengiswe
umbono owesabekayo. Umthengisi uyathengisa,
umkhuthuzi uthatha impahla. Elamu, hlasela! Mediya,
vimbezela! Mina ngizakuqeda konke ukububula
akudalileyo. **3** Ngalokhu umzimba wami uyafuthelwa,
ngiphethwe yibuhlungu obufana lobowesifazane
ehelelwa. Ngithithibaliswa yilokhu engikuzwayo,
ngidideka ngalokhu engikubonayo. **4** Inhliziyo yami
iphela amandla, ukwesaba kungenza ngiqhaqhazele;
ukuhlwa engibe ngikufisa, sekusesabeka kimi. **5**
Itafula bayilungisile, bendlala amalembu bayadla,
bayanatha. Sukumani lina zikhulu, ligcobe amahawu!
6 Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi: "Hamba
uyefaka umlindi ukuze abike akubonayo. **7** Angabona
izinqola zempi, kulemihlambi yamabhiza, abagadi phezu

kwabobabhemi loba abagadi phezu kwamakamela,
kaqaphele; aqaphelisise sibili." 8 Umlindi wasememeza
esithi, "Nkosi yami, usuku ngosuku ngiyema phezu
komphotshongo wokulinda; ubusuku ngabunye ngihlala
ensikeni yami. 9 Khangela, nangu umuntu esiza
esenqoleni yempi lomhlambi wamabhiza. Uphendula
esithi, 'IBhabhiloni isidilikile, isidilikile! Zonke izifanekiso
zezithombe zayo zihlakazekele phansi!'" 10 Awu bantu
bami elibhulelwe esizeni, ngilitshela engikuzwileyo
kuvela Thixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
11 Isiphrofethi esimayelana leDuma: Umuntu othile
uyangimemeza eseSeyiri, esithi, "Mlindi, kuyini
okwebusuku okusaseleyo? Mlindi, kuyini okwebusuku
okusaseleyo?" 12 Umlindi uphendula esithi, "Ukusa
kuyeza, kodwa lobusuku buyeza. Nxa ufuna ukubuza,
buza; uphinde ubuye futhi." 13 Isiphrofethi esimayelana
le-Arabhiya: Lina zindwendwe zabakoDedani ezimise
emahlabathini ase-Arabhiya, 14 lethelani abomileyo
amanzi; lina elihlala eThema, lethelani ababalekayo
ukudla. 15 Babalekela inkemba, inkemba eqhatshisiweyo,
babalekela idandili eligotshiweyo, lokutshisa kwempi.
16 Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi ukuthi:
"Phakathi komnyaka owodwa nje, njengendlela isisebenzi
esiqhatshiweyo esingawubala ngayo, lonke udumo
lweKhedari luzaphela. 17 Abasindayo kwabemitshoko,
amabutho aseKhedari, bazakuba balutshwana." UThixo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, usekhulumile.

22 Isiphrofethi ngesiGodi soMbono: Kuyini
okukukhathazayo khathesi, wena sewakhwela phezu

kwezimpahla zezindlu, **2** wena dolobho eligcwele iziphithiphithi, wena dolobho lokuxokozela lokuthokoza? Abafayo bakho ababulawanga ngenkemba, njalo kabafelanga empini. **3** Bonke abakhokheli bakho babaleke bebonke, bathunjiwe bengazange basebenzise mtshoko. Lonke lina elabanjwayo lathathwa ukuba libe yizibotshwa ndawonye, libalekile isitha sisesekhatshana. **4** Ngakho ngathi, "Sukani kimi; lingiyekele ngikhale kabuhlungu. Lingazami ukungiduduza ngenxa yokuchithwa kwabantu bakithi." **5** INkosi, uThixo uSomandla, ulosuku lokuxokozela lokugxoba lokwesaba eSigodini soMbono, usuku lokudiliza imiduli lokumemezela ezintabeni. **6** I-Elamu ithatha isikhwama semitshoko, labatshayeli balo bezinqola zempi, lamabhiza; iKhiri lambula ihawu. **7** Izigodi zakho ezinhle kakhulu zigcwele izinqola zempi, abagadi bamabhiza bamiswe emasangweni edolobho. **8** Ukuvikeleka kukaJuda kususiwe, Ngalolosuku wathemba izikhali eziseSigodlweni seHlathi, **9** wabona ukuthi iDolobho likaDavida lalilezikhala ezinengi ezivikelweni zalo; wagcina amanzi eSizibeni esingaPhansi. **10** Wabala izindlu zaseJerusalema, wazidiliza ukuze kuqiniswe umduli. **11** Phakathi kwemiduli yomibili wakha indawo yokugcinela amanzi eSiziba esiDala. Kodwa kawukhangelanga kuLowo owasenzayo, kumbe umnake Lowo owaceba ukusenza kudala. **12** Ngalolosuku iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, wakubiza ukuba ukhale ulile, usiphune inwele zakho, ugqoke isaka. **13** Kodwa khangela, kulokuthaba lokuthokoza, ukuhlatshwa kwezinkomo lokubalwa kwezimvu, ukudliwa kwenyama

lokunathwa kwewayini! Lithi, “Kasidleni sinathe, ngoba
kusasa sizakufa!” **14** UThixo uSomandla usekuvezile
lokhu ngisizwa: “Lesisono kasiyikuthethelelwa kuze kube
lusuku lwakho lokufa,” kutsho iNkosi, uThixo
uSomandla. **15** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yiNkosi, uThixo
uSomandla, uthi: “Hamba, uthi encekwini le, kuShebhina
ongumphathi wesigodlo: **16** Wenzani lapha, njalo
ngubani okuphe imvumo ukuba uzimbele ingcwaba
lapha, ugubha ingcwaba lakho endaweni ephezulu,
ugubha indawo yakho yokuphumula edwaleni?” **17**
Qaphela, sekuseduze ukuthi uThixo akubambe aqinise,
akuphosele khatshana, wena ndoda elamandla. **18**
Uzakugoqa ngokuqinisa akubumbe njengebhola
akuphosele elizweni elikhulu. Uzafela khonapho.
Lezigqoko zakho zempi ezinhle zizasala khonapho, wenza
ihlazo endlini yenkosi yakho! **19** Ngizakususa
esikhundleni sakho, njalo uzaxotshwa emsebenzini
wakho. **20** Ngalolosuku ngizabiza inceku yami, u-
Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya. **21** Ngizamgqokisa
izembatho zakho, ngimbophe ngebhanti lakho, ngimnike
amandla akho. Uzakuba nguyise walabo abahlala
eJerusalema lakwabendlu kaJuda. **22** Ngizabeka phezu
kwamahlombe akhe isivulo sendlu kaDavida; akuvulayo
kakho ongakuvala. **23** Ngizambethela njengesikhonkwane
endaweni eqinileyo; uzakuba yisihlalo sobukhosi
sasendlini kayise. **24** Lonke udumo lwakwabo luzakuba
kuye, inzalo yakhona lezizukulwane zonke, izitsha
zakhona ezincinyane, kusukela emiganwini kusiya
enkonxeni zonke. **25** “Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uThixo

uSomandla, “isikhonkwane esabethelwa endaweni eqinileyo sizakhumuka; sizaqunywa siwe, umthwalo ophezu kwaso uzawela phansi.” UThixo usekhulumile.

23 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leThire: Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi! Ngoba iThire selichithiwe lasala lingaselandlu kumbe indawo yokungenisa imikhumbi. Ilizwi selifikile kibo livela elizweni laseKhithimi. **2** Thulani lina bantu basesihlengeni lani bathengi baseSidoni, asebanothiswa ngabahambi bolwandle. **3** Amabele aseShihori eza ephezu kwamanzi, isivuno saseNayili sasiyinzuzo yeThire, njalo yaba yindawo yezizwe yokuthengiselana. **4** Woba lenhloni wena Sidoni, lawe wena nqaba yasolwandle ngoba ulwandle selukhulumile lwathi: kangizange ngihelelwe kumbe ngizale; “Kangizange ngondle amadodana kumbe ngikhulise amadodakazi.” **5** Lapho ilizwi lifika eGibhithe bazakuba lusizi ngombiko ovela eThire. **6** Khuphukelani ngaseThashishi; khalani lina bantu basesihlengeni. **7** Leli yilo na idolobho lenu lentokozo, idolobho elidaladala, elinyawo zalo zalithatha ukuyalihlalisa emazweni akude? **8** Ngubani ocebe lokhu ngeThire, umethesi wemiqhele, abathengisi bayo bangamakhosana, abathengisi bayo badumile emhlabeni? **9** UThixo uSomandla wakuceba lokhu, ukwehlisa ukuzigqaja kwenkazimulo yonke lokuthobisa bonke abalodumo emhlabeni. **10** Lima insimu yakho malungana leNayili wena Ndodakazi yaseThashishi ngoba kawuselayo indawo yokungenisa imikhumbi. **11** UThixo useselulele isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle wenza imibuso yalo yanyikinyeka. Usekhuphe

umlayo ngeKhenani ukuba izinqaba zayo zidilizwe. **12** Wathi, “Akusekho ukuthokoza kwakho wena Ndodakazi Egcweleyo yaseSidoni esichoboziwe! Vuka ukhuphukele ngaseKhithimi; lakhona awuyikuthola ukuphumula.” **13** Khangela elizweni lamaKhaladiya, abantu laba khathesi abangaselutho! Abase-Asiriya sebelenze laba yindawo yezidalwa zeganga; bakhe imiphotshongo yabo yokuzivikela, bazibhidlizile izinqaba zalo balenza laba lunxiwa. **14** Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi, inqaba yenu idiliziwe! **15** Ngalesosikhathi iThire izakhohlakala okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ibanga lokuphila kwenkosi. Kodwa ekupheleni kwaleyominyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, eThire kuzakwenzakala okunjengokutshiwo yingoma yewule ukuthi: **16** “Thatha ichacho, uhambahambe phakathi kwedolobho wena wule elikhohlakeleyo. Litshaye kuhle ichacho, uhlabele izingoma ezinengi, ukuze ukhunjulwe.” **17** Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa uThixo uzakhumbula iThire. IThire lizabuyela ekuthengiseni kwalo njengesifebe, njalo lizabuyela emsebenzini walo wokuthengiselana lemibuso yonke esemhlabeni. **18** Inzuzo lemiholo yalo kuzakwahlukaniselwa uThixo; kakuyikulondolozwa loba kubuthelelwe. Inzuzo yalo izakuya kulabo abahlala loThixo ukuba babe lokudla okunengi lezigqoko ezinhle.

24 Khangela, uThixo uzabhidliza umhlaba utshabalale; uzawuchitha, ahlakaze abahlala kuwo. **2** Kuzafanana okuzenziwa kumphristi kuzenziwa lasebantwini, okuzenziwa enkosini kuzenziwa lasencekwini, okuzenziwa

enkosikazini kuzenziwa lasencekukazini, okuzenziwa kumthengisi kuzenziwa lakumthengi, okuzenziwa kowebolekayo kuzenziwa lakumebolekisi, okuzenziwa kokweledayo kuzenziwa lakokweledisayo. **3** Umhlaba uzatshabalaliswa nya uphangwe uqedwe du. UThixo uselikhulumile ilizwi leli. **4** Umhlaba uyoma ubune, umhlaba uyahodoza ubune, abaphakemeyo bomhlaba bayahodoza! **5** Umhlaba ungcoliswa ngabantu bawo. Kabayilalelanga imithetho, beqe imilayo bephula isivumelwano esingapheliyo. **6** Ngakho-ke umhlaba uchithwa yisiqalekiso; abantu bawo kumele bahlupheke ngenxa yokona kwabo. Ngakho abantu abahlala emhlabeni bayatshiswa, njalo balutshwana kakhulu abaseleyo. **7** Iwayini elitsha liyaphela, amavini ayabuna; bonke abenza umsindo bejabula bayabubula. **8** Ukukhala kwamagedla kuthulisiwe, umsindo wabajabulayo usuphelile, ichacho lentokozo selithule. **9** Kabasanathi iwayini behlabela, utshwala buyababa kubanathi babo. **10** Idolobho elidilikileyo litshabalele; iminyango yezindlu zonke ivalekile. **11** Emigwaqweni bakhalela iwayini, yonke intokozo iba yikudana, ukujabula konke kuphelile emhlabeni. **12** Idolobho lisele selingamanxiwa, isango lalo libhidlizwe laba yizicucu. **13** Kuzakuba njalo emhlabeni laphakathi kwezizwe, njengalapho isihlahla som'oliva sinyikinywa, loba njengezithelo ezitholwa emva kokuvunwa kwamavini. **14** Baphakamisa amazwi abo, bahlabele ngentokozo; bememezela ubukhosi bukaThixo bengasentshonalanga. **15** Ngakho-ke dumisani uThixo empumalanga; phakamisani uThixo,

uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ezihlengeni zolwandle. **16** Sizwa ukuhlabelela okuvela emikhawulweni yomhlaba:
“Udumo kalube koLungileyo.” Kodwa mina ngathi,
“Ngiyacikizeka, ngiyacikizeka! Maye mina! Abakhohlisi bayaceba! Ngenkohliso abakhohlisi bayaceba!” **17** Ukwesaba, igodi lomjibila kulilindele, lina bantu basemhlabeni. **18** Loba ngubani obalekela umsindo wokwesaba uzawela egodini; loba ngubani ophumayo egodini uzabanjwa ngumjibila. Amasango asezulwini avuliwe, izisekelo zomhlaba ziyanyikinyeka. **19** Umhlaba usubhidlikile, umhlaba usudabuke phakathi, umhlaba usunyikinywe impela. **20** Umhlaba udiyazela njengesidakwa, uzunguzeka njengendlu kulesiphepho; siwusinda kangaka isono sokuhlamuka kwawo uze uwe, awuyikuvuka futhi. **21** Ngalolosuku uThixo uzajezisa amabutho asemazulwini phezulu lamakhosi emhlabeni ngaphansi. **22** Bazabuthelwa ndawonye njengezibotshwa zibotshiwe emgodini oyintolongo. Bazavalelwa entolongweni bajeziswe emva kwensuku ezinengi. **23** Inyanga izayangeka, ilanga libelenhloni; ngoba uThixo uSomandla uzabusa ngenkazimulo phezu kweNtaba iZiyoni laphakathi kweJerusalema, laphambi kwabadala bakhona.

25 Oh Thixo, wena unguNkulunkulu wami; ngizakudumisa ngibabaza ibizo lakho ngoba ngokuthembeka okupheleleyo, wenze izinto ezimangalisayo, izinto ezamiswa endulo. **2** Wenze idolobho laba yinqwaba yemfucuza; idolobho elivikelweyo laba lunxiwa, inqaba yabezizweni kayiseyilo

dolobho; kayiyikwakhiwa futhi. **3** Ngakho-ke abantu
abalamandla bazakudumisa, amadolobho ezizwe
ezilolunya azakwesaba. **4** Ubuyisiphephelo sabayanga,
isiphephelo soswelayo osizini lwakhe, isivikelo phakathi
kwesiphepho lomthunzi ekutshiseni kwelanga. Ngoba
umoya wabalesihluku unjengesiphepho sitshayeka
emdulini, **5** lanjengokutshisa kwasenkangala. Wena
uthulisa umsindo wabezizweni; njengokutshisa
kusehliswa ngumthunzi weyezi, ithuliswa kanjalo
lengoma yaba lesihluku. **6** Phezu kwale intaba uThixo
uSomandla uzakwenzela abantu bonke idili lokudla
okumnandi, idili lewayini elidala, inyama enhle kakhulu
lewayini elihle kakhulu. **7** Phezu kwale intaba uzadiliza
isembeso esimboze abantu bonke, ilembu elembese
izizwe zonke; **8** uzakuginya kokuphela ukufa. UThixo
Wobukhosi uzakwesula inyembezi ebusweni babantu
bonke; uzasusa ihlazo labantu bakhe emhlabeni wonke.
UThixo usekhulumile. **9** Ngalolosuku bazakuthi,
“Ngempela lo nguNkulunkulu wethu; sethemba kuye,
wasikhulula. Lo nguThixo, sethemba kuye; kasithokozeni
sithabe ngokusisindisa kwakhe.” **10** Isandla sikaThixo
sizahlala phezu kwalintaba; kodwa uMowabi
uzanyathelelwa ngaphansi ezweni lakhe njengotshani
bunyathelelwa phansi emqubeni. **11** Bazakwelulela
izandla zabo kuye, njengenhlambi iselula izandla zayo
ukuba intsheze. UNkulunkulu uzakuqeda ukuzigqaja
kwabo phezu kokuhlakanipha kwezandla zabo. **12**
Uzadiliza izinqaba zenu eziphakemeyo azibhidlizele

phansi; uzazidilizela phansi emhlabathini, kulo kanye uthuli.

26 Ngalolosuku ingoma le izahlatshelwa elizweni lakoJuda: Siledolobho eliqinileyo; uNkulunkulu wenza ukusindisa kube yimiduli yalo lezivikelo. **2** Vulani amasango ukuze isizwe esilungileyo singene, isizwe esigcina ukuthembeka. **3** Lizamemeza abe lokuthula okupheleleyo lowo olengqondo ebambelelayo, ngoba wethemba kuwe. **4** Thembani uThixo kokuphela, ngoba uThixo, uThixo ngokwakhe, uliDwala laphakade. **5** Ubehlisela phansi abahlala engqongeni; ulehlisela phansi idolobho eliphakemeyo, ulidilizela emhlabathini, aliphosele phansi othulini. **6** Inyawo zilinyathelela phansi, inyawo zabancindezelweyo, amanyathelo abayanga. **7** Indlela yabalungileyo iqondile; awu wena oQotho, wenza indlela yabalungileyo ibe butshelezi. **8** Yebo, Thixo, sihamba endleleni yemithetho yakho, siyakulindela; ibizo lakho lodumo lwakho kulangathelelwa zinhliziyo zethu. **9** Umphefumulo wami uyakulangazelela ebusuku, ekuseni umoya wami uyakukhumbula. Lapho ukwahlulela kwakho kufika emhlabeni, abantu basemhlabeni bayakufunda ukulunga. **10** Lanxa ababi betshengiswa umusa, kabakufundi ukulunga; laselizweni lokulunga baqhubeka besenza okubi, bengabunaki ubukhosi bukaThixo. **11** Oh Thixo, isandla sakho siphakanyiselwe phezulu, kodwa kabasiboni. Babonise ukutshisekela kwakho abantu bakho bayangiswe; umlilo olungiselwe izitha zakho kawubaqede. **12** Thixo, usilethela ukuthula; konke esesikufezile sikwenzelwe nguwe. **13** Oh Thixo,

Nkulunkulu wethu, amanye amakhosi ngaphandle kwakho
ake asibusa, kodwa ibizo lakho yilo lodwa esilidumisayo. **14**
Khathesi asafa, kawasaphili; imimoya leyana eyahambayo
kayivuki. Wawajezisa, wawatshabalalisa; wesula konke
ukukhunjulwa kwawo. **15** Usandisile isizwe, Oh
Thixo; usandisile isizwe. Uzilethele udumo; uyiqhelisile
yonke imikhawulo yelizwe. **16** Thixo, beza kuwe
ekuhluphekeni kwabo; kwathi lapho usubajezisile
banelisa ukunyenyeza umkhuleko. **17** Njengowesifazane
okhulelweyo lapho esezabeletha uyabhinqika ekhaliswa
yibuhlungu, lathi sabanjalo phambi kwakho, Oh Thixo. **18**
Sasikhulelwe, sabhinqika ebuhlungwini, kodwa sazala
umoya. Kasilethanga nsindiso emhlabeni; kasibazalelanga
lutho abantu basemhlabeni. **19** Kodwa abafileyo bakho
bazaphila Thixo, imizimba yabo izavuka. Lina elihlala
othulini, vukani lihlabelele ngentokozo. Amazolo enu
afana lamazolo ekuseni; umhlaba uzabaveza abafileyo
bawo. **20** Hambani bantu bami, ngenani ezindlini zenu,
lizivalele phakathi; lizifihle okwesikhatshana ulaka lwakhe
luze luphele. **21** Khangelani, uThixo uyaphuma lapho
ahlala khona ukuba ajezise abantu basemhlabeni ngenxa
yezono zabo. Umhlaba uzaveza igazi elachithwa kuwo;
kawusayikubafihla ababulawayo bawo.

27 Ngalolosuku, uThixo uzajezisa ngenkemba yakhe,
inkemba yakhe eyesabekayo, enkulu njalo elamandla,
uLeviyathani inyoka endizayo, uLeviyathini inyoka
egoqanayo; uzayibulala inunu yasolwandle. **2** Ngalolosuku:
“Hlabelani ngesivini esithela izithelo. **3** Mina Thixo,
ngiyasilinda; ngiyasithelezela kokuphela. Ngisilinda

emini lebusuku ukuze kungabikhona owenza okubi kuso. **4** Angithukuthelanga. Sengathi kungabe kulokhula lameva okumelana lami! Bengizakulanda ngilwe lakho empini; bengizakutshisa konke ngomlilo. **5** Loba phela kabeze bazephephela kimi; kabenze ukuthula lami, yebo, kabenze ukuthula lami." **6** Ensukwini ezizayo uJakhobe uzagxila, u-Israyeli uzahluma akhahlele agcwalise umhlaba wonke ngezithelo. **7** UThixo usemtshayile na njengokutshaya kwakhe abamtshayayo? Usebulewe na njengokubulawa kwalabo abambulalayo? **8** Ngempi langokumxotsha elizweni ulwe laye, ngesiphepho sakhe esesabekayo umsusela phandle, njengamhla kuvunguza umoya wasempumalanga. **9** Ngalokhu-ke ukona kukaJakhobe kuzahlawulelwa, njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisithelo esigcweleyo esokususwa kwesono sakhe: Lapho esenza wonke amatshe e-alithare abe njengamatshe ekalaga avuthuzwe izicucu, akulazinsika zika-Ashera kumbe ama-alithare empepha azatshiywa emi. **10** Idolobho elivikelweyo libhidlikile, indawo yokuhlala etshiyiweyo, yadelwa njengenkangala; lapho asesidla khona amathole lapho alala khona phansi; aphundla ingatsha zalo zisale zize. **11** Lapho ingatsha zalo sezomile, ziyephulwa kuze abesifazane babase umlilo ngazo. Ngoba laba ngabantu abangelakuzwisisa; ngakho uMenzi wabo kalasihawu kubo, loMdali wabo akayikuba lomusa kubo. **12** Ngalolosuku uThixo uzabhula kusukela kuYufrathe ogelezayo kusiya eMhotsheni waseGibhithe, njalo lina abako-Israyeli lizabuthwa munye ngamunye. **13** Njalo ngalolusuku kuzakhaliswa icilongo elikhulu. Labo

ababelahlekele elizweni lase-Asiriya lababexotshelwe elizweni laseGibhithe bazabuya bakhonze uThixo phezu kwentaba engcwele eJerusalema.

28 Maye kulowomqhele wamaluba, iqhono lezidakwa zako-Efrayimi, kuluba elibunayo, ubuhle obukhazimulayo, obubekwe ngaphezulu kwesigodi esivundileyo, kulelodolobho, iqhono lalabo asebelaliswe liwayini phansi! **2** Khangelani, uThixo ulaye olamandla oqinileyo. Njengesiqhotho lomoya odilizayo, njengezulu lesiphepho lesihlambi esilamandla, uzakuphosa phansi ngamandla amakhulu. **3** Umqhele lowo wamaluba, iqhono lezidakwa zako-Efrayimi kuzanyathelwa ngaphansi kwezinyawo. **4** Leliyaluba elibunayo, ubuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo, kuhlanyelwe ngaphezu kwesigodi esivundileyo, lizakuba njengomkhiwa ovuthiweyo kungakavunwa okuthi khonokho nje omunye ewubona awukhe ngesandla awuginye. **5** Ngalolosuku uThixo uSomandla uzakuba ngumqhele okhazimulayo, umqhele wamaluba omuhle kulabo abayizinsalela zabantu bakhe. **6** Uzakuba ngumoya wokulunga kulowo owahlulelayo, umthombo wamandla kulabo ababuyisela impi emuva isisesangweni. **7** Lalaba bayadiyazela ngenxa yewayini, babhadazele ngenxa yotshwala. Abaphristi labaphrofethi bayadiyazela ngenxa yotshwala, njalo baphambene ngenxa yewayini; bayabhadazela ngenxa yotshwala, bayadiyazela, lapho bebona imibono, bayakhininda lapho besenza izinqumo. **8** Amatafula wonke agcwele amahlanzo njalo akulandawo engelamanyala. **9** "Ngubani lowo ozama ukumfundisa?

Umbiko wakhe uwuchazela bani na? Abantwana abangasamunyi, kumbe abalunyuliweyo na? **10** Ngoba kumi kanje: Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya, umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya; ingcosana lapha, lengconsana laphayana." **11** Kungasenani, ngezindebe zabezizweni langolimi olungaziwayo, uNkulunkulu uzakhuluma lalababantu, **12** atshoyo kubo wathi, "Le yindawo yokuphumula, abadiniweyo kabaphumule"; njalo, "Le yindawo yokucambalala," kodwa kabalalelanga. **13** Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo kubo lizakuba ngelithi: Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya, umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya, ingcosana lapha, ingcosana laphaya, ukuze bahambe bawe nyovane, balimale, bathiywe, bathunjwe. **14** Ngakho-ke zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lina bantu abaklolodayo, ababusa abantu laba eJerusalema. **15** Lizitshaya izifuba lisithi, "Senze isivumelwano lokufa, senza isivumelwano lethuna. Nxa isijeziso esikhulu sifika, kasiyikusithinta, ngoba senze amanga aba yisiphephelo sethu lenkohliso yaba yindawo yethu yokucatsha." **(Sheol h7585)** **16** Ngakho lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo woBukhosi: "Khangelani, ngibeka ilitshe eZiyoni, ilitshe elihloliweyo, ilitshe lengosi eliligugu; elesisekelo esiqinisekileyo, lowo othembayo akayikuphela amandla. **17** Ngizakwenza okufaneleyo kube yintambo yokulinganisa, ukulunga kube yintambo yokuqondisa; isiqhotho sizakhukhula isiphephelo senu, amanga, lamanzi azagabhela indawo yenu yokucatsha. **18** Isivumelwano senu lokufa sizakwesulwa; isivumelwano senu lengcwaba kasiyikuma. Lapho isijeziso esikhulu

sifika sizalilahla phansi. **(Sheol h7585)** **19** Ngazozonke izikhathi esizafika ngazo sizalithatha; ukusa ngokusa, emini lebusuku, sizalikhukhula." Ukulizwisisa ilizwi leli kuzaletha ukwesaba khona ngokwakho. **20** Umbheda mfitshane kakhulu ukuba unabe kuwo, ingubo incane kakhulu ukuba ugoqelwe ngayo. **21** UThixo uzavuka njengalokho akwenzayo entabeni iPherazimu; uzathukuthela njengaseSigodini seGibhiyoni, ukuba enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi oyisimanga, enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi ongaziwayo. **22** Khathesi-ke yekelani ukukloloda kwenu funa amaketane elibotshwe ngawo alisinde kakhulu; iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla usengitshele ngesimiso sokutshabalalisa ilizwe lonke. **23** Lalelani lizwe ilizwi lami; lalelani lizwe engikutshoyo. **24** Lapho umlimi elima ukuba ahlanyele, ulima kokuphela na? Uqhubeka elima umhlabathi ewubhuqa kokuphela na? **25** Nxa umhlabathi esewendlale kuhle, kahlanyeli ikharawayi ahlanyele lekhumini na? Kahlanyeli ingqoloyi endaweni yayo; ibhali ensimini yayo, lespelithi ensimini yaso na? **26** UNkulunkulu wakhe uyamfundisa, amfundise indlela eqondileyo. **27** Ikharawayi kayibhulwa ngesileyi; lenqola kayihanjiswa phezu kwekhumini, kodwa ikharawayi ibhulwa ngentonga, kuthi ikhumini ibhulwe ngombhulo. **28** Amabele kumele acholwe ukuba kwenziwe isinkwa, ngakho umuntu kawabhuli kokuphela. Lanxa ehambisa inqola yakhe yokubhula phezu kwawo, amabhiza akhe kawawacholi. **29** Konke lokhu lakho kuvela kuThixo uSomandla omangalisayo ngokweluleka, njalo olenhlakanipho emangalisayo.

29 Maye kuwe Ariyeli, Ariyeli, idolobho uDavida
ahlala kulo! Yengezelela umnyaka emnyakeni Wenze
ukulandelana kwemikhosi yakho kuqhubeke. **2** Ikanti i-
Ariyeli ngizalivimbezela, lizakhala lilile, kimi lizafana
leziko le-alithari. **3** Ngizakuhlasela amacele wonke,
ngizakuzungeza ngemiphotshongo ngikuvimbezele
ngemisebenzi yokukuhlasela. **4** Nxa usudilizelwe phansi,
uzakhuluma uphansi, inkulumo yakho ayiyikuzwakala
ivela othulini. Ilizwi lakho lizafana lelethonga liphuma
phansi emhlabathini. Ilizwi lakho lizanyenyeza liphuma
othulini. **5** Kodwa izitha zakho ezinengi, zizakuba
njengothuli olucolekileyo, amaxuku alesihluku afane
lamakhoba aphephukayo. Masinyazana, ngesikhatshana
nje, **6** UThixo uSomandla uzafika ngomdumo
langokunyikinyeka komhlaba langomsindo omkhulu;
ngesiphepho langesivunguzane langamalangabi omlilo
oqothulayo. **7** Lapho-ke amaxuku ezizwe zonke
ezilwa le-Ariyeli, ayihlaselayo kanye lezinqaba zayo,
njalo eyizungezile, azakuba njengephupho, lilombono
webusuku, **8** njengomuntu olambileyo ephupha esidla,
kodwa aphaphame ukulamba kwakhe kulokhu kunjalo,
lanjengalapho umuntu owomileyo ephupha enatha
kodwa aphaphame engelamandla, ukoma kwakhe
kungaphelanga. Kuzakuba njalo lakumaxuku ezizwe zonke
ezilwa leNtaba iZiyoni. **9** Thithibalani limangale, zenzeni
iziphofu lingabe lisabona; dakwani kodwa kungabi ngenxa
yotshwala. **10** UThixo ulehlisele ubuthongo obukhulu:
uwavalile amehlo enu (abaphrofethi); wagubuzela
amakhanda enu (izanuse). **11** Kini umbono wonke lo

kawusilutho kodwa amazwi nje avalelwe encwadini egoqiweyo. Njalo nxa incwadi leyo liyiqhubela umuntu okwaziyo ukubala lithi kuye, “Ake ubale lokhu,” uzaphendula athi, “Anganelisi, ngoba ivaliwe.” **12** Loba nxa incwadi leyo liyiqhubela umuntu ongakwaziyo ukubala lithi kuye, “Ake ubale lokhu,” uzaphendula athi, “Angikwazi ukubala.” **13** UThixo uthi: “Abantu laba basondela kimi ngemilomo yabo bangikhonze ngezindebe zabo, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikude lami; ukungikhonza kwabo kwenziwa kuphela nje ngemilayo abayifundiswa ngabantu. **14** Ngakho-ke abantu laba ngizaphinda ngibethuse ngesimanga phezu kwesimanga; inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo izaphela, ulwazi lwezazi lunyamalale.” **15** Maye kulabo abatshona phansi ukuba bafihlele uThixo amacebo abo, abenzela imisebenzi yabo emnyameni bacabange bathi, “Ngubani osibonayo? Ngubani ozakwazi?” **16** Lina lihlanekela izinto kube sengathi kucatshangwa ukuthi umbumbi unjengebumba. Okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kokubumbileyo kuthi, “Kangibumbanga”? Imbiza ingatsho na kumbumbi ithi, “Kazi lutho”? **17** Ngesikhatshana esifitshane nje, iLebhanoni kayiyikuphendulwa ibe yinsimu evundileyo, kuthi insimu evundileyo ifane legusu na? **18** Ngalolosuku izacuthe zizawezwa amazwi omqulu, njalo ekukhanyeni lebumnyameni amehlo eziphofu abone emnyameni omkhulu. **19** Abathobekileyo bazathokoza futhi kuThixo, abaswelayo bazathokoza koNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **20** Abalesihluku bazanyamalala, abahleka usulu abayikuba khona, bonke abathanda ukwenza

okubi bazabhujiswa, **21** labo abenza umuntu abe lecala
ngokufakaza amanga, abathiya umvikeli enkundleni
yamacala, kuthi ngobufakazi obungamanga benze
omsulwa angehlulelwa ngemfanelo. **22** Ngakho-ke
lokhu yikho uThixo owahlenga u-Abhrahama akutshoyo
kwabendlu kaJakhobe: "UJakhobe kasayikuba lenhloni,
ubuso bakhe kabusayikudana. **23** Lapho bebona abantwana
babo, umsebenzi wezandla zami, bazakwenza ibizo
lami libengcwele; bazabubona ubungcwele boNgcwele
kaJakhobe, njalo bazamesaba uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **24**
Abalahlekileyo emoyeni bazakuba lokuzwisisa; abasolayo
bazavuma ukufundiswa."

30 "Maye ebantwaneni abalobuqholo," kutsho uThixo,
"kulabo abafeza amacebo angasiwami, abenza
isivumelwano, kodwa kungesi ngoMoya wami, besengeza
isono phezu kwesono; **2** labaya eGibhithe bengabuzanga
kimi; abadinga usizo lokuvikelwa nguFaro, lomthunzi
wokuphephela eGibhithe. **3** Kodwa-ke ukuvikelwa
nguFaro kuzakuba lihlazo kini, umthunzi weGibhithe
uzaliyangisa. **4** Lanxa belabameli eZowani, lezithunywa
zabo sezifikile eHanesi, **5** bonke bazayangeka ngenxa
yabantu abangalasizo kubo, abangalethi sizo loba inzuzo,
kodwa ihlazo lokuyangeka kuphela." **6** Isiphrofethi
mayelana lezinyamazana zeNegebi sithi: kulolonke ilizwe
lobunzima losizi, elezilwane lezilwanekazi, elamabululu
lezinyoka ezeqayo izithunywa zithwala inotho yazo
ngemihlane yabobabhemi, impahla yazo eligugu
ziyithwale ngamalunda amakamela, zikusa ebantwini
abangayikuba losizo kuzo. **7** Zisiwa eGibhithe osizo lwayo

lungelamsebenzi. Ngakho ngiyibiza ngokuthi nguRahabi ivilavoxo. **8** Hamba khathesi nje, ubalobele khona esibhebhedwini, kulobe emqulwini, ukuze kuthi ensukwini ezizayo kube yibufakazi obungapheliyo. **9** Laba ngabantu abangabahlamuki, abantwana abangabakhohlisi, abantwana abangafuniyo ukulalela imfundiso kaThixo. **10** Bathi kwabayizanuse, "Lingabe lisahlahlula futhi." Kubaphrofethi bathi, "Lingasitsheli imibono ngalokho okuqondileyo. Sitsheleni izinto ezinhle, liphrofethe inkohliso. **11** Tshiyani indlela le, phambukani kulo umkhondo liyekele ukusibelesela ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!" **12** Ngakho okutshiwo ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli yilokhu: "Njengoba lilalile ilizwi leli, lathembela ekuncindezelweni, lagwaba ngokukhohliswa, **13** isono lesi kini sizafana lomduli ophakemeyo, olomnkenke njalo ohlephukayo, odilika masinyane, ngesikhatshana nje. **14** Uzadilika ube yizicucu, njengembiza yombumbi ephahazeke kakubi akwaze kwatholakala lesihlephu sokokha amalahle eziko ezicucwini zayo kumbe ukukha amanzi emgqonyeni." **15** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ukuthi: "Ukusindiswa kwenu kusekuphendukeni lekuphumuleni, amandla enu asekuthuleni lekwethembeni, kodwa likwalile lokhu. **16** Lithe, 'Hatshi, sizabaleka ngamabhiza.' Ngakho lizabaleka! Lithe, 'Sizagada amabhiza alejubane.' Ngakho abalixotshayo bazakuba lejubane! **17** Abayinkulungwane bazabaleka besongelwe ngoyedwa nje; ekusongeni kwabahlanu, lizabaleka lonke, lize lisale

linjengensika yophawu lwelizwe elisengqongeni yentaba, lanjengesiboniso phezu koqaqa.” **18** Kodwa uThixo ulangatha ukuba lomusa kini; uyavuka ukuba alitshengise isihawu. Ngoba uThixo unguNkulunkulu wokulunga. Babusisiwe bonke abamlindeleyo! **19** Awu bantu baseZiyoni, abahlala eJerusalema, alisayikulila. UThixo uzakuba lomusa kini nxa licela usizo. Uzaliphendula khonokho nje ekulizweni kwakhe. **20** Lanxa nje uThixo elinika isinkwa sokuhlupheka lamanzi osizi, abalifundisayo kabayikucatsha futhi; lizababona ngamehlo enu. **21** Loba liphambukele kwesokudla kumbe kwesenxele lizalizwa ilizwi ngemva kwenu lisithi, “Le yiyo indlela; hambani ngayo.” **22** Lapho-ke lizangcolisa izithombe zenu ezihuqwe ngesiliva lezifanekiso zenu ezinanyekwe ngegolide; lizazilahlela khatshana njengelembu lowesifazane obesesikhathini, lithi kuzo, “Sukani lapha!” **23** UThixo uzalehlisela izulu lenhlanyelo yenu eliyihlanyele emhlabathini, lamabele azavela emhlabathini azakuba mahle njalo emanengi. Ngalolosuku inkomo zenu zizakudla emadlelweni abanzi. **24** Inkabi labobabhemi elilima ngakho umhlabathi kuzakudla utshani lamabele ahlungulwe ngefologwe langefotsholo. **25** Ngosuku lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho imiphotshongo isiwa, izifula zamanzi zizageleza kuzozonke izintaba ezinde lakuwo wonke amaqaqa adephileyo. **26** Inyanga izakhanya njengelanga, ukukhanya kwelanga kukhanye ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa, njengokukhanya kwensuku eziyisikhombisa ezigcweleyo, lapho uThixo esebopha

amanxeba abantu bakhe, epholisa lezilonda ezabangwa nguye. **27** Khangelani, ibizo likaThixo livela khatshana, lolaka oluvuthayo kanye lokuthunqa kwentuthu enkulu; izindebe zakhe zigcwele intukuthelo, ulimi lwakhe lungumlilo ohangulayo. **28** Umoya awuphefumulayo unjengesifula esigcwele amanzi afika entanyeni. Uhlungula izizwe ngesefa yokubhubhisa; ufaka emihlathini yabantu amatomu abasa ekulahlekeni. **29** Lizahlabela njengasebusuku bokuthakazelela umkhosi ongcwele; inhliziyo zenu zizathokoza njengalapho abantu besiya entabeni kaThixo, eDwaleni lika-Israyeli, belemihubhe. **30** UThixo uzakwenza abantu balizwe ilizwi lakhe lobukhosi, njalo uzakwenza bayibone ingalo yakhe isehla ngokuthukuthela okukhulu langomlilo oqothulayo, langesihlambo esikhulu, lomdumo kanye lesiqhotho. **31** Ilizwi likaThixo lizayichitha i-Asiriya; abatshaye ngenduku yakhe yobukhosi. **32** Imvimvinya yinye uThixo abatshaya yona ngentonga yakhe yokujezisa, uzakuba ukanye lokutshaywa kwamagedla lemihubhe, lapho esilwa labo impi ngezidutshulo zengalo yakhe. **33** IThofethi sekukade yalungiswa; seyenziwa yalungela inkosi. Igodi layo lomlilo selenziwa latshona njalo laba banzi, lomlilo lenkuni ezinengi; umphefumulo kaThixo, utshisa njengokugeleza komlilo wesolufa, uyawulumathisa.

31 Maye kulabo abaya eGibhithe ukuyafuna usizo, abathemba amabhiza, abathembe ubunengi bezinqola zabo zempi lamandla amakhulu abagadi bamabhiza abo, kodwa bengathembeli koNgcwele ka-Israyeli, kumbe

bacele usizo kuThixo. **2** Ikanti laye uhlakaniphile njalo
angaletha incithakalo; ilizwi lakhe kalibuyeli emuva.
Uzavukela abendlu yababi lalabo abasiza abenza okubi.
3 Kodwa amaGibhithe ngabantu kawasiNkulunkulu;
amabhiza awo yinyama kawasimoya. Lapho uThixo
eselula isandla sakhe, lowo osizayo uzakhubeka, lowo
osizwayo uzakuwa, bobabili bazabhubha. **4** Lokhu
yikho okutshiwo nguThixo kimi, ukuthi: "Njengesilwane
sihwabha; isilwane esikhulu sibhongela esikubambileyo,
lanxa ixuku lonke labelusi libizwa ukuba lisihlasele,
kasethuswa yikuklabalala kwabo kumbe sithikanyezwe
ngumsindo wabo, unjalo-ke uThixo uSomandla uzakwehla
ukuba alwe entabeni iZiyoni laseziqongweni zayo. **5**
Njengezinyoni zitshaya amaphiko emoyeni, uThixo
uSomandla uzavikela iJerusalema, uzalivikela alikhulule,
uzadlula 'ngaphezu' kwalo alihlenge." **6** Awu bantu bako-
Israyeli, buyelani kulowo elamhlamukela kakubi. **7** Ngoba
ngalolosuku lonke lizazilahla izithombe zenu zesiliva
lezegolide elizenze ngezandla zenu ezonayo. **8** "I-Asiriya
izachithwa ngenkemba engesiyabantu, inkemba engasiyo
yabantu izababhubhisa. Bazayibalekela inkemba, izinsizwa
zabo zizakwenziwa izigqili. **9** Inqaba yabo izadilika ngenxa
yokwesaba; lapho bebona uphawu lwempi izinduna zabo
zempi zizatshaywa luvalo," kutsho uThixo omlilo wakhe
useZiyoni, osithando sakhe siseJerusalema.

32 Khangelani, inkosi izabusa ngokulunga lababusi
bazabusa ngemfanelo. **2** Umuntu ngamunye uzakuba
njengesihonqo sokuvikela umoya, lesiphephelo
sokucatshela isiphepho, njengezihotsha zamanzi

enkangala njengomthunzi wedwala elikhulu elizweni elomileyo. **3** Lapho-ke amehlo alabo ababonayo kawasayikuvaleka, lezindlebe zalabo abezwayo zizalalela. **4** Ingqondo yowalazelayo izakwazi, iqedisise, ogagasayo ulimi lwakhe luzatshwaphuluka luzwakale kuhle. **5** Isithutha kasisayikuthiwa ngumhlonitshwa, lesigangi kasiyikuhlonitshwa. **6** Ngoba isithutha sikhuluma ubuwula, ingqondo yaso isebenza ububi: Senza imisebenzi yenkohlakalo, siqambe amanga ngoThixo; abalambayo kasibaniki lutho, abomileyo sibancitsha amanzi okunatha. **7** Izindlela zesigangi zimbi, senza amacebo amabi ukuba sichithe abayanga ngamanga, lanxa isikhalazo sabaswelayo siqotho. **8** Kodwa umuntu ohloniphekayo wenza amacebo ahloniphekayo, njalo uma ngezenzo ezihloniphekayo. **9** Lina besifazane elingakhathazeki ngalutho, vukani lilalele kimi; lina madodakazi elizizwa livikelekile, lalelani engikutshoyo! **10** Ngesikhatshana nje esedlula umnyaka lina elizizwa livikelekile lizathuthumela; ukuvunwa kwevini akuyikuphumelela, lokuvunwa kwezithelo akuyikuba khona. **11** Thuthumelani lina madodakazi azizwa evikelekile; qhaqhazelani lina madodakazi azizwa evikelekile! Khululani izigqoko zenu, lithandele inkalo zenu ngamasaka. **12** Zitshayeni izifuba zenu ngenxa yamasimu amahle, langenxa yezivini ezithela izithelo, **13** langenxa yelizwe labantu bami, ilizwe eligcwele ukhula lameva, yebo, lilelani zonke izindlu zenjabulo ledolobho lokuzitika lentokozo. **14** Inqaba enkulu izatshiswa, idolobho elilomsindo lizatshiywa; inqaba lomphotshongo

wokulinda kuzakuba ngumhlabathi ongatheli lutho kokuphela, kube yintokozo yabobabhemi lamadlelo emihlambi, **15** umoya uze uthelwe phezu kwethu uvela phezulu, inkangala ibe ngumhlaba ovundileyo, umhlaba ovundileyo ube njengenhlabathi. **16** Ukwahlulela kuhle kukaThixo kuzakuba khona enkangala, ukulunga kube khona emhlabeni ovundileyo. **17** Izithelo zokulunga zizakuba yikuthula; okufaneleyo kuzaletha ukuthula zwi lethemba kuze kube nininini. **18** Abantu bami bazahlala ezindaweni ezilokuthula, emakhaya avikelekileyo, ezindaweni zokuphumula ezingelahlupho. **19** Lanxa isiqhotho sitshabalalisa ihlathi ledolobho lidilizwe laphela nya, **20** yeka ukubusiswa elizakuba yikho, lihlanyela inhlanyelo yenu emaceleni ezifula zonke, njalo liyekela inkomo zenu labobabhemi benu ukuba kusabalale.

33 Maye kuwe, wena mchithi, wena ongachithwanga!
Maye kuwe, wena mthengisi, wena ongacetshwanga!
Lapho uyekela ukuthengisa, lawe uzacetshwa. **2** Awu
Thixo, woba lomusa kithi; siyakulangazelela. Woba
ngamandla ethu ekuseni konke, ube yinsindiso
yethu esikhathini sosizi. **3** Ekukhwazeni kwelizwi
lakho, izizwe ziyabaleka; lapho uphakama izizwe
ziyahlakazeka. **4** Elakuthumbayo, lina zizwe, kubuthwa
sengangathi kuqoqwa yisikhongwane, abantu
beqela kukho njengomtshitshi wentethe. **5** UThixo
uphakeme ngoba uhlala phezulu, uzagcwalisa iZiyoni
ngokufaneleyo langokulunga. **6** Uzakuba yisisekelo
esithembekileyo sesikhathi senu, isiphala esigcwele

usindiso, ukuhlakanipha lokwazi; ukumesaba uThixo
kuyisiqokoqela sokuzuza ingcebo le. **7** Khangelani,
amaqhawe akibo ahlaba umkhosi emigwaqweni!
Izithunywa zokuthula ziyakhala kakhulu. **8** Imigwaqo
emikhulu ibetha umoya, akulazihambi kuyo.
Isivumelwano sephulwe, ofakazi baso beyisiwe, kakho
ohlonitshwayo. **9** Ilizwe liyalila njalo liyachitheka.
ILebhanoni iyangekile njalo iyabuna; iSharoni
injengenkangala, iBhashani leKhameli akhithizwa
amahlamvu awo. **10** UThixo uthi, "Khathesi sengizavuka,
khathesi sengizadunyiswa, khathesi sengizaphakanyiswa.
11 Liqukethe ngamakhoba, lizale izibi; umoya wenu
eliwuphefumulayo ungumlilo oliqedayo. **12** Abantu
bazatshiswa bafane lekalaga; bazathungelwa
ngomlilo njengamahlahla ameva aganyuliweyo." **13**
Lina elikhatshana, zwanini engikwenzileyo; lina
abaseduze, vumani amandla ami! **14** Izoni zaseZiyoni
ziyathuthumela; abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu
bayaqhaqhazela: "Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lomlilo
oqothulayo na? Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lokutshisa
okungapheliyo na?" **15** Ngulowo owenza okulungileyo,
ekhuluma okuqotho oyalayo inzuzo yokuncindezelwa, ale
ukwamukela isivalamlomo, owalayo ukulalela amaqhinga
okubulala, avale amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi, **16**
lo nguye umuntu ozahlala ekuphakameni, osiphephelo
sakhe sizakuba yinqaba yasentabeni. Uzalethelwa
isinkwa sakhe, lamanzi kayikuwaswela. **17** Amehlo enu
azayibona inkosi ebuhleni bayo, abuke lelizwe elibanzi.
18 Ezingqondweni zenu lizakhumbula ukwesaba

kwakuqala lithi: “Ingaphi induna yezikhulu leyana? Ungaphi owayethatha imali yemithelo? Singaphi isikhulu esigcina imiphotshongo na?” **19** Abantu labayana abaklolodayo kalisayikubabona futhi, abantu labayana abolimi olungazwakaliyo, abolimi olungaziwayo, olungaqondakaliyo. **20** Khangelani iZiyoni, idolobho lemikhosi yethu; amehlo enu azabona iJerusalema indawo yokuhlala elokuthula, ithente elingeke lisuswe; izikhonkwane zalo kaziyikusitshunwa lezintambo zalo kaziyikuqamuka. **21** Khonapho uThixo uzakuba ngolaMandla wethu. Kuzafana lendawo elemifula ebanzi kanye lezifula. Akukho mkhumbi wempi ozagwedlwa khona, akukho mkhumbi olamandla ozahamba khona. **22** Ngoba uThixo ungumahluleli wethu, uThixo usinika imithetho, uThixo yinkosi yethu; nguye ozasikhulula. **23** Izintambo zakho zeseyili ziyaxega. Insika kayiqiniswanga; iseyili kayivulekanga. Lapho-ke impango enengi izakwabiwa kuthi labaqhulayo labo bazazuza impango. **24** Akulamuntu ohlala eZiyoni ozakuthi, “Mina ngiyagula”; labantu abahlala khona bazathethelelwa izono zabo.

34 Sondelani lina zizwe, lilalele; zwanini lina bantu!
Umhlaba kawulalele, lakho konke okukiwo, umhlaba,
lakho konke okuvela kuwo! **2** UThixo uthukuthelele
izizwe zonke, ulaka lwakhe luphezu kwezitha zabo zonke.
Uzazibhubhisa ngokupheleleyo, uzazinikela ekubulaweni.
3 Ababuleweyo bakibo bazaphoselwa ngaphandle,
izidumbu zabo zizanuka; izintaba zizacwila egazini
labo. **4** Zonke izinkanyezi zasemazulwini zizanyamalala,
umkhathi ugoqwe njengomqulu; wonke amaxuku

ezinkanyezi azakuwa njengamahlamvu abunileyo evinini lanjengomkhiwa oswabileyo usiwa esihlahleni somkhiwa. **5** Inkemba yami isinathe yanela emazulwini; khangelani yehlela phezu kwe-Edomi ukulahlulela, abantu esengibabhubhise baphela. **6** Inkemba kaThixo igxanyuzwe egazini, igcwele amafutha igazi lezimvu lelembuzi, amafutha ezinso zenqama. Ngoba uThixo ulomhlatshelo eBhozira lokubulawa okukhulu kwezifuyo e-Edomi. **7** Inyathi zizakufa kanye lazo, amathole azinkunzi kanye lenkunzi ezinkulu. Ilizwe labo lizagcwala igazi, umhlabathi uzakuba manzi ngamafutha. **8** Ngoba uThixo ulosuku lokuphindisela, umnyaka wokujezisa, ukuqinisa injongo yeZiyoni. **9** Izifula zase-Edomi zizaphendulwa zibe yingcino, umhlabathi wakhona ube ngumlilo wesolufa, ilizwe lakhona lizakuba yingcino etshayo! **10** Aliyikucitshwa ebusuku lemini; intuthu yalo izathunqa kokuphela. Lizakuba ngelichithiweyo kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kwesinye; kakho ozadabula phakathi kwalo futhi. **11** Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo kuzakwakha kulo; isikhova esikhulu lewabayi kuzakwakha izidleke zakho kulo. UNkulunkulu uzakwelulela phezu kwe-Edomi intambo yokulinganisa incithakalo lentambo yokulinganisa ukutshabalala. **12** Izikhulu zalo kaziyikuba lalutho olungathiwa ngumbuso, wonke amakhosana alo azanyamalala. **13** Izinqaba zalo zizagcwala ameva, imbabazane lokhula kugcwale kuziphephelo zalo. Lizakuba yindawo yamakhanka, lomuzi wezikhova. **14** Izinyamazana zenkangala zizahlangana lezimpisi, amagogo azakhalelana; izidalwa zebusuku zizalala khona

zizifunele izindawo zokuphumula. **15** Isikhova sizakwakha isidleke khona sibekele amaqanda, sizawachamisela, sifukamele abantwana baso ngaphansi komthunzi wempiko zaso, lemizwazwa izabuthana khonapho, yilowo lalowo lomngane wawo. **16** Khangelani encwadini kaThixo lifunde okuthi: Akukho lakunye kwalokhu okuzasweleka; akukho okuzaswela umngane wakho. Ngoba nguThixo onike umlayo, loMoya wakhe uzazigoqela ndawonye. **17** Uzakwahlukanisela izabelo zakho; isandla sakhe sizakwabela ngesilinganiso. Isabelo sizakuba lilifa lakho kokuphela, njalo sizahlala khona kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kusizukulwane.

35 Inkangala lelizwe elomileyo kuzathokoza; inkangala izajabula iqhakaze. Njengeluba **2** izakhahlela, ithokoze kakhulu, ihlabele isithi. Inkazimulo yaseLebhanoni izanikezwa kuyo ubuhle beKhameli leSharoni, kuzabona inkazimulo kaThixo lobukhosi bukaNkulunkulu wethu. **3** Qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka, liqinise lamadolo axegayo; **4** tshonini kulabo abalezinhliziyo ezilokwesaba lithi: “Qinani, lingesabi; uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuza, uzakuza ezophindisela, ajezise ngokulunga uzakuza ukuba alikhulule.” **5** Lapho-ke amehlo eziphofu azavuleka, lezindlebe zezacuthe zivuleke. **6** Lapho-ke abaqhulayo bazakweqa njengempala, izimungulu zihlabele ngokuthokoza. Amanzi azampompoza ogwaduleni, izifula zigeleze enkangala. **7** Itshebetshebe elitshisayo lizakuba yisiziba, umhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo echaphaka amanzi. Ezindaweni amakhanka ake ahlala kuzo, utshani lemihlanga lebhuma kuzakhula

khona. **8** Njalo kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu: uzathiwa yiNdlela yobuNgcwele, izakuba ngeyalabo abahamba ngokuqonda. Abangcolileyo kabayikuhamba kuwo; uzakuba ngowalabo abahamba kuleyoNdlela lezithutha ezonayo kaziyikuhambahamba kuwo. **9** Akuyikuba lesilwane khona, loba esinye isilo esilolaka; sivuke kuwo kaziyikutholwa khona. Kodwa abahlengiweyo yibo kuphela abazahamba lapho, **10** njalo labahlengiweyo bakaThixo bazabuyela. Bazangena eZiyoni behlabelela, intokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngumqhele emakhanda abo. Bazakuba lokuthula lenjabulo, usizi lokububula kuzaphela.

36 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wokubusa kwenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela wonke amadolobho avikelweyo akoJuda wawathumba. **2** Emva kwalokho inkosi yase-Asiriya yathuma umlawuli wayo lebutho elikhulu lisuka eLakhishi lisiya enkosini uHezekhiya eJerusalema. Kwathi umlawuli webutho esemi emgelweni wechibi elingaphezulu, elisendleleni eya eNsimini yoMgezisi, **3** u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo, loShebhina umabhalane kanye loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, baya kuye. **4** Umlawuli webutho wathi kubo, "Tshelani uHezekhiya ukuthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya ithi: Uthembeni ngalesisibindi sakho na? **5** Uthi ulamaqhinga lamandla ebutho kodwa ukhuluma amazwi ayize. Uthembe bani uze ungihlamukele nje? **6** Khangela, ngiyazi uthembe iGibhithe, yona enjengomhlanga ozimvava osika isandla somuntu umlimaze nxa eweyamile. Unjalo

uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe kubo bonke abathembele kuye. **7** Njalo nxa lisithi kimi, “Thina sithembe uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu,” kasuye yini uHezekhiya asusa izindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lama-alithare akhe, esithi kuJuda leJerusalema, “Kumele likhonzele phambi kwaleli i-alithari”? **8** Khathesi woza wenze isivumelwano lenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asiriya: Ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili nxa bekhona abazawagada! **9** Pho ungayehlula njani induna eyodwa yezikhulu ezincane zenkosi yami, lanxa uthembele eGibhithe ekutholeni izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza na? **10** Phezu kwalokho, kanti ngizehlasela lokuzochitha ilizwe leli kungatshongo uThixo na? UThixo uqobo nguye othe ngizohlasela ilizwe leli ngilichithe.’” **11** Ngakho u-Eliyakhimu loShebhina loJowa bathi kumlawuli webutho, “Ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramayikhi ngoba siyasizwa. Ungasikhulumisi ngesiHebheru lababantu abasemdulini besizwa.” **12** Kodwa umlawuli webutho waphendula esithi, “Inkosi yami ingithume ukuba izinto lezi ngizitsho kuphela enkosini yenu lakini, hatshi ebantwini abahlezi emdulini okuzakuthi labo njengani badle ubulongwe babo banathe lomchamo wabo na?” **13** Umlawuli webutho wasukuma wasememeza ngesiHebheru esithi, “Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya! **14** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yinkosi: Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya ukuba alikhohlise. Angeke alikhulule. **15** Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya elincenga ukuba lithembele kuThixo lapho esithi ‘Ngempela uThixo uzasikhulula; idolobho leli

kaliyikuphiwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.'" **16** Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya. Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi yase-Asiriya: Yenza isivumelwano sokuthula lami, uphume uze kimi. Lapho-ke omunye lomunye uzakudla esivinini sakhe lasemikhiweni yakhe, anathe lamanzi emthonjeni wakhe, **17** ngize ngifike ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana lelakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini. **18** "Lingavumeli uHezekhiya ukuthi alikhohlise esithi, 'UThixo uzasikhulula.' Kulonkulunkulu wesinye isizwe osewake wakhulula ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya na? **19** Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseHamathi le-Ariphadi na? Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseSefavayimi na? Bayikhululile iSamariya esandleni sami na? **20** Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe la oke wenelisa ukukhulula ilizwe lakhe kimi na? Pho uThixo angayikhulula njani iJerusalema esandleni sami na?" **21** Kodwa abantu bathula kabazange batsho lutho, ngoba inkosi yayilaye yathi, "Lingamphenduli." **22** U-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo loShebhina umabhalane loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, baya kuHezekhiya izigqoko zabo zidabukile bamtshela okwakutshiwo ngumlawuli webutho.

37 Kwathi lapho uHezekhiya, inkosi, esezwe lokhu, wadabula izigqoko zakhe wagqoka amasaka, wasesiya ethempelini likaThixo. **2** Wathuma u-Eliyakhimu umphathi wesigodlo, uShebhina umabhalane labaphristi abangabakhokheli, bonke begqoke amasaka, baya kumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. **3** Bathi kuye, "UHezekhiya uthi: ilanga lanamhla lusuku losizi lokusolwa

kanye lehlazo njengalapho abantwana sekufike isikhathi sokuthi bazalwe kodwa amandla okubeletha engekho. **4** Mhlawumbe uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho izawezwa amazwi omlawuli webutho, onkosi yakhe, inkosi yase-Asiriya, emthume ukuba athuke uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokuthi uzamthuka ngenxa yamazwi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ewazwileyo. Ngakho-ke khulekela insali elokhu iphila.” **5** Kwathi izithunywa zenkosi uHezekhiya sezifikile ku-Isaya, **6** u-Isaya wathi kuzo, “Tshelani inkosi yenu lithi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ungesabi lokhu okuzwileyo, amazwi lawana izinceku zenkosi yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngawo. **7** Lalela! Ngizafaka umoya ozamenza athi nxa esizwa umbiko othile, afune ukubuyela elizweni lakhe, athi angafika khonale ngenze ukuba abulawe ngenkemba.’” **8** Kwathi lapho umlawuli webutho esezwile ukuthi inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisisukile eLakhishi, laye wasuka wayathola inkosi isilwa leLibhina. **9** USenakheribhi wemukela umbiko othi uThirihaka inkosi yaseKhushi, wayesiza ukuba amhlasele. Esezwe lokho wathumela izithunywa kuHezekhiya lombiko othi: **10** “Tshela uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuthi: Ungavumi ukuthi unkulunkulu omthembileyo akukhohlise esithi, ‘IJerusalema kaliyikunikelwa enkosini yase-Asiriya.’ **11** Ngempela usukuzwile okwenziwa ngamakhosi ase-Asiriya emazweni wonke, ewabhidliza okupheleleyo. Wena-ke uzaphepha na? **12** Onkulunkulu bezizwe ezatshabalaliswa ngokhokho bami bake bazikhulula na, onkulunkulu beGozani, iHarani, iRezefi kanye labantu base-Edeni ababeseThelasari? **13** Ingaphi inkosi

yaseHamathi, inkosi yase-Ariphadi, angaphi amakhosi aseLayiri leSefavayimi, loba eyaseHena kumbe eyase-Iva?"
14 UHezekhiya wemukela incwadi eyeza lezithunywa wayibala. Emva kwalokho waya ethempelini leNkosi, wayichaya phambi kukaThixo. **15** UHezekhiya wakhuleka kuThixo esithi: **16** "Thixo Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli osebukhosini phakathi kwamaKherubhi, wena kuphela nguwe onguNkulunkulu wemibuso yonke yasemhlabeni. Nguwe owenza izulu lomhlaba. **17** Beka indlebe Thixo, uzwe; vula amehlo akho Thixo, ubone. Lalela uzwe wonke amazwi uSenakheribhi awathumele ukuzathuka uNkulunkulu ophilayo. **18** Kuliqiniso, Thixo, ukuthi amakhosi ase-Asiriya abatshabalalisa bonke lababantu kanye lamazwe abo. **19** Aphosele onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni abatshabalalisa, ngoba kungesibo onkulunkulu kodwa yizigodo lamatshe kuphela, okubunjwe ngezandla zabantu. **20** Khathesi, Thixo, Nkulunkulu wethu, sikhulule esandleni sakhe, ukuze imibuso yonke emhlabeni ibekwazi ukuthi wena Thixo, nguwe wedwa onguNkulunkulu." **21** U-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathumela ilizwi kuHezekhiya elithi, "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Ngenxa yokuthi ukhulekile kimi mayelana ngoSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya, **22** nanti ilizwi uThixo aselikhulume ngaye wathi: INdodakazi eGcweleyo iZiyoni iyakweyisa njalo iyakuklolodela. INdodakazi iJerusalema inqekuza ikhanda layo lapho wena ubaleka. **23** Ngubani lowo omthukileyo wamhlazisa? Ngubani lowo omphakamisele ilizwi lakho wamphakamisela lamehlo akho ngokuzigqaja

na? NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli! **24** Ngezithunywa zakho
umthukile uThixo. Utshilo njalo ukuthi, ‘Ngezinqola zami
ezinengi ngikhwelile eziqongweni zezintaba iziqongo
eziphezulu kakhulu zaseLebhanoni. Sengigamule ngawisa
izihlahla ezinde zemisedari, izihlahla ezikhethiweyo
zamaphayini. Ngifikile eziqongweni zalo ezikhatshana,
emaguswini alo amahle kakhulu. **25** Ngigebhile imithombo
ezizweni nganatha amanzi khona. Ngezinyawo zami
ngomisile zonke izifula zaseGibhithe.’ **26** Kawuzwanga
na? Lokhu ngakumisa endulo. Ngakuceba ensukwini
zasendulo; khathesi sengenze ukuba kufezeke, ukuthi
usudilize amadolobho avikelweyo aba yizinqwaba
zamatshe. **27** Abantu bakhona, abangaselamandla,
badangele njalo bayangekile. Banjengezilimo ensimini,
njengamahlumela aluhlaza, lanjengotshani obuhluma
ephahleni lwendlu bubuye butshe bungakakhuli. **28** Kodwa
ngiyakwazi lapho okhona, lalapho usiza uphinde uhambe;
kanye lokuthi ungithukuthelela kangakanani. **29** Ngenxa
yokungithukuthelela kwakho langenxa yokuthi ubuqholo
bakho sebufikile ezindlebeni zami, ngizafaka umkhala
wami emakhaleni akho lamatomu ami emlonyeni wakho,
njalo ngizakwenza ubuyele ngendlela oze ngayo. **30**
Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe, Hezekhiya: Lonyaka
lizakudla okuzikhulela kodwa, ngomnyaka wesibili lidle
umkhukhuzela wakhona. Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu
hlanyelani livune, hlanyelani izivini lidle izithelo zazo. **31**
Futhi insali yendlu kaJuda izagxilisa njalo impande phansi
ithele izithelo ngaphezulu. **32** Ngoba eJerusalema kuzavela
insali, kuthi entabeni iZiyoni kuphume ixuku labasindayo.

Ukutshiseka kukaThixo uSomandla kuzakwenza ukuba lokhu kufezeke. **33** Ngakho-ke mayelana lenkosi yase-Asiriya uThixo uthi: Kasoze angene kulelidolobho loba atshoke umtshoko lapha. Kasoze eze kulo elehawu kumbe akhe umduli wokulivimbezela. **34** Uzabuyela ngendlela eza ngayo; kasoze angene kulelidolobho, kutsho uThixo. **35** Idolobho leli ngizalivikela ngilihlenge, ngenxa yami langenxa kaDavida inceku yami! **36** Lapho-ke ingilosi kaThixo yasuka yayabulala abantu abalikhulu elilamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu lezinkulungwane ezihonqweni zama-Asiriya. Kwathi lapho abantu bevuka ekuseni kwakhona bonke kwasekuyizidumbu kuphela! **37** Ngakho uSenakheribhi inkosi yama-Asiriya wasuka ezihonqweni wahamba. Wabuyela eNiniva wahlala khona. **38** Kwathi ngolunye usuku ekhonza ethempelini likaNisirokhi unkulunkulu wakhe, amadodana akhe u-Adrameleki loShareza ambulala ngenkemba asebalekela elizweni lase-Ararathi. U-Esarihadoni indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe."

38 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula eselengela ekufeni. Umphrofethi u-Isaya, indodana ka-Amozi waya kuye wathi, "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Lungisa indlu yakho ngoba uzakufa, awuyikusila." **2** UHezekhiya waphenduka wakhangela emdulini wakhuleka kuThixo esithi, **3** "Khumbula, Thixo, ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngokuthembeka langokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yami yonke, njalo ngenze okuhle emehlweni akho." UHezekhiya wakhala kabuhlungu. **4** Emva kwalokho kwafika ilizwi

likaThixo ku-Isaya lisithi: **5** "Yana kuHezekhiya uthi kuye, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavida, uthi: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, njalo ngizibonile lezinyembezi zakho. Ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ekuphileni kwakho. **6** Njalo ngizakukhulula wena, kanye ledolobho leli ezandleni zenkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngizavikela idolobho leli. **7** Lesi yisibonakaliso sikaThixo kuwe sokuthi uThixo uzakwenza njengokuthembisa kwakhe: **8** Ngizakwenza umthunzi obangelwe lilanga ubuyele emuva amanyathelo alitshumi umthunzi owehle ngawo emakhwelelweni ka-Ahazi.'" Ngakho ukukhanya kwelanga kwabuyela emuva ngamanyathela alitshumi elaselikhothame ngawo. **9** La ngamazwi alotshwa nguHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda emva kokuba esesilile ekuguleni kwakhe: **10** Ngathi, "Ebuhleni bokuphila kwami kumele ngedlule emasangweni okufa ngamukwe iminyaka yami eseleyo na?" **(Sheol h7585)** **11** Ngathi, "Angiyikumbona futhi uThixo ngokwakhe elizweni labaphilayo; angisayikubabona futhi abantu bakithi loba ngibe lalabo abahlala kulumhlaba. **12** Njengethente lomelusi indlu yami idiliziwe ngayithathelwa. Njengomaluki impilo yami ngiyigoqile, ungisusile osungulweni; emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela. **13** Ngalinda ngokubekezela kwaze kwasa, kodwa amathambo ami uwephule wonke njengesilwane; emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela. **14** Ngakhala njengenkonjane kumbe ihemu, ngabubula njengejuba elililayo. Amehlo ami afiphele ngokukhangela phezulu. Awu Thixo, ngikhathazekile, woza ungisize!" **15** Kodwa ngingathini

na? Ukhulumile kimi, wena ngokwakho ukwenzile lokhu. Ngizahamba ngokuzithoba ekuphileni kwami konke ngenxa yobuhlungu bomoya wami. **16** Thixo, abantu baphila ngezinto ezinje; lomoya wami uthola ukuphila kuzo. Wangibuyisela empilweni wangenza ngaphila. **17** Ngeqiniso kwaba lusizo kimi ukuzwa ubuhlungu obungaka. Ngothando lwakho wangivikela emgodini wokutshabalaliswa; izono zami zonke uzibeke ngemva kwakho. **18** Ngoba ingcwaba alingeke likubonge lokufa akungeke kukudumise; labo abangena emgodini abangeke bathemba ubuqotho bakho. **(Sheol h7585)** **19** Abaphilayo, ngempela abaphilayo, bayakudumisa njengalokhu engikwenzayo lamuhla; abazali batshela abantwababo ngobuqotho bakho. **20** UThixo uzangisindisa; njalo sizahlabelela ngamachacho kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwethu ethempelini likaThixo. **21** U-Isaya wayethe, "Lungisani isigaqa semikhiwa usifake phezu kwethumba, uzasila." **22** UHezekhiya wayebuze wathi, "Kuyini okuzakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi ngizakhwela ngiye phezulu ethempelini likaThixo na?"

39 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodakhi-Bhaladani indodana kaBhaladani inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ngokugula kwakhe lokusila kwakhe. **2** UHezekhiya wazamukela izithunywa ngokuthaba, wazitshengisa okwakusendlini yakhe yokugcinela impahla, isiliva, igolide, iziyoliso, amafutha acengekileyo, izikhali zakhe zonke, lakho konke okwakukhona enothweni yakhe. Akulalutho esigodlweni sakhe loba embusweni wakhe wonke

angazitshengisanga khona. 3 Ngakho u-Isaya umphrofethi
waya kuHezekhiya inkosi wambuza wathi, “Atheni
amadoda lawana, njalo avela ngaphi?” UHezekhiya
waphendula wathi, “Avela elizweni elikhatshana. Aze
kimi evela eBhabhiloni.” 4 Umphrofethi wabuza wathi,
“Aboneni esigodlweni sakho?” UHezekhiya wathi, “Abone
konke okusesigodlweni sami. Akulalutho phakathi
kwempahla zami eziligugu engingawatshengisanga
khona.” 5 Ngakho u-Isaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya, “Zwana
ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla lithi: 6 Isikhathi sizafika
sibili lapho konke okusesigodlweni sakho lakho konke
oyihlo abakugcinayo kusiyafika lolosuku, kuzathwalelwa
eBhabhiloni. Akuyikusala lutho, kutsho uThixo. 7 Njalo
abanye besizukulwane sakho, abenyama legazi lakho,
abazazalwa nguwe, bazathathwa bayekuba ngabathenwa
esigodlweni senkosi yaseBhabhiloni.” 8 UHezekhiya
waphendula wathi, “Ilizwi likaThixo olikhulumileyo
lilungile.” Ngoba wayenakana esithi, “Kuzakuba lokuthula
lokuvikeleka ekuphileni kwami.”

40 Duduzani, libaduduze abantu bami, kutsho
uNkulunkulu wenu. 2 Khulumani ngomusa kulo
iJerusalema, limemezele kulo ukuthi ukusebenza kwalo
nzima sekuphelile, ukuthi isono salo sihlawulwe, ukuthi
selamukele okuvela esandleni sikaThixo kuphindwe
kabili kuzozonke izono zalo. 3 Ilizwi lomemezayo
lithi: “Enkangala lungiselani uThixo indlela, lenzele
uNkulunkulu wethu umgwaqo oqondileyo enkangala. 4
Zonke izigodi zizaphakanyiswa, izintaba zonke lamaqaqa
kuzakwehliselwa phansi. Umhlabathi ongamakhilikithi

uzakwendlaleka, izindawo ezimadundulu zizakuba yisigcawu. **5** Inkazimulo kaThixo izabonakaliswa, abantu bonke bazambona kanyekanye, ngoba umlomo kaThixo usukhulumile." **6** Ilizwi lithi, "Memeza!" Mina ngathi, "Ngimemeze ngisithini na?" "Abantu bonke banjengotshani njalo ubuhle babo bunjengamaluba eganga. **7** Utshani buyabuna amaluba ayakhithika, ngoba umoya kaThixo uyakuphephetha. Ngempela abantu babutshani. **8** Utshani buyabuna, amaluba ayakhithika, kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu limi kuze kube nininini." **9** Wena oletha izindaba ezinhle eZiyoni, khwela entabeni ende. Wena oletha izindaba ezinhle eJerusalema, phakamisa ilizwi lakho ngokumemeza; liphakamise, ungesabi, tshono emadolobheni akoJuda uthi: "Nangu uNkulunkulu wenu!" **10** Khangelani, uThixo Wobukhosi uza elamandla, isandla sakhe sizabusa. Khangelani, umvuzo wakhe ulawo, lenhlawulo yakhe uhamba elayo. **11** Welusa umhlambi wakhe njengomelusi: ubuthelela amawundlu ezingalweni zakhe awathwale eseduzane lenhliziyo yakhe; awakhokhele kuhle lawo alamazinyane. **12** Ngubani olinganise amanzi entendeni yesandla sakhe, loba walinganisa amazulu ngobubanzi besandla sakhe na? Ngubani owaphatha uthuli lomhlabathi ngesitsha loba walinganisa izintaba ezilinganisweni lamaqaqa esikalini na? **13** Ngubani osewazwisisa imicabango kaThixo, kumbe wamfundisa njengomeluleki wakhe na? **14** Ngubani owake wacelwa nguThixo ukuba ameluleke, njalo ngubani owamfundisa indlela elungileyo na? Ngubani lowo owamfundisa ukwazi, loba owamtshengisa indlela

yokuqedisisa na? **15** Ngeqiniso izizwe zinjengethonsi
emgqonyeni; zibalwa njengothuli ezilinganisweni; uThixo
ulinganisa izihlenge angathi ziluthuli olucolekileyo. **16**
ILebhanoni kalaneli imililo ye-alithare, lezinyamazana
zalo kazaneli iminikelo yokutshiswa. **17** Phambi kwakhe
zonke izizwe zinjengeze; yena uzikhangela njengento
engasi yalutho njalo zingaphansi kweze. **18** Pho
ngubani elingamfanisa loNkulunkulu na? Yisifanekiso
bani elingasilinganisa laye na? **19** Isithombe sibunjwa
yingcwethi, umkhandi wegolide asinameke ngegolide
asenzele imigaxo yesiliva. **20** Umuntu ongumyanga
onganelisiyo ukunikela ngomnikelo onjalo ukhetha
isigodo esingaboliyo. Udinga ingcitshi elolwazi ukuba
imise isithombe esingayikubhidlika. **21** Kalazi yini?
Kalizwanga na? Kalikutshelwanga kwasekuqaleni na?
Kalizwisisanga na selokhu umhlaba wadalwayo? **22** UThixo
uhlezi ebukhosini ngaphezu kwendingiliza yomhlaba,
njalo abantu bakhe banjengezintethe. Welula amazulu
njengekhetheni, awendlale njengethente lokuhlala
kulo. **23** Udiliza amakhosana, enze ababusi bomhlaba
lo babe yize. **24** Banele ukugxunyekwa nje, banele
ukuhlanyelwa nje, banele ukugxila impande emhlabathini
abe ephephetha phezu kwabo, babune, isavunguzane
sibakhukhulele khatshana njengamakhoba. **25** "Ngubani
elizangilinganisa laye na? Loba ngubani olingana lami
na?" kutsho yena oNgcwele. **26** Phakamisani amehlo enu
likhangele phezulu: Ngubani owadala konke lokhu na?
Yena okhupha amaxuku ezinkanyezi ngalinye ngalinye,
awabize ngalinye ngamabizo awo. Ngenxa yamandla

akhe amakhulu lokuqina okulamandla, akukho lalinye elingekho. **27** Kungani usithi, we Jakhobe, usole usithi, we Israyeli, “Indlela yami ifihlakele Thixo; ilungelo lami kalinanzwa nguNkulunkulu wami na?” **28** Kalazi yini? Kalizwanga na? UThixo unguNkulunkulu waphakade, uMdali wemikhawulo yomhlaba. Kayikudinwa kumbe akhathale, ukuqedisisa kwakhe kakho ongakulinganisa. **29** Abakhatheleyo uyabanika amandla, andise amandla ababuthakathaka. **30** Labatsha baphelelwa ngamandla bakhathale, lamajaha ayakhubeka awe, **31** kodwa labo abathemba uThixo bazavuselelwa amandla abo. Bazaqonga ngempiko njengezinkozi, bazagijima kodwa bangadinwa, bazahamba kodwa bangapheli amandla.

41 “Thulani lithi zwi phambi kwami lina zihlenge! Izizwe kazivuselele amandla azo! Kazisondele phambili zikhulume; kasihlanganeni sonke endaweni yokwahlulela. **2** Ngubani osevuse lowo ovela empumalanga, embizela emsebenzini wakhe ngokulunga na? Unikela izizwe kuye, anqobe amakhosi phambi kwakhe. Ngenkemba yakhe uwenza abe luthuli, ngedandili lakhe awenze abe ngamakhoba aphetshulwa ngumoya. **3** Uyawaxotsha yena adlule engathintwanga lutho, endleleni angakaze ahambe ngayo. **4** Ngubani owenze lokhu wakuphumelelisa, ebiza izizukulwane kusukela ekuqaleni na? Mina uThixo, kusukela kwesokuqala sazo kanye lesokucina, nginguye.” **5** Izihlenge zikubonile njalo ziyesaba; imikhawulo yomhlaba iyathuthumela, iyasondela ize ngaphambili; **6** yilowo lalowo usiza omunye athi kumfowabo, “Woba lesibindi!” **7** Umbazi ukhuthaza umkhandi wegolide, lalowo ololonga

ngesando utshotshozela otshaya ihandila. Mayelana
lokunusela uthi, “Kulungile.” Ubethelela isithombe
phansi ngezipikili ukuze singawi. **8** “Kodwa wena we
Israyeli, nceku yami, Jakhobe, wena engikukhethileyo,
wena nzalo ka-Abhrahama, umngane wami, **9**
ngakuthatha emikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngakubiza
usemakhoneni akhatshana kakhulu. Ngathi, ‘Wena
uyinceku yami’; ngikukhethile njalo angikulahlanga. **10**
Ngakho ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe; ungakhathazeki, ngoba
nginguNkulunkulu wakho. Ngizakuqinisa, ngikusize;
ngizakusekela ngesandla sami sokudla esiqotho. **11**
Bonke abakuthukutheleleyo, ngoqotho bazayangeka
babe lenhloni; labo abakuphikisayo bazakuba njengeze,
babhubhe. **12** Lanxa izitha zakho uzidinga, awuyikuzithola.
Labo abalwa impi lawe bazakuba yize. **13** Ngoba mina
nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, okubamba ngesandla
sakho sokudla athi kuwe: Ungesabi; ngizakusiza. **14**
Ungesabi, wena mpethu enguJakhobe, wena Israyeli
omncinyazana, ungesabi, ngoba mina ngokwami
ngizakusiza,” kutsho uThixo, uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele
ka-Israyeli. **15** “Khangela, ngizakwenza ube yisileyi
sokubhula esitsha njalo esibukhali esilenhlendla ezinengi.
Uzabhula izintaba uzibhidlize. Wenze amaqaqa abe
ngamakhoba. **16** Uzawahlungula, umoya uwathathe,
isavunguzane siwaphephulele khatshana. Kodwa wena
uzathokoza kuThixo njalo uzibule koNgcwele ka-
Israyeli. **17** Abayanga labaswelayo badinga amanzi,
kodwa kawakho; inlimi zabo sezitshile ngokoma. Kodwa
mina Thixo ngizabaphendula; mina, Nkulunkulu ka-

Israyeli, angiyikubalahla. **18** Ngizakwenza amanzi
ageleze emiqolweni engelalutho lemithombo phakathi
kwezigodi. Ngizaguqula inkangala ibe yiziziba zamanzi,
lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo yamanzi.
19 Enkangala ngizamilisa khona imisedari lemi-
akhakhiya, amamithili kanye lama-oliva. Ogwaduleni
ngizamisa izihlahla zamaphayini, ndawonye lemifiri
kanye lemisiphresi, **20** ukuze abantu babone njalo
bazi, bacabange bazwisise ukuthi isandla sikaThixo yiso
esenza lokhu, lokuthi oNgcwele ka-Israyeli ukudalile.
21 Bikani indaba yenu," kutsho uThixo. "Bekani
izizatho zenu," kutsho iNkosi kaJakhobe. **22** "Lethani
izithombe zenu zisitshele okuzakwenzakala. Sitsheleni
izinto zendulo ukuthi zaziyini ukuze sizihlole, sazi
isiphetho sazo. Loba sitsheleni izinto ezizayo, **23** lisazise
okuqukethwe yizinsuku ezizayo, ukuze sazi ukuthi
lingonkulunkulu. Yenzani okuthile, okuhle kumbe okubi,
ukuze sithuthumele, sibe lokwesaba. **24** Kodwa lina liyize,
lemisebenzi yenu kayisilutho, okhetha lina uyisinengiso.
25 Sengithukuthelise omunye enyakatho, njalo uyeza
omunye ovela empumalanga obiza ibizo lami. Lowo
unyathela phezu kwababusi kube sengathi baludaka, kube
angathi ngumbumbi evoxa ibumba. **26** Ngubani owabika
lokhu kwasekuqaleni, ukuze sazi, kumbe ngaphambilini
ukuze sithi, 'Wayeqinisile na'? Kakho owabika ngalokhu,
kakho owakutsho ngaphambilini, kakho owake wezwa
amazwi aphuma kuwe. **27** Mina yimi engaba ngowokuqala
ukutshela iZiyoni ukuthi, 'Khangela, nampa lapha!'
Nganika iJerusalema isithunywa sezindaba ezinhle. **28**

Ngiyakhangela kodwa akulamuntu, kakho phakathi kwabo onganika iseluleko, kakho ongaphendula lapho ngibabuza. **29** Khangela, bonke bayize! Izenzo zabo kazisilutho; izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingumoya lensambatheka."

42 "Nansi inceku yami engiyisekelayo, okhethiweyo wami, engithokoza ngaye. Ngizabeka umoya wami phezu kwakhe, uzaletha ukulunga ezizweni. **2** Kayikumemeza kumbe aklabalale, loba aphakamise ilizwi lakhe emigwaqweni. **3** Umhlanga ohluzukileyo akayikuwuquma, lentambo yesibane etsha kancane akayikuyicima. Ngokwethembeka uzaletha ukulunga; **4** akayikudinwa kumbe ephulwe inhliziyo aze alethe ukulunga emhlabeni. Izihlenge zizakwethemba umthetho wakhe." **5** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu uThixo, yena owadala amazulu wawelula, yena owendlala umhlaba lakho konke okuphuma kuwo, yena onika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula, kuthi abahamba kuwo abanike ukuphila: **6** "Mina, uThixo ngikubizile ngokulunga; ngizabamba isandla sakho. Ngizakulondoloza ngikwenze ube yisivumelwano sabantu lokukhanya kwabeZizwe; **7** uvule amehlo eziphofu, ukhuphe abathunjiweyo entolongweni, ubakhulule emigodini yezibotshwa labo abahlala emnyameni. **8** Mina nginguThixo, lelo yilo ibizo lami! Ubukhosi bami angiyikubunika omunye loba nginike izithombe udumo lwami. **9** Khangela, izinto zakuqala sezenzakele, njalo ngimemezela izinto ezintsha; zingakaveli ukuba zibe khona ngiyakutshela ngazo." **10** Hlabelelani uThixo

ingoma entsha, udumo lwakhe kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, lina eliya phansi olwandle, lakho konke okukulo, lina zihlenge, labo bonke abahlala kini. **11** Inkangala lamadolobho ayo kakuphakamise amazwi akho; imizi uKhedari ahlala kuyo kayijabule. Abantu baseSela kabahlabele ngentokozo; kabaklabalale besezinqongweni zezintaba. **12** Kabamdumise uThixo, amemezele udumo lwakhe ezihlengeni. **13** UThixo uzaphuma njengendoda elamandla, njengebutho uzavuthela ukutshiseka kwakhe; ngokuklabalala uzakhuza isaga sempi azinqobe izitha zakhe. **14** "Bengithule okwesikhathi eside kakhulu, bengithule ngizithiba. Kodwa khathesi, njengowesifazane ebeletha, ngiyakhala, ngiyakhefuzela ngiphefuzela. **15** Ngizabhidliza izintaba lamaqaqa; ngilomise lonke uhlaza lwabo; ngizaphendula imifula ibe yizihlenge ngomise lamachibi. **16** Ngizakhokhela iziphofu ngezindlela ezingazaziyo, ngizihole ngezindledlana ezingajwayelekanga. Ngizaphendula umnyama ube yikukhanya phambi kwazo; ngenze izindawo ezimakhilikithi zibe butshelezi. Lezi yizo izinto engizazenza; angiyikuziyekela. **17** Kodwa labo abathemba izithombe, abathi kuzifanekiso, 'Lingonkulunkulu bethu,' bazabuyiselwa emuva beyangeke impela." **18** "Zwanini, lina zacuthe; khangelani, lina ziphofu, libone! **19** Ngubani oyisiphofu ngaphandle kwenceku yami, loyisacuthe njengesithunywa engisithumayo na? Ngubani oyisiphofu njengalowo ozinikele kimi, oyisiphofu njengenceku kaThixo na? **20** Selabona izinto ezinengi, kodwa

kalinakanga; indlebe zenu zivulekile, kodwa kalizwa lutho.” **21** Kwamthokozisa uThixo ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe ukuba akhulise umthetho wakhe ube mkhulu njalo ulodumo. **22** Kodwa laba ngabantu abaphangiweyo bathunjwa; bonke bavalelwe emiwolweni, loba bafihlwa ezintolongweni. Sebenziwe baba yimpahla yokuthunjwa, kungela ozabasindisa; sebephendulwe baba yinto yokuthunjwa kungekho othi, “Babuyiseleni emuva.” **23** Ngubani wenu olalela lokhu, kumbe asinake isikhathi esizayo na? **24** Ngubani owanikela uJakhobe ukuba abe yinto yokuthunjwa wanikela lo-Israyeli kubaphangi na? Kwakungasuye uThixo, esamonelayo thina na? Njengoba babengeke balandele izindlela zakhe; kabalalelanga umthetho wakhe. **25** Ngakho wathela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo phezu kwabo, ukutshisa kwempi. Wabamboza ngamalangabi, kodwa kabezwisisanga. Wabaqothula, kodwa kabakhathalanga.

43 Kodwa khathesi, nanku akutshoyo uThixo uthi, yena owakudalayo, wena Jakhobe, yena owakubumbayo, wena Israyeli: “Ungesabi, ngoba ngikuhlengile; ngikubize ngebizo lakho; ungowami. **2** Lapho udabula phakathi kwamanzi ngizakuba lawe; lalapho udabula emifuleni, kayiyikukukhukhula. Lapho uhamba phakathi komlilo, kawuyikutsha; amalangabi kawayikukubhebhisa. **3** Ngoba mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uMsindisi wakho. Ngizanikela iGibhithe njengenhlawulo yakho, iKhushi leSebha ime esikhundleni sakho. **4** Njengoba wena uligugu njalo udumile ebusweni bami, futhi ngenxa yokuthi ngiyakuthanda,

ngizanikela abantu esikhundleni sakho, labantu esikhundleni sempilo yakho. **5** Ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe; ngizakulethela inzalo yakho ivela empumalanga ngikubuthe kusukela entshonalanga. **6** Ngizakutsho kuyo inyakatho ngithi, 'Bakhulule!' Ngitsho kuyo iningizimu ngithi, 'Ungabagodli.' Buyisani amadodana ami akude lamadodakazi ami asemikhawulweni yomhlaba, **7** wonke umuntu obizwa ngebizo lami, engamdalela udumo lwami, engambumbayo, ngamenza." **8** Phumani lalabo abayiziphofu amehlo belawo, abayizacuthe indlebe belazo. **9** Izizwe zonke kaziqoqane ndawonye labantu babuthane. Nguphi wabo owaphrofitha lokhu wamemezela kithi ngezinto zendulo? Kabalethe ofakazi babo babonakalise ukuthi baqinisile, ukuze abanye bezwe, batsho bathi, "Kuqotho." **10** UThixo uthi, "Lina lingofakazi bami, lenceku zami engizikhethileyo, ukuze lazi, likholwe kimi, njalo lizwisise ukuthi mina nginguye. Ngaphambi kwami kakho unkulunkulu owake wabakhona, njalo kakho ozakuba khona emva kwami. **11** Mina, mina uqobo, nginguThixo, ngaphandle kwami kakho omunye umsindisi. **12** Ngivezile ngasindisa, ngamemezela, mina ngokwami, hatshi unkulunkulu wezizweni ophakathi kwenu. Lingofakazi bami, ngokuthi mina yimi uNkulunkulu" kutsho uThixo. **13** "Ye, kusukela ensukwini zasendulo nginguye. Kakho ongakhulula esandleni sami. Lapho ngisenza, ngubani ongakuguqula na?" **14** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo, uMhlengi wenu, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uthi, "Ngenxa yenu ngizathumela impi eBhabhiloni ilethe bonke abaseBhabhiloni,

njengeziphepheli ngemikhumbi ababezigqaja ngayo.
15 Mina nginguThixo, oNgcwele wenu, uMdali ka-
Israyeli, iNkosi yenu.” **16** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo,
yena owenza indlela olwandle lomkhondo emanzini
alamandla, **17** yena owakhupha izinqola zempi lamabhiza,
ibutho, lamanye awokuliqinisa endawonye; njalo
lalala lapho, kalaze lavuka futhi; licitshe, liqunywe
njengentambo yesibane: **18** “Khohlwani izinto zamandulo,
linganakani ngosekwedlulayo. **19** Khangelani, ngenza
okutsha! Khathesi kuyavela ngokuphangisa; kalikuboni
na? Ngenza indlela enkangala lezifula ogwaduleni.
20 Izinyamazana zeganga ziyangidumisa; amakhanka
lezikhova, ngoba ngenza kube lamanzi enkangala lezifula
ogwaduleni ukuze nginathise abantu abakhethiweyo,
21 abantu engazenzela bona ukuba bangidumise. **22**
Kodwa kawukhalazanga kimi wena Jakhobe, kodwa
ukhathele ngami wena Israyeli. **23** Kawungilethelanga
izimvu zomnikelo wokutshiswa, kumbe wangidumisa
ngemihlatshelo yakho. Angikuhluphanga ngeminikelo
yamabele kumbe ngakudinisa ngokufuna impepha. **24**
Kawungithengelanga amakha ekhane anuka mnandi,
kumbe wangisuthisa ngamahwahwa emihlatshelo yakho.
Kodwa ungikhathazile ngezono zakho njalo wangidinisa
ngezinengiso zakho. **25** Mina, mina uqobo, nginguye
owesula iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami, ngingabe
ngisazikhumbula futhi izono zakho. **26** Ngikhumbuza
ngesikhathi esedlulayo, sibonisane ngaleyondaba ulandise
ngoba msulwa kwakho. **27** Ukhokho wakho wokuqala
wona; labakhulumeli bakho bangihlamukela. **28** Ngakho

izikhulu zethempelini lakho ngizaziyangisa; nginikele uJakhobe ekubhujisweni lo-Israyeli ekweyisweni.”

44 “Kodwa khathesi lalela, wena Jakhobe, nceku yami,
Israyeli, engikukhethileyo. **2** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo,
yena owakwenzayo, owakubumba esiswini, njalo yena
ozakusiza, uthi: Ungesabi, wena Jakhobe, nceku yami,
Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo. **3** Ngoba ngizathela amanzi
elizweni elomileyo, lezifula emhlabathini owomileyo.
Ngizathela uMoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho lezibusiso
zami phezu kwezizukulwane zakho. **4** Zizahluma
njengotshani emadlelweni, lanjengeminyezane ezifuleni
ezigelezayo. **5** Omunye uzakuthi, ‘Mina ngingokaThixo’;
lomunye azibize ngebizo likaJakhobe; omunye laye
uzaloba esandleni sakhe ukuthi, ‘OkaThixo,’ azinike
ibizo lika-Israyeli.” **6** “Nanku akutshoyo uThixo,
iNkosi loMhlengi ka-Israyeli, uThixo uSomandla: Mina
ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina; ngaphandle
kwami kakho uNkulunkulu. **7** Pho ngubani onjengami?
Kakumemezele lokho. Katsho, achaze phambi kwami
okwenzakalayo kusukela ekubekeni kwami abantu
bami bendulo; akutsho lokuzakwenzakala; yebo,
kakuqambe okuzayo. **8** Lingaqhaqhazeli, lingesabi.
Lokhu angikutshongo ngabika ngakho kudala na? Lina
lingofakazi bami. Kulomunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle
kwami na? Hatshi, kalikho elinye iDwala; kalikho
engilaziyo.” **9** Bonke abenza izithombe kabasilutho, lezinto
abaziqakathekisayo ziyize. Labo abangabakhulumela
bayiziphofu, kabazi lutho, kulihlazo kubo. **10** Ngubani
obaza unkulunkulu abumbe isithombe, okungeke

kumsize ngalutho? **11** Yena labanjengaye bazayangiswa;
izingcitshi kazisilutho, ngabantu nje. Kaziqoqane zonke
zime ndawonye; bazakuba lokwesaba kanye lehlazo.
12 Umkhandi uthatha insimbi ayifake emalahleni;
enze isithombe ngezando, asikhande ngengalo yakhe
elamandla. Uyalamba aphelelwe ngamandla. Anganathi
manzi, amandla aphele. **13** Umbazi welula intambo
yokulinganisa asidwebe ngosungulo, asibaze ngetshizela,
asidwebe ngensimbi ecijileyo, abaze umfanekiso
womuntu, umuntu olobuhle bonke, ukuba sihlale endlini
yokukhonzela. **14** Ugamula isihlahla somsedari, loba
athathe umsayiphresi kumbe um'Okhi. Uyasikhulisa
phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu, kumbe ahlanyele iphayini,
izulu lisikhulise. **15** Lapho-ke siba zinkuni zomuntu
zokubasa; okunye kwaso uyathatha othe, ubasa umlilo
abhekhe izinkwa. Kodwa, njalo, wenza unkulunkulu
amkhonze; abaze isithombe asikhothamele. **16** Ingxenye
yezinkuni ubasa ngayo umlilo, apheke ngawo ukudla
kwakhe. Ose inyama yakhe adle asuthe. Njalo uyotha
umlilo athi, "Ha! Ngiyafudumala; ngiyawubona umlilo."
17 Ngeziseleyo wenza unkulunkulu, isithombe sakhe;
uyasikhothamela, asikhonze. Uyakhuleka kuso athi,
"Ngisindisa, ungunkulunkulu wami." **18** Kabazi lutho,
kabaqedisisi lutho; amehlo abo abhadiwe ukuze bangaboni
lezingqondo zabo zivalekile ukuze bangaqedisisi. **19**
Kakho oke ame acabange, kakho olokwazi loba ukuzwisisa
ukuba athi, "Ingxenye yazo ngabasa ngayo umlilo;
ngaze ngabhekha izinkwa emalahleni awo, ngosa inyama
ngayidla. Ngokuseleyo ngizakwenza into enengisayo

na? Ngizasikhothamela na isigodo nje?” **20** Udla
umlotha, inhliziyo ekhohlisekileyo iyamlahla, angeke
azihlenge, kumbe athi, “Into le esesandleni sami sokudla
kayisimanga na?” **21** “Khumbula lezizinto, wena Jakhobe,
ngoba uyinceku yami, wena Israyeli. Ngakubumba,
uyinceku yami; wena Israyeli, angiyikukukhohlwa. **22**
Ngesule iziphambeko zakho njengeyezi, ngesula izono
zakho njengenkungu yekuseni. Buyela kimi, ngoba
ngikuhlengile.” **23** Hlabelelani ngentokozo, lina mazulu,
ngoba uThixo usekwenzile lokhu; hlaba umkhosi, wena
mhlaba ngaphansi. Tshayani ingoma lina zintaba,
lina mahlathi lazozonke izihlahla zenu, ngoba uThixo
usemhlengile uJakhobe, ubonakalisa udumo lwakhe
ko-Israyeli. **24** “Nanku akutshoyo uThixo, uMhlengi
wakho, owakubumbayo esiswini: Mina nginguThixo,
owenza izinto zonke, owenza amazulu eyedwa, owendlala
umhlaba eyedwa, **25** ofubisa izibonakaliso zabaphrofethi
bamanga, enze izanuse zibe yizithutha, ochitha ulwazi
lwezihlakaniphi alwenze lube yibuthutha, **26** ofeza
amazwi ezinceku zakhe aphelelise amacebo ezithunywa
zakhe. Athi kulo iJerusalema, ‘Kuzahlalwa kulo,’
ngamadolobho akoJuda athi, ‘Azakwakhiwa.’ Ngamanxiwa
awo uthi, ‘Ngizawavusa,’ **27** athi enzikini yamanzi,
‘Cima, ngizakomisa izifula zakho,’ **28** athi ngoKhurosi,
‘Ungumelusi wami, uzafeza konke engikufunayo; uzakuthi
ngeJerusalema, “Kalakhiwe futhi,” ngethempeli athi,
“Izisekelo zalo kazakhiwe.”’”

45 “Nanku akutshoyo uThixo kogcotshiweyo wakhe,
uKhurosi, engibamba isandla sakhe sokudla ukuba

nginqobe izizwe eziphambi kwakhe, ngithathele amakhosi
izihlangu zawo, ngivule iminyango phambi kwakhe
ukuze amasango angavaleki: **2** Ngizahamba phambi
kwakho ngenze izintaba zendlaleke. Ngizadiliza amasango
ethusi, ngifohle emigoqweni yensimbi. **3** Ngizakupha
inotho yobumnyama, lenotho egcinwe ezindaweni
ezifihlakeleyo ukuze wazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okubiza ngebizo. **4** Ngenxa
kaJakhobe inceku yami, lo-Israyeli okhethiweyo wami,
ngikubiza ngebizo ngikunike ibizo lokuhlonipha, lanxa
wena unganginakanga. **5** Mina nginguThixo, njalo
kakho omunye; ngaphandle kwami akulaNkulunkulu.
Ngizakuqinisa, lanxa wena unganginakanga, **6** ukuze
kuthi kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga,
abantu bakwazi ukuthi kakho omunye ngaphandle
kwami. Mina nginguThixo, njalo kakho omunye. **7**
Ngenza ukukhanya njalo ngidale umnyama, ngiletha
ukuphumelela njalo ngidale incithakalo; mina Thixo
ngiyazenza zonke lezizinto. **8** Lina mazulu angaphezulu,
nisani ukulunga; amayezi kawakuthululele phansi.
Umhlaba kawuvuleke kabanzi kuhlume ukusindiswa,
ukulunga akukhule lakho; mina, uThixo, ngikudalile. **9**
Maye kulowo ophikisa uMdali wakhe, kulowo oludengezi
nje phakathi kwendengezi emhlabathini. Ibumba liyatsho
na kumbumbi lithi, ‘Kuyini okubumbayo?’ Umsebenzi
wakho uyatsho na uthi, ‘Kalazandla?’ **10** Maye kulowo
othi kuyise, ‘Kuyini owakuzalayo?’ loba athi kunina,
‘Kuyini owakubelethayo?’ **11** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, loMdali wakhe uthi: Mayelana

lezinto ezizayo, uyangibuza ngabatwabami na, loba uyangilawula emsebenzini engiwenzayo na? **12** Yimi engadala umhlaba, ngenza labantu abahlala kuwo. Ezami izandla yizo ezananabula amazulu; ngahlela amaxuku ezinkanyezi zawo. **13** Ngizamvusa uKhurosi ngokulunga kwami, ngenze izindlela zakhe zonke ziqonde. Uzalakha futhi idolobho lami, akhulule abami abaxotshwayo elizweni, kodwa kungekho nhlawulo kumbe umvuzo, kutsho uThixo uSomandla." **14** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: "Izithelo zaseGibhithe lempahla ethengiswayo yaseKhushi lamaSebhina lawana amade, bazakuza kuwe babengabakho, bazakhasabula ngemva kwakho, beze kuwe bebotshwe ngamaketane. Bazakukhothamela bakuncenge besithi, 'Ngempela uNkulunkulu ulawe, kakho omunye, kakho omunye uNkulunkulu.'" **15** Ngeqiniso unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo, Nkulunkulu loMsindisi ka-Israyeli. **16** Bonke ababaza izithombe bazayangiswa badumazeke; bonke bazahamba beyangekile. **17** Kodwa u-Israyeli uzasindiswa nguThixo ngensindiso engapheliyo; kaliyikuyangiswa kumbe libe lehlazo kuze kube nininini. **18** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo yena owadala amazulu, unguNkulunkulu, yena owabumba umhlaba wawenza, wawusekela; kawudalanga ukuba ungabi lalutho, kodwa wawenza ukuba kuhlalwe kuwo, uthi: "Mina nginguThixo, kakho omunye. **19** Angikhulumanga ensitha kwenye indawo elizweni lomnyama; angizange ngithi kuzizukulwane zikaJakhobe, 'Ngidingani lingangitholi.' Mina Thixo ngikhuluma iqiniso; ngitsho okuqotho. **20** Qoqanani

ndawonye lize kimi; buthanani lina elabaleka ezizweni.
Labo abahamba bethwele izithombe zezigodo kabazi
lutho; labo abakhuleka kubonkulunkulu abangeke
babasize.” **21** Memezelani okufanele kube yikho,
likubike, kabemukele izeluleko ndawonye. Ngubani
owabika lokhu endulo, ngubani owamemezela ngakho
kudala le? Kwakungayisimi mina Thixo na? Njalo
kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, uNkulunkulu
olungileyo onguMsindisi; kakho omunye, yimi kuphela.
22 “Phendukelani kimi lisindiswe, lonke lina mikhawulo
yomhlaba; ngoba mina nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho
omunye. **23** Ngifunge ngami, ngobuqotho bonke umlomo
wami ukhulume ilizwi elingayikwesulwa. Amadolo wonke
azaguqa phambi kwami; izindimi zonke zizafunga ngami.
24 Zizakutsho ngami zithi, ‘Ukulunga lamandla kuThixo
kuphela.’” Bonke abamthukuthelelayo bazakuza kuye
bayangiswe. **25** Kodwa Thixo yonke inzalo ka-Israyeli
izafunyanwa ilungile, ithokoze iziqhenya ngaye.

46 UBheli uyakhothama, uNebho uyaguqa; izithombe
zabo zithwelwe yizifuyo zokuthwala. Izifanekiso
ezithwelweyo ziyasinda, umthwalo osindayo kodiniweyo.
2 Bayakhothama baguqe ndawonye; benganelisi
ukuhlenga umthwalo, labo uqobo baya khona
ekuthunjweni. **3** “Ngilalela wena ndlu kaJakhobe, lonke
lina eliseleyo abendlu ka-Israyeli, lina engalisekelayo
selokhu lemulwayo, ngalithwala selokhu lazalwayo. **4**
Lasebudaleni benu, inwele zenu sezimhlophe, mina
nginguye, nginguye ozaliqinisa. Sengilenzile njalo
ngizalithwala; ngizaliqinisa ngilihlenge. **5** Ngubani

elinganginganisa laye kumbe limbale njengolingana lami na? Ngubani elingangifananisa laye ukuba siqathaniswe na? **6** Abanye bathululula igolide emigodleni yabo balinganise isiliva ezikalini; baqhatshe abakhandi begolide ukuba benze unkulunkulu ngalo, bakhothame, bamkhonze. **7** Bayamphakamisela emahlombe abo bamthwale; bayambeka endaweni yakhe, ame khonapho. Angeke asuke kuleyondawo. Lanxa umuntu ememeza, kaphenduli; angeke amsize ekuhluphekeni kwakhe. **8** Khumbulani lokhu, likufake ezingqondweni zenu, kukhumbuleni lina bahlamuki. **9** Khumbulani izinto zakuqala ezendulo. Mina nginguNkulunkulu, kakho omunye; mina nginguNkulunkulu, kakho onjengami. **10** Mina ngenza isiphetho sazakale kusukela ekuqaleni lokuzakwenzakala, kusukela ezikhathini zasendulo. Ngithi: 'Injongo yami izakuma kokuphela, njalo ngizakwenza konke engikufunayo.' **11** Empumalanga ngibiza inyoni edla ezinye; elizweni elikhatshana ngibiza umuntu ukuba afeze injongo yami. Lokho engikutshiloyo ngizakufeza; lokho engikucebileyo ngizakwenza. **12** Ngilalelani lina elilezinhliziyo ezilukhuni, lina elikhatshana lokulunga. **13** Ngiletha ukulunga kwami eduzane, akukho khatshana; lokusindisa kwami akuyikuphuziswa. IZiyoni ngizayinika ukusindiswa, u-Israyeli inkazimulo yami."

47 "Yehla uhlale othulini Ndodakazi emsulwa yaseBhabhiloni, hlala emhlabathini ungelasihlalo sobukhosi, ndodakazi yamaBhabhiloni. Akusayikuthiwa ubuthakathaka loba kuthiwe uthambile. **2** Thatha amatshe

okuchola uchole impuphu; ukhuphe isimbombozo sakho.
Phakamisa izidwaba zakho, uveze imilenze yakho,
ugxabhaze udabule ezifuleni. **3** Ubunqunu bakho
buzavezwa, ihlazo lakho lambuleke. Ngizaphindisela,
kakho engizamyekela." **4** Umhlengi wethu uThixo
uSomandla libizo lakhe ungoNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
5 "Hlala ngokuthula, yana emnyameni, ndodakazi
yamaKhaladiya; awuyikubizwa ngokuthi ndlovukazi
yemibuso futhi. **6** Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami,
ngangcolisa ilifa lami, ngabanikela ezandleni zakho,
kawaze waba lesihawu kubo. Lasebeluphele, wabethesa
ijogwe elinzima. **7** Wathi, 'Ngizaqhubeka kokuphela
ngiyindlovukazi nini lanini.' Kodwa kawuzinakanga
lezizinto, kumbe unakane ngokungenzakala. **8** Khathesi-ke
lalela, wena sidalwa esingazibekanga, wena ocambaleleyo
uvikelekile usithi ngenhliziyo yakho, 'Mina yimi,
njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami, angisoze
ngaba ngumfelokazi kumbe ngifelwe ngabantwana.' **9**
Kodwa lokhu kokubili kuzakwehlela ngokuphangisa,
ngasuku lunye ukufelwa ngabantwana lobufelokazi.
Lokhu kuzakwehlela phezu kwakho ngokugcweleyo,
bungakhathelekile ubuthakathi bakho layo yonke imilingo
yakho elamandla. **10** Wethembele ebubini bakho,
njalo watsho wathi, 'Kakho ongibonayo.' Inhlakanipho
yakho lolwazi lwakho kuyakukhohlisa lapho usithi
kuwe, 'Mina yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle
kwami.' **11** Incithakalo izakwehlela phezu kwakho,
njalo awuyikwazi ukuyivikela ngemilingo. Umonakalo
uzakwehlela phezu kwakho, ongeke uwuvimbe

ngenhlawulo, lengozi ongeke uyikhumbulele izakujuma.
12 Qhubeka-ke ngemilingo yakho, langobuthakathi
bakho obunengi okusebenza kusukela ebantwaneni
bakho. Mhlawumbe uzaphumelela, kumbe njalo wenze
kube lokwesaba. **13** Zonke izeluleko owazitholayo
zikucobile. Izazi zezinkanyezi kazisondele, labahloli
bezinkanyezi ababika ngokuzakwenzakala inyanga
ngenyanga. Kabakuhlenge kulokhu okuzakwehlela. **14**
Impela banjengamahlanga; umlilo uzabatshisa futhi
bangeke bazihlenga emandleni amalangabi. Lapha
akulamalahle okothiwa ngumuntu; lapha akulamlilo
wokotha. **15** Lokho yikho abangakwenzela khona
labo owasebenza labo, uthengiselana labo kusukela
ebuntwaneni. Omunye lomunye wabo uyaqhubeka
ngesiphosiso sakhe; kakho ongakusindisa."

48 "Zwana lokhu, wena ndlu kaJakhobe, lina elibizwa
ngebizo lika-Israyeli elingabosendo lukaJuda, lina elifunga
ngoThixo, licele usizo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kodwa
kungasingeqiniso loba ngokulunga, **2** lina elibizwa
ngokuthi lingabasedolobheni elingcwele, lethembe
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uThixo uSomandla yilo ibizo
lakhe: **3** Ngamemezela ngezinto zakuqala endulo,
ngazitsho ngomlomo wami, ngazenza zazakala. Ngazenza
ngokuphangisa, zahle zenzakala. **4** Ngoba ngangikwazi
ukuthi ulenkani, imisipha yentamo yakho zinsimbi,
ibunzi lakho lithusi. **5** Ngakho-ke ngakutsho kudala
ngalezizinto, ngakwazisa ngazo zingakenzakali ukuze
wena ungaze wathi, 'Izithombe zami yizo ezazenzayo;
izithixo zami zezigodo lonkulunkulu wensimbi yibo

abakumisayo.’ **6** Usuzizwile lezizinto; zikhangele zonke.
Awuyikuzivuma na? Kusukela khathesi ngizakutshela
ngezinto ezintsha, izinto ezifihlakeleyo wena ongazaziyo.
7 Zidalwe khathesi nje, hatshi endulo; awuzange
uzwe ngazo mandulo. Ngakho awungeke uthi, ‘Yebo,
kade ngizazi.’ **8** Kawuzange uzwe kumbe uqedisise;
kusukela endulo indlebe yakho ibingavulekanga. Ngikwazi
kuhle ukuthi wena uyingozi; kwathiwa ungumhlamuki
kusukela ekuzalweni kwakho. **9** Ngenxa yebizo
lami, ngiyaluphuzisa ulaka lwami; ngenxa yodumo
lwami ngiyalubamba ukuba lungehleli kuwe, ukuze
ngingakubhubhisi. **10** Khangela, ngikulungisile lanxa
kunganjengesiliva; ngikuhlole emlilweni wokuhlupheka.
11 Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami, ngenza lokhu. Ngingavuma
njani ukuba ibizo lami ligconwe na? Angiyikunika
omunye udumo lwami.” **12** “Ngilalela wena Jakhobe,
Israyeli, engikubizileyo: Mina nginguye; ngingowokuqala
njalo ngingowokucina. **13** Isandla sami sabeka izisekelo
zomhlaba, isandla sami sokudla sendlala amazulu;
lapho ngikubiza, kuyasukuma konke kanyekanye. **14**
Buthanani ndawonye lonke lilalele: Yisiphi sezithombe
esamemezela ngalezizinto ngaphambilini na? Umsekeli
kaThixo okhethiweyo uzafeza inhloso yakhe yokuhlasela
amaKhaladiya; ingalo yakhe izamelana lamaKhaladiya.
15 Mina, mina ngokwami, sengikhulumile; yebo
ngimbizile. Ngizamletha, njalo uzaphumelela kuyo
inhloso yakhe. **16** Sondelani kimi lizwe lokhu: Kusukela
esimemezelweni sakuqala angikhulumelanga ensitha;
lapho kusenzakala, mina ngikhona.” Khathesi uThixo

Wobukhosi ungithumile ngoMoya wakhe. **17** Nanku
uThixo akutshoyo, uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli:
“Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, okufundisa
lokho okuhle kakhulu kuwe, ekutshengisa indlela okumele
uhambe ngayo. **18** Aluba wawulalele imilayo yami nje,
ukuthula kwakho kwakuzakuba njengomfula, ukulunga
kwakho kunjengamagagasi olwandle. **19** Inzalo yakho
yayizakuba ngangetshebetshebe, abantwabakho babe
ngangezinhlamvu zalo ezingeke zibalwe; ibizo labo
belingayikwesulwa kumbe lidilizwe phambi kwami.” **20**
Sukani eBhabhiloni, libalekele amaBhabhiloni! Bikani
lokhu lihlaba umkhosi ngentokozo njalo likumemezele.
Kufikiseni emikhawulweni yomhlaba; lithi, “UThixo
uyihlengile inceku yakhe uJakhobe.” **21** Kabomanga
ekubaholeni kwakhe bedabula ezinkangala; wabenzela
amanzi agelezayo ephuma edwaleni, wadabula idwala
amanzi ampompoza. **22** UThixo uthi, “Akukho ukuthula
kwababi.”

49 Ngilalelani lina zihlenge; zwanini lokhu lina
zizwe ezikude: uThixo wangibiza ngingakazalwa;
kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ubelitsho ibizo lami. **2**
Wenza umlomo wami waba njengenkemba eloliweyo,
wangifihla emthunzini wesandla sakhe. Wangenza
ngaba ngumtshoko ololiweyo, wangifihla emxhakeni
wakhe wemitshoko. **3** Wathi kimi, “Wena Israyeli
uyinceku yami, engizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami
ngayo.” **4** Kodwa mina ngathi, “Mina ngisebenzele
ize; amandla ami ngiwachithele ize lobala, ikanti
okufanele mina kusesandleni sikaThixo, lomvuzo

wami ukuNkulunkulu.” **5** Khathesi uThixo uthi,
yena owangibumbayo esiswini ukuba ngibe yinceku
yakhe ukuze ngibuyisele uJakhobe kuye lokuqoqela
u-Israyeli kuye, ngoba ngiphakanyisiwe emehlweni
kaThixo njalo uNkulunkulu wami ubengamandla
ami **6** uthi: “Kuyinto encane kakhulu kuwe ukuba
yinceku yami ukuze uvuselele izizwe zikaJakhobe
ubuyise labako-Israyeli engibalondolozileyo. Ngizakwenza
ube yikukhanya kwabeZizwe, ukuze ufikise usindiso
lwami emikhawulweni yomhlaba.” **7** Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo, uMhlengi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli, utsho kuye
oweyiswa, wenyanywa yisizwe, kuyo inceku yababusi:
“Amakhosi azakubona asukume, amakhosana azakubona
akhothame, ngenxa kaThixo othembekileyo, oNgcwele
ka-Israyeli okukhethileyo.” **8** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
“Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo kimi ngizakuphendula,
langosuku lwensindiso ngizakusiza. Ngizakulondoloza
ngikwenze ube yisivumelwano sabantu, ukubuyisela
ilizwe lokwaba kutsha amafa abo achithekayo, **9** uthi
kwabathunjiweyo, ‘Phumani,’ kulabo abasemnyameni
uthi, ‘Khululekani!’ Bazadlela emaceleni emigwaqo
bathole amadlelo kuwo wonke amaqaqa alugwadule. **10**
Kabayikulamba kumbe bome, lokutshisa kwasenkangala
kumbe okwelanga kabayikukuzwa. Lowo obazwela
isihawu uzabakhokhela abase emithonjeni yamanzi.
11 Izintaba zami zonke ngizazenza zibe yizindlela,
imigwaqo yami izaphakamela phezulu. **12** Khangelani,
bazakuza bevela khatshana, abanye bevela enyakatho,
abanye bevela entshonalanga labanye bevela emangweni

wase-Asiwani.” **13** Hlabelelani ngentokozo lina mazulu;
jabula lawe mhlaba; tshayani ingoma lina zintaba.
Ngoba uThixo uyabaduduza abantu bakhe njalo uzakuba
lesihawu kwabahluphekayo bakhe. **14** Kodwa iZiyoni
yathi, “UThixo ungilahlile, uThixo usengikhohliwe.” **15**
“Owesifazane angamkhohlwa umntanakhe omunyayo
na, angabi lesihelo emntwaneni amzeleyo na? Lanxa
engamkhohlwa, mina angiyikukukhohlwa!” **16** Khangela,
sengikudwebe ezintendeni zezandla zami; imiduli yakho
ihlezi iphambi kwami. **17** Amadodana akho aphanga
emuva, lalabo abakuchithayo bayasuka kuwe. **18**
Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele emaceleni wonke,
wonke amadodana akho ayaqoqana eze kuwe. UThixo
uthi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngiphila, bonke uzabagqiza
njengezigqizo, ucece ngabo njengomlobokazi. **19** Lanxa
nje wadilizwa waba lunxiwa lelizwe lakho lachithwa,
khathesi uzakuba mncane kakhulu ebantwini bakho;
lalabo abakuchithayo bazakuba khatshana. **20** Abantwana
abazalwa ngesikhathi sokufelwa kwakho bazakutsho lawe
usizwa bathi, ‘Indawo le incinyane kakhulu kithi; siphe
enye njalo indawo yokuhlala.’ **21** Lapho-ke uzakuthi
enhliziyweni yakho, ‘Ngubani owangizalela laba na?
Ngafelwa njalo ngaba njengongazalanga; ngaxotshwa
elizweni, ngalahlwa. Laba bondliwa ngubani? Mina
ngangisele ngedwa, kodwa laba-ke, bavele ngaphi?’”
22 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: “Khangela,
ngizaqhweba abeZizwe. Ngizaphakamisela uphawu lwami
ebantwini; bazaletha amadodana akho bewagonile,
amadodakazi akho bewathwele ngamahlombe abo. **23**

Amakhosi azakuba ngoyihlo bokukukhulisa, amakhosikazi awo abe ngonyoko bokukondla. Bazakhothama phambi kwakho ubuso babo buphansi, emhlabathini, bazakhotha uthuli ezinyaweni zakho. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo; labo abangithembayo abayikudaniswa."
24 Amabutho angemukwa impango na, kumbe abathunjiweyo bahlengwe kwabesabekayo na? **25** Kodwa nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Yebo, abathunjiweyo bazathathwa emabuthweni lempango izahluthunwa futhi kwabesabekayo, ngoba ngizamelana lalabo abamelana lawe, abantwabakho ngizabahlenga. **26** Ngizakwenza abancindezeli bakho badle inyama yemizimba yabo; bazadakwa ngelabo igazi njengewayini. Lapho-ke izizwe zonke zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo, nginguMsindisi wakho, uMhlengi wakho, uMninimandla kaJakhobe."

50 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ingaphi incwadi kanyoko yokuchitha umtshado engamxotsha ngayo na? Kumbe nguphi kwababelezikwelede zami engamthengisayo na? Lathengiswa ngenxa yezono zenu, lonyoko waliwa ngenxa yokona kwenu. **2** Ekufikeni kwami, kungani kwakungelamuntu na? Ekubizeni kwami, kungani kungekho muntu owasabelayo na? Ingalo yami yayimfitshane kakhulu ukuba ilihlenge na? Angilamandla okulikhulula na? Ngokukhuza nje kuphela, ngiyalomisa ulwandle, ngiphendule imifula ibe yinkangala; inhlanzi zayo zibole ngenxa yokuswela amanzi, zife ngenxa yokoma. **3** Ngembathisa umkhathi ngomnyama. Ngenze amasaka abe yisembeso sawo." **4** UThixo wobukhosi unginike ulimi olufundisiweyo ukuba ngazi ilizwi

lokuqinisa abadiniweyo. Uyangivusa ekuseni kwansukuzonke, avuse indlebe yami ukuba ilalele njengofundiswayo. **5** UThixo Wobukhosi uvule indlebe zami, njalo angizange ngibe ngohlamukayo; angibuyelanga emuva. **6** Nganikela umhlana wami kulabo ababengitshaya, lezihlathi zami kulabo abacutha indevu zami; ubuso bami angibufihlanga ekugconweni lekukhafulelweni. **7** Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo Wobukhosi uyangisiza angiyikuyangeka. Ngakho-ke sengiqinise ubuso bami babanjengelitshe lomlilo; njalo ngiyazi ukuthi angiyikuyangeka. **8** Lowo ongimelayo useduzane. Ngubani-ke ongangethesa amacala? Kasiqondane. Ngubani ongimangalelayo na? Kangiqonde! **9** NguThixo Wobukhosi ongisizayo. Ngubani lowo ongathi ngilecala na? Bonke bazaguga njengesigqoko, inondo izabadla. **10** Ngubani phakathi kwenu omesabayo uThixo elalela ilizwi lenceku yakhe na? Lowo ohamba emnyameni, ongelakho ukukhanya, kathembe ebizweni likaThixo abambelele kuThixo wakhe. **11** Kodwa khathesi, lonke lina eliphemba imililo lizenzele amalangabi okukhanyisa, sukani, lihambe ekukhanyeni kwemililo yenu, lokwezibane elizikhanyisileyo. Elizakwamukela esandleni sami yilokhu: Lizalala phansi lisebuhlungwini.

51 "Lalelani kimi lina elilandela ukulunga lidinga loThixo: Khangelani edwaleni elacezulwa kulo lasegodini lamatshe elambiwa kulo; **2** khangelani ku-Abhrahama, uyihlo, lakuSara owalizalayo. Ekumbizeni kwami wayemunye, ngambusisa ngamandisa. **3** Ngeqiniso uThixo uzaduduza iZiyoni abe lesihawu kuwo wonke

amanxiwa alo; uzakwenza izinkangala zalo zibe njenge-Edeni, amazwe alo alugwadule afane lesivande sikaThixo. Ukuthaba lentokozo kuzafunyanwa kulo, kanye lokubonga lelizwi lokuhlabela. **4** Lalelani kimi, bantu bami; ungizwe lawe sizwe sami: Kuzaphuma umthetho uvela kimi; ukulunga kwami kuzakuba yikukhanya ezizweni. **5** Ukulunga kwami kusondela ngokuphangisa, insindiso yami iyeza, ingalo yami izaletha ukulunga ezizweni. Izihlenge zizakhangela kimi, zilinde zithembe amandla ami. **6** Phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu emazulwini, likhangele lasemhlabeni phansi; amazulu azanyamalala njengentuthu; umhlaba uzaguga njengesigqoko abakhe kuwo bafe njengempukane. Kodwa insindiso yami izakuba khona kuze kube nininini, ukulunga kwami akuyikuphela. **7** Ngizwani lina elikwaziyo okulungileyo lina bantu abagcina umthetho wami ezinhliziyweni zenu: Lingakwesabi ukugconwa ngabantu, kumbe lethuswe yizithuko zabo. **8** Ngoba inondo izabadla njengesigqoko; impethu ibadle njengewulu. Kodwa ukulunga kwami kuzakuba khona kuze kube nininini; lensindiso yami ikhona kuzizukulwane zonke." **9** Vuka, vuka, wena ngalo kaThixo; uzigqokise ngamandla akho! Vuka njengasezinsukwini zendulo, lanjengakuzizukulwane zakudala. Kayisuwe yini owaquma uRahabi waba yiziqa, wagwaza lesilo lesiyana na? **10** Kawusuwe yini owomisa ulwandle, amanzi atshona kakhulu, wenza umgwaqo ezinzikini zolwandle ukuze abahlengiweyo bachaphe na? **11** Labahlengiweyo bakaThixo bazabuyela. Bazangena eZiyoni behlabelela, intokozo engapheliyo

izakuba ngumqhele emakhanda abo. Bazakuba lokuthula
lenjabulo, usizi lokububula kuzaphela. **12** “Mina,
mina uqobo, nginguye oliduduzayo. Ungubani wena
ukuba wesabe abantu abafayo, amadodana abantu,
abutshani nje, **13** uze ukhohlwe uThixo, uMenzi
wakho, owendlala amazulu wabeka lezisekelo zomhlaba,
ukuthi uhlale ngokwesaba okungapheliyo nsuku zonke
ngenxa yolaka lomncindezeli, ohlose ukuchitha na?
Ngoba lungaphi na ulaka lomncindezeli? **14** Izibotshwa
ezitshotshobeleyo zizakhululwa masinyazana, aziyikufela
emajele azo, kumbe ziswele ukudla. **15** Ngoba mina
nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ophehla ulwandle
ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome, ibizo lakhe nguThixo
uSomandla. **16** Ngifake amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho
ngakwembesa ngomthunzi wesandla sami, mina engabeka
amazulu endaweni yawo, ngabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
njalo othi kuZiyoni, ‘Lina lingabantu bami.’” **17**
Vuka, vuka! Phakama wena Jerusalema, wena onathe
enkezweni esandleni sikaThixo inkezo yolaka lwakhe,
wena oyikhoce wafika enzeceni zayo; inkezo eyenza
amadoda adiyazele. **18** Kuwo wonke amadodana
eliwazeleyo, kayikho eyayingalikhokhela; kuwo wonke
amadodana elawondlayo, kayikho eyayingalibamba
ngesandla. **19** Lezizingozi ezimbili zikwehlele; ngubani
ongakududuza na? Incithakalo lokubhujiswa, indlala
lenkemba, ngubani ongakududuza na? **20** Amadodana
akho asephele amandla, aselala ezihlokweni zemigwaqo
yonke njengebhalabhala elibanjwe ngumambule. Agcwele
ulaka lukaThixo lokukhuza kukaNkulunkulu wakho. **21**

Ngakho-ke zwana lokhu wena ohluphekayo, lodakisiweyo
kodwa kungasingewayini. 22 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi bakho, uNkulunkulu wakho ovikela abantu
bakhe: “Khangela, sengiyisusile esandleni sakho inkezo
ekwenza udiyazele; leyonkezo engeyolaka lwami,
awuyikunatha ngayo futhi. 23 Ngizayibeka ezandleni
zabakuhluphayo, abathi kuwe, ‘Cambalala ukuze sihambe
phezu kwakho.’ Wena-ke wenza umhlane wakho waba
njengenhlabathi, lanjengomgwaqo okungahanjwa kuwo.”
52 Vuka, vuka, wena Ziyoni, uzembese ngamandla!
Gqoka izigqoko zakho zenkazimulo, wena Jerusalema,
muzi ongcwele. Ongasokanga longcolileyo akayikungena
kuwe futhi. 2 Thintitha uthuli lwakho; sukuma,
uhlale ebukhosini, wena Jerusalema. Zikhulule izibopho
ezisentanyeni yakho, wena Ndodakazi ethunjiweyo
yaseZiyoni. 3 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
“Lathengiswa ngeze, njalo lizahlengwa kungekho mali.” 4
Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: “Ekuqaleni
abantu bami baya eGibhithe besiyahlala khona; muva
i-Asiriya yabancindezela. 5 Khathesi kuyini engilakho
lapha?” kubuza uThixo. “Ngoba abantu bami bathunjwa
kungekho sizatho, njalo labo ababababusayo bayakloloda,”
kutsho uThixo. “Ilanga lonke ibizo lami lihlanjazwa
kokuphela. 6 Ngakho-ke abantu bami bazalazi ibizo
lami, ngakho-ke ngalolosuku bazakwazi ukuthi yimi
engamemezela lokho ngaphambilini. Yebo, yimi.” 7
Yeka ubuhle phezu kwezintaba, bezinyawo zalabo
abaletha izindaba ezinhle, abamemezela ukuthula,
abaletha izindaba ezinhle, abamemezela insindiso,

abathi kulo iZiyoni, “UNkulunkulu wakho uyabusa!”
8 Lalela! Abalindi bakho baphakamisa amazwi abo,
bonke bahlaba umkhosi ngokuthokoza. Lapho uThixo
ebuyela eZiyoni bazayibona iZiyoni ngamehlo abo. **9**
Hlokomani ndawonye ngezingoma zokuthokoza, lina
manxiwa aseJerusalema, ngoba uThixo usebaduduzile
abantu bakhe, uselihlengile iJerusalema. **10** UThixo
uzaveza ingalo yakhe engcwele phambi kwezizwe zonke,
njalo yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba izabona insindiso
kaNkulunkulu wethu. **11** Sukani, sukani, phumani lapho!
Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo! Phumani kulo libe
ngabahlambulukileyo, lina eliphatha izitsha zikaThixo.
12 Kodwa kaliyikusuka ngokuphangisa, kumbe libaleka;
ngoba uThixo uzahamba phambi kwenu, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli uzakuba ngumvikeli wenu emva kwenu. **13**
Khangelani, inceku yami izakwenza ngokuhlakanipha,
izaphakanyiswa ikhwezwe, iphiwe lodumo olukhulu. **14**
Njengoba babebanengi abanengwayo yiyo, ubuso bayo
babulimele okudlula okwabantu bonke, lesimo sayo
sonakele singase njengesomuntu, **15** ngakho-ke izachela
izizwe ezinengi, amakhosi azavala imilomo yawo ngenxa
yayo. Ngoba lokho abangakutshelwanga bazakubona,
labangakuzwanga, bazakuqedisisa.

53 Ngubani olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu, njalo amandla
kaThixo abonakaliswe kubani na? **2** Wakhula phambi
kwakhe njengehlumela, lanjengempande emhlabathini
owomileyo. Wayengelabuhle lobukhosi ukuba asikhange,
kungelalutho esimeni sakhe olungenza simfune. **3**
Weyiswa njalo waliwa ngabantu, umuntu wezinsizi,

njalo ekujayele ukuhlupheka. Lowo abantu abangafuniyo ukukhangelana laye weyiswa, asimhloniphanga. **4** Ngempela wathatha inhlungu zethu wathwala insizi zethu, kodwa thina sathi utshaywe nguNkulunkulu, ebethwe nguye, njalo uhlutshiwe. **5** Kodwa wagwazwa ngenxa yezono zethu, wachobozwa ngenxa yokona kwethu, ukuhlutshwa kwakhe kwasilethela ukuthula, njalo sasiliswa ngamanxeba akhe. **6** Thina sonke silahlekile njengezimvu, munye ngamunye wethu uphambukele endleleni yakhe; njalo uThixo ubeke phezu kwakhe ukona kwethu sonke. **7** Wancindezelwa wahlutshwa, kodwa kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe; wakhokhelwa ukuyabulawa njengewundlu, njalo njengemvu ithule phambi komgundi wayo, laye kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe. **8** Ngokuncindezelwa langokwahlulela wathathwa. Ngubani ongakhuluma ngesizukulwane sakhe na? Ngoba wasuswa elizweni labaphilayo; watshaywa ngenxa yeziphambeko zabantu bami. **9** Wabelwa ingcwaba kanye lababi, kanye labanothileyo ekufeni kwakhe, lanxa kungeladlakela alwenzayo njalo kungekho inkohliso emlonyeni wakhe. **10** Ikanti kwakuyintando kaThixo ukumchoboza lokumenza ahlupheke, njalo lanxa uThixo esenza ukuphila kwakhe umnikelo wecala, uzabona inzalo yakhe, andise insuku zokuphila kwakhe, lentando kaThixo izaphumelela ngaye. **11** Emva kokuhlupheka komoya wakhe, uzabona ukukhanya kokuphila asuthiseke; ngokwazi kwayo inceku yami elungileyo izalungisa abanengi, ithwale izono zabo. **12** Ngakho-ke ngizamnika isabelo phakathi kwabakhulu, njalo uzakwabelana

impango labalamandla ngoba wanikela ukuphila kwakhe ekufeni, wabalwa ndawonye lezoni; ngoba wathwala izono zabanengi, wancengela izoni.

54 "Hlabela wena mfazi oyinyumba, wena ongazange uzale umntwana; susa ingoma, umemeze ngentokozo, wena ongakaze uhelelwe ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliweyo banengi kulabalowo olendoda," kutsho uThixo. **2** Qhelisa indawo yethente lakho, yelula amakhetheni ethente lakho abe banzi, ungathikazi, yelula izintambo zakho, uqinise izikhonkwane zakho. **3** Ngoba uzaqhela usiya kwesokudla lesenxele; inzalo yakho izazixotsha izizwe yakhe emadolobheni azo adilikayo. **4** "Ungesabi, ngoba awuyikwehlelwa lihlazo. Ungesabi ukuyangeka, ngoba awuyikudumazeka. Uzalikhohlwa ihlazo lasebutsheni bakho, ungakhumbuli lesithuko sobufelokazi bakho. **5** Ngoba uMenzi wakho engumyeni wakho, uThixo uSomandla libizo lakhe oNgcwele ka-Israyeli unguMhlengi wakho; ubizwa ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke. **6** UThixo uzakubiza njengowesifazane olahliweyo, odabukileyo emoyeni, owesifazane owenda esesemncane, waphanga waliwa," kutsho uNkulunkulu wakho. **7** "Ngakutshiya okomzuzwana omncane, kodwa ngesihawu esikhulu ngizakubuyisa. **8** Ngomfutho wokuthukuthela, ngakufihlela ubuso bami okomzuzwana, kodwa ngothando olungapheliyo, ngizakuba lesihawu kuwe," kutsho uThixo uMhlengi wakho. **9** "Kimi lokhu kunjengasezinsukwini zikaNowa, lapho engafunga khona ngathi amanzi kaNowa kawayikugcwala umhlaba futhi. Ngakho khathesi

sengifungile ngathi angiyikukuthukuthelela futhi;
angiyikukusola njalo. **10** Lanxa izintaba zinganyikinyiswa,
lamaqaqa asuswe, kodwa uthando lwami olungapheliyo
kuwe kaluyikunyikinyiswa, kumbe isivumelwano sami
sokuthula sisuswe," kutsho uThixo olesihawu kuwe. **11**
Wena dolobho elihluphekileyo, elitshaywa yiziphepho
alaze laduduzwa, ngizakwakha ngamatshe amahle,
izisekelo zakho ngizakhe ngamasafire. **12** Izakhiwo zakho
zokuvikela ngizazenza ngamarubhi, amasango akho
ngiwenze ngamatshe akhazimulayo, yonke imithangala
yakho ngiyenze ngamatshe aligugu. **13** Wonke amadodana
akho azafundiswa nguThixo, njalo kuzakuba kukhulu
ukuthula kwabantwana bakho. **14** Uzaqiniswa ngokulunga:
uchuku luzakuba khatshana lawe, awuyikwesaba lutho.
Ukwesaba kuzasuselwa khatshana, akuyikusondela
phansi kwakho. **15** Nxa ekhona ozakuhlasela, kobe
kungayisimi; loba ngubani okuhlaselayo uzazinikela
kuwe. **16** "Khangela, yimi engadala umkhandi wensimbi
ovuthela amalahle abe lilangabi, akhande isikhali
esilungele umsebenzi waso. Njalo yimi engadala umchithi
ukuba enze umonakalo; **17** akulasikhali esikhandelwe
wena esizaphumelela, njalo bonke abakumangalelayo
uzabehlula. Leli yilifa lezinceku zikaThixo, lokhu yikho
ukwenaniswa kwazo yimi," kutsho uThixo.

55 "Wozani, lonke lina abomileyo, wozani emanzini, lani
lina elingelamali, wozani, lithenge, lidle! Wozani, thengani
iwayini lochago ingekho imali lendleko. **2** Lichithelani
imali kokungasikho kudla, lokusebenza kwenu kulokho
okungasuthisiyo na? Lalelani, lalelani kimi, lidle

okuhle, umoya wenu uzathokoziswa yizibiliboco. **3** Lalelani, lize kimi; lingilalele ukuze umphefumulo wenu uphile. Ngizakwenza isivumelwano esingapheliyo lani, uthando lwami oluqotho olwathenjiswa uDavida. **4** Khangelani, ngimenze waba ngufakazi ebantwini, umkhokheli lomlawuli wabantu. **5** Ngeqiniso lizabiza izizwe elingazaziyo, lezizwe ezingalaziyo zizagijimela kini, ngenxa kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ngoba uselinike inkazimulo." **6** Mdingeni uThixo esatholakala, mbizeni eseseduzane. **7** Omubi kayekele indlela yakhe loxhwalileyo alahle imicabango yakhe. Kaphendukele kuThixo, uzakuba lesihawu kuye, lakuNkulunkulu wethu ngoba uzamthethelela ngesihle. **8** "Ngoba imicabango yami kayisiyo eyenu, lezindlela zenu kayisizo ezami," kutsho uThixo. **9** "Njengomkhathi uphakeme kulomhlaba, ngokunjalo izindlela zami ziphakeme kulezindlela zenu, lemicabango yami iphakeme kulemicabango yenu. **10** Njengoba izulu longqwaqwane kusehla kuvela phezulu, kungaphindi kubuyele khonale kungathambisanga umhlaba kuwenze ununkule ube lamahlumela, ukuze unike umhlanyeli inhlanyelo, lodlayo umnike ukudla, **11** linjalo lelizwi lami eliphuma emlonyeni wami: kaliyikubuya kimi lize, kodwa lizafeza engikufunayo liphumelelise lokho engilithume khona. **12** Lina lizaphuma ngokuthokoza likhokhelwe ngokuthula; izintaba lamaqaqa kuzasusa ingoma phambi kwenu, njalo zonke izihlahla zeganga zizaqakeza izandla zazo. **13** Endaweni yesihlahla sameva kuzamila iphayini, lendaweni yokhula kuzamila

isihlahla somithili. Lokhu kuzakwenza uThixo adunyiswe,
kube yisibonakaliso esingapheliyo, esingayikudilizwa."

56 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Londoloza ukulunga
wenze okuqondileyo, ngoba ukusindisa kwami kuseduze
lokulunga kwami kuzabonakaliswa masinyane. **2**
Ubusisiwe umuntu okwenzayo lokhu, umuntu
obambelela kukho, ogcina iSabatha engalingcolisi, athibe
isandla sakhe ekwenzeni okubi." **3** Akungabi lowezizweni
okuThixo othi, "Ngeqiniso uThixo uzangehlukanisa
labantu bakhe." Njalo lomthenwa kangavunyelwa
ukusola athi, "Mina ngiyisihlahla esomileyo." **4** Ngoba
uThixo uthi: "Abathenwa abagcina amaSabatha
ami bakhethe okungithokozisayo, babambelele
kusivumelwano sami, **5** ngizabanika, phakathi
kwethempeli lami lemiduli yalo, isikhumbuzo lebizo
elingcono kulamadodana lamadodakazi. Ngizabanika
ibizo elingapheliyo. Elingayikukhohlakala. **6** Labezizwe
abazinikela kuThixo ukuba bamkhonze, bathande ibizo
likaThixo, njalo bamkhonze, bonke abagcina iSabatha
bengalingcolisi, babambelele kusivumelwano sami, **7** laba
ngizabaletha entabeni yami engcwele, ngibaphe intokozo
endlini yami yokukhulekela. Iminikelo yabo yokutshiswa,
lemihlatshelo, kuzakwamukelwa e-alithareni lami; ngoba
indlu yami izathiwa yindlu yokukhuleka yezizwe zonke."
8 UThixo Wobukhosi, yena oqoqa abaxotshwayo elizweni
abako-Israyeli uthi: "Ngizaqoqela abanye kubo futhi
ngaphandle kwalabo abavele sebeqoqiwe." **9** Wozani
lonke lina zilo zeganga; wozani lidle, lonke lina zilo
zamagusu! **10** Abalindi bako-Israyeli bayiziphofu,

bonke kabazi lutho; bonke bayimigaxa, izinja ezingakhonkothiyo; balala nje baphuphe; bathanda ukulala. **11** Bayizinja ezihlala zilomdlozela wokufuna ukudla, azisuthi. Bangabelusi abangaqedisisiyo, bonke bazazenzela abakufunayo, lowo lalowo udinga inzuzo yakhe. **12** Lowo lalowo uthi, "Wozani, ngilethe iwayini. Kasinatheni utshwala sibusuthe. Kusasa kuzafana lanamuhla, loba kube ngcono kakhulu."

57 Abalungileyo bayabhubha, kodwa kakho ocabanga ngakho enhliziyweni yakhe. Abantu abazinikele ekukhonzeni bayasuswa, njalo kakho okuzwisisayo ukuthi abalungileyo basuswa ukuba baphetshiswe ebubini. **2** Labo abahamba ngokulunga bayangena ekuthuleni; bathola ukuphumula belele ekufeni. **3** "Kodwa lina wozani lapha lina, madodana esanusekazi lina nzalo yezifebe leziphingi! **4** Ngubani elimklolodelayo na? Ngubani elimnemelayo limkhuphela inlimi zenu? Kalisinzalo yabahlamuki, labantwana babaqamba amanga na? **5** Liyatshiseka ngenkanuko ezihlahleni zom'Okhi, langaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziyizithingithingi; lenza umhlatshelo ngabantwabenu emakhelekehleni langaphansi kwamawa. **6** Izithombe eziphakathi kwamatshe abutshelezi emakhelekehleni yiso isabelo senu, yizo, yizo eziyisabelo senu. Yebo, kuzo lithele iminikelo yokunathwayo lanikela leminikelo yamabele. Ngenxa yalezizinto ngingaba lozwelo na? **7** Wenze umbheda wakho phezu koqaqa oluphakemeyo, wakhwela wayanikela imihlatshelo yakho khona. **8** Ngemva kwezivalo zakho langemva kwezinsika zomnyango wakho

ubeke izifanekiso zakho zobuhedeni. Wathi ungilahla wembula umbheda wakho, wakhwela kuwo wawuvula waba banzi, wavumelana lalabo othanda imibheda yabo, wakhangela ubunqunu babo. **9** Uye kuMoleki ulamafutha e-oliva, wandisa lamakha akho. Uthume izithunywa zakho khatshana wangena ethuneni lona ngokwalo! **(Sheol h7585)** **10** Wadiniswa yizindlela zakho zonke, kodwa wawungeke uthi, 'Akusizi ngalutho.' Wathola ukuvuselelwa kwamandla akho. Ngakho kawuphelanga amandla. **11** Ngubani omesabe kangaka waze waba lamanga kimi, njalo kawaze wangikhumbula loba ukucabanga lokhu enhliziyweni yakho na? Akusingenxa yokuthi sengathula okwesikhathi eside kakhulu waze wangasangesabi na? **12** Ukulunga kwakho lemisebenzi yakho ngizakuveza obala, njalo akuyikukusiza ngalutho. **13** Lapho usukhalela ukusizwa, iqoqo lezithombe zakho kalikuhlenge. Umoya uzazithatha zonke, lokuphephetha nje kuziphephulele khatshana. Kodwa umuntu owenza mina isiphephelo sakhe ilizwe lizakuba yilifa lakhe lentaba yami engcwele ibe ngeyakhe." **14** Njalo kuzathiwa: "Candani, candani, lungisani indlela! Susani izikhubekiso endleleni yabantu bami." **15** Ngoba ophakemeyo ongaPhezulu, yena ophila kokuphela, obizo lakhe lingcwele uthi: "Ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo lengcwele, kodwa laye ozisolayo lothobekileyo emoyeni, ukuba kuvuselelwe umoya wabathobekileyo, kuvuselelwe lezinhliziyo zabazisolayo. **16** Angiyikulisola kokuphela kumbe ngihlale ngithukuthele, ngoba umoya womuntu ungaphela phambi kwami, umoya womuntu

engawudalayo. **17** Ngathukutheliswa yibuhwaba bakhe
obubi; ngamjezisa, ngafihla ubuso bami ngithukuthele,
kodwa waqhubeka ngezindlela zakhe zenkani. **18**
Izindlela zakhe sengizibonile, kodwa ngizamsilisa.
Ngizamkhokhela, ngimduduze futhi, **19** ngenze
ukubonga ezindebeni zabalilayo ko-Israyeli. Ukuthula,
ukuthula kwabakhatshana labaseduze," kutsho uThixo.
"Ngizabasilisa." **20** Kodwa ababi banjengolwandle
olugubhazelayo, olungeke luphumule, amagagasi alo
ephosa udaka lengcekeza phezulu. **21** "Akukho kuthula
kwababi," kutsho uNkulunkulu wami.

58 "Memeza kakhulu, ungathuli. Phakamisa ilizwi lakho
njengecilongo. Tshela abantu bami ngokuhlamuka kwabo,
lendlu kaJakhobe uyitshele ngezono zabo. **2** Ngoba usuku
ngosuku bayangidinga; bafuna ukwazi izindlela zami,
sengathi bayisizwe esenza okulungileyo esingalahlanga
imilayo kaNkulunkulu waso. Bacela izinqumo ezilungileyo
kimi bafune ukuthi uNkulunkulu asondele kubo. **3**
Bathi, 'Kungani sizilile, kodwa wena wangakuboni na?
Kungani sizithobile kodwa wangakunaki na?' Ikanti
ngosuku lokuzila kwenu lenza elikuthandayo, lincindezele
lezisebenzi zenu zonke. **4** Ukuzila kwenu kucina
ngengxabano lokulwa, langokutshayana kubi ngenqindi.
Alingeke lizile njengelikwenzayo lamhla lithembe ukuthi
ilizwi lenu lizazwakala phezulu. **5** Lokhu yikho ukuzila
engikukhethileyo na, ukuthi umuntu azithobe okosuku
olulodwa nje? Yikuthi umuntu akhothamise ikhanda lakhe
njengomhlanga nje, lokulala esakeni lemlotheni na? Lokho
yikho elithi yikuzila, usuku olwamukelekayo kuThixo

na? **6** Lokhu akusikho yini ukuzila engikukhethileyo:
ukukhulula izibopho zokungalungi lokuthukulula imichilo
yejogwe, kukhululwe abancindezelweyo, kwephulwe
amajogwe wonke na? **7** Akusikwabela abalambayo
ukudla kwakho lokunika umnyanga ongumhambuma
indawo yokuhlala, lapho ubona abanqunu ubagqokise,
lokungafulatheli izihlobo zakho zegazi na? **8** Lapho-
ke ukukhanya kwakho kuzavela njengokusa, lokusila
kwakho kuzabonakala masinyane, kuthi ukulunga kwakho
kuhambe phambi kwakho, inkazimulo kaThixo izakuba
yisivikelo ngemva kwakho. **9** Lapho-ke uzabiza, uThixo
asabele; uzacela usizo, yena uzakuthi: Ngilapha. Nxa
ungalahla ijogwe lokuncindezela lokukhomba ngomunwe
kanye lezinkulumo ezimbi; **10** njalo nxa unika abalambayo
ukudla kwakho, wanelise lenswelo zabancindezelweyo,
ukukhanya kwakho kuzavela emnyameni, ubusuku
bakho buzakuba njengemini. **11** UThixo uzakukhokhela
kokuphela; uzakwanelisa inswelo zakho elizweni
elitshiswa lilanga, aqinise amathambo akho. Uzakuba
njengesivande esithelezelwa kuhle, lanjengomthombo
olamanzi angacitshiyo. **12** Abantu bakho bazawavusa
amanxiwa amadala, bavuse lezisekelo zakudala. Uzabizwa
ngokuthi uMakhi Wemiduli Eyadilikayo, loMvuseleli
wemiGwaqo leMizi. **13** Nxa ugcina inyawo zakho
zingephuli iSabatha, njalo ungenzi intando yakho
ngosuku lwami olungcwele, nxa iSabatha ulibiza ngokuthi
yintokozo njalo usuku lukaThixo olungcwele usithi
lulodumo, njalo nxa uluhlonipha ngokungahambi
ngendlela yakho, langokungenzi intando yakho loba

ukukhuluma amazwi ayize, **14** lapho-ke uzathola intokozo
kuThixo, njalo ngizakukhweza emiqolweni yelizwe,
ngikwenze udle ilifa likayihlo uJakhobe.” Umlomo kaThixo
usukhulumile.

59 Ngeqiniso ingalo kaThixo kayimfitshane ukuba
isindise, lendlebe yakhe kayibuthundu ukuba izwe.
2 Kodwa ububi benu sebulahlukanise loNkulunkulu
wenu; lezono zenu sezisithe ubuso bakhe kini ukuze
angezwa. **3** Ngoba izandla zenu zingcolisiwe ngegazi,
leminwe yenu ingcoliswe yibubi. Izindebe zenu zikhulume
amanga lolimi lwenu luhlebeza izinto ezimbi. **4**
Kakho odinga ukwahlulela okuhle, kakho okhuluma
ecaleni lakhe ngobuqotho. Bathembe ukuphika ngeze
bekhuluma amanga; bemula uhlupho, bazale ububi. **5**
Bachamisela amaqanda ezinhlangwana, beluke ubulembu
besayobe. Langabe ngubani odla amaqanda azo uzakufa,
njalo nxa elinye lawo lichanyiselwe kuphuma ibululu.
6 Ubulembu babo kabusizi ekugqokeni; abangeke
bazimboze ngabakwenzayo. Izenzo zabo yizenzo ezimbi,
izenzo zodlakela zisezandleni zabo. **7** Inyawo zabo
zigijimela ukona; bayaphangisa ukuchitha igazi elimsulwa.
Imicabango yabo yimicabango emibi; ukuchitha
lokubhubhisa kubonakalisa izindlela zabo. **8** Indlela
yokuthula kabayazi; akukho kulunga ezindleleni zabo.
Sebenze zaba yimigwaqo ezombelezayo, kakho ohamba
ngazo ozakwazi ukuthula. **9** Ngakho-ke ukwahlulela
okuhle kukhatshana lathi, lokulunga akufiki kithi. Sidinga
ukukhanya, kodwa kulobumnyama kuphela; sidinga
ukucazimula, kodwa sihamba emathunzini amnyama.

10 Njengeziphofu siphumputha silandela umduli,
siphumputhe indlela yethu njengabantu abangelamehlo.
Sikhubeka emini ingathi kukusihlwa; kwabalamandla,
sinjengabafileyo. **11** Sonke siyahwabha njengamabhele,
sibubule ngosizi njengamajuba. Sidinga ukwahlulela
okuhle, kodwa kasikutholi; sidinga ukuhlengwa,
kodwa kukhatshana. **12** Ngoba ukona kwethu kuwe
kunengi, lezono zethu zifakaza okubi ngathi. Ukona
kwethu kuhlezi kulathi; siyabuvuma ububi bethu, **13**
ukuhlamuka lokungathembeki kuThixo, ukufulathela
uNkulunkulu wethu, ukukhuthaza uncindezelo lomvukela,
ukukhuluma amanga esiwacabange ngezinhliziyo
zethu. **14** Ngakho ukwahlulela okuhle kufuqelwa
emuva, ukulunga kume khatshana; iqiniso likhubekile
ezindleleni, ubuqotho bungeke bungene. **15** Iqiniso
kalitholwa ndawo; oxwaya ububi uyahlaselwa. UThixo
wakhangela wadaniswa yikuswelakala kokwahlulela
okuhle. **16** Wabona ukuthi kwakungelamuntu, wanengwa
yikuthi kakho owayengalamula; ngakho waletha
ukukhululwa ngamandla akhe, ukulunga kwakhe
kwamqinisa. **17** Wagqoka ukulunga njengesivikelo
sakhe sasesifubeni, lengowane yensindiso ekhanda
lakhe; wagqoka izembatho zokuphindisela njalo
wazigoqela ngokutshiseka njengokuzigoqela ngengubo.
18 Uzaphindisela ulaka ezitheni zakhe, kusiya ngalokho
abakwenzileyo; lokujeziswa kwabamelana laye; izihlenge
uzaziphindisela ngemfanelo yazo. **19** Kusukela
entshonalanga abantu bazalesaba ibizo likaThixo, njalo
kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga bazadumisa ubukhosi

bakhe. Ngoba uzafika njengesikhukhula esifutheleneyo
esifuqwa ngumoya kaThixo. **20** "Umhlengi uzafika eZiyoni,
kwabakaJakhobe abavuma izono zabo," kutsho uThixo. **21**
"Mina lesi yiso isivumelwano sami labo," kutsho uThixo.
"Umoya wami okuwe, lamazwi ami engiwabeke emlonyeni
wakho akuyikusuka emlonyeni wakho, kumbe emilonyeni
yabantwabakho, loba emilonyeni yezizukulwane zabo
kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube nininini," kutsho
uThixo.

60 "Vuka, khazimula, ngoba ukukhanya kwakho
sekufikile, lenkazimulo kaThixo iyavela phezu kwakho.
2 Khangela, umnyama wembese umhlaba, umnyama
omkhulu usibekele abantu. Kodwa uThixo uyakhanya
phezu kwakho lenkazimulo yakhe iyabonakala phezu
kwakho. **3** Izizwe zizakuza ekukhanyeni kwakho,
lamakhosi alande ukuqhama kokusa kwakho. **4**
Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele amacele akho wonke:
bonke babuthana beze kuwe; amadodana akho avela
khatshana, lamadodakazi akho athwelwe ngengalo. **5**
Ngakho uzakhangela ubobotheke ngokujabula, inhliziyo
yakho izatshaya ikhukhumale ngenxa yentokozo;
inotho yasolwandle izalethwa kuwe, lenotho yezizwe
izakuza kuwe. **6** Imihlambi yamakamela izagcwala
elizweni lakho, amakamela asakhulayo aseMidiyani
lase-Efa. Wonke avela eShebha azakuza ethwele
igolide lempepha ememezela udumo lukaThixo. **7**
Yonke imihlambi yaseKhedari izabuthelwa kuwe;
inqama zaseNebhayothi zizakusiza; zizakwamukeleka
njengeminikelo e-alithareni lami, njalo ngizahlobisa

ithempeli lami elilodumo. **8** Ngobani laba abandiza
njengamayezi lanjengamajuba esiya ezidlekeni zawo
na? **9** Ngeqiniso izihlenge zithembe mina; ekhokheleyo
yimikhumbi yaseThashishi, iletha amadodana akho avela
khatshana, lesiliva sawo kanye legolide ukuba kudunyiswe
uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ngoba
ukunike inkazimulo. **10** Abezizwe bazayakha futhi
imiduli yakho, lamakhosi abo azakukhonza. Lanxa
ekuthukutheleni kwami ngakutshaya, kodwa ngomusa
wami ngizakuba lesihawu kuwe. **11** Amasango akho
azahlala evulekile; kawayikuvalwa emini loba ebusuku
ukuze abantu bakulethele inotho yezizwe, amakhosi
azo ekhokhelwe ludwendwe lokunqoba. **12** Ngoba
isizwe kumbe umbuso ongayikukukhonza uzatshabalala;
uzachitheka uphele nya. **13** Udumo lwaseLebhanoni
luzakuza kuwe; zonke izihlahla ezamaphayini, umfiri
lomsiphresi, ukuzehlobisa indlu yami engcwele; lendawo
yezinyawo zami ngizayenza ikhazimule. **14** Amadodana
abancindezeli bakho azakuza akhothame phambi kwakho;
bonke abakweyisayo bazakhothamela phansi ezinyaweni
zakho, njalo bazakubiza ngokuthi iDolobho likaThixo,
iZiyoni yakhe oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **15** Lanxa ubulahliwe,
uzondakala, kungekho ohamba edabula phakathi kwakho,
ngizakwenza ube ligugu elingapheliyo, uthokozise
izizukulwane zonke. **16** Uzanatha uchago lwezizwe,
umunyiswe emabeleni asesikhosini. Lapho-ke uzakwazi
ukuthi nginguThixo, uMsilisi wakho, uMhlengi wakho,
uMninimandla kaJakhobe. **17** Esikhundleni sethusi
ngizakulethela igolide, lesiliva esikhundleni sensimbi.

Esikhundleni sezigodo ngizakulethela ithusi, lensimbi esikhundleni samatshe. Ngizakwenza ukuthula kube ngumbusi wakho, lokulunga kube yinkosi yakho. **18** Akusayikuba lodlakela elizweni lakho, akusayikuba khona ukuchitheka loba ukutshabalala phakathi kwelizwe lakini, kodwa uzakuthi imiduli yakho yiNsindiso, lamasango akho uthi yiNdumiso. **19** Ilanga kalisayikuba yikukhanya kwakho emini loba ukukhanya kwenyanga kukukhanyise, ngoba uThixo uzakuba yikukhanya kwakho okungapheliyo, loNkulunkulu wakho abe yinkazimulo yakho. **20** Ilanga lakho kaliyikutshona futhi, lenyanga yakho ayisayikufiphala njalo. UThixo uzakuba yikukhanya kwakho okungapheliyo, lezinsuku zakho zezinsizi zizaphela. **21** Lapho-ke bonke abantu bakho bazakuba ngabalungileyo, lelizwe lizakuba lilifa labo kokuphela. Bangamahlumela engawahlanyelayo, umsebenzi wezandla zami, ukuba ngibonakalise inkazimulo yami. **22** Ingcosana yakho izakuba yinkulungwane, abancinyane bazakuba yisizwe esilamandla. Mina nginguThixo; ngesikhathi esifaneleyo lokhu ngizakwenza ngokuphangisa."

61 Umoya kaThixo Wobukhosi uphezu kwami, ngoba uThixo ungigcobile ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu. Ungithumile ukuba ngibophe inhliziyo ezidabukileyo, ngimemezele ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo, lokukhululwa kwezibotshwa emnyameni, **2** lokumemezela umnyaka womusa kaThixo, losuku lokuphindisela kukaNkulunkulu wethu; ukududuza abalilayo, **3** lokunakekela labo abadabukileyo eZiyoni, ukubapha umqhele wobuhle esikhundleni

somlotha, amafutha okujabula esikhundleni sokulila, lengubo yokudumisa esikhundleni somoya wokulahla ithemba. Bazabizwa ngokuthi yim'okhi yokulunga, ehlanyelwe nguThixo ukuba abonakalise inkazimulo yakhe. **4** Bazavuselela njalo amanxiwa asendulo bavuse lezindawo ezadilizwa kudala. Bazavuselela amadolobho adilikayo aleminyaka eminengi adilika. **5** Abezizwe bazakwelusa imihlambi yenu; abezizwe bazalima amasimu enu lezivini zenu. **6** Lizabizwa ngokuthi abaphristi bakaThixo, kuzathiwa liyizikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu. Lizakudla inotho yezizwe, lizincome ngenotho yazo. **7** Esikhundleni sehlazo labo abantu bami bazaphiwa isabelo esiphindwe kabili, njalo esikhundleni sokuyangeka bazathokoza ngelifa labo; ngakho isabelo selifa labo elizweni sizaphindwa kabili, lentokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngeyabo. **8** "Ngoba mina, uThixo, ngithanda ukulunga, ngizonda ubugebenga lobubi. Ngobuqotho bami ngizabanika umvuzo ngenze isivumelwano esingapheliyo labo. **9** Izizukulwane zabo zizakwaziwa phakathi kwezizwe, lenzalo yabo yaziwe phakathi kwabantu. Bonke abababonayo bazavuma ukuthi bangabantu ababusiswe nguThixo." **10** Ngiyathokoza kakhulu kuThixo; umphefumulo wami uyajabula ngoNkulunkulu wami. Ngoba ungigqokise izigqoko zokusindiswa, wangicecisa ngezembatho zokulunga, njengomyeni ececisa ikhanda lakhe njengomphristi, lanjengomlobokazi ezicecise ngamatshe akhe aligugu. **11** Ngoba njengomhlabathi owenza ihlumela limile, lesivande esenza inhlanyelo ikhule,

ngokunjalo uThixo Wobukhosi uzakwenza ukulunga lodumo kuvele phambi kwezizwe zonke.

62 Ngenxa yeZiyoni angiyikuthula; ngenxa yeJerusalema angiyikuhlala ngithule, ukulunga kwayo kuze kukhanye njengokusa, ukusindiswa kwayo kuze kukhanye njengezibane ezivuthayo. **2** Izizwe zizakubona ukulunga kwakho, lamakhosi wonke ayibone inkazimulo yakho. Uzabizwa ngebizo elitsha umlomo kaThixo ozakunika lona. **3** Uzakuba ngumqhele wenkazimulo esandleni sikaThixo, umqhele wobukhosi esandleni sikaNkulunkulu wakho. **4** Kabasayikukubiza ngokuthi oTshiyiweyo kumbe babize ilizwe lakho ngokuthi Chithakele. Kodwa uzabizwa ngokuthi Hefiziba ilizwe lakho kuthiwe yiBhiyula, ngoba uThixo uzathokoza ngawe, lelizwe lakho lizakwenda. **5** Njengejaha lithatha intombi, ngokunjalo amadodana akho azakuthatha; lanjengomyeni ethokozela umakoti wakhe, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uzathokoza ngawe. **6** Ngibeke abalindi phezu kwemiduli yakho wena Jerusalema; kabayikuthula lanini emini loba ebusuku. Lina elimbizayo uThixo, musani ukuphumula, **7** laye lingamphumuzi aze akhe iJerusalema alenze libe lodumo emhlabeni. **8** UThixo ufungile ngesandla sakhe sokudla langengalo yakhe elamandla wathi; “Angiyikuphinda lanini ukunika izitha zenu amabele enu njengokudla kwazo, njalo lanini abezizwe kabayikuphinda banathe iwayini elitsha elilisebenzele nzima. **9** Kodwa labo abawavunayo bazawadla badumise uThixo, lalabo ababutha amavini bazalinatha emagumeni endlu yami engcwele.” **10** Dlulani, dlulani emasangweni! Lungiselani

abantu indlela. Candani, candani umgwaqo! Susani amatshe. Phakamiselani izizwe uphawu. **11** UThixo usenze isimemezelo emhlabeni wonke wathi; “Wothini kuyo iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni, ‘Khangela uMsindisi wakho uyeza! Khangela umvuzo wakhe ulawo, lenhlawulo yakhe ulayo.’” **12** Bazabizwa ngokuthi ngaBantu abaNgcwele, abaHlengiweyo bakaThixo; wena uzathiwa Ofunwayo, iDolobho Elingasatshiywanga.

63 Ngubani lo ovela e-Edomi, ovela eBhozira egqoke izembatho ezibomvu na? Ngubani lo ogqoke ubucwazicwazi, ohamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe na? “Yimi okhuluma ngokulunga, olamandla okusindisa.” **2** Kungani izigqoko zakho zibomvu njengezomuntu onyathela isikhamelo sewayini na? **3** “Nginyathele isikhamelo sewayini ngedwa; kakho owezizwe owayelami. Ngabagxoba ngithukuthele, ngabanyathela ngilolaka; igazi labo lachaphakela ezambathweni zami, langcolisa zonke izigqoko zami. **4** Ngoba usuku lokuphindisela lwalusenhliziyweni yami, lomnyaka wokuhlenga kwami usufikile. **5** Ngakhangela, kodwa kakho owayengasiza. Nganengwa yikungabi khona kosekelayo, ngakho ingalo yami yangilethela insindiso lolaka lwami lwangiqinisa. **6** Ngagxoba izizwe ngokuthukuthela kwami, ngazidakisa ngolaka lwami, ngathela igazi lazo phansi.” **7** Ngizalandisa ngomusa kaThixo, izenzo okumele adunyiswe ngenxa yazo, ngakho konke uThixo asenzele khona, yebo, izinto ezinengi ezinhle azenzele indlu ka-Israyeli, ngesihawu sakhe langomusa wakhe omkhulu. **8** Wathi, “Ngeqiniso bangabantu bami; amadodana angayikuba

lamanga kimi"; ngakho waba nguMsindisi wabo. **9** Kukho konke ukuhlupheka kwabo laye waba losizi; ukuba khona kwengilosi yakhe kwabasindisa. Ngothando lwakhe langesihawu sakhe wabahlenga; wabaphakamisela phezulu, wabathwala insuku zonke zakudala. **10** Kodwa bamvukela badanisa uMoya wakhe oNgcwele. Ngakho waphenduka waba yisitha sabo walwa labo yena ngokwakhe. **11** Lapho-ke abantu bakhe bakhumbula insuku zakudala, insuku zikaMosi labantu bakhe, ungaphi lowo owabachaphisa ulwandle, lomelusi wemihlambi yakhe na? Ungaphi lowo owathela uMoya wakhe oNgcwele phakathi kwabo, **12** owathumela ingalo yakhe yamandla elodumo ukuba ibe sesandleni sokudla sikaMosi, owehlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo ukuba azizuzele udumo olungapheliyo, **13** owabadabulisa ezinzikini na? Njengebhiza emagcekeni, kabakhubekanga; **14** njengezinkomo zisehla esigodini, baphunyuzwa nguMoya kaThixo. Wena wabakhokhela kanjalo abantu bakho ukuze uzenzele ibizo elilodumo. **15** Khangela phansi usezulwini ubone, usesihlalweni sakho sobukhosi esiphakemeyo, esingcwele, esicwebezelayo. Kungaphi ukutshiseka kwakho lamandla akho na? Isisa sakho lesihawu sakho kugodliwe kithi. **16** Kodwa wena unguBaba wethu, lanxa u-Abhrahama engasazi thina lo-Israyeli engasivumi; wena, Oh Thixo, unguBaba wethu, uMhlengi wethu libizo lakho kusukela endulo. **17** Kungani, Thixo, usenza siphambuke ezindleleni zakho, usenza lezinhliziyo zethu zibe lukhuni ukuba singakwesabi na? Phenduka ubuye ngenxa yezinceku zakho, izizwana

eziyilifa lakho. **18** Indawo yakho engcwele yayingeyabantu
bakho okwesikhathi esifitshane, kodwa khathesi izitha
zethu seziyicakazele phansi indlu yakho engcwele. **19**
Thina singabakho kusukela endulo; kodwa awukaze
ubabuse, kabazange babizwe ngebizo lakho.

64 Awu, sengathi ungaqhekeza amazulu wehlele phansi
ukuba izintaba zinyikinyeke phambi kwakho! **2**
Njengalapho umlilo utshisa incwathi wenze amanzi
abile, yehlela phansi ukuba wenze ibizo lakho
lazakale ezitheni zakho, wenze lezizwe zithuthumele
phambi kwakho. **3** Ngoba wathi usenza izinto
ezesabekayo esasingazilindelanga, wehlela phansi,
izintaba zathuthumela phambi kwakho. **4** Kusukela endulo
kakho owezwayo, akulandlebe eyabambisisayo, akulalihlo
elabona omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho,
osebenzela labo abathembe kuye. **5** Uyeza ukuba usize
labo abenza ukulunga ngokuthaba, abazikhumbulayo
izindlela zakho. Kodwa lapho saqhubeka sisona kubo
wathukuthela. Pho singasindiswa kanjani na? **6** Sonke
sesaba njengomuntu ongcolileyo, lemisebenzi yethu
yokulunga yonke injengenjobo ezingcolileyo, sonke
siyabuna njengehlamvu, lanjengomoya izono zethu
zisiphephulela khatshana. **7** Kakho okhuleka ebizweni
lakho lozamayo ukubambelela kuwe, ngoba ubuso bakho
ubufihlile kithi wasenza sacikizeka ngenxa yezono
zethu. **8** Ikanti wena Thixo unguBaba wethu. Thina
silibumba, wena ungumbumbi; sonke singumsebenzi
wezandla zakho. **9** Ungathukutheli wedlulise, awu
Thixo; izono zethu ungazikhumbuli kokuphela. Awu, ake

usikhangele, siyakhuleka, ngoba sonke singabantu bakho.
10 Amadolobho akho angcwele aseyinkangala; leZiyoni
isiyinkangala, iJerusalema isiyincithakalo. **11** Ithempeli
lethu elingcwele njalo elikhazimulayo lapho okhokho
ababekudumisela khona, litshiswe ngomlilo, njalo konke
okwakuligugu kithi sekungamanxiwa. **12** Emva kwakho
konke lokhu Thixo, uzazithinta na? Uzazithulela, usijezise
ngokudlulisileyo na?

65 "Ngaziveza kulabo abangangicelanga; ngafunyanwa
yilabo abangangidinganga. Isizwe esingakhulekanga
kimi ngathi kuso, 'Ngilapha, ngilapha.' **2** Ilanga lonke
ngelula izandla zami ebantwini abayiziqholo, abahamba
ngezindlela ezingalunganga belandela iminakano yabo, **3**
abantu abahlezi bengicunula bengikhangele, benikela
imihlatshelo emasimini, betshisa impepha phezu
kwezitina; **4** abahlala emangcwabeni balale besenza
imilindelo eyimfihlo ebusuku; abadla inyama yengulube,
abambiza zabo zigcina umhluzi wenyama engcolileyo;
5 abathi, 'Hlala khatshana, ungasondeli phansi
kwami, ngoba ngingcwele kulawe!' Abantu abanjalo
banjengentuthu emakhaleni ami, umlilo ovuthayo ilanga
lonke. **6** Khangela, kulotshiwe phambi kwami ukuthi:
Angiyikuthula, kodwa ngizaphindisela ngokugcweleyo;
ngizaphindisela ngokupheleleyo, **7** kokubili izono zenu
lezono zabokhokho benu," kutsho uThixo. "Ngoba
batshisa imihlatshelo phezu kwezintaba bangihlambaza
phezu kwamaqaqa. Ngizaphindisela kubo ngokugcweleyo
ngenxa yezenzo zabo abazenza ngaphambili." **8**
Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: "Njengalapho umhluzi

usatholakala ehlukuzweni lamavini labantu besithi,
ungalibhidlizi, kusekhona okuhle kulo, ngizazenzela
okunjalo izinceku zami; angiyikuzibhubhisa zonke. **9**
Ngizaletha isizukulwane esivela kuJakhobe, lakoJuda
kuvele abazakuba ngabanikazi bezintaba zami; zizakuba
yilifa labakhethiweyo bami, izinceku zami zizahlala khona.
10 ISharoni izakuba ngamadlelo emihlambi lesiGodi
sase-Akhori sibe yindawo yokuphumulela imihlambi,
yabantu bami abangidingayo. **11** Kodwa lina elilahla
uThixo likhohlwe intaba yami engcwele; liphakele
unkulunkulu uNhlanhla ukudla libuye ligcwalisele
unkulunkulu uSimiselo iwayini elixutshiweyo, **12**
ngizalimisela inkemba, njalo lonke lizakhothamela
ukubulawa, ngoba ngamemeza kodwa kalisabelanga,
ngakhuluma kodwa lina kalilalelanga. Lenza okubi phambi
kwami lakhetha okungicunulayo." **13** Ngakho-ke uThixo
Wobukhosi uthi: "Izinceku zami zizakudla, kodwa lina
lizalamba; izinceku zami zizanatha, kodwa lina lizakoma;
izinceku zami zizathokoza, kodwa lina lizayangiswa.
14 Izinceku zami zizahlabelela ngentokozo yezinhliziyo
zazo, kodwa lina lizakhala ngobuhlungu bezinhliziyo
njalo lilile ngokudabuka komoya. **15** Lizatshiya ibizo
lenu njengesithuko kwabakhethiweyo bami; uThixo
Wobukhosi uzalibulala, kodwa izinceku zakhe uzazinika
elinye ibizo. **16** Lowo okhulekela isibusiso elizweni
uzakwenza lokho ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso; lalowo
owenza isifungo elizweni, uzafunga ngoNkulunkulu
weqiniso. Ngoba inhlupheko ezedlulayo zizakhohlakala
zifihlakale emehlweni ami." **17** "Khangelani, ngizadala

izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha. Izinto zakuqala aziyikukhunjulwa, kumbe zifike engqondweni. **18** Kodwa thabani lijabule kokuphela ngalokho engizakudala, ngoba ngizadala iJerusalema libe yintokozo labantu balo babe yinjabulo. **19** Ngizathokoza ngeJerusalema njalo ngijabule ngabantu bami; ukulila lokukhala akusayikuzwakala kulo futhi. **20** Kulo akusayikuba khona futhi usane oluphila insuku ezilutshwane kumbe umuntu omdala ongaphelelisi iminyaka yakhe; lowo ofa elekhulu leminyaka uzakhangelwa njengomntwana nje; lowo ongafikiyo ekhulwini uzakhangelwa njengoqalekisiweyo. **21** Bazakwakha izindlu bahlale kuzo; bazahlanyela izivini badle izithelo zazo. **22** Kabasayikwakha izindlu zihlalwe ngabanye kumbe bahlanyele, kudle abanye. Ngoba njengezinsuku zesihlahla, zizakuba njalo insuku zabantu bami; abakhethiweyo bami bazakholisa umsebenzi wezandla zabo okwesikhathi eside. **23** Kabayikusebenzela ize, kumbe abantwababo bazalelwe ukuhlupheka, ngoba bazakuba ngabantu ababusisiweyo nguThixo, bona kanye lezizukulwane zabo. **24** Ngizabaphendula bengakakhuleki; ngibezwe besakhuluma. **25** Impisi lewundlu kuzakudla ndawonye, lesilwane sizakudla utshani njengenkomo, kodwa inyoka izakudla uthuli. Kaziyikulimaza kumbe zibhubhise kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele," kutsho uThixo.

66 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi, lomhlaba uyisenabelo sami. Ingaphi indlu elizangakhela yona na? Indawo yami yokuphumula izakuba ngaphi na? **2** Isandla sami kasizenzanga

zonke lezizinto ukuze zibe khona na?" kutsho uThixo.
"Engimbukayo ngulo: lowo othobekileyo ozisolayo
emoyeni, olesabayo ilizwi lami. **3** Kodwa lowo onikela
ngenkunzi ufana lomuntu obulala omunye umuntu,
lalowo onikela ngewundlu, ufana lowephula intamo yenja;
lowo onikela ngamabele ufana lonikela ngegazi lengulube,
lalowo otshisa impepha yesikhumbuzo ufana lokhonza
isithombe. Sebekhethe izindlela zabo, lemiphefumulo
yabo ithokoziswa yizinengiso zabo; **4** ngakho-ke lami
ngizakhetha ukubaphatha kalukhuni, ngibehlisele lokho
abakwesabayo. Ngoba kwathi lapho ngibiza, kakho
owasabelayo, lapho ngikhuluma, kakho owalalelayo.
Benza okubi phambi kwami, bakhetha okungicunulayo."
5 Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lina elilesabayo ilizwi
lakhe. Uthi, "Abafowenu abalizondayo, labalixwayayo
ngenxa yebizo lami, sebethe, kadunyiswe uThixo
ukuze sibone intokozo yenu! Kodwa bazayangiswa."
6 Zwanini ukuxokozela okusedolobheni, zwanini
umsindo osethempelini! Ngumsindo kaThixo ephindisela
ezitheni zakhe ngakho konke okuzifaneleyo. **7** "Uthi
engakahelelwa, abelethe; ubuhlungu bungakamfikeli,
azale indodana. **8** Ngubani owake wezwa into enje
na? Ngubani owake wabona izinto ezinje na? Ilizwe
lingazalwa ngelanga elilodwa loba isizwe sizalwe
ngesikhatshana na? Ikanti iZiyoni ithi ngokuhelelwa
nje ihle ibazale abantwana bayo. **9** Kambe ngifikisa
esikhathini sokukhululeka ngingabe ngisabelethisa na?"
kutsho uThixo. "Ngiyasivala na isibeletho ngesikhathi
sengibelethisa na?" kutsho uThixo **10** "Thokozani

leJerusalema lilithabele, lonke lina elilithandayo; thokozani kakhulu lalo lonke lina elilililelayo. **11** Ngoba lizamunya lisuthe emabeleni alo aduduzayo; lizanatha kakhulu, lithokoze ngenala yalo enengi." **12** Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngizaletha ukuthula kini okugeleza njengesifula esigcweleyo lomnotho wezizwe njengesifula esithelayo, limunye liphethwe ngengalo yazo njalo lidlaliswe emathangazini azo. **13** Njengomama eduduza umntanakhe, kanjalo lami ngizaliduduza, njalo lizaduduzeka eJerusalema." **14** Lapho libona lokhu, inhliziyo zenu zizathokoza, lani likhule njengotshani; isandla sikaThixo sizakwazakala ezincekwini zakhe kodwa ulaka lwakhe luzabonakaliswa ezitheni zakhe. **15** Khangelani, uThixo uza ngomlilo, izinqola zakhe zempi zinjengesivunguzane; ulaka lwakhe uzalwehlisela phansi ngokufuthelana, lokukhuza kwakhe kwehle ngamalangabi omlilo. **16** Ngoba ngomlilo langenkemba yakhe uThixo uzakwahlulela abantu bonke, njalo abanengi bazakuba yilabo ababulewe nguThixo. **17** "Labo abazahlukanisayo, bazihlambulule ukungena emasimini belandela lowo ophakathi kwalabo abadla inyama yengulube lamagundwane kanye lezinye izinto ezinengisayo, isiphetho sabo sizafika sikhathi sinye," kutsho uThixo. **18** Ngenxa yezenzo zabo lemicabango yabo, sekuseduze ukuthi ngizebutha izizwe zonke lezindimi zonke; njalo bazakuza babone inkazimulo yami. **19** "Ngizabeka isibonakaliso phakathi kwabo, ngithumele abanye balabo abasalayo ezizweni zeThashishi, kumaLibhiya, lamaLudi

(alodumo ekusebenziseni imitshoko), eThubhali leGrisi lasezihlengeni ezikhatshana ezingakaluzwa udumo lwami kumbe zibone inkazimulo yami. Bazamemezela udumo lwami phakathi kwezizwe. **20** Njalo bazababuyisa bonke abafowenu entabeni yami engcwele eJerusalema njengomnikelo kuThixo bevela ezizweni zonke, bephezu kwamabhiza, izinqola zempi, imbongolo lamakamela," kutsho uThixo. "Bazababuyisa njengabako-Israyeli beletha iminikelo yabo yamabele ethempelini likaThixo ngezitsha ezihlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba. **21** Ngizakhetha abanye babo ukuba labo babe ngabaphristi labaLevi," kutsho uThixo. **22** "Njengamazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha engikwenzayo kuzakuma kokuphela phambi kwami," kutsho uThixo, "ngokunjalo ibizo lakho lenzalo yakho izakuma kokuphela. **23** Kusukela ekuThwaseni kwenye iNyanga kusiya ekuthwaseni kwenye, njalo kusukela kwelinye iSabatha kusiya kwelinye abantu bonke bazakuza bakhothame phambi kwami," kutsho uThixo. **24** "Bazaphuma babone izidumbu zabantu abangihlamukelayo; impethu yazo kayiyikufa, lomlilo wazo kawuyikucitshwa, njalo zizakwenyanyeka ebantwini bonke."

UJeremiya

1 La ngamazwi kaJeremiya indodana kaHilikhiya, omunye
wabaphristi base-Anathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini.
2 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye ngomnyaka wetshumi
lantathu ekubuseni kukaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni
inkosi yakoJuda, **3** njalo ekubuseni kukaJehoyakhimi
indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba yinyanga
yesihlanu emnyakeni wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya
indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngesikhathi
sokuthunjwa kwabantu baseJerusalema. **4** Ilizwi
likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi, **5** "Ngingakakubumbi
esiswini ngakwazi, ungakazalwa ngakukhetha ngakubeka
ukuba ngumphrofethi ezizweni." **6** Mina ngathi,
"Awu Thixo Somandla; ukukhuluma angikwazi, ngoba
ngingumntwana nje." **7** Kodwa uThixo wathi kimi,
"Ungaze wathi, 'Ngingumntwana nje.' Kumele uye
kubo bonke engikuthuma kubo njalo utsho loba kuyini
engikulaya khona. **8** Ungabesabi, ngoba mina ngilawe
njalo ngizakuhlenga," kutsho uThixo. **9** UThixo waseselula
isandla sakhe wathinta umlomo wami wathi kimi,
"Khathesi, sengifake amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho. **10**
Khangela, lamhla ngikubeka phezu kwezizwe lemibuso
ukuba usiphune udilize, ubhubhise njalo uchithe; ukuba
wakhe njalo uhlanyele." **11** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi
lathi, "Kuyini okubonayo, Jeremiya?" Ngaphendula
ngathi, "Ngibona ugatsha lwesihlahla se-alimondi." **12**
UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Ubone kuhle, ngoba ngilindele
ukubona ukuthi ilizwi lami ligcwalisekile." **13** Ilizwi
likaThixo lafika kimi futhi: "Kuyini okubonayo?" Mina

ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona imbiza ebilayo, ithambeke
ifulathele inyakatho.” **14** UThixo wasesithi kimi,
“Incithakalo evela enyakatho izakwehliselwa phezu kwabo
bonke abahlala elizweni. **15** Sekuseduze ukuba ngibize
bonke abantu bemibuso yasenyakatho,” kutsho uThixo.
“Amakhosi abo azakuza amise izihlalo zawo zobukhosi
emasangweni aseJerusalema; bazakumelana lemiduli
yalo yonke eligombolozeleyo kanye lamadolobho wonke
akoJuda. **16** Ngizamemezela ukwahlulela kwami ebantwini
bami ngenxa yobubi babo bokungidela, betshisela abanye
onkulunkulu impepha, langokukhonza lokho okwenziwa
ngezandla zabo. **17** Wena zilungiselele! Sukuma ubatshele
lokho engizakulaya khona. Ungathuthumeliswa yibo
hlezi ngikwenze uthuthumele phambi kwabo. **18** Lamhla
sengikwenze waba lidolobho elivikelweyo, insika yensimbi
lomduli wethusi ukuba umelane lelizwe lonke, umelane
lamakhosi akoJuda, izikhulu zakhona, abaphristi bakhona
kanye labantu bakhona. **19** Bazakulwa lawe, kodwa
kabayikukwehlula, ngoba ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga,”
kutsho uThixo.

2 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi, **2** “Hamba
umemezele iJerusalema lisizwa uthi: Lokhu yikho
okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Ngiyakukhumbula ukuzinikela
kwasebutsheni bakho, ukungithanda kwakho
njengomlobokazi ungilandela enkangala, phakathi
kwelizwe elingahlanyelwanga. **3** U-Israyeli wayengcwele
kuThixo, eyizithelo zakuqala zesivuno sakhe, bonke
abamtshwabadelayo baba lecala, behlelwa yincithakalo,’”
kutsho uThixo. **4** Zwana ilizwi likaThixo, we ndlu

kaJakhobe, lani lonke sendo lwendlu ka-Israyeli. **5** UThixo
uthi: "Yibubi bani okhokho benu ababubona kimi, baze
bedukele khatshana kangaka lami? Balandela izithombe
eziyize, labo ngokwabo baba yize. **6** Kababuzanga ukuthi,
'Ungaphi uThixo, owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe
wasikhokhela emagangeni alugwadule phakathi
kwelizwe lezinkangala lezindonga, ilizwe lokoma
lobumnyama, ilizwe elingahanjwa muntu lelingelamuntu
ohlala kulo?' **7** Ngaliletha elizweni elivundileyo ukuba
lidle izithelo zalo lezilimo ezinhle. Kodwa lina lafika
langcolisa ilizwe lami, lenza ilifa lami langakhwabitheki.
8 Abaphristi kababuzanga ukuthi, 'Ungaphi UThixo?'
Labo abaphatha umthetho abangazanga; abakhokheli
bangihlamukela. Abaphrofethi baphrofetha ngoBhali
balandela izithombe eziyize. **9** Ngakho-ke ngilethesa
amacala futhi," kutsho uThixo. "Labantwana
babantwana benu ngizabethesa amacala. **10** Welani liye
ngasemakhunjini aseKhithimi likhangele, thumelani
eKhedari lihlolisise kuhle, libone langabe sekwake kwaba
lento enjengale: **11** Isizwe sake santshintsha onkulunkulu
baso na? (Belo bavele kabasibo onkulunkulu.) Kodwa
abantu bami bantshintshe inkazimulo yabo ngenxa
yezithombe eziyize. **12** Mangalani lokhu, lina mazulu,
lithuthumele ngokwesaba okukhulu," kutsho UThixo. **13**
"Abantu bami benze izono ezimbili: Bangidelile, mina
mthombo wamanzi okuphila, bagebha eyabo imithombo,
imithombo evuzayo engagcini manzi. **14** Kambe u-
Israyeli yisisebenzi, isigqili ngokuzalwa na? Pho kungani
eseyimpango na? **15** Izilwane zibhongile; sezihwabhile

kuye. Zilichithile ilizwe lakhe; amadolobho akhe atshisiwe, atshiywa engaselamuntu. **16** Njalo, labantu baseMemfisi leThahiphanesi baphuce ikhanda lakho. **17** Lokhu kawukwehliselanga phezu kwakho ngokudela uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho lapho ekukhokhela endleleni na? **18** Khathesi kungani usiya eGibhithe ukuba unathe amanzi eShihori na? Njalo kungani usiya e-Asiriya ukuba unathe amanzi eYufrathe na? **19** Ububi bakho buzakujezisa; ukutshedela kwakho emuva kuzakukhuza. Ngakho cabanga ubone ukuthi kubi njalo kubuhlungu kanjani lapho udela uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho njalo ungelavalo ngami," kutsho iNkosi uThixo uSomandla. **20** "Endulo wephula ijogwe lakho, waquma izibopho zakho; wathi, 'Kangiyikukukhonza!' Lakanye, phezu kwamaqaqa wonke langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla eziluhlaza walala phansi njengesifebe. **21** Ngikuhlanyele njengevini elikhethiweyo elohlobo oluqinileyo loluthembekileyo. Pho kwenzakala njani ukuba ungiphendukele ube livini elibolileyo, leganga? **22** Lanxa ugeza ngesepa usebenzisa lesepa enengi, ichatha lobubi bakho lilokhu likhona phambi kwami," kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **23** "Ungatsho kanjani na uthi, 'Kangingcolanga, kangibalandelanga oBhali'? Khangela ukuthi waziphatha njani esigodini, khumbula osukwenzile. Ulikamela elisikazi elilesiqubu eligijima lapha lalaphaya, **24** ubabhemi weganga ojwayele inkangala, ophembela umoya enkanukweni yakhe, ngubani ongamenqabela ekukhanukeni kwakhe? Abaduna abamxotshayo bangazidinisi ukuxotshana labo; bazamthola ngesikhathi

sezinsikazikhwela. **25** Ungagijimi inyawo zakho zize
zihlubuke lomphimbo wakho uze wome. Kodwa wena
wathi, 'Akusizi lutho! Ngiyabathanda onkulunkulu
bezizweni, kumele ngibalandele.' **26** Njengokuyangeka
kwesela nxa selibanjiwe, ngokunjalo abantu bako-Israyeli
bayangekile, bona kanye lamakhosi abo lezikhulu zabo,
abaphristi babo labaphrofethi babo. **27** Bathi esigodweni,
'Wena ungubaba wami,' elitsheni bathi, 'Nguwe
owangizalayo.' Bangifulathele, hatshi ngobuso babo nje;
kodwa nxa sebehlupheka bathi, 'Woza usihlenge.' **28** Pho
bangaphi onkulunkulu elazenzela bona? Kabeze nxa
bengakuhlenga lapho usuphakathi kokuhlupheka! Ngoba
wena Juda ulabonkulunkulu abanengi njengobunengi
bamadolobho akho. **29** Kungani lingethesa umlandu?
Lonke lingihlamukele," kutsho uThixo. **30** "Ukubajezisa
kwami abantu bakho kwaba yize; kabakuvumanga
ukuqondiswa. Inkemba yakho isibatshwabadele
abaphrofethi bakho njengesilwane esiphangayo. **31** Wena
owalesisizukulwane, khumbula ilizwi likaThixo: Ngibe
ngiyinkangala ku-Israyeli kumbe ilizwe lomnyama
omkhulu na? Kungani abantu bami besithi, 'Sikhululekile
ukuba sizulazule; kasiyikuza kuwe futhi'? **32** Intombi
ingazikhohlwa iziceciso zayo na, lomlobokazi akhohlwe
izembatho zakhe na? Kodwa abantu bami bangikhohliwe,
okwensuku ezingeke zibalwe. **33** Yeka ukuhlakanipha
kwakho ekufuneni uthando! Labesifazane ababi kakhulu
bangafunda ezindleleni zakho. **34** Ezigqokweni
zakho abantu bathola igazi lokuphila elabayanga
abangelacala lanxa ungababambanga befohlela phakathi.

Kodwa kukho konke lokhu **35** uthi, ‘Kangilacala; kangithukuthelelanga.’ Kodwa mina ngizakwahlulela, ngoba uthi, ‘Angononga.’ **36** Kungani uqhubeka kangaka, untshintsha izindlela zakho? IGibhithe izakuyangisa njengalokhu owakwenziwa yi-Asiriya. **37** Uzasuka kuleyondawo izandla zakho zisekhanda lakho, ngoba uThixo ubalahlile labo obathembayo; kabayikukusiza.”

3 “Indoda ingehlukana lomkayo ayitshiye endele kwenye indoda, kufanele imbuyise futhi na? Kambe ilizwe lingeke langcoliswa kakhulukazi na? Kodwa wena usuphile njengesifebe esilezithandwa ezinengi, kambe khathesi ungabuyela kimi na?” kutsho uThixo. **2** “Khangela emiqolweni elugwadule ubone. Kungaphi lapho ongazange udlwangululwe khona? Emigwaqweni wahlala ulindele izithandwa, wahlala njengomhambuma enkangala. Ulingcolisile ilizwe ngobufebe bakho langobubi bakho. **3** Ngalokho imikhizo imisiwe, lezulu lentwasa kalinanga. Ikanti wena uziphethe okwesifebe, awulanhloni. **4** Kawungibizanga khathesi nje wathi, ‘Baba, mngane wami kusukela ebutsheni bami, **5** uzahlala uzondile kokuphela na? Ulaka lwakho luzaqhubeka kokuphela na?’ Le yindlela okhuluma ngayo, kodwa wenza konke okubi ongakwenza.” **6** Ekubuseni kwenkosi uJosiya, uThixo wathi kimi, “Ukubonile yini okwenziwe ngu-Israyeli ongathembekanga? Usekhwele phezu kwamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo langaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza wafebela khona. **7** Ngacabanga ukuthi emva kokuba esenze konke lokhu uzaphinda eze kimi, kodwa kabuyanga, lodadewabo ongathembekanga

uJuda wakubona lokho. **8** U-Israyeli ongathembekanga
ngamnika incwadi yakhe yesehlukaniso ngamxotsha
ngenxa yobufebe bakhe bonke. Kodwa ngabona ukuthi
udadewabo ongathembekanga, uJuda, kesabanga, laye
wasuka wayafeba. **9** Ngenxa yokuthi ububi buka-
Israyeli babungatsho lutho kuye, wangcolisa ilizwe
wakhonza amatshe lezihlahla. **10** Kukho konke lokhu,
udadewabo ongathembekanga uJuda kabuyelanga kimi
ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, kodwa ngokuzenzisa nje
kuphela," kutsho uThixo. **11** UThixo wathi kimi, "U-Israyeli
ongathembekanga ungcono kuloJuda ongelaqiniso.
12 Hamba, uyememezela ilizwi leli ngasenyakatho:
'Phenduka Israyeli ongathembekanga,' kutsho uThixo,
'Kangisayikukuhwaqela futhi, ngoba ngilesihawu,'
kutsho uThixo. 'Kangiyikuthukuthela kokuphela. **13**
Vuma icala lakho nje kuphela, wahlamukela uThixo
uNkulunkulu wakho, uzihlakazelele kubonkulunkulu
bezizweni ngaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza, njalo
kawaze wangilalela,'" kutsho uThixo. **14** "Phendukani,
bantu abangathembekanga," kutsho uThixo, "ngoba
ngingumyeni wenu. Ngizalikhetha, oyedwa edolobheni
lababili emulini ngililethe eZiyoni. **15** Lapho-ke ngizalinika
abelusi abathandwa yimi, abazalikhokhela ngokwazi
langokuqedisisa. **16** Ngalezonsuku, ubunengi benu
sebande kakhulu elizweni," kutsho uThixo, "abantu
kabasayikuthi, 'Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo.'
Kaliyikufika emicabangweni yabo kumbe likhunjulwe;
kaliyikudingakala, njalo akuyikwenziwa elinye futhi.
17 Ngalesosikhathi iJerusalema bazalibiza ngokuthi

yisiHlalo Sobukhosi sikaThixo, njalo izizwe zonke zizabuthana eJerusalema ukuba zihloniphe ibizo likaThixo. Kabasayikulandela inkani yezinhliziyo zabo ezimbi. **18** Ngalezonsuku indlu kaJuda izahlangana leka-Israyeli, njalo ndawonye, zivela elizweni elisenyakatho, zizakuza elizweni engalinika okhokho benu ukuba libe yilifa labo. **19** Mina ngokwami ngathi, 'Kade ngingathaba kakhulu ukuliphatha njengamadodana, ngilinike ilizwe elifunekayo, ilifa elihle kakhulu ezizweni zonke.' Bengicabanga ukuthi lizangibiza ngokuthi 'Baba' njalo lingaphambuki ekungilandeleni. **20** Kodwa njengowesifazane ongathembekanga kumkakhe, ubungathembekanga kimi wena ndlu ka-Israyeli," kutsho uThixo. **21** Ilizwi liyezwakala emiqolweni elugwadule, ukukhala lokuncenga kwabantu bako-Israyeli, ngoba izindlela zabo bazonile bakhohlwa loThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **22** "Phendukani, bantu abangathembekanga, ngizalelapha ukungathembeki kwenu." "Yebo, sizakuza kuwe, ngoba unguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **23** Impela umsindo wokukhonza izithombe emaqaqeni lasezintabeni uyinkohliso, ngempela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kulensindiso ka-Israyeli. **24** Kusukela ebutsheni bethu onkulunkulu abalihlazo badlile izithelo zamandla abobaba, imihlambi yezimvu zabo leyezinkomo zabo, amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo. **25** Kasilaleni phansi silenhloni, siphathwe lihlazo lethu. Ngoba sonile kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, thina sonke kanye labokhokho bethu; kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube lamhla, kasimlalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu."

4 “Nxa uphenduka, wena Israyeli, buyela kimi,” kutsho
uThixo. “Ungasusa phambi kwami izithombe zakho
ezenyanyekayo ungabe usaphambuka futhi, **2** njalo nxa
uzafunga ngobuqotho, ngokulunga langokuqonda, uthi,
‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona,’ ngakho izizwe
uzazibusisa ziziqhenye ngaye.” **3** Ebantwini bakoJuda
labeJerusalema uThixo uthi: “Qhathani ingqatho yenu,
lingahlanyeli phakathi kwameva. **4** Zisokeleni kuThixo,
lisoke inhliziyo zenu, lina bantu bakoJuda lani bantu
baseJerusalema, hlezi ulaka lwami luvuke luvuthe
njengomlilo ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo, lutshise
kungekho muntu ongalucitsha.” **5** “Bikani koJuda
limemezele laseJerusalema lithi: ‘Tshayani icilongo
elizweni lonke!’ Klabalalani lithi, ‘Buthanani ndawonye!
Kasibalekeleni emadolobheni avikelweyo!’ **6** Phakamisani
uphawu lokuya eZiyoni! Balekelani ekusileni
ngokuphangisa! Ngoba ngiletha umonakalo ovela
enyakatho, lencithakalo embi kakhulu.” **7** Isilwane
sesiphumile esikhundleni saso, umchithi wezizwe
usephumile. Usesukile endaweni yakhe ukuba achithe
ilizwe lenu. Amadolobho enu azakuba ngamanxiwa
engelamuntu ohlala kuwo. **8** Ngakho gqokani amasaka,
khalani lilile, ngoba ulaka lukaThixo olwesabekayo
kalususwanga kithi. **9** UThixo uthi, “Ngalolosuku inkosi
lezikhulu bazaphelelwa lithemba, abaphristi
bazathuthumela, abaphrofethi bazakwesaba.” **10** Lapho-
ke mina ngathi, “Awu, Thixo Wobukhosi, ubakhohlisile
sibili abantu laba kanye leJerusalema ngokuthi, ‘Lizakuba
lokuthula,’ inkemba yona isemiphinjeni yethu!” **11**

Ngalesosikhathi abantu laba leJerusalema kuzathiwa
kubo, “Umoya otshisayo ovela enkangala emiqolweni
elugwadule uvunguza usiya ebantwini bami,
kodwa kungayisikwela kumbe ukuhlungula, **12**
umoya olamandla kakhulu uvela kimi. Khathesi-ke
sengimemezela ukwahlulela kwami kubo.” **13** Khangela!
Uyeza njengamayezi, izinqola zakhe zempi zibuya
njengesivunguzane, amabhiza akhe alesiqubu esedlula
esengqungqulu. Maye! Sesiphelile! **14** We Jerusalema,
geza ububi obusenhliziyweni yakho usindiswe. Koze kube
nini ugcine imicabango emibi na? **15** Ilizwi elivela koDani
liyamemeza, libika umonakalo ovela emaqaqeni ako-
Efrayimi **16** Izizwe zitshele lokhu, ukubike laseJerusalema,
“Ibutho elivimbezelayo liyeza livela elizweni
elikhatshana, limemezela umkhosi wempi emadolobheni
akoJuda. **17** Balihanqile njengabantu abalinda insimu,
ngoba langihlamukela,” kutsho uThixo. **18** “Ukuziphatha
kwakho lezenzo zakho kwehlisele lokhu phezu kwakho.
Lesi yisijeziso sakho. Sibuhlungu kakhulu! Sihlaba
enhliziyweni!” **19** Maye, ngobuhlungu, ubuhlungu
engibuzwayo. Ngiyazitshila ngenxa yobuhlungu. Maye,
ngokufuthelwa kwenhliziyo yami! Inhliziyo yami
iyatshaya ngaphakathi kwami, angingeke ngithule, ngoba
ukukhala kwecilongo sengikuzwile, umkhosi wempi
sengiwuzwile. **20** Incithakalo ilandela incithakalo, ilizwe
lonke selingamanxiwa. Ngesikhatshana nje amathente
ami adiliziwe, lamakhetheni ami ngomzuzwana nje. **21**
Koze kube nini ngibona uphawu lwempi ngisizwa
lokukhala kwecilongo na? **22** “Abantu bami bayiziwula,

kabangazi. Bangabantwana abangelangqondo, kabalakho
ukuqedisisa. Bahlakaniphele ukwenza okubi, kabakwazi
ukwenza okulungileyo.” **23** Ngakhangela umhlaba,
wawungelasimo njalo ungelalutho; lasemazulwini,
ukukhanya kwawo kwakungasekho. **24** Ngakhangela
ezintabeni, zazinyikinyeka, lamaqaqa wonke
ayezunguzeka. **25** Ngakhangela, kwakungelabantu,
izinyoni zonke zasezisukile emkhathini. **26** Ngakhangela,
ilizwe elithelayo laseliyinkangala, amadolobho alo wonke
ayesengamanxiwa phambi kukaThixo, phambi kolaka
lwakhe olwesabekayo. **27** UThixo uthi: “Ilizwe
lonke lizachitheka lanxa ngingayikulitshabalalisa
ngokupheleleyo. **28** Ngakho umhlaba uzalila iphezulu libe
mnyama, ngoba sengikhulumile njalo angiyikuyekethisa,
sengenze isinqumo angiyikubuyela emuva.” **29**
Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wabagadi bamabhiza
labemitshoko amadolobho wonke ayabaleka. Abanye
bangena ezixukwini, abanye bakhwele emadwaleni.
Amadolobho wonke atshiyiwe, akulamuntu ohlala kuwo.
30 Wenzani na, wena ohlutshwe kakhulu? Kungani
ugqoka okubomvu gebhu ufaka lezigqoko zegolide na?
Kungani ucomba amehlo akho ngomphendulo na?
Uzicecisela ize. Izithandwa zakho ziyakweyisa, zifuna
ukukubulala. **31** Ngizwa ukukhala okunjengokowesifazane
ohelelwayo, ukububula okufana lozuza umntwana wakhe
wakuqala, ukukhala kweNdodakazi yaseZiyoni ikhefuzela,
yelule izandla zayo isithi, “Maye mina! Amandla ami
asephela, ukuphila kwami sekunikelwe kubabulali.”

5 “Yehla ukhwele ngemigwaqo yaseJerusalema,
ukhangele emaceleni wonke, ucabange, uhlolisise wonke
amagceke ayo. Nxa ungathola umuntu oyedwa nje
oqhuba ngobuqotho efuna iqiniso, ngizalithethelela
idolobho leli. **2** Lanxa nje besithi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
uThixo ekhona,’ bajinge befunga amanga.” **3** Awu Thixo,
amehlo akho kawadingi qiniso na? Wabatshaya, kodwa
kabezwanga buhlungu, wabahlifiza, kodwa bala
ukuqondiswa. Benza ubuso babo baba lukhuni
kulamatshe, bala ukuphenduka. **4** Ngacabanga ngathi,
“Laba ngabayanga nje, bayizithutha, ngoba indlela
kaThixo kabayazi, lemilayo kaNkulunkulu wabo. **5**
Ngakho-ke ngizakuya kubakhokheli ngikhulume labo,
ngeqiniso indlela kaThixo bayayazi, lemilayo
kaNkulunkulu wabo.” Kodwa nganhliziyonye labo
balephula ijogwe baqamula lezibopho. **6** Ngakho isilwane
esivela ehlathini sizabahlasela, lempisi evela enkangala
ibadlwengule, ingwe izabacathamela eduze lamadolobho
abo ukudabudabula loba ngubani ophumayo, ngoba
iziphambeko zabo zinkulu, lokuhlehlela kwabo emuva
kunengi. **7** “Ngingalithethelela ngenxa yani na?
Abantwana benu bangidelile, bafunga ngabonkulunkulu
abangasibonkulunkulu, ngabanika konke abakuswelayo,
kodwa bona bafeba baminyana ezindlini zezifebe. **8**
Bangamabhiza amaduna asuthayo, agcwele inkanuko,
omunye lomunye ekhalela umfazi wenye indoda. **9**
Ngingabajezisi kulokhu na?” kutsho uThixo.
“Ngingaphindiseli esizweni esinjengalesi na? **10** Ngenani
lidabule phakathi kwezivini zaso lizidlwengule, kodwa

lingazitshabalalisi ngokupheleleyo. Phundlani ingatsha zalo, ngoba abantu laba kabasibo bakaThixo. **11** Indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kaJuda kazithembekanga impela kimi," kutsho uThixo. **12** Baqambe amanga ngoThixo bathi, "Kasoze enze lutho! Akulabubi obuzasehlela, kasiyikubona impi loba indlala. **13** Abaphrofethi bangumoya nje, lelizwi kalikho kubo, ngakho abakutshoyo kakwenziwe kubo." **14** Ngakho-ke uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi: "Njengoba abantu sebekhulume amazwi la, ngizakwenza amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho abe ngumlilo labantu laba babe zinkuni oziqothulayo." **15** UThixo uthi, "Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ngizaletha isizwe esivela khatshana ukuba sikuhlasele, isizwe esidala esiqinileyo, isizwe ulimi lwaso ongalwaziyo, lenkulumo yaso ongayizwayo. **16** Imixhaka yaso ifana lengcwaba elivulekileyo, bonke bangamabutho alamandla. **17** Bazatshwabadela amabele enu lokudla kwenu, batshwabadele amadodana enu kanye lamadodakazi enu, bazatshwabadela izimvu zenu kanye lenkomo zenu, bazatshwabadela amavini enu kanye lemikhiwa yenu. Amadolobho avikelweyo eliwathembileyo bazawachitha ngenkemba. **18** Ikanti langalezozinsuku," kutsho uThixo, "angiyikuliqeda du. **19** Lapho abantu bebuza besithi, 'Kungani uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu enze konke lokhu kithi?' Batshele uthi, 'Njengoba lingilahlile lakhonza onkulunkulu bezizweni elizweni lenu, ngokunjalo khathesi lizasebenzela abezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lenu.' **20** Memezela lokhu endlini kaJakhobe njalo ukubike

lakoJuda uthi: **21** Zwanini lokhu, lina zithutha zabantu
abangelangqondo, abalamehlo kodwa kababoni,
abalezindlebe kodwa kabezwa: **22** Akumelanga lingesabe
na?" kutsho uThixo. "Kaliyikuthuthumela phambi kwami
na? Ngenza itshebetshebe laba ngumngcele wolwandle
umkhawulo wanini lanini olungeke luweqe. Amagagasi
angavinqoza, kodwa awangeke edlule, angahlokoma,
kodwa awangeke aweqe. **23** Kodwa abantu laba
balezinhliziyo ezilukhuni ezihlamukayo, baphambukile,
balahleka. **24** Kabatsho ezinhliziyweni zabo ukuthi,
'Kasimesabeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, onisa izulu
ngesikhathi salo ekwindla lentwasa, osithembisa amaviki
amiselwe ukuvuna.' **25** Ukona kwenu kukuvimbele lokhu,
izono zenu zilemuka okuhle. **26** Phakathi kwabantu bami
kulabantu ababi abacathama njengabantu abathiya
izinyoni, lanjengalabo abathiya imijibila yokubamba
abantu. **27** Njengezitsha ezigcwele izinyoni, izindlu zabo
zigcwele inkohliso; sebenothile njalo sebelamandla **28**
sebezimukile njalo babancwaba. Izenzo zabo ezimbi
kazilamkhawulo, kabakudingi ukulunga. Izintandane
kabazikhulumeli ukuba zinqobe, amalungelo abayanga
kabawavikeli. **29** Akumelanga ngibajezisele lokhu na?"
kutsho uThixo. "Akumelanga ngiphindisele esizweni
esinjengalesi na? **30** Into eyesabekayo leyethusayo
isiyenzakele kulelilizwe: **31** Abaphrofethi baphrofitha
amanga, abaphristi babusa ngamandla abo, labantu bami
bakuthanda kunjalo. Kodwa lizakwenzani ekucineni?"

6 "Balekani ukuze liphephe, bantu bakoBhenjamini!
Balekani eJerusalema! Tshayani icilongo eThekhowa!

Phakamisani uphawu phezu kweBhethi-Hakheremi.
Ngoba umonakalo uyabonakala ngasenyakatho, kanye
lencithakalo eyesabekayo. 2 Indodakazi yaseZiyoni
enhle kangaka lebucayi ngizayibhubhisa. 3 Abelusi
lemihlambi yabo bazakuza bamelane layo; bazamisa
amathente abo eyihanqile, lowo lalowo elinde indawo
yakhe." 4 "Lungelani ukulwa layo! Vukani, kasihlaseleni
emini! Kodwa, habe, ukukhanya sekufiphala, lamathunzi
okuhlwa asesiba made. 5 Ngakho vukani, kasihlaseleni
ebusuku sidilize izinqaba zayo!" 6 UThixo uSomandla uthi:
"Gamulani izihlahla liziwise lakhe imiduli yokuvimbezela
iJerusalema. Idolobho leli kumele lijeziswe, ligcwele
ukuncindezela. 7 Njengomthombo ugobhoza amanzi
awo, ngokunjalo lalo ligobhoza ububi balo. Udlakela
lokubhubhisa kuyezwakala phakathi kwalo, umkhuhlane
walo lamanxeba ngihlezi ngikukhangele. 8 Xwayiseka,
we Jerusalema, hlezi ngikutshiye, lelizwe lakho
ngilichithe, kungabi lomuntu ohlala kulo." 9 UThixo
uSomandla uthi: "Kababuthe izinsalela zako-Israyeli
ngokupheleleyo njengevini, dlulisa futhi isandla sakho
phezu kwezingatsha, njengomuntu ovuna amavini." 10
Ngubani engingakhuluma laye ngimxwayise na? Ngubani
ozangilalela na? Indlebe zabo zivalekile ngakho abangeke
bezwe. Ilizwi likaThixo liyisinengiso kubo. Kabafumani
ntokozo kulo. 11 Kodwa mina ngiyafuthelana ngolaka
lukaThixo, ngingeke ngibe ngisalugodla ngaphakathi.
"Lwehlisele phezu kwabantwana emgwaqweni laphezu
kwamajaha abuthene ndawonye, bobabili indoda lomkayo
luzabehlela, kanye labadala, labo abakhulelwa yiminyaka.

12 Izindlu zabo zizanikwa abanye, konke lamasimu
abo kanye labafazi babo, lapho ngiselula isandla sami
ngimelana lalabo abahlala elizweni," kutsho uThixo.
13 "Kusukela kwabancane kusiya kwabakhulu, bonke
bayizihwaba ezifuna inzuzo, banjalo abaphrofethi
kanye labaphristi, bonke benza inkohliso. **14** Babopha
inxeba labantu bami kungathi kalilibi kakhulu. Bathi,
'Ukuthula, ukuthula,' khona ukuthula kungekho. **15**
Bayayangeka na ngokuziphatha kwabo okwenyanyekayo?
Hatshi, bavele kabalazo inhloni lokuyangeka kabakwazi.
Ngakho bazawela phakathi kwabawileyo, bazakwehliselwa
phansi lapho sengibajezisa," kutsho uThixo. **16**
UThixo, uthi: "Manini emahlanganweni emigwaqo
likhangele, libuze izindledlana ezindala, libuze lapho
okulendlela enhle khona, lihambe ngayo, lizathola
ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu. Kodwa lina lithe,
'Kasiyikuhamba ngayo.' **17** Ngalibekela abantu bokulilinda
ngathi, 'Lalelani ukukhala kwecilongo!' Kodwa lina
lathi, 'Kasiyikulalela.' **18** Ngakho zwanini, lina zizwe,
khangelani, lina elingofakazi, libone okuzakwenzakala
kubo. **19** Zwana, wena mhlaba, ngiletha umonakalo
phezu kwabantu laba, izithelo zamaqhinga abo, ngoba
kabawalalelanga amazwi ami njalo bawalile lomthetho
wami. **20** Ngilani lempepha yaseShebha loba imfe
evela elizweni elikude na? Iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa
kayamukeleki, imihlatshelo yenu kayingithokozisi."
21 Ngakho uThixo uthi: "Ngizabeka imigoqo phambi
kwalababantu. Abazali labantwana bazakhubeka kuyo,
omakhelwane labangane bazabhubha." **22** UThixo uthi:

“Khangelani, ibutho liyeza livela elizweni lasenyakatho,
isizwe esikhulu siyadungwa kusukela emikhawulweni
yomhlaba. **23** Bahlome ngamadandili langemikhonto,
balesihluku kabalasihawu. Bezwakala njengolwandle
oluhlokomayo lapho begade amabhiza abo, beza
njengabantu abalungele impi ukuba bakuhlasele, wena
Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni.” **24** Sesizwe imibiko ngabo, njalo
izandla zethu zilenga zingelamandla. Usizi lusibambile,
ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo. **25** Lingayi
phandle egangeni, loba lihambe emigwaqweni, ngoba
isitha silenkemba, njalo silencithakalo emaceleni wonke.
26 Awu bantu bami, gqokani amasaka, lizibhuqe
emlotheni, khalani lilile kabuhlungu njengokwendodana
eyiyo yodwa, ngoba masinyane nje umchithi uzafika
kithi. **27** “Ngikwenze umhloli wezinsimbi labantu bami
babayilitshe elixubene lensimbi ukuba ukhangele ubone
ube usuhlola izindlela zabo. **28** Bonke bangabahlamuki
abalukhuni, abahamba behleba. Balithusi lensimbi, bonke
benza ukuxhwala. **29** Imvutho ivutha okwesabekayo
incibilikisa umnusu ngokutshisa komlilo kodwa ukucenga
kuqhubeka kuyize, ababi kabakhutshwanga. **30** Kuthiwa
bayisiliva esilahliweyo, ngoba uThixo usebalahlile.”

7 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi: **2**
“Mana esangweni lendlu kaThixo umemezele ilizwi leli
ukhonapho uthi: ‘Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lonke lina
bantu bakoJuda abangena ngala amasango ukuzakhonza
uThixo. **3** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli
uthi: Lungisani izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu, ukuze
ngilivumele ukuba lihlale kule indawo. **4** Lingathembi

amazwi akhohlisayo lithi, “Leli lithempeli likaThixo, ithempeli likaThixo, ithempeli likaThixo!” **5** Lingalungisa izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu sibili liphathane ngokulunga, **6** nxa lingancindezeli owezizweni, izintandane loba umfelokazi njalo lingachithi gazi elingelacala kule indawo, njalo nxa lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu okuzalilimaza, **7** ngizalivumela ukuba lihlale kule indawo, elizweni engalinika okhokho benu ukuba libe ngelabo kuze kube nini lanini. **8** Kodwa khangelani, lina lithemba amazwi akhohlisayo angasizi lutho. **9** Kambe lizantshontsha njalo libulale, lifebe, lifunge amanga, litshisele uBhali impepha njalo lilandele abanye onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi, **10** beselisizakuma phambi kwami kuyonale indlu, eleBizo lami, lithi, “Sivikelekile,” livikeleka ukuba lenze zonke lezizinto ezenyanyekayo na? **11** Indlu le, eleBizo lami, seyaba lubhalu lwabaphangi na? Kodwa kade ngikhangele! kutsho uThixo. **12** Hambani khathesi endaweni yami eShilo lapho engenza khona kuqala indawo yokuhlala iBizo lami, libone engakwenza kuyo ngenxa yobubi babantu bami bako-Israyeli. **13** UThixo uthi, kwathi lapho lisenza lezizinto, mina ngakhuluma lani futhifuthi, kodwa kalingilalelanga, ngalibiza, kalaze lasabela. **14** Ngakho-ke, lokho engakwenza eShilo khathesi ngizakwenza kule indlu eleBizo lami, ithempeli elilithembileyo, indawo engalinika yona lina kanye labokhokho benu. **15** Ngizalixotsha phambi kwami, njengalokho engakwenza abafowenu bonke, abantu bako-Efrayimi.’ **16** Ngakho abantu laba ungabakhulekeli loba ubakhulumele kumbe ubenzele isicelo; ungangincengi ngoba angiyikukulalela.

17 Abakwenzayo emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni
yaseJerusalema kawukuboni na? **18** Abantwana batheza
inkuni, oyise babasa imililo, labesifazane baxova inhlama
benzele iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini isinkwa. Bathelela
abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo yokunathwayo ukuba
bangithukuthelise. **19** Kodwa yimi abangithukuthelisayo
na? kutsho uThixo. Kabazilimazi bona ngokwabo na,
okulihlazo kubo? **20** ‘Ngakho uThixo Wobukhosi uthi:
Ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka lwami kuzakwehliselwa
kule indawo, phezu kwabantu lasezinyamazaneni, phezu
kwezihlahla zeganga laphezu kwezithelo zomhlabathi;
njalo kuzakutsha kungacitsheki. **21** UThixo uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Qhubekani, fakani iminikelo
yenu yokutshiswa kweminye imihlatshelo yenu lidle
inyama lina ngokwenu! **22** Ngoba ekukhupheni kwami
okhokho benu eGibhithe ngikhuluma labo, angizange
ngibanike imilayo nje kuphela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo, **23** kodwa ngabanika umlayo lo othi:
Ngilalelani, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu lina
libe ngabantu bami. Hambani ngezindlela zonke engililaye
zona, ukuze kulilungele. **24** Kodwa kabazange balalele
kumbe banake; esikhundleni salokho, bona balandela
inkani yentando yezinhliziyo zabo ezimbi. Baya emuva
hatshi phambili. **25** Kusukela ngesikhathi okhokho benu
besuka eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi, usuku ngosuku,
njalonjalo ngalithumela izinceku zami abaphrofethi. **26**
Kodwa kabangilalelanga kumbe banake. Babelentamo
ezilukhuni njalo benza ububi obudlula obabokhokho
babo.’ **27** Lapho ubatshela konke lokhu, kabayikukulalela;

lalapho ubabiza, kabayikusabela. **28** Ngakho batshele uthi,
‘Lesi yisizwe esingalalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu waso
kumbe sivume ukuqondiswa. Iqiniso selifile; kalisekho
ezindebeni zabo. **29** Gelani inwele zenu lizilahlele
khatshana; lenze isililo emiqolweni elugwadule, ngoba
uThixo usesalile wasidela isizukulwane lesi esingaphanasi
kolaka lwakhe.’” **30** “‘Abantu bakoJuda benze ububi
phambi kwami, kutsho uThixo. Bamise izithombe zabo
ezenyanyekayo endlini eleBizo lami balingcolisa. **31**
Sebakhe izindawo eziphakemeyo zaseThofethi esigodini
saseBheni-Hinomu ukuba batshisele khona amadodana
lamadodakazi abo ngomlilo, into engingabalayanga
yona, engazange ifike engqondweni yami. **32** Ngakho
qaphelani, insuku ziyeza, kutsho uThixo, lapho abantu
bengayikuyithi yiThofethi kumbe iSigodi saseBheni-
Hinomu, kodwa iSigodi sokuBulala, ngoba abafileyo
bazabangcwaba eThofethi kuze kusweleke indawo. **33**
Lapho-ke izidumbu zabantu laba zizakuba yikudla
kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zomhlaba,
njalo akuyikuba lomuntu ozazethusa. **34** Ngizaqeda
imisindo yokuthokoza leyenjabulo emadolobheni akoJuda
lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema, lokuthaba lelizwi
lomlobokazi lelomyeni, ngoba ilizwe lizachitheka.’”

8 “‘Ngalesosikhathi, kutsho uThixo, amathambo
amakhosi akoJuda lawezikhulu zakhona, amathambo
abaphristi lawabaphrofethi, kanye lamathambo abantu
baseJerusalema azakhutshwa emangcwabeni awo. **2**
Azachaywa elangeni lasenyangeni lakuzo zonke
izinkanyezi zasemazulwini, abakuthandayo bakukhonza

njalo abakulandelayo bakubuza bakudumisa. Kawayikubuthwa loba angcwatshwe, kodwa azakuba njengezibi phezu komhlabathi. **3** Loba kungaphi engibaxotshela khona, bonke abasilayo balesisizwe esibi bazakhetha ukufa kulokuphila, kutsho uThixo uSomandla.'" **4** "Wothi kubo, 'UThixo uthi: Abantu bangawa, kabavuki na? Omunye angaphambuka, kaphenduki na? **5** Pho kungani abantu laba bedukile? Kungani iJerusalema lihlala liseduka? Bayanamathela enkohlisweni, bayala ukuphenduka. **6** Ngilalele ngesineke, kodwa kabatsho okulungileyo. Kakho ophenduka ebubini bakhe, esithi, "Kuyini engikwenzileyo na?" Yilowo lalowo ulandela indlela yakhe njengebhiza lizithela empini. **7** Lengabuzane emoyeni liyazazi izikhathi zalo zomnyaka, lejuba, lenkonjane lohemu kuyasigcina isikhathi sakho sokuthutha. Kodwa abantu bami kabakwazi okufunwa nguThixo. **8** Lingatsho kanjani ukuthi, "Sihlakaniphile, ngoba silomthetho kaThixo," lona iqiniso kuyikuthi amanga alotshwe ngosiba lwababhali asenze umthetho wangabi liqiniso? **9** Abahlakaniphileyo bazayangiswa, bazakwesaba bathiyeke. Njengoba belalile ilizwi likaThixo, balenhlakanipho bani na? **10** Ngakho abafazi babo ngizabapha amanye amadoda lamasimu abo abe ngawabanye abatsha. Kusukela kwabancane kusiya kwabakhulu, bonke bayizihwaba ezifuna inzuzo, banjalo abaphrofethi kanye labaphristi, bonke benza inkohliso. **11** Babopha inxeba labantu bami kungathi kalilibi kakhulu. Bathi, "Ukuthula, ukuthula," khona ukuthula

kungekho. **12** Kambe bayayangeka na ngokuziphatha kwabo okunengisayo? Hatshi, bavele kabalazo inhloni, lokuyangeka kabakwazi. Ngakho bazawela phakathi kwabawileyo, bazakwehliselwa phansi lapho sebejeziswa, kutsho uThixo. **13** Ngizabemuka isivuno sabo, kutsho uThixo. Akuyikuba lezithelo ezivinini zabo. Akuyikuba lezithelo zomkhiwa esihlahleni, lamahlamvu aso azabuna. Engibanike khona kuzathathwa kubo.'" **14** Pho sihlaleleni lapha? Buthanini! Kasibalekeleni emadolobheni avikelweyo siyebhubhela khona! Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu usesilahlele ekubhubheni wasinika amanzi aletshefu ukuba sinathe, ngoba sonile kuye. **15** Sathemba ukuba lokuthula kodwa akubanga lobuhle obukhona, ekubeni kube yisikhathi sokwelatshwa kwaba lokwesaba. **16** Ukuthimula kwamabhiza esitha kuyezwakala kuvelela koDani, ekukhaleni kwamabhiza amaduna ilizwe lonke liyaqhaqhazela. Zilande ukuzatshwabadela ilizwe lakho konke okukulo, idolobho labo bonke abahlala kulo. **17** "Khangelani, ngizathumela phakathi kwenu izinyoka ezilobuhlungu, izinhlangwana ezingeke zithakathwe, njalo zizaliluma," kutsho uThixo. **18** Awu Mduduzi wami osizini, inhliziyo yami isiqaleka phakathi kwami. **19** Lalela ukukhala kwabantu bami okuvela elizweni elikhatshana besithi: "UThixo kakho eZiyoni na? INkosi yalo kayisekho lapho na?" "Kungani bevuse ulaka lwami ngezifanekiso zabo, langezithombe zezizweni eziyize na?" **20** "Ukuvuna sekwedlule, ihlobo seliphelile, kodwa kasihlengwanga." **21** Njengoba abantu bami benqotshiwe lami nginqotshiwe, ngiyalila njalo

ukwesaba kungiphethe. **22** Akulamuthi yini eGiliyadi?
Kakho yini lomelaphi khona? Pho kungani kungekho
kwelatshwa kwenxeba labantu bami na?

9 Awu, sengathi ngabe ikhanda lami lingumthombo
wamanzi, lamehlo ami angumthombo wezinyembezi!
Kade ngizakhala emini lebusuku ngikhalela abantu
bami ababuleweyo. **2** Awu, sengathi ngabe enkangala
ngilendawo engahlala izihambi, ukuba ngisuke ebantwini
bami ngisuke kubo, ngoba bonke bayizifebe, ixuku labantu
abangathembekanga. **3** "Benza izindimi zabo zilunge
njengesavutha ukuba batshoke amanga, ukuthi bayanqoba
elizweni akusikho ngeqiniso. Basuka kokunye ukona baye
kokunye; kabangamukeli," kutsho uThixo. **4** "Qaphela
abangane bakho, ungabathembi abafowenu. Ngoba
wonke umfowenu ungumkhohlisi, njalo wonke umngane
ungumhlebi. **5** Umngane ukhohlisa umngane, njalo kakho
okhuluma iqiniso. Sebafundisa izindimi zabo ukuqamba
amanga, bayazidinisa ngokona. **6** Lihlala phakathi
kwenkohliso, ngenkohliso yabo bayala ukungamukela,"
kutsho uThixo. **7** Ngakho uThixo uSomandla uthi:
"Khangelani, ngizabacolisa ngibahlole, ngoba kuyini
okunye engingakwenza ngenxa yesono sabantu bami? **8**
Ulimi lwabo lungumtshoko olobuthi, lukhuluma inkohliso.
Lowo lalowo ukhuluma kuhle kubomakhelwane bakhe,
kodwa enhliziyweni zabo bebathiya ngemijibila. **9**
Kakufanele ngibajezisele lokhu na?" kubuza uThixo.
"Kakufanele ngiphindisele esizweni esinjengalesi na?"
10 Ngizakhala ngililele izintaba ngibuye ngililele
lamadlelo asenkangala. Atshabalele njalo kakho ohambela

kuwo, lokubhonsa kwezinkomo akuzwakali. Izinyoni
zasemoyeni sezibalekile, lezinyamazana kazisekho.
11 "IJerusalema ngizalenza libe yinqumbi yonxiwa,
isikhundla samakhanka, njalo ngizawadiliza amadolobho
akoJuda ukuze kungabikhona ohlala kuwo." **12** Nguphi
umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ukuba akuzwisise lokhu?
Ngubani ofundiswe nguThixo ongakuchaza? Kungani
ilizwe litshabalalisiwe lachithwa njengenkangala ukuze
kungadluli muntu kulo? **13** UThixo wathi, "Kungenxa
yokuthi sebelahle umthetho wami engababekela wona;
kabangilalelanga, lomthetho wami kabawulandelanga.
14 Esikhundleni salokho, bona balandele ubulukhuni
bezinhliziyo zabo; balandele oBhali, njengokufundiswa
kwabo ngoyise." **15** Ngakho-ke, uThixo uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: "Khangelani, abantu laba
ngizabadlisa ukudla okubabayo ngibanathise lamanzi
alobuthi. **16** Ngizabahlakazela ezizweni bona kanye
laboyise abangazange bazazi, njalo ngizabalandela
ngenkemba ngize ngibaqede du." **17** UThixo uSomandla
uthi: "Cabangani khathesi! Bizani abesifazane abalilayo
beze, libize labo abalobuciko obumangalisayo. **18** Kabeze
ngokuphangisa, bazesililela amehlo ethu aze ehlise
inyembezi lempophoma zamanzi zigeleze, ziphuma
enkopheni zethu." **19** Ilizwi lokukhala liyezwakala
livela eZiyoni: "Yeka kunganani ukuchithakala kwethu!
Yeka ubukhulu behlazo lethu! Kumele sisuke elizweni
lethu ngoba izindlu zethu zidiliziwe." **20** Khathesi,
lina abesifazane, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, vulani
indlebe zenu lizwe amazwi omlomo wakhe. Fundisani

amadodakazi enu ukulila, lifundisane amazwi okukhala.
21 Ukufa kukhwele kwangena ngamafastela ethu, njalo
kungenile lasezinqabeni zethu, sekususe abantwana
emigwaqweni kanye lamajaha ezindaweni zikazulu.
22 Tshono uthi, uThixo uthi, "'izidumbu zabafileyo
zizalala njengezibi egangeni, njengamabele aqunywe
ngemva kovunayo, okungekho ozawabutha.'" **23** UThixo
uthi: "Ohlakaniphileyo kangazincomi ngokuhlakanipha
kwakhe, loba indoda elamandla izincome ngamandla
ayo, loba indoda enothileyo izincome ngenotho yayo, **24**
kodwa lowo ozincomayo, kazincome ngokuthi uyaqedisisa
njalo uyangazi, ukuthi mina nginguThixo, osebenzisa
umusa, imfanelo lokulunga emhlabeni, ngoba lezizinto
ziyangithokozisa," kutsho uThixo. **25** UThixo uthi,
"Insuku ziyeza, lapho engizabajezisa khona bonke abasoke
enyameni kuphela, **26** iGibhithe, loJuda, lo-Edomi,
lo-Amoni loMowabi labo bonke abahlala enkangala
ezindaweni ezikhatshana. Ngoba izizwe zonke lezi
kazisokanga, njalo lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli kayisokanga
enhliziyweni."

10 Zwana okutshiwo nguThixo kuwe, wena ndlu ka-
Israyeli. **2** UThixo uthi: "Lingazifundi izindlela zezizwe
kumbe ukwethuswa yizibonakaliso zasemkhathini, lanxa
nje izizwe zisethuswa yizo. **3** Ngoba imikhuba yabantu
iyize, bagamula isihlahla ehlathini, ingcwethi isibaze
ngetshizela yayo. **4** Bayasicecisa ngesiliva langegolide,
basibethele ngesando langezipikili ukuze singanyikinyeki.
5 Njengezinto zokwethusa endimeni yamajodo, izithombe
zabo azikhulumi, kumele zithwalwe ngoba azingeke

zihambe. Lingazesabi, azingeke zenze okubi, lokuhle azingeke zikwenze." **6** Kakho ofana lawe, wena Thixo, wena umkhulu, lebizo lakho lilamandla amakhulu. **7** Ngubani ongeke akwesabe, wena Nkosi yezizwe? Lokhu kukufanele. Phakathi kwabantu bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe lakuyo yonke imibuso yabo, kakho onjengawe. **8** Bonke kabalangqondo njalo bayizithutha, bafundiswa yizithombe zezigodo eziyize. **9** Isiliva esikhandiweyo siyalethwa sivela eThashishi legolide livela e-Ufazi. Okwenziwe yingcwethi lomkhandi wegolide kugqokiswa okuluhlaza lokuyibubende, njalo konke kwenziwe zingcitshi. **10** Kodwa uThixo unguNkulunkulu oqotho, unguNkulunkulu ophilayo, iNkosi yanininini. Lapho ethukuthele, umhlaba uyagedezela, izizwe azingeke zimelane lolaka lwakhe. **11** "Batshele lokhu uthi, onkulunkulu laba, abangawenzanga amazulu lomhlaba, bazabhubha emhlabeni langaphansi kwamazulu." **12** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, wamisa umhlaba ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, njalo wendlala lamazulu ngokuqedisisa kwakhe. **13** Lapho evungama, amanzi asemazulwini ayahlokoma, wenza amayezi aphakame evela emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Uthumela umbane ulezulu njalo akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe. **14** Abantu bonke kabalangqondo njalo kabalalwazi, wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yizithombe zakhe. Izithombe zakhe azenzayo ziyinkohliso, kazilamphefumulo phakathi kwazo. **15** Ziyize, izinto zenhlekisa nje, lapho ukwahlulelwa kwazo sekufikile, zizabhubha. **16** Lowo oyiNgxenye kaJakhobe kafani lalaba,

ngoba unguMenzi wezinto zonke, kubalwa lo-Israyeli, isizwe selifa lakhe, ibizo lakhe nguThixo uSomandla. **17** Qoqani impahla yenu ukuba lisuke elizweni, lina elihlezi livinjezelwe. **18** Ngoba uThixo uthi, "Ngalesisikhathi ngizabaphosela phandle labo abahlala kulelilizwe, ngizabehlisela usizi ukuze bathunjwe." **19** Maye mina ngenxa yokulimala kwami! Inxeba lami kalelapheki! Ikanti ngazitshela ngathi, "Lo ngumkhuhlane wami, njalo kumele ngiwubekezelele." **20** Ithente lami lidiliziwe, izintambo zalo zonke ziqumekile. Amadodana ami asukile kimi njalo kawasekho, kakho oseleyo ukuba angimisele ithente lami, loba ongangilungisela amakhetheni ami. **21** Abelusi kabalangqondo njalo kabambuzi uThixo, ngakho kabaphumeleli, njalo lemihlambi yabo yonke ihlakazekile. **22** Lalelani! Umbiko uyeza, ukuxokozela okukhulu okuvela elizweni lenyakatho! Kuzakwenza amadolobho akoJuda achitheke, abe yizikhundla zamakhanka. **23** Ngiyazi, Oh Thixo, ukuthi ukuphila komuntu akusikho kwakhe, umuntu akusikho kwakhe ukuthi aqondise izinyathelo zakhe. **24** Ngiqondise Thixo, kodwa kube ngokulunga, kungabi ngolaka lwakho, hlezi ungenze ngibe yize. **25** Yehlisela ulaka lwakho phezu kwezizwe ezingakwamukeliyo, phezu kwabantu abangakhuleki ebizweni lakho. Ngoba bamdlile uJakhobe, bamdlile waphela bachitha lelizwe lakhe.

11 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi: **2** "Zwana izimiso zesivumelwano lesi uzitshele abantu bakoJuda lalabo abahlala eJerusalema. **3** Batshele uthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Uqalekisiwe

umuntu ongalandeli izimiso zesivumelwano lesi, **4** izimiso engalaya ngazo okhokho benu ekubakhupheni kwami eGibhithe, esasiyisithando sokuncibilikisa insimbi.' Ngathi, 'Lalelani ilizwi lami lenze konke engililaya khona, lizakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Lapho-ke ngizagcwalisa isifungo sami engasifunga kubokhokho benu, ukubanika ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju,' ilizwe elihlezi kulo khathesi." Ngaphendula ngathi, "Akube njalo Thixo." **6** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Memezela wonke amazwi la emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema uthi: 'Zwanini izimiso zesivumelwano lesi lizilandele. **7** Kusukela ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu eGibhithe kuze kube lamhla, ngabalaya njalonjalo ngisithi, "Lalelani ilizwi lami." **8** Kodwa kabazange balalele kumbe banake; esikhundleni salokho, bona balandela inkani yezinhliziyo zabo ezimbi. Ngakho ngabehlisela zonke izithuko zesivumelwano engangibalaye ukuba basilandele kodwa kabaze basigcina.'" **9** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Kulokuhlamuka okukhona ebantwini bakoJuda lakulabo abahlala eJerusalema. **10** Sebebuyele ezonweni zabokhokho babo, abalayo ukulalela amazwi ami. Balandele abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babakhonze. Indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kaJuda, zombili zisephule isivumelwano engasenza labokhokho bazo. **11** Ngakho nanku akutshoyo uThixo: 'Ngizabehlisela umonakalo abangeke baphephe kuwo. Lanxa sebekhala kimi kangiyikubalalela. **12** Amadolobho akoJuda labantu baseJerusalema bazakuyakhala kubonkulunkulu ababatshisela impepha, kodwa kabasoze babasize ngalutho lapho uhlupho

selubehlela. **13** Wena Juda ubunengi babonkulunkulu
bakho bunjengobamadolobho akho, njalo lama-alithare
owakhele ukutshisela impepha kulowonkulunkulu
olihlazo, uBhali, ubunengi bawo bunjengobemigwaqo
yaseJerusalema.' **14** Abantu laba ungabakhulekeli kumbe
ubakhulumele loba ubacelele, ngoba angiyikulalela
lapho bekhala kimi esikhathini sokuhlupheka kwabo.
15 Othandekayo wami wenzani ethempelini lami eceba
amaqhinga amabi labanengi? Kambe inyama ebusisiweyo
ingaphuthisa ukujeziswa kwakho na? Lapho uphatheka
ngobubi bakho, uyajabula." **16** UThixo wakubiza
ngokuthi uyisihlahla se-oliva esihlumileyo esilezithelo
ezinhle. Kodwa ngokuhlokoma kwesiphepho esikhulu
uzasithungela ngomlilo, ingatsha zaso zephuke. **17**
UThixo uSomandla, owakuhlanyelayo, usememezele
umonakalo kuwe, ngoba indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kaJuda
zenze okubi zangithukuthelisa ngokutshisela uBhali
impepha. **18** Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo waveza icebo labo
kimi, ngalazi, ngoba ngalesosikhathi wangitshengisa
ababekwenza. **19** Ngangifana lewundlu elithambileyo
lisiwa ekuhlatshweni; ngangingazi ukuthi basebebumbe
icebo ngami, besithi, "Kasiqumeni isihlahla kanye
lezithelo zaso; kasimsuseni elizweni labaphilayo, ukuze
ibizo lakhe lingakhunjulwa futhi." **20** Kodwa, wena,
Thixo Somandla, wena owahlulela ngokulunga njalo
uhlola inhliziyo lengqondo, yenza ngibone ukuphindisela
kwakho kubo, ngoba isisusa sami ngisinikela kuwe.
21 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo mayelana
labantu base-Anathothi abafuna ukukubulala besithi,

“Ungaphrofethi ngebizo likaThixo funa sikubulale” **22** ngakho uThixo uSomandla uthi: “Ngizabajezisa. Amajaha akibo azabulawa yinkemba, amadodana lamadodakazi abo abulawe yindlala. **23** Akuyikuba khona osalayo kubo, ngoba ngizaletha incithakalo ebantwini base-Anathothi ngomnyaka wokujeziswa kwabo.”

12 Wena ulungile izikhathi zonke, Oh Thixo, lapho ngiletha indaba kuwe. Ikanti ngingakhuluma lawe ngokulunga kwakho: Kungani indlela yababi iphumelela na? Kungani abangathembekanga behlezi kuhle na? **2** Ubahlanyele, njalo sebemilile; bayakhula bathele izithelo. Bahlezi bekhuluma ngawe, kodwa ezinhliziyweni zabo ukhatshana. **3** Kodwa mina, Oh Thixo, uyangazi; uyangibona uhlole imicabango yami ngawe. Bahudule njengezimvu eziyahlatshwa! Bamisele usuku lokubulawa! **4** Koze kube nini ilizwe lomile lotshani iganga lonke bubunile? Ngenxa yokuthi labo abahlala kulo babi, izinyamazana lezinyoni sezibhubhile. Kanti futhi abantu bathi, “Kasoze akubone okwenzakala kithi.” **5** “Nxa ugijime labantu ngezinyawo bakudinisa, ungancintisana njani lamabhiza na? Nxa ukhubeka elizweni elingelangozi, pho uzakwanelisa njani ezixukwini zaseJodani na? **6** Abafowenu, abendlu yakwenu labo futhi bakunikele; baklabalale batsho okubi ngawe. Ungabathembi, lanxa bekhuluma kuhle ngawe. **7** Indlu yami ngizayitshiya, ngilidele ilifa lami; lowo engimthandayo ngizamnikela ezandleni zezitha zakhe. **8** Ilifa lami kimi selibe njengesilwane ehlathini. Liyangihwabhela; ngakho ngiyalizonda. **9** Ilifa lami kimi kaselibe njengenyoni

emabalabala edla inyama ehanqwa ngezinye izinyoni
ezidla inyama, ziyihlasela na? Hamba uyebutha zonke
izinyamazana zeganga; uzilethe ukuba zidle. **10** Abelusi
abanengi bazasichitha isivini sami bagandele insimu
yami; bazaguqula insimu yami enhle ibe lugwadule
oluphundlekileyo. **11** Izakwenziwa ugwadule, yome
iphundlekile phambi kwami; ilizwe lonke lizachitheka
ngoba kakho olinakayo. **12** Emiqolweni yonke engelalutho
enkangala abachithi bazaphithizela, ngoba inkemba
kaThixo izakudla kusukela komunye umkhawulo welizwe
kusiya komunye; kakho ozavikeleka. **13** Bazahlanyela
ingqoloyi kodwa bavune ameva; bazazidinisa kodwa
bangazuzi lutho. Ngakho wobani lenhloni ngesivuno
senu ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo." **14** UThixo
uthi: "Bonke omakhelwane bami ababi abathumba
ilifa engalinika abantu bami bako-Israyeli, ngizabasusa
emazweni abo ngisuse lendlu kaJuda phakathi kwabo.
15 Kodwa emva kokubasusa kwami, ngizaphinda ngibe
lesihawu ngibuyisele omunye lomunye wabo endaweni
eyilifa lakhe elizweni lakhe. **16** Bangazifunda kuhle
izindlela zabantu bami njalo bafunge ngebizo lami besithi,
'Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila' lanxa nje bake
bafundisa abantu bami ukufunga ngoBhali, bazahlaliswa
phakathi kwabantu bami. **17** Kodwa nxa isizwe singalaleli,
ngizasisusa ngokupheleleyo ngisibhubhise," kutsho
uThixo.

13 UThixo wathi kimi: "Hamba uyethenga ibhanti
lelineni ubophe ukhalo lwakho ngalo, kodwa lingathinti
amanzi." **2** Ngakho ngathenga ibhanti, njengokulaya

kukaThixo, ngabopha ukhalo lwami ngalo. **3** Ilizwi
likaThixo labuya lafika kimi ngokwesibili lathi: **4** "Thatha
ibhanti olithengileyo obophe ngalo ukhalo lwakho, uye
eYufrathe, khathesi nje ulifihle khona eminkenkeni
yamatshe." **5** Ngakho ngahamba ngayalifihla eYufrathe,
njengokutsho kukaThixo kimi. **6** Sekudlule insuku
ezinengi uThixo wathi kimi, "Hamba khathesi eYufrathe
uyethatha ibhanti engathi lifihle khona." **7** Ngakho
ngaya eYufrathe ngagebha lapho engangifihle khona
ibhanti, kodwa laselonakele impela lingaselasizo. **8**
Lapho-ke kwafika ilizwi likaThixo kimi lisithi: **9** "UThixo
uthi: 'Ngendlela efanayo ngizakuchitha ukuzigqaja
kukaJuda lokuzigqaja okukhulu kweJerusalema. **10**
Lababantu abangalunganga, abalayo ukulalela amazwi
ami, abalandela ubulukhuni bezinhliziyo zabo badinge
abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babasebenzele njalo
babakhonze, bazakuba njengebhanti leli, bengelasizo
loluncane! **11** Ngoba njengebhanti libopha ukhalo
lomuntu, ngayibophela kanjalo kimi yonke indlu ka-
Israyeli layo yonke indlu kaJuda, kutsho uThixo, ukuba
babengabantu bami ngenxa yodumo lwami, ukubongwa
lokudunyiswa. Kodwa kabalalelanga.'" **12** "Batshele
uthi, 'UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, zonke
izikhumba zewayini kumele zigcwaliswe ngewayini.'
Bona bangathi kuwe, 'Kanti thina kasikwazi yini ukuthi
izikhumba zonke kumele zigcwaliswe ngewayini?' **13**
wena uthi kubo, 'UThixo uthi: Ngizabenza badakwe bonke
abahlala kulelilizwe, kanye lamakhosi ahlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi sikaDavida, abaphristi, abaphrofethi labo

bonke abahlala eJerusalema. **14** Ngizabamahlaza omunye komunye, oyise lamadodana ngokufananayo, kutsho uThixo. Angiyikuvumela isihawu loba umusa kumbe uzwelo ukuba kungivimbele ukubabhubhisa.'" **15** Zwanini lilalele, lingazigqaji, ngoba uThixo usekhulumile. **16** Dumisani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engakalethi ubumnyama, inyawo zenu zingakakhubeki emaqaqeni asesembeswa yibumnyama. Lilindele ukukhanya, kodwa yena uzakwenza kube yibumnyama, akuphendule kube yibumnyama obesabekayo. **17** Kodwa nxa lingalaleli, ngizakhalela ensitha ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwenu; amehlo ami azalila kabuhlungu, ageleze inyembezi, ngoba umhlambi kaThixo uzathunjwa. **18** Tshono enkosini lasendlovukazini uthi, "Yehlani ezihlalweni zenu zobukhosi lize phansi, ngoba imiqhele yenu emihle kakhulu izakuwa emakhanda enu." **19** Amadolobho aseNegebi azavalwa, njalo akuyikuba khona ozawavula. UJuda wonke uzathathwa asiwe ekuthunjweni, uzasiwa ekuthunjweni ngokupheleleyo. **20** Phakamisani amehlo enu libone labo abavela enyakatho. Ungaphi umhlambi ababewugcinisiwe, izimvu elalizazisa ngazo na? **21** Lizakuthini lapho uThixo esebabeka phezu kwenu labo elabenza babangabangane benu abaqakathekileyo na? Kaliyikubanjwa yibuhlungu obufana lobowesifazane ehelelwa na? **22** Njalo nxa uzibuza usithi, "Kungani lokhu kwenzakele kimi na?" Kungenxa yezono zakho ezinengi ukuthi izidwaba zakho zidatshulwe lomzimba wakho waphathwa kubi. **23** UmTopiya angaliguqula yini ijwabu lakhe loba ingwe iguqule amabala ayo na? Lani

lingeke lenze okuhle lina selajwayela ukwenza okubi. **24** “Ngizalihlakaza njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya wasenkangala. **25** Lokhu yikho okungokwenu, isabelo engilimisele sona,” kutsho uThixo, “ngoba lingikhohliwe lathemba onkulunkulu bamanga. **26** Ngizaphekulela izidwaba zakho ebusweni bakho ukuba kubonakale ihlazo lakho, **27** ubufebe bakho lokububuliswa yisigwebo, ukufeba kwakho ungelanhloni! Ngizibonile izenzo zakho ezenyanyekayo phezu kwamaqaqa lasegangeni. Maye kuwe, wena Jerusalema! Koze kube nini ungahlambulukanga na?”

14 Leli yilizwi likaThixo elafika kuJeremiya mayelana lokoma elizweni lisithi: **2** “UJuda uyalila, amadolobho akhe ayahlupheka; alilela ilizwe, njalo isililo siyaqonga sivela eJerusalema. **3** Izikhulu zithuma izinceku zazo ukuyafuna amanzi; ziya emithonjeni kodwa zifice amanzi engekho. Ziyabuyela lemigqomo yazo ingelalutho; zithithibele njalo zidanile, zemboze amakhanda azo. **4** Umhlabathi uqhekezekile ngoba akulazulu elizweni; abalimi bathithibele njalo bemboze amakhanda abo. **5** Lenyamazana ensikazi egangeni iyabalekela inkonyane layo elizelweyo ngoba akulatshani. **6** Obabhemi beganga bema emiqolweni elugwadule bakhefuzele njengamakhanka; amehlo abo asefiphele ngenxa yokuswela amadlelo.” **7** Lanxa izono zethu zifakaza kubi ngathi, Oh Thixo, ake wenze okunye ngenxa yebizo lakho. Ngoba ukuhlehlela kwethu emuva kunengi; sonile kuwe. **8** Oh Themba lika-Israyeli, uMhlengi wakhe ezikhathini zokuhlupheka, kungani usiba njengowezizweni elizweni,

njengesihambi esihlala ubusuku obubodwa kuphela? **9**
Kungani usiba njengomuntu ojunyiweyo, lanjengebutho
elingelamandla okusiza na? Ukhona phakathi kwethu,
wena Thixo, njalo sibizwa ngebizo lakho; ungasilahli! **10**
Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo ngalababantu: "Bayakuthanda
kakhulu ukuntula; kabazibambi inyawo zabo. Ngakho
uThixo kayikubamukela; khathesi uzakhumbula ububi
babo abajezisele izono zabo." **11** UThixo wasesithi kimi,
"Ungakhulekeli inhlalakahle yabantu laba. **12** Lanxa bezila
ukudla, ukukhala kwabo angiyikukulalela; loba benikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yamabele,
angiyikuyamukela. Esikhundleni salokho, ngizabaqeda
du ngenkemba, ngendlala langezifo." **13** Kodwa mina
ngathi, "Awu Thixo Wobukhosi, abaphrofethi bahlezi
bebatshela besithi, 'Kaliyikubona inkemba loba libulawe
yindlala. Impela, ngizalipha ukuthula okungapheliyo
kule indawo.'" **14** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Abaphrofethi
baphrofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Angibathumanga njalo
angibakhethanga kumbe ngikhulume labo. Baphrofetha
imibono yamanga kini, ukuhlahlula, ukukhonza izithombe
lenkohliso yezingqondo zabo. **15** Ngakho-ke, nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo ngabaphrofethi abaphrofetha
ngebizo lami ukuthi: Kangizange ngibathume, kodwa
bona bathi, 'Akulankemba kumbe indlala ezathinta ilizwe
leli.' Bona labo abaphrofethi bazabhujiswa ngenkemba
langendlala. **16** Abantu abaphrofetha kubo bazaphoselwa
phandle emigwaqweni yaseJerusalema ngenxa yendlala
lenkemba. Akulamuntu ozabangcwaba kumbe omkabo,
amadodana abo loba amadodakazi abo. Ngizabehlisela

ingozi ebafaneleyo. **17** Khuluma ilizwi leli kubo uthi:
‘Amehlo ami kawehlise inyembezi ebusuku lemini
zingomi; ngoba indodakazi yami egcweleyo, labantu bami
balimele kakhulu, balinyazwe yikutshaywa okwesabekayo.
18 Nxa ngingena elizweni, ngibona labo ababulawa
ngenkemba; nxa ngingena edolobheni ngibona umonakalo
owenziwa yindlala. Bobabili umphrofethi lomphristi
sebeye elizweni abangalaziyo.’” **19** UJuda usumlahle
kokuphela na? IZiyoni uyaleyisa na? Usitshayeleni
kangaka size singelapheki na? Sasilindele ukuthula kodwa
akulabuhle obaba khona, isikhathi sokwelatshwa kodwa
kulokwesaba kuphela. **20** Awu Thixo, siyakuvuma ukona
kwethu kanye lokona kwabokhokho bethu; impela sonile
kuwe. **21** Ngenxa yebizo lakho ungasenyanyi; ungasigconi
isihlalo sakho sobukhosi esihle kakhulu. Khumbula
isivumelwano sakho lathi ungasephuli. **22** Zikhona yini
izithombe eziyize zezizwe ezinganisa izulu na? Imikhathi
yona ngokwayo iyalinisa izulu na? Hatshi, nguwe, Thixo
Nkulunkulu wethu. Ngakho ithemba lethu likuwe, ngoba
nguwe owenza konke lokhu.

15 UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Lanxa uMosi loSamuyeli
bengema phambi kwami, inhliziyo yami ingeke
iphendukele kulababantu. Basuse phambi kwami!
Kabahambe! **2** Bangakubuza bathi, ‘Sizakuya ngaphi
na?’ uthi kubo, uThixo uthi: ‘Abamiselwe ukufa, baya
ekufeni; abenkemba, enkembeni; abendlala, endlaleni;
abokuthunjwa, ekuthunjweni.’ **3** Ngizabathumela
imihlobo emine yabachithi,” kutsho uThixo, “inkemba
yokubulala lezinja zokuhudulela khatshana njalo lezinyoni

zasemoyeni kanye lezinyamazana zeganga ukuba zidle zibhuqe. **4** Ngizabenza banengeke emibusweni yonke yasemhlabeni ngenxa yalokho okwenziwa eJerusalema nguManase indodana kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. **5** Ngubani ozakuba lesihawu kuwe wena Jerusalema? Ngubani ozakukhalela na? Ngubani ozakuma abuze ukuthi unjani na? **6** Ungalile," kutsho uThixo. "Uqhubeka uhlehlela emuva. Ngakho ngizabeka izandla phezu kwakho ngikuchithe; ngingeke ngibe lesihawu futhi. **7** Ngizabahlungula ngefologwe yokwela emasangweni amadolobho elizwe. Ngizaletha ukufelwa lokuchitheka ebantwini bami, ngoba kabaguqulanga izindlela zabo. **8** Ngizakwenza abafelokazi babo bande kakhulu kuletshebetshebe lasolwandle. Emini ngizakwehlisela umbulali phezu kwabonina bamajaha akibo; khonokho ngizabehlisela usizi lokwesaba. **9** Unina wabayisikhombisa uzaqaleka aphefumule okokucina. Ilanga lakhe lizatshona kusesemini; uzayangiswa njalo eyiswe. Izinsalela ngizaziqeda ngenkemba phambi kwezitha zazo," kutsho uThixo. **10** Maye, wena mama, ngokuthi wangizala, mina muntu ilizwe lonke elibangisana laye njalo liphikisana laye! Kangikaze ngebolekise loba ngeboleke, kodwa bonke bayangithuka. **11** UThixo wathi, "Ngeqiniso ngizakukhulula ngenjongo enhle; ngeqiniso ngizakwenza izitha zakho zikuncenge ezikhathini zomonakalo lezokuhlupheka. **12** Umuntu angayiqamula insimbi, insimbi evela enyakatho kumbe ithusi na? **13** Inotho yakho lamatshe akho aligugu ngizakwenza kube yimpango, yamahala, ngenxa yezono

zakho kulolonke ilizwe lakini. **14** Ngizakwenza ube
yisigqili sezitha zakho elizweni ongalaziyo, ngoba
ulaka lwami luzabhebha umlilo ozakutshisa." **15**
Uyazwisisa wena Thixo; ngikhumbula ungikhathalele.
Ungiphindiselele kwabangihluphayo. Uyabekezela,
ungangigudluli; khumbula ukuthi ngithukwa njani
ngenxa yakho. **16** Ekufikeni kwamazwi akho, ngawadla;
ayeyintokozo yami lenjabulo yenhliziyo yami, ngoba
mina ngibizwa ngebizo lakho, wena Thixo Nkulunkulu
Somandla. **17** Kangizange ngihlale enhlanganisweni
yabazithokozisayo, kumbe ngijabule labo; ngahlala
ngedwa ngoba isandla sakho sasiphezu kwami njalo
wawungenze ngagcwala intukuthelo. **18** Kungani
ubuhlungu engibuzwayo bungapheli lenxeba lami lilibi
kakhulu njalo lingelapheki na? Kimi uzakuba njengesifula
esikhohlisayo, lanjengomthombo ongelamanzi na? **19**
Ngakho uThixo uthi: "Ungaphenduka, ngizakubuyisela
ukuze ungikhonze; nxa ukhuluma amazwi afaneleyo,
hatshi angasizi lutho, uzakuba yisikhulumeli sami. Abantu
laba kabaphendukele kuwe, kodwa wena akumelanga
uphendukele kubo. **20** Ngizakwenza ube ngumduli
kulababantu, umduli ovikelweyo wethusi; bazakulwa
lawe kodwa kabayikukwehlula, ngoba mina ngilawe
ukuba ngikuhlenge ngikusize," kutsho uThixo. **21**
"Ngizakuhlenga ezandleni zababi ngikukhulule ezandleni
zabalesihluku."

16 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **2** "Ungathathi
mfazi ube lamadodana loba amadodakazi kule indawo."
3 Ngoba mayelana lamadodana lamadodakazi azalelwe

kulelilizwe kanye labesifazane abangonina lamadoda angoyise uThixo uthi: **4** "Bazakufa bebulawa yimikhuhlane eyesabekayo. Kabayikukhalelwa loba bangcwatshwe, kodwa bazakuba njengezibi emhlabathini. Bazabhubha ngenkemba langendlala, njalo izidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga." **5** Ngoba nanku akutshoyo uThixo: "Ungangeni endlini elokudla kwesililo; ungayilila kumbe utshengisele uzwelo, ngoba isibusiso sami, lothando lwami kanye lesihawu sami, sengikususile kulababantu," kutsho uThixo. **6** "Bonke abaphakemeyo labantukazana bazakufa kulelilizwe. Kabayikungcwatshwa kumbe bakhalelwe, njalo kakho ozazisika kumbe aphuce ikhanda lakhe ngenxa yabo. **7** Kakho ozabanika ukudla ukuba abaduduze labo abalilela ofileyo, loba kunguyise kumbe unina, kakho lozabanika amanzi ukuba abaduduze. **8** Njalo ungangeni endlini eledili ukuba uhlale phansi udle unathe. **9** Ngoba uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Phambi kobuso bakho njalo ensukwini zakho ngizawuqeda umsindo wentokozo lokuthaba kanye lamazwi abalobokazi labayeni kule indawo. **10** Lapho abantu laba ubatshela konke lokhu besebekubuza besithi, 'Kungani uThixo esemise ukusehlisela inkemenkeme engaka na? Senze bubi bani na? Sono bani esisenze kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu?' **11** wena wothi kubo, 'Kungenxa yokuthi okhokho benu bangifulathela,' kutsho uThixo, 'njalo balandela abanye onkulunkulu babasebenzela, babakhonza. Bangifulathela njalo kabayigcinanga imithetho yami. **12** Kodwa lina selenze okubi kakhulu kulabokhokho benu. Khangelani

ukuthi lowo lalowo wenu uyilandela njani inkani yenhliziyo yakhe embi esikhundleni sokuthi angilalele. **13** Ngakho ngizalilahlela ngaphandle kwalelilizwe elizweni lina loba oyihlo abangazange balazi, lapho elizakhonza khona abanye onkulunkulu emini lebusuku, ngoba angiyikuba lomusa kini.'" **14** UThixo uthi, "Kodwa insuku ziyeza lapho abantu bengayikuthi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengokuthi uThixo ukhona, yena owakhupha abako-Israyeli eGibhithe,' **15** kodwa bazakuthi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengokuthi uThixo ukhona, yena owakhupha abako-Israyeli elizweni lasenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe ayebaxotshele kuwo.' Ngoba ngizababuyisela elizweni engalinika okhokho babo." **16** UThixo uthi, "Kodwa khathesi ngizathumela abagoli benhlanzi abanengi, bazababamba. Emva kwalokho ngizathumela abazingeli abanengi, bazabazingela ezintabeni zonke lasemaqaqeni wonke njalo lasezingoxweni zamadwala. **17** Amehlo ami akuzo zonke izindlela zabo; kabafihlakalanga kimi, lesono sabo kasiwacatshelanga amehlo ami. **18** Ngizaphindisela ngokuphindiweyo ububi babo lesono sabo, ngoba bangcolise ilizwe lami ngezinto ezingaphiliyo zezifanekiso zabo ezingamanyala, bagcwalisa lelifa lami ngezithombe zabo ezinengekayo." **19** Awu Thixo, mandla ami lenqaba yami, siphephelo sami ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka, izizwe zizakuza kuwe zivela emikhawulweni yomhlaba zithi, "Okhokho babengelalutho kodwa onkulunkulu bamanga, izithombe eziyize ezingabasizanga ngalutho. **20** Kambe abantu bayazenzela onkulunkulu babo na? Ye, kodwa kayisibo onkulunkulu!" **21** "Ngakho ngizabafundisa,

khathesi ngizabafundisa amandla ami lobukhulu bami.
Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi ibizo lami nguThixo."

17 "Isono sikaJuda sidwetshwe ngensimbi, sabhalwa
ngomcijo wedayimani ezicecedwini zenhliziyo zabo
lasempondweni zama-alithare abo. **2** Labantwababo
bayawakhumbula ama-alithare abo lezinsika zika-Ashera
phansi kwezihlahla eziluhlaza laphezu kwamaqaqa
aphakemeyo. **3** Intaba yami eselizweni lenotho yenu
kanye lemfuyo yenu yonke ngizakunikela kube yimpango,
ndawonye lezindawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngenxa
yokona kulolonke ilizwe lenu. **4** Ngenxa yezici zenu
lizalahlekelwa yilifa engalinika lona. Ngizalenza libe
yizigqili zezitha zenu elizweni elingalaziyo, ngoba livuse
ulaka lwami, njalo luzavutha kuze kube nininini." **5**
UThixo uthi: "Uqalekisiwe lowo othemba umuntu,
othembe ukuthi amandla akhe asenyameni, onhliziyo
yakhe ihlamukela uThixo. **6** Uzakuba njengesihlahlanyana
enkangala; ukuphumelela kayikukubona ekufikeni
kwakho. Uzahlala ezindaweni ezomileyo enkangala,
elizweni letswayi elingahlali muntu. **7** Kodwa ubusisiwe
umuntu othemba uThixo, othemba lakhe likuye. **8**
Uzakuba njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe eduze lamanzi
esinabisela impande zaso esifuleni. Kasesabi lapho
ukutshisa kufika; amahlamvu aso ahlala eluhlaza.
Kasikhathazeki ngomnyaka wokoma; kasiphuthi ukuthela
izithelo." **9** Inhliziyo iyakhohlisa okudlula izinto zonke
njalo imbi kakhulu. Ngubani ongayizwisisa na? **10**
"Mina Thixo ngiyayihlola inhliziyo ngihlole lengqondo,
ukuba umuntu ngimnike okufanele ukwenza kwakhe

mayelana lalokho okufanele izenzo zakhe.” **11** Umuntu
ozuza inotho ngezindlela ezimbi unjengesikhwehle
esichamisela amaqanda esingawaqandelanga. Lapho
ingxenye yokuphila kwakhe isidlule, izaphela, kuthi
ekucineni abonakale eyisithutha. **12** Isihlalo sobukhosi,
esikhazimulayo esaphakanyiswayo kusukela ekuqaleni,
siyindawo yethu yokuphephela. **13** Awu Thixo, themba
lika-Israyeli, bonke abakudelayo bazayangiswa. Labo
abakuhlamukelayo bazabhalwa othulini ngoba bedele
uThixo, umthombo wamanzi okuphila. **14** Ngisilisa,
Thixo, njalo ngizasiliswa; ungikhulule, ngizakhululeka,
ngoba nguwe engimdumisayo. **15** Bahlala besithi kimi,
“Lingaphi ilizwi likaThixo na? Kaligcwaliseke khathesi!”
16 Angibalekanga ekubeni ngumelusi wenu; liyakwazi
ukuthi angilufisanga usuku lokuphela ithemba. Okudlula
endebeni zami kusobala kini. **17** Ungabi ngowesabekayo
kimi; uyisiphephelo sami ngosuku lokuhlupheka. **18**
Abangihluphayo kabayangiswe, kodwa mina ungivikele
ehlazweni; kababe lokwesaba, kodwa mina ungivikele
ekwesabeni. Balethele usuku lobubi. Ubabhubhise
ngokuqothula okuphindiweyo. **19** UThixo wathi kimi:
“Hamba uyekuma esangweni labantu, amakhosi akoJuda
angena ngalo njalo aphume ngalo; ume futhi lakuwo
wonke amanye amasango aseJerusalema. **20** Uthi kubo,
‘Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina makhosi akoJuda labo
bonke abantu abahlala koJuda kanye labantu bonke
abahlala eJerusalema abangena ngala amasango. **21**
UThixo uthi: Qaphelani lingathwali mthwalo ngosuku
lweSabatha loba liwungenise ngamasango aseJerusalema.

22 Lingaphumisi mthwalo ezindlini zenu kumbe lenze
loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngosuku lweSabatha, kodwa
ligcine iSabatha lingcwele, njengokulaya kwami okhokho
benu. **23** Kodwa kabalalelanga loba banake; izintamo
zabo zazilukhuni njalo kabalalelanga kumbe bamukele
ukulaywa. **24** UThixo uthi: Kodwa nxa liqaphele
ukungilalela, lingangenisi mthwalo ngamasango edolobho
leli ngeSabatha, kodwa ligcina usuku lweSabatha
lungcwele ngokungenzi msebenzi ngalo, **25** lapho-
ke amakhosi ahlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida
azangena lezikhulu zawo ngamasango edolobho leli. Wona
lezikhulu zawo bazafika begade izinqola zempi lamabhiza,
belabantu bakoJuda lalabo abahlala eJerusalema;
bahlale kulo idolobho kuze kube nininini. **26** Abantu
bazakuza bevela emadolobheni akoJuda lasemizini
egqagqele iJerusalema, bevela elizweni lakoBhenjamini
lasezintatshaneni zangasentshonalanga, bevela elizweni
lamaqaqa laseNegebi, beletha iminikelo yokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo, iminikelo yamabele, impepha kanye
leminikelo yokubonga endlini kaThixo. **27** Kodwa
nxa lingangilaleli ekuthini ligcine usuku lweSabatha
lungcwele ngokungathwali mthwalo lapho lingena
ngamasango aseJerusalema ngosuku lweSabatha, lapho-
ke ngizaphemba umlilo ongacitshekiyo emasangweni
eJerusalema ozaqothula izinqaba zalo.'"

18 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo
lisithi: **2** "Suka wehlele endlini yombumbi, lapho
engizakutshelela khona ilizwi lami." **3** Ngakho ngehlela
endlini yombumbi, ngambona esebenza ngevili. **4**

Kodwa imbiza ayeyibumba ngebumba yonakala ezandleni
zakhe; ngakho umbumbi wayenza yaba ngenye imbiza,
ngendlela ayibona ingcono kuye. **5** Ilizwi likaThixo
laselifika kimi lisithi; **6** "Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ngingeze
ngenza kuwe njengokwenziwa ngumbumbi lo na?"
kutsho uThixo. "Njengebumba esandleni sombumbi lawe
unjalo esandleni sami, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli. **7** Nxa
ngimemezela langasiphi isikhathi ukuthi isizwe loba
umbuso uzasuswa udilizwe, uchithwe, **8** kuthi isizwe leso
engisixwayisileyo siphenduke ebubini baso, ngizaxola
ngingabe ngisasehlisela ebesengimise ukusehlisela khona.
9 Njalo nxa ngesinye isikhathi ngimemezela ukuthi
isizwe kumbe umbuso ngizawakha ngiwumise, **10** ube
ususenza ububi emehlweni ami njalo ungangilaleli,
ngizacabanga kutsha ngokuhle ebesengicebe ukukwenzela
khona. **11** Ngakho khathesi tshela abantu bakoJuda lalabo
abahlala eJerusalema uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
Khangelani! Ngilungisela ukulehlisela umonakalo njalo
ngibumba lecebo ngani. Ngakho phendukani ezindleleni
zenu ezimbi, omunye lomunye wenu, lilungise izindlela
zenu lezenzo zenu.' **12** Kodwa bazaphendula bathi,
'Akusizi lutho. Sizaqhubeka ngamacebo ethu; lowo
lalowo wethu uzalandela ubulukhuni benhliziyo yakhe
embi.'" **13** Ngakho uThixo uthi: "Buzani phakathi
kwezizwe ukuthi: Ngubani owake wezwa okunjengalokhu
na? Kwenziwe into eyesabekayo kakhulu, yenziwe
yintombi egcweleyo u-Israyeli. **14** Ungqwaqwane
waseLebhanoni uyake unyamalale emithezukweni yayo
elamatshe na? Amanzi akhona aqandayo avela kude

ayake eme ukugeleza na? **15** Kodwa abantu bami
sebengikhohliwe; batshisela izithombe eziyize impepha,
ezabenza bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo lasemikhondweni
yasendulo. Zabenza bahamba ngezindledlana zeganga
lasemigwaqweni engalungiswanga. **16** Ilizwe labo
lizatshabalaliswa, into yokuhlekwa usulu; bonke abadlula
khona bazakwethuka banyikinye amakhanda abo.
17 Njengomoya ovela empumalanga, ngizabahlakaza
phambi kwezitha zabo; ngizabafulathela ngibancitshe
ubuso bami ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo." **18** Bona
bathi, "Wozani sicebe amacebo amabi ngoJeremiya;
ngoba ukufundisa kwabaphristi umthetho akusoze
kuphuthe, kumbe ukweluleka kwezihlakaniphi, loba
ilizwi elivela kubaphrofethi. Ngakho wozani, simhlasele
ngemilomo yethu singananzi lutho alutshoyo." **19**
Ake ungizwe, awu Thixo; ulalele okutshiwo yizitha
zami! **20** Okuhle kuphindiselwa ngokubi na? Ikanti
sebengimbele igodi. Khumbula ukuba ngema phambi
kwakho ngabakhulumela ukuba ususe ulaka lwakho
kubo. **21** Ngakho-ke abantwababo banikele endlaleni;
ubaqhubele emandleni enkemba. Abafazi babo kabangabi
labantwana njalo babe ngabafelokazi; amadoda abo
kawabulawe, amajaha akhona abulawe ngenkemba
empini. **22** Kakuzwakale ukukhala ezindlini zabo, lapho
usulethe abahlaseli ukuba babajume, ngoba sebegebhe
igodi ukuba bangithumbe njalo bathiya inyawo zami
ngemijibila. **23** Kodwa uyawazi, wena Thixo, wonke
amaqhinga abo okungibulala. Ungabathetheleli amacala
abo loba ucitshe izono zabo phambi kobuso bakho.

Kabachithwe phambi kwakho; bahlasele ngesikhathi sokuthukuthela kwakho.

19 Lokhu yikho akutshoyo uThixo: “Hamba uyethenga udiwo kumbumbi wezimbiza. Thatha abanye abadala babantu labanye babaphristi **2** uhambe labo esigodini seBheni-Hinomu, eduze lentuba yeSango loDengezi. Umemezele amazwi engikutshela wona, **3** uthi, ‘Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina makhosi akoJuda lani bantu abahlala eJerusalema. UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Lalelani! Ngizaletha umonakalo kule indawo ozabanda indlebe zomuntu wonke owuzwayo. **4** Ngoba bangidelile kwathi indawo le bayenza eyabonkulunkulu bezizweni; kuyo batshisele imihlatshelo onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, bona labokhokho babo kanye lamakhosi akoJuda, njalo indawo le sebayigcwalisa igazi labantu abangelacala. **5** Sebakhele uBhali izindawo eziphakemeyo ukuba batshise amadodana abo emlilweni njengeminikelo yokutshiswa kuBhali, into engingazange ngibalaye kumbe ngitsho ukuthi bayenze, kumbe ukuthi ike ifike engqondweni yami. **6** Ngakho qaphelani, insuku ziyeza, kutsho uThixo, lapho abantu bengayikubiza indawo le ngokuthi Thofethi loba iSigodi seBheni-Hinomu kodwa iSigodi sokuBulala. **7** Kuyonale indawo ngizawachitha amacebo kaJuda laweJerusalema. Ngizabenza bafe ngenkemba phambi kwezitha zabo, lasezandleni zalabo abafuna ukubabulala, njalo ngizanikela izidumbu zabo ukuba zibe yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga. **8** Idolobho leli ngizalichitha ngilenze libe yinto yokwesatshwa lenhlekisa; bonke abadlula khona

bazathuthumela njalo baklolode ngenxa yamanxeba alo wonke. **9** Ngizabenza badle inyama yamadodana abo leyamadodakazi abo, njalo labo bazadlana inyama ngesikhathi esinzima sokuvinjezelwa kwabo yizitha ezifuna ukubabulala.' **10** Emva kwalokho bulala udiwo labo abahamba lawe bekhangele, **11** ubususithi kubo, 'UThixo uSomandla uthi: Ngizasiphahlaza isizwe lesi kanye ledolobho leli njengokuphahlazwa kodiwo lombumbi lolu olungeke lulungiswe futhi. Abafileyo bazabangcwaba eThofethi kuze kusweleke indawo. **12** Lokhu yikho engizakwenza kule indawo lakulabo abahlala lapha, kutsho uThixo. Idolobho leli ngizalenza lifanane leThofethi. **13** Izindlu zaseJerusalema kanye lezamakhosi akoJuda zizangcoliswa njengale indawo, iThofethi, zonke izindlu lapho abazatshisela khona impepha phezu kwezimpahla kuwo wonke amaxuku ezinkanyezi, bathelela abanye onkulunkulu umnikelo wokunathwayo.'" **14** UJeremiya wabuya evela eThofethi, lapho uThixo ayemthume ukuyaphrofetha khona, wasesima egumeni lethempeli likaThixo wathi ebantwini bonke, **15** "UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Lalelani! Ngizakwehlisela kulelidolobho lasemizini elizungezileyo wonke umonakalo engawutshoyo, ngoba izintamo zabo zilukhuni njalo bayala ukulalela amazwi ami.'"

20 Kwathi uPhashuri umphristi indodana ka-Imeri, induna enkulu ethempelini likaThixo, ezwe uJeremiya ephrofitha lezizinto, **2** wenza ukuthi uJeremiya umphrofethi atshaywe njalo wamvalela esitokisini eSangweni laPhezulu koBhenjamini ethempelini

likaThixo. **3** Ngosuku olwalandelayo, uPhashuri
esemkhupha esitokisini, uJeremiya wathi kuye, “Ibizo
lakho oliphiwe nguThixo akusiPhashuri, kodwa uMagori-
Misabibi, **4** ngoba uThixo uthi: ‘Ngizakwenza
ubelucuku ngokwakho lakubo bonke abangane
bakho; uzababona ngamehlo akho besiwa ngenkemba
yezitha zabo. UJuda wonke ngizamnikela enkosini
yaseBhabhiloni, ezabathumba ibase eBhabhiloni loba
ibabulale ngenkemba. **5** Yonke inotho yedolobho leli
ngizayipha izitha zabo lazozonke izithelo zalo, zonke
izinto zalo eziligugu kanye lemfuyo yonke yamakhosi
akoJuda zizayithumba njengempango ziyithwalele
eBhabhiloni. **6** Wena Phashuri, labo bonke abahlala
endlini yakho lizathunjwa liye eBhabhiloni. Uzafela
khonale, ungcwatshwe khonale, wena kanye labangane
bakho bonke ophrofetha amanga kubo.’” **7** Awu
Thixo, wangiyenga, ngayengeka; wangehlula wanqoba.
Ngiyahlekwa insuku zonke; bonke bayangiklolodela.
8 Zonke izikhathi lapho ngikhuluma, ngiyakhala
ngimemezela ukuba kube lodlakela lokuchitheka. Ngakho
ilizwi likaThixo selingilethele isithuko lensolo ilanga
lonke. **9** Kodwa nxa ngisithi, “Kangiyikumqamba
loba ngikhulume ngebizo lakhe futhi,” ilizwi lakhe
lisenhliziyweni yami njengomlilo, umlilo ovalelwe
emathanjeni ami. Sengidiniwe ngokuligodla ngaphakathi;
impela, ngingeke nganelise. **10** Ngizwa abanengi
benyenyeza besithi, “Kulokuthuthumela indawo
yonke! Mmangaleleni! Kasimangalele!” Abangane bami
bonke balindele ukuwa kwami, besithi, “Mhlawumbe

uzakhohliseka; besesimehlula siphindisele kuye.” **11** Kodwa uThixo ulami njengebutho elilamandla; ngakho abangihluphayo bazakuwa banganqobi. Bazakwehluleka njalo bayangeke kakhulu; ihlazo labo kaliyikukhohlakala lanini. **12** Awu Thixo Somandla, wena ohlola abalungileyo, uhlole inhliziyo lengqondo, kangibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo, ngoba indaba yami ngiyinikele kuwe. **13** Hlabelani uThixo! Limdumise uThixo! Uhlenga impilo yabaswelayo ezandleni zababi. **14** Kaluqalekiswe usuku engazalwa ngalo! Usuku umama angizala ngalo kalungabusiswa! **15** Kaqalekiswe umuntu owayabikela ubaba izindaba, owamemeza wathaba, esithi, “Uzalelwe indodana!” **16** Lowomuntu kabe njengamadolobho uThixo awachitha kungekho sihawu. Kezwe ukulila ekuseni, lomkhosi wempi emini. **17** Ngoba kangibulalelanga esiswini, umama enjengengcwaba lami, isisu sakhe sikhukhumele kokuphela. **18** Ngaphumelani esiswini ukuba ngibone uhlupho losizi njalo akuthi ngiphethe insuku zami ngiphakathi kwehlazo?

21 Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lapho uZedekhiya inkosi wayethume kuye uPhashuri indodana kaMalikhija lomphristi uZefaniya indodana kaMaseya. Bathi: **2** “Ake usibuzele kuThixo khathesi nje, ngoba uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni uyasihlasela. Mhlawumbe uThixo angasenzela izimanga njengasezikhathini ezedlulayo ukuze asuke kithi.” **3** Kodwa uJeremiya wathi kubo, “Tshelani uZedekhiya lithi: **4** ‘UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngiziphendulele kuwe izikhali zempi ezisezandleni

zakho, ozisebenzisayo ekulweni lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya angaphandle komduli ekuvimbezele. Njalo ngizawaqoqa phakathi kwalelidolobho. **5** Mina uqobo ngizakulwa lawe ngesandla eseluliweyo langengalo elamandla ngentukuthelo langokufuthelana kanye lolaka olukhulu. **6** Ngizabatshaya abahlala kulelidolobho, abantu lezifuyo njalo bazabulawa yisifo esesabekayo. **7** Emva kwalokho, kutsho uThixo, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lezikhulu zakhe kanye labantu bakulelidolobho abaphepha emkhuhlaneni, enkembeni lasendlaleni, ngizabanikela kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lasezitheni zabo ezifuna ukubabulala. Uzababulala ngenkemba; kayikuba lomusa kumbe uzwelo loba isihawu.' **8** Phezu kwalokho, abantu batshele uthi, 'UThixo uthi: Khangelani, ngiyalimisela phambi kwenu indlela yokuphila lendlela yokufa. **9** Loba ngubani osala kulelidolobho uzabulawa ngenkemba, yindlala loba ngumkhuhlane. Kodwa loba ngubani ophumayo kulo ayezinikela kumaKhaladiya alivimbezeleyo uzasila, aphunyuke lokuphila kwakhe. **10** Sengiqonde ukwenza okubi kulelidolobho hatshi okuhle, kutsho uThixo. Lizanikelwa ezandleni zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ezalitshabalalisa ngomlilo.' **11** Phezu kwalokho, wothi endlini yenkosi yakoJuda, 'Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo; **12** lina abendlu kaDavida, uThixo uthi: Yenzani ukulunga insuku zonke ekuseni; mhlengeni esandleni somncindezeli wakhe lowo ophangiweyo, hlezi ulaka lwami luqubuke, lutshise njengomlilo ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo, lutshise engekho ongalucitsha. **13** Ngimelane lawe, Jerusalema, wena ohlala

ngaphezu kwalesisigodi, emagcekeni alamadwala, kutsho uThixo, lina elithi, “Ngubani ongazasihlasela na? Ngubani ongangena esiphephelweni sethu na?” **14** Ngizalijezisa njengokufanele izono zenu, kutsho uThixo. Ngizaphemba umlilo emahlathini enu ozalobisa konke okuseduze lani.’”

22 Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: “Hamba wehlele endlini yenkosi yakoJuda umemezele khona ilizwi leli uthi, **2** ‘Zwana ilizwi likaThixo, we nkosi yakoJuda, wena ohlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida, wena lezikhulu zakho kanye labantu bakho abangena ngamasango la. **3** UThixo uthi: Yenzani okulungileyo lokuqondileyo. Mhlenge esandleni somncindezeli wakhe lowo ophangiweyo. Lingenzi okubi loba udlakela kowezizweni, intandane loba umfelokazi, njalo lingachithi igazi elingelacala kule indawo. **4** Ngoba nxa linanzelela ukulandela imilayo le, amakhosi ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida azangena ngamasango ale indawo, egade izinqola zempi lamabhiza, elezikhulu zawo kanye labantu bawo. **5** Kodwa nxa imilayo le lingayilaleli, kutsho uThixo, ngifunga ngami ukuthi indawo le izakuba lunxiwa.’” **6** Ngoba mayelana lendawo yenkosi yakoJuda uThixo uthi: “Lanxa unjengeGiliyadi kimi, lanjengengqongo yeLebhanoni, ngeqiniso ngizakwenza ufane lenkangala, lanjengamadolobho angahlali muntu. **7** Ngizakuthumela abachithi, indoda nganye ilezikhali zayo, njalo bazaquma imijabo yenu emihle yemisedari bayiphosele emlilweni. **8** Abantu abavela ezizweni ezinengi bazadlula kulelidolobho babuzane besithi, ‘Kungani uThixo enze into enje kulelidolobho elikhulu na?’ **9** Impendulo izakuthi: ‘Ngoba

basidelile isivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wabo
bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu njalo babasebenzela.'" **10**
Lingayikhaleli inkosi efileyo loba lililele ukulilahlekela
kwayo; kodwa, khalelani kakhulu othunjiweyo, ngoba
kasayikubuya njalo loba abone ilizwe lakibo futhi. **11**
Ngoba mayelana loShalumi indodana kaJosiya, owangena
esikhundleni sikayise esiba yinkosi yakoJuda kodwa
osesukile kule indawo: UThixo uthi, "Kasoze abuye
futhi. **12** Uzafela kuleyondawo asiwa kuyo ethunjiwe;
ilizwe leli kasoze alibone futhi." **13** "Maye kuye owakha
indlu yakhe yobukhosi ngokungalungi, lezindlu zakhe
zangaphezulu ngokungafanelanga, esenza abantu bakibo
basebenzele ize, engabaholisi lutho ngokusebenza kwabo.
14 Uthi, 'Ngizazakhela indlu enkulu yobukhosi elezitezi
ezibanzi.' Ngakho uyenza ibe lamawindi amakhulu,
ayinameke ngemisidari, ayicombe ngokubomvu. **15** Ukuba
lemisedari eminenginengi kukwenza ube yinkosi na?
Uyihlo kazange abe lokudla lokunathwayo na? Wenza
okuqondileyo lokulungileyo, ngakho konke kwamlungela.
16 Wavikela amalungelo abayanga labaswelayo, ngakho
konke kwamlungela. Lokho akusikho okutsho ukungazi
na?" kutsho uThixo. **17** "Kodwa amehlo akho lenhliziyo
yakho kukhangele inzuzo yenkohliso, lokuchitha igazi
elingelacala, ukuncindezela kanye lodlakela." **18** Ngakho
mayelana loJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, uThixo uthi: "Kabayikumkhalela besithi: 'Maye
ngomfowethu! Maye ngodadewethu!' Kabayikumkhalela
besithi: 'Maye ngenkosi yami! Maye ngobuhle bayo
obukhulu!' **19** Uzangcwatshwa njengobabhemi, ahudulwe

aphoselwe ngaphandle kwamasango aseJerusalema." **20** "Qansa uye eLebhanoni umemeze, wenze ilizwi lakho lizwakale eBhashani; memeza use-Abharimi, ngoba bonke abamanyane lawe banqotshiwe. **21** Ngakuxwayisa uzibona uvikelekile, kodwa wena wathi, 'Angiyikulalela!' Le ibe iyindlela yakho kusukela ebutsheni bakho; kawungilalelanga. **22** Umoya uzabaxotshela khatshana bonke abelusi bakho, labamanyene lawe bazathunjwa. Lapho-ke uzayangeka ube lenhloni ngenxa yobubi bakho bonke. **23** Lina abahlala 'eLebhanoni,' eligcineke kuhle ezindlini zemisedari, lizabubula kakhulu lapho inhlungu zilehlela, ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ehelelwa!" **24** UThixo uthi, "Ngeqiniso njengoba ngikhona, lanxa ngabe wena, Jehoyakhini ndodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, wawuyindandatho ebukekayo esandleni sami sokunene, ngangizakukhupha. **25** Ngizakunikela kulabo abafuna ukukubulala, labo obesabayo, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lakumaKhaladiya. **26** Wena kanye lonyoko owakuzalayo ngizaliphosela kwelinye ilizwe, lapho elingazalelwanga khona, lapho elizafela khona lobabili. **27** Kaliyikuphinda libuye elizweni elifisa ukuza kulo." **28** Umuntu lo, uJehoyakhini, uyimbiza efileyo, edelelwayo, into engafunwa muntu na? Kungani yena labantwabakhe bezaphoselwa ngaphandle, balahlelwe elizweni abangalaziyo na? **29** Wena lizwe, lizwe, lizwe, zwana ilizwi likaThixo! **30** UThixo uthi: "Bhalani umuntu lo njengongelabantwana, umuntu ongayikuphumelela empilweni yakhe, ngoba kakho

owenzalo yakhe ozaphumelela, kakho ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida loba abuse futhi koJuda.”

23 “Maye kubelusi abachitha izimvu zedlelo lami njalo bezihlakaza!” kutsho uThixo. **2** Ngakho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi kubelusi abelusa abantu bami: “Ngenxa yokuthi lina lihlakaze umhlambi wami lawuxotshela khatshana kalaze lawunaka, ngizakwehlisela isijeziso phezu kwenu ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo,” kutsho uThixo. **3** “Mina ngokwami ngizabutha insalela zezimvu zami emazweni wonke engangizixotshele kuwo ngizibuyisele edlelweni lazo, lapho ezizazalana khona zande. **4** Ngizazilethela abelusi abazazelusa, njalo kazisayikwesaba loba zithuthumele, loba enye yazo ilahleke,” kutsho uThixo. **5** UThixo uthi, “Ziyeza insuku, lapho uDavida ngizamvusela uGatsha olulungileyo, iNkosi ezabusa ngokuhlakanipha, yenze okulungileyo, lokufaneleyo elizweni. **6** Ensukwini zayo uJuda uzasindiswa, lo-Israyeli ahlale evikelekile. Ibizo azabizwa ngalo yileli elithi: UThixo Oyikulunga Kwethu.” **7** UThixo uthi, “Ngakho-ke, insuku ziyeza, lapho abantu bengasayikuthi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, yena owakhupha u-Israyeli eGibhithe,’ **8** kodwa bazakuthi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, yena owakhipha izizukulwane zika-Israyeli elizweni elisenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe abaxotshela kuwo.’ Lapho-ke bazahlala elizweni labo.” **9** Mayelana labaphrofethi: Inhliziyo yami idabukile ngaphakathi kwami; wonke amathambo ami ayaqhaqhazela. Ngifana lomuntu odakiweyo, lanjengomuntu owehlulwa liwayini,

ngenxa kaThixo lamazwi akhe angcwele. **10** Ilizwe leli
ligcwele izifebe; ngenxa yesiqalekiso ilizwe lomile
lamadlelo enkangala abunile. Abaphrofethi balandela
indlela embi, basebenzisa amandla abo ngokungalungi.
11 "Umphrofethi lomphristi kabakholwa kunkulunkulu;
lasethempelini lami ngiyabufumana ububi babo," kutsho
uThixo. **12** "Ngakho indlela yabo izatshelela;
bazaxotshelwa emnyameni njalo lapho bazakuwa.
Ngizabehlisela umonakalo ngomnyaka wokujeziswa
kwabo," kutsho uThixo. **13** "Phakathi kwabaphrofethi
baseSamariya ngabona into eyenyanyekayo: Baphrofetha
ngoBhali njalo baholela abantu bami ekulahlekeni. **14**
Lakubaphrofethi baseJerusalema sengibone into
eyesabekayo: Bayafeba baphile ngamanga. Baqinisa
izandla zabenza okubi, ukuba kungabikhona oguquka
ebubini bakhe. Kimi bonke banjengeSodoma; abantu
baseJerusalema banjengeGomora." **15** Ngakho, mayelana
labaphrofethi uThixo uSomandla uthi: "Ngizabenza badle
ukudla okubabayo, banathe lamanzi aletshefu, ngoba
kusukela kubaphrofethi baseJerusalema ukungakholwa
kuNkulunkulu sekugcwele ilizwe lonke." **16** UThixo
uSomandla uthi: "Lingalaleli okuphrofethwa
ngabaphrofethi kini; balenza lithembe amanga.
Bakhuluma imibono evela ezingqondweni zabo, engaveli
emlonyeni kaThixo. **17** Bahlala besithi kulabo
abangidelelayo, 'UThixo uthi: Lizakuba lokuthula.'
Lakubo bonke abalandela inkani yezinhliziyo zabo bathi,
'Akulababi obuzalehlela.' **18** Kodwa nguphi wabo owake
wema emhlanganweni kaThixo ukuba abone kumbe ezwe

ilizwi lakhe na? Ngubani olilaleleyo walizwa ilizwi lakhe?
19 Khangelani, isiphepho sikaThixo sizaphutsha silulaka,
isavunguzane esibhoda ngolaka phezu kwamakhanda
ababi. **20** Ulaka lukaThixo kaluyikuphela aze azifeze
ngokupheleleyo injongo zenhliziyo yakhe. Ensukwini
ezizayo lizakuzwisisa kuhle lokhu. **21** Abaphrofethi laba
angibathumanga; kodwa bagijima lemibiko yabo;
kangizange ngikhulume labo, kodwa sebephrofethile. **22**
Kodwa aluba babekhona emhlanganweni wami, ngabe
bamemezela amazwi ami ebantwini bami njalo ngabe
babaphendula ezindleleni zabo ezimbi lasezenzweni zabo
ezimbi." **23** UThixo uthi, "NginguNkulunkulu oseduze
kuphela, uNkulunkulu ongekho khatshana na? **24**
Umuntu angacatsha endaweni efihlakeleyo ukuba
ngingamboni na?" kutsho uThixo. "Angithi ngigcwele
ezulwini lasemhlabeni na?" kutsho uThixo. **25**
"Ngikuzwile okutshiwo ngabaphrofethi abaphrofetha
amanga ngebizo lami. Bathi, 'Ngiphuphile! Ngiphuphile!'
26 Koze kube nini lokhu kuqhubeka ezinhliziyweni zalaba
abaphrofethi abalamanga na? **27** Bacabanga ukuthi
amaphupho abawatshelanayo azakwenza abantu bami
bakhohlwe ibizo lami, njengabokhokho babo abakhohlwa
ibizo lami ngenxa yokukhonza uBhali. **28** Akuthi
umphrofethi ophupha iphupho kalitsho, kodwa lowo
olelizwi lami kalikhulume ngobuqotho, ngoba amakhoba
angenzani lamabele na?" kutsho uThixo. **29** "Ilizwi lami
kalinjengomlilo," kutsho uThixo, "lanjengesando
esidabula idwala libe yizicucu na?" **30** UThixo uthi,
"Ngakho, ngimelana labaphrofethi abantshontsha

kwabanye amazwi okuthiwa avela kimi. **31** Yebo,
ngimelana labaphrofethi abasebenzisa indimi zabo
kodwa bathi, 'UThixo uthi,' **32** Ngeqiniso, ngimelana
lalabo abaphrofetha amaphupho amanga," kutsho
uThixo. "Bayawatsho baholele abantu bami ekulahlekeni
ngamanga abo lamawala, ikanti angizange ngibathume
kumbe ngibakhethe. Kababasizi ngalutho abantu laba,"
kutsho uThixo. **33** "Nxa abantu laba, loba umphrofethi
kumbe umphristi, bebuza besithi, 'Izilo likaThixo kuyini?'
wothi kubo, 'Izilo liphi? Ngizakulahla, kutsho uThixo.' **34**
Nxa umphrofethi loba umphristi kumbe omunye umuntu
esithi, 'Leli lizilo likaThixo,' lowomuntu ngizamjezisa
kanye labendlu yakhe. **35** Lokhu yikho omunye wenu
ohlala ekutsho kumngane wakhe loba isihlobo sakhe
ukuthi: 'Impendulo kaThixo ithini na?' loba 'UThixo
utheni?' **36** Kodwa akumelanga lithi 'izilo likaThixo'
futhi, ngoba umuntu wonke ilizwi lakhe liba lizilo lakhe
ngoba liyawahlanekela amazwi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo,
uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu wethu. **37** Lokhu yikho
elihlala likutsho kumphrofethi ukuthi, 'Impendulo
kaThixo kuwe ithini?' loba 'UThixo utheni?' **38** Lanxa lina
lisithi, 'Leli lizilo likaThixo,' uThixo uthi: Lasebenzisa
amazwi athi, 'Leli lizilo likaThixo.' Lanxa mina
ngalitshela ukuthi lingabokuthi, 'Leli lizilo likaThixo.' **39**
Ngakho, ngeqiniso ngizalikhohlwa ngiliphosele
khatshana lami kanye ledolobho engalinika lona lina
labokhokho benu. **40** Ngizalehlisela ihlazo elingapheliyo
lokuyangeka okungayikukhohlakala."

24 Emva kokuba uJekhoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi
inkosi yakoJuda lezikhulu, izingcitshi kanye lezisebenzi
zakoJuda sebethunjwe eJerusalema basiwa eBhabhiloni
nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uThixo
wangitshengisa izitsha ezimbili zomkhiwa zibekwe
phambi kwethempeli likaThixo. **2** Esinye isitsha
sasilomkhiwa omuhle kakhulu, njengovuthwa kuqala;
esinye isitsha sasilomkhiwa omubi, ubolile ungeke
wadleka. **3** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Kuyini okubonayo,
Jeremiya?" Ngathi, "Ngumkhiwa. Omuhle muhle kakhulu,
kodwa omubi ubole kakhulu ungeke udliwe." **4** Ilizwi
likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **5** "UThixo, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Njengalo umkhiwa omuhle, ngibathatha
njengabalungileyo abathunjwa bakoJuda, engabasusa
kule indawo ngabasa elizweni laseBhabhiloni. **6** Amehlo
ami azabakhangela kokuphela, njalo ngizababuyisa
kulelilizwe. Ngizabakha ngingabadilizi; ngizabahlanyela
ngingabasiphuni. **7** Ngizabapha inhliziyo yokungazi,
ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Bazakuba ngabantu bami,
mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba bazabuyela kimi
ngenhliziyo yabo yonke. **8** Kodwa njengomkhiwa omubi,
obolileyo ongeke udliwe,' kutsho uThixo, 'ngizamphatha
kanjalo uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lezikhulu zakhe
kanye labasindayo eJerusalema, langabe basele kulelilizwe
loba baseGibhithe. **9** Ngizabenza bazondakale njalo babe
yisinengiso kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni, insolo
lesiga, into yokuhlekwa lokuthukwa, loba kungaphi
engibaxotshela khona. **10** Ngizathumela inkemba,

indlala lomkhuhlane baze babhujiswe baphele elizweni engabanika lona kanye labokhokho babo.'"

25 Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya mayelana labantu bonke bakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, okwakungumnyaka wokuqala kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **2** Ngakho uJeremiya umphrofethi wathi kubo bonke abantu bakoJuda lakubo bonke abahlala eJerusalema: **3** Okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu, kusukela ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu kaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni inkosi yakoJuda kuze kube yilolusuku, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi njalo ngalikhuluma kini njalonjalo, kodwa kalilalelanga. **4** Lanxa uThixo wathumela zonke izinceku zakhe abaphrofethi kini njalonjalo, kalilalelanga njalo kalinakanga. **5** Bathi, "Phendukani khathesi, omunye lomunye wenu, ezindleleni zenu ezimbi lasezenzweni zenu ezimbi, lihlale elizweni uThixo alinika lona kanye labokhokho benu kuze kube nininini. **6** Lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuba libasebenzele njalo libakhonze; lingangithukuthelisi ngalokho okwenziwa yizandla zenu. Lapho-ke angiyikulehlisela okubi." **7** "Kodwa kalingilalelanga," kutsho uThixo, "njalo lingithukuthelisile ngokwenziwa ngezandla zenu, lazehlisela okubi." **8** Ngakho uThixo uSomandla uthi: "Ngenxa yokuthi kalilalelanga amazwi ami, **9** ngizabiza bonke abantu basenyakatho lenceku yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni," kutsho uThixo, "njalo ngizabaletha ukuba bamelane lelizwe leli labahlala kulo kanye lezizwe zonke eziseduze lalo. Ngizababhubhisa

ngokupheleleyo ngibenze babe yinto eyesabekayo leyokuklolodelwa, lencithakalo yanini lanini. **10** Ngizasusa phakathi kwabo imisindo yokuthokoza lokuthaba, lelizwi lomlobokazi lelomyeni, lomsindo wamatshe okuchola kanye lokukhanya kwesibane. **11** Ilizwe leli lonke lizakuba yinkangala ephundlekileyo, lezizwe lezi zizasebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **12** Kodwa lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphelile, ngizayijezisa inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lesizwe sayo, ilizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngenxa yobubi babo," kutsho uThixo, "njalo ngizalenza lichitheke kokuphela. **13** Ngizakwehlisela phezu kwelizwe lelo zonke izinto engazitshoyo ngalo, konke okulotshwe encwadini le okwaphrofethwa nguJeremiya ezizweni zonke. **14** Lazo uqobo zizathunjwa yizizwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu; ngizaphindisela kubo mayelana lezenzo zabo langemisebenzi yezandla zabo." **15** UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi kimi, "Yamukela esandleni sami inkezo le egcwele iwayini lolaka lwami unathise zonke izizwe engikuthuma kuzo. **16** Zingalinatha, zizadiyazela zihlanye ngenxa yenkemba engizayithumela phakathi kwazo." **17** Ngakho ngayithatha inkezo esandleni sikaThixo ngazinathisa zonke izizwe ayengithume kuzo: **18** IJerusalema lamadolobho akoJuda, amakhosi akhona kanye lezikhulu, ukubenza babe yincithakalo lento eyesabekayo yokuklolodelwa lokuqalekiswa, njengoba benjalo lamhla; **19** uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe, lezinceku zakhe, lezikhulu zakhe kanye labantu bakhe bonke, **20** labantu bonke bezizweni abakhonale; wonke amakhosi

ase-Uzi; wonke amakhosi amaFilistiya (awe-Ashikheloni, eGaza, e-Ekroni, labantu abasala e-Ashidodi); **21** e-Edomi, leMowabi kanye le-Amoni; **22** wonke amakhosi aseThire, leSidoni; amakhosi amazwe angasolwandle ngaphetsheya kwalo, **23** eDedani, leThema leBhuzi labo bonke abasezindaweni ezikhatshana; **24** wonke amakhosi ase-Arabhiya lawo wonke amakhosi abantu bezizweni abahlala enkangala; **25** amakhosi wonke aseZimri, le-Elamu leMediya; **26** lawo amakhosi asenyakatho, eduze lakhatshana, elandelana, yonke imibuso esemhlabeni. Emva kwabo bonke, inkosi yaseSheshaki layo izalinatha. **27** "Lapho-ke batshele uthi, 'UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Nathani, lidakwe lihlanze, njalo liwe lingavuki futhi ngenxa yenkemba engizayithumela phakathi kwenu.' **28** Kodwa bangala ukwamukela inkezo esandleni sakho ukuba banathe, batshele uthi, 'UThixo uSomandla uthi: Kumele liyinathe! **29** Khangelani, sengiqalisile ukuletha umonakalo edolobheni elileBizo lami, njalo lina lizaphutha impela ukujeziswa na? Kaliyikuphutha ukujeziswa ngoba ngizakwehlisela inkemba phezu kwabo bonke abahlala emhlabeni, kutsho uThixo uSomandla.' **30** Khathesi-ke phrofetha wonke amazwi la ngabo uthi kubo: 'UThixo uzahlokoma ephezulu; uzaduma esendaweni yakhe engcwele, njalo ahlokome kakhulu emelana lelizwe lakhe. Uzamemeza njengabahluza amavini, akhwaze ngamandla ekhwazela bonke abahlala emhlabeni. **31** Ukuxokozela kuzazwakala emikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngoba uThixo uzazethesa amacala izizwe; uzakwahlulela abantu bonke

ababi ababhubhise ngenkemba,'" kutsho uThixo. **32** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: "Khangelani! Umonakalo uyanda usuka kwesinye isizwe usiya kwesinye; isiphepho esikhulu siyavunguza sivela emikhawulweni yomhlaba." **33** Ngalesosikhathi labo ababulewe nguThixo bazakuba sezindaweni zonke kusukela komunye kusiya komunye umkhawulo womhlaba. Kabayikukhalelwa loba babuthwe kumbe bangcwatshwe, kodwa bazakuba njengezibi emhlabathini. **34** Khalani lilile lina belusi; giqikani ethulini lina bakhokheli bomhlambi. Ngoba isikhathi sokubulawa kwenu sesifikile; lizakuwa liphohlozeke njengokubunjiweyo. **35** Abelusi laba kabayikuba lalapho abangabalekela khona, abakhokheli bomhlambi bengelandawo yokubalekela kuyo. **36** Zwanini ukukhala kwabelusi, ukulila kwabakhokheli bomhlambi, ngoba uThixo uyalichitha idlelo labo. **37** Lamadlelo alokuthula azatshabalaliswa ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo. **38** Njengesilwane uzaphuma esikhundleni sakhe, njalo ilizwe labo lizakuba yinkangala ngenxa yenkemba yomncindezeli langenxa yolaka lukaThixo olwesabekayo.

26 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, kwafika ilizwi leli livela kuThixo lisithi, **2** "UThixo uthi: Mana egumeni lendlu kaThixo ukhulume kubo bonke abantu basemadolobheni akoJuda abeza endlini kaThixo ukuba bakhonze. Batshele konke engakulaya khona, kungabi lelizwi olitshiyayo. **3** Mhlawumbe bazalalela omunye lomunye wabo aphenduke endleleni yakhe embi. Lapho-ke ngizadeda ngingabehliseli umonakalo ebengizawenza

kubo ngenxa yobubi ababenzileyo. **4** Tshono kubo uthi,
'UThixo uthi: Nxa lingangilaleli lilandele umthetho wami
engalibekela wona, **5** njalo nxa lingalaleli amazwi ezinceku
zami abaphrofethi, engabathuma kini njalonjalo (lanxa
lingalalelanga), **6** ngizakwenza indlu le ibe njengeShilo
ledolobho leli libe yinto yokuqalekiswa phakathi kwezizwe
zonke zomhlaba.'" **7** Abaphristi, labaphrofethi kanye
labantu bonke bamuzwa uJeremiya ekhuluma amazwi
la endlini kaThixo. **8** Kodwa kwathi uJeremiya eqeda
nje ukubatshela bonke abantu konke uThixo ayemlaye
ukuba akutsho, abaphristi, labaphrofethi kanye labantu
bonke bamphuthuma bathi kuye, "Kumele ufe! **9** Kungani
uphrofetha ngebizo likaThixo usithi indlu le izakuba
njengeShilo ledolobho leli lizachitheka abantu basuke
kulo?" Abantu bonke bambuthanela uJeremiya endlini
kaThixo. **10** Kwathi izikhulu zakoJuda sezizwe ngalezizinto,
zaya endlini kaThixo zisuka esigodlweni senkosi zahlala
ezindaweni zazo entubeni yeSango elitsha lendlu kaThixo.
11 Abaphristi, labaphrofethi basebesithi ezikhulwini
lasebantwini bonke, "Umuntu lo kumele agwetshelwe
ukufa ngoba uphrofetha kubi ngedolobho leli. Likuzwile
ngezindlebe zenu!" **12** UJeremiya wasesithi ezikhulwini
zonke lasebantwini bonke: "UThixo ungithumile ukuba
ngiphrofethe kubi ngendlu le langedolobho leli zonke
izinto elizizwileyo. **13** Ngakho lungisani izindlela
zenu lezenzo zenu lilalele uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.
Ngalokho uThixo uzadeda angabe esalehlisela umonakalo
abememezele ukuwehlisela kini. **14** Kodwa mina,
ngisezandleni zenu; yenzani kimi loba kuyini lokho

elikubona kukuhle, kufanele. **15** Kodwa likwazi, impela
ukuthi lingangibulala, lizakwehlisela phezu kwenu
icala legazi elimsulwa laphezu kwedolobho leli kanye
laphezu kwabantu abahlala kulo, ngoba ngeqiniso
uThixo ungithumile kini ukuba ngikhulume wonke
amazwi la lani lisizwa." **16** Izikhulu labantu bonke
basebesithi kubaphristi lakubaphrofethi, "Umuntu lo
akumelanga abulawe! Ukhulume kithi ngebizo likaThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu." **17** Abanye babadala baselizweni
basondela phambili bakhuluma kulolonke ibandla
labantu bathi, **18** "UMikha waseMoreshethi waphrofitha
ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. Wabatshela
bonke abantu bakoJuda wathi, 'UThixo uSomandla uthi:
IZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, iJerusalema izakuba
yinqwaba yemfucuza, intaba yethempeli ibe yindunduma
eyande izixukwana.' **19** Kanje uHezekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda loba omunye umuntu nje wakoJuda wambulala
na? UHezekhiya kamesabanga yini uThixo wacela
umusa kuye? UThixo kadedanga wayekela ukubehlisela
umonakalo ayewumemezele kubo na? Sekuseduze ukuthi
sizehlisele umonakalo owesabekayo phezu kwethu!" **20**
(U-Uriya indodana kaShemaya owaseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi
ungomunye umuntu owaphrofetha ngebizo likaThixo:
waphrofitha izinto ezinjalo ngedolobho leli langelizwe
leli njengoJeremiya. **21** Kwathi inkosi uJehoyakhimi
lezinduna zakhe kanye lezikhulu zakhe besizwa amazwi
akhe, bafuna ukumbulala. Kodwa u-Uriya wakuzwa lokho
wasebalekela eGibhithe esesaba. **22** UJehoyakhimi inkosi,
wathuma u-Elinathani indodana ka-Akhibhori lamanye

amadoda eGibhithe. **23** Bamthatha u-Uriya eGibhithe
bamusa kuJehoyakhimi inkosi wambulala ngenkemba
isidumbu sakhe saphoselwa endaweni yokungcwabela
abantukazana.) **24** Phezu kwalokho, u-Ahikhami indodana
kaShafani wasekela uJeremiya, ngakho kanikezwanga
ebantwini ukuba bambulale.

27 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya indodana
kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya
livela kuThixo lisithi: **2** UThixo wathi kimi, "Yenza ijogwe
ngemichilo langemigoqo uligaxe entanyeni yakho. **3**
Ubusuthumela ilizwi enkosini yase-Edomi, leyaseMowabi,
leyase-Amoni, eyeThire kanye leyaseSidoni ngezithunywa
ezize eJerusalema kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. **4** Zinike
ilizwi eliya emakhosini azo uthi, 'UThixo uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Tshelani amakhosi enu
lokhu ukuthi: **5** Ngamandla ami amakhulu langengalo
yami eyeluliweyo ngenza umhlaba labantu bawo kanye
lezinyamazana ezikuwo, njalo ngiwunika loba ngubani
ngokuthanda kwami. **6** Khathesi wonke amazwe enu
ngizawanikela encekwini yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi
yaseBhabhiloni, ngizakwenza lezinyamazana zeganga zibe
ngaphansi kwakhe. **7** Izizwe zonke zizamsebenzela yena
lamadodana akhe kanye labazukulu bakhe kuze kufike
isikhathi selizwe lakhe lapho azanqotshwa khona yizizwe
ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu. **8** Kodwa, loba yisiphi isizwe
loba umbuso ongasebenzeli uNebhukhadineza inkosi
yaseBhabhiloni loba ukhothamisele intamo yawo ejogeni
lakhe, ngizasijezisa lesosizwe ngenkemba, ngendlala
langesifo, ngize ngiwuchithe ngesandla sakhe, kutsho

uThixo. **9** Ngakho lingabalaleli abaphrofethi benu,
izanuse zenu, abachazi bamaphupho, izangoma zenu
loba izinyanga zenu ezithi kini, kaliyikuyisebenzela
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.' **10** Baphrofetha amanga kini
azasebenza ukulisusa nje kuphela emazweni enu;
ngizalixotsha njalo lizabhubha. **11** Kodwa isizwe
esizabeka intamo yaso ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi
yaseBhabhiloni siyisebenzele, lesosizwe ngizasiyekela
siselizweni laso ukuba sililime njalo sihlale kulo, kutsho
uThixo." **12** UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ngamnika
ilizwi elinjalo; Ngathi, "Beka intamo yakho ngaphansi
kwejogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni; isebenzele yona
kanye labantu bayo, uzaphila. **13** Kungani wena
labantu bakho lizabulawa ngenkemba, indlala lesifo
uThixo ayesongele ngakho isizwe esingayikusebenzela
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni na? **14** Lingawalaleli amazwi
abaphrofethi abathi kini, 'Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi
yaseBhabhiloni,' ngoba baphrofetha amanga kini. **15**
'Angibathumanga,' kutsho uThixo. 'Baphrofetha amanga
ngebizo lami. Ngakho ngizalixotsha, libhubhe lina kanye
labaphrofethi abaphrofetha kini.'" **16** Ngasengisithi
kubaphristi lakubo bonke abantu laba, "UThixo uthi:
Lingabalaleli abaphrofethi abathi, 'Masinyane nje izitsha
zasendlini kaThixo zizabuyiswa zivela eBhabhiloni.'
Baphrofetha amanga kini. **17** Lingabalaleli. Isebenzeleni
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, lizaphila. Kungani idolobho leli
kumele libe lunxiwa na? **18** Nxa bengabaphrofethi njalo
belelizwi likaThixo, kabamncenge uThixo uSomandla
ukuba izitsha eziseleyo endlini kaThixo lasesigodlweni

senkosi yakoJuda kanye laseJerusalema zingasiwa eBhabhiloni. **19** Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla mayelana lensika, loLwandle, lokokumisa okuphakamisekayo kanye lezinye izitsha eziseleyo kulelidolobho, **20** uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni engahambanga layo ekuthatheni kwakhe uJehoyakhini indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda emsusa eJerusalema emusa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni, kanye lezikhulu zonke zakoJuda lezeJerusalema, **21** yebo, lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, mayelana lezinto eziseleyo endlini kaThixo lasesigodlweni senkosi yakoJuda kanye laseJerusalema ukuthi: **22** 'Zizasiwa eBhabhiloni lapho ezizakuba khona kuze kufike usuku engizazilanda ngalo,' kutsho uThixo. 'Lapho-ke ngizazibuyisela emuva kule indawo.'"

28 Ngenyanga yesihlanu yawonalowo umnyaka, umnyaka wesine, ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, umphrofethi uHananiya indodana ka-Azuri, owayevela eGibhiyoni, wathi kimi endlini kaThixo phambi kwabaphristi labantu bonke: **2** "UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **3** Phakathi kweminyaka emibili ngizazibuyisela kule indawo zonke izitsha zendlu kaThixo ezathathwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wazisa eBhabhiloni. **4** Ngizambuyisela kule indawo futhi uJekhoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda kanye labanye bonke abathunjwa koJuda baya eBhabhiloni,' kutsho uThixo, 'ngoba ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni.'" **5**

Umphrofethi uJeremiya waphendula umphrofethi uHananiya phambi kwabaphristi labantu bonke ababemi endlini kaThixo. **6** Wathi, “Ameni! Sengathi uThixo angamenzenjalo! Sengathi uThixo angagcwalisa amazwi owaphrofethayo ngokubuyisela kule indawo izitsha zendlu kaThixo labo bonke abathunjelwa eBhabhiloni. **7** Lanxa kunjalo, lalela kulokhu engikutsho lawe usizwa kanye labantu bonke besizwa ukuthi: **8** Kusukela ezikhathini zakuqala abaphrofethi abandulela wena lami baphrofetha ngempi, ngomonakalo langesifo emazweni amanengi lasemibusweni emikhulu. **9** Kodwa umphrofethi ophrofetha ngokuthula uzakwaziwa njengothunywe nguThixo sibili lapho ilizwi lakhe seligcwalisekile.” **10** Lapho-ke uHananiya umphrofethi wasusa ijogwe entanyeni kaJeremiya umphrofethi walephula, **11** wasesithi phambi kwabantu bonke, “UThixo uthi: ‘Ngizalephula kanjalo ijogwe likaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni entanyeni zezizwe zonke phakathi kweminyaka emibili.’” Ngemva kwalokho umphrofethi uJeremiya wasuka wazihambela. **12** Masinyane nje emuva kokuba umphrofethi uHananiya ephule ijogwe entanyeni kaJeremiya umphrofethi, kwafika ilizwi likaThixo kuJeremiya lisithi: **13** “Hamba uyetshela uHananiya uthi, ‘UThixo uthi: Wephule ijogwe lesigodo, kodwa esikhundleni salo uzakuba lejogwe lensimbi. **14** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizabeka ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni zezizwe zonke lezi ukuba zisebenzele uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, zizamsebenzela. Ngizamnika amandla

laphezu kwezinyamazana zeganga.'" **15** Umphrofethi uJeremiya wasesithi kuHananiya umphrofethi, "Lalela, Hananiya! UThixo kakuthumanga, kodwa usuwenze isizwe lesi sathemba amanga. **16** Ngakho, uThixo uthi, 'Sekuseduze ukuthi ngikususe ebusweni bomhlaba. Ngawonalo umnyaka uzakufa, ngoba uphrofithe ukuhlamukela uThixo.'" **17** Ngenyanga yesikhombisa yalowomnyaka, uHananiya umphrofethi wafa.

29 La ngamazwi encwadi umphrofethi uJeremiya ayithumela eseJerusalema ebadaleni abasindayo phakathi kwabathunjwayo lakubaphristi, abaphrofethi, lakubo bonke abantu uNebhukhadineza abathatha eJerusalema wabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. **2** (Lokhu kwakungemva kokuba inkosi uJekhoniya lendlovukazi engunina, izikhulu zasemthethwandaba kanye labadala bakoJuda labaseJerusalema, izingcitshi lezingcwethi basebeye ekuthunjweni besuka eJerusalema.) **3** Incwadi leyo wayiphathisa u-Eleyasa indodana kaShafani loGemariya indodana kaHilikhiya, abathunywa nguZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kuNebhukhadineza eBhabhiloni. Yathi: **4** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi kubo bonke labo engabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni besuka eJerusalema: **5** "Yakhani izindlu lihlale phansi; limani izivande lidle izithelo zazo. **6** Thathani abafazi lizale amadodana lamadodakazi; dingelani amadodana enu abafazi lendise lamadodakazi enu, ukuze lawo abe lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi; inani lenu lande ngapho; lingehli. **7** Funani ukuthula lokuphumelela kwedolobho engilise ekuthunjweni kulo.

Likhulekeleni kuThixo, ngoba nxa liphumelela lani
lizaphumelela.” **8** Ye, uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli uthi, “Lingavumeli ukuthi abaphrofethi
labahlahluli abaphakathi kwenu balikhohlise.
Lingawalaleli amaphupho elibakhuthaza ukuthi
bawaphuphe. **9** Baphrofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami.
Kangibathumanga,” kutsho uThixo. **10** UThixo uthi:
“Lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphelile
eBhabhiloni, ngizakuza kini ngigcwalise isithembiso sami
somusa sokulibuyisela kule indawo. **11** Ngoba ngiyawazi
amacebo engilawo ngani,” kutsho uThixo, “amacebo
okuliphumelelisa hatshi ukulilimaza, amacebo okulinika
ithemba kanye lesikhathi esizayo. **12** Ngalesosikhathi
lizangibiza lizekhuleka kimi, njalo ngizalizwa. **13**
Lizangidinga lingifumane nxa lingidinga ngenhliziyo
yenu yonke. **14** Lizangifumana,” kutsho uThixo, “njalo
ngizalibuyisa livela ekuthunjweni. Ngizaliqoqa ezizweni
zonke lasezindaweni zonke engalixotshela kuzo,” kutsho
uThixo, “njalo ngilibuyise endaweni engalithatha kuyo
ngilisa ekuthunjweni.” **15** Lingatsho lithi, “UThixo
usesiphe abaphrofethi eBhabhiloni,” **16** kodwa uThixo
uthi mayelana lenkosi ehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi
sikaDavida labantu bonke abasala kulelidolobho, abantu
bakini abangahambanga lani ekuthunjweni, **17** yebo,
uThixo uSomandla uthi, “Ngizabathumela inkemba,
lendlala lesifo njalo ngizabenza babe njengomkhiwa
obolileyo ongeke udliwe. **18** Ngizaxotshana labo
ngenkemba, ngendlala langesifo njalo ngizabenza
benyanyeke kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni njalo

babe yinto yokuqalekiswa lokwesatshwa, ukuklolodelwa lokuthukwa, phakathi kwezizwe zonke engibaxotshela kuzo. **19** Ngoba kabawalalelanga amazwi ami," kutsho uThixo, "amazwi engawathumela kubo njalonjalo ngezinceku zami abaphrofethi. Lani abasekuthunjweni kalilalelanga," kutsho uThixo. **20** Ngakho, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lonke lina elisekuthunjweni engalisusa eJerusalema ngalisa eBhabhiloni. **21** Mayelana lo-Ahabi indodana kaKholaya loZedekhiya indodana kaMaseya, abaphrofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami, uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: "Ngizabanikela kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ozababulala phambi kobuso benu. **22** Ngenxa yabo, bonke abathunjiweyo abavela koJuda abaseBhabhiloni bazasebenzisa isiqalekiso lesi sokuthi: 'UThixo makenze kini njengalokhu akwenze kuZedekhiya lo-Ahabi, abatshiswa yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngomlilo.' **23** Ngoba benze izinto ezimbi kakhulu ko-Israyeli; bafeba labafazi babomakhelwane babo, baqamba amanga ngebizo lami, engingazange ngithi bakwenze. Ngiyakwazi njalo ngingufakazi kukho," kutsho uThixo. **24** Tshela uShemaya umNehelami uthi, **25** "UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Wathumela izincwadi ngebizo lakho kubo bonke abantu baseJerusalema, lakuZefaniya indodana kaMaseya umphristi, lakwabanye abaphristi bonke.' KuZefaniya wathi, **26** 'UThixo usekubeke ukuba ngumphristi esikhundleni sikaJehoyada ukuba ube ngumphathi wendlu kaThixo; umuntu ohlanyayo ozenza umphrofethi ubomfaka esitokisini umfake lezankosi

zentanyeni. **27** Pho kungani ungamkhuzanga uJeremiya
wase-Anathothi, ozenza umphrofethi phakathi kwenu?
28 Uthumele ilizwi leli kithi eBhabhiloni elithi: Kuzakuba
yisikhathi eside. Ngakho yakhani izindlu lihlale phansi;
limani izivande lidle izithelo zazo.'" **29** Kodwa, uZefaniya
umphristi incwadi le wayibalela uJeremiya umphrofethi.
30 Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi, **31**
"Thumela ilizwi leli kubo bonke abathunjiweyo uthi,
Mayelana loShemaya umNehelami uThixo uthi:
'Njengoba uShemaya esephrofitha kini, lanxa mina
ngingamthumanga, walenza lakholwa amanga, **32**
ngeqiniso ngizamjezisa uShemaya umNehelami kanye
lenzalo yakhe. Kakuyikuba lowakibo ozasala ekhona
phakathi kwalababantu, njalo lezinto ezinhle
engizazenzela abantu bami kasoze azibone, kutsho
uThixo, ngoba uphrofetha ukungihlamukela.'"

30 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo
lisithi: **2** "UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Loba
encwadini wonke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe. **3**
Insuku ziyeza,' kutsho uThixo, 'lapho engizabuyisa
abantu bami u-Israyeli loJuda bevela ekuthunjweni
ngibabuyisele elizweni engalinika okhokho babo
ukuba libe ngelabo,' kutsho uThixo." **4** Amazwi
akhulunywa nguThixo ngo-Israyeli loJuda: **5** "Wathi:
'Ukukhala kokwesaba kuzwakele, ukwesaba okukhulu,
hatshi ukuthula. **6** Buzani libone: Indoda ingazala
abantwana na? Pho kungani ngibona wonke amadoda
aqinileyo ebambe izisu zawo ngezandla njengowesifazane
ohelelwayo, ubuso bonke sebube mhlotshana okokufa?

7 Yeka ukwesabeka okuzakuba yilolosuku! Kalukho
oluzakuba njengalo. Kuzakuba yisikhathi sokuhlupheka
kukaJakhobe, kodwa uzahlengwa kukho. **8** Ngalolosuku,'
kutsho uThixo uSomandla, 'ngizalephula ijogwe
entanyeni zabo ngiqamule lezibopho zabo; abezizweni
kabasayikubagqilaza futhi. **9** Esikhundleni salokho,
bazasebenzela uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavida inkosi
yabo, engizabavusela yona. **10** Ngakho ungesabi, wena
Jakhobe nceku yami; ungadangali, wena Israyeli,' kutsho
uThixo. 'Ngeqiniso ngizakuhlenga ezindaweni ezikude,
lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo. UJakhobe
uzakuba lokuthula futhi kanye lokuvikeleka, njalo kakho
ozamenza esabe. **11** Ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga,'
kutsho uThixo. 'Lanxa ngizichitha ngokupheleleyo zonke
izizwe engikuhlakazela kuzo, wena angiyikukuchitha
ngokupheleleyo. Ngizakuqondisa kodwa ngokufaneleyo
kuphela; kangiyikukuyekela ungajeziswanga.' **12** UThixo
uthi: 'Isilonda sakho kaselapheki, ukulimala kwakho
akupholi. **13** Kakho okhulumela inhloso yakho, akulamuthi
wesilonda sakho, akukho kuphola kuwe. **14** Bonke
abangane bakho sebekukhohliwe; kabalandaba lawe.
Ngikutshaye njengokungenziwa yisitha ngakujezisa
njengokungenziwa ngolesihluku, ngoba icala lakho
likhulu kakhulu lezono zakho zinengi kakhulu. **15**
Kungani ukhaliswa linxeba lakho, ubuhlungu bakho
obungelaphekiyo na? Ngenxa yecala lakho elikhulu
lezono ezinengi ngenze lezizinto kuwe. **16** Kodwa
bonke abakudlayo bazadliwa; zonke izitha zakho
zizathunjwa. Labo abakuphangayo bazaphangwa; bonke

abakwemukayo ngizabemuka. **17** Kodwa ngizakusilisa
ngipholise lamanxeba akho,' kutsho uThixo, 'ngoba
kuthiwa ungolahliweyo, iZiyoni okungekho olendaba lalo.'
18 UThixo uthi: 'Ngizavuselela inotho yasemathenteni
kaJakhobe ngibe lesihawu emakhaya akhe; idolobho
lizakwakhiwa kutsha emanxiweni alo, lendlu yobukhosi
izakuma endaweni yayo uqobo. **19** Kubo kuzavela
izingoma zokubonga kanye lomsindo wokuthokoza.
Ngizakwandisa amanani abo, njalo kabayikuphungulwa;
ngizabenza bahlonitshwe, njalo kabayikweyiswa. **20**
Abantwana babo bazakuba njengezinsukwini zakudala,
lebandla labo lizamiselwa phambi kwami; ngizabajezisa
bonke ababancindezelayo. **21** Umkhokheli wabo uzakuba
ngomunye wabakibo; umbusi wabo uzavela phakathi
kwabo. Ngizamsondeza eduze, uzakuza phansi kwami,
ngoba ngubani lowo ongazinikela ukuba seduze
kwami na?' kutsho uThixo. **22** 'Ngakho lina lizakuba
ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.'"
23 Khangelani, isiphepho sikaThixo sizakhupha ulaka,
umoya osasivunguzane usehlela phezu kwamakhanda
ababi. **24** Ulaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo kaluyikudeda
aze ayifeze ngokupheleleyo injongo yenhliziyo yakhe.
Ensukwini ezizayo lizakuzwisisa lokhu.

31 "Ngalesosikhathi ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu
wezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli, bona bazakuba ngabantu
bami," kutsho uThixo. **2** UThixo uthi: "Abantu abasilayo
enkembeni bazathola umusa enkangala; ngizakuzanika u-
Israyeli ukuphumula." **3** UThixo wabonakala kithi kudala
esithi: "Ngikuthandile ngothando olungapheliyo;

ngikuhole ngesisa esikhulu. **4** Ngizakwakha njalo
uzakwakhiwa kutsha futhi, wena Israyeli Ntombi
emsulwa. Uzathatha amagedla akho futhi uphume
uyegida labathokozayo. **5** Uzalima izivini zakho futhi
emaqaqeni aseSamariya; abalimi bazazilima badle
izithelo zazo. **6** Kuzakuba losuku lapho abalindi
bezamemeza phezu kwamaqaqa ako-Efrayimi bathi,
'Wozani, kasiyeni eZiyoni, kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.'"
7 UThixo uthi: "Mhlabeleleni uJakhobe ngokuthokoza;
nqongolozelani izizwe ezidumileyo. Yenzani ukudumisa
kwenu kuzwakale, lisithi, 'Awu Thixo, bahlenge abantu
bakho, insalela ka-Israyeli.' **8** Khangelani, ngizababuyisa
bevela elizweni lasenyakatho, ngibaqoqe emikhawulweni
yomhlaba. Phakathi kwabo kuzakuba leziphofu
labaqhulayo; abesifazane abazithweleyo labahelelwayo;
ixuku elikhulu lizabuya. **9** Bazabuya bekhala;
bazakhuleka lapho ngibabuyisa. Ngizabaholela
ezihotsheni zamanzi endleleni eyendlalekileyo lapho
abangayikukhubeka khona, ngoba nginguyise ka-Israyeli,
njalo u-Efrayimi yindodana yami elizibulo. **10** Zwanini
ilizwi likaThixo, lina zizwe; limemezeleni emazweni
angaselwandle khatshana lithi: 'Yena owahlakaza u-
Israyeli uzamqoqa njalo uzakwelusa umhlambi wakhe
njengomelusi.' **11** Ngoba uThixo uzamhlenga uJakhobe,
abakhulule ezandleni zalabo abalamandla kulabo. **12**
Bazakuza banqongoloze ngentokozo ezingqongeni
zeZiyoni; bazathokoza ngokuphana kukaThixo,
ngamabele, langewayini elitsha kanye lamafutha e-oliva,
ngamazinyane ezimvu langamathole enkomo. Bazakuba

njengesivande esithelelwa kuhle, njalo kabasayikuba losizi futhi. **13** Izintombi zizagida njalo futhi zithabe, enzenjalo amajaha labadala. Ngizaguqula ukukhala kwabo kube yikuthaba; ngizabapha induduzo lentokozo esikhundleni sosizi. **14** Ngizasuthisa abaphristi ngokunengi, labantu bami bazasutha ngokuphana kwami," kutsho uThixo. **15** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ilizwi lizwakala eRama, lesililo lokukhala okukhulu, uRasheli ukhalela abantwabakhe njalo esala ukududuzwa, ngoba kabasekho." **16** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: "Bamba ilizwi lakho ungakhali, lamehlo akho angehlisi inyembezi ngoba umsebenzi wakho uzathola umvuzo," kutsho uThixo. "Bazabuya bevela elizweni lesitha. **17** Ngakho kulethemba ensukwini zakho ezizayo," kutsho uThixo. "Abantwabakho bazabuyela elizweni labo. **18** Ngikuzwile impela ukukhala kuka-Efrayimi esithi: 'Wangitshaya njengethole elingathambanga, njalo sengajeziseka. Ngibuyisa, njalo ngizabuya, ngoba unguThixo uNkulunkulu wami. **19** Emva kokweduka kwami, ngaphenduka; emva kokuba sengizwisisile, ngazitshaya isifuba. Ngaba lenhloni ngadumazeka ngoba ngangilehlazo lasebutsheni bami.' **20** U-Efrayimi kasindodana yami ethandekayo, umntanami engithokoza ngaye na? Lanxa ngihlala ngikhuluma kubi ngaye ngisamkhumbula. Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyamlangatha; ngiyamzwela kakhulu, kutsho uThixo. **21** Beka izitshengiso zomgwaqo; umise lezinsika zeziqondiso. Nanzelela umgwaqo, indlela ozahamba ngayo. Phenduka, wena Ntombi egcweleyo Israyeli, buyela emadolobheni

akho. **22** Koze kube nini ulokhu uzulazula, wena
ndodakazi engathembekanga na? UThixo uzadala into
entsha emhlabeni, owesifazane uzavikela indoda." **23**
UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, "Lapho
ngibabuyisa bevela ekuthunjweni, abantu abaselizweni
lakoJuda lasemadolobheni alo bazawasebenzisa futhi
amazwi la athi, 'UThixo akubusise wena ndawo yokuhlala
elungileyo, wena ntaba engcwele.' **24** Abantu bazahlala
ndawonye koJuda lasemadolobheni akhona wonke,
abalimi kanye lalabo abazulazulayo lemihlambi yabo. **25**
Ngizaqinisa abadiniweyo ngisuthise abangelamandla." **26**
Lapho-ke ngaphaphama ngakhangela indawana yonke.
Ubuthongo bami babubemnandi kimi. **27** "Insuku ziyeza,
lapho engizahlanyela khona indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu
kaJuda lenzalo yabantu lezinyamazana. **28** Njengoba
ngabalinda ukusiphuna lokudiliza, ukuchitha
lokubhubhisa kanye lokuletha umonakalo, ngokunjalo
ngizabalinda ukwakha lokuhlanyela," kutsho uThixo. **29**
"Ngalezonsuku abantu kabasayikutsho ukuthi, 'Abazali
badle amavini amunyu, ngakho amazinyo abantwana
asetshelela.' **30** Esikhundleni salokho, umuntu wonke
uzafela izono zakhe; loba ngubani odla amavini amunyu
amazinyo akhe azatshelela. **31** Isikhathi siyeza, lapho
engizakwenza khona isivumelwano esitsha lendlu ka-
Israyeli kanye lekaJuda," kutsho uThixo. **32** "Kasiyikufana
lesivumelwano engasenza labokhokho babo lapho
engababamba khona ngesandla ukuba ngibakhuphe
eGibhithe, ngoba bephula isivumelwano sami, lanxa
nangingumyeni wabo," kutsho uThixo. **33** "Lesi yiso

isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu ka-Israyeli ngemva kwalesosikhathi," kutsho uThixo. "Ngizafaka umthetho wami ezingqondweni zabo, ngiwulobe lasezinhliziyweni zabo. Ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona bazakuba ngabantu bami. **34** Umuntu kasayikufundisa umakhelwane wakhe, kumbe umfowabo esithi, 'Mazi uThixo,' ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo kusiya komkhulu, kutsho uThixo. Ngoba ngizabathethelela ububi babo, njalo angiyikukhumbula izono zabo futhi." **35** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo, yena obeka ilanga ukuba likhanyise emini, omisa inyanga lezinkanyezi ukuba kukhanye ebusuku, onyakazisa ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome, uThixo uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe, uthi: **36** "Nxa izimiso lezi zinganyamalala ebusweni bami," kutsho uThixo, "kulapho lenzalo ka-Israyeli ezacina khona ukuba yisizwe phambi kwami." **37** UThixo uthi: "Nxa amazulu phezulu engalinganiswa lezisekelo zomhlaba ngaphansi zihlolwe, kulapho engingayilahla khona yonke inzalo ka-Israyeli ngenxa yakho konke abakwenzileyo," kutsho uThixo. **38** "Insuku ziyeza," kutsho uThixo, "lapho idolobho leli ngizalakhelwa kutsha kusukela eMphotshongweni waseHananeli kusiya eSangweni leNgosi. **39** Intambo yokulinganisa izasukela lapho iqonde eqaqeni lweGarebi ibe isijikela eGowa. **40** Isigodi sonke lapho okulahlelwa khona izidumbu zabafileyo lomlotha, lawo wonke amasimu kusiyafika esigodini seKhidironi ngasempumalanga kusiyafika ejikweni leSango leBhiza,

kuzakuba ngcwele kuThixo. Idolobho kaliyikusitshunwa futhi loba lidilizwe.”

32 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo ngomnyaka wetshumi wokubusa kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, owawungumnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaNebhukhadineza. **2** Ngalesosikhathi ibutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni lalivimbezele iJerusalema, uJeremiya umphrofethi evalelwe egumeni labalindi phakathi kwesigodlo senkosi yakoJuda. **3** UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wayemvalele lapho esithi, “Kungani uphrofetha njengalokhu okwenzayo? Uthi: ‘UThixo uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli ngilinikele enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, njalo izalithumba. **4** UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda akayikuphunyuka ezandleni zamaKhaladiya, kodwa uzanikelwa impela enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, njalo uzakhuluma layo ubuso ngobuso ayibone ngamehlo akhe. **5** Izathatha uZedekhiya imuse eBhabhiloni, lapho azahlala khona ngize ngibone engingakwenza kuye, kutsho uThixo. Nxa usilwa lamaKhaladiya, kawuyikuphumelela.’” **6** UJeremiya wathi, “Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **7** UHanameli indodana kaShalumi umalumakho uzakuza kuwe athi, ‘Thenga insimu yami e-Anathothi, ngoba njengesinini sami kulilungelo lakho lomlandu wakho ukuba uyithenge.’ **8** Ngakho, njengokutsho kukaThixo, umzawami uHanameli weza kimi egumeni labalindi wathi, ‘Thenga insimu yami e-Anathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini. Njengoba kulilungelo lakho ukuba uyihlenge ibe ngeyakho,

zithengele yona.' Ngakwazi ukuthi leli laliyilizwi likaThixo; **9** ngakho ngayithenga insimu ye-Anathothi kumzawami uHanameli, ngamlinganisela amashekeli alitshumi lesikhombisa esiliva. **10** Ngasayina incwadi yesivumelwano sokuthenga ngayinamathisela, yafakazelwa, ngalinganisa isiliva esikalini. **11** Ngathatha incwadi yokuthenga enanyekiweyo eyayilemithetho lezimiso, kanye leyayingananyekwangwa, **12** incwadi yokuthenga le ngayinika uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseyiya; umzawami uHanameli ekhona kanye labafakazi ababesayine incwadi yokuthenga lamaJuda wonke ehlezi egumeni labalindi. **13** Nganika uBharukhi imilayo le labo bekhona ngathi: **14** 'UThixo uSomandla uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Thatha izincwadi lezi zesivumelwano sokuthenga enanyekiweyo lengananyekwanga uzifake embizeni yomdaka ukuze zihlale khona isikhathi eside. **15** UThixo uSomandla uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Izindlu lamasimu lezivini kuzathengwa futhi kulelilizwe.' **16** Emva kokuba uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya sengimphile incwadi yokuthenga, ngakhuleka kuThixo ngathi: **17** Thixo Wobukhosi, wadala amazulu lomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo. Akukho lutho olunzima kuwe. **18** Ubonakalisa uthando kuzinkulungwane kodwa ulethe isijeziso sezono zaboyise ebantwaneni babo ngemva kwabo. Wena Nkulunkulu omkhulu olamandla, obizo lakho nguThixo uSomandla, **19** zinkulu injongo zakho njalo zilamandla izenzo zakho. Amehlo akho ayazibona zonke izindlela zabantu; unika

umuntu wonke umvuzo kusiya ngokuziphatha kwakhe langokufanele izenzo zakhe. **20** Wenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso eGibhithe, waqhubeka uzenza kwaze kwaba yilolusuku, khona ko-Israyeli laphakathi koluntu lonke, wathola udumo olukhulu lungolwakho lalamhlanje. **21** Wakhupha abantu bakho u-Israyeli eGibhithe ngezibonakaliso langezimangaliso; ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo kanye lokwesaba okukhulu. **22** Wabanika ilizwe leli owawufunge ukulipha okhokho babo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **23** Beza bafika balithatha, kodwa kabakulalelanga kumbe balandele imithetho yakho; kabakwenzanga owawubalaye ukuthi bakwenze. Ngakho wabehlisela wonke umonakalo lo. **24** Khangela ukuthi akhiwe njani amadundulu okuvimbezela ukuba idolobho lihlaselwe. Ngenxa yenkemba, lendlala lesifo idolobho lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya alihlaselayo. Owakutshoyo sekusenzakala njengoba ubona khathesi. **25** Kodwa lanxa idolobho lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya, wena Thixo Wobukhosi uthe kimi, 'Thenga insimu ngesiliva kube labafakaza lokho.'"
26 Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: **27** "Mina nginguThixo, uNkulunkulu woluntu lonke. Kambe kulento engehlulayo na? **28** Ngakho, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli ngilinikele kumaKhaladiya lakuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ozalithumba. **29** AmaKhaladiya ahlasela idolobho leli azangena alithungele ngomlilo; alitshise, kanye lezindlu lapho abantu abangithukuthelisela khona ngokutshisela uBhali impepha phezu kwezimpahla

zezindlu langokuthululela abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo enathwayo. **30** Abantu bakoJuda labako-Israyeli benza ububi bodwa emehlweni ami kusukela ebutsheni babo; impela, abantu bako-Israyeli bangithukuthelisa ngalokhu abakwenza ngezandla zabo, kutsho uThixo. **31** Kusukela ngosuku elakhiwa ngalo kuze kube khathesi, idolobho leli livusa ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka lwami okwenza kufanele ukuba ngilisuse ebusweni bami. **32** Abantu bako-Israyeli labakoJuda bangithukuthelisile ngobubi bonke ababenzileyo, bona, amakhosi abo lezikhulu zabo, abaphristi labaphrofethi babo, abantu bakoJuda labantu baseJerusalema. **33** Bangifulathela kabaze bangipha ubuso babo; lanxa ngabafundisa kanenginengi kabalalelanga njalo kabakunakanga ukukhuzwa. **34** Bamisa izithombe zabo ezinengekayo endlini eleBizo lami bayingcolisa. **35** Bakhela uBhali izindawo eziphakemeyo eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu ukuba banikele amadodana lamadodakazi abo kuMoleki, lanxa ngingazange ngibalaye, kumbe kufike engqondweni yami, ukuthi babokwenza into eyenyanyeka kangaka ngalokho benze uJuda one. **36** Liyatsho ngedolobho leli lithi, ‘Ngenkemba, langendlala kanye langesifo lizanikelwa eNkosini yaseBhabhiloni’; kodwa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: **37** Ngizababuyisa kule indawo ngibenze bahlale ngokuvikelwa. **38** Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. **39** Ngizabenza babemunye enhliziyweni lasezenzweni, ukuze bahlale bengesaba, ukuba kube kuhle kubo lasebantwaneni babo emva kwabo. **40** Ngizakwenza labo isivumelwano esingapheliyo:

Angiyikuyekela ukwenza okuhle kubo, ngizabafunzelela ukuba bangesabe, ukuze bangangideli. **41** Ngizathokoza ekubenzeleni okuhle njalo ngibagxumeke ngobuqotho kulelilizwe ngenhliziyo yami yonke langomoya wami wonke. **42** UThixo uthi: Njengoba ngehlisele inkemenkeme le enkulu kangaka phezu kwalababantu, ngokunjalo ngizabapha konke ukuphumelela engabathembisa khona. **43** Amasimu azathengwa futhi kulelilizwe lina elithi ngalo, 'Lilugwadule oluphundlekileyo, olungelabantu lezinyamazana, ngoba lanikelwa kumaKhaladiya.' **44** Amasimu azathengwa ngesiliva, lezincwadi zokuthenga zisayinwe, zinanyekwe njalo zifakazelwe elizweni likaBhenjamini, lemizini eseduze leJerusalema, lasemadolobheni akoJuda kanye lasemadolobheni elizwe lamaqaqa, asemawatheni asentshonalanga kanye lawaseNegebi, ngoba ngizabuyisela inotho yabo, kutsho uThixo."

33 UJeremiya elokhu esavalelwe egumeni labalindi, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye ngokwesibili lisithi: **2** "UThixo, yena owadala umhlaba, uThixo owawenzayo wawumisa, uThixo yilo ibizo lakhe, uthi, **3** 'Ngibiza ngizakusabela, ngikutshele izinto ezinkulu ezifihlakeleyo ongazaziyo.' **4** Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli mayelana lezindlu ezikulelidolobho langezindlu zobukhosi koJuda ezadilizwayo ukuba zisetshenziswe ekumelaneni lamadundulu okuvimbezela kanye lenkemba **5** ekulweni lamaKhaladiya: 'Zizagcwala izidumbu zabantu abafileyo engizababulala ekuthukutheleni kwami langolaka lwami.

Idolobho leli ngizalifihlela ubuso bami ngenxa
yobubi balo bonke. **6** Kodwa, ngizaletha ukuphila
lokusiliswa kulo. Abantu bami ngizabasilisa ngibenze
bajabulele ukuthula okukhulu kanye lokuvikeleka. **7**
Ngizabuyisa uJuda lo-Israyeli besuka ekuthunjweni njalo
ngizabakha futhi njengalokhu ababeyikho kuqala. **8**
Ngizabahlambulula kuzozonke izono abazenza
kimi njalo ngizabathethelela zonke izono zabo
zokungihlamukela. **9** Ngakho idolobho leli lizangilethela
indumela, ukuthokoza, lokubongwa kanye lodumo
phambi kwezizwe zonke emhlabeni ezizwa ngezinto
zonke ezinhle engizenzela lona; njalo zizakwesaba
ziqhaqhazele ngenxa yokuphumelela okukhulu lokuthula
engizakuletha kulo.' **10** UThixo uthi: 'Liyatsho ngendawo
le lithi, "Ilugwadule oluphundlekileyo, olungelabantu
kumbe izinyamazana." Kodwa emadolobheni akoJuda
lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema okwatshiywayo,
okungekho muntu kumbe inyamazana ehlala khona,
kuzazwakala khona futhi **11** imisindo yokuthokoza
lokuthaba, amazwi omlobokazi lomyeni, lamazwi alabo
abaletha iminikelo yokubonga endlini kaThixo besithi,
"Bongani uThixo uSomandla, ngoba uThixo ulungile;
uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nini lanini." Ngoba
inotho yelizwe ngizayibuyisela njengoba yayinjalo
kuqala,' kutsho uThixo. **12** UThixo uSomandla uthi, 'Kuyo
yonale indawo ephundlekileyo, engelabantu kumbe
izinyamazana, kuwo wonke amadolobho ayo kuzakuba
lamadlelo futhi ukuba abelusi baphumuze imihlambi
yabo. **13** Emadolobheni elizwe lamaqaqa, lawemawatheni

entshonalanga kanye lawaseNegebi, elizweni lakoBhenjamini, emizini eseduze leJerusalema lasemadolobheni akoJuda, imihlambi izadlula ngaphansi kwesandla salowo oyibalayo,' kutsho uThixo. **14** 'Insuku ziyeza,' kutsho uThixo, 'lapho engizagcwalisa isithembiso somusa engasenza endlini ka-Israyeli lasendlini kaJuda. **15** Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi ngizahlumisa uGatsha olulungileyo osendweni lukaDavida; uzakwenza okulungileyo lokufaneleyo elizweni. **16** Ngalezonsuku uJuda uzasindiswa leJerusalema ihlale ngokuvikeleka. Ibizo ezabizwa ngalo yileli elithi; uThixo oyikuLunga Kwethu.' **17** Ngoba uThixo uthi, 'UDavida kayikuswela umuntu ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi bendlu ka-Israyeli, **18** labaphristi, abangabaLevi, kabayikuswela umuntu oma phambi kwami kokuphela ukuba anikele iminikelo yokutshiswa, atshise iminikelo yamabele lokwethula imihlatshelo.'" **19** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJeremiya lisithi: **20** "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, 'Nxa lingephula isivumelwano sami lemini lesivumelwano sami lobusuku, ukuze imini lobusuku kungabe kusaqalisa ngezikhathi zakho ezamiswayo, **21** lapho-ke isivumelwano sami loDavida inceku yami lesivumelwano sami labaLevi abangabaphristi abakhonzayo phambi kwami singephulwa njalo uDavida angeke abe lenzalo ezabusa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. **22** Ngizakwenza inzalo kaDavida inceku yami labaLevi abakhonzayo phambi kwami ingabi lakubalwa njengezinkanyezi zasemazulwini njalo ingalinganiseki njengetshebetshebe lasekhunjini lolwandle.'" **23** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika

kuJeremiya lisithi: **24** "Kawukananzeleli na ukuthi abantu
laba bathi, 'UThixo useyilahlile imibuso emibili
ayeyikhethile'? Ngakho bayabeyisa abantu bami njalo
kabasabanaki njengesizwe. **25** UThixo uthi, 'Nxa
ngingamisanga isivumelwano sami lelanga lobusuku
kanye lemithetho eqinileyo yasezulwini lasemhlabeni, **26**
lapho-ke ngizayilahla inzalo kaJakhobe lekaDavida
inceku yami njalo ngingakhethi enye yamadodana akhe
ukuba ibuse inzalo ka-Abhrahama, leka-Isaka
lekaJakhobe. Ngoba ngizabuyisela inhlanhla yabo ngibe
lesihawu kubo.'"

34 Kwathi uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni
lebutho lakhe lonke kanye lemibuso yonke, labantu
basemazweni ayewabusa besilwa leJerusalema lawo
wonke amadolobho alo ayeseduzane, ilizwi leli lafika
kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi; **2** "UThixo, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli uthi: Yana kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda uthi
kuye, 'UThixo uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli
ngilinikele enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, njalo izalitshisa
ngomlilo. **3** Kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo kodwa
uzathunjwa impela unikelwe kuyo. Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni
uzayibona ngamehlo akho, njalo izakhuluma lawe ubuso
ngobuso. Njalo uzahamba eBhabhiloni. **4** Kodwa-ke zwana
isithembiso sikaThixo, wena Zedekhiya nkosi yakoJuda.
Ngawe uThixo uthi: Awuyikufa ngenkemba; **5** uzakufa
ngokuthula. Njengoba abantu babasa umlilo wesililo
bekhumbula oyihlo, amakhosi akuqala akwandulelayo,
ngokunjalo bazabasa umlilo wokukukhumbula, balile
bathi, Maye, Oh Nkosi! Mina ngokwami ngenza isithembiso

lesi, kutsho uThixo.'" **6** Ngakho uJeremiya umphrofethi
wamtshela konke lokhu uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda,
eJerusalema, **7** lapho ibutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni
lalisilwa leJerusalema lamanye amadolobho akoJuda
ayelokhu esaqinisele, iLakhishi le-Azekha. La yiwo
kuphela amadolobho ayevikelwe ngezinqaba ayesasele
koJuda. **8** Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo emva
kokuba inkosi uZedekhiya esenze isivumelwano labantu
bonke baseJerusalema sokumemezela ukukhululwa
kwezigqili. **9** Wonke umuntu kwakumele akhulule izigqili
zakhe ezingamaHebheru, ezesilisa lezesifazane; kakho
owayezagcina umJuda wakibo ebugqilini. **10** Ngakho zonke
izikhulu labantu bonke abenza isivumelwano lesi bavuma
ukuthi babezakhulula izigqili zabo zesilisa lezesifazane
bangazigcini ebugqilini futhi. Bavuma, bazikhulula. **11**
Kodwa muva bantshintsha ingqondo zabo bazithumba
njalo izigqili zabo ababezikhulule bazenza izigqili futhi. **12**
Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi, **13** "UThixo,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngenza isivumelwano
labokhokho benu ekubakhupheni kwami eGibhithe,
elizweni lobugqili. Ngathi, **14** 'Ngeminyaka yonke
yesikhombisa omunye lomunye wenu kumele akhulule
umHebheru wakibo ozithengise kuwe. Emva kokuba
esekusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, kumele umkhulule
ahambe.' Kodwa okhokho benu, kabangilalelanga njalo
kabanginakanga. **15** Ngesikhathi esisanda kudlula
laphenduka lenza okulungileyo emehlweni ami: Omunye
lomunye wenu wamemezela ukukhululwa kwabantu
belizwe lakibo. Laze lenza lesivumelwano phambi

kwami endlini eleBizo lami. **16** Kodwa khathesi seliguquke langcolisa ibizo lami; omunye lomunye wenu usezithumbile futhi izigqili zesilisa lezesifazane elalizikhulule ukuba zizihambele lapho ezifuna khona. Selizibambe ngamandla ukuba zibe yizigqili zenu futhi. **17** Ngakho, lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo: Kalingilalelanga; kalimemezelanga ukukhululwa kwabantu belizwe lakini. Ngakho khathesi ngimemezela 'inkululeko' yenu, kutsho uThixo, 'inkululeko' yokubulawa ngenkemba, yisifo lendlala. Ngizalenza linengeke kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. **18** Abantu abephula isivumelwano sami kabaze bagcwalisa izimiso zesivumelwano abasenza phambi kwami, ngizabaphatha njengethole abalidabula phakathi basebehamba phakathi kweziqa zalo. **19** Abakhokheli bakoJuda labeJerusalema, izikhulu zasemthethwandaba, abaphristi labantu bonke abahamba phakathi kweziqa zethole, **20** ngizabanikela ezitheni zabo ezifuna ukubabulala. Izidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga. **21** UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kanye lezikhulu zakhe ngizabanikela ezitheni zabo ezifuna ukubabulala, lakubutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni eselisukile kini. **22** Ngizakhupha ilizwi, kutsho uThixo njalo ngizababuyisa futhi kulelidolobho. Bazakulwa lalo, balithumbe, balitshise ngomlilo. Amadolobho akoJuda ngizawabhidliza ukuze kungabi lamuntu ohlala kuwo."

35 Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo ekubuseni kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, elathi, **2** "Yana endlini yamaRekhabi

uwabize ukuba eze kwelinye lamakamelo endlu kaThixo uwanike iwayini anathe.” **3** Ngakho ngayathatha uJazaniya indodana kaJeremiya, indodana kaHabhaziniya, labafowabo kanye lamadodana akhe wonke lomuzi wonke wamaRekhabi. **4** Ngabasa endlini kaThixo, ekamelweni lamadodana kaHanani indoda ka-Igidaliya umuntu kaNkulunkulu. Laliseduze lekamelo lezikhulu elalingaphezu kwelikaMaseya indodana kaShalumi umlindi wesango. **5** Emva kwalokho ngabeka imiganu eyayigcwele iwayini lezinkezo phambi kwabantu bomndeni wamaRekhabi, ngathi kubo, “Nathani iwayini.” **6** Kodwa bona baphendula bathi, “Iwayini kasilinathi ngoba ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi wasinika umlayo lo othi: ‘Lina loba inzalo yenu akumelanga linathe iwayini. **7** Njalo lingakhi zindlu, lingahlanyeli kumbe lilime izivini; lingabi lokunye kwalezizinto, kodwa kumele lihlale emathenteni kokuphela. Ngalokho lizaphila isikhathi eside elizweni elizinzulane kulo.’ **8** Sakulalela konke ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi asilaya khona. Thina labomkethu lamadodana ethu kanye lamadodakazi ethu asikaze silinathe iwayini, **9** kumbe sakhe izindlu zokuhlala kuzo loba sibe lezivini, amasimu kumbe amabele. **10** Sihlala emathenteni njalo siyakulalela konke ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi asilaya khona. **11** Kodwa ekuhlaseleni kukaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ilizwe leli, sathi, ‘Wozani siye eJerusalema sibalekele amabutho amaKhaladiya kanye lawama-Aramu.’ Sahlala kanjalo eJerusalema.” **12** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuJeremiya

lisithi: **13** "UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
uthi: Hamba uyetshela abantu bakoJuda labahlala
eJerusalema ukuthi, 'Kalifundi sifundo lilalele amazwi ami
na?' kutsho uThixo. **14** 'UJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi
walaya amadodana akhe ukuba anganathi iwayini, njalo
umlayo lo wagcinwa. Kuze kube lamhla iwayini kabalinathi
ngoba balalela umlayo kakhokho wabo. Kodwa mina
sengakhuluma lani njalonjalo, kodwa kalingilalelanga. **15**
Ngathuma izinceku zami abaphrofethi kini kanenginengi.
Bathi, "Ngamunye wenu kumele liphenduke ezindleleni
zenu ezimbi lilungise lezenzo zenu; lingalandeli
abanye onkulunkulu ukuba libakhonze. Ngalokho
lizahlala elizweni engalipha lona lina labokhokho
benu." Kodwa kalinakanga, njalo kalingilalelanga. **16**
Inzalo kaJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi iwulandele
umlayo eyawuphiwa ngukhokho wayo, kodwa abantu
laba mina kabangilalelanga.' **17** Ngakho uThixo,
uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi;
'Lalelani, ngizakwehlisela phezu kukaJuda laphezu
komuntu wonke ohlala eJerusalema wonke umonakalo
engabathembisa wona. Ngabatshela, kodwa kabalalelanga;
ngababiza, kodwa kabasabelanga.'" **18** UJeremiya wasesithi
kwabomndeni wamaRekhabi, "UThixo uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Liwulalele umlayo
kakhokho wenu uJehonadabi layilandela yonke imfundiso
yakhe njalo lenza konke alilaya khona.' **19** Ngakho
uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi:
'UJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi kayikuswela umuntu
wokungikhonza.'"

36 Ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya
inkosi yakoJuda ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo,
lisithi: **2** "Thatha umqulu ulobe kuwo wonke amazwi
engawatsho kuwe ngo-Israyeli, uJuda lezinye zonke
izizwe kusukela ngiqalisa ukukhuluma kuwe ekubuseni
kukaJosiya kuze kube khathesi. **3** Mhlawumbe lapho
abantu bakoJuda besizwa ngawo wonke umonakalo
engiceba ukuwehlisela phezu kwabo, omunye lomunye
wabo uzaphenduka ezindleleni zakhe ezimbi; kulapho-
ke ngizabathethelela ububi babo lezono zabo." **4**
Ngakho uJeremiya wabiza uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya.
Kwathi uJeremiya ewatsho wonke amazwi ayekhulunywe
nguThixo, uBharukhi ewaloba emqulwini. **5** UJeremiya
wasesithi kuBharukhi, "Mina ngivalelwe; ngingeke ngiye
ethempelini likaThixo. **6** Ngakho yana endlini kaThixo
ngosuku lokuzila ukudla ubalele abantu amazwi kaThixo
asemqulwini owawaloba ngikutshela. Abalele bonke
abantu bakoJuda abangena bevela emadolobheni akibo.
7 Engxenye bazaletha isicelo sabo phambi kukaThixo,
omunye lomunye aphenduke ezindleleni zakhe ezimbi,
ngoba intukuthelo lolaka okumenyezelwe kulababantu
nguThixo kukhulu." **8** UBharukhi indodana kaNeriya
wenza konke ayekutshelwe nguJeremiya umphrofethi
ukuba akwenze; ethempelini likaThixo wabala amazwi
kaThixo emqulwini. **9** Ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye
yomnyaka wesihlanu kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya
inkosi yakoJuda, kwamenyezelwa isikhathi sokuzila ukudla
phambi kukaThixo ebantwini bonke baseJerusalema
lakulaba ababeze bevela emadolobheni akoJuda. **10**

Esendlini kaGemariya indodana kaShafani umabhalani,
eyayisegumeni langaphezulu ekungeneni kweSango
eLitsha lethempeli, uBharukhi wawabalela abantu bonke
ethempelini likaThixo amazwi kaJeremiya asemqulwini.
11 Kwathi uMikhaya indodana kaGemariya, indodana
kaShafani, esezwe wonke amazwi kaThixo ayesemqulwini,
12 waya phansi endlini kamabhalani esigodlweni, lapho
izikhulu zonke ezazihlezi khona: u-Elishama umabhalani,
uDelaya indodana kaShemaya, u-Elinathani indodana ka-
Akhibhori, uGemariya indodana kaShafani, uZedekhiya
indodana kaHananiya kanye lezinye zonke izikhulu.
13 Emva kokuba uMikhaya esebatshele konke ayezwe
uBharukhi ekubalela abantu emqulwini, **14** izikhulu
zonke zathuma uJehudi indodana kaNethaniya, indodana
kaShelemiya, indodana kaKhushi, ukuba ayekuthi
kuBharukhi, "Woza lomqulu owubalele abantu." Ngakho
uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya waya kubo lomqulu
ewuphethe ngesandla. **15** Bathi kuye, "Ake uhlale phansi
usibalele wona." Ngakho uBharukhi wababalela. **16**
Sebezwe wonke amazwi la bakhangelana ngokwesaba,
basebesithi kuBharukhi, "Amazwi la kumele siwabike
wonke enkosini." **17** Babuya bambuza uBharukhi
bathi, "Sitshele, kwenzakale njani ukuthi ubhale konke
lokhu? Kukhulunywe nguJeremiya na?" **18** UBharukhi
waphendula wathi, "Ye, amazwi wonke la uwakhulume
kimi, mina ngawaloba nge-inki emqulwini." **19** Izikhulu
zasezisithi kuBharukhi, "Wena loJeremiya hambani
liyecatsha. Lingatsheli muntu ukuthi lingaphi." **20**
Sebefake umqulu endlini ka-Elishama umabhalani,

baya enkosini egumeni bayibikela konke, **21** inkosi yathuma uJehudi ukuba ayethatha umqulu lowo, uJehudi weza lawo ewuthethe endlini ka-Elishama umabhalani wawubalela inkosi lezikhulu zonke ezazimi phansi kwayo. **22** Kwakuyinyanga yesificamunwemunye, njalo inkosi yayihlezi ekamelweni lebusika, kulomlilo ovuthayo eziko phambi kwayo. **23** Kwakusithi uJehudi angabala izigaba ezintathu loba ezine zomqulu, inkosi iziqume ngengqamu iziphosele eziko umqulu waze watsha wonke emlilweni. **24** Inkosi lezinceku zayo zonke ezawezwayo amazwi la kabesabanga loba badabule izigqoko zabo. **25** Lanxa u-Elinathani loDelaya kanye loGemariya bayincenga inkosi ukuba ingatshisi umqulu, kayibalalelanga. **26** Esikhundleni salokho inkosi yalaya uJerameli, indodana yenkosi, loSeraya indodana ka-Aziriyeli kanye loShelemiya indodana ka-Abhideli ukuba babophe uBharukhi umbhali kanye loJeremiya umphrofethi. Kodwa uThixo wayesebafihlile. **27** Inkosi isitshise umqulu owawulamazwi ayebhalwe nguBharukhi ewatshelwa nguJeremiya, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJeremiya lisithi, **28** "Thatha omunye umqulu ulobe kuwo wonke amazwi abesemqulwini wakuqala, otshiswe nguJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda. **29** Umtshele uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda uthi, 'UThixo uthi: Utshise umqulu lowana wathi, "Kungani ulobe kuwo ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni izakuza ngempela ichithe ilizwe leli, iqothule abantu lezinyamazana kulo na?" **30** Ngakho mayelana loJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, uThixo uthi: Akayikuba lomuntu ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida; isidumbu sakhe

sizaphoselwa phandle sichayeke ekutshiseni kwelanga lakungqwaqwane webusuku. **31** Ngizamjezisa labantwana bakhe kanye lezinceku zakhe ngenxa yobubi babo. Ngizakwehlisela phezu kwabo laphezu kwalabo abahlala eJerusalema kanye labantu bakoJuda, wonke umonakalo engawumemezela kubo, ngoba kabalalelanga.'" **32** Ngakho uJeremiya wathatha omunye umqulu wawunika umbhali uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, njalo kwathi uJeremiya emtshela uBharukhi waloba kuwo wonke amazwi omqulu owawutshiswe emlilweni nguJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda. Kwengezelelwa ngamanye amazwi amanengi ayefana lalawo.

37 UZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya wabekwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba abe yinkosi yakoJuda; wabusa esikhundleni sikaJehoyakhini indodana kaJehoyakhimi. **2** Yena lezinceku zakhe kanye labantu baselizweni kabawanakanga amazwi kaThixo ayewakhulume ngoJeremiya umphrofethi. **3** Kodwa uZedekhiya inkosi, wathuma uJehukhali indodana kaShelemiya lomphristi uZefaniya indodana kaMaseya kuJeremiya umphrofethi belaleli ilizwi, elithi, "Ake usikhulekele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu." **4** Ngalesisikhathi uJeremiya wayesekhululekile ukuza lokuhamba phakathi kwabantu, ngoba wayengakafakwa entolongweni. **5** Ibutho likaFaro laseliphumile eGibhithe, kwasekusithi amaKhaladiya ayevimbezele iJerusalema esezwe umbiko ngalo, asuka eJerusalema. **6** Kwasekufika ilizwi likaThixo kuJeremiya umphrofethi lisithi: **7** "UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, tshelani inkosi

yakoJuda elithume ukuba lizengibuza lithi, ‘Ibutho likaFaro eseliphume ukuba lizelisekela, lizabuyela elizweni lalo eGibhithe. **8** Emva kwalokho amaKhaladiya azaphenduka ahlasele idolobho leli; azalithumba alitshise ngomlilo.’ **9** UThixo uthi: Lingazikhohlisi licabange lithi, ‘AmaKhaladiya azasuka kithi impela.’ Kawayikusuka! **10** Lanxa linganqoba lonke ibutho lamaKhaladiya alihlaselayo, kusale abantu abalimeleyo kuphela emathenteni abo, bazaphuma balitshise idolobho leli ngomlilo.” **11** Kwathi ibutho lamaKhaladiya selisukile eJerusalema ngenxa yebutho likaFaro, **12** uJeremiya wasuka edolobheni ukuba aye elizweni lakoBhenjamini ukuba ayethatha isabelo sakhe selifa phakathi kwabantu khonale. **13** Kodwa kwathi esefikile eSangweni lakoBhenjamini, induna yabalindi ebizo layo lalingu-Irija indodana kaShelemiya, indodana kaHananiya, wambopha wasesithi kuye, “Ubalekela kumaKhaladiya wena!” **14** UJeremiya wathi, “Akusiqiniso lokho! Kangibalekeli kumaKhaladiya.” Kodwa u-Irija kamlalelanga; esikhundleni salokho, wabopha uJeremiya wamusa ezikhulwini. **15** Izikhulu zamthukuthelela uJeremiya zalaya ukuba atshaywe aphinde avalelwe endlini kaJonathani umabhalani, ezaseziyenze yaba yintolongo. **16** UJeremiya wafakwa esitokisini esiyingubhe emgodini oyintolongo lapho ahlala khona okwesikhathi eside. **17** Inkosi uZedekhiya wathi kayethathwa alethwe esigodlweni lapho ambuzela khona ensitha esithi, “Kulelizwi elivela kuThixo na?” UJeremiya waphendula wathi, “Yebo, wena uzanikelwa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni.”

18 UJeremiya wabuye wathi kuZedekhiya inkosi,
“Ngoneni kuwe loba ezikhulwini zakho kumbe
kulababantu, uze ungifake entolongweni nje? **19**
Bangaphi abaphrofethi bakho abaphrofetha kuwe besithi,
‘Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni kayiyikukuhlasela wena kanye
lelizwe leli’? **20** Kodwa khathesi, nkosi yami, ake ulalele.
Ngivumela ngethule isicelo sami kuwe: Ungangibuyiseli
endlini kaJonathani umabhalani, hlezi ngifele khona.” **21**
UZedekhiya inkosi waselaya ukuba uJeremiya afakwe
egumeni labalindi aphiwe isinkwa esivela emgwaqweni
wabapheki bezinkwa usuku ngalunye izinkwa zonke zize
ziphele edolobheni. Ngakho uJeremiya wahlala egumeni
labalindi.

38 UShefathiya indodana kaMathani, loGedaliya
indodana kaPhashuri, uJewukhali indodana kaShelemiya,
loPhashuri indodana kaMalikhija bakuzwa uJeremiya
ayekutshela abantu bonke esithi, **2** “UThixo uthi: ‘Lowo
ozasala kulelidolobho uzabulawa yinkemba, yindlala
kumbe yisifo; kodwa lowo ozakuya kumaKhaladiya uzasila.
Uzaphunyuka lokuphila kwakhe; uzaphila.’ **3** Njalo uThixo
uthi: ‘Idolobho leli lizanikelwa impela ebuthweni lenkosi
yaseBhabhiloni ezalithumba.’” **4** Izikhulu zasezisithi
enkosini, “Umuntu lo kumele abulawe. Wenza amabutho
asala kulelidolobho aphelelwe lithemba, kanye labantu
bonke, ngenxa yezinto azitshoyo kubo. Umuntu lo kadingi
okuhle kwabantu laba, kodwa ukubhujiswa kwabo.” **5**
UZedekhiya inkosi waphendula wathi, “Usezandleni zenu.
Inkosi ingeke yenze lutho ukuba iliphikise.” **6** Ngakho
bamthatha uJeremiya bamfaka emgodini kaMalikhija,

indodana yenkosi, owawusegumeni labalindi. UJeremiya bamehlisela phansi phakathi komgodi ngemichilo; wawungelamanzi, kuludaka kuphela, ngakho uJeremiya watshona edakeni. **7** Kodwa u-Ebhedi-Meleki, umKhushi, isikhulu endlini yobukhosi, wezwa ukuthi basebefake uJeremiya emgodini. Kwathi-ke inkosi ihlezi eSangweni lakoBhenjamini, **8** u-Ebhedi-Meleki waphuma esigodlweni wathi kuyo, **9** "Nkosi yami lombusi wami, abantu laba benze ububi kukho konke abakwenze kuJeremiya umphrofethi. Sebemphosele emgodini lapho azalamba khona aze afe kungaselakudla edolobheni." **10** Ngakho inkosi yalaya u-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi yathi, "Thatha amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lapha likhuphe uJeremiya umphrofethi emgodini engakafi." **11** Ngakho u-Ebhedi-Meleki wathatha amadoda lawo waya lawo endlini engaphansi kwendlu yengcebo esigodlweni. Wathatha amanikiniki amadala lezigqoko ezigugileyo khonapho wakwehlisela phansi kuJeremiya emgodini ngemichilo. **12** U-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi wathi kuJeremiya, "Faka amanikiniki la amadala lezigqoko lezi ezigugileyo emakhwapheni akho ukuze imichilo ingakulimazi." UJeremiya wenza njalo, **13** basebemdonsela phezulu ngemichilo, bamkhupha emgodini. UJeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi. **14** Inkosi uZedekhiya wabiza uJeremiya umphrofethi wasiwa entubeni yesithathu yethempeli likaThixo. Inkosi yasisithi kuJeremiya, "Ngizakubuza okuthize. Ungangifihleli lutho." **15** UJeremiya wathi kuZedekhiya, "Ngingakuphendula kawuyikungibulala na? Loba ngingakweluleka, kawuyikungilalela." **16**

Kodwa inkosi uZedekhiya wafunga isifungo lesi ngasese kuJeremiya, wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, yena owasinika ukuphefumula, angiyikukubulala loba ngikunikele kulabo abafuna ukukubulala.” **17** Lapho-ke uJeremiya wathi kuZedekhiya, “UThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Ungazinikela ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, impilo yakho izaphepha njalo ledolobho leli kaliyikutshiswa ngomlilo; wena labendlu yakho lizasila. **18** Kodwa nxa ungazinikeli ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, idolobho leli lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya azalitshisa ngomlilo; njalo wena uqobo kawuyikuphunyuka ezandleni zawo.’” **19** INkosi uZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya, “Ngiyabesaba abakoJuda asebe kumaKhaladiya, ngoba amaKhaladiya anganginikela kubo bangiphathe kubi.” **20** UJeremiya wathi, “Kabayikukunikela. Lalela uThixo ngokwenza lokhu engikutshela khona. Lapho-ke kuzakulungela, njalo lempilo yakho izaphepha. **21** Kodwa ungala ukuzinikela, nanku okuvezwe nguThixo kimi: **22** Bonke abesifazane abasele endlini yobukhosi yenkosi yakoJuda bazakhutshelwa phandle ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni bathi kuwe: ‘Bakukhohlisile bakwehlula abangane bakho abathenjiweyo. Inyawo zakho zitshonile edakeni; abangane bakho bakudelile.’ **23** Abafazi bakho kanye labantwana bazakhutshelwa phandle kumaKhaladiya. Lawe uqobo kawuyikuphunyuka ezandleni zawo, kodwa uzathunjwa yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni; njalo idolobho leli lizatshiswa ngomlilo.” **24** UZedekhiya wasesithi

kuJeremiya, “Akungabi lomuntu omazisa inkulumo
le, hlezi ufe. 25 Izikhulu zingezwa ukuthi ngike
ngakhuluma lawe, besezisiza kuwe zithi, ‘Sitshele lokho
okutshiloyo enkosini kanye lokutshiwo yinkosi kuwe;
ungasifihleli funa sikubulale,’ 26 wena zitshele uthi,
‘Kade ngincenga inkosi ukuthi ingangibuyiseli endlini
kaJonathani ukuyafela khona.’” 27 Lakanye izikhulu zonke
zaya kuJeremiya zambuza, yena wazitshela konke inkosi
eyayimlaye ukuthi akutsho. Ngakho kazisatshongo lutho
kuye futhi, ngoba kakho owayeyizwile inkulumo yakhe
lenkosi. 28 UJeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi kwaze
kwaba lusuku lokuthunjwa kweJerusalema. IJerusalema
lathunjwa kanje:

39 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaZedekhiya
inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waya eJerusalema lebutho lakhe
lonke wayivimbezela. 2 Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye
lwenyanga yesine, yomnyaka wetshumi lanye
kaZedekhiya umduli wedolobho wadilizwa. 3 Emva
kwalokho zonke izikhulu zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni zafika
zahlala eSangweni laPhakathi: kwakunguNerigali-
Shareza oweSamugari, loNebho-Sarisekhimi induna
yezikhulu, loNerigali-Shareza, indunankulu kanye lezinye
zonke izikhulu zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni. 4 Kwathi lapho
uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lamabutho wonke
bebabona babaleka. Basuka edolobheni ebusuku
ngendlela yasesivandeni senkosi, baphuma ngesango
eliphakathi kwemiduli, baqonda e-Arabha. 5 Kodwa
ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana labo, lafica

uZedekhiya emagcekeni aseJerikho. Lamthumba, laselimusa kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila, elizweni laseHamathi, lapho amgweba khona. **6** Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yawabulalela khona eRibhila amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlweni akhe, yabulala lezikhulu zasesikhosini zonke zakoJuda. **7** Emva kwalokho uZedekhiya yamkhupha amehlo yasimbopha ngamaketane ethusi ukuba imuse eBhabhiloni. **8** AmaKhaladiya atshisa isigodlo ngomlilo lezindlu zabantu, badiliza lemiduli yeJerusalema. **9** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, wathatha abantu ababesele edolobheni ndawonye lalabo ababebalekele kuye kanye labanye abantu wabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. **10** Kodwa uNebhuzaradani watshiya elizweni lakoJuda abanye babantu abangabayanga ababengelalutho olungolwabo; njalo ngalesosikhathi wabapha izivini lamasimu. **11** UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wayelaye uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini ngoJeremiya wathi, **12** "Umthathe, umgcine kuhle; ungamlimazi kodwa umenzele konke akucelayo." **13** Ngakho uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi, loNebhushazibhani induna yezikhulu, loNerigali-Shareza indunankulu kanye lezinye zonke izikhulu zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni **14** bathumela ukuba uJeremiya asuswe egumeni labalindi. Bamnikela kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, ukuba ambuyisele kibo. Ngakho wahlala labantu bakibo. **15** UJeremiya esavalelwe egumeni labalindi, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lathi, **16**

“Hamba ku-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi uthi kuye, ‘UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Sekuseduze ukuba ngigcwalise amazwi ami ngedolobho leli ngokulehlisela umonakalo, hatshi ukuphumelela. Ngalesosikhathi azagcwaliseka phambi kwamehlo enu. **17** Kodwa ngizakuhlenga ngalolosuku, kutsho uThixo; kawuyikunikelwa kulabo obesabayo. **18** Ngizakusindisa, kawuyikubulawa ngenkemba kodwa uzaphunyuka lokuphila kwakho, ngoba ungithembile, kutsho uThixo.’”

40 Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo emva kokuba uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, esemkhulule eRama. Wayefice uJeremiya ebotshwe ngamaketane phakathi kwabo bonke ababethunjwe eJerusalema lakoJuda ababesiwa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. **2** Umlawuli wabalindi esethole uJeremiya wathi kuye, “UThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wamisela indawo le umonakalo lo. **3** Khathesi uThixo usewulethile; usenze ayethe uzakwenza. Konke lokhu kwenzakala ngoba lina bantu lona kuThixo njalo kalimlalelanga. **4** Kodwa lamhla ngiyakukhulula amaketane ezihlakaleni zakho. Hamba lami eBhabhiloni, nxa uthanda, ngizakugcina; kodwa nxa ungafuni, ungahambi. Khangela, ilizwe lonke liphambi kwakho; yana loba kungaphi lapho ofuna khona.” **5** Kodwa-ke kwathi uJeremiya engakasuki ukuba ahambe, uNebhuzaradani wengeza wathi, “Buyela kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, osebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba abuse amadolobho akoJuda, uhlale laye phakathi kwabantu, kumbe uye loba kungaphi lapho

ofuna khona." Emva kwalokho umlawuli wamnika umphako lesipho wasesithi kahambe. **6** Ngakho uJeremiya waya kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami eMizipha wahlala phakathi kwabantu ababetshiywe elizweni. **7** Kwathi zonke izikhulu zabalawuli bamabutho lamabutho azo ayesegangeni sebezwe ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisibeke uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami ukuba abe ngumbusi welizwe njalo imenze waba ngumphathi wamadoda labesifazane kanye labantwana ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni njalo ababengasiwanga ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni, **8** baya kuGedaliya eMizipha kungu-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, uJohanani loJonathani amadodana kaKhareya, loSeraya indodana kaThanihumethi, lamadodana ka-Efayi umNethofa, loJezaniya indodana yomMahakhathi kanye labantu babo. **9** UGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, wafunga isifungo ebathembisa labantu babo, wathi, "Lingesabi ukusebenzela amaKhaladiya. Hlalani elizweni lisebenzele inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, konke kuzalilungela. **10** Mina ngokwami ngizahlala eMizipha ukuba ngilimele kumaKhaladiya eza kithi, kodwa lina vunani iwayini lezithelo zasehlobo kanye lamafutha, likufake ezimbizeni zokugcinela, lihlale emadolobheni eseliwaphethe." **11** Kwathi bonke amaJuda baseMowabi, e-Amoni le-Edomi lawo wonke amanye amazwe sebezwe ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayitshiye insalela koJuda njalo ibeke uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami indodana kaShafani, ukuba ngumbusi wabo, **12** bonke babuyela elizweni

lakoJuda, kuGedaliya eMizipha, bevela kuwo wonke amazwe ababehlakazekele kuwo. Bavuna iwayini elinengi lezithelo zasehlobo. **13** UJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilokhu zisegangeni, baya kuGedaliya eMizipha **14** bathi kuye, "Kawazi na ukuthi uBhahalisi inkosi yama-Amoni usethume u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya ukuba akubulale?" Kodwa uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami kakukholwanga lokho. **15** UJohanani indodana kaKhareya wasekhuluma ngasese loGedaliya eMizipha esithi, "Yekela ngihambe ngiyebulala u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, kakho ozakwazi lokho. Kungani kumele akubulale enze ukuba abakoJuda bonke ababuthene kuwe bahlakazeke, lensalela yakoJuda ibhubhe na?" **16** Kodwa uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami wathi kuJohanani indodana kaKhareya, "Ungenzi into enjalo. Lokhu okutshoyo ngo-Ishumayeli akusiqiniso."

41 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, indodana ka-Elishama, owayeyinzalo yesikhosini, njalo owayengomunye wezikhulu zenkosi, waya kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami eMizipha **2** lamadodana kaNethaniya lamadoda alitshumi ayelaye basukuma bamgwaza ngenkemba uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, bambulala lowo owayebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba ngumbusi welizwe. **3** U-Ishumayeli wabulala lamaJuda wonke ayeloGedaliya eMizipha kanye lamabutho amaKhaladiya ayelapho. **4** Ngosuku olwalandela ukubulawa kukaGedaliya, kungakabi lamuntu owayesesazi ngakho, **5** kwafika amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili

evela eShekhemu, leShilo leSamariya ayephuce indevu zawo izigqoko zawo zidabukile njalo ezisike imizimba, elethe iminikelo yamabele lempepha endlini kaThixo. **6** U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasuka eMizipha ukuyawahlangabeza; wahamba ekhala. Ekuhlanganeni kwakhe labo wathi, "Wozani kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami." **7** Kwathi sebengene phakathi kwedolobho u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya kanye lamadoda ayelaye, bawabulala bawaphosela emgodini. **8** Kodwa alitshumi awo athi ku-Ishumayeli, "Ungasibulali! Silengqoloyi lebhali, lamafutha loluju, esikufihle egangeni." Ngakho wawayekela kaze awabulala lamanye. **9** Umgodi ayephosele kuwo zonke izidumbu zamadoda ayewabulele kanye loGedaliya ngowawenziwe yinkosi u-Asa kuyingxenye yokuzivikela kwakhe kuBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli. U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawugcwalisa ngezidumbu. **10** U-Ishumayeli wabenza baba yizigqili bonke abantu ababeseMizipha kubalisa amadodakazi enkosi kanye labanye bonke ababetshiywe khona nguNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, owayebeke uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami ukuba ngumbusi wabo. U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wabathumba, wasuka ukuba achaphele kuma-Amoni. **11** Kwathi uJohanani indodana kaKhareya kanye lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye sebezwe konke okubi okwakwenziwe ngu-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, **12** bathatha bonke abantu babo bayakulwa lo-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya. Bamfica phansi kwechibi elikhulu eGibhiyoni. **13** Kwathi abantu bonke

ababelo-Ishumayeli bebona uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zebutho ezazilaye, bathaba. **14** Bonke abantu u-Ishumayeli ayebathumbe eMizipha baphenduka baya kuJohanani indodana kaKhareya. **15** Kodwa u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya labantu bakhe abayisificaminwembili baphunyuka kuJohanani babalekela kuma-Amoni. **16** Emva kwalokho uJohanani indodana kaKhareya, lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye, wathatha bonke abasilayo ababevele eMizipha ayebahlenge ku-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya emva kokubulala kwakhe uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami. Kwakungamabutho, labesifazane, labantwana kanye lezikhulu zasemthethwandaba ayezithethe eGibhiyoni. **17** Baqhubeka bahamba, bayakuma eGeruthi Khimihami eduze leBhethilehema, besiya eGibhithe **18** ukuba babalekele amaKhaladiya. Babewesaba ngoba u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wayebulele uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami owayebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba abe ngumbusi welizwe.

42 Zonke izikhulu zebutho, kanye loJohanani indodana kaKhareya loJezaniya indodana kaHoshayiya, labantu bonke kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu baya **2** kuJeremiya umphrofethi bathi kuye, “Ake uzwe isicelo sethu ubakhulekele bonke laba abaseleyo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngoba njengoba lawe uzibonela khathesi, lanxa sake saba banengi khathesi kusele abalutshwana kuphela. **3** Khuleka ukuba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho asitshele lapho okumele siye khona lalokho okumele sikwenze.” **4** UJeremiya

umphrofethi waphendula wathi, “Ngizwile. Ngizakhuleka impela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njengoba licelile; ngizalitshela konke uThixo akutshoyo ngingalifihleli lutho.” **5** Basebesithi kuJeremiya, “UThixo kabe ngufakazi wethu oqotho lothembekileyo nxa singenzi okuvumelana lakho konke uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akuthuma ukuba usitshele khona. **6** Lanxa kukuhle kumbe kukubi sizamlalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu esikuthuma kuye, ukuze kusilungele, ngoba sizamlalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.” **7** Emva kwensuku ezilitshumi ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJeremiya. **8** Ngakho wabiza uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye kanye labantu bonke kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu. **9** Wathi kubo, “UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, elingithume ukuba ngiyekwethula isicelo senu kuye, uthi: **10** ‘Lingahlala kulelilizwe ngizalakha, ngingalibhidlizi, ngizalihlanyela ngingalisiphuni, ngoba ngilusizi ngomonakalo engawenza kini. **11** Lingayesabi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, eliyesabayo khathesi. Lingayesabi, kutsho uThixo, ngoba ngilani njalo ngizalihlenga ngilikhulule ezandleni zayo. **12** Ngizakuba lesihawu kini ukuze layo ibe lesihawu kini ilibuyisele elizweni lakini.’ **13** Kodwa lina lingathi, ‘Kasiyikuhlala kulelizwe,’ ngalokho lingalaleli uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, **14** njalo nxa lisithi, ‘Hatshi, thina sizakuyahlala eGibhithe lapho esingayikubona khona impi loba sizwe icilongo kumbe silambele ukudla, **15** zwanini-ke ilizwi likaThixo, lina abasele koJuda.’ UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: ‘Nxa

liphitshekela ukuya eGibhithe njalo lihambe ukuyahlala khona, **16** lapho-ke inkemba eliyesabayo izalifica khona, lendlala eliyesabayo izalilandela eGibhithe, njalo lizafela khonale. **17** Ngempela bonke abaphitshekela ukuya eGibhithe ukuba bahlale khona bazakufa ngenkemba, indlala lesifo; kakho lamunye wabo ozasinda loba aphephe kumonakalo engizabehlisela wona.' **18** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi, 'Njengalokhu ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka lwami kwehliselwa phezu kwabantu abahlala eJerusalema, ngokunjalo ulaka lwami luzakwehliselwa phezu kwenu lapho lisiya eGibhithe. Lizakuba yinto yokuthukwa lokwesatshwa, ukulahlwa lokuhlekwa; indawo le kaliyikuyibona futhi.' **19** Lina abasele koJuda, uThixo ulitshelile wathi, 'Lingayi eGibhithe.' Wobani leqiniso lalokhu ukuthi: Ngiyalixwayisa lamuhla **20** ukuthi lenza iphutha elikhulu kakhulu ngokungithuma kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lisithi, 'Sikhulekele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu; usitshele konke akutshoyo sizakwenza.' **21** Sengilitshelile lamuhla, kodwa lilokhu lingalaleli lokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu angithume ukuthi ngilitshele khona. **22** Ngakho khathesi wobani leqiniso ukuthi lizakufa ngenkemba, indlala lesifo endaweni elifuna ukuyahlala kuyo."

43 Kwathi uJeremiya eseqedile ukutshela abantu wonke amazwi kaThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, konke uThixo ayemthume ukuthi abatshele khona, **2** u-Azariya indodana kaHoshayiya, loJohanani indodana kaKhareya labo bonke abantu abazigqajayo bathi kuJeremiya, "Uqamba amanga! UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kakuthumanga

ukuba uthi, ‘Akumelanga liye eGibhithe ukuyahlala khona.’ **3** Kodwa uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya uyakutshotshozela ukuba usinikele kumaKhaladiya ukuba asibulale kumbe asise ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni.” **4** Ngakho uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lazozonke izikhulu zebutho kanye labantu bonke kabalilalelanga ilizwi likaThixo lokuthi bahlale elizweni lakoJuda. **5** Esikhundleni salokho, uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho bathatha bonke ababesele koJuda ababebuyele koJuda ukuyahlala khona bevela ezizweni zonke ababekade behlakazelwe kuzo. **6** Bathatha lamadoda wonke, labesifazane bonke kanye labantwana bonke, lamadodakazi enkosi lawo uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi ayewatshiye loGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, loJeremiya umphrofethi kanye loBharukhi indodana kaNeriya. **7** Ngakho bangena eGibhithe bedelela uThixo, bahamba baze bayafika eThahiphanesi. **8** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJeremiya eThahiphanesi lisithi, **9** “Thatha amatshe amakhulu uwagqibele enhlabathini endaweni egandelwe ngezitina, amaJuda bekhangele, esangweni lesigodlo sikaFaro eThahiphanesi, **10** uthi kubo, ‘UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizabiza inceku yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, njalo ngizabeka isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwamatshe la engiwambele lapha; uzakwendlala ithente lakhe lobukhosi phezu kwawo. **11** Uzakuza ahlasele iGibhithe, alethe ukufa kulabo abamiselwe ukufa, lokuthunjwa kulabo abamiselwe ukuthunjwa,

lenkemba kulabo abamiselwe inkemba. **12** Uzawathungela
ngomlilo amathempeli abonkulunkulu bamaGibhithe;
uzawatshisa amathempeli abo athumbe labonkulunkulu
bawo. Njengomelusi ezithandela ngesembatho sakhe,
ngokunjalo laye uzazithandela ngeGibhithe asuke khona
engalimalanga. **13** Khonale eGibhithe, ethempelini
lelanga, uzadiliza izinsika ezikhonzwayo njalo uzatshisa
amathempeli abonkulunkulu beGibhithe.'"

44 Ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya limayelana lamaJuda
ayehlala eGibhithe, eMigidoli, leThahiphanesi leMemfisi,
lasePhathrosi lisithi, **2** "UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli uthi: Liwubonile umonakalo omkhulu
engawehlisela phezu kweJerusalema laphezu
kwamadolobho wonke akoJuda. Lamhlanje kawahlali
muntu njalo angamanxiwa **3** ngenxa yobubi ababenzayo.
Bangithukuthelisa ngokukhonza langokutshisela
impepha abanye onkulunkulu abangabaziyo bona, lani
kanye labokhokho benu. **4** Ngathuma izinceku zami,
abaphrofethi, njalonjalo ezathi, 'Lingayenzi into le
enengisayo engiyizondayo!' **5** Kodwa kabalalelanga njalo
kabanakanga; kabaphendukanga ebubini babo kumbe
bayekele ukutshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha. **6**
Ngakho ulaka lwami olwesabekayo lwaphuphuma;
lwavutha emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni
yaseJerusalema, lwakwenza kwaba ngamanxiwa
achithekileyo ayikho lamhlanje. **7** Khathesi uThixo
uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi:
Kungani lizilethela umonakalo omkhulu kangaka
ngokususa koJuda amadoda labafazi, abantwana lensane,

ngalokho lingazitshiyeli lensalela na? **8** Kungani
lingithukuthelisa ngokwenziwa yizandla zenu, litshisela
abanye onkulunkulu impepha eGibhithe, lapho
eselayahlala khona? Lizazibhubhisa lina ngokwenu
lizenze into yokuthukwa lokuhlekwa phakathi kwezizwe
zonke emhlabeni. **9** Selibukhohliwe yini ububi obenziwa
ngokhokho benu lobubi obenziwa ngamakhosi
lamakhosikazi akoJuda, lobubi obenziwa yini labomkenu
elizweni lakoJuda, lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema? **10**
Kuze kube lamhla kabazithobanga kumbe batshengise
ukuhlonipha, kumbe balandele imithetho yami lezimiso
engalibekela zona lina labokhokho benu. **11** Ngakho
uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi:
Ngizimisele ukulehlisela umonakalo ngibhubhise loJuda
wonke. **12** Ngizathatha abaseleyo koJuda ababezimisele
ukuya eGibhithe; ukuba bahlale khona. Bonke
bazabhubha eGibhithe; bazabulawa ngenkemba loba
babulawe yindlala. Bazabulawa yinkemba loba indlala
kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu. Bazakuba yinto
yokuqalekiswa lokwesaba, eyokulahlwa lokuthukwa. **13**
Abahlala eGibhithe ngizabajezisa ngenkemba, ngendlala
langesifo, njengokujezisa engakwenza iJerusalema. **14**
Kakho owensalela yakoJuda owayahlala eGibhithe
ozaphunyuka kumbe aphephe ukuba abuyele elizweni
lakoJuda asebefisa ukubuyela bayehlala kulo, kakho
ozabuyela ngaphandle kweziphepheli ezilutshwane." **15**
Lapho-ke wonke amadoda ayekwazi ukuthi omkawo
babetshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, kanye
labesifazane bonke ababekhona, ixuku elikhulu, labantu

bonke ababehlala ePhathrosi elizweni laseGibhithe, bathi kuJeremiya: **16** "Thina kasiyikulilalela ilizwi olikhulume kithi ngebizo likaThixo! **17** Impela sizakwenza konke esathi sizakwenza: Impepha sizayitshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini siyithululele leminikelo yokunathwayo njengalokhu esakwenzayo thina labobaba, amakhosi ethu kanye lezikhulu zakithi emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema. Ngalesosikhathi sasilokudla okunengi, sinothile kungekho okubi. **18** Kodwa selokhu sayekela ukutshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo, kasisabanga lalutho njalo sesilokhu sisifa ngenkemba langendlala." **19** Abesifazane bengeza bathi, "Ngesikhathi sitshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha, siyithululela leminikelo yokunathwa, omkethu babengakwazi na ukuthi sasisenza amakhekhe anjengesithombe sayo, siyithululela leminikelo yokunathwayo?" **20** UJeremiya wasesithi ebantwini bonke, abesilisa labesifazane, ababemphendula, **21** "UThixo kakhumbulanga wanakana ngempepha elayitshisela emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema lina laboyihlo, lamakhosi enu, lezikhulu zakini kanye labantu belizweni na? **22** Kwathi uThixo engaselakho ukubekezelela izenzo zenu ezimbi lezinto ezinengisayo elazenzayo, ilizwe lenu laba yinto yokuqalekiswa logwadule oluphundlekileyo olungahlali muntu njengoba kunjalo lanamhla. **23** Umonakalo lo wehlele kini njengoba liwubona khathesi ngoba litshise impepha lenza okubi kuThixo njalo kalaze lamlalela loba

lilandele umthetho wakhe kumbe imithetho yakhe loba izimiso zakhe." **24** UJeremiya wasesithi ebantwini bonke, kubalwa labesifazane, "Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lonke lina bantu bakoJuda abaseGibhithe. **25** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Lina labomkenu selitshengisile ngezenzo zenu elathembisa ukukwenza lapho lathi, 'Impela sizagcwalisa izifungo zethu esazenzayo zokutshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha kanye lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo.' Ngakho qhubekani, yenzani elakuthembisayo. Gcwalisani izifungo zenu. **26** Kodwa zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lonke lina baJuda abahlala eGibhithe elithi: 'Ngifunga ngebizo lami elidumileyo,' kutsho uThixo, 'ukuthi kakho ovela koJuda ohlala loba kungaphi eGibhithe ozabiza ibizo lami kumbe afunge esithi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo Wobukhosi ekhona." **27** Ngoba ngilindele ukubenza okubi, hatshi okuhle. AmaJuda aseGibhithe azabhujiswa yinkemba lendlala aze aphele wonke. **28** Labo abazaphepha enkembeni babuyele elizweni lakoJuda bevela eGibhithe bazakuba balutshwana. Lapho-ke bonke abayinsalela yakoJuda abayahlala eGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi ilizwi elizakuma ngelikabani, elami kumbe elabo. **29** Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini sokuthi ngizalijezisa kuyonale indawo,' kutsho uThixo, 'ukuze lazi ukuthi okubi engalisongela ngakho kuzakwenzakala.' **30** UThixo uthi: 'Ngizanikela uFaro Hofira inkosi yaseGibhithe ezitheni zakhe ezifuna ukumbulala, njengalokhu nganikela uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda

kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, isitha sakhe esasifuna ukumbulala.'"

45 Lokhu yikho uJeremiya umphrofethi akutshela uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, emva kokuba uBharukhi elobe emqulwini amazwi ayekhulunywe nguJeremiya esithi, **2** "UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi kuwe, Bharukhi: **3** Wena wathi, 'Maye mina! UThixo usengezelele usizi ebuhlungwini bami; sengikhathele ngokububula njalo kangikutholi ukuphumula.' **4** UThixo wathi, Khuluma lokhu kuye uthi: 'UThixo uthi: Ngizadiliza esengikwakhile ngiphinde ngisiphune esengikuhlanyele elizweni lonke. **5** Lapho-ke uzazifunela izinto ezinkulu na? Ungazidingi, ngoba ngizaletha umonakalo ebantwini bonke, kutsho uThixo, kodwa wena loba kungaphi oya khona ngizakwenza uphephe lokuphila kwakho.'"

46 Leli yilizwi likaThixo elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana lezizwe: **2** Mayelana leGibhithe: Leli yilizwi elimayelana lebutho likaFaro Nekho inkosi yaseGibhithe, elanqotshwayo eKharikhemishi emfuleni iYufrathe nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda: **3** "Lungisani amahawu enu, amakhulu lamancane, liphume liye empini. **4** Bophani amabhiza, liwagade! Manini ezindaweni zenu lilezingowane zenu! Lolani imikhonto yenu, ligqoke impahla zempi! **5** Kuyini engikubonayo? Bayesaba, bahlehlela emuva, amabutho abo ehlulwe. Abaleka ngesiqubu anganyemukuli, njalo

kulokwesaba izindawo zonke," kutsho uThixo. **6** "Olejubane kasoze abaleke kumbe olamandla aphephe. Ngasenyakatho, emfuleni iYufrathe bayakhubeka bawe. **7** Ngubani lo ophakama njengeNayili, njengemifula elamanzi agubhazelayo na? **8** IGibhithe liphakama njengeNayili, njengemifula elamanzi agubhazelayo. Lithi: 'Ngizaphakama ngembese umhlaba; ngizachitha amadolobho labantu bawo.' **9** Hlaselani, lina mabhiza! Qhubekani ngentukuthelo, lina zinqola zempi! Yanini phambili, lina mabutho, madoda aseKhushi lawePhuthi, aphatha amahawu, madoda aseLudi agoba idandili. **10** Kodwa usuku lolo ngolweNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, usuku lokuphindisela, olokuphindisela ezitheni zakhe. Inkemba izakudla ize isuthe, ize icitshe ukoma kwayo ngegazi. Ngoba iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla uzanikela umhlatshelo elizweni lasenyakatho ngasemfuleni iYufrathe. **11** Yana eGiliyadi uyethatha umuthi wokwelapha, wena Ndodakazi egcweleyo yaseGibhithe. Kodwa imithi uyandisela ize; akukho kusila kuwe. **12** Izizwe zizakuzwa ngehlazo lakho; ukukhala kwakho kuzagcwala umhlaba. Elinye ibutho lizakhubeka kwelinye; womabili azawela phansi ndawonye." **13** Leli yilizwi uThixo alikhuluma kuJeremiya umphrofethi ngokuza kukaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba ahlasele iGibhithe: **14** "Memezelani lokhu eGibhithe, likubike laseMigidoli; kumemezeleni njalo laseMemfisi laseThahiphanesi lithi: 'Manini ezindaweni zenu lilunge, ngoba inkemba idla abakhelene lani.' **15** Amabutho enu azabulawelwani na? Angeke ame, ngoba uThixo

uzawalahlela phansi. **16** Azakhubeka kokuphela;
azakuwa elekane. Azakuthi, ‘Vukani, kasibuyeleni emuva
ebantwini bakithi lasemazweni akithi, kude kwenkemba
yomncindezeli.’ **17** Khonale bazamemeza bathi, ‘UFaro
inkosi yaseGibhithe ingumsindo omkhulu nje kuphela;
uselahlekelwe lithuba lakhe.’ **18** Ngeqiniso elinjengokuthi
ngikhona,” kutsho iNkosi, obizo layo nguThixo
uSomandla, “kuzafika omunye onjengoThabhori phakathi
kwezintaba, njengoKhameli ngasolwandle. **19** Lungisani
impahla zekuthunjweni, lina abahlala eGibhithe, ngoba
iMemfisi izadilizwa ibe lunxiwa olungahlali muntu.
20 IGibhithe ilithokazi elihle, kodwa isibawu siyeza
silisongela sivela enyakatho. **21** Amabutho okuqatshwa
aphakathi kwalo anjengamathole anonisiweyo. Lawo
azaphenduka abaleke endawonye, kawayikuma, ngoba
usuku lomonakalo luyeza phezu kwabo, isikhathi sabo
sokujeziswa. **22** IGibhithe izakhwaza njengenyoka
ebalekayo lapho isitha sisondela ngobunengi baso;
sizayihlasela ngamahloka okwabantu abagamula izihlahla.
23 Sizagamula amahlathi ayo,” kutsho uThixo, “lanxa
eminyene kanjani. Banengi kulentethe, ngeke babalwe. **24**
Indodakazi yaseGibhithe izayangiswa, inikelwe ebantwini
basenyakatho.” **25** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu
ka-Israyeli uthi: “Sekuseduze ukuba ngijezise u-Amoni
unkulunkulu waseThebesi, loFaro, leGibhithe kanye
labonkulunkulu balo lamakhosi alo, lalabo abathembe
uFaro. **26** Ngizabanikela kulabo abafuna ukubabulala,
kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lezikhulu
zakhe. Kodwa muva, iGibhithe lizahlalwa ngabantu

futhi njengasezinsukwini zakudala," kutsho uThixo. **27** "Ungesabi, wena Jakhobe nceku yami; ungathuthumeli, wena Israyeli. Impela ngizakukhulula endaweni ekude, lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo. UJakhobe uzakuba lokuthula futhi kanye lokuvikeleka, njalo kakho ozamthuthumelisa. **28** Ungesabi wena Jakhobe nceku yami ngoba ngilawe," kutsho uThixo. "Lanxa ngizachitha ngokupheleleyo izizwe zonke engakuhlakazela kuzo, wena angiyikukuchitha ngokupheleleyo. Ngizakujezisa kodwa ngokufaneleyo kuphela; angiyikukuyekela nje ungajeziswanga."

47 Leli yilizwi likaThixo elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana lamaFilistiya ngesikhathi uFaro engakahlaseli iGaza: **2** UThixo uthi: "Khangela ukuphakama kwamanzi enyakatho; azakuba ngumfula okhukhulayo. Azakhukhula ilizwe lakho konke okukulo, amadolobho lalabo abahlala kuwo. Abantu bazakhala, bonke abahlala elizweni bazalila **3** ekuzweni umsindo wamasondo amabhiza agijimayo, lekuzweni umsindo wezinqola zesitha lomdumo wamasondo azo. Oyise kabayikuphenduka ukuba basize abantwababo; izandla zabo zizalenga zingelamandla. **4** Ngoba usuku selufikile ukuba abhujiswe wonke amaFilistiya, lokuqeda bonke abasilayo abangasiza iThire leSidoni. Sekuseduze ukuba uThixo abhubhise amaFilistiya, insalela emakhunjini eKhafithori. **5** IGaza izaphuca ikhanda layo ilila; i-Ashikheloni izathuliswa. Lina nsalela esemagcekeni, lizazisika kuze kube nini na? **6** Likhala lisithi, 'Maye, nkemba kaThixo, koba nini ukuze uphumule? Buyela emgodleni wakho; khawuka

ungathi nyiki.’ **7** Kodwa ingaphumula njani yona ilaywe
nguThixo, ithunywe nguye ukuba ihlasele i-Ashikheloni
lamakhumbi olwandle na?”
48 Mayelana leMowabi: UThixo uSomandla,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: “Maye kuyo iNebho ngoba
izachithwa. IKhiriyathayimi izayangeka njalo
ithunjwe; inqaba izayangeka ibhidlizwe. **2** IMowabi
kayiyikudunyiswa futhi; eHeshibhoni abantu bazaceba
ukumbhidliza: besithi, ‘Wozani sitshabalalise isizwe
lesiyana.’ Lawe, wena Madimeni uzathuliswa; inkemba
izaxotshana lawe. **3** Zwanini ukukhala okuvela
eHoronayimi; ukukhala komonakalo omkhulu
lencithakalo. **4** IMowabi izachitheka; abancinyane bayo
bazakhala. **5** Baqansa ngendlela eya eLuhithi, bahamba
belila kabuhlungu, emgwaqweni owehlela eHoronayimi,
kuzwakala ukukhala okulosizi ngenxa yokuchitheka. **6**
Balekani! Gijimani lizivikele ekufeni; wobani
njengesihlahla enkangala. **7** Njengoba lithembe izenzo
zenu lenotho yenu, lani futhi lizathunjwa, loKhemoshi
uzakuya ekuthunjweni, kanye labaphristi bakhe
lezikhulu zakhe. **8** Umchithi uzafika emadolobheni
wonke, njalo akukho dolobho elizaphepha. Isigodi
sizatshabalaliswa, lamagceke azaqothulwa ngoba uThixo
usekhulumile. **9** Fakani itswayi kuyo iMowabi ngoba
izachitheka; amadolobho ayo azakuba ngamanxiwa
angayikuba lamuntu ozahlala kuwo. **10** Yeka isithuko
kulowo oyekethisayo ekwenzeni umsebenzi kaThixo!
Yeka isithuko kulowo ogodla inkemba yakhe ekuchitheni
igazi! **11** IMowabi ibiphumule kusukela ebutsheni bayo

njengewayini elisele phezu kwezinsipho zalo, elingathelwanga kwenye imbiza lisuswa kwenye kayithunjwanga. Ngakho inambitheka njengakuqala, iphunga layo kaliguqukanga. **12** Kodwa insuku ziyeza, lapho ngizathuma abantu abathulula okusembizeni, njalo bazayithululela phandle; bazachitha okusezimbizeni zayo bazimahlaze imbiza zayo. **13** Lapho-ke iMowabi izayangeka ngoKhemoshi njengokuyangeka kwendlu ka-Israyeli lapho babethembe iBhetheli. **14** Lingatsho kanjani na ukuthi, 'Singamabutho, amadoda alesibindi empini na'? **15** IMowabi izachithwa, amadolobho ayo ahlaselwe; amajaha ayo aqinileyo azacakazelwa phansi abulawe," kutsho iNkosi, obizo layo nguThixo uSomandla. **16** "Ukuwa kweMowabi sekuseduze; umonakalo wayo uzafika ngokuphangisa. **17** Ikhaleleni lonke lina elakhelene layo, bonke abalwaziyo udumo lwayo, lithi, 'Yeka ukwephuka kwentonga yobukhosi elamandla, yeka ukwephuka kodondolo oluhle kakhulu!' **18** Yehlani ebukhosini benu lihlale emhlabathini owomileyo, lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseDibhoni. Ngoba lowo ochitha iMowabi uzakuzalihlasela adilize amadolobho enu avikelweyo. **19** Manini emgwaqweni lilinde, lina elihlala e-Aroweri. Buzani indoda ebalekayo lowesifazane obalekayo; babuzeni lithi, 'Kwenzakaleni na?' **20** IMowabi iyangekile, ngoba ichithekile. Lilani likhale! Bikani ngase-Arinoni ukuthi iMowabi itshabalalisiwe. **21** Ukwehlulela sekufikile emagcekeni eHoloni, leJahazi laseMefahathi, **22** eDibhoni, leNebho laseBhethi-Dibhilathayimi, **23** eKhiriyathayimi, leBhethi-

Gamuli laseBhethi Meyoni, **24** eKheriyothi kanye laseBhozira kuwo wonke amadolobho aseMowabi, aseduze lakhatshana. **25** Uphondo lweMowabi luqunyiwe, ingalo yalo yephuliwe," kutsho uThixo. **26** "Idakiseni ngoba idelele uThixo. IMowabi kayizibhixe ngamahlanzo ayo; kayibe yinto yokuhlekwa. **27** U-Israyeli wayengasinto yokuhlekisa kuwe na? Watholakala ephakathi kwamasela na, ukuba unikine ikhanda lakho ngokweyisa ngasosonke isikhathi lapho ukhuluma ngaye? **28** Tshiyani amadolobho enu lihlale emadwaleni, lina elihlala eMowabi. Wobani njengejuba elakhela isidleke salo emlonyeni wobhalu. **29** Sizwile ngokuzigqaja kweMowabi, ukuziqakisa kwayo lokuzazisa kwayo! Ukuzigqaja lokuzikhukhumeza kwayo, kanye lokuziphakamisa kwenhliziyo yayo. **30** Ngiyakwazi ukudelela kwayo, kodwa kuyize, lokuzincoma kwayo akusizi lutho," kutsho uThixo **31** "Ngakho-ke ngiyalila ngeMowabi, ngikhalela iMowabi yonke, ngililela abantu baseKhiri-Haresethi. **32** Ngiyalikhalela njengokulila kweJazeri, lina zivini zaseSibhima. Ingatsha zenu zinaba zifike olwandle, zafika olwandle lwaseJazeri. Umchithi usehlele phezu kwezithelo zakho ezivuthiweyo laphezu kwamavini. **33** Ukuthokoza lokuthaba akusekho ezivinini lasemasimini eMowabi. Ukugeleza kwewayini ezikhamelweni sengikumisile; kakho ozalikhama eklabalala ngentokozo. Lanxa kulokuklabalala akusikuklabalala kwentokozo. **34** Umsindo wokukhala kwabo uyaphakama uvelela eHeshibhoni usiya e-Eliyale laseJahazi, uvela eZowari usiyafika eHoronayimi le-Egilathi Shelishiya, ngoba

lamanzi aseNimirimi asecitshile. **35** EMowabi ngizabaqeda labo abanikela iminikelo ezindaweni eziphakemeyo batshisele labonkulunkulu babo impepha," kutsho uThixo. **36** "Ngakho inhliziyo yami ikhalela iMowabi njengemfegwana; iyakhala njengemfegwana ikhalela abantu beKhiri-Haresethi. Inotho ababeyizuzile kayisekho. **37** Amakhanda wonke aphuciwe lezindevu zonke zigeliwe; izandla zonke zisikiwe lezinkalo zonke zigqokiswe amasaka. **38** Phezu kwezimpahla zonke zezindlu zaseMowabi lasemagcekeni kazulu, akulalutho ngaphandle kokukhala, ngoba iMowabi ngiyibulele njengembiza engafunwa muntu," kutsho uThixo. **39** "Yeka ukuphahlazwa kwayo! Yeka ukulila kwabo! Yeka ukufulathela kweMowabi ilehlazo! IMowabi isibe yinto yokuhlekwa; into yokwesatshwa yibo bonke abakhelane layo." **40** UThixo uthi: "Khangela! Ukhozi lwehlela phansi ngesiqubu, lwelulele impiko zalo phezu kweMowabi. **41** IKheriyothi izathunjwa, lezinqaba zithunjwe. Ngalolosuku inhliziyo zamabutho aseMowabi zizakuba njengenhliziyo yowesifazane ohelelwayo. **42** IMowabi izachithwa ingabe isaba yisizwe ngoba yadelela uThixo. **43** Ukwesaba lomgodi kanye lomjibila kulilindele lina bantu baseMowabi," kutsho uThixo. **44** "Loba ngubani obalekela ukwesaba uzawela emgodini, loba ngubani ophuma emgodini uzabanjwa ngumjibila; ngoba ngizakwehlisela phezu kweMowabi umnyaka wokujeziswa kwayo," kutsho uThixo. **45** "Emthunzini waseHeshibhoni ababalekayo bayema kungelasizo, ngoba umlilo usuphumile eHeshibhoni, ilangabi elivela

phakathi kwakoSihoni; litshisa amabunzi eMowabi inkakhayi zamaqhalaqhala alomsindo. **46** Maye kuwe! wena Mowabi! Abantu baseKhemoshi babhujisiwe; amadodana athunjiwe lamadodakazi akho athunjiwe. **47** Kodwa inhlanhla ye-Mowabi ngizayibuyisela ensukwini ezizayo," kutsho uThixo. Ukwahlulelwa kweMowabi kuphelela lapha.

49 Mayelana lama-Amoni: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: "U-Israyeli kalamadodana na? Kalandlalifa na? Pho kungani uMoleki esethumbe iGadi na? Kungani abantu bakhe behlala emadolobheni alo na? **2** Kodwa insuku ziyeza, lapho engizahlaba khona umkhosi wempi wokumelana leRabha yama-Amoni, izakuba yindunduma yonxiwa; lemizi eseduze layo izathungelwa ngomlilo. Ngakho u-Israyeli uzabaxotsha labo ababemxotshele phandle," kutsho uThixo. **3** "Lila weHeshibhoni, ngoba i-Ayi ichithekile! Khalani lina elihlala eRabha! Gqokani amasaka lilile; gijimelani lapha lalaphaya phakathi kwemiduli, ngoba uMoleki uzathunjwa, ndawonye labaphristi bakhe kanye lezikhulu zakhe. **4** Lizincomelani ngezigodi zenu, lizincomelani ngezigodi ezithela kangaka? Wena ndodakazi engathembekanga, uthemba inotho yakho uthi, 'Ngubani ozangihlasela na?' **5** Ngizalilethela ukwesaba okuvela kubo bonke abaseduze lani," kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla. "Lonke lizaxotshelwa khatshana, njalo kakho ozaqoqa ababalekayo. **6** Kodwa emva kwalokho ngizabuyisela inhlanhla yama-Amoni," kutsho uThixo. **7** Mayelana le-Edomi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: "Kakuselakuhlakanipha eThemani

na? Izeluleko sezaphela na kwabahlakaniphileyo? Ukuhlakanipha kwabo sekwabola na? **8** Phendukani libaleke, licatshe ezimbalwini ezitshonayo, lina elihlala eDedani, ngoba ngizaletha umonakalo phezu kuka-Esawu ngesikhathi engizamjezisa ngaso. **9** Nxa abavuni bamavini befike kuwe, kabangeke batshiye amalutshwana na? Nxa amasela efika ebusuku kabayikuntshontsha lokho okwanele abakufunayo kuphela na? **10** Kodwa u-Esawu ngizamhlubula asale eze; ngizakwembula izindawo zakhe zokucatsha, ukuze angacatshi. Amabutho akhe ahlomileyo azabhubha kanye labomakhelwane bakhe labahlanganyela laye, angabikhona khona ozakuthi, **11** 'Tshiya izintandane zakho; ngizavikela impilo yazo labafelokazi bakho bangathemba kimi.'" **12** UThixo uthi: "Nxa labo abangafanelanga ukunatha inkezo kumele bayinathe, kungani wena ungeze wajeziswa na? Kawuyikuphutha ukujeziswa, kumele uyinathe. **13** Ngifunga ngami, ukuthi iBhozira izakuba lunxiwa lento yokwesatshwa, eyokuthukwa lokuqalekiswa, njalo wonke amadolobho ayo azakuba ngamanxiwa nini lanini," kutsho uThixo. **14** Sengizwe ilizwi elivela kuThixo: Kuthunywe isithunywa ezizweni ukuba sithi, "Buthanani ukuba liyihlasele! Vukani lilwe impi!" **15** "Khathesi ngizakwenza ube mncane phakathi kwezizwe, udeleleke ebantwini. **16** Ukuthuthumela okungabangwa nguwe, lokuzigqaja kwenhliziyo yakho kukukhohlisile, wena ohlala eminkenkeni yamadwala, wena ohlala ezingqongeni zoqaqa. Lanxa usakhela isidleke sakho phezulu njengengqungqulu, ukhonapho

ngizakwehlisela phansi," kutsho uThixo. **17** "I-Edomi
izakuba yinto yokwesatshwa, bonke abadlula khona
bazathuthumela baklolode ngenxa yamanxeba ayo
wonke. **18** Njengokuchitheka kweSodoma leGomora,
kanye lamadolobho awo ayeseduze, ngakho kakho
ozahlala kuyo, kakho ozabuye ahlale khona" kutsho
uThixo. **19** "Njengesilwane siphuma emahlathini aseJodani
sisiya emadlelweni amahle, i-Edomi ngizayixotsha
elizweni layo ngesikhatshana. Ngubani okhethiweyo
engizamkhethela lokhu na? Ngubani onjengami, ngubani
ongamelana lami na? Njalo nguphi umelusi ongajamelana
lami na?" **20** Ngakho, zwanini lokho uThixo asecebe
ukukwenza nge-Edomi, asemise ukukwenza kulabo
abahlala eThemani: Amazinyane omhlambi azadonselwa
le; amadlelo awo uzawatshabalalisa ngokupheleleyo
ngenxa yabo. **21** Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wokuwa kwabo
umhlaba uzagedezela, ukukhala kwabo kuzazwakala
eLwandle oluBomvu. **22** Khangelani! Ingqungqulu
izaqonga iphinde yehlele phansi, yelulele impiko zayo
phezu kweBhozira. Ngalolosuku inhliziyo zamabutho ase-
Edomi zizakuba njengenhliziyo yowesifazane ohelelwayo.
23 Mayelana leDamaseko: "IHamathi le-Ariphadi
athithibele, ngoba azwe izindaba ezimbi. Adanile,
akhathazeke njengolwandle olungela kuphumula. **24**
IDamaseko isibe buthakathaka, isiphendukile ukuba
ibaleke, isiphethwe layikuphaphazela; ibanjwe lusizi
lobuhlungu, ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo.
25 Kungani idolobho lodumo lingadelwanga, idolobho
engithokoza ngalo na? **26** Ngeqiniso izinsizwa zayo

zizakuwa emgwaqweni; amabutho ayo wonke azathuliswa ngalolosuku," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **27** "Imiduli yaseDamaseko ngizayithungela ngomlilo; uzaqothula izinqaba zaseBheni-Hadadi." **28** Mayelana leKhedari lemibuso yaseHazori, eyahlaselwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni: UThixo uthi: "Vuka uhlasele iKhedari ubhubhise labantu baseMpumalanga. **29** Amathente abo lemihlambi yabo kuzathunjwa; amakhetheni abo azathathwa layo yonke impahla yabo kanye lamakamela abo. Abantu bazaklabalala besithi kubo, 'Ukwesaba enhlangothini zonke!' **30** Balekani ngokuphangisa! Hlalani ezimbalwini ezitshonayo, lina elihlala eHazori," kutsho uThixo. "UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni usecebe icebo ngani, usebumbe icebo ngani. **31** Vukani lihlasele isizwe esizinzileyo, esihlezi ngethemba," kutsho uThixo, "isizwe esingelawo amasango kumbe imigoqo; abantu baso bahlala bodwa. **32** Amakamela aso azakuba yimpango, lemihlambi yabo emikhulu izakuba yimpango. Ngizabahlakazela emoyeni labo abasezindaweni ezikude njalo ngizaletha umonakalo kubo uvelela enhlangothini zonke," kutsho uThixo. **33** "IHazori izakuba yisikhundla samakhanka, indawo echithekileyo nini lanini. Kakho ozahlala khona, akulamuntu ozahlala kuyo." **34** Leli yilizwi likaThixo elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana le-Elamu, ekuqaleni kombuso kaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, elathi: **35** UThixo uSomandla uthi: "Khangela, idandili le-Elamu ngizalephula, insika yamandla abo. **36** Ngizalethela i-Elamu imimoya emine ezavela emagumbini amane

amazulu, ngizabahlakazela emimoyeni emine, njalo akuyikuba lesizwe abathunjwe e-Elamu abangayikuya kuso. **37** I-Elamu ngizayibhidliza phambi kwezitha zayo, phambi kwalabo abafuna ukubabulala. Ngizakwehlisela umonakalo phezu kwabo kanye lolaka lwami oluvuthayo," kutsho uThixo. "Ngizabaxhuma ngenkemba ngize ngibaqede bonke. **38** Ngizabeka isihlalo sami sobukhosi e-Elamu ngichithe inkosi yayo lezikhulu zayo," kutsho uThixo. **39** "Kodwa inhlanhla ye-Elamu ngizayibuyisa ensukwini ezizayo," kutsho uThixo.

50 Leli yilizwi uThixo alikhuluma ngoJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana leBhabhiloni lelizwe lamaKhaladiya: **2** "Memezelani libike phakathi kwezizwe, phakamisani uphawu lilubike; lingafihli lutho, kodwa lithi, 'IBhabhiloni izathunjwa, iBheli izayangiswa, iMariduki ibe lokwesaba. Izifanekiso zayo zizayangiswa, izithombe zayo zibe lokwesaba.' **3** Isizwe esivela enyakatho sizayihlasela sitshabalalise ilizwe layo. Kakho ozahlala kuyo; abantu lezinyamazana kuzasuka kubaleke. **4** Ngalezonsuku, ngalesosikhathi, abantu bako-Israyeli ndawonye labantu bakoJuda bazahamba bekhala bedinga uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **5** Bazabuza indlela eya eZiyoni bakhangelise ubuso babo kuyo. Bazakuza bazibophele kuThixo ngesivumelwano esingapheliyo esingayikukhohlakala. **6** Abantu bami bebeyizimvu ezilahlekileyo, abelusi babo babebadukisile babenza bazulazula phezu kwezintaba. Bantula phezu kwezintaba laphezu kwamaqaqa bakhohlwa indawo yabo yokuphumula. **7** Loba ngubani owabatholayo wabadla;

izitha zabo zathi, ‘Kasilacala, ngoba benza okubi kuThixo, idlelo labo eliqotho, uThixo, ithemba laboyise.’ **8** Balekelani ngaphandle kweBhabhiloni; sukani elizweni lamaKhaladiya, libe njengembuzi ezikhokhela umhlambi. **9** Ngoba iBhabhiloni ngizayivusela umanyano lwezizwe ezinkulu ezivela elizweni lasenyakatho. Bazaviva ezindaweni zabo bamelane layo. Njalo izathunjwa kuvelelwa enyakatho. Imitshoko yabo izakuba njengamabutho alolwazi angaphenduki engelalutho. **10** Ngakho iBhabhiloni izaphangwa, bonke abayiphangayo bazasuthiseka,” kutsho uThixo. **11** “Njengoba lithokoza njalo lithabile, lizaphanga ilifa lami ngoba liyaqolotsha njengethokazi etshanini, njalo likhale njengamabhiza amaduna, **12** unyoko uzayangeka kakhulu, yena owalizalayo uzakuba lenhloni. Uzakuba ngowokucina phakathi kwezizwe, inkangala, ilizwe elomileyo, ugwadule. **13** Ngenxa yolaka lukaThixo kayiyikuhlalwa muntu kodwa izachithwa ngokupheleleyo. Bonke abadlula eBhabhiloni bazakwesaba baklolode ngenxa yamanxeba ayo wonke. **14** Vivani inhlangothi zonke zeBhabhiloni lonke lina eliphethe amadandili. Itshokeni! Lingatshiyi mitshoko ngoba yonile kuThixo. **15** Klabalalani kuyo ezinhlangothini zonke! Iyazinikela, imiphotshongo yayo iyawa, imiduli yayo idilikela phansi. Njengoba lokhu kuyikuphindisela kukaThixo, phindiselani kuyo iBhabhiloni; yenzani kuyo njengalokhu eyakwenza kwabanye. **16** Msuseni eBhabhiloni umhlanyeli, lomvuni lesikela yakhe ekuvuneni. Ngenxa yenkemba yomncindezeli, umuntu wonke kabuyele

ebantwini bakibo; umuntu wonke kabalekele elizweni lakibo. **17** U-Israyeli ungumhlambi ohlakazekileyo oxotshwe yizilwane. Owaqalayo ukumudla yinkosi yase-Asiriya; owacinayo ukuqhoba amathambo akhe nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni." **18** Ngakho uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: "Ngizayijezisa inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lelizwe layo njengoba ngajezisa inkosi yase-Asiriya. **19** Kodwa u-Israyeli ngizambuyisela edlelweni lakhe, uzakudla eKhameli kanye laseBhashani; inkanuko yakhe izasuthiswa emaqaqeni ako-Efrayimi kanye leGiliyadi. **20** Ngalezonsuku, ngalesosikhathi," kutsho uThixo, "ukona kuka-Israyeli kuzadingwa, kodwa akuyikuba khona; kudingwe lezono zikaJuda kodwa kasikho esizafunyanwa, ngoba insalela engiyitshiyayo ngizayithethelela. **21** Hlaselani ilizwe laseMerathayimi lalabo abahlala ePhekhodi. Xotshanani labo libabulale libaqede du," kutsho uThixo. "Yenzani konke engililaye khona. **22** Umsindo wempi uselizweni, umsindo wencithakalo enkulu! **23** Yeka ukwephuka lokucezuka kwesando somhlaba wonke! Yeka ukuchitheka kweBhabhiloni phakathi kwezizwe! **24** Ngakuthiya ngomjibila, wena Bhabhiloni, wabanjwa ungakakwazi lokho; waficwa wathunjwa, ngoba wamelana loThixo. **25** UThixo usevule indlu yakhe yezikhali wakhupha izikhali zolaka lwakhe, ngoba uThixo Wobukhosi, uSomandla ulomsebenzi okumele awenze elizweni lamaKhaladiya. **26** Wozani kuyo limelane layo livela kude. Fohlelani eziphaleni zayo; liyibuthelele njengezinqumbi zamabele. Ichitheni

okupheleleyo lingayitshiyeli nsalela. **27** Bulalani zonke
inkunzi zayo ezisesengamaguqa; ziwiseleni phansi
ekuhlatshweni! Maye kubo! Ngoba usuku lwabo
selufikile, isikhathi sabo sokujeziswa. **28** Lalelani
ababalekayo labaphephileyo abavela eBhabhiloni
bememezela eZiyoni ngokuphindisela uThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu asekwenzile, ukuphindisela ngenxa
yethempeli lakhe. **29** Bizani abemitshoko bahlasele
iBhabhiloni, bonke labo abaphatha amadandili. Ihanqeni
inxa zonke; kungabikhona ophunyukayo. Iphindiseleni
izenzo zayo; yenzani kuyo njengekwenzileyo. Ngoba
idelele uThixo, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **30** Ngakho izinsizwa
zayo zizakuwa emigwaqweni; ngalolosuku wonke
amabutho ayo azabulawa," kutsho uThixo. **31** "Khangela,
ngimelane lawe, wena oyisiqholo," kutsho uThixo,
uThixo uSomandla, "ngoba usuku lwakho selufikile,
isikhathi sokujeziswa kwakho. **32** Oyisiqholo uzakhubeka
awe, njalo kakho ozamsiza amvuse. Ngizabasa umlilo
emadolobheni akhe ozaqothula bonke abakhelene laye."
33 UThixo uSomandla uthi: "Abantu bako-Israyeli
bancindezelwe, kanye labantu bakoJuda futhi. Bonke
abathumbi babo babagagadlele, besala ukubadedela
bahambe. **34** Kodwa uMhlengi wabo ulamandla; uThixo
uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe. Uzavikela imfanelo zabo
ngamandla ukuze alethe ukuthula elizweni labo, kodwa
ukuxokozela kulabo abahlala eBhabhiloni. **35** Inkemba
imelana lamaKhaladiya," kutsho uThixo, "imelane lalabo
abahlala eBhabhiloni kanye lezikhulu zayo lezihlakaniphi
zayo! **36** Inkemba izamelana labaphrofethi balo bamanga!

Bazakuba yizithutha. Inkemba izamelana lamabutho ayo! Azakuba lokwesaba okukhulu. **37** Inkemba izamelana lamabhiza ayo lezinqola zempi labo bonke abezizweni abakuyo! Bazakuba ngabafazi. Inkemba izamelana lenotho yayo! Izaphangwa. **38** Kuzakuba lokoma kwamanzi ayo! Azacitsha. Ngoba yilizwe lezithombe, izithombe ezizahlanya ngenxa yokwesaba. **39** Ngakho izidalwa zasenkangala lezimpisi zizahlala khona, lesikhova sizahlala khona. Akusayikwakhiwa kuyo lanini kumbe kuhlalwe kuyo kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kusizukulwane. **40** Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu wachitha iSodoma leGomora ndawonye lamadolobho ayeseduzane lawo," kutsho uThixo, "ngokunjalo kakho ozahlala khona; akulamuntu ozahlala phakathi kwayo. **41** Khangelani! Ibutho liyeza livela enyakatho; isizwe esikhulu lamakhosi amanengi bayadungwa kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **42** Bahlome ngamadandili langemikhonto; balesihluku, kabalasihawu. Bezwakala njengolwandle oluhlokomayo lapho begade amabhiza abo; beza njengabantu abalungele impi ukuba bakuhlasele, wena Ndodakazi yaseBhabhiloni. **43** INkosi yaseBhabhiloni isiyizwile imibiko ngabo, njalo izandla zayo zilenga zingelamandla. Usizi seluyibambile, ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo. **44** Njengesilwane siphuma emahlathini aseJodani sisiya emadlelweni amahle, iBhabhiloni ngizayixotsha elizweni layo ngesikhatshana. Ngubani okhethiweyo engizamkhethela lokhu na? Ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongamelana lami? Njalo nguphi umelusi ongajamelana

lami na?” **45** Ngakho, zwanini lokho uThixo asecebe
ukukwenza ngeBhabhiloni, asemise ukukwenza ngelizwe
lamaKhaladiya: Amazinyane omhlambi azadonselwa le,
amadlelo awo uzawatshabalalisa ngokupheleleyo ngenxa
yabo. **46** Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wokuthunjwa
kweBhabhiloni umhlaba uzagedezela; ukukhala kwayo
kuzazwakala phakathi kwezizwe.

51 UThixo uthi: “Khangelani, ngizavusa umoya
ochithayo umelane leBhabhiloni labantu beLebhi
Khamayi. **2** Ngizathumela abezizweni eBhabhiloni
ukuba bayihlungule njalo batshabalalise lelizwe
layo; bazamelana layo enhlangothini zonke ngosuku
lwencithakalo yayo. **3** Lingavumeli mtshoki ebopha
idandili lakhe loba limyekele egqoka isigqoko sakhe
sensimbi. Lingazitshiyi izinsizwa zayo, liliqede du
ibutho layo. **4** Bazawela phansi bebulewe eBhabhiloni
belinyazwe okokufa emigwaqweni yayo. **5** Ngoba u-
Israyeli loJuda kabalahlwanga nguNkulunkulu wabo,
uThixo uSomandla, lanxa nje ilizwe labo ligcwele ukona
phambi koNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **6** Balekani eBhabhiloni!
Sindisani impilo yenu! Lingabhujiswa ngenxa yezono
zayo. Yisikhathi sokuphindisela kukaThixo; uzaphindisela
kuyo ngokufaneleyo. **7** IBhabhiloni yayiyinkezo yegolide
esandleni sikaThixo; yenza umhlaba wonke wadakwa.
Izizwe zanatha iwayini layo; ngakho khathesi sezihlanya. **8**
IBhabhiloni izakuwa masinyane idilike. Ilileleni! Idingeleni
umuthi wokupholisa ubuhlungu bayo; mhlawumbe
ingasila. **9** ‘IBhabhiloni kade singayelapha kodwa
kayelapheki; kasiyitshiyeni kuthi lowo lalowo aye elizweni

lakibo, ngoba ukwahlulela kufika emikhathini kuqonga
kuze kufike emayezini. **10** UThixo usebonakalisile
ukuthi kasilacala, wozani sibike eZiyoni osekwenziwe
nguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.' **11** Lolani imitshoko;
thathani amahawu! UThixo usevuse amakhosi amaMede
ngoba inhloso yakhe yikuchitha iBhabhiloni. UThixo
uzaphindisela, aphindisele ngenxa yethempeli lakhe.
12 Phakamiselani imiduli yaseBhabhiloni uphawu!
Qinisani ukulinda, bekani abalindayo, lungiselani
ukucathamela! UThixo uzafeza inhloso yakhe, isimiso
sakhe ngabantu baseBhabhiloni. **13** Lina elihlala
ngasemanzini amanengi, njalo lilenotho enengi, isiphetho
senu sesifikile, isikhathi senu sokuqunywa. **14**
UThixo uSomandla usefungile ngayo wathi: Impela
ngizakugcwalisa ngabantu abangangesikhongwane, njalo
bazaklabalala ngamacilongo ngaphezu kwakho. **15**
Wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe; wamisa umhlaba
ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe njalo wendlala lamazulu
ngokuqedisisa kwakhe. **16** Lapho evungama, amanzi
asemazulwini ayahlokoma; wenza amayezi aphakame
evela emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Uthumela umbane
ulezulu njalo akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe. **17** Abantu
bonke kabalangqondo njalo kabalalwazi; wonke umkhandi
wegolide uyangiswa yizithombe zakhe. Izithombe zakhe
azenzayo ziyinkohliso; kazilamphefumulo phakathi
kwazo. **18** Ziyize, izinto zenhlekisa nje; lapho ukwahlulelwa
kwazo sekufikile, zizabhubha. **19** Lowo oyingxenye yesizwe
sikaJakhobe kafani lalaba, ngoba unguMenzi wezinto
zonke, kubalwa labantu belifa lakhe, ibizo lakhe nguThixo

uSomandla. **20** Wena uyinduku yami yempi, isikhali sami
sokulwa ngawe ngitshabalalisa izizwe, ngawe ngichitha
imibuso; **21** ngawe ngihlifiza ibhiza lomgadi walo, ngawe
ngihlifiza inqola yempi lomtshayeli wayo, **22** ngawe
ngihlifiza indoda lomfazi, ngawe ngihlifiza amaxhegu
labatsha, ngawe ngihlifiza izinsizwa lezintombi, **23**
ngawe ngihlifiza abelusi lemihlambi, ngawe ngihlifiza
umlimi lenkabi, ngawe ngihlifiza ababusi lezikhulu. **24**
Emehlweni enu ngizaphindisela kuyo iBhabhiloni lakubo
bonke abahlala kuyo ngenxa yobubi bonke ababenzileyo
eZiyoni," kutsho uThixo. **25** "Ngimelana lawe, wena
ntaba echithayo, wena ochitha umhlaba wonke," kutsho
uThixo. "Ngizakwelulela isandla sami kuwe, ngikugiqe
usuka emaweni, ngikwenze ube yintaba eyatshiswayo. **26**
Akulalitshe elizasuswa kuwe ukuba libe ngelekhoneni,
loba elinye ilitshe ukuba ngelesisekelo ngoba lizachithwa
kokuphela," kutsho uThixo. **27** "Phakamisani uphawu
elizweni! Khalisani icilongo phakathi kwezizwe! Lungisani
izizwe ukuba zilwe layo; ibizeleni imibuso le: i-Ararathi
leMini kanye le-Ashikhenazi. Ibekeleni umlawuli wokulwa
layo; lithumele amabhiza anjengomtshitshi wentethe. **28**
Lungisani izizwe ukuba zilwe layo, amakhosi amaMede,
ababusi bawo lezikhulu zawo, kanye lamazwe wonke
awabusayo. **29** Ilizwe liyaqhaqhazela libhinqike ngoba
inhloso kaThixo yokumelana leBhabhiloni imi injalo
ukuchitha ilizwe leBhabhiloni ukuze kungabikhona ohlala
kulo. **30** Amabutho aseBhabhiloni aseyekele ukulwa;
ahlezi ezinqabeni zawo. Amandla awo asephelile. Asebe
njengabesifazane. Izindawo zayo zokuhlala zithungelwe

ngomlilo; imigoqo lamasango kwephukile. **31** Esinye
isithunywa silandela esinye; lesithunywa silandela
esinye isithunywa ukuyabika enkosini yaseBhabhiloni
ukuthi idolobho lonke selithunjiwe, **32** amazibuko
emifula athethwe, amaxhaphozi atshiswe ngomlilo
lamabutho ethukile." **33** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: "Indodakazi
yaseBhabhiloni injengesiza sokubhulela ngesikhathi
sokunyathelwa kwaso; isikhathi sokuvunwa kwayo sizafika
masinyane." **34** "UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni
usesidlile, usesenze saphambana amakhanda, usesenze
saba yimbiza engelalutho. Usesiginyile njengenyoka,
wagcwalisa isisu sakhe ngezibiliboco zethu, wasesihlanza
futhi. **35** Udlakela olwenziwe emizimbeni yethu
kalube phezu kweBhabhiloni," kutsho abahlala
eZiyoni. "Igazi lethu kalibe phezu kwalabo abahlala
eBhabhiloni," kutsho iJerusalema. **36** Ngakho uThixo
uthi: "Khangelani, imfanelo yenu ngizayivikela,
ngiliphindiselele; ngizacitsha ulwandle lwayo ngomise
lemithombo yayo. **37** IBhabhiloni izakuba yinqumbi
yonxiwa, isikhundla samakhanka, into yokwesatshwa
lokuklolodelwa, indawo engahlali muntu. **38** Abantu
bayo bonke bayabhonga njengezilwane ezincane,
bayahwabha njengemidlwane yesilwane. **39** Kodwa lapho
besesebukhali, ngizabenzela idili ngibadakise, ukuze
baklabalale ngohleko, babe sebelala kokuphela bangavuki
futhi," kutsho uThixo. **40** "Ngizabehlisela phansi
njengamawundlu esilaheni, njengenqama lembuzi. **41**
Yeka ukuthunjwa okuzakwenziwa iSheshaki, ukuzincoma

komhlaba wonke kuthunjiwe! Yeka ukutshaqisa iBhabhiloni ezakuba yikho phakathi kwezizwe! **42** Ulwandle luzaphakama phezu kweBhabhiloni; amagagasi alo ahlokomayo ayisibekele. **43** Amadolobho ayo azachitheka, ilizwe elomileyo leliyinkangala, ilizwe okungekho ohlala khona, okungekho muntu odabula phakathi kwalo. **44** Ngizamjezisa uBheli eBhabhiloni ngimenze akuhlanze lokho akuginyileyo. Izizwe kazisayikujulukela kuye. Njalo umduli weBhabhiloni uzakuwa. **45** Bantu bami, phumani kulo iBhabhiloni! Balekelani ukufa! Balekelani ulaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo. **46** Lingaphelelwa lithemba kumbe lesabe lapho kuzwakala amahungahunga elizweni; elinye ihungahunga lifika lonyaka, elinye kozayo, amahungahunga odlakela elizweni awombusi evukela umbusi. **47** Ngoba isikhathi sizafika impela lapho ngizajezisa izithombe zaseBhabhiloni; ilizwe layo lonke lizayangeka lababuleweyo bayo bonke bazawela phakathi kwayo. **48** Lapho-ke izulu lomhlaba lakho konke okukukho kuzamemezela intokozo ngeBhabhiloni, ngoba abachithi bazayihlasela bevelela enyakatho," kutsho uThixo. **49** "IBhabhiloni kumele idilike ngenxa yabako-Israyeli ababulawayo, njengokubulawa kwabantu emhlabeni wonke, batshabalala ngenxa yeBhabhiloni. **50** Lina eliphephileyo enkembeni, sukani njalo lingalibali! Khumbulani uThixo elizweni elikude, licabange langeJerusalema." **51** "Siyangekile, ngoba siqalekisiwe, lehlazo lembese ubuso bethu, ngoba abezizweni bangene ezindaweni ezingcwele

zendlu kaThixo.” **52** UThixo uthi, “Kodwa insuku ziyeza, lapho engizajezisa khona izithombe zayo, njalo elizweni layo lonke abalimeleyo bazabubula. **53** Lanxa iBhabhiloni ingafinyelela emkhathini iqinise izinqaba zayo eziphakemeyo, ngizathumela abachithi bayihlasele,” kutsho uThixo. **54** “Umsindo wokukhala uvela eBhabhiloni, umsindo wencithakalo enkulu ovela elizweni lamaKhaladiya. **55** UThixo uzayichitha iBhabhiloni; uzathulisa umsindo wayo wenhlokomo. Amagagasi ezitha azahlokoma njengamanzi amanengi; ukuvungama kwamazwi azo kuzazwakala. **56** Umchithi uzakuzahlasela iBhabhiloni; amabutho ayo azathunjwa, lamadandili awo azakwephuka. Ngoba uThixo unguNkulunkulu wempindiselo; uzaphindisela ngokugcweleyo. **57** Ngizadakisa izikhulu lezihlakaniphi zayo, kanye lababusi bayo, lezinduna kanye lamabutho; bazalala kokuphela bangavuki futhi,” kutsho uThixo, obizo lakhe nguThixo uSomandla. **58** UThixo uSomandla uthi: “Umduli oqatha weBhabhiloni uzabhidlizwa lamasango ayo aphakemeyo athungelwe ngomlilo; abantu bazidinisela ize, umsebenzi wezizwe ungamafutha amalangabi nje kuphela.” **59** Leli yilizwi uJeremiya umphrofethi alinika induna yamabutho uSeraya indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseyiya, esesiya eBhabhiloni loZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. **60** UJeremiya wayelobe emqulwini ngomonakalo wonke owawuzakwehlela iBhabhiloni lakho konke okwakubhalwe ngeBhabhiloni. **61** Wathi kuSeraya, “Lapho usufikile eBhabhiloni ubowafunda wonke amazwi la ngelizwi

eliphakemeyo. **62** Ube ususithi, ‘Awu Thixo, wathi indawo
le uzayichitha ukuze kungabi lamuntu kumbe inyamazana
ezahlala kuyo; izaphundleka kuze kube nininini.’ **63** Lapho
usuqedile ukubala umqulu lo, ubophele ilitshe kuwo
uwuphosele kuYufrathe, **64** ubususithi, ‘Izatshona kanje
iBhabhiloni ingabe isavumbuluka ngenxa yomonakalo
engizayehlisela wona. Labantu bayo bazakuwa.’” Amazwi
kaJeremiya aphelela lapha.

52 UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lanye, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka
elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina lalinguHamuthali
indodakazi kaJeremiya waseLibhina. **2** Wenza okubi
emehlweni kaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe
nguJehoyakhimi. **3** Kwakungenxa yokuthukuthela
kukaThixo ukuze kwenzakale konke lokhu eJerusalema
lakoJuda, njalo ekucineni kwabangela ukuthi uThixo
abachithe. Ngalokho uZedekhiya wayihlamukela
inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **4** Ngakho ngenyanga
yesificamunwemunye yokubusa kukaZedekhiya, ngosuku
lwetshumi lwenyanga yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza inkosi
yaseBhabhiloni, waya eJerusalema lebutho lakhe lonke.
Bahlala ngaphandle kwedolobho, bakha izinqaba
zokulivimbezela kuzozonke inhlangothi zalo. **5** Idolobho
lavinjezelwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye
kaZedekhiya inkosi. **6** Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye
lwenyanga yesine indlala yayisinzima edolobheni, abantu
bengaselakudla. **7** Umduli wedolobho wafohlwa, ibutho
lonke labaleka. Basuka edolobheni ebusuku bephuma
ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili, phansi

kwesivande senkosi, lanxa nje amaKhaladiya ayeligombolozele idolobho. Babaleka beqonde e-Arabha, **8** kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi uZedekhiya layamfica emagcekeni aseJerikho. Wonke amabutho akhe ehlukana laye njalo ahlakazeka, **9** yena wathunjwa. Wasiwa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila elizweni laseHamathi, lapho eyamgwebela khona. **10** Khona eRibhila inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabulala amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlweni akhe; yabulala lezikhulu zakoJuda zonke. **11** Emva kwalokho, yamkhupha amehlo uZedekhiya, yambopha ngamaketane ethusi, yamusa eBhabhiloni, lapho eyamfaka khona entolongweni kwaze kwafika usuku lokufa kwakhe. **12** Ngosuku lwetshumi ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificamunwemunye kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, owayesebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, wafika eJerusalema. **13** Wathungela ithempeli likaThixo ngomlilo, lesigodlo senkosi lezindlu zonke zaseJerusalema. Zonke izindlu eziqakathekileyo wazitshisa. **14** Lonke ibutho laseBhabhiloni elalingaphansi komlawuli wabalindi besikhosini layidiliza yonke imiduli eyayigombolozele iJerusalema. **15** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi wathatha abanye babayanga bokucina wabasa ekuthunjweni lalabo ababesele edolobheni, lenengi lezingcwethi kanye lalabo abasebeye enkosini yaseBhabhiloni. **16** Kodwa uNebhuzaradani watshiya inengi labantu ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni ukuba basebenze

ezivinini lasemasimini. **17** AbeBhabhiloni baphahlaza izinsika zethusi lezinti zezibane loLwandle lwethusi, okwakusethempelini likaThixo. Bathwalela ithusi lelo eBhabhiloni. **18** Bathatha njalo imbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu lemiganu yezichelo, lezinditshi lazozonke izitsha zethusi ezazisetshenziswa enkonzweni yasethempelini. **19** Umlawuli wabalindi besigodlo wathatha izinditshi, izitsha zokutshisela impepha, imiganu yezichelo, imbiza, izinti zezibane, izinditshi lemiganu okusetshenziswa eminikelweni yokunathwayo konke okwakwenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo loba isiliva. **20** Ithusi elalivela ensikeni ezimbili, loLwandle lelenkunzi zethusi ezilitshumi lambili ezazingaphansi kwalo kanye lelezidindi ezisusekayo konke okwakwenzelwe ithempeli likaThixo yinkosi uSolomoni, kwakulesisindo esasingelinganiswe. **21** Ubude bensika ngayinye babuzingalo ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, ubuqatha buzingalo ezilitshumi lambili, uhlonzi luyiminwe emine njalo ilomhome. **22** Isiduku sethusi phezu kwenye insika sasizingalo ezinhlanu ubude baso njalo siceciswe ngomeluko lamaphomegranathi ethusi nxazonke. Enye insika, lamaphomegranathi ayo, layo yayinjalo. **23** Emaceleni kwakulamaphomegranathi angamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye munye lesithupha; esewonke amaphomegranathi ayengaphezu kobufikifiki obabuzungezile, ayelikhulu. **24** Umlawuli wabalindi wathumba uSeraya induna yabaphristi, loZefaniya umsekeli wakhe kanye labalindi bomnyango abathathu. **25** Kulabo ababelokhu besedolobheni wathatha isikhulu

esasiphethe amadoda okulwa, labacebisi besikhosini abayisikhombisa. Wathatha lonobhala owayeyinduna eyayiphethe ukubuthwa kwabantu elizweni kanye labanye abantu bakhe abangamatshumi ayisithupha ababeficwe edolobheni. **26** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabathatha bonke wabasa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila. **27** Khonale eRibhila, elizweni laseHamathi, inkosi yathi kabaqunywe. Ngakho abakoJuda baya ekuthunjweni kude lelizwe labo. **28** Nanka amanani abantu uNebhukhadineza abasa ekuthunjweni: ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, amaJuda azinkulungwane ezintathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu; **29** ngomnyaka kaNebhukhadineza wetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili, abantu beJerusalema abangamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu lambili; **30** ngomnyaka wakhe wamatshumi amabili lantathu, amaJuda angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lanhlanu asiwa ekuthunjweni nguNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi ekubusweni kwezizwe ezinengi. Bebonke kwakungabantu abazinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha. **31** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa uJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda esekuthunjweni, ngomnyaka u-Evili-Merodakhi aba yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngawo, wakhulula uJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, wamkhupha entolongweni ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili. **32** Wakhuluma laye ngomusa, wamnika isihlalo esihloniphekayo esasingaphezu kwezamanye amakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. **33** Ngakho uJehoyakhini wakhupha

izigqoko zakhe zasentolongweni, wadla lenkosi izikhathi zonke okwempilo yakhe yonke. **34** Nsuku zonke inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayinika uJehoyakhini isabelo esimisiweyo malanga wonke empilweni yakhe, kwaze kwafika ilanga lokufa kwakhe.

Izililo

1 Kuthule kuthe cwaka! Yeka lelidolobho elalinyakazela
abantu! Selinjengomfelokazi, kanti lalilodumo phakathi
kwezizwe. Lona elaliyindlovukazi phakathi kwezigodi,
khathesi seliyisigqili. **2** Linjengowesifazane okhala
kabuhlungu ebusuku, inyembezi zithe hlikilili ezihlathini.
Kakho phakathi kwazo zonke izithandwa zakhe
ongamduduza. Bonke abangane bakhe bamhlamukele;
sebeyizitha zakhe. **3** UJuda useye ebugqilini ngemva
kokuhlupheka lokudonsa nzima. Usehlala phakathi
kwabezizwe; akatholi ndawo yokuphumula. Bonke
abamzingelayo bamxhumile ephakathi kokuhlupheka
kwakhe. **4** Iyalila imigwaqo eya eZiyoni, ngoba
kasekho ozayo emikhosini yalo emisiweyo. Wonke
amasango alo asekhohlakele, abaphristi balo bayabubula,
amantombazana alo ayagomela, lona lidabukile kakhulu.
5 Izitha zalo sezingababusi balo; ziyaklamasa. UThixo
ulehlisele usizi ngenxa yezono zalo ezinengi. Abantwabalo
bathunjiwe, baba yizigqili zezitha. **6** Kuphelile konke
ukubenyezela kweNdodakazi yaseZiyoni. Amakhosana
ayo asenjengezimpala ezingatholi amadlelo; zibalekile
zilambile zingelamandla zibalekela umzingeli. **7**
Ngezinsuku zokuhlupheka lokuntula, iJerusalema
iyayikhumbula inotho eyayingeyayo ngensuku zayo.
Kuthe abantu bayo sebewela ezandleni zezitha, akubanga
khona ongayinceda. Zayikhangela nje izitha zayo zahleka
ukuchitheka kwayo. **8** IJerusalema yonile kakhulu, ngakho
isingcolile. Bonke ababeyihlonipha sebeyidelela, ngoba
sebebonile ubuze bayo; yona ngokwayo ibubula ize

ifulathele. **9** Ukungcola kwayo kwabhixa izidwaba zayo;
kayinakanga ikusasa yayo. Ukuwa kwayo kwesabeka,
kungekho oyiduduzayo. “Oh Thixo, ake ukhangele
ukuhlupheka kwami, ngoba isitha sesinqobile.” **10**
Isitha saphanga yonke inotho yayo; yabona izizwe
ezingakholwayo zingena endlini yayo engcwele, bona
labo owabanqabela ukungena phakathi kwebandla
lakho. **11** Bonke abantu bayo bayagomela behamba
bedinga ukudla; bathengisa inotho yabo eligugu ngokudla
ukuze bangafi. “Oh Thixo, ake ungihawukele ngoba
sengidelelwa.” **12** “Kakusilutho kini yini lina lonke
elidlula lapha? Ake likhangele nje libone. Kambe
kukhona ukuhlupheka okulingana lokwami, khona lokhu
engakwehliselwayo, nguThixo ngosuku lokuvutha kolaka
lwakhe? **13** Wehlisa umlilo uvela phezulu, wawehlisela
phakathi kwamathambo ami. Wangithiya ezinyaweni
ngomambule, wangibuyisela emuva. Wangenza ngaba
lesizungu, ngaswela amandla ilanga lonke. **14** Izono
zami zisongwe zaba lijogwe; ngezandla zakhe wazelukela
ndawonye. Zetheswe entanyeni yami, uThixo wangiqeda
amandla. Usengifuqele kulabo engingeke ngimelane labo.
15 UThixo kabemukelanga bonke abangabebutho lami;
usebize impi ukuthi ingihlasele, ichoboze zonke izinsizwa
zami. Esihluzweni sakhe sewayini, uThixo unyathelele
phansi iNdodakazi yakoJuda eGcweleyo. **16** Yikho ngilila,
amehlo ami empompoza inyembezi. Kakho oseduze
ongangiduduza, kakho ongavusa umphefumulo wami.
Abantwabami sebeswela ngoba isitha sinqobile.” **17**
IZiyoni yelulile isandla sayo kodwa kakho oyiduduzayo.

UThixo usekumisile ngoJakhobe ukuthi abakhelene laye babe yizitha zakhe; iJerusalema isiphenduke yaba yinto engcolileyo kubo. **18** "UThixo ulungile, kodwa ngaphikisana lomlayo wakhe. Lalelani bantu lonke; khangelani ukuhawula kwami. Izinsizwa lezintombi zami zonke sezaya ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngakhala kulabo engidlelana labo, kodwa banginina. Abaphristi bami labadala bami babhubhela phakathi kwedolobho besadinga ukudla, ukuze baziphilise. **20** Ake ubone, Oh Thixo, ukuthi ngihlupheka njani! Ngiyatsha ngaphakathi kwami, ngidungekile enhliziyweni yami, ngoba bengilihlongandlebe. Ngaphandle, inkemba iyadabukisa; ngaphakathi, yikufa kodwa. **21** Abantu bakuzwile ukububula kwami, kodwa kakho ongangiduduza. Zonke izitha zami zikuzwile ukuhlupheka kwami; ziyathokoza ngalokhu okwenzileyo. Sengathi ungalufikisa lolusuku owalumisayo, ukuze labo babe njengami. **22** Abuvele kuwe bonke ububi babo; yenza kubo konke okwenzileyo kimi ngenxa yezono zami zonke. Kunengi ukububula kwami, lenhliziyo yami iphela amandla."

2 UThixo wembese iNdodakazi yeZiyoni ngeyezi lolaka lwakhe! Ubutaklazele phansi ubunkanyankanya buka-Israyeli busuka ezulwini busiya emhlabeni; kasinakanga isenabelo sakhe mhla wentukuthelo yakhe. **2** UThixo kabanga lozwelo lapho eginya yonke imizi kaJakhobe; ngolaka lwakhe udilizele phansi izinqaba zeNdodakazi kaJuda. Usewuchithile umbuso wakhe, lababusi bawo wababhuqa phansi, baba lehlazo. **3** Ngolaka lwakhe olwesabekayo, usegumule zonke impondo zika-Israyeli.

Usegodle isandla sakhe sokunene lapho kuqhamuka isitha. Utshise koJakhobe njengelangabi elihangula konke okuseduze. **4** Usethiye idandili lakhe njengesitha; isandla sakhe sokunene sesiqaphile. Njengesitha usebabulele bonke ababebahle ebusweni; usethele ulaka lwakhe olungumlilo phezu kwethente leNdodakazi yeZiyoni. **5** UThixo unjengesitha; usemginyile u-Israyeli. Useziginyile zonke izigodlo zakhe, wabhidliza zonke izinqaba zakhe. Usekwandisile ukukhala lokulilela iNdodakazi kaJuda. **6** Usetshaye wakhukhula umuzi wakhe njengensimu; usebhidlize indawo yakhe yokuhlanganela. UThixo usenze iZiyoni yakhohlwa imikhosi yayo emisiweyo lamaSabatha ayo; olakeni lwakhe olwesabekayo, ukhukhulele khatshana oyinkosi longumphristi. **7** UThixo uselikhalele i-alithari lakhe, wafulathela indlu yakhe engcwele. Usenikele imithangala yezigodlo zakhe ezandleni zesitha; seziklabalala endlini kaThixo sengathi lilanga lomkhosi omisiweyo. **8** UThixo wazimisela ukudilizela phansi umthangala ohonqolozele iNdodakazi yeZiyoni. Welula intambo yesilinganiso sakhe, akaze agodla isandla sakhe esibhidlizayo. Wenza izinsika lemithangala kwalila; kanyekanye kwatshabalala. **9** Amasango akhe asegqibelekile; izinti zawo zephulwe zabhidlizwa. Inkosi yayo lamakhosana ayo achithizelwe kwabezizwe, umthetho kawusekho, labaphrofethi bakhe kabasayamukeli imibono evela kuThixo. **10** Abadala beNdodakazi yeZiyoni bahlezi emhlabathini bathule zwi; bazithele ngothuli emakhanda abo, bazembathisa amasaka. Izintombi zeJerusalema zimbozele amakhanda

azo phansi. **11** Amehlo ami ayehluleka ngokukhala,
ngiyatsha ngaphakathi kwami, inhliziyo yami idabukile,
ngoba abantu bakithi babhujisiwe, njalo abantwana
lensane ziyaqaleka emigwaqweni yomuzi. **12** Zithi
kubonina, “Singaphi isinkwa lewayini?” zilokhu ziqaleka
njengamadoda alimeleyo emigwaqweni yomuzi, ziphela
umphefumulo ezandleni zabonina. **13** Kambe ngingathini
kuwe na? Ngingakulinganisa lani, wena Ndodakazi
yaseJerusalema? Kambe ngingakufanisa lani ukuze
ngikududuze, wena Ndodakazi eGcweleyo yaseZiyoni?
Inxeba lakho lizike njengolwandle. Ngubani ongakwelapha
na? **14** Imibono yabaphrofethi bakho yayikhohlisa
ingasizi lutho; kabasivezanga obala isono sakho ukuze
ungehlelwa yikuthunjwa. Ukuvumisa abalenzela khona
kwakungamanga, kulikhohlisa. **15** Bonke abedlula eceleni
kwakho batshaya izandla ngawe; bahleka iNdodakazi
yaseJerusalema baze banikine amakhanda besithi,
“Kambe yiwo yini umuzi lo owawuthiwa yibuhle
obupheleleyo, igugu lomhlaba wonke jikelele?” **16**
Zonke izitha zakho zikukhamisele imilomo; ziyakuhleka
zikugedlela amazinyo zisithi, “Sesimnqobile. Selize
lafika ilanga esasililindele; kade salilindela.” **17** UThixo
usekwenzile ayekuhlosile; useligcwalisile ilizwi lakhe,
alikhuluma kudala. Ukuwisile engakuzweli usizi, uvumele
isitha santela phezu kwakho, uluphakamisile uphondo
lwezitha zakho. **18** Inhliziyo zabantu ziyakhala eNkosini.
Awu, mthangala weNdodakazi yaseZiyoni, kazigeleze
njengomfula inyembezi zakho, ebusuku lemini; ungaziphi
ikhefu, lamehlo akho ungawaphi ukuphumula. **19**

Phakama, nqongoloza ebusuku, lapho kuqalisa imilindo yebusuku; thulula inhliziyo yakho njengamanzi phambi kukaThixo. Phakamisela izandla zakho kuye, uncengela impilo yabantwabakho, abaqalekiswa yindlala ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke. **20** Ake ukhangele, Thixo, ube lozwelo: Ngubani osewake wamphatha kanje? Abesifazane badle inzalo yabo yini, abantwana ababondlileyo na? Umphristi lomphrofethi babulawe endlini engcwele kaThixo na? **21** Abatsha labadala babhazalele ndawonye ebhuqwini lwemigwaqo; izinsizwa zami lezintombi zibulewe ngenkemba. Ubabulele ngosuku lokuthukuthela kwakho; awaze waba lesihawu lapho ubabulala. **22** "Njengokunxusela idili, wanginxusela izitha inxa zonke. Ngosuku lolaka lukaThixo, kakho owaphunyukayo loba owasilayo; bonke engangibanakekela lengabondlayo babulewe yisitha sami."

3 Yimi umuntu olubonileyo usizi ngenxa yoswazi lokuthukuthela kukaThixo. **2** Ungixotshile, wangiphumputhekisa emnyameni hatshi ekukhanyeni; **3** ngempela usengiphakamisele isandla sakhe, waphindaphinda ilanga lonke. **4** Usenze ijwabu lami laluphala, wangephula amathambo. **5** Ungihanqile wangihonqolozela ngosizi langobunzima. **6** Ungenze ngahlala emnyameni njengalabo abafa kudala. **7** Ungihonqolozele ngenqaba ukuze ngingaphunyuki; ungibophe nko ngamaketane. **8** Kuthi lanxa ngimemeza loba ngidinga usizo, awuvalele phandle umkhuleko wami. **9** Uvale indlela yami ngamatshe; waphambukisa izindlela zami. **10** Njengebhele licathamile, njengesilwane

sicatshile, **11** wangihudulela eceleni kwendlela,
wangifohloza, wangitshiya ngingelamsizi. **12** Wadonsa
idandili lakhe, ngaba yikudla kwemitshoko yakhe. **13**
Wangiciba enhliziyweni ngemitshoko evela emxhakeni
wakhe. **14** Ngaba yinhlekisa ebantwini bakithi bonke;
sengitshona ngiyingoma eyinhlekisa kubo. **15** Ungigqibe
ngemithi ebabayo, wanginathisa inyongo. **16**
Ungihlafunise ukhethe ngamazinyo; wangigiqa
ebhuqwini. **17** Ngincitshiwe ukuthula; angisakwazi
ingabe iyini impumelelo. **18** Ngakho ngithi, "Sebuphelile
ubucwazicwazi bami, lakho konke engangikulindele
kuThixo." **19** Ngikhumbula ukuhlupheka lokuntula
kwami, ubumunyu lenyongo. **20** Konke ngikukhumbula
kamhlophe, umoya wami wephukile. **21** Kodwa
ngikhumbula lokhu ngibe lethemba: **22** Ngenxa yothando
olukhulu lukaThixo kasibhujiswanga, ngoba isihawu
sakhe kasipheli. **23** Siba sitsha ukusa kwamalanga;
kukhulu ukuthembeka kwakho. **24** Ngiyazitshela ngithi,
"UThixo uyisabelo sami; ngakho ngizalindela yena." **25**
UThixo ulungile kulowo omethembayo, kulowo
omdingayo; **26** kuhle ukulinda ngokuthula, ukulindela
insindiso kaThixo. **27** Kuhle ukuthi umuntu alithwale
ijogwe ngesikhathi esesemutsha. **28** Kahlale yedwa
ngokuthula, ngoba uThixo ulibeke phezu kwakhe. **29**
Kembele ubuso bakhe ethulini, mhlawumbe ithemba
lizakuba khona. **30** Kaphe isihlathi sakhe kulowo ofuna
ukumhlankala, agcwale ihlazo. **31** Ngoba uThixo
kabalahli abantu kuze kube nini lanini. **32** Loba engaletha
ubuhlungu, uzatshengisa uzwelo, lukhulu kakhulu

uthando lwakhe olungapheliyo. **33** Ngoba kehliseli
ukuhlupheka losizi ebantwini ngokuthanda. **34**
Ukuhlifiza ngezinyawo zonke izibotshwa elizweni, **35**
ukuncitsha umuntu amalungelo akhe phambi
koPhezukonke, **36** ukungahluleli kuhle, kambe uThixo
uyabe engaziboni izinto ezinjalo na? **37** Ngubani
ongatsho ulutho lwenzakale nxa lungavunyelwanga
nguThixo na? **38** Akuveli emlonyeni woPhezukonke
ukuthi kuyehla inhlupheko lezinto ezinhle na? **39** Pho
kungani umuntu ophilayo esola nxa ejeziselwa izono
zakhe na? **40** Kasilingeni njalo sihlole izindlela zethu,
sibuyele kuThixo. **41** Asiphakamiseleni inhliziyo lezandla
zethu kuNkulunkulu ezulwini sithi: **42** "Sonile
sahlamuka, njalo kawusithethelelanga. **43** Uzigubuzele
ngolaka waxhumana lathi; ubhubhisile ungelazwelo. **44**
Uzisibekele ngeyezi ukuze kungafinyeleli mkhuleko
kuwe. **45** Usenze saba ngamanyala lengcekeza phakathi
kwezizwe. **46** Izitha zethu zonke zivule imilomo yazo
zezwakala zisihoza. **47** Sesihlukuluzwe yikuthuthumela
lokukhilikithela, ukudilika lokubhidlika." **48** Imifula
yezinyembezi iyajuluka emehlweni ami ngoba abantu
bakithi babhujisiwe. **49** Amehlo ami azajuluka kokuphela,
engelakuphumula, **50** UThixo aze akhangele phansi
esezulwini, angibone. **51** Engikubonayo kuthelela usizi
emphefumulweni wami ngenxa yabesifazane
bonke bomuzi wakithi. **52** Labo ababa yizitha zami
kungelasizatho, bangizingela njengenyoni. **53** Bazama
ukuquma impilo yami emgodini bangijikijela ngamatshe;
54 amanzi asibekela ikhanda lami, ngabona ukuthi

okwami sekuphelile. **55** Ngalimemezela ibizo lakho, Oh
Thixo, ngisekujuleni komgodi. **56** Wezwa ukuncenga
kwami: “Ungavali indlebe zakho nxa ngikhalela
ukwenyulwa.” **57** Wasondela lapho ngikumemeza, wathi
kimi, “Ungesabi.” **58** Oh Thixo, wasamukela isikhalazo
sami; wahlenga ukuphila kwami. **59** Ububonile Thixo,
ububi obenziwe kimi. Ngisekela kulobubunzima! **60**
Usubonile ukujula kokusonga kwabo, lamacebo abo
wonke ngami. **61** Awu Thixo, uzwile inhlamba zabo,
wonke amacebo abo ngami, **62** ukunyenyeza
lokungunguna kwabo ngami ukusa kwamalanga. **63** Ake
ubabone! Bahlezi kumbe bajamile, bayangihleka
ngezingoma zabo. **64** Awu Thixo, akubaphindisele
ngokubafaneleyo, ngalokho okwenziwe yizandla zabo. **65**
Basibekele ngelembu ezinhliziyweni zabo, isiqalekiso
sakho sehlele phezu kwabo! **66** Xhumana labo ngolaka,
ubabhubhise ngaphansi kwamazulu kaThixo.

4 Yeka igolide eselilahlekelwe yikukhazimula kwalo,
igolide elicolekileyo selijujukile! Amatshe aligugu
angcwele aselahliwe ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke.
2 Yeka izinsizwa zaseZiyoni ezincomekayo, ezake
zaba lesisindo njengegolide, okwamanje sezingathi
zimbiza zebumba, umsebenzi wezandla zombumbi! **3**
Ngitsho lamakhanka asemunyisa abantwabawo emabeleni
awo, kodwa abantu bami kabaselazwelo njengezintshe
enkangala. **4** Ngenxa yokoma, ulimi losane lunamathele
elwangeni lomlomo; abantwana bancenga becela isinkwa
kodwa kakho obaphayo. **5** Labo ababesidla izibiliboco
sebeyiziceli emigwaqweni. Labo abondliwa ebutifitifini

sebelala esilotheni. **6** Isijeziso sabantu bakithi sikhulu
kuleseSodoma, yona eyabhujiswa ngomzuzwana, akwaze
kwaba lasandla esazama ukunceda. **7** Amakhosana
abo ayekhazimula kulongqwaqwane, emhlophe nke
kulochago, imizimba yabo ibomvana njengamatshe
ohlobo lwerubhi, ukubukeka kwabo kunjengelitshe
elikhazimulayo. **8** Kodwa manje sebemnyama kulomsizi;
kabasananzwa langubani emigwaqweni. Isikhumba
sabo sesinamathele emathanjeni abo; sesome okogodo.
9 Bangcono labo ababulawa ngenkemba, kulalabo
abafa ngendlala; bazaca baphele, bekhukhuzwa
yindlala ngoba kungelakudla okuvela emasimini. **10**
Ngezandla zabo abesifazane abalesihelo, bapheke
abantwababo, babenza ukudla kwabo ngesikhathi
abantu bakithi bebulawa. **11** UThixo ubhodlisile
intukuthelo yakhe; uluthulule ulaka lwakhe olwesabekayo.
Uwulumathisile umlilo eZiyoni, watshisa izisekelo zayo. **12**
Amakhosi omhlaba ayengakholwa, labantu basemhlabeni
babengakholwa ukuthi izitha labahlaseli bangangena
emasangweni eJerusalema. **13** Kodwa kwenzakala
ngenxa yezono zabaphrofethi bakhona, lamanyala
abaphristi bakhona, abachitha igazi labalungileyo
ngaphakathi kwalo iJerusalema. **14** Manje sebephumputha
emigwaqweni njengabantu abayiziphofu. Sebengcoliswe
ligazi kakuselamuntu ongathinta izembatho zabo. **15**
Abantu bayabaxotsha bathi, “Sukani! Lingcolile! Sukani!
Sukani! Lingasithinti!” Nxa bebaleka bentula, abantu
bezizwe bathi, “Ngeke bahlale lapha njalo.” **16** UThixo
ngokwakhe ubahlakazile; kasabalondolozi. Abaphristi

kabasahlonitshwa, labadala kabasananzwa. **17** Phezu kwalokho, amehlo ethu afiphala elindele ize engaboni sizo; siseziqongweni zethu zokulinda, salinda silindele isizwe esasingelancedo kithi. **18** Abantu babesicwathela indawo zonke, ngakho sasesisesaba ukuhamba emigwaqweni yethu. Sasesiphelelwe, insuku zethu sezibaliwe, ngoba isiphetho sethu sesifikile. **19** Abasixotshayo babelejubane kulengqungqulu emkhathini; baxotshana lathi ezintabeni njalo basicathamela enkangala. **20** Ogcotshiweyo kaThixo, oyikuphila kwethu uqobo, wabanjwa emijibileni yabo. Sakhumbula ukuthi ngaphansi kwesithunzi sakhe sizahlala phakathi kwezizwe. **21** Jabula uthokoze, wena Ndodakazi yase-Edomi, wena ohlala elizweni lase-Uzi. Kodwa lakuwe izafika inkezo le; uzanatha udakwe, unqunulwe. **22** Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni, isijeziso sakho sizaphela; akayikwelula isikhathi sokuthunjwa kwakho. Kodwa, maye kuwe Ndodakazi yase-Edomi, uzakujezisa ngesono sakho, achaye obala ububi bakho.

5 Oh Thixo, khumbula okusehleleyo khangela ubone ukuyangeka kwethu. **2** Ilifa lethu seliphiwe abezizweni, imizi yethu yathathwa ngabemzini. **3** Sesizintandane ezingelaboyise, omama sebenjengabafelokazi. **4** Amanzi okunatha siyawathenga; inkuni zethu zikhutshelwa imali. **5** Labo abasixotshayo basihlezi ezithende; sikhathele asilakuphumula. **6** Sazinikela kwabeGibhithe labe-Asiriya ukuze sizuze isinkwa. **7** Okhokho benza isono kodwa kabasekho, thina yithi esesijeziswa. **8** Sibuswa yizigqili, kakho osikhululayo ezandleni zazo. **9** Isinkwa sisithola ngendlela eyingozi ngenxa yenkemba ekhona

enkangala. **10** Isikhumba sethu sitshisa njengeziko,
silomkhuhlane wendlala. **11** Abesifazane bayahlukuluzwa
eZiyoni kanye lezintombi ezigcweleyo emadolobheni
akoJuda. **12** Amakhosi alengisiwe ngezandla zawo; abadala
abasahlonitshwa. **13** Izinsizwa ziyahoqiswa ematsheni
okuchola; abafana babhensiswa yimithwalo yenkuni. **14**
Abadala sebesukile esangweni lomuzi; izinsizwa sezithule
ukuhlabelela. **15** Ukuthokoza akusekho ezinhliziyweni
zethu; ukugida kwethu sekuphenduke ukukhala. **16**
Umqhele usuwile ekhanda lethu. Maye thina, ngoba
sonile! **17** Ngenxa yalokhu inhliziyo zethu zibuthakathaka;
ngenxa yalezizinto amehlo ethu ayafiphala, **18** ngoba
intaba iZiyoni silugwadule, sekucathama amakhanka
kuyo. **19** Wena, Oh Thixo, busa nini lanini; ubukhosi
bakho buhlezi kuzozonke izizukulwane. **20** Kungani uhlezi
usikhohlwa? Usifulathelelani isikhathi eside kangaka
na? **21** Sibuyisele kuwe, Oh Thixo, ukuze siphenduke;
buyisa kabutsha insuku zethu njengezakudala, **22**
ngaphandle kokuba nxa ususilahle kokuphela wasizondela
ngokungalinganisekiyo.

UHezekheli

1 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu, ngenyanga
yesine ngosuku lwesihlanu, lapho ngangiphakathi
kwabathunjwayo, eduze komfula uKhebhari, amazulu
avuleka ngabona umbono kaNkulunkulu. **2** Ngosuku
lwesihlanu lwenyanga ngomnyaka wesihlanu
wokuthunjwa kwenkosi uJehoyakhini **3** ilizwi likaThixo
lafika kuHezekhiyeli umphristi, indodana kaBhuzi,
phansi komfula uKhebhari elizweni lamaBhabhiloni.
Khonapho isandla sikaThixo sasiphezu kwakhe. **4**
Ngakhangela, ngabona isiphepho sisiza sivela enyakatho,
kuliyezi elikhulukazi lokuphazima kombane njalo
lizungezwe yikukhanya okubenyezelayo. Phakathi
laphakathi komlilo kwakungathi yinsimbi evuthayo, **5**
njalo phakathi komlilo kwakulokwakungathi yizidalwa
ezine eziphilayo. Ngokukhangeleka isimo sazo
sasingesomuntu, **6** kodwa ngasinye sazo sasilobuso
obune lempiko ezine. **7** Imilenze yazo yayiqondile;
inyawo zazo zinjengezethole njalo zinkanyazela
njengethusi elilolongiweyo. **8** Ngaphansi kwempiko zazo
emaceleni azo amane zazilezandla zomuntu. Zonke
zozine zazilobuso lempiko, **9** njalo impiko zazo
zazithintana. Esinye lesinye sazo saya phambili;
kaziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo. **10** Ubuso bazo
babukhangeleka kanje: Esinye lesinye sazo sasilobuso
bomuntu, njalo eceleni langakwesokudla esinye lesinye
sasilobuso besilwane, ngakwesenxele silobuso benkabi;
njalo ngasinye sasilobuso bengqungqulu. **11** Babunjalo
ubuso bazo. Impiko zazo zazichayekele phezulu; ngasinye

silamaphiko amabili olunye luthinta uphiko lwesinye isidalwa emaceleni womabili, lempiko ezimbili zigubuzele umzimba waso. **12** Esinye lesinye saya phambili. Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona lazo zaya khona zingaphenduki ekuhambeni kwazo. **13** Isimo sezidalwa eziphilayo sasinjengamalahle avuthayo omlilo loba njengezibane. Umlilo wahamba usiya phambili lasemuva phakathi kwezidalwa; wawukhazimula, njalo umbane uphazima uphuma kuwo. **14** Izidalwa zagijima zisiya emuva laphambili njengokuphazima kombane. **15** Kwathi lapho ngizikhangele izidalwa eziphilayo, ngabona ivili phansi eceleni kwesidalwa ngasinye silobuso obune. **16** Nansi isimo lokwakhiwa kwamavili: Ayecazimula njengekhrisoli, njalo wonke womane ayefanana. Elinye lelinye lalingathi lenziwa lanquma kwelinye ivili. **17** Ekuhambeni, ayesiya loba kuliphi lamacele amane lapho izidalwa ezazikhangele khona, njalo amavili ayengaphenduki lapho izidalwa zihamba. **18** Amarimu awo ayephakeme njalo esesabeka, njalo womane amarimu ayelamehlo indawo yonke. **19** Lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zihamba, lamavili eceleni kwazo ayehamba, njalo lapho izidalwa eziphilayo ziphakama emhlabathini amavili lawo ayephakama lazo. **20** Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona lazo zaya khona, njalo lamavili ayephakama lazo, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. **21** Kwakusithi izidalwa zingahamba lawo ahambe, kuthi izidalwa zingema lawo ame; njalo kuthi lapho izidalwa ziphakama emhlabathini lawo aphakame lazo, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo

wawusemavilini. **22** Ngaphezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa eziphilayo kwakwendlaleke okwakungathi ngumkhathi, kucazimula njengongqwaqwane, njalo kusesabeka. **23** Ngaphansi komkhathi impiko zazo zazelulekile olunye kolunye, njalo esinye lesinye sasilezimpiko ezimbili ezembese umzimba waso. **24** Lapho izidalwa zihamba ngezwa umsindo wezimpiko zazo, unjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi ahamba ngesiqubu, njengelizwi likaSomandla, njengokuxokozela kwebutho. Lapho sezimi, zehlisa impiko zazo. **25** Emva kwalokho kweza ilizwi elavela ngaphezu komkhathi ngaphezu kwamakhanda azo lapho zazimi impiko zazo zehlisiwe. **26** Ngaphezu komkhathi phezu kwamakhanda azo kwakulokwakungathi yisihlalo sobukhosi esenziwe ngesafire, njalo ngaphezulu esihlalweni sobukhosi kwakulolutho olwalufana lomuntu. **27** Lokho ngakubona kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusiya phezulu ekhanya angathi yinsimbi evuthayo, kungathi kugcwele umlilo, njalo kusukela ekhalweni kusehla wayengathi ngumlilo, njalo ehonqolozelwe yikukhanya okucazimulayo. **28** Ukukhanya okucazimulayo okwakumzungezile kwakunjengomchilo wamakhosikazi emayezini ngosuku lokuna kwezulu. Lokhu kwakuyisimo sesifanekiso senkazimulo kaThixo. Ngathi ngikubona ngawela phansi ngobuso, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lalowo owayekhuluma.

2 Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, sukuma ume ngezinyawo zakho ngikhulume lawe.” **2** Esakhuluma uMoya wafika kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo zami, ngamuzwa esekhuluma lami. **3** Wathi, “Ndodana yomuntu,

ngiyakuthuma kuma-Israyeli, isizwe esihlamukayo esangihlamukelayo, laboyise bangihlamukela kuze kube yilolusuku. **4** Abantu engikuthuma kubo balenkani njalo bayiziqholo. Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi.' **5** Njalo langabe bayalalela loba bangalaleli ngoba bayindlu ehlamukayo, bazakwazi ukuthi umphrofethi ubekhona phakathi kwabo. **6** Njalo wena ndodana yomuntu, ungabesabi kumbe wesabe amazwi abo. Ungesabi lanxa usuhonqolozelwe ngameva njalo usuhlala phakathi kwabofezeya. Ungakwesabi lokho abakutshoyo loba uthuthunyeliswe yibo, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. **7** Kumele ukhulume amazwi ami kubo langabe bayalalela loba kabalaleli, ngoba bangabahlamuki. **8** Kodwa wena, ndodana yomuntu, lalela lokhu engikutshoyo kuwe. Ungahlamuki njengendlu leyana ehlamukayo; vula umlomo wakho udle lokhu engikupha khona." **9** Ngakhangela ngabona isandla esaselulelwe kimi. Phakathi kwaso kwakulomqulu, **10** awutshombulula phambi kwami. Emaceleni awo womabili kwakubhalwe amazwi okukhala lokulila kanye losizi.

3 Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, dlana okuphambi kwakho, dlana umqulu lo; ube ususiyakhuluma kuyo indlu ka-Israyeli." **2** Ngakho ngavula umlomo wami, wasengipha umqulu ukuba ngiwudle. **3** Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, dlana umqulu lo engikunika wona ugcwalise isisu sakho ngawo." Ngakho ngawudla, njalo emlonyeni wami wawuzwakala umnandi njengoluju. **4** Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, hamba khathesi nje endlini ka-Israyeli ukhulume amazwi ami kubo.

5 Kawuthunywa ebantwini abalolimi olungaziwayo
lolunzima, kodwa endlini ka-Israyeli, **6** hatshi ebantwini
abanengi abolimi olungaziwayo lolunzima, ongeke
uzwe abakutshoyo. Ngeqiniso aluba kade ngikuthume
kubo kade bezakulalela. **7** Kodwa indlu ka-Israyeli
kayifuni ukukulalela ngoba kabafuni kungilalela, ngoba
yonke indlu ka-Israyeli ilukhuni njalo ilenkani. **8**
Kodwa lawe ngizakwenza ube lenkani lobulukhuni
njengabo. **9** Ngizakwenza ubuso bakho bube njengelitshe
elilukhuni kulawo wonke, elilukhuni kulelitshe lomlilo.
Ungabesabi kumbe bakuthuthumelise, lanxa beyindlu
ehlamukayo." **10** Njalo wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu,
lalela kakuhle njalo uwabeke enhliziyweni wonke amazwi
engiwatsho kuwe. **11** Hamba khathesi nje ebantwini
belizwe lakini abasekuthunjweni ukhulume labo. Uthi
kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi,' loba
bezalalela kumbe bangalaleli." **12** Lapho-ke uMoya
wangiphakamisa, kwathi ngemva kwami ngezwa umdumo
ondindizelayo sengathi yinkazimulo kaThixo eyaphakama
endaweni eyayime kuyo! **13** Umdumo wezimpiko
zezidalwa eziphilayo zigudlana lomdumo wamavili eceleni
kwazo, umdumo wokundindizela okukhulu. **14** UMoya
wasungiphakamisela phezulu ungisusa, njalo ngahamba
ngomoya otshisekayo lokuthukuthela komoya wami
lesandla esilamandla sikaThixo siphezu kwami. **15** Ngafika
kwababethunjiwe ababehlala eTheli Abhibhi phansi
koMfula uKhebhari. Khonapho-ke, lapho ababehlala
khona, ngahlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa ngiphelelwe
ngamandla. **16** Ekupheleni kwensuku eziyisikhombisa

ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi, **17** “Ndodana yomuntu,
sengikwenze umlindi wendlu ka-Israyeli; ngakho zwana
ilizwi engilikhulumayo ubanike isixwayiso esivela kimi.
18 Nxa ngisithi emuntwini omubi, ‘Wena uzakufa
impela,’ wena ungamxwayisi kumbe ukhulume ukuba
umyekelise izindlela zakhe ezimbi ukuze asindise
ukuphila kwakhe, lowomuntu omubi uzafela izono zakhe,
kuthi wena ngikubeke icala legazi lakhe. **19** Kodwa
nxa umuntu omubi umxwayisa yena angaphenduki
ebubini bakhe kumbe ezindleleni zakhe ezimbi, uzafela
izono zakhe, kodwa wena uyabe uziphephisile. **20**
Njalo nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni
kwakhe enze okubi, mina ngibeke isikhubekiso phambi
kwakhe, uzakufa. Njengoba nxa wena ungamxwayisanga,
uzafela izono zakhe. Izinto ezilungileyo azenzayo
kaziyikukhunjulwa, njalo wena ngizakubeka icala legazi
lakhe. **21** Kodwa nxa uxwayisa umuntu olungileyo
ukuba angoni lakanye uyabe uziphephisile.” **22** Isandla
sikaThixo sasiphezu kwami lapho, njalo wathi kimi,
“Sukuma uye egcekeni ngizakhuluma lawe khona.” **23**
Ngakho ngasukuma ngaya egcekeni. Inkazimulo kaThixo
yayimi lapho, injengenkazimulo engangiyibone phansi
koMfula uKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **24**
Lapho-ke uMoya wangena kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo
zami. Wakhuluma wathi kimi, “Hamba uyezivalela endlini
yakho. **25** Njalo, wena ndodana yomuntu, bazakubopha
ngemichilo; uzabotshwa ukuze ungayi phandle ebantwini.
26 Ngizakwenza ulimi lwakho lunamathele elwangeni
lomlomo wakho ukuze uthule unganelisi ukubakhuza

lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. **27** Kodwa nxa sengikhuluma
lawe ngizavula umlomo wakho, njalo uzakuthi kubo,
‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi.’ Loba ngubani
ozalalela myekele alalele, njalo loba ngubani ozakwala
myekele ale; ngoba bayindlu ehlamukayo.”

4 “Khathesi-ke, ndodana yomuntu, thatha umcephe
webumba uwubeke phambi kwakho, udwebe kuwo
idolobho laseJerusalema. **2** Dweba ukuvinjezelwa
kwalo: Misa izindawo zokuvinjezelwa kwalo, yakha
umthezuko ngaphezu kwalo, misa inkamba zokulihlasela
uphinde ulihonqolozele ngezigodo zokubhidliza. **3**
Emva kwalokho thatha umganu wensimbi, uwubeke
unjengomduli wensimbi phakathi kwakho lomuzi ube
usuphendulela ubuso bakho kuwo. Wena ukhangele
ngakuwo umuzi, umuzi ube ngovinjezelweyo, wena
ube ngumvimbezeli. Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso
endlini ka-Israyeli. **4** Emva kwalokho lala ngomhlubulo
wenxele, ubeke isono sendlu ka-Israyeli phezu kwakho.
Kumele uthwale isono sabo okwalezonsuku ulele
ngomhlubulo wakho. **5** Sengikumisele inani linye
lezinsuku njengeminyaka yezono zabo. Ngakho izono
zendlu ka-Israyeli uzazithwala okwensuku ezingamakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **6** Emva
kokuba usuqede lokhu, lala phansi futhi, khathesi
kube ngomhlubulo wakho wokunene, uthwale isono
sendlu kaJuda. Ngikumisele insuku ezingamatshumi
amane, usuku olulodwa lumele umnyaka munye
ngamunye. **7** Phendulela ubuso bakho ekuvinjezelweni
kweJerusalema kuthi izingalo zakho zingembeswanga

uphrofithe kubi ngeJerusalema. **8** Ngizakubopha
ngentambo ukuze ungatshibiliki usuka kwelinye icele
usiya kwelinye uze uqede insuku zokuvinjezelwa kwakho.
9 Thatha ingqoloyi lebhali, indumba lelentili, inyawuthi
lophoko; ukubeke embizeni yokugcinela ukusebenzise
ekwenzeni ukudla kwakho. Kumele ukudle phakathi
kwensuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye ulele ngomhlubulo wakho. **10**
Linganisa amashekeli angamatshumi amabili okudla
ozakudla usuku ngalunye njalo ukudle ngezikhathi
ezimisiweyo. **11** Njalo linganisa okukodwa kwesithupha
kwehini lamanzi uwanathe ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo.
12 Dlana ukudla njengalapho usidla ikhekhe lebhali,
ukupheke abantu bekhangele, inkuni zakho kube
ngamalongwe abantu." **13** UThixo wathi, "Ngokunjalo
abantu bako-Israyeli bazakudla ukudla okungcolileyo
phakathi kwezizwe engizabaxotshela kuzo." **14** Lapho-
ke mina ngathi, "Akunjalo, Thixo Wobukhosi. Angikaze
ngizingcolise. Kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube
khathesi angikaze ngidle loba yini etholakale ifile kumbe
edlithizwe yizinyamazana. Akulanyama engcolileyo
eseyake yangena emlonyeni wami." **15** Wasesithi,
"Kulungile. Ngizakuvumela ukuba upheke isinkwa
sakho ngamalongwe enkomo esikhundleni samalongwe
abantu." **16** Waphinda wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu,
ngizavala ukungeniswa kokudla eJerusalema. Abantu
bazakudla ukudla kokwabelwa benqineka, banathe
lamanzi okwabelwa bengelathemba, **17** ngoba ukudla

lamanzi kuzakuba yingcosana. Bazakwethuka lapho bebonana, njalo bazacikizeka ngenxa yezono zabo.”

5 “Khathesi, ndodana yomuntu, thatha inkemba ebukhali uyisebenzise njengempuco yomgeli ekuphuceni ikhanda lakho kanye lezindevu zakho. Emva kwalokho thatha izilinganiso wehlukanise inwele. **2** Lapho insuku zokuvinjezelwa kwenu seziphelile, tshisa ingxenye yesithathu yezinwele ngomlilo phakathi kwedolobho. Thatha ingxenye yesithathu uyigwaze ngenkemba ubhoda lonke idolobho, uhlakazele ingxenye yesithathu emoyeni. Ngoba ngizabalandela ngiphethe inkemba ekhokhiweyo. **3** Kodwa thatha inwele ezilutshwane uzithungele emiphethweni yesembatho sakho. **4** Thatha njalo emilutshwana yayo uyiphosele emlilweni uyitshise. Umlilo uzamemetheka usuka lapho uye kuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. **5** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ukuthi: Le yiJerusalema engiyimise phakathi kwezizwe, kulamazwe kuwo wonke amacele ayo. **6** Kodwa ngenxa yobubi bayo isihlamukele imithetho yami lezimiso zami okudlula izizwe lamazwe ayihanqileyo. Iyalile imithetho yami kayaze yalandela izimiso zami. **7** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ukuthi: Ube ngoxhwale okudlula izizwe ezikuhanqileyo njalo kawulandelanga izimiso zami kumbe ugcine imithetho yami. Futhi kalilaleli lezimiso zezizwe ezilihanqileyo. **8** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ukuthi: Mina ngokwami ngimelane lawe, wena Jerusalema, njalo ngizabeka isijeziso phezu kwakho izizwe zikhangele. **9** Ngenxa yezithombe zakho zonke ezinengekayo,

kuwe ngizakwenza engingakaze ngikwenze ngaphambili njalo engingayikukwenza futhi. **10** Ngakho phakathi kwenu oyise bazakudla abantwana babo, labantwana bazakudla oyise. Ngizabeka isijeziso phezu kwakho kuthi bonke abasindileyo bakho ngibahlakazele emoyeni. **11** Ngakho ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, ngoba ungcolise indlu yami engcwele ngezifanekiso zakho zonke ezingamanyala langezenzo zakho ezenyanyekayo, mina ngokwami ngizasusa umusa wami; angiyikuba lesihawu kuwe loba ngiyekele ukukubhubhisa. **12** Ingxenye yesithathu yabantu bakho izabulawa yisifo loba ibhujiswe yindlala phakathi kwakho; ingxenye yesithathu izakufa ngenkemba ngaphandle kwemiduli yakho; ingxenye yesithathu ngizayihlakazela emoyeni ngiphinde ngiyilandele ngiphethe inkemba. **13** Lapho-ke ukuthukuthela kwami kuzaphela, lolaka lwami kubo luzadeda, njalo ngizabe sengiphindisele. Njalo lapho ulaka lwami sengiluqedele kubo, bazakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo ngikhulume ngokutshiseka kwami. **14** Ngizakwenza ube lunxiwa lehlazo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhanqileyo, emehlweni abo bonke abadlula khona. **15** Uzakuba lihlazo lenhlekisa, isixwayiso lento eyesabekayo ezizweni ezikuhanqileyo lapho sengibeka isijeziso phezu kwakho ngentukuthelo langolaka, ngikhuza kabuhlungu. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile. **16** Lapho ngikutshoka ngemitshoko yami ebhubhisayo, langemitshoko echithayo yendlala, ngizatshoka ukuba ngikutshabalalise. Ngizakwandisela indlala ngivale ukulethwa kokudla kwakho. **17** Ngizakulethela indlala lezinyamazana zeganga ukuba

kukuhlasele, kuzakutshiya ungaselamntwana. Isifo lokuchithwa kwegazi kuzadabula phakathi kwakho, njalo ngizaletha inkemba ukuba ikuhlasele. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile."

6 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho ezintabeni zako-Israyeli; phrofetha ngazo uzisola **3** uthi, Lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo Wobukhosi. Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ezintabeni lasemaqaqeni, ezingoxweni lasezigodini ukuthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngililethele inkemba yokulihlasela, njalo ngizadiliza izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo." **4** Ama-alithare enu azabhidlizwa kuthi lama-alithare enu empepha aphahlazwe; njalo abantu benu ngizababulalela phambi kwezithombe zenu. **5** Izidumbu zabako-Israyeli ngizazibeka phambi kwezithombe zabo, njalo amathambo enu ngizawahlakaza emaceleni ama-alithare enu. **6** Loba kungaphi elihlala khona amadolobho akhona azadilizwa lezindawo eziphakemeyo zidilizwe, ukuze ama-alithare enu achithwe abhuqwe, kuthi izithombe zenu ziphahlazwe ziqothulwe, ama-alithare enu empepha adilizwe, kuthi elikwenzileyo kutshabalaliswe. **7** Abantu benu bazabulawa phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **8** "Kodwa abanye ngizabaphephisa, ngoba abanye benu bazaphunyuka enkembeni lapho selihlakazekele emazweni lasezizweni. **9** Lapho-ke, ezizweni abathunjelwa kuzo, labo abaphunyukayo bazangikhumbula ukuthi ngadabuka njani ngenxa yezinhliziyo zabo ezilobufebe, esezasukayo kimi,

langamehlo abo akhanuka izithombe zabo. Bazazenyanya bona ngokwabo ngenxa yobubi ababenzileyo langenxa yezenzo zonke ezenyanyekayo.” **10** Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Kangisongelanga ize lapho ngathi ngizabehlisela umonakalo lo. **11** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ukuthi: “Tshaya izandla zakho unyathele inyawo zakho ukhale uthi Maye! Ngenxa yobubi bonke lezenzo ezenyanyekayo zendlu ka-Israyeli, bonke bazakufa ngenkemba, langendlala kanye langesifo.” **12** Lowo okhatshana uzakufa ngesifo, kuthi lowo oseduze afe ngenkemba, lalowo osindileyo waphepha uzabulawa yindlala. Ngizaluqeda kanjalo ulaka lwami phezu kwabo. **13** Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, lapho abantu babo sebelele befile phakathi kwezithombe zabo emaceleni wonke ama-alithare abo, phezu kwamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo kanye lasezingqongweni zonke zezintaba, ngaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza lem’okhi yonke elamahlamvu amanengi, izindawo abanikelela kuzo impepha elephunga elimnandi kuzozonke izithombe zabo. **14** “Njalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami kubo ngenze ilizwe libe lugwadule olungelalutho kusukela enkangala kusiya eDibila lapho abahlala khona. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.”

7 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi elizweni lako-Israyeli: ‘Isiphetho! Isiphetho sesifikile emagumbini amane elizwe. **3** Isiphetho sesifikile kini njalo ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwenu.

Ngizalahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu ngiliphe imivuzo kukho konke ukwenza kwenu okunengekayo.
4 Kangiyikulikhangela ngesihawu loba ngiliyekele, ngeqiniso ngizalinika umvuzo wezenzo zenu kanye lowokwenza kwenu okunengekayo phakathi kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.' **5** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ukuthi: 'Umonakalo! Umonakalo ongakaze ubonakale! Khangela, uyeza. **6** Isiphetho sesifikile! Isiphetho sesifikile! Sizivusele ukumelana lani. Bona, sesifikile! **7** Incithakalo isifikile kini, kini lina elihlala elizweni. Isikhathi sesifikile, ilanga selisondele; kulokuphamazela, hatshi intokozo, phezu kwezintaba. **8** Sekuseduze ukuba ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwenu ngiqedele ukuthukuthela kwami kini. Ngizalahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu ngiliphe imivuzo kukho konke ukwenza kwenu okunengekayo.
9 Kangiyikulikhangela ngesihawu, kangiyikuliyekela, ngizalinika umvuzo ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu kanye lokwenza okunengekayo phakathi kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi yimi mina Thixo otshayayo. **10** Usuku selukhona! Bona, selufikile! Incithakalo isipatshakile, induku isihlumile, ukuziphakamisa sekuqhakazile. **11** Udlakela selukhule lwaba yinduku yokujezisa ububi; kakho ebantwini ozatshiywa; kakho kuleliya xuku, akula notho, akulalutho oluligugu. **12** Isikhathi sesifikile, usuku selufikile. Umthengi kangathokozi kumbe umthengisi abe lusizi, ngoba ulaka luphezu kwexuku lonke. **13** Umthengisi kayikuyifumana impahla eyathengiswayo, nxa owathengisayo lowathengayo besaphila, ngoba

umbono ngexuku lonke kawuyikuhlehliselwa emuva.
Ngenxa yezono zabo kakho lamunye wabo ozalondoloza
ukuphila kwakhe. **14** Loba bekhalisa icilongo benze
izinto zonke zilunge, kakho ozakuya empini, ngoba ulaka
lwami luphezu kwexuku lonke. **15** Ngaphandle kulempi,
ngaphakathi kulesifo lendlala, labo abasemaphandleni
bazabulawa ngenkemba, njalo labo abaphakathi
kwedolobho bazaqothulwa yindlala lesifo. **16** Bonke
abaphunyukayo babaleke bazakuba sezintabeni, bebubula
njengamajuba asezigodini, yilowo lalowo ngenxa yezono
zakhe. **17** Izandla zonke zizaxega, lamadolo wonke abe
buthakathaka njengamanzi. **18** Bazagqoka amasaka babe
lokwesaba. Ubuso babo buzakuba lehlazo lamakhanda
abo aphucwe. **19** Bazalahlela isiliva sabo emigwaqweni,
legolide labo lizakuba njengento engcolileyo. Isiliva sabo
legolide labo akuyikwanelisa ukubakhulula ngosuku
lolaka lukaThixo. Bangeke baqede ukulamba kwabo
kumbe bagcwalise izisu zabo, ngoba sekubenze
bakhubeka esonweni. **20** Babeziqhenya ngeziceciso
zabo ezinhle abazisebenzisa ekwenzeni izithombe zabo
ezinengekayo. Benza lemifanekiso yabo enyanyekayo,
ngakho ngizakwenza kube yinto engcolileyo kubo.
21 Ngizanika inotho yabo njengempango kwabezizwe
lakwababi basemhlabeni njengezinto ezithunjiweyo, njalo
bazakungcolisa. **22** Ngizasusa ubuso bami kubo, njalo
bazangcolisa indawo yami eligugu; abaphangi bazangena,
bayingcolise. **23** Lungisani amaketane ngoba ilizwe
ligcwele ukuchitheka kwegazi ledolobho ligcwele udlakela.
24 Ngizaletha izizwe ezimbi kakhulu ukuthi zithathe

izindlu zabo. Ngizaqeda ukuzigqaja kwabalamandla lezindawo zabo ezingcwele zizangcoliswa. **25** Lapho ukwesaba kufika, bazafuna ukuthula. **26** Kuzafika umonakalo phezu komonakalo, lamahungahunga phezu kwamahungahunga. Bazadinga umbono kumphrofethi, ukufundiswa komthetho ngumphristi akusoze kube khona lokweluleka kwabadala kuzaphela. **27** Inkosi izalila, inkosana izaphelelwa lithemba, lezandla zabantu belizwe zizaqhaqhazela. Kubo ngizakwenza okumayelana lezenzo zabo. Ngizabahlulela ngemithetho yabo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.'"

8 Ngomnyaka wesithupha, ngenyanga yesithupha ngosuku lwesihlanu, lapho ngangihlezi endlini yami labadala bakoJuda behlezi phambi kwami, isandla sikaThixo Wobukhosi sehlela phezu kwami khonapho. **2** Ngakhangela, ngabona ulutho olwalulesimo somuntu. Kusukela kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusiya phansi wayenjengomlilo, njalo kusukela lapho kusiya phezulu ukubonakala kwakhe kwakhazimula njengensimbi evuthayo. **3** Welula okwakukhanya angathi yisandla wangibamba ngenwele zekhanda lami. UMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu phakathi komhlaba lezulu, kwathi ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa eJerusalema, ekungeneni kwesango langasenyakatho yeguma langaphakathi, lapho okwakumi khona isithombe esibangela ubukhwele. **4** Njalo khonapho phambili kwami kwakulenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, njengasembonweni engawubona egcekeni. **5** Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela

ngasenyakatho.” Ngakho ngakhangela, kwathi entubeni esenyakatho kwesango le-alithari ngabona lesisithombe sobukhwele. **6** Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona yini abakwenzayo, izinto ezenyanyekayo kakhulu indlu ka-Israyeli ezenzayo lapha, izinto ezizangixotshela khatshana lendawo yami engcwele? Kodwa wena uzabona izinto ezenyanyekayo kakhulukazi kulalezi.” **7** Emva kwalokho wangisa entubeni yeguma. Ngakhangela, ngabona imbobo emdulini. **8** Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, khathesi gubha umduli.” Ngakho ngawugubha umduli ngasengibona umnyango khona. **9** Wasesithi kimi, “Ngena ubone izinto ezimbi lezenyanyekayo abazenzayo lapha.” **10** Ngakho ngangena phakathi ngakhangela, ngabona indawo yonke emidulini kufanekiswe inhlobo zezinto zonke ezihuquzelayo lezinyamazana ezenyanyekayo kanye lezithombe zonke zasendlini ka-Israyeli. **11** Phambi kwazo kwakumi abadala bendlu ka-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, loJazaniya indodana kaShafani emi phakathi kwabo. Omunye lomunye wayephethe udengezi lokutshisela impepha ngesandla, luthunqa intuthu elephunga elimnandi elempepha. **12** Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, ukubonile yini okwenziwa ngabadala bendlu ka-Israyeli emnyameni, omunye lomunye esendaweni yokukhonzela isithombe sakhe? Bathi, ‘UThixo kasiboni; uThixo uselilahlile ilizwe.’” **13** Wabuye wathi, “Uzababona besenza izinto ezenyanyeka okudlula lokho.” **14** Emva kwalokho wangisa ekungeneni kwesango lasenyakatho kwendlu kaThixo, ngabona abesifazane

behlezi khona belilela uThamuzi. **15** Wasesithi kimi,
“Uyakubona lokhu na, ndodana yomuntu? Uzabona
izinto ezenyanyeka kakhulu kulalokhu.” **16** Wasengisa
egumeni lendlu kaThixo elingaphakathi, njalo khonapho
ekungeneni kwethempeli, phakathi komkhandlu le-
alithari, kwakulamadoda ayengaba ngamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu. Ayekhothamele phansi elangeni empumalanga,
efulathele ithempeli likaThixo. Ubuso bawo bukhangele
empumalanga. **17** Wathi kimi, “Sewake wakubona
lokhu na ndodana yomuntu? Kuyinto encane na ukuthi
indlu kaJuda yenze izinto ezenyanyekayo abazenza
lapha? Kumele ilizwe baligcwalise futhi ngodlakela,
njalo bangithukuthelise kokuphela na? Bakhangele
bebeka ugatsha empumulweni yabo! **18** Ngakho
ngizabaphatha ngentukuthelo; angiyikuba lesihawu kubo
ngibayekele. Lanxa sebeklabalalela ezindlebeni zami,
kangiyikubalalela.”

9 Lapho-ke ngamuzwa ememeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi,
“Letha abalindi bedolobho lapha, omunye lomunye
elesikhali esandleni sakhe.” **2** Ngasengibona amadoda
ayisithupha evelela malungana lesango langaphezulu,
elikhangele enyakatho, ngamunye ephethe izikhali
ezibulalayo ezandleni zakhe. Ayelenye indoda eyayigqoke
ilineni eyayilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni wayo.
Angena ema phansi kwe-alithari lethusi. **3** Khathesi
inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yaya phezulu
isuka ngaphezu kwamakherubhi, lapho eyayikade
ikhona, yasudukela emnyango wethempeli. Lapho-
ke uThixo wabiza indoda eyayigqoke ilineni ilezinto

zokubhala emhlubulweni wayo **4** wathi kuyo, “Yana
ezindaweni zonke zedolobho laseJerusalema ubeke
uphawu emabunzini alabo ababubulayo bekhala ngenxa
yezinto zonke ezenyanyekayo ezenziwa kulo.” **5**
Ngisalalele, wathi kwabanye, “Mlandeleni kulolonke
idolobho libulale, kungekho sihawu kumbe uzwelo. **6**
Qothulani amaxhegu, amajaha lezintombi, amanina
labantwana, kodwa lingathinti loba ngubani olophawu.
Qalisani endlini yami engcwele.” Ngakho baqalisa
ngabadala ababephambi kwethempeli. **7** Wasesithi
kubo, “Ngcolisani ithempeli ligcwalise amaguma
ngababuleweyo. Hambani!” Ngakho bahamba baqalisa
ukubulala edolobheni lonke. **8** Kwathi lapho bebulala,
mina ngisele ngedwa, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso,
ngakhala ngathi, “Awu Thixo Wobukhosi! Uzaqothula
yonke insalela yako-Israyeli kulokhu kuphuphuma kolaka
lwakho phezu kweJerusalema na?” **9** Wangiphendula
wathi, “Isono sendlu ka-Israyeli lekaJuda sikhulu kakhulu;
ilizwe ligcwele ukuchithwa kwegazi, ledolobho ligcwele
ukungalungi. Bathi, ‘UThixo uselidelile ilizwe; uThixo
kaboni.’ **10** Ngakho angiyikuba lesihawu kubo kumbe
ngibayekele, kodwa lokhu abakwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela
phezu kwamakhanda abo.” **11** Lapho-ke indoda eyayigqoke
ilineni ilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni yaletha ilizwi
isithi, “Ngenze njengokulaya kwakho.”

10 Ngakhangela ngabona okwakufana lesihlalo
sobukhosi esenziwe ngesafire ngaphezu komkhathi
owawungaphezu kwamakhanda amakherubhi. **2** UThixo
wathi emuntwini owayegqoke ilineni, “Ngena phakathi

kwamavili ngaphansi kwamakherubhi. Gcwalisa izandla zakho ngamalahle atshisayo avela kumakherubhi uwahaze phezu kwedolobho." Ngathi ngisabukele wangena. **3** Amakherubhi ayesemi ngaseningizimu kwethempeli lapho umuntu lowo engena phakathi, iyezi lagcwala iguma langaphakathi. **4** Lapho-ke inkazimulo kaThixo yaphakama isuka ngaphezu kwamakherubhi yasudukela ngasemnyango wethempeli. Iyezi lagcwala ethempelini, kwathi iguma lagcwala ukukhanya kwenkazimulo kaThixo. **5** Umdumo wezimpiko zamakherubhi wawuzwakala khatshana le egumeni langaphandle, unjengelizwi likaNkulunkulu uSomandla nxa ekhuluma. **6** Kwathi lapho uThixo elaya umuntu owayegqoke ilineni esithi, "Thatha umlilo phakathi kwamavili, phakathi kwamakherubhi," umuntu lowo wangena wema phansi kwevili. **7** Elinye lamakherubhi lelulela isandla salo emlilweni owawuphakathi kwawo. Lawokha lawubeka ezandleni zomuntu owayegqoke ilineni, owawuthathayo wasephuma. **8** (Ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi kwakubonakala okwakungathi yizandla zomuntu.) **9** Ngakhangela, ngabona amavili amane eceleni kwamakherubhi, lilinye eceleni kwekherubhi ngalinye, amavili ayecazimula njengethophazi. **10** Ukukhangeleka kwawo, amane awo ayekhanya efanana; elinye lelinye lingathi livili elalinqume phakathi kwelinye. **11** Ekuhambeni kwawo, ayesiya loba kuluphi lwezinhlangothi ezine lapho amakherubhi ayekhangele khona; amavili ayengaphenduki lapho amakherubhi ehamba.

Amakherubhi ayesiya loba kuluphi uhlangothi ikhanda elalikhangele kulo, kungekho kuphenduka ekuhambeni kwawo. **12** Imizimba yawo yonke, kugoqela imihlane yawo, lezandla zawo kanye lempiko zawo, kwakugcwele amehlo, njengoba ayenjalo lamavili awo amane. **13** Amavili ngezwa kuthiwa athiwa "ngamavili atshibilika ngesiqubu esikhulu." **14** Ikherubhi ngalinye lalilobuso obune: Obunye ubuso babungobekherubhi, obesibili bungobomuntu, obesithathu bungobesilwane, obesine bungobengqungqulu. **15** Amakherubhi aphakama aya phezulu. La ayeyizidalwa eziphilayo engangizibone phansi komfula uKhebhari. **16** Kwathi lapho amakherubhi ehamba, lamavili emaceleni awo ahamba; njalo kwathi lapho amakherubhi eselula impiko zawo ukuba aphakame esuka phansi, amavili kawasasukanga emaceleni awo. **17** Njalo kwathi lapho amakherubhi esima, amavili lawo ema, kuthi lapho amakherubhi ephakama, amavili lawo aphakame, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawukuwo. **18** Inkazimulo kaThixo yasuka ngasemnyango wethempeli yayakuma ngaphezu kwamakherubhi. **19** Amakherubhi elula amaphiko awo ngikhangele, aphakama esuka phansi, njalo kwathi lapho esehamba amavili ahamba lawo. Ema ekungeneni kwesango langasempumalanga lendlu kaThixo, njalo inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwawo. **20** Lezi kwakuyizidalwa eziphilayo engangizibone ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngasemfuleni uKhebhari, nganazelela ukuthi kwakungamakherubhi. **21** Lelo lalelo lalilobuso obune

lamaphiko amane, njalo ngaphansi kwamaphiko kwakulokwakungathi yizandla zomuntu. **22** Ubuso bawo babufanana lobalawana engawabona ngasemfuleni uKhebhari. Lelo lalelo lahamba liqonde phambili.

11 Lapho-ke uMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu wangisa esangweni lendlu kaThixo elikhangele empumalanga. Khonapho ekungeneni kwesango kwakulamadoda angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, njalo phakathi kwawo ngabona uJazaniya indodana ka-Azuri kanye loPhelathiya indodana kaBhenayiya, abakhokheli babantu. **2** UThixo wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, laba yibo abantu abenza amacebo amabi, benika lezeluleko ezimbi kulelidolobho. **3** Bathi, 'Masinyane nje akuyikuba yiso na isikhathi sokwakha izindlu? Idolobho leli liyimbiza yokupheka, njalo thina siyinyama.' **4** Ngakho-ke phrofetha okubi ngabo; phrofetha ndodana yomuntu." **5** Lapho-ke uMoya kaThixo weza kimi wangitshela ukuba ngithi, Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Lokho yikho wena okutshoyo, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, kodwa mina ngiyakwazi okusengqondweni yakho. **6** Sewabulala abantu abanengi phakathi kwedolobho leli wagcwalisa imigwaqo yalo ngabafileyo." **7** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: "Izidumbu oziphosele lapho ziyinyama njalo idolobho leli liyimbiza, kodwa wena ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle kwalo. **8** Inkemba uyayesaba, njalo inkemba yiyo engizayiletha ukuba imelane lawe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **9** Ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle kwedolobho ngikunikele kwabezizweni ngiphinde ngikujezise. **10** Uzabulawa

ngenkemba, njalo ngizakwahlulela emingceleni yako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **11** Idolobho leli kaliyikuba yimbiza yakho, kumbe wena ube yinyama phakathi kwalo; ngizakwahlulela emingceleni yako-Israyeli. **12** Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, ngoba izimiso zami kawuzilandelanga kumbe wagcina imithetho yami kodwa ulandele izenzo zezizwe ezikuhanqileyo." **13** Kwathi lapho ngisaphrofitha, uPhelathiya indodana kaBhenayiya wafa. Ngakho ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso ngakhala ngelizwi eliphezulu ngisithi, "Awu, Thixo Wobukhosi! Uzaqothula insalela ka-Israyeli na?" **14** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **15** "Ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu, abafowenu abayizihlobo zakho zegazi kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli, yibo labo abantu baseJerusalema abathe ngabo: 'Bakhatshana loThixo kakhulu; ilizwe leli saliphiwa ukuba libe yilifa lethu.'" **16** "Ngakho-ke wothi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Lanxa ngabasa khatshana phakathi kwezizwe njalo ngabahlakazela phakathi kwamazwe, ikanti okwesikhatshana ngibe yindlu engcwele kubo emazweni abaye kuwo.' **17** Ngakho-ke wothi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizakubutha ezizweni ngikubuyise ngikususa emazweni owawuhlakazekele kuwo, njalo ngizakunika ilizwe lako-Israyeli futhi.' **18** Bazabuyela kulo basuse zonke izifanekiso zalo ezihlazisayo kanye lezithombe ezenyanyekayo. **19** Ngizabanika inhliziyo engehlukananga ngifake lomoya omutsha phakathi kwabo; ngizasusa kubo inhliziyo yabo yelitshe ngibaphe inhliziyo yenyama. **20** Lapho-ke bazalandela

izimiso zami baqaphele ukugcina imithetho yami. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo. **21** Kodwa labo abanhliziyo zabo zinikelwe ezifanekisweni zabo ezihlazisayo lasezithombeni ezenyanyekayo, lokhu abakwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela phezu kwamakhanda abo, kutsho Thixo Wobukhosi." **22** Lapho-ke amakherubhi, ayelamavili emaceleni, elula impiko zawo, njalo inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwawo. **23** Inkazimulo kaThixo yaya phezulu isuka phakathi kwedolobho yayakuma ngaphezu kwentaba ngasempumalanga kwedolobho. **24** UMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu wangisa kwabathunjiweyo eBhabhiloni ngombono owawulethwe nguMoya kaNkulunkulu. Emva kwalokho umbono engangiwubonile wasuka kimi, **25** ngasengitshela abathunjiweyo konke Thixo ayengitshengise khona.

12 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, uhlala phakathi kwabantu abahlamukayo. Balamehlo ukuba babone kodwa kababoni, njalo balendlebe ukuba bezwe kodwa kabezwa, ngoba bangabantu abahlamukayo. **3** Ngakho-ke ndodana yomuntu, lungisa impahla zakho zasekuthunjweni njalo kuthi emini, bekhangele, uphume usuke lapho okhona uye kwenye indawo. Mhlawumbe bazazwisisa, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. **4** Ngezikhathi zemini, bekhangele, khuphela impahla zakho phandle zilungiselwe ukuya ekuthunjweni. Kuthi kusihlwa, bekhangele, uphume njengabaya ekuthunjweni. **5** Bekhangele, bhoboza umduli ukhuphele impahla zakho ngaphandle kwawo. **6**

Zetshathe ehlombe bekhangele uhambe lazo kusihlwa.
Mboza ubuso bakho ukuze ilizwe ungaliboni, ngoba
sengikwenze waba luphawu endlini ka-Israyeli." **7**
Ngakho ngenza njengokulaywa kwami. Ngezikhathi
zemini ngakhupha impahla zami zilungiselwe ukuya
ekuthunjweni. Kusihlwa ngabhoboza umduli ngezandla
zami. Impahla zami ngazikhuphela ngaphandle kuhwalala,
ngizetshethe emahlombe ami bekhangele. **8** Ekuseni
ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **9** "Ndodana yomuntu,
indlu leyana ehlamukayo yako-Israyeli kayikubuzanga na
yathi, 'Wenzani na?' **10** Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo Wobukhosi: Izilo leli limayelana lenkosana
eJerusalema kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli ekhonale.'
11 Wothi kubo, 'Ngiluphawu lwesitshengiselo kini.'
Njengoba ngenzile, kuzakwenziwa kanjalo kubo. Bazakuya
ekuthunjweni beyizigqili." **12** Oyinkosana phakathi kwabo
uzakwetshatha impahla zakhe kuhwalala asuke, njalo
imbobo izakwenziwa emdulini ukuba aphume ngayo.
Uzamboza ubuso bakhe ukuze ilizwe angaliboni. **13**
Ngizamendlalela imbule lami, njalo uzabanjwa yisifu sami;
ngizamusa eBhabhiloniya ilizwe lamaKhaladiya, kodwa
kasoze alibone, njalo uzafela khona. **14** Ngizabahlakazela
emimoyeni bonke labo abamhanqileyo, izisebenzi zakhe
kanye lamabutho akhe wonke njalo ngizaxotshana labo
ngiphethe inkemba. **15** "Bazakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo
lapho sengibachithachithela phakathi kwezizwe njalo
ngibahlakazela emazweni. **16** Kodwa ngizaphephisa
abalutshwana babo ekuhlaselweni yinkemba, indlala
kanye lesifo, ukuze kuthi ezizweni abaya kuzo bazivume

zonke izenzo zabo ezinengayo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi
ukuthi nginguThixo.” **17** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi
lisithi: **18** “Ndodana yomuntu, qhaqhazela nxa unatha
amanzi akho. **19** Yitsho ebantwini belizwe uthi:
‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi mayelana
lalabo abahlala eJerusalema kanye laselizweni lako-
Israyeli: Bazakudla ukudla kwabo benqineka njalo
banathe lamanzi abo bengelathemba, ngoba ilizwe
lizaphundlwa konke okukulo ngenxa yodlakela lwabo
bonke abahlala khona. **20** Amadolobho okuhlalwa kuwo
azaqothulwa ilizwe lichitheke. Lapho-ke bazakwazi
ukuthi nginguThixo.’” **21** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi
lisithi: **22** “Ndodana yomuntu, yisaga bani lesi na
elilaso elizweni lako-Israyeli esithi: ‘Insuku ziyedlula
njalo imibono yonke iba yize’? **23** Wothi kubo, ‘Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizasiqeda isaga lesi,
njalo kabayikusitsho futhi ko-Israyeli.’ Wothi kubo,
‘Insuku sezisondele lapho imibono yonke izagcwaliseka
khona. **24** Ngoba akusayikuba lemibono yamanga futhi
kumbe ubungoma benkohliso ko-Israyeli. **25** Kodwa mina
Thixo ngizakhuluma engikufunayo, njalo kuzagcwaliseka
ngokuphangisa. Ngoba ensukwini zakho, wena ndlu
ehlamukayo ngizagcwalisa loba kuyini engikutshoyo,
kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.’” **26** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika
kimi lisithi: **27** “Ndodana yomuntu, indlu ka-Israyeli
ithi, ‘Umbono awubonayo ngoweminyaka eminengi
kusukela khathesi, njalo uphrofetha ngesikhathi esizayo
esikhatshana kakhulu.’ **28** Ngakho wothi kubo, ‘Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Akukho lalinye ilizwi

lamazwi ami elizaphuza; loba kuyini engikutshoyo kuzagcwaliseka, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'"

13 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofitha umelana labaphrofethi bako-Israyeli abaphrofethayo khathesi. Uthi kulabo abaphrofetha okuvela emicabangweni yabo: 'Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo! **3** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Maye kubaphrofethi abayizithutha abalandela umoya wabo kodwa bengabonanga lutho! **4** Abaphrofethi bakho, we Israyeli, banjengamakhanka asemanxiweni. **5** Kawuyanga phezulu ezikhexeni emdulini ukuba uwulungisele indlu ka-Israyeli ukuze uqine empini ngosuku lukaThixo. **6** Imibono yabo iyinkohliso njalo lobungoma babo bungamanga. Bathi, "uThixo uthi," yena uThixo engabathumanga; kodwa bathembe ukuthi amazwi abo azagcwaliseka. **7** Kalikayiboni imibono yenkohliso na, njalo lakhuluma ubungoma bamanga lapho lisithi, "uThixo uthi," lanxa mina ngingatshongo? **8** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngenxa yamazwi enu enkohliso kanye lemibono yenu yamanga, ngimelana lani, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **9** Isandla sami sizamelana labaphrofethi ababona imibono yenkohliso bakhulume ubungoma bamanga. Kabayikuba ngabenhlangano yabantu bami kumbe balotshwe emibhalweni yendlu ka-Israyeli, loba bangene elizweni lako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo Wobukhosi. **10** Ngenxa yokuthi bedukisa abantu bami, besithi "Ukuthula," khona ukuthula kungekho, njalo ngoba, nxa kwakhiwe umduli ongaqinanga, bayawubhada ngekalaga, **11** ngakho tshela

labo abawubhada ngekalaga ukuthi uzadilika. Kuzakuza
isihlambi sezulu, njalo ngizaletha isiqhotho esitshaya
phansi, kuqhamuke umoya olamandla. **12** Lapho umduli
udilika, abantu kabayikulibuza na bathi, “Ingaphi ikalaga
elawubhada ngayo?” **13** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngolaka lwami ngizadedela umoya
olamandla, kuthi ngokuthukuthela kwami isiqhotho
lesihlambi sezulu kune ngentukuthelo ebhubhisayo. **14**
Ngizadiliza umduli eliwubhade ngekalaga ngiwuwisele
phansi ukuze isisekelo sawo sibe segcekeni. Nxa ususiwa
lizafela kuwo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **15**
Ngakho ngizachitha ulaka lwami ngimelane lomduli
kanye lalabo abawubhada ngekalaga. Ngizakuthi kini,
“Umduli kawusekho njalo yiso leso lakulabo abawucomba
ngekalaga, **16** labobaphrofethi bako-Israyeli abaphrofetha
ngeJerusalema babona imibono yokuthula ngalo, khona
ukuthula kungekho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.”’ **17**
Khathesi-ke ndodana yomuntu, melana lamadodakazi
abantu bakini aphrofetha okwemicabango yawo.
Phrofetha umelana lawo **18** uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo Wobukhosi: Maye kwabesifazane abathungela
intebe ezihlakaleni zabo zonke benze lezimbombozo
zamakhanda abo ezilobude obehlukeneyo ukuze bathiye
abantu. Lizathiya impilo yabantu bami kodwa lilondoloze
eyenu na? **19** Lingithukile phakathi kwabantu bami ngenxa
yohetshezana lwebhali kanye lemvuthuluka yesinkwa.
Ngokuqamba amanga ebantwini bami, abawalalelayo
amanga, selibabulele labo ababengamelanga bafe,
kodwa layekela abangafanelanga ukuphila. **20** Ngakho

nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lezintebe zenu elithiya abantu ngazo njengenyoni njalo ngizazidabula ezingalweni zenu; ngizabakhulula abantu elibathiya njengenyoni. **21** Izimbombozo zenu ngizazidabula ngikhulule abantu bami ezandleni zenu, njalo kabayikuba ngaphansi kwamandla okubazingela kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **22** Ngenxa yokuthi lenyelisa inhliziyo zabalungileyo ngamanga enu, lapho ngangingabalethelanga sizi, njalo ngoba lakhuthaza ababi ukuba bangaphenduki ezindleleni zabo ezimbi ngalokho basilise ukuphila kwabo, **23** ngakho kaliyikubona imibono yamanga futhi loba izenzo zobungoma. Abantu bami ngizabahlenga ezandleni zenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo.'"

14 Abanye babadala bako-Israyeli beza kimi bahlala phambi kwami. **2** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **3** "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu laba sebebeke izithombe ezinhliziyweni zabo, bafaka lezikhubekiso ezimbi phambi kobuso babo. Ngibavumele ukungibuza na? **4** Ngakho khuluma labo ubatshele uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Lapho loba nguphi um'Israyeli ebeka izithombe enhliziyweni yakhe, afake lesikhubekiso esibi phambi kobuso bakhe abesesiyaphrofetha, mina Thixo ngizamphendula mina ngokwami ngokuhambelana lokukhonza kwakhe izithombe okukhulu. **5** Ngizakwenza lokhu ukuze ngizibambe futhi inhliziyo zabantu bako-Israyeli asebengidelile bonke ngenxa yezithombe zabo.' **6** Ngakho-ke tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Phendukani! Tshiyani

izithombe zenu lilahle imikhuba yenu enengayo! **7** Lapho
owako-Israyeli loba omunye wabezizweni ohlala ko-
Israyeli ezehlukanisa lami abeke izithombe enhliziyweni
yakhe njalo afake lesikhubekiso esibi phambi kobuso
bakhe, abesesiya kumphrofethi ukuyabuza ngami, mina
Thixo ngizamphendula mina ngokwami. **8** Ngizamelana
lalowomuntu ngobuso bami njalo ngimenze isibonelo
kanye lesiga. Ngizamsusa ebantwini bami. Lapho-ke
lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **9** Njalo nxa umphrofethi
ekhohliseke ukuba akhulume isiphrofethi, mina Thixo
yimi engikhohlise umphrofethi lowo, njalo ngizakwelula
isandla sami ngimelane laye ngimbhubhise phakathi
kwabantu bami u-Israyeli. **10** Bazathwala icala labo,
umphrofethi uzakuba lecala njengalowo ombuzayo. **11**
Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli kabasayikungifulathela
kumbe bazingcolise futhi ngazozonke izono zabo.
Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wabo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'" **12** Ilizwi likaThixo
lafika kimi lisithi: **13** "Ndodana yomuntu, nxa ilizwe
lisona kimi ngokungathembeki besengiselula isandla sami
ukuba ngivale ukulethwa kokudla kwalo, ngithumele
indlala kulo ibulale abantu bakhona kanye lezifuyo
zabo, **14** lanxa amadoda amathathu la, uNowa, loDanyeli
kanye loJobe, angabe ayekhona kulo, ayezazihlenga wona
kuphela ngokulunga kwawo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.
15 Loba nxa ngingathuma izilo zeganga ukuba zidabule
phakathi kwalelolizwe zilitshiye lingaselabantwana
njalo libe lugwadule okwenza kungabi lamuntu odlula
phakathi kwalo ngenxa yezilo, **16** ngeqiniso elinjengoba

ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, lanxa amadoda la amathathu engabe ayekhona kulo ayengeke awahlenge amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela yiwo ayengahlengwa, kodwa ilizwe lalizachitheka. **17** Loba nxa ngingaletha inkemba imelane lalelolizwe ngithi, ‘Inkemba kayidlule phakathi kwelizwe lonke,’ ngibulale abantu kanye lezifuyo zabo, **18** ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, lanxa amadoda la amathathu kungabe ayekulo, ayengeke awahlenge amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela yiwo ayengahlengwa. **19** Loba nxa ngithumela isifo kulelolizwe, ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwalo ngokuchithwa kwegazi, sibulale abantu balo kanye lezifuyo zabo, **20** ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, lanxa uNowa, loDanyeli kanye loJobe bengabe bekulo bebengeke bahlenge indodana kumbe indodakazi. Bebengazihlenga bona kuphela ngokulunga kwabo. **21** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Kuzakuba kubi kakhulu okunjani na lapho sengithumela eJerusalema izahlulelo zami ezine, inkemba lendlala lezilo zeganga kanye lesifo ukuba kubulale abantu balo kanye lezifuyo zabo! **22** Kodwa kuzakuba labanye abasilayo, amadodana lamadodakazi abazakhutshelwa ngaphandle kwalo. Bazakuza kuwe, njalo lapho ubona ukuziphatha kwabo lezenzo zabo, uzaduduzeka ngomonakalo engiwehlisela phezu kweJerusalema, wonke umonakalo engawehlisela phezu kwalo. **23** Uzaduduzeka lapho usubona ukuziphatha kwabo kanye lezenzo zabo, ngoba uzakwazi ukuthi

angenzanga lutho phakathi kwalo kungekho sizatho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi."

15 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, isigodo sevini silwedlula ngani ugatsha lwaloba yisiphi sezihlahla eziseguswini na? **3** Isigodo siyake sithathwe kulo ukuba kwenziwe ulutho olusizayo na? Bayazenza izikhonkwane ngalo ukuba kulengiswe izinto kuzo na? **4** Njalo emva kokuba sesiphoselwe emlilweni njengokhuni, umlilo usitshise izihloko zombili lomzaca waphakathi uhaqazeke, siselosizo ekwenzeni olunye ulutho na? **5** Nxa sasingelasizo ekwenzeni ulutho sisaphelele, kuncane kangakanani okungenziwa ukuthi sibe yilutho olusizayo lapho umlilo ususitshisile njalo sesililahle na? **6** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Njengoba nginike isigodo sevini phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu njengokhuni lomlilo, ngizabaphatha kanjalo abantu abahlala eJerusalema. **7** Ngizamelana labo ngobuso bami. Lanxa sebephumile phakathi komlilo, umlilo usezabaqeda. Njalo lapho sengimelane labo ngobuso bami, lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **8** Ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lugwadule ngoba bebengathembekanga, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi."

16 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, melana leJerusalema ngezenzo zalo ezinengayo **3** uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi kulo iJerusalema: Umdabuko wenu kanye lozalo ngokwaselizweni lamaKhenani; uyihlo wayengum'Amori unyoko engumHithi. **4** Ngosuku owazalwa ngalo ufokothi lwakho kaluqunywanga, njalo kawugeziswanga ngamanzi

ukuba uhlambuluke, kumbe uhlikihlwe ngetswayi loba ugoqelwe ngamalembu. **5** Kakho owaba lozwelo kuwe loba owaba lesihawu ukuba akwenzele okunye kwalezizinto. Kodwa waphoselwa etshatshalazini leganga, ngoba ngosuku owazalwa ngalo weyiswa. **6** Kwathi lapho ngidlula eduze ngakubona uqhatshaqhatsha phakathi kwegazi lakho, njalo kwathi ulele phakathi khonapho kwegazi lakho ngathi kuwe, “Phila!” **7** Ngakukhulisa njengesihlahla seganga. Wakhula waqina waba yilitshe eliligugu elihle kakhulu kulawo wonke. Waphuhla lenwele zakho zakhula, wena owawunqunu uze. **8** Muva ngadlula eduze futhi, kwathi lapho sengikukhangele ngabona ukuthi wawusukhulile okwanela uthando, ngelulela isembatho sami phezu kwakho ngavala ubunqunu bakho. Ngakufungela ngesifungo sami esiqinisekileyo, ngenza isivumelwano lawe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, njalo waba ngowami. **9** Ngakugezisa ngamanzi, ngagezisa legazi kuwe, ngasengikugcoba ngamafutha. **10** Ngakugqokisa isigqoko esicecisiweyo ngakufaka amanyathelo esikhumba. Ngakugqokisa ilineni elihle ngakwembesa izembatho ezidulayo. **11** Ngakuhlobisa ngamatshe aligugu: Ngafaka amasongo ezingalweni zakho kanye lomgaxo entanyeni yakho, **12** ngasengifaka lesongo empumulweni yakho, lamacici ezindlebeni zakho kanye lomqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho. **13** Waceciswa kanjalo ngegolide langesiliva; izigqoko zakho zazenziwe ngelineni elihle langamalembu adulayo kanye lamalembu acecisiweyo. Waba muhle kakhulu waze wakhuphuka waba yindlovukazi. **14** Udumo lwakho lwagcwala phakathi

kwezizwe ngenxa yobuhle bakho, ngoba ubucwazicwazi
engangikuphe bona benza ubuhle bakho baphelela,
kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **15** Kodwa wena wathemba
ubuhle bakho wasebenzisa lodumo lwakho ekubeni
yisifebe. Wachithela umusa wakho emuntwini wonke
odlulayo kwathi ubuhle bakho baba ngobakhe. **16**
Wathatha ezinye zezembatho zakho wenza ubucwazicwazi
bezindawo eziphakemeyo, lapho owaqhubekela khona
ngobuwule bakho. Izinto ezinje akumelanga zenzakale,
loba zike zivele zenzeke. **17** Njalo wathatha leziceciso
ezinhle zamatshe aligugu engakupha zona, iziceciso
ezenziwa ngegolide lami lesiliva, wazenzela izithombe
ezinduna wawula lazo. **18** Wathatha lezigqoko zakho
ezicecisiweyo ukuba wembese izithombe, wanikela
amafutha ami lempepha phambi kwazo. **19** Lokudla
engakupha khona, ifulawa ecolekileyo, amafutha e-oliva
kanye loluju engakupha khona ukuba udle, wakunikela
phambi kwazo njengempepha elephunga elimnandi.
Lokhu yikho okwenzakalayo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.
20 Wathatha futhi amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi
owangizalela wona wawanikela njengokudla ezithombeni.
Ubufebe bakho babunganelanga na? **21** Wabulala
abantwabami wabanikela ezithombeni. **22** Phakathi
kwazo zonke izenzo zakho ezinengayo kanye lobufebe
bakho kawuzikhumbulanga insuku zebutsheni bakho,
lapho wawunqunu njalo uze, uqhatshaqhatsha phakathi
kwegazi lakho. **23** Maye! Maye kuwe, kutsho uThixo
Wobukhosi. Phezu kobubi bakho bonke, **24** wazakhela
indunduma wenza lezindawo zokukhonzela ezidephileyo

ezinkundleni zonke. **25** Ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke
wakha izindawo zakho zokukhonzela ezidephileyo
wonakalisa ubuhle bakho, wanikela umzimba wakho
ngokuxabanisa okukhulu kuloba ngubani odlulayo. **26**
Wenza ubufebe lamaGibhithe, omakhelwane bakho
abalesigweba, wangithukuthelisa ngokuba ngubuyazonke
kwakho okukhulu. **27** Ngakho ngelula isandla sami ukuba
ngimelane lawe nganciphisa ilizwe lakho; ngakunikela
ekuphangeni kwezitha zakho, amadodakazi amaFilistiya,
ethuswa yikuziphatha kwakho kobuxhwali! **28** Wenza
ubuwule lama-Asiriya futhi, ngoba wawungasuthiseki;
njalo langasemva kwalokho wawulokhu ungakholwanga.
29 Ngakho wandisa ukuxubanisa kwakho ukuba kungenise
leBhabhiloni, ilizwe labathengisi, kodwa langalokhu
kawusuthisekanga. **30** Yeka ubuthakathaka bakho
enhliziyweni, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, lapho usenza
zonke lezizinto, usenza njengesifebe esingelanhloni! **31**
Lapho usakha amadundulu akho ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo
yonke usenza lezindawo zakho zokukhonzela ezidephileyo
ezinkundleni zonke, wawunganjengesifebe, ngoba wala
imbadalo ngokweyisa okukhulu. **32** Wena mfazi oyisifebe!
Uthanda izihambi kulomkakho. **33** Izifebe zonke zamukela
imbadalo, kodwa zonke izithandwa zakho uzinika
izipho, uzithenga ukuba zize kuwe zivela ezindaweni
zonke zilanda ubufebe bakho. **34** Ngakho ukufeba
kwakho kwehlukile kokwabanye; kakho okudingayo ukuba
afebe lawe. Wena wehlukile, ngoba uyabhadala kodwa
awubhadalwa. **35** Ngakho-ke, wena sifebe, zwana ilizwi
likaThixo! **36** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi:

Njengoba wachitha inotho yakho waveza lobunqunu
bakho ebufebeni bakho lezithandwa zakho, njalo ngenxa
yazo zonke izithombe zakho ezinengayo, langenxa
yokuthi wazipha igazi labantwana bakho, **37** ngakho-
ke ngizaziqoqa zonke izithandwa zakho, owawuthokoza
lazo, lezo owawuzithanda kanye lalezo owawuzizonda.
Ngizaziqoqa ukuba zimelane lawe zivela ezindaweni
zonke ngikunqunule phambi kwazo, njalo zizabubona
bonke ubunqunu bakho. **38** Ngizakunika isigwebo
sokujeziswa kwabesifazane abafebayo njalo abachitha
igazi; ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakho impindiselo yegazi
yolaka lwami kanye lentukuthelo yobukhwele. **39**
Emva kwalokho ngizakunikela kuzithandwa zakho,
zizabhidliza amadundulu akho zidilize lezindawo zakho
zokukhonzela ezidephileyo. Zizakuhlubula izigqoko zakho
zithathe lemiceciso yakho yamatshe aligugu zikutshiye
unqunu njalo uze. **40** Zizaletha ixuku elizamelana
lawe, elizakutshaya ngamatshe, likuqumaqume ube
yiziqa ngezinkemba zalo. **41** Bazatshisa izindlu zakho
zilobe, bakujezise phambi kwabesifazane abanengi.
Ngizabuqeda ubuwule bakho, njalo kawusayikuzibhadala
futhi izithandwa zakho. **42** Lapho-ke ulaka lwami
kuwe luzadeda, lokuthukuthela kwami kobukhwele
kuzasuka kuwe; ngizaphola ngingabe ngisathukuthela
futhi. **43** Ngenxa yokuthi insuku zobutsha bakho
kawuzikhumbulanga kodwa wangithukuthelisa ngezinto
zonke lezi, ngeqiniso lokhu okwenzileyo ngizakwehlisela
phezu kwekhanda lakho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.
Kanje kawenzanga isigwebo kuzozonke lezizenzo zakho

ezinengayo na? **44** Bonke abatsho izaga bazasitsho
isaga lesi ngawe esithi: “Indodakazi ifuna unina.”
45 Wena uyindodakazi kanyoko sibili, owayeseyisa
umkakhe kanye labantwana bakhe; njalo ngeqiniso
ungudade wabodadewenu, abeyisa omkabo labantwana
babo. Unyoko wayengumHithi uyihlo engum’Amori.
46 Udadewenu omdala wayenguSamariya, owayehlala
ngasenyakatho kwakho labantwana bakhe; njalo
udadewenu omncane owayehlala ngaseningizimu kwakho
lamadodakazi akhe nguSodoma. **47** Kawuhambanga
ezindleleni zabo nje kuphela njalo walingisa lezenzo
zabo ezinengayo, kodwa kuzozonke izindlela zakho wena
waphanga waxhwala kakhulu kulabo. **48** Ngeqiniso
elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi,
udadewenu uSodoma lamadodakazi akhe kazange
akwenze okwenziwa nguwe lamadodakazi akho. **49** Isono
sikadadewenu uSodoma sasiyilesi: Yena lamadodakazi
akhe babezigqaja, badla bedlulisa njalo bengakhathali;
kababasizanga abayanga labaswelayo. **50** Babezazisa
njalo besenza izinto eziyangisayo phambi kwami.
Ngakho ngabasusa njengoba ubonile. **51** USamariya
kenzanga ingxenye yezono wena osuzenzile. Wenze
izinto ezinengekayo kulabo, wenza odadewenu bangathi
balungile ngenxa yezinto zonke lezi ozenzileyo.
52 Lithwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba usunike isizatho
esilungileyo ngabodadewenu. Ngoba izono zakho
zazizimbi kakhulu kulezabo, bakhanya belunge kakhulu
kulawe. Ngakho, woba lenhloni uthwale ihlazo lakho,
ngoba wenze odadewenu bakhanya belungile. **53** Kodwa-

ke, ngizayibuyisela inhlanhla yeSodoma lamadodakazi
ayo kanye leyeSamariya lamadodakazi ayo, lenhlanhla
yakho kanye labo, **54** ukuze uthwale ihlazo lakho njalo ube
lenhloni ngokubaduduza. **55** Njalo odadewenu, iSodoma
lamadodakazi alo kanye leSamariya lamadodakazi
alo, bazabuyela kulokho ababeyikho kuqala. **56**
Udadewenu, uSodoma wawungeke umutsho ngezinsuku
zokuzigqaja kwakho, **57** ububi bakho bungakavezwa.
Lanxa kunjalo, khathesi usuhlekwa ngamadodakazi
ase-Edomi labo bonke omakhelwane bayo kanye
lamadodakazi amaFilistiya, bonke labo abakuhanqileyo
abakweyisayo. **58** Uzathwala umvuzo wesagweba sakho
kanye lezenzo zakho ezinengayo kutsho uThixo. **59**
Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizakuphatha
njengalokhu okukufaneleyo, ngoba udelele isifungo sami
ngokwephula isivumelwano. **60** Kodwa ngizasikhumbula
isivumelwano engasenza lawe ensukwini zobutsha
bakho, njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano esingapheliyo
lawe. **61** Lapho-ke uzazikhumbula izindlela zakho ube
lenhloni lapho ususamukela odadewenu, labo abadala
kulawe kanye lalabo abancane. Ngizakunika bona
njengamadodakazi, kodwa hatshi ngenxa yesivumelwano
sami lawe. **62** Ngakho ngizamisa isivumelwano sami
lawe njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **63**
Ngakho, lapho sengikwenzela inhlawulelo yakho konke
okwenzileyo, uzakhumbula ube lenhloni ungawuvuli
futhi umlomo wakho ngenxa yokuthotshiswa kwakho,
kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'"

17 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, yenza umzekeliso utshele indlu yako-Israyeli umfanekiso. **3** Wothi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ingqungqulu enkulu elezimpiko ezilamandla, izinsiba ezinde njalo zinengi zimibalabala yafika eLebhanoni. Ibambe isihloko somsedari, **4** yephula ihlumela elalingaphezu kwawo wonke yalisa elizweni labathengisi lapho eyalihlanyela khona edolobheni labathengisi. **5** Yathatha enye yenhlanyelo yelizwe lakini yayifaka emhlabathini ovundileyo: Yayihlanyela njengomnyezane phansi kwamanzi amanengi, **6** yahluma yaba livini elifitshane elinabayo. Ingatsha zalo zaphendukela kuyo, kodwa impande zalo zaba ngaphansi kwalo. Ngakho laba livini laba lezingatsha ezilamahlamvu amanengi. **7** Kodwa kwakulenye ingqungqulu enkulu elezimpiko ezilamandla lezinsiba ezinengi. Khathesi ivini lakhuphela impande zalo kuyo zisuka esivandeni elalihlanyelwe kuso njalo lelulela ingatsha zalo kuyo zifuna amanzi. **8** Lalihlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle phansi kwamanzi amanengi ukuze liveze ingatsha, lithele izithelo libe livini elihle.’ **9** Wothi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Kambe lizakhula kuhle na? Kaliyikusitshunwa izithelo zalo ziqhululwe ukuba libune na? Wonke amahlumela alo azabuna. Akuyikusweleka ingalo elamandla kumbe abantu abanengi ukuba balisiphune. **10** Lanxa lingayagxunyekwa kwenye indawo lingakhula kuhle na? Kambe kaliyikubuna okupheleleyo nxa umoya wasempumalanga ulihangula libune esivandeni elakhulela kuso na?’” **11** Ilizwi likaThixo

laselifika kimi lisithi: **12** “Tshono kule indlu ehlamukayo uthi, ‘Kalazi ukuthi izinto lezi zitshoni na?’ Tshono kubo uthi, ‘Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yaya eJerusalema yathumba inkosi yalo kanye lezikhulu zalo yabuyela labo eBhabhiloni. **13** Yathatha omunye wabenzalo yasesikhosini, yenza isivumelwano laye, yamfungisa. Yathumba lamanye amadoda elizwe adumileyo, **14** ukuze umbuso uye phansi, ungavuki futhi, ume nje kuphela ngokugcina isivumelwano sayo. **15** Kodwa inkosi yamhlamukela ngokuthuma isithunywa eGibhithe ukuba ziyethatha amabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu. Kambe izaphumelela na? Kambe lowo owenza izinto ezinje uzaphunyuka na? Kambe uzakwephula isivumelwano kodwa aphunyuke na? **16** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, uzafela eBhabhiloni, elizweni lenkosi eyambeka esihlalweni sobukhosi, esifungo sayo wasidelela wephula lesivumelwano sayo. **17** UFaro lebutho lakhe elilamandla kanye lexuku elikhulu akuyikumsiza empini, lapho sekwakhiwe amadundulu kwamiswa lemiduli yokuvimbezela ukuba kuchithwe imiphefumulo eminengi. **18** Wadelela isifungo ngokwephula isivumelwano. Ngoba wazibopha ngesifungo kodwa wasesenza zonke lezizinto akayikuphunyuka. **19** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakhe isifungo sami asidelayo kanye lesivumelwano sami asephulayo. **20** Ngizamendlalela imbule lami, njalo uzabanjwa yisifu sami. Ngizamusa eBhabhiloni, ngenzele khona ukumahlulela kwami

ngoba wayengathembekanga kimi. **21** Wonke amabutho
akhe abalekayo azabulawa ngenkemba, abasindayo
bazahlakazelwa emimoyeni. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi
mina Thixo sengikhulumile. **22** Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo Wobukhosi: Mina ngokwami ngizathatha
ihlumela kuso kanye isihloko somsedari ngilihlanyele;
ngizakwephula ihlumela elibuthakathaka eklintini
lawo eliphezulu kakhulu kulamanye ngilihlanyele
phezu kwentaba ende ephakemeyo. **23** Ngizalihlanyela
ezingqongeni zentaba yako-Israyeli; lizaveza ingatsha
lithele lezithelo njalo libe ngumsedari omuhle. Izinyoni
zezinhlobo zonke zizakwakhela izidleke zazo kuwo;
zizathola ukusitheka emthunzini wezingatsha zawo.
24 Zonke izihlahla zeganga zizakwazi ukuthi mina
Thixo ngifinyeza isihlahla eside ngenze esifitshane
sikhule sibeside. Ngomisa isihlahla esiluhlaza ngenze
esomileyo sihlume. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile, njalo
ngizakwenza.'"

18 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Litshoni
lina bantu nxa libetha isaga lesi ngelizwe lako-
Israyeli lisithi: 'Oyise badla amavini amunyu, amazinyo
abantwana asetshelela'? **3** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba
ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, kalisayikusitsho
isaga lesi ko-Israyeli. **4** Ngoba yonke imphefumulo
ephilayo ngeyami, uyise kanye lendodana, bobabili
ngokufanayo ngabami. Umphefumulo owonayo yiwo
ozakufa. **5** Kasithi kulomuntu olungileyo owenza
okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo. **6** Kadleli ezindaweni
zokukhonzela zasentabeni loba athembe izithombe

zendlu ka-Israyeli. Kangcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe loba alale lowesifazane esemazibukweni. **7** Kancindezeli muntu kodwa uyabuyisela akuthathayo njengesibambiso sokwebolekwayo. Kabenzi ubuphangi kodwa unika abalambileyo ukudla kwakhe labanqunu abanike izigqoko. **8** Kabolekisi ukuba athole inzuzo loba athathe inzuzo edlulisileyo. Uyasithinta isandla sakhe ekwenzeni okubi njalo ehlulele kuhle phakathi komuntu lomuntu. **9** Uyazilandela izimiso zami agcine lemithetho yami ngokuthembeka. Lowomuntu ulungile; ngempela uzaphila, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **10** Kasithi ulendodana elodlakela echitha igazi kumbe yenze loba yikuphi kwalezizinto **11** (lanxa uyise engenzanga lanye yazo): Idlela ezindaweni zokukhonzela ezisentabeni. Iyamngcolisa umfazi kamakhelwane wayo. **12** Incindezela abayanga labaswelayo. Yenza ubuphangi. Kayibuyiseli eyakuthatha kuyisibambiso. Yethemba izithombe. Yenza izinto ezinengisayo. **13** Yebolekisa ukuba ithole inzuzo njalo ithatha inzuzo edlulisileyo. Umuntu onjalo uzaphila na? Kasoze aphile! Ngenxa yokuba enze zonke lezizinto ezinengisayo uzabulawa mpela legazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. **14** Kodwa kasithi indodana le ilendodana ezibonayo zonke izono ezenziwa nguyise, kodwa lanxa izibona, yona kayizenzi izinto ezinje: **15** Kayidleli ezindaweni zokukhonzela ezisentabeni, kumbe yethembe izithombe zendlu ka-Israyeli. Kayimngcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wayo. **16** Kayincindezeli muntu kumbe ifune isibambiso ekwebolekiseni. Kayibenzi ubuphangi kodwa abalambileyo iyabapha ukudla kwayo

inike labanqunu izigqoko. **17** Iyasithinta isandla sayo
ekoneni njalo kayithathi nzuzo loba inzuzo edlulisileyo.
Iyagcina imilayo yami ilandele lezimiso zami. Kayiyikufela
izono zikayise; izaphila impela. **18** Kodwa uyise
uzafela izono zakhe yena ngokwakhe, ngoba wabamba
ngamandla, waphanga umfowabo wenza okubi ebantwini
bakibo. **19** Ikanti liyabuza lithi, 'Kungani indodana
ingabi lecala likayise na?' Njengoba indodana yenze
okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo njalo inaka ukugcina izimiso
zami, izaphila impela. **20** Umphefumulo owonayo yiwo
ozakufa. Indodana kayiyikuba lecala likayise, loba uyise
abe lecala lendodana. Ukulunga komuntu olungileyo
kuzabalelwa kuye, lobubi bomubi buzamelana laye.
21 Kodwa nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka kuzozonke
izono azenzayo njalo agcine izimiso zami zonke enze
okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo, uzaphila impela, akayikufa.
22 Akukho kona kwakhe okuzakhunjulwa. Ngenxa yezinto
ezilungileyo azenzileyo uzaphila. **23** Ngiyathokoza
ngokufa komuntu omubi na? kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.
Esikhundleni salokho, kangithabi na nxa bephenduka
ezindleleni zabo njalo baphile? **24** Kodwa nxa umuntu
olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze izono
njalo enze zona kanye izinto ezinengayo ezenziwa
ngumuntu omubi, kambe uzaphila na? Akukho okwezinto
ezilungileyo azenzayo okuzakhunjulwa. Ngenxa yecala
lokungathembeki langenxa yezono azenzayo, uzakufa. **25**
Kodwa lina lithi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Zwana,
wena ndlu ka-Israyeli: Indlela yami kayifanelanga na?
26 Nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe

enze izono, uzakufela lokho; ngenxa yezono azenzileyo uzakufa. **27** Kodwa nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini abenzileyo enze okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo, uzasilisa ukuphila kwakhe. **28** Ngoba ucabanga konke okubi akwenzayo aphenduke kukho, uzaphila impela; akayikufa. **29** Ikanti indlu ka-Israyeli ithi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Izindlela zami kazilunganga na, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? **30** Ngakho-ke wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, lowo lalowo ngizamahlulela ngokumayelana lezindlela zakhe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. Phendukani! Tshiyani ububi benu bonke; ngalokho isono kasiyikuba yikufa kwenu. **31** Zikhululeni kukho konke okubi elikwenzileyo, lizuze inhliziyo entsha lomoya omutsha. Kungani na uzakufa, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? **32** Ngoba angithokozi ngokufa loba ngokukabani, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. Phendukani liphile!"

19 "Qhinqani isililo ngamakhosana ako-Israyeli **2** lithi: 'Yeka isilwanekazi esasingunyoko phakathi kwezilwane! Salala phansi phakathi kwezilwane ezisakhulayo sondla imidlwane yaso. **3** Sakhulisa omunye wemidlwane yaso waba yisilwane esilamandla wafunda ukudabula okubanjelwe ukudliwa, wadla labantu. **4** Izizwe zezwa ngawo wasuthiywa egodini lazo. Zawuhola ngezingwegwe zawusa elizweni laseGibhithe. **5** Kwathi sibona ithemba laso lingagcwalisekanga, ithemba laso lingasekho, sathatha omunye wemidlwane yaso sawenza waba yisilwane esilamandla. **6** Wanyonyoba phakathi kwezilwane ngoba wawuyisilwane esilamandla. Wafunda ukudabula okubanjelwe ukudliwa, wadla labantu. **7**

Wadiliza izinqaba zabo wachitha lamadolobho abo. Ilizwe kanye labo bonke ababekulo bathuthumeliswa yikubhonga kwawo. **8** Izizwe zawuvukela, zivela ezindaweni eziwuzingelezileyo. Zendlala amambule azo phezu kwawo wawela egodini labo. **9** Bawudonsela ekhejini ngezingwegwe bawusa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni. Bawufaka entolongweni, ngakho ukubhonga kwawo akuzwakalanga futhi ezintabeni zako-Israyeli. **10** Unyoko wayenjengevini elihlanyelwe ngasemanzini esivinini sakho; sasithela izithelo njalo silezingatsha ezinengi ngenxa yamanzi amanengi. **11** Ingatsha zaso zaziqinile zifanele intonga yombusi. Sasiphakeme siphezulu le ngaphezu kwamahlamvu aminyeneyo, sibonakala ngobude baso langezingatsha zaso ezinengi. **12** Kodwa sasitshunwa ngokuthukuthela saphoselwa phansi. Umoya wasempumalanga wasomisa, izithelo zaso zaqhululwa; ingatsha zaso eziqinileyo zabuna umlilo wazitshisa. **13** Khathesi sesihlanyelwe enkangala, elizweni elitshisayo lelomileyo. **14** Umlilo umemetheke usuka kolunye lwezingatsha ezinkulu, watshisa izithelo zaso. Akulagatsha oluqinileyo oluseleyo kuso olufanele intonga yombusi.' Lesi yisililo njalo sizasetshenziswa njengesililo."

20 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, ngenyanga yesihlanu ngosuku lwetshumi, abanye babadala bako-Israyeli bafika bezebuza uThixo, bahlala phansi phambi kwami. **2** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **3** "Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labadala bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Lilande ukuzangibuza na? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kangiyikulivumela

ukuthi lingibuze, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.’ **4** Uzabahlulela na? Uzabahlulela na, ndodana yomuntu?
Ngakho batshele ngezenzo zaboyise ezinengayo **5** uthi kubo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi:
Ngosuku engakhetha ngalo u-Israyeli, ngafunga kuyo
inzalo yendlu kaJakhobe isandla siphakanyisiwe njalo
ngiziveza kuyo iGibhithe. Isandla siphakanyisiwe ngathi
kubo, “Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **6**
Ngalolosuku ngafunga kubo ukuthi ngizabakhupha
eGibhithe ngibase elizweni engabadingela lona, ilizwe
eligeleza uchago loluju, elihle kakhulu kulamazwe
wonke. **7** Njalo ngathi kubo, “Lowo lalowo wenu
kalahle izifanekiso ezenyanyekayo elibeke amehlo enu
kuzo, njalo lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zaseGibhithe.
Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **8** Kodwa
bangihlamukela kabaze bangilalela; kabazilahlanga
izithombe zabo ezenyanyekayo ababebeke amehlo
abo kuzo, loba balahle izithixo zabo zaseGibhithe.
Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu
kwabo ngiqede lokuthukuthela kwami ngimelane labo
eGibhithe. **9** Kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami, ngenza
okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe
ababehlala phakathi kwazo engiziveze emehlweni
azo kwabako-Israyeli ngokubakhupha eGibhithe. **10**
Ngakho ngabakhupha eGibhithe ngabasa enkangala. **11**
Ngabanika izimiso zami ngabazisa lemithetho yami, ngoba
umuntu oyilalelayo uzaphila ngayo. **12** Njalo ngabanika
lamaSabatha ami njengesibonakaliso phakathi kwami
labo, ukuze bakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo ngabenza baba

ngcwele. **13** Kodwa abantu bako-Israyeli bangihlamukela enkangala. Kabazilandelanga izimiso zami kodwa bayala imithetho yami, njalo batshaphaza amaSabatha ami kakhulu, ngakho umuntu oyilalelayo uzaphila ngayo. Ngokunjalo ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngibaqede du enkangala. **14** Kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami, ngenza okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe engabakhupha zikhangele. **15** Njalo isandla siphakanyisiwe ngafunga kubo enkangala ukuthi angiyikubafikisa elizweni engangibaphe lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, elihle kakhulu kulamazwe wonke, **16** ngoba imithetho yami bayala njalo kabalandelanga izimiso zami, batshaphaza lamaSabatha ami futhi. Ngoba inhliziyo zabo zazinamathele ezithombeni zabo. **17** Ikanti ngabazwela isihawu kangaze ngababhubhisa kumbe ngibaqede enkangala. **18** Ngatsho ebantwaneni babo enkangala ngathi, "Lingalandeli izimiso zaboyihlo loba ligcine imithetho yabo loba lizingcolise ngezithombe zabo. **19** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu; landelani izimiso zami linanzelele ukugcina imithetho yami. **20** Gcinani amaSabatha engcwele, ukuba abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami lani. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu." **21** Kodwa abantwana bangihlamukela: Kabazilandelanga izimiso zami, kabananzanga ukugcina imithetho yami lanxa umuntu oyilalelayo ezaphila ngayo njalo batshaphaza amaSabatha ami. Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngiqedele ukuthukuthela kwami kubo enkangala. **22** Kodwa ngazithiba,

njalo ngenxa yebizo lami ngenza okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe engabakhupha zikhangele. **23** Njalo isandla siphakanyisiwe ngafunga kubo enkangala ukuthi ngangizabahlakazela phakathi kwezizwe ngibachithachithele emazweni, **24** ngoba babengayilalelanga imithetho yami kodwa bezalile izimiso zami batshaphaza amaSabatha ami, lamehlo abo alangazela izithombe zaboyise. **25** Futhi ngabanikela ezimisweni ezazingalunganga kanye lemithetho ababengeke baphile ngayo; **26** ngabayekela bangcoliswa yizipho zabo, imihlatshelo yamazibulo wonke ukuze ngibenze besabe khona bezakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.' **27** Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labantu bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngakho lokhu, labokhokho benu bangithuka ngokungilahla. **28** Kwathi lapho sengibangenisile elizweni engangifunge ngathi ngizabapha lona, bathi bebona loba luphi uqaqa oluphakemeyo, loba siphi isihlahla esilamahlamvu amanengi, khonapho banikelela khona imihlatshelo yabo, banikela iminikelo eyangithukuthelisayo, banikela impepha yabo elephunga elimnandi, bathulula leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo. **29** Ngasengisithi kubo: Iyini indawo le ephakemeyo eliya kuyo?'" (Ithiwa yiBhama lalamhlanje.) **30** "Ngakho tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Lizazingcolisa yini njengabokhokho benu njalo lilangazele izithombe zabo ezenyanyekayo na? **31** Lapho linikela izipho zenu, imihlatshelo yamadodana enu emlilweni,

liyaqhubeka lizingcolisa ngazozonke izithombe zenu kuze kube lamhla. Kumele ngivume na ukuba ungibuze, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, kangiyikuvuma ukuba lingibuze. **32** Lina lithi, “Sifuna ukuba njengezizwe, njengabantu basemhlabeni, abakhonza izigodo lamatshe.” Kodwa lokho elilakho engqondweni akusoze kwenzakale. **33** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, ngizalibusa ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo kanye lolaka oluphuphumayo. **34** Ngizalithatha ezizweni ngiliqoqe emazweni elalihlakazelwe kuwo ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo kanye lolaka oluphuphumayo. **35** Ngizalisa enkangala yezizwe, kuthi khonapho sikhangelene ubuso ngobuso, ngizaletha ukwahlulela kwami phezu kwenu. **36** Njengoba ngahlulela okhokho benu enkangala yelizwe laseGibhithe, lani ngizalahlulela kanjalo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **37** Ngizalinanzelela lapho lisedlula ngaphansi kwentonga yami, ngenze lani isibopho sesivumelwano. **38** Ngizabakhupha phakathi kwenu labo abahlamukayo bangivukele. Lanxa ngizabakhupha elizweni abahlala kulo, kodwa kabayikungena elizweni lako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **39** Kuwe-ke, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Hambani liyekhonza izithombe zenu, lonke! Kodwa emva kwalokho ngeqiniso lizangilalela lingalingcolisi futhi ibizo lami ngezipho zenu langezithombe. **40** Ngoba entabeni yami engcwele, intaba ephakemeyo

yako-Israyeli, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, khonapho phakathi kwelizwe, yonke indlu ka-Israyeli izangikhonza, njalo khonapho ngizabamukela. Khonapho ngizafuna iminikelo yenu lezipho zenu zekhethelo ndawonye lemihlatshelo yenu yonke engcwele. **41** Ngizalamukela njengempepha elephunga elimnandi lapho sengilikhupha ezizweni njalo sengiliqoqa emazweni elalihlakazelwe kuwo, njalo ngizazibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwenu phambi kwezizwe. **42** Lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo lapho sengilingenisa elizweni lako-Israyeli, ilizwe engafunga ngesandla esiphakanyisiweyo ukuthi ngizalipha okhokho benu. **43** Khonapho-ke lizakhumbula ukuziphatha kwenu lazozonke izenzo elizingcolise ngazo, njalo lizazenyanya ngenxa yobubi bonke elibenzileyo. **44** Lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo lapho sengilijezisa ngenxa yebizo lami kodwa kungayisikho mayelana lezindlela zenu ezimbi kanye lezenzo zenu ezixhwalileyo, lina ndlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'" **45** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **46** "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngaseningizimu; tshumayela okubi ngeningizimu uphrofithe okubi ngelizwe laseningizimu. **47** Tshono ehlathini laseningizimu uthi: 'Zwana ilizwi likaThixo. Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngilithungele ngomlilo njalo uzaziqeda zonke izihlahla zenu, ezimanzi lezomileyo. Ilangabi elivuthayo kaliyikucitshwa, njalo ubuso bonke kusukela eningizimu kusiya enyakatho buzatshiswa yiwo. **48** Umuntu wonke uzabona ukuthi mina Thixo yimi engiwuthungeleyo; kawuyikucitsha.'" **49** Ngasengisithi,

“Awu Thixo Wobukhosi! Bathi kimi, ‘Kakhulumi imifanekiso kuphela nje na?’”

21 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho eJerusalema utshumayele okubi ngendawo engcwele. Phrofetha okubi ngelizwe lako-Israyeli **3** uthi kulo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngixabane lani. Ngizahwatsha inkemba yami emxhakeni wayo ngisuse kuwe abalungileyo lababi. **4** Ngoba ngizasusa abalungileyo lababi, inkemba yami izahwatshelwa ukumelana labo bonke abavela eningizimu kanye lasenyakatho. **5** Lapho-ke abantu bonke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo sengihwatshe inkemba yami emxhakeni wayo, kayiyikubuyela futhi.’ **6** Ngakho-ke bubula ndodana yomuntu! Bubula phambi kwabo ngenhliziyo edabukileyo kanye losizi olukhulu. **7** Nxa bekubuza besithi, ‘Kungani na ububula?’ uzakuthi, ‘Ngenxa yezindaba ezifikayo. Zonke inhliziyo zizenyela lezandla zonke zibe buthakathaka, imimoya yonke izaphela amandla lamadolo wonke abe buthakathaka njengamanzi.’ Kuyeza! Ngempela kuzakwenzakala, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.” **8** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **9** “Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Umhedla, umhedla, ilolwe njalo yalolongwa, **10** Ilolelwe ukubulala, ilolongelwe ukuphazima njengombane. Kambe sizathokoza na ngentonga yobukhosi yendodana yami uJuda? Inkemba iyazeyisa zonke izigodo ezinjalo. **11** Inkemba ibekelwe ukuba ilolongwe, ukuba iphathwe ngesandla; iyalolwa ilolongwe, yenziwe ilungele isandla sombulali. **12**

Hlaba umkhosi ulile, ndodana yomuntu, ngoba imelane labantu bami; imelane lamakhosana wonke ako-Israyeli. Aphoselwa kuyo inkemba ndawonye labantu bami. Ngakho-ke bamba isihlathi sakho. **13** Ukuhlolwa kuyeza impela. Njalo kuzakuba njani nxa intonga kaJuda yobukhosi, edelelwa yinkemba, ingasaqhubeki? kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.' **14** Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uqakeze izandla zakho. Inkemba kayigadle kabili, lanxa kungaba kathathu. Yinkemba yokubulala, inkemba yokubulala kakhulu, ebahanqayo ivela macele wonke. **15** Ukuze inhliziyo zibe buthakathaka labawileyo babebanengi, sengibeke inkemba yokubulala kuwo wonke amasango abo. Bheka! Yenzelwe ukuphazima njengombane, iphathelwe ukubulala. **16** Wena nkemba, geca kwesokudla, uphinde kwesenxele, loba kungaphi ubukhali bakho obuphendukela khona. **17** Lami futhi ngizaqakeza izandla zami, njalo ulaka lwami luzadeda. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile." **18** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **19** "Ndodana yomuntu, canda imigwaqo emibili yenkemba yenkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba ihambe kuyo, yomibili iqalise elizweni linye. Yenza insika yesiqondiso lapho okuphambuka khona umgwaqo oya edolobheni. **20** Canda omunye umgwaqo wenkemba ukuba izemelana leRabha yama-Amoni, lomunye ukumelana loJuda kanye leJerusalema elivikelweyo. **21** Ngoba inkosi yaseBhabhiloni izakuma lapho imigwaqo eyehlukana khona, lapho okuhlangana khona imigwaqo emibili, ukuba ifune ibika: Izaphosa inkatho ngemitshoko, izabuza izithombe zayo, izahlola isibindi. **22** Esandleni

sayo sokudla kuzakuza inkatho yeJerusalema, lapho ezamisa khona imigqala yokudiliza, lokunika umlayo wokubulala, lokuhlaba umkhosi wempi, lokumisa imigqala yokudiliza amasango, lokwakha amadundulu kanye lokumisa izindawo zokuvimbezela. **23** Kuzakhanya angathi libika amanga kulabo asebefungele ukuthobeka kuyo, kodwa yona izabakhumbuza icala labo ibathumbe. **24** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: 'Njengoba lina bantu lingikhumbuze icala lenu ngokuhlamuka kwenu okusobala, libonakalisa izono zenu kukho konke elikwenzayo njengoba lenze lokhu, lizathunjwa. **25** Wena nkosana yako-Israyeli exhwalileyo njalo embi, usuku lwakho selufikile, lesikhathi sokujeziswa kwakho sesifike emaphethelweni, **26** nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Khupha iqhiye, yethula umqhele. Akuyikuba njengoba kwakunjalo: Abaphansi bazaphakanyiswa kuthi abaphakemeyo behliselwe phansi. **27** Unxiwa! Unxiwa! Ngizawenza ube lunxiwa! Kawuyikubuyiselwa kuze kufike lowo ongowakhe ngokuqondileyo, onguye engizamnika wona.' **28** Njalo wena, ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi ngama-Amoni kanye lezithuko zawo: Inkemba, inkemba, ihwatshelwe ukubulala, ilolongelwe ukuqothula lokuphazima njengombane! **29** Langaphezu kwemibono yamanga ngawe, lokuhlahlula okungamanga ngawe, izabekwa entanyeni zababi okumele babulawe, abasuku lwabo selufikile, abasikhathi sokujeziswa kwabo sesifike emaphethelweni aso. **30** Buyisela inkemba emxhakeni wayo. Endaweni owadalelwa kuyo,

elizweni labokhokho bakho, ngizakwahlulela khona. **31** Ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwakho ngiphefumlele lentukuthelo yami etshisayo kuwe; ngizakunikela ebantwini abalesihluku, abantu abakwaziyo ukuqothula. **32** Uzakuba zinkuni zomlilo, igazi lakho lizachithelwa elizweni lakini, kawuyikukhunjulwa futhi; ngoba mina Thixo sengikhulumile.'"

22 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, uzalahlulela na? Uzalahlulela na lelidolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi? Ngakho melana lalo kanye lezono zalo ezenyanyekayo **3** uthi: Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Wena dolobho elizilethela ukutshabalala ngokuchitha igazi phakathi kwakho njalo uzingcolisa ngokwenza izithombe, **4** usube lecala ngenxa yegazi olichithileyo njalo usungcoliswe yizithombe ozenzileyo. Usulethe insuku zakho ekupheleni, lesiphetho seminyaka yakho sesifikile. Ngakho ngizakwenza ube yinto yokuklolodelwa ezizweni lenhlekisa emazweni wonke. **5** Labo abaseduze kanye lalabo abakhatshana bazakuhoza, wena dolobho elidumazekileyo, eligcwele ukuxokozela. **6** 'Khangela ubone ukuthi yileyo laleyo inkosana yako-Israyeli ephakathi kwakho isebenzisa amandla ayo ekuchitheni igazi. **7** Phakathi kwakho iphathe uyise lonina ngokweyisa; phakathi kwakho incindezele abezizweni, njalo yaphatha kubi izintandane labafelokazi. **8** Uzeyisile izinto zami ezingcwele watshaphaza lamaSabatha ami. **9** Phakathi kwakho kulabantu abahlebayo, abahlose ukuchitha igazi; phakathi kwakho kulalabo abadlela ezindaweni zokukhonzela

entabeni benze lezenzo zesigweba. **10** Phakathi kwakho
kulalabo abangcolisa imibheda yaboyise; phakathi kwakho
kulalabo abadlwengula abesifazane besesikhathini sabo,
lapho bengahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba. **11** Phakathi
kwakho indoda yenza ukona okwenyanyekayo lomfazi
kamakhelwane wayo, enye ingcolise umalukazana wayo
ngendlela ehlazisayo; enye njalo idlwengula udadewabo,
indodakazi kayise uqobo. **12** Phakathi kwakho abantu
bayavuma ukuthengwa ukuba bachithe igazi; uthatha
inzuzo lomvuzo odlulisileyo emalini ebolekisiweyo,
uthole inzuzo engafanelanga kumakhelwane wakho
umbamba ngamandla. Njalo usungikhohliwe, kutsho
uThixo Wobukhosi. **13** Ngeqiniso ngizatshaya izandla
zami ngibabaza inzuzo engafanelanga osuyenzile kanye
legazi osulichithe phakathi kwakho. **14** Isibindi sakho
sizaqinisela yini loba izandla zakho ziqine ngosuku
ngiqondana lawe na? Mina Thixo sengikhulumile,
njalo ngizakwenza lokho. **15** Ngizakuhlakazela phakathi
kwezizwe ngikuchithachithele emazweni; lokungcola
kwakho ngizakuqeda. **16** Lapho usungcolisiwe phambi
kwezizwe, uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.'" **17** Ilizwi
likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **18** "Ndodana yomuntu,
indlu ka-Israyeli isibe ngamanyala kimi. Bonke balithusi,
lomnuso, lensimbi kanye lomthofi okusele phakathi
kwemvutho. Kungamanyele esiliva. **19** Ngakho nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: 'Ngoba lonke selibe
ngamanyele, ngizaliqoqela eJerusalema. **20** Njengabantu
beqoqela isiliva, lethusi, lensimbi, lomthofi kanye lomnuso
emvuthweni ukuba kuncibilikiswe ngomfutho womlilo,

ngizaliqoqa kanjalo ngokuthukuthela kwami langolaka lwami ngilibeke phakathi kwedolobho ngilincibilikise. **21** Ngizaliqoqa njalo ngizalivuthela ngolaka lwami oluvuthayo, njalo lizancibilikiswa phakathi kwalo. **22** Njengesiliva sincibilikiselwa phakathi kwemvutho, kanjalo lani lizancibilikiselwa phakathi kwalo, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo sengithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwenu.'" **23** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika futhi kimi lisithi: **24** "Ndodana yomuntu, tshono elizweni uthi, 'Uyilizwe elingazange libe lezulu kumbe imikhizo ngosuku lwentukuthelo.' **25** Kulokucetshwa kwamacebo amabi ngamakhosana alo phakathi kwalo njengesilwane esibhongayo sidlithiza esikubuleleyo; adla abantu, athathe inotho kanye lezinto eziligugu, andise labafelokazi phakathi kwalo. **26** Abaphristi balo bephula umthetho wami njalo bahlambaza lezinto zami ezingcwele; kabehlukanisi phakathi kokungcwele okujayelekileyo; bafundisa besithi akulamehluko phakathi kokungcolileyo lokungangcolanga; njalo bavala amehlo abo ekugcineni amaSabatha ami, okwenza ngithukwe phakathi kwabo. **27** Izikhulu zalo phakathi kwalo zinjengezimpisi zidlithiza ezikubuleleyo; zichitha igazi zibulale labantu ukuba zithole inzuzo engafanelanga. **28** Abaphrofethi balo bacomba izenzo zazo ngemibono yamanga lokuhlahlula okungamanga. Bathi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi' kodwa uThixo engakhulumanga. **29** Abantu belizwe benza imisebenzi yokuqilibezela lokuphanga abanye; bancindezela abayanga labaswelayo, baphathe kubi labezizweni, babenqabele ukulunga.

30 Ngadinga umuntu phakathi kwabo owayengakha
umduli ame phambi kwami esikhaleni emele ilizwe
ukuze ngingalitshabalalisi, kodwa ngamswela. **31** Ngakho
ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwabo
ngibaqede ngolaka lwami oluvuthayo, ngikwehlisele
phezu kwamakhanda abo bonke abakwenzayo, kutsho
uThixo Wobukhosi."

23 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana
yomuntu, kwakulabesifazane ababili, amadodakazi
omfazi munye. **3** Baba yizifebe eGibhithe, beqalise
ubuwule kusukela ebutsheni babo. Kulelolizwe
amabele abo abanjwabanjwa lengaphambili yabo
yaphathwaphathwa. **4** Omdala wayethiwa ngu-Ohola,
umnawakhe engu-Oholibha. Babengabami njalo bazala
amadodana lamadodakazi. U-Ohola yiSamariya, u-
Oholibha kuyiJerusalema. **5** U-Ohola waqalisa ubuwule
esesengowami; njalo wakhanuka izithandwa zakhe, ama-
Asiriya, amabutho **6** agqoke okulifefe, ababusi kanye
labalawuli bebutho, bonke babengamajaha amahle, kanye
labagada amabhiza. **7** Wazinikela njengesifebe kubo
bonke abaphakemeyo base-Asiriya njalo wazingcolisa
ngezithombe zabo bonke abakhanukayo. **8** Kabudelanga
ubufebe abuqalisa eGibhithe, lapho amajaha alala
laye ebutsheni bakhe, ambambabamba ngaphambili,
athululela lezinkanuko zawo phezu kwakhe. **9**
Ngakho ngamnikela kuzithandwa zakhe, ama-Asiriya,
ayewakhanuka. **10** Amnqunula, athatha amadodana
lamadodakazi akhe yena ambulala ngenkemba. Waba
yisiga phakathi kwabesifazane, wajeziswa. **11** Umnawakhe

u-Oholibha wakubona lokhu, kodwa ngenkanuko lobufebe bakhe wayexhwale kakhulu kulodadewabo. **12** Laye wakhanuka ama-Asiriya, ababusi labalawuli bebutho, lamabutho agqoke okupheleleyo, labagadi bamabhiza, lawo wonke amajaha amahle. **13** Ngabona ukuthi laye wazingcolisa; bobabili bahamba ndlelanye. **14** Kodwa yena ubufebe bakhe bengezeleleka futhi. Wabona amadoda efanekisiwe emdulini, izithombe zamaKhaladiya ezifanekiswe ngokubomvu, **15** zilamabhanti ezinkalweni zazo njalo zilamaqhiye alengayo emakhanda azo; zonke zikhanya angathi yizikhulu zezinqola zempi zamaKhaladiya, inzalo yaseBhabhiloni. **16** Kwathi khonokho nje ebabona wahle wabafisa wasethuma isithunywa kubo eKhaladiya. **17** Ngakho amaBhabhiloni afika kuye, alala laye, njalo ezinkanukweni zawo amngcolisa. Emva kokuba esengcoliswe yiwo, wasuka kuwo enengekile. **18** Kwathi lapho esesenza ubufebe bakhe obala njalo eveza lobunqunu bakhe, ngasuka kuye nginengekile, njengoba ngangisukile kudadewabo. **19** Kodwa banda ngamandla ubuwule bakhe esekhumbula insuku zobutsha bakhe, lapho wayeyisifebe eGibhithe. **20** Khonale wakhanuka izithandwa zakhe, ezazilezitho zangaphambili ezazifana lezabobabhemi, zikhihliza okufana lokwamabhiza. **21** Ngakho walangazela isagweba sasebutsheni bakho, lapho okwathi useGibhithe isifuba lamabele akho kwabanjwabanjwa. **22** Ngakho-ke, Oholibha, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizakwenza izithandwa zakho zikuvukele, lezo owazitshiya unengekile, njalo ngizaziletha kuwe ukuba

zimelane lawe zivela emaceleni wonke, **23** abaseBhabhiloni
lamaKhaladiya wonke, amadoda asePhekhodi laseShowa
kanye leKhowa, lama-Asiriya wonke elawo, amajaha
amahle, wonke angababusi labalawuli bebutho, izinduna
zezinqola zempi lamanye amadoda alezikhundla ezinkulu,
bonke begade amabhiza. **24** Bazakuzakuhlasela ngezikhali,
izinqola zempi lezinqola zokuthwala, njalo belexuku
elikhulu labantu; bazaviva ukulwa lawe emaceleni wonke
belamahawu amakhulu lamancane njalo belezingowane.
Ngizakunikela kubo ukuba bakujezise, njalo bazakujezisa
ngokumayelana lemithetho yabo. **25** Ngizakwenza
intukuthelo yobukhwele bami imelane lawe, njalo
bazakuphatha ngolaka. Bazaquma impumulo zenu
lezindlebe zenu, njalo abenu labo abazasala bazabulawa
ngenkemba. Bazathumba amadodana enu lamadodakazi,
njalo abenu labo abazasala bazaqothulwa ngumlilo. **26**
Njalo bazakuhlubula izigqoko zakho bathathe leziceciso
zakho ezinhle. **27** Kanjalo-ke ngizaqeda isagweba lobufebe
owabuqalisela eGibhithe. Kawuyikukhangela lezizinto
uzikhanuke loba ukhumbule iGibhithe futhi. **28** Ngoba
nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuba
ngikunikele kulabo abakuzondayo, kulabo owasuka kubo
unengekile. **29** Bazakuphatha ngenzondo njalo bathumbe
yonke into owayisebenzelayo. Bazakutshiya unqunu uze,
njalo ihlazo lobufebe bakho lizavela obala. Isagweba
sakho lobufebe **30** kwehlisele lokhu phezu kwakho,
ngoba ufebe lezizwe, wazingcolisa wena ngokwakho
ngezithombe zazo. **31** Ulandele indlela kadadewenu;
ngakho ngizabeka inkezo yakhe esandleni sakho. **32**

Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Uzanatha inkezo kadadewenu, inkezo enkulu ezikileyo futhi; izaletha ukuhlekwa lokuklolodelwa, ngoba ithwele lukhulu. **33** Uzakhulelwa yikudakwa losizi, inkezo yokuchitheka lokuphundleka, inkezo kadadewenu iSamariya. **34** Uzayinatha uyibhije; uzayiphahlaza ibe yizicucu ufucuze amabele akho. Sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **35** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Njengoba usungikhohliwe wangifuqela ngemva kwakho, kumele uthwale imivuzo yesagweba sakho kanye lobufebe bakho." **36** UThixo wathi kimi: "Ndodana yomuntu, uzakwahlulela u-Ohola lo-Oholibha na? Ngakho melana labo ngezenzo zabo ezinengayo, **37** ngoba benze ubufebe njalo lezandla zabo zilegazi. Bafeba lezithombe zabo; banikela labantwana babo ababengizalele bona, njengokudla kuzo. **38** Njalo benze lokhu kimi: Ngasonaleso isikhathi bangcolisa indlu yami engcwele batshaphaza lamaSabatha ami. **39** Ngalo kanye usuku abanikela ngalo abantwana babo ezithombeni zabo, bangena endlini yami engcwele bayingcolisa. Lokho yikho abakwenzayo endlini yami. **40** Bathuma lesithunywa ebantwini ukuba beze bevela khatshana, kwathi sebefikile wabagezela, wacomba amehlo akho wasufaka leziceciso zakho. **41** Wahlala embhedeni omuhle, kuletafula elilungisiweyo phambi kwawo owawufake phezu kwayo impepha yami lamafutha ami. **42** Umsindo wexuku elalithokoza wawumzungezile; amaSebhiya ayelethwe evela enkangala kanye lamadoda avela exukwini elixokozelayo, njalo bafaka amasongo ezingalweni zowesifazane lodadewabo

kanye lemiqhele emihle emakhanda abo. **43** Lapho-ke ngalowo owayesegugiswe yibufebe ngathi, ‘Khathesi kabamsebenzise njengewule, ngoba lokho yikho konke ayikho.’ **44** Balala laye. Njengabesilisa belala lesifebe, ngokunjalo balala lalabobafazi abalesagweba, u-Ohola lo-Oholibha. **45** Kodwa abantu abalungileyo bazabanika isijeziso sabesifazane abafebayo njalo bachithe legazi, ngoba bayizifebe njalo lezandla zabo zilegazi. **46** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Baletheleni ixuku limelane labo beselibanikela kukho ukwesaba lokuphangwa. **47** Ixuku lizabatshaya ngamatshe libajuqe ngezinkemba; lizabulala amadodana lamadodakazi abo litshise izindlu zabo ngomlilo. **48** Ngizakuqeda kanjalo ukuxhwala elizweni, ukuze bonke abesifazane baxwayiseke njalo bangenzi njengani. **49** Lizajeziselwa ukuxhwala kwenu njalo lithwale lemivuzo yezono zenu zokukhonza izithombe. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo Wobukhosi.”

24 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngosuku lwetshumi, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, bhala usuku lolu, usuku lolu lona ngokwalo, ngoba iNkosi yaseBhabhiloni isivimbezele iJerusalema ngalo kanye lolusuku. **3** Tshela indlu le ehlamukayo umfanekiso uthi kubo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Beka imbiza yokupheka eziko; ibeke phezu kwamaseko uthele amanzi phakathi kwayo. **4** Faka phakathi kwayo amaqatha enyama, wonke amaqatha amahle, umlenze lesiphanga. Igcwalise ngamathambo amahle; **5** thatha okukhethiweyo emhlambini. Basela

kakhulu ngenkuni usenzela amathambo; ixhwathise upheke amathambo phakathi kwayo. **6** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Maye kulo idolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi, kuyo imbiza esithombile, ukuthomba kwayo okungayikuphela! Thulula imbiza ukhuphe amaqhatha ngalinye ngalinye kungekho inkatho. **7** Ngakho igazi elachithwa lidolobho leli liphakathi kwalo: lalithululela edwaleni elize; kalilithululelanga phansi lapho umhlabathi owawungaligqibela khona. **8** Ukuze ngivuse intukuthelo njalo ngiphindisele, ngabeka igazi lelo phezu kwedwala elize, ukuze lingagqitshelwa. **9** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Maye kulo idolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi! Lami futhi, ngizakwenza ibonda lenkuni eliphakemeyo. **10** Ngakho faka inkuni uphembe umlilo. Ipheke kuhle inyama, uhlanganisa leziyoliso; uyekele amathambo atshe. **11** Emva kwalokho beka imbiza engelalutho phezu kwamalahle ize itshise lethusi layo livuthe ukuze ukungcola kwayo kutshe kuphele lokuthomba kwayo kutshe kuphele. **12** Isiphuthise imizamo yonke; uqweqwe lokuthomba kwayo kalususwanga, loba langomlilo. **13** Khathesi ukungcola kwakho yisigwebo. Ngoba ngizamile ukukuhlambulula kodwa ubungeke uhlanjululwe ekungcoleni kwakho, kawuyikuhlambuluka futhi ukukuthukuthelela kwami kuze kudede. **14** Mina Thixo sengikhulumile. Isikhathi sokuba ngenze sesifikile. Kangiyikuzithiba; kangiyikuba lesihawu, kumbe ngiyekethise. Uzakwahlulelwa mayelana lokuziphatha kwakho kanye lezenzo zakho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'" **15** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi

lisithi: **16** “Ndodana yomuntu, sekuseduze ukuthi
ngokugalela okukodwa nje ngisuse kuwe intokozo
yamehlo akho. Kodwa ungalili kumbe ukhale loba
wehlise inyembezi. **17** Bubula uthule; ungalileli abafileyo.
Bophela iqhiye yakho lamanyathela akho ezinyaweni
zakho; ungambozi ingxenye yaphansi yobuso bakho
loba udle ukudla komkhuba wabalilayo.” **18** Ngakho
ngakhuluma labantu ekuseni, umkami wafa kusihlwa.
Ekuseni kwakusisa ngenza njengokulaywa kwami. **19**
Abantu basebengibuza besithi, “Kawuyikusitshela na
ukuthi izinto lezi zilani lathi?” **20** Ngakho mina
ngathi kubo, “Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **21**
Tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngingcolise
indlu yami engcwele, inqaba eliziqhenya ngayo, intokozo
yamehlo enu, into eliyithanda kakhulu. Amadodana
lamadodakazi eliwatshiyileyo azabulawa ngenkemba.
22 Njalo lizakwenza njengoba ngenzile. Kaliyikumboza
ingxenye yaphansi yobuso benu loba lidle ukudla
komkhuba wabalilayo. **23** Lizafaka amaqhiye enu
emakhanda enu lamanyathela enu ezinyaweni zenu.
Kaliyikulila kumbe likhale kodwa lizacikizeka ngenxa
yezono zenu njalo libubule phakathi kwenu. **24**
UHezekhiyeli uzakuba yisibonakaliso kini; lizakwenza
njengoba enzile. Nxa lokhu kusenzakala, lizakwazi
ukuthi mina nginguThixo Wobukhosi.’ **25** Njalo wena,
ndodana yomuntu, ngosuku engizasusa ngalo inqaba
yabo, intokozo yabo lodumo, injabulo yamehlo abo,
isifiso senhliziyo yabo, kanye lamadodana lamadodakazi

abo futhi, **26** ngalolosuku isiphepheli yiso esizalandisa
izindaba. **27** Ngalesosikhathi umlomo wakho uzavuleka;
uzakhuluma laye njalo kawuyikuthula futhi. Ngakho
uzakuba yisibonakaliso kubo, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi
nginguThixo."

25 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana
yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho umelane lama-
Amoni, uphrofithe okubi ngawo. **3** Tshono kuwo
uthi, 'Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo Wobukhosi. Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngoba lina lathi
"Aha!" ngendlu yami engcwele lapho yayingcolisiwe
langelizwe lako-Israyeli lapho lalichithiwe kanye
langabantu bakoJuda lapho babethunjiwe, **4** ngakho
ngizalinikela ebantwini baseMpumalanga njengenotho
yabo. Bazakwakha izihonqo zabo bamise amathente abo
phakathi kwenu; bazakudla izithelo zenu banathe lochago
lwenu. **5** Ngizakwenza iRabha ibe lidlelo lamakamela
le-Amoni ibe yindawo yokuphumulela izimvu. Lapho-
ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **6** Ngoba nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngoba liqakeze izandla
zenu lagida langezinyawo zenu, lithokoza ngabo bonke
ububi benhliziyo yenu ngelizwe lako-Israyeli, **7** ngakho
ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane lani, ngilinikele
ezizweni. Ngizaliqeda du phakathi kwezizwe, ngibuye
ngilisuse emazweni enu. Ngizaliqothula, njalo lizakwazi
ukuthi nginguThixo.'" **8** "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi: 'Ngenxa yokuthi iMowabi kanye leSeyiri athi,
"Khangelani, indlu kaJuda isinjengezinye izizwe zonke,"
9 ngakho-ke ngizakwambula uhlangothi lweMowabi,

kusukela emadolobheni asemingceleni yeBhethi-Jeshimothi, leBhali-Meyoni kanye leKhiriyathayimi, udumo lwelizwe. **10** Ngizanikela iMowabi ndawonye lama-Amoni ebantwini baseMpumalanga njengenotho, ukuze ama-Amoni angakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe; **11** njalo ngizaletha isijeziso eMowabi. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.'" **12** "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: 'Ngoba i-Edomi yaphindisela endlini kaJuda yasisiba lecala elikhulu ngokwenza njalo, **13** ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane le-Edomi ngibulale abantu bayo kanye lezifuyo. Ngizayichitha, njalo kusukela eThemani kusiya eDedani, bazabulawa ngenkemba. **14** Ngizaphindisela e-Edomi ngesandla sabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo i-Edomi bazayiphatha mayelana lentukuthelo yami kanye lolaka lwami; bazayazi impindiselo yami, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'" **15** "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: 'Ngoba amaFilistiya enza impindiselo njalo aphindisela ngolunya ezinhliziyweni zawo, njalo ngenzondo yasendulo afuna ukuchitha uJuda, **16** ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Sekuseduze ukuba ngelule ingalo yami ngimelane lamaFilistiya, njalo ngizaqothula amaKherethi ngichithe lalabo abaseleyo ngasolwandle. **17** Ngizakwenza impindiselo enkulu kubo njalo ngibajezise ekuthukutheleni kwami. Ngakho bazakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo, lapho sengiphindisela kubo.'"

26 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana

yomuntu, ngoba iThire itshilo kulo iJerusalema yathi, ‘Aha!’ Isango lokuya ezizweni lidilikile, leminyango isivulekele mina; njengoba khathesi selingamanxiwa ngizaphumelela, **3** ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lawe, wena Thire, njalo ngizakulethela izizwe ezinengi zimelane lawe njengolwandle luphosa amagagasi alo phezulu. **4** Zizadiliza imiduli yaseThire, ziwisele phansi imiphotshongo yalo; ngizaphala inkunkuma yalo ngilenze libe lidwala elingelalutho. **5** Elwandle lizakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule enhlanzi, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. Lizakuba yimpango yezizwe, **6** lemizana yalo ephakathi kwelizwe izachithwa ngenkemba. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **7** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizaletha uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, inkosi yamakhosi, evela enyakatho ukuba amelane leThire, ngamabhiza lezinqola zempi, ngabagadi bamabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu. **8** Uzachitha imizana yakho phakathi kwelizwe ngenkemba; uzamisa izindawo zokuvimbezela, akhe idundulu kusiya phezulu emdulini wakho njalo akuphakamisele lamahawu amelane lawe. **9** Uzaqondisa imigqala yakhe yokudiliza emidulini yakho, abhidlize imiphotshongo yakho ngezikhali zakhe. **10** Amabhiza akhe azakuba manengi kakhulu okuzakwenza akwembese ngothuli. Imiduli yakho izanyikinyiswa ngumsindo wamabhiza empi, izinqola zokuthwala kanye lezinqola zempi lapho esengena emasangweni akho njengabantu abangena edolobheni elilemiduli efohliweyo. **11** Amasondo amabhiza akhe

azanyathela zonke izitalada zakho; uzabulala abantu bakho ngenkemba; lezinsika zakho eziqinileyo zizawela phansi. **12** Bazaphanga inotho yakho bathumbe impahla yakho ethengiswayo; bazadiliza imiduli yakho babhidlize lezindlu zakho ezinhle njalo baphosele amatshe akho, lezigodo kanye lenkunkuma elwandle. **13** Ngizaqeda umsindo wezingoma zakho; lomculo wamachacho akho awuyikuzwakala futhi. **14** Ngizakwenza ube lidwala elize, njalo uzakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule enhlanzi. Kawuyikwakhiwa futhi, ngoba mina Thixo sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **15** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi kuyo iThire: Kambe amazwe angasolwandle kawayikunyikinyeka yini ngomsindo wokuwa kwakho, lapho abalimeleyo sebebubula njalo lokubulala sekusenzakala phakathi kwakho na? **16** Lapho-ke wonke amakhosana angasolwandle azakwehla ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi akhuphe izembatho zawo njalo ahlubule lezembatho zawo ezicecisiweyo. Ephethwe yikwesaba, azahlala phansi, eqhaqhazela isikhathi sonke, ngokwesaba wena. **17** Lapho-ke azaqhinqa isililo ngawe athi kuwe: 'Yeka ukuchitheka kwakho, wena dolobho lodumo, ogcwele ngabantu basolwandle! Wawulamandla elwandle wena kanye labakhe kuwe; waletha ukwesabeka kwakho kubo bonke ababehlala khona. **18** Khathesi amazwe angasolwandle ayathuthumela ngosuku lokuwa kwakho; izihlenge zasolwandle ziyakwesaba ukuwa kwakho.' **19** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Lapho ngikwenza ube lidolobho elichithekileyo, njengamadolobho angasahlali

muntu, njalo lapho ngiletha inziki zolwandle phezu kwakho kuthi amanzi alo amanengi kakhulu akwembese,
20 lapho-ke ngizakuletha phansi lalabo abaya phansi egodini, ebantwini basendulo. Ngizakuhlalisa ngaphansi komhlaba, kunjengasemanxiweni endulo, lalabo abaya phansi egodini, njalo kawuyikuphenduka loba ube lendawo yakho elizweni labaphilayo. **21** Ngizakwenza ukucina kwakho kube ngokwesabekayo uhle utshabalale. Uzadingwa, kodwa ungatholakali futhi, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi."

27 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngeThire, **3** uthi kuyo iThire esesangweni lasolwandle, yona engumthengiseli wabantu abanengi abangasolwandle, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Wena Thire uthi, "Ngiphelele ngobuhle." **4** Umbuso wakho wawuphakathi kolwandle; abakhi bakho baphelelisa ubuhle bakho. **5** Wonke amapulanka akho bawenza ngezihlahla zejanipha ezivela eSeniri; bathatha umsedari eLebhanoni ukuba bakwenzele insika. **6** Ngemi-okhi eyavela eBhashani bakwenzela amaphini okugwedla izikepe; ngezigodo zomsipresi ezavela ngasolwandle lwaseKhithimi benza indawo yokuhamba kuyo, yendlalwe impondo zendlovu. **7** Iseyili lakho kwakuyilineni elihle elicecisiweyo elavela eGibhithe, elaba yilona phawu lwakho; amaseyili akho okusitha ilanga ayengawokuluhlaza lokuyibubende okwavela ngasolwandle lwase-Elisha. **8** Amadoda aseSidoni le-Avadi ayengabagwedli bakho; izazi zakho, wena Thire, zazisemkhunjini njengabatshayeli bomkhumbi.

9 Izingcwethi ezindala zaseGebhali zaziphakathi
komkhumbi njengabalungisi bemikhumbi ukuba bagcike
imiphetho yakho. Yonke imikhumbi yasolwandle
labatshayeli bayo yeza ikanye lawe ukuzathenga impahla
zakho. **10** Amadoda asePhezhiya, leLudi kanye lePhuthi
asebenza njengamabutho ebuthweni lakho. Alengisa
amahawu awo lezingowane emidulini yakho, akulethela
ubuhle obukhulu. **11** Amadoda ase-Avadi kanye leHelekhi
abakhona emidulini yakho ezinhlangothini zonke;
amadoda aseGamadi ayesemiphotshongweni yakho.
Aphanyeka amahawu awo inxa zonke zemiduli yakho;
aphelelisa ubuhle bakho. **12** IThashishi yathengiselana
lawe ngenxa yenotho yezimpahla zakho ezinengi;
impahla yakho ethengiswayo bayithenga ngesiliva,
insimbi, ithusi kanye lomnuso. **13** IJavani, leThubhali
kanye leMesheki athengiselana lawe, athenga impahla
zakho ngezigqili langezinto ezenziwe ngethusi. **14**
Abantu baseBhethi Thogarima bathenga impahla
zakho ngamabhiza omsebenzi, amabhiza empi kanye
lezimbongolo. **15** Abantu baseRodesi bathengiselana
lawe, njalo amazwe amanengi angasolwandle athenga
kuwe, akubhadala ngempondo zendlovu langesihlahla
esithiwa yi-ebhoni. **16** I-Aramu yathengiselana lawe
ngenxa yezimpahla zakho ezinengi, impahla zakho
ezithengiswayo bazithenga ngamatshe aligugu aluhlaza,
amalembu alubende, umsebenzi ocecisiweyo, ilineni
elihle, ikhorali langelitshe eliligugu elibomvu. **17**
UJuda lo-Israyeli bathengiselana lawe; impahla zakho
ezithengiswayo bazithenga ngengqoloyi eyavela eMinithi

langokumnandi, uluju, amafutha kanye lenhlaka. **18** Ngenxa yezimpahla zakho ezinengi kanye lenotho enkulu yempahla, iDamaseko yathengiselana lawe ngewayini elivela eHelibhoni langewulu evela eZahari. **19** AbakoDani lamaGrikhi avela e-Uzali athenga impahla zakho; azithenga ngensimbi ekhandiweyo, langekhasiya kanye lekhalamusi. **20** IDedani yathengiselana lawe ngezingubo zezihlalo. **21** I-Arabhiya lazozonke izikhulu zaseKhedari babethenga kuwe; bathengiselana lawe ngezimvu, inqama kanye lembuzi. **22** Abathengi baseShebha labaseRahama bathengiselana lawe; impahla zakho bazithenga ngezinhlobo zonke ezinhle zeziyoliso langamatshe aligugu kanye legolide. **23** IHarani, leKhane le-Edeni kanye labathengi baseShebha, le-Asiriya kanye leKhilimadi bathengiselana lawe. **24** Endaweni yakho yokuthengiselana, bakuthengisela izembatho ezinhle, amalembu aluhlaza, imisebenzi ececisiweyo kanye lamajali alemibala eminengi lezintshaka eziphothiweyo njalo zilamafindo abotshwe aqina. **25** Imikhumbi yaseThashishi isebenza ukuthwala impahla zakho. Ugcwele impahla ezinzima enzikini yolwandle. **26** Abagwedli bakho bakusa elwandle olukhulu. Kodwa umoya wasempumalanga uzakwephula ube yiziqayiqa enzikini yolwandle. **27** Inotho yakho, okuthengiswayo kanye lempahla, abatshayeli bakho, labaqondisi kanye labalungisi bemikhumbi, abathengisi bakho lawo wonke amabutho akho, labanye bonke abaphakathi komkhumbi bazatshona enzikini yolwandle ngosuku lokonakala komkhumbi. **28** Amazwe angaselwandle azanyikinyeka

lapho abahambisa umkhumbi bakho sebehlaba umkhosi.
29 Bonke abaphethe amaphini okugwedla bazayitshiya
imikhumbi yabo; abatshayeli bayo kanye labaqondisi bayo
bonke bazakuma ekhunjini. **30** Bazaphakamisa amazwi abo
bakhale kabuhlungu ngawe; bazathela uthuli emakhanda
abo bagiqike emlotheni. **31** Bazaphuca amakhanda abo
ngenxa yakho njalo bazagqoka amasaka. Bazaqhinqa
isililo ngawe ngesililo esibuhlungu. **32** Lapho bekukhalela
bekulilela bazaqhinqa isililo ngawe bathi, "Ngubani owake
wathuliswa njengeThire, elizungezwe lulwandle na?"
33 Ekuphumeni kwempahla yakho elwandle wasuthisa
izizwe ezinengi; ngenotho yakho enengi langempahla
yakho wanothisa amakhosi omhlaba. **34** Khathesi
usuphahlazwe lulwandle ezinzikini zamanzi: impahla
yakho lenhlanganiso yakho yonke kuzatshona phansi
kanye lawe. **35** Bonke abahlala emazweni angasolwandle
balokwesaba ngawe; amakhosi abo ayathuthumela
ngokwesaba lobuso bawo bunyukubaliswe luvalo. **36**
Abathengi phakathi kwezizwe bayakuncifela; usufike
ekucineni okwesabekayo, njalo kawuyikuba khona futhi.'"

28 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana
yomuntu, tshono kumbusi waseThire uthi, 'Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngokuzigqaja
kwenhliziyo yakho uthi, "Ngingunkulunkulu; ngihlala
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikankulunkulu enzikini
yezilwandle." Kodwa wena ungumuntu hatshi
uNkulunkulu, lanxa ucabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphe
njengoNkulunkulu. **3** Kambe uhlakaniphile kuloDanyeli
na? Akulamfihlo esithekileyo kuwe na? **4**

Ngenhlakanipho yakho lokuqedisisa uzizuzele inotho njalo wabuthela igolide lesiliva eziphaleni zengcebo yakho. **5** Ngolwazi lwakho olukhulu ekuthengiseni uyandisile inotho yakho, njalo ngenxa yenotho yakho, inhliziyo yakho isizigqaja. **6** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Njengoba ucabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile, uhlakaniphe njengoNkulunkulu, **7** ngizaletha abezizweni ukuba bamelane lawe, izizwe ezilesihluku kakhulu; zizahwatsha inkemba zazo zimelane lobuhle bakho kanye lenhlakanipho, zone lobuhle bakho obukhazimulayo. **8** Zizakwehlisela phansi egodini, njalo uzakufa kabuhlungu enzikini yezilwandle. **9** Lapho-ke uzakutsho na phambi kwalabo abakubulalayo ukuthi, "Mina ngingunkulunkulu?" Uzakuba ngumuntu nje, hatshi unkulunkulu, ezandleni zalabo abakubulalayo. **10** Uzakufa ukufa kwabangasokanga ezandleni zabezizweni. Sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'" **11** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **12** "Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngenkosi yaseThire uthi kuyo: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Wawuyisibonelo sokuphelela ugcwele inhlakanipho lobuhle obupheleleyo. **13** Wawuse-Edeni isivande sikaNkulunkulu; waceca ngawo wonke amatshe aligugu: irubhi, lethophazi le-emeralidi, ikhrisolithe, i-onikisi lejaspa, isafire, ithukhwayizi lebherili. Izibonakaliso zakho lezisekelo kwakwenziwe ngegolide; kwalungiswa ngosuku owadalwa ngalo. **14** Wagcotshwa njengekherubhi elondlayo, ngoba ngakumisela lokho. Wawuphezu kwentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu;

wahamba phakathi kwamatshe avutha umlilo. **15** Wawungelasici ezindleleni zakho kusukela ngosuku owadalwa ngalo ububi baze bafunyanwa kuwe. **16** Ngenxa yokuthengisa kwakho ezindaweni ezinengi wagcwala udlakela, wasusona. Ngakho ngakususa njengehlazo entabeni kaNkulunkulu, njalo ngakuxotsha, wena kherubhi elondlayo, phakathi kwamatshe avutha umlilo. **17** Inhliziyo yakho yazigqaja ngenxa yobuhle bakho, njalo wonakalisa inhlakanipho yakho ngenxa yobucwazicwazi bakho. Ngakho ngakuphosela emhlabeni; ngakwenza umbukiso phambi kwamakhosi. **18** Ngezono zakho ezinengi lokuthengisa lobuqili usungcolise izindawo zakho ezingcwele. Ngakho ngaphemba umlilo phakathi kwakho wakutshisa wakuqeda, njalo ngakwenza waba ngumlotha emhlabathini phambi kwabo bonke ababekhangele. **19** Zonke izizwe ezazikwazi zithithibele ngawe; usufike ekucineni okwesabekayo njalo kawuyikuba khona futhi.'" **20** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **21** "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho eSidoni; uphrofithe okubi ngalo **22** uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lawe, wena Sidoni, njalo ngizathola udumo phakathi kwakho. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo lapho sengiletha isijeziso kulo njalo ngizibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwalo. **23** Ngizathumela isifo kulo, ngenze igazi ligeleze ezindleleni zalo. Abafileyo bazakuba phakathi kwalo, inkemba imelane lalo amacele wonke. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **24** Abantu bako-Israyeli kabasayikuba labomakhelwane abalenhliziyo

ezimbi njalo abangameva abuhlungu lameva ahlabayo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo Wobukhosi. **25** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Lapho sengiqoqa abantu bako-Israyeli ezizweni ababehlakazelwe kuzo, ngizazibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwabo phambi kwezizwe. Emva kwalokho bazahlala elizweni labo, engalinika inceku yami uJakhobe. **26** Bazahlala kulo bevikelekile njalo bazakwakha izindlu bahlanyele lezivini; bazahlala bevikelekile lapho sengiletha isijeziso kubo bonke omakhelwane babo ababaphatha kubi. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo.'"

29 Ngomnyaka wetshumi, ngenyanga yetshumi ngosuku lwetshumi lambili, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe uphrofithe okubi ngaye langelizwe lonke laseGibhithe. **3** Khuluma laye uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelane lawe, Faro nkosi yaseGibhithe, wena silo esikhulu esilele phakathi kwezifula zaso. Uthi, "INayili ngeyakho; wazenzela yona." **4** Kodwa ngizafaka iwuka emihlathini yakho nginamathisele inhlanzi zezifula zakho, emaxolweni akho. Ngizakukhuphela ngaphandle kwezifula zakho, lenhlanzi zonke zinamathele emaxolweni akho. **5** Ngizakutshiya enkangala, wena kanye lenhlanzi zonke zasezifuleni zakho. Uzawela egcekeni egangeni njalo ungabuthwa loba udojwe. Ngizakunikela njengokudla ezinyamazaneni zomhlaba lezinyoni zasemoyeni. **6** Lapho-ke bonke abahlala eGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.

Ube uludondolo lomhlanga lwendlu ka-Israyeli. **7** Kwathi bekubamba ngezandla zabo, wacezuka waqhaqha amahlombe abo; kwathi lapho beseyama kuwe wephuka lamaqolo abo aqhuzuka. **8** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizaletha inkemba imelane lawe ngibulale abantu bakho kanye lezifuyo zabo. **9** IGibhithe izakuba yinkangala echithekileyo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Ngoba wathi, "INayili ngeyakho; nguwe owayenzayo," **10** ngakho ngimelana lawe kanye lezifula zakho, njalo ngizakwenza ilizwe laseGibhithe libe lunxiwa logwadule oluphundlekileyo kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-Asiwani, kuze kuyefika emngceleni weKhushi. **11** Akulanyawo lomuntu loba olwenyamazana oluzadabula phakathi kwalo; akulamuntu ozahlala khona okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **12** Ngizakwenza ilizwe laseGibhithe libe ngeliphundlekileyo phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo, njalo amadolobho alo azaphundleka okweminyaka engamatshumi amane phakathi kwamadolobho angamanxiwa. AmaGibhithe ngizawachithela phakathi kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele emazweni. **13** Kodwa nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngizaqoqa amaGibhithe ezizweni ayehlakazelwe kuzo. **14** Ngizawabuyisela evela ekuthunjweni yiGibhithe, ePhathrosi, ilizwe labokhokho babo. Lapho bazakuba ngumbuso omncane. **15** Uzakuba ngumbuso omncane kakhulu emibusweni njalo kawuyikuziphakamisela phezulu kwezinye izizwe futhi. Ngizawenza ungabi lamandla ukuze ungabusi izizwe futhi. **16** IGibhithe

kaliyikuba ngumthombo wethemba futhi wabantu bako-Israyeli kodwa lizakuba yisikhumbuzo sesono sabo sokuyafuna usizo kulo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo Wobukhosi.'" **17** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ngenyanga yakuqala ngelanga lakuqala, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **18** "Ndodana yomuntu, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waqhuba ibutho lakhe ukuyakulwa impi enzima leThire, amakhanda wonke aphuculwa aphuceka, lamahlombe wonke aba buhlungu. Ikanti yena lebutho lakhe kabatholanga mvuzo empini ayikhokhela ekuhlaseleni iThire. **19** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: IGibhithe ngizalinikela kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, njalo uzathumba inotho yalo. Uzaliphundla aliphange ilizwe njengeholo lebutho lakhe. **20** Ngimnike iGibhithe njengomvuzo wemizamo yakhe ngoba yena lebutho lakhe lokho bakwenzela mina, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **21** Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza uphondo lukhulele indlu ka-Israyeli, njalo ngizavula umlomo wakho phakathi kwabo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo."

30 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Lilani lithi, "Maye ngalolosuku!" **3** Ngoba usuku seluseduze, usuku lukaThixo seluseduze usuku lwamayezi, isikhathi sokutshabalala kwezizwe. **4** Inkemba izakumelana leGibhithe, losizi luzakwehlela phezu kukaKhushi. Lapho ababuleweyo besiwa eGibhithe inotho yalo izathunjwa lezisekelo zalo zidilizelwe phansi. **5**

IKhushi lePhuthi, iLudi le-Arabhiya yonke, iLibhiya kanye labantu belizwe lesivumelwano bazabulawa ngenkemba ndawonye leGibhithe. **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Abasekeli beGibhithe bazakufa, lamandla alo aziqhenyayo azaphela. Kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-Asiwani bazakuwa ngenkemba phakathi kwalo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **7** Bazachitheka phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo, njalo amadolobho abo azakuba phakathi kwamadolobho adiliziweyo. **8** Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, lapho sengithungela iGibhithe ngomlilo labasizi balo bonke sebeqothulwe. **9** Ngalolosuku izithunywa zizaphuma zisuka kimi ngemikhumbi ziyetshayisa iKhushi ngovalo, kuphele ukungazikhathazi kwalo. Bazakwehlelwa lusizi ngosuku lokutshabalala kweGibhithe, ngoba ngempela kuzafika. **10** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizawaqeda amaxuku aseGibhithe ngesandla sikaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **11** Yena lebutho lakhe, abalolunya olukhulu phakathi kwezizwe, bazalethwa ukuba bachithe ilizwe. Bazahwatsha izinkemba zabo ukuba bamelane leGibhithe bagcwalise ilizwe ngababuleweyo. **12** Ngizakomisa izifula zeNayili lelizwe ngilithengisele abantu ababi; ngesandla sabezizweni, ngizalichitha ilizwe, lakho konke okukulo. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile. **13** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizachitha izithombe ngiqede izifanekiso eMemfisi. Akusayikuba khona inkosana eGibhithe, njalo ngizaletha ukwesaba kulolonke ilizwe. **14** Ngizachitha iPhathrosi, ngithungele iZowani ngomlilo, besengiletha isijeziso phezu kweThebesi. **15**

Ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwePhelusiyami, inqaba yaseGibhithe, ngiqede lamaxuku aseThebesi. **16** Ngizathungela iGibhithe ngomlilo; iPhelusiyami izajanqula ngobuhlungu. IThebesi izathunjwa ngesidumo esikhulu; iMemfisi izakuba sosizini olumiyo. **17** Amajaha aseHeliyopholisi leBhubhastisi azabulawa ngenkemba, lamadolobho wona ngokwawo azathunjwa. **18** EThahiphanesi imini izakuba mnyama, lapho ngisephula ijogwe leGibhithe; khonale-ke amandla alo aziqhenyayo azaphela. Azakwembeswa ngamayezi, njalo imizi yalo izakuya ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngokunjalo ngizakwehlisela isijeziso phezu kweGibhithe, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.'" **20** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku lwesikhombisa, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **21** "Ndodana yomuntu, sengiyephule ingalo kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. Kayibotshwanga ukuba iphole kumbe ifakwe uhlaka ukuze iqine okwanele ukuthi iphathe inkemba. **22** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelana loFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. Ngizazephula zombili izingalo zakhe, eqinileyo kanye leyephukileyo, ngenze inkemba iwe esandleni sakhe. **23** Ngizachithela amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele emazweni. **24** Ngizaqinisa izingalo zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngifake inkemba yami ezandleni zayo, kodwa izingalo zikaFaro ngizazephula, njalo uzabubula phambi kwayo njengomuntu olimale okokufa. **25** Ngizaqinisa izingalo zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, kodwa izingalo zikaFaro zizakuba buthakathaka. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi

mina nginguThixo lapho sengifaka inkemba yami esandleni senkosi yaseBhabhiloni layo isiyizunguza imelane leGibhithe. **26** Ngizachithela amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele emazweni futhi. Lapho-ke azakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo."

31 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yesithathu ngosuku lwakuqala, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe lakumaxuku akhe uthi: 'Ngubani ongalinganiswa lawe ngobucwazicwazi? **3** Cabanga i-Asiriya, eyake yaba ngumsedari eLebhanoni, olamagatsha amahle embese ihlathi ngomthunzi; wawumude uphezulu le, isihloko sawo singaphezu kwamahlamvu avitshileyo. **4** Amanzi awondla, imithombo etshonayo yawenza wakhula waba mude; izifudlana zayo zageleza emaceleni esidindi sawo sonke, imisele yazo ayafika kuzozonke izihlahla zeganga. **5** Wawuphakeme kanjalo umude kulazo zonke izihlahla zeganga; ingatsha zawo zanda, ingatsha zawo zakhula zaba zinde zendlalekile ngenxa yobunengi bamanzi. **6** Zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zakhela izidleke zazo ezingatsheni zawo, zonke izinyamazana zeganga zazalela ngaphansi kwezingatsha zawo; zonke izizwe ezinkulu zahlala emthunzini wawo. **7** Wawunkanyazela ngobuhle bawo, ngezingatsha zawo ezendlalekileyo, ngoba impande zawo zazitshona phansi emanzini amanengi. **8** Imisedari esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu yayingeke ilingane lawo, kumbe izihlahla zemiphayini zibe lezingatsha ezingafana lezawo, akukho sihlahla esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu esasingaba sihle njengawo.

9 Ngawenza waba muhle ngezingatsha ezinengi,
wahawukelwa yizihlahla zonke zase-Edeni esivandeni
sikaNkulunkulu. **10** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi: Ngoba wawumude uphezulu le, isihloko
sawo siphakamele ngaphezu kwezingatsha ezivitshileyo,
njalo ngenxa yokuthi wawuziqhenya ngobude bawo,
11 ngawunikela kumbusi wezizwe ukuba awuphathe
ngokufanele ububi bawo. Ngawulahlela eceleni, **12**
njalo isizwe sasezizweni esilesihluku kulazo zonke
sawucakazela phansi sawutshiya. Ingatsha zawo zawela
phezu kwezintaba lasezigodini zonke, amagatsha awo
ephukela ezindongeni zonke zelizwe. Zonke izizwe
zasemhlabeni zasuka emthunzini wawo zawutshiya. **13**
Zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zahlala phezu kwesihlahla
esiwileyo, lezinyamazana zonke zeganga zaziphakathi
kwezingatsha zaso. **14** Ngakho kazikho ezinye izihlahla
ngasemanzini ezizaphakama ngokuziqhenya phezulu
le, zifikise izihloko zazo ngaphezu kwezingatsha.
Kazikho ezinye izihlahla ezizuza amanzi kuhle kanjalo
ezizake zifike phezulu kangako; zonke zimiselwe
ukufa, emhlabeni ongaphansi, phakathi kwabantu
abafayo, kanye lalabo abehlela egodini. **15** Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngosuku owehliselwa
ngalo engcwabeni, ngavala imithombo etshonayo
ngokulilelwa kwawo, ngamisa izifudlana zawo, lamanzi
awo amanengi avinjelwa. Ngenxa yawo ngembesa
iLebhanoni ngomnyama, njalo zonke izihlahla zeganga
zabuna. **(Sheol h7585)** **16** Ngenza izizwe zathuthunyeliswa
ngumdumo wokuwa kwawo lapha ngawehlisela phansi

engcwabeni kanye lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. Laphoke zonke izihlahla zase-Edeni, ezikhethekileyo lezinhle kakhulu zaseLebhanoni, zonke izihlahla ezazithola amanzi kuhle, zaduduzeka ngaphansi komhlaba. (Sheol h7585) 17 Labo ababehlala emthunzini wawo, ababevumelana lawo phakathi kwezizwe, basebehlele phansi engcwabeni kanye lawo, bahlangana lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. (Sheol h7585) 18 Yisiphi sezihlahla zase-Edeni esingafaniswa lawe ngobuhle langobucwazicwazi na? Ikanti lawe futhi uzakwehliselwa phansi ngaphansi komhlaba kanye lezihlahla zase-Edeni; uzalala phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. Lo nguFaro kanye lamaxuku akhe wonke, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'"

32 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili ngosuku lokuqala, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngoFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe uthi kuye: 'Wena unjengesilwane phakathi kwezizwe; unjengesilo phakathi kolwandle, uvubavuba amanzi ezifuleni zakho, uchaphaze amanzi ngezinyawo zakho, ungcolisa lezifula ngodaka. 3 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngoquqaba olukhulu lwabantu ngizaphosela imbule lami phezu kwakho njalo bazakudonsela phezulu ngomambule wami. 4 Ngizakuphosela emhlabathini ngikudonsele egcekeni egangeni. Ngizakwenza zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zihlale phezu kwakho lezinyamazana zonke zasemhlabeni zizitike kuwe. 5 Ngizachaya inyama yakho phezu kwezintaba njalo ngigcwalise izigodi ngezidumbu zakho. 6 Ngizathambisa ilizwe ngegazi lakho eligeleza indawo

yonke kusiya ezintabeni, lezindonga zizagcwala inyama yakho. **7** Lapho sengikucitsha, ngizakwembesa amazulu ngenze izinkanyezi zawo zibe mnyama; ngizakwembesa ilanga ngeyezi, lenyanga ingabe isakhanyisa. **8** Zonke izibane ezikhanyisa emazulwini ngizazenza zibe mnyama elizweni lakho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **9** Ngizakhathaza inhliziyo zabantu abanengi lapho sengiletha ukuchithwa kwakho phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwamazwe ongazange uwazi. **10** Ngizakwenza abantu abanengi bamangale ngawe, lamakhosi abo azathuthumela ngokwesaba ngenxa yakho lapho nginyikinya inkemba yami phambi kwawo. Ngosuku lokuwa kwakho lowo lalowo wabo uzaqhaqhazela isikhathi sonke sokuphila kwakhe. **11** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Inkemba yenkosi yaseBhabhiloni izamelana lawe. **12** Ngizakwenza amaxuku akho abulawe ngezinkemba zamadoda alamandla alesihluku kakhulu phakathi kwezizwe zonke. Azachoboza ukuziqhenya kweGibhithe, njalo wonke amaxuku alo azanqotshwa. **13** Ngizabulala zonke inkomo zabo ngaseduzane lamanzi amanengi angaphindi adungwe lunyawo lomuntu futhi kumbe angcoliswe ngamasondo enkomo ngodaka. **14** Lapho-ke ngizakwenza amanzi alo azinze lezifula zalo zigeleze njengamafutha, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **15** Lapho iGibhithe sengilichitha ngiphundla ilizwe lakho konke okukulo, lapho sengibacakazela phansi bonke abahlala khona, lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.' **16** Lesi yisililo esizaculelwa iGibhithe. Amadodakazi ezizwe azasicula: azasiculela iGibhithe

kanye lamaxuku alo wonke, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.”
17 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngosuku lwetshumi
lanhlanu lwenyanga, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi:
18 “Ndodana yomuntu, lilela amaxuku aseGibhithe
njalo wehlisele ngaphansi komhlaba kokubili lona
iGibhithe kanye lamadodakazi ezizwe ezilamandla, lalabo
abehlela phansi egodini. **19** Tshono kubo uthi, ‘Lina
liyathandwa kakhulu kulabanye na? Yehlelani phansi lilale
phakathi kwabangasokanga.’ **20** Bazafela phakathi kwalabo
ababulawa ngenkemba. Inkemba isihwatshiwe; iGibhithe
kalihudulwe lamaxuku alo wonke. **21** Abakhokheli
abalamandla bazakutsho ngeGibhithe labamanyene layo
bephakathi kwengcwaba bathi, ‘Sebehlele phansi njalo
balele labangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba.’
(Sheol h7585) **22** I-Asiriya ikhona lebutho layo lonke;
izungezwe ngamangcwaba abo bonke abayo ababuleweyo;
bonke ababulawe ngenkemba. **23** Amangcwaba abo
asekuzikeni kwegodi njalo ibutho layo lilele lihanqe
ingcwaba layo. Bonke abandisa ukwesaba elizweni
labaphilayo babulewe, bebulawa ngenkemba. **24** I-
Elamu ikhona, lamaxuku ayo wonke azungeze ingcwaba
layo. Bonke babulewe, bebulawa ngenkemba. Bonke
abandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo behlela phansi
ngaphansi komhlaba bengasokanga. Bathwele ihlazo labo
belalabo abehlela phansi egodini. **25** Yenzelwa umbheda
phakathi kwababuleweyo, lamaxuku ayo wonke ehanqe
ingcwaba layo. Bonke kabasokanga, babulawa ngenkemba.
Ngoba ukwesatshwa kwabo kwasekugcwele elizweni
labaphilayo, bathwala ihlazo labo lalabo abehlela phansi

egodini; babekwa phakathi kwababuleweyo. **26** IMesheki leThubhali akhona, lamaxuku awo wonke ezungeze amangcwaba awo. Wonke amaxuku kawasokanga, abulewe ngoba andisa ukwesatshwa kwawo elizweni labaphilayo. **27** Kanje kawalele lamanye amabutho angasokanga awafayo, wona ehlela phansi engcwabeni lezikhali zawo zempi, azinkemba zawo zabekwa ngaphansi kwamakhanda awo na? Isijeziso sezono zawo sahlala phezu kwamathambo awo, lanxa ukwesatshwa kwamabutho la kwagcwala elizweni labaphilayo. **(Sheol h7585)** **28** Lawe futhi, wena Faro, uzakwephulwa njalo ulale phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. **29** I-Edomi ikhona, amakhosi ayo lamakhosana ayo wonke; phezu kwamandla abo, balaliswa lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. Balele labangasokanga, lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. **30** Wonke amakhosana asenyakatho kanye lamaSidoni wonke bakhona; behlela phansi lababulawayo behlazekile lanxa kulokwesaba okwabangelwa ngamandla abo. Balele bengasokanga kanye lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba njalo bathwala ihlazo labo lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. **31** UFaro lebutho lakhe uzababona njalo uzaduduzeka ngamaxuku akhe wonke abulawa ngenkemba, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **32** Lanxa ngamenza wandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo, uFaro kanye lamaxuku akhe wonke, bazalaliswa phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi."

33 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labantu bakini uthi kubo, 'Lapho ngiletha inkemba ukumelana lelizwe, abantu balelolizwe

bakhethe omunye wamadoda akibo bamenze abe ngumlindi, **3** abone inkemba isizamelana lelizwe abesetshaya icilongo exwayisa abantu, **4** lapho-ke nxa loba ngubani ozwa icilongo kodwa angasinaki isixwayiso njalo inkemba ifike imbulale, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. **5** Njengoba ukukhala kwecilongo ekuzwile kodwa kaze asinaka isixwayiso, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. Aluba ubesinakile isixwayiso, ubezazisindisa. **6** Kodwa nxa umlindi ebona inkemba isiza angatshayi icilongo axwayise abantu, njalo inkemba ifike ibulale omunye wabo, lowomuntu uzasuswa ngenxa yesono sakhe, kodwa mina ngizabeka umlandu wegazi lakhe kumlindi.' **7** Ndodana yomuntu, sengikwenze umlindi wendlu ka-Israyeli; ngakho zwana ilizwi engilikhulumayo ubanike isixwayiso esivela kimi. **8** Lapho ngisithi komubi, 'Wena muntu omubi, uzakufa impela,' njalo wena ungabe usakhuluma ukuba umyekelise izindlela zakhe, lowomuntu omubi uzafela izono zakhe, njalo mina ngikubeka umlandu wegazi lakhe. **9** Kodwa nxa umxwayisa umuntu omubi ukuba aphenduke ezindleleni zakhe kodwa angenzi njalo, uzafela izono zakhe, kodwa wena uzakuba uzisindisile. **10** Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuyo indlu ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku elikutshoyo ukuthi, "Iziphambeko zethu lezono ziyasisinda, njalo siyacikizeka ngenxa yazo. Pho singaphila njani na?"' **11** Tshono kubo uthi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, kangithokozi ngokufa kwababi, kodwa ukuba baphenduke ezindleleni zabo baphile. Phendukani! Phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi! Kungani umele ufe,

wena ndlu ka-Israyeli?' **12** Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, tshono ebantwini bakini uthi, 'Ukulunga komuntu olungileyo kakuyikumsindisa lapho engalaleli, njalo lobubi bomuntu omubi kabuyikumwisa lapho ephenduka kubo. Umuntu olungileyo, lapho esona, kasoke avunyelwe ukuphila ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe kwakuqala.' **13** Nxa ngitshela umuntu olungileyo ukuthi impela uzaphila, kodwa abe esethemba ukulunga kwakhe enze okubi, akukho okwezinto ezilungileyo azenzayo okuzakhunjulwa; uzafela okubi asekwenzile. **14** Njalo nxa ngisithi emuntwini omubi, 'Impela uzakufa,' kodwa aphenduke ezonweni zakhe enze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo, **15** lapho ebuyisela lokho akuthatha kuyisibambiso salokho akwebolekisayo, abuyisele akwebayo, alandele izimiso ezinika ukuphila, angenzi okubi, uzaphila impela; kasoze afe. **16** Akukho lasinye sezono azenzayo esizakhunjulwa ngaye. Usenze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo; uzaphila impela. **17** Ikanti abantu bakini bathi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Kodwa ngeyabo indlela engalunganga. **18** Nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze okubi, uzakufela lokho. **19** Njalo nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe enze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo, uzaphila ngenxa yokwenzanjalo. **20** Ikanti, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, uthi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Kodwa mina ngizakwahlulela lowo lalowo wenu ngokufanele izindlela zakhe." **21** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokuthunjwa kwethu, ngenyanga yetshumi ngosuku lwesihlanu, umuntu owayebalekele eJerusalema wafika kimi wathi, "Idolobho selinqotshiwe!" **22** Kusihlwa

umuntu lowo engakafiki, isandla sikaThixo sasiphezu kwami, njalo wavula umlomo wami umuntu lowo engakafiki ekuseni. Ngakho umlomo wami wawusuvuliwe njalo ngangingasathulanga. **23** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **24** "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu abahlala emanxiweni lawana elizweni lako-Israyeli bathi, 'U-Abhrahama wayengumuntu oyedwa nje kuphela, ikanti ilizwe lalingelakhe. Kodwa thina sibanengi; impela ilizwe siliphiwe njengelifa lethu.' **25** Ngakho tshono kubo uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Njengoba lisidla inyama ilokhu ilegazi lithembe izithombe zenu njalo lichithe legazi, kambe lingaba ngabanikazi belizwe na? **26** Lithembe inkemba yenu, lenza izinto ezenyanyekayo, njalo omunye lomunye wenu ungcolisa umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe. Kambe lingaba ngabanikazi belizwe na?' **27** Tshono lokhu kubo uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, labo abaseleyo emanxiweni bazabulawa ngenkemba, labo abangaphandle egangeni ngizabanikela ezinyamazaneni zeganga ukuba badliwe, njalo labo abasezinqabeni lasezimbalwini bazabulawa yisifo. **28** Ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo, njalo ukuziqhenya kwamandla alo kuzaphela, lezintaba zako-Israyeli zizachitheka kuze kungabikhona odlula kuzo. **29** Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, nxa sengenze ilizwe laba lugwadule oluphundlekileyo ngenxa yezinto ezenyanyekayo abazenzileyo.' **30** Okunjengawe, ndodana yomuntu, abantu bakini bakhulumisana ngawe emidulini laseminyango yezindlu besithi, omunye

komunye, ‘Woza uzekuzwa ilizwi eselifike livela kuThixo.’
31 Abantu bami bayafika kuwe, njengabajayele ukukwenza,
bahlale phambi kwakho ukuba bezwe amazwi akho,
kodwa akutshoyo kabakwenzi. Ngemilomo yabo batsho
ukuzinikela, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zihawukela inzuzo
engafanelanga. **32** Ngempela, kubo wena kawusilutho
olungedlula umuntu ohlabela izingoma zothando ngelizwi
elihle njalo esitshaya kuhle isiginci, ngoba amazwi akho
bayawezwa, kodwa akutshoyo kabakwenzi. **33** Nxa konke
lokhu sekugcwalisekile njalo impela kuzakwenzakala,
lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi umphrofethi ubekhona
phakathi kwabantu.”

34 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana
yomuntu, phrofetha okubi ngabelusi bako-Israyeli;
phrofetha uthi kubo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi: Maye kini lina belusi bako-Israyeli
elizikhathalelayo lina ngokwenu kuphela! Abelusi
akumelanga bakhathalele umhlambi wezimvu na? **3**
Lidla izankefu, ligqoke uboya njalo lihlabe ezinonileyo,
kodwa imihlambi yenu kaliyelusi. **4** Ezibuthakathaka
kaliziqinisanga kumbe lelapha ezigulayo loba labopha
ezilimeleyo. Kalinqandanga eziphambukileyo loba ladinga
ezilahlekileyo. Lizibuse ngochuku langesihluku. **5** Ngakho
zahlakazeka ngoba kwakungelamelusi, njalo kwathi lapho
sezihlakazekile zaba yikudla kwazo zonke izinyamazana
zeganga. **6** Izimvu zami zantula phezu kwezintaba
zonke laphezu kwamaqaqa wonke. Zazihlakazekele
emhlabeni wonke, njalo kakho owazidingayo loba
owazicingayo. **7** Ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi

likaThixo elithi: **8** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona,
kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, ngoba umhlambi wami
uswela umelusi ngakho usuphangiwe njalo usube
yikudla kwezinyamazana zonke zeganga, njalo ngenxa
yokuthi abelusi bami kabawudinganga umhlambi kodwa
bazikhathalela bona ngokwabo kulomhlambi wami,
9 ngakho-ke lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo
elithi: **10** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi:
Ngimelana labelusi njalo ngizababeka umlandu wezimvu
zami. Ngizabasusa ekweluseni umhlambi, abelusi
bangabe besaba lokudla. Ngizawuhluthuna umhlambi
wami emilonyeni yabo, njalo kawuyikuba yikudla
kwabo futhi. **11** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi: Mina ngokwami ngizadinga izimvu zami
ngizeluse. **12** Njengomelusi eluse umhlambi wakhe
ohlakazekileyo elawo, ngizazelusa kanjalo izimvu zami.
Ngizazihlenga ezindaweni zonke ezahlakazekela kuzo
ngosuku lwamayezi lomnyama. **13** Ngizazikhupha ezizweni
ngizibuthe emazweni, njalo ngizazisa elizweni lazo
uqobo. Ngizazidlisa phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli,
ezihotsheni kanye lasemizaneni yonke eselizweni. **14**
Ngizazelusela emadlelweni amahle, njalo iziqongo
zezintaba zako-Israyeli zizakuba ngumhlaba wedlelo
lazo. Khonapho zizalala phansi emhlabeni olidlelo elihle,
njalo khonapho zizakudla edlelweni elivundileyo phezu
kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. **15** Mina ngokwami ngizazelusa
izimvu zami njalo ngizazilalisa phansi, kutsho uThixo
Wobukhosi. **16** Ngizadinga ezilahlekileyo nginqande
eziphambukileyo. Ngizabopha ezilimeleyo ngiqinise

ezibuthakathaka. Ezinonileyo leziqinileyo ngizazibulala. Umhlambi ngizawelusa ngokulunga. **17** Okunjengawe, mhlambi wami, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwenye imvu lenye kanye laphakathi kwenqama lembuzi. **18** Kwanele yini kini ukudla emadlelweni amahle na? Kambe kumele lize linyathele amanye amadlelo enu ngezinyawo zenu na? Kakwanelanga kini na ukunatha amanzi ahlanzekileyo? Kambe kumele lingcolise aseleyo ngezinyawo zenu na? **19** Umhlambi kumele udle elikunyatheleyo njalo unathe lokho elikungcolise ngezinyawo zenu na? **20** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi kuzo: Khangelani, mina ngokwami ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezinonileyo lezimvu ezicakileyo. **21** Ngoba liyafuqa ngemihlubulo langamahlombe, ligqubule zonke imbuzi ezibuthakathaka ngempondo zenu lize lizixotshele khatshana. **22** Ngizahlenga umhlambi wami, njalo kawuyikuphangwa futhi. Ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwenye imvu lenye. **23** Phezu kwazo ngizabeka umelusi oyedwa, inceku yami uDavida, uzazelusa; uzazelusa abe ngumelusi wazo. **24** Mina Thixo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wazo, njalo inceku yami uDavida izakuba yinkosana phakathi kwazo. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile. **25** Ngizakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula lazo njalo ngixotshe izilo zeganga elizweni ukuze ziyehlala enkangala kuthi izimvu zihlale emahlathini zigcinakale. **26** Ngizazibusisa kanye lezindawo ezihanqe intaba yami. Ngizakwehlisa imikhizo ngesikhathi sayo; kuzakuba lemikhizo yesibusiso. **27** Izihlahla zeganga zizathela

izithelo zazo njalo lomhlabathi uzathela izilimo zawo;
abantu bazahlaliseka elizweni labo. Bazakwazi ukuthi
mina nginguThixo, lapho sengisephula imigoqo yejogwe
labo njalo ngibahlenga ezandleni zalabo ababenza
izigqili. **28** Kabayikuphangwa yizizwe futhi, lezinyamazana
zeganga kaziyikubadla. Bazahlala ngokuvikeleka, njalo
kakho ozabenza besabe. **29** Ngizabanika ilizwe elidumileyo
ngezilimo zalo, njalo kabayikuhlutshwa yindlala futhi
elizweni loba bathwale ihlazo lezizwe. **30** Lapho-ke
bazakwazi ukuthi mina, UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo,
ngilabo kanye lokuthi bona, indlu ka-Israyeli, bangabantu
bami, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **31** Lina zimvu zami,
zimvu zedlelo lami, lingabantu bami, njalo mina
nginguNkulunkulu wenu, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.'"

35 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana
yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho eNtabeni iSeyiri;
uphrofithe okubi ngayo **3** uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelane lawe, Ntaba Seyiri, njalo
ngizakwelula isandla sami ukumelana lawe ngikwenze ube
lugwadule oluphundlekileyo. **4** Ngizakwenza amadolobho
akho abe ngamanxiwa lawe uzachithwa. Lapho-ke
uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **5** Ngoba wagcina
inzondo yasendulo wanikela ama-Israyeli enkembeni
ngesikhathi sosizi lwawo, lapho isijeziso sawo sasesifike
ekucineni, **6** ngakho-ke ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona,
kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, ngizakunikela ekuchithekeni
kwegazi njalo kuzakulandela. **7** Ngizakwenza iNtaba iSeyiri
ibe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo, njalo ngiqede kuyo
bonke abafika bahambe. **8** Ngizagcwalisa izintaba zakho

ngababuleweyo; labo ababulawe ngenkemba bazawela phezu kwamaqaqa akho lasezigodini zakho kanye lasezindongeni zakho zonke. **9** Ngizakwenza uchitheke okwanininini; amadolobho akho kawayikuhlalwa muntu. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **10** Ngoba wena uthe, "Izizwe lezi ezimbili lamazwe la amabili kuzakuba ngokwethu njalo sizakuthatha," lanxa mina Thixo ngangikhonapho. **11** Ngakho-ke ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, ngizakuphatha ngokufanele ukuthukuthela lobukhwele owakubonakalisayo ekubazondeni kwakho njalo ngizakwenza mina ngazakale phakathi kwabo lapho sengikwahlulela. **12** Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo sengizizwile zonke izinto ezenyanyekayo owazitshoyo ngezintaba zako-Israyeli. Wathi, "Sezichithiwe njalo sezinikelwe kithi ukuba sizitshwabadele." **13** Wazikhukhumeza kubi ngami njalo wakhuluma kubi ngami kungekho kuzibamba, njalo ngakuzwa lokho. **14** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Kuzakuthi umhlaba wonke uthokoze, mina ngizakwenza uphundleke. **15** Ngoba wena wathokoza lapho ilifa lendlu ka-Israyeli lichitheka, leyo yiyo indlela engizakuphatha ngayo. Uzaphundleka, wena Ntaba yeSeyiri, wena kanye le-Edomi yonke. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.'"

36 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kuzo izintaba zako-Israyeli uthi: 'Lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo. **2** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Isitha satsho ngani sathi, "Awu! Iziqongo

zasendulo sezibe yilifa lethu.’” **3** Ngakho-ke phrofetha uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngoba baliphanga njalo balixotsha bevela ezinhlangothini zonke laze laba yilifa lezinye izizwe lento yokunyeywa lokuchothozwa ngabantu, **4** ngakho-ke, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo Wobukhosi: Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi kuzo izintaba lamaqaqa, ezindongeni lasezigodini, emanxiweni aphundlekileyo lasemadolobheni atshiyiweyo aphangwayo njalo ahlekwa ngezinye izizwe ezikuhanqileyo, **5** nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngokutshiseka kwami okukhulu sengikhulume ngimelana lezinye izizwe njalo lange-Edomi lonke, ngoba ngokuthaba langenzondo ezinhliziyweni zabo benza ilizwe lami elabo ukuze baphange amadlelo alo.’ **6** Ngakho phrofetha ngelizwe lako-Israyeli uthi kuzo izintaba lamaqaqa, indonga lezigodi: Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngikhuluma ngolaka lwami olulobukhwele ngoba lithwale isithuko sesizwe. **7** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngifunga izandla ziphakanyiselwe phezulu ukuthi izizwe ezilihanqileyo lazo zizathwala isithuko. **8** Kodwa lina, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, lizaveza ingatsha lezithelo zabantu bami u-Israyeli, ngoba sebezakuza ekhaya masinyane nje. **9** Ngiyalinqinekela njalo ngizalikhangela ngomusa; lizalinywa lihlanyelwe, **10** njalo ngizakwandisa inani labantu phezu kwenu, lakuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. Amadolobho kuzahlalwa kuwo futhi lamanxiwa avuselelwe. **11** Ngizakwandisa inani labantu lelezinyamazana phezu kwenu: njalo

kuzazalana kwande. Ngizahlalisa abantu phezu kwenu
njengakudala njalo ngizalenza liphumelele kakhulu
kulakudala. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.
12 Ngizakwenza abantu, abantu bami bako-Israyeli
bahambe phezu kwenu. Bazalenza libe ngababo, njalo
lizakuba yilifa labo; kaliyikubemuka abantwana babo
futhi. **13** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngoba
abantu bathi kini, 'Lidla abantu lemuke isizwe senu
abantwana baso, **14** ngakho-ke kaliyikudla abantu
futhi loba lenze isizwe senu singabi labantwana,
kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **15** Angiyikulenza lizwe
izibhinqo zezizwe, njalo kalisayikuthwala izithuko zabantu
loba ngenze ukuba isizwe senu siwe, kutsho uThixo
Wobukhosi.'" **16** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi njalo lisithi:
17 "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu bako-Israyeli besahlala
elizweni labo, balingcolisa ngendlela abaziphatha
ngayo langezenzo zabo. Ukuziphatha kwabo kwakufana
lokungcola kowesifazane kwanyanga zonke emehlweni
ami. **18** Ngakho ngehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngoba
babechithe igazi elizweni njalo ngoba babelingcolisile
ngezithombe zabo. **19** Ngabachithela phakathi kwezizwe,
njalo bahlakazekela emazweni; ngabahlulela ngokufanele
ukuziphatha kwabo kanye lezenzo zabo. **20** Loba ngaphi
abaya khona phakathi kwezizwe balingcolisa ibizo lami
elingcwele, ngoba kwathiwa ngabo, 'Laba ngabantu
bakaThixo, kodwa basuswa elizweni.' **21** Nganqinekela
ibizo lami elingcwele, elangcoliswa yindlu ka-Israyeli
phakathi kwezizwe abaya kuzo. **22** Ngakho tshono
endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo

Wobukhosi: Akusingenxa yakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ukuthi ngizakwenza izinto lezi, kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami elingcwele, osulingcolisile phakathi kwezizwe lapho oye khona. **23** Ngizabonakalisa ubungcwele bebizo elikhulu, eselingcolisiwe phakathi kwezizwe, ibizo osulingcolisile phakathi kwazo. Lapho-ke izizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi, lapho sengizibonakalisa ngingcwele ngawe phambi kwamehlo azo. **24** Ngoba ngizakususa ezizweni; ngizakuqoqa emazweni wonke ngikubuyisele elizweni lakho. **25** Ngizakuchela ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo, uzahlambuluka; ngizakuhlambulula kukho konke ukungcola kwakho kanye lakuzo zonke izithombe zakho. **26** Ngizakunika inhliziyo entsha ngifake lomoya omutsha phakathi kwakho; ngizasusa kuwe inhliziyo yakho yelitshe ngikunike inhliziyo yenyama. **27** Njalo ngizafaka uMoya wami phakathi kwakho ngikwenze ulandele izimiso zami njalo unanzelele ukugcina imithetho yami. **28** Lizahlala elizweni engalinika okhokho benu; lizakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu. **29** Ngizalikhulula kukho konke ukungcola kwenu. Ngizabiza amabele ngiwenze abe manengi njalo angiyikuletha indlala kini. **30** Ngizakwandisa izithelo zezihlahla kanye lamabele emasimini, ukuze lingabi lehlazo futhi phakathi kwezizwe ngenxa yendlala. **31** Lapho-ke lizakhumbula izindlela zenu ezimbi kanye lezono zenu ezingalunganga, njalo lizazizonda lina ngokwenu ngenxa yezono kanye lezenzo zenu ezenyanyekayo. **32** Ngifuna ukuba likwazi ukuthi lokhu angikwenzeli lina, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.

Yangeka ube lenhloni ngenxa yokuziphatha kwakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli! **33** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngosuku engizakuhlambulula ngalo ezonweni zakho zonke, ngizahlalisa abantu emadolobheni akho, njalo lamanxiwa azavuselelwa. **34** Ilizwe eliphundlekileyo lizalinywa kulokuthi lihlale liphundlekile emehlweni abo bonke abadabula phakathi kwalo. **35** Bazakuthi, "Ilizwe leli elaselenziwe laba lugwadule selibe njengesivande se-Edeni; amadolobho ayesengamanxiwa, ephundlekile njalo echithekile, khathesi asevikelwe ngezinqaba njalo sekuhlala abantu kuwo." **36** Lapho-ke izizwe ezilihanqileyo eziseleyo zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo sengikwakhe kutsha okwakudiliziwe njalo sengikuhlanyele kutsha okwakuphundlekile. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile njalo ngizakwenza lokhu.' **37** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngizasivuma njalo isicelo sendlu ka-Israyeli ngibenzele lokhu: Ngizakwenza abantu bakibo babebanengi njengezimvu, **38** babebanengi njengemihlambi yemihlatshelo eJerusalema ngesikhathi semikhosi yalo emisiweyo. Ngokunjalo amadolobho achithekayo azagcwala ngamaxuku abantu. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo."

37 Isandla sikaThixo sasiphezu kwami, njalo wangikhuphela phandle ngoMoya kaThixo wangibeka phakathi kwesigodi; sasigcwele amathambo. **2** Wangisa emuva laphambili phakathi kwawo, njalo ngabona amathambo amanengi kakhulu phansi esigodini, amathambo ome kakhulu. **3** Wangibuza wathi, "Ndodana yomuntu, kambe amathambo la angaphila na?" Mina

ngathi, “Awu Thixo Wobukhosi, wena kuphela nguwe owaziyo.” **4** Wasesithi kimi, “Phrofetha emathanjeni la uthi kuwo, ‘Mathambo omileyo, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo! **5** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi emathanjeni la: Ngizakwenza umoya ungene phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakuba lokuphila. **6** Ngizaxhuma imisipha kini ngenze inyama ihlume phezu kwenu njalo ngibeke ijwabu phezu kwenu; ngizafaka umoya phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakuba lokuphila. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.’” **7** Ngakho ngaphrofitha njengokulaywa kwami. Kwathi ngisaphrofitha, kwaba lomsindo, umsindo okhehlezelayo, njalo amathambo aqoqana ndawonye, ithambo ethanjeni. **8** Ngakhangela, imisipha lenyama kwavela phezu kwawo kwathi ijwabu lawembesa, kodwa kwakungelamoya phakathi kwawo. **9** Wasesithi kimi, “Phrofetha emoyeni, phrofetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kuwo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Woza, wena moya, uvela ezindaweni zonke, uphefumulele kubo ababulawayo, ukuba baphile.’” **10** Ngakho ngaphrofitha njengokungilaya kwakhe, umoya wasungena kuwo; aba lokuphila njalo ema ngenyawo zawo, kulixuku elikhulukazi. **11** Wasesithi kimi: “Ndodana yomuntu, amathambo la ayiyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. Bona bathi, ‘Amathambo ethu omile njalo ithemba lethu selitshabalele; sesihunundiwe.’ **12** Ngakho phrofetha uthi kubo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Awu bantu bami, ngizavula amangcwaba enu ngilivuse kuwo; ngizalibuyisela elizweni lako-Israyeli. **13** Lapho-ke, lina bantu bami, lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, lapho

sengivula amangcwaba enu ngilivusa kuwo. **14** Ngizafaka
uMoya wami phakathi kwenu njalo lizaphila, futhi
ngizalihlalisa elizweni lenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi
mina Thixo sengikhulumile, njalo sengikwenzile lokho,
kutsho uThixo.'" **15** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **16**
"Ndodana yomuntu, thatha uluthi lwesigodo, ulobe kulo
ukuthi, 'NgolukaJuda labako-Israyeli amanyane laye.'
Emva kwalokho thatha olunye njalo uluthi lwesigodo,
ulobe kulo ukuthi, 'Uluthi luka-Efrayimi, olukaJosefa
kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli emanyene laye.' **17**
Zihlanganise ndawonye zibe yiluthi olulodwa ukuze zibe
luthilunye esandleni sakho. **18** Lapho abantu bakini
bekubuza besithi, 'Kawuyikusitshela na ukuthi utshoni
ngalokhu?' **19** uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi: Ngizathatha uluthi lukaJosefa olusesandleni
sika-Efrayimi lolwezizwana zako-Israyeli ezimanyene
laye, ngiluhlanganise loluthi lukaJuda, ngizenze zibe
yiluthi lunye lwesigodo, njalo zizakuba ngolulodwa
esandleni sami.' **20** Izinti olobe kuzo ziphathe phambi
kwamehlo abo **21** uthi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi: Ngizakhupha ama-Israyeli ezizweni aya kuzo.
Ngizawaqoqa ezindaweni zonke ngiwabuyisele elizweni
lawo. **22** Ngizawenza abe yisizwe sinye elizweni, phezu
kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. Kuzakuba lenkosi eyodwa
phezu kwabo bonke njalo akuyikuba lezizwe ezimbili
futhi kumbe behlukaniswe ukuba yimibuso emibili. **23**
Kabasayikuzingcolisa ngezithombe zabo langezifanekiso
zabo ezenyanyekayo loba ngezinye zeziphambeko zabo,
ngoba ngizabasindisa kukho konke ukuhlehlela kwabo

emuva esonweni, njalo ngizabahlambulula. Bazakuba
ngabantu bami, mina ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo. **24**
Inceku yami uDavida uzakuba yinkosi yabo, njalo bonke
bazakuba lomelusi munye. Bazalandela imithetho yami
njalo bananzelele ukugcina izimiso zami. **25** Bazahlala
elizweni engalinika inceku yami uJakhobe, ilizwe lapho
oyihlo ababehlala khona. Bona labantwana babo kanye
labantwana babantwana babo bazahlala khona
kokuphela, njalo uDavida inceku yami uzakuba yinkosana
yabo kokuphela. **26** Ngizakwenza isivumelwano
sokuthula labo; sizakuba yisivumelwano esingayikuphela.
27 Indawo yami yokuhlala izakuba kubo; ngizakuba
nguNkulunkulu wabo, njalo bona bazakuba ngabantu
bami. **28** Lapho-ke izizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo
ngenza u-Israyeli abengcwele, nxa indlu yami engcwele
iphakathi kwabo nini lanini.'"

38 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana
yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho bumelane loGogi,
owaselizweni laseMagogi, inkosana enkulu yaseMesheki
kanye laseThubhali; phrofetha kubi ngaye **3** uthi:
'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelana
lawe, wena Gogi, nkosana enkulu yaseMesheki kanye
laseThubhali. **4** Ngizakutshibilikisa, ngifake amawuka
emihlathini yakho ngikukhuphe lebutho lakho lonke,
amabhiza akho, abagadi bamabhiza bakho behlome
bephelele, lexuku elikhulukazi lilamahawu amancane
lamakhulu, bonke benyikinya izinkemba zabo. **5**
IPhezhiya, leKhushi kanye lePhuthi bazakuba belabo,
bonke belamahawu lezingowane, **6** njalo leGomeri

lamabutho ayo wonke, kanye leBhethi Thogarima ivela khatshana enyakatho lamabutho ayo wonke, izizwe ezinengi ezilawe. **7** Lunga; zilungisele, wena kanye lamaxuku wonke abuthene emaceleni akho wonke, uwalawule. **8** Emva kwensuku ezinengi uzabizelwa empini. Eminyakeni ezayo uzahlasela ilizwe eselisindile empini, elilabantu balo ababuthwa ezizweni ezinengi basiwa ezintabeni zako-Israyeli ezaziphundlekile okwesikhathi eside. Babekhutshiwe ezizweni, khathesi bonke bahlezi ekuvikelekeni. **9** Wena lamabutho akho wonke kanye lezizwe ezinengi ezilawe lizakuya khonale, liqhubeka njengesiphepho; lizakuba njengeyezi lisibekele ilizwe. **10** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngalolosuku kuzafika imicabango engqondweni yakho njalo uzaceba isu elibi. **11** Uzakuthi, "Ngizahlasela ilizwe elilemizi engelamithangala; ngizahlasela abantu abalokuthula abanganakaneli lutho, bonke abahlezi bengelamithangala njalo bengelamasango lemigoqo. **12** Ngizaphanga njalo ngithumbe ngiphinde ngiguqulele isandla sami ekumeleni amanxiwa asahlaliswa abantu lasebantwini abaqoqwa ezizweni, abalezifuyo ezinengi lempahla, abahlala enkabeni yelizwe." **13** IShebha leDedani kanye labathengisi bonke baseThashishi lemizi yalo yonke bazakuthi kuwe, "Lande ukuzaphanga na? Uqoqe amaxuku akho ukuba uthumbe, uthathe isiliva legolide, uthathe izifuyo kanye lempahla njalo uthumbe impango enengi na?"' **14** Ngakho, ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi kuGogi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngalolosuku, lapho abantu bami u-Israyeli

sebehlala ekuvikelweni, kawuyikukubona na? **15** Uzakuza uvela endaweni yakho khatshana le enyakatho, wena kanye lezizwe ezinengi ezilawe, zonke zigade amabhiza, ixuku elikhulukazi, ibutho elilamandla. **16** Uzaqhubeka umelana labantu bami u-Israyeli njengeyezi elisibekele ilizwe. Ensukwini ezizayo, wena Gogi, ngizakwenza umelane lelizwe lami, ukuze izizwe zingazi lapho sengizibonakalisa ngingcwele ngawe phambi kwazo. **17** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Kanti kawusuwe yini engakhuluma ngawe ensukwini zakudala ngezinceku zami abaphrofethi bako-Israyeli na? Ngalesosikhathi baphrofetha iminyaka eminengi ukuthi ngangizakwenza umelane labo. **18** Nanku okuzakwenzakala ngalolosuku: Lapho uGogi esehlasela ilizwe lako-Israyeli ulaka lwami oluvuthayo luzavuka, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **19** Ngokutshiseka kwami langolaka lwami oluvuthayo ngithi ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu elizweni lako-Israyeli. **20** Inhlanzi zasolwandle, izinyoni zasemoyeni, izinyamazana zeganga, zonke izidalwa ezihamba phansi, labantu bonke abasemhlabeni kuzathuthumela ngokuba khona kwami. Izintaba zizagenqulwa, amawa azabhidlika njalo lemiduli yonke izawela phansi. **21** Ngizalaya inkemba imelane loGogi kuzozonke izintaba zami, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. Inkemba yomuntu ngamunye izamelana lomfowabo. **22** Ngizamahlulela ngesifo langokuchithwa kwegazi; ngizathululela phansi izihlambi zezulu, isiqhotho lesolufa etshisayo phezu kwakhe laphezu kwamabutho akhe kanye laphezu kwezizwe ezinengi ezilaye. **23** Ngalokho

ngizabonakalisa ubukhulu bami lobungcwele bami, njalo ngizakwenza ngazakale phambi kwezizwe ezinengi. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.'"

39 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kubi ngoGogi uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngimelana lawe, wena Gogi, nkosana enkulu yaseMesheki kanye laseThubhali. **2** Ngizakutshibilikisa ngikuhudule. Ngizakuthatha khatshana enyakatho ngikuse ekumelaneni lezintaba zako-Israyeli. **3** Lapho-ke ngizatshaya idandili lakho esandleni senxele ngenze imitshoko yakho iwe esandleni sakho sokudla. **4** Phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli uzakuwa, wena lamabutho akho kanye lezizwe ezilawe. Ngizakunikela kuzozonke izinhlobo zezinyoni ezidla ingcuba kanye lasezinyamazaneni zeganga. **5** Uzafela egangeni, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **6** Ngizathumela umlilo eMagogi lakulabo abahlezi ngokuvikeleka emazweni angasolwandle, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **7** Ngizakwenza ibizo lami elingcwele lazakale phakathi kwabantu bami u-Israyeli. Kangisayikuyekela ibizo lami elingcwele lingcoliswa futhi, lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo ngingoNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **8** Kuyeza! Kuzakwenzakala impela, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. Lolu yilo usuku engakhuluma ngalo. **9** Lapho-ke labo abahlala emadolobheni ako-Israyeli bazaphuma basebenzise izikhali njengenkuni bazibase zitshe amahawu amancane lamakhulu, amadandili lemitshoko, izagila zempi kanye lemikhonto. Bazazisebenzisa ekubaseni umlilo iminyaka

eyisikhombisa. **10** Akuyikusweleka ukuba batheze inkuni
egangeni loba bazigamule emahlathini, ngoba bazabasa
izikhali. Njalo bazaphanga labo ababaphangayo
bathathele lalabo ababathathelayo, kutsho uThixo
Wobukhosi. **11** Ngalolosuku uGogi ngizamupha indawo
yokungcwabela ko-Israyeli, esigodini salabo abahamba
besiya empumalanga beqonde elwandle. Sizavimba
indlela yezihambi, ngoba uGogi lamaxuku akhe wonke
bazangcwatshwa khonapho. Ngakho sizabizwa ngokuthi
yisiGodi sikaHamoni Gogi. **12** Indlu ka-Israyeli
izabangcwaba izinyanga eziyisikhombisa ukuze
kuhlanjululwe ilizwe. **13** Abantu bonke belizwe
bazabangcwaba, njalo usuku engizadunyiswa ngalo
luzakuba lusuku olukhunjulwayo kubo, kutsho uThixo
Wobukhosi. **14** Abantu bazakuba beqhatshwa ngezikhathi
ukuba bahlambulule ilizwe. Abanye bazahamba ilizwe
lonke njalo, phezu kwabo, abanye bazangcwaba labo
abasala phezu komhlabathi. Ekupheleni kweminyaka
eyisikhombisa bazaqalisa ukudinga kwabo. **15** Behamba
phakathi kwelizwe omunye wabo angabona ithambo
lomuntu, uzamisa isibonakaliso phansi kwalo abagebhi
bamangcwaba baze balimbele esiGodini sikaHamoni
Gogi. **16** Idolobho elithiwa yiHamona lalo lizakuba
khonapho. Ilizwe bazalihlambulula kanjalo.' **17** Ndodana
yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi:
Memezela kuzozonke inhlobo zezinyoni lakuzo zonke
izinyamazana zeganga uthi: 'Buthanani livela ezindaweni
zonke lize ndawonye emhlatshelweni engililungisela
wona, umhlatshelo omkhulu phezu kwezintaba zako-

Israyeli. Lapho lizakudla inyama linathe igazi. **18** Lizakudla inyama yamadoda alamandla linathe legazi lezikhulu zasemhlabeni kube angathi bebezinqama lamawundlu, imbuzi lenkunzi, konke kuyizifuyo ezinonisiweyo ezivela eBhashani. **19** Emhlatshelweni engililungisela wona, lizakudla amahwahwa lize lisuthisise njalo linathe legazi lize lidakwe. **20** Etafuleni lami lizakudla lisuthe amabhiza labagadi, amadoda alamandla kanye lamabutho ezinhlobo zonke,'" kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **21** "Ngizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe, njalo izizwe zonke zizasibona isijeziso engisilethayo lesandla engisibeka phezu kwabo. **22** Kusukela ngalolosuku kusiya phambili indlu ka-Israyeli izakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **23** Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi abantu bako-Israyeli bathunjwa ngenxa yesono sabo, ngoba ngabanikela ezitheni zabo, njalo bonke babulawa ngenkemba. **24** Ngabaphatha ngokufanele ukungcola kwabo kanye leziphambeko zabo, njalo ngabafihlela ubuso bami. **25** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Khathesi sengizambuyisa uJakhobe evela ekuthunjweni njalo ngizatshisekela ibizo lami elingcwele. **26** Bazalikhohlwa ihlazo labo lakho konke ukungathembeki abakwenza kimi lapho babehlezi bevikelekile elizweni labo engekho owayengabenza besabe. **27** Lapho sengibabuyisile bevela ezizweni njalo sengibaqoqile bevela emazweni ezitha zabo, ngizazibonakalisa ngingcwele ngabo phambi kwezizwe ezinengi. **28** Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu

wabo, ngoba lanxa ngabasa ekuthunjweni phakathi kwezizwe, ngizabaqoqela elizweni labo, ngingatshiyi lamunye emuva. **29** Kangisayikubafihlela ubuso bami futhi, ngoba ngizathululela uMoya wami phezu kwendlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi."

40 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lanhlanu wokuthunjwa kwethu, ekuqaliseni komnyaka, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka wetshumi lane emva kokuthunjwa kwedolobho, ngalolosuku isandla sikaThixo sasiphezu kwami njalo wangithatha wangisa khona. **2** Ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa elizweni lako-Israyeli wangibeka phezu kwentaba ende kakhulu, eceleni langaseningizimu kwayo kulezindlu ezazingathi lidolobho. **3** Wangisa khonapho, ngasengibona umuntu owayengathi lithusi, wayemi esangweni esandleni ephethe intambo yelineni loluthi lokulinganisa. **4** Umuntu lowo wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngamehlo akho njalo uzwe ngezindlebe zakho, uqaphelisise konke engizakutshengisa khona, ngoba leso yiso isizatho osilethelwe lapha. Tshela indlu yako-Israyeli konke okubona lapha." **5** Ngabona umduli uzingeleze ithempeli ngokupheleleyo. Ubude boluthi lokulinganisa olwaluphethwe ngumuntu lowo babuzingalo eziyisithupha, eyodwa kuyingalo lobubanzi besandla. Walinganisa umduli; ubuqatha bawo babululuthi lokulinganisa olulodwa lobude bululuthi olulodwa. **6** Emva kwalokho waya esangweni elikhangele empumalanga. Wakhwela ngezinyathelo zalo walinganisa umbundu wesango; wawululuthi olulodwa ukutshona

kwawo. **7** Izindlwana zabalindi zaziluluthi olulodwa
ubude loluthi olulodwa ububanzi; imiduli eyayiphumele
emikhandlweni yezindlwana yayizingalo ezinhlanu
ubuqatha. Umbundu wesango eduze lentuba
ekhangele ithempeli wawuyingalo eyodwa ukutshona
kwawo. **8** Wabuya walinganisa intuba yesango; **9**
yayizingalo ezificaminwembili ukutshona kwalo
lezinsika zalo zazizingalo ezimbili. Intuba yesango
yayikhangele ethempelini. **10** Ngaphakathi kwesango
langasempumalanga kwakulezindlwana ezintathu icele
ngalinye; zontathu izilinganiso zazo zazifanana, lobuso
bemiduli eyayiphumele phambili izilinganiso zabo
amacele wonke zazifanana. **11** Wabuya walinganisa
ububanzi bentuba yokuya esangweni; babuzingalo
ezilitshumi lobude bayo buzingalo ezilitshumi lantathu.
12 Phambi kwendlwana ngayinye kwakulomduli
owawuyingalo eyodwa ukuphakama kwawo, njalo
izindlwana zizingalo eziyisithupha icele ngalinye. **13**
Walinganisa isango kusukela phezu komduli ongemuva
kwenye indlwana kusiya phezu kwenye emaqondana
layo; ibanga lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu
kusukela emnyango womunye umduli omncane kusiya
komaqondana lawo. **14** Walinganisa elandela ubuso
bemiduli ephumele phandle konke langaphakathi
kwesango kwaba zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha.
Ukulinganisa kwakufike esangweni elikhangele iguma. **15**
Ibanga kusukela ekungeneni kwesango kusiya ekucineni
kwesango lalo lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **16**
Phezu kwezindlwana lemiduli ephumele phandle

ngaphakathi kwesango kwakulezikhadlanyana indawo yonke emdulini omncane, lalinjalo lentuba; izikhadlanyana indawana yonke zazikhangele ngaphakathi. Ubuso bemiduli ephumele phandle babuceciswe ngezihlahla zelala. **17** Emva kwalokho wangisa egumeni elingaphandle. Lapho ngabona izindlu lendawo yokuhamba egandelweyo izingeleze iguma lonke; kwakulezindlu ezingamatshumi amathathu ezazisekele indawo egandelweyo. **18** Yayeyame amacele amasango njalo ububanzi bayo babulingana lobude bawo; le yayiyindawo engaphansi yokuhamba egandelweyo. **19** Wabuye walinganisa ibanga elisukela ngaphakathi kwesango langaphansi lisiyafika egumeni langaphakathi; lalizingalo ezilikhulu eceleni lasempumalanga kanye lasenyakatho. **20** Wabuya walinganisa ubude lobubanzi besango elikhangele enyakatho, elokuya egumeni laphandle. **21** Izikhala zalo ezintathu icele ngalinye, imiduli yalo ephumele phandle lentuba yalo kwakulingana lokwesango lakuqala. Kwakuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi. **22** Izikhadlanyana zalo, intuba yalo kanye lemiceciso yezihlahla zelala, ubude lobubanzi bakho, kwakulingana lokwesango elikhangele empumalanga. Kwakungamanyathelo ayisikhombisa ukuya kulo, lilentuba yalo maqondana lawo. **23** Kwakulesango egumeni langaphakathi likhangele isango lasenyakatho, njengelalikhona empumalanga. Walinganisa esuka kwelinye isango kusiya kwelimaqondana lalo;

kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu. **24** Wabuya wangisa eceleni
langaseningizimu ngabona isango elalikhangele
eningizimu. Walinganisa izinsika zalo lentuba yalo, ubude
lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. **25** Isango
lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala ezincane indawo yonke
njengezikhala zokunye. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi
amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu ububanzi. **26** Kwakungamanyathelo
ayisikhombisa ukuya kulo, intuba yalo imaqondana lawo;
lalilemiceciso yesihlahla selala ebusweni bemiduli
eyayiphumele phambili icele ngalinye. **27** Iguma
langaphakathi lalo lalilesango elikhangele eningizimu,
njalo walinganisa esuka kuleli isango kusiya esangweni
langaphandle eceleni laseningizimu; lalizingalo
ezilikhulu. **28** Wabuya wangingenisa egumeni
langaphakathi ngesango laseningizimu, waselinganisa
isango laseningizimu; ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana
lobamanye. **29** Izindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele
phambili kanye lentuba yalo, ubude lobubanzi
bakho babulingana lobokunye. Isango lentuba
yalo kwakulezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu ububanzi. **30** (Amangenelo amasango
ayezingeleze iguma langaphakathi ayezingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lezingalo ezinhlanu
ukutshona.) **31** Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma
langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo,
njalo lamanyathelo ayisificaminwembili ayesiya kulo. **32**
Wabuya wangisa egumeni langaphakathi, eceleni

lasempumalanga, waselinganisa isango; ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye. **33** Izindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lentuba yalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. Isango lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude balo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi balo. **34** Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo amacele womabili, njalo amanyathelo ayisificaminwembili ayesiya kulo. **35** Wabuya wangisa esangweni lasenyakatho walilinganisa. Ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye, **36** zinjalo lezindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lentuba yalo, njalo yayilezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude balo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi balo. **37** Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo amacele womabili, njalo amanyathelo ayisificaminwembili ayesiya kulo. **38** Indlu eyayilomnyango yayiseduze lentuba kulelo lalelo isango langaphakathi, lapho iminikelo yokutshiswa eyayigeziselwa khona. **39** Entubeni lesango kwakulamatafula amabili icele ngalinye, lapho okwakuhlatshelwa khona iminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yecala. **40** Phansi komduli wangaphandle owengenelo lesango, eduze kwamanyathelo ekungeneni kwesango lasenyakatho kwakulamatafula amabili. **41** Ngakho kwakulamatafula amane kwelinye icele lesango lamane njalo kwelinye,

amatafula ayisificamunwemunye esewonke, phezu kwawo yikho okwakuhlatshelwa khona imihlatshelo. **42** Kwakulamatafula amane futhi awamatshe abaziweyo awomnikelo wokutshiswa, lilinye liyingalo eyodwa lengxenye ubude, ingalo eyodwa lengxenye ububanzi kanye lengalo eyodwa ukuphakama kwalo. Izinto zokuhlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa leminye imihlatshelo zazibekwa phezu kwawo. **43** Njalo kwakulezingwegwe ezigwegwa inxa zonke, enye lenye ingangobubanzi besandla ubude bayo, zixhunyelwe emdulini indawo yonke. Amatafula ayengawenyama yeminikelo. **44** Ngaphandle kwesango langaphakathi, phakathi kweguma langaphakathi, kwakulezindlu ezimbili, enye iseceleni lesango lenyakatho njalo ikhangele eningizimu, enye njalo iseceleni lesango langaseningizimu njalo ikhangele enyakatho. **45** Wathi kimi, “Indlu ekhangele eningizimu ngeyabaphristi abaphethe ithempeli, **46** njalo indlu ekhangele enyakatho ngeyabaphristi abaphethe i-alithari. Laba bangamadodana kaZadokhi abayibona baLevi kuphela abangasondela phansi kukaThixo ukuba bamkhonze.” **47** Emva kwalokho walinganisa iguma: Lalilingana inxa zonke, lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude lezingalo ezilikhulu ububanzi. I-alithari laliphansi kwethempeli. **48** Wabuya wangisa entubeni lethempeli waselinganisa izinsika zengenelo; zazizingalo ezinhlanu ububanzi amacele womabili. Ububanzi bentuba babuzingalo ezilitshumi lane njalo imiduli yayo ephumele phandle ububanzi bayo babuzingalo ezintathu amacele womabili. **49** Intuba lalizingalo ezingamatshumi

amabili ububanzi, lezingalo ezilitshumi lambili kusukela phambili kusiya emuva. Kulo kwakufikwa ngezinyathelo, njalo kwakulezisekelo emaceleni wonke ezinsika.

41 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangisa endaweni engcwele phandle walinganisa izinsika; ububanzi bezinsika babuzingalo eziyisithupha icele ngalinye. **2** Intuba yayizingalo ezilitshumi ububanzi bayo. Imiduli ephumele phambili eceleni ngalinye layo yayizingalo ezinhlanu ububanzi bayo. Walinganisa lendawo engcwele yaphandle; yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude bayo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi. **3** Wangena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi walinganisa izinsika zentuba; nganye zazizingalo ezimbili ububanzi. Intuba yayizingalo eziyisithupha ububanzi, lemiduli ephumele phambili eceleni ngalinye yayizingalo eziyisikhombisa ububanzi. **4** Walinganisa lobude bendawo engcwele yangaphakathi; babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; lobubanzi bayo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ngale kwendawo engcwele yangaphandle. Wathi kimi, "Le yindawo eNgcwele kakhulu." **5** Emva kwalokho walinganisa umduli wethempeli; wawuyizingalo eziyisithupha ubuqatha, njalo enye lenye yezindlu zasemaceleni ezazihanqe ithempeli yayizingalo ezine ububanzi. **6** Izindlu zasemaceleni zazelekene ngezigaba ezintathu, enye phezu kwenye, amatshumi amathathu mzila munye. Kwakulezisekelo emdulini wonke wethempeli ezazisekela izindlu zasemaceleni ukuze izinsika zingakhelwa phakathi komduli wethempeli. **7** Izindlu zasemaceleni

ezazizingelezele ithempeli zazibanzi phezulu kusukela kwenye indlu kusiya kwenye engaphezu kwayo. Izakhiwo ezazizingelezele ithempeli zazakhiwe zingamabanga akhwelayo esiya phezulu, okwenza izindlu zibe banzi nxa umuntu esiya phezulu. Kwakulamakhwelelo ayesuka ezindlini ezingaphansi esiya kweziphezulu edlula ezindlini eziphakathi. **8** Ngabona ukuthi ithempeli lalilombundu olizingelezileyo owawuyisonasisekelo sezindlu zasemaceleni. Wawulingana loluthi, uzingalo eziyisithupha ubude. **9** Umduli wangaphandle wezindlu zasemaceleni wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha bawo. Indawo eligceke phakathi kwezindlu zasemaceleni zethempeli **10** lezindlu zabaphristi yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi bayo inxa zonke zethempeli. **11** Kwakulentuba zokuya ezindlini zasemaceleni zivelela endaweni eligceke, elinye enyakatho lelinye eningizimu; njalo isisekelo esasixhumane lendawo eligceke sasizingalo ezinhlanu inxa zonke. **12** Indlu eyayikhangele iguma lethempeli eceleni lasentshonalanga yayizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ububanzi bayo. Umduli wendlu leyo wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha bawo indawo zonke, ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye munye. **13** Waselinganisa ithempeli; lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude balo, leguma lethempeli lendlu kanye lemiduli yalo lakho kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu ubude. **14** Ububanzi beguma lethempeli ngasempumalanga, kanye langaphambi kwethempeli, babuzingalo ezilikhulu. **15** Waselinganisa ubude bendlu eyayikhangele iguma

ngemva kwethempeli, kanye lemiduli yayo icele ngalinye; babuzingalo ezilikhulu. Indawo engcwele yangaphandle, lendawo engcwele yangaphakathi lentuba elikhangele iguma, **16** kanye leminyango lamawindi amancane kanye lemiduli ezingeleze ezintathu zakhona, konke okuphambili laphaya kubalwa leminyango kwakuvalwe ngamapulanka. Iphansi, imiduli kusiya phezulu emawindini, kanye lamawindi kwakuvaliwe. **17** Indawo eyayiphezu kwangaphandle kwesango lendawo engcwele yangaphakathi kanye lasemidulini izibanga ezilinganayo inxa zonke zendawo engcwele engaphakathi lengaphandle **18** kwakulamakherubhi abaziweyo kanye lezihlahla zelala. Izihlahla zelala zazigabana lamakherubhi. Ikherubhi ngalinye lalilobuso obubili: **19** ubuso bomuntu obukhangele esihlahleni selala kwelinye icele, lobuso besilwane obukhangele esihlahleni selala ngakwelinye icele. Kwakubaziwe inxa zonke zethempeli. **20** Kusukela phansi kusiya ngaphezu kwesango, amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala kwakubaziwe emdulini wendawo engcwele yangaphandle. **21** Indawo engcwele yangaphandle yayilemigubazi emide ukuyaphezulu imifitshane ukunquma kwayo njalo leyaphambili kweNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu yayinjalo. **22** Kwakule-alithare lezigodo lizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama kwalo njalo lizingalo ezimbili ubude lobubanzi; izingosi zalo, lesidindi salo kanye lamacele alo kwakwenziwe ngezigodo. Umuntu lowo wathi kimi, “Leli litafula eliphambi kukaThixo.” **23** Kokubili indawo engcwele yangaphandle leNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu kwakulezivalo

ezimbili. **24** Isivalo ngasinye sasilempiko ezimbili, impiko ezimbili ezivulekayo zisesivalweni sinye ngasinye. **25** Njalo ezivalweni zendawo engcwele yangaphandle kwakulamakherubhi abaziweyo kanye lezihlahla zelala njengokwakubazelwe emidulini, njalo kwakulophahla lwezigodo ngaphambi kwesango. **26** Emidulini yemaceleni yengenelo kwakulamawindi amancane alezihlahla zelala ezibazelwe kucele ngalinye. Izindlu zemaceleni zethempeli lazo zazilophahla.

42 Umuntu lowo wangikhokhelela enyakatho egumeni langaphandle wangisa ezindlini eziqondane leguma lethempeli maqondana lomduli waphandle eceleni lasenyakatho. **2** Indlu elomnyango owawukhangele enyakatho yayizingalo ezilikhulu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi. **3** Kokubili ehlangothini izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili kusukela egumeni langaphakathi lasehlangothini oluqondane lendawo egandelweyo yeguma langaphandle, umduli wawukhangele umduli ezigabeni ezintathu. **4** Phambi kwezindlu kwakulendawo yokuhamba izingalo ezilitshumi ububanzi lezingalo ezilikhulu ubude. Iminyango yazo yayingenyakatho. **5** Izindlu zangaphezulu zazincane ngoba imikhandlu yayithethe indawo enengi kuzo kulezindlini ezingaphansi leziphakathi zesakhiwo. **6** Izindlu zaphezulu zazingelansika, njengamaguma ayelazo, ngakho iphansi lazo lalilincane kulalezo ezazisesitezi esingaphansi lesiphakathi. **7** Kwakulomduli wangaphandle owawusekelene lezindlu kanye leguma langaphandle;

wawuquma ngaphambi kwezindlu okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **8** Lanxa udwendwe lwezindlu eceleni elaliseduze leguma langaphandle lwaluzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude, udwendwe olwaluseceleni eliseduze lendlu engcwele lwaluzingalo ezilikhulu ubude. **9** Izindlu zangaphansi zazilentuba ngasempumalanga lapho umuntu angena lakhona evela egumeni langaphandle. **10** Eceleni langaseningizimu kulandela ubude bomduli weguma langaphandle, kuxhume iguma lethempeli maqondana lomduli wangaphandle, kwakulezindlu **11** ezilendawo yokuhamba phambi kwazo. Lezi zazinjengezindlu ezingenyakatho; ubude lobubanzi bazo babulingana, zileminyango yokuphuma efananayo kanye lobukhulu. Njengeminyango yangenyakatho, **12** iminyango yezindlu zangaseningizimu layo yayinjalo. Kwakulomnyango ekuqaliseni kwendawo yokuhamba eyayisekelane lomduli owawuhambelana layo usiya empumalanga, okuyiwo umuntu owayengena ngawo ezindlini. **13** Wasesithi kimi, "Izindlu ezingenyakatho leziseningizimu ezikhangele iguma lethempeli yizindlu zabaphristi lapho abaphristi abasondela kuThixo abazadlela khona iminikelo engcwele kakhulu. Bazayibeka khonapho iminikelo engcwele kakhulu, iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yecala ngoba indawo ingcwele. **14** Abaphristi bangavele bangene endaweni engcwele, akumelanga baye egumeni langaphandle baze batshiye ngemuva izembatho abakhonza bezigqokile, ngoba lezi zingcwele. Kumele bagqoke ezinye izigqoko bengakayi

eduze lezindawo ezingezabantu.” **15** Wathi eseqede
ukulinganisa okwakuphakathi kwendawo yethempeli,
wangisa phandle ngesango lasempumalanga walinganisa
indawo yonke. **16** Walinganisa icele lasempumalanga
ngoluthi lokulinganisa; lalizingalo ezingamakhulu
amahlanu. **17** Walinganisa icele lasenyakatho; lalizingalo
ezingamakhulu amahlanu ngoluthi lokulinganisa.
18 Walinganisa icele laseningizimu; lalizingalo
ezingamakhulu amahlanu ngoluthi lokulinganisa. **19**
Waphendukela eceleni langasentshonalanga walinganisa;
lalizingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ngoluthi
lokulinganisa. **20** Ngakho walinganisa indawo yamacele
wonke amane. Yayilomduli owawuyizingelezele,
izingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ubude lezingalo
ezingamakhulu amahlanu ububanzi, ukwehlukanisa
okungcwele kokwabantu bonke.

43 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangisa esangweni
elikhangele empumalanga, **2** ngabona inkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli isiza ivela empumalanga.
Ilizwi lakhe lalinjengokuhamba kwamanzi ageleza
ngesiqubu esikhulu, lelizwe laselikhazimula ngenkazimulo
yakhe. **3** Umbono engawubonayo wawunjengombono
engangiwubone lapho wayezediliza idolobho njalo
wawunjengombono engangiwubone ngasemfuleni
iKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **4** Inkazimulo
kaThixo yangena ethempelini ngesango elikhangele
empumalanga. **5** UMoya wangiphakamisa wangisa
egumeni langaphakathi, njalo inkazimulo kaThixo
yagcwala ethempelini. **6** Kwathi umuntu lowo

emi phansi kwami, ngezwa omunye engikhulumisa engaphakathi kwethempeli. **7** Wathi, “Ndodana yomuntu, le yindawo yesihlalo sami sobukhosi lendawo yokunyathela ngezinyawo zami. Lapha yikho engizahlala khona phakathi kwama-Israyeli kuze kube laphakade. Indlu ka-Israyeli kayisayikulingcolisa futhi ibizo lami, bona loba amakhosi abo, ngobuwule babo langezithombe ezingaphiliyo zamakhosi abo ezindaweni zawo eziphakemeyo. **8** Lapho babeka iminyango yabo phansi komnyango wami lemigubazi yabo eceleni kwemigubazi yami, kulomduli nje kuphela phakathi kwami labo, bangcolisa ibizo lami ngezenzo zabo ezinengekayo. Ngakho ngabaqeda ekuthukutheleni kwami. **9** Khathesi-ke kabasusele kude lami ubuwule babo kanye lezithombe zamakhosi abo ezingaphiliyo, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwabo kuze kube laphakade. **10** Ndodana yomuntu, chazela abantu bako-Israyeli ngethempeli ukuze bayangeke ngezono zabo. Wothi bacabange ngokumele kwenziwe ngobunono, **11** njalo nxa belenhloni ngakho konke abakwenzayo, bazise ngesimo sethempeli, ukumiswa kwalo, izindawo zalo zokuphuma lezokungena, isimo salo sonke lezimiso zalo zonke kanye lemithetho yakhona. Bhala lokhu phansi phambi kwabo ukuze bathembeke kuso isifanekiso salo njalo balandele zonke izimiso zalo. **12** Nanku umthetho wethempeli: Wonke umango oseduze phezu kwentaba uzakuba ngcwele kakhulu. Lowo yiwo umthetho wethempeli.” **13** “Lezi yizilinganiso ze-alithare ngezingalo, ingalo kuyingalo lobubanzi besandla: Isidindi salo sasiyingalo eyodwa

ukuphakama kwaso lengalo eyodwa ububanzi, silomqolo ongangobubanzi besandla emphethweni waso. Njalo nampu ubude be-alithare ukuphakama kwalo: **14** Kusukela esidindini phansi kusiya elitsheni elingaphansi lizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama lezingalo ezimbili ububanzi, njalo kusukela elitsheni elincane kusiya elitsheni elikhulu lizingalo ezine ukuphakama lengalo eyodwa ububanzi. **15** Iziko le-alithari lizingalo ezine ukuphakama njalo impondo ezine zikhokhekele phezulu zisuka eziko. **16** Iziko le-alithari liyalingana amacele wonke, izingalo ezilitshumi lambili ubude lezingalo ezilitshumi lambili ububanzi. **17** Uhlangothi lwangaphezulu lalo luyalingana macele wonke, izingalo ezilitshumi lane ubude lobubanzi lulomphetho oyingxenye yengalo lesidindi esiyingalo eyodwa inxa zonke. Izinyathelo ze-alithare zikhangele empumalanga." **18** Wasesithi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Le izakuba yimithetho yokunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa lokuchela igazi phezu kwe-alithari lapho selakhiwe: **19** Kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa njengomnikelo wesono kubaphristi, abangabaLevi, abendlu kaZadokhi abasondela eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **20** Kumele uthathe elinye igazi ulifake empondweni ezine ze-alithare lasemagumbini amane elitshe langaphezulu lasemphethweni inxa zonke, ngokunjalo uhlambulule i-alithari njalo ulenzele inhlawulelo. **21** Kumele uthathe inkunzi yomnikelo wesono uyitshisele endaweni ekhethiweyo yethempeli ngaphandle kwendawo engcwele. **22** Ngosuku lwesibili

kumele unikele imbuzi enduna engelasici ukuba ngumnikelo wesono, njalo le-alithari kumele lihlanjululwe njengokuhlanjululwa elakwenziwa ngenkunzi. **23** Lapho usuqedile ukulihlambulula, kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa kanye lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. **24** Kumele ukunikele phambi kukaThixo, njalo abaphristi kumele bavuvuzele itswayi phezu kwakho bakunikele njengomnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **25** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kuzamele unikele imbuzi enduna nsuku zonke ukuba ngumnikelo wesono; njalo kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa kanye lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. **26** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa bazakwenzela i-alithari inhlawulelo, balihlambulule, kanjalo balenze libengcwele. **27** Ekupheleni kwalezizinsuku, kusukela ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kusiya phambili, abaphristi kumele bethule iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yobuzalwane e-alithareni. Lapho-ke ngizalamukela, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi."

44 Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangibuyisela esangweni langaphandle lendlu engcwele, leli elikhangele empumalanga, njalo lalivaliwe. **2** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Isango leli kumele lihlale livaliwe. Akumelanga livulwe; akulamuntu ongangena ngalo. Kumele lihlale livaliwe ngoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ungene ngalo. **3** Inkosana yona ngokwayo yiyo kuphela engahlala phakathi kwesango ukuba idle phambi kukaThixo. Kuzamele ingene ngendlela yengenelo lesango njalo iphume ngayonaleyo indlela." **4** Indoda leyo yangisa phambi kwethempeli

ngendlela yesango lasenyakatho. Ngakhangela ngabona inkazimulo kaThixo igcwele ethempelini likaThixo, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **5** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngokunanzelela, ulalelisise njalo uqaphele konke engikutshela khona mayelana lemithetho yonke eqondane lethempeli likaThixo. Qaphela intuba lethempeli layo yonke iminyango yokuphuma yendlu engcwele. **6** Tshono kuyo indlu ehlamukayo ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, kaziphele izenzo zakho ezinengayo! **7** Phezu kwazo zonke ezinye izenzo zakho ezinengayo ungenise abezizweni abangasokanga enhliziyweni lasenyameni endlini yami engcwele, ungcolisa ithempeli lami lapho unginika ukudla, amafutha legazi, njalo wephula isivumelwano sami. **8** Ekubeni wenze okumele ukwenze mayelana lezinto zami ezingcwele, wena wabeka abanye ukuba baphathe indlu yami engcwele. **9** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Akulamuntu wezizweni ongasokanga enhliziyweni lasenyameni ozangena endlini yami engcwele ngitsho labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwama-Israyeli. **10** AbaLevi abaya khatshana lami lapho u-Israyeli wayeduhile njalo sebehlanhlathekele ezithombeni zabo besuka kimi, kumele bathwale umvuzo wesono sabo. **11** Bangakhonza endlini yami engcwele, bephethe amasango ethempeli njalo bekhonza phakathi kwalo; bangahlabela abantu iminikelo leminikelo yokutshiswa njalo bame phambi kwabantu babasebenzele. **12** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi babasebenzela phambi kwezithombe zabo benza indlu ka-

Israyeli yawela esonweni, ngakho sengifunge ngesandla siphakanyisiwe ukuthi kumele bathwale umvuzo wesono sabo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **13** Akumelanga basondele eduze ukuba bangikhonze njengabaphristi loba basondele eduze kwaloba yiphi yezinto zami ezingcwele loba iminikelo yami engcwele kakhulu; kumele bathwale ihlazo lezenzo zabo ezinengayo. **14** Ikanti ngizabenza baphathe imisebenzi yasethempelini kanye lemisebenzi yonke okumele yenziwe phakathi kwalo. **15** Kodwa abaphristi, abangabaLevi njalo beyinzalo kaZadokhi abasebenza ngokuthembeka imisebenzi yasendlini yami engcwele lapho ama-Israyeli ayengihlamukele, kumele basondele eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami; kumele bame phambi kwami ukuba banikele umhlatshelo wamafutha legazi, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **16** Bona kuphela kumele bangene endlini yami engcwele; bona kuphela kumele basondele phansi kwetafula lami ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami benze umsebenzi wami. **17** Lapho bengena emasangweni eguma langaphakathi kumele bagqoke izigqoko zelineni; akumelanga bagqoke isigqoko sewulu lapho bekhonza emasangweni eguma kumbe phakathi kwethempeli. **18** Kumele bagqoke amaqhiye elineni emakhanda abo lezigqoko zangaphansi zelineni ezinkalweni zabo. Akumelanga bagqoke into ezabaginqisa. **19** Lapho besiya phandle egumeni langaphandle lapho okulabantu khona, kumele bakhuphe izigqoko ababekhonza bezigqokile njalo kumele bazitshiye ezindlini ezingcwele, bagqoke ezinye izigqoko, ukuze bangangcwelisi abantu ngezembatho zabo. **20** Akumelanga

baphuce amakhanda abo kumbe bayekele inwele zabo zikhula zisiba zinde; kodwa kumele bagcine inwele zabo zigundiwe. **21** Akulamphristi ozanatha iwayini lapho engena iguma langaphakathi. **22** Akumelanga bathathe abafelokazi loba abesifazane abehlukana labomkabo; kumele bathathe izintombi ezimsulwa kuphela ezenzalo yako-Israyeli loba abafelokazi babaphristi. **23** Kumele bafundise abantu bami umahluko phakathi kokungcwele lokwabantu bonke babatshengise indlela yokwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlanzekileyo. **24** Lapho kulombango abaphristi bazasebenza njengabahluleli baqume mayelana lezimiso zami. Kumele bagcine imithetho yami lezimemezelo zami kuyo yonke imikhosi yami emisiweyo, njalo kumele bagcine amaSabatha ami engcwele. **25** Umphristi akumelanga azingcolise ngokuya phansi komuntu ofileyo; kodwa-ke nxa umuntu ofileyo ubenguyise loba unina, indodana yakhe kumbe indodakazi, umfowabo kumbe udadewabo ongendanga, lapho angazingcolisa. **26** Emva kokuba esehlanjululiwe, uzakuma insuku eziyisikhombisa. **27** Ngosuku azakuya ngalo egumeni langaphakathi lendlu engcwele ukuba enze inkonzo endlini engcwele, kumele azinikelele umnikelo wesono, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **28** Mina ngizakuba yilona lifa kuphela abaphristi abalalo. Akukho lifa ozabapha lona ko-Israyeli; mina ngizakuba yilifa labo. **29** Bazakudla iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yesono leminikelo yecala; kanye lakho konke okuko-Israyeli okwahlukaniselwe uThixo kuzakuba ngokwabo. **30** Okuhle kakhulu kwazo zonke izithelo

zakho zakuqala lokwezipho zenu ezikhethiweyo kuzakuba ngokwabaphristi. Kumele libaphe ingxenye yakuqala yempuphu yenu echoliweyo ukuze isibusiso sihlale endlini yenu. 31 Abaphristi akumelanga badle loba yini, inyoni kumbe inyamazana, etholakale ifile kumbe idlithizwe yizinyamazana zeganga.'"

45 "'Lapho usaba ilizwe njengelifa kuzamela wethule kuThixo ingxenye yelizwe njengesifunda esingcwele, izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi; umango wonke uzakuba ngcwele. 2 Kulokhu indawo ezingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ubude lobubanzi izakuba ngeyendlu engcwele; kulezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu eziyizingelezileyo yelizwe elingelalutho. 3 Esifundeni esingcwele linganisa ingxenye ezingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi. Phakathi kwayo kuzakuba lendlu engcwele, iNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu. 4 Izakuba yingxenye engcwele yelizwe ingeyabaphristi, abakhonzayo endlini engcwele njalo abasondela eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi kukaThixo. Izakuba yindawo yezindlu zabo kanye lendawo engcwele yendlu engcwele. 5 Umango ozingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi izakuba ngeyabaLevi, abakhonza ethempelini, njengesabelo sabo samadolobho okuhlala kuwo. 6 Kumele unike idolobho njengelifa lalo umango ozingalo eziyinkulungwane

ezinhlanu ububanzi lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu ubude, obambane lengxenye engcwele; uzakuba ngowayo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. **7** Inkosana izathatha ilizwe eliphetha eceleni ngalinye lendawo eyisifunda esingcwele lelifa ledolobho. Lizaqhela lisiya entshonalanga lisuka eceleni langentshonalanga njalo liye empumalanga lisuka eceleni langasempumalanga, lilandele ubude kusukela emngceleni wentshonalanga kusiya kowempumalanga osekelane lowesabelo sabantu. **8** Ilizwe leli lizakuba yisabelo sayo ko-Israyeli. Njalo inkosana yami kayisayikuncindezela abantu bami kodwa izavumela indlu ka-Israyeli ukuba bathathe ilizwe mayelana lezizwana zabo. **9** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Eselikwenzile kwanele, lina makhosana ako-Israyeli! Yekelani udlakela lwenu lokuncindezela lenze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo. Khawulani ukuxotsha abantu bami ezindaweni zabo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **10** Kumele lisebenzise izikali eziqotho, ihefa eliqotho kanye lebhathi eliqotho. **11** Ihefa lebhathi kumele kulingane, ibhathi lilengxenye yetshumi yehomeri njalo lehefa ingxenye yehomeri; ihomeri lizakuba yisilinganiso esamukelekayo kukho kokubili. **12** Ishekeli lizakuba ngamagera angamatshumi amabili. Amashekeli angamatshumi amabili, lamashekeli angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kanye lamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu kuba limina elilodwa. **13** Lesi yisipho esiqakathekileyo okumele usinikele: Ingxenye yesithupha yehefa kuhomeri ngalinye lamabele lengxenye yesithupha yehefa kuhomeri ngalinye lebhali. **14** Ingxenye

emisiweyo yamafutha, elinganiswa ngebhathi, iyingxenye yetshumi yebhathi kukhori ngalinye (elingamabhathi alitshumi loba ihomeri elilodwa, ngoba amabhathi alitshumi alingana lehomeri.) **15** Njalo imvu eyodwa kumele ithathwe emhlambini ngamunye wezingamakhulu amabili emadlelweni ako-Israyeli alamanzi amanengi. Lezi zizasetshenziswa eminikelweni yamabele, eminikelweni yokutshiswa kanye laseminikelweni yobuzalwane ukwenzela abantu inhlawulelo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **16** Bonke abantu belizwe bazahlanganyela kulesisipho esiqakathekileyo ukuba sisetshenziswe yinkosana yako-Israyeli. **17** Kuzakuba ngumsebenzi wenkosana ukunika iminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele kanye leminikelo yokunathwayo emikhosini, ekuThwaseni kweziNyanga langamaSabatha, kuyo yonke imikhosi yako-Israyeli. Izanikela iminikelo yesono, iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yobuzalwane ukwenzela indlu ka-Israyeli inhlawulelo. **18** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku lwakuqala kumele uthathe inkunzi eliguqa engelasici uhlambulule indlu engcwele. **19** Umphristi kumele athathe elinye legazi lomnikelo wesono alifake emigubazini yethempeli, ezingosini ezine zelitshe langaphezulu le-alithari lasezinsikeni zesango leguma langaphakathi. **20** Kuzamele wenze khonokho ngosuku lwesikhombisa lwenyanga ukwenzela loba ngubani owenza isono kungasikho ngabomu loba ngenxa yokungazi; ngokunjalo uzakwenzela ithempeli inhlawulelo. **21** Ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku lwetshumi

lane kumele kube lomkhosi wePhasika, umkhosi ozathatha insuku eziyisikhombisa, ngalesosikhathi kumele udle isinkwa esingelamvubelo. **22** Ngalolosuku inkosana izanikela inkunzi njengomnikelo wesono izinikelela yona ngokwayo kanye labantu bonke belizwe. **23** Nsuku zonke phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi kumele inikele inkunzi eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa ezingelasici njengomnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo, lempongo yomnikelo wesono. **24** Kuzamela inikele njengomnikelo wamabele ihefa elilodwa lenkunzi ngayinye lehefa elilodwa lenqama ngayinye ndawonye lehini lamafutha elilodwa kuhefa ngalinye. **25** Phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi oqalisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu, kumele inikele okufanayo okomnikelo wesono, umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha.'"

46 "'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Isango leguma langaphakathi elikhangele empumalanga kumele livalwe ngezinsuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza, kodwa ngosuku lweSabatha langosuku lokuThwasa kweNyanga kumele livulwe. **2** Inkosana izangena ngentuba lesango ivela phandle ibe isisima phansi kwensika yesango. Abaphristi kuzamele banikele umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yayo yobuzalwane. Izakhonza ekungeneni kwesango ibe isiphuma, kodwa isango kaliyikuvalwa kuze kube kusihlwa. **3** NgamaSabatha lasekuThwaseni kweziNyanga abantu belizwe kumele bakhonze phambi kukaThixo ekungeneni kwalelosango. **4** Umnikelo wokutshiswa

olethwa yinkosana kuThixo ngosuku lweSabatha uzakuba ngamazinyane amaduna ayisithupha kanye lenqama, konke kungelasici. **5** Umnikelo wamabele onikelwa lenqama uzakuba lihefa, njalo umnikelo wamabele onikelwa lamazinyane uzakuya ngokuthanda kwayo, kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. **6** Ngosuku lokuThwasa kweNyanga kumele inikele inkunzi eliguqa, amazinyane ayisithupha kanye lenqama, konke kungelasici. **7** Kuzamele inike njengomnikelo wamabele ihefa elilodwa kanye lenkunzi, ihefa elilodwa kanye lenqama, kuthi lamazinyane kube yilokho ethande ukukunika, kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. **8** Lapho inkosana ingena kuzamele ingene ngentuba lesango, njalo kumele iphume ngaleyondlela. **9** Lapho abantu belizwe besiza phambi kukaThixo emikhosini emisiweyo, loba ngubani ongena ngesango lenyakatho ukuzakhonza uzaphuma ngesango leningizimu; njalo loba ngubani ongena ngesango leningizimu uzaphuma ngesango lenyakatho. Kakho ozabuyela ngesango angene ngalo, kodwa lowo lalowo uzaphuma ngesango aqondane lalo. **10** Inkosana kumele ibe phakathi kwabo, ingene lapho bengena njalo iphume lapho bephuma. **11** Emadilini lasemikhosini emisiweyo, umnikelo wamabele kumele ube lihefa kanye lenkunzi, ihefa kanye lenqama, njalo lamazinyane kuzakuya ngokuthanda komuntu, kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. **12** Lapho inkosana inika umnikelo ngokuzithandela kuThixo loba kungumnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe iminikelo yobuzalwane, kumele ivulelwe isango elikhangele empumalanga. Izanikela

umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa kumbe umnikelo wayo wobuzalwane njengekwenzayo ngosuku lweSabatha. Emva kwalokho izaphuma, njalo emva kokuba isiphumile, isango lizavalwa. **13** Insuku zonke kuzamele unike izinyane elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo; uzalinika nsuku zonke ekuseni. **14** Kuzamele unike kanye lalo nsuku zonke ekuseni umnikelo wamabele kuhlanganiswe ingxenye yesithupha yehefa lengxenye yesithathu yehini lamafutha ukuba athambise impuphu. Ukwethulwa kwalo umnikelo wamabele kuThixo kuyisimiso esingapheliyo. **15** Ngakho izinyane lomnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha kuzanikwa nsuku zonke ekuseni kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke. **16** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: Nxa inkosana inika enye yamadodana ayo isipho elifeni layo, sizakuba ngesezizukulwane zayo futhi; sizakuba yimpahla yazo ngokudla ilifa. **17** Kodwa-ke nxa inika esinye sezisebenzi zayo isipho elifeni layo, isisebenzi singasigcina kuze kube ngumnyaka wokukhululwa; lapho isipho sesibuyela kuyo inkosana. Ilifa layo lingathathwa ngamadodana ayo kuphela; ngelawo. **18** Inkosana akumelanga ithathe ilifa labantu, ibaxotsha empahleni yabo. Kumele inike amadodana ayo ilifa empahleni yayo, ukuze kungabikhona ebantwini bami owehlukaniswa lempahla yakhe.'" **19** Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangikhupha ngentuba eseceleni kwesango ukuya ezindlini ezingcwele ezikhangele enyakatho ezazingezabaphristi, wangitshengisa indawo ekucineni ngasentshonalanga. **20** Wathi kimi, "Le yindawo

lapho abaphristi abazaphekela khona umnikelo wecala lomnikelo wesono bachochombise lomnikelo wamabele, ukuba kuxwaywe ukuya layo egumeni langaphandle kungcweliswe abantu.” **21** Wabuya wangisa egumeni langaphandle wangibhodisa ezingosini ezine, njalo engosini ngayinye ngabona elinye iguma. **22** Ezingosini ezine zeguma langaphandle kwakulamaguma ayebiyelwe, ezingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ububanzi; wonke amaguma ezingosini ezine ayelingana. **23** Ngaphakathi kwalelo lalelo lamaguma amane kwakulesakhiwo samatshe, silezindawo ezakhelwe umlilo indawo yonke ngaphansi kwaso. **24** Wasesithi kimi, “Le yimikulu lapho labo abakhonzayo ethempelini abazaphekela khona imihlatshelo yabantu.”

47 Umuntu lowo wangibuyisela entubeni yethempeli, ngasengibona amanzi ephuma ngaphansi kwasekungeneni kwethempeli esiya empumalanga (ngoba ithempeli lalikhangele empumalanga.) Amanzi ayegelezela phansi evela ngaphansi kwecele langaseningizimu lethempeli, eningizimu kwe-alithari. **2** Wasengikhupha ngesango lenyakatho wangibhodisa ngaphandle engisa esangweni elikhangele empumalanga, njalo amanzi ayegeleza evela eceleni langaseningizimu. **3** Kwathi umuntu lowo esiya empumalanga ephethe isilinganiso ngesandla, walinganisa ingalo eziyinkulungwane wasengidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi ayetshona okufika enqagaleni. **4** Walinganisa ezinye izingalo eziyinkulungwane wasengidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi ayetshona okufika

emadolweni. Walinganisa enye inkulungwane wasengidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi ayefika ekhalweni. **5** Walinganisa enye inkulungwane, kodwa khathesi kwasekungumfula engangingeke ngiwuchaphe ngoba amanzi ayesephakeme esetshona okuvumela ukuntsheza kuwo, umfula okungekho owayengawuchapha. **6** Wangibuza wathi, "Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona lokhu na?" Emva kwalokho wangibuyisela emuva ekhunjini lomfula. **7** Sengifike lapho ngabona izihlahla ezinengi kakhulu eceleni ngalinye lomfula. **8** Wasesithi kimi, "Amanzi la agelezela esigabeni sempumalanga njalo ehlela phansi e-Arabha lapho angena khona ulwandle. Lapho esengene elwandle amanzi azakuba mahle. **9** Uquqaba lwezidalwa eziphilayo luzahlala loba kungaphi lapho umfula ogelezela khona. Kuzakuba lenhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu, ngoba amanzi la agelezela khona njalo enza amanzi aletswayi abe mahle; ngakho lapho umfula ogelezela khona izinto zonke zizaphila. **10** Abagoli bezinhlanzi bazakuma besekele ulwandle; kusukela e-Eni-Gedi kusiya e-Eni Egilayimi kuzakuba lezindawo zokwendlala amambule. Inhlanzi zizakuba ngezezinhlobo ezinengi njengenhlanzi zoLwandle olukhulu. **11** Kodwa amaxhaphozi lamatete kawayikuba mahle. Azasala eyizindawo zetswayi. **12** Inhlobo zonke zezihlahla zezithelo zizakhula emakhunjini womabili omfula. Amahlamvu azo kawayikubuna, lezithelo zazo kazisoze ziphuthe. Zizathela nyanga zonke ngoba amanzi avela endlini engcwele agelezela kuzo. Izithelo zazo zizakuba yikudla kuthi amahlamvu azo abe ngawokwelapha." **13**

Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosi: “Le yimingcele ozakwehlukanisa ngayo ilizwe lokuba yilifa phakathi kwezizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli, kulezigaba ezimbili zikaJosefa. **14** Kumele ulehlukanise ngokulingana, ngoba ngafunga isandla siphakanyiselwe phezulu ukulinika okhokho benu, ilizwe leli lizakuba yilifa lenu. **15** Nanku okuzakuba ngumngcele welizwe: Ngenhla usuke oLwandle Olukhulu ulandele umgwaqo iHethiloni udlule eLebho Hamathi usiya eZedadi, **16** eBherotha kanye laseSibhirayimi (esemngceleni ophakathi kweDamaseko leHamathi), uze uyefika eHazeri Hathikhoni, esemngceleni weHawurani. **17** Umngcele uzaqhubeka usuka elwandle usiya eHazari-Enani ulandela umngcele wangasenyakatho weDamaseko, umngcele weHamathi usenyakatho. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenyakatho. **18** Empumalanga umngcele uzahamba phakathi kweHawurani leDamaseko, ulandela iJodani phakathi kweGiliyadi lelizwe lako-Israyeli, uye elwandle lwasempumalanga uze uyefika eThamari. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wasempumalanga. **19** Eningizimu uzahamba usuka eThamari uze uyefika emanzini aseMeribha Khadeshi, ube usulandela iSihotsha saseGibhithe usiyafika eLwandle Olukhulu. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele waseningizimu. **20** Entshonalanga uLwandle Olukhulu luzakuba ngumngcele kuze kube malungana leLebho Hamathi. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wentshonalanga. **21** Lizakwahlukaniselana ilizwe leli phakathi kwenu mayelana lezizwana zako-Israyeli. **22** Kumele lilabe njengelifa lenu kanye labezizweni

asebehlezi phakathi kwenu njalo abalabantwana. Kumele
libathathe njengabantu bakini ko-Israyeli; kanye lani
bazakwabelwa ilifa phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli. **23**
Loba kuphakathi kwasiphi isizwana owezizweni ahlale
kuso, kumele limnike ilifa lakhe khonapho," kutsho
uThixo Wobukhosi.

48 "Lezi yizizwana, zihlelwe ngamabizo: Emngceleni
wasenyakatho, uDani uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa;
sizalandela umgwaqo weHethiloni oya eLebho Hamathi;
iHazari-Enani lasemngceleni weDamaseko wasenyakatho
eduze leHamathi kuzakuba yingxenye yomngcele
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **2** U-
Asheri uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana
lelizwe likaDani kusukela empumalanga kusiya
entshonalanga. **3** UNafithali uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa;
sizangcelezelana lelizwe lika-Asheri kusukela
empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **4** UManase uzakuba
lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaNafithali
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **5** U-
Efrayimi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana
lelizwe likaManase kusukela empumalanga kusiya
entshonalanga. **6** URubheni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa;
sizangcelezelana lelizwe lika-Efrayimi kusukela
empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **7** UJuda uzakuba
lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaRubheni
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **8**
Okungcelelana lelizwe likaJuda kusukela empumalanga
kusiya entshonalanga kuzakuba yisigaba ozasethula
njengesipho esiqakathekileyo. Sizakuba zingalo

eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi, njalo ubude baso kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga buzalingana lobesinye sezigaba zezizwana; indlu engcwele izakuba phakathi kwaso. **9** Isigaba esiqakathekileyo ozasipha uThixo sizakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi. **10** Lesi sizakuba yisigaba esingcwele sabaphristi. Sizakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude ngasenyakatho, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi ngasentshonalanga, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi ngasempumalanga kanye lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude ngaseningizimu. Phakathi enkabeni yaso kuzakuba lendlu engcwele kaThixo. **11** Lesi sizakuba ngesabaphristi abangcwelisiweyo, amaZadokhi, ababethembekile ekungikhonzeni njalo abangadukanga njengokwenziwa ngabaLevi ekudukeni kwama-Israyeli. **12** Sizakuba yisipho esiqakathekileyo kubo sivela esigabeni esingcwele selizwe, isigaba esingcwele kakhulu, esingcelelane lesigaba sabaLevi. **13** AbaLevi bazakuba lesabelo esizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi njalo sisekelane lesabaphristi. Ubude baso sonke buzakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi baso buzingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **14** Akumelanga basithengise loba bantshintshe ngokunye kwaso. Lesi

ngesihle kakhulu selizwe njalo akumelanga siphiwe abanye abantu ngoba singcwele kuThixo. **15** Indawo eseleyo, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu ububanzi lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude, izasetshenziswa nguzulu wedolobho, ngeyezindlu lamadlelo. Idolobho lizakuba phakathi kwayo **16** njalo lizakuba lalezi izilinganiso: Icele lasenyakatho izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, icele laseningizimu izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, icele lasempumalanga izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lecele lasentshonalanga izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu. **17** Amadlelo edolobho azakuba zingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasenyakatho, izingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngaseningizimu, izingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasempumalanga, lezingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasentshonalanga. **18** Indawo esalayo, engcelelane lesigaba esingcwele njalo ilandela ubude baso izakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngaseceleni lasempumalanga lezingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngaseceleni lasentshonalanga. Izithelo zayo zizakuba yikudla kwezisebenzi zedolobho. **19** Izisebenzi ezivela edolobheni eziyilimayo zizavela kuzozonke izizwana zako-Israyeli. **20** Isigaba sonke sizalingana inxa zonke, izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu icele ngalinye. Njengesipho esiqakathekileyo

uzaphawula isigaba esingcwele ndawonye lempahla yedolobho. **21** Okusalayo emaceleni womabili endawo eyisigaba esingcwele lempahla yedolobho kuzakuba ngokwenkosana. Kuzaqhubekela empumalanga kusukela ezingalweni eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu zesigaba esingcwele kusiya emngceleni wasempumalanga, kuphinde kuye entshonalanga kusukela kuzingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kusiya emngceleni wasentshonalanga. Izindawo lezi zombili ezilandela ubude bezigaba zezizwana zizakuba ngezenkosana, njalo isigaba esingcwele esilendawo engcwele yethempeli sizakuba phakathi kwazo. **22** Ngakho impahla yabaLevi lempahla yedolobho kuzakuba phakathi kwendawo engeyenkosana. Indawo yenkosana izakuba phakathi komngcele kaJuda lomngcele kaBhenjamini. **23** Izizwana eziseleyo: UBhenjamini uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizaqhubeka sisukela eceleni lasempumalanga sisiya eceleni lasentshonalanga. **24** USimiyoni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaBhenjamini kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **25** U-Isakhari uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaSimiyoni kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **26** UZebhuluni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe lika-Isakhari kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **27** UGadi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcelezelana lelizwe likaZebhuluni kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **28** Umngcele wangaseningizimu kaGadi uzahamba

eningizimu usuka eThamari emanzini aseMeribha Khadeshi, ubuye ulandele uMhotsha waseGibhithe uye eLwandle Olukhulu. **29** Leli yilizwe okumele ulabele izizwana zako-Israyeli njengelifa, njalo lezi zizakuba yizigaba zazo," kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **30** "Lezi zizakuba zintuba zedolobho zokuphuma: Kusukela eceleni lenyakatho, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu ubude, **31** amasango amathathu eceleni langenyakatho azakuba lisango likaRubheni, isango likaJuda lesango likaLevi. **32** Eceleni langempumalanga, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu ubude, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaJosefa, isango likaBhenjamini lesango likaDani. **33** Eceleni leningizimu, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaSimiyoni, isango lika-Isakhari lesango likaZebhuluni." **34** Eceleni langentshonalanga, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu ubude, kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaGadi, isango lika-Asheri lesango likaNafithali. **35** "Ubude obubhoda indawo yonke buzakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasitshiyagalombili. Njalo ibizo ledolobho kusukela ngalesosikhathi kusiya phambili lizakuba: 'uThixo ulapha.'"

UDanyeli

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi
inkosi yakwaJuda, uNebhukhadineza inkosi
yaseBhabhiloni wafika eJerusalema walihanqa. **2**
UThixo wanikela uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakwaJuda
ezandleni zakhe, kanye lezinye impahla zethempeli
likaNkulunkulu. Konke wakuthwala wakusa ethempelini
likankulunkulu wakhe eBhabhiloniya wakufaka endlini
yenotho kankulunkulu wakhe. **3** Kwathi-ke inkosi
yasilaya u-Ashiphenazi, induna yezikhulu zesigodlo sayo
ukuthi alethe abanye bama-Israyeli besikhosini
lasezikhulwini, **4** amajaha amizimba ingelasici, amahle,
atshengisa ukufundiseka ezintweni zonke, azi okunengi,
aphangisayo ukuzwisisa njalo abonakala efanele
ukukhonza esigodlweni senkosi. Ayemele awafundise
ulimi lezincwadi zamaBhabhiloni. **5** Inkosi yababela
ukudla okukhethiweyo okwansuku zonke kanye lewayini
kuthathwa kokwakulungiselwe inkosi. Babezafundiswa
okweminyaka emithathu, kuthi ngemva kwalokho
baqalise ukusebenza esigodlweni. **6** Phakathi kwalabo
babekhona ababephuma koJuda: uDanyeli, loHananiya,
loMishayeli kanye lo-Azariya. **7** Indunankulu
yabanika amabizo amatsha: uDanyeli kwathiwa
nguBhelitheshazari; uHananiya waba nguShadreki,
uMishayeli waba nguMeshaki; u-Azariya waba ngu-
Abhediniko. **8** Kodwa uDanyeli wazimisela ukuthi
angazingcolisi ngokudla kwesikhosini lewayini lakhona,
yikho wasecela kundunankulu imvumo yokuthi
angazingcolisi kanjalo. **9** UNkulunkulu wayekwenzile

ukuthi Indunankulu imthande njalo imhawukele uDanyeli, **10** kodwa wathi kuDanyeli, "Ngiyamesaba umhlekazi wami inkosi, onguye okumisileyo ukudla kwenu lokokunatha. Kambe akayikulibona yini selikhangeleka kubi kulamanye amajaha angontanga benu? Inkosi ingahle ingiqume ikhanda ngenxa yenu." **11** UDanyeli wasesithi enxuseni elalibekwe yindunankulu phezu kwaboDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli lo-Azariya, **12** "Ake uzilinge izinceku zakho okwensuku ezilitshumi nje: Ungasiphi lutho ngaphandle kwemibhida ukuba sidle yona lamanzi okunatha. **13** Lapho-ke ubusufananisa imizimba yethu laleyo eyamajaha adla ukudla kwesikhosini, ubususenza njengokubona kwakho ezincekwini zakho." **14** Lakanye inxusa lakuvuma lokho labalinga okwensuku ezilitshumi. **15** Ekupheleni kwensuku ezilitshumi bakhangeleka bephila ngcono njalo bezimukile kulamajaha ayesidla ukudla kwesikhosini. **16** Yikho inxusa laselisusa ukudla kwabo kwekhethelo kanye lewayini ababelinatha labapha imibhida. **17** La amajaha amane uNkulunkulu wawanika ulwazi lokuzwisisa zonke izibhalo lemfundo. Njalo uDanyeli wayezwisisa imibono lamaphupho wonke ehlukeneyo. **18** Ekupheleni kwesikhathi esasibekwe yinkosi ukuthi balethwe, indunankulu yabethula kuNebhukhadineza. **19** Inkosi yakhuluma labo yafumana engekho olingana loDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli kanye lo-Azariya; ngakho bangeniswa ukusebenzela inkosi. **20** Kuzozonke izindaba zokuhlakanipha lokuzwisisa inkosi eyababuza ngazo yabafumana bebedlula bonke omasalamusi lezangoma

ngokuphindwe katshumi kuwo wonke umbuso wayo. **21** UDanyeli wahlala khona kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wokuqala weNkosi uKhurosi.

2 Ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kwakhe, uNebhukhadineza waphupha amaphupho; wahlupheka engqondweni, wehluleka lokulala. **2** Ngakho inkosi yasibiza omasalamusi, lezangoma, labavumisi lezingcazi zezinkanyezi ukuthi bamtshele lokho ayekuphuphile. Sebengenile bema phambi kwayo inkosi, **3** yathi kubo, "Ngibe lephupho elingihluphayo yikho ngifuna ukwazi ukuthi litshoni." **4** Kwasekusithi ingcazi zezinkanyezi zayiphendula inkosi zikhuluma ngesi-Aramu zathi, "Bayethe, nkosi! Phila kuze kube nininini! Zitshele izinceku zakho iphupho lelo, thina sizalichaza." **5** Inkosi yaziphendula ingcazi zezinkanyezi yathi, "Nanku esengikumisile: Nxa lingangitsheli ukuthi iphupho lami beliyini beselilichaza, ngizakuthi liqunywaqunywe iziqa, izindlu zenu zidilizwe zibe yinqwaba. **6** Kodwa lingangitshela iphupho kanye lengcazelo yalo ngizalipha izipho lemivuzo lodumo olukhulu. Ngakho ngitshelani iphupho libe selingichazela lona." **7** Baphinda njalo baphendula bathi, "Inkosi kayizitshele izichaka zayo iphupho lelo, thina sizalichasisa." **8** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, "Ngileqiniso ukuthi liqonde ukuchitha isikhathi ngoba libona ukuthi yilokhu esengikumisile ukuthi: **9** Nxa lingangitsheli iphupho lelo, sinye zwi isijeziso senu. Seliyengene ukuthi lingitshele inkohliso lamanyala, licabanga ukuthi kumbe izinto zizaguquka. Manje-ke ngitshelani iphupho lelo yikho ngizakwazi ukuthi

lingangichasisela lona.” **10** Ingcazi zezinkanyezi zayiphendula inkosi zathi, “Kakulamuntu emhlabeni ongakwenza lokho okufunwa yinkosi! Kayikho inkosi, loba ingenkulu kanganani kumbe ilamandla anganani, eyake yafuna into enjalo laloba kubani oyenza amasalamusi, kumbe isangoma loba ingcazi yezinkanyezi. **11** Lokhu okufunwa yinkosi kunzima kakhulu. Kakho ongakwambulela inkosi ngaphandle kwabonkulunkulu, njalo kabahlali ebantwini.” **12** Lokhu kwayizondisa inkosi yabila ngolaka yahle yathi zonke izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni kazibulawe. **13** Ngakho sakhutshwa isimemezelo sokuthi izazi kazibulawe, yikho kwathunywa amadoda ukuyadinga uDanyeli labakhula bakhe ukuthi babulawe. **14** Kwathi u-Ariyoki, indunankulu yamanxusa enkosi isiphumile ukuyabulala izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni, uDanyeli wakhuluma laye ngokuhlakanipha langokunanzelela. **15** Wasibuza isikhulu lesi senkosi wathi, “Kungani inkosi ikhuphe isimemezelo esibuhlungu kangaka na?” U-Ariyoki waseyichaza indaba kuDanyeli. **16** Esekuzwile lokho uDanyeli waya enkosini wacela ukuba ake aphiwe isikhathi, ukuze ayichazele iphupho layo. **17** UDanyeli wabuyela endlini yakhe wayatshela abakhula bakhe oHananiya, loMishayeli lo-Azariya ngendaba leyo. **18** Wabakhuthaza ukuthi bacele umusa kuNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngale inkinga eyimfihlakalo, ukuze kuthi yena labakhula bakhe baphephe ekubulaweni kanye lazozonke izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni. **19** Kwathi ebusuku inkinga leyo yambulelwa uDanyeli ngombono. UDanyeli

wasemdumisa uNkulunkulu wasezulwini **20** wathi:
“Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaNkulunkulu nini lanini;
inhlakanipho lamandla kungokwakhe. **21** Uyaguqula
izikhathi lezibanga; uyawabeka amakhosi aphinde
awaqethule. Unika inhlakanipho kwabahlakaniphileyo
lolwazi kwabaqedisisayo. **22** Uveza obala izinto
ezizikileyo lezifihlakeleyo; uyakwazi okucatshe
emnyameni, lokukhanya kuhlala kuye. **23** Ngiyakubonga
njalo ngiyakudumisa, Oh Nkulunkulu wabokhokho bami:
Ungiphile inhlakanipho lamandla, usungazisile
mina lokho esikucelileyo kuwe, ususazisile thina
iphupho lenkosi.” **24** UDanyeli wasesiya ku-Ariyoki
owayekhethwe yinkosi ukuba abulale izihlakaniphi
zaseBhabhiloni, wathi kuye, “Ungazibulali izihlakaniphi
zaseBhabhiloni. Ngisa enkosini, ngizayichasisela iphupho
layo.” **25** U-Ariyoki wahle wasa uDanyeli enkosini
wathi, “Sengiyifumene indoda kwabathunjiweyo
bakwaJuda engayitshela inkosi ukuthi iphupho layo
litshoni.” **26** Inkosi yambuza uDanyeli (njalo othiwa
nguBhelitheshazari), “Kambe ungangitshela na
engakubonayo ephutsheni lami uphinde ulichasise?” **27**
Waphendula uDanyeli wathi, “Kasikho isihlakaniphi,
noma isangoma, noma oyenza amasalamusi, noma
isanuse esingayihlahlulela inkosi imfihlakalo eyidingayo,
28 kodwa ukhona uNkulunkulu ezulwini owambula zonke
imfihlakalo. Utshengise inkosi uNebhukhadineza
okuzakwenzakala ngezinsuku ezizayo. Iphupho lakho
lemibono eyafika engqondweni yakho ulele embhedeni
wakho yile: **29** Wathi ulele khonapho nkosi, ingqondo

yakho yaphatha izinto ezisezakuza, kwathi umhlahluli wezinkinga wakubonisa okuzakwenzakala." **30** Okwami yikuthi ngiyambulelwe imfihlakalo le, kungesukuthi yingoba ngilenhlakanipho eyeqa eyabanye abaphilayo, kodwa ukuze kuthi wena, Oh nkosi, uyazi ingcazelo njalo ukuze uzwisise okwakuphithikana engqondweni yakho. **31** Wathi uyakhangela, Oh nkosi, wabona kumi phambi kwakho isithombe esikhulukazi, inkalakatha yesithombe esikhazimulayo, sisesabeka ukukhangeleka kwaso. **32** Ikhanda lesithombe lalenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo, isifuba saso lezingalo kubunjwe ngesiliva, isisu lemilenze kubunjwe ngethusi, **33** imibala ibunjwe ngensimbi, inyawo zaso zilengxenye yensimbi lenye ingxenye yebumba elitshisiweyo. **34** Wathi ulokhu usabukele, kwaqetshulwa ilitshe, kungesingazandla zamuntu. Lasigxoba isithombe ezinyaweni zaso zensimbi lebumba lazihlifiza. **35** Kwasekusithi insimbi, lebumba, lethusi, lesiliva kanye legolide kwachobozeka kwaba yizicucu kanyekanye kwaba njengomule esizeni ehlobo. Umoya waziphephula izicucu wazikhucula du. Kodwa ilitshe elagxoba isithombe laba yintaba enkulu yagcwala umhlaba wonke. **36** Leli bekuyilo iphupho, manje-ke sesizalichazela inkosi. **37** Wena, Oh nkosi uyinkosi yamakhosi. UNkulunkulu wasezulwini ukunikile umbuso, lamandla lobukhulu lodumo; **38** uluntu lonke ulunikele ezandleni zakho kanye lezinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zemoyeni. Loba zihlala ngaphi, ukwenze wena waba ngumbusi wakho konke. Ulikhanda leliyana legolide. **39** Ngemva kwakho, kuzakuba khona omunye umbuso,

ophansi kulowakho. Kuzalandela owesithathu owethusi ozabusa umhlaba wonke. **40** Ekucineni kuzakuba lombuso wesine oqinileyo njengensimbi ngoba insimbi iyephula ivodloze yonke into, yikho njengoba insimbi isephula izinto zibe yizicucu, kanjalo umbuso lowo uzayichoboza yonke eminye. **41** Njengoba ubonile ukuthi inyawo lamazwane bekulengxenye yebumba elitshisiweyo lengxenye yensimbi, yikho lo uzakuba ngumbuso odabuke phakathi; loba nje uzakuba lamanye amandla ensimbi phakathi kwawo, njengalokhu uyibonile insimbi ixubene lebumba. **42** Njengoba amazwane abelengxenye yensimbi, lengxenye yebumba, kanjalo umbuso lo uzakuba lamandla nganxanye, nganxanye ubucuzeke. **43** Njalo njengoba ubonile insimbi ixubene lebumba elitshisiweyo, kanjalo abantu bazakuba yinhlanganisela bahlale bengamanyananga, njengoba insimbi ingahlangani lebumba. **44** "Ngalesosikhathi samakhosi lawo uNkulunkulu wasezulwini uzabeka umbuso ongasoze wabhidlizwa lanini njalo ongasoze utshiyelwe abanye abantu. Uzayibhidliza yonke leyomibuso iphele, kodwa wona uzakuma laphakade." **45** Le yiyo ingcazelo yombono welitshe elaqhekezwa entabeni, kungasingezandla zomuntu, ilitshe elaphahlaza insimbi, lethusi, lebumba, lesiliva kanye legolide kwaba yizicucu. "UNkulunkulu omkhulu uyitshengisile inkosi okuzakwenzeka ngesikhathi esizayo. Iphupho liliqiniso lengcazelo iqondile." **46** Inkosi uNebhukhadineza wazilahla wathi mbo phambi kukaDanyeli wamkhonza wakhupha ilizwi lokuthi kenzelwe umnikelo atshiselwe

impepha njalo. **47** Inkosi yathi kuDanyeli, “Ngempela
uNkulunkulu wakho nguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu
leNkosi yamakhosi lomambuleli wezimfihlakalo, ngoba
ukwazile ukwambula imfihlakalo le.” **48** Inkosi yasibeka
uDanyeli esikhundleni esiphezulu yelekelela ngezipho
ezinengi kuye. Yamenza waba ngumbusi kulolonke ilizwe
laseBhabhiloni njalo waba ngumphathi wazo zonke izazi
zakhona. **49** Isicelwe nguDanyeli, yaphinde yabeka
uShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko baba ngabaphathi
beziqinti zelizwe laseBhabhiloni, kodwa yena uDanyeli
wasala esigodlweni.

3 INkosi uNebhukhadineza yenza isithombe
segolide, saphakama izingalo ezingamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lobubanzi obuzingalo
eziyisificamunwemunye, yasimisa egcekeni laseDura
elizweni laseBhabhiloni. **2** Yasibiza ababusi bezigaba,
labalisa, ababusi bemikhono yelizwe, labeluleki, **3**
labaphathizikhwama, labehluleli, labomantshi kanye
lazozonke izikhulu zezigaba ukuza emkhosini wokubusisa
isithombe leso ayesimisile, bema phambi kwaso. **4**
Umlawuli womkhosi wasememezela kakhulu wathi,
“Mahlabezulu, lani zizwe zonke kanye lani bantu
bezindimi zonke, nanku elilaywa ukuthi likwenze: **5**
Lingavele lizwe ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga,
lomhubhe, lechacho, lezindweba layo yonke imihlobo
yokuhlabela ngokukhalisa iziginci libokuthi mbo phansi
lisikhonze isithombe segolide esimiswe yinkosi
uNebhukhadineza. **6** Iloba ngubani ongayi kukhothama
asikhonze uzahle aphoselwe esithandweni somlilo

olavuzayo.” **7** Yikho, bonela ukuzwa ukukhala kophondo,
lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho lemihlobo
yonke yeziginci, bonke abantu, lezizwe labantu bezindimi
zonke bathi mbo phansi bakhonza isithombe segolide
inkosi uNebhukhadineza eyayisimisile. **8** Ngalesisikhathi
ezinye izingcazi zezinkanyezi zeza zachothoza amaJuda.
9 Zathi enkosini uNebhukhadineza, “Bayethe nkosi, mana
njalo! **10** Ukhuphile isimemezelo, wena nkosi, wathi
wonke okuzwayo ukukhala kophondo, lomfece,
lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho lezindweba kanye
lazozonke iziginci ezikhaliswayo kathi mbo phansi
akhonze isithombe segolide, **11** lokuthi loba ngubani
ongathi mbo phansi akhonze uzaphoselwa esithandweni
somlilo olavuzayo. **12** Kodwa bakhona abanye amaJuda
obabeke ukuphatha ilizwe laseBhabhiloni, uShadreki,
loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, abangakhathali lutho ngawe,
wena nkosi. Kababakhonzi onkulunkulu bakho njalo
kabasikhonzi isithombe lesi osimisileyo.” **13** Wazonda
wadla injа uNebhukhadineza, wasebiza oShadreki,
loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko. Yikho amadoda la alethwa
phambi kwenkosi, **14** uNebhukhadineza wathi kubo,
“Kuliqiniso yini, Shadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko,
ukuthi kalibakhonzi onkulunkulu bami njalo kalisikhonzi
isithombe segolide engisimisileyo? **15** Manje nxa
lingezwa ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga,
lomhubhe, lechacho, lezindweba layo yonke imihlobo
yezikhaliswayo, nxa selizimisele ukuthi mbo phansi
lisikhonze isifanekiso engasenzayo, kulungile. Kodwa nxa
lingasikhonzi lizaphoselwa ngokuphangisa esithandweni

somlilo ovuthayo. Pho nguphi unkulunkulu ozalilamulela esandleni sami na?” **16** OShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko bayiphendula inkosi bathi, “Nkosi Nebhukhadineza, kasidingi kuzilwela phambi kwakho ngale indaba. **17** Singaphoselwa esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo, uNkulunkulu esimkhonzayo ulamandla okusisindisa kuwo, njalo uzasilamulela esandleni sakho, wena nkosi. **18** Loba engasisindisi, sithanda ukuba ukwazi, wena nkosi, ukuthi sivele kasisoze sibakhonze onkulunkulu bakho kumbe sisidumise isifanekiso segolide leso osimisileyo.” **19** Lapho-ke uNebhukhadineza waphuphuma ngolaka kuShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, wahle waguqula indlela aye esebaphatha ngayo. Walaya ukuthi isithando somlilo sibaselwe sitshise okuphindwe kasikhombisa kulenjayelo **20** waphinda walaya ukuthi abanye bamabutho angobambapheqe bempi yakhe bababophe oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko babaphosele esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo. **21** Yikho amadoda la abotshwa elokhu egqoke amajazi awo, lamabhulugwe, amaqhiye kanye lezinye izigqoko zawo, aphoselwa esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. **22** Umlayo wenkosi wawuthukuthele kakhulu lesithando somlilo sitshisa okokuthi amalangabi omlilo awabulala amanxusa ayefuqela oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, **23** kwathi amadoda la womathathu ayebotshwe nko awela phakathi kwesithando somlilo olavuzayo. **24** Khonapho inkosi uNebhukhadineza wathi lothu ngokumangala, wabuza abacebisi bakhe wathi, “Kanti angithi abemathathu amadoda esiwabophileyo

sawaphosela emlilweni na?" Baphendula bathi, "Liqiniso lelo, Oh nkosi." **25** Wathi, "Khangelani! Ngibona amadoda amane ehambahamba phakathi komlilo, engabotshwanga njalo engalinyazwanga lutho, njalo owesine lowo ukhangeleka njengendodana yabonkulunkulu." **26** UNebhukhadineza wasesondela emlonyeni wesithando somlilo olavuzayo wamemeza wathi, "Shadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, zinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, phumani! Wozani lapha!" Ngakho oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko baphuma emlilweni, **27** kwathi ababusi bezigaba, labalisa, lababusi bemikhono yelizwe labeluleki besikhosini bababunganyela. Babona ukuthi umlilo wawungabalimazanga imizimba yabo, njalo kungahaqazekanga lalunye unwele lwamakhanda abo; izembatho zabo zingahangulekanga, njalo kunganuki mlilo kubo. **28** UNebhukhadineza wasesithi, "Kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu kaShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, othume ingilosi yakhe wasindisa izinceku zakhe! Bathemba kuye badelela umlayo wenkosi njalo bazimisela ukunikela impilo zabo kulokuthi bakhonze loba badumise omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kowabo uNkulunkulu. **29** Ngakho sengimisa isimemezelo ukuthi abantu loba ngabasiphi isizwe kumbe ulimi abakhuluma okubi ngoNkulunkulu kaShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko kabaqunywaqunywe izicucu, lezindlu zabo zenziwe izinqwaba zezibi, ngoba kakho omunye uNkulunkulu ongasindisa ngale indlela." **30** Inkosi yase ibanika izikhundla eziphezulu oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko elizweni laseBhabhiloni.

4 Inkosi uNebhukhadineza, Ezizweni zonke lebantwini
benhlanga zonke abahlala emhlabeni wonke: Sengathi
inganda kini inhlalakahle! **2** Kuyintokozo kimi ukulitshela
ngezibonakaliso ezimangalisayo lezinkinga uNkulunkulu
oPhezukonke angenzele zona. **3** Zinkulu kangakanani
izibonakaliso zakhe, **4** Mina, Nebhukhadineza,
ngangisekhaya esigodlweni sami, nganelisiwe njalo
ngikhomba ngophakathi. **5** Ngehlelwa liphupho
elangitshayisa uvalo. Ngathi ngilele embhedeni wami
kwafika engqondweni yami izifanekiso lezibonakaliso
ezangithuthumelisayo. **6** Ngasengilaya ukuthi zonke
izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni zilethwe phambi kwami
ukuthi zingihlahlulele lelophupho. **7** Kwathi sebefikile
omasalamusi, lezangoma, lezingcazi zezinkanyezi
lezanuse ngazitshela lelophupho kodwa zehluleka
ukungichasisela lona. **8** Ekucineni uDanyeli wafika kimi
ngamtshela ngephupho lelo. (Uthiwa nguBhelitheshazari,
ngokuphathelene lebizo likankulunkulu wami, njalo
umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele uphakathi kwakhe.)
9 Ngathi kuye, Bhelitheshazari, nduna yabomasalamusi,
ngiyazi ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele
uphakathi kwakho, njalo kakukho okuyinkinga kuwe.
Nanti iphupho lami; ngihlahlulela lona. **10** Yile imibono
eyangivelelayo ngilele embhedeni wami: Ngakhangela,
ngabona kumi phambi kwami isihlahla phakathi
komango. Ubude baso babule. **11** Isihlahla sakhula
saba sikhulu saqina, isiqongo saso sakhotha umkhathi;
sasibonakala lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba. **12** Amahlamvu
aso ayebukeka, izithelo zaso zinengi kuso kukhona

ukudla kwakho konke. Ngaphansi kwaso izinyamazana zeganga zafumana isiphephelo lezinyoni zemoyeni zazihlala emagatsheni aso; zonke izidalwa zisongiwa kuso. **13** Ezibonakalisweni ezeza ngilele embhedeni wami, ngakhangela, ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kulesithunywa, singongcwele, sisehla sisuka ezulwini. **14** Samemeza ngelizwi elikhulu sathi: Gamulelani phansi isihlahla licakaze amagatsha aso; liwaphundle amahlamvu aso lihlakaze izithelo zaso. Yekelani izinyamazana zibaleke ngaphansi kwaso kanye lezinyoni emagatsheni aso. **15** Kodwa akuthi isidindi saso kanye lempande zakhona kusale kugxumekile emhlabathini phakathi kotshani beganga, kubotshiwe ngensimbi langethusi. Kagxanxwe ngamazolo avela phezulu, njalo kahlale lezinyamazana phakathi kwezihlahla zeganga. **16** Ingqondo yakhe kayiguqulwe isuke ebuntwini, aphiwe ingqondo yenyamazana, kuze kudlule iminyaka eyisikhombisa. **17** "'Isinqumo lesi sibikwa yizithunywa, zona ezingcwele yizo ezimemezela lesi isigwebo, ukuze kuthi abaphilayo bazi ukuthi oPhezukonke unguThixo yemibuso yabantu njalo uyabanikela loba kukubani amfunayo futhi enze babuswe ngumuntukazana.' **18** Yilo iphupho engibe lalo mina inkosi uNebhukhadineza. Manje-ke Bhelitheshazari, ngitshela ukuthi litshoni, ngoba kasikho isihlakaniphi embusweni wami esingangihlahlulela lona. Kodwa wena ungakwenza, ngoba umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele uphakathi kwakho." **19** Yikho uDanyeli (njalo othiwa nguBhelitheshazari) wakhathazeka kakhulu okwesikhathi esithile, imicabango yakhe yamethusa. Yikho inkosi

yasisithi, “Bhelitheshazari, ungethuswa liphupho lelo kumbe yincazelo yalo.” UBhelitheshazari waphendula wathi, Nkosi yami, sengathi ngabe iphupho lelo liqonde labo abayizitha zakho lengcazelo yalo ikhomba labo abakuzondayo! **20** Isihlahla osibonileyo, esakhula saba sikhulu saqina, isiqongo saso sikhotha isibhakabhaka size sibonakale emhlabeni wonke, **21** silamahlamvu abukekayo lezithelo ezinengi, sisipha ukudla kukho konke, siphe isiphephelo izinyamazana zeganga, emagatsheni aso silezindawo zezidleke zezinyoni zemoyeni, **22** wena, Oh nkosi, uyilesosihlahla! Usube mkhulu waba lamandla; ubukhulu bakho sebandile sebuze buthinta isibhakabhaka, lombuso wakho usufinyelela ezindaweni ezikude ezomhlaba. **23** “Wena, Oh nkosi, wabona isithunywa, sona esingcwele, sisehla sivela ezulwini sisithi, ‘Sigamuleleni phansi isihlahla lisicakaze, kodwa litshiye isidindi, sibotshiwe ngensimbi langethusi, siphakathi kotshani beganga, impande zaso zisale emhlabathini. Kagxanxwe ngamazolo aphezulu; kaphile njengezinyamazana zeganga kuze kudlule iminyaka eyisikhombisa.’ **24** Nansi ingcazelo, Oh nkosi, njalo lesi yisimiso soPhezukonke asimisele umhlekazi wami inkosi: **25** Uzaxotshwa ebantwini uyehlala lezinyamazana zeganga: uzakudla utshani njengezinkomo, ugxanxwe ngamazolo aphezulu. Kuzakudlula iminyaka eyisikhombisa uze uvume ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa phezu kwemibuso yabantu ayinika ingqe ngulowo amthandayo. **26** Umlayo wokutshiya isidindi kanye lezimpande zaso utsho ukuthi umbuso wakho uzabuyiselwa kuwe nxatshana

usuvuma ukuthi iZulu liyabusa. **27** Ngakho-ke, Oh
nkosi, kuhle ukuthi wamukele ukucebisa kwami:
Yekela izono zakho wenze okulungileyo, lobubi
bakho ube lomusa kwabancindezelweyo. Lapho-ke
mhlawumbe ukuphumelela kwakho kungaqhubeka." **28**
Konke lokhu kwenzakala enkosini uNebhukhadineza.
29 Sekudlule izinyanga ezilitshumi lambili, inkosi
ihambahamba ephahleni lwesigodlo saseBhabhiloni,
30 yathi, "Kakusilo yini iBhabhiloni leli engalakha
laba ngumuzi wobukhosi bami na?" **31** Kwathi
amazwi la elokhu esesemlonyeni wakhe kwehla ilizwi
livela ezulwini lathi, "Nanku osukunqunyelwe, nkosi
Nebhukhadineza: Amandla akho obukhosi asesusiwe
kuwe. **32** Uzaxotshwa ebantwini uyehlala lezinyamazana
zeganga; uzakudla utshani njengezinkomo. Kuzadlula
iminyaka eyisikhombisa uze uvume ukuthi oPhezukonke
uyabusa phezu kwemibuso yabantu ayiphe ingqe
ngubani ngokuthanda kwakhe." **33** Masinyane nje
okwakutshiwo ngoNebhukhadineza kwagcwaliseka.
Waxotshwa ebantwini wadla utshani njengezinkomo.
Umzimba wakhe wagxanxwa ngamazolo aphezulu,
inwele zakhe zakhula njengezinsiba zengqungqulu,
kwathi inzipho zakhe zaba njengenkumba zenyoni. **34**
Ekupheleni kwalesosikhathi, mina, Nebhukhadineza,
ngaphakamisela amehlo ami ezulwini, ingqondo yami
yabuya. Ngasengimdumisa oPhezukonke; ngambabaza,
ngambonga yena ohlezi kuze kube phakade. **35** Imihlobo
yonke yabantu bomhlaba **36** Ngasonalesosikhathi
ingqondo yami yabuya, udumo lwami lenkazimulo yami

kwabuyiswa kimi ukusekela ubukhosi bombuso wami. Abeluleki bami lezikhulu zami bangidinga bangibuyisela esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, ngase ngisiba mkhulu kulakuqala. **37** Ngakho-ke mina, Nebhukhadineza, ngiyayidumisa njalo ngiyayibabaza, ngiyiphakamise iNkosi yezulu, ngoba konke ekwenzayo kuqondile futhi lezindlela zayo zonke zilungile. Njalo bonke abazigqajayo iyabathobisa.

5 Inkosi uBhelishazari wenzela izikhulu zakhe ezizinkulungwane idili elikhulu, wanatha lazo iwayini. **2** Kwathi uBhelishazari enatha iwayini lakhe walaya ukuthi kulethwe izitsha zegolide lezesiliva ezazithethwe nguyise uNebhukhadineza ethempelini eJerusalema, efuna ukuthi inkosi, lezikhulu zayo, labafazi bayo kanye labafazi bayo beceleni banathele kuzo. **3** Yikho baziletha izitsha zegolide ezazithethwe ethempelini likaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, kwasekusithi inkosi lezikhulu zayo kanye labafazi bayo beceleni banathela kuzo. **4** Bathi belinatha iwayini babelokhu bedumisa onkulunkulu begolide labesiliva, labethusi, labensimbi, labezigodo labamatshe. **5** Masinyane nje kwavela iminwe yesandla somuntu yaloba emdulini eduzane loluthi lwesibane esigodlweni. Inkosi yasibukela isandla siloba. **6** Ubuso bayo bahloba, yethuka amadolo ayo aze atshayana, imilenze yathamba yathi wohlo phansi. **7** Inkosi yamemeza yathi kakubizwe izangoma lezingcazi zezinkanyezi kanye lezanuse yasisithi kuwo la amadoda ayizihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni, “Loba ngubani ongabala umbhalo lo angitshele ukuthi utshoni uzagqokiswa eziyibubende

agqiziswe iketane legolide entanyeni yakhe, njalo uzaphiwa isikhundla sesithathu sokuba ngumbusi kulelilizwe.” **8** Zasezingena zonke izihlakaniphi. Kodwa zehluleka ukuwubala umbhalo lokutshela inkosi ukuthi utshoni. **9** Ngakho inkosi uBhelishazari yathuthumela okwedlulayo, ubuso bayo bahloba. Izikhulu zayo zadideka. **10** Indlovukazi yathi isizwa amazwi enkosi lezikhulu zayo yeza yangena endlini yedili. Yathi, “Oh nkosi, mana njalo. Ungethuki! Ungaze wahloba kanjalo! **11** Kulomuntu embusweni wakho olomoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele phakathi kwakhe. Ngesikhathi sikayihlo watshengisa ukuqonda, lokukhalipha lenhlakanipho okufana lokwabonkulunkulu. Uyihlo, inkosi uNebhukhadineza yambeka ukuba yinduna yabomasalamusi, lezangoma, lezingcazi zezinkanyezi lezanuse. **12** Indoda le, uDanyeli, inkosi eyayimbiza ngokuthi nguBhelitheshazari, wabonakala elengqondo evukileyo, lolwazi lokuzwisisa, njalo elamandla okuhumutsha amaphupho, lokuchaza amalibho kanye lokuhlahlula izinkinga ezinzima. Mbize uDanyeli, uzakutshela ukuthi umbhalo utshoni.” **13** Ngakho uDanyeli walethwa phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yathi kuye, “Wena unguye uDanyeli na, omunye wabathunjwa abalethwa ngubaba inkosi bevela koJuda? **14** Sengizwile ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu uphakathi kwakho lokuthi ulokuqonda, lokukhalipha lenhlakanipho eyinqaba. **15** Izihlakaniphi lezangoma zilethwe kimi ukuthi zingibalele umbhalo lo, zingitshele ukuthi utshoni, kodwa zehlulekile ukuwuchaza. **16** Manje

sengizwile ukuthi wena ulamandla okutsho ingcazelo lokuhlahlula izinkinga ezinzima. Aluba ungawubala umbhalo lo uphinde ungitshele ukuthi utshoni, uzagqokiswa eziyibubende, ugqiziswe leketane legolide entanyeni yakho, uphinde ubekwe esikhundleni sokuba ngowesithathu ebukhulwini bombuso lo." **17** UDanyeli wasephendula inkosi wathi, "Ungazigcinela lezozipho zakho, uphe leyomivuzo yakho omunye umuntu. Loba kunjalo ngizayibalela inkosi umbhalo lowo ngiyitshele ukuthi utshoni. **18** Yebo kambe nkosi, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wanika uyihlo uNebhukhadineza ubukhosi lobukhulu lodumo kanye lenkazimulo. **19** Ngenxa yesikhundla esiphezulu amnika sona, bonke abantu kanye lezizwe zonke labantu bendimi zonke babemqhuqha, bemesaba. Labo inkosi eyafuna ukubabulala, yababulala; labo eyafuna ukubaxolela, yabaxolela; labo eyafuna ukubakhweza ezikhundleni yabakhweza; kwathi labo eyafuna ukubayangisa, yabayangisa. **20** Kodwa kwathi lapho inhliziyo yayo isilobuqholo, isilukhuni ngokuzigqaja yethulwa esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi yaphucwa udumo lwayo. **21** Yaxotshwa ebantwini yaphiwa ingqondo yenyamazana; yahlala labobabhemi beganga, yadla utshani njengezinkomo; lomzimba wayo wagxanxwa ngamazolo omkhathi yaze yavuma ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke nguye uThixo phezu kwemibuso yabantu, abeke phezu kwayo loba nguphi umbusi amthandayo. **22** Kodwa wena ndodana yayo, awu Bhelishazari, kawuzithobanga, lokuba ukwazi konke lokhu. **23**

Endaweni yalokho, uzimisele ukumelana loThixo wezulu. Wathi kakuthathwe izitsha zethempeli layo zilethwe kuwe, kwasekusithi wena lezikhulu zakho, labafazi bakho kanye labafazi bakho beceleni lanathela iwayini kuzo. Wadumisa onkulunkulu besiliva legolide, abethusi, lensimbi, lezigodo lamatshe, abangaboniyo, labangezwayo labangaqedisisiyo. Kodwa kawumhloniphanga uNkulunkulu ophethe ukuphila kwakho kanye lezindlela zakho zonke esandleni sakhe. **24** Kungakho ethumele lesosandla esalobe lumbhalo. **25** Nanku umbhalo obulotshiwe: mene, mene, thekheli, pharisini. **26** Nanku okutshiwo ngamagama la: Mene: Nkulunkulu usezibalile insuku zokubusa kwakho, usekuqedile. **27** Thekheli: Usulinganisiwe esikalini wafunyanwa ulula. **28** Pharisini: Umbuso wakho usuhlukaniswe phakathi, wabelwa amaMede lamaPhezhiya." **29** Kwathi ngomlayo kaBhelishazari uDanyeli wagqokiswa eziyibubende, wagqiziswa iketane legolide entanyeni yakhe, kwamenyezelwa ukuthi usengumbusi wesikhundla sobuthathu elizweni. **30** Ngabona lobobusuku uBhelishazari, inkosi yamaBhabhiloni wabulawa, **31** kwathi uDariyu umuMede wabuthatha ubukhosi eleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lambili.

6 UDariyu wathanda ukubeka ababusi bezigaba abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili ukuba babuse kulolonke ilizwe, **2** wabeka omongameli abathathu phezu kwabo, omunye wabo enguDanyeli. Ababusi bezigaba babesethula kubo konke ukuze inkosi ingalahlekelwa lutho. **3**

UDanyeli waba yisilomo, wedlula abanye omongameli lababusi bezigaba ngokwenza kwakhe, inkosi yaze yafisa ukumbeka phezu kwelizwe lonke. **4** Ngenxa yalokho omongameli lababusi bezigaba badinga amabhada okumangalela uDanyeli ngendlela ayeqhuba ngayo kwezombuso, kodwa behluleka. Kabafumananga kungcola kuye ngoba wayethembekile futhi engasihaga lemali njalo engayekethisi lutho. **5** Ekucineni amadoda la athi, "Kasisoze safa salizuza izaba lokwethesa indoda le uDanyeli icala ngaphandle kwalokho okuphathelene lomthetho kaNkulunkulu wakhe." **6** Ngakho omongameli lababusi bezigaba baya enkosini belixuku bafika bathi: "Oh nkosi Dariyu, mana njalo! **7** Omongameli besikhosini, labalisa, lababusi bezigaba, labeluleki lababusi bemikhono yelizwe bonke sebevumelene ukuthi inkosi kayikhuphe isimemezelo iwugcizelele umlayo othi noma ngubani okhuleka kuwuphi uNkulunkulu noma umuntu phakathi kwalezi insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu, ngaphandle kokukhuleka kuwe wena, Oh nkosi, uzaphoselwa emgodini wezilwane. **8** Manje, Oh nkosi, sikhuphe lesosimemezelo sibhalwe phansi ukuze singaguqulwa njengoba kunjalo ngemithetho yamaMede lamaPhezhiya engaguqulwayo." **9** Ngakho inkosi uDariyu yawubhala phansi lowomthetho. **10** Kwathi uDanyeli esezwile ukuthi umthetho wawusukhutshiwe, waya ekhaya endlini yakhe ephezulu esitezi eyayilamawindi avulwe akhangela eJerusalema. Kathathu ngelanga wayezilahla phansi ngamadolo akhuleke, ebonga uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengalokho ayevele ekwenza mandulo. **11**

Kwasekusithi amadoda la aqhubana elixuku afica uDanyeli ekhuleka ecela usizo kuNkulunkulu. **12** Asesiya enkosini ayakhuluma layo ngomthetho owaphuma esigodlweni, athi: “Kawukhuphanga isimemezelo yini sokuthi ngezinsuku ezilandelayo ezingamatshumi amathathu noma ngubani okhuleka komunye unkulunkulu noma umuntu ngaphandle kokukhuleka kuwe, Oh nkosi, uzaphoselwa emgodini wezilwane?” Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Lowomthetho umi njengemithetho yamaMede lamaPhezhiya, engeke iguqulwe.” **13** Asesithi enkosini, “UDanyeli, ongomunye wabathunjwa bakoJuda, kakunanzi, wena nkosi, kanye lomthetho owawubhala phansi. Ulokhu ekhuleka kathathu ngelanga.” **14** Kwathi inkosi isikuzwile lokho yakhathazeka kakhulu; yayizimisele ukukhulula uDanyeli, yenza yonke imizamo yokumsiza ilanga laze layatshona. **15** Amadoda lawo asehamba elixuku aya enkosini athi kuyo, “Khumbula, Oh nkosi, ukuthi ngomthetho wamaMede lamaPhezhiya kakulasimemezelo loba isimiso esikhutshwe yinkosi esingaguqulwa.” **16** Ngakho inkosi yasikhupha umlayo, basebemletha uDanyeli bamphosela emphandwini wezilwane. Inkosi yathi kuDanyeli, “Sengathi uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonzayo njalonjalo angakuhlenga!” **17** Kwalethwa ilitshe lafakwa emnyango womgodi, inkosi yasilinameka ngendandatho yayo yobukhosi langezindandatho zezikhulu zayo, ukuze umumo kaDanyeli ungaguqulwa. **18** Yikho inkosi yase ibuyela esigodlweni sayo yazila ukudla lokunatha ubusuku bonke. Yehluleka ukulala. **19** Kwathi

emadabukakusa inkosi yavuka yaya emgodini wezilwane.
20 Ithe isifikile emgodini, yamemeza uDanyeli ngelizwi
losizi yathi, “Danyeli, nceku kaNkulunkulu ophilayo,
uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonza njalonjalo ukuphephisile
yini ezilwaneni?” **21** UDanyeli waphendula wathi, “Oh
nkosi, mana njalo! **22** UNkulunkulu wami uthume ingilosi
yakhe yayivala imilomo yezilwane. Kazingilimazanga
ngoba ngifunyanwe ngingelacala phambi kwakhe.
Njalo kangikaze ngenze okubi kuwe, Oh nkosi.” **23**
Inkosi yathaba yafa yakhupha umlayo wokuba uDanyeli
akhutshulwe emgodini lowo. UDanyeli esekhutshiwe
emgodini, kakubonakalanga nxeba kuye, ngoba wathemba
kuNkulunkulu wakhe. **24** Inkosi yalaya ukuthi balethwe
labo ababemangalele uDanyeli ngamanga baphoselwa
emgodini wezilwane kanye labafazi babo labantwababo.
Bathi bengakathinti phansi emgodini izilwane zabaqaga
zabafohloza wonke amathambo abo. **25** Inkosi uDariyu
yasilobela bonke abantu, lezizwe zonke lenhlanga zendimi
zonke kulolonke ilizwe yathi: “Sengathi impilo enhle
inganda kini! **26** Ngimisa isimiso sokuthi kuzozonke
izindawo zombuso wami, abantu kabesabe, bakhonze
uNkulunkulu kaDanyeli. **27** Uyakhulula, asindise; **28**
Ngakho uDanyeli waphumelela ngesikhathi sokubusa
kukaDariyu lesokubusa kukaKhurosi umPhezhiya.

7 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaBhelishazari inkosi
yaseBhabhiloni, uDanyeli waphupha iphupho,
kwaphithika imibono engqondweni yakhe elele
embhedeni wakhe. Wakubhala phansi okwakuqukethwe
liphupho lakhe. **2** UDanyeli wathi: “Embonweni wami

ebusuku ngakhangela ngabona phambi kwami imimoya emine yasezulwini iqubula ulwandle olukhulu. **3** Izilo ezine ezinkulu, yileso singafanani lezinye, zaqhamuka olwandle. **4** Esakuqala sasinjengesilwane, njalo silamaphiko engqungqulu. Ngabukela amaphiko aso aze akhutshwa, sasesiphakanyiswa emhlabathini sema ngezinyawo ezimbili njengomuntu, sasesiphiwa inhliziyo yomuntu. **5** Khonapho phambi kwami kwakujame isilo sesibili esasifana lebhele. Sasiphakanyisiwe kwelinye icele laso, njalo emlonyeni waso sasilezimbambo ezintathu emazinyweni aso. Satshelwa kwathiwa, 'Sukuma udle inyama usuthe!' **6** Ngemva kwalokho ngakhangela ngabona phambi kwami esinye isilo esasikhangeleka njengengwe. Emhlane waso sasilamaphiko amane afana lawenyoni. Isilo lesi sasilamakhanda amane, saphiwa amandla okuba sibuse." **7** Ngemva kwalokho, embonweni wami ebusuku ngakhangela, kwathi phambi kwami kwema isilo sesine esithuthumelisayo, sisesabeka njalo silamandla amakhulu. Sasilamazinyo ensimbi amakhulu; safohloza esikubambileyo sakudla, okuseleyo sakugxobela phansi. Sasingafanani lazozonke izilo zakuqala, sona silempondo ezilitshumi. **8** Ngisalokhu ngicabanga ngempondo lezo, khonapho phambi kwami kwaba lolunye uphondo oluncinyane olwama phakathi kwazo; kwathi ezintathu zempondo zakuqala zagunyulwa phambi kwalo. Uphondo lolu lwalulamehlo anjengamehlo omuntu lomlomo owawukhuluma okokuzikhukhumeza. **9** "Ngisakhangele, kwabekwa izihlalo zobukhosi, uSimakade wahlala

kwesakhe. Izigqoko zakhe zazimhlophe njengeqhwa;
inwele zekhanda lakhe zimhlophe njengoboya bezimvu.
Isihlalo sakhe sasilavuka umlilo, lamavili aso wonke
evutha umlilo. **10** Kwakugeleza umfula womlilo, uthutsha
ngaphambi kwakhe. Izinkulungwane lezinkulungwane
zazimkhonza; izinkulungwane ezilitshumi ziphindwe
ngezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zema phambi kwakhe.
Inkundla yokwahlulela yahlala phansi, kwasekuvulwa
izincwadi.” **11** Ngasengiqhubeka ngilokhu ngibukele
ngenxa yamazwi okuzikhukhumeza ayekhulunywa
luphondo. Ngala ngilokhu ngikhangele isilo saze
sabulawa, isidumbu saso saphoselwa emlilweni ovuthayo.
12 (Leziyana ezinye izilo zase ziphuciwe ubukhulu bazo
kodwa zavunyelwa ukuphila okwesikhathi esithile.) **13**
Embonweni wami ebusuku ngakhangela kwabonakala
khonapho phambi kwami lowo owayefana lendodana
yomuntu esiza ngamayezi ezulu. Yasondela kuSimakade
yasiwa phambi kwakhe. **14** Yaphiwa amandla lobukhosi
lamandla okubusa; bonke abantu, lezizwe zonke labantu
bendimi zonke bamkhonza. Ubukhosi bakhe yibukhosi
obungapheliyo obungayikwedlula, lombuso wakhe
kawusoze uchithwe. **15** Mina Danyeli, ngakhathazeka
emoyeni, lemibono eyayidlula engqondweni yami
yangidabula. **16** Ngasondela komunye walabo ababemi
khonapho ngambuza okuyikho okutshiwo yikho konke
lokhu. Yikho wangitshela wangipha ingcazelo yezinto
lezi, wathi: **17** “Izilo ezine ezinkulu yimibuso emine
ezaqhamuka emhlabeni. **18** Kodwa abangcwele bakhe
oPhezukonke bazawemukela umbuso ube ngowabo

lanininini, yebo, okwanini lanini.” **19** Ngase ngifisa
ukwazi ingcazelo eqotho eyesilo sesine, esasingafanani
lezinye njalo sisesabeka kakhulu, ngamazinyo aso
ensimbi lenzipho zethusi, isilo esafohloza sadla
esikubambileyo sagxobagxoba okuseleyo. **20** Ngafuna
njalo ukwazi ngempondo ezilitshumi ekhanda laso
langalolo olunye uphondo olwamilayo, okwathi ezinye
ezintathu zawa phambi kwalo lolophondo olwabonakala
kakhulu kulezinye, olwalulamehlo kanye lomlomo
owawukhuluma ngokukloloda. **21** Ngilokhu ngibukele,
uphondo lolu lwalusilwa luhlasela abangcwele lubehlula,
22 kwaze kwafika uMvelinqaki wabalamulela abangcwele
bakhe oPhezukonke, kwafika isikhathi bawuthatha
umbuso. **23** Wangipha ingcazelo le: Isilo sesine
singumbuso wesine ozavela emhlabeni. Uzaba lomahluko
kweminye yonke imibuso njalo uzawuthumba wonke
umhlaba, uwugxobagxobe, uwufohloze. **24** Impondo
ezilitshumi ngamakhosi alitshumi azavela kuwo lo
umbuso. Ngemva kwawo kuzavela enye inkosi engafani
lalayana awokuqala; izanqoba amakhosi amathathu. **25**
Izakhuluma okubi ngoPhezukonke incindezele
abangcwele bakhe izame ukuguqula izikhathi
ezimisiweyo kanye lemithetho. Abangcwele bazanikelwa
kuyo okwesikhathi esithile, izikhathi ezilengxenye
yesikhathi. **26** Kodwa umthethwandaba uzahlala phansi,
amandla ayo asuswe abhidlizwe okwanini lanini. **27**
Lapho-ke ubukhosi, lamandla lobukhulu bemibuso leyo
ngaphansi kwezulu lonke kuzaphiwa abangcwele, abantu
bakhe oPhezukonke. Umbuso wakhe uzakuba ngumbuso

ongapheliyo, njalo bonke ababusi bazamkhonza bamlalele. **28** "Lokhu yikho ukuphela kwendaba. Mina Danyeli ngakhathazeka kakhulu ngemicabango yami, ubuso bami bahloba, kodwa indaba le yaba yimfihlo yami."

8 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uBhelishazari mina Danyeli ngaba lombono ohambelana lalowo owake wangifikela ngaphambili. **2** Embonweni wami ngazibona ngisenqabeni yaseSusa esigabeni sase-Elamu; embonweni ngangisekhunjini lomgelomfula u-Ulayi. **3** Ngakhangela, ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kwakulenqama elempondo ezimbili imi eceleni komgelo, impondo zazizinde. Olunye lwempondo lwalulude kulolunye kodwa muva lwakhula kakhulu. **4** Ngayibukela inqama ihlasela isiya entshonalanga, lenyakatho leningizimu. Kwakungelanyamazana eyayingamelana layo, kungekho njalo ongalamulela emandleni ayo. Yazenzela ngokuthanda kwayo yaba yinto enkulu. **5** Ngilokhu ngicabanga ngalokhu, masinyane kwathutsha imbuzi entshonalanga ilophondo oluqaphileyo phakathi kwamehlo ayo, idabula phakathi komhlaba wonke ingathintanga umhlabathi. **6** Yasondela enqameni yempondombili engayibona imi ekhunjini lomgelomfula yayihlasela ngolaka olukhulu. **7** Yayidumela inqama ngodlakela, yayigqubula yavikiza impondo zombili. Inqama yayingelamandla okumelana layo; impongo le yayilahla phansi inqama yayigxobagxoba, kungekho ongayilamulela emandleni ayo. **8** Impongo (imbuzi) yaba lamandla amakhulu, kodwa kwathi amandla ayo

esemakhulu kangako uphondo lwayo olukhulu lwephuka, endaweni yalo kwakhula impondo ezine eziqaphileyo ezakhula zakhangela kuwo wonke amagumbi amane omkhathi. **9** Kolunye uphondo lwayo kwathutsha olunye uphondo olwaqalisa luluncinyane kodwa lwakhula ngamandla kusiya eningizimu, lasempumalanga laseLizweni Elihle. **10** Lwakhula lwaze lwafinyelela izinkanyezi zezulu, lwaphosela phansi emhlabeni ezinye izinkanyezi lwazigxobagxoba. **11** Lwaziphakamisa ngokuzikhukhumeza njengengomlawuli webutho likaThixo, lwamisa umhlatshelo walo wansuku zonke kuThixo lendawo yakhe yokukhonzela yangcoliswa. **12** Ngenxa yomvukela, ibutho likaThixo, kanye lomhlatshelo wansuku zonke kwanikelwa kulo. Lwaphumelela kukho konke olwalukwenza, iqiniso alabe lisatsho ulutho. **13** Ngasengisizwa ongcwele ekhuluma, omunye ongcwele wathi kuye, “Kuzathatha isikhathi esingakanani ukuze umbono lo ugcwaliseke, umbono omayelana lomhlatshelo wansuku zonke, lomvukela oletha incithakalo, lokukhalala indawo yokukhonzela, lezinkanyezi ezizagxotshwagxotshwa zinyawo zabantu bakaThixo?” **14** Wathi kimi, “Kuzathatha izikhathi zokuhlwa lezokusa ezizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu; lapho-ke indawo yokukhonzela izangcweliswa kutsha.” **15** Kwathi mina Danyeli ngilokhu ngiwubukele umbono lo, ngizama ukuwuzwisisa, kwema khonapho phambi kwami othile owayefana lomuntu. **16** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lomuntu limemeza lisuka e-Ulayi lisithi, “Gabhriyeli, tshela umuntu lo ingcazelo yombono

lo.” **17** Wathi esondela engangimi khona, ngezwa ngisesaba, ngawa ngithe thwitshi. Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, qedisisa ukuthi umbono umayelana lesikhathi sokucina.” **18** Wathi esakhuluma lami, ngalala ubuthongo obunzima ngithe mbo phansi ngobuso. Wasengithinta, wangiphakamisa, wangimisa ngezinyawo zami. **19** Wathi, “Ngizakutshela okuzakwenzakala ngemuva, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo esokucina. **20** Inqama empondombili owayibonayo imele amakhosi eMede lePhezhiya. **21** Impongo eyisinephu yinkosi yeGrisi, lophondo olukhulu oluphakathi kwamehlo ayo yinkosi yakuqala. **22** Impondo ezine ezathatha indawo yalolo olwephukayo zimele imibuso emine ezaphuma esizweni sakhe kodwa kayiyikuba lamandla alingana lawaso.” **23** Lapho umbuso wabo ususiya ekucineni, abahlamuki nxa sebexhwale beqisa, inkosi elolunya, eliqili kakhulu, izavela. **24** Izaqina kakhulu kodwa kungasikho ngenxa yamandla ayo. Izakwenza umonakalo wokubhidliza okukhulu, iphumelele kukho konke ekwenzayo. Izawabhubhisa amaqhawe kanye labantu abangcwele. **25** Izakwandisa inkohlakalo, izibone yona isedlula bonke abanye. Bazakuthi besithi sebezinzile, izabhubhisa abanengi ibe isihlasela iNkosi yamakhosi. Ikanti yona izabhujiswa kodwa hatshi ngezandla zomuntu. **26** “Umbono owuphiweyo owezikhathi zokuhlwa lezokusa uliqiniso, kodwa ugcike umbono lo, ngoba uphathelane lesikhathi esizayo esikhatshana.” **27** Mina Danyeli, ngadinwa kakhulu ngalala ngingogulayo okwensuku ezimbalwa. Ngasengivuka ngaqhubeka ngomsebenzi wami

wenkosi. Ngadideka ngombono lowo; wawungaphezu kwengqondo.

9 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu indodana ka-Ahasuweru (umuMede ngosendo), owenziwa umbusi phezu kombuso waseBhabhiloni **2** ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, mina Danyeli ngezwa emiBhalweni, mayelana lelizwi likaThixo elaphiwa uJeremiya umphrofethi, ukuthi incithakalo yeJerusalema yayizakuba khona okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **3** Yikho ngaphendukela eNkosini uNkulunkulu ngamncenga ngomkhuleko langokulabhela, langokuzila, ngigqoke amasaka ngazibhuqa emlotheni. **4** Ngakhuleka kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngafakaza ngathi: "Oh Nkosi, Nkulunkulu omkhulu, owesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando lalabo bonke abamthandayo, abagcina imilayo yakhe: **5** senzile isono njalo senza okubi. Sisuke saxhwala, sahlamuka; siyifulathele imilayo yakho kanye lemithetho yakho. **6** Kasizilalelanga izinceku zakho abaphrofethi abakhuluma ngebizo lakho emakhosini ethu, lamakhosana ethu lakubobaba lakubo bonke abantu belizwe. **7** Nkosi, ulungile, kodwa lamuhla sembeswe ngehlazo, abantu bakoJuda labantu beJerusalema lo-Israyeli wonke, abaseduze labakude, kuwo wonke amazwe lapho osihlakazele khona ngenxa yokungathembeki kwethu kuwe. **8** Oh Thixo, thina lamakhosi ethu, lamakhosana ethu kanye labobaba sembeswe ngehlazo ngoba senzile isono kuwe. **9** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ilesihawu njalo iyathethelela loba thina siyihlamukele; **10** kasimlalelanga

uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo kasiyigcinanga imithetho asipha yona ngezinceku zakhe abaphrofethi.
11 U-Israyeli wonke uwephule umthetho wakho
wafulathela, esala ukukulalela. Ngakho iziqalekiso
lezahlulelo ezifungelwayo ezibhaliweyo eMthethweni
kaMosi, inceku kaNkulunkulu, zithululelwe phezu
kwethu, ngoba senzile isono kuwe. **12** Usuwagcwalisile
amazwi okusilahla njalo alahla ababusi bethu
ngokusehlisela incithakalo enkulu. Ngaphansi kwalo
lonke izulu kakukaze kwenziwe ulutho olulingana
lalokhu osekwenziwe eJerusalema. **13** Njengoba
kulotshiwe eMthethweni kaMosi yonke le incithakalo
yehlele kithi, ikanti kasicelanga umusa kaThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu ngokufulathela izono zethu
sifunisise iqiniso lakho. **14** UThixo kathikazanga
ukwehlisela incithakalo phezu kwethu, ngoba uThixo
uNkulunkulu wethu ulungile kukho konke akwenzayo;
kodwa kasimlalelanga. **15** Manje-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu
wethu, owakhupha abantu bakho eGibhithe ngesandla
esilamandla njalo owazenzela ibizo elimiyo kuze kube
namhla, senzile isono, senzile okubi. **16** Nkosi, ngenxa
yemisebenzi yakho yonke elungileyo, qambula ulaka
lwakho lentukuthelo yakho kusuke eJerusalema,
idolobho lakho, intaba yakho engcwele. Izono zethu
lezinengiso zabobaba sezenze iJerusalema labantu bakho
baba yinto yokuhlekisa kubo bonke abakhelene lathi. **17**
Manje-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu, zwana imikhuleko
lokulabhela kwenceku yakho. Ngenxa yebizo lakho, awu
Nkosi, ake uhawukele indlu yakho engcwele esibhidlikile.

18 Beka indlebe yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, uzwe; vula amehlo akho ubone incithakalo yedolobho elibizwa ngeBizo lakho. Kasilethi lezizicelo kuwe ngoba silungile, kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu. **19** Nkosi, lalela! Nkosi, thethelela! Nkosi, lalela wenze! Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ungaphuzi, ngoba idolobho lakho labantu bakho kubizwa ngeBizo lakho." **20** Ngathi ngikhuluma njalo ngikhuleka, ngivuma isono sami, lesono sabantu bakithi abako-Israyeli, ngiletha isikhalazo sami kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngentaba yakhe engcwele, **21** ngilokhu ngisakhuleka, uGabhriyeli, indoda engayibonayo embonweni wokuqala, weza kimi endiza kungesikhathi somhlatshelo wakusihlwa. **22** Wangilaya wathi kimi, "Danyeli, khathesi sengilande ukukupha ukuqonda lokuzwisisa. **23** Wonele ukuqalisa ukukhuleka impendulo yahle yaphiwa, eyiyo engizokutshela yona, ngoba uyaqakathekiswa kakhulu. Ngakho-ke, cabanga ngalo ilizwi, uwuzwisise umbono ukuthi: **24** Amatshumi ayisikhombisa 'ezikhombisa' (amaviki) asequnyelwe abantu bakini ledolobho lenu elingcwele ukuqedisa ukona, ukukhawula isono, ukuhlawulela ububi, ukuletha ukulunga okungapheliyo, ukuphetha umbono lesiphrofethi lokugcoba indawo engcwelengcwele. **25** Yazi njalo uzwisise lokhu: Kusukela ekukhutshweni kwesimemezelo sokuthi kuvuselelwe njalo kwakhiwe kutsha iJerusalema kuze kufike umbusi oGcotshiweyo kuzakuba lamaviki 'ayizikhombisa' eziyisikhombisa 'lezikhombisa' ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili. Lizakwakhiwa libe lemigwaqo lomgelo, kodwa

kuyizikhathi zohlupho. **26** Ngemva ‘kwezikhombisa’ lezo
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili oGcotshiweyo
uzaqunywa afe engelalutho. Abantu bombusi ozakuza
bazalibhidliza idolobho lendlu yenkonzo. Ukuphela
kuzafika njengesikhukhula: Impi izaqhubeka kuze kube
sekupheleni, sekumenyezelwe incithakalo. **27** Uzaqinisa
isivumelwano labanengi ‘okwesikhombisa’ esisodwa.
Phakathi ‘kwesikhombisa’ uzamisa imihlatshelo
leminikelo. Kuzakuthi eceleni lethempeli uzabeka
isinengiso esibanga incithakalo, kuze kuthi ukucina
okumisiweyo kuchithelwe kuye.”

10 Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaKhurosi inkosi
yasePhezhiya, kwafika kuDanyeli (owayebizwa ngokuthi
nguBhelitheshazari) isambulelo. Umbiko waso
wawuqinisile umayelana lempi enkulu. Ukuzwisiseka
kombiko lowo kwamehlela ngombono. **2** Kulesosikhathi
mina Danyeli ngalila okwamaviki amathathu. **3**
Angizange ngikudle ukudla okuconsayo; inyama loba
iwayini kakuzange kuzithinte izindebe zami; njalo
kangizange ngisebenzise amagcobo lakanye kwaze
kwaphela amaviki amathathu. **4** Ngosuku lwamatshumi
amabili lane lwenyanga yokuqala, ngathi ngimi ekhunjini
lomfula omkhulu, iThigrisi, **5** ngakhangela ngabona
khonapho phambi kwami kumi indoda igqoke
ilineni, ilebhanti legolide elihle okhalweni lwayo. **6**
Umzimba wayo wawufana lekhrisolathi, ubuso bayo
bunjengombane, amehlo ayo enjengezibane ezivuthayo,
izingalo zayo lemilenze yayo kufanana lokukhazimula
kwethusi elilolongiweyo, lelizwi layo linjengomsindo

wexuku labantu. **7** Mina Danyeli, yimi ngedwa engawubonayo umbono; amadoda ayelami kawubonanga, kodwa afikelwa yikwesaba okukhulu aze abaleka ayacatsha. **8** Ngakho ngasala ngedwa, ngiqhuzule amehlo ami kulo umbono omkhulu; ngaphela amandla, ubuso bami bahloba okokufa njalo sengiphelelwe. **9** Ngasengimuzwa ekhuluma, kwathi ngilokhu ngimlalele, ngehlelwa likhoza lobuthongo ngithe mbo phansi ngobuso. **10** Isandla sangithinta ngezwa sengiqhaqhazela ezandleni lemadolweni. **11** Wathi, "Danyeli, uyaqakathekiswa kakhulu, nanzelela amazwi esengizawakhuluma kuwe, usukume, ngoba manje ngithunywe kuwe." Wathi esitsho lokhu kimi ngasukuma ngiqhaqhazela. **12** Waseqhubeka wathi, "Ungesabi, Danyeli. Kulokhu kwasukela mhla ubeka ingqondo yakho ukuzuza ukuzwisisa lokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho, amazwi akho ezwakala, yikho ngilapha ngenxa yalokho. **13** Kodwa inkosi yombuso wasePhezhiya yangivimbela okwensuku ezingamatshumi amabili lanye. Kwasekusithi uMikhayeli, omunye wamakhosana amakhulu, weza ezongisiza, ngoba ngangivalelwe khonale yinkosi yasePhezhiya. **14** Manje ngilande ukuzakuchasisela lokho okuzakwenzakala ebantwini bakini esikhathini esizayo, ngoba umbono umayelana lesikhathi esizafika." **15** Uthe esitsho lokhu kimi ngakhothamisela ubuso bami phansi ngehluleka ukukhuluma. **16** Kwasekusithi othile owayefana lomuntu wathinta izindebe zami, ngasengivula umlomo wami ngakhuluma. Ngathi kulowo owayemi phambi kwami,

“Sengigajelwa yikudabuka kwenhliziyo ngenxa yombono, nkosi yami, njalo sengiphelelwe yikho konke. **17** Mina inceku yakho, ngingakhuluma kanjani lawe na, nkosi yami? Amandla ami kawasekho njalo sekusala ukuthi ngiphefumule.” **18** Waphinda njalo othile owayefana lomuntu wangithinta wangipha amandla. **19** Wathi, “Ungesabi, Oh muntu oqakathekiswayo kakhulu. Ukuthula! Qina manje; qina.” Wathi ekhuluma lami ngaqina ngathi, “Khuluma, nkosi yami, njengoba usungiphile amandla.” **20** Ngakho wasesithi, “Uyakwazi nje ukuthi kungani ngize kuwe na? Masinyane ngizabuya ukuzakulwa lenkosi yasePhezhiya, kuthi ngingahamba, kuzakuza inkosi yaseGrisi; **21** kodwa ngizaqala ngikutshele okulotshiweyo eNcwadini yeQiniso. (Kakho ongelekelelayo ukumelana labo ngaphandle kukaMikhayeli inkosana yakho.

11 Kwathi ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu umuMede, ngazimisela ukuba ngime laye ngimsekele njalo ngimvikele.)” **2** “Manje-ke ngikutshela iqiniso: Kuzavela amanye amakhosi amathathu ePhezhiya, kulandele eyesine, ezanotha kakhulu okudlula amanye. Izakuthi ingazuza amandla ngenxa yenotho yayo izakhuthaza bonke abanye ukuxabana lombuso waseGrisi. **3** Besekuvela inkosi enkulu ezabusa ngamandla amakhulu, yenze njengokuthanda kwayo. **4** Isivelile, umbuso wayo uzachitheka uhlakazekele kuyo yonke yomine imimoya yezulu. Kawuzukuya ezizukulwaneni zayo, njalo kawusayikuba lamandla owawulawo ngoba umbuso wakhe uzaqutshunwa uphiwe abanye. **5**

Inkosi yaseNingizimu izakuba lamandla, kodwa omunye wabalawuli bayo bebutho uzakuba lamandla kulayo abesebusa kowakhe umbuso elamandla amakhulu. **6** Ngemva kweminyaka ethile, bazasekelana njengabangane. Indodakazi yenkosi yaseNingizimu izakuya enkosini yaseNyakatho iyekwenza ubudlelwano, kodwa amandla ayo indodakazi kawayikuma, lenkosi leyo kanye lamandla ayo kakuba khona okwesikhathi eside. Ngalezonsuku indodakazi izadelwa, yona kanye lomndlunkulu wayo, loyise kanye lalowo owayeyisekela. **7** Kuzavela omunye owosendo lwayo ozathatha isikhundla sayo. Uzahlasela amabutho empi enkosi yaseNyakatho angene enqabeni yayo; uzakulwa lawo awehlule. **8** Uzathumba njalo onkulunkulu babo, lezithombe zabo zensimbi kanye lezitsha zabo eziligugu ezesiliva legolide azithwalele eGibhithe. Okweminyaka ethile uzake akhohlwe ngenkosi yaseNyakatho. **9** Kuzakuthi inkosi yaseNyakatho ihlasele umbuso wenkosi yaseNingizimu kodwa iphinde ihlehlele muva elizweni layo. **10** Amadodana ayo azalungisela impi aphake iviyo elikhulu lamabutho azathululeka njengesikhukhula sikazamcolo impi ize iyengena enqabeni yayo eyaseNingizimu. **11** Lapho-ke inkosi yaseNingizimu izaphuma ngokuthukuthela iyekulwa lenkosi yaseNyakatho, yona ezaphaka iviyo elikhulu lempi, kodwa izakwehlulwa. **12** Kuzakuthi nxa amabutho esethunjiwe, inkosi yaseNingizimu izazikhukhumeza, ibisibulala izinkulungwane ezinengi, kodwa kayiyikuhlala inqoba. **13** Ngoba inkosi yaseNyakatho izabutha elinye ibutho elikhulu kulelakuqala; kuthi ngemva kweminyaka

embalwa izahlasela ngebutho elikhulukazi lihlome liphelele. **14** Kulezozikhathi banengi abazavukela inkosi yaseNingizimu. Izidlwangudlwangu phakathi kwabantu bakini zizahlamuka ukuze kugcwaliseke umbono, kodwa kaziyikuphumelela. **15** Inkosi yaseNyakatho izafika yakhe amadundulu okuvimbezela, ithumbe idolobho elivikelwe ngenqaba. Amabutho aseNingizimu azakwehluleka ukuzivikela; kanye lamaqhawe awo odumo kazukuba lamandla okuma. **16** Umhlaseli uzazenzela intando yakhe, kakho loyedwa ozakuba lamandla okumelana laye. Izazibeka iqine eLizweni Elihle ibe lamandla okulichithiza. **17** Izazimisela ukuza ngenkani yombuso wayo wonke yenze isivumelwano sokuvikelana lenkosi yaseNingizimu. Izamendisela indodakazi yayo ukuze iwuchithe umbuso, kodwa amacebo ayo lawo kawayikuphumelela, kawayikuyisiza. **18** Abeseguqukela ngasemazweni asemakhunjini olwandle awathumbe amanengi akhona, kodwa umlawuli wempi omunye uzamquma umsila amnqobe. **19** Ngemva kwalokhu izabuyela ezinqabeni zelizwe layo kodwa izakhubeka iwe, ingaphindi ibonakale futhi. **20** Ozathatha ubukhosi ngemva kwayo uzathuma umthelisi ukuze buqhubeke ubukhazikhazi basesikhosini. Kodwa kungeminyaka mingaki izaqethulwa, kungasikho ngodlakela kumbe empini. **21** Izalandelwa ngumuntu odelelekileyo ongelakho ukuhlonipheka kobukhosi. Uzawuhlasela umbuso ngesikhathi abantu bawo besithi sebezinzile, awuthumbe ngokuxabanisa abanye. **22** Kuzakuthi impi eyesabekayo ikhukhulwe phambi kwakhe; yona

lenkosi yesivumelwano kuzabhujiswa. **23** Ngemva kokwenza isivumelwano layo uzakwenza inkohliso abesezuza ubukhosi encediswa lihlekana labantu. **24** Kuzakuthi lezozigodi ezilenotho enengi sezisithi zizinzile uzazihlasela aphumelele okungazange kwenziwe nguyise loba ngokhokho bakhe. Uzakwaba impango lenotho kubalandeli bakhe. Uzakwakha amacebo okubhidliza izinqaba kodwa okwesikhatshana nje. **25** Uzaphaka impi enkulu ukuze avuselele amandla akhe aqunge isibindi sokusukela inkosi yaseNingizimu. Inkosi yaseNingizimu izadumelana laye ngempi enkulu elamandla, kodwa kayizukuma ngenxa yamacebo azakwenziwa awokuyiqethula. **26** Labo abadla esiphaleni senkosi bazazama ukuyibulala; impi yakhe izakhukhulwa, kufe abanengi empini. **27** Amakhosi la amabili alenhliziyo ezigaya izibozi azahlala tafula linye aqambelane amanga, kodwa kungancedi lutho ngoba isiphetho sizajinge sifike ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. **28** Inkosi yaseNyakatho izabuyela elizweni layo ikhithika ngenotho, kodwa inhliziyo yayo izabe ilokozela isivumelwano esingcwele. Kukhona ezakwenza ngaso andubana ibuyele elizweni layo. **29** Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo izahlasela eNingizimu njalo, kodwa ngalesosikhathi impumela yakhona kayizukufana leyakuqala. **30** Imikhumbi evela emakhunjini olwandle lwasentshonalanga izamelana layo ihle iphele amandla. Izabuyela emuva iyebhodlisela ulaka lwayo phezu kwesivumelwano esingcwele. Izaphinda isekele labo abadela isivumelwano esingcwele. **31** Amabutho ayo ahlomileyo azasuka angcolise inqaba

yethempeli, acinise umhlatshelo wansuku zonke. Yikho-ke abesemisa lawomanyala azaletha incithakalo. **32** Ngobuqili bayo izabaxhwalisa labo asebesephulile isivumelwano, kodwa labobantu abamaziyo uNkulunkulu wabo bazajamelana layo yehluleke. **33** Labo abahlakaniphileyo bazafundisa abanengi, lokuba nje okwesikhathi esithile bezakuwa ngenkemba, kumbe batshiswe, kumbe bathunjwe loba baphangwe. **34** Ekumeni kwabo bazazuza uncedo oluncinyane, kuthi abanengi abangazimiselanga bazihlanganise lezitha. **35** Abanye babahlakaniphileyo bazakhubeka, ukuze bacoliswe, bahlanjululwe njalo benziwe bahlanzeke kuze kufike isikhathi sokucina, ngoba sijinge sizafika ngesikhathi leso esimisiweyo." **36** "Inkosi izakwenza njengokuthanda kwayo. Izaziphakamisa njalo izikhukhumeze ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke ikhihlize izibozi ngoNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu. Izaphumelela kuze kugcwaliseke isikhathi sentukuthelo, ngoba lokho okumisiweyo kusamele kwenzeke. **37** Kayizukubananza onkulunkulu baboyise, kumbe lowo olangathwa ngabesifazane, njalo kayiyikunanza lawuphi unkulunkulu, kodwa izaziphakamisa ngaphezulu kwabo bonke. **38** Esikhundleni sabo izakhonza unkulunkulu wezinqaba, unkulunkulu owayengaziwa ngoyise izamkhonza ngegolide langesiliva langamatshe aligugu lezipho ezidulayo. **39** Izahlasela izinqaba eziqine okudlulayo incediswa ngunkulunkulu wezizweni njalo ibahloniphe kakhulu labo abayivumayo. Izababeka ukuba ngababusi babantu abanengi njalo umhlaba izawaba ngokuphiwa intengo. **40** Ngesikhathi

sokucina inkosi yaseNingizimu izadumelana layo empini, lenkosi yaseNyakatho izatheleka layo ngezinqola zempi, lebutho, lamabhiza kanye langemikhumbi eminengi. Izahlasela amazwe amanengi iwakhukhule njengozamcolo. **41** Izahlasela njalo iLizwe Elihle. Azakuwa amazwe amanengi, kodwa i-Edomi leMowabi labakhokheli bako-Amoni bazaphepha esandleni sayo. **42** Izaqhelisa amandla ayo phezu kwamazwe amanengi; iGibhithe kayiyikuphunyuka. **43** Izahluthuna inotho legolide lesiliva layo yonke inotho yaseGibhithe, amaLibhiya lamaKhushi ayikhonze. **44** Kodwa imibiko evela empumalanga lasenyakatho izayethusa ibisiphuma ngolaka olukhulu ukuyabulala lokutshabalalisa abanengi. **45** Izamisa amathente ayo obukhosi phakathi kolwandle lentaba engcwele enhle. Kodwa kuzafika okwayo ukuphela, engasekho ongayisiza."

12 "Ngalesosikhathi uMikhayeli, umbusi omkhulu olinda abantu bakini, uzavela. Kuzakuba khona isikhathi sokuhlukumezeka okungazange kube khona kulokhu kwadabuka izizwe kuze kube yiso. Kodwa kulesosikhathi abantu bakini bonke labo abalamabizo azafunyanwa elotshiwe encwadini bazahlengwa. **2** Izixuku lezixuku zabaleleyo othulini lomhlaba bazavuka; abanye baye ekuphileni okungapheliyo, abanye baye ehlazweni lokunengeka okungapheliyo. **3** Labo abahlakaniphileyo bazakhazimula njengokubenyezela kwamazulu, lalabo abaholela abanengi ekulungeni, bazakhazimula njengezinkanyezi okwanini lanini. **4** Kodwa wena Danyeli, vala ungcine amazwi

omgoqwancwadi kuze kube yisikhathi sokucina. Abanengi bazakuya lapha lale ukwandisa ulwazi.” **5** Kwathi mina, Danyeli, ngakhangela, ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kumi abanye ababili, omunye ngakuleli ikhumbi lomfula lomunye ngakuleliyana ikhumbi. **6** Omunye wabo wathi emuntwini owayegqoke ilineni owayengaphezulu kwamanzi omfula, “Kuzakuba yisikhathi esingakanani zingakenzakali izinto lezi eziyisimanga na?” **7** Indoda eyayigqoke ilineni, eyayiphezulu kwamanzi omfula yaphakamisela isandla sayo sokunene lesandla sayo sokhohlo ezulwini, ngayizwa ifunga ngaye ohleziyo laphakade, isithi, “Kuzakuba ngokwesikhathi, izikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi. Lapho amandla abantu abangcwele eseze afohlozwa, zonke lezi izinto zizapheleliswa.” **8** Ngezwa, kodwa kangizwisisanga. Yikho ngabuza ngathi, “Nkosi yami, pho sizaba yini isiphetho sakho konke lokhu na?” **9** Waphendula wathi, “Zihambele, Danyeli, ngoba amazwi asevaliwe ananyekwa kuze kube sekucineni kwesikhathi. **10** Abanengi bazahlanjululwa, bangabi latshatha njalo bacolisiswe, kodwa abagangileyo bazaqhubeka begangile. Kakho kwababi ozazwisisa, kodwa labo abahlakaniphileyo bazazwisisa.” **11** Kusukela ngesikhathi kusaliswa umhlatshelo wansuku zonke, sekumiswe amanyala abanga incithakalo, kuzakuba lensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **12** Ubusisiwe lowo okulindelayo njalo akufice ukucina kwensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu. **13** “Kodwa wena, zihambele nje kuze kube sekucineni.

Uzaphumula, besekusithi ekucineni kwensuku uzavuka
ukuba wamukele elakho ilifa olabelweyo.”

UHoseya

1 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuHosiya indodana kaBheri
ngezinsuku zemibuso yabo-Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi
loHezekhiya amakhosi akoJuda, kanye lasezinsukwini
zokubusa kukaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi inkosi
yako-Israyeli. **2** Kwathi uThixo eseqalise ukukhuluma
ngoHosiya, uThixo wathi kuye, "Hamba uyethatha
umfazi oyisifebe ubelabantwana bobufebe, ngoba ilizwe
lilecala lobufebe obubi kakhulu ngokweduka kuThixo." **3**
Ngakho wathatha uGomeri indodakazi kaDibilayimi, njalo
wathatha isisu wamzalela indodana. **4** UThixo wasesithi
kuHoseya, "Methe ibizo uthi nguJezerili, ngoba masinyane
nje ngizayijezisa indlu kaJehu ngenxa yesihluku
sokubulala abantu abanengi eJezerili, njalo ngizawuqeda
umbuso wako-Israyeli. **5** Ngalolosuku ngizakwephula
idandili lika-Israyeli eSigodini saseJezerili." **6** UGomeri
wathatha isisu futhi, wazala indodakazi. UThixo wasesithi,
"Muphe ibizo uthi nguLo-Ruhama, ngoba kangisoze ngibe
lothando futhi endlini ka-Israyeli, ukuba ngibathethelele.
7 Kodwa ngizakuba lothando endlini kaJuda, njalo
ngizabakhulula, kungayisikho ngedandili, inkemba kumbe
impi, loba ngamabhiza langabagadi bamabhiza, kodwa
ngoThixo uNkulunkulu wabo." **8** UGomeri eselumule
uLo-Ruhama ebeleni, waba lenye indodana. **9** UThixo
wasesithi, "Muphe ibizo lokuthi nguLo-Ami, ngoba lina
kalisibo bantu bami, lami kangisuye uNkulunkulu wenu.
10 Kodwa abako-Israyeli bazakuba njengetshebetshebe
ekhunjini lolwandle elingeke lilinganiswe kumbe libalwe.
Endaweni lapho okwakuthiwe khona kubo, 'Kalisibo bantu

bami,’ bazabizwa ngokuthi, ‘bantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.’ **11** Abantu bakoJuda labantu bako-Israyeli bazamanyana, njalo bazakhetha umkhokheli oyedwa baphume elizweni, ngoba luzakuba lukhulu usuku lukaJezerili.”

2 “Tshono kubafowenu uthi, ‘Bantu bami,’ ngabodadewenu uthi, ‘Bathandekayo bami.’” **2** “Mkhuze unyoko, mkhuze, ngoba engasuye mkami, lami kangisuye mkakhe. Kasuse ukukhangeleka kobufebe ebusweni bakhe kanye lokungathembeki phakathi kwamabele akhe. **3** Funa ngimhlubule abe nqunu, ngimenze abeze njengamhla ezalwa; ngizamenza abe njengenkangala, ngimenze abe yilizwe elomileyo ngimbulale ngokomela amanzi. **4** Kangiyikubonakalisa uthando lwami ebantwaneni bakhe, ngoba bangabantwana bobufebe. **5** Unina ubeyisifebe, njalo ubemule ngehlazo. Wathi, ‘Ngizazilandela izithandwa zami, ezingipha ukudla kwami lamanzi ami, iwulu yami lamalembu ami, amafutha ami lokunathwayo kwami.’ **6** Ngakho-ke indlela yakhe ngizayivala ngamahlahla ameva; ngizamhonqolozela ngomduli ukuze indlela yakhe angayifumani. **7** Uzaxotshana lezithandwa zakhe kodwa angazifici, uzazidinga kodwa angazitholi. Ngakho uzakuthi, ‘Ngizabuyela endodeni yami yakuqala, ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngangingcono kulakhathesi.’ **8** Kavumanga ukuthi yimi engamnika amabele, lewayini elitsha lamafutha ngamnika isiliva esinengi legolide abakusebenzisela uBhali. **9** Ngakho-ke ngizawathatha amabele ami lapho esevuthiwe, lewayini lami elitsha

lapho selilungile. Ngizayithatha lewulu yami kanye
lelineni lami, okwakumiselwe ukuvala ubunqunu bakhe.
10 Ngakho khathesi ngizahlazulula ukuxhwala bakhe
emehlweni ezithandwa zakhe; kakho ozamsusa ezandleni
zami. **11** Ngizayiqeda yonke imikhosi yakhe yokuthokoza:
imikhosi yakhe yeminyaka yonke, ukuThwasa
kweziNyanga, insuku zakhe zamaSabatha, yonke imikhosi
yakhe emisiweyo. **12** Ngizatshabalalisa izivini zakhe
lezihlahla zakhe zemikhiwa, lokhu athi yinhlawulo yakhe
evela kuzithandwa zakhe; ngizazenza zibe liguswanyana
zidliwe yizinyamazana zeganga. **13** Ngizamjezisela insuku
atshisela ngazo oBhali impepha; wazicecisa ngamasongo
langamangqongqo, walandela izithandwa zakhe, kodwa
mina wangikhohlwa," kutsho uThixo. **14** "Ngakho
sengizamhuga; ngizamholela enkangala ngikhulume laye
kakuhle. **15** Lapho-ke ngizambuyisela izivini zakhe,
ngenze iSigodi sase-Akhori sibe ngumnyango wethemba.
Khonapho uzahlabelela njengasezinsukwini zobutsha
bakhe, njengamhla ephuma eGibhithe. **16** Ngalolosuku,"
kutsho uThixo, "lizangibiza ngokuthi 'ndoda yami';
kalisayikungibiza ngokuthi 'nkosi yami.' **17** Ngizawasusa
amabizo aboBhali ezindebeni zakhe; amabizo abo
akusayikukhulekwa ngawo futhi. **18** Ngalolosuku
ngizabenzela isivumelwano lezinyamazana zeganga
lezinyoni zasemoyeni kanye lezidalwa ezihuquzela
emhlabathini. Idandili lenkemba kanye lempi
ngizakuqeda elizweni ukuze konke kulale phansi
kuvikelekile. **19** Ngizakwendisela kimi kuze kube nininini;
ngizakwendisa ngokulunga langemfanelo, ngothando

langesihawu. **20** Ngizakwendisa ngokuthembeka, njalo
uzamamukela uThixo. **21** Ngalolosuku ngizasabela,"
kutsho uThixo, "Ngizasabela emikhathini, layo izasabela
emhlabeni, **22** lomhlaba uzasabela emabeleni
lasewayinini elitsha kanye lasemafutheni, lokhu
kuzasabela kuJezerili. **23** Ngizazihlanyelela yena elizweni;
ngizabonakalisa uthando lwami kulowo engambiza
ngokuthi, 'Akasi sithandwa sami.' Ngizakuthi kulabo
ababizwa ngokuthi, 'Abangasibantu bami,' 'Lingabantu
bami'; bona bazakuthi, 'UnguNkulunkulu wethu.'"

3 UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Hamba, utshengisele uthando
lwakho kumkakho futhi, lanxa nje ethandwa ngomunye
njalo eyisifebekazi. Mthande njengoThixo ethanda abako-
Israyeli, lanxa baphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu
njalo bethanda amakhekhe ezithelo ezonyisiweyo." **2**
Ngakho ngamthenga ngamashekeli esiliva alitshumi
lanhlanu langokwakuphosa kube lihomeri leletheki
lebhali. **3** Ngasengisithi kuye, "Uzahlala lami insuku
ezinengi; akumelanga ube yisifebe loba wembathe
lenye indoda, lami ngizahlala lawe." **4** Ngoba abako-
Israyeli bazahlala insuku ezinengi bengelankosi kumbe
inkosana, bengelamhlatshelo kumbe amatshe angcwele,
bengelasembatho semahlombe kumbe isithombe. **5**
Muva abako-Israyeli bazaphenduka bamdinge uThixo
uNkulunkulu wabo kanye loDavida inkosi yabo. Bazakuza
kuThixo beqhaqhazela kanye lasezibusisweni zakhe
ensukwini zokucina.

4 Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina bako-Israyeli ngoba
kulecala uThixo alethesa lina elihlala elizweni:

“Akulakwethembeka, akulathando, akukho ukumamukela
uNkulunkulu elizweni. **2** Kulokuthuka kuphela,
lokuqamba amanga lokubulala, lokuntshontsha kanye
lobufebe; benza ububi bonke, njalo ukuchithwa kwegazi
kulandela ukuchithwa kwegazi. **3** Ilizwe liyalila ngenxa
yalokhu, njalo bonke abahlala kulo bayacikizeka;
izinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zasemoyeni kanye
lenhlanzi zasolwandle kuyafa. **4** Kodwa akungabi lamuntu
omangalayo, akungabi lomuntu owethesa omunye
icala ngoba abantu bakho bafana lalabo abamangalela
umphristi. **5** Liyakhubeka emini lebusuku, labaphrofethi
bakhubeka kanye lani. Ngakho unyoko ngizamchitha,
6 abantu bami bachithwa yikungabi lolwazi. Njengoba
likwalile ukwazi, lami ngiyalala njengabaphristi bami;
ngoba kaliwunakanga umthetho kaNkulunkulu wenu,
lami angiyikubanaka abantwana benu. **7** Ngokwanda
kwabaphristi, kwanda kanjalo lokona kwabo kimi,
benanisa uDumo lwabo ngento elihlazo. **8** Badla
izono zabantu bami bajabuliswe yikuxhwala kwabo. **9**
Njalo kuzakuba kanje: Njengabantu, njengabaphristi.
Bonke ngizabajezisela izindlela zabo, ngiphindisele
kubo lezenzo zabo. **10** Bazakudla kodwa bangasuthi;
bazakwenza ubufebe kodwa bangandi, ngoba bamdelile
uThixo ukuba bazinikele **11** ebufebeni, lewayini elidala
kanye lelitsha elisusa ukuqedisisa kwabantu bami. **12**
Badinga izeluleko esithombeni sesigodo baphendulwe
yiluthi lwesigodo. Umoya wobufebe uyabedukisa;
kabathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wabo. **13** Banikela
imihlatshelo ezingqongweni zezintaba batshise iminikelo

phezu kwamaqaqa, ngaphansi kom'okhi, lomphophila kanye lomtherebhinti, lapho okulomthunzi omnandi. Ngakho amadodakazi enu enza ubuwule, labomalukazana benu benze ubufebe. **14** Angiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu lapho esenza ubuwule loba omalukazana benu lapho besenza ubufebe, ngoba amadoda uqobo azwana lezifebe anikele imihlatshelo lezifebe ezisezindaweni zokukhonzela abantu abangelakuqedisisa bazabhubha. **15** Lanxa ufeba, we Israyeli, uJuda kangabi lecala. Lingayi eGiligali; lingayi eBhethi-Aveni. Njalo lingafungi lisithi, 'Ngeqiniso njengoba uThixo ekhona!' **16** Abako-Israyeli bayiziqholo, njengethokazi eliyisiqholo. Pho uThixo angabelusela njani emadlelweni njengezimvu na? **17** U-Efrayimi uhlangene lezithombe; myekeleni enjalo! **18** Lalapho okunathwayo kwabo sekuphelile, bayaqhubeka ngobufebe babo; ababusi babo bazithanda kakhulu izindlela ezilihlazo. **19** Isavunguzane sizabakhukhula, lemihlatshelo yabo izabalethela ihlazo."

5 "Zwanini lokhu, lina baphristi! Lalelani, lina bako-Israyeli. Lalela, wena ndlu yobukhosi! Ukwahlulela lokhu kumelane lani: Kade lingumjibila eMizipha, umambule owendlalwe eThabhori. **2** Abahlamuki batshonile ekubulaleni, ngizabalaya bonke. **3** Mina ngazi konke ngo-Efrayimi; u-Israyeli kafihlakalanga kimi. Efrayimi, khathesi ususenza ubufebe; u-Israyeli uxhwalile. **4** Izenzo zabo kazibavumeli ukubuyela kuNkulunkulu wabo. Umoya wobufebe usezinhliziyweni zabo; kabamamukeli uThixo. **5** Ukuzigqaja kuka-Israyeli kufakaza okubi ngaye; abako-Israyeli, kanye laye u-Efrayimi,

bayakhubeka ezonweni zabo. LoJuda laye ukhubeka labo **6** Lapho behamba lemihlambi yezimvu zabo leyenkomo ukuyadinga uThixo, kabayikumfumana; uzisusile kubo. **7** Kabathembekanga kuThixo; bazala abantwana ngokungemthetho. Khathesi imikhosi yabo yokuThwasa Kwezinyanga izabaqothula kanye lamasimu abo. **8** Khalisani icilongo eGibhiya, lophondo eRama. Hlabani umkhosi wempi eBhethi-Aveni; khokhela, wena Bhenjamini. **9** U-Efrayimi uzachithwa ngosuku lokwahlulela. Phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli ngimemezela okuliqiniso. **10** Abakhokheli bakoJuda banjengalabo abatshedisa amatshe omngcele. Ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo njengesikhukhula samanzi. **11** U-Efrayimi uncindezelwe, wanyathelwa ekwahluleleni, ehlose ukulandela izithombe. **12** Mina nginjengenondo ku-Efrayimi, njengokubola ebantwini bakoJuda. **13** Kwathi u-Efrayimi ebona umkhuhlane wakhe, loJuda ebona izilonda zakhe, u-Efrayimi waya e-Asiriya, wathumela ilizwi loncedo enkosini enkulu. Kodwa kayenelisi ukukwelapha, kayenelisi ukwelapha izilonda zakho. **14** Ngoba ngizakuba njengesilwane ku-Efrayimi, lanjengesilwane esikhulu kuJuda. Ngizabadabudabula ngisuke ngihambe; ngizabathwala ngihambe labo, kungekho ozabahlenga. **15** Ngizabuyela endaweni yami baze balivume icala labo. Njalo bazabudinga ubuso bami; esizini lwabo bazangidinga impela.”

6 “Wozani sibuyele kuThixo. Usesidabule saba yizicucu kodwa uzaselapha; usilimazile kodwa uzawabopha

amanxeba ethu. **2** Emva kwensuku ezimbili uzasivuselela;
ngosuku lwesithathu uzasibuyisela ukuze sihlale
lapho akhona. **3** Kasimamukeleni uThixo; kasiqiniseni
ukumamukela. Ngoqotho njengoba ilanga liphuma,
uzabonakala; uzakuza kithi njengezulu lebusika,
lanjengezulu lentwasa elithambisa umhlaba." **4**
"Ngingenzani ngawe, Efrayimi na? Ngingenzani ngawe,
Juda na? Uthando lwenu lunjengenkungu yekuseni,
lunjengamazolo ekuseni anyamalalayo. **5** Ngakho
ngaliqumaquma ngabaphrofethi bami, ngalibulala
ngamazwi omlomo wami; ukwahlulela kwami kwaphazima
njengombane phezu kwenu. **6** Ngoba mina ngifuna
isihawu, hatshi umhlatshelo, lokwamukela uNkulunkulu
kuleminikelo yokutshiswa. **7** Njengo-Adamu, sebesephule
isivumelwano babengathembekanga khonale. **8** IGiliyadi
lidolobho labantu abaxhwalileyo. Lingcolile ngezinyathelo
zegazi **9** Njengezigebenga zicathamela umuntu, zenzanjalo
izigangi zabaphristi; zibulala abantu emgwaqweni
oya eShekhemu zisenza izinto ezimbi. **10** Sengibone
into etshaqisayo endlini ka-Israyeli. U-Efrayimi uwela
khonapho, lo-Israyeli ungcolisiwe. **11** Lakuwe futhi Juda,
ukuvuna sekulungiselwe. Lapho ngingabuyisela inotho
yabantu bami.

7 Lapho engizakwelapha khona u-Israyeli, izono zika-
Efrayimi ziyadalulwa lobubi beSamariya buyembulwa.
Benza inkohliso, amasela agqekeza izindlu, izigebenga
ziyaphanga emigwaqweni **2** kodwa kabananzeleli ukuthi
mina ngiyazikhumbula zonke izenzo zabo ezimbi. Izono
zabo ziyabaminza; zihlezi ziphambi kwami. **3** Bathokozisa

inkosi ngobuxhwali babo, lababusi ngamanga abo. **4** Bonke bayizifebe, batshisa njengeziko elimlilo walo akudingeki ukuba umpheki wezinkwa awukhwezele kusukela ekuvoxeni inhlama ize ikhukhumale. **5** Ngosuku lomkhosi wenkosi yethu ababusi bathukutheliswa liwayini, inkosi izihlanganise labaklolodayo. **6** Inhliziyo zabo zinjengeziko, inkosi bayilanda ngamacebo ensitha. Ukufutheka kwabo kuyadeda ubusuku bonke; ekuseni kuyavutha njengomlilo obhebhayo. **7** Bonke batshisa njengeziko; batshwabadele ababusi babo. Wonke amakhosi abo ayawa, kayikho ekhuleka kimi. **8** U-Efrayimi uxubana lezizwe; u-Efrayimi ulikhekhe eliyisicecedu elingaphendulwanga. **9** Abezizweni bacikiza amandla akhe, kodwa yena kakunanzeleli. Inwele zakhe sezilezimvu kodwa yena kakunanzeleli. **10** Ubuqholo buka-Israyeli bufakaza okubi ngaye, kodwa phezu kwakho konke lokhu kabuyeli kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe loba amdinge. **11** U-Efrayimi unjengejuba, ukhohliseka lula kalangqondo ucela usizo eGibhithe, abuye alucele e-Asiriya. **12** Lapho sebehamba, ngizaphosa umambule wami phezu kwabo; ngizabadonsela phansi njengezinyoni zasemoyeni. Ngizabezwa behamba bonke, ngizababamba. **13** Maye kubo ngoba bedukile kimi! Akube lencithakalo kubo ngoba bangihlamukele! Ngiyafisa ukubahlenga kodwa bona bakhuluma amanga ngami. **14** Kabakhalazi kimi ngezinhliziyo zabo kodwa bakhalela emibhedeni yabo. Babuthanela amabele lewayini elitsha kodwa mina basuka bangidele. **15** Ngabafundisa ngabaqinisa, kodwa baceba okubi ngami. **16** Kabaphendukeli

koPhezukonke banjengedandili elisolekayo. Abakhokheli babo bazabulawa ngenkemba ngenxa yamazwi abo okweyisa. Ngalokhu bazahlekwa elizweni laseGibhithe.”

8 “Faka icilongo ezindebeni zakho! Ukhozi lungaphezu kwendlu kaThixo ngoba abantu basephule isivumelwano sami bahlamukela lomthetho wami. **2** U-Israyeli uyakhalaza kimi esithi, ‘Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, siyakwamukela!’ **3** Kodwa u-Israyeli ukwalile okuhle; isitha sizaxotshana laye. **4** Babeka amakhosi kungekho mvumo yami; bakhetha ababusi kungekho mvumo yami. Ngesiliva sabo langegolide, bazenzela izithombe zibe yikubhujiswa kwabo. **5** Lahla isithombe sakho sethole, wena Samariya! Ulaka lwami luyavutha ngawe. Koze kube nini bengelamandla okuhlambuluka na? **6** Bavela ko-Israyeli! Ithole leli labunjwa yingcwethi; kalisuye Nkulunkulu. Lizachobozwa libe yizicucu, ithole lelo laseSamariya. **7** Bahlanyela umoya bavune isavunguzane. Ihlanga kalilasikhwebu; kaliyikuthela ifulawa. Aluba belingathela amabele, abezizweni kade bezawamimiliza. **8** U-Israyeli useginyiwe; khathesi phakathi kwezizwe unjengento engelasizo. **9** Ngoba sebeye e-Asiriya njengobabhemi weganga entula yedwa. U-Efrayimi uzithengisile kuzithandwa. **10** Lanxa bezithengisile phakathi kwezizwe, ngizabaqoqela ndawonye. Bazaqalisa ukucikizeka bengaphansi kwencindezelo yenkosi elamandla. **11** Lanxa u-Efrayimi wakha ama-alithare amanengi eminikelo yezono, asebe ngama-alithare okwenza izono. **12** Ngabalobela izinto ezinengi zomthetho wami kodwa bona bazithatha njengento engaziwayo. **13**

Banikela imihlatshelo njengezipho kimi babuye badle inyama yakhona, kodwa uThixo kathokozi ngabo. Khathesi usezakhumbula ukuxhwala kwabo abajezisele izono zabo: Bazabuyela eGibhithe. **14** U-Israyeli usemkhohliwe uMenzi wakhe wakha izindlu zamakhosi; uJuda usevikele amadolobho amanengi ngezinqaba. Kodwa ngizathumela umlilo emadolobheni abo ozaqothula izinqaba zabo.”

9 Ungathokozi, we Israyeli; ungajabuli njengezinye izizwe. Ngoba ube ungathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wakho; uthanda umholo wesifebe ezizeni zonke zokubhulela. **2** Iziza lezikhamelo zewayini kakuyikunika abantu ukudla; iwayini elitsha lizabehlulekisa. **3** Kabayikuhlala elizweni likaThixo; u-Efrayimi uzabuyela eGibhithe adle ukudla okungcolileyo e-Asiriya. **4** Kabayikuthululela iminikelo yewayini kuThixo, lemihlatshelo yabo kayiyikumthokozisa. Imihlatshelo enje kubo izakuba njengesinkwa sabalilayo; bonke abayidlayo bazangcola. Ukudla lokhu kuzakuba ngokwabo; akuyikufika ethempelini likaThixo. **5** Lizakwenzani ngosuku lwemikhosi yenu emisiweyo, ngensuku zamadili kaThixo na? **6** Lanxa bengaphunyuka ekubhujisweni, iGibhithe izababutha, njalo iMemfisi izabangcwaba. Ingcebo yabo yesiliva izathathwa yimbabazane, njalo ameva azagcwala emathenteni abo. **7** Insuku zokujeziswa ziyeza, insuku zokwahlulelwa sezifikile. U-Israyeli kumele akwazi lokhu. Ngoba izono zenu zinengi kakhulu lenzondo yenu inkulu kakhulu, umphrofethi ubalwa njengesiwula umuntu oholwa ngomoya enziwe njengohlanya. **8** Umphrofethi, ekanye loNkulunkulu wami, ungumuntu

olinda u-Efrayimi, kodwa imijibila imlindele kuzozonke izindlela zakhe, kanye lenzondo endlini kaNkulunkulu.
9 Batshone baphelela ekonakaleni, njengasezinsukwini zaseGibhiya. UNkulunkulu uzakukhumbula ukuxhwala kwabo abajezisele izono zabo. **10** "Ekufumaneni kwami u-Israyeli kwakunjengokuthola amagrebisi enkangala; ekuboneni kwami okhokho benu, kwakunjengokubona izithelo zakuqala zomkhiwa. Kodwa ekufikeni kwabo kuBhali-Pheyori, bazinikela kulesosithombe esihlazisayo benyanyeka njengaleyonto ababeyithanda. **11** Udumo luka-Efrayimi luzaphapha luhambe njengenyoni, akuyikuba lokuzala, lokukhulelwa, lokuthatha izisu. **12** Loba bangaze bondle abantwana, ngizabemuka bonke. Maye kubo, lapho sengibadelile! **13** Ngimbonile u-Efrayimi, njengeThire, ebekwe endaweni enhle. Kodwa u-Efrayimi uzakhuphela abantwana bakhe phandle kobulalayo." **14** Baphe, Oh Thixo uzabaphani na? Baphe izibeletho eziphunzayo lamabele angelalutho. **15** "Ngenxa yokuxhwala kwabo konke eGiligali, ngabazonda khonale. Ngenxa yezenzo zabo eziyizono, ngizabaxotsha endlini yami. Kangisayikubathanda futhi; bonke abakhokheli babo bangabahlamuki. **16** U-Efrayimi udlekile, impande zabo zomile, kabatheli zithelo. Loba bengazala abantwana, ngizayibulala inzalo yabo abayithandayo." **17** UNkulunkulu wami ubalile ngoba kabamlalelanga; bazakuba zinzulane phakathi kwezizwe.

10 U-Israyeli wayelivini eliqhelayo, wazizalela izithelo. Ngokwanda kwezithelo zakhe wakha ama-alithare amanengi; kwathi ngokuphumelela kwelizwe lakhe

wahlobisa amatshe akhe akhonzwayo. **2** Inhliziyo zabo
ziyakhohlisa, khathesi kufanele bathwale icala labo.
UThixo uzawabhidliza ama-alithare abo, uwachithile
lamatshe abo, akhonzwayo. **3** Ngakho bazakuthi,
“Thina kasilankosi ngoba kasimhloniphanga uThixo.
Kodwa loba sasingaba lenkosi, kuyini eyayingasenzela
khona?” **4** Benza izithembiso ezinengi, bafunge
izifungo zamanga, benze lezivumelwano; ngakho amacala
ayanda njengokhula olubulalayo ensimini elinyiweyo. **5**
Abantu abahlala eSamariya bayesaba ngenxa yesithombe
sethole saseBhethi-Aveni. Abantu bakhona bazasililela
benzenjalo labaphristi bakhona abakhonza izithombe,
labo abathokozela ubuhle baso ngoba sithethwe kubo
ekuthunjweni. **6** Sizathwalelwa e-Asiriya njengomthelo
enkosini enkulu. U-Efrayimi uzayangeka; u-Israyeli
uzakuba lenhloni ngezithombe zakhe zezigodo. **7**
ISamariya lenkosi yakhona kuzabhujiswa kuzakhukhulwa
kuhambe njengogatshanyana phezu kwamanzi. **8**
Izindawo zokukhonzela zobuxhwali zizachithwa, kuyisono
sika-Israyeli. Ameva lokhula kuzakhula kwembese ama-
alithare abo. Lapho-ke bazakuthi ezintabeni, “Sembeseni!”
Lakuwo amaqaqa bathi, “Welani phezu kwethu!” **9**
“Kusukela ensukwini zaseGibhiya wenze isono, we Israyeli,
njalo ulokhu usele khonapho. Kanje impi kayibaficanga
yini abenza okubi eGibhiya? **10** Lapho sengifuna,
ngizabajezisa; izizwe zizaqoqanela ukumelana labo ukuba
zibabophele isono sabo esiphindiweyo. **11** U-Efrayimi
ulithokazi elifundisiweyo elithanda ukubhula amabele;
ngakho ngizagaxa ijogwe entanyeni yakhe enhle. U-

Efrayimi ngizamtshayela, uJuda kumele alime uJakhobe kumele abulale amagade. **12** Zihlanyeleleni ukulunga, vunani isithelo sothando olungapheliyo, liqeqebule lomhlabathi wenu ongalinywanga; ngoba kuyisikhathi sokudinga uThixo, aze abuye athele ukulunga phezu kwenu. **13** Kodwa lina lihlanyele ukuxhwala, livune ububi, lidle isithelo senkohliso. Njengoba lithembe amandla enu lamabutho enu amanengi, **14** ukuhlokoma kwempi kuzakuba khona ebantwini bakini, ngakho zonke izinqaba zenu zizabhidlizwa njengalokhu uShalimani wabhidliza iBhethi-Abheli ngosuku lwempi, lapho onina basakazelwa phansi labantwababo. **15** Kuzakwenzakala kanjalo lakuwe, wena Bhetheli, ngoba ukuxhwala kwakho kukhulu. Lapho lolosuku lusisa, inkosi yako-Israyeli izachithwa okupheleleyo."

11 "U-Israyeli esesengumntwana, ngangimthanda njalo indodana yami ngayikhupha eGibhithe. **2** Kodwa kwathi lapho u-Israyeli ngimbiza kanengi kwayikhona ehlehlela khatshana lami. Banikela imihlatshelo kuboBhali, batshisela lezifanekiso impepha. **3** Yimi engafundisa u-Efrayimi ukuhamba, ngibabambe ngezingalo; kodwa kababonanga ukuthi yimi engabelaphayo. **4** Ngabakhokhela ngentambo zomusa woluntu, ngezibopho zothando; ngaba njengomuntu osusa amajogwe entanyeni zabo, ngakhothamela phansi ukuba angiphe ukudla. **5** Kabayikubuyela eGibhithe na, njalo i-Asiriya kayiyikubabusa na njengoba besala ukuphenduka? **6** Izinkemba zizaphazima emadolobheni abo, zizachitha imigoqo yamasango abo ziqede amacebo abo. **7**

Abantu bami bazimisele ukungihlamukela. Lanxa bekhuleka koPhezukonke kasoze abaphakamise. **8** Ngingakukhalela kanjani, Efrayimi? Ngingakunikela kanjani, Israyeli? Ngingakuphatha kanjani njengo-Adima na? Ngingakwenza kanjani, njengoZebhoyimi na? Inhliziyo yami iguqukile phakathi kwami; isihawu sami sonke siqubukile. **9** Kangiyikwenza okwentukuthelo yami eyesabekayo, kumbe ngiphenduke ngimqothule u-Efrayimi. Ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, hatshi umuntu, oNgcwele phakathi kwenu. Kangiyikuza ngolaka. **10** Bazamlandela uThixo; uzabhonga njengesilwane. Lapho esebhonga, abantwana bakhe bazakuza beqhaqhazela bevela entshonalanga. **11** Bazakuza bevela eGibhithe beqhaqhazela njengezinyoni bevela e-Asiriya bephaphazela njengamajuba. Ngizabahlalisa emakhaya abo," kutsho uThixo. **12** "U-Efrayimi usengizingeleze ngamanga, lendlu ka-Israyeli ngenkohliso. LoJuda uluhlaza kuNkulunkulu, kanye lakuye othembekileyo oNgcwele."

12 U-Efrayimi udla umoya; uxotshana lomoya wasempumalanga ilanga lonke andise amanga lodlakela. Wenza isivumelwano le-Asiriya, athumele amafutha e-oliva eGibhithe. **2** Kulecala uThixo azalethesa uJuda; uzajezisa uJakhobe mayelana lezindlela zakhe aphindisele kuye mayelana lezenzo zakhe. **3** Esiswini wabamba isithende sikamfowabo; eseyindoda wabindana loNkulunkulu. **4** Wabindana lengilosi wayehlula; wakhala wacela umusa kuyo. Wayifica eBhetheli wakhuluma layo khonapho, **5** uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla,

uThixo yilo ibizo lakhe lodumo! **6** Kodwa kumele ubuyele kuNkulunkulu wakho; ugcine uthando lokulunga, umlindele kokuphela uNkulunkulu wakho. **7** Umthengisi usebenzisa izikali zenkohliso; uthanda ukuqilibezela. **8** U-Efrayimi uyazincoma esithi, "Nginothe kakhulu; sengiyisipatsha. Ngenotho yami kabayikufumana ububi loba isono kimi." **9** "Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha eGibhithe; ngizalenza lihlale emathenteni futhi, njengasezinsukwini zemikhosi yenu emisiweyo. **10** Ngakhuluma labaphrofethi, ngabatshengisa imibono eminengi ngakhuluma imizekeliso ngabo." **11** IGiliyadi ixhwalile na? Abantu bakhona bakhohlakele! EGiligali bayanikela umhlatshelo wenkunzi na? Ama-alithare abo azakuba njengezinqwaba zamatshe ensimini elinyiweyo. **12** UJakhobe wabalekela elizweni lase-Aramu; u-Israyeli wasebenzela ukuthola umfazi, njalo welusa izimvu ukuba amlobole. **13** UThixo wasebenzisa umphrofethi ekukhupheni u-Israyeli eGibhithe; wamlondoloza ngomphrofethi. **14** Kodwa u-Efrayimi umthukuthelise kabuhlungu; UThixo wakhe uzaliyekela liphezu kwakhe icala lokuchitha kwakhe igazi njalo uzaphindisela kuye ukudelela kwakhe.

13 Lapho u-Efrayimi ekhuluma, abantu bathuthumela; wabatshazwa ko-Israyeli. Kodwa waba lecala lokukhonza uBhali wasesifa. **2** Khathesi benza izono njalonjalo; bazenzela izithombe ngesiliva sabo, izifanekiso ezenziwe ngokuhlakanipha, zonke ziyimisebenzi yezingcitshi. Ngabantu laba kuthiwa, "Banikela imihlatshelo yabantu, bange izithombe zamathole." **3** Ngakho

bazakuba njengenkungu yekuseni, njengamazolo ekuseni anyamalalayo, njengamakhoba asuka ezizeni, njengentuthu iphuma ewindini. **4** “Kodwa mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe. Kaliyikwamukela omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, hatshi omunye uMsindisi ngaphandle kwami. **5** Ngalilondoloza enkangala, elizweni elilokutshisa okuvuthayo. **6** Lapho ngibapha ukudla, basutha; sebesuthi, basuka bazigqaja; basebengikhohlwa. **7** Ngizakwehlela phezu kwabo njengesilwane, ngizacathama ngasendleleni njengengwe. **8** Njengebhele elithathelwe imidlwane yalo ngizabahlasela ngibaqhaqhe. Ngizabadla njengesilwane, inyamazana yeganga izabadabula. **9** Uchithiwe, wena Israyeli, ngoba umelane lami, umelane lomsizi wakho. **10** Ingaphi inkosi yakho, ukuba ikusize na? Bangaphi ababusi bakho kuwo wonke amadolobho akho, bona owathi ngabo, ‘Ngipha inkosi lababusi’? **11** Ngakho ngakunika inkosi ngithukuthele, njalo ngolaka lwami ngayisusa. **12** Icala lika-Efrayimi ligciniwe, izono zakhe zigcinwe emibhalweni. **13** Ufikelwa yibuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ehelelwa, kodwa ungumntwana ongelalwazi; lapho isikhathi sifika, kabuyi ekuvulekeni kwesizalo. **14** Ngizabahlenga emandleni engcwaba; ngizabasindisa ekufeni. Zingaphi, we kufa izifo zakho? Kungaphi, we ngcwaba, ukuchitha kwakho? Kangiyikuba lesihawu, **(Sheol h7585)** **15** lanxa ekhula phakathi kwabafowabo. Umoya wasempumalanga ovela kuThixo uzafika, uphephetha uvela enkangala; intwasa yakhe izakwehluleka, lemithombo yakhe itshe.

Indlu yakhe yokugcinela izaphangwa yonke ingcebo yayo. **16** Abantu baseSamariya kuzamela balithwale icala labo, ngoba bamhlamukele uNkulunkulu wabo. Bazabulawa ngenkemba; insane zabo zizasakazelwa phansi, abesifazane babo abazithweleyo baqhaqhwe."

14 Buyela, we Israyeli, kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Izono zakho yizo ezikuwisileyo! **2** Thatha amazwi ubuyele kuThixo. Uthi kuye, "Sithethelele zonke izono zethu njalo usamukele ngomusa ukuba sinikele isithelo sezindebe zethu. **3** I-Asiriya ayingeke isikhulule; kasiyikugada amabhiza empi. Kasisoze siphinde sithi, 'Onkulunkulu bethu' kulokho okwenziwa yizandla zethu, ngoba abazintandane bathola isihawu kuwe." **4** "Ngizakwelapha ubuphakaphaka babo ngibathande ngokukhululeka, ngoba ukuthukuthela kwami sekusukile kubo. **5** Ngizakuba njengamazolo ku-Israyeli; uzaqhakaza njengeluba. Uzatshonisa impande zakhe phansi njengomsedari waseLebhanoni; **6** amahlumela akhe amatsha azakhula. Ubuhle bakhe buzakuba njengesihlahla se-oliva, iphunga lakhe libe njengomsedari waseLebhanoni. **7** Abantu bazahlala njalo emthunzini wakhe. Uzakhula kuhle njengamabele. Uzaqhakaza njengevini, lodumo lwakhe luzakuba njengolwewayini laseLebhanoni. **8** Awu Efrayimi, kuyini futhi engingakwenza ngezithombe? Ngizamphendula ngimlondoloze. Mina nginjengesihlahla sephayini esiluhlaza, ukuthela kwakho izithelo kuvela kimi." **9** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo? Uzazibona lezizinto. Ngubani oqedisisayo? Uzazizwisisisa. Izindlela zikaThixo

zilungile abalungileyo bahamba kuzo, kodwa abahlamuki
bayakhubeka kuzo.

UJoweli

1 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJoweli indodana kaPhethuweli.
2 Zwanini lokhu, lina badala; lalelani lonke lina
elihlala elizweni. Into enjengale seyake yenzakala
na ensukwini zenu loba ensukwini zabokhokho
benu? **3** Kutsheleni abantwabenu, abantwabenu
labo batshele ababantwababo, abantwababo batshele
isizukulwane esilandelayo. **4** Lokho okutshiywe
ngumtshitshi wezintethe kudliwe yisikhongwane;
okutshiywe yisikhongwane kudliwe yibuyane; okutshiywe
yibuyane kudliwe ngezinye intethe. **5** Vukani lina
zidakwa likhale! Lilani lonke lina banathi bewayini; lilani
ngenxa yewayini elitsha, ngoba lihluthunwe ezindebeni
zenu. **6** Isizwe sihlasele ilizwe lami, silamandla asingeke
sibalwe, silamazinyo esilwane, ingavula zesilwanekazi.
7 Sesitshabalalise izivini zami, saqothula lezihlahla
zami zemikhiwa. Sebule amaxolo azo sawaphosela
khatshana, ingatsha zazo zasala sezimhlophe nke. **8** Lilani
njengentombi egqoke isaka idabukele umyeni wobutsha
bayo. **9** Umnikelo wamabele lomnikelo wokunathwa
kususiwe endlini kaThixo. Abaphristi bayalila, bona
abakhonzayo phambi kukaThixo. **10** Amasimu atshabalele,
umhlabathi womile; amabele onakele, iwayini elitsha
liphelile, amafutha kawasekho. **11** Delani, lina balimi,
lilani, lina balimi bamavini; bululelani ingqoloyi lebhali,
ngoba isivuno sensimu sitshabalalisiwe. **12** Ivini lomile
lomkhiwa ubunile; iphomegranathi, lelala lesihlahla
sama-aphula, zonke izihlahla zeganga, zomile. Impela
ukuthokoza kwabantu kuphelile. **13** Vunulani amasaka,

lina baphristi, likhale. Lilani lina elikhonzayo phambi kwe-alithari. Wozani, lilale lembethe amasaka ebusuku, lina elikhonzayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wami, ngoba iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yokunathwayo igodliwe, kayanikelwa endlini kaNkulunkulu wenu. **14** Memezelani ukuzila okungcwele; bizani ibandla elingcwele. Memani abadala labo bonke abahlala elizweni, baye endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, likhale kuThixo. **15** Maye ngalolosuku! Ngoba usuku lukaThixo seluseduze; luzafika njengencithakalo evela kuSomandla. **16** Ukudla akuzange kuphele phambi kwamehlo ethu, lokuthokoza kanye lokuthaba endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu na? **17** Inhlanyelo itshwabhene ngaphansi kwamagade. Izindlu zamabele zingamanxiwa, iziphala zidiliziwe, ngoba amabele kawasekho. **18** Yeka ukukhala kwezinkomo! Imihlambi yenkomo iyaphithizela ngoba kayilamadlelo; lemihlambi yezimvu iyahlupheka. **19** Ngiyakhala kuwe Thixo, ngoba umlilo usuqede amadlelo lamalangabi asetshise zonke izihlahla zeganga. **20** Lezinyamazana zeganga zifuna wena; izifula zamanzi sezicitshile njalo lomlilo usuqede amadlelo.

2 Vuthelani icilongo eZiyoni; hlabani umkhosi entabeni yami engcwele. Bonke abahlala elizweni kabathuthumele, ngoba usuku lukaThixo luyeza. Selusondele, selufikile, **2** usuku lomnyama lokudana, usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama. Njengokusa kusendlaleka phezu kwezintaba, liyeza ibutho elikhulu elilamandla elingazange libe khona endulo kumbe libe khona eminyakeni ezayo. **3** Phambi kwabo umlilo uyatshisa,

ngemva kwabo amalangabi ayavutha. Phambi kwabo
ilizwe linjengensimu yase-Edeni ngemva kwabo
yinkangala elugwadule, akukho okubaphunyukayo. **4**
Bakhangeleka benjengamabhiza; bamatha njengamabhiza
empi. **5** Ngomsindo onjengowezinqola zempi, beqa
phezu kwezingqongo zezintaba, njengamabibi omlilo
etshisa inhlanga, njengebutho elilamandla selilungele
impi. **6** Ekubaboneni nje, izizwe zizwa ubuhlungu; ubuso
bonke buyadana. **7** Bahlasela njengamaqhawe; bakhwele
imiduli njengamabutho. Bonke bahamba beludwendwe
bengaphambuki endleleni yabo. **8** Kabasunduzani;
lowo lalowo uhamba eqonde phambili. Badabula
phakathi kwezivikelo kungekho kwehlukana kubo. **9**
Baya ngesiqubu edolobheni; bagijima besekele umduli.
Bayakhwela bangene ezindlini; bangena ngamawindi
njengamasela. **10** Umhlaba uyanyikinyeka phambi kwabo;
umkhathi uyaqhaqhazela, ilanga lenyanga kube mnyama,
lezinkanyezi kazisakhanyisi. **11** UThixo uyakhwaza
phambi kwebutho lakhe; amabutho akhe angeke abalwe,
njalo balamandla labo abalalela ukulaya kwakhe. Usuku
lukaThixo lukhulu; luyesabeka. Ngubani ongalumela
na? **12** "Lakhathesi," kutsho uThixo, "phendukelani
kimi ngenhliziyo zenu zonke, ngokuzila langokukhala
lokulila." **13** Dabulani inhliziyo zenu hatshi izigqoko zenu.
Buyelani kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ulomusa
lesihawu, uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, ulothando olukhulu,
njalo uyaxola ukuthumela umonakalo. **14** Ngubani
owaziyo? Engxenye angaphenduka abe lesihawu atshiye
isibusiso, iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yokunathwayo

kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **15** Vuthelani icilongo
eZiyoni, memezelani ukuzila okungcwele, bizani ibandla
elingcwele. **16** Buthanisani abantu, ngcwelisani ibandla;
hlanganisani abadala, buthanisani abantwana labo
abamunyayo. Umyeni katshiye indlu yakhe lomlobokazi
atshiye ikamelo lakhe. **17** Abaphristi abakhonzayo
phambi kukaThixo, kabakhale bephakathi laphakathi
kwentuba le-alithari. Kabathi, "Awu Thixo, zwela abantu
bakho. Ungenzi ilifa lakho libe yinto yokuhlekwa,
isiga phakathi kwezizwe. Kungani phakathi kwezizwe
kumele bathi, 'Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo?'" **18** Lapho-
ke uThixo uzakuba lobukhwele ngelizwe lakhe abe
lesihawu ebantwini bakhe. **19** UThixo uzabaphendula athi:
"Ngiyalithumela amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha,
okwaneleyo ukulisuthisa ngokugcweleyo; angiyikuphinda
futhi ukulenza into yokuhlekisa ezizweni. **20** Ibutho
lasenyakatho ngizalixotshela khatshana lani, ngilifuqele
elizweni elomileyo elilugwadule, amaviyo alo aphambili
esiya olwandle lwasempumalanga lawo angemuva esiya
olwandle lwasentshonalanga. Iphunga lalo elibi lizakuya
phezulu, umnuko walo uzaphakama." Ngempela wenze
izinto ezinkulu ezimangalisayo. **21** Ungesabi, wena
lizwe; thaba uthokoze. Impela uThixo wenze izinto
ezinkulu. **22** Lingesabi, lina zinyamazana zeganga, ngoba
amadlelo asesiba luhlaza. Izihlahla sezithela izithelo zazo;
imikhiwa lemivini kuthela kakhulu. **23** Thabani, lina
bantu baseZiyoni, thokozani kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu
ngoba ulinike izulu lekwindla ngokulunga. Ulilethela izulu
elinengi kanye lezulu lekwindla lelentwasa, njengakuqala.

24 Iziza zizagcwala amabele; izikhamelo zizaphuphuma
iwayini lamafutha. **25** "Ngizalihlawula okwaleyo minyaka
lokho okwadliwa zintethe, lesikhonyane lobuyane,
ezinye izintethe kanye lemitshitshi yezintethe, ibutho
lami elikhulu engalithumela kini. **26** Lizakuba lokudla
okunengi lize lisuthe, njalo lizadumisa ibizo likaThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu, olenzele izimangaliso; abantu
bami kabayikuphinda bayangeke futhi. **27** Ngakho
lizakwazi ukuthi ngiko-Israyeli, lokuthi mina nginguThixo
uNkulunkulu wenu, kanye lokuthi kakho omunye; abantu
bami kabayikuphinda bayangeke futhi." **28** "Emva
kwalokho, ngizathululela uMoya wami kubo bonke
abantu. Amadodana lamadodakazi enu azaphrofitha,
izinsizwa zenu zizabona imibono, lamaxhegu enu
azaphupha amaphupho. **29** Lasezincekwini zami, ezesilisa
lezesifazane, ngizawuthulula uMoya wami ngalezonsuku.
30 Ngizabonakalisa izimangaliso emazulwini lasemhlabeni,
igazi lomlilo lezikhatha zentuthu. **31** Ilanga lizaphendulwa
libe yibumnyama lenyanga ibeligazi phambi kokuba
kufike usuku olukhulu lukaThixo, olwesabekayo. **32**
Njalo wonke obiza ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa; ngoba
eNtabeni iZiyoni laseJerusalema kuzakuba lokukhululwa,
njengoba uThixo etshilo, iloba phakathi kwabasindileyo
labo ababizwa nguThixo."

3 "Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, lapho sengibuyisela
inotho kaJuda leJerusalema, **2** ngizaqoqa izizwe
zonke ngizehlisele eSigodini sikaJehoshafathi. Lapho-
ke ngizazahlulela mayelana lelifa lami, abantu bami
u-Israyeli ngoba zahlakazela abantu bami phakathi

kwezizwe, zabelana ilizwe lami. **3** Zenza inkatho
ngabantu bami, zathenga izifebe ngabafana; zathengisa
amankazana ngewayini ukuze zinathe. **4** Manje-
ke lisolani ngami, wena Thire loSidoni lani lonke
zifunda zaseFilistiya? Liyangiphindisela ngolutho
engilwenzileyo na? Nxa lingiphindisela, ngizaphanga
ngibuyisele elakwenzayo phezu kwamakhanda enu
ngokuphangisa. **5** Ngoba lathatha isiliva sami legolide
lami lathwalela lenotho yami eligugu emathempelini
enu. **6** Lathengisa abantu bakoJuda laseJerusalema
kumaGrikhi, ukuze libase khatshana lelizwe labo. **7**
Khangelani, ngizabavusa ezindaweni elabathengisa
kuzo, njalo ngizabuyisela phezu kwamakhanda enu
lokho elakwenzayo. **8** Ngizathengisa amadodana enu
lamadodakazi enu ebantwini bakoJuda, njalo labo
bazawathengisa kumaSabhini, isizwe esikhatshana."
UThixo usekhulumile. **9** Memezelani lokhu ezizweni lithi:
Lungiselani impi! Vusani amabutho! Wonke amadoda
empi kasondele ahlasele. **10** Khandani amakhuba enu
abe zinkemba lemihedla yenu yokuthena izihlahla ibe
yimikhonto. Obuthakathaka kathi, "Ngiqinile!" **11** Wozani
ngokuphangisa, lonke lina zizwe zasezinhlangothini
zonke, libuthane khonapho. Yehlisa amabutho akho,
Oh Thixo! **12** "Izizwe kazivuswe; kaziye eSigodini
sikaJehoshafathi ngoba ngizahlala khona ukwehlulela
izizwe zonke zasezinhlangothini zonke. **13** Hehethani
ngesikela ngoba okuvunwayo sekuvuthiwe. Wozani,
gxobani amavini, ngoba isikhamelo sewayini sesigcwele
lezimbizakazi seziphuphuma, bukhulu kangaka ububi

bazo! **14** Amaxuku, amaxuku esigodini sesinqumo!
Ngoba usuku lukaThixo luseduze esigodini sezinqumo.
15 Ilanga lenyanga kuzakuba mnyama, lezinkanyezi
zingabe zisakhanya. **16** UThixo uzavungama eseZiyoni
aphinde akhwaze eseJerusalema; umhlaba lomkhathi
kuzagedezela. Kodwa uThixo uzakuba yisiphephelo
sabantu bakhe, inqaba yabantu bako-Israyeli." **17** "Ngakho
lizakwazi ukuthi mina, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu,
ngihlala eZiyoni, intaba yami engcwele. IJerusalema
izakuba ngcwele; kayiyikuphinda ihlaselwe ngabezizweni
futhi. **18** Ngalolosuku izintaba zizagobhoza iwayini
elitsha, lamaqaqa ageleze uchago; zonke indonga
zakoJuda zizageleza amanzi. Umthombo uzantuntuza
endlini kaThixo uthambise isigodi saseShithima. **19**
Kodwa iGibhithe izachithakala, i-Edomi ibe yinkangala
elugwadule, ngenxa yodlakela olwenziwa ebantwini
bakoJuda lapho bachitha khona igazi elingelacala elizweni
labo. **20** KoJuda kuzahlalwa khona kuze kube nininini
laseJerusalema kuzahlala izizukulwane zonke. **21** Umlandu
wabo wegazi, engingakaxoli ngawo, ngizabaxolela
ngawo."

U-Amosi

1 La ngamazwi ka-Amosi, omunye wabelusi
baseThekhowa, lokho akubonayo mayelana lo-Israyeli
eminyakeni emibili ngaphambi kokuzamazama
komhlaba, ngezinsuku u-Uziya eyinkosi yakoJuda
loJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi eyinkosi yako-
Israyeli. **2** Wathi: "UThixo uyavungama eseZiyoni, idume
iJerusalema; amadlelo abelusi ayoma lengqongo
yeKhameli iyabuna." **3** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo:
"Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zeDamaseko, loba ngenxa
yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi
yatshaya iGiliyadi ngemibhulo elamazinyo ensimbi, **4**
ngizathumela umlilo endlini kaHazayeli ozalobisa
izinqaba zikaBheni-Hadadi. **5** Ngizabhidliza isango
laseDamaseko; ngizachitha inkosi ephakathi kweSigodi
sase-Aveni lalowo ophethe intonga yobukhosi eBhethi
Edeni. Abantu base-Aramu bazathunjwa basiwe eKhiri,"
kutsho uThixo. **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa
yezono ezintathu zeGaza loba ngenxa yezine,
kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami ngenxa yokuthi
yathumba abantu bezigaba zonke yabathengisa e-Edomi,
7 ngizathumela umlilo emidulini yaseGaza ozalobisa
izinqaba zayo. **8** Ngizayichitha inkosi yase-Ashidodi
kanye lalowo ophatha intonga yobukhosi e-Ashikheloni.
Ngizaphendulela isandla sami ekuhlaseleni i-Ekroni kuze
kufe umFilistiya wokucina," kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **9**
Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu
zaseThire loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka
lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi yabathengisela e-Edomi bonke

abantu bezigaba zonke ezathunjwayo inganaki isivumelwano sobuzalwane, **10** ngizathumela umlilo emidulini yaseThire ozalobisa izinqaba zayo." **11** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zase-Edomi loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi waxotshana lomfowabo ngenkemba, enqabela isihawu sonke, ngoba ulaka lwakhe lwavutha kokuphela lentukuthelo yakhe yabhebha ingelakuthitshwa, **12** ngizathumela umlilo eThemani ozalobisa izinqaba zaseBhozira." **13** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zase-Amoni, loba langenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi waqhaqha abesifazane abazithweleyo baseGiliyadi ukuze aqhelise ilizwe lakhe, **14** ngizathungela imiduli yaseRaba ngomlilo ozalobisa izinqaba zayo kumenyezelwa izitsho zempi ngosuku lokulwa kulomoya olamandla ngosuku lwesiphepho. **15** Inkosi yalo izathunjwa, yona kanye lezikhulu zayo," kutsho uThixo.

2 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zaseMowabi loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami, ngoba utshise amathambo enkosi yase-Edomi aze afana lekalaga, **2** ngizathumela umlilo kuMowabi ozalobisa izinqaba zaseKheriyothi. UMowabi uzachitheka kulokuxokozela okukhulu lokumenyezelwa kwezitsho zempi lokukhala kwecilongo. **3** Ngizaqothula ababusi bakhe ngibulale zonke izikhulu zakhe kanye laye," kutsho uThixo. **4** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zikaJuda loba ngenxa

yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami, ngoba bawalile umthetho kaThixo kabaze bagcina lezimiso zakhe, ngoba badukiswe ngonkulunkulu bamanga, onkulunkulu abalandelwa ngokhokho babo. **5** Ngizathumela umlilo koJuda ozalobisa izinqaba zaseJerusalema." **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zika-Israyeli loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami ngoba bathengisa abalungileyo ngesiliva, labaswelayo ngamanyathelo. **7** Banyathela phezu kwamakhanda abayanga njengaphezu kothuli lomhlabathi banqabele imfanelo yabancindezelweyo. Uyise lendodana bembatha lentombi yinye kanjalo bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele. **8** Bacambalala phansi emaceleni ama-alithare wonke, phezu kwezembatho ezithethwe ziyizibambiso. Endlini kankulunkulu wabo banatha iwayini elithethwe njengenhlawulo. **9** Ngachitha um'Amori phambi kwabo, lanxa wayemude njengemisedari njalo eqine njengom'okhi. Ngachitha izithelo zakhe phezulu kanye lempande zakhe ngaphansi. **10** Ngalikhupha eGibhithe ngalikhokhela iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala ukuba ngilinike ilizwe lama-Amori. **11** Ngakhupha labaphrofethi bephuma phakathi kwamadodana enu, kanye lamaNaziri ephuma phakathi kwezinsizwa zenu. Lokhu akuqotho na, bantu bako-Israyeli?" kutsho uThixo. **12** "Kodwa lanathisa amaNaziri iwayini, lalaya abaphrofethi ukuba bangaphrofethi. **13** Khathesi-ke mina ngizalichoboza njengokuchoboza kwenqola ithwele amabele. **14** Olejubane kayikubaleka, oqinileyo uzawaswela amandla akhe, lebutho kaliyikusindisa impilo

yalo. **15** Umtshoki akayikugxila, ibutho elilejubane
kaliyikuphunyuka lomgadi webhiza kayikusindisa impilo
yakhe. **16** Lebutho elilesibindi kakhulu, ngalolosuku
lizabaleka linqunu," kutsho uThixo.

3 Zwanini ilizwi elikhulunywe nguThixo ngani lina bantu
bako-Israyeli Lomndeni wonke engawukhupha eGibhithe:
2 "Yini kuphela engalikhethayo kuyo yonke imideni
yasemhlabeni; ngakho ngizalijezisela zonke izono zenu."
3 Ababili bayahamba bendawonye ngaphandle kokuba
bevumelene ukwenzanjalo na? **4** Isilwane siyabhonga
ehlathini kungelalutho esingalubamba na? Siyabhonga
esikhundleni saso singabambanga lutho na? **5** Inyoni
iyabanjwa emhlabathini okungelamjibila othiywe khona
na? Umjibila uyathanca usuke emhlabathini kungelalutho
olubambayo na? **6** Lapho icilongo likhala edolobheni
abantu kabethuki na? Lapho incithakalo isehlela idolobho
kayenziwanga nguThixo na? **7** Impela uThixo Wobukhosi
kenzi lutho engavezanga icebo lakhe ezincekwini
zakhe abaphrofethi. **8** Isilwane sibhongile, ngubani
ongayikwesaba na? UThixo Wobukhosi usekhulumile
ngubani ongayekela ukuphrofitha na? **9** Memezelani
ezinqabeni zase-Ashidodi lasezinqabeni zaseGibhithe
lithi: "Buthanani phezu kwezintaba zaseSamariya; libone
isiyaluyalu esikhulu phakathi kwayo lokuncindezela
phakathi kwabantu bayo." **10** "Kabakwazi ukwenza
okulungileyo," kutsho uThixo, "bona ababuthelela
impango baphange lasezinqabeni zabo." **11** Ngakho
uThixo Wobukhosi uthi: "Isitha sizachitha ilizwe; sizadiliza
izinqaba zenu, siphange izinqaba zenu." **12** Nanku

okutshiwo nguThixo: “Njengomelusi ehlenga emlonyeni wesilwane amathambo amabili kuphela omlenze loba isiqa sendlebe, bazahlengwa kanjalo abako-Israyeli abahlala eSamariya bethithibele ekucineni kwemibheda yabo, kanye laseDamaseko phezu kwemibheda yabo yokuphumulela.” **13** “Zwanini lokhu lifakaze ngendlu kaJakhobe,” kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla. **14** “Ngosuku engizajezisela u-Israyeli izono zakhe ngizabhidliza ama-alithare aseBhetheli; impondo ze-alithare zizaqunywa ziwele emhlabathini. **15** Ngizadiliza indlu yebusika kanye lendlu yehlobo, izindlu ezicеciswe ngempondo zendlovu zizadilizwa lezindlu ezinkulu zizabhidlizwa,” kutsho uThixo.

4 Zwanini ilizwi leli lina mankomokazi aseBhashani phezu kweNtaba iSamariya, lina besifazane elincindezela abayanga lichoboze abaswelayo beselisithi kubomkenu, “Siletheleni okunathwayo!” **2** UThixo Wobukhosi usefunge ngobungcwele bakhe wathi: “Isikhathi sizafika impela lapho elizathathwa khona ngewuka, owokucina wenu ngewuka yenhlanzi. **3** Lizaphuma ngamunye ngezikhala emdulini liqonde nta phandle, njalo lizalahlelwa ngaphandle ngokuya eHamoni,” kutsho uThixo. **4** “Hambani eBhetheli liyekwenza isono; hambani eGiligali liyekwenza isono ngokudlulayo. Lethani imihlatshelo yenu nsuku zonke ekuseni lokwetshumi kwenu minyaka yonke emithathu. **5** Tshisani isinkwa esilemvubelo njengomnikelo wokubonga lintele ngeminikelo yenu yokuzithandela lizikhukhumeze ngayo, lina bako-Israyeli, ngoba lokhu yikho elithanda

ukukwenza," kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **6** "Ngalilethela indlala emadolobheni wonke lokusweleka kokudla emadolobheni wonke, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **7** "Ngagodla izulu futhi kusasele inyanga ezintathu ukuba kuvunwe. Izulu ngalinisa kwelinye idolobho kodwa ngaligodla kwelinye. Enye insimu yaba lezulu, enye kayaze yaba lalo njalo yoma qha. **8** Abantu babhadazela besuka kwelinye idolobho besiya kwelinye befuna amanzi kodwa kabawatholanga anele ukuba bakholwe, ikanti kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **9** "Ezikhathini ezinengi ngahlasela izivande zenu lezivini zenu, ngizihlasela ngesona langengumane. Izintethe zadla imikhiwa yenu lezihlahla zenu zama-oliva, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **10** "Ngathumela izifo phakathi kwenu njengengakwenza kweleGibhithe. Ngabulala izinsizwa zenu ngenkemba ndawonye lamabhiza enu athunjwayo. Ngavimbanisa amakhala enu ngomnuko wezihonqo zenu, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **11** "Ngachitha abanye benu njengalokhu ngachitha iSodoma leGomora. Lalinjengesikhuni esitshayo esihluthunwe emlilweni, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **12** "Ngakho-ke engizakwenza kuwe Israyeli yilokhu, njalo njengoba lokhu ngizakwenza kuwe, zilungisele ukuhlangana loNkulunkulu wakho, wena Israyeli." **13** Yena obumba izintaba, udala umoya, aveze lemicabango yakhe ebantwini, yena oguqula ukusa kube ngumnyama, anyathele lezindawo eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe.

5 Zwana ilizwi leli, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, isililo
lesi engisenzayo ngani: **2** "Iwile iNtombi u-Israyeli,
kayiphindi ivuke futhi, ideliwe elizweni layo, kungekho
ongayiphakamisela phezulu." **3** Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo Wobukhosi: "Idolobho lenu elikhupha
inkulungwane eziqinileyo lizasala labalikhulu kuphela;
idolobho elikhupha abalikhulu abaqinileyo lizasala
labalitshumi kuphela." **4** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
endlini ka-Israyeli: "Dingani mina, liphile; **5** lingadingi
iBhetheli, lingayi eGiligali, lingayi eBherishebha. Ngoba
impela iGiligali izakuya ekuthunjweni, leBhetheli
izadliwa iphele nya." **6** Dingani uThixo liphile
hlezi adabule phakathi kwendlu kaJosefa njengomlilo;
uzatshisa uqothule, njalo iBhetheli kayiyikuba lomuntu
ozawucitsha. **7** Lina eliguqula ukulunga kube yibuhlungu,
lilahlele ubuqotho emhlabathini. **8** Yena owenza
iSilimela loMthala, oguqula umnyama ube yikusa
enze imini ibe yibusuku obumnyama, yena obiza
amanzi olwandle, awathele phezu kobuso belizwe,
uThixo yilo ibizo lakhe, **9** wehlisela incithakalo phezu
kwenqaba atshabalalise idolobho elivikelweyo. **10**
Liyamzonda okhuzayo emthethwandaba limeyise lalowo
okhuluma iqiniso. **11** Linyathezela umyanga limncindezele
ukuba aliphe amabele. Ngakho-ke, lanxa lakhe izindlu
ezinkulukazi zamatshe kaliyikuhlala kuzo; lanxa lihlanyele
izivini ezinhle, iwayini lazo kaliyikulinatha. **12** Ngoba
iziphambeko zenu ngiyazazi ukuthi zingaki kanye lokuthi
izono zenu zinkulu okunganani. Lincindezela abalungileyo
lamukele isivalamlomo, njalo emithethwandaba linqabela

abayanga imfanelo. **13** Ngakho ezikhathini ezinjalo
umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyazithulela, ngoba izikhathi
zimbi. **14** Dingani okuhle, hatshi okubi, ukuze
liphile. Lapho-ke uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla
uzakuba lani njengoba lisithi ulani. **15** Zondani okubi
lithande okuhle; qinisani ukulunga emithethwandaba.
Mhlawumbe uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uzakuba
lomusa kuzinsalela zakoJosefa. **16** Ngakho nanku
okutshiwo yiNkosi, uThixo, uNkulunkulu uSomandla,
"Kuzakuba lokulila emigwaqweni yonke lokukhala
kabuhlungu ezinkundleni zonke zikazulu. Abalimi
bazabizwa ukuba bakhale, labakhalayo ukuba balile.
17 Kuzakuba lokulila ezivinini zonke, ngoba ngizadlula
phakathi kwenu," kutsho uThixo. **18** Maye kini lina
elilangazelela usuku lukaThixo! Kungani lilangazelela
lolosuku lukaThixo na? Lolosuku luzakuba ngumnyama,
hatshi ukukhanya. **19** Kuzafana lokuthi umuntu
ubalekele isilwane wahlangana lebhele, njengangathi
ungene endlini yakhe wabambelela emdulini ngesandla
waselunywa yinyoka. **20** Usuku lukaThixo kaluyikuba
ngumnyama na, hatshi ukukhanya, lumnyama bhuqe,
kungekho nhlansi yokukhanya? **21** "Ngiyayizonda,
ngiyayeyisa imikhosi yokholo lwenu; angingeke ngiyimele
imbuthano yenu. **22** Lanxa lingangilethela iminikelo
yokutshiswa leminikelo yamabele kangiyikuyamukela.
Lanxa liletha iminikelo emihle kakhulu yobuzalwane,
lokunonisiweyo kangiyikuyinanza. **23** Sukani lomsindo
wezingoma zenu! Kangiyikuwulalela umculo wamachacho
enu. **24** Kodwa ukulunga kakugeleze njengamanzi,

lobuqotho njengesifula esingatshiyo! **25** Kanje wake wangilethela imihlatshelo leminikelo eminyakeni engamatshumi amane enkangala, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli na? **26** Seliphakamise indawo yokukhonzela izithombe zenu, isenabelo senkosi unkulunkulu wenu uSakhuthi, lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uKhayiwani, elazenzela khona lina ngokwenu. **27** Ngakho ngizalisa ekuthunjweni ngale kweDamaseko," kutsho uThixo obizo lakhe nguNkulunkulu uSomandla.

6 Maye kini lina elingakhathaliyo eZiyoni, lakini elizizwa livikelekile eNtabeni iSamariya, lina madoda adumileyo esizwe sokuqala, abantu bako-Israyeli abaya kuso! **2** Yanini eKhaline liyikhangele; lisuka lapho yanini eHamathi enkulu, beselisehlela eGathi eseFilistiya. Bangcono kulemibuso yenu emibili na? Ilizwe labo likhulu kulelenu na? **3** Lisusa usuku olubi lisondeze eduze ukubusa ngodlakela. **4** Lilala emibhedeni eyenziwa ngempondo zendlovu licambalale phezu kwemibheda yenu yokuphumulela. Lidla inyama yezimvu zekhethelo leyamathole anonisiweyo. **5** Lihweba amachacho njengoDavida kodwa engamachacho ezaba. **6** Linatha iwayini ligcwele inqayi, ligcobe ngamagcobo amahle, kodwa kalikhathazeki ngokuchitheka kukaJosefa. **7** Ngakho-ke lizakuba ngabanye bakuqala ekuthunjweni; ukuzitika kwenu lokuhleka kuzaphela. **8** UThixo Wobukhosi uzifungele yena ngokwakhe, uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi: "Ngiyakwenyanya ukuzigqaja kukaJakhobe njalo ngiyazizonda izinqaba zakhe; ngizalinikela idolobho lakho konke okukulo."

9 Nxa amadoda alitshumi esele endlini eyodwa, lawo
azakufa. **10** Njalo nxa isihlobo okumele sitshise izidumbu
zifika ukuba sizisuse kuleyondlu besesibuza loba ngubani
oyabe elokhu ecatshile khonapho, sithi, “Kulomunye
olawe na?” Yena athi, “Hatshi,” lapho-ke uzakuthi,
“Thula! Akumelanga sithinte ibizo likaThixo.” **11** Ngoba
uThixo usekhuphe umlayo, njalo uzaphahlaza indlukazi
ibe yizihlephu kuthi indlu encinyane ibe yizicucu. **12**
Amabhiza ayagijima emadwaleni angamawa na? Umuntu
uyalima khonapho ngenkabi na? Kodwa lina liphendule
ukulunga kwaba yitshefu lesithelo sokulunga saba
yibuhlungu, **13** lina elithokoziswa yikunqotshwa kweLo-
Debhari beselisithi, “IKharinayimi kasiyithumbanga
ngamandla ethu na?” **14** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu
uSomandla uthi, “Ngizakuvusela isizwe, wena ndlu ka-
Israyeli, esizakuncindezela indawo yonke kusukela eLebho
Hamathi kusiyafika esigodini sase-Arabha.”

7 Nanku engakutshengiswa nguThixo Wobukhosi:
Wayelungisa imitshitshi yezintethe emva kokuvunwa
kwesabelo senkosi khonapho amabele esibili esakhula. **2**
Kwathi lapho ilizwe seziliphundlile, ngamemeza ngathi,
“Thixo Wobukhosi, thethelela! UJakhobe angaphepha
kanjani? Mncinyane kakhulu!” **3** Ngakho uthixo
waxola. “Akusoze kwenzakale” watsho uthixo. **4**
Nanku engakutshengiswa nguThixo Wobukhosi: uThixo
Wobukhosi wayememezela ukwehlulela ngomlilo;
womisa ulwandle waqothula lelizwe. **5** Ngakho
ngamemeza ngathi “Thixo Wobukhosi, ngiyakuncenga,
ake ume! UJakhobe angaphepha kanjani na? Mncinyane

kakhulu!” **6** Ngakho uThixo waxola. “Lokhu lakho
akuyikwenzakala,” kwatsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **7**
Nanku angitshengisa khona: uThixo wayemi phansi
komduli owawakhiwe waqonda nta ephethe intambo
yokuqondisa ngesandla sakhe **8** UThixo wasengibuza
esithi, “Kuyini okubonayo, Amosi?” Ngaphendula
ngathi, “Yintambo yokuqondisa.” UThixo wasesithi,
“Khangela, ngibeka intambo yokuqondisa phakathi
kwabantu bami bako-Israyeli; kangisayikubaxolela
futhi. **9** Izindawo eziphakemeyo zika-Isaka zizadilizwa
lezindawo ezingcwele zako-Israyeli zizachithwa; indlu
kaJerobhowamu ngizayihlasela ngenkemba yami.” **10**
U-Amaziya umphristi waseBhetheli wathumela ilizwi
kuJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli, wathi, “U-Amosi
uceba okubi ngawe khona kanye phakathi kwako-Israyeli.
Ilizwe lingeke limelane lawo wonke amazwi akhe. **11** Ngoba
u-Amosi uthi: ‘UJerobhowamu uzakufa ngenkemba, njalo
impela u-Israyeli uzathunjwa, asiwe khatshana kwelizwe
lakibo.’” **12** U-Amaziya wasesithi ku-Amosi, “Phuma,
wena mboni! Buyela elizweni lakoJuda, usebenzele ukudla
kwakho khonale wenze lokuphrofetha kwakho khonale. **13**
Ungaphrofithi futhi eBhetheli, ngoba le yindawo yenkosi
kanye lethempeli lombuso.” **14** U-Amosi waphendula u-
Amaziya wathi, “Mina ngangingasuye mphrofethi kumbe
indodana yomphrofethi, kodwa ngangingumelusi, njalo
ngigcina izihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore. **15** Kodwa
uThixo wangithatha ekweluseni imihlambi yezimvu
wathi kimi, ‘Hamba uyephrofetha ebantwini bami bako-
Israyeli.’ **16** Ngakho-ke khathesi zwana ilizwi likaThixo.

Wena uthi: ‘Ungaphrofethi kubi ngo-Israyeli, njalo yekela
ukutshumayela kubi ngendlela ka-Isaka.’ **17** Ngakho-
ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Umkakho uzakuba
yisifebe edolobheni, amadoda lamadodakazi akho azakufa
ngenkemba. Ilizwe lakho lizalinganiswa labiwe, njalo
wena ngokwakho uzafela elizweni lamaqaba. Njalo impela
u-Israyeli uzathunjwa asiwe khatshana kwelizwe lakhe.’”

8 Nanku engakutshengiswa nguThixo Wobukhosi:
isitsha esilezithelo ezivuthiweyo. **2** Wangibuza wathi,
“Kuyini okubonayo, Amosi?” Mina ngaphendula
ngathi, “Yisitsha esilezithelo ezivuthiweyo.” UThixo
wasesithi kimi, “Isikhathi sabantu bami bako-Israyeli
sesifikile; kangisabaxoleli futhi. **3** Ngalolosuku, izingoma
zethempelini zizaphenduka zibe yikulila. Izidumbu
ezinengi kakhulu zidaklazelwe indawo yonke! Thulani!”
Kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi. **4** Zwanini lokhu, lina
elincindezela abaswelayo njalo lichitha labayanga
elizweni, **5** lisithi, “Ukuthwasa kweNyanga Entsha
kuzaphela nini ukuze sithengise amabele, leSabatha
lidlule ukuze sithengise ingqoloyi na?” Sinciphise
isilinganiso, sikhweze intengo siqilibezele ngezilinganiso
zenkohliso, **6** sithenge abayanga ngesiliva, abaswelayo
sibathenge ngamanyathelo, sithengise lamakhoba
ngengqoloyi. **7** UThixo ufungile ngokuziQhenya
kukaJakhobe wathi, “Angisoze ngakhohliswa loba yini
abayenzileyo. **8** Ilizwe kaliyikuthuthumela ngalokhu yini
labo bonke abahlala kulo kabayikulila na? Ilizwe lonke
lizaqubuka njengeNayili; lizadungeka beselitshona phansi
njengomfula waseGibhithe. **9** Ngalolosuku,” kutsho

uThixo Wobukhosi, “ngizakwenza ilanga litshone emini,
ngenze emhlabeni kube mnyama emini ekhanyayo.
10 Ngizaphendula imikhosi yenu yokukhonza ibe
yikulila lokuhlabelela kwenu konke kube yikukhala.
Lonke ngizalenza ligqoke amasaka, njalo liphuce
amakhanda enu. Lesosikhathi ngizasenza sifane lokulilela
indodana eyiyo yodwa lokuphela kwaso kube njengosuku
olubuhlungu. **11** Insuku ziyeza, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi,
lapho engizathumela khona indlala elizweni hatshi
indlala yokudla kumbe ukomela amanzi, kodwa indlala
yokuzwa amazwi kaThixo. **12** Abantu bazaphamazela
besuka elwandle besiya elwandle, njalo bazule kusukela
enyakatho kusiya empumalanga, bedinga ilizwi likaThixo,
kodwa kabayikulithola. **13** Ngalolosuku izintombi ezinhle
lezinsizwa eziqinileyo zizaqaleka ngenxa yokoma. **14**
Bona labo abafunga ngesono seSamariya, loba bathi,
‘Ngeqiniso njengoba unkulunkulu wakho ephila, wena
Dani,’ loba bathi, ‘Ngeqiniso njengoba unkulunkulu
waseBherishebha ephila,’ bazakuwa, bangaphindi bavuke
futhi.”

9 Ngabona uThixo emi phansi kwe-alithari, wasesithi:
“Tshaya izihloko zensika ukuze imibundu inyikinyeke.
Ziwisele phansi phezu kwamakhanda abantu bonke; labo
abazasala ngizababulala ngenkemba. Kakho lamunye
ozaphunyuka, kakho ozabaleka. **2** Loba besimba baze
bafike ekudepheni kwengcwaba, isandla sami sizabathatha
khonapho. Loba bekhwela baye phezulu emazulwini,
bekhonapho ngizabehlisela phansi. **(Sheol h7585)** **3**
Loba becatsha engqongweni yeKhameli, khonapho

ngizabadinga ngibabambe. Loba bengicatshela enzikini yolwandle, khonapho ngizalaya inyoka ukuba ibalume.
4 Loba izitha zabo zingabasa ekuthunjweni, khonale ngizalaya inkemba ukuba ibabulale. Ngizagxilisa amehlo ami kubo ngenxa yobubi hatshi ngobuhle." **5** INkosi, uThixo uSomandla, yena othinta umhlaba uncibilike, kuthi bonke abahlezi kuwo bakhale, ilizwe lonke liyaphakama njengoNayili liphinde litshone phansi njengomfula waseGibhithe, **6** yena owakha indlu yakhe yobukhosi ephakemeyo emazulwini njalo ubeka isisekelo sakhe phezu komhlaba, ebiza amanzi olwandle awathele phezu kobuso bomhlaba, uThixo yilo ibizo lakhe.
7 "Lina ma-Israyeli, kimi kalinjengamaKhushi na?" kutsho uThixo. "U-Israyeli kangimkhuphanga eGibhithe, lamaFilistiya eKhafithori, kanye lama-Aramu eKhiri na?
8 Impela amehlo kaThixo Wobukhosi aphezu kombuso olesono. Ngizawukhucula ebusweni bomhlaba ikanti indlu kaJakhobe angiyikuyichitha ngokupheleleyo," kutsho uThixo. **9** "Ngoba ngizakupha umlayo, njalo ngizahlungula indlu ka-Israyeli phakathi kwezizwe zonke njengokuhlungulwa kwamabele ekhomaneni njalo akukho hlamvu oluzawela phansi. **10** Izoni zonke phakathi kwabantu bami zizakufa ngenkemba, bonke labo abathi, 'Umonakalo kawuyikusifica loba usihlangabeze.'" **11** "Ngalolosuku ngizavusa ithente likaDavida elawayo. Ngizavala izikhala zalo, ngivuselele okwadilikayo kwalo, ngilakhe njengelaliyikho khona, **12** ukuze bathathe insalela ye-Edomi kanye lezizwe zonke ezizabizwa ngebizo lami," kutsho uThixo, ozazenza lezizinto. **13**

UThixo uthi, “Zinsuku ziyeza, lapho ovunayo ezaficwa ngolimayo, lohlanyelayo aficwe ngokhama amavini. Iwayini elitsha lizagobhoza ezintabeni, njalo ligeleze emaqaqeni wonke. **14** Ngizababuyisela abantu bami bako-Israyeli abathunjwayo. Bazawakha kutsha amadolobho adilikayo bahlale kuwo. Bazahlanyela izivini banathe iwayini lazo; bazakwenza izivande badle izithelo zazo. **15** Ngizagxumeka u-Israyeli elizweni lakhe angaphindi asitshunwe futhi elizweni engimnike lona,” kutsho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.

U-Obhadiya

1 Umbono Ka-Obhadaya. Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo
Wobukhosi nge-Edomi: Sesizwe ilizwi elivela kuThixo:
Kuthunywe isithunywa ezizweni ukuba sithi, “Phakamani,
asihambeni silwe laye impi”: **2** “Khangela, ngizakwenza
ube mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe; uzakweyiswa kakhulu.
3 Ukuzigqaja kwenhliziyo yakho sekukukhohlisile,
wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala wakhe umuzi
wakho eziqongweni, wena ozitshela uthi, ‘Ngubani
ongangiwisela phansi enhlabathini na?’ **4** Lanxa
uqonga njengengqungqulu wakhe isidleke sakho
phakathi kwezinkanyezi, ngizakwethula khonale,”
kutsho uThixo. **5** “Nxa amasela efike kuwe, nxa
abaphangi ebusuku, Awu, yeka ubukhulu bomonakalo
okulindeleyo, kabayikuntshontsha kuphela lokho
okwanele abakufunayo na? Nxa abavuni bamavini
befike kuwe, kabangeke batshiye amalutshwana
na? **6** Kodwa yeka ukuphangwa okuzakwenziwa
u-Esawu, inotho yakhe efihliweyo izathunjwa! **7**
Bonke abamanyane lawe bazakuxotshela emngceleni;
abangane bakho bazakukhohlisa bakunqobe; labo abadla
ukudla kwakho bazakuthiya ngomjibila, kodwa wena
kawuyikuwubona. **8** Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uThixo,
“kangiyikuwabhubhisa yini amadoda ahlakaniphileyo
ase-Edomi, amadoda aqedisisayo ezintabeni zako-Esawu
na? **9** Amabutho akho, wena Themani, azathuthumela,
njalo bonke abasezintabeni zako-Esawu bazacakazelwa
phansi ekubulaweni kwabanengi. **10** Ngenxa yodlakela
kumfowenu uJakhobe, uzakwembeswa lihlazo; uzachithwa

nini lanini. **11** Ngosuku owema ngalo khatshana mhla
izihambi zithumba inotho yakhe labezizweni bengena
emasangweni akhe bephosa inkatho ngeJerusalema,
wawunjengomunye wabo. **12** Akumelanga weyise
umfowenu ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwakhe, loba uthokoze
ngabantu bakoJuda ngosuku lokubhujiswa kwabo,
loba uklamase kangaka ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo.
13 Akumelanga ungene ngamasango abantu bami
ngosuku lomonakalo wabo, loba ubeyise osizini lwabo
ngosuku lomonakalo wabo, loba uthumbe inotho
yabo ngosuku lomonakalo wabo. **14** Akumelanga ume
emahlukanandlela ukuba ubulale ababalekayo babo,
loba unikele abaphephileyo babo ngosuku lokuhlupheka
kwabo. **15** Usuku lukaThixo selusondele ezizweni zonke.
Njengalokho okwenzileyo, yikho okuzakwenziwa kuwe;
izenzo zakho zizaphendukela phezu kwekhanda lakho. **16**
Njengokunatha elakwenzayo entabeni yami, ngokunjalo
izizwe zonke zizanatha njalonjalo; zizanatha, zinathe
kuze kube angathi kazizange zivele zibe khona. **17**
Kodwa phezu kweNtaba iZiyoni kuzakuba lokusindiswa;
kuzakuba ngcwele, lendlu kaJakhobe izazuza ilifa layo.
18 Indlu kaJakhobe izakuba ngumlilo lendlu kaJosefa
ibe lilangabi; indlu ka-Esawu izakuba libibi, njalo
bazayithungela ngomlilo ozayiqothula. Akuyikuba khona
abasilayo endlini ka-Esawu." UThixo usekhulumile. **19**
Abantu abavela eNegebi bazathumba izintaba zako-
Esawu, labantu abavela emawatheni ezintaba bazathumba
ilizwe lamaFilistiya. Bazathumba amasimu ako-Efrayimi
lawaseSamariya, loBhenjamini uzathumba iGiliyadi. **20**

Lelibutho labako-Israyeli abathunjwayo abaseKhenani
lizalithatha ilizwe kusiyafika eZarefathi; abathunjwa
eJerusalema abaseSefaradi bazathatha amadolobho
aseNegebi. **21** Abakhululi bazakhwela iNtaba iZiyoni
ukuba babuse izintaba zako-Esawu. Njalo umbuso uzakuba
ngokaThixo.

UJona

1 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJona indodana ka-Amithayi
lathi: **2** “Hamba uye edolobheni elikhulu laseNiniva
utshumayele ngokulisola kakhulu, ngoba ububi balo
sebufinyelele kimi.” **3** Kodwa uJona wabalekela
uThixo waqonda eThashishi. Wehla waya eJopha,
lapho afica khona umkhumbi owawusiya kuleyondawo.
Eseyikhuphile imali yokugada, wangena umkhumbi
waqonda eThashishi yena ebalekela uThixo. **4**
UThixo wathumela isiphepho elwandlwe, kwaphenquka
isavunguzane esasingathi sizawubhidliza umkhumbi. **5**
Bonke abagwedli bawo besaba, ngulowo lalowo wakhala
kunkulunkulu wakhe. Baphosela imithwalo elwandle
ukuze baphungule ubunzima bomkhumbi. Kodwa uJona
wayehlele endlwaneni engaphansi, emkhunjini, walala
khona ubuthongo bukabhuka. **6** Induna yomkhumbi yaya
kuye yathi, “Ungalala njani? Vuka ubize unkulunkulu
wakho! Mhlawumbe yena uzasizwa ukuze singabhubhi.” **7**
Abagwedli basebecebisana bathi, “Wozani, senze inkatho
ukuze sibone ukuthi ngubani osibangele uhlupho lolu.”
Bayenza inkatho, yadla uJona. **8** Basebembuza bathi,
“Akusitshele, ngubani osibangele lonke lolu uhlupho na?
Wenza msebenzi bani na? Uvela ngaphi? Ungowakuliphi
ilizwe? Ungowasiphi isizwe na?” **9** Waphendula wathi,
“NgingumHebheru, ngikhonza uThixo, uNkulunkulu
wasezulwini, owenza ulwandle kanye lomhlabathi.”
10 Lokhu kwabethusa, babuza bathi, “Wenzeni pho?”
(Babekwazi ukuthi ubalekela uThixo ngoba wayevele
esebatshelile.) **11** Ulwandle lwaselulokhu luqubuka

lusiya phambili ngamandla. Ngakho basebembuza bathi,
“Senzeni kuwe ukuze ulwandle luthule singalimali na?” **12**
Waphendula wathi, “Ngiqukulani lingiphosele elwandle,
luzathula. Ngiyazi ukuthi kungumlandu wami okwenze
isiphepho esikhulu kangaka sehlela phezu kwenu.”
13 Kodwa amadoda azama ngamandla ukugwedlela
emuva emhlabathini. Kodwa behluleka ngoba ulwandle
lwaselusidla amahabula okudlula kuqala. **14** Khonapho
basebekhala kuThixo bathi, “Oh, Thixo, ungasiyekeli sife
ngoba sibulele indoda le. Ungasibeki umlandu wokubulala
umuntu ongelacala, ngoba wena, Oh Thixo, wenzile
njengokufisa kwakho.” **15** Basebethatha uJona bamphosela
olwandle, ulwandle lwase luthula ukugubhaza. **16** Lokhu
kwenza amadoda lawo amesabe kakhulu uThixo, asesenza
umhlatshelo kuThixo enza izifungo kuye. **17** Kodwa
uThixo waletha inhlanzi enkulukazi yamginya uJona,
uJona wahlala phakathi kwenhlanzi insuku ezintathu
lobusuku obuthathu.

2 Ephakathi kwenhlanzi uJona wakhuleka kuThixo
uNkulunkulu wakhe. **2** Wathi: “Ekuhluphekeni
kwami ngambiza uThixo, wangiphendula. Ngisekujuleni
kwengcwaba ngacela uncedo, wena wakulalela ukukhala
kwami. **(Sheol h7585)** **3** Wangiphosela ezinzikini, phakathi
emathunjini enlwandle, amagagasi agubhazela emaceleni
wonke; wonke amagagasi akho lezimpophoma zawo
kwangisibekela. **4** Ngathi, ‘Sengixotshiwe ebusweni bakho;
kodwa ngizakhangela njalo ethempelini lakho elingcwele.’
5 Indonga zamanzi zaziqonde ukungimbokotha,
ngangihanqwe yinziki; inkunkuma yotshani bolwandle

yangithandela ekhanda. **6** Ngagalula ngatshona empandeni zezintaba; umhlaba ongaphansi wangivalela okwaphakade. Kodwa wena wayikhupha impilo yami egodini, wena Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami. **7** Lapho impilo yami yayisincipha, ngakhumbula wena, Thixo, umkhuleko wami waphakamela kuwe, ethempelini lakho elingcwele. **8** Labo ababambelela ezithombeni ezingelamsebenzi balahlekelwa ngumusa ongaba ngowabo. **9** Kodwa mina, ngizakuthi ngihlabela ingoma yokubonga ngenze umhlatshelo kuwe. Engikufungileyo ngizakugcwalisa. Insindiso ivela kuThixo." **10** UThixo walaya inhlanzi, yona yase imhlanza uJona emhlabathini owomileyo.

3 Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuJona ngokwesibili lathi: **2** "Hamba uye edolobheni elikhulu laseNiniva uyotshumayela kulo ilizwi engikunika lona." **3** UJona walilalela ilizwi likaThixo, waya eNineve. Phela iNiniva yayilidolobho elikhulu kakhulu, ukulethekela lonke kwakuthatha insuku ezintathu. **4** Ngelanga lokuqala, uJona wangena phakathi komuzi. Wamemezela wathi, "Kusele insuku ezingamatshumi amane kuphela ukuba iNiniva ichithwe." **5** Abantu beNiniva babekholwa kuNkulunkulu. Bamemezela ukuthi kuzilwe ukudla, njalo bonke kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane bavunula amasaka. **6** Ilizwi selifikile enkosini yaseNiniva, yasukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yakhumula izembatho zayo zobukhosi, yazembathisa isaka yahlala phansi ebhuqwini. **7** Yase ikhupha isimemezelo eNiniva esithi: "Ngomthetho wenkosi lezikhulu zayo: Akungavunyelwa muntu kumbe inyamazana, imihlambi

yenkomo loba eyezimvu ukuthi ithinte ulutho oludliwayo; makungavunyelwa kudle kumbe kunathe. **8** Kodwa akuthi umuntu loba yinyamazana kwembathe amasaka. Wonke umuntu kamemeze ngokukhawuleza kuNkulunkulu. Kabadele izindlela zabo zobubi lobudlwangudlwangu babo. **9** Ngubani okwaziyo na? Mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angadeda kuthi ngesihawu sakhe aphenduke elakeni lwakhe olwesabekayo ukuze singabhubhi." **10** Kwathi uNkulunkulu esebonile abakwenzayo ukuthi baguquka ezindleleni zabo zobubi, wabazwela isihawu kazabe esabehlisela incithakalo ayesonge ngayo.

4 Kodwa uJona wacaphuka kakhulu wazonda. **2** Wakhuleka kuThixo wathi, "Awu Thixo, kakusikho lokhu yini engakutshoyo ngisesekhaya? Yikho okwangenza ngaphangisa ukubalekela eThashishi. Ngangikwazi ukuthi unguNkulunkulu olomusa lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela njalo ogcwele uthando, uNkulunkulu odedayo ongasoze ehlise ukuhlupheka. **3** Khathesi-ke Thixo, susa ukuphila kwami, ngoba kungcono kimi ukufa kulokuphila." **4** Kodwa uThixo waphendula wathi, "Kambe ubona ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde?" **5** UJona waphuma wayahlala endaweni ethile ngempumalanga kwedolobho. Wazenzela khonapho idunjana wahlala emthunzini walo walindela ukubona okwakuzakwenzakala edolobheni lelo. **6** Kwasekusithi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhulisa isihlahla esilamahlamvu kuJona samenzela umthunzi ekhanda lakhe ukuze ahlaliseke. UJona wathaba kakhulu ngaleli ivini. **7** Kodwa emathathakusa ngelanga elilandelayo uNkulunkulu wathumela impehlane, eyaphehla isihlahla

sacina sibuna. **8** Kwathi ilanga seliphumile uNkulunkulu
wathumela umoya wempumalanga ohaqazayo, ilanga
lavutha phezu kwekhanda likaJona waze waqaleka.
Wafisa ukufa, wathi, “Kungcono kimi ukuthi ngife
kulokuthi ngiphile.” **9** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuJona,
“Ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde ngenxa yesihlahla?”
UJona wathi, “Yebo. Ngizonde kakhulu, kuthi kangife.”
10 Kodwa uThixo wathi, “Uyazihlupha ngesihlahla lesi
loba ungazange usinakekele loba usikhulise. Lihlume
ngobusuku laphinde lafa ngobusuku. **11** Kodwa iNiniva
ilabantu abeqa izinkulungwane ezilikhulu elilamatshumi
amabili abangehlukanisiyo isandla sabo sokudla
kwesenxele, lenkomo ezinengi njalo. Bekungafanelanga
yini na ukuthi ngilinqinekele idolobho elikhulu kangaka?”

UMikha

1 Ilizwi likaThixo elafika kuMikha waseMoreshethi
ensukwini zemibuso kaJothamu, loka-Ahazi loHezekhiya,
amakhosi akoJuda, umbono awubonayo mayelana
leSamariya leJerusalema. **2** Zwanini lonke lina bantu,
lalelani, awu wena mhlaba labo bonke abakuwo, ukuze
uThixo Wobukhosi afakaze ngawe ekulahla, uThixo
esethempelini lakhe elingcwele. **3** Khangelani! UThixo
uyeza evela lapho ahlala khona; wehlela phansi njalo
enyathela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba. **4** Izintaba
ziyancibilika ngaphansi kwakhe, lezigodi ziyaqhekezeka
phakathi njengengcino phansi komlilo, lanjengamanzi
esehla ngamandla emthezukweni. **5** Konke lokhu
kungenxa yokona kukaJakhobe, ngenxa yezono zendlu ka-
Israyeli. Kuyini ukona kukaJakhobe na? AkusiSamariya na?
Iyini indawo kaJuda ephakemeyo na? AkusiJerusalema na?
6 "Ngakho iSamariya ngizayenza ibe yinqumbi yemfucuza,
indawo yokuhlanyela izivini. Amatshe ayo ngizawathela
esigodini ngiphendle lezisekelo zayo. **7** Zonke izithombe
zayo zizaphohlozwa; zonke izipho zayo zasethempelini
zizatshiswa ngomlilo; ngizaphahlaza zonke izifanekiso
zayo. Njengoba yaqoqa izipho zayo ngeholo lezifebe,
zizasetshenziswa njengeholo lezifebe futhi." **8** Ngenxa
yalokhu ngizakhala ngilile; ngizahamba ngezinyawo
phansi njalo nginqunu. Ngizahlaba umkhulungwane
njengekhanka, ngikhale njengesikhova. **9** Ngoba inxeba
layo kalelapheki; selifikile koJuda. Selifike kulo kanye
isango labantu bami, kanye laseJerusalema uqobo. **10**
Lingakukhulumi eGathi; lingakhali lakancane. Giqikani

ethulini eBhethi Ofira. **11** Dlulani linqunu njalo
lilenhloni lina elihlala eShafiri. Labo abahlala eZawanani
kabayikuphuma. IBhethi-Ezeli iphakathi kokulila;
ukuvikelwa kwayo kususiwe kini. **12** Labo abahlala
eMarothi bayazijanqa ngobuhlungu, belindele usizo
ngoba umonakalo uvele kuThixo, wafika lasesangweni
leJerusalema. **13** Lina elihlala eLakhishi, bophelani
amabhiza agijimayo enqoleni. Yini elaba yisisusa sesono
eNdodakazini yeZiyoni, ngoba ukona kuka-Israyeli
kwafunyanwa kini. **14** Ngakho-ke lizanika iMoreshethi
Gathi izipho zokwehlukana. Idolobho lase-Akhizibhi
lizabonakalisa inkohliso emakhosini ako-Israyeli. **15**
Ngizalilethela umnqobi lina elihlala eMaresha. Lowo
olodumo luka-Israyeli uzakuza e-Adulami. **16** Phucani
amakhanda enu likhalela abantwabenu elibathandayo;
ziphuceni libe njengelinqe ngoba bazasuka kini baye
ekuthunjweni.

2 Maye kulabo abaceba ububi, kulabo abaceba ukwenza
okubi emibhedeni yabo! Ekudabukeni kokusa bayakwenza
ngoba kusemandleni abo ukukwenza. **2** Bahawukela
amasimu bawathumbe, kanye lezindlu, bazithathe.
Badlelezela umuntu ngomuzi wakhe, lomuntu wakibo
ngelifa lakhe. **3** Ngakho uThixo uthi: "Ngiceba
ukwenza umonakalo kulababantu, elingeke liziphephise
kuwo. Kalisayikuhamba ngokuziqhenya, ngoba kuzakuba
yisikhathi sencithakalo. **4** Ngalolosuku abantu bazalihleka;
bazaliklolodela ngale ingoma yokulila bathi: 'Thina
sichithwe okupheleleyo; ilifa labantu bami labiwe.
Uyangithathela! Amasimu ethu uwanika abathengisi.'"

5 Ngakho-ke kawuzukuba laye ebandleni likaThixo
ozalabela ilizwe ngenkatho. **6** Abaphrofethi babo bathi,
“Lingaphrofethi. Lingaphrofethi ngalezizinto; ihlazo
kaliyikusehlela.” **7** Wena ndlu kaJakhobe, kufanele
yini ukuba kuthiwe, “UMoya kaThixo uzondile na?
Uyazenza izinto ezinje na?” “Amazwi ami kawenzi
okulungileyo kuye ozindlela zakhe ziqondile na? **8**
Okwamanje abantu bami sebehlamuke njengesitha.
Lihlubula ingubo eligugu kulabo abedlulayo linganakile,
njengabantu abavela empini. **9** Abesifazane babantu
bami liyabaxotsha emizini yabo emihle. Lisusa isibusiso
sami kokuphela ebantwaneni babo. **10** Sukani lihambe!
Ngoba le akusindawo yenu yokuphumula, ngoba ingcolile,
ichithekile, okungeke kulungiswe. **11** Nxa umqambi
wamanga lomkhohlisi efika athi, ‘Ngizaliphrofethela
iwayini elinengi lotshwala,’ uyabe engumphrofethi
walababantu nje kuphela!” **12** “Impela ngizalibutha lonke,
wena Jakhobe; impela ngizabaqoqela ndawonye abako-
Israyeli abasalayo. Ngizabaqoqela ndawonye njengezimvu
esibayeni, njengomhlambi wezimvu emadlelweni awo;
indawo ibe lokuphithizela kwabantu. **13** Lowo ozavula
indlela uzahamba phambi kwabo; bazafohla isango
baphume. Inkosi yabo izadlulela phambi kwabo, uThixo
abe phambi kwabo.”

3 Lapho-ke mina ngathi, “Lalelani lina bakhokheli
bakoJakhobe, lina babusi bendlu yako-Israyeli. Ukulunga
akumelanga likwazi na, **2** lina elizonda okuhle lithande
okubi; elixebula isikhumba ebantwini bami lenyama
emathanjeni abo; **3** lina elibadla inyama abantu bami,

lihlubule isikhumba sabo lichoboze lamathambo abo
abe yizicucu; elibaqumaquma njengenyama yepani,
lanjengenyama yembiza?” **4** Lapho-ke bazakhala kuThixo,
kodwa kayikubaphendula. Ngalesosikhathi uzabafihlela
ubuso bakhe ngenxa yobubi ababenzileyo. **5** Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo: “Okunjengabaphrofethi, abedukisa
abantu bami, umuntu angabapha ukudla, bamemezela
‘ukuthula’ nxa engabaphi balungisela ukumhlasela
ngempi. **6** Ngakho ubusuku buzakwehlela phezu
kwenu, kungekho mibono, kanye lomnyama, kungekho
kuhlahlula. Ilanga lizabatshonela abaphrofethi, losuku
luzakuba mnyama kubo. **7** Ababonisayo bazayangeka
labahlahluli babe lenhloni. Bonke bazamboza ubuso
babo ngoba kungelampendulo evela kuNkulunkulu.”
8 Kodwa mina ngiphiwe amandla, loMoya kaThixo,
lokulunga kanye lesibindi, ukuba ngitshele uJakhobe
ukona kwakhe lo-Israyeli isono sakhe. **9** Zwanini
lokhu lina bakhokheli bendlu kaJakhobe, lani babusi
bendlu ka-Israyeli, eleyisa ukulunga lihlanekele konke
okuqondileyo; **10** elakha iZiyoni ngokuchitha igazi;
leJerusalema ngobubi. **11** Abakhokheli bayo bahlulela
ngokufunjathiswa, abaphristi bayo bafundisela inhlawulo,
labaphrofethi bayo baphrofithela imali; ikanti bathembele
kuThixo njalo bathi, “Kanti uThixo kakho phakathi
kwethu na? Akulancithakalo engasehlela.” **12** Ngakho-ke
ngenxa yenu, iZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, iJerusalema
izakuba yinqwaba yemfucuza, intaba yethempeli ibe
yindunduma eyande izixukwana.

4 Ngezinsuku zokucina intaba yethempeli likaThixo
izamiswa njengenhloko phakathi kwezintaba;
izaphakanyiselwa phezu kwezintaba njalo izizwe
zizabekelela zisiya kuyo. **2** Izizwe ezinengi zizafika zithi,
“Wozani siye phezu kwentaba kaThixo, siye ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe. Uzasifundisa izindlela zakhe,
ukuze sihambe emikhondweni yakhe.” Umthetho uzavela
eZiyoni, ilizwi likaThixo livele eJerusalema. **3**
Uzakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi alamule
lezingxabano zezizwe ezilamandla ezindaweni
ezikhatshana. Bazakhanda izinkemba zabo zibe
yimihlathi yamakhuba, lemikhonto yabo ibe zingqamu
zokuthena izihlahla. Isizwe asiyikuhlomela isizwe
ngenkemba loba sifundele ukulwa impi futhi. **4** Umuntu
wonke uzahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe sevini
langaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe somkhiwa, njalo
kakho ozabenza besabe, ngoba uThixo uSomandla
usekhulumile. **5** Zonke izizwe zingahamba ebizweni
labonkulunkulu bazo; thina sizahamba ebizweni
likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube laphakade. **6**
“Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uThixo, “ngizabutha abaqhulayo;
ngizaqoqa abathunjwayo lalabo engabehlisela usizi. **7**
Ngizakwenza abaqhulayo babe yinsalela, abaxotshwayo
babe yisizwe esilamandla. UThixo uzababusa eNtabeni
iZiyoni, kusukela ngalolosuku kuze kube nininini. **8** Wena
nqaba yokulinda yomhlambi, wena nqaba yeNdodakazi
yeZiyoni, umbuso wakuqala uzabuyiselwa kuwe;
ubukhosi buzakuza eNdodakazini yaseJerusalema.” **9**
Kungani khathesi usukhala kakhulu, kawulankosi na?

Umeluleki wakho usebhubhile na, ukuba uphathwe yibuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo? **10** Janqula ngobuhlungu, wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni, njengowesifazane ohelelwayo, ngoba khathesi sekumele usuke kulelidolobho uyehlala egangeni. Uzakuya eBhabhiloni; lapho ozahlengwa khona. Khonale uThixo uzakukhulula ezandleni zezitha zakho. **11** Kodwa khathesi izizwe ezinengi zikujamele. Zithi, "Kangcoliswe, lamehlo ethu kawahawukele iZiyoni!" **12** Kodwa kabayazi imicabango kaThixo; kabaliqedisisi icebo lakhe, yena obabutha njengezixha zamabele esizeni. **13** "Sukuma ubhule, wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni, ngoba ngizakupha impondo zensimbi; ngizakunika amasondo ethusi, njalo uzachoboza izizwe ezinengi." Uzanikela kuThixo inzuzo yabo eyatholwa ngobuqili inotho yabo kuThixo womhlaba wonke.

5 Hlomisa amabutho akho, wena dolobho lamabutho, ngoba sesivinjezelwe. Bazatshaya umbusi wako-Israyeli esihlathini ngomqwayi. **2** "Kodwa wena Bhethilehema Efrathi, lanxa umncinyane phakathi kwezizwana zakoJuda, kuwe kuzavela ozakuba ngumbusi wako-Israyeli, omdabuko wakhe ngowasekadeni, kusukela ezikhathini zendulo." **3** Ngakho u-Israyeli uzadelwa kuze kube yisikhathi sokuthi lowo ohelelwayo abelethe, laba abafowabo bonke baphenduke ukuzahlangana labako-Israyeli. **4** Uzakuma eluse umhlambi wakhe ngamandla kaThixo, ngobukhosi bebizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. Bazahlala ngokuvikeleka, ngoba lapho udumo lwakhe luzafika emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **5** Uzakuba

yikuthula kwabo. Lapho um'Asiriya ehlasela ilizwe lethu edabula phakathi kwezinqaba zethu, sizamvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa, kanye labakhokheli babantu abayisificaminwembili. **6** Bazabusa ilizwe lase-Asiriya ngenkemba, ilizwe likaNimrodi behlome ngenkemba, uzasikhulula kum'Asiriya lapho ehlasela ilizwe lethu engena phakathi kwemingcele yethu. **7** Insalela zabakoJakhobe zizakuba phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi njengamazolo avela kuThixo, lanjengemkhizo phezu kotshani, okungalindeli muntu kumbe kuhlalele abantu. **8** Insalela zabakoJakhobe zizakuba phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwabantu abanengi, njengesilwane phakathi kwezinyamazana zegusu, lanjengeguqa lesilwane phakathi komhlambi wezimvu, esidlithizayo sidabule ekuhambeni kwaso, kungekho ongahlenga. **9** Isandla sakho sizaphakanyiselwa phezulu ngokunqoba izitha zakho, njalo zonke izitha zakho zizachithwa. **10** "Ngalolosuku," kutsho uThixo, "ngizabhubhisa amabhiza enu phakathi kwenu ngibhidlize lezinqola zenu zempi. **11** Ngizachitha amadolobho elizwe lenu ngibhidlize lezinqaba zenu zonke. **12** Ngizachitha ubuthakathi benu njalo kalisayikukhunkula futhi. **13** Ngizachitha izithombe zenu ezabazwayo lamatshe enu okukhonza phakathi kwenu; kalisayi kuwukhothamela futhi umsebenzi wezandla zenu. **14** Ngizasiphula phakathi kwenu izinsika zenu zika-Ashera, ngidilize lamadolobho enu. **15** Ngizaphindisela ngentukuthelo langolaka ezizweni ezingangilalelanga."

6 Lalelani okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi: “Sukumani
lilandise indaba yenu phambi kwezintaba; amaqaqa
kawezwe lokho elikutshoyo. **2** Zwanini, lina zintaba,
icala elethulwa nguThixo; lalelani lina zisekelo zomhlaba
ezingulaphakade. Ngoba kulecala uThixo alibeka
ebantwini bakhe, wethesa u-Israyeli icala. **3** Bantu bami,
ngenzeni kini na? Ngilihluphe ngani na? Ngiphendulani.
4 Ngalikhupha eGibhithe ngalikhulula elizweni lobugqili.
Ngathuma uMosi ukuba alikhokhele kanye lo-Aroni
loMiriyemu. **5** Bantu bami, khumbulani izicebiso
zikaBhalaki inkosi yaseMowabi lokuthi uBhalamu
indodana kaBheyori waphendula wathini. Khumbulani
uhambo lwenu kusukela eShithima kusiya eGiligali,
ukuze lazi imisebenzi elungileyo kaThixo.” **6** Kuyini
engizakuza lakho phambi kukaThixo ngikhothame
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophakemeyo na? Ngizakuza
phambi kwakhe ngilomnikelo wokutshiswa, ngilamathole
alomnyaka owodwa na? **7** UThixo angathokoziswa
zinqama eziyizinkulungwane, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi
zemifula yamafutha na? Ngizanikela izibulo lami ngenxa
yokona kwami, isithelo somzimba wami ngenxa yesono
somphefumulo wami na? **8** Ukutshengisile wena muntu
okuhle. UThixo ufunani kuwe na? Ukwenza okulungileyo
lokuthanda umusa kanye lokuhamba ngokuzithoba
loNkulunkulu wakho. **9** Lalelani! UThixo umemezela
kulo idolobho, lokwesaba ibizo lakho kuyikuhlakanipha,
“Qaphelani umqwayi laLowo owubekileyo. **10** Wena ndlu
yobubi, kufanele lakhathesi ngiyikhohlwe inotho yakho
eyazuzwa ngobubi, lehefa elinganelanga, eliqalekisiweyo

na? **11** Ngizamkhulula yini ecaleni umuntu olezilinganiso
zobuqili, lesaka lezilinganiso zamanga na? **12** Abantu
bakhona abanothileyo balochuku; abantu bakhona
ngabaqambi bamanga, lezilimi zabo zikhuluma inkohliso.
13 Ngakho sengiqalisile ukukuchitha, ukukuqothula
ngenxa yezono zakho. **14** Uzakudla kodwa ungasuthi;
isisu sakho sizakuba silokhu singelalutho. Uzabuthelela
kodwa ungalondolozi lutho, ngoba lokho okulondolozayo
ngizakupha inkemba. **15** Uzalima kodwa ungavuni;
uzakhama ama-oliva kodwa amafutha awo ungawagcobi,
uzakhama amavini kodwa iwayini lawo ungalinathi. **16**
Ugcinile imithetho ka-Omri layo yonke imikhutshana
yasendlini ka-Ahabi, walandela lamasiko abo. Ngakho-
ke ngizakunikela ekubhujisweni, labantu bakho ekubeni
yinhlekisa; uzathwala ihlazo lezizwe."

7 Maye ngosizi lwami! Nginjengomuntu obutha
izithelo zehlobo senginjengevini eselivunwe laphela;
akuselasixha samavini okudliwa, kayisekho lemikhiwa
yakuqala engiyikhanukayo. **2** Abathembekileyo
babhujisiwe elizweni, kakho lamunye umuntu olungileyo
oseleyo. Abantu bonke bacathamela ukuchitha igazi;
lowo lalowo uzingela umfowabo ngombule. **3**
Izandla zombili zizingcitshi ekwenzeni okubi; umbusi
ufuna izipho ngamandla, umahluleli wamukela
isivalamlomo, abalamandla babiza abakufisayo, bonke
baceba okubi bendawonye. **4** Ongcono wabo
unjengesihlahla sameva, oqotho kakhulu mubi kulothango
lwameva. Usuku uNkulunkulu alethekelela ngalo
selufikile, usuku lokukhala kophondo lwabalindi.

Manje sekuyisikhathi sokuphumputheka kwabo. **5** Ungamethembi umakhelwane; ungagwabi ngomngane wakho. Lalowo olala umgonile, qaphela amazwi akho. **6** Ngoba indodana idumaza uyise, indodakazi ivukela unina, umalukazana avukele uninazala, izitha zomuntu ngamalunga endlu yakhe. **7** Kodwa mina ngilindele uThixo ngethemba, ngilindele uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami; uNkulunkulu wami uzangizwa. **8** Ungaklolodi wena sitha sami! Lanxa ngiwile, ngizavuka. Lanxa ngihlezi emnyameni, uThixo uzakuba yikukhanya kwami. **9** Ngenxa yokuba ngonile kuye, ngizalumela ulaka lukaThixo, aze angincengele endabeni yami, aveze ukungabi lacala kwami. Uzangikhuphela phandle ekukhanyeni; ngizabona ukulunga kwakhe. **10** Lapho-ke isitha sami sizakubona, njalo sibanjwe zinhloni, lowo owathi kimi, "Ungaphi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho?" Lakhathesi uzagxotshwa ngezinyawo njengodaka emigwaqweni. **11** Usuku lokwakhiwa kwemiduli yakho luzafika, usuku lokuqhelisa imingcele yakho. **12** Ngalolosuku abantu bazakuza kuwe bevela e-Asiriya lasemadolobheni aseGibhithe, njalo kusukela eGibhithe kusiya kuYufrathe, kusukela olwandle kusiya olwandle, lakusukela entabeni kusiya entabeni. **13** Umhlaba uzachitheka ngenxa yabahlezi kuwo, ngenxa yezenzo zabo. **14** Beluse abantu bakho ngentonga yakho, umhlambi welifa lakho, ohlala wodwa ehlathini emadlelweni avundileyo. Kawudle eBhashani laseGiliyadi njengasezinsukwini zokuphuma. **15** "Njengasezinsukwini zokuphuma kwenu eGibhithe, ngizabatshengisa izimangaliso zami." **16**

Izizwe zizabona ziyangeke, zemukwe wonke amandla azo. Zizabamba imilomo yazo ngezandla, lezindlebe zazo zingabe zisezwa. **17** Zizakhotha uthuli njengenyoka, njengezinanakazana ezihuquzela emhlabathini. Zizakuza ziqhaqhazela ziphuma emihomeni yazo; zizaphendukela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ngokwesaba, njalo lawe zizakwesaba. **18** Ngubani onguNkulunkulu njengawe, oxolela izono athethelele iziphambeko zensalela zelifa lakhe na? Kawuthukutheli kokuphela kodwa uthokoza ngokutshengisa isihawu. **19** Uzakuba lesihawu kithi futhi; uzanyathela izono zethu ngezinyawo uphosele bonke ububi bethu ezinzikini zolwandle. **20** Uzakuba qotho kuJakhobe, ubonakalise isihawu sakho ku-Abhrahama, njengokuthembisa kwakho ngesifungo kubokhokho bethu ensukwini zasendulo.

UNahume

1 Isiqalekiso ngeNiniva. Incwadi yombono kaNahume
um'Elikhoshi. **2** UThixo uNkulunkulu olobukhwele
lophindiselayo; uThixo uyaphindisela njalo ulolaka
olukhulu. UThixo uyaphindisela ezitheni zakhe
lolaka lwakhe lukhulu ezitheni zakhe. **3** UThixo
uyaphuza ukuthukuthela njalo ulamandla amakhulu;
uThixo kayikumyekela olecala engajeziswanga. Indlela
yakhe iphakathi kwesivunguzane lesiphepho, amayezi
aluthuli lwezinyawo zakhe. **4** Ukhuza ulwandle
alomise; wenza yonke imifula itshe. IBhashani
leKhameli kuyabuna lemiqhakazo yaseLebhanoni
ibune. **5** Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka phambi kwakhe,
lamaqaqa ayancibilika. Umhlaba uyagedezela ngobukhona
bakhe, umhlaba labo bonke abahlala kuwo. **6**
Ngubani ongamelana lentukuthelo yakhe na? Ngubani
ongalumela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo na? Ulaka lwakhe
luthululeka njengomlilo; amadwala ayaqhekezeka phambi
kwakhe. **7** UThixo ulungile, uyisiphephelo ezikhathini
zokuhlupheka. Uyabakhathalela abathembele kuye, **8**
kodwa ngesikhukhula esikhulu uzatshabalalisa iNiniva;
uzaxotshela izitha zakhe emnyameni. **9** Loba engamacebo
bani abawenza ngoThixo, uzawaqeda; ukuhlupheka
akuyikubuya kabili. **10** Bazathandeleka phakathi kwameva,
bedakwe liwayini labo; bazaqothulwa njengenhlanga
ezomileyo. **11** Wena Nineve, kuwe sekufike lowo
oceba okubi ngoThixo, eluleke okubi. **12** Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo: "Lanxa belababambene labo
njalo bebanengi, bazaqothulwa banyamalale. Lanxa

ngikuhluphile, wena Juda, kangisayikukuhlupha futhi. **13** Khathesi ngizakwephula ijogwe labo elisentanyeni yakho, ngiqamule lamaketane akho." **14** UThixo usekhuphe ilizwi ngawe Nineve elithi, "Kawuyikuba lezizukulwane ezibizwa ngebizo lakho. Ngizachitha izifanekiso ezibaziweyo lezithombe ezibunjiweyo ezisethempelini labonkulunkulu bakho. Ngizalungisa ingcwaba lakho, ngoba ungcolile." **15** Khangela ezintabeni le, inyawo zalowo oletha izindaba ezinhle, omemezela ukuthula! Thakazelela imikhosi yakho we Juda, ugcwalise lezifungo zakho. Ababi kabasayikukuhlasela futhi; bazachithwa ngokupheleleyo.

2 Umhlaseli uyasondela kuwe, Nineve. Vikela inqaba, linda umgwaqo, zilungiselele, qoqa wonke amandla akho! **2** UThixo uzabuyisela ubuhle bukaJakhobe njengobuhle buka-Israyeli, lanxa abachithi bebaqothule batshabalalisa lezivini zabo. **3** Amahawu amabutho akhe abomvu, amabutho agqoke okubomvu gebhu. Insimbi ezinqoleni zempi iyaphazima ngosuku ezilungiselwe ngalo; imikhonto yesihlahla sephayini iyazunguzwa. **4** Izinqola zempi zihlasela ngesiqubu emigwaqweni, zisiya emuva laphambili ezigcawini. Zinjengezibane ezikhanyisiweyo; ziyaphaziphazima njengombane. **5** Ubiza amabutho akhe akhethiweyo kodwa ayakhubeka endleleni yawo. Agijimela emdulini wedolobho; isivikelo silungiswe. **6** Amasango omfula ayavulwa, indlu yobukhosi ibhidlike. **7** Kumiswe ukuthi idolobho lizathunjwa, abantu balo basiwe ebugqilini. Izintombi zalo eziyizigqili zikhala njengamajuba zizitshaya amabele azo. **8** INiniva injengesiziba, njalo amanzi aso ageleza ehamba.

Bayaklabalala besithi, “Mana! Mana!” Kodwa kakho
onyemukulayo. 9 Phangani isiliva! Phangani igolide!
Umthapho kawupheli, inotho evela eziphaleni zayo zonke!
10 Ibhuqiwe, iphangiwe, iphundliwe! Inhliziyo ziphela
amandla, amadolo ayaxega, imizimba iyaqhaqhazela,
ubuso bonke bunyukubele. 11 Khathesi-ke ungaphi
umhome wezilwane, lapho ezinikela khona abantwana
bazo ukudla, lapho okwaya khona isilwane lesilwanekazi,
kanye lemidlwane, kungekho lutho olwesatshwayo
na? 12 Isilwane sibulalele imidlwane yaso okwaneleyo
sabambela lesilwanekazi saso okwenyama yokudliwa,
sagcwalisa isikhundla saso ngesikujimbileyo lomhome
waso ngenyama. 13 “Ngimelane lawe,” kutsho uThixo
uSomandla. “Ngizazitshisa izinqola zakho zempi zibe
yintuthu; lenkemba izakudla izilwane zakho ezisakhulayo.
Kangiyikukutshiyela ongakubamba ukudle njengenyama
emhlabeni. Amazwi ezithunywa zakho kawasayikuzwakala
futhi.”

3 Maye kulo idolobho legazi, ligcwele amanga,
ligcwele ukuphanga, kasweleki ohlutshwayo
lanini! 2 Ukukhala kwezaswebhu, ukugodlozela
kwamavili, ukumatha kwamabhiza lokugedlezela
kwezinqola zempi! 3 Ukuhlasela kwabagadi bamabhiza
ukuphazima kwezinkemba lokubenyezela kwemikhonto.
Zinengi izinkubela, izinqwaba zabafileyo, izidumbu
ezingabalwayo, abantu abakhubeka ezidunjini, 4 konke
ngenxa yenkanuko embi yesifebe, siyakhanga,
siyinkosikazi ephethe ubuthakathi, esifaka izizwe
ebugqilini ngobufebe baso labantu ngobuthakathi baso. 5

“Ngimelana lawe,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Ngizakwembulela izidwaba zakho ebusweni bakho. Ngizatshengisa izizwe ubunqunu bakho, lemibuso ihlazo lakho. **6** Ngizakujikijela ngamanyala, ngizakweyisa, njalo ngikwenze ube ngumbukiso. **7** Bonke abakubonayo bazakubalekela bathi, ‘iNiniva isichithekile, ngubani ozayililela na?’ Ngingamthola ngaphi ongakududuza na?” **8** Wena ungcono na kuleThebesi engaseNayili, ehonqolozelwe ngamanzi? Umfula wawuyisivikelo sayo, amanzi engumduli wayo. **9** IKhushi leGibhithe kwakungamandla ayo angapheliyo. IPhuthi leLibhiya kwakungabanye abancedisi bayo. **10** Kodwa yathunjwa yaya ebugqilini. Izingane zayo zapaklazwa zaba yizicucu ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke. Kwenziwa inkatho ngezikhulu zayo, wonke amadoda aphakemeyo abotshwa ngamaketane. **11** Lawe futhi uzadakwa; uzakuyacatsha udinge ukuphephela esitheni sakho. **12** Zonke izinqola zakho zinjengezihlahla zemikhiwa ezilezithelo zazo zakuqala ezivuthiweyo; lapho zinyikinywa, imikhiwa iwela emlonyeni womudli. **13** Khangela amabutho akho wonke, ngawesifazane! Amasango elizwe lakho avulekele izitha zakho aba banzi; umlilo uyiqedile imigoqo yawo. **14** Donsa amanzi ulungele ukuvimbezela, qinisa inqaba zakho. Voxa udaka, nyathela ibumba, lungisa okwakhiwe ngezitina. **15** Khonapho umlilo uzakuqeda; inkemba izakucakazela phansi, ikudle njengesikhongwane. Zandise njengesikhongwane, uzandise njengentethe. **16** Usulandisile inani labathengisi bakho. Baze bedlula izinkanyezi zasemkhathini, kodwa njengentethe

baphundla ilizwe basuke bahambe. **17** Abalindi bakho
banjengentethe, izikhulu zakho zinjengemitshitshi
yentethe ezihlala emidulini mhla kuqanda kodwa ilanga
lingaphuma ziyaphapha zihambe, njalo kakho okwaziyo
ukuthi ngaphi. **18** Wena nkosi yase-Asiriya, abelusi bakho
bayawozela, izikhulu zakho zilala phansi ziphumule.
Abantu bakho bahlakazekile ezintabeni kungekho
obaqoqayo. **19** Akukho okungapholisa amanxeba akho;
ukulimala kwakho ngokokufa. Bonke abezwa izindaba
ngawe batshaya izandla ngokuwa kwakho, ngoba ngubani
ongafuthelwanga yisihluku sakho esingapheliyo na?

UHabakhukhi

1 Isiphrofethi esemukelwa nguHabhakhukhi umphrofethi. **2** Koze kube nini, awu Thixo, ngicela usizo, kodwa ungalaleli na? Loba ngimemezela kuwe ngisithi, “Udlakela!” kodwa ungangihlengi na? **3** Kungani ungitshengisa okungasimfanelo na? Kungani ubekezelela okungalunganga na? Ukuchitheka lodlakela kuphambi kwami; kulokulwa, lengxabano yandile. **4** Ngakho umthetho usuthundubezekile, lokulunga akusabi khona. Ababi baminyezela abalungileyo ukuze ukulunga konakaliswe. **5** “Khangelani ezizweni libone njalo limangale kakhulu. Ngoba ensukwini zenu ngizakwenza into elingasoze liyikholwe, lanxa lingabe litsheliwe. **6** Sengivusa amaKhaladiya, lesiya isizwe esilesihluku lamawala, esitshaya sibhuqe umhlaba wonke, sithumba izindawo zokuhlala ezingasizo zaso. **7** Bayisizwe esesabekayo lesitshayisa uvalo; bangumthetho bona ngokwabo njalo baziphakamisa udumo lwabo. **8** Amabhiza abo alesiqubu esedlula esamahlosi, ayesabeka kulezimpisi kusihlwa. Amabhiza abo empi amatha ephulukundlela, abagadi bawo amabhiza bavela khatshana. Bandiza njengamanqe ehwitha ukudla, **9** bonke beza belande udlakela. Amaxuku abo aqhubekela phambili njengomoya wasenkangala abuthe abathunjiweyo njengenhlabathi. **10** Baklolodela amakhosi, bahleke ababusi usulu. Wonke amadolobho avikelweyo bayawahleka; bakha amadundulu ngenhlabathi bawathumbe lawo madolobho. **11** Emva kwalokho badlula ngesiqubu njengomoya baqhubeke,

abantu abalecala abamandla abo angunkulunkulu wabo.”
12 Awu Thixo, kawuveli phakade na? Nkulunkulu wami,
Ngcwele wami, kasiyikufa. Awu Thixo, ubabekile ukuba
bahlulele. Awu Dwala, ubamisile ukuba bajezise. **13**
Amehlo akho ahlanzeke kakhulu ukuba akhangele okubi;
awungeke ubekezelele okungalunganga. Pho kungani
ubekezelela abachithayo na? Uthulelani lapho ababi
beqeda labo abalunge kakhulu kulabo na? **14** Wenze
abantu bafana lenhlanzi olwandle, njengezidalwa
zasolwandle ezingelambusi. **15** Isitha esibi siyazikhupha
zonke ngewuka, siyazibamba ngembule laso, sizibuthele
embuleni laso elidonswayo; ngalokho siyajabula
sithokoze. **16** Ngakho-ke senzela imbule laso
umhlatshelo, sitshisele imbule laso elidonswayo impepha
ngoba ngenxa yembule laso sithe pekle phakathi
kwenotho, sizitika ngokudla okumnandi. **17** Kuzamele
siqhubeke sithulula umambule waso, sitshabalalisa
izizwe kungekho sihawu na?

2 Ngizakuma esilindweni sami ngime phezu komthangala;
ngizakhangela ukuba ngibone ukuthi uzakuthini kimi,
lokuthi yimpendulo bani engizayitsho ngale insolo. **2**
UThixo waphendula wathi: “Loba phansi isibonakaliso
usenze sicace ezicecedwini ukuze isithunywa sigijime
laso. **3** Ngoba isibonakaliso silindela isikhathi esimisiweyo;
sikhuluma ngesiphetho njalo kasiyikuba ngamanga. Lanxa
siphuza, silindele; sizafika impela njalo kasiyikuphuza.
4 Khangela, uyazigqaja; izifiso zakhe kazilunganga,
kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo lwakhe. **5**
Impela iwayini liyamkhohlisa; uyazikhukhumeza njalo

kalakho ukuphumula. Ngoba uyisihwaba njengengcwaba, njalo kasuthi njengokufa, ubuthelela izizwe zonke kuye athumbe labantu bonke. **(Sheol h7585)** **6** Bonke kabayikumchothoza na bamhleke besithi, ‘Maye kulowo obuthelela impahla zokwebiwa azinothise ngobugebenga! Koze kube nini lokhu kusenzakala na?’ **7** Labo olezikwelede kubo kabayikukujuma na? Kabayikuvuka bakuthuthumelise na? Lapho-ke uzakuba yinto yabo yokuhlutshwa. **8** Ngoba sewaphanga izizwe ezinengi, abantu abaseleyo bazakuphanga ngoba wachitha igazi labantu; watshabalalisa amazwe lamadolobho labo bonke abakuwo. **9** Maye kulowo obumba umbuso ngenzuzo embi ukuba akhele isidleke sakhe phezulu ukuba abalekele ukuwelwa yingozi! **10** Ucebe ukubhujiswa kwabantu abanengi, wayangisa indlu yakho, walahlekelwa yikuphila kwakho. **11** Amatshe omduli azakhala imijabo yamapulanka izasabela. **12** Maye kulowo owakha idolobho ngokuchitha igazi akhe umuzi ngobudlwangudlwangu. **13** UThixo uSomandla kakumisanga na ukuthi umsebenzi uzinkuni zomlilo nje kuphela, lokuthi izizwe ziqeda amandla azo ngeze? **14** Ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lodumo lukaThixo, njengamanzi egcwalisa ulwandle. **15** Maye kulowo onika omakhelwane bakhe okunathwayo ekuthulula esigujini sewayini badakwe, ukuze akhangele imizimba yabo enqunu. **16** Uzakuba lehlazo elikhulu endaweni yodumo. Khathesi sekulithuba lakho! Natha uchayeke. Inkezo yesandla sokunene kaThixo iyeza kuwe, ihlazo lizamboza udumo lwakho. **17** Udlakela olwenze eLebhanoni luzakuqeda amandla, lokubulala

kwakho izinyamazana kuzakuthuthumelisa. Ngoba uchithe igazi labantu; uchithe amazwe lamadolobho labo bonke abakuwo. **18** Silosizo bani isithombe njengoba sibazwe ngumuntu? Kumbe isifanekiso esifundisa amanga? Ngoba lowo osenzayo uthemba isidalwa sakhe; wenza izithombe ezingeke zikhulume. **19** Maye kulowo othi esigodweni, 'Vuka uphile!' loba athi elitsheni elingaphiliyo, 'Phaphama!' Linganika iseluleko na? Lembeswe ngegolide langesiliva, akulamphefumulo phakathi kwalo." **20** Kodwa uThixo usethempelini lakhe elingcwele; umhlaba wonke kawuthule phambi kwakhe.

3 Umkhuleko kaHabhakhukhi umphrofethi. NgeShigiyonothi. **2** Thixo, ngizwile ngodumo lwakho; ngiyazesaba izenzo zakho, awu Thixo. Zivuselele ensukwini zethu, yenza zazakale esikhathini sethu; ekuthukutheleni khumbula isihawu. **3** UNkulunkulu wavela eThemani, oNgcwele wavela eNtabeni iPharani. Inkazimulo yakhe yasibekela amazulu lokudunyiswa kwakhe kwagcwala umhlaba wonke. **4** Ubucwazicwazi bakhe babunjengokuphuma kwelanga; imisebe yaphazima esandleni sakhe lapho amandla akhe ayefihlwe khona. **5** Isifo sahamba phambi kwakhe, umkhuhlane walandela amanyathelo akhe. **6** Wasukuma, wanyikinya umhlaba; wakhangela, waqhaqhazelisa izizwe. Izintaba zasendulo zabhidlika lamaqaqa akudala adilika. Izindlela zakhe ngezanini lanini. **7** Ngabona amathente aseKhushani ephakathi kosizi, lezindawo zokuhlala zaseMidiyani zisebuhlungwini. **8** Awu Thixo, imifula wawuyithukuthelele na? Ulaka lwakho

lwavuthela izifula na? Ulwandle wawuluthukuthelele na lapho ugade amabhiza akho lezinqola zakho zempi ezinqobayo? **9** Idandili lakho ulembule, ufune imitshoko eminengi. Uqhekeze umhlaba ngemifula; **10** izintaba zakubona zajanqula, izikhukhula zamanzi zedlula, ulwandle lwahlokoma, lwaphakamisela amagagasi alo phezulu. **11** Ilanga lenyanga kwema mpo emazulwini ekubenyezeleni kwemitshoko yakho entwezayo, ekuphazimeni kwemitshoko yakho ecazimulayo. **12** Wanyathela umhlaba ngolaka, wabhula izizwe ngentukuthelo. **13** Waphuma ukuba ukhulule abantu bakho, ukuba usindise ogcotshiweyo wakho. Umkhokheli welizwe lobubi umchobozile, wamebula kusukela ekhanda kusiya enyaweni. **14** Umhlabe ikhanda ngomkhonto wakhe lapho amabutho akhe ephume ngesiqubu ukuba asihlakaze, ethokoza kungani asezakudla abahluphekayo abebecatshile. **15** Wanyathela ulwandle ngamabhiza akho, uqubula amanzi amanengi. **16** Ngezwa, inhliziyo yami yatshaya, izindebe zami zabikizeliswa ngumsindo; amathambo ami angenwa yikubola, imilenze yami yaqhaqhazela. Kodwa ngizalindela ngesineke usuku lomonakalo ukuba lufike esizweni esihlasela esethu. **17** Lanxa isihlahla somkhiwa singanunkuli lamavini engekho emivinini; lanxa ama-oliva engathelanga, lamasimu engabanga lokudla, lanxa kungelazimvu esibayeni lenkomo zingekho ezibayeni, **18** kodwa ngizathokoza kuThixo, ngizajabula kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami. **19** UThixo Wobukhosi ungamandla ami;

wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala, ungenza ngihambe ezindaweni eziphakemeyo.

UZefaniya

1 Ngeyomqondisi womculo. Ezigincini zami. Ilizwi
likaThixo elafika kuZefaniya indodana kaKhushi,
indodana kaGedaliya, indodana ka-Amariya, indodana
kaHezekhiya, ekubuseni kukaJosiya indodana ka-
Amoni inkosi yakoJuda: **2** "Ngizakhucula konke
ebusweni bomhlaba," kutsho uThixo. **3** "Ngizakhucula
kokubili abantu lezinyamazana; ngizakhucula izinyoni
zasemoyeni kanye lenhlanzi zasolwandle, lezithombe
ezenza ababi bakhubeke. Lapho ngiqeda abantu ebusweni
bomhlaba," kutsho uThixo. **4** "Ngizakwelulela isandla
sami koJuda lakubo bonke abahlala eJerusalema.
Ngizaqeda konke okukaBhali okuseleyo kule indawo,
amabizo abahedeni labaphristi abakhonza izithombe
5 labo abakhothama phezu kwezindlu bakhonze ixuku
lezinkanyezi, labo abakhothama bafunge ngoThixo,
abafunga langoMoleki futhi, **6** labo ababuyela emuva
bedela ukulandela uThixo njalo abangamdinganga
uThixo loba babuze ngaye. **7** Thula phambi kukaThixo
Wobukhosi, ngoba usuku lukaThixo seluseduze.
UThixo uselungise umhlatshelo; usebangcwelisile
labo abanxusileyo. **8** Ngosuku lomhlatshelo kaThixo
ngizajezisa izikhulu lamadodana amakhosi labo bonke
labo abagqoke izigqoko zezizweni. **9** Ngalolosuku
ngizabajezisa bonke abaxwaya ukunyathela umbundu
womnyango, abagcwalisa ithempeli labonkulunkulu
babo ngodlakela langenkohliso." **10** UThixo, uthi,
"Ngalolosuku ilizwi lokukhala lizaqonga ngaseSangweni
leNhlanzi, ukulila kuvelela esiGabeni eSitsha lomsindo

omkhulu wokufohloza uvela emaqaqeni. **11** Lilani lina elihlala esigodini sokuthengisela saseMakhithashi, bonke abathengisi benu bazaqedwa, bonke abathengiselana ngesiliva bazabhujiswa. **12** Ngalesosikhathi ngizaphenya iJerusalema ngezibane ngijezise labo abangakhathaliyo, abanjengewayini elitshiywe phakathi kwensipho zalo, abathi, 'UThixo kayikwenza lutho, oluhle loba olubi.' **13** Inotho yabo izaphangwa, izindlu zabo zidilizwe. Bazakwakha izindlu kodwa bangahlali kuzo; bazahlanyela izivini, kodwa iwayini bangalinathi." **14** Usuku olukhulu lukaThixo seluseduze, njalo luza ngokuphangisa. Lalelani! Ukukhala ngosuku lukaThixo kuzakuba buhlungu, lokuklabalala kwebutho khonapho. **15** Lolosuku luzakuba lusuku lolaka, usuku losizi lokudabuka; usuku lokuhlupheka lokuchitheka, usuku lomnyama lokudana, usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama, **16** usuku lwecilongo lokuhlaba umkhosi wokulwa impi lamadolobho avikelweyo kanye lezinqaba zasemajikweni. **17** "Ngizaletha usizi ebantwini njalo bazahamba njengeziphofu, ngoba bonile kuThixo. Igazi labo lizachithwa njengothuli lezibilini zabo njengamanyala. **18** Isiliva sabo loba igolide labo kakungeke kwenelise ukubasindisa ngosuku lolaka lukaThixo. Umhlaba wonke uzatshiswa emlilweni womona wakhe ngoba uzakwenza isiphetho ngokuphangisa kubo bonke abahlala emhlabeni."

2 Buthanani ndawonye, buthanani ndawonye, wena sizwe esiyangisayo, **2** isikhathi esimisiweyo singakafiki losuku ludlule njengamakhoba, ukuthukuthela okwesabekayo kukaThixo kungakafiki kuwe, usuku lolaka lukaThixo

lungakafiki kuwe. **3** Dingani uThixo, lonke lina
abathobekileyo belizwe, lina elenza lokho akulayayo.
Dingani ukulunga, dingani ukuthobeka; mhlawumbe
lingavikelwa ngosuku lwentukuthelo kaThixo. **4** IGaza
izadelwa le-Ashikheloni isale isingamanxiwa. Abantu
base-Ashidodi bazaxotshwa emini, le-Ekroni isitshulwe.
5 Maye kini lina elihlala ngasolwandle, lina sizwe
samaKherethi; ilizwi likaThixo limelana lani, wena
Khenani, lizwe lamaFilistiya. "Ngizakutshabalalisa, njalo
kakho ozasala." **6** Ilizwe elingasolwandle lizakuba
yindawo yabelusi lezibaya zezimvu. **7** Ilizwe lizakuba
ngelabaseleyo abendlu kaJuda; bazathola amadlelo khona.
Kusihlwa bazalala phansi ezindlini zase-Ashikheloni.
UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo uzabalondoloza; uzabenza
baphumelele futhi. **8** "Ngizizwile izithuko zeMowabi
lokuchothoza kwama-Amoni, abathuka abantu bami
besongela lelizwe labo. **9** Ngakho ngeqiniso elinjengoba
ngikhona," kutsho uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli, "impela iMowabi izakuba njengeSodoma, ama-
Amoni abe njengeGomora, indawo yokhula lemigodi
yetshwayi, ilizwe elichithekileyo nini lanini. Abaseleyo
babantu bami bazabaphanga; abaphephileyo babantu
bami bazathatha ilizwe labo." **10** Lokhu yikho
abazakuthola kungumvuzo wokuzigqaja kwabo, ngenxa
yokuthuka lokuklolodela abantu bakaThixo uSomandla.
11 UThixo uzakwesabeka kubo lapho esetshabalalisa
bonke onkulunkulu belizwe. Izizwe ezisemakhunjini
wonke zizamkhonza, ngulowo elizweni lakhe. **12** "Lani
futhi, lina maKhushi lizabulawa ngenkemba yami."

13 Uzakwelulela isandla sakhe enyakatho achithe i-
Asiriya, atshiye iNiniva itshabalele ngokupheleleyo
njalo yome njengenkangala. **14** Imihlambi yezimvu
leyenkomo izalala phansi khonapho, lezidalwa zezinhlobo
zonke. Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo kuzahlala
ensikeni zakhe. Ukukhala kwazo kuzezwakala emawindini,
imfucuza izakuba eminyango, imijabo yemisedari
ichayeke. **15** Leli lidolobho elingakhathaliyo elalizihlalele
livikelekile. Lazitshela lathi: "Ngiyimi, kakho omunye
ngaphandle kwami." Yeka ukuchitheka eseliyikho,
isikhundla sezinyamazana zeganga! Bonke abadlula kulo
bahleka usulu balikhombe ngeminwe.

3 Maye kulo idolobho labancindezeli, elihlamukayo
lelingcolileyo! **2** Kalilaleli muntu, kalivumi kukhuzwa.
Kalithembeli kuThixo, kalisondeli kuNkulunkulu walo.
3 Izikhulu zalo ziyizilwane ezibhongayo, ababusi balo
bazimpisi zakusihlwa, ezingatshiyi lutho lwekuseni. **4**
Abaphrofethi balo bayazazisa; bangabantu bamacebo
amabi. Abaphristi balo bangcolisa indawo engcwele
bephule lomthetho. **5** UThixo phakathi kwalo ulungile;
kenzi okubi, nsuku zonke ekuseni wenza ukulunga
kwakhe njalo kaphambanisi ukusa kwamalanga wonke,
ikanti abangalunganga kabalanhloni. **6** "Ngizichithile
izizwe; izinqaba zazo zidiliziwe. Ngitshiye imigwaqo
yazo ideliwe kungekho odlula khona. Amadolobho azo
adiliziwe; kakho ozasala kakho lamunye. **7** Ngathi
kulo idolobho, 'Impela uzangesaba uvume ukukhuzwa!'
Lapho-ke indlu yalo yokuhlala yayingayikudilizwa
loba isijeziso sami sehlele phezu kwalo. Kodwa

babelokhu betshisekela izenzo zokuxhwala kukho konke abakwenzayo. **8** Ngakho ngilindela," kutsho uThixo, "lolusuku engizasukuma ngalo ngifakaze. Sengimise ukubuthanisa izizwe, ngiqoqe imibuso, ngehlisele ulaka lwami phezu kwabo konke ukuthukuthela kwami okukhulu. Umhlaba wonke uzaqothulwa ngomlilo womona wentukuthelo yami." **9** "Lapho-ke ngizahlambulula izindebe zezizwe, ukuze zonke zikhuleke ebizweni likaThixo zimkhonze zimanyane. **10** Kusukela ngaphetsheya kwemifula yaseKhushi abakhonzi bami, abantu bami abahlakazekileyo, bazangilethela iminikelo. **11** Ngalolosuku kaliyikuyangiswa ngobubi bonke elabenza kimi, ngoba ngizabasusa kulelidolobho abathokoziswa yikuzigqaja kwabo. Kaliyikuzikhukhumeza futhi entabeni yami engcwele. **12** Kodwa ngizatshiya phakathi kwenu abathambileyo labathobekileyo, abathembele ebizweni likaThixo. **13** Kabayikwenza okubi; kabayikuqamba amanga, loba kube lenkohliso emilonyeni yabo. Bazakudla balale phansi, kakho ozabenza besabe." **14** Hlabela wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni, klabalala kakhulu, wena Israyeli! Thaba uthokoze ngenhliziyo yakho yonke wena ndodakazi yaseJerusalema! **15** UThixo usesisusile isijeziso sakho, usesixotshile isitha sakho. UThixo, iNkosi ka-Israyeli, ulawe; akulangozi ozaphinda uyesabe futhi. **16** Ngalolosuku bazakuthi kulo iJerusalema, "Ungesabi, wena Ziyoni; ungavumeli ukuba izandla zakho zibe buthakathaka. **17** UThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ulawe, ulamandla okusindisa. Uzathokoza kakhulu ngawe, uzakududuza ngothando lwakhe, uzakuthokozela

ngokuhlabelela.” **18** “Insizi zemikhosi emisiweyo
ngizazisusa kuwe; zingumthwalo lehlazo kuwe. **19**
Ngalesosikhathi ngizababona bonke abalincindezelayo;
ngizahlenga abaqhulayo ngibuthe lalabo abahlakazwayo,
ngizabapha udumo lenhlonipho kuwo wonke amazwe
lapho abahlaziswa khona. **20** Ngalesosikhathi ngizalibutha;
ngalesosikhathi ngizalisa ekhaya. Ngizalipha inhlonipho
lodumo phakathi kwezizwe zonke zasemhlabeni lapho
sengiliphumelelisa futhi phambi kwamehlo enu uqobo,”
kutsho uThixo.

UHagayi

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili wenkosi uDariyu, ngosuku
lokuqala lwenyanga yesithupha, ilizwi likaThixo lafika
ngomphrofethi uHagayi lisiya kuZerubhabheli, indodana
kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lakuJoshuwa,
indodana kaJozadaki, umphristi omkhulu: **2** Nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: “Abantu laba bathi,
‘Isikhathi sokwakha indlu kaThixo kasikafiki.’” **3** Ngakho
ilizwi likaThixo lafika ngomphrofethi uHagayi lisithi: **4**
“Kuyisikhathi senu lina ngokwenu ukuba lihlale ezindlini
zenu ezinhle, kodwa indlu le ilokhu ilunxiwa na?”
5 Khathesi nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla:
“Cabangani kuhle ngezindlela zenu. **6** Lihlanyele okunengi
kodwa livuna okulutshwana. Liyadla, kodwa kalisuthi.
Liyanatha, kodwa kalikholwa. Liyagqoka izigqoko, kodwa
kalifudumali. Lihola imiholo liyifake esikhwameni
esivuzayo.” **7** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla:
“Cabangani kuhle ngezindlela zenu. **8** Khwelani ezintabeni
lehlise izigodo lakhe indlu ukuze ngithokoze ngayo
njalo ngidunyiswe,” kutsho uThixo. **9** “Kade lilindele
okunengi, kodwa khangelani, kusuke kwaba yingcosana.
Elikulethe ekhaya, mina ngikuphephulele khatshana.
Kungani na?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Kungenxa
yendlu yami elokhu ilunxiwa, ngesikhathi lina, omunye
lomunye wenu, ebambeke ngendlu yakhe. **10** Ngakho-
ke, ngenxa yenu amazulu asegodle amazolo lomhlaba
amabele. **11** Ngilethe ukoma emasimini lasezintabeni,
emabeleni, ewayinini elitsha, emafutheni lakukho
konke okuvela emhlabathini, ebantwini lasenkomeni

kanye lasemsebenzini wezandla zenu.” **12** Lapho-ke
uZerubhabheli, indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, loJoshuwa,
indodana kaJozadaki, umphristi omkhulu lensalela
yonke yabantu balilalela ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu
wabo kanye lombiko kaHagayi umphrofethi ngoba
wayethunywe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. Abantu
bamesaba uThixo. **13** Emva kwalokho, uHagayi isithunywa
sikaThixo, wanika abantu ilizwi likaThixo leli: “Ngilani,”
kutsho uThixo. **14** Ngakho uThixo waqubula umoya
kaZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi
wakoJuda, lomoya kaJoshuwa indodana kaJozadaki,
umphristi omkhulu, lomoya wensalela yabantu. Beza
baqalisa ukusebenza endlini kaThixo uSomandla
uNkulunkulu wabo, **15** ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili
lane lwenyanga yesithupha ngomnyaka wesibili wenkosi
uDariyu.

2 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga
yesikhombisa ilizwi likaThixo lafika ngoHagayi
umphrofethi lisithi: **2** “Khuluma loZerubhabheli indodana
kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, loJoshuwa indodana
kaJozadaki, umphristi omkhulu kanye lensalela yabantu.
Babuze uthi, **3** ‘Ngubani kini owasalayo owabona
indlu le enkazimulweni yayo yakuqala na? Khathesi
ikhangeleka injani kini na? Kayikhangeleki njengeze
na? **4** Kodwa khathesi qina wena Zerubhabheli,’
kutsho uThixo. ‘Qina wena Joshuwa ndodana kaJozadaki,
umphristi omkhulu. Qinani, lonke lina bantu belizwe,’
kutsho uThixo. ‘Lisebenze, ngoba ngilani,’ kutsho
uThixo uSomandla. **5** ‘Lokhu yikho engakuvumelana

lani ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe. UMoya wami uhlala phakathi kwenu. Lingesabi.’ **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: ‘Ngesikhatshana nje ngizaphinda nginyikinye amazulu lomhlaba, ulwandle lelizwe elomileyo. **7** Ngizanyikinya izizwe zonke, abathandwayo kuzozonke izizwe bazakuza, njalo indlu le ngizayigcwalisa ngenkazimulo,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla, **8** ‘Isiliva ngesami legolide ngelami,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **9** ‘Inkazimulo yale indlu yakhathesi izakuba nkulu kuleyendlu yakuqala,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla. ‘Njalo indawo le ngizayipha ukuthula,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla.” **10** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuHagayi umphrofethi lisithi: **11** “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla uthi: ‘Buza abaphristi ukuthi umthetho uthini: **12** Nxa umuntu ethwele inyama engcwele ngomphetho wesigqoko sakhe, umphetho lowo uthinte isinkwa loba inyama ephekiweyo, iwayini, amafutha loba okunye ukudla, kuba ngcwele na?’” Abaphristi baphendula bathi, “Hatshi.” **13** UHagayi wasesithi, “Nxa umuntu ongcoliswe yikuthinta isidumbu ethinta okunye kwalezizinto, kuyangcola na?” “Ye,” kwaphendula abaphristi, “kuyangcola.” **14** UHagayi wasesithi, “‘Kunjalo-ke emehlweni ami ngabantu laba langesizwe lesi,’ kutsho uThixo. ‘Lokho abakwenzayo loba abakunikelayo lapho kungcolile. **15** Khathesi cabangani kuhle ngalokhu kusukela ngalolusuku kusiya phambili, khumbulani ukuthi izinto zazinjani kungakabekwa elinye ilitshe phezu kwelinye ethempelini

likaThixo. **16** Kwakusithi lapho umuntu efika enqunjini
yezilinganiso ezingamatshumi amabili, kwakulezilitshumi
kuphela. Kuthi lapho umuntu eye efatshini lewayini
ukuba akhe izilinganiso ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
kwakulezingamatshumi amabili kuphela. **17** Wonke
umsebenzi wezandla zenu ngawutshaya ngomkhuhlane,
ngesikhwekhwe langesiqhotho, kodwa kaliphendukelanga
kimi,' kutsho uThixo. **18** 'Kusukela lamhla kusiya
phambili, kusukela ngalolusuku lwamatshumi amabili
lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, cabangani
kuhle ngosuku okwabekwa ngalo isisekelo sethempeli
likaThixo. Cabangani kuhle: **19** Kuselenhlanyelo eseleyo
esiphaleni na? Kuze kube khathesi, ivini lomkhiwa,
iphomegranathi lesihlahla se-Oliva asikatheli izithelo.
Kusukela ngalolusuku kusiya phambili ngizalibusisa.'" **20**
Ilizwi likaThixo lafika ngokwesibili kuHagayi ngosuku
lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga lisithi: **21** "Tshela
uZerubhabheli umbusi wakoJuda ukuthi ngizanyikinya
amazulu lomhlaba. **22** Ngizagenqula izihlalo zobukhosi
ngichithe amandla emibuso yezizweni. Ngizagenqula
izinqola zempi labagadi bazo; amabhiza labagadi bawo
bazakuwa, ngamunye ngenkemba yomfowabo. **23**
'Ngalolosuku,' kutsho uThixo uSomandla, 'ngizakuthatha
wena nceku yami Zerubhabheli ndodana kaSheyalithiyeli,'
kutsho uThixo, 'njalo ngizakwenza ube njengesongo
eliluphawu lwami, ngoba sengikukhethile,' kutsho uThixo
uSomandla."

UZekhariya

1 Ngenyanga yesificaminwemibili yomnyaka wesibili
kaDariyu, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kumphrofethi uZakhariya
indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido lisithi: **2**
“UThixo wazondiswa kakhulu ngokhokho benu. **3**
Ngakho tshela abantu uthi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo
uSomandla: ‘Buyelani kimi,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla,
‘lami ngizabuya kini,’ utsho njalo uThixo uSomandla.
4 Lingabi njengabokhokho benu, okwatsho kubo
abaphrofethi bamandulo, bathi: Nanku okutshiwo
nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Phendukani ezindleleni
zenu zobubi lezenzo zenu ezimbi.’ Kodwa kabafunanga
ukulalela loba ukukunanza okwakutshiwo, kutsho
uThixo. **5** Bangaphi manje okhokho benu na? Bona
abaphrofethi kambe baphila okungapheliyo na? **6**
Kodwa amazwi ami lemithetho yami engangilaye ngakho
izinceku zami abaphrofethi kakuzange kuze kubafice yini
okhokho benu? Kwayikhona bephenduka besithi, ‘UThixo
uSomandla wenzile kithi okufanele izindlela zethu
lezenzo njengalokho amisa ukukwenza.’” **7** Ngelanga
lamatshumi amabili lane ngenyanga yetshumi lanye,
inyanga uShebhathi, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi
likaThixo lafika kumphrofethi uZakhariya indodana
kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido. **8** Ebusuku ngafikelwa
ngumbono, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulendoda
egade ibhiza elibomvu! Yayimi phakathi kwezihlahla
zomethile edongeni. Ngemva kwayo kwakulamanye
amabhiza, elibomvu, eliyinsundu lelimhlophe. **9**
Ngayibuza ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami na?” Ingilosi

eyayikhuluma lami yaphendula yathi, “Ngizakutshengisa ukuthi kuyini.” **10** Kwasekusithi leyondoda eyayimi ezihlahleni zomethile yachaza yathi, “Laba yibo uThixo abathumileyo ukuba bahambe emhlabeni wonke.” **11** Basebebika engilosini kaThixo eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zomethile bathi, “Sesiwuhambile wonke umhlaba safumana ukuthi ilizwe lihlezi kuhle phakathi kokuthula.” **12** Ingilosi kaThixo yasisithi, “Thixo Somandla, koze kube nini ulokhu ugodla isihawu sakho phezu kweJerusalema lamadolobho akoJuda olokhu uwathukuthelele yonke iminyaka le engamatshumi ayisikhombisa?” **13** Ngakho uThixo wasekhuluma amazwi omusa, aduduzayo kuleyongilosi eyayikhuluma lami. **14** Kwasekusithi ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yathi, “Memezela leli ilizwi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Ngilobukhwele ngeJerusalema leZiyoni, **15** kodwa ngizondile ngalezozizwe ezihlezi zanaba zaziba. Ngangithukuthele kancane kodwa zawengezelela lowo monakalo.’ **16** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Ngizabuya eJerusalema ngilomusa, khonapho indlu yami izakwakhiwa kutsha. Intambo yesilinganiso izakwelulwa eJerusalema,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **17** Memezela njalo uthi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Amadolobho ami azaphinda njalo aphuphume ngenotho, njalo uThixo uzaphinda ayiduduze iZiyoni, ayikhethe iJerusalema.’” **18** Ngase ngiphakamisa amehlo ami, phambi kwami kwakulempondo ezine! **19** Ngabuza ingilosi leyo eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu?” Yaphendula yathi, “Lezi yizo impondo ezachitha uJuda,

lo-Israyeli leJerusalema.” **20** UThixo wasengitshengisa abakhandi abane. **21** Ngabuza ngathi, “Laba bazekwenzani na?” Waphendula wathi, “Lezi yimpondo ezachitha uJuda ukuze angabikhona ovusa ikhanda, kodwa abakhandi balande ukuxegisa amadolo abo, bazilahlele phansi impondo lezi ezezizwe ezaphakamisa impondo zazo phezu kwelizwe lakoJuda ukuchitha abantu balo.”

2 Ngaphakamisa amehlo, phambi kwami kwakulomuntu ophethe intambo yokulinganisa! **2** Ngabuza ngathi, “Uya ngaphi na?” Wangiphendula wathi, “Ngiyalinganisa iJerusalema, ukubona ukuthi ibanzi njalo inde kanganani.” **3** Ingilosi leyo eyayikhuluma lami yasisuka, kweza enye ingilosi iyihlangabeza **4** yathi kuyo: “Gijima utshele ijaha leliyana uthi, ‘IJerusalema izakuba lidolobho elingelamiduli ngenxa yobunengi babantu lezifuyo phakathi kwalo. **5** Mina ngokwami ngizakuba ngumduli womlilo olizungezileyo,’ kutsho uThixo, ‘njalo ngizakuba yinkazimulo ngaphakathi kwalo.’ **6** Wozani! Wozani! Balekani kulelolizwe lasenyakatho,” kutsho uThixo, “ngoba ngilichithachithile kuyo yonke imimoya yomine yezulu,” kutsho uThixo. **7** “Woza, yeyi wena Ziyoni! Balekani lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseBhabhiloni!” **8** Ngoba lokhu kutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Ngemva kokuba Olodumo esengithumile ukumelana lezizwe eziliphangileyo ngoba loba ngubani oke alithinte lina uthinta igugu lakhe **9** ngempela ngizaphakamisela isandla sami kubo ukuze izigqili zabo zibaphange. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi uThixo uSomandla nguye ongithumileyo. **10** Memeza ujabule, we

Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni. Ngoba ngiyeza, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwenu," kutsho uThixo. **11** "Izizwe ezinengi zizahlanganiswa loThixo ngalelolanga njalo zizakuba ngabantu bami. Ngizahlala phakathi kwenu njalo lizakwazi ukuthi uThixo uSomandla ungithumile kini. **12** UThixo uzamthatha uJuda njengelifa abe yisabelo sakhe elizweni elingcwele njalo uzaphinda ayikhethe iJerusalema. **13** Pholani lithule phambi kukaThixo, bantu lonke, ngoba uphakamile waphuma endaweni yakhe engcwele."

3 Yase ingitshengisa uJoshuwa umphristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengilosi kaThixo, loSathane emi kwesokunene sakhe ephikisana laye. **2** UThixo wathi kuSathane, "UThixo uyakukhuza, Sathane! UThixo oyikhethileyo iJerusalema, uyakukhuza! Umuntu lo kasisikhuni esihwatshwe sibhebha na?" **3** UJoshuwa wema phambi kwengilosi egqoke ezingcolileyo. **4** Ingilosi yasisithi kulabo ababemi phambi kwayo, "Mkhululeni izigqoko lezi ezingcolileyo." Yasisithi kuJoshuwa, "Uyabona, sengisisusile isono sakho, yikho sengizakugqokisa izigqoko ezinhle kakhulu." **5** Ngasengisithi, "Mthwaliseni iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda lakhe." Basebemthwalisa iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda, bamgqokisa njalo, ingilosi kaThixo ilokhu imi khonapho. **6** Ingilosi kaThixo yasimupha umlayo lo uJoshuwa, yathi: **7** "Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: 'Nxa 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. **9** Uyabona, ilitshe engilimise phambi kukaJoshuwa! Kulamehlo ayisikhombisa phezu kwelitshe lilinye, njalo ngizagubha umbhalo kulo,' kutsho uThixo uSomandla, 'njalo ngizasisusa isono salelilizwe ngelanga elilodwa zwi. **10** Ngalelolanga lowo lalowo wenu uzamema umakhelwane wakhe ukuthi ahlale ngaphansi kwevini lomkhiwa wakhe,' kutsho uThixo uSomandla."

4 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yabuya njalo yazangivusa njengomuntu evuswa ebuthongweni. **2** Yangibuza yathi, "Ubonani na?" Ngaphendula ngathi, "Ngibona uluthi lwesibane olwenziwe ngokugcweleyo ngegolide, lulomganu phezulu lezibane eziyisikhombisa lezimbobo zezibane eziyisikhombisa. **3** Njalo kulezihlahla zama-oliva ezimbili eduze kwalo, esinye ngakwesokunene komganu, esinye kwesokhohlo." **4** Ngayibuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, "Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?" **5** Yaphendula yathi, "Kawukwazi ukuthi yizinto bani lezi?" Ngathi, "Hatshi, nkosi yami." **6** Yasisithi kimi, "Nanti ilizwi likaThixo kuZerubhabheli, 'Hatshi ngempi kumbe ngamandla, kodwa ngoMoya wami,' kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **7** Uvele uyini, wena ntaba enkulu? KuZerubhabheli uzakuba ngumhlabathi owendlalekileyo. Khonapho usezaletha ilitshe lokuphetha abantu bememeza besithi, 'Nkulunkulu libusise! Nkulunkulu libusise!'" **8** Kwasekufika ilizwi likaThixo kimi lisithi: **9** "Izandla zikaZerubhabheli zisibekile isisekelo saleli ithempeli; izandla zakhe zizaliqedisa ukulakha. Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi uThixo uSomandla ungithumile kini.

10 Ngubani oludelelayo usuku lwezinto ezincane?
Amehlo kaThixo ayisikhombisa agcwala umhlaba wonke
jikelele azathokozelela ukubona intambo yokuqondisa
esandleni sikaZerubhabheli?" **11** Ngasengiyibuza ingilosi,
ngathi, "Lezi zihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva kwesokunene
lakwesokhohlo phezu koluthi lwesibane ngezani?" **12**
Ngayibuza futhi ngathi, "Amahlumela la amabili om'oliva
eceleni kwezinti ezimbili zegolide okumpompoza kuzo
amafutha aligolide zona ziyini?" **13** Yaphendula yathi,
"Kawuzazi ukuthi ziyini na?" Ngathi, "Hatshi, nkosi
yami." **14** Yasisithi, "Laba yibo ababili abagcotshiweyo
ukukhonza iNkosi yomhlaba wonke."

5 Ngaphinde ngakhangela, phambi kwami kwakulomqulu
wencwadi ondizayo! **2** Yangibuza yathi, "Ubonani
na?" Ngaphendula ngathi, "Ngibona umqulu wencwadi
ondizayo, omude izingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu
lobubanzi obulitshumi lanhlanu." **3** Yasisithi 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. **4** UThixo uSomandla
uthi, 'Ngizayithumezela ingene endlini yesela lasendlini
yalowo ofunga ngebizo lami. Umqulu lo uzahlala endlini
yakhe, uchithize izigodo zayo kanye lamatshe.'" **5**
Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yasisondela yathi kimi, "Vusa
amehlo ubone ukuthi kuyini lokhuyana okuvelayo." **6**
Ngabuza ngathi, "Kuyini?" Yaphendula yathi, "Yisilulu
sokulinganisa." Yengeza yathi, "Lobu yibubi babantu
elizweni lonke leli." **7** Kwasekusibukulwa isiciko sesilulu

leso, kwabonakala phakathi kuhlezi owesifazane! **8** Yathi, “Lobu yibubi,” yasimfuqela phakathi esilulwini wavala ngesiciko emlonyeni wesilulu. **9** Ngasengikhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulabesifazane ababili belempiko ezigcwele umoya! Babelempiko ezifana lezengabuzane, baphakamisa isilulu saba phakathi kwezulu lomhlaba. **10** Ngabuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami ngathi, “Basisa ngaphi isilulu lesi na?” **11** Yaphendula yathi, “Basisa elizweni laseBhabhiloni ukuyasakhela indlu khonale. Nxa isiphelile isilulu sizahlaliswa kuhle khonale endaweni yaso.”

6 Ngaphinde ngaphakamisa amehlo njalo phambi kwami kwakulezinqola zempi ezine ziqhamuka okhalweni lwezintaba ezimbili, izintaba zethusi! **2** Inqola yakuqala yayilamabhiza abomvu, eyesibili ilamnyama, **3** eyesithathu amhlophe, eyesine alamabala, wonke elamandla. **4** Ngayibuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?” **5** Ingilosi yangiphendula yathi, “Le yimimoya emine yasezulwini, ephumayo ekumeni phambi kukaThixo womhlaba wonke. **6** Le elamabhiza amnyama iqonda elizweni elisenyakatho, eyawamhlophe iqonda entshonalanga, kuthi eyawamabala iqonda eningizimu.” **7** Kwathi lawomabhiza alamandla esephuma ayesadalala ezama ukuya kuwo wonke umhlaba. Yathi kuwo, “Hambani kuwo wonke umhlaba.” Lakanye aya kuwo wonke umhlaba. **8** Yase ingibiza yathi, “Uyabona, lawana aqonda elizweni elisenyakatho asenike uMoya wami ukuphumula elizweni lasenyakatho.” **9** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lathi: **10**

“Thatha isiliva legolide kwabathunjiweyo uHelidayi loThobhiya loJedaya asebebuyile eBhabhiloni. Hamba ngalelolanga endlini kaJosiya indodana kaZefaniya. **11** Thatha isiliva legolide wenze umqhele uwethese umphristi omkhulu uJoshuwa indodana kaJozadaki. **12** Umtshele ukuthi nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Nansi indoda obizo layo liHlumela, njalo uzahluma endaweni yakhe akhe ithempeli likaThixo. **13** Nguye ozakwakha ithempeli likaThixo, njalo uzagqokiswa ubukhosi, futhi uzahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. Njalo uzakuba ngumphristi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. Lokhu kokubili kuzahambelana kuhle.’ **14** Umqhele uzaphiwa uHelidayi, loThobhiya, loJedaya kanye loHeni indodana kaZefaniya njengesikhumbuzo ethempelini likaThixo. **15** Labo abasekudeni bazakuza bazakwelekelela ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo njalo lizakwazi ukuthi uthixo uSomandla ungithumile kini. Lokhu kuzakwenzeka nxa limlalela ngokukhuthala uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.”

7 Ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uDariyu, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuZakhariya ngelanga lesine lenyanga yesificamunye, inyanga ethiwa nguKhisilevu. **2** Abantu baseBhetheli babethume uShareza loRegemi-Meleki, kanye lamadoda asuka kubo ukuyancenga uThixo uSomandla **3** ngokucela abaphristi bendlu kaThixo uSomandla labaphrofethi ukuthi, “Ngilile yini njalo ngizile ukudla ngenyanga yesihlanu njengalokhu engihlala ngikwenza okweminyaka eminengi na?” **4** Laselifika ilizwi likaThixo 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 nguThixo ngabaphrofethi bamandulo lapho iJerusalema lamadolobho aseduzane ayelokuthula ephumelela, leNegebi kanye lamaqaqa asentshonalanga kwakhiwe kuhle na?'" **8** Laphinde lafika njalo ilizwi likaThixo kuZakhariya lathi: **9** "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: 'Yahlulelani ngobuqotho; litshengise isihawu lozwelo omunye omunye. **10** Lingamcindezeli umfelokazi noma intandane, lowezizweni noma umyanga. Lingakhumbulelani okubi ezinhliziyweni zenu.' **11** Kodwa bala ukulalela; baqholoza bafulathela njalo bagcika indlebe zabo. **12** Benza inhliziyo zabo zaba lukhuni njengelitshe kabaze balalela umlayo loba amazwi kaThixo uSomandla ayewathumile ngoMoya ngabaphrofethi bamandulo. Yikho uThixo uSomandla wathukuthela kabuhlungu. **13** 'Ngababiza, kodwa kabalalelanga; yikho labo sebememeza kangibalalelanga,' kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **14** 'Ngabachithachitha ngesivunguzane baya ezizweni zonke lapho ababa yizihambi khona. Ilizwe lasala selilihlane nje kungasahlaleki kulo futhi kungasedluleki khona. Balenza lajujuka kanjalo ilizwe elihle laba yinkangala.'"

8 Lafika njalo kimi ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla. **2** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: "Ngilobukhwele kabi ngeZiyoni; ngiyatsha ngobukhwele ngayo." **3** Nanku

okutshiwo nguThixo: “Ngizabuyela eZiyoni ngihlale eJerusalema. Lapho-ke iJerusalema izathiwa nguMuzi weQiniso, lentaba kaThixo uSomandla izabizwa ngokuthi yiNtaba eNgcwele.” **4** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Kuzakwenzakala njalo ukuthi amaxhegu lezalukazi bahlale nje ezitaladini zeJerusalema, ngulowo lodondolo lwakhe esandleni ngenxa yokuluphala. **5** Izitalada zedolobho zizaphithizela abafana lamantombazana bezidlalela khona.” **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Kungabonakala njengesimanga kwabayinsalela yalababantu ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kambe kungabonakala njengesimanga kimi na?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **7** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Ngizabasindisa abantu bami emazweni asempumalanga lasemazweni asentshonalanga. **8** Ngizababuyisela bayehlala eJerusalema; bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngizathembeka njalo ngibe lokulunga kubo njengoNkulunkulu wabo.” **9** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Lina okwamanje eliwezwayo amazwi la akhulunywa ngabaphrofethi ababekhona kubekwa isisekelo sendlu kaThixo uSomandla, qinisani izandla zenu ukuze ithempeli lakhiwe. **10** Mandulo kwesikhathi leso kwakungekho imbadalo ngomsebenzi womuntu loba owenyamazana. Umuntu loba engubani wayengazihambeli loba azenzele okwakhe ekhululekile ngenxa yezitha, ngoba abantu ngasengibaxabanise labomakhelwane babo. **11** Kodwa khathesi kangisayikwenza kulaba abayinsalela

njengalokho engakwenzayo endulo," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **12** "Inhlanyelo izakhula kuhle, ivini lizakhupha izithelo zalo, umhlabathi uzakhulisa amabele, lamazulu azakwehlisa amazolo awo. Zonke lezizinto ngizazinika njengelifa kwabayinsalela yalababantu. **13** Njengoba beliyinto eqalekisiweyo phakathi kwezizwe, wena Juda lo-Israyeli, ngakho ngizalisindisa libe yisibusiso. Lingesabi, kodwa qinisani izandla zenu." **14** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Kanjengalokhu ngasengimisile ukwehlisela umonakalo phezu kwenu angaze ngatshengisa uzwelo lapho okhokho benu bangizondisa," kutsho uThixo uSomandla, **15** "yikho manje sengimisile ukwenza ubuhle njalo eJerusalema lakoJuda. Lingesabi. **16** Nanzi izinto okumele lizenze: Khulumani iqiniso omunye komunye, njalo lehlulelane ngeqiniso langokuqonda emithethwandaba yenu; **17** lingakheli umakhelwane wenu amacebo amabi, njalo lingaze lathanda ukufunga ngokungamanga. Konke lokhu ngiyakuzonda," kutsho uThixo. **18** Ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla laphinda labuya kimi. **19** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi, "Amazilo awenyanga yesine, leyesihlanu, leyesikhombisa kanye leyetshumi azakuba yizikhathi zokuthokoza lokujabula, abe yimikhosi yokuthaba koJuda. Ngakho-ke thandani iqiniso lokuthula." **20** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: "Abantu abanengi lezakhamizi zamadolobho amanengi basezakuza, **21** njalo izakhamizi zedolobho leli zizakuya kwezakuleliyana zifike zithi, 'Kasihambe khathesi lokhu siyoncenga uThixo, simfune uThixo uSomandla. Mina

sengihamba.’ **22** Kuzakuthi abantu abanengi lezizwe
ezilamandla zizakuza eJerusalema ukuzafuna uThixo
uSomandla bezocela kuye.” **23** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo
uSomandla, uthi: “Ngalezonsuku amadoda alitshumi
aphuma kuzozonke izindimi lezizwe azagagadlela
umphetho wengubo yomJuda oyedwa athi, ‘Wothi
sihambe lawe ngoba sesizwile ukuthi uNkulunkulu
ulani.’”

9 Isiphrofethi: Ilizwi likaThixo liqophe ilizwe laseHadiraki
lize liyokweyama phezu kweDamaseko ngoba amehlo
abantu lawezizwana zonke zika-Israyeli akuThixo **2**
laphezu kweHamathi layo, engcelelane layo, laphezu
kweThire leSidoni, lokuba nje zilobungcitshi. **3**
IThire isizakhele inqaba; isibuthelele isiliva kwangathi
luthuli; legolide njengomhlabathi wemigwaqweni.
4 Kodwa uThixo uzayemuka inotho yayo achithe
lamandla ayo asolwandle, kuthi yona iqedwe
ngumlilo. **5** I-Ashikheloni izakubona lokho yesabe;
iGaza izathuthumela izwe ubuhlungu, le-Ekroni layo,
ngoba ithemba layo lizabuna. IGaza izabhujelwa
yinkosi yayo le-Ashikheloni isale ingaselamuntu. **6**
Abezizwe bazayithatha i-Ashidodi bahlale kuyo, njalo
ngizakuqeda ukuzigqaja kwamaFilistiya. **7** Ngizathatha
igazi emilonyeni yabo, okuyikudla okungavunyelwayo
ngikukhuphe emazinyweni abo. Labo abaseleyo bazakuba
ngabakaNkulunkulu wethu njalo babengabakhokheli
koJuda, le-Ekroni izakuba njengamaJebusi. **8** Kodwa
ngizayivikela indlu yami kulabo abangabaphangi.
Kakusayikuphinda kwenzeke ukuthi umncindezeli achithe

abantu bami, ngoba manje sengihlezi ngiqaphele. **9** Thokoza kakhulu, wena Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni! Memeza, Ndodakazi yaseJerusalema! Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, iza ilungile ilensindiso, imnene, ihamba igade ubabhemi, iphezu kwenkonyane, inkonyane kababhemi. **10** Ngizazisusa izinqola zempi ko-Efrayimi lamabhiza empi eJerusalema, ledandili lempi lizakwephulwa. 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 idandili lami besengigcwalisa ngo-Efrayimi. Ngizawahlokoza amadodana akho, wena Ziyoni, avukele amadodana akho, wena Grisi, ngikwenze ube njengenkemba yebutho. **14** Kulapho-ke uThixo azaqhamuka ngaphezu kwabo; umtshoko wakhe uzabenyezela njengonyezi. UThixo Wobukhosi uzatshaya icilongo; uzahaluzela ngeziphepho zaseningizimu, **15** njalo uThixo uSomandla uzabavikela. Bazabhubhisa njalo banqobe ngamatshe ezavutha. Bazanatha baklabalale njengabadakwe liwayini; bazagcwala lona njengomganu osetshenziswa kuchelwa amagumbi e-alithare. **16** UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo uzabasindisa ngalelolanga njengoba bengumhlambi wezimvu zakhe. Bazakhazimula elizweni lakhe njengamatshe aligugu acecise umqhele. **17** Yeka

ukukhanga kwabo lobuhle abazakuba yibobona! Isivuno esihle sizatshwaphulula izinsizwa, lewayini elitsha lithokozise izintombi.

10 Celani kuThixo izulu ngesikhathi sentwasahlobo;
nguye uThixo 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 uThixo uSomandla uzawunakekela
umhlambi wezimvu zakhe, indlu kaJuda, abenze babe
njengebhiza elilesithunzi empini. **4** Ilitshe lekhoneni
lizavela kuJuda, kuye kuzavela isikhonkwane sethente,
kuye kuzavela idandili lokulwa impi, kuye kuzavela
bonke ababusi. **5** Ndawonye bazakuba njengamaqhawe
alamandla empini enyathelela izitha zawo odakeni
lwemigwaqo. Bazakulwa ngoba uThixo ephakathi
kwabo, babanqobe abagadi bamabhiza. **6** Ngizayiqinisa
indlu kaJuda, ngisindise indlu kaJosefa. Ngizababuyisa
ngoba ngilesihawu kubo. Bazakuba sengathi kangizange
ngibakhalale, ngoba nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo
njalo ngizabaphendula. **7** Abako-Efrayimi bazakuba
njengamaqhawe, lezinhliziyo zabo zizajabula kungathi
banathe iwayini. Abantwababo bazakubona lokho
bathokoze; inhliziyo zabo zizathokoza kuThixo.
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 eGiliyadi leLebhanoni, kuze kungasabi lendawo ebaneleyo. **11** Bazadabula phakathi kolwandle lokuhlupheka; ulwandle oluphuphumayo luzadediswa lezinziki zonke zeNayili zizakoma qha. Ukuzikhukhumeza kwe-Asiriya kuzakwehliswa lentonga yobukhosi yaseGibhithe izaphela. **12** Ngizabaqinisa kuThixo, bona bazahamba ngebizo lakhe," kutsho uThixo.

11 Vula iminyango yakho, wena Lebhanoni, ukuze umlilo uqhunqise imisedari yakho! **2** Lila, wena sihlahla sephayini, ngoba imisedari isiwile; ngoba izihlahla zobukhosi ziqhunqile! Lilani, mi-okhi yaseBhashani; igusu elivitshileyo selicakazelwe phansi! **3** Lalela ukulila kwabelusi; amadlelo abo amahle asetshabalalisiwe! Lalela ukubhonga kwezilwane; ihlathi elihle leJodani liqhunqile! **4** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uNkulunkulu wami, uthi: "Sana emadlelweni umhlambi wezimvu zokuhlatshwa. **5** Abathengi bazo bayazihlaba bangajeziswa. Labo abazithengisayo bathi, 'Makadunyiswe uThixo, senginothile!' Abelusi bazo ngokwabo labo kabaziyekeli. **6** Ngoba kangisayikuba lozwelo ebantwini belizwe," kutsho uThixo. "Ngulowo lalowo ngizamnikela kumakhelwane wakhe lenkosini yakhe. Bazalincindezela ilizwe, kodwa kangiyikubalamulela ezandleni zabo." **7** Ngakho ngizafaka emadlelweni izimvu ezasezikhethelwe ukuya esilaheni, ikakhulu lezo ezaziphathwa kabuhlungu.

Ngasengithatha ingwegwe ezimbili ngabiza enye ngokuthi nguThandeka kwathi enye ngathi nguNhlanganiso, ngasengizelusa izimvu. **8** Ngenyanga eyodwa ngaxotsha abelusi abathathu. Izimvu zanengeka ngami, lami zangidina **9** ngathi, “Kangisayikuba ngumelusi wenu. Yekela efayo ife, lebhubhayo ibhubhe. Yekela lezo eziseleyo zidlane inyama yazo.” **10** Ngasengithatha ingwegwe yami ethiwa nguThandeka ngayephula, ngidiliza isivumelwano engangisenzile lezizwe zonke. **11** Sadilizwa ngalelolanga, yikho abadubekayo emhlambini ababengikhangele bakwazi ukuthi lokho kwakulilizwi likaThixo. **12** Ngabatshela ngathi, “Nxa libona kufanele, ngiphani iholo lami; nxa njalo kungenjalo, yekelani.” Yikho basebengiholisa inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. **13** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Iphosele kumbumbi,” imali engaka ababengilinganisele yona! Ngasengizithatha lezonhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaziphosela kumbumbi wembiza endlini kaThixo. **14** Ngasengiqamula ingwegwe yami yesibili ethiwa nguNhlanganiso, ngiqamula ubuzalwane phakathi kukaJuda lo-Israyeli. **15** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Thatha futhi izikhali zomelusi oyisithutha. **16** Ngoba ngizamisa umelusi welizwe leli ongezukunanza ngezilahlekileyo, angawadingi amazinyane, angawelaphi alimeleyo, angawaphi ukudla aphilayo, kodwa adle inyama yezinonileyo, adlithize lamangqina azo. **17** Maye kumelusi oyisithutha, ohlamukela izifuyo! Sengathi angadliwa yinkemba igalele engalweni lelihlweni lakhe

lakwesokunene! Sengathi ingalo yakhe ingahle yome qha, ilihlo lakhe langakwesokunene lihle life kokuphela!”

12 Isiphrofethi: ilizwi likaThixo mayelana lo-Israyeli. UThixo 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. **3** Ngalelolanga, lapho izizwe zonke zomhlaba sezihlangene ukulwa laye, ngizakwenza iJerusalema ibe lidwala elingagudlukiyo elezizwe zonke. Bonke abazama ukulitshedisa bazazilimaza. **4** Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza wonke amabhiza ethuke labagadi bawo bahlanye,” kutsho uThixo. “Indlu kaJuda ngizahlala ngiyiqaphele, kodwa ngizaphumputhekisa wonke amabhiza ezizwe. **5** Lapho abakhokheli bakoJuda bazakuthi ezinhliziyweni zabo, ‘Abantu baseJerusalema baqinile, ngoba uThixo 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** UThixo uzasindisa imizi yakoJuda kuqala ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida lolwezakhamizi zaseJerusalema lungabi lukhulu kulolukaJuda. **8** Ngalelolanga uThixo uzabavikela labo abahlala eJerusalema, kuze kuthi lobuthakathaka kakhulu phakathi kwabo uzakuba njengoDavida, lendlu kaDavida izakuba njengoNkulunkulu, njengeNgilosi

kaThixo ihamba phambi kwabo. **9** Ngalelolanga
ngizaphuma ngiyebhubhisa zonke izizwe ezihlasela
iJerusalema." **10** "Ngizathululela phezu kwendlu kaDavida
laphezu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema umoya womusa
lobubele. Bazakhangela kimi, mina abamgwazayo,
bangililele njengomuntu elilela umntanakhe ozelwe
yedwa, bamkhalele kabuhlungu njengomuntu ekhalela
indodana yakhe elizibulo. **11** Ngalelolanga isililo
eJerusalema sizakuba sikhulu njengesililo sikaHadadi-
Rimoni emagcekeni aseMegido. **12** Ilizwe lizalila,
yilesosizwana sisodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; isizwana
sendlu kaDavida labafazi babo, isizwana sendlu kaNathani
labafazi babo, **13** isizwana sendlu kaLevi labafazi babo,
isizwana sikaShimeyi labafazi babo, **14** lazozonke izizwana
labafazi bazo."

13 "Ngalelolanga umthombo uzavulelwa indlu kaDavida
labakhileyo eJerusalema, ukubahlanza izono lokungcola.
2 Ngalelolanga ngizawasusa amabizo ezithombe elizweni
ukuze zingakhunjulwa njalo," kutsho uThixo uSomandla.
"Ngizabasusa abaphrofethi kanye lomoya wokungcola
phakathi kwelizwe. **3** Nxa ezabe elokhu ekhona
ophrofethayo, uyise lonina abamzalayo bazakuthi kuye,
'Kumele ufe ngoba usukhulume amanga ngegama
likaThixo.' Uzakuthi ephrofitha abazali bakhe ngokwabo
bazamgwaza. **4** Ngalelolanga ngulowo lalowo umphrofethi
uzaba lamanhloni ngombono wakhe wokuphrofetha.
Akayikwembatha isivunulo somphrofethi esoboya ezama
ukukhohlisa. **5** Uzakuthi, 'Kangisuye umphrofethi,
ngingumlimi; umhlabathi uyilapho okulokuphila

kwami kusukela ebutsheni bami’ 6 Aluba ebuzwa
kuthiwe, ‘Ngawani amanxeba la asemzimbeni wakho?’
Uzaphendula athi, ‘Ngamanxeba engawazuza endlini
yabangane bami.’ 7 Vuka, wena nkemba, vukela
umelusi wami, uvukele umuntu osekhwapheni lami!”
kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Tshaya umelusi, izimvu
zizahlakazeka, njalo ngizaphendula isandla sami ngitshaye
ezincinyane. 8 Kulolonke ilizwe,” kutsho uThixo, “ezimbili
kwezintathu zizatshaywa zife; kodwa ingxenye yesithathu
izasala kulo. 9 Le ingxenye yesithathu ngizayifaka
emlilweni; ngizabancibilikisa ngibacenge njengesiliva
ngibahlolisise njengegolide. Bazalibiza ibizo lami, lami
ngizabaphendula; ngizakuthi, ‘Bangabantu bami,’ labo
bazakuthi, ‘UThixo unguNkulunkulu wethu.’”

14 Usuku lukaThixo luyeza mhla impango yenu
izakwabiwa phakathi kwenu. 2 Ngizaqoqa zonke
izizwe eJerusalema zilwe layo, idolobho lizathunjwa,
izindlu ziguduzwe, abesifazane badlwengulwe. Ingxenye
yedolobho izathunjwa isiwe ebugqilini, kodwa abaseleyo
edolobheni kabayikubuthwa bathathwe. 3 Kuzakuthi
kunjalo uThixo uzaphuma alwe lalezozizwe, njengokulwa
kwakhe nxa kulilanga lempi. 4 Ngalelolanga inyawo zakhe
zizakuma phezu kwentaba yama-Oliva, empumalanga
kweJerusalema njalo intaba yama-Oliva izadabuka
phakathi kusuka empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga,
kudaleke isigodi esikhulu, ingxenye yentaba isudukele
enyakatho, enye ingxenye yentaba iye enyakatho kuthi
enye ingxenye isondele eningizimu. 5 Lizabaleka
ngesigodi sami sentaba ngoba sihamba size siyofika

e-Azeli. Lizabaleka njengalokho elakwenza libalekela ukuzamazama komhlaba ngezinsuku zika-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda. Lapho-ke uThixo uNkulunkulu wami uzakuza elabo bonke abangcwele bakhe. **6** Mhlalokho akuyikuba lokukhanya, kumbe ukuqanda loba ungqwaqwane. **7** Kuzakuba lusuku olungajayelekanga, olungelamini njalo olungelabusuku, usuku olwaziwa nguThixo. Ukuhlwa kungafika kuzavela ukukhanya. **8** Ngalolosuku amanzi aphilisayo azageleza esuka eJerusalema, ingxenye iyethela olwandle lwempumalanga kuthi eyinye ithele entshonalanga, ehlobo kanye lebusika. **9** UThixo uzakuba yinkosi kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ngalolosuku kuzakuba loThixo oyedwa, lebizo 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 kaHananeli kusiya esikhamelweni sewayini. **11** Kuzakuba yindawo ehlala abantu, kayisayikuphinde njalo ibhidlizwe lanini. IJerusalema izahlala ivikelekile. **12** Lesi yiso isifo uThixo 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 nguThixo 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, imbongolo, amakamela labobabhemi lazozonke izinyamazana ezizabe zikulezozihonqo. **16** Kuzakuthi bonke abayinsalela kulezozizwe ezahlasela iJerusalema, bazakhuphuka umnyaka ngomnyaka ukuyakhonza Inkosi, uThixo uSomandla lokuthakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo. **17** Nxa bezakuba khona abesinye isizwe emhlabeni abangayikuya eJerusalema ukuyakhonza Inkosi, uThixo uSomandla, labo kabayikunelwa lizulu. **18** Aluba abantu baseGibhithe bengayi ukuyakhonza, kabayikuzuza izulu. UThixo uzabehlisela isifo asehlisela lezozizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo. **19** Lesi sizakuba yisijeziso seGibhithe lesijeziso sazo zonke izizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo. **20** Ngalolosuku kuzalotshwa ukuthi "Kungcwele kuThixo" ezinsimbini ezikhencezayo zamabhiza, lezimbiza zokupheka endlini kaThixo zizakuba njengemiganu engcwele ephambi kwe-alithari. **21** Yiphi layiphi imbiza eJerusalema lakoJuda izaba ngcwele kuThixo uSomandla, njalo bonke abafikayo ukuza kwenza umhlatshelo bazathatha ezinye zezimbiza bapheke ngazo. Njalo ngalolosuku kakusayikuba lomKhenani endlini kaThixo uSomandla.

UMalaki

1 Isiphrofethi, Ilizwi likaThixo ku-Israyeli ngoMalaki.
2 “Ngilithandile,” kutsho uThixo. “Kodwa liyabuza
lithi, ‘Usithande njani?’” UThixo uthi, “U-Esawu
wayengasimfowabo kaJakhobe na? Yebo uJakhobe
ngimthandile, **3** kodwa u-Esawu ngimzondile,
futhi ngenze izintaba zakhe zaba lugwadule lelifa
lakhe ladliwa ngamakhanka asenkangala.” **4** U-
Edomi angathi, “Kungaze kube sinyathezelwe phansi
kodwa sizawavuselela amanxiwa.” Kodwa nanku
okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Bangakha, kodwa
ngizadiliza. Bazakuthiwa Yilizwe Elibi, abantu abazahlala
bethukuthelelwe nguThixo. **5** Lizakubona ngawenu
amehlo lithi, ‘Umkhulu uThixo, angale kwemingcele
yako-Israyeli!’” **6** “Indodana iyamesaba uyise, lenceku
iyayesaba inkosi yayo. Aluba nginguyihlo kungaphi
pho ukwesatshwa kwami? Aluba ngiyinkosi kungaphi
ukuhlonitshwa kwami na?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla.
“Yini, hawu baphristi, eleyisa ibizo lami. Kodwa
lingabuza lithi, ‘Sileyise ngani ibizo lakho?’ **7** Libeka
ukudla okungcolileyo e-alithareni lami. Kodwa lingabuza
lithi, ‘Sikungcolise kanjani wena na?’ Ngokuthi itafula
likaThixo liyeyiseka. **8** Nxa liletha izifuyo eziyiziphofu
ukuba ngumhlatshelo, kambe kakukubi lokho na? Nxa
lisenza umhlatshelo ngezifuyo eziyizilima loba ezilezifo,
kakukubi lokho na? Ake lizame ukukunika umbusi
wenu! Angalithabela lina na? Angalithanda kambe
lina yini?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **9** “Ngakho-
ke ncengani uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe lobubele kithi.

Ngeminikelo enjalo ephuma ezandleni zenu, kambe angalamukela?" kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **10** "Oh, sekuze kungathi omunye wenu angavala iminyango yethempeli ukuze lingabi lilokhu libasa imililo engelamsebenzi e-alithareni lami! Kangithokozi ngani lina," kutsho uThixo uSomandla, "njalo kangiyikwamukela umnikelo wezandla zenu. **11** Ibizo lami lizaba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe, kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kusiya ekutshoneni kwalo. Ezindaweni zonke impepha leminikelo ehlanzekileyo izalethwa ebizweni lami, ngoba ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **12** "Kodwa liyalingcolisa ngoba lithi, 'Itafula kaThixo ingcolisiwe,' lokudla okukulo, 'Kuyadeleleka.' **13** Njalo lichila amakhala ngokweyisa lithi, 'Kuyasidina thina lokhu!'" Kutsho uThixo uSomandla. "Nxa liletha izifuyo ezilimeleyo kumbe ezigulayo lizozinikela zibe yimihlatshelo, lithi ngizemukele yini ezandleni zenu?" uyabuza uThixo. **14** "Uqalekisiwe umkhohlisi olenqama enhle emhlambini wakhe, athembise ukunikela ngayo, kodwa abesenikela ngesifuyo esilesici kuThixo. Ngoba ngiyinkosi enkulu," kutsho uThixo uSomandla, "njalo ibizo lami kufanele lesatshwe phakathi kwezizwe."

2 "Manje-ke nanku owenu umlayo, lina baphristi. **2** Nxa lingalaleli, njalo nxa lingalungisi inhliziyo zenu ukuhlonipha ibizo lami," kutsho uThixo uSomandla, "ngizaletha isiqalekiso phezu kwenu, njalo ngiziqalekise izibusiso zenu. Yebo, kuvele nje sengiziqalekisile ngoba kalizimiselanga ezinhliziyweni zenu ukungesaba. **3** Ngenxa yenu ngizabakhalimela

abantwabenu; ngizalihuqa ebusweni ngomswane wemihlatshelo yemikhosi yenu lithathwe linjalo lisiya ekuthunjweni. **4** Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi ngilithumele lesi isixwayiso ukuze isivumelwano sami loLevi siqhubeke," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **5** "Isivumelwano sami wayelaso, isivumelwano sokuphila lokuthula, izinto engamupha zona; lokhu kwakuswela inhlonipho, lakanje wangihlonipha walesaba ibizo lami. **6** Imfundiso eqotho yayisemlonyeni wakhe njalo kakufunyanwanga lutho oluyinkohliso ezindebeni zakhe. Wahamba lami ngokuthula langobuqotho, waphendula abanengi ababesesonweni. **7** Ngoba izindebe zomphristi kumele zilonde ulwazi, abantu badinge kuye ukufundiswa ngoba uyisithunywa sikaThixo uSomandla. **8** Kodwa seliphambukile endleleni, kwathi njalo ngokufundisa kwenu lenza abanengi bakhubeka; lisephule isivumelwano loLevi," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **9** "Ngakho sengenze ukuthi leyiswe njalo liyangiswe phambi kwabantu bonke, ngoba kalilandelanga izindlela zami kodwa latshengisa ukubandlulula ekusebenziseni umthetho." **10** KasilaBaba munye thina sonke na? Kasidalwanga nguNkulunkulu munye na? Pho singcoliselani isivumelwano sabokhokho bethu na ngokungathembani thina ngokwethu? **11** UJuda ukhohlisile. Kwenziwe amanyala ko-Israyeli laseJerusalema: uJuda useyitshaphazile indlu engcwele uThixo ayithandayo, ngokutshada lendodakazi kankulunkulu wabezizwe. **12** Leyondoda ekwenzayo lokho, lokuba ingubani, sengathi uThixo angayisusa emathenteni kaJakhobe lanxa iletha iminikelo kuThixo

uSomandla. **13** Enye into eliyenzayo nansi: Ligcwalisa
i-alithari likaThixo ngezinyembezi. Liyakhala libubula
ngoba kasayinanzi iminikelo yenu, njalo kasayamukeli
ngokuthokoza ezandleni zenu. **14** Liyabuza lithi,
“Kungani na?” Kungenxa yokuthi uThixo umi
njengomfakazi phakathi kwakho lomfazi wobutsha
bakho, ngoba umkhohlisile yena eyingxenye yakho,
umfazi wesivumelwano sakho somtshado. **15** UThixo
kabenzanga baba munye na? Enyameni lemphefumulweni
bangabakhe. Kungani bemunye? Ngoba wayedinga
inzalo ekholwayo kuNkulunkulu. Ngakho ziqaphele
emphefumulweni wakho, ungaze wamkhohlisa umfazi
wobutsha bakho. **16** “Ngiyakuzonda ukuchitha umtshado,”
kutsho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uqhubeka esithi,
“njalo ngiyayizonda indoda evala ngolaka kumkayo
umkayo njengalokhu izivala ngesivunulo,” kutsho uThixo
uSomandla. Ngakho ziqaphele wena emphefumulweni
wakho, ungaze wakhohlisa. **17** Selimdinile uThixo
ngamazwi enu. Lingabuza lithi, “Simdinise kanjani?”
Ngokuthi, “Bonke abenza ububi balungile emehlweni
kaThixo, njalo uyathokoza ngabo,” loba ngokuthi,
“Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wokwahlulela kuhle na?”

3 “Ngizathuma isithunywa sami esizangilungisela
indlela. Kuzakuthi masinyane uThixo elimdingayo
uzakuza ethempelini lakhe; isithunywa sesivumelwano,
elisilangazelelayo sizakuza,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **2**
Kodwa ngubani na ongalumela usuku lokuza kwaso?
Ngubani ongema nxa eqhamuka na? Ngoba sizakuba
njengomlilo womcengi wensimbi kumbe njengesepa

yomgezisi. **3** Sizahlala njengomcengi lomhlambululi
wesiliva; sizahlambulula abaLevi sibacenge njengesiliva
legolide. Kulapho-ke uThixo azakuba lawo amadoda
azaletha iminikelo ngokulunga, **4** kuthi-ke iminikelo
kaJuda leyeJerusalema yamukeleke kuThixo,
njengezinsukwini ezedlulayo, njengeminyakeni yekadeni.
5 "Ngakho ngizasondela kini ukuzakwahlulela.
Ngizaphangisa ukufakaza okubi ngezangoma,
ngeziphingi, labafungela amanga, lalabo abadlelezela
izisebenzi ngomholo wazo, labo abancindezela
abafelokazi lezintandane, abangahluleli kuhle
abezizweni, kodwa abangangesabiyo mina," kutsho
uThixo uSomandla. **6** "Mina Thixo kangiguquki.
Ngalokho lina, bazukulu bakaJakhobe, kalibhujiswanga. **7**
Kulokhu kwasukela esikhathini sabokhokho benu
laphambuka emilayweni yami kalaze layigcina. Buyani
kimi, lami ngizabuya kini," kutsho uThixo uSomandla.
"Kodwa liyabuza lithi, 'Sibuyele kanjani na?' **8** Umuntu
angamphanga uNkulunkulu na? Lina liyangiphanga.
Kodwa liyabuza lithi, 'Sikuphanga kanjani na?'
Ngokwetshumi langeminikelo. **9** Liphiwe isiqalekiso,
isizwe sakini sonke ngoba liyangiphanga. **10** Lethani
konke okwetshumi esiphaleni ukuze kube lokudla endlini
yami." Uthi uThixo uSomandla, "Ngilingani kulokhu
libone ingabe kangikuwavula amasango ezulu ngithulule
izibusiso elizaze liswele ukuthi lizithele ngaphi. **11**
Ngizaxotsha izibungu ukuze zingadli amabele enu,
lamavini emasimini enu kawayikukhithiza izithelo
zawo," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **12** "Lapho izizwe

zonke zizakuthi libusisiwe, ngoba elenu lizakuba yilizwe elibukekayo," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **13** Uthi uThixo, "Selikhuluma amazwi abuhlungu ngami. Kodwa liyabuza lithi, 'Kuyini okubi esikutshiloyo ngawe na?' **14** Lithe lina, 'Kakusizi ngalutho ukukhonza uNkulunkulu. Sazuzani ngokulandela izimiso zakhe, saziphatha njengabalilayo phambi kukaThixo uSomandla na? **15** Kodwa manje isiqholo sithi singobusisiweyo. Ngeqiniso izigangi ziyaphumelela, kanye lalabo abamhwedelayo uNkulunkulu kabenziwa lutho.'" **16** Kwathi labo ababemesaba uThixo bakhulumisana, uThixo walalela, wezwa. Umqulu wencwadi yesikhumbuzo walotshwa phambi kwakhe mayelana lalabo ababemesaba uThixo ababehlonipha ibizo lakhe. **17** Uthi uThixo uSomandla, "Bazakuba ngabami, ngosuku mhla ngibenza inotho yami eligugu. Ngizabayekela, njengoba indoda yayibe lesihawu ixolele indodana yayo eyincedisayo. **18** Njalo lizawubona umahluko phakathi kwabalungileyo lababi, phakathi kwalabo abamkhonzayo uNkulunkulu lalabo abangamkhonziyo."

4 "Ngeqiniso luyeza usuku; luzavutha njengesithando somlilo. Zonke iziqholo njalo zonke izixhwali zizakuba ngamabibi, njalo lolosuku oluzayo luzabathungela ngomlilo," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. "Kakuyikusala mpande loba gatsha kubo. **2** Kodwa lina elilesabayo ibizo lami, ilanga lokulunga lizaphuma lilokusiliswa emaphikweni alo. Njalo lizaphuma liqolotshe njengamathole evulelwe esibayeni sawo. **3** Lapho-ke lizabanyathezela phansi ababi; bazakuba ngumlotha

ngaphansi kwezinyawo zenu ngosuku lolo engizazenza
ngalo lezizinto," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **4**
"Khumbulani umthetho wenceku yami uMosi, izimiso
kanye lemithetho engamupha yona eHorebhi ingeyawo
wonke ama-Israyeli. **5** Khangelani, ngizalithumela
umphrofethi u-Elija lungakafiki lolosuku olukhulu
olwesabekayo lukaThixo. **6** Uzaguqulela inhliziyo
zaboyise ebantwaneni babo, lezinhliziyo zabantwana
ziguqukele kuboyise; kungenjalo ngizakuza ngilitshaye
ilizwe ngesiqalekiso."

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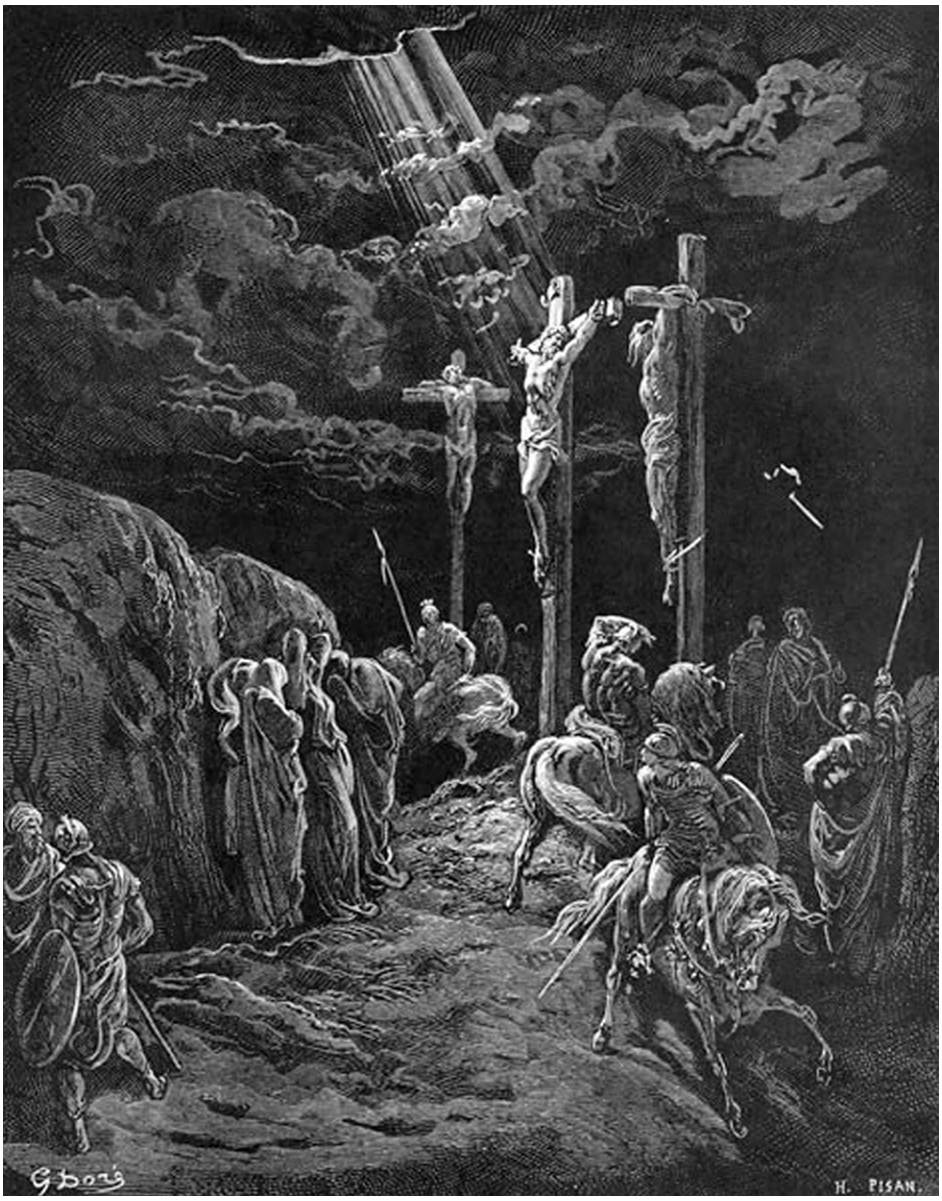


UJesu wathi, “Baba, baxolele, ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.”
Njalo basebesabelana izigqoko zakhe ngokutshaya inkatho.
ULukha 23:34

UMathewu

1 Umbhalo wosendo lukaJesu Khristu indodana kaDavida,
indodana ka-Abhrahama: **2** U-Abhrahama wayenguyise
ka-Isaka, u-Isaka uyise kaJakhobe, uJakhobe uyise kaJuda
labafowabo, **3** uJuda uyise kaPherezi loZera, unina
owayenguThamari, uPherezi uyise kaHezironi, uHezironi
uyise kaRamu, **4** uRamu uyise ka-Aminadabi, u-Aminadabi
uyise kaNashoni, uNahishoni uyise kaSalimoni, **5**
uSalimoni uyise kaBhowazi, unina owayenguRahabi,
uBhowazi uyise ka-Obhedi, unina owayenguRuthe, u-
Obhedi uyise kaJese, **6** uJese uyise wenkosi uDavida.
UDavida wayenguyise kaSolomoni, unina owayeke waba
ngumka-Uriya, **7** uSolomoni uyise kaRehobhowami,
uRehobhowami uyise ka-Abhija, u-Abhija uyise ka-
Asa, **8** u-Asa uyise kaJehoshafathi, uJehoshafathi
uyise kaJehoramu, uJehoramu uyise ka-Uziya, **9** u-
Uziya uyise kaJothamu, uJothamu uyise ka-Ahazi,
u-Ahazi uyise kaHezekhiya, **10** uHezekhiya uyise
kaManase, uManase uyise ka-Amoni, u-Amoni uyise
kaJosiya, **11** uJosiya owayenguyise kaJekhoniya labafowabo
ngesikhathi bethunjwe eBhabhiloni. **12** Emva kokuthunjwa
eBhabhiloni: uJekhoniya wayenguyise kaSheyalithiyeli,
uSheyalithiyeli uyise kaZerubhabheli, **13** uZerubhabheli
uyise ka-Abhiyudi, u-Abhiyudi uyise ka-Eliyakhimu, u-
Eliyakhimu uyise ka-Azori, **14** u-Azori uyise kaZadokhi,
uZadokhi uyise ka-Akhimu, u-Akhimu uyise ka-
Elihudi, **15** u-Elihudi uyise ka-Eliyazari, u-Eliyazari uyise
kaMathani, uMathani uyise kaJakhobe, **16** uJakhobe uyise
kaJosefa, umkaMariya, owazala uJesu obizwa ngokuthi

nguKhristu. **17** Ngokunjalo-ke, kwakulezizukulwane
ezilitshumi lane sezizonke kusukela ku-Abhrahama
kusiya kuDavida, ezilitshumi lane kusukela kuDavida
kusiya ekuthunjweni yiBhabhiloni njalo ezilitshumi lane
kusukela ekuthunjweni kusiya kuKhristu. **18** UJesu Khristu
wazalwa kanje: Unina uMariya wayethembise ukuthi
uzakwendela kuJosefa kodwa kwathi bengakahlangani
wabonakala esezithwele kwenziwe ngoMoya oNgcwele.
19 Ngoba umkakhe uJosefa wayeyindoda elungileyo
emthethweni, njalo engafuni ukumyangisa ebantwini,
wacabanga ukumala ngasese. **20** Uthe esekucabangile
lokhu, kwafika kuye ingilosi yeNkosi ephutsheni yathi,
"Josefa ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukuthatha uMariya
ukuba abe ngumkakho ngoba lokhu akhulelwe ngakho
kuvela kuMoya oNgcwele. **21** Uzabeletha indodana
ozayetha ibizo uthi nguJesu ngoba uzasindisa abantu
bakhe ezonweni zabo." **22** Konke lokhu kwenzakala
ukuze kugcwaliseke okwatshiwo yiNkosi ngomphrofethi
ukuthi: **23** "Intombi egcweleyo izakhulelwa izale
indodana, bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Emanuweli" (okutsho
ukuthi, "uNkulunkulu ulathi"). **24** UJosefa esevukile
ebuthongweni wenza lokho ingilosi yeNkosi eyayimlaye
khona, wamthatha uMariya waba ngumkakhe. **25** Kodwa
kazange embathe laye waze wabeletha indodana. Wayetha
ibizo wathi nguJesu.

2 UJesu esezelwe eBhethilehema laseJudiya ngesikhathi
sokubusa kwenkosi uHerodi, kwafika eJerusalema iZazi
zivela empumalanga, **2** zabuza zathi, "Ungaphi lowo
ozalelwe ukuba yinkosi yamaJuda na? Sibone inkanyezi

yakhe empumalanga ngakho size ukuzamkhonza.” **3** Kwathi inkosi uHerodi isikuzwile lokhu yakhathazeka, kanye leJerusalema lonke. **4** Kwathi esebizele ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu bonke labafundisi bomthetho, wababuza ukuthi uKhristu wayezazalelwa ngaphi. **5** Baphendula bathi, “EBhethilehema laseJudiya, ngoba lokhu yikho okwalotshwa ngumphrofethi ukuthi: **6** ‘Kodwa wena Bhethilehema, elizweni lakoJuda, kawumncinyane kulabo bonke ababusi bakoJuda; ngoba kuzavela umbusi kuwe, ozakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami bako-Israyeli.’” **7** UHerodi wasezibiza iZazi ngasese wadingisisa kuzo isikhathi inkanyezi eyaphuma ngaso ngqe. **8** Wabathuma eBhethilehema wathi, “Hambani liyemdinga umntwana. Lingamfumana lingazise masinyane ukuze lami ngihambe ngiyemkhonza.” **9** Sezizwile okwatshiwo yinkosi, zasuka zahamba, inkanyezi leyo ezaziyibonile empumalanga yahamba phambi kwazo yaze yayakuma lapho umntwana ayekhona. **10** Zathi ziyibona inkanyezi zagcwala intokozo. **11** Zangena endlini zambona umntwana lonina uMariya, zakhothama zamkhonza. Zasezivula impahla zazo eziligugu zamkhunga ngezipho zegolide lempepha lemure. **12** Kwathi ngoba zixwayisiwe ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi, zaqonda elizweni lakibo ngenye indlela. **13** Kwathi sezihambile, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuJosefa ngephupho. Yathi, “Vuka uthathe umntwana lonina libalekele eGibhithe. Lihlale khonale ngize ngilitshele ngoba uHerodi uzamdinga umntwana efuna ukumbulala.” **14** Ngakho wavuka wathatha umntwana lonina ebusuku waya eGibhithe **15** lapho

abahlala khona uHerodi waze wafa. Ngakho kwagcwaliseka lokho iNkosi eyayikutshilo ngomphrofethi ukuthi, “Indodana yami ngayikhupha eGibhithe.” **16** Kwathi ukuba uHerodi ananzelele ukuthi iZazi zazimphicile wazonda kakhulu, wasekhupha umlayo wokuthi kubulawe bonke abantwana abangabafana eBhethilehema lasemangweni wonke oseduze, bonke ababeleminyaka emibili kusehla, kuhambelana lesikhathi leso ayesitshelwe yiZazi. **17** Ngakho lokho okwakutshiwo ngumphrofethi uJeremiya kwagcwaliseka ukuthi: **18** “Ilizwi lizwakala eRama, ukukhala lesililo esikhulu, uRasheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe njalo wala ukududuzwa, ngoba kabasekho.” **19** UHerodi esefile, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala ngephupho kuJosefa eseGibhithe **20** yathi, “Sukuma uthathe umntwana lonina liye elizweni lako-Israyeli ngoba labo ababefuna ukubulala umntwana sebefile.” **21** Ngakho wasukuma wathatha umntwana lonina waya elizweni lako-Israyeli. **22** Kodwa wathi ngokuzwa ukuthi u-Akhelasi wayebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikayise uHerodi wesaba ukuya khona. Kwathi esexwayisiwe ephutsheni wahamba wayahlala eGalile, **23** edolobheni elalithiwa yiNazaretha. Ngalokho kwagcwaliseka okwatshiwo ngabaphrofethi ukuthi: Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngoweNazaretha.

3 Ngalesosikhathi kwafika uJohane uMbhaphathizi etshumayela enkangala yaseJudiya **2** esithi, “Phendukani ngoba umbuso wezulu ususondele.” **3** Nguye lo okwakhulunywa ngaye ngumphrofethi u-Isaya kwathiwa: “Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala lithi, ‘Lungiselani iNkosi indlela, yenzani izindlela zayo ziqonde.’” **4**

Izigqoko zikaJohane zazenziwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe. Ukudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe loluju lwenyosi zeganga. **5** Abantu baphuma baya kuye bevela eJerusalema lakulo lonke elaseJudiya lemangweni wonke waseJodani. **6** Bevuma izono zabo, babhaphathizwa nguye emfuleni uJodani. **7** Kodwa wathi ebona abaFarisi labaSadusi abanengi besiza lapho ayebhaphathizela khona wathi kubo, "Lina nzalo yezinyoka! Lilimukiswe ngubani ukuthi libalekele ulaka oluzayo na? **8** Thelani izithelo ezihambelana lokuphenduka. **9** Njalo lingacabangi ukuthi lingazitshela ukuthi, 'Silo-Abhrahama ongubaba wethu.' Mina ngilitshela ukuthi kuwonala amatshe uNkulunkulu angamenzela u-Abhrahama abantwana. **10** Ihloka selivele selisezimpandeni zezihlahla njalo zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezinhle zizaganyulwa, ziphoselwe emlilweni. **11** Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi okutshengisa ukuphenduka. Kodwa ngemva kwami kuza olamandla kulami njalo kakungilinganange ukuthwala amanyathela akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo. **12** Isitsha sakhe sokwela sisesandleni sakhe njalo uzathanyela isiza sakhe, abuthele amabele akhe wonke esiphaleni, kuthi amakhoba awatshise ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo." **13** UJesu weza eJodani evela eGalile ukuba abhaphathizwe nguJohane. **14** Kodwa uJohane wazama ukwenqaba ngokuthi, "Yimi engidinga ukubhaphathizwa nguwe, kanti pho ungeza njani kimi?" **15** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Yekela kube njalo okwakhathesi ngoba kufanele ukuba sikwenze lokhu

ukuze sigcwalise konke ukulunga." Ngakho uJohane wasevuma. **16** Masinyane nje uJesu eqeda kubhaphathizwa waphuma emanzini. Khonokho nje izulu lavuleka, wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu usehla njengejuba njalo usehlela phezu kwakhe. **17** Ilizwi elavela ezulwini lathi, "Lo yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo."

4 UJesu wasekhokhelwa nguMoya wamusa enkangala ukuthi ayelingwa nguSathane. **2** Emva kokuzila ukudla okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane wayeselambile. **3** Umlingi weza kuye wathi, "Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu tshela amatshe la aphenduke abe yisinkwa." **4** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa kuphela kodwa ngelizwi lonke eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu.'" **5** USathane wasemthatha wamusa emzini ongcwele, wamisa engqongweni yethempeli. **6** Wathi kuye, "Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziphosele phansi. Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Uzalaya izingilosi zakhe ngawe, zikuqage ngezandla zazo, ukuze ungatshayeki ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.'" **7** UJesu wamphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi, 'Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.'" **8** Waphinda njalo uSathane wamusa entabeni ephakemeyo kakhulu, wamtshengisa yonke imibuso yomhlaba lokucwebezela kwayo. **9** Wathi, "Ngizakunika konke lokhu nxa ungangikhothamela, ungikhonze." **10** UJesu wathi kuye, "Suka kimi Sathane! Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Khonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho njalo

usebenzele yena yedwa.'" **11** USathane wasemtshiya,
izingilosi zabuya zazomkhonza. **12** UJesu wathi
esizwa ukuthi uJohane wayesevalelwe entolongweni,
wabuyela eGalile. **13** Wasuka eNazaretha wayahlala
eKhaphenawume eyayisokhunjini lomfula emangweni
wakoZebhuluni lakoNafithali, **14** ukugcwalisa lokho
okwatshiwo ngomphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi: **15** "Lizwe
likaZebhuluni lelizwe likaNafithali, iNdlela eya oLwandle,
phetsheya kweJodani, iGalile yabeZizweni, **16** abantu
ababehlezi emnyameni sebebone ukukhanya okukhulu;
kulabo abahlezi elizweni lethunzi lokufa, ukukhanya
sekufikile." **17** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi uJesu waqalisa
ukutshumayela esithi, "Phendukani ngoba umbuso
wezulu ususondele." **18** Kwathi uJesu ehamba okhunjini
loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona izelamani ezimbili,
uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro lomfowabo u-Andreya.
Babephosela umambule olwandle ngoba bengabagoli
benhlanzi. **19** UJesu wathi, "Wozani lingilandele,
ngizalenza abagoli babantu." **20** Masinyane nje
batshiya omambule babo bamlandela. **21** Esuka
lapho wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakhobe
indodana kaZebhediya lomfowabo uJohane. Babephakathi
kwesikepe loyise uZebhediya, belungisa omambule babo.
UJesu wababiza, **22** baphanga batshiya isikepe kanye loyise
bamlandela. **23** UJesu wahamba kulolonke iGalile efundisa
emasinagogweni abo, etshumayela izindaba ezinhle
zombuso, esilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane ebantwini. **24**
Udumo lwakhe lwagcwala kulolonke elase-Asiriya, abantu
baletha kuye bonke ababegula belezifo ezehlukeneyo,

labo ababesebuhlungwini obukhulu, ababephethwe ngamadimoni, ababelezithuthwane lababeyizilima, bonke wabasilisa. **25** Amaxuku amakhulu ayevela eGalile, eDekhapholisi, eJerusalema, eJudiya lasemangweni ongaphetsheya kweJodani amlandela.

5 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wakhwela entabeni wahlala phansi. Abafundi bakhe beza kuye. **2** Waseqalisa ukubafundisa esithi: **3** "Babusisiwe abampofu emoyeni ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabo. **4** Babusisiwe labo abakhalayo ngoba bazakududuzwa. **5** Babusisiwe abathobekileyo ngoba bazakuba zindlalifa zomhlaba. **6** Babusisiwe labo abalambela labomela ukulunga ngoba bazakusuthiswa. **7** Babusisiwe abalesihawu ngoba bazakuhawukelwa. **8** Babusisiwe abahlanzekileyo enhliziyweni ngoba bazabona uNkulunkulu. **9** Babusisiwe abagcina ukuthula ngoba bazathiwa ngamadodana kaNkulunkulu. **10** Babusisiwe abahlukunyezwayo ngenxa yokulunga, ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabo. **11** Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belithuka, belihlukumeza njalo beligcona ngobubi bonke ngenxa yami. **12** Thokozani lijabule ngoba mkhulu umvuzo wenu ezulwini, njengoba bahlukunyezwa ngaleyondlela abaphrofethi ababephambi kwenu." **13** "Lina lilitswayi lomhlaba. Kodwa nxa itswayi lingalahlekelwa yibumunyu balo, lingavuselelwa njani na? Kaliselamsebenzi ngaphandle kokuthi lichithelwe phandle linyathelwe ngabantu. **14** Lina liyikukhanya kwezwe. Idolobho elakhelwe entabeni kalisitheki. **15** Njalo abantu kabalumathisi isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitsha. Kodwa basibeka phezu

koluthi lwaso ukuze sikhanyisele bonke abasendlini.
16 Ngokunjalo, yenzani ukukhanya kwenu kukhanye
phambi kwabantu ukuze babone izenzo zenu ezinhle baze
badumise uYihlo osezulwini." **17** "Lingacabangi ukuthi
ngilande ukuzadiliza uMthetho kumbe abaPhrofethi.
Kangilandanga ukuzediliza kodwa ukuzogcwalisisa. **18**
Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kuze kunyamalale izulu
lomhlaba kakuyikususwa lutho eMthethweni, loba
libadlana kumbe lichatshana elilotshiweyo, kuze
kupheleliswe konke. **19** Loba ngubani owephula
owodwa nje wale imilayo emincinyane, afundise abanye
ukwenzanjalo uzathiwa mncinyane embusweni wezulu
kodwa loba ngubani olandela njalo afundise imilayo
le njengokuba, uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wezulu.
20 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi
ukulunga kwenu kwedlule okwabaFarisi labafundisi
bomthetho, ngempela kalizukuwungena umbuso wezulu."
21 "Lezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo, 'Ungabulali;
lowo obulalayo uzakwahlulelwa.' **22** Kodwa ngilitshela
ngithi loba ngubani ozondela umfowabo loba udadewabo
uzakwahlulelwa emthethwandaba. Njalo lowo othi
kumfowabo loba kudadewabo, 'Raca,' okutsho ukuthi
'Silimandini,' uzathonisiswa emphakathini. Njalo lowo
othi, 'Wena siwula!' uzakuba sengozini yomlilo wesihogo.
(Geenna g1067) **23** Ngakho-ke, nxa uletha isipho sakho
e-alithareni ubusukhumbula ukuthi umfowenu kumbe
udadewenu ulesikhwili lawe, **24** tshiya khonapho
isipho sakho phambi kwe-alithari. Qala uyebuyisana
laye umfowenu kumbe udadewenu andubana ubuye

uzonikela umnikelo wakho. **25** Phangisa uqedelane lalowo okumangalelayo lisahamba lisiya emthethwandaba funa akunikele kumahluleli ozakunikela kumlindijele ukuthi akuphosele entolongweni. **26** Ngilitshela iqiniso, kawusoze uphume uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana lokucina lwemali." **27** "Lezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, 'Ungaphingi.' **28** Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi lowo okhangela owesifazane amfise usephinge laye enhliziyweni yakhe. **29** Nxa ilihlo lakho lokunene likwenzisa isono, likopole, ulikhuphe ulilahlele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ulahlekelwe ngesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo. **(Geenna g1067)** **30** Njalo nxa isandla sakho sokunene sikwenzisa isono, siqume usiphosele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ulahlekelwe ngesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uye esihogweni somlilo." **(Geenna g1067)** **31** "Kwathiwa, 'Lowo owehlukana lomkakhe kamuphe incwadi yokuquma umtshado.' **32** Kodwa mina ngilitshela ngithi lowo ohlukana lomkakhe, ngaphandle kokuba ehlobongile, umenza afebe, njalo lowo othatha umfazi ohlukene lomkakhe uyaphinga." **33** "Njalo selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabendulo, 'Ungephuli isifungo sakho kodwa gcwalisa izifungo zakho ozenzileyo eNkosini.' **34** Kodwa mina ngithi, lingafungi loba sokutheni, kumbe ngezulu ngoba liyisihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu; **35** loba ngomhlaba ngoba uyisinyathelo sakhe loba ngeJerusalema ngoba lidolobho leNkosi enkulu. **36** Njalo ungafungi ngekhanda lakho ngoba ungeke wenze lalunye unwele lube mhlophe kumbe

lube mnyama. **37** Okumele likutsho yikuthi ‘Yebo’
kumbe ‘Hatshi’; okunye okungasilokhu kuvela komubi.”
38 “Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Ilihlo ngelihlo njalo
izinyo ngezinyo.’ **39** Kodwa mina ngiyalitshela ngithi,
lingamelani lomuntu omubi. Nxa omunye angakutshaya
esihlathini sokunene, muphe njalo esinye isihlathi.
40 Njalo nxa omunye efuna ukukumangalela ukuze
akuthathele isigqoko sakho, myekele athathe lejazi
lakho njalo. **41** Nxa omunye ekubamba ngamandla
ukuthi uhambe ikhilomitha elilodwa, hamba laye abe
mabili. **42** Muphe lowo ocela kuwe njalo ungamfulatheli
lowo ofuna ukweboleka kuwe.” **43** “Selezwa ukuthi
kwathiwa, ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho, uzonde isitha
sakho.’ **44** Kodwa mina ngilitshela ukuthi, thandani izitha
zenu, libakhulekele labo abalihlukuluzayo, **45** ukuze
libe ngamadodana kaYihlo osezulwini. Wenza ilanga
lakhe liphume kwababi labalungileyo njalo anise izulu
kwabalungileyo lakwabangalunganga. **46** Nxa lithanda
labo abalithandayo kuphela, lizazuza mvuzo bani na?
Kabenzi njalo na labathelisi? **47** Nxa libingelela abafowenu
bodwa, kuyini elikwenzayo okwedlula abanye na? Kabenzi
lokho labahedeni na? **48** Ngakho wobani ngabapheleleyo
njengalokhu uYihlo osezulwini ephelele.”

6 “Qaphelani ukuthi lingenzi izenzo zokulunga
phambi kwabantu ukuze balibone. Nxa lisenza njalo
kaliyikuba lomvuzo ovela kuYihlo ezulwini. **2**
Ngakho nxa lisipha abaswelayo, lingamemezeli indawo
yonke njengokwenziwa ngabazenzisi emasinagogweni
lasezitaladini ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu. Ngilitshela

iqiniso, sebewemukele owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. **3** Kodwa nxa lina lisipha abaswelayo isandla senu sokhohlo kasingakwazi lokho esikwenzayo esokunene, **4** ukuze ukupha kwenu kube sensitha. Ngakho uYihlo obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu." **5** "Nxa likhuleka lingabi njengabazenzisi ngoba bona bathanda ukukhuleka bemi emasinagogweni lasemakhoneni ezitalada ukuze babonwe ngabantu. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. **6** Nxa likhuleka, ngenani ezindlini zenu, livale iminyango beselikhuleka kuYihlo ongabonakaliyo. Ngakho uYihlo obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu. **7** Njalo nxa likhuleka lingenzi ubugabazi, linqongoloza njengabahedeni ngoba bacabanga ukuthi bazezwakala ngenxa yamazwi abo amanengi. **8** Lingabi njengabo ngoba uYihlo uyakwazi elikuswelayo loba lingakakuceli kuye." **9** "Kumele likhuleke kanje: 'Baba wethu osezulwini, kalidunyiswe ibizo lakho, **10** umbuso wakho kawuze, intando yakho kayenziwe emhlabeni njengalokhu isenziwa ezulwini. **11** Siphe lamuhla isinkwa sethu sansukuzonke. **12** Njalo usithethelele izono zethu, njengoba lathi sibathethelela abasonelayo. **13** Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usisindise komubi.' **14** Ngoba nxa libathethelela abayabe belonile, uYihlo osezulwini laye uzalithethelela. **15** Kodwa nxa lingabathetheleli abantu izono zabo, uYihlo kayikulithethelela lani izono zenu." **16** "Lapho lizila ukudla, lingabonakali linyukubele njengalokhu okwenziwa ngabazenzisi ngoba bakhangeleka bedanile

ebusweni babo ukuze abantu babone ukuthi bazilile. Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. **17** Kodwa lina nxa lizila, gcobani amafutha emakhanda enu, ligeze ubuso benu, **18** ukuze kungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi lizilile, kodwa kuYihlo kuphela ongabonakaliyo njalo yena obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu." **19** "Lingazibutheleli inotho emhlabeni lapho okubhubhisa khona inondo lokuthomba njalo lapho okugqekeza khona amasela. **20** Kodwa zibutheleleni inotho ezulwini lapho kungabhujiswa khona linondo lokuthomba njalo lapho okungagqekezi khona amasela. **21** Ngoba lapho okulenotho yakho khona kulapho inhliziyo yakho ezakuba khona. **22** Ilihlo liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya. **23** Kodwa nxa amehlo akho engahlambulukanga umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ubumnyama. Nxa ukukhanya okungaphakathi kwakho kungumnyama, pho mkhulu kanganani lowomnyama! **24** Kakulanceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa ithande enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeyise enye. Lingezake likhonze uNkulunkulu lemali." **25** "Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani loba lizanathani; kumbe ngemizimba yenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. Impilo kayiqakathekanga ukwedlula ukudla na, lomzimba ukwedlula izigqoko na? **26** Khangelani izinyoni zasemoyeni; kazihlanyeli, kazivuni kumbe ukubuthela eziphaleni kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyazipha ukudla. Lina kaliqakathekanga ukwedlula

zona na? **27** Ngubani kini othi ngokukhathazeka angezelele ihola elilodwa empilweni yakhe na? **28** Kanti lizihluphelani ngezigqoko na? Ake libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani. Kawasebenzi njalo aweluki. **29** Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi laye uSolomoni ekucwebezeleni kwakhe kazange acece njengawo. **30** Nxa kuyiyo indlela uNkulunkulu ahlobisa ngayo utshani beganga, obukhona namuhla kodwa kusasa sebuphoselwa emlilweni, pho lina kazukuligqokisa ngcono yini, lina bokukholwa okuncinyane? **31** Ngakho lingazihluphi lisithi, 'Sizakudlani?' kumbe 'Sizanathani?' loba 'Sizavunulani na?' **32** Ngoba abezizweni bagijimela zonke lezizinto kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyakwazi ukuthi liyazidinga. **33** Kodwa funani kuqala umbuso wakhe lokulunga kwakhe, kuzakuthi-ke zonke lezizinto liziphiwe lazo. **34** Ngakho lingazihluphi ngelakusasa ngoba ikusasa lizazinqinekela lona. Usuku lunye ngalunye lulenhlupho zalo oluzaneleyo."

7 "Lingahluleli funa lani lahlulelwe. **2** Ngoba ngaleyondlela elahlulela ngayo abanye lani lizakwahlulelwa ngayo, langalesosilinganiso elisisebenzisayo lani lizalinganiselwa ngaso. **3** Kungani ukhangela uvava lokhuni oluselihlweni lomfowenu unganqinekeli ukhuni olukwelakho ilihlo na? **4** Ungatsho kanjani kumfowenu ukuthi, 'Wothi ngikukhuphe uvava oluselihlweni lakho,' wena ulokhu ulokhuni kwelakho ilihlo? **5** Wena mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ukhuni oluselihlweni lakho ukuze ubone kuhle nxa usukhupha uvava oluselihlweni lomfowenu. **6** Linganiki izinja

okungcwele, lingaphoseli imiceciso ezingulubeni, ngoba lingakwenza lokhu zizayinyathela ngezinyawo ziphinde ziphenduke ziyidabudabule.” **7** “Celani lizaphiwa; dingani lizafumana; qoqodani lizavulelwa. **8** Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa; odingayo uyafumana; lalowo oqoqodayo uzavulelwa umnyango. **9** Ngubani kini bobaba okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa ayiphe ilitshe na? **10** Loba ithi icela inhlanzi yena ayiphe inyoka? **11** Nxa lina elibabi likwazi ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezilungileyo, pho uYihlo osezulwini uzabapha kangakanani izipho ezinhle labo abacela kuye! **12** Kuzozonke izinto, yenzani kwabanye lokho elifuna bakwenze kini, ngoba lokhu yikho okugoqela uMthetho labaPhrofethi.” **13** “Ngenani ngesango elincinyane ngoba isango elikhulu lendlela ebanzi iholela ekubhujisweni njalo abanengi bangena ngalo. **14** Kodwa isango elincinyane lendlela yalo encinyane iholela ekuphileni, njalo balutshwana abayifumanayo.” **15** “Qaphelani abaphrofethi bamanga abeza kini bezigqokise isikhumba semvu kodwa ngaphakathi bezimpisi ezifohlozayo. **16** Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo. Abantu bayawakha na amavini esihlahleni sameva kumbe amakhiwane edolofiyeni na? **17** Kanjalo-ke, sonke isihlahla esihle sithela izithelo ezinhle kodwa isihlahla esibi sithela ezimbi. **18** Isihlahla esihle ngeke sithele izithelo ezimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasingethele izithelo ezinhle. **19** Zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezinhle ziyaganyulwa ziphoselwe emlilweni. **20** Ngakho-ke, lizabazi ngezithelo zabo.” **21** “Kakusibo bonke abathi kimi, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi’ abazangena

embusweni wezulu, kodwa ngulowo kuphela owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini. **22** Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku, 'Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiphrofithanga ngebizo lakho, njalo ngebizo lakho sakhupha amadimoni, senza lezimangaliso na?' **23** Lapho-ke, ngizabatshela kakuhle ngithi, 'Ngivele kangilazi. Sudulukani kimi, lina benzi bobubi!'" **24** "Ngakho lowo owezwayo amazwi ami la awenze unjengendoda ehlakaniphileyo eyakhela indlu yayo edwaleni. **25** Latheleka izulu, izifula zagcwala, wavunguza umoya watshaya phezu kwaleyondlu; kodwa kayiwanga ngoba yayigxiliswe isisekelo sayo edwaleni. **26** Kodwa lowo owezwayo amazwi ami la angawenzi unjengendoda eyisiwula eyakhela indlu yayo etshebetshebeni. **27** Latheleka izulu, izifula zagcwala, umoya wavunguza watshaya phezu kwendlu leyo yawa yabhidlika." **28** UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma lezizinto, amaxuku abantu amangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe, **29** ngoba wafundisa njengomuntu olamandla, hatshi njengabafundisi babo bomthetho.

8 Kwathi esehlile entabeni amaxuku abantu amlandela. **2** Indoda eyayilobulephero yeza yaguqa phambi kwakhe yathi, "Nkosi nxa uthanda ungangenza ngihlambuluke." **3** UJesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta wathi, "Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka!" Masinyane nje yasila ebulepherweni bayo. **4** UJesu wasesithi kuyo, "Zwana, ungatsheli muntu ngalokhu. Kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi, unikele ngesipho esamiswa nguMosi njengobufakazi ebantwini." **5** UJesu esengenile eKhaphenawume, kwafika kuye induna yekhulu izocela

uncedo. **6** Yathi, “Nkosi, inceku yami ilele phansi endlini,
yome umhlubulo, isebuhlungwini obukhulu.” **7** UJesu
wathi kuyo, “Ngizakuza ngizeyisilisa.” **8** Induna yekhulu
yaphendula yathi, “Kakungilinganange ukuthi ungeza
ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami. Kodwa tshono ilizwi
nje kuphela, inceku yami izasila. **9** Ngoba mina ngokwami
ngingumuntu ongaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho
angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela ngithi, ‘Hamba,’
ahambe; ngithi kuloyana, ‘Buya,’ lakanye abuye. Ngithi
encekwini yami, ‘Yenza lokhu,’ ikwenze.” **10** UJesu wathi
ekuzwa lokhu wamangala wathi kulabo ababemlandela,
“Ngilitshela iqiniso, kangikamboni loyedwa ko-Israyeli
olokukholwa okukhulu kangaka. **11** Ngithi kini
abanengi bazavela empumalanga lentshonalanga, bahlale
edilini lo-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe embusweni
wezulu. **12** Kodwa abanini bombuso bazaxotshelwa
phandle emnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala
lokugedla kwamazinyo.” **13** UJesu wasesithi enduneni
yekhulu, “Hamba! Kuzakwenziwa njengalokhu ukholwa
ukuthi kuzakwenziwa.” Inceku yayo yahle yasila
ngalesosikhathi. **14** Kwathi lapho uJesu esengenile
endlini kaPhethro, wabona uninazala kaPhethro elele
embhedeni ephethwe ngumkhuhlane woqhuqho. **15**
Wamthinta esandleni umkhuhlane wahle waphuma kuye,
wavuka waqala ukumphakela. **16** Sekuntambama abanengi
ababelamadimoni balethwa kuye wayikhupha imimoya
ngelizwi njalo wasilisa bonke abagulayo. **17** Lokhu
kwakugcwalisa okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi u-Isaya
ukuthi: “Wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu wathwala izifo

zethu.” **18** Wathi uJesu ebona amaxuku abantu abanengi
bembuthanele, wathi akuchaphelwe ngaphetsheya
ngakuleliyana icele lechibi. **19** Kwasekusiza kuye
umfundisi womthetho wathi, “Mfundisi, ngizakulandela
ungaze uye ngaphi.” **20** UJesu waphendula wathi,
“Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni zemoyeni zilezidleke,
kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu kayilandawo yokufihla ikhanda
layo.” **21** Omunye umfundi wathi kuye, “Nkosi, akuthi
ngiqale ngihambe ngiyengcwaba ubaba.” **22** Kodwa
uJesu wamtshela wathi, “Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo
bangcwabe abafileyo babo.” **23** UJesu wasengena
esikepeni abafundi bakhe bamlandela. **24** Masinyane nje
kwaphakama isiphepho esesabekayo echibini, amagagasi
atshaya phezu kwesikepe. Kodwa uJesu wayelele. **25**
Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, “Nkosi, sihlenge,
Sesigalula!” **26** Waphendula wathi, “Lina bokukholwa
okuncinyane, kungani lisesaba kangaka?” Wasephakama
wawukhuza umoya kanye lamagagasi, kwasekuthula
cwaka. **27** Amadoda amangala abuza athi, “Ngumuntu
bani lo? Oze alalelwe ngumoya kanye lamagagasi!” **28**
Wathi ekufikeni kwakhe ngakwelinye icele emangweni
wamaGadarini wahlangabezwa ngamadoda amabili
ayelamadimoni eqhamuka emathuneni. Ayelodlakela,
kungasadluli muntu ngaleyondlela. **29** Amemeza athi,
“Ufunani kithi, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu? Uze lapha
ukuzasihlupha singakafiki isikhathi esimisiweyo na?”
30 Bucwala kwawo umhlambi omkhulu wengulube
wawusidla. **31** Amadimoni amncenga uJesu athi, “Nxa
usikhupha, sithumele emhlambini wengulube.” **32**

Wathi kuwo, “Hambani!” Aphuma ayangena engulubeni, umhlambi wonke waphaphatheka waqonda eliweni wangena echibini, wafela emanzini. **33** Labo ababezelusile baphaphatheka baqonda edolobheni bayabika konke lokhu, besitsho lalokho okwenzakala kulawomadoda ayelamadimoni. **34** Khonapho idolobho lonke laphuma ukuyahlangana loJesu. Bathi sebembonile bamncenga ukuba asuke emangweni wakibo.

9 UJesu wangena esikepeni wachaphela ngasedolobheni lakibo. **2** Amanye amadoda aletha kuye indoda eyayome umhlubulo ilele ecansini. UJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi kweyome umhlubulo, “Woba lesibindi, ndodana; izono zakho sezithethelelwe.” **3** Bekuzwa lokho abanye abafundisi bomthetho bahleba bodwa bathi, “Umuntu lo uyahlambaza!” **4** Esazi imicabango yabo uJesu wathi kubo, “Kungani licabanga izinto ezimbi ezinhliziyweni zenu na? **5** Yikuphi okulula ukuthi, ‘Izono zakho sezithethelelwe’ kumbe ukuthi, ‘Sukuma uhambe’? **6** Kodwa ngifuna lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni.” Wasesithi kweyome umhlubulo, “Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho uhambe uye ekhaya.” **7** Indoda yasukuma yaqonda ekhaya. **8** Ixuku labantu lathi likubona lokhu lesaba kakhulu; lamdumisa uNkulunkulu owayenike amandla la ebantwini. **9** Kwathi uJesu eseqhubeka esuka lapho, wabona indoda eyayithiwa nguMatewu ihlezi endaweni yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuyo “Ngilandela,” uMatewu wahle wasukuma wamlandela. **10** Kwathi uJesu esidla endlini kaMatewu kweza abathelisi abanengi lezoni bonke bezokudla laye kanye labafundi bakhe. **11** Kuthe

abaFarisi bekubona lokho babuza abafundi bakhe bathi, “Kungani umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi lezoni na?” **12** UJesu wakuzwa lokho wathi, “Abaphilileyo kabayidingi inyanga kodwa idingwa ngabagulayo. **13** Kodwa hambani liyefunda ukuthi kutshoni lokhu ukuthi, ‘Ngoba ngifuna isihawu hatshi umhlatshelo.’Ngoba kangilandanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni.” **14** Kwasekufika abafundi bakaJohane bambuza bathi, “Kungani thina labaFarisi sizila kodwa abafundi bakho kabazili?” **15** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Izethekeli zomyeni zingalila kanjani esesekhona phakathi kwazo na? Sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo; kulapho-ke ezizazila khona. **16** Kakho umuntu othungela isichibi selembu elitsha elingakafinyeli esigqokweni esidala, ngoba isichibi sizadonsa esigqokweni ukudabuka kuqhele ngamandla. **17** Futhi abantu kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala. Bangenzenjalo imigodla izadabuka, iwayini lichitheke lemigodla ihle iguge iphele. Kodwa, bathela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emitsha besekulondolozeka kuhle kokubili.” **18** Wathi esakhuluma lokhu kwafika umbusi waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi, “Indodakazi yami isanda kufa. Kodwa ngicela uzebeka isandla sakho phezu kwayo, izaphila.” **19** UJesu wasuka wahamba laye kanye labafundi bakhe. **20** Khonokho owesifazane owayehlutshwa ngumopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili weza ngemva kwakhe wabamba umphetho wesembatho sakhe. **21** Wazitshela wathi, “Nxa ngingathinta nje isembatho sakhe kodwa lokhu, ngizasila.” **22** UJesu wanyemukula wambona. Wathi kuye, “Mana isibindi ndodakazi, ukholo

lwakho lukusilisile." Lakanye owesifazane lowo wasila ngalesosikhathi. **23** UJesu wathi esengenile endlini yombusi wesinagogu wabona ababetshaya imihubhe kanye lexuku elalixokozela, **24** wathi kubo, "Phumani. Intombazana kayifanga kodwa ilele." Kodwa bamhleka usulu. **25** Ixuku labantu selikhutshelwe phandle, wangena wayibamba ngesandla intombazana yaphakama. **26** Indaba yesehlakalo lesi yamemetheka kuwo wonke umango wakuleyondawo. **27** Kwathi uJesu esuka lapho amadoda ayiziphofu amabili amlandela ememeza esithi, "Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavida!" **28** Esengenile endlini iziphofu lezo zeza kuye wazibuza wathi, "Liyakholwa na ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu?" Zamphendula zathi, "Yebo Nkosi." **29** Wasezithinta amehlo wathi kuzo, "Kuzakwenziwa kini njengokukholwa kwenu"; **30** zasiliswa zabona. UJesu waziqonqosela wathi, "Akungabi lomuntu ozakwazi ngalokhu." **31** Kodwa zasuka lapho zafakaza ngaye indawo yonke yelizwe lelo. **32** Ekuphumeni kwalezoziphofu, kwalethwa kuJesu indoda eyayiledimoni iyisimungulu. **33** Kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe indoda leyo eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma. Ixuku labantu lamangala, abantu bathi, "Akukaze kubonakale okunje ko-Israyeli." **34** Kodwa abaFarisi bathi, "Amadimoni uwakhupha ngenkosi yamadimoni." **35** UJesu wangena kuwo wonke amadolobho lemizi efundisa emasinagogweni abo, etshumayela izindaba ezinhle ezombuso njalo eselapha zonke izifo lemikhuhlane. **36** Wathi ebona amaxuku abantu wawazwela usizi ngoba ayehlukuluzekile njalo ephelelwe, enjengezimvu ezingelamelusi. **37**

Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Isivuno sinengi kodwa
izisebenzi zimbalwa. 38 Ngakho celani iNkosi yokuvuna
ukuba ithumele izisebenzi ensimini yokuvuna.”
10 UJesu wabizela ndawonye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi
lambili wabapha amandla okukhupha imimoya emibi
lokusilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane. 2 Amabizo abafundi
abalitshumi lambili ayeyila: Owokuqala wayenguSimoni,
othiwa nguPhethro lomfowabo u-Andreya; uJakhobe
indodana kaZebhediya loJohane umfowabo; 3 uFiliphu,
uBhatholomewu; uThomasi, uMatewu umthelisi;
uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uLabhewu osibongo
sakhe sasinguThediyasi; 4 uSimoni umZilothi loJudasi
Iskariyothi onguye owamnikelayo. 5 Laba abalitshumi
lambili uJesu wabathuma, wabalaya wathi, “Lingayi
phakathi kwabeZizwe futhi lingangeni lakuliphi idolobho
lamaSamariya. 6 Kodwa hambani liyebutha izimvu
ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli. 7 Ekuhambeni kwenu,
litshumayele lelilizwi: ‘Umbuso wezulu ususondele.’
8 Silisani abagulayo, livuse abafileyo, lihlambulule
abalobulephero, likhuphe amadimoni. Lamukelisiwe
kungelambadalo ngakho lani phanini kungelambadalo. 9
Lingaphathi igolide loba isiliva loba ithusi emixhakeni
yamabhanti enu; 10 lingathwali izikhwama ekuhambeni
kwenu loba isigqoko sokuntshintsha, loba amanye
amanyathela kumbe olunye udondolo ngoba osebenzayo
kufanele aphiwe okokuziphilisa. 11 Loba yiliphi idolobho
kumbe umuzi elingena kuwo, dingani umuntu ofaneleyo
ukuba lihlale endlini yakhe kokuphela lize lisuke
khona. 12 Akuthi nxa lingena kulowomuzi, liwunxusele

ukuthula. **13** Nxa lowomuzi ufanele, ukuthula kwenu
akube kuwo, kodwa nxa lingemukelwa aginyeni amazwi
enu okuthula. **14** Nxa engekho olamukelayo kumbe
olalela amazwi enu, sukani kulowomuzi kumbe idolobho
lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu. **15** Ngilitshela iqiniso
ukuthi, kuzakuba ngcono elizweni leSodoma leGomora
ngelanga lokwahlulelwa kulokuzakwehlela lelodolobho.
16 Ngilithuma linjengezimvu phakathi kwempisi.
Ngakho qaphani njengezinyoka kodwa libemsulwa
njengamajuba. **17** Libalimuke abantu; bazalimangalela
ezinkundleni zamacala, balibhaxabule emasinagogweni
abo. **18** Ngenxa yami lizamiswa phambi kwababusi
lamakhosi ukuze libe ngofakazi kubo lakwabeZizwe.
19 Kodwa nxa belibopha lingazihluphi ngokuthi
lizakuthini lokuthi likutsho kanjani. Ngalesosikhathi
lizakwambulelwa okumele likutsho, **20** ngoba akuzukuba
yini elikhulumayo kodwa kuzakuba nguMoya kaYihlo
ozabe ukhuluma ngani. **21** Umuntu uzanikela umfowabo
ukuthi abulawe, loyise anikele umntanakhe; abantwana
bazahlamukela abazali babo bababulale. **22** Bonke
abantu bazalizonda ngenxa yebizo lami kodwa lowo
oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa. **23**
Nxa lihlukuluzwa endaweni ethile, balekelani kwenye.
Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kaliyikuqeda ukuwahambela
wonke amadolobho ako-Israyeli iNdodana yoMuntu
ingakafiki. **24** Umfundi ungaphansi kombalisi wakhe,
lenceku ingaphansi kwenkosi yayo. **25** Kwenele kumfundi
ukuba njengombalisi wakhe, lenceku ukuba njengenkosi
yayo. Nxa umninimuzi kungathiwa nguBhelizebhubhi

pho kuzathiwani ngabendlu yakhe na? **26** Ngakho lingabesabi. Ngoba kakukho okuthukuziweyo okungayi kubekwa obala, lokufihliweyo okungayikwaziwa. **27** Lokhu engilitshela khona emnyameni kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni kwemini, okunyenyezwa ezindlebeni zenu kumemezeleni lisophahleni lwezindlu. **28** Lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kodwa bengeke babulale umphefumulo. Kodwa yesabani lowo ongabhubhisa kokubili, umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni. **(Geenna g1067)** **29** Intaka ezimbili kazithengiswa ngendibilitshi na? Kodwa kayikho leyodwa yazo ewela phansi ingavunyelwanga nguYihlo. **30** Kwala zona inwele zamakhanda enu zibaliwe. **31** Ngakho lingesabi; liligugu elidlula intaka ezinengi. **32** Loba ngubani ongivuma phambi kwabantu lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba ezulwini. **33** Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi kwabantu lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba ezulwini. **34** Lingakhumbuli ukuthi ngilethe ukuthula emhlabeni. Kangilandanga ukuzeletha ukuthula kodwa inkemba. **35** Ngoba ngize ukuxabanisa ‘indoda loyise, indodakazi lonina umalukazana loninazala, **36** izitha zomuntu zizakuba ngabendlu yakhe.’ **37** Lowo othanda uyise loba unina kulami kangifanelanga; lowo othanda indodana yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe kulami kangifanelanga; **38** njalo lowo ongathathi isiphambano sakhe angilandele kangifanelanga. **39** Loba ngubani ozuza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela njalo lalowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayizuza. **40** Lowo olamukelayo wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo. **41** Loba ngubani

owamukele umphrofethi ngoba engumphrofethi uzazuza umvuzo womphrofethi njalo lalowo owamukela umuntu olungileyo ngoba engumuntu olungileyo uzakwamukela umvuzo womuntu olungileyo. **42** Njalo nxa ekhona onika iloba yinkezo yamanzi aqandayo komunye walaba abancinyane ongumfundi wami, ngilitshela iqiniso, lowomuntu akayikulahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe."

11 UJesu wathi eseqedile ukulaya abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili wasuka kuleyondawo ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emadolobheni aseGalile. **2** UJohane esentolongweni wathi esizwa ukuthi uKhristu wayesenzani, wathuma abafundi bakhe **3** ukuba bayembuza bathi, "Unguye yini ozayo kumbe silindele omunye na?" **4** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Buyelani liyebikela uJohane lokhu elikuzwayo lelikubonayo ukuthi **5** iziphofu zenziwa zibone, abaqhugezelayo bayahamba, abalobulephero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli liyatshunyayelwa kubayanga. **6** Ubusisiwe umuntu ongakhubekiyo ngenxa yami." **7** Kwathi abafundi bakaJohane sebesuka, uJesu waqala ukukhuluma labantu ngoJohane esithi: "Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala na? Umhlanga owazunguzwa ngumoya na? **8** Nxa kungayisikho, pho lalisiyabonani? Indoda eyayicecile na? Hatshi, labo abagqoka izigqoko ezinhle basezigodlweni zamakhosi. **9** Pho laphuma lisiyabonani na? Umphrofethi? Yebo, ngiyalitshela, odlula umphrofethi. **10** Lo nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: 'Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.' **11**

Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, phakathi kwabo bonke abazelwe ngabesifazane akukaveli loyedwa omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhaphathizi ikanti lowo ongomncinyane kakhulu embusweni wezulu mkhulu kulaye. **12** Kusukela ensukwini zikaJohane uMbhaphathizi kuze kube khathesi, umbuso wezulu wala uqhubeka ngamandla ngoba abantu abalamandla bawubambile. **13** Ngoba bonke abaPhrofethi kanye loMthetho baphrofitha kwaze kwafika uJohane. **14** Ngakho nxa likwamukela lokhu, ungu-Elija okwathiwa uyeza. **15** Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe. **16** Kambe ngingasifanisa lani isizukulwane lesi na? Banjengabantwana abahlezi emikambo bememeza abanye besithi: **17** 'Salitshayela umhubhe, kodwa kaligidanga; salihlabelela ingoma yesililo kodwa kalililanga.' **18** Ngoba uJohane wafika engadli njalo enganathi basebesithi, 'Uledimoni,' **19** INdodana yoMuntu yafika yadla, yanatha, bathi, 'Nansi isidli lesidakwa, umngane wabathelisi lezoni.' Kodwa, ukuhlakanipha kuziveza ukuthi kuqondile ngemisebenzi yakho." **20** UJesu waseqalisa ukuwasola amadolobho lawo lapho izimangaliso zakhe ezinengi ezazenziwe khona ngoba kabazange baphenduke: **21** "Maye kuwe Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida! Aluba izimangaliso lezo ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eThire leSidoni, ngabe kudala baphenduka begqoke izigqoko zamasaka, bazibhuqa lemlotheni. **22** Kodwa ngiyalitshela, kuzakuba ngcono eThire leSidoni ngosuku lokwahlulelwa kulalokho okuzalehlela lina. **23** Lawe Khaphenawume, kambe uzaphakanyiselwa emazulwini na? Hatshi, uzatshona

phansi uye eHadesi. Ngoba aluba izimangaliso ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eSodoma ngabe ikhona lanamuhla. **(Hadēs g86)** **24** Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono elizweni leSodoma ngelanga lokwahlulelwa kulakuwe." **25** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wathi, "Ngiyakubonga Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo, wazambulela abantwana abancinyane. **26** Yebo Baba, lokhu kwaba yikuthanda kwakho. **27** Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho oyaziyo iNdodana ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ngaphandle kweNdodana lalabo iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo. **28** Wozani kimi lina lonke elikhatheleyo lelisindwayo, ngizaliphumuza. **29** Zithwaliseni ijogwe lami, lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimnene futhi ngithobekile enhliziyweni njalo lizazuza ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu. **30** Ngoba ijogwe lami lilula, lomthwalo wami kawusindi."

12 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula phakathi kwamasimu amabele kulilanga leSabatha. Abafundi bakhe basebelambile, basebekhwebula izikhwebu zamabele badla. **2** AbaFarisi bakubona lokhu, bathi kuye, "Khangela! Abafundi bakho benza okuphambene lomthetho ngeSabatha." **3** Waphendula wathi, "Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida lapho yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile? **4** Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu, yena labakhula bakhe, badla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo, into eyayingavunyelwa ngomthetho ukuba bayenze, kodwa ivunyelwe abaphristi kuphela. **5** Kumbe kalifundanga yini eMthethweni ukuthi ngeSabatha abaphristi ethempelini

bayalungcolisa lolusuku kodwa kabalacala. **6** Ngiyalitshela
ukuthi lowo omkhulu kulethempeli ukhona lapha. **7** Kube
lalikwazile ukuthi amazwi la atshoni, ‘Ngifuna isihawu
hatshi umhlatshelo’belingasoze libalahle abangelacala. **8**
Phela iNdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi yeSabatha.” **9** Esuka
lapho wayangena esinagogweni labo, **10** khonapho
kulendoda eyayitshwabhene isandla. Kwathi ngoba
bedinga indlela yokubeka uJesu icala bambuza bathi,
“Kuyavunyelwa emthethweni ukusilisa ngeSabatha
na?” **11** Wathi kubo, “Nxa omunye wenu engaba
lemvu esuka iwele egodini ngeSabatha, kazukuyibamba
ayikhuphe na? **12** Pho umuntu uligugu elinganani
kulemvu! Yikho-ke, kusemthethweni ukwenza okuhle
ngeSabatha.” **13** Wasesithi kuleyondoda, “Yelula isandla
sakho.” Ngakho yaselula sahle sabuyela ngokupheleleyo,
sesiqinile njengesinye. **14** Kodwa abaFarisi basuka lapho
bayakwakha icebo lokuthi bangambulala njani uJesu.
15 UJesu esekunanzelele lokho wasuka kuleyondawo.
Abanengi bamlandela, wasilisa bonke abagulayo babo,
16 ebalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi ukuthi ungubani. **17**
Lokhu kwakuyikugcwalisa lokho okwakukhulunywe
ngumphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi: **18** “Nansi inceku yami
engiyikhethileyo, yona engiyithandayo, engithokoza
ngayo; ngizabeka uMoya wami phezu kwayo, izamemezela
ukulunga phakathi kwezizwe. **19** Kayiyikuphika inkani
loba imemeze; kakho ozalizwa ilizwi layo emigwaqweni.
20 Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayiyikuwephula lentambo
yesibane ethunqayo kayiyikuyicima, ize ilethe ukunqoba
kokulunga. **21** Izizwe zizabeka ithemba lazo ebizweni

layo.” **22** Basebeletha kuye indoda eyayiledimoni,
iyisiphofu njalo iyisimungulu. UJesu wayisilisa yakwazi
ukukhuluma lokubona. **23** Bonke abantu bamangala
bathi, “Kambe lo angabe eyiNdodana kaDavida na?”
24 Kodwa kwathi abaFarisi bekuzwa lokhu bathi,
“Ngamandla kaBhelizebhubhi inkosi yamadimoni amenza
enelise ukuxotsha amadimoni.” **25** UJesu wayeyazi
imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo, “Loba yiwuphi umbuso
odabuke phakathi kwawumi njalo idolobho kumbe
indlu edabuke phakathi kayimi. **26** Nxa uSathane
exotsha uSathane, wehlukene phakathi. Pho umbuso
wakhe ungema kanjani? **27** Nxa ngikhupha amadimoni
ngoBhelizebhubhi, pho abalandeli benu bawakhupha
ngobani? Ngakho bazakuba ngabahluleli benu. **28** Kodwa
nxa ngixotsha amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu,
kutsho ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini.
29 Umuntu angangena kanjani endlini yesiqhwaga
aphange impahla zaso ngaphandle kokuba aqale asibophe
isiqhwaga leso? Lapho-ke usengayiphanga indlu yaso. **30**
Lowo ongemanga lami uphikisana lami, lalowo ongabuthi
lami uyachithiza. **31** Ngakho ngiyalitshela ngithi imihlobo
yonke yezono lezithuko izathethelelwa, kodwa ukuthuka
uMoya akuyi kuthethelelwa. **32** Lowo okhuluma okubi
ngeNdodana yoMuntu uzathethelelwa kodwa lowo othuka
uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa kulesisikhathi
kumbe esizayo. **(aiōn g165)** **33** Ungenza isihlahla sibe
sihle lezithelo zaso zizakuba zinhle loba ungenza
isihlahla sibe sibi lezithelo zaso zizakuba zimbi ngoba
isihlahla saziwa ngezithelo zaso. **34** Lina nzalo yezinyoka,

lingakukhuluma kanjani okuhle lina libabi na? Ngoba lokho okusenhliziyweni yikho umlomo okukhulumayo. **35** Umuntu olungileyo uveza izinto ezinhle azigcine ngaphakathi kwakhe njalo lomuntu omubi ukhihliza izinto ezimbi azigcine ngaphakathi kwakhe. **36** Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi umuntu munye ngamunye uzaziphendulela ngosuku lokwahlulelwa ngawo wonke amazwi ayize awakhulumayo. **37** Ngoba lizakhululwa ngamazwi enu njalo lizalahlwa ngamazwi enu." **38** Abanye abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho basebesithi kuye, "Mfundisi, sifuna ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe." **39** Waphendula wathi, "Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphingayo sicela isibonakaliso! Kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso somphrofethi uJona. **40** NjengoJona owahlala insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu esiswini senhlanzi enkulu, kanjalo iNdodana yoMuntu izahlala insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu phansi komhlabathi. **41** Abantu baseNiniva bazasukuma kanye lalesi sizukulwane ngosuku lokwahlulelwa basilahle ngoba bona baphenduka ekutshumayeleni kukaJona, kodwa khathesi lowo omkhulu kuloJona uselapha. **42** INdlovukazi yaseNingizimu izavuka mhla wokwahlulelwa kanye lalesi isizukulwane isilahle; ngoba yeza ivela emaphethelweni omhlaba izolalela uSolomoni; pho manje omkhulu kuloSolomoni usekhona. **43** Nxa umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini, uyazula enkangala udinga ukuphumula kodwa uyakuswela. **44** Ubususithi, 'Ngizabuyela endlini engaphuma kuyo.' Uthi ufika uthole leyondlu ingelamuntu, ithanyelwe yahlanzeka,

konke kumi kuhle. **45** Ubusuhamba uyethatha eminye imimoya eyisikhombisa exhwale okudlula wona, ingene ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu sizakuba sibi kulasekuqaleni. Kuzakuba njalo kulesisizukulwane esixhwalileyo." **46** UJesu elokhu esakhuluma lamaxuku abantu, unina labafowabo babemi phandle befuna ukukhuluma laye. **47** Omunye wamtshela wathi, "Unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, bafuna ukukhuluma lawe." **48** Wamphendula wathi, "Ngubani umama njalo ngobani abangabafowethu na?" **49** Wakhomba abafundi bakhe wathi, "Nampa abangumama labangabafowethu. **50** Loba ngubani owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini ungumfowethu, ungudadewethu njalo ngumama."

13 Ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini wayahlala eceleni kwechibi. **2** Amaxuku abantu aminyezelana kuye waze wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso, abantu bonke bona babemi okhunjini. **3** Wasebatshela izinto ezinengi esebenzisa imizekeliso, wathi, "Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe. **4** Kwathi eyihaza inhlanyelo, eyinye yawela endleleni, izinyoni zafika zayidobha yonke. **5** Eyinye yawela okhetheni lapho okwakungela mhlabathi owaneleyo. Yaphanga yamila ngoba umhlabathi wawungatshoni. **6** Kodwa kwathi ilanga seliphumile yahanguleka yabuna ngoba yayingelampande. **7** Eyinye yawela phakathi kwameva, asuka akhula ayiminya inhlanyelo. **8** Eyinye inhlanyelo yawela emhlabathini omuhle lapho eyathela khona izithelo eziphindwe okungabalikhulu, kumbe okungamatshumi ayisithupha loba okungamatshumi amathathu ukudlula

leyo eyayihlanyelwe. **9** Lowo olendlebe kezwe." **10** Abafundi beza kuye bambuza bathi, "Kungani ukhuluma ebantwini ngemizekeliso na?" **11** Waphendula wathi, "Ulwazi lwemfihlakalo yombuso wezulu luphiwe lina hatshi bona. **12** Lowo olakho, uzaphiwa kwengezelelwe abesesiba lokunengi kakhulu. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. **13** Lokhu yikho okungenza ngikhulume kubo ngemizekeliso: Ngoba loba bekhangele kababoni; loba belalele kabezwa njalo kabaqedisisi. **14** Kubo isiphrofethi sika-Isaya siyagcwaliseka, esokuthi: 'Lizahlala lisizwa kodwa lingaqedisisi; lizahlala libona kodwa lingabonisisi. **15** Ngoba inhliziyo zalababantu sezaba lukhuni; kabasezwa ngezindlebe zabo njalo sebawavala amehlo abo. Funa babone ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo, baqedisise ngezinhliziyo zabo, baphenduke bese ngibasilisa.' **16** Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu ngoba ayabona lezindlebe zenu ziyezwa. **17** Ngoba ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi lamadoda alungileyo balangazela ukukubona lokhu elikubonayo kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa lokhu elikuzwayo kodwa kabakuzwanga. **18** Lalelani-ke lizwe ukuthi utshoni umzekeliso womhlanyeli: **19** Nxa umuntu esizwa ilizwi ngombuso kodwa engabambisisi, omubi uyeza ahwithe lokho obekuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Yiyo le inhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa endleleni. **20** Inhlanyelo eyawela okhetheni ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi aphange alamukele ngentokozo. **21** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi kalampande, nxa okwesikhatshana kuphela. Nxa kufika uhlupho lokuhlukunyezwa ngenxa yelizwi

uphanga akhubeke. **22** Inhlanyelo eyawela phakathi kwameva ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi kodwa lisuke landelwe yizinhlupheko zale impilo lenkohliso yenotho, lingabe lisaba lezithelo. **(aiōn g165)** **23** Kodwa leyonhlanyelo eyawela emhlabathini ovundileyo ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi alizwisise. Lo nguye othela izithelo ezinengi ngekhulu, ngamatshumi ayisithupha loba ngamatshumi amathathu okudlula lokho okwahlanyelwayo." **24** UJesu wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso wezulu unjengomuntu owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakhe. **25** Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi wonke umuntu elele, isitha sakhe seza sahlanyela ukhula phakathi kwengqoloyi, sahamba. **26** Kwathi ingqoloyi isikhahlele yabumba izikhwebu, ukhula lalo lwavela. **27** Izinceku zomninisivini zeza kuye zathi, 'Nkosi, kanti kawuhlanyelanga yini inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakho na? Pho ukhula luvele ngaphi?' **28** Waphendula wathi, 'Kwenziwe yisitha lokhu.' Zambuza izinceku zathi, 'Uyafuna yini ukuthi siyelusiphuna na?' **29** Waphendula wathi, 'Hatshi, ngoba lizakuthi lisiphuna ukhula liqabuke selisiphuna amabele kanye lalo. **30** Kuyekeleni kukhule ndawonye kuze kube yisikhathi sokuvuna. Lapho-ke, ngizakuthi kubavuni, Qalani ngokuqoqa ukhula lilubophe izinyanda ukuba lutshiswe, beseliqoqa amabele liwalethe esiphaleni sami.'" **31** Wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso wezulu ufana lentanga yemastadi eyathathwa ngenye indoda yayihlanyela ensimini yayo. **32** Lanxa incinyane kulentanga yenhlanyelo zonke, kodwa ithi ingakhula ibe yisihlahla esikhulu kulazo zonke,

izinyoni zezulu zibuye, zithole ukuphumula ezingatsheni zaso." **33** Waphinda wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso wezulu ufana lemvubelo eyathathwa ngowesifazane wayixubanisa lempuphu enengi, yabila yagcwala inhlama yonke." **34** UJesu wakhuluma zonke lezizinto exukwini labantu ngemizekeliso; kazange akhulume lutho kubo engasebenzisanga umzekeliso. **35** Ngakho kwagcwaliseka okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi: "Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemizekeliso, ngizakutsho izinto ezifihliweyo selokhu kwadatshulwa umhlaba." **36** Wasesuka exukwini waya endlini. Abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi, "Sichazele umzekeliso wokhula ensimini." **37** Waphendula wathi, "Lowo owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yoMuntu. **38** Insimu ngumhlaba njalo inhlanyelo enhle imele abantu bombuso. Ukhula lungabantu bomubi **39** njalo isitha esiluhlanyelayo nguSathane. Isivuno siyikuphela kwesikhathi njalo abavuni yizingilosi. **(aiōn g165)** **40** Njengalokhu ukhula lusitshunwa lutshiswe emlilweni, kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwesikhathi. **(aiōn g165)** **41** Indodana yoMuntu izathuma izingilosi zayo, zikhuphe konke okuyizikhubekiso embusweni wayo, labo bonke abenza ububi. **42** Zizabaphosela esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo. **(questioned)** **43** Lapho-ke, abalungileyo bazakhazimula njengelanga embusweni kaYise wabo. Lowo olendlebe, kezwe." **44** "Umbuso wezulu unjengenotho efihliweyo esivandeni. Kwathi indoda isiyitholile yayifihla njalo, kwathi ngoba

iphakathi kokuthokoza, yahamba yayathengisa konke eyayilakho yayathenga lesosivande. **45** Njalo umbuso wezulu ufana lomthengi edinga amaphareli amahle. **46** Kwathi esefumene elinye elalilentengo ephezulu wahamba wayathengisa konke ayelakho walithenga." **47** "Futhi umbuso wezulu ufana lomambule owehliselwa phansi echibini wagola zonke inhlobo zezinhlanzi. **48** Wathi usugcwele, abagoli bezinhlanzi bawudonsela okhunjini. Basebehlala phansi, baqoqela ezitsheni zonke inhlanzi ezinhle kodwa ezimbi bazilahla. **49** Lokhu yikho okuzakwenzakala ekupheleni kwesikhathi. Izingilosi zizakuza zehlukanise ababi kwabalungileyo, **(aiōn g165)** **50** zibaphosele esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo, lapho okuzakuba khona lokukhala kanye lokugedla kwamazinyo." **(questioned)** **51** UJesu wababuza wathi, "Selizizwisisile zonke lezizinto na?" Bathi, "Yebo." **52** Wathi kubo, "Ngakho wonke umfundisi womthetho osephenduke waba ngumfundi wombuso wezulu unjengomnini wendlu okhupha esiphaleni sakhe amagugu amatsha lamadala." **53** UJesu eseqedile imizekeliso le wasuka lapho wahamba. **54** Wafika edolobheni lakibo waqalisa ukufundisa abantu esinagogweni labo, bamangala. Babuza bathi, "Indoda le yayithatha ngaphi inhlakanipho le lamandla la ayisimangaliso kangaka? **55** Kanti lo kayisiyo indodana yombazi na? Ibizo likanina kasuMariya na, labafowabo kakusiJakhobe, uJosefa, uSimoni loJudasi na? **56** Odadewabo kabakho lapha kanye lathi na? Pho indoda le yazizuza ngaphi izinto zonke lezi?" **57** Bakhubeka ngaye. Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo,

“Umphrofethi kaladumo edolobheni lakibo lasendlini yakwabo.” **58** Kasenzanga izimangaliso ezinengi khona ngenxa yokusilela kwabo ekukholweni.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umbusi wezwa imibiko ngoJesu, **2** wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, “Lo nguJohane uMbhaphathizi; usevukile kwabafileyo! Yikho izimangaliso zisenziwa nguye.” **3** UHerodi wayembophile uJohane, wamfaka insimbi, wamphosela entolongweni ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umkamfowabo uFiliphu, **4** ngoba uJohane wayelokhu esithi kuye, “Kungaphandle komthetho ukuthi umthathe.” **5** UHerodi wayefuna ukumbulala uJohane kodwa wayesesaba abantu ngoba babesithi ungumphrofethi. **6** Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo sokuzalwa kukaHerodi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi yasinela izethekeli, yamjabulisa kakhulu uHerodi **7** waze wathembisa ngesifungo ukuyipha loba yini eyayingayicela. **8** Isicetshiswe ngunina yathi, “Ngipha ikhanda likaJohane uMbhaphathizi lisemganwini.” **9** Inkosi yadana kakhulu kodwa kwathi ngenxa yezifungo zayo langenxa yezethekeli zayo yalaya ukuba isicelo leso senziwe, **10** uJohane wahle waqunywa ikhanda entolongweni. **11** Ikhanda lakhe lalethwa lisemganwini laphiwa intombazana eyalithwalela kunina. **12** Abafundi bakaJohane beza bathatha isidumbu sakhe bayasingcwaba. Basebehamba bayatshela uJesu. **13** UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokho okwenzakalayo wathi nyelele ngesikepe waya endaweni engelabantu. Amaxuku athi ekuzwa lokhu asuka emadolobheni amlandela ngenyawo. **14** UJesu uthe esehla esikepeni wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu

walizwela usizi ngakho wasesilisa abagulayo babo. **15** Kwathi selithambeme abafundi beza kuye bathi, “Le yindawo ekhatshana kakhulu njalo sekuntambama. Wothi lababantu bahambe ukuze bayozithengela ukudla emizini.” **16** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakudingeki ukuthi bahambe. Bapheni lina ukudla.” **17** Baphendula bathi, “Thina esilakho lapha yizinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili.” **18** Wathi, “Kuletheni lapha.” **19** Waselaya abantu ukuthi bahlale phansi phezu kotshani. Wathatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezulwini wabonga, wasehlephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi, bazinika abantu. **20** Bonke badla basutha, abafundi bakhe babutha okuseleyo bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. **21** Inani lalabo abadlayo lalingaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu kungabalwa abesifazane labantwana. **22** Masinyane nje uJesu wathi abafundi bakhe bangene esikepeni bamandulele ngakwelinye iphetsheya, yena esavalelisana labantu. **23** Esebakhulule, waya ewatheni lwentaba ukuyakhuleka eyedwa. Sekuhlwile ngalobobusuku wayekhonale eyedwa, **24** kodwa isikepe sasesihambe umango ukusuka okhunjini, siyaluziswa ngamagagasi ngoba sasiphikisana lomoya. **25** Kwathi ngomlindo wesine ebusuku uJesu waya kubo ehamba phezu kwechibi. **26** Kwathi abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kwechibi besaba kakhulu. Bakhala ngokwesaba bathi, “Lithonga.” **27** Kodwa uJesu waphanga wathi kubo, “Manini isibindi! Yimi. Lingesabi.” **28** UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, nxa kunguwe, tshono ukuba ngize kuwe phezu kwamanzi.” **29** Wathi,

“Woza.” Khonapho uPhethro wasephuma esikepeni, wahamba phezu kwamanzi weza kuJesu. **30** Kodwa wathi ebona umoya wesaba, kwathi eseqala ukutshona wakhala wathi, “Nkosi, akungisize!” **31** Khonokho uJesu welula isandla sakhe wambamba. Wathi kuye, “Wena olokholo oluncinyane, kungani uthandabuzile?” **32** Bonela ukungena esikepeni umoya wathula. **33** Kwathi labo ababesesikepeni bamkhonza bathi, “Ngempela uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.” **34** Bathi sebechaphile, bafikela eGenesaretha. **35** Kwathi amadoda akuleyondawo semnanzelele uJesu athumela ilizwi kuwo wonke umango wakulelo dolobho. Abantu baletha bonke abagulayo babo kuye **36** bamncenga ukuthi avumele labo abagulayo ukuthi bathinte nje umphetho wesigqoko sakhe, kwathi bonke labo abamthintayo basiliswa.

15 Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho beza kuJesu bevela eJerusalema bambuza bathi, **2** “Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala na? Kabagezi izandla zabo bengakadli!” **3** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kungani lina lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yamasiko enu na? **4** Phela uNkulunkulu wathi, ‘Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko’njalo ‘Lowo othuka uyise loba unina ufanele ukubulawa.’ **5** Kodwa lina lithi nxa umuntu esithi lokho obekungaba lusizo kuyise kumbe unina kuphawulelwe uNkulunkulu, **6** akasamelanga ahloniphe uyise lonina ngakho. Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu. **7** Lina bazenzisi! U-Isaya wayeqinisile aze aphrofithe ngani esithi: **8** ‘Lababantu bangidumisa

ngezindebe zabo, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikhatshana lami. **9** Bangikhonza ngeze; imfundiso yabo yimithetho yabantu.'" **10** UJesu wabizela ixuku labantu kuye wathi, "Lalelani lizwisise. **11** Lokho okungena emlonyeni womuntu 'kakumngcolisi' kodwa lokho okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe yikho 'okumngcolisayo.'" **12** Abafundi basebesiza kuye bambuza bathi, "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi kubakhubile ukuzwa lokhu?" **13** Waphendula wathi, "Zonke izihlahla ezingahlanyelwanga nguBaba osezulwini zizasitshunwa lezimpande zazo. **14** Bayekeleni; ngabakhokheli abazimpumputhe. Nxa impumputhe ihola impumputhe zombili zizawela egodini." **15** UPhethro wathi, "Sichasisele umzekeliso lowo." **16** UJesu wababuza wathi, "Lilokhu lingelakuqedisisa na? **17** Kaliboni yini ukuthi noma yini engena emlonyeni iya esiswini besekuphuma emzimbeni? **18** Kodwa lezozinto eziphuma emlonyeni womuntu zivela enhliziyweni yizo ezenza umuntu angcole. **19** Ngoba enhliziyweni kuphuma imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ukufeba, ukuhlobonga, ubusela, ukufakaza amanga, ukunyeya lokuhlambaza. **20** Lokhu yikho okwenza umuntu angcole, kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumenzi angcole." **21** Esuka kuleyondawo uJesu waya emangweni waseThire leSidoni. **22** Umfazi ongumKhenani wakuleyondawo weza kuye ezokhala esithi, "Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ithwele nzima, ihlutshwa ngamadimoni." **23** UJesu kazange amphendule. Ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye bamkhuthaza bathi, "Mxotshe, nangu uselokhu ememeza esilandela." **24**

Waphendula wathi, “Ngathunywa kuphela ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli.” **25** Owesifazane lowo weza waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi, “Nkosi, ake ungisize.” **26** Waphendula uJesu wathi, “Kakulunganga ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana usiphosele izinja.” **27** Owesifazane wathi, “Yebo Nkosi, angithi izinja ziyayidla imvuthu eziwa etafuleni yabaninizo.” **28** UJesu wasephendula wathi, “Nkosazana, ulokukholwa okukhulu! Isicelo sakho sesamukelwe.” Indodakazi yakhe yahle yasila ngalesosikhathi. **29** UJesu wasuka lapho wehla egudlana loLwandle lwaseGalile. Wasekhwela entabeni wahlala phansi. **30** Kweza kuye amaxuku amakhulu abantu eletha abaqhulayo, iziphofu, izigoga, izimungulu labanye abanengi, bababeka phambi kwakhe; wabasilisa. **31** Abantu bamangala ukubona izimungulu sezikhuluma, izigoga sezitshwaphulukile, abaqhugezelayo sebezihambela leziphofu sezibona. Bamdumisa uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **32** UJesu wabiza abafundi bakhe wathi, “Ngibazwela usizi lababantu; sebehlale lami insuku ezintathu bengadlanga lutho. Angifuni kubakhulula belambile funa bayathe endleleni.” **33** Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi, “Singakuthatha ngaphi ukudla okwaneleyo endaweni ekhatshana kanje ukuba sisuthise ixuku elingaka na?” **34** UJesu wabuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki?” Bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi ezincane ezimbalwa.” **35** Wasetshela ixuku labantu ukuba lihlale phansi. **36** Wasethatha lezozinkwa eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi, kwathi esebongile, wazihlephula waziqhubela abafundi, labo bazinika abantu. **37** Bonke badla basutha.

Ngemva kwalokho abafundi babutha imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha eziyisikhombisa. **38** Inani lalabo abadlayo lalizinkulungwane ezine kungabalwa abafazi labantwana. **39** UJesu eselikhulule ixuku labantu, wangena esikepeni waya emangweni waseMagadani.

16 AbaFarisi labaSadusi beza kuJesu bamlinga ngokumcela ukuthi abatshengise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. **2** Waphendula wathi, "Nxa kufika ukuhlwa lithi, 'Umkhathi uzakuba muhle ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu,' **3** ekuseni lithi, 'Lamuhla kuzaqubuka isiphepho ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu njalo kugubuzele.' Liyakwazi ukuchaza umumo womkhathi kodwa kalenelisi ukuchaza izibonakaliso zesikhathi. **4** Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphingayo sifuna isibonakaliso kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona." UJesu wasebatshiya wahamba. **5** Bathi sebekhuphukele ngaphetsheya kwechibi, abafundi babekhohliwe ukuza lesinkwa. **6** UJesu wathi kubo, "Limukani. Liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi." **7** Bakhulumisana ngalokhu bathi, "Kungenxa yokuba kasizanga lesinkwa." **8** UJesu wakwazi abakukhulumayo wasebuza wathi, "Lina elilokholo oluncinyane, kungani likhulumisana ngokungabi lasinkwa na? **9** Lilokhu lingaqedisisi yini? Kalikhumbuli na izinkwa ezinhlanu ezasuthisa abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezingaki? **10** Kumbe izinkwa eziyisikhombisa ezasuthisa abantu abazinkulungwane ezine lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezigcweleyo ezingaki? **11** Kungani lingezwisisi ukuthi bengingakhulumi lani ngesinkwa?

Kodwa qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi.” **12** Basebezwisisa ukuthi wayengabatsheli ukuqaphela imvubelo esetshenziswa esinkweni kodwa ukunanzelela imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi. **13** Kwathi uJesu esefike emangweni waseKhesariya Filiphi wabuza abafundi bakhe wathi, “Abantu bathi iNdodana yoMuntu ingubani na?” **14** Baphendula bathi, “Abanye bathi nguJohane uMbhaphathizi; abanye bathi ngu-Elija; abanye njalo bathi nguJeremiya loba omunye nje wabaphrofethi.” **15** Wabuza wathi, “Lina-ke, lithi ngingubani?” **16** USimoni Phethro waphendula wathi, “UnguKhristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.” **17** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ubusisiwe wena Simoni, ndodana kaJona ngoba lokhu kawukwambulelwanga ngumuntu wegazi lenyama kodwa nguBaba osezulwini. **18** Ngakho ngiyakutshela ukuthi unguPhethronjalo phezu kwalelidwala ngizakwakha ibandla lami, futhi amasango eHadesi akayikulehlula. **(Hadēs g86)** **19** Ngizakupha izihluthulelo zombuso wezulu; loba yini oyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa lasezulwini njalo loba yini oyithukululayo emhlabeni izathukululwa lasezulwini.” **20** Waseqonqosela abafundi bakhe ukuba bangatsheli muntu ukuthi wayenguKhristu. **21** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi uJesu waqalisa ukuchazela abafundi bakhe ukuthi kumele aye eJerusalema ayehlupheka ngezinto ezinengi ezandleni zabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho njalo lokuthi kumele abulawe, kuthi ngelanga lesithathu avuswe kwabafileyo. **22** UPhethro wamdonsela eceleni waqalisa ukumkhuza wathi, “Ngeke kwenzeke Nkosi! Lokhu kakusoze kwafa

kwenzeka kuwe!” **23** UJesu waphendula wathi kuPhethro,
“Suka emva kwami Sathane! Uyisikhubekiso kimi;
engqondweni yakho kawulazo izinto zikaNkulunkulu
kodwa ucabanga ezabantu.” **24** UJesu wasesithi kubafundi
bakhe, “Nxa ekhona ofuna ukungilandela, kazidele
athathe isiphambano sakhe angilandele. **25** Ngoba lowo
ofuna ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahlekela kodwa
lowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayizuza.
26 Kuzamsiza ngani umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba
kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe na? Kambe
umuntu angaphani esikhundleni sempilo yakhe na? **27**
Phela iNdodana yoMuntu izakuza ngobukhosi bukaYise
kanye lezingilosi zakhe, ibisisipha umvuzo emuntwini
munye ngamunye ngalokho akwenzileyo. **28** Ngilitshela
iqiniso, abanye abemiyo khonapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa
bengakayiboni iNdodana yoMuntu isiza embusweni
wayo.”

17 Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha, uJesu wathatha
uPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane umfowabo kaJakhobe
wakhwela labo entabeni ephakemeyo lapho ababa bodwa
khona. **2** Bekhona lapho waguquka isimo emehlweni
abo. Ubuso bakhe bakhazimula njengelanga lezigqoko
zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya. **3** Khonokho
kwasekubonakala uMosi lo-Elija bekhuluma loJesu. **4**
UPhethro wathi kuJesu, “Nkosi, kuhle kithi ukuba lapha.
Nxa uthanda ngizakwakha izihonqo ezintathu, esakho,
esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija.” **5** Wathi elokhe
esakhuluma, iyezi elikhazimulayo labagubuzela, ilizwi
elavela eyezini lathi, “Le yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo;

ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo. Ilaleleni!” **6** Abafundi bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso, besaba. **7** Kodwa uJesu weza wabathinta. Wathi, “Sukumani. Lingesabi.” **8** Bathi bevusa amehlo kabasabonanga muntu ngaphandle kukaJesu. **9** Bathi sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya wathi, “Lingatsheli muntu ngalokhu elikubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize ivuswe kwabafileyo.” **10** Abafundi bambuza bathi, “Kungani pho abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija kumele aqale afike?” **11** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso, u-Elija uyeza azolungisa kutsha izinto zonke. **12** Kodwa ngiyalitshela ngithi u-Elija uvele sewafika njalo kabamazanga kodwa bazenzela kuye konke ababekufuna. INdodana yoMuntu bazayihlukuluza ngaleyondlela.” **13** Lapho-ke abafundi basebezwisisa ukuthi wayekhuluma labo ngoJohane uMbhaphathizi. **14** Bathi sebefike exukwini labantu, indoda ethile yamqonda uJesu yaguqa phambi kwakhe. **15** Yathi, “Nkosi, ake uhawukele indodana yami. Ilezithuthwane njalo iyahlupheka kakhulu. Kanengi iwela emlilweni kumbe emanzini. **16** Ngiyilethile kubafundi bakho kodwa behlulekile ukuyisilisa.” **17** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, lina sizukulwane esingakholwayo lesonakeleyo. Ngizahlala lani kuze kube nini na? Ngizalibekezelela kuze kube nini na? Mletheni lapha kimi umfana lowo.” **18** UJesu walikhuza idimoni laphuma emfaneni wahle wasila ngalesosikhathi. **19** Abafundi basebesiza kuJesu ngasese bambuza bathi, “Kungani sehlulekile ukulikhupha idimoni na?” **20** Waphendula wathi, “Ngoba ukholo lwenu luncinyane. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa

lingaba lokukholwa loba kukuncinyane njengentanga yemastadi, lingathi entabeni le, ‘Suduluka lapha uye laphayana’ izasuduluka. Kakukho kini okungasoze kwenzeke. [**21** Kodwa uhlobo olunje aluphumi ngaphandle kwangomkhuleko lokuzila ukudla.]” **22** Bathi sebebuthene eGalile wathi kubo, “INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu. **23** Bazayibulala, kuthi ngosuku lwesithathu izavuswa kwabafileyo.” Abafundi badabuka kakhulu. **24** UJesu labafundi bakhe sebefikile eKhaphenawume, abaqoqi bomthelo wamadrakhima amabili beza kuPhethro babuza bathi, “Umfundisi wenu kawuhlawuli yini umthelo wethempeli?” **25** Wathi, “Yebo, uyawuthela.” Kwathi uPhethro engena endlini, uJesu nguye owakhuluma kuqala, wabuza wathi, “Ucabangani kambe Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba ayithatha kubani inkongozelo lemithelo, emadodaneni abo na loba kwabanye abantu?” **26** UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Kwabanye abantu.” UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Ngakho-ke amadodana akhululekile. **27** Kodwa ukuze singabakhubi, yana echibini uphosele iwuka yakho khona. Ubothatha inhlanzi yokuqala ozayibamba, uvule umlomo wayo uzafumana khona uhlamvu lwemali engamadrakhima amane. Uyithathe ubaphe ibe ngumthelo wami lowenu.”

18 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu babuza bathi, “Ngubani omkhulu kulabo bonke embusweni wezulu na?” **2** Wabiza umntwana omncinyane wamisa phakathi kwabo. **3** Wasesithi, “Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, ngaphandle kokuba liguquke libe njengabantwana abancinyane, kalisoze lafa langena embusweni wezulu. **4** Ngakho lowo

ozithobayo njengomntwana lo nguye omkhulu kulabo bonke embusweni wezulu. **5** Njalo lowo owamukela umntwana omncane njengalo ebizweni lami wamukela mina." **6** "Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa oyedwa walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi ukuthi enze isono, kungabangcono kuye ukuthi kulengiswe entanyeni yakhe inkalakatha yembokodo yokuchola agaluliswe enzikini yolwandle. **7** Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa yezinto ezenza abantu benze isono! Izinto ezinjalo zivele ziyafika kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezifika ngaye! **8** Nxa isandla sakho loba unyawo lwakho kukwenzisa isono, kuqume ukulahle. Kungcono kuwe ukuba ungene ekuphileni uyingini kumbe ugogekile kulokuba lezandla zombili kumbe inyawo zombili uphoselwe emlilweni ongapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **9** Nxa ilihlo lakho likwenzisa isono, likopole ulilahle. Kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili kodwa uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo." **(Geenna g1067)** **10** "Nanzelelani ukuthi lingeyisi lamunye walaba abancinyane. Ngoba ngilitshela ukuthi izingilosi zabo zezulu zihlezi zibona ubuso bukaBaba ezulwini. [**11** INdodana yoMuntu yalanda ukusindisa okwakulahlekile.] **12** Kambe likhumbulani? Nxa indoda ilezimvu ezilikhulu, enye iqambuke kwezinye, kayiyikuzitshiya yini lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye ezintabeni iyedinga leyo eqambukileyo? **13** Ithi ingayithola, ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, iyathokoza ngaleyo ukwedlula lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye ezingazange zilahleke. **14**

Ngokufanayo, uYihlo osezulwini kafisi ukuthi lamunye walaba abancinyane abhubhe.” **15** “Nxa umfowenu ekona, yana kuye umtshengise isiphambeko sakhe lilodwa lobabili. Nxa ekulalela usumzuzile umfowenu. **16** Kodwa nxa engakulaleli, biza omunye loba ababili ukuze ‘indaba yonke ivele obala ilabofakazi ababili loba abathathu.’ **17** Nxa esala ukubalalela, tshela ibandla, nxa esala ukulilalela lalo ibandla mthatheni njengomhedeni kumbe njengomthelisi. **18** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, loba yini eliyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa lasezulwini njalo lokho elikuthukululayo emhlabeni kuzathukululwa lasezulwini. **19** Njalo ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa ababili kini emhlabeni bevumelana loba ngalutho bani abalucelayo bazalwenzelwa nguBaba osezulwini. **20** Ngoba lapho okuhlangana khona ababili loba abathathu ngebizo lami, ngizabe ngikhona lami.” **21** UPhethro weza kuJesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, umfowethu loba udadewethu ngizamthethelela kangaki nxa elokhu engona na? Kuze kube kasikhombisa na?” **22** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngithi hatshi kasikhombisa kodwa okwezikhathi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa. **23** Ngakho umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyayifuna ukuqeda izikwelede zayo lezinceku zayo. **24** Yathi isiqalisa ukuthonisa kwalethwa kuyo indoda eyayilesikwelede samathalenta azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **25** Kwathi ngoba ingelamandla okuhlawula inkosi yalaya ukuthi yona, umkayo, abantwana lakho konke eyayilakho kuthengiswe ukuze kuqedwe umlandu. **26** Inceku yaguqa phambi kwenkosi yayincenga yathi,

‘Ake ungibekezelele, ngizahlawula konke.’ **27** Inkosi
yenceku leyo yayizwela usizi, yayithethelela, yawesula
umlandu yayiyekela yahamba. **28** Kodwa leyo yonela
ukuphuma, yafumana eyinye inceku eyayilesikwelede
sayo samadenari alikhulu. Yayibamba ngomphimbo,
yayiklinya, yathi ngolaka, ‘Hlawula isikwelede sami!’ **29**
Leyonceku layo yawa ngamadolo yayincenga yathi, ‘Ake
ungibekezelele, ngizakuhlawula.’ **30** Kodwa yona yala.
Endaweni yalokho, yahamba yenza ukuba leyondoda
iphoselwe entolongweni ize iqale ihlawule isikwelede. **31**
Kwathi ezinye izinceku sezibonile okwakwenzakele,
zathukuthela kakhulu zayaceba enkosini ngalokho
okwenzakeleyo. **32** Inkosi yayibiza leyonceku, yathi,
‘Wena nceku embi. Ngikuthethelele, ngasesula sonke
isikwelede sakho ngoba ungincengile. **33** Kungani pho
ungazwelanga omunye wakho isihawu njengalokhu
ngenzile kuwe?’ **34** Inkosi yayo yathukuthela kakhulu,
yayinikela kubaphathi bejele ukuthi bayihlukuluze ize
isihlawule sonke isikwelede. **35** Yiyo le indlela uBaba
osezulwini azaphatha ngayo lowo lalowo wenu nxa
lingathetheleli abazalwane kuphuma enhliziyweni.”

19 UJesu eseqedile ukutsho lezizinto, wasuka eGalile
waya emangweni waseJudiya ngaphetsheya kweJodani. **2**
Walandelwa ngamaxuku amakhulu abantu, wabasilisa
khona lapho. **3** Abanye abaFarisi beza kuye ukuzamlinga.
Bambuza bathi, “Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi indoda
ilahle umkayo loba kungasiphi isizatho?” **4** Waphendula
wathi, “Kalikubalanga yini ukuthi ekuqaleni uMdali
‘wabenza baba ngowesilisa lowesifazane,’ **5** wathi, ‘Ngalesi

isizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo, kuthi laba ababili bazakuba nyamanye?' **6** Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa sebenyamanye. Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile akungehlukaniswa muntu." **7** Babuza bathi, "Kungani pho uMosi walaya ukuthi indoda imuphe umkayo incwadi yokuquma umtshado ibisimxotsha?" **8** UJesu waphendula wathi, "UMosi walivumela ukuthi lilahle omkenu ngobulukhuni bezinhliziyo zenu. Kodwa kwakungenjalo ekuqaleni. **9** Ngilitshela ukuthi lowo ohlukana lomkakhe, ngaphandle kokuba ehlobongile, athathe omunye umfazi, uyaphinga." **10** Abafundi bathi kuye, "Nxa kumi kanjalo phakathi kwendoda lomkayo kungcono ukungathathi." **11** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Akusibo bonke abangalemukela lelilizwi, kodwa labo kuphela abaliphiweyo. **12** Ngoba abanye bangabathenwa ngenxa yokuthi bazalwa benjalo, abanye benziwa ngabantu njalo abanye bakudela ukutshada ngenxa yombuso wezulu. Lowo ongakwamukela lokho kakwemukele." **13** Kwasekulethwa abantwana abancinyane kuJesu ukuba ababeke izandla lokubakhulekela. Kodwa abafundi babakhuza labo ababalethayo. **14** UJesu wathi, "Yekelani abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabanjengalaba." **15** Esebabekile izandla wasuka lapho wahamba. **16** Kweza enye insizwa kuJesu yabuza yathi, "Mfundisi, ngingenzani okulungileyo ukuze ngizuze ukuphila okungapheliyo na?" **(aiōnios g166)** **17** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ungibuzelani ngokulungileyo na? Munye kuphela olungileyo. Nxa

ufuna ukungena ekuphileni, landela imilayo.” **18** Insizwa yabuza yathi, “Yiphi na?” UJesu waphendula wathi, “‘Ungabulali, ungaphingi, ungatshontshi, ungafakazeli amanga, **19** hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko,’njalo ‘thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena.’” **20** Insizwa yathi, “Yonke le ngiyigcinile. Pho ngisaswelani na?” **21** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ufuna ukuthi uphelele, thengisa yonke inotho yakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya ungilandele.” **22** Kwathi insizwa ikuzwa lokho, yasuka idanile ngoba yayilenotho enengi kakhulu. **23** UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kunzima emuntwini onothileyo ukuthi angene embusweni wezulu. **24** Njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi kungaba lula ukuthi ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” **25** Kwathi abafundi sebekuzwile lokhu bamangala kakhulu babuza bathi, “Pho ngubani ongasindiswa na?” **26** UJesu wabakhangela wathi, “Ngokwabantu, lokhu kakwenzeki kodwa ngoNkulunkulu zonke izinto ziyenzeka.” **27** UPhethro wamphendula wathi, “Sesitshiye konke ukuze sikulandele! Pho sizazuzani na?” **28** UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, emhlabeni omutsha, lapho iNdodana yoMuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, lina elingilandelayo lani lizahlala ezihlalweni zobukhosi ezilitshumi lambili, lahlulele izizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. **29** Njalo bonke labo abatshiye izindlu zabo, loba abafowabo, loba odadewabo kumbe uyise loba unina kumbe abantwana loba amasimu ngenxa

yami bazakwamukeliswa okwandiswe ngekhulu njalo bazakudla ilifa lokuphila okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **30** Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina njalo abanengi abangabokucina bazakuba ngabokuqala."

20 "Ngoba umbuso wezulu unjengomlimi owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu wayaqhatsha amadoda okusebenza esivinini sakhe. **2** Wathembisa ukubaholisa idenari okwalolosuku wasebathumela esivinini sakhe. **3** Waphuma njalo ngehola lesificamunwemunye ekuseni wabona abanye bezimele nje emsikeni bengenzi lutho. **4** Wabatshela wathi, 'Lani hambani liyesebenza esivinini sami, ngizaliholisa okufaneleyo.' **5** Ngakho bahamba. Wabuye waphuma emini sekubanga ihola lesithathu emini wenza okufanayo. **6** Sekusondele ihola lesihlanu waphuma wafumana abanye bezimele nje khonapho. Wababuza wathi, 'Kungani belilokhu limi lapha ilanga lonke lingenzi lutho na?' **7** Bamphendula bathi, 'Ngoba kakho osiqhatshileyo.' Wathi kubo, 'Lani hambani liyesebenza esivinini sami.' **8** Kwathi sekuntambama, umninisivini wathi enduneni yezinceku, 'Biza izinceku uziphe iholo lazo, uqalise ngabokucina usehla usiya kwabokuqala.' **9** Izinceku ezaqhatshwa sekubanga ihola lesihlanu ntambama zeza ngamunye zaphiwa idenari. **10** Kwathi sekufike labo abaqhatshwa kuqala balindela ukuphiwa okwedlulayo. Kodwa ngamunye wabo waphiwa idenari. **11** Bonela ukuyamukela baqalisa ukumsola umnininsimu besithi, **12** 'Lababantu abaqhatshwe ekucineni basebenze ihola elilodwa kuphela kodwa usubalinganise lathi thina esithwale kanzima ngomsebenzi sitshiswa lilanga usuku

lonke.’ **13** Kodwa waphendula omunye wabo wathi,
‘Mnakwethu, angikudlelezeli ngalutho. Kawuvumanga
yini ukusebenzela idenari? **14** Thatha umholo wakho
uhambe. Mina ngithanda ukupha indoda leyo eqhatshwe
muva okulingana lalokho engikunike khona. **15**
Kangilalungelo na lokwenza loba yini engiyithandayo
ngemali yami? Kumbe ulomhawu ngokuphana kwami
na?’ **16** Ngakho owokucina uzakuba ngowokuqala,
lowokuqala abe ngowokucina.” **17** Kwathi uJesu esesiya
eJerusalema wathatha abafundi abalitshumi lambili
wema labo eceleni wathi kubo, **18** “Sesisiya eJerusalema
lapho iNdodana yoMuntu ezanikelwa khona kubaphristi
abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela ukufa, **19**
bayinikele kwabeZizwe ukuba iyangiswe, itshaywe njalo
ibethelwe. Ngosuku lwesithathu izavuswa kwabafileyo!”
20 Kwasekufika unina wamadodana kaZebhediya kuJesu
elamadodana akhe waguqa phansi wacela ukuthi enzelwe
umusa. **21** UJesu wabuza wathi, “Kuyini okufunayo?”
Yena wathi, “Tshono ukuthi omunye wala amadodana
ami amabili uzahlala kwesokunene sakho kuthi omunye
laye ahlale kwesokhohlo sakho embusweni wakho.” **22**
UJesu wathi kubo, “Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha
na inkezo engizayinatha?” Bathi, “Yebo singayinatha.”
23 UJesu wathi kubo, “Yebo lizanatha kuyo inkezo yami
kodwa ukuhlala kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo kwami
kakusikho kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo lezi ngezalabo
abazilungiselwe nguBaba.” **24** Kwathi abalitshumi
bekuzwa lokhu bazithukuthelela lezozelamani. **25**
UJesu wasebabizela ndawonye wathi, “Liyakwazi ukuthi

ababusi beZizwe bazibusa kalukhuni, kuthi lezikhulu zazo zikhonye phezu kwazo. **26** Kakunjalo kini. Kodwa loba ngubani ofuna ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe yinceku yenu, **27** lalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yinceku yenu, **28** njengalokhu iNdodana yoMuntu ingezanga ukuzokhonzwa kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi." **29** Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe sebesuka eJerikho ixuku elikhulu labantu lamlandela. **30** Amadoda amabili ayiziphofu ayehlezi eceleni komgwaqo athi esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesedlula khonapho amemeza athi, "Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!" **31** Ixuku labantu lawakhuza lathi kawathule kodwa amemeza ngamandla athi, "Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!" **32** UJesu wema wawabiza, wawabuza wathi, "Lifuna ukuba ngilenzeleni?" **33** Aphendula athi, "Nkosi, sifuna ukuthi sibone." **34** UJesu wawazwela isihawu wawathinta emehlweni. Masinyane nje ahle abona asemlandela.

21 Bathi sebesondela eJerusalema, bafika eBhethifage eNtabeni yama-Oliva, uJesu wathuma abafundi ababili, **2** wathi kubo, "Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, khonapho lizabona inkonyane kababhemi lobabhemi ebotshelwe khonapho. Libakhulule libuye labo kimi. **3** Nxa kungaba lozalibuza, limtshele ukuthi iNkosi yiyo ebafunayo, uzahle abayekele bahambe masinyane." **4** Lokhu kwenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi: **5** "Tshela iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni ukuthi, 'Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, imnene igade ubabhemi, iphezu kwenkonyane, inkonyane kababhemi.'" **6** Abafundi

bahamba benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguJesu. **7** Baletha inkonyane kababhemi lobabhemi, bendlala amajazi abo phezu kwabobabhemi ukuze uJesu ahlale phezu kwawo. **8** Ixuku elikhulu lendlala amajazi alo endleleni, kukanti abanye bephula ingatsha ezihlahleni bazendlala endleleni. **9** Amaxuku ayehamba phambi kwakhe lalawo ayelandela amemeza athi, "Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida!" "Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo!" "Hosana ezulwini eliphezulu!" **10** Kwathi uJesu esengenile eJerusalema, umuzi wonke wanyakazela, abantu babuzana bathi, "Kanti ngubani lo?" **11** Amaxuku aphendula athi, "Lo nguJesu, umphrofethi waseNazaretha eGalile." **12** UJesu wangena egumeni lethempeli wabaxotsha bonke ababethenga lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula amatafula alabo ababentshintshela abanye izimali lezihlalo zabathengisa amajuba. **13** Wathi kubo, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi, 'Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yokukhuleka,'kodwa lina seliyenza 'ubhalu lwabaphangi.'" **14** Iziphofu labaqhugezelayo beza kuye ethempelini wabasilisa. **15** Kodwa kwathi abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho bebona izimanga ayezenza labantwana bememeza egumeni lethempeli besithi, "Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida," banengeka. **16** Bambuza bathi, "Uyabezwa nje abantwana laba ukuthi bathini?" Waphendula uJesu wathi, "Yebo, kalikaze lifunde ukuthi, 'Ezindebeni zabantwana lensane wena Nkosi uyimisile indumiso'?" **17** Wasebatshiya waphuma edolobheni waya eBhethani lapho alala khona. **18** Ekuseni kakhulu esebuyela

edolobheni wezwa eselambile. **19** Wabona isihlahla somkhiwa eceleni kwendlela, waqambukela kuso kodwa wathola kungelalutho kuso ngaphandle kwamahlamvu nje. Wasesithi kuso, “Ungaphindi uthele izithelo lanini!” Khonapho nje isihlahla sahle sabuna. **(aiōn g165)** **20** Abafundi bathi bekubona lokhu bamangala kakhulu. Babuza bathi, “Kwenzeke kanjani ukuthi isihlahla somkhiwa sibune masinyane kangaka?” **21** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi nxa lilokukholwa njalo lingathandabuzi, kalisoze lenze okwenziwe kulesi isihlahla somkhiwa kuphela kodwa njalo lingathi kule intaba, ‘Suka, uziphosele olwandle,’ lakanye kuzenzeka. **22** Nxa likholwa, lizaphiwa loba yini eliyicelayo ngomkhuleko.” **23** UJesu wangena ethempelini, kwathi elokhu efundisa abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu beza kuye. Bambuza bathi, “Izinto lezi uzenza ngawaphi amandla na? Ngubani okunike amandla la?” **24** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo owodwa. Lingangiphendula, ngizalitshela ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla lezizinto. **25** Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane lwavela ngaphi na? Lwavela ezulwini loba ebantwini na?” Bangunguna bodwa ngalokho bathi, “Nxa singathi, ‘Lwavela ezulwini,’ uzakuthi, ‘Pho kungani lingazange limkholwe na?’ **26** Kodwa singathi, ‘Lwavela ebantwini,’ sesaba abantu ngoba bonke uJohane bamthatha njengomphrofethi.” **27** Ngakho bamphendula uJesu bathi, “Kasikwazi.” Ngakho wasesithi, “Lami kangiyikulitshela ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngamandla bani.” **28** “Likhumbulani kambe? Kwakulendoda eyayilamadodana

amabili. Yaya kweyokuqala yathi, ‘Ndodana, lamuhla
hamba uyesebenza esivinini.’ **29** Yaphendula yathi,
‘Kangisoze ngiye mina,’ kodwa yaphinde yazisola
yahamba. **30** Uyise wasesiya kwenye indodana watsho
okufanayo. Yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngizahamba, baba,’ kodwa
kayihambanga. **31** Yiphi phakathi kwawo womabili
eyenza lokho okwakufunwa nguyise na?” Baphendula
bathi, “Ngeyakuqala.” UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela
iqiniso ngithi abathelisi lezifebe bazangena embusweni
kaNkulunkulu kuqala kulani. **32** Ngoba uJohane
weza kini ukuzalitshengisa indlela yokulunga kodwa
kalimkholwanga ikanti abathelisi lezifebe bamkholwa.
Kwathi lokuba selikubonile konke lokhu kalimkholwanga.”
33 “Zwanini omunye umzekeliso: Kwakukhona umnini
wesiqinti owahlanyela isivini. Wasihonqolozela ngomduli,
wagebha isikhamelo sewayini phakathi, wasesakha
isilindo. Waseqhatshisa isivini leso kubalimi wasuka
wathatha uhambo. **34** Kuthe sekufika isikhathi sokuvuna
wathuma izinceku zakhe kulabobalimi ukuyathatha
izithelo. **35** Abalimi bazibamba izinceku zakhe; eyinye
bayitshaya, eyinye bayibulala kwathi eyesithathu
bayikhanda ngamatshe. **36** Wasethuma ezinye izinceku
kubo, ezinengi kulezakuqala, njalo abalimi baziphatha
ngendlela efanayo. **37** Ekucineni wasethumela indodana
yakhe kubo. Wathi, ‘Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.’ **38**
Kodwa kwathi abalimi beyibona indodana batshelana
bathi, ‘Lo yindlalifa. Wozani simbulale sithathe ilifa
lakhe.’ **39** Ngakho bamdumela bamphosela ngaphandle
kwesivini bambulala. **40** Ngakho-ke nxa umninisivini

esesiza uzabathini abalimi labo na?” **41** Baphendula bathi,
“Uzababonisa into yamehlo, abeseqhatshisa isivini sakhe
kwabanye abalimi abazamnika ingxenye yakhe yezithelo
ngesikhathi sokuvuna.” **42** UJesu wathi kubo, “Kalibalanga
yini emibhalweni ukuthi: ‘Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi
seliyilona ilitshe lensika; iNkosi ikwenzile lokhu, njalo
kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu?’ **43** Ngakho ngiyalitshela
ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu lizawuthathelwa uphiwe
abantu abazathela izithelo zawo. **44** Lowo ozawela phezu
kwalelilitshe uzavadlaka kodwa lowo elizawela phezu
kwakhe uzafihlizwa.” **45** Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu
labaFarisi besizwa imizekeliso kaJesu, bakwazi ukuthi
wayekhuluma ngabo. **46** Badinga indlela yokumbopha
kodwa besaba ixuku labantu ngoba abantu bambona
njengomphrofethi.

22 UJesu wakhuluma kubo njalo ngemizekeliso wathi: **2**
“Umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyalungisela indodana
yayo idili lomthimba. **3** Yathuma izinceku zayo kulabo
ababenxusiwe edilini ukuba beze kodwa bala ukuza. **4**
Yaphinda yathuma ezinye izinceku yathi, ‘Batsheleni
labo abanxusiweyo ukuthi sengililungisile idili. Ngihlabe
inkabi lenkomo ezinonisiweyo, konke sekulungile. Wozani
edilini lomthimba.’ **5** Kodwa kabakunanzanga lokho,
bazihambela, omunye waya ensimini yakhe, omunye
emsebenzini wakhe. **6** Abanye bazibamba izinceku
zayo, bazihlukuluza bazibulala. **7** Inkosi yathukuthela.
Yathumela impi yayo yababhuqa labobabulali yatshisa
idolobho labo. **8** Yasisithi ezincekwini zayo, ‘Idili
lomthimba selilungile kodwa labo engibanxusileyo

bebengasafanele ukuza. **9** Hambani liye emahlanganweni
ezindlela linxuse loba ngubani elimbonayo.' **10** Ngakho
izinceku zangena ezitaladini zabutha bonke abantu
ezababonayo, abalungileyo lababi, indlu yomthimba
yagcwala izethekeli. **11** Kodwa kwathi inkosi ingena
ukuzabona izethekeli, yananzelela khonapho indoda
eyeyingavunulanga izigqoko zomthimba. **12** Yabuza yathi,
'Mngane, ungene njani lapha ungelazigqoko zomthimba?'
Indoda yatsha amathe. **13** Inkosi yasitshela izinceku
zayo yathi, 'Mbopheni izandla lezinyawo limphosele
ngaphandle ebumnyameni, lapho okuzakuba khona
ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo.' **14** Ngoba banengi
ababiziweyo kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo." **15**
Lapho-ke abaFarisi basuka baphuma bayaceba ukuthi
bambambe ngamazwi akhe. **16** Bathuma abafundi
babo kuye behamba lamaHerodiya. Bathi, "Mfundisi,
siyazi ukuthi uyindoda eqotho lokuthi ufundisa indlela
kaNkulunkulu ngokweqiniso. Kawusuye uthathekile
ngoba kawulani lokuthi bangobani. **17** Sitshele-
ke, uthini ngalokhu? Kusemthethweni na ukuthela
kuKhesari kumbe hatshi?" **18** UJesu ngokwazi inhloso
yabo embi wathi, "Lina bazenzisi, lenzani lizama
ukungithiya na? **19** Ake lingitshengise uhlamvu lwemali
okuthelwa ngayo." Bamlethela idenari, **20** wasebabuza
wathi, "Ngumfanekiso kabani lo? Njalo luphawu
lukabani lolu?" **21** Baphendula bathi, "NgokukaKhesari."
Wasesithi kubo, "Phanini uKhesari okungokukaKhesari
loNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu." **22** Bathi besizwa
lokhu bamangala. Ngakho basuka kuye bahamba.

23 Ngalelolanga abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka
kwabafileyo, beza kuye belombuzo. **24** Bathi, “Mfundisi,
uMosi wasitshela wathi, nxa indoda ingafa ingazalanga
mntwana, umfowabo kamthathe umfelokazi amzalele
abantwana. **25** Kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa
phakathi kwethu. Wathatha owakuqala wasesifa, kwathi
ngoba engazuzanga mntwana watshiyela umkakhe
umfowabo. **26** Kwaphinda lokho kowesibili lowesithathu
njalo kwaze kwaba ngowesikhombisa. **27** Ekucineni
wafa lowomfazi. **28** Pho-ke, ekuvukeni kwabafileyo
uzakuba ngumkabani phakathi kwabayisikhombisa
njengoba bonke babemthethe?” **29** UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Liyalahleka ngoba kaliyazi imibhalo lamandla
kaNkulunkulu. **30** Ekuvukeni kwabafileyo abantu
kabayikuthatha loba bendiswe; bazakuba njengezingilosi
ezulwini. **31** Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo,
kalibalanga yini lokho uNkulunkulu akutsho kini ukuthi,
32 ‘NginguNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu
ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe’? KasuNkulunkulu
wabafileyo kodwa owabaphilayo.” **33** Kwathi amaxuku
abantu esizwa lokhu amangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe.
34 AbaFarisi sebezwile ukuthi uJesu wayesebathulisile
abaSadusi, bahlangana ndawonye. **35** Omunye wabo
owayeyisazi somthetho wamlinga ngombuzo wathi,
36 “Mfundisi, yiwuphi umlayo omkhulu kulayo yonke
eMthethweni?” **37** UJesu waphendula wathi, “‘Thanda
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo yakho
yonke.’ **38** Yiwo owokuqala njalo odlula yonke imilayo.

39 Owesibili unjengawo: ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho
njengoba uzithanda wena.’ **40** Wonke uMthetho
labaPhrofethi kweyeme kuyonale imilayo emibili.” **41**
Kwathi abaFarisi behlangene ndawonye uJesu wababuza
wathi, **42** “Licabangani ngoKhristu? Uyindodana kabani?”
Baphendula bathi, “Yindodana kaDavida.” **43** Wathi
kubo, “Kungani pho uDavida wathi ekhuluma ngoMoya
umbiza athi ‘Nkosi’? Ngoba uthi, **44** ‘INkosi yathi eNkosini
yami: “Hlala ngakwesokunene sami ngize ngibeke izitha
zakho ngaphansi kwenyawo zakho.”’ **45** Pho, nxa
uDavida esithi kuye, ‘Nkosi,’ angaba yindodana yakhe
njani?” **46** Kakho loyedwa owaba lelizwi lokumphendula.
Kwathi-ke kusukela ngalolosuku kakho owaqunga isibindi
sokumbuza eminye imibuzo.

23 UJesu wasesithi emaxukwini abantu lakubafundi
bakhe: **2** “Abafundisi bomthetho labaFarisi bahlezi
esihlalweni sikaMosi. **3** Ngakho kumele libalalele lenze
konke abalitshela khona. Kodwa lingakwenzi
abakwenzayo, ngoba kabakulandeli lokho
abakutshumayelayo. **4** Baqoqa imithwalo enzima
bayetshate emahlombe abantu kodwa bona bengafuni
lokulokotha bayithwale. **5** Konke abakwenzayo
bakwenzela ukuba babonwe ngabantu, benza imicwatsho
yabo yemibhalo ibe banzi lezintshaka zezigqoko zabo
zibe zinde; **6** bathanda izindawo eziphezulu emadilini
lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogweni, **7** bathanda
ukubingelelwa emisikeni lokuthi abantu bababize
ngokuthi ‘Rabi.’ **8** Kodwa lina nxa lingabizwa kuthiwe
‘Rabi,’ ngoba munye kuphela oyiNkosi yenu njalo lina

lonke liyizinini. **9** Futhi lingabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi ‘baba,’ ngoba liloYihlo oyedwa, yena osezulwini. **10** Njalo lingabizwa ngokuthi bafundisi, ngoba liloMfundisi oyedwa, uKhristu. **11** Omkhulu kulani lonke phakathi kwenu uzakuba yinceku yenu. **12** Ngoba lowo oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, lalowo ozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa.” **13** “Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakubaFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Livalela abantu umbuso wezulu. Lina ngokwenu kalingeni liphinde livimbele labo abazama ukungena. [**14** Maye kini bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Liphanga izindlu zabafelokazi, beselizenzisa lisenza imikhuleko emide, ngalokho lizakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa okukhulu.] **15** Maye kini bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lidabula ilizwe lihambe laphezu kolwandle lidinga ukuphendula oyedwa zwi, lithi selimzuzile limphendule abe yindodana yesihogweni okuphindwe kabili kulani. **(Geenna g1067)** **16** Maye kini, baholi abayiziphofu! Lithi, ‘Nxa umuntu efunga ngethempeli kakutsho lutho; kodwa nxa umuntu efunga ngegolide lethempeli usezibophile ngesifungo sakhe.’ **17** Lina ziphofundini! Yikuphi okukhulu kulokunye: igolide kumbe ithempeli elenza igolide libengcwele? **18** Lithi njalo, ‘Nxa umuntu efunga nge-alithare, akusilutho; kodwa nxa umuntu efunga ngesipho esikulo usezibophile ngesifungo sakhe.’ **19** Lina ziphofu zabantu! Yikuphi okudlula okunye: isipho langabe i-alithari elenza isipho sibe ngcwele? **20** Ngakho lowo ofunga nge-alithare ufunga ngalo langakho konke okukulo. **21** Njalo lowo

ofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo njalo langaye lowo ohlala kulo. **22** Njalo lalowo ofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu langaye ohlezi phezu kwaso. **23** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, bazenzisi! Linika okwetshumi okweziyoliso zenu, iminti ledili lekhamini. Kodwa liyekethise izinto ezimqoka emthethweni, eziyikulunga, isihawu kanye lokwethembeka. Bekufanele lithi likwenza lokhu lingawuyekethisanga umthetho. **24** Lina baholi abayiziphofu! Liyacenga ukukhupha ubuyane kodwa liginye ikamela. **25** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Ligezisa inkezo lomganu ngaphandle kodwa ngaphakathi kugcwele ubuhwaba lokuzisuthisa. **26** MFarisi oyisiphofu! Qala uhlambulule ingaphakathi yenkezo lomganu, ukuze ingaphandle layo ihlambuluke. **27** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Linjengamathuna aconjiweyo, akhanya ebukeka ngaphandle, kodwa ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abantu abafileyo lakho konke okungcolileyo. **28** Kanjalo, ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini linjengabalungileyo, kodwa ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi. **29** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Lakhela abaphrofethi amathuna njalo licecise amathuna abalungileyo. **30** Beselisithi, 'Ngabe saphila ngezinsuku zabokhokho bethu sasingeyikuhlanganyela labo ekuchitheni igazi labaphrofethi.' **31** Ngalokho yini elipha ubufakazi bokuthi liyisizukulwane salabo ababulala abaphrofethi. **32** Nanko-ke, wohlani liqedise lesosono

sabokhokho benu! **33** Lina zinyoka! Lina nzalo yezinhlangwana! Lizaphepha kanjani ukuba lilahlelwe esihogweni na? **(Geenna g1067)** **34** Ngakho ngilithumela abaphrofethi lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo labafundisi. Abanye babo lizababulala libabethele; abanye lizababhaxabula emasinagogweni enu, lilandelelane labo kuleli laleliyana idolobho. **35** Ngakho-ke, lonke igazi elilungileyo elachithwayo emhlabeni kusukela egazini lika-Abheli owayelungile kusiya egazini likaZakhariya indodana kaBherekhiya elambulala phakathi laphakathi kwethempeli le-alithari lizakwehliselwa phezu kwenu. **36** Ngilitshela iqiniso, konke lokhu kuzakuba phezu kwalesi isizukulwane. **37** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaphrofethi, ubakhande ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe, sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa ndawonye abantwabakho, njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso, kodwa wena wawungathandi. **38** Khangela, indlu yakho isitshiywe ilunxiwa. **39** Ngoba ngiyalitshela, kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi, 'Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo.'"

24 UJesu wathi esuka ethempelini esehamba abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi kake ananzelele izakhiwo zalo. **2** Wathi, "Liyazibona na zonke lezizinto? Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi akulalitshe lapha elizasala liphezu kwelinye; wonke azabhidlizwa." **3** Kwathi uJesu ehlezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva abafundi bakhe beza kuye ngasese bathi, "Sitshele, kuzakwenzakala nini lokhu na, njalo kuzakuba lesibonakaliso bani sokuza kwakho lokuphela kwesikhathi na?" **(aiōn g165)** **4** UJesu

waphendula wathi, “Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa
muntu. **5** Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami besithi,
‘NginguKhristu,’ bakhohlise abanengi. **6** Lizakuzwa
ngezimpi lamahungahunga azo, kodwa lingaze lethuka.
Izinto ezinjalo zizakwenzeka, kodwa ukucina kulokhu
kuseza. **7** Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele
umbuso. Kuzakuba lendlala lokuzamazama komhlaba
ezindaweni ezitshiyeneyo. **8** Konke lokhu kuyikuqalisa
kobuhlungu bokuhelelwa. **9** Lapho lizanikelwa ukuba
lihlutshwe njalo libulawe, futhi lizazondwa yizizwe
zonke ngenxa yami. **10** Ngalesosikhathi abanengi
bazadela ukukholwa banikelane njalo bazondane, **11**
kuvele abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi abazakhohlisa
abantu abanengi. **12** Ngenxa yokwanda kobubi,
uthando lwabanengi luzaphola, **13** kodwa lowo
oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa. **14**
Njalo lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa kuwo
wonke umhlaba njengobufakazi kuzozonke izizwe,
besekufika ukuphela. **15** Nxa libona kumi endaweni
engcwele ‘amanyala aletha incithakalo,’okwakhulunywa
ngomphrofethi uDanyeli, ofundayo kezwisise. **16** Lapho-
ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni. **17**
Akungabikhona osophahleni lwendlu ozakwehla phansi
ukuyathatha ulutho endlini. **18** Lowo osemasimini
kangabuyeli ngekhaya ukuyathatha ijazi lakhe. **19**
Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku
kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! **20**
Khulekelani ukuba ukuphaphatheka kwenu kungabi
sebusika loba ngeSabatha. **21** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi

kuzakuba lokuhlupheka okukhulu, okungazange kube khona kulokhu kwadabuka umhlaba kuze kube manje, njalo kakusoze kube khona futhi. **22** Aluba lezinsuku bezingaphungulwanga, kakho obezaphepha, kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezinsuku zizaphungulwa. **23** Nxa ngalesosikhathi omunye esithi kini, 'Khangela, nangu uKhristu!' loba 'Ulaphaya!' lingakukholwa lokho. **24** Ngoba oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi bamanga bazavela benze izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu ukukhohlisa kanye labakhethiweyo, nxa lokho kungenzeka. **25** Zwanini, sengihle ngalitshela mandulo kwesikhathi. **26** Ngakho-ke, nxa umuntu elitshela esithi, 'Nanguyana, laphayana egangeni,' lingayi khona loba athi, 'Nangu lapha ezindlini ezingaphakathi,' lingaze lakukholwa lokho. **27** Ngoba njengombane osuka empumalanga uhle ubonakale lasentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo ukufika kweNdodana yoMuntu. **28** Lapho okulesidumbu khona kulapho amanqe abuthana khona. **29** Masinyane ngemva kokuhlupheka kwalezonsuku, 'ilanga lizafiphala lenyanga kayiyikukhanya; izinkanyezi zizakuwa esibhakabhakeni, izisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa.' **30** Kulesosikhathi isibonakaliso seNdodana yoMuntu sizavela emkhathini, kuthi zonke izizwe zomhlaba zilile. Zizabona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza ngamayezi esibhakabhakeni, ilamandla lobukhosi obukhulu. **31** Njalo izathumela izingilosi zayo zitshaya icilongo ngomsindo omkhulu, beseziqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emagumbini womane omhlaba, kusukela ngapha kwamazulu kusiya ngale kwawo. **32** Manje-ke, fundani

lesisifundo esihlahleni somkhiwa: Amahlumela aso angaqalisa ukuba buthakathaka lamahlamvu aso ahlume, lihle lazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. **33** Kanjalo-ke, nxa lingabona zonke lezizinto, lazi ukuthi sekusondele, khonapho emnyango. **34** Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto. **35** Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi ami kawayikwedlula lanini." **36** "Kodwa kakho olwaziyo lolosuku lehola, loba izingilosi zasezulwini, kumbe iNdodana, kodwa uBaba kuphela. **37** Njengoba kwakunjalo ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni kweNdodana yoMuntu. **38** Ngoba ensukwini ezandulela uzamcolo, abantu babesidla, benatha, bethatha njalo besenda, kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini; **39** futhi babengazi lutho ngalokho okwakuzakwenzeka uzamcolo waze wafika wabatshabalalisa. Kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni kweNdodana yoMuntu. **40** Kuzakuthi amadoda emabili esensimini, eyodwa izathathwa, eyinye isale. **41** Kuzakuthi abesifazane bebabili bechola ngembokodo, oyedwa uzathathwa omunye asale. **42** Ngakho, lindani ngoba kalikwazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaluphi usuku. **43** Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Kube umninindlu wayekwazile ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi isikhathi sobusuku ngabe walinda kaze avumela ukuthi indlu yakhe igqekezwe. **44** Ngakho lani hlalani lilindile, ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika ngesikhathi leso elizabe lingayikhumbuleli sona. **45** Ngubani kambe oyinceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo umninimuzi ayibeke esikhundleni sokukhangela izisebenzi zalapha

ekhaya ukuthi azinike ukudla kwazo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? **46** Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyo nceku inkosi ezayifica isenza njalo ekuphendukeni kwayo. **47** Ngilitshela iqiniso, izakumbeka ukuthi aphathe yonke impahla yayo. **48** Kodwa cabanga mhlawumbe inceku leyo ikhohlakele njalo ingazitshela ithi, 'Inkosi yami isesekhatshana ukubuya,' **49** ibisiqalisa ukutshaya ezinye izinceku njalo lokudla inatha lezidakwa. **50** Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngosuku engacatshangelwa khona langesikhathi inceku engasaziyo. **51** Izayiqumaquma, iyiphe indawo kanye labazenzisi, lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo."

25 "Kulesosikhathi umbuso wezulu uzakuba njengezintombi ezigcweleyo ezilitshumi ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma ukuyahlangabeza umyeni. **2** Ezinhlanu zazo zaziyiziwula, ezinhlanu zihlakaniphile. **3** Eziyiziwula zathatha izibane zazo, kodwa kazithathanga amafutha. **4** Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zathwala imbodlela zamafutha kanye lezibane zazo. **5** Umyeni waphuza ukufika zonke zaze zawozela zajunywa yibuthongo. **6** Phakathi kobusuku kwamenyezelwa kwathiwa, 'Nangu umyeni! Phumani limhlangabeze!' **7** Zasezivuka zonke izintombi zalumathisa izibane zazo. **8** Lezo ezaziyiziwula zathi kwezihlakaniphileyo, 'Ake lisiphe lathi amanye amafutha enu; izibane zethu sezicitsha.' **9** Zaphendula ezihlakaniphileyo zathi, 'Hatshi, kakulamafutha angasanela thina lani. Hambani liye kulabo abathengisa amafutha liyezithengela awenu.' **10** Kodwa kwathi besayathenga amafutha umyeni wafika. Izintombi

ezazizilungiselele zangena laye edilini lomthimba. Umnyango wasuvalwa. **11** Ngemva kwesikhathi ezinye lazo zatsho sezifikile. Zathi, ‘Nkosi! Nkosi! Ake usivulele umnyango!’ **12** Kodwa waphendula wathi, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kangilazi.’ **13** Ngakho lindani ngoba kalilwazi usuku loba ihola.” **14** “Njalo unjengendoda eyathatha uhambo, yabiza izinceku zayo yazigcinisa impahla yayo. **15** Oyedwa yamupha amathalenta amahlanu emali, omunye amabili omunye njalo ithalenta elilodwa, ngulowo kusiya ngamandla akhe. Yasisuka ingena uhambo lwayo. **16** Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yahle yasuka yayayisebenzisa leyomali yazuza amanye amahlanu. **17** Yenza njalo laleyo eyayiphiwe amabili, yazuza amanye amabili. **18** Kodwa indoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa yasuka yemba igodi emhlabathini yayifihla imali yenkosi yayo. **19** Ngemva kwesikhathi eside umnini walezozinceku wabuya wafisa ukwazi ukuthi babehambise njani ngaleyomali. **20** Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yaletha amanye amahlanu. Yathi, ‘Nkosi, wangethemba ngamathalenta amahlanu. Khangela, sengizuze amanye amahlanu.’ **21** Umnini wayo waphendula wathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo! Uthembekile ezintweni ezilutshwane; ngizakugcinisa izinto ezinengi. Woza uzojabula kanye lenkosi yakho!’ **22** Indoda eyayilamathalenta amabili layo yeza. Yathi, ‘Nkosi, wangethemba ngamathalenta amabili; khangela, sengizuze amanye amabili.’ **23** Umniniyo waphendula wathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo!

Uthembekile ngezinto ezilutshwane; ngizakugcinisa izinto ezinengi. Woza uzojabula kanye lenkosi yakho!' **24** Kwasekusiza leyondoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa. Yathi, 'Nkosi, bengikwazi ukuthi uyindoda elukhuni, evuna lapho engahlanyelanga khona njalo ibuthe lapho engazange ihaze khona inhlanyelo. **25** Yikho ngesaba ngasuka ngayafihla ithalenta lakho emhlabathini. Khangela, nanku okungokwakho.' **26** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, 'Wena nceku embi lelivila! Utsho ukuthi wazile ukuthi ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona njalo ngibuthe lapho engingahazanga khona inhlanyelo? **27** Kube imali yami uyifake ebhanga, ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni kwami ngiyizuze isizele. **28** Mthatheleni ithalenta lelo liliphe lowo olamathalenta alitshumi. **29** Ngoba lowo olakho uzaphiwa okunye njalo abesesiba lokunengi. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. **30** Manje-ke, iphoseni ngaphandle inceku engelamsebenzi, ebumnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo.'" **31** "Nxa iNdodana yoMuntu isisiza ngenkazimulo yayo, ikanye lezingilosi zonke, izahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi ilenkazimulo yasezulwini. **32** Zonke izizwe zizabuthaniswa phambi kwayo, ibe isisahlukanisa abantu omunye komunye njengomelusi esehlukanisa izimvu embuzini. **33** Izabeka izimvu ngasekwesokunene kwayo lembuzi ngakwesokhohlo. **34** Lapho-ke iNkosi izakuthi kulabo abangakwesokunene sayo, 'Wozani, lina elibusiswe nguBaba; thathani ilifa lenu, umbuso owalungiselwa lina kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. **35** Ngoba ngangilambile,

langinika ulutho oludliwayo, ngangomile langipha okunathwayo, ngangiyisihambi langinxusela endlini, **36** ngangiswele izembatho langigqokisa, ngangigula langonga, ngangisentolongweni lazongibona.' **37** Abalungileyo bazamphendula bathi, 'Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile sakupha ukudla na, kumbe womile sakunathisa? **38** Sakubona nini uyisihambi sakunxusela endlini na, kumbe uswele izembatho sakugqokisa? **39** Sakubona nini ugula kumbe usentolongweni seza sazakubona na?' **40** INkosi izaphendula ithi, 'Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba yini elayenzela loba ngomncinyane kanganani walaba abazalwane bami, lakwenzela mina.' **41** INkosi izakuthi kulabo abakwesokhohlo sayo, 'Xekani kimi lina eliqalekisiweyo liye emlilweni ongapheliyo owalungiselwa uSathane lezingilosi zakhe. **(aiōnios g166)** **42** Ngoba ngangilambile, kalingiphanga lutho lokudla, ngangomile kalingiphanga lutho lokunatha, **43** ngangiyisihambi kalinginxuselanga endlini, ngangiswele izembatho kalingigqokisanga, ngangigula njalo ngisentolongweni kalizange lingethekelele.' **44** Labo bazaphendula bathi, 'Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile kumbe womile kumbe uyisihambi kumbe ungelazigqoko kumbe ugula noma usentolongweni asaze sakunceda na?' **45** Izaphendula ithi, 'Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, loba kuyini elingakwenzelanga oyedwa nje omncinyane kulabo bonke walaba, kalikwenzelanga mina.' **46** Bazasuka baye ekujezisweni kwaphakade, kodwa abalungileyo baye ekuphileni okungapheliyo." **(aiōnios g166)**

26 UJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma zonke lezi izinto, wathi
kubafundi bakhe, **2** "Njengoba lisazi, sekusele insuku
ezimbili ukuba iPhasika lifike, njalo iNdodana yoMuntu
izanikelwa ukuba ibethelwe." **3** Abaphristi abakhulu
labadala babantu basebeqoqana egumeni lomphristi
omkhulu owayethiwa nguKhayifasi, **4** baceba ukubopha
uJesu ngasese bambulale. **5** Bathi, "Kakungabi ngesikhathi
somkhosi funa kube lesiphithiphithi ebantwini." **6**
Kwathi uJesu eseBhethani endlini yendoda eyayithiwa
nguSimoni owayelobulephero, **7** kweza kuye owesifazane
ephethe imbodlela yamakha adula kakhulu wawathela
ekhanda likaJesu owayeyeme etafuleni. **8** Abafundi
bathi bekubona lokho bacasuka. Basebebuza bathi,
"Adlaliselwani kanje na? **9** Amakha la abengathengiswa
ngemali ephezulu leyomali iphiwe abampofu." **10** UJesu
esekunanzelele lokhu wathi kubo, "Limkhathazelani
owesifazane lo na? Wenze into enhle kimi. **11**
Abampofu lizahlala lilabo kokuphela, kodwa kalisoze
libe lami kokuphela. **12** Uthe ethululela amakha
la emzimbeni wami ubesenzela ukungilungiselela
ukungcwatshwa. **13** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi langaphi
lapho okuzatshunyayelwa ivangeli leli emhlabeni wonke,
lokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa, kube yisikhumbuzo
ngaye." **14** Kwathi omunye wabalitshumi lambili, lowo
owayethiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi, waya kubaphristi
abakhulu **15** wabuza wathi, "Lizangiphani nxa ngimnikela
kini?" Base bembalela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi
amathathu. **16** Kusukela khonapho uJudasi wadinga ithuba
lokuba amnikele. **17** Ngosuku lokuqala loMkhosi weSinkwa

esingelaMvubelo abafundi beza kuJesu bambuza bathi, “Ufuna senzele ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle iPhasika na?” **18** Waphendula wathi, “Ngenani edolobheni komunye umuntu limtshele lithi, ‘UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami esimisiweyo sesiseduze. Ngizakudla iPhasika labafundi bami endlini yakho.’” **19** Ngakho abafundi benza njengokulayelwa kwabo nguJesu balungisa iPhasika. **20** Kwathi kusihlwa, uJesu wayehlezi eyeme etafuleni elabalitshumi lambili. **21** Kwathi besidla wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela.” **22** Badana kakhulu basebesithi kuye ngamunye, “Pho kawutsho mina Nkosi?” **23** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo odle kanye lami emganwini uzanginikela. **24** INdodana yoMuntu kwenzakala kuyo njengoba kulotshiwe ngayo. Kodwa maye kulowomuntu ozanikela iNdodana yoMuntu! Bekungaba ngcono kuye ngabe wayengazalwanga.” **25** Wasesithi uJudasi, lowo owayezamnikela, “Pho kawutsho mina, Rabi?” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, nguwe okutshoyo.” **26** Bathi besadla uJesu wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasihlephula wasipha abafundi bakhe esithi, “Thathani lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami.” **27** Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile, wabanika esithi, “Nathani kuyo, lonke. **28** Leli ligazi lami lesivumelwano, elichithelwe abanengi ekuthethelelweni kwezono. **29** Ngiyalitshela, angisayikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo sevini, kusukela manje kuze kube yilolosuku lapho engizakunatha khona kabutsha lani embusweni kaBaba.” **30** Bathi sebehlabele ihubo baphuma baya eNtabeni yama-Oliva. **31** UJesu wasebatshela wathi, “Ngabona

lobubusuku lizakwenyela ngami, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
‘Ngizatshaya umelusi izimvu zomhlambi zizahlakazeka.’
32 Kodwa ngemva kokuba sengivukile kwabafileyo,
ngizalandulela ukuya eGalile.” **33** UPhethro waphendula
wathi, “Loba bonke bangaze benyele ngenxa yakho,
mina kimi ngezake kwenzeke.” **34** UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso ukuthi ngabona lobubusuku,
iqhude lingakakhali uzangiphika kathathu.” **35** Kodwa
uPhethro wala wagomela wathi, “Loba kungenzeka
ukuba ngife lawe, ngeke lanini ngikuphike.” Abanye
abafundi labo batsho njalo. **36** UJesu wasehamba labafundi
bakhe endaweni eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi kubo,
“Hlalani lapha, mina ngisaya laphayana ukuyakhuleka.”
37 Wathatha uPhethro lamadodana kaZebhediya womabili
wahamba labo, waseqala ukuhlulukelwa lokukhathazeka.
38 Wasesithi kubo, “Umphefumulo wami ugajelwa lusizi
kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani lapha lilinde lami.” **39** Wahamba
ibanganyana, wazilahla phansi wathi mbo ngobuso
wakhuleka wathi, “Baba, nxa kungenzeka, sengathi
inkezo le ingasuswa kimi. Kodwa akungabi yintando
yami, kodwa kube yintando yakho.” **40** Wasephenduka
kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele. Wabuza uPhethro
wathi, “Lina madoda kambe kulehlule ukulinda kanye
lami okwehola elilodwa nje? **41** Lindani likhuleke ukuze
lingaweli ekulingweni. Umoya uyathanda kodwa umzimba
ubuthakathaka.” **42** Wahamba njalo okwesibili wakhuleka
wathi, “Baba wami, nxa kungenzeki ukuthi linkezo
isuswe ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinathe, intando yakho
mayenziwe.” **43** Wathi esebuya wabafica njalo sebelele,

ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima. **44** Ngakho wasebatshiya
waphinda wahamba njalo wayakhuleka okwesithathu
ephinda into yinye. **45** Wasebuyela kubafundi wathi kubo,
“Lilele, liyaphumula na? Khangelani, isikhathi sesisondele,
iNdodana yoMuntu isizanikelwa ezandleni zezoni. **46**
Phakamani! Kasihambeni! Nangu usesiza onginikelayo.”
47 Wathi esakhuluma, uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi
lambili wafika. Wayehamba lexuku elikhulu lihlomile
ngezinkemba lezinduku lithunywe ngabaphristi abakhulu
labadala babantu. **48** Omnikelayo wayelungisile labo
isiboniso wathi: “Lowo engizamanga nguye; mbopheni.”
49 UJudasi wahle waqonda kuJesu wathi, “Sabona, Rabi!”
wamanga. **50** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mfowethu, yenza
lokho okulandileyo.” Asesondela amadoda, amdumela
uJesu ambopha. **51** Khonapho omunye wabaphelekezeli
bakaJesu wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagadla encekwini
yomphristi omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe. **52** UJesu wathi
kuye, “Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo, ngoba
bonke abakhokha inkemba bazakufa ngenkemba. **53**
Ucabanga ukuthi ngingaze ngacela kuBaba, masinyane
nje angiphe amaviyo alitshumi lambili ezingilosi? **54**
Kodwa phela ibingagcwaliseka kanjani imibhalo ethi
kumele kwenzeke ngale indlela na?” **55** Khonapho uJesu
wathi exukwini labantu, “Kanti ngikhokhela umvukela
yini lize lihlome ngezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba
na? Insuku zonke ngangihlala emagumeni ethempeli
ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibophanga. **56** Kodwa lokhu
kwenzeke ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo yabaphrofethi.”
Khonapho abafundi bonke bamtshiya babaleka. **57** Labo

abambophayo uJesu bamusa kuKhayifasi, umphristi omkhulu, lapho okwasekubuthene khona abafundisi bomthetho labadala. **58** Kodwa uPhethro wayemlandela ehambela khatshana waze wayangena egumeni lomphristi omkhulu. Wangena wahlala phansi lamanxusa efuna ukubona okwakuzakwenzakala. **59** Abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi bamanga ngoJesu ukuze bambulale. **60** Kodwa babuswela, lanxa abanengi ofakazi bamanga bavela. Ekucineni ababili beza phambili **61** bathi, "Umfokazi lo wathi, 'Ngilamandla okulidiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ngiphinde ngilakhe kutsha ngezinsuku ezintathu.'" **62** Umphristi omkhulu wasesukuma wathi kuJesu, "Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini kanti lokhu okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?" **63** Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule. Umphristi omkhulu wathi kuye, "Ngiyakulaya, ngifunga ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo ngithi: Sitshele ingabe unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu." **64** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Yebo, kunjengoba usitsho. Kodwa ngithi kini lonke: Ngesikhathi esizayo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu ihlezi kwesokunene sikaMninimandla isehla ngamayezi ezulwini." **65** Khonapho umphristi omkhulu wadabula izigqoko zakhe wathi, "Uyahlambaza! Sisafunelani abanye ofakazi na? Khangelani, manje selikuzwile ukuhlambaza. **66** Lithini ngakho?" Baphendula bathi, "Ufanele ukufa." **67** Basebemkhafulela emehlweni njalo bamdutshuza ngenqindi. Abanye bamakala **68** bathi, "Phrofitha kithi, wena Khristu. Ngubani okutshayileyo?" **69** UPhethro wayehlezi phandle egumeni, kwasekusiza

kuye intombazana eyincekukazi yathi kuye, “Lawe njalo wawuloJesu waseGalile.” **70** Kodwa walandula phambi kwabo bonke. Wathi, “Angikwazi lokho okhuluma ngakho.” **71** Wasesuka ephuma entubeni lapho abonwa khona ngenye intombazana eyathi ebantwini khonapho, “Umfokazi lo wayeloJesu waseNazaretha.” **72** Walandula njalo efunga esithi, “Kangiyazi indoda leyo!” **73** Ngemva kwesikhatshana labo ababemi khonapho baya kuPhethro bathi, “Ngempela ungomunye wabo ngoba indlela okhuluma ngayo iyakuceba.” **74** Wasekhihliza iziqalekiso phezu kwakhe wafunga kubo wathi, “Angimazi mina lowomuntu!” Masinyane iqhude lakhala. **75** UPhethro waselikhumbula ilizwi elakhulunywa nguJesu esithi: “Iqhude lingakakhali uzangilandula kathathu.” Waphumela ngaphandle wakhala kabuhlungu.

27 Ekuseni ngovivi bonke abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu benza isinqumo sokumbulala uJesu. **2** Bambopha, bamqhuba, bamnikela kuPhilathu umbusi. **3** Kwathi uJudasi, owayemnikele, esebona ukuthi uJesu wayesegwetshiwe, wadabuka ngokuzisola, wabuyisela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu kubaphristi abakhulu labadala. **4** Wathi, “Ngenze isono, ngoba nginikele igazi elingelacala.” Baphendula bathi, “silani lalokho thina? Lokho kungumlandu wakho.” **5** Ngakho uJudasi wayiphosela ethempelini leyomali wahamba. Wasuka lapho wayazibophela. **6** Abaphristi abakhulu bazidobha inhlamvu zemali lezo bathi, “Kungaphandle komthetho ukufaka imali le esitsheni somnikelo ngoba yimali yegazi.” **7** Ngakho basebemisa

ukuyisebenzisa ukuthenga isiqinti sombumbi sibe yindawo yamangcwaba abantu bezizweni. **8** Yikho yabizwa ngokuthi yiNsimu yeGazi kuze kube namuhla. **9** Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa nguJeremiya umphrofethi ukuthi: "Bathatha inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu, intengo eyamiswa ngaye ngabantu bako-Israyeli, **10** bazisebenzisa ukuthenga insimu yombumbi, njengokulaywa kwami yiNkosi." **11** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wamiswa phambi kombusi, umbusi wasebuza wathi, "Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?" "Njengoba usitsho," kuphendula uJesu. **12** Wayesithi nxa ethonisiswa ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala angaze aphendula. **13** UPhilathu wasembuza wathi, "Awubuzwa yini ubufakazi abakwethesa bona?" **14** Kodwa uJesu wathula, kazaphendula lamlandu munye, okwamangalisa umbusi kakhulu. **15** Kwakungumkhuba wakhe umbusi ukuthi ngomkhosi akhulule isibotshwa esikhethwe lixuku labantu. **16** Ngalesosikhathi kwakulesibotshwa esasigange kubi, sithiwa nguJesu isibongo saso singuBharabhasi. **17** Kuthe abantu sebebuthene uPhilathu wababuza wathi, "Lifuna ngilikhululele wuphi na, uBharabhasi loba uJesu othiwa nguKhristu?" **18** Ngoba wayesazi ukuthi kwakungenxa yomhawu okwenza banikela uJesu kuye. **19** Kwathi uPhilathu esahlezi esihlalweni sakhe sokwahlulela, umkakhe wamthumela ilizwi wathi: "Ungayingeni indaba yomuntu lowo ongelacala, ngoba lamuhla ngihluphekile kakhulu ngaye emaphutsheni." **20** Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu labadala bakhuthaza abantu ukuthi bacele uBharabhasi, bathi uJesu kabulawe. **21** Wabuza umbusi

wathi, “Lifuna ngilikhululele wuphi phakathi kwalaba ababili na?” Baphendula bathi, “UBharabhasi.” **22** UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Pho ngenzeni ngoJesu othiwa nguKhristu?” Bonke bamphendula bathi, “Mbethele!” **23** UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yindaba? Woneni?” Kodwa bamemeza ngamandla bathi, “Mbethele!” **24** Kwathi uPhilathu esebona ukuthi akusela enye indlela, kwasekuzavuka isiyaluyalu, wathatha amanzi wageza izandla zakhe phambi kwexuku wathi, “Angilacala ngegazi lalumuntu. Ngumlandu wenu!” **25** Bonke abantu bamphendula bathi, “Yekela igazi lakhe libe phezu kwethu laphezu kwabantwabethu!” **26** Wasebakhululela uBharabhasi. Wathi uJesu katshaywe, wasemnikeza ukuba abethelwe. **27** Amabutho ombusi asemthatha uJesu amngenisa ePhritoriyamu, inkundla yombusi, wabuthanelwa liviyo lonke lamabutho. **28** Bamkhulula izigqoko zakhe bamgqokisa ijazi elibomvu, **29** basebeseluka umqhele wameva bamethesa wona. Bamphathisa intonga kwesokunene sakhe baguqa phambi kwakhe bamklolodela. Bathi, “Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda!” **30** Bamkhafulela, bamthathela lowomqwayi bamtshaya bemphindaphinda ekhanda. **31** Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula ijazi bamgqokisa ezakhe. Basebemqhuba besiya mbethela. **32** Bathi sebephumela ngaphandle bahlangana lendoda yaseKhureni, ethiwa nguSimoni, bayibamba ngamandla ukuthi ithwale isiphambano. **33** Bafika endaweni ethiwa kuseGoligotha (okutsho ukuthi “Indawo yoKhakhayi”). **34** Khonapho uJesu bamupha iwayini ukuba anathe, lixutshaniswe lenyongo; kodwa

wonela ukulinambitha wasesala ukulinatha. **35** Kwathi
sebembethele behlukaniselana izigqoko zakhe ngokwenza
inkatho. **36** Bahlala phansi bamlinda khonapho. **37**
Phezu kwekhanda lakhe babeka umbhalo wecala lakhe
owawusithi, Lo nguJesu, iNkosi yamaJuda. **38** Izigebenga
ezimbili zabethelwa kanye laye, esinye ngakwesokunene
sakhe, esinye ngakwesokhohlo. **39** Labo ababesedlula
lapho babemhlambaza, benikina amakhanda besithi, **40**
“Wena ozadiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu,
zisindise! Yehla esiphambanweni nxa uyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu!” **41** Ngokunjalo abaphristi abakhulu,
labafundisi bomthetho kanye labadala bamklolodela.
42 Bathi, “Wasindisa abanye, kodwa uyehluleka
ukuzisindisa yena! UyiNkosi yako-Israyeli! Kehle manje
esiphambanweni ukuze simkholwe. **43** Uthembele
kuNkulunkulu. UNkulunkulu kamsindise phela manje nxa
emfuna, ngoba wathi, ‘NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.’”
44 Ngaleyondlela izigebenga ezazibethelwe kanye laye
lazo zamthethisa ngenhlamba. **45** Kusukela emini kwaze
kwaba lihola lesithathu emini ubumnyama bembesa lonke
ilizwe. **46** Ngehola lesithathu emini uJesu wamemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Eloyi, Eloyi, lamasabakithani?”
(okutsho ukuthi, “Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami,
kungani usungidelile na?”). **47** Kwathi abanye kwababemi
lapho bekuzwa lokho bathi, “Ubiza u-Elija.” **48** Masinyane
omunye wabo wagijima wathatha isipontshi. Wasicwilisa
phakathi kwewayini elimunyu, wasixhuma oluthini
wasidlulisela kuJesu ukuthi anathe. **49** Abanengi
bathi, “Myekele. Ake sibone ingabe u-Elija uzakuza

azomsindisa.” **50** UJesu esephindile ukumemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, umoya wakhe waphuma. **51** Ngalesosikhathi ikhetheni lethempeli laqhekezeka kabili kusukela phezulu kusiya phansi. Umhlaba wazamazama lamatshe aqhekezeka. **52** Amathuna avuleka, izidumbu zabantu abanengi abangcwele abafayo zavuswa kwabafileyo. **53** Baphuma emathuneni, kwathi ngemva kokuvuka kukaJesu kwabafileyo baya edolobheni elingcwele bavela ebantwini abanengi. **54** Kwathi ukuba induna yekhulu kanye lalabo ababelinde uJesu bebona ukuzamazama komhlaba kanye lakho konke okwakwenzakele, besaba kakhulu, babababaza bathi, “Ngempela ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!” **55** Kwakulabesifazane abanengi, bebukele bebucwala. Babelandele uJesu besuka eGalile ukuthi banakekele izinswelo zakhe. **56** Phakathi kwabo kwakuloMariya Magadalini, loMariya unina kaJakhobe loJosefa kanye lonina wamadodana kaZebhediya. **57** Kwathi ilanga selithambeme, kwafika indoda enothileyo yase-Arimathiya, eyayibizwa ngokuthi nguJosefa, yena owayesengumfundi kaJesu. **58** Waya kuPhilathu wayacela isidumbu sikaJesu, uPhilathu walaya ukuba asiphiwe. **59** UJosefa wasithatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelembu elihlanzekileyo lelineni, **60** wayasibeka ethuneni lakhe elitsha ayeligubhe edwaleni. Wagiqela ilitshe elikhulu emlonyeni wethuna wasehamba. **61** UMariya Magadalini lomunye uMariya babehlezi khonapho malungana lethuna. **62** Ngosuku olulandelayo, oluza ngemva kosuku lokuLungisela, abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi baya kuPhilathu. **63** Bathi, “Nkosi, siyakhumbula

ukuthi esaphila umkhohlisi loyana wathi yena, ‘Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu ngizavuka kwabafileyo.’ **64** Ngakho yenza ukuthi ithuna lilindwe kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu. Engxenye abafundi bakhe bangeza bantshontshe isidumbu sakhe, batshele abantu ukuthi usevukile kwabafileyo. Inkohliso le ingabambi kakhulu kuleyakuqala.” **65** UPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Thathani abalindi. Hambani liyevikela ithuna njengokubona kwenu.” **66** Basebehamba ukuyalinda lokuqinisa ithuna ngokubeka uphawu phezu kwelitshe njalo bamisa abalindi.

28 Ngemva kweSabatha, ekuseni ngovivi losuku lokuqala lweviki, uMariya Magadalini lomunye uMariya baya ethuneni besiyakhangela. **2** Kwaba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu ngoba ingilosi yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini, yaya ethuneni yaligiqela ilitshe eceleni yahlala phezu kwalo. **3** Ukubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane, lezigqoko zayo zimhlophe nke njengongqwaqwane. **4** Abalindi besaba baze bathuthumela baba njengabafileyo. **5** Ingilosi yathi kwabesifazane, “Lingesabi, ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga uJesu obebethelwe. **6** Kakho lapha; usevukile kwabafileyo njengoba watsho. Wozani libone indawo abelele kuyo. **7** Hambani masinyane liyetshela abafundi bakhe lithi: ‘Usevukile kwabafileyo, uselandulele ukuya eGalile. Kulapho elizambona khona.’ Mina sengilitshelile manje.” **8** Ngakho abesifazane basuka ngokuphangisa ethuneni, besesaba kodwa begcwele intokozo, bagijima ukuyatshela abafundi bakhe. **9** Khonokho uJesu wahlangana labo. Wathi, “Salibonani.”

Beza kuye, bamnamathela ngezandla ezinyaweni zakhe bamkhonza. **10** UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Lingesabi. Hambani liyetshela abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalile; kulapho abazangibona khona.” **11** Kwathi abesifazane sebehambile besendleleni, abanye babalindi bangena edolobheni bayabika kubaphristi abakhulu ngakho konke okwakwenzakele. **12** Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu sebehlangene labadala babopha icebo, bafumbathisa abalindi imali ezwayo, **13** babatshela bathi, “Libokuthi, ‘Abafundi bakhe beze ebusuku bamntshontsha thina silele.’ **14** Nxa lelilizwi lifika kumbusi, sizamsuthisa ukuze lani lingangeni enkathazweni.” **15** Ngakho amabutho ayithatha imali enza njengokulaywa kwawo. Yikho indaba le seyandiswa yakhula phakathi kwamaJuda kuze kube lamuhla. **16** Abafundi abalitshumi lanye basuka baya eGalile, baqonda entabeni uJesu ayethe baye kuyo. **17** Bathi ukumbona bamkhonza; kodwa abanye bathandabuza. **18** UJesu weza kubo wathi, “Wonke amandla ezulwini lasemhlabeni aphiwe mina. **19** Ngakho hambani lenze abafundi ezizweni zonke, libabhaphathize ebizweni likaBaba, leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele, **20** njalo libafundise ukulalela konke engililaye ngakho. Ngempela ngilani kokuphela, kuze kube sekupheleni kwesikhathi.” **(aiōn g165)**

UMakho

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli ngoJesu Khristu, indodana kaNkulunkulu. **2** Kulotshiwe kumphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi: “Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho”: **3** “ilizwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala, ‘Lungiselani iNkosi indlela, yenzeleni izindledlana eziqondileyo.’” **4** Kwasekufika uJohane Umbhaphathizi, etshumayela emangweni wasenkangala ubhaphathizo lokuphenduka ukuze kuthethelelwe izono. **5** Umango wonke waseJudiya kanye labantu bonke baseJerusalema baphuma baya kuye. Bevuma izono zabo, babhaphathizwa nguye eMfuleni uJodani. **6** UJohane wayevunula izigqoko ezazenziwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe, esidla intethe loluju lwezinyosi zeganga. **7** Intshumayelo yakhe yayisithi: “Ngemva kwami kuzafika omunye ozaba lamandla kulami, imichilo yamanyathela akhe akungilinganga ukuthi ngikhothame ngiyithukulule. **8** Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa yena uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.” **9** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu weza evela eNazaretha eseGalile wabhaphathizwa nguJohane kuJodani. **10** UJesu ephuma emanzini wabona izulu livuleka uMoya usehlela phezu kwakhe unjengejuba. **11** Kwafika ilizwi livela ezulwini lathi: “Wena uyiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngawe.” **12** Masinyane uMoya wamthumela enkangala, **13** wahlala khona enkangala insuku ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane. Wayehlala lezinyamazana zeganga, izingilosi zazomnakekela. **14**

UJohane esevalelwe entolongweni, uJesu waya eGalile
ememezela izindaba ezinhle zikaNkulunkulu. **15**
Wathi, “Isikhathi sesifikile. Umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ususeduze. Phendukani likholwe izindaba ezinhle!”
16 Kwathi uJesu ehambahamba okhunjini loLwandle
lwaseGalile wabona uSimoni lomfowabo u-Andreya
bephosa umambule olwandle ngoba babengabagoli
benhlanzi. **17** Wathi kubo, “Wozani lingilandele,
ngizalenza abagoli babantu.” **18** Bahle batshiya omambule
babo bamlandela. **19** Wathi esehambile elinye ibanga
wabona uJakhobe indodana kaZebhediya elomfowabo
uJohane besesikepeni, belungisa omambule babo. **20**
Wahle wababiza, batshiya uyise uZebhediya esikepeni
kanye lezisebenzi bamlandela. **21** Baya eKhaphenawume,
kwathi iSabatha selifikile, uJesu waya esinagogeni
waqalisa ukufundisa. **22** Abantu bamangaliswa yikufundisa
kwakhe ngoba wayefundisa njengomuntu olamandla,
hatshi njengabafundisi bomthetho. **23** Khonokho nje
indoda eyayisesinagogeni labo eyayiphethwe ngumoya
omubi yamemeza yathi, **24** “Ufunani kithi, Jesu
waseNazaretha? Ulande ukuza sibhubhisa na? Ngiyakwazi
ukuthi ungubani, ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu!” **25**
UJesu wakhwaza wathi kuye “Thula! Phuma kuye!”
26 Umoya omubi wayidlukuza ngamandla indoda
waphuma kuyo uklabalala. **27** Abantu bamangala
baze babuzana bathi, “Kuyini lokhu? Yikufundisa
okutsha njalo okulamandla! Ngoba ulaya imimoya emibi
imlalele.” **28** Izindaba ngaye zamemetheka ngokuphangisa
kuwo wonke umango waseGalile. **29** Bonela ukusuka

esinagogeni bahamba loJakhobe loJohane baya emzini kaSimoni lo-Andreya. **30** Uninazala kaSimoni wayelele phansi ephethwe ngumkhuhlane, basebetshela uJesu ngaye. **31** Ngakho wasesiya kuye, wambamba isandla wasemvusa. Umkhuhlane waphuma kuye, wahle waqalisa ukubaphakela. **32** Ngaleyontambama ilanga selitshonile abantu baletha kuJesu bonke abagulayo labaphethwe ngamadimoni. **33** Idolobho lonke lagcwala emnyango, **34** uJesu wasilisa abanengi ababelezifo ezehlukeneyo. Njalo wakhupha amadimoni amanengi, kodwa kaze awavumela amadimoni ukuthi akhulume ngoba ayemazi ukuthi ungubani. **35** Ekuseni kakhulu, kusesempondozankomo, uJesu wavuka, waphuma endlini waya endaweni esekusithekeni, lapho akhuleka khona. **36** USimoni labakhula bakhe bahamba ukuyamdinga, **37** sebembonile, bathi, "Abantu bonke bayakudinga!" **38** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kasiyeni kwenye indawo, emizini eseduze ukuze ngiyetshumayela lakhona. Yikho engakulandayo." **39** Kanjalo walibhoda lonke elaseGalile etshumayela emasinagogweni abo njalo ekhupha amadimoni. **40** Kweza kuye indoda eyayilobulephero yamncenga iguqe phansi ngamadolo yathi, "Nxa uthanda ungangihlambulula." **41** UJesu eyizwela isihawu welula isandla sakhe wayibamba indoda. Wathi, "Ngiyathanda. Hlanzeka!" **42** Masinyane ubulephero baphela, wahlambuluka. **43** UJesu wahle wathi kahambe, wamqonqosela wathi, **44** "Zwana, ungatsheli muntu ngalokhu. Kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi ubusunikela umhlatshelo wokuhlanjululwa kwakho owamiswa nguMosi ukuze kube yibufakazi

kubo.” **45** Kodwa wasuka wahle wavula isifuba sakhe
wayisakaza indaba. Ngenxa yalokho uJesu wayengabe
esangena obala edolobheni, kodwa wasehlala ngaphandle
endaweni eziyinkangala. Loba kunjalo abantu babelokhu
bethululeka besiza kuye beqhamuka inxa zonke.

2 Ngemva kwezinsukwana, uJesu esengenile njalo
eKhaphenawume, abantu bezwa ukuthi wayesebuyile
ekhaya. **2** Bathi cwi ndawonye kwaze kwasweleka indawo
langasemnyango, watshumayela ilizwi kubo. **3** Kwafika
amadoda amane ethwele eyayome umhlubulo. **4** Kwathi
ngoba bengafinyeleli kuJesu ngenxa yexuku, bavula
isikhala ephahleni malungana loJesu, emva kokuphendla
ngaso, behlisela umendlalo owawulele indoda eyome
umhlubulo. **5** Kwathi uJesu ebona ukholo lwawo
wathi endodeni eyome umhlubulo, “Ndodana, izono
zakho sezithethelelwe.” **6** Khonapho kwakuhlezi abanye
abafundisi bomthetho, benakana besithi, **7** “Umuntu
lo ukhulumeleni kanjalo? Uyahlambaza! Ngubani
ongathethelela izono ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu
yedwa?” **8** Masinyane uJesu wakwazi emoyeni wakhe
ukuthi yilokho ababekucabanga ezinhliziyweni zabo,
wasesithi kubo, “Kungani linakana izinto ezinje
ezinhliziyweni zenu? **9** Yikuphi okulula: ukuthi kowome
umhlubulo: ‘Izono zakho sezithethelelwe,’ loba ukuthi,
‘Phakama, thatha icansi lakho uhambe’? **10** Kodwa ukuze
lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla emhlabeni
ukuthethelela izono.” Wathi kowome umhlubulo, **11**
“Ngiyakutshela, phakama, thatha icansi lakho uye
ekhaya.” **12** Waphakama wathatha icansi lakhe waphuma

wahamba bonke bemkhangele. Lokho kwamangalisa umuntu wonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu besithi, “Kasikaze sikubone okunje!” **13** UJesu waphinde wayahambahamba eduzane lechibi. Ixuku elikhulu labantu leza kuye, wasebafundisa. **14** Wathi elokhu ehambahamba wabona uLevi indodana ka-Alifewu ihlezi endaweni yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela,” ULevi wasukuma wamlandela. **15** Kwathi uJesu esidla okwakusihlwa endlini kaLevi kwakulabathelisi abanengi “lezoni” zisidla laye kanye labafundi bakhe, ngoba babebanengi ababemlandela. **16** Kuthe abafundisi bomthetho ababe ngabaFarisi bembona esidla “lezoni” labathelisi babuza abafundi bakhe bathi, “Wenzelani ukudla labathelisi kanye ‘lezoni’?” **17** Wathi ekuzwa lokho uJesu wathi kubo, “Abaphilayo kabamdingi umelaphi, kodwa abagulayo bayamdinga. Kangilandanga ukuzobiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni.” **18** Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bakaJohane labaFarisi babezila. Abanye abantu beza babuza uJesu bathi, “Kungani abafundi bakaJohane labafundi babaFarisi bezila, kodwa abakho kabazili?” **19** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Izethekeli zomyeni zingazila kanjani eseselazo na? Zingeke, nxa elokhu eseselazo. **20** Kodwa sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo, zizazila mhlalokho-ke. **21** Kakho othungela isichibi selembu elitsha esigqokweni esidala. Nxa ekwenza lokho, isichibi esitsha sizadonsa esidala, ukudabuka kuqhele ngamandla. **22** Njalo kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emidala. Angakwenza lokho iwayini lizaziqhekeza izikhumba kuthi iwayini kanye

lemigodla leyo yezikhumba kuhle konakale. Hatshi, uthela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emitsha."
23 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayedabula emasimini amabele, kwathi abafundi bakhe belokhu behamba bakha izikhwebu zamabele. **24** AbaFarisi bathi kuye, "Khangela, bakwenzelani ukwephula umthetho ngokwenza lokhu ngeSabatha na?" **25** Waphendula wathi, "Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida labakhula bakhe lapho basebelambile sebeswele? **26** Ngezinsuku zika-Abhiyatha umphristi omkhulu wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu wadla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo, esivunyelwe ukudliwa ngabaphristi kuphela. Futhi wasabela abakhula bakhe."
27 Wasesithi kubo, "ISabatha lenzelwa abantu, hatshi ukuthi umuntu wenzelwa iSabatha. **28** Yikho iNdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi njalo yeSabatha."

3 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu wangena esinagogweni, kukhona lapho indoda elesandla esitshwabheneyo. **2** Abanye babo babedinga izaba lokubeka uJesu icala, yikho bamlinda ukubona ingabe wayezasilisa ngeSabatha.
3 UJesu wathi endodeni yesandla esitshwabheneyo, "Sukuma ume phambi kwabo bonke." **4** UJesu wasebabuza wathi, "Kuyini okusemthethweni ngeSabatha; ukwenza okuhle loba ukwenza okubi, ukusindisa impilo kumbe ukubulala?" Kodwa bathula zwi. **5** Wabakhangela ngolaka, ehlutshwa yibuqholo bezinhliziyo zabo, wasesithi kuleyondoda, "Yelula isandla sakho." Yaselula, isandla sesilunge saphelela. **6** AbaFarisi basebephuma bayacebisana lamaHerodiya ukuthi bangambulala njani uJesu. **7** UJesu wasuka labafundi bakhe baya ngasechibini,

ixuku elikhulu labalandela lisuka eGalile. **8** Bathi ngokuzwa konke ayekwenza abantu abanengi beza kuye besuka eJudiya, eJerusalema, e-Idumiya lemimangweni engaphetsheya kweJodani lezindaweni zeThire leSidoni. **9** Ngenxa yobunengi babantu watshela abafundi bakhe ukuba bamlungisele isikepe esincane ukuze angaminyezelwa ngabantu. **10** Phela wayesesilise abanengi, yikho labo ababelezifo babeminyezela befuna ukumthinta. **11** Kwakusithi imimoya emibi ingambona iguqe phambi kwakhe imemeze ithi, "UyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu." **12** Kodwa wayiqonqosela ukuthi ingaze yakhuluma ukuthi ungubani. **13** UJesu wakhwela waya ewatheni lwentaba wabiza labo ayebafuna, beza kuye. **14** Wakhetha abalitshumi lambili ukuthi babelaye ukuze abathume ukuyatshumayela **15** lokuthi babelamandla okuxotsha amadimoni. **16** Yilaba abalitshumi lambili abakhethayo: uSimoni (ametha ibizo wathi nguPhethro), **17** uJakhobe indodana kaZebhediya lomfowabo uJohane (laba wabetha ibizo wathi bango Bhowanegesi, okutsho ukuthi Amadodana Omdumo), **18** u-Andreya, uFiliphu, uBhatholomewu, uMatewu, uThomasi, uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uThediyasi, uSimoni umZilothi **19** loJudasi Iskariyothi onguye owamnikelayo. **20** UJesu wangena kwenye indlu kwaphinda njalo kwabuthana kuye ixuku, yena labafundi bakhe baze behluleka ukudla. **21** Kwathi abendlu yangakwabo bekuzwa lokho bamlanda ukuyambuyisa ngoba bathi, "usephambene." **22** Kwathi abafundi bomthetho abehla bevela eJerusalema bathi, "Ungenwe nguBhelizebhubhi! Ukhupha amadimoni

ngenkosi yamadimoni.” **23** Ngakho uJesu wasebabiza wakhuluma labo ngemizekeliso wathi, “Kambe uSathane angamkhupha kanjani uSathane? **24** Nxa umbuso udabuke phakathi, uvukelana, lowombuso ngeke ume. **25** Nxa indlu ingabambananga, ivukelana, leyondlu ngeke ime. **26** Njalo nxa uSathane eziphikisa, edabuke phakathi, ngeke ame; useyatshabalala. **27** Ngempela, akakho ongangena endlini yesiqhwaga, abuthe impahla zaso ngaphandle kokuthi aqale asibophe lesosiqhwaga, andubana aphange indlu yaso. **28** Ngeqiniso ngithi kini, abantu bazakuthethelelwa zonke izono lokuhlambaza kwabo, **29** kodwa loba ngubani othuka uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa; ulecala lesono saphakade.” **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **30** Wakutsho lokhu ngoba babesithi, “Ulomoya omubi.” **31** Kwasekufika unina kaJesu labafowabo. Bema phandle bathuma omunye umuntu ukuyambiza. **32** Abantu abanengi babehlezi bemhanqile, basebemtshela bathi, “Unyoko labafowenu baphandle bayakudinga.” **33** Wabuza wathi, “Ngobani abangumama labafowethu na?” **34** Wasekhangela labo ababehlezi laye bemhanqile wathi, “Nampa abangumama labangabafowethu! **35** Loba ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu ungumfowethu, ungudadewethu njalo ngumama.”

4 UJesu waphinda njalo wafundisa okhunjini lwesiziba. Ixuku labantu elaqoqana labuthana kuye laba likhulu kakhulu waze wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso siphakathi kwamanzi, kodwa abantu bonke bona bethe gwaqa okhunjini ekucineni kwamanzi. **2** Wabafundisa izinto ezinengi ngemizekeliso, ekufundiseni kwakhe wathi: **3**

“Lalelani! Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo
yakhe. **4** Kwathi eyihaza inhlanyelo, enye yawela
endleleni, kwafika izinyoni zayidobha. **5** Eyinye yawela
okhetheni lapho okwakungela mhlabathi owaneleyo.
Yamila masinyane ngoba umhlabathi wawungatshoni.
6 Kodwa kwathi ilanga seliphumile, yahanguka yabuna
ngoba yayingelampande. **7** Enye inhlanyelo yawela
emeveni asuka akhula aminya leyonhlanyelo yaze
yehluleka ukuthela izikhwebu. **8** Eyinye inhlanyelo
yawela emhlabathini omuhle. Yamila, yakhula, yathela
amabele yanda ngamatshumi amathathu, ayisithupha
ngitsho langekhulu.” **9** UJesu wasesithi, “Lowo
olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe.” **10** Kwathi eseyedwa,
abalitshumi lambili labanye ababeseduze laye bambuza
mayelana lemizekeliso leyo. **11** Wabatshela wathi,
“Imfihlakalo yombuso kaNkulunkulu seliyambulelwe.
Kodwa kulabo abangaphandle konke kukhulunywa
ngemizekeliso **12** ukuze, ‘bazahlala bebona kokuphela
kodwa bengabonisisi, njalo bahlale besizwa kodwa
bengaqedisisi funa baphenduke bathethelelwe!’” **13** UJesu
wasesithi kubo, “Kaliwuzwisisi na umzekeliso lo? Pho
lizawuzwa kanjani loba yiwuphi umzekeliso? **14** Umlimi
uhlanyela ilizwi. **15** Abanye abantu bafana lenhlanyelo
esendleleni okuhlanyelwe khona ilizwi. Bonela ukuthi
balizwe uSathane uyafika alithathe ilizwi elihlanyelwe
kubo. **16** Abanye, njengenhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa
okhetheni bayalizwa ilizwi bahle balamukele ngentokozo.
17 Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi kabalampande bema
okwesikhatshana kuphela. Kungafika uhlupho loba

ukuhlukuluzwa komhlaba baphanga bawe. **18** Kunjalo abanye, njengenhlanyelo ehlanyelwe emeveni, bayalizwa ilizwi; **19** kodwa ukuphisekela izinto zalumhlaba, inkohliso yenotho kanye lezinkanuko zezinye izinto konke kuyeza kuliminyanise ilizwi, kulenze lingatheli. **(aiōn g165)** **20** Abanye, njengenhlanyelo ehlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, bayalizwa ilizwi, balamukele, bathele izithelo, bedlule okwakuhlanyelwe ngamatshumi amathathu, ayisithupha loba ngekhulu." **21** Wathi kubo, "Uyalumathisa isibane usifake ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe ngaphansi kombheda na? Kawusibeki oluthini lwaso yini? **22** Ngoba loba yini efihliweyo kumele yambulwe, lalokho okuthukuziweyo kumele kuvezwe obala. **23** Nxa ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe." **24** Waqhubeka wathi, "Kuqapheliseni lokho elikuzwayo. Ngaleso isilinganiso elisisebenzisayo lizalinganiselwa ngaso kumbe kuze kwedlulise. **25** Lowo olakho uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa." **26** Waphinda wathi, "Umbuso wezulu ufana lalokhu. Indoda ihaza inhlanyelo emhlabathini. **27** Ebusuku lemini ingabe ilele loba ikhangele inhlanyelo iyamila ikhule loba yona ingakwazi ukuthi kwenzeka njani. **28** Umhlabathi uyiwo wodwa uthela amabele, kuqala ikhaba kuze isikhwebu besekusiza inhlamvu ezikhwetshini. **29** Kuthi amabele angavuthwa iwavune ngesikela ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile." **30** Waphinde wathi, "Sizakuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu unjengani, kumbe sizasebenzisa umzekeliso bani ukuwuchaza? **31** Unjengentanga yemastadi encinyane kulazo zonke

intanga ezihlanyelwa emhlabathini. **32** Kodwa nxa ihlanyeliwe iyakhula ibe yisihlahla esikhulu kulazo zonke esivandeni, sibe lengatsha ezinkulu ezihlalwa emthunzini waso yizinyoni zezulu." **33** UJesu walikhuluma ilizwi kubo ngemizekeliso eminengi enjalo ukuze bazwisise. **34** Kazange atsho ulutho kubo engasebenzisanga umzekeliso. Kodwa nxa wayeyedwa labafundi bakhe wachaza konke. **35** Ngalelolanga sekuntambama wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Kasihambeni sichaphele ngaphetsheya." **36** Batshiya ixuku, bahamba laye esikepeni enjalo. Zazikhona njalo ezinye izikepe zihamba laye. **37** Kwaqubuka isiphepho esesabekayo, amagagasi atshaya esikepeni kwaze kwangathi sesitshona. **38** UJesu wayengemuva ezilalele emendlalweni obuthakathaka. Abafundi bamvusa bathi, "Awu, mfundisi kawunanzi yini nxa sigalula?" **39** Waphakama wawukhuza umoya wathi emagagasini, "Thulani lithi cwaka!" Ngakho umoya wadeda, kwasekuthula cwaka. **40** Wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Kungani lisesaba kangaka? Lilokhu lingakholwa na?" **41** Babethuthumela babuzana bathi, "Ungubani lo na? Kambe aze alalelwe ngumoya lamagagasi!"

5 Bawela ichibi bafika emangweni wamaGerazini. **2** Kwathi uJesu ephuma esikepeni, kwaqhamuka indoda elomoya omubi ivela emathuneni yamhlangabeza. **3** Indoda le yayihlala emathuneni, kungaselamuntu ongayibopha loba langeketane. **4** Ngoba yayihlezi ibotshiwe izandla lenyawo, kodwa iqamule amaketane lezinsimbi ezinyaweni zayo. Kwakungekho muntu owayelamandla okuyinqoba. **5** Ubusuku lemini yayihlaba

umkhosi isemathuneni lasezintabeni, izisike ngamatshe. **6** Yathi ibona uJesu esesebucwala, yagijima yafika yazilahla phansi ngamadolo phambi kwakhe. **7** Yaklabalala ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, “Ufunani ngami, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngegama likaNkulunkulu ungangihlukuluzi!” **8** Ngoba uJesu wayesethe kuyo, “Phuma kuyo indoda le, wena moya omubi!” **9** UJesu waseyibuza wathi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho?” Yaphendula yathi, “Ibizo lami nguLigiyoni, ngoba sibanengi.” **10** Yamncenga uJesu futhifuthi ukuthi angabaxotshi kulowomango. **11** Umhlambi omkhulu wengulube wawusidla ewatheni lwentaba eduzane. **12** Amadimoni amncenga uJesu athi, “Sithumele ezingulubeni; sivumele singene kuzo.” **13** Wawavumela, omoya ababi baphuma bayangena ezingulubeni. Umhlambi wazo, owawungaba zinkulungwane ezimbili, wagijima usehlela eliweni lodonga wangena echibini wagalula. **14** Labo ababezelusile babaleka bayabika lokho edolobheni kanye lasemaphandleni, yikho abantu baqubuka bayabona lokho okwakwenzakele. **15** Bathi befika kuJesu bayibona indoda eyayikade ilamadimoni ngobunengi bawo, ihlezi khonapho, igqokile njalo ingqondo isibuyile, besaba kakhulu. **16** Labo ababekubonile kusenzakala batshela abantu okwenzakalayo endodeni eyayilamadimoni, balandisa njalo langezingulube. **17** Abantu basebemncenga uJesu ukuthi asuke emangweni wakibo. **18** Kwathi uJesu esengena esikepeni indoda leyo eyayikade ilamadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ahambe layo. **19** UJesu kayivumelanga, kodwa wathi kuyo, “Hamba ekhaya

kwabakini ubatshele ukuba iNkosi ikwenzele okunganani, lokuthi ibe lesihawu kuwe." **20** Ngakho indoda yasihamba yabatshela eDekhapholisi konke uJesu ayeyenzele khona. Bonke abantu bamangala. **21** Kwathi lapho uJesu esewele njalo ngesikepe waya ngakuleliyana iphetsheya lechibi, kwabuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu ekhonapho eceleni kwechibi. **22** Kwasekufika omunye wabaphathi besinagogu okwakuthiwa nguJayirosi, wathi ebona uJesu wazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. **23** Wamncenga kakhulu wathi, "Indodakazi yami encinyane iyafa. Ngicela ubuye uzobeka izandla zakho phezu kwayo ukuze isile njalo iphile." **24** UJesu wahamba laye. Ixuku elikhulu lamlandela laminyezela. **25** Kwakulowesifazane khonapho owayephethwe yikopha sekumhluphe iminyaka elitshumi lambili. **26** Wayesehlupheke kakhulu loba wayeselatshwa ngabelaphi, njalo esechithe konke ayelakho, kodwa ekubeni abe ngcono kwakusiya phambili. **27** Wathi esezwile ngoJesu, weza ngemva kwakhe phakathi kwexuku labantu wabamba isembatho sakhe, **28** ngoba wacabanga wathi, "Nxa ngingathinta izigqoko zakhe kodwa nje, ngizasila." **29** Masinyane nje ukopha kwakhe kwaphela njalo wezwa emzimbeni wakhe ukuthi wayesekhululekile ekuhluphekeni kwakhe. **30** Khonokho uJesu wananzelela ukuthi amandla ayephumile kuye. Waphendukela exukwini labantu wabuza wathi, "Ngubani othinte izigqoko zami?" **31** Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi, "Lawe uyababona abantu beminyezelana kuwe, kodwa uyabuza uthi, 'Ngubani ongithintileyo?'" **32** Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethalaza ukuze abone ukuthi

ngubani okwenzileyo lokho. **33** Ngakho owesifazane owayekwazi okwasekwenzakele kuye weza wazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe eqhaqhazela ngokwesaba wahle wafakaza iqiniso. **34** Wathi kowesifazane, “Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusilisile. Hamba ngokuthula ukhululeke ekuhluphekeni kwakho.” **35** UJesu elokhu esakhuluma kweza amanye amadoda ephuma endlini kaJayirasi, umphathi wesinagogu. Athi, “Indodakazi yakho isifile. Kambe usamhluphelani umfundisi na?” **36** Akaze akunaka lokho ababekutsho uJesu, wasetshela induna yesinagogu wathi, “Ungesabi, kholwa nje kuphela.” **37** Kavumelanga muntu ukuba amlandele ngaphandle kukaPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane umfowabo kaJakhobe. **38** Bathi befika emzini wenduna yesinagogu uJesu wabona isiphithiphithi abantu bekhala benqongoloza. **39** Wangena wathi kubo, “Ngesani isiphithiphithi sonke lesi lomkhosi wonke lo? Umntwana kafanga, kodwa ulele.” **40** Kodwa bamhleka usulu. Esebakhuphele phandle bonke wathatha uyise womntwana lonina kanye labafundi ayelabo wangena lapho umntwana ayekhona. **41** Wambamba ngesandla wathi kuye, “Thalitha khumi!” (okutsho ukuthi, “Ntombazana, ngithi kuwe, sukuma!”) **42** Masinyane intombazana yasukuma yahambahamba (wayemdala okweminyaka elitshumi lambili). Lokhu kwabamangalisa baphela amandla. **43** Wabaqonqosela wathi bangazisi muntu ngalokho, wasesithi kabamuphe ukudla untombazana.

6 UJesu wasuka lapho waya edolobheni lakibo, ehamba labafundi bakhe. **2** Kwathi ngeSabatha wafundisa

esinagogweni, abanengi abamuzwayo bamangala. Babuzana bathi, “Indoda le yazithatha ngaphi izinto zonke lezi? Yinhlakanipho enganani le ayiphiwayo aze akwazi lokwenza imimangaliso! **3** Kanti angithi nguye yini umbazi lo? Kayisindodana kaMariya yini le, umnewabo kaJakhobe, loJosefa, loJuda loSimoni? Odadewabo angithi bakhona khonapha?” Lokho kwenza bamsola. **4** UJesu wathi kubo, “Umphrofethi kalalo udumo kuphela edolobheni lakibo, phakathi kwezihlobo zakhe lendlini yakwabo.” **5** Wayengeke enze izimangaliso khona, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla ebantwini abalutshwana abagulayo ukuba abasilise. **6** Njalo wamangaliswa yikusilela kwabo ekukholweni. UJesu wasenquma efundisa imizi ngemizi. **7** Wabiza abalitshumi lambili beza kuye, wabathumela ngababili wabapha amandla phezu kwemimoya emibi. **8** Imilayo yakhe yayiyile: “Lingathwali lutho kuloluhambo ngaphandle kwentonga, lingathwali isinkwa, isikhwama loba yimali emabhantini enu. **9** Ligqoke amanyathela kodwa lingathwali esinye isigqoko. **10** Lapho lingena endlini ethile, hlalani khona lize lisuke kulelodolobho. **11** Nxa indawo ethile ingalamukeli loba ingalilaleli, dlulani kuleyondawo lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu kube yibufakazi bokubalahla.” **12** Basuka bahamba betshumayela ukuthi abantu kabaphenduke. **13** Bakhupha amadimoni amanengi njalo bagcoba abantu abanengi abagulayo ngamafutha babasilisa. **14** Inkosi uHerodi yezwa ngalokhu, ngoba ibizo likaJesu laselisaziwa kakhulu. Abanye babesithi, “UJohane uMbhaphathizi uvukile kwabafileyo, yikho amandla amangalisayo

esebenza kuye.” **15** Abanye bathi, “Ungu-Elija.” Kwabuye
njalo abanye bathi, “Ungumphrofethi, njengomunye
wabaphrofethi basendulo.” **16** Kodwa kwathi uHerodi
ekuzwa lokhu wathi, “UJohane, indoda engayiquma
ikhanda usevukile kwabafileyo!” **17** Ngoba uHerodi yena
ngokwakhe wayekhuphe ilizwi lokuthi uJohane abanjwe,
wathi kabotshwe aphoselwe entolongweni. Wakwenza
lokho ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umfazi womfowabo
uFiliphu ayesemthethe. **18** Ngoba uJohane wayelokhu
esithi kuHerodi, “Kawuvunyelwa ukuthi uthathele
umfowenu umfazi.” **19** Ngakho uHerodiyasi wahlala
elesikhwili loJohane efuna ukumbulala. Kodwa waswela
indlela yokumbulala, **20** ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba
uJohane emvikela, ngokumazi ukuthi wayeyindoda
elungileyo njalo engcwele. Nxa wayemuzwa uJohane,
wayedideka kakhulu, kodwa ethanda ukumlalela. **21**
Ekucineni lafika elingaliyo. Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo
sokuzalwa kwakhe uHerodi wenza idili lezikhulu
zakhe labalawuli bempi kanye labakhokheli abaziwayo
eGalile. **22** Kuthe indodakazi kaHerodiyasi isifikile
yagida kamnandi yathokozisa uHerodi lezethekeli
zakhe edilini. Inkosi yasisithi entombazaneni, “Ngicela
loba yini, ngizakupha.” **23** Wamthembisa wafunga
wathi, “Loba yini oyicelayo ngizakupha kungaze kube
yingxenye yombuso wami.” **24** Yaphuma intombazana
yayakuthi kunina, “Kambe ngiceleni?” Waphendula wathi,
“Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhaphathizi.” **25** Masinyane
intombazana yatheleka enkosini isilesicelo leso, yathi:
“Ngifuna ukuthi ungiphe khathesi nje ikhanda likaJohane

uMbhaphathizi lisemganwini.” **26** Inkosi yakhathazeka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo zayo langenxa yezethekeli zayo kayithandanga ukusala isicelo. **27** Ngakho yahle yathumela umbulali ukuba alethe ikhanda likaJohane. Yahamba indoda yamquma ikhanda uJohane entolongweni, **28** yaliletha ikhanda lisemganwini. Yalethula entombazaneni, yona yalipha unina. **29** Bathi bekuzwa lokho abafundi bakaJohane beza bathatha isidumbu bayasingcwaba ethuneni. **30** Abapostoli babuthana kuJesu bambikela konke ababekwenzile labakufundisayo. **31** Kwathi ngoba kwakufika abantu abanengi kakhulu abanye besuka baze baswele ithuba lokudla, wathi kubo, “Ngilandelani lodwa siye endaweni ethuleyo ukuze siphumule.” **32** Yikho bahamba bebodwa ngesikepe baya endaweni esithekileyo. **33** Kodwa abanengi abababonayo besuka babananzelela babaxhuma begijima ngezinyawo bevela kuwo wonke amadolobho babaqalela ukuyafika. **34** UJesu uthe esehla esikepeni wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu wabazwela usizi ngoba babenjengezimvu ezingelamelusi. Ngakho wasebafundisa izinto ezinengi. **35** Ngalesi isikhathi kwasekusemini kakhulu, ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi, “Le yindawo esesikhaleni, njalo sekusemini kakhulu. **36** Tshela abantu bahambe ukuze baziyele emadolobheni lasemizini bayezithengela abangakudla.” **37** Kodwa waphendula wathi, “Bapheni lina ukudla.” Bathi kuye, “Lokho kungathatha umholo wendoda owenyanga eziyisificaminwembili! Uthi sihambe siyochitha imali engako sithenge isinkwa sibaphe badle?” **38** Wabuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki na? Ake

liyokhangela.” Sebezibonile bathi, “Zinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili.” **39** UJesu wasebalaya ukuthi bahlalise bonke abantu phansi etshanini ngamaxuku. **40** Yikho bahlala phansi ngamaxuku alikhulu. Abanye ngamatshumi amahlanu. **41** Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezulwini, wabonga, wasehlephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi bakhe ukuba bazabele abantu. Waphinda wabehlukanisela inhlanzi zombili. **42** Bonke badla basutha, **43** abafundi basebebutha imvuthu zezinkwa lenhlanzi bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. **44** Abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu. **45** Masinyane uJesu wenza ukuthi abafundi bakhe bangene esikepeni bahambe bamandulele eBhethisayida, yena esavalelisana labantu. **46** Esehlukene labo, waya ewatheni lwentaba ukuyakhuleka. **47** Kwathi sekuhlwile isikepe sasiphakathi laphakathi kwechibi, yena eyedwa emhlabathini. **48** Wabona abafundi begwedla ngamandla emagagasini ngoba umoya wawuphambana labo. Kwathi ngomlindo wesine ebusuku waya kubo ehamba phezu kwechibi. Wayengathi usesedlula kubo **49** kodwa bathi bembona ehamba phezu kwesiziba bacabanga ukuthi lithonga. Bahlaba umkhosi **50** ngoba bonke bambona besaba. Masinyane wabakhulumisa wathi, “Manini isibindi! Yimi. Lingesabi.” **51** Wasengena kubo esikepeni umoya wahle wathula. Bamangala kakhulu, **52** ngoba babengazwisisanga ngezinkwa; inhliziyo zabo zazilukhuni. **53** Bathi sebechaphile, bafikela eGenesaretha bamisa khonapho. **54** Bonela ukuphuma esikepeni abantu bahle bamnanzelela uJesu. **55** Bagijima indawana

yonke kulowomango bethwala abagulayo ngamacansi bebasa kuzozonke indawo ababemzwela khona. **56** Loba wayengaze aye ngaphi, emizini, emadolobheni loba emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo ezindaweni zokuthengisela. Bamncenga ukuthi abavumele bathinte nje umphetho wesigqoko sakhe, kwathi bonke labo abamthintayo basila.

7 AbaFarisi labanye abafundisi bomthetho ababesuka eJerusalema babuthana kuJesu **2** babona abanye abafundi bakhe besidla ukudla ngezandla ezazingahlanzekanga, okutsho ukuthi zazingagezwanga. **3** (AbaFarisi labaJuda bonke kabadli bengagezanga izandla zabo ngokomthetho, belandela isiko labadala. **4** Nxa bevela emsikeni kabadli bengaqalanga bageza. Balandela amasiko amanengi, njengokugezisa amankomitsho, indiwo lamagedlela.) **5** Ngakho abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bambuza uJesu bathi, "Kungani abafundi bakho bengalandeli amasiko abadala kulokudla ukudla kwabo ngezandla 'ezingahlanzekanga na'?" **6** Waphendula wathi, "U-Isaya wayeqinisile aze aphrofithe ngani lina bazenzisi; njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Lababantu bangidumisa ngezindebe zabo, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikhatshana lami. **7** Bangikhonza ngeze; imfundiso yabo yimithetho kuphela evela ebantwini.' **8** Seliyekele imilayo kaNkulunkulu labambelela emasikweni abantu." **9** Wasesithi kubo, "Lilendledlana yenu yokufuqela eceleni imilayo kaNkulunkulu ukuze lilandele amasiko enu! **10** Phela uMosi wathi, 'Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko'njalo, 'Lowo othuka uyise loba unina kumele abulawe.' **11** Kodwa

lina lithi nxa umuntu esithi lokho obekungaba lusizo kuyise kumbe unina liKhobhani (okutsho ukuthi yisipho esabelwe uNkulunkulu), **12** beselisithi angamenzeli lutho uyise loba unina. **13** Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngamasiko enu eliwedlulisela kuzizukulwane zenu. Futhi lenza izinto ezinengi ezinjalo." **14** UJesu waphinda wabiza ixuku labantu wathi, "Lalelani kimi lonke, lizwisise lokhu. **15** Kakulalutho olungaphandle komuntu olungamenza 'angahlanzeki' ngokungena kuye. Kodwa yilokho okuphuma phakathi komuntu okuyikho okumenza 'angahlanzeki.' [**16** Nxa ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe.]" **17** Esesukile exukwini labantu wangena endlini abafundi bakhe bambuza ngomzekeliso lo. **18** Wabuza wathi, "Kaliqedisisi ngani na? Kalikuboni yini ukuthi kakulalutho olungena emuntwini lusuka ngaphandle olungamenza 'angahlanzeki'? **19** Ngoba kalungeni enhliziyweni yakhe kodwa luya esiswini sakhe luphinde luphume emzimbeni wakhe." (Ngokutsho lokhu uJesu waphawula ukuthi konke ukudla kuhlanzekile.) **20** Waqhubeka wathi: "Okuphuma phakathi komuntu yikho okumngcolisayo. **21** Ngoba okusuka ngaphakathi, okusuka enhliziyweni, kuphuma imicabango emibi, ukuhlobonga, ubusela, ukubulala, ukufeba, **22** ubuhwaba, umona, ubuqili, ukuxhwala, umhawu, ukugcona, ubuqholo lobuthutha. **23** Zonke lezi izono ziphuma ngaphakathi zenze umuntu angcole." **24** UJesu wasuka kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseThire. Wangena endlini kodwa kafunanga ukuthi kwaziwe; kodwa wayengeke azifihle ukuthi ukhona. **25** Owesifazane

owayelendodakazi yakhe encinyane eyayilomoya omubi wonela ukuzwa ngaye weza wayazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. **26** Umfazi lo wayengumGrikhi, owazalelwa eFenikhe yaseSiriya. Wancenga uJesu ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endodakazini yakhe. **27** Wamtshela wathi kuye, “Qala wekele abantwana badle basuthe, ngoba kakulunganga ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana usiphosele izinja.” **28** Wathi owesifazane, “Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa izinja lazo ezingaphansi kwetafula ziyadla imvuthuluka.” **29** UJesu wamtshela wathi, “Ngenxa yempendulo enhle kangaka usungahamba; idimoni seliphumile endodakazini yakho.” **30** Owesifazane wabuyela ekhaya wafumana umntanakhe elele embhedeni, idimoni selihambile. **31** UJesu wasesuka endaweni yeThire wadabula eSidoni waze wayafika oLwandle lwaseGalile wehla waya emangweni waseDekhapholisi. **32** Khonale abantu bamlethela indoda eyayiyisacuthe isehluleka lokukhuluma, bamcela ukuthi abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwayo. **33** UJesu wayisusela eceleni kwexuku labantu wasefaka iminwe yakhe ezindlebeni zaleyondoda. Wasekhafula wathinta ulimi lwayo indoda. **34** Wakhangela ezulwini wakhokha umoya wathi kuyo, “Efifatha!” (okutsho ukuthi, “Vuleka!”). **35** Ngalokhu indlebe zendoda zavuleka, ulimi lwayo lwatshwaphuluka yahle yaqalisa ukukhuluma kuhle. **36** UJesu wabaqonqosela ukuthi bangatsheli muntu. Kodwa wathi ngokwenza njalo baqhubeka ngamandla befakaza ngakho. **37** Abantu bamangala baphela amandla. Bathi, “Konke asekwenzile kuhle. Uyenza futhi lezacuthe zizwe, lezimungulu zikhulume.”

8 Ngalezonsuku kwaphinde kwabuthana elinye ixuku
labantu. Kwathi ngoba bengelalutho lokudla uJesu wabiza
abafundi bakhe wathi kubo, **2** "Ngilosizi ngalaba abantu;
sebebe lami okwensuku ezintathu, kodwa bengadli
lutho. **3** Ngingababuyisela emakhaya belambile bazayatha
endleleni ngoba abanye babo bavela khatshana." **4**
Abafundi bakhe baphendula bathi, "Kodwa kungaphi
endaweni emi yodwa kanje umuntu angathola khona
izinkwa ezanele ukubapha?" **5** UJesu wababuza wathi,
"Lilezinkwa ezingaki na?" Bathi, "Eziyisikhombisa." **6**
Wasetshela ixuku labantu ukuthi lihlale phansi. Wathi
esezithethe izinkwa eziyisikhombisa njalo esebongile,
wazihlephula waziqhubela abafundi bakhe ukuba
baqhubele abantu. Lakanye benza khonokho. **7** Njalo
babelenhlanzi ezincane ezimbalwa, wazikhulekela lazo
wathi abafundi bazabele abantu. **8** Abantu badla basutha.
Ngemva kwalokho abafundi badobha imvuthu kwagcwala
izitsha eziyisikhombisa. **9** Ababekhona kwakungamadoda
azinkulungwane ezine. Esebabuyisele emakhaya, **10**
wangena esikepeni labafundi bakhe baya emangweni
waseDalimanutha. **11** AbaFarisi beza baqalisa ukumbuza
uJesu. Bamlinga ngokuthi kabatshengise isibonakaliso
esivela ezulwini. **12** Wakhokha umoya ngamandla
wathi, "Kungani isizukulwane lesi sicela isibonakaliso?
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, kakulasibonakaliso esizakuphiwa
lesisizukulwane." **13** Wasesuka kubo wabuyela esikepeni
wachaphela ngakwelinye iphetsheya. **14** Abafundi
bakhohlwa ukuza lesinkwa ngaphandle kwesisodwa
ababelaso esikepeni. **15** UJesu wabaxwayisa wathi,

“Limukani, liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi lekaHerodi.”
16 Bakhulumisana ngalokhu bathi, “Utsho ngoba
singelasinkwa.” **17** UJesu wakunanzelela ababekukhuluma,
wasebabuza wathi, “Kungani likhuluma ngokungabi
lasinkwa na? Lilokhu lingaboni njalo lingazwisisi na?
Inhliziyo zenu sezintunyile na? **18** Kungani lithi
lilamehlo lehluleke ukubona, lilezindlebe lehluleke
ukuzwa? Kalikhumbuli yini? **19** Ngize ngihlephunele
abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu izinkwa ezinhlanu labutha
izitsha ezingaki zemvuthu?” Bathi, “Ezilitshumi lambili.”
20 “Ngize ngihlephunele abazinkulungwane ezine izinkwa
eziyisikhombisa labutha imvuthu kwaba yizitsha ezingaki
na?” Baphendula bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa.” **21** Wasesithi
kubo, “Lilokhu lingezwisisi yini?” **22** Bafika eBhethisayida,
abanye abantu baletha indoda eyayiyisiphofu bancenga
uJesu ukuba ayibeke izandla. **23** Wasithatha isiphofu leso
wasibamba ngesandla wasiholela ngaphandle komuzi.
Esekhafulele emehlweni aso wasibeka izandla uJesu
wabuza wathi, “Kukhona okubonayo na?” **24** Sathalaza
sathi, “Ngibona abantu; bakhangeleka njengezihlahla
ezihambahambayo.” **25** UJesu waphinde wabeka izandla
zakhe emehlweni ayo indoda leyo. Amehlo ayo
avuleka, yabona kuhle, isibona zonke izinto kakuhle.
26 UJesu wayibuyisela ekhaya layo wathi, “Ungayi
edolobheni ukuyakhuluma ngale indaba.” **27** UJesu
labafundi bakhe baya emizini eduze leKhesariya Filiphi.
Besendleleni wababuza wathi, “Kambe abantu bathi
ngingubani?” **28** Baphendula bathi, “Abanye bathi
unguJohane uMbhaphathizi; abanye bathi ungu-Elija;

njalo abanye bathi ungomunye wabaphrofethi.” **29** Wasebabuza wathi, “Kodwa lina-ke? Lithi ngingubani?” UPhethro waphendula wathi, “UnguKhristu.” **30** UJesu wabaqonqosela ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye. **31** Waqalisa ukubafundisa ngokuthi iNdodana yoMuntu imele ihlupheke kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho, njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe kuthi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu ivuke njalo. **32** Wakukhuluma kamhlophe lokho, uPhethro wamdonsela eceleni waqalisa ukumkhuza. **33** Kodwa waphenduka wakhangela abafundi bakhe, wasemkhuza uPhethro wathi, “Suka emuva kwami, Sathane! Kawunakani ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezinto zabantu.” **34** Wasebiza ixuku labantu kanye labafundi bakhe wathi, “Nxa umuntu efuna ukungilandela, kumele azidele athathe isiphambano sakhe angilandele. **35** Ngoba yilowo ofuna ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, kodwa olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami kanye levangeli uzayilondoloza. **36** Kumsizani umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? **37** Loba, kuyini umuntu angakunika kube yinhlawulo yomphefumulo wakhe na? **38** Nxa umuntu eyangeka ngami kanye lamazwi ami kulesi isizukulwane esifebayo lesonayo, iNdodana yoMuntu izakuyangeka ngaye nxa isifika enkazimulweni kaYise lezingilosi ezingcwele.”

9 Wasesithi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi abanye abemiyo lapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakawuboni umbuso kaNkulunkulu ufika ngamandla.” **2** Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wathatha uPhethro,

loJakhobe loJohane wakhwela labo entabeni ephakemeyo lapho ababa bodwa khona. Bekhona lapho waguquka isimo emehlweni abo. **3** Izigqoko zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya, zaba mhlophe okungazake kwenziwe muntu emhlabeni. **4** Khonapho kwabonakala u-Elija loMosi bekhuluma loJesu. **5** UPhethro wathi kuJesu, "Rabi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe izihonqo ezintathu esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija." **6** (Wayengazi ukuthi athini, babesesaba kakhulu.) **7** Kwabuya iyezi labagubuzela, ilizwi labuya livela eyezini lisithi, "Lo yiNdodana yami, engiyithandayo. Ilaleleni!" **8** Khonokho nje bathi bayakhangela kababe besabona muntu eduze kwabo ngaphandle kukaJesu. **9** Bathi sebesehla entabeni uJesu wabanika imilayo yokuthi bangatsheli muntu ngabakubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize iqale ivuke kwabafileyo. **10** Indaba le bayigcina ezifubeni zabo, bebuzana ukuthi, "ukuvuka kwabafileyo" kwakusitshoni. **11** Bambuza bathi, "Kungani abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija kumele afike kuqala?" **12** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngeqiniso u-Elija uza kuqala abuyisele izinto zonke esimeni sazo. Kungani pho kulotshiwe ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu imele ihlupheke kakhulu yaliwe? **13** Kodwa ngiyalitshela, u-Elija usefikile, sebemenze konke ababekufisa kuye njengoba kulotshiwe ngaye." **14** Bathi befika kwabanye abafundi babona bebuthanelwe ngabantu abanengi kulabafundisi bomthetho bephikisana labo. **15** Abantu bonke bonela ukubona uJesu bamangala kakhulu bamgijimela besiyambingelela. **16** Wabuza wathi, "Kuyini eliphikisana labo ngakho na?" **17** Kwaphendula

indoda ethile exukwini yathi, “Mfundisi, ngikulethele indodana yami ilomoya oyenza ibe yisimungulu. **18** Uthi ungayibamba uyilahlele phansi. Isuka ibhubhudle amagwebu, igedle amazinyo, yome qha umzimba. Ngibacelile abafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe umoya, kodwa behluleka.” **19** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, lina sizukulwane esingakholwayo, ngizahlala lani kuze kube nini na? Ngilibekezelele kuze kube nini? Mletheni kimi umfana.” **20** Basebemletha kuye. Umoya wonela ukumbona uJesu wamlahla phansi umfana wazigiqagiqa ekhihliza amagwebu ngomlomo. **21** UJesu wabuza uyise womfana wathi, “Sekulesikhathi esingakanani enje umfana?” Wathi, “Kusukela ebuntwaneni. **22** Kuhlezi kumphosela emlilweni loba emanzini kufuna ukumbulala. Kodwa nxa kukhona ongakwenza ake usihawukele usisize.” **23** UJesu wathi, “Uthi ‘engingakwenza?’ Yonke into iyeneliseka kulowo okholwayo.” **24** Masinyane uyise womfana wamemeza wathi, “Ngiyakholwa; ake ungisize ngehlule ukungakholwa kwami!” **25** UJesu esebona ukuthi ixuku laligijimela kuye wawukhuza umoya omubi wathi, “Wena moya oyisacuthe lesimungulu, ngiyakulaya mina, ngithi phuma kuye ungaphindi ungene kuye futhi.” **26** Umoya waklabalala, wamgiqa phansi umfana, waphuma emva kokumhlukuluza okukhulu. Umfana wathi daca, waba njengesidumbu, abanengi bathi, “Usefile.” **27** Kodwa uJesu wambamba ngesandla wamdonsa wamisa ngezinyawo wema. **28** UJesu esesukile wayangena endlini abafundi bakhe bambuza ngasese bathi, “Kungani sehlulekile ukuwuxotsha na?” **29**

Waphendula wathi, “Lolu uhlobo luphuma ngomkhuleko kuphela.” **30** Basuka kuleyondawo badabula eGalile. UJesu kazange afune ukuthi kube khona owaziyo ukuthi babengaphi, **31** ngoba wayefundisa abafundi bakhe. Wathi kubo, “INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu. Bazayibulala, kuthi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu izavuka.” **32** Kodwa kabezwisisanga ukuthi wayesitshoni njalo besaba ukumbuza ngakho. **33** Bafika eKhaphenawume. Wathi esendlini wababuza wathi, “Beliphikisana ngani endleleni?” **34** Kodwa bathula zwi ngoba endleleni babephikisana ngokuthi ngubani omkhulu kulabanye bonke. **35** Wahlala phansi uJesu wabiza abalitshumi lambili wathi kubo, “Nxa ekhona ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala, kabe ngosekucineni, abe yisisebenzi sabo bonke.” **36** Wathatha umntwana omncinyane wamisa phakathi kwabo. Wamthatha wamanga wathi kubo, **37** “Yilowo owamukela oyedwa walababantwana abancinyane ebizweni lami wamukela mina; njalo lowo ongamukelayo kemukeli mina, kodwa wamukela lowo owangithumayo.” **38** UJohane wathi, “Mfundisi, sibone indoda ikhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho, sayenqabela ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu.” **39** UJesu wathi, “Lingamaleli. Kakho ongenza umangaliso ngebizo lami aphinde masinyane ajike akhulume okubi ngami, **40** ngoba lowo ongamelani lathi ukanye lathi. **41** Ngilitshela iqiniso, lowo olipha inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami ngoba lingabakaKhristu ngempela akayikulahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.” **42** “Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa oyedwa walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi ukuba enze isono,

bekungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi aphoselwe olwandle ebotshelwe ilitshe elikhulu entanyeni yakhe. **43** Nxa isandla sakho sikwenza wone, siqume. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ungene ekuphileni ungungini kulokuya esihogweni ulezandla ezimbili, lapho umlilo wakhona ongacitshiyo, [**(Geenna g1067)** **44** lapho ‘impethu yakhona engafiyo lomlilo wakhona ongacitshiyo.’] **45** Njalo nxa unyawo lwakho lukwenzisa isono, luqume. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ungene ekuphileni uyisilima kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni, [**(Geenna g1067)** **46** lapho ‘impethu zakhona ezidlayo zingafi lomlilo ongacitshiyo.’] **47** Njalo nxa ilihlo lakho likwenza wone, likopole liphume. Kungcono kuwe ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili kodwa uphoselwe esihogweni, **(Geenna g1067)** **48** lapho ‘impethu zakhona ezidlayo zingafi, lomlilo ongacitshiyo.’ **49** Umuntu wonke uzakuvuvuzelwa itswayi ngomlilo. **50** Itswayi lilungile, kodwa nxa lingalahlekelwa yibumunyu balo, ungalivuselela njani na? Wobani letswayi ngaphakathi kwenu, lihlalisane ngokuthula.”

10 UJesu wasesuka kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseJudiya langaphetsheya kweJodani. Njalo kweza kuye amaxuku abantu, kwathi njengenjayelo yakhe wabafundisa. **2** Abanye abaFarisi beza bamlinga ngokumbuza bathi, “Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi indoda imale umfazi wayo na?” **3** Waphendula wathi, “UMosi walilaya wathini?” **4** Bathi, “UMosi wayivumela indoda ukuthi ibhale incwadi yokuquma umtshado ibisimxotsha.” **5** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kwakungenxa

yokuthi zazilukhuni inhliziyo zenu okwenza uMosi walibhalela umthetho lo. **6** Kodwa ekuqaleni kwendalo uNkulunkulu ‘wabenza baba ngowesilisa lowesifazane.’ **7** ‘Ngalesisizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina imanyane lomfazi wayo, **8** kuthi labo bobabili babe nyamanye.’Yikho kabasebabili, sebemunye. **9** Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile akungehlukaniswa muntu.” **10** Bathi sebengenile endlini njalo, abafundi bambuza uJesu ngalokhu. **11** Waphendula wathi, “Loba ngubani olahla umfazi wakhe athathe omunye umfazi uyafeba kuye. **12** Laye nxa elahla indoda yakhe endele kwenye, uyafeba.” **13** Abantu babeletha abantwana abancinyane kuJesu ukuze ababeke izandla, kodwa abafundi babakhuza. **14** UJesu wathi ekubona lokho wacaphuka. Wathi kubo, “Yekelani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabavaleli, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanjengalaba. **15** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, lowo ongayikwemukela umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane kayikungena kuwo.” **16** Wasebathatha abantwana ebaphatha, wababeka izandla wababusisa. **17** UJesu wathi esesuka ehamba, indoda yagijimela kuye yafika yazilahla ngamadolo phambi kwakhe. Yabuza yathi, “Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lokuphila kwaphakade na?” **(aiōnios g166)** **18** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ungibizelani ngokuthi ngilungile na? Kakho olungileyo ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela. **19** Uyayazi imilayo: ‘Ungabulali, ungafebi, ungebi, ungaphi ubufakazi bamanga, ungadlelezeli, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.’” **20** Wachaza wathi, “Mfundisi zonke lezi izinto ngiyazigcina

kusukela ngisesengumfana.” **21** UJesu wamkhangela wamthanda. Wathi, “Usilela ngento eyodwa. Hamba uyethengisa konke olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya ungilandele.” **22** Isizwa lokhu indoda yathelwa ngamanzi. Yasukuma yahamba isidanile ngoba yayinothile kakhulu. **23** UJesu wathalaza wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Koba nzima kakhulu ukuthi isinothi singene embusweni kaNkulunkulu!” **24** Abafundi bamangaliswa ngamazwi akhe lawo. Kodwa uJesu waphinda wathi, “Bantwana, kunzima kanganani ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu! **25** Kulula ukuba ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuba umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” **26** Abafundi bamangala okwedlulayo, bathi omunye komunye, “Pho ngubani ongasindiswa na?” **27** UJesu wabakhangela wathi, “Ngokwabantu kakwenzeki, kodwa hatshi ngoNkulunkulu; zonke izinto ziyenzakala ngoNkulunkulu.” **28** UPhethro wathi kuye, “Sesitshiye konke ukuba sikulandele!” **29** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi kakho osetshiye ikhaya kumbe abafowabo, loba odadewabo, kumbe unina loba uyise, loba umntwana kumbe amasimu ngenxa yami levangeli **30** ozakwehluleka ukwamukeliswa okuphindwe ngekhulu kuso lesi isikhathi samanje: amakhaya, abafowabo, odadewabo, onina, abantwana lamasimu, kwengezwe ukuhlukunyezwa, lasesikhathini esizayo, ukuphila kwaphakade. **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **31** Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, abokucina babe ngabokuqala.” **32** Babesendleleni besiya

eJerusalema, uJesu ekhokhele, abafundi bedidekile, kwathi labo ababelandela babesesaba. Waphinda njalo wathatha abalitshumi lambili wabadonsela eceleni wabatshela lokho okwakuzakwenzakala kuye. **33** Wathi, “Sesisiya eJerusalema, iNdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa kubaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela ukufa bayinikele kwabeZizwe, **34** abazayiyangisa, bayikhafulele, bayitshaye njalo bayibulale. Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu izavuka.” **35** Kwathi uJakhobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebhediya, beza kuye. Bathi, “Mfundisi, sifuna ukuthi usenzele loba yini esiyicelayo.” **36** Wababuza wathi, “Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?” **37** Baphendula bathi, “Wothi omunye wethu ahlale ngakwesokunene kwakho, kuthi omunye kwesokhohlo ebukhosini bakho.” **38** UJesu wathi, “Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha na inkezo engiyinathayo kumbe libhaphathizwe ngobhaphathizo engibhaphathizwa ngalo, na?” **39** Baphendula bathi, “Singakwenza.” UJesu wathi kubo, “Lizayinatha inkezo engiyinathayo njalo libhaphathizwe ngobhaphathizo engibhaphathizwa ngalo, **40** kodwa ukuhlala kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo kwami kakusikho kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo lezi ngezalabo abazilungiselweyo.” **41** Kwathi abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazondela uJakhobe loJohane. **42** UJesu wababizela ndawonye wathi, “Liyakwazi ukuthi labo abangababusi kwabeZizwe bababusa kalukhuni, lezinduna zabo ezinkulu zitshengisa amandla phezu kwabo. **43** Akunjalo kini. Kodwa lowo othanda ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kumele abe yinceku yenu, **44**

lalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yisigqili senu lonke. **45** Ngoba leNdodana yoMuntu kayibuyelanga ukuzokhonzwa, kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi." **46** Basebefika eJerikho. Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe kanye lexuku elikhulu sebesuka edolobheni, indoda eyisiphofu, uBhathimewu (kutsho indodana kaThimewu) yayihlezi eceleni kwendlela icela. **47** Yathi isizwa ukuthi kwakunguJesu waseNazaretha yamemeza yathi, "Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!" **48** Abanengi bayikhuza bathi kayithule, kodwa yaqhubeka yamemeza ngamandla isithi, "Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!" **49** UJesu wema wathi, "Mbizeni." Basebeyibiza indoda eyisiphofu bathi, "Thokoza ndoda! Phakama! Uyakubiza." **50** Walahla ijazi lakhe phansi wasukuma weza kuJesu. **51** UJesu wambuza wathi, "Ufuna ngikwenzeleni na?" Indoda eyisiphofu yathi, "Rabi, ngifuna ukuthi ngibone." **52** UJesu wathi, "Hamba-ke, ukukholwa kwakho sekukusilisile." Masinyane yahle yabona yasilandela uJesu endleleni.

11 Bathi sebesondele eJerusalema bafika eBhethifage leBhethani eNtabeni yama-Oliva. UJesu wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili **2** wathi kubo, "Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, okuzakuthi nxa lingena kuwo lizabona inkonyane kababhemi engakaze igadwe muntu ibotshelwe khonapho. Ikhululeni liyilethe lapha. **3** Nxa kungaba lozalibuza ukuthi, 'Likwenzeleni lokho na?' limtshele ukuthi, 'INkosi iyalifuna, izalibuyisa masinyane.'" **4** Bahamba bathola inkonyane kababhemi phandle maqondana lomnyango ibotshelwe. Bayikhulula, **5** abantu ababemi

khonapho babuza bathi, “Lenzani, liyikhululelani inkonyane leyo na?” **6** Baphendula njengoba uJesu wayebatshelile, abantu basebebayekela bahamba. **7** Sebelilethile ithole kuJesu bendlala amajazi abo phezu kwalo uJesu waseligada. **8** Abantu abanengi bendlala amajazi abo endleleni, kukanti abanye bendlala ingatsha abaziqamula emasimini. **9** Labo ababehamba phambili lalabo ababelandela bamemeza besithi, “Hosana!” “Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo leNkosi!” **10** “Ubusisiwe umbuso ozayo okababa wethu uDavida!” “Hosana ezulwini eliphezulu!” **11** UJesu wangena eJerusalema waya ethempelini. Wathalaza wakhangela konke, kodwa kwathi ngoba kwasekuhlwile wehlela eBhethani labalitshumi lambili. **12** Ngelanga elilandelayo bathi besuka eBhethani uJesu wayeselambile. **13** Wabona bucwadlana isihlahla somkhiwa sihlumile amahlamvu, wasondela ukuyabona ingabe sasilezithelo yini. Wafika wabona kungamahlamvu kuphela ngoba kwakungasiso isikhathi sezithelo zomkhiwa. **14** Wasesithi esihlahleni, “Akungabi lamuntu lanini ozaphinda adle izithelo zakho.” Abafundi bakhe bamuzwa esitsho lokho. **(aiōn g165)** **15** Bathi befika eJerusalema uJesu wangena egumeni lethempeli wafika wabaxotsha labo ababethenga lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula amatafula abantshintshi bezimali lezihlalo zababethengisa amajuba, **16** kaze avumela muntu ukungenisa okuthengiswayo ezindlini zethempeli. **17** Wathi esabafundisa wathi, “Kakulotshwanga yini ukuthi: ‘Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yokukhuleka ezizweni zonke’? Kodwa lina seliyenze ‘ubhalu

lwabaphangi.’” **18** Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho bakuzwa lokhu basebeqalisa ukudinga
indlela yokumbulala, ngoba babemesaba ngoba ixuku
lonke lalimangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe. **19** Kusihlwa
baphuma edolobheni. **20** Ekuseni babehambahamba
basebebona isihlahla somkhiwa esasibunile kusukela
empandeni. **21** UPhethro wakhumbula wasesithi kuJesu,
“Rabi, khangela! Isihlahla somkhiwa owasiqalekisayo
sibunile!” **22** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Woba
lokholo kuNkulunkulu. **23** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
nxa omunye esithi entabeni le, ‘Suka, ziphosele
olwandle,’ engelakuthandabuza enhliziyweni yakhe,
kodwa ekholwa ukuthi lokho akutshoyo kuzakwenzakala,
kuzakwenziwa kuye. **24** Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi
loba kuyini elikucelayo ngomkhuleko, kholwani ukuthi
selikwamukele, sekuzakuba ngokwenu. **25** Njalo nxa lisima
likhuleka, nxa lilesikhwili komunye, mthetheleleni, ukuze
uYihlo ezulwini alithethelele izono zenu. [**26** Kodwa nxa
lingathetheleli, loYihlo osezulwini kazukulithethelela
izono zenu.]” **27** Bafika njalo eJerusalema, kwathi uJesu
ezihambela emagumeni ethempeli kweza kuye abaphristi
abakhulu, labafundisi bomthetho kanye labadala. **28**
Bambuza bathi, “Konke lokhu ukwenza ngawaphi amandla
na? Ngubani owakupha amandla okwenza lokhu?” **29**
UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngizalibuza umbuzo owodwa.
Lingangiphendula ngizalitshela ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi
amandla lezizinto. **30** Ukubhaphathiza kukaJohane,
kwakuvela ezulwini loba ebantwini? Ngitshelani!” **31**
Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi, Singathi, “‘Kwakuvela

ezulwini,' uzabuza athi, 'Kungani lingazange limkholwe?'
32 Kodwa singathi, 'Kwakuvela ebantwini' ..." (Besaba
abantu ngoba bonke babesithi ngeqiniso uJohane
wayengumphrofethi.) **33** Ngakho bamphendula uJesu
bathi, "Kasikwazi." UJesu wathi, "Lami kangisalitsheli
ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla."

12 Wasekhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso wathi, "Indoda
yahlanyela isivini. Yakha umduli yasihonqolozela, yemba
igodi lesihluzo yasisakha umphotshongo wesilindo.
Yasiqhatshisa isivini kubalimi abathile yona yasuka
yathatha uhambo. **2** Ngesikhathi sokuvuna yathuma
isisebenzi kubaqhatshi besivini ukuthi siyothatha
ingxenye yezithelo zesivuno. **3** Kodwa basidumela
basitshaya basixotsha singaphathanga lutho. **4** Yathuma
esinye isisebenzi kubo; leyondoda bayitshaya ekhanda
bayiphatha kubi. **5** Yaphinde yathuma esinye njalo
isisebenzi, leso bahle basigongoda basibulala. Yathuma
ezinye ezinengi; ezinye zazo bazitshaya, ezinye
bazibulala. **6** Kwasekusele oyedwa wokuthuma, indodana,
ayeyithanda. Wayithuma ekucineni kwabo bonke esithi,
'Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.' **7** Kodwa abaqhatshi
besivini batshelana bathi, 'Lo yindlalifa. Wozani,
simbulale, ilifa libe ngelethu.' **8** Ngakho bamthatha
bambulala bamphosela ngaphandle kwesivini. **9** Kambe
kuyini azakwenza umnini wesivini na? Uzakuza afike
ababulale labo baqhatshi besivini, isivini leso asinike
abanye abalimi. **10** Kalibalanga yini umbhalo lo othi:
'Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni;
11 iNkosi ikwenzile lokhu, kuyamangalisa emehlweni

ethu'?" **12** Basebedinga iqinga lokumbopha ngoba babesazi ukuthi wayekhulume umzekeliso lowo eqonde bona. Kodwa besaba ixuku labantu; basebemtshiya bahamba. **13** Muva basebethumela abanye babaFarisi lamaHerodiya kuJesu ukuthi bambambe ngamazwi akhe. **14** Beza kuye bathi, "Mfundisi, siyakwazi ukuthi uyindoda eqotho. Kawuguqulwanga ngabantu ngoba kawulandeli ukuthi bangobani; kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu mayelana leqiniso. Kulungile yini ukuthela kuKhesari, kumbe hatshi? **15** Sithele yini kumbe hatshi?" Kodwa uJesu wayekubona ukuzenzisa kwabo, wathi, "Lizamelani ukungithiya na? Ake lingiphe idenari ngibone." **16** Baluletha uhlamvu lolo, wasebabuza wathi, "Ngumfanekiso kabani lo? Lombhalo ngokabani?" Baphendula bathi, "NgokaKhesari." **17** UJesu wasesithi kubo, "Phanini uKhesari okukaKhesari loNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu." Bamangala kakhulu ngaye. **18** Kwasekusithi abaSadusi abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, beza kuye belombuzo. **19** Bathi, "Mfundisi, uMosi wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo wendoda angafa atshiye umfazi, kodwa bengelabantwana, leyondoda kayimthathe umfelokazi izalele umfowabo abantwana. **20** Manje-ke, kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa. Owokuqala wathatha wasesifa engazalanga. **21** Owesibili wamthatha umfelokazi waphinda laye wafa engelamntwana. Kwabanjalo lakowesithathu. **22** Iqiniso yikuthi kakho kubo bonke beyisikhombisa owaba labantwana. Ekucineni kwafa yena umfazi. **23** Ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani

njengoba bonke boyisikhombisa babemthethe?” **24** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kalilahleki yini ngoba lingayazi imibhalo loba amandla kaNkulunkulu? **25** Nxa abafileyo sebevuka kabayikuthatha loba bende; bazakuba njengezingilosi ezulwini. **26** Mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalibalanga yini encwadini kaMosi, emlandweni wesixuku esasibhebha umlilo ukuthi uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, ‘NginguNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe’? **27** KasuNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo. Lilahlekile kakhulu!” **28** Omunye wabafundisi bomthetho wafika wabezwa bephicana ngamazwi. Ngokubona ukuthi uJesu wayebaphe impendulo enhle, wabuza wathi, “Phakathi kwayo yonke imilayo yiwuphi oqakatheke okudlula yonke?” **29** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oqakatheke kakhulu yilo: ‘Zwana, wena Israyeli, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi yinye. **30** Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo yakho yonke langamandla akho wonke.’ **31** Owesibili yilo: ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda.’Kawukho umlayo omkhulu kulale.” **32** Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Utsho kuhle, mfundisi. Uqondile nxa usithi uNkulunkulu munye, kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakhe. **33** Ukumthanda ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, ngokuzwisisa konke kwakho langamandla akho wonke, lokuthanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena kuqakathekile kulayo yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo.” **34** UJesu wathi ebona ukuthi uphendule

kuhle wathi kuye, “Kawukho khatshana kombuso kaNkulunkulu.” Kusukela kulesosikhathi kakusabanga khona owaba lesibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo. **35** Kwathi uJesu efundisa emagumeni ethempeli wabuza wathi, “Kungani abafundisi bomthetho besithi uKhristu uyindodana kaDavida na? **36** UDavida yena ngokwakhe ekhuluma ngoMoya oNgcwele wathi: ‘INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: “Hlala ngakwesokunene sami ngize ngibeke izitha zakho ngaphansi kwenyawo zakho.”’ **37** UDavida yena ngokwakhe umbiza athi ‘Nkosi.’ Pho-ke angaba yindodana yakhe kanjani?” Ixuku labantu elikhulu lamlalela ngokuthokoza. **38** Wathi elokhu efundisa, uJesu wathi, “Libananzelele abafundisi bomthetho. Bathanda ukuhambahamba bececе ngezembatho ezinde eziphephezelayo lokube bebingelelwa emisikeni, **39** futhi bathatha izihlalo eziphakemeyo emasinagogweni lezindawo zabahlonitshwa emadilini. **40** Bahuquluza izindlu zabafelokazi njalo bazibonakalisa ngokwenza imikhuleko emide. Abantu abanjalo bazajeziswa kabuhlungu.” **41** UJesu wahlala phansi malungana lendawo yokunikela wakhangela inengi lifaka imali yalo esitsheni somnikelo ethempelini: Izikhulu ezinengi zazifaka imali ezwayo. **42** Kodwa kweza umfelokazi ongumyanga wafaka okuzinhlamvana kwethusi okubili okulingana lengxenyana yendibilitshi. **43** Esebizele kuye abafundi bakhe uJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi umfelokazi lo ongumyanga ufake okunengi esitsheni somnikelo kulabo bonke. **44** Bona bonke baphe

ngokwenotho yabo, kodwa yena, ebuyangeni bakhe ufake konke abelakho ukuthi kumphilise."

13 Wathi esuka ethempelini omunye wabafundi wathi kuye, "Khangela, Mfundisi! Amatshe anganani! Bona ubuhle bezindlu!" **2** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Liyazibona yini zonke lezi izindlu ezinkulu kangaka? Kakuyikusala litshe phezu kwelinye; wonke azaphoselwa phansi." **3** Kwathi uJesu ehlezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva malungana lethempeli uPhethro, loJakhobe, loJohane lo-Andreya bambuza ngasese bathi, **4** "Sitshele, zizakwenzakala nini izinto lezi? Njalo kuzakuba lesibonelo bani ukuthi sezizagcwaliseka?" **5** UJesu wathi kubo: "Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa muntu. **6** Banengi abazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi, 'Nginguye,' bakhohlise abanengi. **7** Nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ngezimpi, lingaze lethuka. Lezozinto kumele zenzakale, kodwa ukucina kulokhu kuseza. **8** Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso. Kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba ezindaweni ezinengi, lezindlala. Lezi ziyikuqala kokuhelelwa. **9** Libohlala liqaphele. Bazalimangalela ezinkundleni zamacala njalo balibhaxabule emasinagogweni abo. Ngenxa yami lizamiswa phambi kwababusi lamakhosi libe ngofakazi kubo. **10** Njalo ivangeli kufanele liqale litshunyayelwe ezizweni zonke. **11** Lapho libotshwa njalo lilethwa emthethwandaba lingaze lazihlupha ngokuthi lizakuthini phambi kwabo. Khulumani ingqe yini eliyiphiwa ngalesosikhathi, ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa nguMoya oNgcwele. **12** Umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ukuthi abulawe, loyise anikele

umntanakhe. Abantwana bazahlamukela abazali babo bababulalise. **13** Bonke abantu bazalizonda ngenxa yami, kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze kube sekupheleni uzasindiswa. **14** Kodwa nxa libona ‘amanyala aletha incithakalo’kumi lapho okungesikwakhona, ofundayo kezwisise, lapho-ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni. **15** Akungabikhona osephahleni lwendlu yakhe ozakwehla loba angene endlini ukuthatha ulutho. **16** Akungabi loyedwa osensimini ozabuyela emuva ukuyathatha ijazi lakhe. **17** Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! **18** Khulekani ukuthi lokhu kungenzakali ebusika, **19** ngoba lezo zizakuba yizinsuku zokuhlukuluzeka okungakaze kube khona kwasekuqaleni, lapho uNkulunkulu adala umhlaba, kuze kube manje, njalo kakuzukubuye kube khona. **20** Nxa iNkosi yayingaziphungulanga lezinsuku, kwakungeyi kuphepha muntu. Kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, eyabakhethayo, iziphungulile. **21** Ngalesosikhathi nxa umuntu esithi kini, ‘Khangelani, nangu uKhristu!’ loba ‘Khangelani, nanguya,’ lingamkholwa. **22** Ngoba oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi bamanga bazavela benze izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ukukhohlisa abakhethiweyo, nxa lokho kungenzeka. **23** Ngakho lilimuke; sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili. **24** Kodwa ngalezonsuku, kulandela lokho kuhlukuluzeka, ‘ilanga lizafiphala, lenyanga kayiyikukhanya; **25** izinkanyezi zizakuwa esibhakabhakeni, lezisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa.’ **26** Ngalesosikhathi abantu bazayibona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza emayezini

ilamandla amakhulu lobukhosi. **27** Izathuma izingilosi
zayo ziqoqe abakhethiweyo bayo kumagumbi womane
omhlaba, kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba kusiya
emikhawulweni yamazulu. **28** Manje-ke, fundani
lesisifundo esihlahleni somkhiwa: Amahlumela aso
angaqalisa ukuba buthakathaka lamahlamvu aso ahlume,
lihle lazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. **29** Kanjalo-ke
nxa lingabona lezizinto sezisenzakala, lazi ukuthi
sekusondele, khonapho emnyango. **30** Ngilitshela
iqiniso, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale
zonke lezizinto. **31** Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa
amazwi ami kawayikwedlula lanini." **32** "Kodwa kakho
olwaziyo lolosuku lehola, loba izingilosi zasezulwini,
kumbe iNdodana, kodwa uBaba kuphela. **33** Lindani!
Qaphelani! Kalikwazi ukuthi sizafika nini lesosikhathi. **34**
Kunjengomuntu ezathatha uhambo: utshiya indlu yakhe
ayinikele izisebenzi zakhe ukuba ziyilinde, yileso sabelwe
owaso umsebenzi, atshele lowo olinda emnyango ukuthi
aqaphele. **35** Ngakho lindani ngoba kalikwazi ukuthi
umninindlu uzabuya nini, mhlawumbe kusihlwa, kumbe
phakathi kwamabili, loba inkukhu sezikhala kumbe
emathathakusa. **36** Nxa efika masinyane, akangalifici
lilele. **37** Engikutshoyo kini ngikutsho emuntwini wonke:
'Lindani!'"

14 Kwasekusele insuku ezimbili kuphela ukuba
ufike uMkhosi wePhasika loMkhosi weSinkwa
esingelaMvubelo. Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho babedinga indlela ecatshileyo yokubopha
uJesu ukuze bambulale. **2** Kodwa bathi, "Kakungabi

ngesikhathi somkhosi, funa abantu benze isiphithiphithi.” **3** Kwathi eseBhethani eyeme etafuleni emzini wendoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni owayelobulephero, owesifazane weza ephethe imbodlela yamakha adulayo kakhulu, enziwe ngenadi elipheleleyo. Wayivula imbodlela wathela amakha ekhanda likaJesu. **4** Abanye balabo ababekhona bacaphuka babuzana bathi, “Udlaliselani amakha la? **5** Abengathengiswa ngokudlula umholo womnyaka wonke imali leyo iphiwe abampofu.” Bamkhuza ngokumkhahlameza kakhulu. **6** UJesu wathi, “Myekeleni. Limkhathazelani kanti? Wenze into enhle kimi. **7** Abampofu lizahlala lilabo, yikho lingabasiza noma yisiphi isikhathi elisifunayo. Kodwa kalisoze libe lami kokuphela. **8** Wenze lokho abe lamandla okukwenza. Uthele amakha emzimbeni wami mandulo ukulungisela ukungcwatshwa kwami. **9** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba kungaphi okuzatshunyayelwa ivangeli emhlabeni wonke, lokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.” **10** Yikho uJudasi Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili waya kubaphristi abakhulu ukuyanikela uJesu kubo. **11** Bathokoza kakhulu bekuzwa lokhu, bathembisa ukumupha imali. Yikho walindela ithuba lokumnikela. **12** Ngelanga lokuqala loMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, lapho kwakungumkhuba ukwenza umhlatshelo wezinyane lePhasika, abafundi bakaJesu bambuza bathi, “Ufuna ukuthi seyekwenza ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle iPhasika na?” **13** Ngakho wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe wabatshela wathi, “Yanini edolobheni, kuzakuthi indoda ezabe

ithwele isigubhu samanzi izalihlangabeza. Ilandeleni. **14** Libokuthi kumninindlu ezangena kuyo, ‘UMfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezethekeli lapho engingadlela khona iPhasika labafundi bami?’ **15** Izalitshengisa ikamelo laphezulu elikhulu, elilungisiweyo. Senzeleni amalungiselelo khonapho.” **16** Abafundi basuka baya edolobheni bafica izinto zimi njengoba uJesu wayetshilo. Yikho basebelungisela iPhasika. **17** Kwathi kusihlwa uJesu wafika labalitshumi lambili. **18** Bathi beyeme etafuleni besidla wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela, odla lami khonapha.” **19** Badana, bathi kuye ngamunye, “Pho kawutsho mina?” **20** Waphendula wathi, “Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili, omunye otsheba lami isinkwa emganwini. **21** Indodana yoMuntu izahamba njengokulotshiweyo ngayo. Kodwa maye kuleyondoda enikela iNdodana yoMuntu! Kwakungaba ngcono kuyo aluba yayingazalwanga.” **22** Bathi belokhu besidla uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wabonga, wasihlephula, wasipha abafundi bakhe esithi, “Sithatheni; lo ngumzimba wami.” **23** Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile, wabanika, bonke banatha kuyo. **24** Wathi kubo, “Leli ligazi lami lesivumelwano, elichithelwa abanengi. **25** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi angisayikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo sevini njalo, kuze kube yilolosuku lapho engizakunatha khona kabutsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” **26** Bathi sebehlabele ihubo, baphuma baya eNtabeni yama-Oliva. **27** UJesu wabatshela wathi, “Lonke lizachitheka, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu zihlakazeke.’ **28** Kodwa

ngemva kokuba sengivukile kwabafileyo, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalile.” **29** UPhethro walandula wathi, “Loba bonke bengahlakazeka, mina kangisoze ngikwenze.” **30** UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso ukuthi lamuhla lokhu, ngobusuku balamuhla, iqhude lingakakhali kabili, wena ngokwakho uzangiphika kathathu.” **31** Kodwa uPhethro waphika wagomela wathi, “Loba kungabe ngifanele ngife lawe, kangisoze ngikuphike.” Bonke abanye labo batsho khona lokho. **32** Baya endaweni eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, “Hlalani lapha mina ngisayakhuleka.” **33** Wathatha uPhethro, uJakhobe loJohane wasuduluka labo, waseqala ukuhlulukelwa kakhulu lokukhathazeka. **34** Wathi kubo, “Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani lapha lilinde.” **35** Wahamba ibanganyana, wazilahla phansi wakhuleka ukuthi aluba kungenzeka lelohola lingedlula kuye. **36** Wathi, “Abha, Baba, konke kuyeneliseka kuwe. Ake ususe inkezo le kimi. Kodwa kakungabi yintando yami, kodwa kube yintando yakho.” **37** Wasephenduka kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele. Wathi kuPhethro, “Simoni, ulele? Wehlulekile ukulinda ihola elilodwa kuphela? **38** Lindani likhuleke ukuze lingaweli ekulingweni. Umoya uyathanda, kodwa umzimba ubuthakathaka.” **39** Waphinda wahamba wayakhuleka umkhuleko munye. **40** Wathi ekubuyeni wabafica njalo sebelele, ngoba ubuthongo babubaphethe. Baswela ukuthi bathini kuye. **41** Esebuya okwesithathu wathi kubo, “Lilokhu lilele liphumula? Sekwanele! Isikhathi sesifikile. Khangelani, iNdodana yoMuntu

isinikelwe ezandleni zezoni. **42** Phakamani! Kasihambeni!
Nangu usesiza onginikelayo." **43** Esakhuluma, uJudasi,
omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wafika. Wayehamba
lexuku behlomile ngezinkemba lezinduku, bethunyiwe
ngabaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho kanye
labadala. **44** Umthengisi wayelungise isiboniso
sokubatshengisa wathi: "Lowo engizamanga nguye;
limbophe lihle lihambe laye elindiwe." **45** UJudasi wahle
waqonda kuJesu wathi, "Rabi!" wamanga. **46** Amadoda
ahle amdumela uJesu ambopha. **47** Kwasekusithi omunye
owayemi khonapho wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagalela
inceku yomphristi omkhulu wayiquma indlebe yayo. **48**
UJesu wathi, "Ngingumkhokheli womvukela yini,
selingaze lize lihlomile ngezinkemba lezinduku
ukuzangibamba? **49** Bengilani insuku zonke ngifundisa
emagumeni ethempeli, kodwa kalingibophanga. Kodwa
iMibhalo kufanele igcwaliseke." **50** Khonokho bonke
bamtshiya babaleka. **51** Ijaha elalingagqokanga lutho
ngaphandle kwelembu lelineni lalimlandela uJesu.
Balibamba, **52** kodwa labaleka laze latshiya isembatho
salo. **53** UJesu bamthatha bamusa kumphristi omkhulu,
kwathi bonke abaphristi abakhulu, labadala labafundisi
bomthetho babuthana ndawonye. **54** UPhethro
wamlandela ehambela khatshana, waze wayangena
egumeni lomphristi omkhulu. Wahlala khonapho
labalindi esotha umlilo. **55** Abaphristi abakhulu
leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi obumlahlayo
uJesu ukuze bambulale, kodwa babuswela. **56**
Abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa amazwi abo

kawavumelananga. **57** Kwasekusukuma abanye bethula lobu ubufakazi bamanga ngaye, bathi, **58** “Samuzwa esithi, ‘Ngizalibhidliza ithempeli leli, elakhiwe ngabantu ngakhe elinye ngezinsuku ezintathu, elizabe lingasakhiwanga ngumuntu.’” **59** Lakulokhu kabuvumelananga ubufakazi babo. **60** Umphristi omkhulu wasesukuma phambi kwabo wabuza uJesu wathi, “Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini kanti lokhu okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?” **61** Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule njalo kazange aphendule. Umphristi omkhulu waphinde wambuza wathi, “Unguye uKhristu, iNdodana yoBusisiweyo na?” **62** UJesu wathi, “Nginguye. Njalo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu ihlezi kwesokunene salowo Olamandla isehla ngamayezi ezulu.” **63** Umphristi omkhulu wadabula izigqoko zakhe wabuza wathi, “Sisabadingelani abanye ofakazi? **64** Selikuzwile ukuhlambaza. Lithini manje?” Bonke bamlahla bathi ufanele ukufa. **65** Abanye basebeqalisa ukumkhafulela; bamvala amehlo ngokumbopha, bamdutshuza ngenqindi bathi, “Phrofitha!” Abalindi basebemthatha bayamtshaya. **66** UPhethro wayengaphansi egumeni, enye yamantombazana ayeyizincekukazi zomphristi omkhulu yeza khonapho. **67** Yathi ibona uPhethro esotha umlilo yamkhangelisisa. Yathi, “Lawe wawulomNazarini lowaya, uJesu.” **68** Walandula. Wathi, “Angikwazi njalo kangikuzwisisi lokho okhuluma ngakho.” Wahle waphuma waya esangweni. **69** Kuthe intombazana leyo isimbona khona lapho yathi kwababemi lapho, “Indoda le ingomunye wabo.” **70** Walandula njalo. Ngemva

kwesikhatshana ababemi lapho eduze kukaPhethro bathi, “Ngeqiniso ungomunye wabo, ngoba ungumGalile.” **71** Watshinga uPhethro, waziqalekisa wabuye wafunga kubo wathi, “Kangiyazi indoda le elikhuluma ngayo.” **72** Masinyane lakhala iqhude ngokwesibili. Khonapho uPhethro waselikhumbula ilizwi uJesu ayelitshilo kuye, ukuthi: “Iqhude lingakakhali kabili uzangiphika kathathu.” Ngakho waphihlika wakhala.

15 Ekuseni kakhulu abaphristi abakhulu, labadala, labafundisi bomthetho kanye leSanihedrini yonke bavumelana ngesinqumo sabo. Bambopha uJesu bamqhuba bayamethula kuPhilathu. **2** UPhilathu wambuza wathi, “Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Usukutshilo lokho.” **3** Abaphristi abakhulu bamethesa amacala amanengi. **4** Ngakho uPhilathu wambuza njalo wathi, “Kanti kungani ungaphenduli na? Khangela, bakubeka amacala amanengi.” **5** Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule, uPhilathu wamangala. **6** Kwakungumkhuba ukuthi ngomkhosi kukhululwe isibotshwa esasizabe sicelwe ngabantu. **7** Indoda eyayithiwa nguBharabhasi yayisentolongweni kanye labahlamuki ababebulele abantu kulowomvukela. **8** Ixuku labantu leza kuPhilathu ukuthi abenzele leyo nhlalayenza. **9** “Lifuna ukuthi ngilikhululele inkosi yamaJuda na?” UPhilathu wabuza, **10** esazi ukuthi kwakungenxa yomhawu okwenza abaphristi abakhulu banikela uJesu kuye. **11** Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu badunga abantu babakhuthaza ukuthi bacele uPhilathu abakhululele uBharabhasi. **12** UPhilathu wasebabuza

wathi, “Pho ngithini ngalo elimbiza ngokuthi uyinkosi yamaJuda na?” **13** Bamemeza bathi, “Mbethele!” **14** UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yindaba? Woneni?” Kodwa bamemeza ngamandla bathi, “Mbethele!” **15** UPhilathu wasebakhululela uBharabhasi ngoba wayefuna ukususthisa ixuku labantu. Wathi uJesu katshaywe, ngemva kwalokho wasebapha ukuba bambethele. **16** Amabutho amqhuba uJesu amusa esigodlweni (kutshiwo iPhrethoriyamu) basebebiza iviyo lonke lamabutho laqoqana ndawonye. **17** Bamgqokisa ijazi eliyibubende, basebeseluka umqhele wameva bamethesa wona. **18** Basebememeza besithi kuye, “Bayethe, nkosi yamaJuda!” **19** Bamtshaya ekhanda ngomqwayi baphindaphinda, bamkhafulela. Baguqa phansi ngamadolo bamkhonza. **20** Sebemhozile, bamhlubula ijazi eliyibubende bamgqokisa ezakhe izigqoko. Basebephuma laye bamqhuba ukuba bayombethela. **21** Indoda ethile yaseKhureni, eyayithiwa nguSimoni, uyise ka-Alekizanda loRufasi, wayezedlulela khonapho evela emaphandleni, basebembamba ngamandla ukuthi athwale isiphambano. **22** Baletha uJesu endaweni eyayithiwa yiGoligotha (okutsho ukuthi, “Indawo yoKhakhayi”). **23** Basebemupha iwayini elihlanganiswe lemure, kodwa wala ukulinatha. **24** Basebembethela. Bahlukanisa izigqoko zakhe basebesenza inkatho ukuze babone ukuthi ngulowo athathe kuphi. **25** Kwakulihola lesithathu isikhathi abambethela ngaso. **26** Umbhalo wecala lakhe wawusithi: INkosi yamaJuda. **27** Babethela kanye laye ababhangi ababili, omunye kwesokunene sakhe, omunye

kwesokhohlo. [**28** Kwagcwaliseka umbhalo othi,
“Wabalwa ndawonye lezephulamthetho.”] **29** Labo
ababedlula lapho babemthuka benikina amakhanda abo
besithi, “Ehe! Wena ozadiliza ithempeli ulakhe
ngezinsuku ezintathu, **30** yehla esiphambanweni
uzisindise!” **31** Ngaleyondlela labaphristi abakhulu
labafundisi bomthetho bamklolodela behlekisana ngaye
phakathi kwabo. Bathi, “Wasindisa abanye, kodwa
uyehluleka ukuzisindisa yena! **32** Ake kuthi uKhristu lo,
iNkosi le yako-Israyeli, yehle esiphambanweni ukuze
sibone, sikholwe.” Lalabo ayebethelwe kanye labo,
labo babemhlambaza. **33** Ngehola lesithupha
ubumnyama bembesa ilizwe lonke kwaze kwaba lihola
lesificamunwemunye. **34** Kwathi ngehola lesithathu
emini uJesu wakhala ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Eloyi,
Eloyi, lamasabakithani?” (okutsho ukuthi, “Nkulunkulu
wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyelani na?”). **35** Kwathi
abanye balabo ababemi eduzane bekuzwa lokho bathi,
“Zwanini, ubiza u-Elija.” **36** Enye indoda yagcwalisa
uzipho ngewayini elimunyu, yaluxhumela oluthini,
yasiluqhubela uJesu ukuthi anathe. Yasisithi, “Ake
simyekele manje, kesibone ingabe u-Elija uzakuza
azomehlisa.” **37** Ngomkhosi omkhulu, uJesu waphefumula
okokucina. **38** Ikhetheni lethempeli ladabuka kabili lisuka
phezulu kusiya phansi. **39** Kwathi induna yekhulu
eyayimi khonapho phambi kukaJesu isizwa ukukhala
kwakhe njalo ikubonile ukuthi ufe kanjani yathi,
“Ngeqiniso indoda le ibe iyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!” **40**
Abanye abesifazane babebukele bebucwala. Phakathi

kwabo kwakuloMariya Magadalini loMariya unina kaJakhobe omncinyane lokaJosefa loSalome. **41** Laba abesifazane babemlandele bemsebenzela eseGalile. Labanye abesifazane abanengi ababeze laye eJerusalema labo babekhona. **42** Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela (kutsho usuku olwandulela iSabatha). Kwathi sekuntambama **43** uJosefa wase-Arimathiya indoda elesithunzi eNkundleni, yona ngokwayo eyayilindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu, yaqunga isibindi yaya kuPhilathu yacela isidumbu sikaJesu. **44** UPhilathu wamangala ukuthi wayesefile. Wabiza induna yekhulu wayibuza ukuthi uJesu wayesefile yini. **45** Wathi esezwile ngenduna yekhulu ukuthi kwasekwenzakele, wamupha uJosefa isidumbu. **46** Ngakho uJosefa wasethenga amalembu elineni, wathatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelineni wasibeka ethuneni elaligujwe edwaleni. Wasegiqela ilitshe emlonyeni wethuna. **47** UMariya Magadalini loMariya unina kaJosefa babona lapho abekwa khona.

16 Kwathi iSabatha seledlule, uMariya Magadalini, loMariya unina kaJakhobe loSalome bathenga amakha ukuze bayeqhola ngawo isidumbu sikaJesu. **2** Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, ilanga liphuma basebesendleleni besiya ethuneni, **3** babuzana bathi, “Ngubani ozasigiqela ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni wethuna na?” **4** Kodwa bathi bayakhangela babona ilitshe, elalilikhulu kakhulu, seligiqelwe eceleni. **5** Bathi bengena ethuneni babona ijaha ligqoke isembatho esimhlophe lihlezi ngakwesokunene, bethuka kakhulu. **6** Lathi, “Lingaze lethuka. Lidinga uJesu umNazarini obebethelwe.

Usevukile! Kakho lapha. Bonani, nansi indawo lapho bebembeke khona. **7** Kodwa hambani liyotshela abafundi bakhe loPhethro lithi, 'Usehamba phambi kwenu ukuya eGalile. Lizambona khonale, njengoba walitshela.'" **8** Ngokuthuthumela langokudideka, abesifazane baphuma bebaleka ethuneni. Kabakhulumanga lutho lakubani ngoba babesesaba. [**9 (note: The most reliable and earliest manuscripts do not include Mark 16:9-20.)** UJesu esevukile ekuseni ngelanga lokuqala evikini waqala wabonakala kuMariya Magadalini yena lowo ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa. **10** Yena wahamba wayabikela labo uJesu ayephile labo ababesesililweni sakhe. **11** Bathi besizwa ukuthi uJesu uyaphila lokuthi uMariya wayembonile, kabazange bakukholwe. **12** Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo abafica behamba kulelolizwe emaphandleni. **13** Labo babuyela bayabikela abanye, kodwa labo kabazange babakholwe. **14** Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wabonakala kwabalitshumi lanye besidla; wabakhuza ngokungakholwa kwabo langobulukhuni benhliziyo zabo bengabakholwa labo ababembonile ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe. **15** Wathi kubo, "Hambani emhlabeni wonke litshumayele ivangeli kukho konke okwadalwayo. **16** Loba ngubani okholwayo abhaphathizwe uzasindiswa, kodwa lowo ongakholwayo uzalahlwa. **17** Lezizibonakaliso zizabalandela labo abakholwayo: Ngebizo lami bazakhupha amadimoni; bazakhuluma ngendimi ezintsha; **18** bazadobha izinyoka ngezandla zabo; bazakuthi banganatha okubulalayo kungaze kwabalimaza lakancinyane; bazabeka izandla

zabo phezu kwabantu abagulayo, basile.” **19** Ngemva kokuba iNkosi uJesu esekhulume labo, wenyukiselwa ezulwini, wahlala ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Abafundi bahamba bayatshumayela ezindaweni zonke iNkosi yasebenza labo yaqinisa ilizwi layo ngezibonakaliso ezazilisekela.]

ULukha

1 Banengi asebazimisela ukuqoqa umlando
wezinto esezigcwalisekile phakathi kwethu, **2**
njengokwedluliselwa kwazo kithi yilabo ababekhona
ekuqaleni bengabafakazi lezinceku zelizwi. **3** Ngakho-ke,
njengoba mina ngokwami sengichwayisisile konke
kusukela ekuqaleni, lami ngikubone kufanele ukuthi
ngikulobele umlando oqondileyo, komkhulu
ohloniphekayo uTheyofelasi **4** ukuze wazi iqiniso lezinto
lezo ozifundisiweyo. **5** Ngesikhathi sikaHerodi inkosi
yaseJudiya kwakulomphristi okwakuthiwa nguZakhariya,
owaye ngowesigaba sika-Abhija, umkakhe u-Elizabethi
laye wayengowosendo luka-Aroni. **6** Bobabili
babelungile emehlweni kaNkulunkulu beyilandela
yonke imilayo leziqondiso zeNkosi bengasoleki. **7**
Kodwa babengelabantwana ngoba u-Elizabethi
wayeyinyumba njalo bobabili basebeluphele. **8**
Kwenzakala ukuthi isigaba sikaZakhariya siyiso
esasimiselwe umsebenzi wethempeli ngalesosikhathi, **9**
wadliwa yinkatho ngokomkhuba wobuphristi, ukuthi
angene ethempelini leNkosi ayetshisa impepha. **10**
Kwathi isikhathi sokutshisa impepha sesifikile, wonke
amakholwa ayebuthene lapho ayekhuleka ephandle.
11 Kwasekubonakala kuye ingilosi yeNkosi imi
ngakwesokunene kwe-alithari lempepha. **12** UZakhariya
wathi eyibona wethuka wesaba kakhulu. **13** Kodwa
ingilosi yathi kuye, "Ungesabi, Zakhariya; umkhuleko
wakho usuzwakele. Umkakho u-Elizabethi uzakuzalela
indodana kufanele uyinike ibizo elithiwa nguJohane. **14**

Uzakuba yintokozo lenjabulo kuwe njalo abanengi
bazathokoza ngenxa yokuzalwa kwakhe, **15** ngoba
uzakuba mkhulu emehlweni eNkosi. Kakumelanga
anathe iwayini lanini loba yini ebilisiweyo enathwayo,
njalo uzagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele kusukela
ekuzalweni kwakhe. **16** Uzaletha abantu bako-Israyeli
abanengi eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. **17** Uzahamba
phambili kweNkosi ngomoya langamandla ka-Elija,
ukuguqulela inhliziyo zaboyise ebantwaneni babo
labayiziqholo elwazini lwabalungileyo, ukuqondisa
abantu abalungiselelwe iNkosi." **18** UZakhariya wabuza
ingilosi wathi, "Ngingaba leqiniso lakho njani lokho?
Sengilixhegu njalo lomkami useluphele." **19** Ingilosi
yaphendula yathi, "NginguGabhuriyeli mina. Ngima
phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngithunywe ukuzokhuluma
lawe ngikutshela ngalezi izindaba ezinhle. **20** Okwamanje
uzakuba yisimungulu wehluleke ukukhuluma kuze kufike
lolosuku okuzakwenzakala ngalo lokhu, ngoba
kawuzange uwakholwe amazwi ami, wona azagcwaliseka
ngesikhathi sawo esifaneleyo." **21** Sonke lesisikhathi
abantu babelokhu bemlindele uZakhariya sebemangele
ukuthi kungani wayethethe isikhathi eside kangako
ethempelini. **22** Waphuma esesehluleka ukukhuluma
labo. Babona ukuthi wayebone umbono ethempelini
ngoba wayelokhu eqhweba ngezandla, kodwa esehluleka
ukukhuluma. **23** Izopha lakhe seliphelile wabuyela
ekhaya. **24** Ngemva kwalokhu umkakhe u-Elizabethi
wazithwala wasezifihla okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, **25**
esithi, "INkosi ingenzele lokhu. Kulezi insuku

ilutshengisile uthando Lwayo yasusa ihlazo lami ebantwini.” **26** Ngenyanga yesithupha yokuzithwala kuka-Elizabethi, uNkulunkulu wathuma ingilosi uGabhuriyeli eNazaretha, idolobho elaliseGalile, **27** ukuya entombini egcweleyo eyayithembise ukutshada lendoda eyayithiwa nguJosefa, owesizukulwane sikaDavida. Ibizo lentombi egcweleyo le kwakunguMariya. **28** Ingilosi yaya kuye yathi, “Sabona wena othole umusa kakhulukazi INkosi ilawe.” **29** Amazwi ayo amhlupha kakhulu uMariya wamangala ukuthi kanti kwakuyikubingelela bani lokhu. **30** Kodwa ingilosi yathi kuye, “Ungesabi Mariya, uthole umusa kuNkulunkulu. **31** Uzakhulelwa ubelethe indodana, uyethe ibizo uthi nguJesu. **32** Uzaba ngumuntu omkhulu abizwe ngokuthi yiNdodana yoPhezukonke. INkosi uNkulunkulu izamupha isihlalo sikayise uDavida, **33** njalo uzabusa phezu kwendlu kaJakhobe laphakade; umbuso wakhe kawuyikuphela.” **(aiōn g165)** **34** UMariya wayibuza ingilosi wathi, “Lokho kuzakwenzakala njani njengoba mina ngimsulwa ngingayazi indoda?” **35** Ingilosi yaphendula yathi, “UMoya oNgcwele uzakwehlela phezu kwakho, lamandla akhe oPhezukonke azakusibekela. Ngakho ongcwele ozazalwa uzathiwa yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **36** Lo-Elizabethi isihlobo sakho uzakuba lomntwana ekuluphaleni kwakhe, yena okwakuthiwa yinyumba usesenyangeni yakhe yesithupha. **37** Ngoba kakukho okwehlulayo kuNkulunkulu.” **38** UMariya waphendula wathi, “Ngiyincekukazi yeNkosi. Kakwenzeke kimi njengoba utshilo.” Ingilosi yasisuka kuye. **39** Ngalesosikhathi

uMariya waphanga wenza amalungiselelo waya edolobheni elizweni lamaqaqa eJudiya, **40** lapho angena khona emzini kaZakhariya wabingelela u-Elizabethi. **41** Kwathi u-Elizabethi esizwa ukubingelela kukaMariya, umntwana weqa esiswini sakhe, u-Elizabethi wagcwala ngoMoya oNgcwele. **42** Wakhuluma ngelizwi eliphezulu wathi, "Ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazane, njalo ubusisiwe umntwana ozamzala! **43** Kodwa kungani ngithole umusa ongaka mina, ukuba ngethekelelwe ngunina weNkosi yami? **44** Ngonele ukuzwa ukubingelela kwakho, umntwana osesiswini sami weqa ngentokozo. **45** Ubusisiwe lowo osekholiwe ukuthi lokho iNkosi ethe kuzakwenzeka kuye kuzagcwaliseka!" **46** UMariya wathi: "Umphefumulo wami uyayidumisa iNkosi **47** lomoya wami uyathokoza kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami, **48** ngoba ukunanzile ukuzehlisa kwencekukazi yakhe. Kusukela manje zonke izizukulwane zizakuthi ngibusisiwe, **49** ngoba uSomandla ungenzele izinto ezinkulu, lingcwele ibizo lakhe. **50** Isihawu sakhe sifinyelela kulabo abamesabayo, kulandela isizukulwane ngesizukulwane. **51** Uyenzile imisebenzi emikhulu ngengalo yakhe: ubachithizile labo abaziqakisa ngemicabango yezinhliziyo zabo. **52** Uwethule amakhosi ezihlalweni zawo, kodwa wabaphakamisa abantukazana. **53** Ubasuthisile abalambileyo ngezinto ezinhle, kodwa abanothileyo ubaxotshe bengaphathanga lutho. **54** Uyisizile inceku yakhe u-Israyeli, wakhumbula ukuba lesihawu **55** ku-Abhrahama lezizukulwane zakhe laphakade, njengoba wakutsho kubokhokho bethu." **(aiōn**

g165) 56 UMariya wahlala lo-Elizabethi izinyanga
ezazingaba ntathu wasebuyela ekhaya. 57 Kwathi
isikhathi sika-Elizabethi sesiphelele esokubeletha wazala
indodana. 58 Omakhelwane bakhe lezihlobo bezwa
ukuthi iNkosi yayimzwele isihawu esikhulu bathokoza
kanye laye. 59 Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili beza
ukuzasoka umntwana, bafuna ukuthi bamethe ibizo
likayise uZakhariya, 60 kodwa unina wala wathi, “Hatshi!
Kathiwe nguJohane.” 61 Bathi kuye, “Kakho ebantwini
bakini olebizo lelo.” 62 Bakhuluma ngezandla kuyise
bedinga ukuthi yena uthanda ukuthi umntwana aphiwe
liphi ibizo. 63 Wacela isibhebhedu sokulobela,
wamangalisa wonke umuntu ngoba waloba ukuthi, “Ibizo
lakhe nguJohane.” 64 Masinyane umlomo wakhe
wavuleka lolimi lwakhe lwatshwaphuluka, waqalisa
ukukhuluma edumisa uNkulunkulu. 65 Omakhelwane
bonke bamangala kakhulu, kwathi elizweni lonke
lamaqaqa eJudiya abantu babekhuluma ngalezizinto. 66
Wonke owezwayo ngalokho wamangala ebuza esithi,
“Kambe uzakuba yini umntwana lo?” Ngoba isandla
seNkosi sasilaye. 67 Uyise uZakhariya wagcwala ngoMoya
oNgcwele waphrofitha wathi: 68 “Udumo kalube
seNkosini, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngoba ubuyile
ukuzahlenga abantu bakhe. 69 Iluphakamisile uphondo
lwensindiso yethu endlini yenceku yayo uDavida 70
(njengoba yatsho ngabaphrofethi bayo abangcwele
ekadeni), (aiōn g165) 71 ukusindiswa ezitheni zethu
lesandleni sabo bonke abasizondayo, 72 ukuze atshengise
isihawu kubokhokho bethu lokukhumbula isivumelwano

sakhe esingcwele, **73** isifungo asifunga kubaba wethu u-
Abhrahama: **74** ukusikhulula esandleni sezitha zethu, size
siyikhonze singelakwesaba **75** ngobungcwele
langokulunga phambi kwayo ngazozonke insuku zethu.
76 Wena mntanami, uzathiwa ungumphrofethi
woPhezukonke; ngoba uzahamba phambili kweNkosi
uyilungisele indlela, **77** ukunika abantu bayo ukwazi
insindiso ngokuthethelelwa kwezono zabo, **78** ngenxa
yomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu, ilanga liphuma lize kithi
livela ezulwini, **79** likhanyise kulabo abahlezi
ebumnyameni lasethunzini lokufa, ukukhokhelela
inyawo zethu endleleni yokuthula." **80** Umntwana
wakhula waqina emoyeni; waphila enkangala waze
wavela obala ku-Israyeli.

2 Ngalezonsuku uKhesari Agastasi wakhupha
isimemezelo sokuthi abantu babalwe kulolonke ilizwe
lombuso wamaRoma. **2** (Lokhu kwakuyikubalwa
kwabantu kokuqala okwenzakala uKhwirinu engumbusi
wase-Asiriya.) **3** Wonke umuntu waya edolobheni lakibo
wayabhalisa. **4** UJosefa laye wahamba esuka edolobheni
leNazaretha eseGalile waya eJudiya, eBhethilehema
idolobho likaDavida, ngoba wayengowendlu losendo
lukaDavida. **5** Waya khona ukuyabhalisa eloMariya,
owayesethembise ukwendela kuye, esekhulelwe. **6** Bathi
bekhonale safika isikhathi sokubelethwa komntwana, **7**
wazibula ngendodana. Wayigoqela ngamalembu,
wayilalisa emkolweni wokudlela izifuyo ngoba
babengelandawo endlini yezihambi. **8** Kwakulabelusi
ababehlala emlageni eduze kwalapho, belinda imihlambi

yabo yezimvu ebusuku. **9** Ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kubo, inkazimulo yeNkosi yakhanya ibazingelezile, ngakho besaba kakhulu. **10** Kodwa ingilosi yathi kubo, “Lingesabi. Ngizolitshela izindaba ezinhle ezizaletha intokozo enkulu ebantwini bonke. **11** Lamuhla lizalelwe uMsindisi emzini kaDavida; unguKhristu iNkosi. **12** Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini: Lizathola umntwana egoqelwe ngamalembu elele emkolweni.” **13** Masinyane kwaqhamuka ixuku lebandla lasezulwini lengilosi lidumisa uNkulunkulu lisithi, **14** “Udumo kuNkulunkulu emazulwini aphezulu, lokuthula emhlabeni kulabo abathole umusa kuye.” **15** Kwathi izingilosi sezibatshiyile zabuyela ezulwini, abelusi bakhulumisana bathi, “Kasihambeni siye eBhethilehema siyobona into le esiyenzakele, iNkosi esisitshele ngayo.” **16** Bahle basuka ngokuphangisa, bafica uMariya loJosefa losane olwalulele emkolweni wokudlela izifuyo. **17** Bathi sebembonile umntwana, batshela abanengi ngalokho ababekutshelwe mayelana lomntwana lo, **18** kwathi bonke abalizwayo bamangaliswa yilokho abakuzwa ngabelusi. **19** Kodwa uMariya wazenza igugu zonke lezizinto wazishicilela enhliziyweni yakhe. **20** Abelusi babuyela, bedumisa njalo bebabaza uNkulunkulu ngezinto zonke ababezizwile njalo bazibona, zaba yikho kanye ababekutsheliwe. **21** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, sekuyisikhathi sokuthi asokwe, wethiwa ibizo elithi nguJesu, ibizo ayelithiwe yingilosi engakabunjwa esiswini. **22** Kwathi lapho sesiphelile isikhathi sabo sokuhlanjululwa ngokomthetho kaMosi, uJosefa loMariya bamusa eJerusalema ukuyamnikela

eNkosini **23** (njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni weNkosi
ukuthi, “Lonke izibulo lesilisa kumele linikelwe
eNkosini”), **24** njalo kwenziwe umhlatshelo kulandelwa
lokho okutshiwo nguMthetho weNkosi othi: “amajuba
amabili loba inkwilimba ezisesezincane ezimbili.” **25**
Kwakukhona eJerusalema indoda eyayithiwa
nguSimiyoni, yayilungile njalo ikholwa. Yayilindele
ukududuzwa kuka-Israyeli, njalo uMoya oNgcwele
wawuphezu kwayo. **26** Kwakwambuliwe kuye nguMoya
oNgcwele ukuthi wayengayikufa engakaboni uKhristu
weNkosi. **27** Waholwa nguMoya wangena emagumeni
ethempeli. Kwathi abazali sebemlethile umntwana uJesu
ukumenzela lokho okwakufunwa ngumkhuba
woMthetho, **28** uSimiyoni wamgona ngezingalo zakhe
wadumisa uNkulunkulu esithi: **29** “Thixo, Nkosi,
njengoba wavele wathembisa, manje-ke iyekele ihambe
ngokuthula inceku yakho. **30** Ngoba amehlo ami
aseyibonile insindiso yakho, **31** oyilungisileyo phambi
kwezizwe zonke, **32** ukukhanya kokwambulela abeZizwe
lokwenkazimulo yabantu bakho bako-Israyeli.” **33** Oyise
lonina womntwana bamangala kakhulu ngalokho
okwakukhulunywa ngaye. **34** USimiyoni wasebabusisa,
wathi kuMariya unina: “Umntwana lo umiselwe ukuwa
lokuvuka kwabanengi ko-Israyeli, lokuba yisibonakaliso
esizagconwa, **35** ukwenzela ukuthi imicabango yabanengi
ivele obala. Njalo inkemba izawugwaza umphefumulo
wakho lawe.” **36** Kwakukhona njalo umphrofethikazi, u-
Ana, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesizwana sika-
Asheri. Wayesemdala kakhulu: wayephile lomkakhe

okweminyaka eyisikhombisa ngemva kokwenda kwakhe,
37 wasesiba ngumfelokazi waze waba leminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane. Kazange lanini
asuke ethempelini kodwa wayekhonza ubusuku lemini,
ezila njalo ekhuleka. **38** Wabuya kubo ngalesosikhathi
wabonga kuNkulunkulu, wakhuluma ngomntwana kubo
bonke ababelindele ukuhlengwa kweJerusalema. **39**
Kwathi lapho uJosefa loMariya sebekwenzile konke
okwakufuneka ngoMthetho weNkosi babuyela eGalile,
edolobheni lakibo elaseNazaretha. **40** Umntwana
wakhula, waqina; wagcwala inhlakanipho, njalo umusa
kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe. **41** Iminyaka yonke
abazali bakhe baya eJerusalema belanda uMkhosi
wePhasika. **42** Kwathi eseleminyaka elitshumi lambili
baya emkhosini njengenjayelo. **43** Kwathi uMkhosi
usuphelile, abazali bakhe sebebuyela ekhaya, umfana
uJesu wasala eJerusalema, kodwa bona belibele. **44**
Bazihambela ilanga lonke bona becabanga ukuthi ukhona
edwendweni lwabo. Basebeqalisa ukumdinga phakathi
kwezihlobo zabo labangane. **45** Bathi sebemswele
babuyela eJerusalema bayamdinga. **46** Ngemva kwensuku
ezintathu bamfumana emagumeni ethempeli ehlezi
phakathi kwabafundisi elalele njalo ebabuza imibuzo. **47**
Wonke umuntu owamuzwayo wamangala ngokuzwisisa
kwakhe kanye lempendulo zakhe. **48** Abazali bakhe bathi
bembona bamangala kakhulu. Unina wathi kuye,
“Ndodana, kungani usinqinekisa kangaka? Uyihlo lami
besesikhathazekile sikudinga.” **49** Yena wabuza wathi,
“Belivele lingidingelani kanti? Belingazi yini ukuthi

bekumele ngibe sendlini kaBaba?” **50** Kodwa kabazwisisanga lokho ayekutsho kubo. **51** Wasehamba labo eNazaretha wahlala ebalalela. Kodwa unina wazenza igugu zonke lezi izinto enhliziyweni yakhe. **52** UJesu wakhula ngenhlakanipho, langomzimba langokuthandwa nguNkulunkulu labantu.

3 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kukaThibheriyasi Khesari ngesikhathi uPhontiyasi Philathu engumbusi eJudiya, uHerodi engumbusi eGalile, umfowabo uFiliphu engumbusi wase-Ithuriya leThrakhonithi, njalo loLisaniya engumbusi wase-Abhilene **2** ngesikhathi leso u-Anasi loKhayifasi bengababaphristi abakhulu, kwafika ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kuJohane indodana kaZakhariya esenkangala. **3** Wawuhamba wonke umango waseJodani, etshumayela ubhaphathizo lokuphenduka ukuze izono zithethelelwe. **4** Njengoba kulotshiwe encwadini yamazwi ka-Isaya umphrofethi: “Ilizwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala, ‘Lungisani indlela kaThixo, yenzani indlela zakhe ziqonde. **5** Zonke izigodi zizagcwaliswa, izintaba zonke lamaqaqa kuzakwehliselwa phansi. Izindlela zonke ezimazombe zizaqonda, izindlela ezimakhilikithi zizakuba butshelezi. **6** Abantu bonke bazayibona insindiso kaNkulunkulu.’” **7** UJohane wathi emaxukwini abantu ababuya ukuzobhaphathizwa nguye, “Lina nzalo yezinyoka! Lilimukiswe ngubani ukuthi libalekele ulaka oluzayo na? **8** Thelani izithelo ezihambelana lokuphenduka. Njalo lingaqali ukuzitshela ukuthi, ‘Silo-Abhrahama ongubaba wethu.’ Ngoba

ngilitshela ukuthi kuwonala amatshe uNkulunkulu angamenzela u-Abhrahama abantwana. **9** Ihloka selivele selisezimpandeni zezihlahla, njalo zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezilungileyo zizaganyulwa, ziphoselwe emlilweni." **10** Abantu bambuza bathi, "Pho kumele senzeni?" **11** UJohane waphendula wathi, "Leyondoda elamajazi amabili kayimuphe ongelalo elinye lalowo olokudla kenze njalo." **12** Labathelisi labo beza ukuzabhaphathizwa. Babuza bathi, "Mfundisi, kumele senzeni?" **13** Wabatshela wathi, "Lingathelisi ledlulise okufunekayo." **14** Abanye abebutho bambuza bathi, "Thina-ke senzeni?" Waphendula wathi, "Lingancindezeli ukuthi liphiwe imali njalo lingabeki muntu umlandu wamanga njalo lisuthiseke ngomholo wenu." **15** Abantu babehlezi belindele njalo bonke babezibuza ezinhliziyweni zabo ingabe uJohane wayenguye yini uKhristu. **16** UJohane wabaphendula bonke wathi, "Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi. Kodwa yena olamandla kulami uyeza, akungilinganange ukuthukulula imichilo yamanyathela akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo. **17** Isitsha sakhe sokwela sisesandleni sakhe ukuba athanyele isiza sakhe njalo abuthele amabele akhe esiphaleni, kodwa uzatshisa amakhoba ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo." **18** Waphinda walaya abantu ngamanye amazwi amanengi njalo watshumayela kubo ivangeli. **19** Kodwa kwathi uJohane esekhuze uHerodi umbusi ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umkamfowabo, langezinye izinto ezimbi ayezenzile, **20** uHerodi wakuhlanganisa lokhu konke: Wamvalela

uJohane entolongweni. **21** Kwathi bonke abantu bebhaphathizwa, loJesu laye wabhaphathizwa. Wathi ekhuleka izulu lavuleka **22** uMoya oNgcwele wehlela kuye elesimo sejuba. Kweza ilizwi livela ezulwini lathi: “Wena uyiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngawe.” **23** UJesu wayeseleminyaka engaba ngamatshumi amathathu eqalisa umsebenzi wakhe wokutshumayela. Kwakukhunjulwa ukuthi uyindodana kaJosefa, indodana kaHeli, **24** indodana kaMathathi, indodana kaLevi, indodana kaMeliki, indodana kaJanayi, indodana kaJosefa, **25** indodana kaMathathiyasi, indodana ka-Amosi, indodana kaNahumi, indodana ka-Esili, indodana kaNagayi, **26** indodana kaMahathi, indodana kaMathathiyasi, indodana kaSemeyini, indodana kaJoseki, indodana kaJoda, **27** indodana kaJohanani, indodana kaResa, indodana kaZerubhabheli, indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, indodana kaNeri, **28** indodana kaMeliki, indodana ka-Adi, indodana kaKhosamu, indodana ka-Elimadami, indodana ka-Eri, **29** indodana kaJoshuwa, indodana ka-Eliyezeri, indodana kaJorimu, indodana kaMathathi, indodana kaLevi, **30** indodana kaSimiyoni, indodana kaJuda, indodana kaJosefa, indodana kaJonami, indodana ka-Eliyakhimu, **31** indodana kaMeleya, indodana kaMena, indodana kaMathatha, indodana kaNathani, indodana kaDavida, **32** indodana kaJese, indodana ka-Obhedi, indodana kaBhowazi, indodana kaSalimoni, indodana kaNashoni, **33** indodana ka-Aminadabi, indodana kaRamu, indodana kaHezironi, indodana kaPherezi, indodana kaJuda, **34** indodana

kaJakhobe, indodana ka-Isaka, indodana ka-Abhrahama, indodana kaThera, indodana kaNahori, **35** indodana kaSerugi, indodana kaRewu, indodana kaPhelegi, indodana ka-Ebha, indodana kaShela, **36** indodana kaKhayinani, indodana ka-Ariphazadi, indodana kaShemu, indodana kaNowa, indodana kaLameki, **37** indodana kaMethusela, indodana ka-Enoki, indodana kaJaredi, indodana kaMahalaleli, indodana kaKhenani, **38** indodana ka-Enoshi, indodana kaSethi, indodana ka-Adamu, indodana kaNkulunkulu.

4 UJesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wasuka evela eJodani wasekhokhelwa nguMoya wamusa enkangala, **2** lapho alingwa khona nguSathane okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane. Kadlanga lutho ngalezonsuku, ekupheleni kwazo, wayeselambile. **3** USathane wathi kuye, "Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshela ilitshe leli ukuthi liphenduke libe yisinkwa." **4** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela.'" **5** USathane wamholela endaweni ephakemeyo wamtshengisa ngesikhathi esifitshane yonke imibuso yomhlaba. **6** Wasesithi kuye, "Ngizakunika amandla lenkazimulo yayo yonke ngoba kuphiwe mina njalo ngingapha loba ngubani engifuna ukumupha. **7** Ungangikhonza konke kuzakuba ngokwakho." **8** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Khonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho njalo usebenzele yena yedwa.'" **9** USathane wamholela eJerusalema wayamisa engqongeni yethempeli. Wathi kuye "Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziphosele phansi usuka lapha. **10** Kalokho

kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Uzayala izingilosi zakhe ngawe ukuthi
zikulondoloze ngokunanzelela; **11** zizakuphakamisa
ezandleni zazo, ukuze ungatshayeki ngonyawo lwakho
elitsheni.’” **12** UJesu waphendula wathi “Kuthiwa
khona, ‘Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.’” **13**
Kwathi uSathane eseqedile ukumlinga konke wamtshiya
walindela ukuzamlinga njalo ngesinye isikhathi. **14**
UJesu wabuyela eGalile elamandla kaMoya, izindaba
ngaye zanda kuwo wonke umango. **15** Wafundisa
emasinagogweni abo, abantu bonke bamdumisa. **16** Waya
eNazaretha lapho akhulela khona kwathi ngeSabatha
waya esinagogweni njengenjayelo yakhe. Wasukuma
wabala. **17** Umqulu womphrofethi u-Isaya wedluliselwa
kuye. Wawutshombulula wafumana indawo okulotshwe
khona kwathiwa: **18** “Umoya kaThixo uphezu kwami,
ngoba uThixo ungigcobile ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba
ezinhle kwabampofu. Ungithumile ukuba ngimemezele
ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo lokusiliswa kweziphofu
ukuthi zibone, ukukhululwa kwabancindezelweyo,
19 lokumemezela umnyaka womusa kaThixo.” **20**
Wasewugoqa, wawubuyisela esikhonzini sebandla,
wahlala phansi. Amehlo abo bonke esinagogweni
athi nhlo kuye, **21** waseqalisa ngokuthi kubo,
“Lamhla umbhalo usugcwalisekile lizizwela.” **22** Bonke
bakhuluma kuhle ngaye bemangaliswa ngamazwi
amnandi ayephuma emlonyeni wakhe. Babuzana besithi,
“Kanti lo kasindodana kaJosefa na?” **23** UJesu wathi
kubo, “Ngeqiniso lizasitsho kimi lesi isaga esithi:
‘Nyanga, zelaphe! Yenza lapha edolobheni lakini lokho

esizwa kuthiwa wakwenza eKhaphenawume.'" **24** Waqhubeka wathi, "Ngiqinisile ngithi kakulamphrofethi oyamukelekayo edolobheni lakibo. **25** Ngiyaqinisa kini ukuthi babebanengi abafelokazi ko-Israyeli ngesikhathi sika-Elija, lapho umkhathi wavaleka okweminyaka emithathu elengxenye kwaba lendlala enzima elizweni lonke. **26** Kodwa u-Elija kazange athunywe lakoyedwa wabo, ngaphandle komfelokazi waseZarefathi emangweni waseSidoni. **27** Babebanengi ko-Israyeli ababelobulephero ngesikhathi sika-Elisha umphrofethi, kodwa munye kuphela phakathi kwabo owahlanjululwayo, uNamani waseSiriya." **28** Bonke abantu ababesesinagogweni bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu. **29** Basukuma, bamtshovela phandle kwedolobho bamusa eliweni loqaqa okwakwakhelwe kulo idolobho beqonde ukumsunduzela phansi edongeni. **30** Kodwa wasuka wahamba wadabula phakathi kwexuku labantu. **31** Wasesiya eKhaphenawume, idolobho elaliseGalile, kwathi ngeSabatha wafundisa abantu. **32** Bamangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe ngoba intshumayelo yakhe yayilesisindo. **33** Esinagogweni lapho kwakulendoda eyayiphethwe lidimoni, umoya ongcolileyo. Yaklabalala ngelizwi layo lonke yathi, **34** "Hamba khatshana! Ufunani kithi, Jesu waseNazaretha? Ulande ukuza sibhubhisa na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ungubani, ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu!" **35** UJesu wamkhuza wathi, "Thula! Phuma kuye!" Idimoni layilahla phansi indoda phambi kwabo bonke laphuma lingayilimazanga indoda. **36** Bonke abantu bamangala kakhulu bakhulumisana besithi, "Yikufundisa bani

lokhu? Ulaya imimoya emibi ngegunya langamandla layo iphume!” **37** Zamemetheka izindaba ngaye kuwo wonke umango walapho. **38** UJesu wasuka esinagogweni waya emzini kaSimoni. Uninazala kaSimoni wayegula ebanjwe ngumkhuhlane woqhuqho onzima basebecela uJesu ukuthi amsize. **39** Wasekhothamela kuye wakhuza umkhuhlane lowo wahle waphuma kuye. Yena wathi lothu, waqalisa ukubaphakela. **40** Kwathi ilanga selitshona abantu baletha kuJesu bonke ababe lemikhuhlane eyehlukeneyo, wabasilisa ngokubeka izandla phezu kwalowo lalowo ngamunye. **41** Phezu kwalokho amadimoni aphuma kwabanengi ememeza esithi, “Wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!” Kodwa wawakhuza kazawavumela ukuthi akhulume ngoba ayemazi ukuthi unguKhristu. **42** Emadabukakusa uJesu wasuka waya endaweni ethuleyo. Abantu babemdinga bathi sebefike lapho ayekhona, bazama ukumvimba ukuthi angabatshiyi. **43** Kodwa wathi, “Kumele ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu kwamanye amadolobho, ngoba yikho engakulandayo.” **44** Waqhubeka etshumayela emasinagogweni aseJudiya.

5 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu emi eduze kweChibi laseGenezaretha abantu beminyezelana kuye belalela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, **2** wabona ekhunjini lechibi izikepe ezimbili zitshiywe khonapho ngabagoli benhlanzi ababegezisa omambule babo. **3** Wangena kwesinye isikepe esasingesikaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi akathi gudlu asuke kancane okhunjini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa abantu ehlezi esikepeni. **4** Eseqedile ukukhuluma

wathi kuSimoni, “Gwedla ungene enzikini uphosele omambule bakho ukuze ubambe inhlanzi.” **5** USimoni waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, sisebenze gadalala ubusuku bonke, kodwa kasibambanga lutho. Kodwa njengoba usitsho njalo ngizabehlisa omambule.” **6** Kwathi sebenze njalo babamba inhlanzi ezaba zinengi kwaze kwaqalisa ukudabuka omambule. **7** Basebebiza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza abakhula babo kwesinye isikepe ukuthi bazobelekelela. Beza bazigcwalisa zombili izikepe zathi phamu zaze zaqalisa ukutshona. **8** Kwathi uSimoni Phethro ekubona lokhu wazilahla phansi phambi kukaJesu wathi, “Suka kimi, Nkosi; ngingumuntu oyisoni!” **9** Ngoba yena labakhula bakhe babemangele ngenhlanzi ababezibambile, **10** kwamangalisa njalo uJakhobe loJohane amadodana kaZebhediya, ababe phathisana loSimoni. UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni, “Ungesabi; kusukela manje usuzagola abantu.” **11** Basebedonsela izikepe zabo okhunjini batshiya konke bamlandela. **12** Kwathi uJesu ekwelinye lamadolobho kweza indoda eyayigcwele ubulephero. Yathi ibona uJesu yathi mbo phansi ngobuso yamncenga yathi, “Nkosi, nxa uthanda ungangihlambulula.” **13** UJesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta indoda leyo. Wathi, “Ngiyathanda. Hlambuluka!” Masinyane nje ubulephero bahle baphela. **14** UJesu waseyilaya wathi, “Ungatsheli muntu kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi ubusunikela umhlatshelo wokuhlanjululwa kwakho owamiswa nguMosi ukuze kube yibufakazi kubo.” **15** Kodwa udumo lwakhe lwanda ngamandla, yikho amaxuku abantu eza ukuzamuzwa

lokusiliswa emikhuhlaneni yabo. **16** Kodwa kanengi uJesu wayesithi nyelele ayesithela ezindaweni ezithuleyo ayekhuleka. **17** Ngelinye ilanga elokhu efundisa, kwakuhlezi khonapho abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho ababephuma emizini yonke yaseGalile abanye bevela eJudiya laseJerusalema. Amandla eNkosi ayekhona kuye ukuze asilise abagulayo. **18** Kwafika amanye amadoda ethwele indoda eyayome umhlubulo ngecansi efuna ukungena laye endlini ambeke phambi kukaJesu. **19** Athi esehlulekile ngenxa yokuminyana kwabantu, akhwela ephahleni, amehlisela phansi ngesikhala amuthi qithi phakathi laphakathi kwabantu phambi kukaJesu. **20** Kwathi uJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi, "Mngane, izono zakho sezithethelelwe." **21** AbaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bakhonona bathi, "Ungubani yena lo umuntu okhuluma ehlambaza na? Ngubani ongathethelela izono ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela?" **22** UJesu wayekwazi abakucabangayo wasebuza wathi, "Kungani linakana izinto ezinje ezinhliziyweni zenu? **23** Yikuphi okulula: ukuthi, 'Izono zakho sezithethelelwe,' loba ukuthi, 'Sukuma uhambe'? **24** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni." Wasesithi kuyo indoda eyome umhlubulo, "Sukuma, thatha icansi lakho uhambe uye ekhaya." **25** Masinyane wathi lothu phambi kwabo, wabutha ayekade elele phezu kwakho waya ekhaya edumisa uNkulunkulu. **26** Wonke umuntu wamangala, badumisa uNkulunkulu. Bamangala kakhulu bathi, "Lamuhla sibone izimanga." **27** Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu waphuma

wasebona umthelisi owayethiwa nguLevi ehlezi endaweni yakhe yokuthelisa. UJesu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela,” **28** uLevi wasukuma watshiya konke wamlandela. **29** ULevi wasesenzela uJesu idili elikhulu endlini yakhe kukhona ixuku labathelisi labanye besidla labo. **30** Kodwa abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho abeqembu labo basola kubafundi bakhe bathi, “Lenzelani ukudla linathe labathelisi kanye lezoni na?” **31** UJesu wabaphendula wathi, “Kakusibo abaphilayo abaswela umelaphi, kodwa ngabagulayo. **32** Kangilandanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa ukubiza izoni ukuba ziphenduke.” **33** Bathi kuye, “Abafundi bakaJohane bazila kanengi bekhuleka njalo labafundi babaFarisi labo benza njalo, kodwa abakho bahlala besidla, benatha.” **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kungenzeka yini ukuzilisa izethekeli zomyeni emthimbeni umyeni eseselazo na? **35** Kodwa sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo; zizazila ngalezonsuku.” **36** Wabatshela umzekeliso lo: “Kakho odabula isichibi esigqokweni esitsha asithungele esigqokweni esidala. Angenzenjalo, uzakuba esesidabule isigqoko esitsha, ikanti isichibi sesitsha kasiyikufanela esidala. **37** Njalo kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emidala. Angenza njalo iwayini elitsha lizaziqhekeza izikhumba iwayini livuze kuthi lemigodla yezikhumba leyo ihle yonakale. **38** Hatshi, iwayini elitsha lithelwa emigodleni yezikhumba emitsha. **39** Njalo kakho othi eseqale wanatha iwayini elidala afune elitsha, ngoba uthi, ‘Elidala lingcono.’”

6 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayedabula emasimini alamabele, abafundi bakhe basebekhwebula izikhwebu

zamabele, bakha bazihlikihlela ezandleni, badla inhlamvu zakhona. **2** Abanye abaFarisi babuza bathi, “Kungani lisenza okungaphandle komthetho ngeSabatha na?” **3** UJesu wabaphendula wathi, “Kalifundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavida lapho yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile? **4** Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu wathatha isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo wadla lokho umthetho owawusithi kudliwe ngabaphristi kuphela. Futhi okunye wakupha abakhula bakhe.” **5** UJesu wasesithi kubo, “INdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi yeSabatha.” **6** Ngelinye iSabatha waya esinagogweni wafundisa, khonapho kulendoda elesandla sokudla esitshwabheneyo. **7** AbaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho babedinga izaba lokubeka uJesu icala, yikho bamlinda ukubona ingabe wayezasilisa ngeSabatha. **8** Kodwa uJesu wakwazi ababekucabanga, wasesithi endodeni yesandla esitshwabheneyo, “Sukuma ume phambi kwabantu bonke.” Lakanye yasukuma yema khonapho. **9** UJesu wasesithi kubo, “Ngiyalibuza, kuyini okusemthethweni ngeSabatha: ukwenza okuhle loba ukwenza okubi, ukusindisa impilo kumbe ukuyibhubhisa?” **10** Wabakhangela wababhoda bonke, wasesithi endodeni leyo, “Yelula isandla sakho.” Yenza njalo, isandla sayo sasiliswa ngokupheleleyo. **11** Kodwa bazonda babheda basebecebisana ukuthi benzeni ngoJesu. **12** Ngelinye ilanga uJesu waphuma waya ewatheni lwentaba esiya khuleka, waba khonale ubusuku bonke ekhuleka kuNkulunkulu. **13** Kwathi sokusile wasebiza abafundi bakhe wakhetha kubo abalitshumi lambili,

wasebaphawula ngokuthi ngabapostoli: **14** uSimoni
(owambiza ngokuthi Phethro), lomfowabo u-Andreya,
uJakhobe, uJohane, uFiliphu, uBhatholomewu, **15**
uMatewu, uThomasi, uJakhobe umfoka-Alifewu, uSimoni
owayethiwa ngumZilothi, **16** uJudasi umfokaJakhobe
loJudasi Iskariyothi, owaba ngumthengisi. **17** Wehla
labo bema esigcawini. Kwakubuthene ixuku elikhulu
elabafundi bakhe njalo kulabantu abanengi bevela
kulolonke elaseJudiya, leJerusalema lasemakhunjini
olwandle eThire leSidoni, **18** ababeze ukuzamuzwa
lokuzakwelatshwa izifo zabo. Labo ababehlutshwa
yimimoya emibi basiliswa, **19** bonke abantu bazama
ukumthinta ngoba amandla ayephuma kuye ayebasilisa
bonke. **20** Wakhangela abafundi bakhe wathi: "Libusisiwe
lina elimpofu, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngowenu. **21**
Libusisiwe lina elilambileyo manje, ngoba lizasuthiswa.
Libusisiwe lina elililayo manje, ngoba lizahleka. **22**
Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belizonda, nxa belibandlulula
njalo belichothoza, bephika ibizo lenu besithi lingcolile,
ngenxa yeNdodana yoMuntu. **23** Thokozani ngalolosuku
liqolotshe ngokuthokoza ngoba mkhulu umvuzo wenu
ezulwini. Ngoba yiyo indlela okhokho babo abaphatha
ngayo abaphrofethi. **24** Kodwa maye kini lina elinothileyo,
ngoba livele selikwamukele ukuhlala kuhle kwenu. **25**
Maye kini lina elidla kamnandi manje, ngoba lizalamba.
Maye kini lina elihlekayo manje, ngoba lizakhala lilile. **26**
Maye kini nxa bonke abantu belincoma, ngoba yiyo indlela
okhokho benu abaphatha ngayo abaphrofethi bamanga."
27 "Kodwa ngiyalitshela lina elingizwayo, ngithi: Thandani

izitha zenu, lenze okuhle kwabalizondayo, **28** libusise labo abaliqalekisayo, libakhulekele labo abalihlukuluzayo. **29** Umuntu angakutshaya esihlathini, muphe esinye. Umuntu angakwemuka ijazi lakho ungamaleli ukuthatha leyembe. **30** Phanini loba ngubani ocela kini, njalo nxa umuntu ethatha ulutho lwakho ungaluthonisi. **31** Yenza kwabanye lokho ofuna ukuthi bakwenze kuwe. **32** Nxa lithanda labo abalithandayo kuphela, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni lazo ziyabathanda abazithandayo. **33** Njalo nxa lisenza okuhle kulabo abalungileyo kini, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni ziyakwenza lokho. **34** Njalo nxa liseboleka labo elizazuza imbadalo kubo, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni ziboleka izoni zilindele ukubhadalwa ngokugcweleyo. **35** Kodwa thandani izitha zenu, lizenzele okuhle, njalo lizeboleke lingalindeli lutho kuzo. Lapho-ke umvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo lizakuba ngamadodana akhe oPhezukonke, ngoba ulomusa kwabangabongiyo labayizigangi. **36** Wobani lesihawu njengoYihlo olesihawu." **37** "Lingahluleli ukuze lani lingahlulelwa. Lingamlahli omunye ukuze lani lingalahlwa. Thethelelani ukuze lani lithethelelwe. **38** Phanini, lani lizaphiwa. Kuzathiwa qithi kini kugcwaliswe phamu, kwagqitshwa, kwakhuhluzwa kwaze kwaphuphuma. Ngoba ngesilinganiso elisisebenzisayo, lani lizalinganiselwa ngaso." **39** Waphinde wabatshela umzekeliso lo, "Isiphofu kambe singakhokhela isiphofu na? Kazizukuwela emgodini zombili na? **40** Umfundi ungaphansi kombalisi wakhe, kodwa wonke osefundiswe ngokupheleleyo usenjengombalisi wakhe. **41** Kungani ukhangela uvava lokhuni oluselihlweni lomfowenu,

unganqinekeli ukhuni olukwelakho ilihlo na? **42** Ungatsho kanjani kumfowenu ukuthi, ‘Mfowethu, wothi ngikukhuphe uvava oluselihlweni lakho,’ kodwa wena usehluleka ukubona ukhuni oluselihlweni lakho na? Wena mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ukhuni oluselihlweni lakho ukuze ubone kuhle nxa usukhupha uvava oluselihlweni lomfowenu.” **43** “Kakulasihlahla esihle esithela izithelo ezimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasitheli izithelo ezinhle. **44** Isihlahla sinye ngasinye saziwa ngezithelo zaso. Abantu kabakhi umkhiwa ezihlahleni zameva loba amagrebisi esingeni. **45** Umuntu olungileyo uveza izinto ezinhle eziphuma kokuhle okugcinwe enhliziyweni yakhe, njalo lomuntu omubi uphihliza ububi obugcinwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Ngoba umlomo ukhuluma lokho okuphuphuma enhliziyweni.” **46** “Kungani lingibiza lisithi, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi,’ kodwa lingakwenzi engikutshoyo? **47** Lowo oza kimi ezwe amazwi ami akwenze akutshoyo, ngizalitshela ukuthi unjengani. **48** Unjengendoda eyakha indlu, yagebha yatshona phansi, yasibeka isisekelo sayo phezu kwedwala. Kwathi kufika isikhukhula, isiphepho sayitshaya indlu, kodwa asaze sayizamazamisa, ngoba yayakhiwe kuhle. **49** Kodwa lowo owezwayo amazwi ami, kodwa angakwenzi akutshoyo, unjengomuntu owakha indlu emhlabathini kungelasisekelo. Umsinga wonela ukuyitshaya leyondlu, yabhidlika yaphela du.”

7 Kwathi uJesu eseqedile ukukhuluma konke lokhu abantu labo besizwa wayangena eKhaphenawume. **2** Khonapho inceku yenduna yekhulu eyayiligugu kakhulu enkosini yayo, yayigula isibangwa lezibi. **3** Induna

yekhulu yezwa ngoJesu yathuma kuye abanye abadala
bamaJuda icela ukuba eze azosilisa inceku yayo. **4**
Bafika kuJesu bamncenga kakhulu bathi, “Indoda le
ifanele ukuthi uyenzele lokhu, **5** ngoba iyasithanda
isizwe sakithi njalo yiyo eyakha isinagogu yethu.” **6**
Ngakho uJesu wahamba labo. Wayengasekhatshana
lendlu lapho induna yekhulu yathuma abangane bayo
ukuyakuthi kuye, “Nkosi, ungazihluphi, akungifanelanga
mina ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami. **7** Yikho
okwenze ngazibona ngingafanele ukuthi ngize kuwe.
Kodwa tshono ilizwi nje inceku yami izasila. **8** Ngoba
mina ngokwami ngingumuntu ongaphansi komthetho,
ngilamabutho angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela ngithi,
‘Hamba,’ ahambe; ngithi kuloyana, ‘Buya,’ lakanye abuye.
Ngithi encekwini yami, ‘Yenza lokhu,’ ikwenze.” **9** UJesu
wathi ekuzwa lokhu wamangala ngaye, wasephendukela
exukwini labantu ababemlandela wathi, “Ngiyalitshela,
kangikaluboni ukholo olukhulu kangaka kanye lako-
Israyeli.” **10** Abantu ababethunyiwe babuyela endlini
bafica inceku isiziphilela. **11** Kungakabi yisikhathi eside
ngemva kwalokhu, uJesu waya edolobheni okwakuthiwa
yiNayini, abafundi bakhe kanye lexuku labantu
elikhulu babehamba laye. **12** Wathi esebanga entubeni
yedolobho, khonapho umuntu ofileyo wayethwelwe
ekhutshelwa ngaphandle. Indodana eyiyo yodwa kunina
njalo unina engumfelokazi. Ixuku elikhulu labantu
bedolobheni lalilaye. **13** Kwathi uJesu embona umfelokazi,
wamhawukela wathi kuye, “Ungakhali.” **14** Wasesondela
wathinta ithala elalilesidumbu, kwathi labo ababelithwele

bema mpo. Wathi, “Jaha, ngithi kuwe, vuka!” **15** Indoda efileyo yavuka yahlala, yasikhuluma, uJesu wayinika unina. **16** Bonke bamangala kakhulu badumisa uNkulunkulu. Bathi, “Umphrofethi omkhulu usevelile phakathi kwethu. UNkulunkulu usefikile ukuzasiza abantu bakhe.” **17** Udumo lukaJesu lwamemetheka kulolonke elaseJudiya lemangweni wakhona. **18** Abafundi bakaJohane bamtshela ngazozonke lezizinto. Wabiza ababili babo **19** wabathuma eNkosini ukuyabuza ukuthi, “Unguye yini ozayo, kumbe silindele omunye?” **20** Amadoda lawo athi efika kuJesu athi, “UJohane uMbhaphathizi usithumile kuwe ukuthi sizobuza sithi, ‘Unguye yini ozayo kumbe silindele omunye’?” **21** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wasilisa abanengi ababelezifo, lemikhuhlane lemimoya emibi, wazivula amehlo iziphofu ezinengi. **22** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Buyelani liyebikela uJohane lokhu elikubonayo lelikuzwayo ukuthi iziphofu zenziwa zibone, abaqhugezelayo bayahamba, abalobulephero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli liyatshunyayelwa kubayanga. **23** Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ongakhubekiyo ngenxa yami.” **24** Sezihambile izithunywa zikaJohane uJesu waqala ukukhuluma labantu ngoJohane esithi: “Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala na? Umhlanga owazunguzwa ngumoya na? **25** Nxa kwakungenjalo, pho lalisiyabonani? Indoda eyayicecile na? Hatshi, labo abagqoka izigqoko ezidulayo bazitike ngezinto ezinhle basezigodlweni. **26** Kodwa kanti kuyini elaphuma lisiyakubona? Umphrofethi yini? Yebo, ngiyalitshela,

omkhulu kulomphrofethi. **27** Lo nguye okulotshwe
ngaye ukuthi: ‘Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi
kwakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.’ **28**
Ngiyalitshela ukuthi kubo abazalwa ngabesifazane kakho
omkhulu kuloJohane; ikanti lowo omncinyane kakhulu
embusweni kaNkulunkulu mkhulu kulaye.” **29** (Bonke
abantu, kanye labathelisi, bathi sebewazwile amazwi
kaJesu bavuma ukuthi indlela kaNkulunkulu yayilungile,
ngoba babebhaphathizwe nguJohane. **30** Kodwa
abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho bayala injongo kaNkulunkulu
ngabo, ngoba babengabhaphathizwanga nguJohane.)
31 UJesu waqhubeka wathi, “Pho ngingabafanisa
lani abantu besizukulwane lesi? Bafanana lani? **32**
Banjengabantwana behlezi emkambo bememeza abanye
besithi: ‘Salitshayela umhubhe, kodwa kaligidanga,
salihlabelela ingoma yesililo, kodwa kalililanga.’ **33** Ngoba
uJohane uMbhaphathizi weza engadli isinkwa njalo
enganathi iwayini, lina lithi, ‘Uledimoni.’ **34** INdodana
yoMuntu yafika yadla, yanatha, laselisithi, ‘Nansi isidli
lesidakwa, umngane wabathelisi lezoni.’ **35** Kodwa
ukuhlakanipha kuziveza ukuthi kuqondile ebantwaneni
bakho bonke.” **36** Omunye wabaFarisi wanxusa uJesu
ukuzakudla laye isidlo sakusihlwa, ngakho waya endlini
yalowo mFarisi wahlala etafuleni. **37** Kwathi owesifazane
othile owayephila impilo yesono kulelodolobho esezwile
ukuthi uJesu wayesidla endlini yomFarisi weza ephethe
imbodlela yamakha, **38** kwathi esemi ngemva kukaJesu
ngasezinyaweni ekhala, wamanzisa inyawo zakhe
ngezinyembezi. Wasezesula inyawo zikaJesu ngenwele

zakhe, wazanga wasethela amakha kuzo. **39** Kwathi lowomFarisi owayemnxusile ekubona lokho wazitshela wathi, “Aluba indoda le ibingumphrofethi, ibizakwazi ukuthi ngubani oyibambabambayo lokuthi umfazi lo uyisoni.” **40** UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Simoni, kukhona engifuna ukukutshela khona.” Wathi, “Ngitshela, mfundisi.” **41** “Amadoda amabili ayelesikwelede semali kumeboleki wemali. Oyedwa wayelesikwelede samadenari angamakhulu amahlanu, omunye esamatshumi amahlanu. **42** Bobabili babengelayo imali yokumbhadala, ngakho wasewesula umlandu wabo bobabili. Manje nguphi wabo ozamthanda okudlula omunye na?” **43** USimoni waphendula wathi, “Ngibona kungathi ngulowo owesulelwa isikwelede esikhulu.” UJesu wathi, “Wahlulele kuhle.” **44** Wasephendukela kowesifazane wathi kuSimoni, “Uyambona na owesifazane lo? Ngifikile endlini yakho, kawungiphanga amanzi okugeza inyawo zami, kodwa yena uthambise inyawo zami ngezinyembezi zakhe, wazesula ngenwele zakhe. **45** Kawunganganga, kodwa owesifazane lo selokhu ngingenileyo lapha akemanga ukwanga inyawo zami. **46** Kawuthelanga amafutha ekhanda lami, kodwa yena uthele amakha ezinyaweni zami. **47** Yikho-ke ngiyakutshela ukuthi izono zakhe ezinengi sezithethelelwe, ngoba utshengise uthando olukhulu. Kodwa lowo othethelelwe okuncinyane uthanda kancinyane.” **48** UJesu wasesithi kowesifazane, “Izono zakho sezithethelelwe.” **49** Ezinye izethekeli zasezibuzana zisithi, “Ungubani kanti yena lo oze athethelele izono

na?” **50** UJesu wasesithi kowesifazane, “Ukukholwa
kwakho kukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula.”

8 Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wahambahamba engena
kuleli laleli idolobho lemizi, ememezela izindaba ezinhle
zombuso kaNkulunkulu. Abalitshumi lambili babelaye,
2 kanye labesifazane ababesiliswe emimoyeni emibi
lemikhuhlaneni: uMariya (owayethiwa nguMagadalini)
okwakuphume kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa; **3**
uJowana umkaTshuza, umlawuli wendlu kaHerodi;
uSusana labanye abanengi. Abesifazane laba babebasiza
ngabakuswelayo. **4** Kwathi sekubuthana ixuku labantu
elikhulu labantu besiza kuJesu beqhamuka emadolobheni
atshiyeneyo wabatshela lo umzekeliso: **5** “Umlimi
waphuma wayahlanyela. Wathi elokhu eyihaza inhlanyelo,
eyinye yawela endleleni; yanyathelwa, izinyoni zemoyeni
zayidobha. **6** Eyinye yawela edwaleni, yathi isathi
iyakhula yabuna ngoba yayingelabumanzi. **7** Eyinye
inhlanyelo yawela phakathi kwameva, akhula kanye
layo ayiminyezela. **8** Eyinye inhlanyelo yawela
emhlabathini ovundileyo. Yakhula yathela amabele,
yanda ngekhulu.” Wathi esetsho lokhu wamemeza
wathi, “Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe.” **9** Abafundi
bakhe bambuza ukuthi umzekeliso lowo wawusitshoni.
10 Wathi, “Ulwazi lwemfihlo yombuso kaNkulunkulu
seluphiwe lina, kodwa kwabanye ngikhuluma kubo
ngemizekeliso, ukuze kuthi, ‘loba bekhangele, bangaboni;
loba besizwa, bengaqedisisi.’ **11** Nansi ingcazelo
yomzekeliso: Inhlanyelo iyilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **12**
Labo abasendleleni ngabalizwayo, kodwa uSathane

eze alihluthune ilizwi ezinhliziyweni zabo, ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe. **13** Labo abasokhetheni ngabemukela ilizwi ngentokozo nxa belizwa, kodwa kabalampande. Bayakholwa okwesikhatshana, kodwa kuthi ngesikhathi sobunzima bawe. **14** Inhlanyelo eyawela emeveni imele labo abezwayo, kodwa baqhubeke ngeyabo indlela bakhanywe yizinhlupheko zempilo, inotho kanye lezikholisisayo, bangabe besakhula baphelele. **15** Kodwa inhlanyelo esemhlabathini ovundileyo imele labo abalenhliziyo enhle, elungileyo, abalizwayo ilizwi, baligcine bathi ngokubambelela bathele izithelo." **16** "Kakho olumathisa isibane asifihle ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe asibeke ngaphansi kombheda. Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni ukuze labo abangenayo babone ukukhanya. **17** Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo okungayi kudazululwa, njalo akukho okuthukuziweyo okungayikwaziwa kumbe kuvezwe obala. **18** Ngakho nanzelelani ukuthi lilalela kanjani. Lowo olakho uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho lalokho athi ulakho uzakwemukwa." **19** Unina kaJesu labafowabo beza ukuzambona, kodwa behluleka ukufinyelela kuye ngenxa yokuminyana kwabantu. **20** Omunye wamtshela wathi, "Unyoko labafowenu bakulindele phandle, bafuna ukukubona." **21** Waphendula wathi, "Umama labafowethu yilabo abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balenze." **22** Ngelinye ilanga uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Kasiyeni ngaphetsheya kwechibi." Basebengena esikepeni bahamba. **23** Bathe belokhu behamba yena walala. Kwafika isiphepho echibini isikepe saqalisa ukugalula, baba sengozini embi. **24**

Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, “Nkosi, Nkosi, sesigalula bo!” Wavuka wawukhuza umoya kanye lamagagasi; isiphepho sadeda, kwasekuthula cwaka. **25** Wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi, “Kungaphi ukukholwa kwenu?” Babuzana ngokumangala lokwesaba bathi, “Kanti ungubani lo? Ukhuza kanye lomoya lamanzi kumlalele.” **26** Bagwedla isikepe baya emangweni wamaGerazini, okungaphetsheya kwechibi kusuka eGalile. **27** Kwathi uJesu esehla okhunjini wahlangabezwa yindoda eyayiledimoni iqhamuka ngasedolobheni. Indoda le yayisilesikhathi eside ingavunuli zigqoko, ingahlali endlini, kodwa ihlala emathuneni. **28** Yathi ibona uJesu yahlaba umkhosi yazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe iklabalala ngelizwi elikhulu isithi, “Ufuna ukungenzani, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngiyakuncenga, ungaze wangihlukuluza!” **29** Ngoba uJesu wayeseyale umoya omubi ukuthi uphume kuleyondoda. Izikhathi ezinengi wawumbamba, kuthi loba ebotshwe ngamaketane ezandleni lezinyaweni njalo elindiwe, wayewaqamula amaketane idimoni limuse enkangala. **30** UJesu wambuza wathi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho?” Waphendula wathi, “NginguLigiyoni,” ngoba amadimoni amanengi ayengene kuye. **31** Amncenga ukuthi angawalayi ukuthi ayewolokohlela emgodini ongelamkhawulo. **(Abyssos g12)** **32** Umhlambi omkhulu wengulube wawusidla khonapho eceleni koqaqa. Amadimoni amncenga uJesu ukuthi awavumele ukuyangena engulubeni, laye wawavumela. **33** Amadimoni aphuma endodeni ayangena ezingulubeni, umhlambi wathi zimu usehlela eliweni

lodonga wangena echibini wagalula. **34** Labo ababezelusile bonela ukubona okwasekwenzakele babaleka bayabika edolobheni lemangweni wakhona, **35** abantu basebeqonda khonale ukuyabona okwasekwenzakele. Bathi befika kuJesu bayifumana indoda okwakukhutshwe kuyo amadimoni ihlezi ezinyaweni zikaJesu, igqokile njalo ingqondo isibuyile; besaba kakhulu. **36** Labo ababebonile kusenzakala batshela abantu ukuthi indoda eyayiphethwe lidimoni yasiliswa njani. **37** Kwasekusithi bonke abantu bomango wamaGerazini bamcela uJesu ukuthi kasuke kubo ngoba babekhulelwa yikwesaba. Ngakho wangena esikepeni wahamba. **38** Indoda leyo eyakhutshwa amadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ahambe layo, kodwa uJesu wala wathi, **39** "Buyela ekhaya uyefakaza ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukwenzeleni." Yikho indoda yahamba yafakaza kulolonke idolobho konke uJesu ayeyenzele khona. **40** Kwathi uJesu esebuyile wahlangabezwa lixuku labantu elikhulu, ngoba bonke babemlindele. **41** Indoda eyayithiwa nguJayirosi, umbusi wesinagogu, yeza yazilahla ezinyaweni zikaJesu, imncenga ukuthi eze endlini yayo **42** ngoba indodakazi yayo eyodwa zwi, intombazana eyayileminyaka elitshumi lambili, yayisifa. Kwathi uJesu esesiya khona abantu baminyezela ingathi bazampatshaza. **43** Khonapho kwakulowesifazane owayeseleminyaka elitshumi lambili esopha kodwa kungekho owayengamelapha. **44** Weza ngemva kukaJesu wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe, masinyane nje ukopha kwahle kwaphela. **45** UJesu wabuza wathi, "Ngubani ongithintileyo?" Kwathi ngoba bonke

bephika uPhethro wathi, “Nkosi, abantu bayaminyezelana besondela kuwe.” **46** Kodwa uJesu wathi, “Ukhona ongithintileyo; ngiyazi ukuthi amandla aphumile kimi.” **47** Owesifazane esebone ukuthi uzacina eboniwe weza ethuthumela wazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. Wachaza phambi kwabantu bonke ukuthi kungani wayemthintile uJesu lokuthi wasiliswa njani masinyane. **48** UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusilisile. Hamba ngokuthula.” **49** Kwathi uJesu elokhu esakhuluma omunye weza evela endlini kaJayirasi umphathi wesinagogu, wafika wathi, “Indodakazi yakho isifile. Ungabe usamhlupha umfundisi.” **50** UJesu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wathi kuJayirasi, “Ungesabi, kholwa nje kuphela, izasiliswa.” **51** Wathi esefikile endlini kaJayirasi, kavumelanga muntu ukuthi angene laye ngaphandle kukaPhethro, uJohane loJakhobe, kanye loyise womntwana lonina. **52** Ngalesosikhathi abantu bonke babeqhinqa isililo bekhalela intombazana. UJesu wathi kubo, “Thulani, lingakhali. Kafanga kodwa ulele.” **53** Bamhleka usulu uJesu ngoba besazi ukuthi intombazana yayisifile. **54** Kodwa wayibamba ngesandla wathi, “Mntanami, vuka!” **55** Umoya wayo wabuya, masinyane yasukuma yathi lothu! UJesu wasesithi kabamnike ukudla. **56** Abazali bakhe bamangala, kodwa wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngalokho okwakwenzakele.

9 UJesu wabizela ndawonye abalitshumi lambili wabapha amandla lemvumo yokuthi baxotshe wonke amadimoni, belaphe lemikhuhlane, **2** njalo wasebathuma ukuyatshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu lokuphilisa

abagulayo, **3** Wabatshela wathi, “Lingathwali lutho
kuloluhambo, loba udondolo, isikhwama, loba isinkwa,
imali loba isigqoko sokuntshintsha. **4** Loba yiphi indlu
elingena kuyo, hlalani kuyo lize lisuke kulelodolobho.
5 Nxa abantu bengalemukeli, sukani kulelodolobho
lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu, kube yibufakazi
bokubalahla.” **6** Basebesuka bangena imizi ngemizi,
betshumayela ivangeli njalo besilisa abantu ezindaweni
zonke. **7** Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umbusi wakuzwa konke
lokho okwakusenzakala. Wakhathazeka kakhulu ngoba
abanye babesithi uJohane wayesevusiwe kwabafileyo, **8**
abanye labo bathi u-Elija wayebonakele, kanti abanye
njalo bathi omunye wabaphrofethi bekadeni wayesevukile
waphila. **9** Kodwa uHerodi wathi, “UJohane ngamquma
ikhanda. Pho ungubani-ke lo engizwa izinto ezinje ngaye?”
Wazama ukuthi ambone. **10** Abapostoli sebebuyile babika
kuJesu ngakho konke ababekwenzile. Wasebathatha
waya labo edolobheni elalithiwa yiBhethisayida beyibo
bodwa, **11** kodwa amaxuku abantu ezwa ukuthi ukhonale
basebemlandela. Wabemukela wabatshela ngombuso
kaNkulunkulu, wasilisa labo ababekuswela ukusiliswa.
12 Emini abalitshumi lambili beza kuye bathi, “Wothi
abantu bahambe ukuze baye emadolobheni lasemizini
bayezidingela ukudla lezindawo zokulala ngoba lapha
sisendaweni ekhatshana eyisikhala.” **13** Waphendula
wathi, “Bapheni lina ukudla.” Baphendula bathi,
“Thina silezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili kuphela,
ngaphandle kokuthi sihambe siyothenga ukudla kwabantu
bonke laba.” **14** (Kwakulamadoda angaba zinkulungwane

ezinhlanu khonapho.) Kodwa wathi kubafundi bakhe,
“Bahlaliseni phansi ngamaxuku abantu abangamatshumi
amahlanu ngalinye.” **15** Benza njalo abafundi, wonke
umuntu wahlala phansi. **16** Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu
lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezulwini, wabonga
wazihlephula. Waseziqhubela abafundi ukuba bazabele
abantu. **17** Bonke badla basutha, abafundi basebebutha
bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili imvuthu ezasalayo.
18 Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu wathi ekhuleka ekusithekeni,
abafundi bakhe belaye, wabuza wathi, “Kanti abantu
abanengi bathi ngingubani na?” **19** Baphendula bathi,
“Abanye bathi unguJohane uMbhaphathizi; abanye
bathi ungu-Elija; kuthi abanye njalo bathi ungomunye
wabaphrofethi bekadeni osephila njalo.” **20** Wabuza bona
wathi, “Pho lina-ke? Lithi ngingubani?” Waphendula
uPhethro wathi, “UnguKhristu kaNkulunkulu.” **21** UJesu
wabaqonqosela ukuthi lokhu bangakutsheli muntu.
22 Wasesithi, “iNdodana yoMuntu kumele ihlupheke
kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu
labafundisi bomthetho, njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe,
kuthi ngelanga lesithathu ivuswe kwabafileyo.” **23**
Wasesithi kubo bonke: “Nxa ekhona ofisa ukungilandela
kufanele azidele athwale isiphambano sakhe insuku
zonke angilandele. **24** Ngoba lowo ofisa ukulondoloza
impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, kodwa lowo olahlekelwa
yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayiphephisa. **25** Kumsizani
umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba, kodwa alahlekelwe
loba ancitshwe ubunguye bakhe na? **26** Lowo oyangeka
ngami kanye lamazwi ami, iNdodana yoMuntu izayangeka

ngaye nxa isifikile ngenkazimulo yayo langenkazimulo kaYise lezingilosi ezingcwele. **27** Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi abanye abemi khonapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakawuboni umbuso kaNkulunkulu." **28** Emva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili uJesu ekukhulumile lokho, wathatha uPhethro loJohane loJakhobe waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka. **29** Wathi ekhuleka isimo sobuso bakhe saguquka lezigqoko zakhe zakhazimula njengokuphazima kombane. **30** Amadoda amabili, uMosi lo-Elija, **31** abonakala ecwebezela ngenkazimulo, ekhuluma loJesu. Babekhuluma ngokufa kwakhe okwasekusondele ukuthi kugcwaliseke eJerusalema. **32** UPhethro labakhula bakhe babe lobuthongo kakhulu, kodwa sebephapheme, bayibona inkazimulo yakhe lamadoda amabili ayemi laye. **33** Kwathi amadoda lawo esesuka kuJesu uPhethro wathi kuye, "Nkosi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe izihonqo ezintathu, esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija." (Wayengakwazi lokho ayekutsho.) **34** Wathi esakhuluma, iyezi labuya labagubuzela, baba lokwesaba ekungeneni kwabo eyezini. **35** Ilizwi labuya livela eyezini lisithi, "Le yiNdodana yami engiyikhethileyo; ilaleleni." **36** Ilizwi selikhulumile, uJesu bambona eseyedwa. Abafundi bakugcina ezifubeni zabo lokhu kabaze batshela muntu ngalesosikhathi ngababekubonile. **37** Ngosuku olulandelayo sebehlile entabeni, wahlangabezwa lixuku labantu abanengi. **38** Enye indoda exukwini yamemeza yathi, "Mfundisi, ngiyakuncenga, khangela indodana yami yiyo yodwa umntwana engilaye. **39** Umoya

uyamjuma abeseklabalala; uyamgiqa abhinqike abuye abhubhudle amagwebu emlonyeni. Usuhlezi udlala ngaye nje usufuna ukumbulala. **40** Bengicele abafundi bakho ukuthi bawuxotshe, kodwa behlulekile." **41** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Oh, sizukulwane esingakholwayo, esixhwalileyo, ngihlale lani kuze kube nini ngilokhu ngilibekezelela na? Ilethe lapha indodana yakho." **42** Kwathi lapho umfana elokhu esalethwa kuye idimoni lambhuqa phansi ebhinqika. Kodwa uJesu wawukhuza umoya omubi, wamsilisa umfana wambuyisela kuyise. **43** Bonke bamangala kakhulu ngobukhulu bukaNkulunkulu. Kwathi wonke umuntu esamangele ngalokho uJesu ayekwenzile, wathi kubafundi bakhe, **44** "Likulalele kuhle lokhu esengizalitshela khona: Indodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu." **45** Kodwa kabezwisisanga ukuthi lokhu kwakusitshoni. Kwakufihliwe kubo, yikho kabakubambisisanga, kodwa besaba ukumbuza ngakho. **46** Kwaba lokuphikisana kubafundi ngokuthi ngubani kubo owayezabamkhulu kulabanye. **47** UJesu eyazi imicabango yabo wathatha umntwana omncinyane wamisa eceleni kwakhe. **48** Wasesithi kubo, "Lowo owamukela lo umntwana omncane ngebizo lami wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo. Ngoba lowo onguye omncinyane kulani lonke phakathi kwenu lonke, nguye omkhulu kini lonke." **49** UJohane wathi, "Nkosi, sibone indoda ikhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho sazama ukuyenqaba ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu." **50** UJesu wathi, "Lingamaleli ngoba lowo ongamelani lani ukanye lani." **51** Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele ukuthi

athathwe aye ezulwini, uJesu wazimisela ukuthi aye eJerusalema. **52** Wasethuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe zaya eSamariya emzini othile ukumlungisela ukufika kwakhe; **53** kodwa abantu bakhona kabamemukelanga ngoba wayesedlulela eJerusalema. **54** Kwathi abafundi uJakhobe loJohane bekubona lokho bathi, “Nkosi, uyafuna na ukuthi sibize umlilo uvele ezulwini uzobabhubhisa?” **55** Kodwa uJesu waphenduka wabakhuza **56** Yikho yena labafundi bakhe basebesiya komunye umuzi. **57** Bathi belokhu behamba endleleni, enye indoda yathi kuye, “Ngizakulandela loba ungaze uye ngaphi.” **58** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni zemoyeni zilezidleke, kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu kayilandawo yokufihla ikhanda layo.” **59** Wathi kwenye indoda, “Ngilandela.” Kodwa indoda yaphendula yathi, “Nkosi, akuthi ngiqale ngihambe ngiyengcwaba ubaba wami.” **60** UJesu wathi kuyo, “Yekela abafileyo bangcwabe abafileyo babo, kodwa wena hamba uyememezela umbuso kaNkulunkulu.” **61** Kwathi omunye njalo wathi, “Ngizakulandela, Nkosi, kodwa akuthi kengiyevalelisa abakithi.” **62** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakho othi angabamba ikhuba elima athalaze emuva owufaneleyo umsebenzi oqondane lombuso kaNkulunkulu.”

10 Ngemva kwalokhu iNkosi yakhetha abanye abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili ukuba bamandulele baye kuwo wonke amadolobho lezindawo lezo ayesezazihambela. **2** Wabatshela wathi, “Isivuno sinengi, kodwa izisebenzi zimbalwa. Ngakho celani iNkosi yesivuno ukuthi ithumele izisebenzi ensimini yayo

yokuvuna. **3** Hambani! Ngilithuma linjengamazinyane
ezimvu phakathi kwempisi. **4** Lingathwali isikhwama
kumbe umxhaka loba amanyathela; njalo lingabingeleli
muntu endleleni. **5** Nxa lingena endlini, qalani lithi,
'Ukuthula akube kule indlu.' **6** Nxa kulomuntu woxolo
lapho, ukuthula kwenu kakube kuye; nxa kungenjalo
kuzabuyela kini. **7** Hlalani kuleyondlu, lidle njalo linathe
loba yini abalinika khona ngoba osebenzayo ufanele
aphiwe iholo lakhe. Linganqumi ngezindlu lihlala lapha
lalapha. **8** Nxa lifika edolobheni lamukelwe khona,
dlanini lokho elikuphiwayo. **9** Silisani abagulayo abayabe
belapho, njalo libatshele ukuthi, 'Umbuso kaNkulunkulu
useduze kwenu.' **10** Kodwa nxa lingafika edolobheni
lingemukelwa, yanini emigwaqweni yalo lithi, **11** 'Lalo
uthuli lwedolobho lenu olunamathele ezinyaweni zethu
siyaluthintithela kini. Kodwa yazini lokhu: Umbuso
kaNkulunkulu ususeduze.' **12** Ngiyalitshela, okweSodoma
kuzakuba ngcono ngalelolanga kulokwalelodolobho. **13**
Maye kuwe Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida! Aluba
izimangaliso lezo ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eThire
leSidoni ngabe kudala baphenduka begqoke izigqoko
zamasaka bazithela ngomlotha. **14** Kodwa kuzakuba
ngcono okweThire leSidoni mhla wokwahlulela
kulokuza kuwe. **15** Lawe, Khaphenawume, kambe
uzaphakanyiselwa emazulwini na? Hatshi, uzatshona
phansi uye eHadesi. **(Hadēs g86)** **16** Lowo olalela lina ulalela
mina; lowo olahla lina ulahla mina; kodwa lowo ongalayo
wala yena owangithumayo." **17** Abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lambili babuya bethokoza bathi, "Nkosi,

lamadimoni ayasithobela ngebizo lakho.” **18** Waphendula wathi, “Ngimbonile uSathane esiwa njengombane esuka ezulwini. **19** Ngiliphile amandla okugxoba izinyoka lenkume lokunqoba wonke amandla esitha; kakukho okuzalilimaza. **20** Kodwa lingathatshiswa yikuthi imimoya iyazithoba kini, kodwa thokoziswani yikuthi amabizo enu alotshiwe ezulwini.” **21** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu egcwele intokozo ngoMoya oNgcwele wathi, “Ngiyakudumisa, Baba, Nkosi yasezulwini lasemhlabeni, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo wazambula ebantwaneni abancinyane. Yebo, Baba, ngoba lokhu kwakuyikuthanda kwakho okuhle. **22** Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho owaziyo ukuthi ingubani iNdodana ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ukuthi ungubani ngaphandle kweNdodana lalabo iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo.” **23** Wasephendukela kubafundi bakhe wathi kubo ngasese, “Abusisiwe amehlo abona lokhu elikubonayo lina. **24** Ngoba ngiqinisile ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi lamakhosi babefisa ukubona lokhu elikubonayo, kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa lokhu elikuzwayo, kodwa kabakuzwanga.” **25** Ngesinye isikhathi isazi somthetho saphakama samlinga uJesu. Sabuza sathi, “Mfundisi, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lempilo engapheliyo na?” **(aiōnios g166)** **26** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kubhalweni emthethweni, uwufunda njani?” **27** Waphendula wathi, “‘Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langamandla akho

wonke, njalo langengqondo yakho yonke'; njalo, 'Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena.'" **28** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Uphendule kuhle. Kwenze lokhu, uzaphila." **29** Kodwa wayefuna ukuzigeza, wasebuza kuJesu, wathi, "Kanti ngubani ongumakhelwana wami na?" **30** UJesu waphendula ngokuthi: "Indoda yayihamba iphuma eJerusalema isiya eJerikho, yaqabuka isihlaselwa ngabaphangi. Bayihlubula izigqoko zayo, bayitshaya basebehamba, beyitshiya iqalekile. **31** Kwakulomphristi owayehamba ngaleyondlela, owathi eyibona indoda leyo waceza kwelinye icele. **32** Wenza njalo lomLevi, wafika kuleyondawo wayibona indoda wakhekheleza wedlula. **33** Kodwa umSamariya, wathi ezihambela wafika lapho indoda eyayikhona, wathi eyibona wayizwela usizi. **34** Waya kuyo, wabopha amanxeba ayo, wawathela amafutha lewayini. Waseyikhweza kubabhemi wakhe, wayisa endlini yezihambi, wayinakekela. **35** Ngosuku olulandelayo wakhupha inhlamvu ezimbili zamadenari wazinika umphathi wendawo. Wathi, 'Mgcine, kuzakuthi nxa sengibuya ngizabhadala lezondleko eziyabe zisele.' **36** Ngubani pho kulaba abathathu ombona ukuthi wayengumakhelwane wendoda leyo eyahlaselwa ngabaphangi na?" **37** Isazi somthetho saphendula sathi, "Ngulowo owaba lesihawu kuyo." UJesu wamtshela wathi, "Hamba wenzenjalo." **38** Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe besekuhambeni kwabo, wafika emzini okwakukhona owesifazane othiwa nguMatha, owamamukela ngesihle emzini wabo. **39**

Wayelodadewabo owayethiwa nguMariya, owahlala ezinyaweni zeNkosi elalele lokho eyayikukhuluma. **40** Kodwa uMatha waphazanyiswa yikulungiselela konke okwakumele kwenziwe. Wabuya kuJesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, kawukhathali na ukuthi udadewethu ungitshiye ukuba ngenze ngedwa umsebenzi? Mtshele ukuthi angincedise!” **41** INkosi yaphendula yathi, “Matha, Matha, uhlutshwa njalo ukhathazeke ngezinto ezinengi, **42** kodwa kusweleka into eyodwa. UMariya ukhethe okungcono, okungasoze akwemukwe futhi.”

11 Ngelinye ilanga uJesu wayekhuleka kwenye indawo. Wathi eseqedile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye, “Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengoJohane owafundisa abafundi bakhe.” **2** Wathi kubo, “Nxa likhuleka, alibokuthi: ‘Baba, kalidunyiswe ibizo lakho, umbuso wakho kawuze. **3** Siphe ukudla kwethu kwansukuzonke usuku ngosuku. **4** Sithethelele izono zethu, njengoba lathi sibathethelela bonke abasonelayo. Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni.’” **5** Wasesithi kubo, “Akesithi omunye wenu ulomngane, aye kuye phakathi kobusuku athi, ‘Mfowethu, akungeboleke izinkwa ezintathu, **6** kulomngane wami ophakathi kohambo ozofihla ikhanda kwami, kodwa kangilalutho engingamupha lona.’ **7** Besekusithi osendlini aphendule athi, ‘Ungangikhathazi. Umnyango usukhiyiwe njalo mina labantwabami sesilele. Ngingezake ngivuke ngikuphe loba yini.’ **8** Ngiyalitshela ukuthi loba ubengafuni ukuvuka amuphe isinkwa ngoba engumngane, kodwa ngenxa yokuphikelela kwendoda uzaze avuke amuphe konke akufunayo. **9** Ngakho ngithi kini: Celani lizaphiwa;

dingani lizafumana; qoqodani lizavulelwa. **10** Ngoba
wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa; lowo odingayo uyafumana;
lalowo oqoqoda emnyango uzavulelwa. **11** Ngubani
kini bobaba, okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela inhlanzi
yena ayiphe inyoka? **12** Loba icela iqanda ayiphe
inkume na? **13** Nxa lina, elithi loba libabi likwazi
ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezilungileyo, pho uYihlo
osezulwini uzabapha ngokwengezwe kangakanani uMoya
oNgcwele labo abacela kuye!" **14** UJesu wayexotsha
idimoni elaliyisimungulu. Lathi idimoni seliphumile,
indoda eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma, ixuku labantu
lamangala. **15** Kodwa abanye bathi, "Ukhupha amadimoni
ngoBhelizebhubhi inkosi yamadimoni." **16** Abanye
bamlinga ngokumcela isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. **17**
UJesu wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo: "Umbuso
ongabambananga uyadilika, lendlu engabambananga
iyawa. **18** Nxa uSathane engabambananga, umbuso
wakhe ungema kanjani na? Ngikutsho lokhu ngoba
lithi mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi.
19 Nxa ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhubhi,
pho abalandeli benu bawakhupha ngobani? Ngakho,
bazakuba ngabahluleli benu. **20** Kodwa nxa ngikhupha
amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, kutsho ukuthi
umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. **21** Nxa indoda
eyisiqhwaga ihlome yaphelela, ilinde indlu yayo, impahla
zayo zivikelekile. **22** Kodwa kungahlasela umuntu
olamandla kulayo ayehlule, uyayemuka izikhali ebikade
izithembile, abesezehlukanisela impango. **23** Lowo
ongemanga lami uphikisana lami, lalowo ongabuthi lami

uyachithiza. **24** Lapho umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini,
uyazula enkangala udinga ukuphumula, kodwa nxa
ungakuswela, uyathi ‘Ngizabuyela endlini engaphuma
kuyo.’ **25** Uthi ufika, uthole leyondlu ithanyelwe
yahlanzeka konke kumi kuhle. **26** Ubusuhamba uyethatha
eminye imimoya eyisikhombisa exhwale ukwedlula
wona, ingene ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu
sizakuba sibi kulasekuqaleni.” **27** Kwathi uJesu elokhu
esakhuluma lezizinto, owesifazane wamemeza exukwini
wathi, “Ubusisiwe lowomama owakuzalayo wakondla.”
28 Waphendula wathi, “Kungenani, ababusisiweyo
yilabo abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu baliphile.”
29 Kwathi amaxuku esanda uJesu wathi, “Lesi
yisizukulwane esixhwalileyo. Sidinga isibonakaliso
kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso
sikaJona. **30** NjengoJona owaba yisibonakaliso
kwabaseNiniva, ngokunjalo iNdodana yoMuntu izakuba
njalo kulesisizukulwane. **31** INdlovukazi yaseNingizimu
izavuka ekwahlulelweni kanye labantu balesi sizukulwane
ibalahle ngoba yeza ivela emaphethelweni omhlaba
izokuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni kodwa manje
lowo omkhulu kuloSolomoni usekhona lapha. **32**
Abantu baseNiniva bazasukuma kanye lalesi sizukulwane
ngosuku lokwahlulelwa basilahle ngoba bona baphenduka
ekutshumayeleni kukaJona, kodwa khathesi lowo omkhulu
kuloJona uselapha.” **33** “Kakho olumathisa isibane
abesesibeka ekusithekeni kumbe ngaphansi kwesitsha.
Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni ukuze labo abangenayo
babone ukukhanya. **34** Ilihlo lakho liyisibane somzimba.

Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele
ukukhanya. Kodwa nxa emabi, umzimba wakho lawo
ugcwele ubumnyama. **35** Qaphelani-ke ukuthi ukukhanya
okuphakathi kwenu kakusibumnyama. **36** Ngakho-ke, nxa
umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya kungekho
ingxenye esemnyameni, wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya
njengokukhanya kwesibane kukukhanyisa." **37** UJesu
eseqedile ukukhuluma umFarisi othile wamnxusa ukuthi
azokudla laye; wasehamba wayahlala etafuleni. **38**
Kodwa umFarisi wananzelela ukuthi uJesu kaqalanga
ngokugeza engakadli, kwamangalisa. **39** INkosi yathi
kuye, "Lina baFarisi ligezisa inkezo lomganu ngaphandle
kodwa ngaphakathi ligcwele ubuhwaba lobubi. **40**
Lina bantu abayiziwula! Lowo owenza ingaphandle
kenzanga lengaphakathi na? **41** Ngakho-ke, mayelana
lokungaphakathi kwenu, wobani lomusa kwabampofu,
lapho-ke konke kuzabe sekuhlanzekile kini. **42** Maye kini
baFarisi, ngoba lipha uNkulunkulu okwetshumi kweminti,
lazozonke izithelo zesivande senu, kodwa lidele ukwenza
okulungileyo kanye lokuthanda uNkulunkulu. Kumele
likwenze konke okulungileyo, ukuthanda uNkulunkulu
lokukhipha lokwetshumi. **43** Maye kini baFarisi, ngoba
lithanda izihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogweni njalo
lithanda lokubingelelwa ezindaweni zokuthengisela.
44 Maye kini, ngoba linjengamathuna angakhelwanga,
abantu abahamba phezu kwawo bengazi ukuthi akhona."
45 Omunye wezazi zomthetho wamphendula wathi,
"Mfundisi, nxa usitsho njalo uyasithuka lathi." **46** UJesu
waphendula wathi, "Lani zazi zomthetho, maye kini,

ngoba lethesa abantu ngemithwalo abangeke bayithwale, ikanti lani livele kalithi thika lokuyithwala. **47** Maye kini, ngoba lakha amathuna abaphrofethi, bona ababulawa ngokhokho benu. **48** Lifakaza ukuthi liyakuvuma lokho okhokho benu abakwenzayo; babababulala abaphrofethi, lina-ke selisakha amangcwaba abo. **49** Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu wathi, ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, 'Ngizabathumela abaphrofethi labapostoli, abanye bazababulala abanye babaphathe ngochuku.' **50** Ngakho-ke, lesisizukulwana yiso esizathwala umlandu wegazi labaphrofethi bonke elachithwa kusukela ekudabukeni komhlaba, **51** kusukela egazini lika-Abheli kusiya egazini likaZakhariya owabulawa phakathi laphakathi kwe-alithari lendlu engcwele. Yebo, ngiyalitshela, isizukulwane lesi sizakwetheswa umlandu wakho konke. **52** Maye kini zazi zomthetho, ngoba seliyivalile intuba yolwazi. Lina ngokwenu kalingenanga, laphinda lavimbela labo abebefuna ukungena." **53** UJesu wathi esesuka lapho, abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho baqala ukuphikisana laye kubi, bemthela ngemibuzo, **54** bezama ukumgcona ngokunye ayengakutsho.

12 Ngalesosikhathi sekubuthene ixuku lezinkulungwane zabantu, sebenyathelana, uJesu waqala ukukhuluma kubafundi bakhe esithi, "Qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi, iyikuzenzisa. **2** Kakukho okufihliweyo okungayi kuvezwa obala, lokufihliweyo okungayikwaziwa. **3** Lokho okukhulume emnyameni kuzazwakala emini lithe bha, lalokho obukunyenyezela endlebeni ezindlini zangaphakathi kuzamenyezelwa phezu kophahla

lwezindlu. **4** Ngiyalitshela bangane, lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kungabikhona okunye abangakwenza ngemva kwalokho. **5** Kodwa ngizalitshengisa lowo okumele limesabe: Mesabeni lowo, othi esebulele umzimba, abe lamandla okuwuphosela esihogweni. Yebo, ngithi mesabeni. **(Geenna g1067)** **6** Intaka ezinhlanu kazithengiswa ngendibilitshi ezimbili na? Kodwa kayikho lanye yazo uNkulunkulu ayilibalayo. **7** Ngempela, inwele zekhanda lakho zibaliwe. Lingesabi; lina liligugu ukwedlula intaka ezinengi. **8** Ngiyalitshela, lowo ongivuma phambi kwabantu, iNdodana yoMuntu layo izamvuma phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu. **10** Njalo wonke umuntu okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana yoMuntu uzathethelelwa kodwa lowo ohlambaza uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa. **11** Nxa limiswa phambi kwamasinagogu, phambi kwababusi labaphathi, lingazihluphi ngokuthi lizazivikela lisithini kumbe ukuthi lizakuthini, **12** ngoba uMoya oNgcwele uzalifundisa ngalesosikhathi lokho elifanele likutsho." **13** Omunye emphakathini wathi kuye, "Mfundisi, tshela umfowethu ukuthi angabele ilifa lami." **14** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ndoda, ngibekwe ngubani ukuba ngumahluleli kumbe umlamuli wenu?" **15** Wasesithi kubo, "Qaphelani! Limukani inhlobo zonke zobuhaga; isiqokoqela sempilo yomuntu kasikho ebunengini benotho yakhe." **16** Wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi, "Insimu yenye indoda eyayinothile yaba lenala eyesabekayo. **17** Yasinakana yathi,

‘Kambe ngenzeni? Angilandawo yokubeka amabele ami.’
18 Yasisithi, ‘Nanku engizakwenza. Ngizazidiliza iziphala
zami ngakhe ezinkulu kulalezi, besengithela khona wonke
amabele ami kanye lezinye impahla zami. **19** Ngizazitshela
ngithi, “Usulezinto ezinengi ezinhle njalo ezizakwanela
iminyaka eminengi. Kholisa impilo, udle, unathe
uthokoze.”’ **20** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, ‘Wena
siwula ndini! Ngalobubusuku impilo yakho izathathwa.
Pho ngubani ozazuza lokhu obusuzilungisele khona
na?’ **21** Yikho lokhu okuzakwenzeka kulowo ozibekela
inotho kodwa enganothanga kuNkulunkulu.” **22** UJesu
wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: “Ngakho ngilitshela ukuthi
lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani
kumbe ngomzimba wenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. **23** Impilo
iyakudlula ukudla, lomzimba uyazedlula izembatho.
24 Khumbulani amawabayi, kawahlanyeli, kawavuni,
kawalaso isiphala kodwa uNkulunkulu uyawapha ukudla.
Manje lina liqakatheke okwedlula izinyoni! **25** Ngubani
kini othi ngokukhathazeka angezelele ihola elilodwa
empilweni yakhe na? **26** Njengoba lingeke liyenze linto
encinyane kangaka, lizihluphelani na ngokunengi? **27** Ake
libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani. Kawasebenzi
njalo aweluki. Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi laye uSolomoni
ekucwebezeleni kwakhe kazange acece njengawo. **28**
Nxa uNkulunkulu ececisa kanjalo utshani beganga,
obukhona namuhla, kusasa sebuphoselwa emlilweni,
kambe uzalicecisa kanganani na, lina bokukholwa
okuncinyane! **29** Lingazihluphi ezinhliziyweni zenu
ngokuthi lizakudlani kumbe lizanathani; lingakhathazeki

ngalokho. **30** Ngoba umhlaba wabezizwe uxotshana lezinto ezinjalo, ikanti uYihlo uyazi ukuthi liyazidinga. **31** Kodwa funani umbuso wakhe, zonke lezizinto lizaziphiwa lazo. **32** Lingesabi, mhlambi omncane, ngoba uYihlo uthandile ukulipha umbuso. **33** Thengisani impahla yenu liphe abampofu. Zidingeleni izikhwama ezingagugiyo, inotho ezulwini engayikuphela, lapho okungasondeli khona isela loba impehlane engabhubhisi khona. **34** Ngoba lapho okulenotho yakho khona, inhliziyo yakho layo ilapho." **35** "Gqokani lilindele inkonzo lezibane zenu zihlale zibhebha **36** njengamadoda elindele inkosi yawo ukuba ibuye edilini lomthimba ukuze kuthi nxa ifika iqoqoda aphange ayivulele umnyango. **37** Kuzakuba kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo ezazifica zilindile nxa ifika. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi yona izagqokela ukubaphakela, bona bahlale etafuleni, yona ibaphakele. **38** Kuzakuba kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo ezazifica zilindile loba ingabe ifika ngomlindo wesibili loba owesithathu ebusuku. **39** Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Aluba umninindlu ubesazi ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi isikhathi ubengasoze ayekele indlu yakhe igqekezwe. **40** Lani hlalani lilindile ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika ngesikhathi elingayilindelanga ngaso." **41** UPhethro wabuza wathi, "Nkosi, umzekeliso lo uwuqondise kithi kumbe ebantwini bonke na?" **42** INkosi yaphendula yathi, "Ngubani kambe ongumphathi othembekileyo, ohlakaniphileyo, othi inkosi yakhe imbeke ukukhangela izisebenzi zayo ukuba aziphe isabelo sazo sokudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? **43** Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyo nceku inkosi ezayifica isenza

njalo ekuphendukeni kwayo. **44** Ngilitshela iqiniso, izakumbeka ukuthi aphathe yonke impahla yayo. **45** Kodwa cabanga nxa inceku ingazitshela ithi, ‘Inkosi yami isiphuzile ukubuya,’ ibisiqalisa ukutshaya ezinye izisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane, ibisisidla, inatha idakwe. **46** Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngosuku engacatshangelwa khona langesikhathi inceku engasaziyo. Izayiqumaquma iyiphe indawo phakathi kwabangakholwayo. **47** Leyonceku ethi ikwazi okufunwa yinkosi yayo kodwa ingalindi kumbe ingalungisi lokho inkosi yayo ekufunayo izatshaywa okuzwayo. **48** Kodwa lowo ongaziyo njalo owenza izinto eziholela ekubhujisweni uzatshaywa mbijana. Kulowo ophiwe okunengi, kuzafuneka okunengi kuye; lakulowo ogciniswe okunengi, kuzafuneka okunengi kulalokho.” **49** “Ngilande ukuzalumathisa umlilo emhlabeni, ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe uvele usungunguma! **50** Kodwa ngiseselobhaphathizo okusamele ngilungene, kodwa ngikhathazekile kakhulu kuze kugcwaliseke lokho! **51** Licabanga ukuthi ngalanda ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni na? Hatshi, zwanini, ngalanda ukuzehlukanisa. **52** Kusukela manje bazakuthi bebahlanu emulini behlukane, abathathu bexabana lababili, lababili bexabana labathathu. **53** Bazakwehlukana, uyise axabane lendodana, indodana ixabane loyise, unina lendodakazi, indodakazi ixabane lonina, uninazala axabane lomalukazana, umalukazana loninazala.” **54** Wathi exukwini labantu: “Lithi lingabona iyezi liqhamuka entshonalanga liphange lithi, ‘Izulu lizakuna,’ lakanye line. **55** Kuthi kungavunguza umoya weningizimu lithi, ‘Kuzatshisa,’ lakanye kube

njalo. **56** Bazenzisi! Liyakwazi ukuchaza izibonakaliso zomhlaba lezomkhathi. Kungani pho lingakwazi ukuchaza isikhathi lesi esikuso na? **57** Kungani kanti lingaziboneli lina ngokwenu okuyikho okulungileyo na? **58** Nxa uhamba lalowo okumangalelayo lisiya kumahluleli, zama ngamandla ukuthi liqedelane lisesendleleni, funa akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli abesekudlulisela enxuseni lona inxusa likuthele entolongweni. **59** Ngiyakutshela, kawusoze uphume uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana lokucina lwemali."

13 Bakhona ababelapho ngalesosikhathi abatshela uJesu ngamaGalile uPhilathu axubanisa imihlatshelo yawo legazi lawo. **2** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kambe likhumbula ukuthi amaGalile lawo ayeyizoni kulamanye amaGalile ngoba ahlupheka kanjalo na? **3** Ngithi, hatshi! Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba liphenduke lani lonke lizabhubha. **4** Kumbe labo abalitshumi lasificaminwembili abafayo baze bawelwe ngumphotshongo waseSilowami, licabanga ukuthi babonile okudlula bonke ababehlala eJerusalema na? **5** Ngithi, hatshi! Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba liphenduke lani lonke lizabhubha." **6** Wasebatshela umzekeliso lo wathi, "Indoda ethile yayilesihlahla somkhiwa uhlanyelwe esivinini sayo, yasisiyacinga izithelo kuwo, kodwa yaziswela. **7** Yasisithi kuleyondoda eyayigcina isivini, 'Sekuyiminyaka emithathu ngilokhu ngisiza ngizofuna izithelo kulesisihlahla somkhiwa kodwa ngingatholi lutho. Sigamule! Senzani kambe siqeda ukudla emhlabathini?' **8** Indoda yaphendula yathi, 'Nkosi, ake usiyekele nje

okomnyaka owodwa, kengisihlakulele kuhle ngithele umvundiso. **9** Singathela ngomnyaka ozayo, kuzabe kulungile! Kodwa singangatheli, usungasigamula.'" **10** Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayefundisa kwelinye isinagogu, **11** khonapho kulowesifazane owangenwa ngumoya wamenza waba yisilima okweminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili. Wayegogekile esehluleka ukuhlala aqonde. **12** Kwathi uJesu embona wambizela phambili wathi kuye, "Mama, usukhululwe ekugogekeni kwakho." **13** Wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe, masinyane nje owesifazane watshwaphuluka, waqonda, wasedumisa uNkulunkulu. **14** Umphathi wesinagogu wacunuka ngoba uJesu wayesilise ngeSabatha, wathi ebantwini, "Ziyisithupha insuku zokwenza umsebenzi. Ngakho libobuya lizosiliswa ngalezonsuku, hatshi ngeSabatha." **15** INkosi yamphendula yathi, "Lina bazenzisi! Kalizikhululi yini lonke lapha izifuyo zenu ngeSabatha esibayeni liyezinathisa na? **16** Manje-ke, owesifazane lo oyindodakazi ka-Abhrahama, obebotshwe nguSathane okweminyaka eminengi, elitshumi lasificaminwembili, lithi kangakhululwa yini ngeSabatha kulokho obekumbophile?" **17** Wathi esekutshilo lokhu, bonke ababephikisana laye bayangeka, kodwa abantu babethokoza ngazozonke izinto ezimangalisayo ayezenza. **18** UJesu wasebuza wathi, "Umbuso kaNkulunkulu ufana lani na? Kambe ngiwulinganise lani? **19** Unjengentanga yemastadi eyathathwa ngenye indoda yayihlanyela esivandeni sayo. Yamila yakhula yaba yisihlahla, izinyoni zemoyeni

zahlala engatsheni zaso.” **20** Waphinda wabuza wathi, “Ngiwufanise lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu na? **21** Unjengemvubelo eyathathwa ngowesifazane wayixubanisa lempuphu enengi, yabila yagcwala inhlama yonke.” **22** UJesu wasehamba engena emadolobheni lemizini efundisa, ejonge ukuya eJerusalema. **23** Omunye wambuza wathi, “Nkosi, ngabalutshwana kuphela abazasindiswa na?” Wathi kubo, **24** “Zamani ngamandla ukuthi lingene ngomnyango omncinyane, ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi abanengi bazazama ukungena kodwa bazakwehluleka. **25** Angavele aphakame umninindlu avale umnyango lizakuma phandle liqoqode lincenga lisithi, ‘Nkosi, sivulele umnyango.’ Kodwa uzaphendula athi, ‘Kangilazi, kangazi njalo ukuthi livela ngaphi.’ **26** Lapho lizakuthi, ‘Sadla lawe, sanatha sonke, njalo wafundisa emigwaqweni yakithi.’ **27** Kodwa uzaphendula athi, ‘Kangilazi, njalo kangikwazi ukuthi livela ngaphi. Sukani kimi, lonke lina benzi bobubi!’ **28** Kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla kwamazinyo nxa selibona u-Abhrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe labo bonke abaphrofethi embusweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa lina ngokwenu lilahlelwe phandle. **29** Abantu bazavela empumalanga lasentshonalanga kanye lasenhla laseningizimu, bathathe izindawo zabo edilini lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **30** Ngempela bakhona labo abangabokucina abazakuba ngabokuqala, labangabokuqala abazakuba ngabokucina.” **31** Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi beza kuJesu bathi kuye, “Suka lapha uye kwenye indawo. UHerodi ufuna ukukubulala.” **32** Waphendula wathi,

“Hambani liyotshela ikhanka lelo lithi, ‘Ngizawaxotsha
amadimoni, ngisilise abantu, lamuhla lakusasa langosuku
lwesithathu ngize ngiyiphethe indima yami.’ **33**
Loba kunjani kumele ngiqhubeke ngohambo lwami
lamuhla lakusasa langelanga elilandelayo, ngoba
ngempela kakho umphrofethi ongafela ngaphandle
kweJerusalema! **34** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena
obulala abaphrofethi, ubakhande ngamatshe labo
abathunywe kuwe, sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa
ndawonye abantwabakho, njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa
amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso, kodwa
wawulokhu ungafuni! **35** Khangela, indlu yakho isitshiywe
ilunxiwa. Ngiyalitshela, kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi,
‘Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo leNkosi.’”

14 Ngelinye iSabatha uJesu wayakudla endlini yomFarisi
owayedume kakhulu, babemkhangele kakhulu. **2**
Phambi kwakhe khonapho kwakulendoda eyayilesifo
sikambizankulu, esivuvukisa izitho. **3** UJesu wasebuza
abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho wathi, “Kusemthethweni
yini ukusilisa ngosuku lweSabatha kumbe hatshi?”
4 Kodwa bathula. Ngakho waseyibamba indoda leyo
wayisilisa wathi kayihambe. **5** Wasebabuza wathi,
“Nxa omunye wenu elendodana loba inkabi yakhe
ewele emgodini ngeSabatha, kayikuphanga ayikhuphe
masinyane na?” **6** Baswela ukuthi bathini. **7** Wananzelela
ukuthi izethekeli zazikhetha izindawo eziqakathekileyo
etafuleni wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi: **8** “Nxa
omunye ekunxusa edilini lomthimba, ungaze wathatha
indawo eqakathekileyo funa kunxuswe umuntu omkhulu

kulawe. **9** Nxa kunjalo umalinxusa uzakuza athi kuwe, ‘Ake uxekele lo omunye isihlalo sakho.’ Uzabe usuyangekile ususiyahlala endaweni ephansi kakhulu. **10** Kodwa nxa unxusiwe, hlala endaweni ephansi kakhulu ukuze kuthi nxa umakunxusa efika kuwe athi, ‘Mngane, sukuma uye endaweni engcono.’ Lapho-ke, uzabe uphakanyisiwe phambi kwabo bonke abanxuswe kanye lawe. **11** Ngoba wonke umuntu oziphakamisayo uzakwehliswa, kuthi lowo ozehlisayo aphakanyiswe.” **12** UJesu wasesithi emanxuseni, “Nxa usenza idili emini loba kusihlwa unganxusi abangane bakho loba abafowenu kumbe izihlobo kumbe omakhelwane abanothileyo; ungenza njalo labo bangakunxusa, kuthi-ke lawe usuwenanisiwe. **13** Kodwa nxa usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima, izigoga, iziphofu, **14** lapho uzabusiswa. Loba bengasoze bakwenanise lawe, uzakwenaniswa ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo.” **15** Kwathi omunye walabo abahlezi etafuleni laye esekuzwile lokhu, wathi kuJesu, “Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ozakudla edilini embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” **16** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Umuntu othile wayesenza idili elikhulu ngakho wanxusa abantu abanengi. **17** Sekuyisikhathi sedili wathuma isisebenzi sakhe ukuyatshela ababenxusiwe ukuthi, ‘Wozani, konke sekulungile.’ **18** Kodwa bonke baqala ukuxolisa. Owokuqala wathi, ‘Ngisanda kuthenga isivande ngakho kusamele ngiyesibona. Ngicela ungixolisele.’ **19** Omunye wathi, ‘Khathesi nje ngisanda kuthenga izipani ezinhlanu zenkabi, ungifica ngivele ngisendleleni yokuyazihlola. Ngicela ungixolisele.’ **20** Omunye njalo wathi, ‘Ngisanda

kutshada nje khathesi ngakho angingeke ngize.’ **21** Inceku yabuya yakubika konke lokhu enkosini yayo. Inkosi yathukuthela yasilaya inceku yayo yathi, ‘Hamba khathesi, uye ezitaladini lemikotweni yedolobho umeme abayanga, abagogekileyo, iziphofu labaqhulayo.’ **22** Inceku yathi, ‘Nkosi, lokho okulayileyo sokwenziwe kodwa indawo isesekhona.’ **23** Inkosi yatshela inceku yayo yathi, ‘Hamba uye emigwaqweni lasezindleleni zemaphandleni uze labo ukuze indlu yami igcwale. **24** Ngiyalitshela kakho loyedwa walabo bantu ababenxusiwe ozalizwa idili lami.’” **25** Abantu abanengi babehamba loJesu, wasephendukela kubo wathi: **26** “Nxa umuntu esiza kimi, kodwa engeke azonda uyise lonina, umkakhe labantwana, abafowabo labodadewabo, kanye lempilo yakhe uqobo, ngeke abe ngumfundi wami. **27** Lowo ongathwali isiphambano sakhe angilandele ngeke abe ngumfundi wami. **28** Akesithi omunye wenu afune ukwakha umphotshongo. Kambe kazukuqala ahlale phansi abalise indleko ukuze abone ingabe ulayo yini imali yokuwuqeda na? **29** Ngoba engakha isisekelo, kodwa ehluleke ukusiqeda, wonke okubonayo uzamhleka, **30** esithi, ‘Indoda le yaqalisa ukwakha, kodwa yehluleka ukuqeda.’ **31** Kumbe sithi inkosi ilungisela ukuya empini isilwa lenye inkosi. Kayizukuqala ihlale phansi yini ihluzisise engqondweni ingabe yona ngamabutho ayo azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ingaqondana laleyo elezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili na? **32** Nxa ingeyikuma, izathuma amanxusa kuleyana isesekude icele uxolo. **33** Ngaleyondlela, loba ngubani phakathi kwenu ongadeli konke alakho ngeke abe ngumfundi wami.

34 Itswayi lilungile kodwa lingalahlekelwa yibumunyu
balo, lingavuselelwa kanjani na? **35** Kaliwulungelanga
lomhlabathi loba inqumbi yomvundiso kodwa liyalahlwa.
Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe."

15 Ngalesosikhathi kwasekubuthana kuye abathelisi
lezoni ukuzokuzwa imfundiso yakhe. **2** Kodwa
abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bakhonona bathi,
"Umuntu lo wemukela izoni adle lazo." **3** UJesu
wasebatshela umzekeliso lo, wathi: **4** "Ake kuthiwe
omunye wenu ulezimvu ezilikhulu besekulahleka
eyodwa kuzo. Kazukuzitshiya yini lezo ezingamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye khonale
egangeni ayidinge leyo elahlekileyo aze ayithole
na? **5** Kuthi lapho eseyitholile ayithwale emahlombe
ngokuthokoza **6** aye layo ekhaya. Abesebiza
abangane bakhe labomakhelwane athi, 'Thokozani lami;
sengiyitholile imvu yami ebilahlekile.' **7** Ngilitshela
ukuthi ngaleyondlela kuzakuba lokuthokoza ezulwini
ngokuphenduka kwesoni esisodwa okudlula labobantu
abalungileyo abangamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye abangakudingiyo ukuphenduka."
8 "Kumbe kuthi owesifazane elenhlamvu zesiliva
ezilitshumi kulahleke uhlamvu olulodwa. Kalumathisi
yini isibane, athanyele endlini, adingisise kuhle aze
aluthole na? **9** Kuthi eselutholile abize abangane
bakhe labomakhelwane, athi kubo, 'Thokozani lami;
sengilutholile uhlamvu lwami lwesiliva obelulahlekile.'
10 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi ngaleyondlela kulokuthokoza
phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu ngokuphenduka

kwesoni esisodwa.” **11** UJesu waqhubeka wathi:
“Kwakukhona indoda eyayilamadodana amabili. **12**
Encinyane yathi kuyise, ‘Baba, ngipha esami isabelo selifa.’
Ngakho uyise wabehlukanisela impahla yakhe bobabili. **13**
Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana encane yabutha konke
okungokwayo yasuka yaya elizweni elikhatshana, yafika
khonale yayichitha inotho yayo ngempilo yokuxhwala. **14**
Isitshaye yachitha konke, kwaba lendlala enkulu kulolonke
ilizwe, yasiswela kakhulu. **15** Yasisiyadinga umsebenzi
komunye umuntu wakulelolizwe owayisa esiqintini sakhe
ukuyagcina ingulube. **16** Yabona kungcono kuyo ukuthi
ixotshe iphango ngokudla okwakudliwa zingulube, kodwa
kayizange iphiwe lutho langubani. **17** Kwathi lapho
ingqondo yayo isicabanga kuhle, yathi, ‘Kambe zingaki
izinceku zikababa ezidla zizezitshiye kodwa nanku mina
ngifa ngendlala! **18** Ngizasuka ngibuyele kubaba ngifike
ngithi kuye: Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe.
19 Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho;
ngenza ngibe njengomunye wezinceku zakho.’ **20** Ngakho
yaphakama yaya kuyise. Kodwa yathi isesebucwala uyise
wayibona wayizwela isihawu; wagijimela kuyo indodana
yakhe, wayigona, wayanga. **21** Indodana yathi kuye, ‘Baba,
ngenze isono phambi kwezulu lakuwe. Kangisafanelanga
ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho.’ **22** Kodwa uyise wathi
ezincekwini zakhe, ‘Phangisani! Lethani isembatho
esihle ukwedlula ezinye limgqokise. Lifake indandatho
emunweni wakhe, limgqokise lamanyathela ezinyaweni
zakhe. **23** Beseliletha ithole elinonisiweyo lilihlabe.
Asenzeni idili sithokoze. **24** Ngoba indodana yami le

yayisifile, kodwa isiphila njalo; yayilahlekile manje isifunyenwe.' Waqalisa manje umkhosi wokujabula. **25** Sonke lesisikhathi indodana endala yayisensimini. Yathi isibanga endlini yezwa kuhlatshelelwa njalo kugidwa. **26** Yasibiza omunye wezinceku yambuza ukuthi kwakusenzakalani. **27** Waphendula wathi, 'Umfowenu usebuyile, ngakho uyihlo usemhlabele ithole elinonisiweyo ngoba ubuye ephilile, ephelele.' **28** Umnewabo wazonda kakhulu, wala ukungena ngekhaya. Uyise wasephuma esiya kuye ukuyamncenga. **29** Kodwa waphendula uyise wathi, 'Khangela! Iminyaka yonke le bengikusebenzela kanzima njalo kangizange ngeqe imilayo yakho. Kodwa kawuzange ungiphe lokulizinyane kodwa lokhu ukuthi lami kengithokoze labangane bami. **30** Kodwa lokhu kuthi nxa indodana yakho le esitshaye yathintitha inotho yakho lezifebe, isibuyile ekhaya uyihlabele ithole elinonisiweyo!' **31** Uyise wathi, 'Ndodana yami, uhlezi ulami sonke isikhathi njalo konke engilakho ngokwakho. **32** Kodwa bekufanele sithokoze sijabule ngoba umfowenu lo wayesefile, manje usephila njalo; ubelahlekile, usefunyenwe.'"

16 UJesu watshela abafundi bakhe wathi, "Kwakulendoda eyayinothile ilomphathi owetheswa icala lokuthi wayechithachithe inotho yayo. **2** Yambiza yambuza yathi, 'Kuyini lokhu engikuzwayo ngawe? Landisa kuhle ukuthi uhambisa njani izinto ngoba ungeke usaba ngumphathi njalo.' **3** Umphathi wazibuza wathi, 'Ngizakuthini? Inkosi yami isingithathela umsebenzi wami. Kangilamandla okugebha, njalo ngilenhloni zokucela. **4** Ngiyazi

engizakwenza ukuthi nxa ngilahlekelwa ngumsebenzi wami abantu bangamukele ezindlini zabo.’ **5** Ngakho yasibiza labo ababelezikwelede enkosini yayo munye ngamunye yathi, kowokuqala, ‘Isikwelede sakho enkosini yami singakanani?’ **6** Wathi, ‘Ngamalitha amafutha e-oliva azinkulungwane ezine.’ Umphathi wamtshela wathi, ‘Phangisa, thatha incwadi yakho yesikwelede ubhale izinkulungwane ezimbili.’ **7** Yasibuza owesibili yathi, ‘Wena ulesikwelede esingakanani?’ Wathi, ‘Yimigodla yengqoloyi eyinkulungwane.’ Yamtshela yathi, ‘Thatha incwadi yakho yesikwelede ubhale amakhulu ayisificaminwembili.’ **8** Inkosi yamncoma lowomphathi owayeliqili ngoba wayenze ukuhlakanipha. Ngoba abantu balumhlaba balezindledlana zabo zokuhlakanipha ekuphathaneni kwabo ukwedlula abantu bokukhanya. **(aiōn g165)** **9** Ngiyalitshela ngithi, sebenzisani inotho yomhlaba ukuzuza abangane ukuze kuthi nxa isiphelile lamukeleke ezindlini ezimi laphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **10** Lowo othembeke kokuncinyane uzakwethembeka njalo kokunengi, ikanti lowo ongathembekanga kokuncinyane angeke njalo athembeke kokunengi. **11** Ngakho-ke, nxa lingathembekanga ekuphatheni inotho yasemhlabeni, pho ngubani ongalithemba ngenotho yeqiniso na? **12** Njalo nxa belingathembekanga ngempahla yomunye umuntu, ngubani kambe ozalipha impahla ibe ngeyenu na? **13** Kakulanceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa ithande enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeyise enye. Ngezake likhonze uNkulunkulu lemali ngokufanayo.” **14** AbaFarisi ababethanda imali

bakuzwa konke lokhu, bamklolodela uJesu. **15** Wathi kubo, “Yini elizigezayo emehlweni abantu kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazazi inhliziyo zenu. Lokho okuligugu ebantwini kuyisinengiso kuNkulunkulu.” **16** “UMthetho labaPhrofethi kwatshunyayelwa kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaJohane. Kusukela kulesosikhathi izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu ziyatshunyayelwa njalo bonke abantu bazifuqela kuwo. **17** Kungaba lula ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kunyamalale kulokuthi kucitshe ichatha loMthetho elilodwa nje. **18** Loba ngubani olahla umkakhe athathe omunye umfazi uyafeba njalo lendoda ethatha umfazi owalahlwayo iyafeba.” **19** “Kwakulendoda enothileyo eyayigqoka izigqoko zombala oyibubende lezelembu lelineni, iphakathi kobutifitifi insuku zonke. **20** Entubeni yomuzi wayo kwakuhlezi isiceli esasithiwa nguLazaro, sigcwele izilonda emzimbeni, **21** siloyisa ukudla lokho okwakukhithika etafuleni yalesosicebi. Izinja zazifika zikhothe izilonda zaso. **22** Kwafika isikhathi lapho isiceli esafa khona, izingilosi zasithwala zasisa eceleni lika-Abhrahama. Lesicebi laso safa, sabekwa. **23** Esihogweni lapho esasisitsha khona; savusa ubuso sabona u-Abhrahama ekude le, kuloLazaro eceleni kwakhe. **(Hadēs g86)** **24** Sasesimemeza sathi, ‘Baba Abhrahama, ake ungihawukele uthume uLazaro agxamuze umunwe wakhe emanzini athambise ulimi lwami, ngoba ngisebuhlungwini emlilweni lo.’ **25** Kodwa u-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, ‘Ndodana, khumbula ukuthi ngesikhathi usaphila wazuza izinto zakho ezinhle kodwa uLazaro wemukela izinto ezimbi, khangela manje

useduduzwa lapha, ikanti wena ususebuhlungwini. **26** Njalo ngaphandle kwakho konke lokhu, phakathi kwethu lawe kulodonga olukhulu, ukwenzela ukuthi labo abafisa ukuza ngapho besuka lapha behluleke, futhi kakho ongapho ongachaphela ngakithi.' **27** Saphendula sathi, 'Nxa kunjalo-ke, ngiyakuncenga, baba, thuma uLazaro endlini kababa, **28** ngoba ngilabafowethu abahlanu. Ayebaxwayisa ukuze labo bangezi kule indawo yobuhlungu.' **29** U-Abhrahama waphendula wathi, 'BaloMosi labaPhrofethi; kabalalele bona.' **30** Sathi, 'Hatshi, baba Abhrahama, kodwa nxa kusuka umuntu kwabafileyo aye kubo bazaphenduka.' **31** Wathi kuso, 'Nxa bengalalaleli uMosi labaPhrofethi, kabasoze bavume loba omunye angaze avuke kwabafileyo.'"

17 UJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe: "Izinto ezenza abantu benze isono zizakuba khona kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezizafika ngaye. **2** Bekungaba ngcono kuye ukuphoselwa olwandle kubotshelwe imbokodo entanyeni yakhe kulokuba yena akhubekise omunye walaba abancinyane ukuthi enze isono. **3** Ngakho lina ziqapheleni. Nxa umfowenu esenza isono, mkhuze, kuthi nxa ezisola, mthethelele. **4** Nxa engakonela kasikhombisa ngosuku lunye, ebuye kuwe kasikhombisa esithi, 'Ngiyaxolisa,' mthethelele." **5** Abapostoli bathi eNkosini, "Yengeza ukholo lwethu!" **6** Waphendula wathi, "Nxa lilokukholwa loba kukuncinyane njengentanga yemastadi, lingathi kulesisihlahla somabhulosi, 'Quphuka lapha uyowela olwandle,' sizalilalela. **7** Kesithi omunye wenu ulesisebenzi, silima loba siselusa izimvu. Kambe

kungenzeka yini ukuthi nxa isisebenzi singena sivela emasimini athi kuso, ‘Kulungile, hlala phansi udle’? **8** Kambe kayikuqala athi, ‘Lungisa ukudla kwami, ulungele ukungiphakela ngize ngidle, nginathe; ngemva kwalokho lawe usungadla, unathe’? **9** Angasibonga na isisebenzi ngoba senze lokho ebesikuyaliwe na? **10** Kunjalo lani nxa selenzile konke okuthiwe likwenze kufanele lithi, ‘Siyizinceku ezingafanelanga; sesenze kuphela lokho okungumlandu wethu.’” **11** Ngalesosikhathi eseqonde ukuya eJerusalema, uJesu wahamba ngendlela esemngceleni phakathi kweSamariya leGalile. **12** Wathi efika komunye umuzi, wahlangabezwa ngamadoda alitshumi ayelobulephero. Ema bucwala, **13** amemeza ngelizwi elikhulu athi, “Jesu, Nkosi, sihawukele!” **14** Wathi ewabona wathi kuwo, “Hambani liyoziveza kubaphristi.” Athi esahamba ahlambuluka. **15** Omunye wawo wathi ngokubona ukuthi usesilile waphenduka, edumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu. **16** Wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zikaJesu wambonga, yena wayengumSamariya. **17** UJesu wabuza wathi, “Kanti kabahlanjululwanga bonke abalitshumi yini? Bangaphi abanye abayisificamunwemunye na? **18** Ubengekho yini obengabuya azoletha udumo kuNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwalo owezizweni na?” **19** Wasesithi kuye, “Phakama uhambe; ukukholwa kwakho kukusilisile.” **20** Ngesinye isikhathi uJesu ebuzwe ngabaFarisi ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu wawuzafika nini, waphendula wathi, “Umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawuzi ngendlela yokucubungula kwenu ukuma kwezinto, **21** njalo abantu kabayikutsho

bathi, ‘Nanku lapha,’ loba bathi, ‘Nanko laphaya,’ ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu uphakathi kwenu.” **22** Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Siyeza isikhathi lapho elizaloyisa khona ukubona olunye lwezinsuku zeNdodana yoMuntu kodwa kalisoze lilubone. **23** Abantu bazalitshela bathi, ‘Nanguyana laphaya!’ kumbe, ‘Nangu lapha!’ Lingathatheki ngabo. **24** Ngoba ngosuku lwayo iNdodana yoMuntu izakuba njengombane ophazima ukhanyise umkhathi kusukela ngapha kusiyafika ngale. **25** Kodwa kumele iqale ihlupheke ezintweni ezinengi njalo ilahlwe yilesisizukulwane. **26** Njengoba kwakunjalo ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ensukwini zeNdodana yoMuntu. **27** Abantu babesidla, benatha, bethathana njalo besendiselana kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini. Kwasekufika uzamcolo wababhubhisa bonke. **28** Kwakunjalo futhi ngezinsuku zikaLothi. Abantu babesidla, benatha, njalo bethenga, bethengisa, behlanyela njalo besakha. **29** Kodwa ngosuku uLothi aphuma ngalo eSodoma, umlilo lesalufa kwathululeka kuvela ezulwini kwababhubhisa bonke. **30** Kuzakuba njalo langosuku lapho iNdodana yoMuntu ifika. **31** Ngalolosuku kakho ozakuthi ephezulu ophahleni lwendlu yakhe, impahla zakhe ziphakathi, ehle ukuyazithatha. Njalo kakho osensimini ozakuyathatha loba yini. **32** Khumbulani umkaLothi! **33** Lowo ozama ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, lalowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe uzayilondoloza. **34** Ngiyalitshela, kuzakuthi ngalobobusuku abantu bebabili embhedeni omunye uzathathwa, kodwa omunye atshiywe. **35** Abesifazane

ababili bazabe bechola elitsheni ndawonye; omunye uzathathwa omunye atshiywe. [**36** Ababili bazabe besensimini; oyedwa uzathathwa omunye atshiywe.]” **37** Babuza bathi, “Ngaphi, Nkosi?” Waphendula wathi, “Lapho okulesidumbu khona, kulapho okuqoqana khona amanqe.”

18 UJesu wasetshela abafundi bakhe umzekeliso ukubatshengisa ukuthi kumele bakhuleke kokuphela bangadinwa. **2** Wathi, “Kwelinye idolobho kwakulomahluli owayengamesabi uNkulunkulu njalo engakhathaleli muntu. **3** Kwakukhona umfelokazi kulelodolobho owayehlezi esiza kuye kokuphela emncenga esithi, ‘Akungincede ngalowo engixabana laye.’ **4** Okwesikhathi eside umahluli wayesala. Kodwa wacina esithi, ‘Loba ngingamesabi uNkulunkulu njalo ngingakhathali ngomuntu, **5** kodwa ngenxa yokuthi umfelokazi lo usengijinge kakhulu sengizamlungisela ukuthi angaze abuya anginenge ngoba elokhu engilanda!’” **6** Njalo iNkosi yasisithi, “Likuzwisise lokho okutshiwo ngumahluli ongalunganga. **7** Kambe uNkulunkulu kayikubalwela yini abakhethiweyo bakhe, abakhuleka kuye imini lobusuku? Uzabe elokhu ebanina yini? **8** Ngiyalitshela, uzabalwela, njalo masinyane. Kodwa, nxa iNdodana yoMuntu isifika, izakufumana ukukholwa emhlabeni na?” **9** Kulabo ababezethemba ngokulunga kwabo beseyisa abanye, uJesu wakhuluma umzekeliso lo wathi: **10** “Amadoda amabili aya ethempelini ukuyakhuleka, omunye engumFarisi njalo omunye engumthelisi. **11** UmFarisi wasukuma wakhuleka ngalokho

ayeyikho khona wathi: ‘Nkulunkulu, ngiyakubonga ukuthi kanginjengabanye abantu, izigebenga, izixhwali, izifebe njalo kangifani lomthelisi lo. **12** Ngizila kabili ngeviki njalo nginikela okwetshumi okwenzuzo yami yonke.’ **13** Kodwa umthelisi wema bucwadlana laye. Wesaba lokukhangela ezulwini kodwa wazehlisa kakhulu wathi, ‘Nkulunkulu, woba lesihawu kimi, ngiyisoni.’ **14** Ngiyalitshela ukuthi indoda le, hatshi leyana enye, yabuyela ekhaya isilungisiwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lowo oziphakamisayo uzakwehliswa, lozehlisayo uzaphakanyiswa.” **15** Abantu njalo babeletha abantwana kuJesu ukuthi ababeke izandla. Abafundi bonela ukukubona lokhu babakhuza. **16** Kodwa uJesu wabizela kuye abantwana wathi, “Yekelani abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanjengalaba. **17** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, lowo ongayikwemukela umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane kayikungena kuwo.” **18** Umbusi othile wambuza wathi, “Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lokuphila kwaphakade na?” **(aiōnios g166)** **19** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ungibizelani ngokuthi ngilungile na? Kakho olungileyo ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela. **20** Uyayazi imilayo: ‘Ungafebi, ungabulali muntu, ungebi, ungaphi ubufakazi bamanga, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko.’” **21** Wathi umbusi, “Yonke le ngiyigcine kusukela ebutsheni bami.” **22** UJesu esekuzwile lokho wathi kuye, “Usasilele into eyodwa. Thengisa konke olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya ungilandele.” **23** Wathi esezwe lokhu wadana kakhulu

ngoba wayeyindoda eyayinothe kakhulu. **24** UJesu wamkhangela wathi, “Koba nzima kakhulu ukuthi isinothi singene embusweni kaNkulunkulu! **25** Ngempela kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo awungene umbuso kaNkulunkulu.” **26** Labo abakuzwayo lokho babuza bathi, “Ngubani pho ongasindiswa?” **27** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lokho okungenzekiyo emandleni abantu kuyenzakala kwakaNkulunkulu.” **28** UPhethro wathi kuye, “Sesadela konke esasilakho sakulandela!” **29** UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kakho osetshiye ikhaya loba umfazi kumbe abafowabo loba abazali kumbe abantwana ngenxa yombuso kaNkulunkulu **30** ozakwehluleka ukuzuza ngokuphindwe kanengi esikhathini samanje lesikhathini esizayo, ukuphila okungapheliyo.” **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **31** UJesu wasebizela abalitshumi lambili eceleni wabatshela wathi, “Sesisiya eJerusalema lapho konke okulotshwe ngabaphrofethi ngeNdodana yoMuntu sekusiya gcwaliseka. **32** Izanikelwa kwabeZizwe. Bazayihoza, bayithuke, bayikhafulele, bayibhule njalo bayibulale. **33** Ngosuku lwesithathu izavuka.” **34** Abafundi kabazange bakuzwisise konke lokhu. Ingcazelo yakho yayifihlakele kubo yikho kabazanga ukuthi wayekhuluma ngani. **35** UJesu esebanga eJerikho kwakulendoda eyisiphofu eyisiceli ihlezi eceleni kwendlela icela. **36** Yathi isizwa kudlula ixuku labantu yabuza ukuthi kuyini okwakusenzakala. **37** Bayitshela bathi, “UJesu waseNazaretha uyedlula khonapha.” **38** Yamemeza yathi, “Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele!” **39**

Labo ababehamba phambili bayikhuza bathi kayithule, kodwa yona yasimemeza ngamandla yathi, “Ndodana kaDavida ake ungihawukele!” **40** UJesu wema wathi indoda leyo ilethwe kuye. Isifikile uJesu wayibuza wathi, **41** “Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni?” Yaphendula yathi, “Nkosi, ngifuna ukuthi ngibone.” **42** UJesu wathi kuyo, “Kuzuze-ke ukubona; ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile.” **43** Masinyane yahle yabona, yasimlandela uJesu idumisa uNkulunkulu. Kwathi bonke abantu bekubona lokho, labo bamdumisa uNkulunkulu.

19 UJesu wangena eJerikho kodwa esedlula. **2** Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguZakhewu; wayeyinduna yabathelisi njalo enothile. **3** Wayefuna ukubona uJesu ukuthi wayengumuntu onjani, kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wayengumuntu omfitshane, wehluleka ngenxa yesiminyeminye. **4** Wasegijimela phambili, wakhwela phezu komkhiwa wesikhamore ukuze ambone njengoba uJesu wayesiza ngaleyondlela. **5** Kwathi uJesu esefikile kuleyondawo, wakhangela phezulu wathi kuye, “Zakhewu, yehla masinyane. Ngizakwethekelela endlini yakho lamuhla.” **6** Wasesehla uZakhewu masinyane wamamukela ngokuthokoza. **7** Bonke abantu bakubona lokhu bangunguna besithi, “Useyekuba yisethekeli sesoni.” **8** Kodwa uZakhewu wasukuma wathi eNkosini, “Khangela, Nkosi! Okwamanje senginika ingxenye yenotho yami kwabampofu njalo nxa ngike ngadlelezela omunye umuntu loba ngakuphi, ngizambhadala ngokuphindwe kane lokho engakuthathayo.” **9** UJesu wasesithi kuye, “Lamuhla insindiso isifikile kulindlu ngoba indoda le layo

iyindodana ka-Abhrahama. **10** Ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu
yalanda ukudinga lokusindisa lokho okwakulahlekile." **11**
Bathi besalalele lokhu, wabatshela omunye umzekeliso,
ngoba wayesesondele eJerusalema, abantu sebecabanga
ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu wawusuzahle uvele
masinyane. **12** Wathi, "Indoda ethile yasesikhosini
ngokuzalwa yaya elizweni elikhatshana isiyagcotshwa
ukuba yinkosi andubana iphenduke. **13** Yasibiza izinceku
zayo ezilitshumi yazinika imali engamamina alitshumi.
Yathi, 'Isebenziseni imali le ngize ngiphenduke.' **14**
Kodwa labobantu ayezababusa babemzonda lumuntu,
bathumela izithunywa ukuthi zimlandele ziyekuthi,
'Kasimfuni lumuntu ukuthi abe yinkosi yethu.' **15**
Lanxa kunjalo wagcotshwa waba yinkosi, waphenduka
ekhaya. Wasebiza izinceku lezo ayezinike imali ukuze
ezwe ukuthi zazithole nzuzo bani ngayo. **16** Owokuqala
weza wathi, 'Nkosi, imali yakho isizele amanye amadola
alitshumi.' **17** Inkosi yayo yathi, 'Wenze kuhle, nceku
yami elungileyo! Ngenxa yokuthi uthembekile entweni
encinyane, usuzabusa amadolobho alitshumi.' **18** Owesibili
weza wathi, 'Nkosi, imali yakho isizele amanye amadola
amahlanu.' **19** Inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi, 'Busa
phezu kwamadolobho amahlanu.' **20** Kwasekusiza enye
inceku yathi, 'Nkosi, nansi imali yakho; bengiyigoqele
ngelembu. **21** Bengikwesaba wena ngoba uyindoda
elukhuni. Ucupha lapho ongathelanga khona njalo
ubuye uvune lapho ongahlanyelanga khona.' **22** Inkosi
yayo yaphendula yathi, 'Ngizakwahlulela ngamazwi
akho wena nceku exhwalileyo! Angithi ubukwazi ukuthi

ngingumuntu olukhuni, ocupha lapho angathelanga khona lovuna lapho angahlanyelanga khona? **23** Kungani pho ungabekanga imali yami ebhanga ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni kwami ngiyithathe isilenzuzo na?' **24** Yasisithi kwababemi khonapho, 'Mthatheleni lelo alalo liliphe lowo olalitshumi.' **25** Basebesithi, 'Nkosi, angithi uvele uselalitshumi?' **26** Yaphendula yathi, 'Ngithi kini, lowo olakho uzaphiwa okunye okunengi kodwa lowo ongelalutho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. **27** Kodwa izitha zami lezo ebezingafuni ukuthi ngizibuse, ziletheni lapha lizibulalele phambi kwami.'" **28** UJesu esezitshilo zonke lezizinto wahamba wabandulela eqonda eJerusalema. **29** Wathi esebanga eBhethifage kanye leBhethani entabeni eyayithiwa yiNtaba yama-Oliva wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili wathi kubo: **30** "Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, lizakuthi lingena kuwo libone inkonyane kababhemi ibotshelwe khonapho, engakaze igadwe muntu. 'Ikhululeni liyilethe lapha. **31** Nxa kungaba lozalibuza ukuthi, Liyikhululelani na?' kumele lithi, 'INkosi iyayifuna.'" **32** Labo ababethunyiwe bahamba njalo bathola kunjengoba ebetshilo. **33** Besayikhulula inkonyane kababhemi, abanini bayo bababuza bathi, "Liyikhululelani na?" **34** Baphendula bathi, "INkosi iyayifuna." **35** Bayiletha kuJesu, baphosela amajazi abo phezu kwenkonyane, bagadisa uJesu phezu kwayo. **36** Wathi eseqhubeka, abantu bendlala amajazi abo endleleni. **37** Esefikile eduze kwalapho indlela eyehla khona isuka eNtabeni yama-Oliva abafundi lexuku lonke lasuka ngokuthokoza ladumisa uNkulunkulu ngamazwi

amakhulu ngenxa yemimangaliso yonke ababeyibonile,
bathi: **38** “Ibusisiwe inkosi ebuya ngebizo likaThixo!”
“Ukuthula ezulwini lodumo kweliphezulu!” **39** Abanye
abaFarisi exukwini bathi kuJesu, “Mfundisi, khuza
abafundi bakho!” **40** Waphendula wathi, “Ngiyalitshela
ngithi nxa bethula amatshe azamemeza.” **41** Wathi
esebanga eJerusalema ekhangele idolobho, walikhalela
42 wathi, “Nxa wena, wena ngokwakho, ubukwazi namhla
lokho obekungakulethela ukuthula kodwa okwamanje
kufihliwe emehlweni akho. **43** Zizafika insuku kuwe lapho
izitha zakho zizakwakha umthangala zikuhonqolozele
njalo zikuphahle inxa zonke. **44** Zizakusakazela phansi
emhlabathini, wena kanye labantwana abaphakathi
kwemiduli yakho. Kaziyikutshiya lalinye ilitshe phezu
kwelinye ngoba kawusinanzelelanga isikhathi sokuza
kukaNkulunkulu kuwe.” **45** Wasengena ethempelini
wadudula ababethengisa khona **46** esithi kubo, “Kubhaliwe
ukuthi, ‘Indlu yami iyindlu yokukhuleka,’kodwa lina
seliyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi.” **47** Insuku zonke
wayefundisa ethempelini. Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu
labafundisi bomthetho kanye labakhokheli ababephakathi
kwabantu babezama ukumbulala. **48** Kodwa kabayizuzanga
indlela yokukwenza lokho ngoba abantu bonke
babewakholwa amazwi akhe.

20 Ngelinye ilanga kwathi efundisa abantu ethempelini,
etshumayela ivangeli, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi
bomthetho, kanye labadala bebandla beza kuye. **2** Bathi,
“Ake usitshele ukuthi uwathatha ngaphi amandla okwenza
lezizinto. Ngubani okunike amandla la?” **3** Waphendula

wathi, “Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo. Ngitshelani, **4** ukubhaphathiza kukaJohane kwakuvela ezulwini loba ebantwini na?” **5** Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi, “Singathi, ‘Kwakuvela ezulwini,’ uzabuza athi, ‘Kungani lingazange limkholwe?’ **6** Kodwa singathi, ‘Kwakuvela ebantwini,’ abantu bonke bazasikhanda ngamatshe ngoba bakholwa ukuthi uJohane wayengumphrofethi.” **7** Ngakho baphendula bathi, “Kasikwazi ukuthi kwakuvela ngaphi.” **8** UJesu wathi, “Lami kangizukulitshela ukuthi lezizinto ngizenza ngawaphi amandla.” **9** Waseqhubeka ngokutshela abantu umzekeliso lo wathi: “Indoda yahlanyela isivini yasiqhatshisa abanye abalimi, yasihamba okwesikhathi eside. **10** Ngesikhathi sokuvuna yathuma inceku yayo kubaqhatshi besivini ukuze bayiphe ingxenye yezithelo zesivini. Kodwa abalimi bayitshaya, bayixotsha ingaphathanga lutho. **11** Yathuma enye inceku kodwa laleyo bayitshaya bayiphatha kabuhlungu, bayixotsha ingaphathanga lutho. **12** Waphinda wathuma eyesithathu, bayilimaza bayiphosela phandle. **13** Umninisivini wasesithi, ‘Ngenzeni? Ngizathuma indodana yami engiyithandayo; mhlawumbe bazayihlonipha.’ **14** Kodwa kwathi abaqhatshi besivini beyibona, bahlanganisa amakhanda ngaleyondaba. Bathi, ‘Le yindlalifa. Kasiyibulaleni, ilifa libe ngelethu.’ **15** Basebeyikhuphela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala. Kambe umninisivini uzabathini? **16** Uzakuza afike ababulale labo baqhatshi besivini, isivini leso asinike abanye abalimi.” Abantu bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathi, “Sengathi lokhu kungaze kwafa kwenzeka!” **17** UJesu

wabathi nhlo, wabuza wathi, “Pho kutshoni lokho okubhalwe ukuthi: ‘Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni?’ **18** Wonke owela phezu kwalelolitshe uzachobozeka abe yizicucu, kodwa lowo eliwela phezu kwakhe uzahlifizwa.” **19** Abafundisi bomthetho labaphristi abakhulu badinga indlela yokumbopha masinyane ngoba babesazi ukuthi wakhuluma umzekeliso lo eqonde bona. Kodwa babesesaba abantu. **20** Bamthumela inhloli ezazizitshaya ezithembekileyo ukuze zimgolombe. Babefisa ukumbeka icala kokunye ayengakukhuluma ukuze bamedlulisele emandleni ombusi. **21** Ngakho inhloli zambuza zathi, “Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena ukhuluma njalo ufundisa okuqondileyo lokuthi kawubandlululi kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso elipheleleyo. **22** Kufanele yini ukuthi sithele imithelo kuKhesari loba hatshi?” **23** Wabubona ubuqili babo wathi kubo, **24** “Ngitshengisani idenari. Kulomfanekiso kabani lombhalo kabani kuyo?” Baphendula bathi, “NgokaKhesari.” **25** Wathi kubo, “Ngakho nikani uKhesari okungokukaKhesari, linike uNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu.” **26** Behluleka ukumbamba ngalokho akutshoyo lapho obala. Sebemangaliswe yimpendulo yakhe bathula zwi. **27** Amanye amaSadusi athi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo eza kuJesu elombuzo. **28** Athi, “Mfundisi, uMosi wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo wendoda angafa atshiye umfazi, kodwa bengelabantwana, umfowabo kumele amngene umfelokazi ukuze azalele umfowabo abantwana. **29** Manje kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa. Owokuqala wathatha umfazi kodwa

wafa engelamntwana. **30** Owesibili **31** njalo lowesithathu laye wamthatha, bonke boyisikhombisa benza njalo bafa bengatshiyanga bantwana. **32** Ekucineni umfazi laye wafa. **33** Pho-ke, ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani njengoba bonke boyisikhombisa babemthethe?" **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Abantu balesisikhathi bayathatha njalo bayendiswa. **(aiōn g165)** **35** Kodwa labo abazabe befanele ukuba lengxenye kulesosikhathi lasekuvukeni kwabafileyo kabazukuthatha loba bendiswe, **(aiōn g165)** **36** njalo kabasayikufa ngoba sebenjengezingilosi. Bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba bengabantwana bokuvuka kwabafileyo. **37** Kodwa emlandweni wesixuku esasibhebha umlilo, uMosi laye wakuveza ukuthi abafileyo bayavuka, ngoba ubiza uThixo ngokuthi 'uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe.' **38** KasuNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo, ngoba kuye bonke bayaphila." **39** Baphendula abanye abafundisi bomthetho bathi, "Utsho kahle Mfundisi!" **40** Kasabanga khona owaba lesibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo. **41** UJesu wasesithi kubo, "Kungani besithi uKhristu uyiNdodana kaDavida na? **42** UDavida yena ngokwakhe uyakufakaza eNcwadini yamaHubo uthi: 'INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: "Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, **43** ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho."' **44** UDavida umbiza athi 'Nkosi.' Pho angaba yindodana yakhe njani?" **45** Kwathi bonke abantu besalalele, uJesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, **46** "Limukani abafundisi bomthetho. Bathanda ukuhambahamba bececе ngezembatho ezinde

eziphephezelayo njalo bathanda ukubingelelwa emisikeni,
futhi bathatha izihlalo eziphakemeyo emasinagogweni
lezindawo zabahlonitshwa emadilini. **47** Bahuquluza
izindlu zabafelokazi njalo bazibonakalisa ngokwenza
imikhuleko emide. Abantu abanjalo bazajeziswa
kabuhlungu."

21 UJesu wathi ekhangela wabona izinothi zifaka
iminikelo yazo esitsheni somnikelo. **2** Wabona njalo
umfelokazi ongumyanga efaka okuzinhlamvana kwethusi
okubili. **3** Wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi umfelokazi lo
ongumyanga unikele okudlula bonke abanye. **4** Bonke
lababantu banikele izipho zabo ngokwenotho yabo,
kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe ufake konke abelakho." **5**
Abanye abafundi bakhe babekhulukhuluma ngokubalazwa
kwethempeli ngamatshe amahle langezipho ezazinikelwe
kuNkulunkulu. Kodwa uJesu wathi, **6** "Mayelana
lalokhu elikubona lapha, sizafika isikhathi lapho
okungeyikutshiywa ilitshe phezu kwelinye; wonke
azaphoselwa phansi." **7** Babuza bathi, "Mfundisi,
izinto lezi zizakwenzakala nini? Njalo sizakuba
yini isibonakaliso sokuthi sezizakwenzeka na?" **8**
Waphendula wathi, "Qaphelani lingakhohliswa. Ngoba
abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami besithi, 'Nginguye,'
njalo bathi, 'Isikhathi sesisondele.' Lingabalandeli. **9**
Nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lezikhukhulambuso, lingethuki.
Lezizinto kuzamele zenzeke kuqala, kodwa isiphetho
kasizukufika ngalesosikhathi." **10** Wasesithi kubo:
"Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso. **11**
Kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, indlala

lezifo ezindaweni ezinengi, izehlakalo ezesabekayo lezibonakaliso ezinengi zivela emkhathini. **12** Kodwa kungakenzakali konke lokhu bazalibamba, balihlukuluze. Bazalinikela emasinagogweni baliphosele lasezintolongweni njalo lizamiswa phambi kwamakhosi lababusi ngenxa yebizo lami. **13** Lokhu kuzalenza libe ngofakazi kimi. **14** Kodwa bekani amaphaphu phansi, lingazihluphi ngokuthi lizazivikela lisithini. **15** Ngoba ngizalinika amazwi lokuhlakanipha ukuze angabikhona ezitheni zenu ozalehlula loba aliphikise. **16** Lizanikelwa ngabazali, ngabafowenu layizihlobo labangane njalo abanye benu bazalibulala. **17** Bonke abantu bazalizonda ngenxa yami. **18** Kodwa kakuyikubhubha lanwele olulodwa emakhanda enu. **19** Bekezelani, lizasindiswa. **20** Lingabona iJerusalema isihonqolozelwe yizimpi lizakwazi ukuthi incithakalo isisondele. **21** Lapho-ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni, abasedolobheni kabaphume, kuthi labo abasemaphandleni bangangeni edolobheni. **22** Ngoba lesi yisikhathi sokujeziswa ukugcwalisa konke okwalotshwayo. **23** Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona ngalezonsuku kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! Kuzakuba khona ukuhlukuluzeka okukhulu elizweni lolaka phezu kwabantu. **24** Bazakuwa ngenkemba babuthwe babe yizibotshwa zezizwe zonke. IJerusalema izagidagidwa ngabeZizwe kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabeZizwe. **25** Kuzabakhona izibonakaliso elangeni, enyangeni lasezinkanyezini. Emhlabeni izizwe zizakuba phakathi kosizi lokudideka ngenxa yokuhuba

lokukhaphaza kolwandle. **26** Abantu bazaphela amandla
ngokwesaba, behlutshwa yilokho okuzayo emhlabeni,
ngoba izisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa. **27**
Ngalesosikhathi bazayibona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza
ngeyezi ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu. **28** Nxa lezizinto
seziqala ukwenzakala manini liqine, liphakamise
amakhanda enu, ngoba ukuhlengwa kwenu sekusondela."
29 Wabatshela umfanekiso lo wathi, "Khangelani
esihlahleni somkhiwa kanye lezinye zonke izihlahla.
30 Nxa zihluma lizazibonela lani njalo lazi ukuthi
ihlobo selisondele. **31** Kanjalo-ke, nxa lingabona
lezizinto sezisenzakala, lazi ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ususondele. **32** Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane
kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto. **33** Izulu
lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi ami kawayikwedlula
lanini. **34** Nanzelelani funa inhliziyo zenu zithundubale
ngokuzitika lokudakwa lokunqineka ngezinto zalimpilo,
ngoba lolosuku luzalijuma njengomjibila. **35** Ngoba
luzafikela bonke labo abahlala kuwo wonke umhlaba.
36 Hlalani lilindile, likhulekele ukuthi liphephe kukho
konke osekuzakwenzeka masinyane, lokuthi libe lamandla
okuma phambi kweNdodana yoMuntu." **37** Insuku zonke
uJesu wayefundisa ethempelini kuthi kusihlwa aphume
ayechitha ubusuku eqaqeni olwaluthiwa yiNtaba yama-
Oliva, **38** njalo abantu bonke babesiza ekuseni kakhulu
ukuzamuzwa ethempelini.

22 UMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo owawubizwa
ngokuthi liPhasika wawususondele, **2** njalo abaphristi
abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho babedinga enye indlela

yokumsusa uJesu, ngoba babesesaba abantu. **3** USathane
wasengena kuJudasi owayethiwa ngu-Iskariyothi, omunye
wabalitshumi lambili. **4** UJudasi waya kubaphristi
abakhulu lezikhulu zabavikeli bethempeli wabonisana
labo ukuthi amnikele njani uJesu. **5** Bathokoza
kakhulu, basebevuma ukumupha imali. **6** Wavuma,
wasemelela ithuba lokunikela uJesu kubo ngesikhathi
kungelaxuku labantu. **7** Lwaselufika usuku lweSinkwa
esingelaMvubelo okwakusenziwa ngalo umhlatshelo
wewundlu lePhasika. **8** UJesu wathuma uPhethro
loJohane wathi, "Hambani liyesilungisela ukuthi siyekudla
iPhasika." **9** Babuza bathi, "Ufuna siyelilungisela ngaphi?"
10 Waphendula wathi, "Lizakuthi nje lingena edolobheni,
lizahlangana lendoda iphethe inkonxa yamanzi.
Liyilandele kuleyondlu ezangena kuyo, **11** beselisithi
kumninindlu, 'Umfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi indlu
yezethekeli, lapho engingadlela khona iPhasika labafundi
bami?' **12** Izalitshengisa ikamelo laphezulu elikhulu,
elilungisiweyo. Yenzani amalungiselo khonapho." **13**
Bahamba bayafica izinto zimi njengokutshelwa kwabo
nguJesu. Ngakho balilungisa iPhasika. **14** Kwathi
isikhathi sesifikile uJesu wahlala etafuleni labapostoli
bakhe. **15** Wasesithi kubo, "Bengitshiseka kakhulu
ukudla iPhasika leli lani ngingakahlupheki. **16** Ngoba
ngiyalitshela ukuthi kangisoze ngiphinde ngilidle njalo
lize lizuze ukugcwaliseka embusweni kaNkulunkulu."
17 Esethethe inkezo wabonga wasesithi, "Kuthatheni
lokhu likwabelane. **18** Ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi
angiyikuphinda nginathe okwesithelo sevini umbuso

kaNkulunkulu uze ufike.” **19** Wasethatha isinkwa, wabonga
wasesihlephuna wabapha, wathi, “Lo ngumzimba wami
ophiwe lina; kwenzeni lokhu kube yisikhumbuzo sami.”
20 Ngaleyondlela, ngemva kokudla kwakusihlwa wathatha
inkezo, esithi, “Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini
lami, elichithelwa lina. **21** Kodwa isandla sakhe lowo
ozanginikela sikanye lesami etafuleni. **22** INdodana
yoMuntu izahamba njengoba kumisiwe, kodwa maye
kulowomuntu oyinikelayo.” **23** Baqala ukubuzana
ukuthi kambe ngabe ngubani kubo owayezakwenza
lokhu. **24** Njalo kwaba lokuphikisana phakathi kwabo
mayelana lokuthi ngubani kubo owayebonakala emkhulu
kulabo bonke. **25** UJesu wathi kubo, “Amakhosi
abeZizwe azitshengisela amandla awo kulabo ababusayo;
leziphathamandla zakhona zibizwa ngokuthi Mcoli. **26**
Kodwa akumelanga libe njalo. Endaweni yalokho, lowo
omkhulu kulani lonke kabe njengomncinyane kini lonke,
lalowo obusayo abe nguye okhonza abanye. **27** Kambe
ngubani omkhulu kulomunye, lowo ohlezi etafuleni
yokudla loba lowo ophakayo na? Kakusilowo osetafuleni
na? Kodwa mina ngiphakathi kwenu njengalowo
oliphakelayo. **28** Liyilabo abame lami ebunzimeni
bami. **29** Ngakho ngiyalinika umbuso njengoba uBaba
wanginika lami, **30** ukuze lidle njalo linathe etafuleni lami
embusweni wami njalo lihlale ezihlalweni zobukhosi,
lisahlulela izizwana zika-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili. **31**
Simoni, Simoni uSathane usecele ukulihlungula lonke
njengengqoloyi. **32** Kodwa sengikukhulekele wena Simoni,
ukuthi ukholo lwakho lungaze lwawela phansi. Ubokuthi

nxa usuphendukile uqinise abafowenu.” **33** Kodwa waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, ngizimisele ukuhamba lawe entolongweni lasekufeni.” **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngiyakutshela, Phethro, ukuthi iqhude lingakakhali lamuhla, uzaphika kathathu ukuthi uyangazi.” **35** UJesu wasebabuza wathi, “Ngize ngilithume lingelamxhaka, loba isikhwama kumbe amanyathela, kukhona yini elake lakusilela?” Baphendula bathi, “Akubanga lalutho.” **36** Wathi, kubo, “Kodwa manje nxa ulesikhwama semali, sithathe, kanye lomgodla; njalo nxa ungelankemba, thengisa isigqoko sakho uyithenge. **37** Kulotshiwe ukuthi, ‘Wabalwa ndawonye lezoni’; njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi lokhu kumele kugcwaliseke kimi. Yebo, lokho okubhaliweyo ngami sekufika ekugcwalisweni kwakho.” **38** Abafundi bathi, “Khangela, Nkosi, nanzi inkemba ezimbili.” Waphendula uJesu wathi, “Kwanele.” **39** UJesu wahamba njengenjayelo waya eNtabeni yama-Oliva, abafundi bakhe bamlandela. **40** Esefikile kuleyondawo, wathi kubo, “Khulekani ukuze lingaweli ekulingweni.” **41** Watsheda kubo okwebanga lokuphosa ilitshe, waguqa phansi wakhuleka wathi, **42** “Baba, nxa uthanda susa inkezo le kimi; kodwa akungabi yintando yami, kodwa kwenziwe eyakho.” **43** Ingilosi yabonakala kuye ivela ezulwini yamqinisa. **44** Kwathi edabukile kakhulu, wakhuleka ngokutshiseka, izithukuthuku zakhe zangathi ligazi lithontela phansi. **45** Wathi esephakeme ekukhulekeni wabuyela kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele, bekhathele ngenxa yosizi. **46** Wababuza wathi, “Kungani lilele na? Vukani likhuleke ukuze lingaweli

ekulingweni.” **47** Kwathi elokhu esakhuluma kwafika ixuku
labantu, indoda ethiwa nguJudasi omunye wabalitshumi
lambili, wayebahola. Wasondela kuJesu ukumanga, **48**
kodwa uJesu wambuza wathi, “Judasi, uyayinikela na
iNdodana yoMuntu ngokuyanga?” **49** Kwathi abalandeli
bakaJesu sebebona okwasekuzakwenzeka bathi, “Nkosi,
sigalele yini ngenkemba zethu?” **50** Omunye wabo
wayigalela inceku yomphristi omkhulu, wayiquma
indlebe yayo yokunene. **51** Kodwa uJesu waphendula
wathi, “Kakufuneki lokhu!” Waseyibamba indlebe
yalowomuntu wamsilisa. **52** UJesu wasesithi kubaphristi
abakhulu, lezikhulu zabalindi bethempeli kanye labadala
bebandla ababemlandile, “Ngikhokhela umvukela yini lize
liphethe izinkemba lenduku? **53** Zonke insuku bengilani
emagumeni ethempeli, kodwa kalizange lingithinte.
Kodwa lesi yisikhathi senu, lapho kubusa umnyama.”
54 Bamdumela, bamusa endlini yomphristi omkhulu.
UPhethro wayemlandela ebucwala. **55** Kodwa kwathi
sebebase umlilo phakathi kweguma bahlala phansi
ndawonye, uPhethro wahlala phansi labo. **56** Intombazana
eyisisebenzi yambona ehlezi khonapho ekukhanyeni
komlilo. Yamkhangelisisa yathi, “Indoda le yayilaye.” **57**
Kodwa yena waphika wathi, “Ntombazana, kangimazi.”
58 Ngemva kwesikhatshana omunye wambona wathi,
“Lawe ungomunye wabo.” UPhethro waphendula wathi,
“Ndoda, angisuye.” **59** Sekudlule phose ihola omunye
wagcizelela wathi, “Ngeqiniso umuntu lo wayelaye, ngoba
ungumGalile.” **60** Waphendula uPhethro wathi, “Ndoda,
angikwazi okhuluma ngakho!” Elokhu esakhuluma,

iqhude lakhala. **61** INkosi yatshibilika, yamkhangela yamuthi nhlo uPhethro. UPhethro waselikhumbula ilizwi iNkosi eyayilikhulumile kuye isithi: “Iqhude lingakakhali lamuhla, uzangiphika kathathu.” **62** Ngakho wasephumela ngaphandle wakhala kabuhlungu. **63** Amadoda ayelinde uJesu aqalisa ukumhoza lokumtshaya. **64** Amvala amehlo athi kuye, “Phrofitha! Ngubani okutshayileyo?” **65** Amthuka ngezindlela ezinengi. **66** Emadabukakusa inkundla yabakhokheli babantu, kanye labaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho yahlangana ndawonye, uJesu walethwa phambi kwabo. **67** Bathi, “Nxa unguKhristu sitshele.” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngingaze ngilitshele kalisoze lingikholwe, **68** njalo nxa bengingalibuza belingeke liphendule. **69** Kodwa kusukela khathesi iNdodana yoMuntu izahlala kwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu olamandla amakhulu.” **70** Bonke babuza bathi, “Kutsho ukuthi-ke uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu na?” Waphendula wathi, “Liqondile ukuthi ngiyiyo.” **71** Basebesithi, “Sisabudingelani obunye ubufakazi na? Sesikuzwe kuphuma kowakhe umlomo.”

23 Ibandla lonke laseliphakama lamqhuba lamusa kuPhilathu. **2** Basebemethesa icala besithi, “Indoda le siyifice ixhwalisa isizwe sakithi. Iphikisana lokuthela imithelo kuKhesari njalo izenza uKhristu, inkosi.” **3** Ngakho uPhilathu wasembuza uJesu wathi, “Uyinkosi yamaJuda na?” “Kunjengoba usitsho,” waphendula uJesu. **4** UPhilathu wasebikela abaphristi abakhulu kanye lexuku labantu wathi, “Kangiboni lutho lokwethesa umuntu lo icala.” **5** Kodwa bagcizelela bathi, “Udunga abantu

kulololonke elaseJudiya ngemfundiso yakhe. Waqalisa eGalile, usehambe wonke umango waze wazafika lapha.” **6** Esezwe lokhu uPhilathu wabuza ingabe indoda leyo yayingumGalile na. **7** Esezwile ukuthi uJesu wayengaphansi kombuso kaHerodi wamthumela kuHerodi owayeseJerusalema ngalesosikhathi. **8** UHerodi wathi embona uJesu wathaba kakhulu ngoba wayevele etshisekela ukumbona. Ethathela kulokho ayekuzwile ngaye, wayelindele ukumbona esenza omunye umangaliso. **9** Wamjinga ngemibuzo, kodwa uJesu akaze amphendula. **10** Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho labo babemi khonapho bemangalela ngokuthukuthela. **11** UHerodi lamabutho akhe basebemchothoza njalo bamhoza. Bamgqokisa isigqoko esihle, basebembuyisela kuPhilathu. **12** Ngalelolanga uHerodi loPhilathu babangabangane kodwa mandulo kwalokhu babeyizitha. **13** UPhilathu wabizela ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu lababusi kanye labantu **14** wathi kubo, “Lingilethele umuntu obekhuthaza abantu ukwenza umvukela. Sengimhlolile phambi kwenu, kodwa kangifumananga lutho kulokhu elimangalela khona. **15** LoHerodi kafumananga lutho, ngoba usemphendukisile kithi; njengoba libona, kenzanga lutho olufanele ukuthi abulawe. **16** Ngakho ngizamjezisa nje besengimkhulula.” [**17** Kwakumele akhulule isibotshwa esisodwa esiyabe sikhethwe ngabantu mhla wedili.] **18** Bamemeza ngalizwi linye bathi, “Msusele khatshana umuntu lo! Sikhululele uBharabhasi!” **19** (UBharabhasi wayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yokuvusa isiphithiphithi

edolobheni langenxa yokubulala.) **20** Kwathi ngoba efuna
ukumkhulula uJesu, uPhilathu waphinda wathi kabake
bacabange njalo. **21** Kodwa baqhubeka bememeza besithi,
“Mbethele! Mbethele!” **22** Waphinda wakhuluma labo
okwesithathu wathi, “Ngani na? Umuntu lo wenze cala
bani? Angiboni lutho kuye olungafanela isigwebo
sokuthi abulawe. Ngakho-ke, ngizakuthi kajeziswe
besengimkhulula.” **23** Kodwa baklabalala beqinisa ukuba
kabethelwe, lakanye ukugcizelela kwabo kwaphumelela.
24 Ngakho uPhilathu wasemisa ukwemukela izifiso zabo.
25 Wayikhulula indoda leyo eyayiphoselwe entolongweni
ngenxa yesiphithiphithi lokubulala, eyiyo abayicelayo,
wanikela uJesu kubo ukuthi benze intando yabo. **26** Bathi
sebemqhuba babamba uSimoni waseKhureni owayesuka
emaphandleni, bamethesa isiphambano bathi kasithwale
ngemva kukaJesu. **27** Walandelwa ngabantu abanengi
kakhulu, kanye labesifazane ababemkhalela bebubula. **28**
UJesu wanyemukula wathi kubo, “Madodakazi
aseJerusalema, lingangikhaleli; zikhaleleni lina kanye
labantwabenu. **29** Ngoba sizafika isikhathi lapho
elizakuthi, ‘Babusisiwe abafazi abazinyumba, lezibeletho
ezingazange zithwale kanye lamabele angazange
amunyise!’ **30** Lapho-ke ‘bazakuthi ezintabeni,
“Sembeseni!” Lakuwo amaqaqa bathi, “Welani phezu
kwethu!”’ **31** Ngoba nxa abantu bezenza lezizinto lapho
isihlahla simanzi, kuzakwenzakalani pho nxa sesomile?”
32 Amanye amadoda amabili, onke ayeyizigebenga, lawo
aqhutshwa kanye laye esiyabulawa. **33** Bathi
sebefike endaweni ethiwa luKhakhayi bambethela

esiphambanweni kanye lezigebenga lezo, omunye ngakwesokunene kwakhe, omunye ngakwesokhohlo. **34** UJesu wathi, “Baba, baxolele, ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.” Njalo basebesabelana izigqoko zakhe ngokutshaya inkatho. **35** Abantu bema bakhangela, ababusi bona bamklolodela. Bathi, “Wasindisa abanye, laye kazisindise nxa enguKhristu kaNkulunkulu, oKhethiweyo.” **36** Amabutho lawo eza amklolodela. Amnika iwayini elimunyu **37** athi, “Nxa uyinkosi yamaJuda, zisindise.” **38** Kwakulombhalo wokwazisa ngaphezulu kwakhe owawusithi: Lo yiNkosi yamaJuda. **39** Omunye wezigebenga owayelenga khonapho wamthuka wathi, “Kanti kayisuwe uKhristu? Zisindise wena kanye lathi!” **40** Kodwa esinye isigebenga samkhuza sathi, “Kawumesabi na uNkulunkulu, njengoba ulesigwebo sinye laye. **41** Thina sijeziswa ngokusifaneleyo ngoba sizuza lokho okufanele izenzo zethu. Kodwa umuntu lo kenzanga lutho olungalunganga.” **42** Wasesithi, “Jesu, ungikhumbule nxa ungafika embusweni wakho.” **43** UJesu wamphendula wathi, “Ngiyakutshela iqiniso ngithi, lamuhla uzakuba lami epharadise.” **44** Kwasekuyisikhathi esingaba lihola lesithupha, ubumnyama bembesa lonke ilizwe kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye, **45** ngoba ilanga lema ukukhanya. Ikhetheni lethempeli ladabuka kabili. **46** UJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Baba, ezandleni zakho nginikela umphefumulo wami.” Esekutshilo lokhu waphefumula okokucina. **47** Induna yekhulu isibonile okwenzakeleyo yadumisa uNkulunkulu yathi, “Ngeqiniso lo ubeyindoda

elungileyo.” **48** Kwathi bonke abantu ababebuthene
ukuzabona isiga lesi sebebonile okwakwenzakele,
bababuhlungu, babalosizi, babuyela emizini yabo. **49**
Kodwa bonke ababemazi, kanye labesifazane
abamlandela besuka laye eGalile, bema bucwala babukela
okwakusenzakala. **50** Kwakukhona indoda eyayithiwa
nguJosefa, elilunga loMphakathi, eyindoda elungileyo
njalo eqondileyo, **51** owayengakuvumanga lokho
abakuqumayo labakwenzayo. Yena wayevela edolobheni
lakoJuda okwakuthiwa yi-Arimathiya, njalo wayelindele
umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **52** Waya kuPhilathu wayacela
isidumbu sikaJesu. **53** Wasesethula wasigoqela ngelembu
lelineni, wasibeka ethuneni elaligujwe edwaleni
lingakaze lilale muntu. **54** Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela,
iSabatha selizaqalisa. **55** Abesifazane ababebuye loJesu
esuka eGalile bamlandela uJosefa balibona ithuna lokuthi
isidumbu sakhe salaliswa njani kulo. **56** Basebebuyela
ekhaya bayalungisa amagcobo lamakha. Kodwa
baphumula ngeSabatha bethobela umlayo.

24 Ngosuku lokuqala lweviki ekuseni kakhulu
abesifazane bathatha amakha ababewalungisile baya
ethuneni. **2** Bafumana ilitshe ligiqiwe, lasuswa ethuneni,
3 kodwa bathi bengena kabaze basithola isidumbu
seNkosi uJesu. **4** Bathi belokhu besathithibele ngakho,
masinyane kwema eduze labo amadoda amabili egqoke
izigqoko ezazikhazimula njengombane. **5** Bethuka
abesifazane bathi mbo phansi ngobuso, kodwa amadoda
lawo athi kubo, “Lidingelani ophilayo kwabafileyo na? **6**
Kakho lapha; usevukile! Khumbulani ukuthi walitshelani

eseselani eGalile: **7** ‘INdodana yoMuntu kumele inikelwe
ezandleni zezoni, ibethelwe esiphambanweni
kuthi ngosuku lwesithathu ivuswe njalo.’” **8**
Basebewakhumbula amazwi akhe. **9** Kwathi sebebuyile
bevela ethuneni, zonke lezizinto bazibikela abalitshumi
lanye labanye bonke. **10** KwakunguMariya Magadalini,
loJowana, loMariya unina kaJakhobe labanye
ababelabo abatshela abapostoli ngalokhu. **11** Kodwa
kababakholwanga abesifazane laba, ngoba amazwi abo
ayengathi yikuwumana kubo. **12** Kodwa uPhethro
wasukuma wagijimela ethuneni. Walunguza wabona
amaqhele elineni ethe qekele wodwa, wasebuyela
emangele ukuthi kambe kwakwenzakaleni. **13** Kwathi
ngalelolanga ababili babo babehamba besiya emzini
owawuthiwa yi-Emawusi, ongaba ngamakhilomitha
alitshumi lanye usuka eJerusalema. **14** Babekhulumisana
ngakho konke okwakwenzakele. **15** Bathi belokhu
bekhuluma bebonisana ngazo lezizinto, uJesu yena
ngokwakhe wabaxhuma wasehambisana labo; **16** kodwa
abaze bamnanzelela ukuthi nguye. **17** Wababuza wathi,
“Likhuluma ngani kanti lilokhu liphakathi kohambo
lwenu?” Bema mpo, ubuso babo bubunile. **18** Omunye
wabo owayethiwa nguKlophasi wambuza wathi, “Kanti
wena uyisihambi yini eJerusalema ukhanya ungazazi
izinto ezenzakele kuzolezi insuku?” **19** Wabuza wathi,
“Yizinto bani na?” Baphendula bathi, “Mayelana
ngoJesu waseNazaretha. Wayengumphrofethi;
elomfutho ngokukhuluma langezenzo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu lasebantwini bonke. **20** Abaphristi

abakhulu lababusi bethu bamnikela ukuba agwetshelwe ukufa, basebembethela; **21** kodwa thina sasithembe ukuthi nguye owayezahlenga u-Israyeli. Futhi okunye yikuthi sekulusuku lwesithathu kulokhu kwenzakala konke lokhu. **22** Phezu kwalokhu, abanye besifazane bethu basimangalisile. Bahambe ethuneni ekuseni kakhulu lamuhla, **23** kodwa kabasifumananga isidumbu sakhe. Babuyile bazasitshela ukuthi babone umbono wezingilosi ezithe uyaphila. **24** Kwasekusithi abanye babakhula bethu baya ethuneni bathola kunjengokuba abesifazane betshilo, kodwa yena kabamtholanga." **25** Wathi kubo, "Uthi liyizithutha ezinjani, njalo lilezinhliziyo ezithundubeleyo ekukholweni konke lokho okwakhulunywa ngabaphrofethi! **26** UKhristu wayengamelanga ahlupheke yini zonke lezi izinto andubana angene ebukhosini bakhe na?" **27** Wasesukela kuMosi kanye labaPhrofethi bonke wabachazela okwatshiwo emibhalweni mayelana laye. **28** Bathi sebebanga emzini lowo ababesiya kuwo uJesu wenza ingathi wayesedlula. **29** Kodwa bamncenga kakhulu bathi, "Hlala lathi ngoba sekusihlwa; usuku luphose selwedlule." Wasengena ukuthi ayehlala labo. **30** Wathi esehlezi labo etafuleni wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasesihlephuna wasebaqhubela. **31** Kwathi dlwe emehlweni abo, bamazi, yena wasenyamalala kubo. **32** Babuzana bathi, "Konje inhliziyo zethu bezingatshiseki yini lapho abe ekhuluma lathi endleleni esivulela imibhalo na?" **33** Bahle bathi lothu masinyane babuyela eJerusalema. Khonale bathola abalitshumi lanye kanye

lalabo ababelabo bebuthene ndawonye **34** besithi,
“Kuliqiniso! INkosi isivukile kwabafileyo yabonakala
kuSimoni.” **35** Kwathi labo ababili balandisa ngalokho
okwakwenzakele endleleni, lokuthi uJesu bamnanzelela
njani lapho aze ahlephune isinkwa. **36** Bathi belokhu
besakhuluma ngakho lokhu, uJesu yena ngokwakhe
wema phakathi kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini.” **37**
Bethuka besaba, bekhumbula ukuthi babebona ithonga
38 Wathi kubo, “Kungani lihluphekile, njalo kungani
kulokuthandabuza ezingqondweni zenu? **39** Khangelani
izandla zami lezinyawo zami. Yimi mina ngokwami!
Ngithintani libone; ithonga kalilanyama lamathambo
njengoba libona ukuthi mina ngilakho.” **40** Esetshilo
lokhu wabatshengisa izandla lezinyawo zakhe. **41** Kwathi
belokhu bengakholwa ngenxa yokuthaba lokumangala
wababuza wathi, “Lilakho okokudla lapha na?” **42**
Bamupha iqatha lenhlanzi exatshiweyo, **43** wayithatha
wayidla phambi kwabo. **44** Wathi kubo, “Lokhu yikho
engalitshela khona ngiseselani ukuthi: Konke kumele
kugcwaliseke okwalotshwa ngami eMthethweni kaMosi
labaPhrofethi lamaHubo.” **45** Wasebavula ingqondo zabo
ukuze bakwazi ukuzwisisa imibhalo. **46** Wabatshela
wathi, “Nanku okulotshiweyo: UKhristu uzahlupheka
aphinde avuke kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, **47**
njalo ukuphenduka lokuthethelelwa kwezono
kuzatshunyayelwa ebizweni lakhe ezizweni zonke,
kuqala eJerusalema. **48** Lingofakazi balezizinto. **49**
Ngizalithumezela lokho uBaba akuthembisileyo; kodwa
libohlala edolobheni lize liphiwe amandla avela

phezulu.” **50** Kwathi esebakhokhele waya labo eduze leBhethani waphakamisa izandla zakhe wababusisa. **51** Uthe elokhu esababusisa, wabatshiya, wenyukiselwa ezulwini. **52** Basebemkhonza, babuyela eJerusalema bethokoza kakhulu. **53** Bahlala kokuphela ethempelini bedumisa uNkulunkulu.

UJohane

1 Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, uLizwi
wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi wayenguNkulunkulu. **2**
WayeloNkulunkulu ekuqaleni. **3** Izinto zonke zenziwa
ngaye; ngaphandle kwakhe kube akukho okwenziwayo.
4 Kwakukhona ukuphila kuye, lokho kuphila
kwakuyikukhanya kwabantu. **5** Ukukhanya kukhanya
emnyameni, kodwa umnyama awukakuzwisisi. **6** Kwafika
umuntu ethunywe nguNkulunkulu, ibizo lakhe
wayenguJohane. **7** Weza njengomfakazi ezoqinisa
mayelana lalokho kukhanya ukuze kuthi ngaye bonke
abantu bakholwe. **8** Yena qobo lwakhe wayengesi lokho
kukhanya; weza nje njengomfakazi wokukhanya lokho. **9**
Ukukhanya okuliqiniso okunika ukukhanya emuntwini
wonke kwakusiza emhlabeni. **10** Wayesemhlabeni,
kodwa lanxa umhlaba wenziwa ngaye, umhlaba
kawumazanga. **11** Weza kulokho okwakungokwakhe,
kodwa khona kakumemukelanga. **12** Ikanti kulabo bonke
abamamukelayo, kulabo abakholwayo ebizweni lakhe,
wabapha ilungelo lokuba ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu,
13 abantwana abangazalwanga ngokwemvelo, kumbe
ngokukhetha komuntu, loba ngokufuna kwendoda kodwa
bezelwe nguNkulunkulu. **14** ULizwi waba yinyama,
wahlala phakathi kwethu. Siyibonile inkazimulo yakhe;
inkazimulo yeNdodana eyiyo yodwa, eyavela kuYise,
igcwele umusa leqiniso. **15** UJohane wafakaza ngayo.
Wamemeza esithi, “Lo nguye engangikhuluma ngaye
ngisithi, ‘Lowo oza ngemva kwami usengedlule ngoba
wayevele ephambi kwami.’” **16** Ngenxa yokujula komusa

wakhe sonke sesamukele umusa emuseni esasivele siwuphiwe. **17** Ngoba umthetho walethwa ngoMosi; umusa leqiniso kweza ngoJesu Khristu. **18** Kakho osewake wambona uNkulunkulu, kodwa iNdodana eyiyo yodwa, yona enguNkulunkulu njalo eseceleni eduze kukaYise, isimenze waziwa. **19** Lobu yibo ubufakazi bukaJohane lapho abakhokheli bamaJuda aseJerusalema abathuma khona abaphristi labaLevi ukuyambuza ukuthi wayengubani. **20** Kehlulekanga ukuzichaza, kodwa wazichaza ekhululekile wathi, "Kangisuye uKhristu." **21** Bambuza bathi, "Pho ungubani na? Ungu-Elija yini?" Wathi, "Kangisuye." "Ungumphrofethi na?" Waphendula wathi, "Hatshi." **22** Bacina ngokuthi, "Ungubani? Siphe impendulo esizayisa kulabo abasithumileyo. Uzibiza ngokuthi ungubani na?" **23** UJohane wabaphendula ngamazwi ka-Isaya umphrofethi wathi, "Ngiyilizwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala lisithi, 'Lungiselani iNkosi indlela iqonde.'" **24** Kwasekusithi abaFarisi ababethunyiwe **25** bambuza bathi, "Kungani pho ubhaphathiza nxa ungasuye uKhristu, kumbe u-Elija loba umphrofethi na?" **26** UJohane waphendula wathi, "Mina ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa phakathi kwenu kumi elingamaziyo. **27** Nguye lowo ozayo ngemva kwami, mina engingafanelanga ukuthukulula imichilo yamanyathela akhe." **28** Konke lokhu kwenzeka eBhethani ngaphetsheya kweJodani lapho uJohane ayebhaphathiza khona. **29** Ngelanga elilandelayo uJohane wabona uJesu esiza kuye wathi, "Khangelani, nanti iWundlu likaNkulunkulu elisusa isono somhlaba! **30** Nguye lo

engangimutsho ngize ngithi, ‘Umuntu ozayo ngemva kwami usengedlule ngoba wayevele ephambi kwami.’ **31** Mina ngokwami bengingamazi, kodwa okwenze ngeza ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi kwakuyikwenzela ukuthi abonakaliswe ku-Israyeli.” **32** UJohane waseletha lobubufakazi: “Ngabona uMoya esehla evela ezulwini enjengejuba wahlala phezu kwakhe. **33** Lami uqobo lwami ngangingamazi, kodwa lowo owangithumayo ukubhaphathiza ngamanzi wathi, ‘Lowomuntu ozabona uMoya usehla uhlala kuye nguye kanye ozabhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.’ **34** Sengibonile yikho sengifakaza ukuthi lo ungoKhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu.” **35** Ngelanga elilandelayo uJohane wayekhonapho, elabafundi bakhe ababili. **36** Wathi ebona uJesu esedlula lapho wathi, “Khangelani, nanti iWundlu likaNkulunkulu!” **37** Abafundi ababili labo bathi bekuzwa lokhu basebelandela uJesu. **38** UJesu wathi enyemukula wababona bemlandela, wababuza wathi, “Lifunani na?” Bathi, “Rabi” (okutsho ukuthi “Mfundisi”), “uhlala ngaphi?” **39** Waphendula wathi, “Wozani, lizabona.” Ngakho bahamba bayabona lapho ayehlala khona, batshona laye mhlalokho. Kwakungaba lihola letshumi. **40** U-Andreya, umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wayengomunye wababili abezwayo okwakukhulunywa nguJohane njalo abayibo abalandela uJesu. **41** Into yokuqala ayenzayo u-Andreya yikudinga umfowabo uSimoni wamtshela wathi, “Sesimfumene uMesiya” (okutsho uKhristu). **42** Wasemletha kuJesu. UJesu wamkhangela wathi, “UnguSimoni indodana kaJohane. Usuzathiwa unguKhefasi” (okuchasiswa

ngokuthi, nguPhethro). **43** Ngelanga elilandelayo uJesu wafuna ukusuka aye eGalile. Wabona uFiliphu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela.” **44** UFiliphu wayengowedolobheni lase-Bhethisayida, njengo-Andreya loPhethro. **45** UFiliphu wadinga uNathaneli wamtshela wathi, “Sesimfumene lowo uMosi aloba ngaye eMthethweni, njalo abaphrofethi labo abaloba ngaye, uJesu waseNazaretha, indodana kaJosefa.” **46** UNathaneli wabuza wathi, “ENazaretha! Kulolutho oluhle olungavela khona na?” UFiliphu wathi, “Woza uzebona.” **47** Kwathi uJesu ebona uNathaneli eqhamuka laphaya wathi ngaye, “Nangu um’Israyeli oqotho, okungekho nkohliso kuye.” **48** UNathaneli wambuza wathi, “Ungazela ngaphi na?” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngikubonile usahlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkhiwa uFiliphu engakakubizi.” **49** UNathaneli wasefakaza wathi, “Rabi, uyindodana kaNkulunkulu; uyiNkosi ka-Israyeli.” **50** UJesu wathi, “Ukholwa ngoba ngithe ngikubone ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkhiwa. Usazobona izinto ezinkulu kulalokho.” **51** Waphinda wengeza wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso, uzabona izulu livuleka, lezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu zikhwela zisehlela eNdodaneni yoMuntu.”

2 Ngosuku lwesithathu kwaba khona umthimba eKhana laseGalile. Unina kaJesu wayekhona, **2** loJesu labafundi bakhe labo babenxusiwe emthimbeni. **3** Kwathi iwayini seliphelile unina kaJesu wathi kuye, “Sebephelelwe liwayini.” **4** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mama, mina lawe singena njani kulokho na? Isikhathi sami kasikafiki.”

5 Unina wasesithi ezincekwini, “Libokwenza loba
kuyini azalitshela khona.” **6** Eduze kwalapho kwakumi
imbiza zamatshe eziyisithupha, uhlobo lolo amaJuda
ayelusebenzisa enkonzweni yokuzihlambulula, imbiza
yinye ingagcwala amalitha alikhulu kusiya ekhulwini
elilamatshumi amahlanu. **7** UJesu wathi ezincekwini,
“Zigcwaliseni amanzi imbiza lezi”; ngakho bazigcwalisa
zathi phamu. **8** Wasezitshela wathi, “Khanini-ke
liphe umphathi wedili.” Benza njalo, **9** umphathi
wedili wahubula wawanambitha amanzi ayesephendulwe
abaliwayini. Kakwazanga ukuthi lavela ngaphi, kodwa
izinceku ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi. Wasebizela umyeni
eceleni **10** wathi, “Wonke umuntu uletha iwayini
elimnandi kuqala, kuthi nxa izethekeli sezinathe kakhulu
abesekhupha elibi; kodwa wena ugodle elimnandi
kuze kube khathesi.” **11** Lo waba ngumangaliso
wakhe wokuqala, uJesu awenza eKhana laseGalile.
Wabonakalisa kanjalo inkazimulo yakhe, abafundi bakhe
basebebeka ukholo lwabo kuye. **12** Ngemva komthimba
wasuka waya eKhaphenawume wayahlala insukwana
ezimbalwa elonina, labafowabo labafundi bakhe. **13**
Kwasekuyisikhathi sePhasika lamaJuda eleminyaka yonke,
uJesu wasesiya eJerusalema. **14** Emagumeni ethempeli
wafumana abantu bethengisa inkomo, izimvu lamajuba,
labanye behlezi ematafuleni bentshintsha izimali. **15**
Waseseluka izintambo wenza isaswebhu wabadudula
bonke emagumeni ethempeli, konke izimvu lenkomo;
wayichithiza imali yabantshintshi bayo, wagenqula
lamatafula abo. **16** Wathi kulabo ababethengisa amajuba,

“Akhupheni lapha! Likuthatha ngaphi ukwenza indlu kaBaba umsika wokuthengiselana na?” **17** Abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ukunqinekela indlu yakho kuzangidla ngaphakathi.” **18** Lapho amaJuda asemncindezela ngokuthi, “Ungasitshengisa simangaliso bani ukubonisa amandla akho okwenza zonke lezizinto?” **19** Wabaphendula uJesu wathi, “Dilizani ithempeli leli, kodwa mina ngizalimisa njalo ngezinsuku ezintathu.” **20** AmaJuda aphendula athi, “Sekuthethe iminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha ukwakha ithempeli leli, kodwa wena ungalivusa ngezinsuku ezintathu na?” **21** Kodwa ithempeli ayekhulume ngalo kwakungumzimba wakhe. **22** Ngemva kokuvuswa kwabafileyo abafundi bakhe bakukhumbula lokho ayekukhulumile. Ngakho bawukholwa uMbhalo kanye lamazwi uJesu awakhulumayo. **23** Kwathi ngesikhathi eseMkhosini wePhasika eJerusalema, abantu abanengi bayibona imimangaliso ayeyenza basebekholwa ebizweni lakhe. **24** Kodwa uJesu kazange azidele kubo, ngoba wayebazi bonke abantu. **25** Wayengabudingi ubufakazi bomuntu ngoba wayekwazi okungaphakathi komuntu munye ngamunye.

3 Kwakulendoda engumFarisi eyayithiwa nguNikhodimasi, ililunga lomphakathi wamaJuda abusayo. **2** Yaya kuJesu ebusuku yathi, “Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovela kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba kakho obengayenza imimangaliso oyenzayo wena nxa uNkulunkulu engelaye.” **3** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi kini, akakho ozawubona

umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kokuba azalwe kutsha.” **4** UNikhodimasi wathi, “Kanti umuntu angazalwa kanjani yena esemdala na? Ngeqiniso, angazake angene ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina ukuze azalwe!” **5** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi, ngaphandle kokuthi umuntu azalwe ngamanzi langoMoya, angeke awungene umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **6** Inyama izala inyama, kodwa uMoya uzala umoya. **7** Ungamangaliswa yikuthi ngithi, ‘Kumele lizalwe kutsha.’ **8** Umoya uphephethela loba kungaphi lapho othanda khona. Ungakuzwa ukuvunguza kwawo, kodwa ungeke utsho ukuthi uvela ngaphi loba ukuthi uya ngaphi. Ngakho kunjalo emuntwini wonke ozelwe ngoMoya.” **9** UNikhodimasi wabuza wathi, “Lokhu kungenzeka kanjani na?” **10** UJesu wathi, “Ungumfundisi wako-Israyeli, pho kungani ungazwisisi izinto lezi na? **11** Ngiqinisile ngithi sikhuluma ngesikwaziyo njalo sifakaza ngesikubonileyo, kodwa lina bantu kalibamukeli ubufakazi bethu. **12** Ngikhulume kini ngezinto zalapha emhlabeni, kodwa kalikholwa; pho lizakholwa kanjani nxa ngingakhuluma ngokwasezulwini? **13** Kakho osewake waya ezulwini ngaphandle kwalowo owavela ezulwini, iNdodana yoMuntu. **14** NjengoMosi owaphakamisa inyoka enkangala, ngokunjalo iNdodana yoMuntu kumele iphakanyiswe, **15** ukuze kuthi lowo lalowo okholwa kuyo abe lokuphila okungapheliyo.” **(aiōnios g166)** **16** UNkulunkulu walithanda ilizwe kangaka waze wanikela iNdodana yakhe eyiyo yodwa ukuze kuthi loba ngubani okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lokuphila

okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kathumanga iNdodana yakhe emhlabeni ukuze iwulahle umhlaba, kodwa ukuze umhlaba usindiswe ngayo. **18** Loba ngubani okholwa kuyo kalahlwa, kodwa ongakholwayo uvele uselahliwe ngoba kakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana eyiyo yodwa kaNkulunkulu. **19** Nanku ukuqunywa kwecala: Ukukhanya sekufikile emhlabeni, kodwa abantu bathanda ubumnyama kulokukhanya ngoba imisebenzi yabo yayimibi. **20** Wonke umuntu owenza ububi uyakuzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi ekukhanyeni ngoba esesaba ukuthi izenzo zakhe zizabekwa obala. **21** Kodwa loba ngubani ophila ngeqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni ukuze kubonakale kamhlophe ukuthi lokho akwenzileyo ukwenze ngoNkulunkulu. **22** Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu labafundi bakhe basuka baya emaphandleni aseJudiya lapho ahlala labo okwesikhathi esithile ebhaphathiza. **23** Ngalesosikhathi uJohane laye wayebhaphathiza e-Ayenoni eduze leSalimi ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi njalo abantu babethululeka kokuphela bezobhaphathizwa. **24** (Lokhu kwakumandulo kokuphoselwa kukaJohane entolongweni.) **25** Kwavuka ukuphikisana phakathi kwabanye abafundi bakaJohane lomunye umJuda mayelana lomkhuba wokuzihlambulula. **26** Beza kuJohane bathi kuye, “Rabi, indoda leyana eyayilawe ngaphetsheya kweJodani; yona leyana owafakaza ngayo; iyabhaphathiza bonke abantu sebesiya kuyo.” **27** Waphendula uJohane wathi, “Umuntu wamukela kuphela lokho akuphiwayo kuvela ezulwini. **28** Lina ngokwenu lingakufakaza ukuthi ngathi, ‘Kangisuye

uKhristu, kodwa ngithunyiwe ukumandulela.’ **29** Umtshakazi ngowomyeni. Umkhaphi womyeni uyamnakekela, amlalele, abelokuthokoza nxa esizwa ilizwi lomyeni. Lokho kuthokoza ngokwami njalo okwamanje sekuphelele. **30** Yena ufanele abemkhulu; mina kufanele kunciphe ukuqakatheka kwami.” **31** Lowo ovela phezulu ungaphezulu kwakho konke; lowo ovela emhlabeni ungowomhlaba, ukhuluma njengalowo ovela emhlabeni. Lowo ovela ezulwini ungaphezu kwakho konke. **32** Ufakaza ngalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo, kodwa kakho owamukela ubufakazi bakhe. **33** Lowomuntu obamukelayo usegcizelele ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile. **34** Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo ukhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu; yena uNkulunkulu umupha umoya kungelakulinganiswa. **35** UYise uyayithanda iNdodana njalo useyiphe amandla phezu kwezinto zonke. **36** Loba ngubani obeke ithemba lakhe eNdodaneni ulokuphila okungapheliyo, kodwa loba ngubani oyilahlayo iNdodana kazukuyibona leyompilo ngoba ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lohlala luphezu kwakhe.
(aiōnios g166)

4 UJesu wezwa ukuthi abaFarisi basebekuzwile ukuthi usebhaphathize abantu wabuye waba labafundi abanengi kuloJohane, **2** loba nje iqiniso kuyikuthi kwakungasuye uJesu owayebhaphathiza, kodwa kubhaphathiza abafundi bakhe. **3** Kwathi esekuzwile lokho, wasuka eJudiya wabuyela futhi eGalile. **4** Manje kwakumele adabule eSamariya. **5** Ngakho wafika emzini waseSamariya owawuthiwa yiSikhari, eduzane lesiqinti uJakhobe

ayesinike indodana yakhe uJosefa. **6** Umthombo kaJakhobe wawukhonapho, uJesu wathi esediniwe ngohambo, wahlala phansi malungana lomthombo. Kwakusemini enkulu. **7** Kwathi umfazi waseSamariya efika ukuzakukha amanzi uJesu wathi kuye, "Ake unginathise." **8** (Abafundi bakhe babeye emzini ukuyathenga ukudla.) **9** Umfazi waseSamariya wathi kuye, "UngumJuda, mina ngingumfazi waseSamariya. Pho ungacela kanjani ukuthi unathiswe yimi?" (Phela amaJuda kawadlelani lamaSamariya.) **10** UJesu wamphendula wathi, "Aluba ubusazi isipho sikaNkulunkulu lokuthi ungubani lowo ocela ukuthi umnathise, ngabe umcelile wakupha amanzi okuphila." **11** Umfazi wathi, "Nkosi, wena kawulakho okokukhisa amanzi, futhi umthombo uyatshona. Ungawathatha ngaphi lawomanzi okuphila na? **12** Wena umkhulu na kulobaba uJakhobe owasipha umthombo lo laye wanatha kuwo kanye lamadodana akhe lezimvu zakhe kanye lezifuyo zakhe?" **13** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Wonke umuntu onatha amanzi la uzaphinda ome futhi, **14** kodwa lowo onatha amanzi engimnika wona, kasoze abuye ome lanini. Ngempela amanzi engimnika wona azakuba ngumfula ogelezela ekuphileni okungapheliyo." **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **15** Umfazi wathi kuye, "Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi ukuze ngingaphindi ngome, ngingabi ngilokhu ngisiza lapha ngizokukha amanzi." **16** Wathi kowesifazane, "Hamba uyebiza umkakho uze laye lapha." **17** Waphendula wathi, "Kangilandoda." UJesu wathi kuye, "Uqondile nxa usithi kawulandoda. **18** Iqiniso yikuthi usube lamadoda

amahlanu, futhi indoda le olayo khathesi kayisiyakho. Lokho okutshiloyo kuliqiniso.” **19** Owesifazane wathi, “Nkosi, sengibona ukuthi ungumphrofethi. **20** Okhokho bethu babekhonza phezu kwentaba le, kodwa lina maJuda lithi indawo okumele sikhonzele kuyo iseJerusalema.” **21** UJesu wathi, “nkosazana, ngikholwa, siyeza isikhathi lapho elingezukumkhonza uBaba entabeni kumbe eJerusalema. **22** Lina maSamariya likhonza elingakwaziyo; thina sikhonza lokho esikwaziyo, ngoba insindiso ivela kumaJuda. **23** Kodwa siyeza isikhathi, yebo manje sesifikile lapho abakhonzi beqiniso bezamkhonza uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso, ngoba yibo abakhonzi abanjalo uBaba abadingayo. **24** UNkulunkulu ungumoya, labo abamkhonzayo kumele bamkhonze ngomoya langeqiniso.” **25** Owesifazane wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uMesiya (othiwa nguKhristu) uyeza. Esefikile uzasichazela konke.” **26** UJesu wasesithi, “Mina engikhuluma lawe nginguye.” **27** Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bakhe baphenduka, bamangala ukufumana uJesu ekhuluma lowesifazane. Kodwa kakho owabuzayo wathi, “Ufunani na?” kumbe athi, “Kungani ukhuluma lowesifazane na?” **28** Owesifazane watshiya inkonxa yakhe wabuyela emzini wakibo wathi ebantwini, **29** “Wozani lizobona indoda engitshele konke esengake ngakwenza. Kambe angaba nguye yini uKhristu?” **30** Baphuma emzini lowo baqonda kuye. **31** Kusenzakala konke lokhu abafundi bakhe bamncenga bathi, “Rabi, ake udle ulutho.” **32** Kodwa wathi kubo, “Ngilokudla engikudlayo elingakwaziyo lina.” **33** Abafundi babuzana bathi, “Kambe ngabe ukhona

omlethele ukudla na?” **34** UJesu wathi, “Okwami ukudla yikwenza intando yalowo ongithumileyo lokuphelelisa umsebenzi wakhe. **35** Kanti angithi lithi, ‘Kusele izinyanga ezine ukuthi kufike isikhathi sokuvuna’? Ngithi vulani amehlo enu likhangele amasimu! Amabele aselungele ukuvunwa. **36** Khathesi lokhu, umvuni uvele usehle ezuza iholo lakhe, usebuthela amabele ekuphileni kwaphakade, ukuze umhlanyeli lomvuni bajabule ndawonye. **(aiōnios g166)** **37** Ngakho ilizwi elithi, ‘Omunye uyahlanyela, omunye avune’ liliqiniso. **38** Ngalithuma ukuyavuna lokho elingakusebenzelanga. Abanye bawenzile umsebenzi onzima, lina selivune umvuzo womsebenzi wabo.” **39** AmaSamariya amanengi akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yobufakazi bowesifazane owathi, “Ungitshele konke esengake ngakwenza.” **40** Ngakho amaSamariya esefike kuye amcela ukuthi ahlale labo, wasehlala insuku ezimbili. **41** Ngenxa yamazwi akhe abanengi baba ngamakholwa. **42** Bathi kowesifazane, “Kasisakholwa kuphela ngenxa yalokho okutshiloyo; manje sesizizwele thina ngokwethu, ngakho sesisazi ukuthi umuntu lo ngeqiniso unguMsindisi womhlaba.” **43** Ngemva kwalezonsuku ezimbili, uJesu wasuka waya eGalile. **44** (Phela uJesu yena ngokwakhe wayetshilo ukuthi umphrofethi kalalo udumo elizweni lakibo.) **45** Wathi efika eGalile, amaGalile amamukela ngokumthakazelela. Ayekubonile konke lokho akwenzayo eJerusalema, eMkhosini wePhasika, ngoba lawo ayekhona khonale. **46** Wabuya njalo wethekelela eKhana laseGalile, lapho aphendula khona amanzi abaliwayini. Kwakukhona lapho

isiphathamandla sasesikhosini esasigulelwa yindodana yaso eKhaphenawume. **47** Kwathi indoda leyo isizwile ukuthi uJesu wayesefikile eGalile evela eJudiya, yaya kuye yamncenga ukuthi eze azosilisa indodana yayo eyayisibangwa lezibi. **48** UJesu wasitshela wathi, "Ngaphandle kokuthi lina bantu libone izibonakaliso ezididayo lezimangaliso kalisoze lafa lakholwa." **49** Sathi isiphathamandla sasesikhosini, "Nkosi, woza umntanami engakafi." **50** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Usungahamba. Indodana yakho izaphila." Indoda yalikholwa ilizwi likaJesu yahamba. **51** Yathi ilokhu isesendleleni, izinceku zayo zayihlangabeza zayibikela ukuthi indodana yayo yayisiluleme. **52** Isibuzile ukuthi kwakuyisikhathi bani lapho indodana yayo eyasila ngaso, zathi kuyo, "Umkhuhlane uyixolele izolo ngehola lakuqala emini." **53** Uyise wananzelela ukuthi leso yiso kanye isikhathi uJesu atsho kuye ukuthi, "Indodana yakho izaphila." Ngakho yena kanye labendlu yakhe bonke bakholwa. **54** Lo kwakungumangaliso wesibili uJesu awenzayo esefikile eGalile evela eJudiya.

5 Emva kwesikhathi esithile uJesu waya eJerusalema emkhosini wamaJuda. **2** EJerusalema kukhona ichibi eduze lesango leZimvu, elithiwa ngesi-Aramu yiBhethisayida, elalihonqolozelwe ngensika ezinhlanu ezibiyelweyo. **3** Khonapho abantu abayizilima abanengi babandise ukuhlala khona, iziphofu, abaqhulayo, abome imihlubulo [belindele ukudungwa kwamanzi; **4** ngoba kwakusithi ngezikhathi ezithile ingilosi yeNkosi yayisehlela echibini, idungadunge amanzi besekusithi umuntu oqalayo

ukungena emanzini ngemva kokudungeka kwawo asiliswe loba kuwuphi umkhuhlane owawumbambile]. **5** Omunye owayelapho wayeyisigoga okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili. **6** Kwathi uJesu embona elele khonapho njalo esetsheliwe ukuthi kade abanjalo okwesikhathi eside, wambuza wathi, "Uyafuna na ukusila?" **7** Oyisilima waphendula wathi, "Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungisiza angingenise echibini lapho amanzi edungwa. Ngithi lapho ngizama ukungena omunye angingenele kuqala." **8** UJesu wasethi kuye, "Sukuma! Thatha icansi lakho uhambe." **9** Khonokho nje indoda yasila; yathatha icansi layo yahamba. Lokhu kwenzakala ngelanga leSabatha, **10** amaJuda asesithi endodeni eyayisilisiwe, "KuliSabatha; umthetho uyakwalela ukuthi uthwale icansi lakho." **11** Kodwa yaphendula yathi, "Umuntu ongisilisileyo uthe, 'Thatha icansi lakho uhambe.'" **12** Aseyibuza athi, "Ngubani yena lowo okutshele ukuthi uthathe icansi uhambe?" **13** Indoda leyo eyasiliswayo yayingafanisi lakufanisa ukuthi kambe ngabe wayengubani, ngoba uJesu wayesethe nyelele wangena phakathi kwabantu. **14** Emva kwalokho uJesu wayifumana ethempelini indoda leyo wathi kuyo, "Khangela-ke ususilile njalo. Khawula ukwenza isono funa okubi ukwedlula okokuqala kukwehlele." **15** Indoda leyo yasuka yayatshela amaJuda ukuthi kwakunguJesu owayeyisilisile. **16** Ngakho amaJuda amkhahlameza uJesu ngoba wayesenza izinto lezi ngeSabatha. **17** UJesu wathi kubo, "UBaba uhlezi esemsebenzini wakhe kuze kube namuhla, lami njalo ngiyasebenza." **18** Ngalesisizatho amaJuda

azama kakhulu ukumbulala; wayengephuli iSabatha kuphela kodwa wayebiza uNkulunkulu ngokuthi nguYise, ezenza yena olingana loNkulunkulu. **19** UJesu wabanika impendulo le: "Ngiqinisile ngithi iNdodana ingeke yenze lutho ngokwayo; ingenza kuphela lokho ebona uYise ekwenza, ngoba loba kuyini uYise akwenzayo leNdodana iyakwenza. **20** Ngoba uYise uyayithanda iNdodana, uyitshengisa konke akwenzayo. Yebo, lizamangala ukuthi uzayitshengisa izinto ezinkulu kulalezi. **21** Njengalokhu uYise evusa abafileyo abaphe ukuphila, kanjalo iNdodana inika ukuphila kulabo ethanda ukubanika khona. **22** Okunye njalo, uYise kahluleli muntu, kodwa usebeke konke ukwahlulela ezandleni zeNdodana, **23** ukuze bonke bayidumise iNdodana njengalokhu bedumisa uYise. Lowo ongayidumisiyo iNdodana kamdumisi uYise oyithumileyo. **24** Ngiqinisile ngithi lowo owezwayo amazwi ami amkholwe lowo ongithumileyo ulokuphila okungapheliyo njalo kazukulahlwa; usechaphile wasuka ekufeni waya ekuphileni. **(aiōnios g166)** **25** Ngiqinisile ngithi, isikhathi siyeza njalo sivele sesifikile lapho abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, kuthi bonke abezwayo baphile. **26** Njengoba uYise elokuphila kuye yena ngokwakhe, ngakho useyinikile iNdodana ukuba ibe lokuphila kuyo yona ngokwayo. **27** Njalo useyiphile amandla okwahlulela ngoba iyiNdodana yoMuntu. **28** Kakungalimangalisi lokhu ngoba siyeza isikhathi lapho bonke abasemathuneni abo bezalizwa ilizwi layo **29** baphume, labo abenze okuhle bazavuka baphile, lalabo abenze ububi bazavuka

balahlwe. **30** Mina ngokwami ngingeke ngenze lutho;
ngahlulela njengokutshelwa kwami, futhi ukwahlulela
kwami kuqondile, ngoba kangidingi kuzithabisa, kodwa
ukuthabisa lowo ongithumileyo." **31** "Nxa ngizifakazela
mina ngokwami ubufakazi bami kabuqinisekanga. **32**
Ukhona omunye ofakaza kuhle ngami njalo ngiyazi ukuthi
ubufakazi bakhe ngami buqinisekile. **33** Selike lathumela
kuJohane yena walifakazela iqiniso. **34** Kakutsho ukuthi
ngamukela ubufakazi bomuntu; kodwa ngikuthinta
lokhu ukuze lisindiswe. **35** UJohane wayeyisibane
esabhebhayo sanika ukukhanya, lakhetha ukuthokoza
ngokukhanya kwakhe okwesikhatshana. **36** Ngilabo
ubufakazi obulesisindo esikhulu kulobukaJohane. Ngoba
umsebenzi uBaba anginike wona ukuba ngiwuqedise,
wona engiwenzayo uyafakaza ukuthi uBaba ungithumile.
37 Njalo uBaba ongithumileyo usefakazile yena ngokwakhe
ngami. Kalikaze lilizwe ilizwi lakhe kumbe libone
isimo sakhe **38** njalo ilizwi lakhe kalihlali kini ngoba
kalimkholwa lowo amthumileyo. **39** Liphenyisisa imibhalo
liyihlola ngoba licabanga ukuthi ngayo lilakho ukuphila
okungapheliyo. Yiyo le imibhalo efakaza ngami, **(aiōnios
g166)** **40** ikanti liyala ukuza kimi lizozuza ukuphila.
41 Kangilwamukeli udumo olusuka ebantwini, **42**
kodwa ngiyalazi lina. Ngiyazi ukuthi kalilalo uthando
lukaNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zenu. **43** Ngibuye ngebizo
likaBaba kodwa kalingamukeli; kodwa nxa omunye efika
ngebizo lakhe, lizamamukela. **44** Lingakholwa kanjani nxa
lisamukela udumo elizipha lona kodwa lingenzi mizamo
yokuzuza udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa

na? **45** Kodwa lingacabangi ukuthi ngizalethesa icala phambi kukaBaba. Umangaleli wenu nguMosi, okukuye elibeke khona amathemba enu. **46** Kube lamkholwa uMosi, ngabe liyangikholwa ngoba wabhala ngami. **47** Kodwa njengoba lingakukholwa lokho akubhalayo, lizakukholwa kanjani lokho engikutshoyo na?"

6 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu wachaphela ngaphetsheya koLwandle lwaseGalile (kutshiwo uLwandle lwaseThibheriyasi), **2** njalo walandelwa lixuku elikhulu labantu ngoba babona imimangaliso ayeyenzile kwababegula. **3** UJesu wasesiya eceleni kwentaba wahlala khona labafundi bakhe. **4** UMkhosi wePhasika wamaJuda wawususondele. **5** UJesu wathi uyakhangela wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu lisiza kuye, wathi kuFiliphu, "Singasithenga ngaphi isinkwa ukuze abantu laba badle?" **6** Wabuza lokhu emlinga nje kuphela ngoba wayevele esekwazi ayezakwenza. **7** UFiliphu wamphendula wathi, "Amadenari angamakhulu amabili ngeke athenge isinkwa esenela ukuthi umuntu munye nje azuze ucezwana!" **8** Omunye wabafundi bakhe, u-Andreya, umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wakhuluma wathi, **9** "Nangu umfana olezinkwa zebhali ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili ezincinyane, kodwa zingafika ngaphi ebantwini abanengi kangaka na?" **10** UJesu wathi, "Hlalisani abantu phansi." Kwakulotshani obunengi kuleyondawo, asehlala phansi (amadoda ubunengi bawo bungaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu). **11** UJesu wasezithatha izinkwa, wakhuleka, wasezabela labo abasebehlezi phansi, wabapha njengokufuna kwabo. Wenza njalo langenhlanzi. **12**

Kwathi bonke sebesuthi, wasesithi kubafundi bakhe,
“Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo. Kakungalahlwa lutho.” **13**
Ngakho bazibutha bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili
ngemvuthu zezinkwa zebhali ezatshiywa yilabo
ababedlile. **14** Abantu sebewubonile umangaliso
awenzayo uJesu baqalisa ukuthi, “Ngeqiniso lo nguye
uMphrofethi ozafika emhlabeni.” **15** UJesu esazi ukuthi
babeqonde ukuzomenza inkosi ngenkani, wathi nyelele
wabuyela entabeni yedwa. **16** Kwathi kusihlwa abafundi
behlela esizibeni, **17** lapho abawela khona isikepe
bachapha isiziba baya eKhaphenawume. Ngalesosikhathi
kwasekuhlwile, uJesu elokhu engakabuyi kubo. **18**
Kwakuvunguza umoya omkhulu amanzi asequbuka kubi.
19 Sebegwedle okwamakhilomitha amahlanu loba
ayisithupha bambona uJesu esiza esikepeni ehamba
phezu kwamanzi; bethuka kakhulu. **20** Kodwa wathi kubo,
“Yimi; lingesabi.” **21** Babefuna ukumngenisa esikepeni,
kwathi masinyane isikepe sahle safika ekhunjini lapho
ababeqonde khona. **22** Ngelanga elilandelayo ixuku
labantu elalisele ekhunjini elinganeno lananzelela ukuthi
kwakukade kulesikepe esisodwa, lokuthi uJesu
kangenanga kuso kanye labafundi bakhe, kodwa
babehambe bodwa. **23** Kwasekufika ezinye izikepe zivela
eThibheriyasi zamiswa eduze lalapho abantu ababedlele
khona isinkwa ngemva kokuba iNkosi isiqale yakhuleka.
24 Ixuku lonela ukunanzelela ukuthi uJesu kanye
labafundi bakhe babengasekho lapho, bangena ezikepeni
baya eKhaphenawume ukuyadinga uJesu. **25** Bathi
sebemfumene ngaphetsheya kwechibi bambuza bathi,

“Rabi, kanti ufike nini lapha?” **26** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngiqinisile ukuthi kalingidingi ngoba libone imimangaliso, kodwa ngoba lidle izinkwa lasutha. **27** Lingasebenzeli ukudla okubolayo, kodwa sebenzelani ukudla okuhlala okwempilo engapheliyo elizakuphiwa yiNdodana yoMuntu. UBaba uNkulunkulu usebeke kuyo uphawu lwakhe.” **(aiōnios g166)** **28** Basebembuza bathi, “Kumele senzeni ukuze senze umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu na?” **29** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu yilo: ukukholwa kulowo amthumileyo.” **30** Basebembuza bathi, “Uzasitshengisa simangaliso bani esizasibona ukuze sikukholwe na? Kuyini ozakwenza? **31** Okhokho badla imana enkangala; njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Wabapha isinkwa sivela ezulwini ukuba badle.’” **32** UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngiqinisile ngithi, kakusuye uMosi olinike isinkwa sivela ezulwini, kodwa nguBaba olinika isinkwa seqiniso sivela ezulwini. **33** Ngoba isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu singulowo owehla ezulwini anike ukuphila emhlabeni.” **34** Bathi, “Nkosi, kusukela manje siphe lesisinkwa sokuphila.” **35** UJesu wachaza wathi, “Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. Lowo ozayo kimi kasoze afa alamba, lalowo okholwa kimi kasoze aphinde ome. **36** Kodwa njengoba ngilitshelile selingibonile, kodwa lokhe lingakholwa. **37** Konke lokho uBaba anginika khona kuzakuza kimi njalo lowo oza kimi kangisoze ngimlahle. **38** Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini, hatshi ukuzokwenza eyami intando kodwa ukwenza intando yalowo ongithumileyo. **39** Intando yakhe ongithumileyo yile, ukuthi ngingalahlekelwa langokukodwa kwalokho anginike

khona, kodwa ngibavuse ngosuku lokucina. **40** Ngoba intando kaBaba iyikuthi bonke abakhangela eNdodaneni bakholwe kuyo bazakuba lokuphila okungapheliyo njalo ngizabavusa ngosuku lokucina." **(aiōnios g166)** **41** Esizwa lokhu amaJuda aqalisa ukukhonona ngaye ngoba wathi, "Ngiyisinkwa esehlayo sivela ezulwini." **42** Athi, "Kanti kasuJesu lo indodana kaJosefa na? Oyise lonina kasibazi na? Pho angakutsho kanjani manje ukuthi, 'Ngehla ngivela ezulwini'?" **43** UJesu wathi, "Yekelani ukukhonona phakathi kwenu. **44** Kakho ongeza kimi ngaphandle kokuthi uBaba ongithumileyo amsondeze, mina-ke ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. **45** Kulotshiwe kubaphrofethi ukuthi: 'Bonke bazafundiswa nguNkulunkulu.'Wonke lowo olalela uBaba afunde kuye uyeza kimi. **46** Kakho osewake wambona uBaba ngaphandle kwalowo ovela kuNkulunkulu; nguye kuphela ombonileyo uBaba. **47** Ngiqinisile ukuthi lowo okholwayo ulokuphila okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **48** Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. **49** Okhokho benu bayidla imana enkangala, kodwa bafa. **50** Kodwa nansi isinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini, umuntu angasidla angabe esafa. **51** Ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo esehlela phansi sivela ezulwini. Nxa umuntu angasidla lesisinkwa, uzaphila laphakade. Lesosinkwa siyinyama yami engizayinikela ukuphila komhlaba." **(aiōn g165)** **52** Lapho-ke, amaJuda aseqalisa ukuphikisana ngamandla esithi, "Umuntu lo angasipha kanjani inyama yakhe ukuba siyidle na?" **53** UJesu wathi kubo, "Ngiqinisile ngithi, ngaphandle kokuba lidle inyama yeNdodana yoMuntu, linathe igazi layo,

kalilakuphila phakathi kwenu. **54** Lowo odla inyama yami njalo anathe igazi lami ulokuphila okungapheliyo njalo ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. **(aiōnios g166)** **55** Ngoba inyama iyikhona kudla okuqotho legazi lami liyikunatha okuqotho. **56** Lowo odla inyama yami njalo anathe igazi lami uhlala kimi, lami kuye. **57** Njengoba uBaba ophilayo wangithuma njalo ngiphila ngenxa kaBaba, kanjalo lowo odla mina uzaphila ngenxa yami. **58** Lesi yiso isinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini. Okhokho benu badla imana, kodwa bafa, kodwa odla lesisinkwa uzaphila lanininini." **(aiōn g165)** **59** Wakutsho lokhu efundisa esinagogweni eKhaphenawume. **60** Bathi bekuzwa lokhu abafundi bakhe abanengi bathi, "Le yimfundiso enzima. Kambe ngubani ongayamukela na?" **61** UJesu wathi ngokunanzelela ukuthi abafundi bakhe babekhonona ngalokhu wathi kubo, "Lokhu kuyalikhuba yini? **62** Kungaba njani pho nxa lingayibona iNdodana yoMuntu isenyuka ibuyela lapho eyayikhona ngaphambilini! **63** UMoya unika ukuphila; inyama kayisizi lutho. Amazwi engiwakhulume kini angumoya njalo ayikuphila. **64** Kodwa bakhona abanye benu abangakholwayo." Ngoba uJesu wayevele esazi kusukela ekuqaleni ukuba yibaphi phakathi kwabo ababengakholwa lokuthi ngubani owayezamnikela. **65** Waqhubeka wathi, "Yikho ngalitshela ngathi kakho ongeza kimi ngaphandle kokuba ephiwe amandla nguBaba." **66** Kusukela kulesosikhathi abafundi bakhe abanengi bamdela ababe besamlandela. **67** UJesu wabuza abalitshumi lambili wathi, "Lina kalifuni kudela lihambe na?" **68** USimoni

Phethro wamphendula wathi, “Nkosi, sizakuya kubani na? Wena ulamazwi okuphila okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)**
69 Thina siyakholwa njalo siyazi ukuthi ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu.” **70** UJesu wasephendula wathi, “Kangilikhethanga yini, lina elilitshumi lambili na? Ikanti omunye wenu unguSathane!” **71** (Wayesitsho uJudasi, indodana kaSimoni Iskariyothi, owathi loba engomunye wabalitshumi lambili wamnikela.)

7 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu wahambahamba eGalile, kazathanda ukuya eJudiya ngoba amaJuda alapho ayefuna indlela yokumbulala. **2** Kwathi uMkhosi wamaJuda weziHonqo ususondele **3** abafowabo bakaJesu bathi kuye, “Sekumele usuke lapha uye eJudiya ukuze abafundi bakho babone imimangaliso oyenzayo. **4** Kakho umuntu othi efuna ukuba lodumo asebenzele ensitha. Njengoba usenza izinto lezi ziveze emhlabeni.” **5** Ngoba labafowabo babengakholwa kuye. **6** Ngakho uJesu wabatshela wathi, “Kasikafiki isikhathi sami salokho; kini loba yisiphi isikhathi sililungele. **7** Umhlaba ngeke ulizonde, kodwa mina uyangizonda ngoba ngiveza ukuthi lokho okwenzayo kubi. **8** Hambani lina emkhosini. Mina kangikayi emkhosini lowo ngoba kimi kasikafiki isikhathi esifaneleyo.” **9** Esetsho lokhu wazihlalela eGalile.
10 Kodwa ngemva kokuba abafowabo sebehambile emkhosini laye waya khona, hatshi obala kodwa wahamba ensitha. **11** Khonapho emkhosini amaJuda ayemlindele ebuza esithi, “Ingaphi indoda leyana?” **12** Phakathi kwamaxuku abantu kwakulokunyenyezelana ngaye. Abanye bathi, “Ungumuntu olungileyo.” Abanye

baphendula bathi, “Hatshi, ukhohlisa abantu.” **13** Kodwa
kakho owakhuluma ngaye obala ngokwesaba amaJuda.
14 Kwathi isikhathi somkhosi sesiphakathi laphakathi
uJesu wasesiya egumeni lethempeli waqalisa ukufundisa.
15 AmaJuda amangala, abuza athi, “Indoda le yaluzuza
kanjani ulwazi olungaka yona ingafundanga?” **16** UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Imfundiso yami kayisiyami. Ivela
kulowo ongithumileyo. **17** Nxa umuntu ekhetha ukwenza
intando kaNkulunkulu uzabona ingabe imfundiso yami
ivela kuNkulunkulu loba ngiyazikhulumela. **18** Lowo
ozikhulumelayo wenzela ukuzizuzela udumo, kodwa lowo
osebenzela udumo lwalowo omthumileyo ngumuntu
weqiniso; kakulankohliso kuye. **19** UMosi kalinikanga
yini umthetho? Kodwa kakho lamunye kini owugcinayo
umthetho. Kungani lifuna ukungibulala na?” **20** Ixuku
labantu laphendula lathi, “Ulamadimoni wena. Ngubani
ofuna ukukubulala?” **21** UJesu wathi kubo, “Ngenza
umangaliso owodwa lamangala kakhulu lonke. **22**
Kodwa ngoba uMosi walipha ukusoka (loba iqiniso
liyikuthi kakuvelanga kuMosi kodwa kubokhokho),
liyamsoka umntwana ngeSabatha. **23** Manje-ke, nxa
umntwana engasokwa ngeSabatha kungabi yikuwephula
umthetho kaMosi, pho mina lingizondelani ngokuthi
ngisilise umuntu ngokupheleleyo ngeSabatha na?
24 Khawulani ukusola ngokubona kwamehlo kodwa
yahlulelani ngokuqondileyo.” **25** Ngalesosikhathi abanye
abantu baseJerusalema babuza bathi, “Kanti kasuye
yini umuntu lo abafuna ukumbulala na? **26** Nangu
phela ekhuluma egcekeni kodwa kabatsho lutho kuye.

Kambe iziphathamandla zingabe sezibone ukuthi nguye uKhristu na? **27** Kodwa siyakwazi thina lapha indoda le edabuka khona; nxa uKhristu esefika, kakho ozakwazi lapho avela khona." **28** Kwathi uJesu elokhu esafundisa egumeni lethempeli, wamemeza wathi, "Yebo, liyangazi njalo liyakwazi lapho engivela khona. Kangizibuyelanga lapha kodwa lowo ongithumileyo uqinisile. Kalimazi **29** kodwa mina ngiyamazi ngoba ngivela kuye, nguye ongithumileyo." **30** Besizwa lokhu bazama ukumbamba kodwa kakho owambeka isandla ngoba isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki. **31** Loba kunjalo, abanengi exukwini labantu bakholwa kuye. Bathi, "Nxa uKhristu angafika, kambe uzakwenza imimangaliso okwedlula umuntu lo?" **32** AbaFarisi bezwa abantu benyenyeza izinto ezinjalo ngaye. AbaFarisi labaphristi abakhulu basebethuma amanxusa ethempelini ukuba ayembopha. **33** UJesu wathi, "Ngilani okwesikhathi esifitshane, besengihamba ngisiya kuye ongithumileyo. **34** Lizangidinga kodwa lingangifumani; lalapho engikhona lingeke lifike." **35** AmaJuda abuzana athi, "Umuntu lo ufuna ukuya ngaphi lapho esingeke samfumana khona na? Uzakuya ebantwini bakithi abahlakazekileyo abahlala phakathi kwamaGrikhi, afundise amaGrikhi na? **36** Ubesitshoni esithi, 'Lizangidinga, kodwa lingangifumani,' njalo wathi, 'Lapho engikhona lingeke lifike'?" **37** Ngelanga lokucina elaliqakatheke kakhulu emkhosini, uJesu wasukuma wakhuluma ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, "Nxa ekhona owomileyo keze kimi azonatha. **38** Loba ngubani okholwa kimi njengoba uMbhalo utshilo, imifula yamanzi

aphilayo izageleza ngaphakathi kwakhe.” **39** Ngalokhu
wayesitsho uMoya, okwakuzakuthi labo abakholwa
kuye bamamukele ngesikhathi esizayo. Kuze kube
yilesosikhathi uMoya wawungakathelwa ebantwini,
njengoba uJesu wayengakakhazimuliswa. **40** Sebewazwile
amazwi akhe abanye bathi, “Ngeqiniso umuntu lo nguye
umphrofethi.” **41** Abanye bathi, “Nguye uKhristu.” Abanye
njalo babuza bathi, “Kungenzeka kanjani ukuthi uKhristu
avele eGalile na? **42** UMbhalo kawutsho yini ukuthi
uKhristu uzavela kusendo lukaDavida, eBhethilehema,
umuzi lapho uDavida ayehlala khona.” **43** Kanjalo
abantu badabukana phakathi ngenxa kaJesu. **44** Abanye
babefuna ukumbamba, kodwa kakho owambeka isandla.
45 Amanxusa ethempelini acina esebuyela kubaphristi
abakhulu labaFarisi athi, “Kungani lingezanga laye?” **46**
Amanxusa afakaza athi, “Kakho osewake wakhuluma
njengaloyamuntu.” **47** AbaFarisi bakhwaza bathi, “Litsho
ukuthi lani uselikhohlisile? **48** Ukhona na kubabusi
loba kubaFarisi osebeke ithemba lakhe kuye? **49** Hatshi!
Kodwa inkunkuma yabantu le engazilutho ngezomthetho,
iqalekisiwe.” **50** UNikhodimasi owayeye kuJesu mandulo,
owayengomunye wabo wabuza wathi, **51** “Kanti umthetho
wakithi uyamlahla na umuntu engaqalanga wabuzwa
ukuthi yena uthini ngokwakhe?” **52** Baphendula bathi,
“Lawe uvela eGalile yini? Ake ukudingisise, uzabona
ukuthi kakulamphrofethi ongaphuma eGalile.” [**53**
Ngakho bonke basuka baya emizini yabo.

8 Kodwa uJesu waya eNtabeni yama-Oliva. **2** Kwathi
kusisa wabonakala njalo emagumeni ethempeli, abantu

bonke babuthana kuye, wahlala phansi wabafundisa. **3** Abafundisi bomthetho labaFarisi baletha owesifazane owayebanjwe ephinga. Bamisa phambi kwabantu **4** bathi kuJesu, “Mfundisi, owesifazane lo ukhandwe efeba. **5** EMthethweni uMosi wasilaya ukuthi abesifazane abanjalo kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Manje wena uthini?” **6** Umbuzo lo wawungumjibila wabo ukuze bazuze izaba lokumbeka icala. Kodwa uJesu wakhothama waseloba phansi ngomunwe. **7** Kwathi ngoba belokhu bephikelela ngokumbuza wabakhangela wathi kubo, “Nxa ekhona phakathi kwenu ongelasono kaqale ukumkhanda ngamatshe.” **8** Waphinda wakhothama waloba phansi emhlabathini. **9** Esetshonjalo labo abezwayo baqala ukuthi nyelele munye ngamunye bahamba, kwaqala ngabadala bakhona, kwaze kwasala uJesu yedwa lowesifazane lowo elokhu emi khonapho. **10** UJesu wamkhangela wambuza wathi, “Mama, kanti sebeye ngaphi? Kasekho yini okwethesa icala?” **11** Owesifazane wathi, “Kabasekho, nkosi.” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lami-ke, kangikulahli, zihambele, kodwa ungaphindi wenze isono futhi.”] **12** Kwathi uJesu esekhuluma ebantwini njalo wathi, “Ngiyikukhanya komhlaba. Loba ngubani ongilandelayo kasoze ahambe ebumnyameni lanini kodwa uzakuba lokukhanya kokuphila.” **13** AbaFarisi bahle bamqaga bathi, “Nanko-ke, wena uyazifakazela; ubufakazi bakho kabulaqiniso.” **14** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Loba ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami buqinisile ngoba ngiyakwazi lapho engavela khona lalapho engiyakhona. Kodwa lina kumnyama nje

kini ukuthi ngivela ngaphi lokuthi ngiya ngaphi. **15** Lina lahlulela ngendlela yabantu; mina kangahluleli muntu. **16** Kodwa ngithi nxa ngingehlulela, izinqumo zami zilungile ngoba kangingedwa. Ngimi loBaba ongithumileyo. **17** Emthethweni wenu kulotshiwe ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili buqinisile. **18** Yimi ngokwami engizifakazelayo; omunye umfakazi nguBaba ongithumileyo." **19** Basebembuza bathi, "Ungaphi uyihlo?" UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kalingazi mina kanye loBaba. Aluba belingazi, belizamazi loBaba njalo." **20** Wawakhuluma amazwi la efundisa egumeni lethempeli eduze lalapho okwakubekwa khona iminikelo. Kodwa kakho owambambayo ngoba isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki. **21** Waphinda njalo uJesu wathi kubo, "Ngiyasuka lapha, futhi lizangidinga, kodwa lizafela esonweni senu. Lapho engiyakhona alingeke lize khona." **22** AmaJuda asebuzana athi, "Uzazibulala yini? Yikho yini esithi, 'Lapho engiyakhona lingeke lize khona'?" **23** Kodwa waqhubeka wathi, "Lina lingabalapha phansi; mina ngivela phezulu. Lingabomhlaba; mina kangisiwalo umhlaba. **24** Ngilitshelile ukuthi lizafela ezonweni zenu; nxa lingakholwa ukuthi nginguye engithi nginguye, ngempela lizafela ezonweni zenu." **25** Bambuza bathi, "Uvele ungubani?" UJesu waphendula wathi, "Khonokho ebengivele ngikutsho sonke lesisikhathi. **26** Kunengi engingalahlulela ngakho. Kodwa lowo ongithumileyo uthembekile njalo lokho engikuzwileyo kusuka kuye ngikutshela umhlaba." **27** Kabazange bazwisise ukuthi wayebatshela ngoYise. **28** Ngakho uJesu wasesithi, "Lapho

seliyiphakamisile iNdodana yoMuntu lizakwazi ukuthi ngingubani lokuthi kangenzi lutho ngokwami kodwa ngikhuluma kuphela lokho uBaba angifundise khona. **29** Lowo ongithumileyo ulami; kangitshiyanga ngingedwa ngoba ngihlezi ngisenza lokho okumthokozisayo." **30** Wathi esakhuluma lokhu abanengi bakholwa kuye. **31** UJesu wathi kumaJuda amkholwayo, "Nxa libambelela emfundisweni yami lingabafundi bami ngempela. **32** Ngakho lizalazi iqiniso, njalo iqiniso lizalikhululula." **33** Amphendula athi, "Siyinzalo ka-Abhrahama futhi kasizange lanini sibe yizigqili zamuntu. Ukutsho kanjani pho ukuthi sizakhululwa?" **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngiqinisile ngithi wonke owenza isono uyisigqili sesono. **35** Phela isigqili kasilandawo emiyo emulini, kodwa oyindodana ungowakhona lanininini. **(aiōn g165)** **36** Ngakho-ke, nxa iNdodana ilikhululula, lizakhululeka ngempela. **37** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lingabosendo luka-Abhrahama. Kodwa selizimisele ukungibulala ngoba ilizwi lami kalilandawo kini. **38** Ngilitshela lokho engikubone phambi kukaBaba kodwa lina lenza lokho elikuzwileyo ngoyihlo." **39** Aphendula athi, "U-Abhrahama nguye ubaba." UJesu wathi, "Aluba belingabantwana baka-Abhrahama ngabe lenza izinto ezenziwa nguye u-Abhrahama. **40** Kodwa kunje nje lizimisele ukungibulala, mina muntu oselitshele iqiniso engilizwileyo livela kuNkulunkulu. U-Abhrahama kazenzanga izinto ezinjalo. **41** Lenza izinto ezenziwa ngowenu uyihlo." Amvukela athi, "Kasisibantwana abazuzwa ngobufebe thina. UBaba esilaye kuphela nguNkulunkulu ngokwakhe." **42** UJesu wathi kuwo,

“Kube uNkulunkulu ubenguYihlo, belizangithanda ngoba ngavela kuNkulunkulu, okwamanje sengilapha. Kangizibuyelanga kodwa uNkulunkulu wangithuma. **43** Kungani lingaluzwisisi ulimi engilukhulumayo na? Ngoba liyehluleka ukuzwa engikutshoyo. **44** Lingabakayihlo uSathane ngakho lifuna ukusenza isifiso sikayihlo. Wavele waba ngumbulali mdabuko wakhe, kemanga eqinisweni ngoba uvele engelalo iqiniso. Uthi nxa ewaqamba amanga, akhulume ulimi lomdabuko wakhe ngoba ungusomangase loyise wamanga. **45** Kodwa kalingikholwa ngoba ngilitshela iqiniso! **46** Ukhona na kini ongaveza ukuthi ngilecala lesono? Nxa ngikhuluma iqiniso kungani lingangikholwa na? **47** Lowo ongokaNkulunkulu uyakuzwa lokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo. Isizatho sokuthi lingezwa yikuthi kalisibo bakaNkulunkulu.” **48** AmaJuda aphendula athi, “Siyalahleka yini nxa sisithi ungumSamariya njalo ulamadimoni?” **49** UJesu wathi, “Kangiladimoni mina, kodwa ngidumisa uBaba ikanti lina liyangigcona. **50** Kangizidingeli udumo mina kodwa ukhona olufunayo, yena ungumahluleli. **51** Ngiyaqinisa ngithi, nxa umuntu egcina ilizwi lami kasoze akubone ukufa lanini.” **(aiōn g165)** **52** Esizwa lokhu amaJuda ababaza athi, “Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi uledimoni! U-Abhrahama wafa kanye labo abaphrofethi kodwa wena uthi nxa umuntu egcina ilizwi lakho kasoze akuzwe ukufa lanini. **(aiōn g165)** **53** Wena umkhulu kulobaba u-Abhrahama na? Wafa, kanye labo abaphrofethi. Wena uzenza bani na?” **54** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngizidumisa mina ngokwami, luyize udumo lwami. UBaba, elithi

unguNkulunkulu wenu nguye ongidumisayo. **55** Lanxa
lina lingamazi, mina ngiyamazi. Ngabe ngithe kangimazi,
bengizabe ngingumqambi wamanga njengani kodwa
ngiyamazi njalo ngiyaligcina ilizwi lakhe. **56** Uyihlo
u-Abhrahama wathakazelela umnakano wokulubona
usuku lwami; walubona wathokoza." **57** AmaJuda athi
kuye, "Kawukafikisi iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu
obudala, kodwa uthi usumbonile u-Abhrahama!" **58**
UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi
u-Abhrahama engakazalwa, mina ngasengikhona!" **59**
Besizwa lokhu badobha amatshe befuna ukumkhanda
kodwa uJesu wasithela, waphunyuka wasuka emagumeni
ethempeli.

9 UJesu wathi elokhu ehamba wabona indoda
eyayiyisiphofu kusukela ekuzalweni kwayo. **2** Abafundi
bakhe bambuza bathi, "Rabi, ngubani owenza isono,
indoda le loba abazali bayo ukuze izalwe iyisiphofu
na?" **3** UJesu wathi, "Kakusikho ukuthi abazali
bayo loba yona indoda le yenza isono kodwa lokhu
kwenzakala ukuze umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ubonakaliswe
empilweni yayo. **4** Nxa kulokhu kusemini kumele
siwenze umsebenzi wakhe ongithumileyo. Ubusuku
buyeza lapho kungelamuntu ongasebenza khona. **5**
Nxa ngisesemhlabeni, ngiyikukhanya komhlaba." **6**
Esekutshilo lokhu wakhafulela emhlabathini, wavuba
udaka ngamathe walunameka emehlweni endoda.
7 Wayitshela wathi, "Hamba uyegeza esizibeni
saseSilowami" (ibizo leli litsho ukuthi "Ukuthunywa").
Ngakho indoda yahamba yayageza, yabuyela ekhaya

isibona. **8** Omakhelwane bayo lalabo abahlezi beyibona
icela babuza bathi, “Kakusiyo yini indoda le eyayihlala
icela?” **9** Abanye baqinisa ukuthi kwakuyiyo. Abanye
bathi, “Hatshi, lo ufana layo nje kuphela.” Kodwa yona
yagcizelela yathi, “Ngiyiyo leyondoda.” **10** Bamjinga
ngemibuzo bathi, “Pho amehlo akho avuleke kanjani?”
11 Waphendula wathi, “Indoda abayithi nguJesu ivube
udaka yalunameka emehlweni ami. Ingitshele yathi
kangiye eSilowami ngiyegeza. Ngakho ngiyile ngayageza,
ngasengibona.” **12** Bayibuza bathi, “Ingaphi leyondoda?”
Wathi, “Kangazi.” **13** Indoda leyo eyayikade iyisiphofu
yalethwa kubaFarisi. **14** Usuku uJesu enza ngalo udaka
wavula amehlo endoda leyo lwaluyiSabatha. **15** AbaFarisi
baphinde bayibuzisisa ukuthi kwenziwani ukuze ibone.
Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Uninde udaka emehlweni
ami, ngageza, manje sengibona.” **16** Abanye abaFarisi
bathi, “Umuntu lo kaveli kuNkulunkulu ngoba kaligcini
iSabatha.” Kodwa abanye babuza bathi, “Isoni singayenza
kanjani imimangaliso enje na?” Kanjalo adabukana. **17**
Bacina sebephendukela endodeni eyayiyisiphofu njalo
bathi, “Wena uthini ngaye? Ngamehlo akho awavulileyo.”
Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Ungumphrofethi.” **18** AmaJuda
kawazange akholwe ukuthi indoda le yayikade iyisiphofu
lokuthi yayisiyenziwe yabona kwaze kwabizwa abazali
bayo. **19** Bababuza bathi, “Lo yindodana yenu yini? Nguye
lo elithi wazalwa eyisiphofu? Sekwenzeke kanjani ukuthi
khathesi usebona?” **20** Abazali baphendula bathi, “Thina
sazi ukuthi uyindodana yethu, njalo siyakwazi ukuthi
wazalwa eyisiphofu. **21** Kodwa ukuthi khathesi usebona

lokuthi amehlo akhe avulwe ngubani kasikwazi. Mbuzeni. Usekhulile; uzazikhulumela." **22** Abazali bakhe bakutsho lokhu ngoba babesesaba amaJuda, ngoba amaJuda ayesevele aquma ukuthi loba ngubani owayezakuthi uJesu nguKhristu wayezaxotshwa esinagogweni. **23** Yikho abazali bakhe bathi, "Usekhulile; mbuzeni yena." **24** Aphinda ayibiza okwesibili indoda eyayiyisiphofu athi, "Nika udumo kuNkulunkulu. Siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu lo uyisoni." **25** Yaphendula yathi, "Ukuthi uyisoni kumbe hatshi kangikwazi. Mina kunye engikwaziyo. Bengiyisiphofu kodwa manje sengibona!" **26** Aseyibuza athi, "Wenzeni kuwe na? Uwavule njani amehlo akho?" **27** Yaphendula yathi, "Sengilitshelile kodwa kalifunanga ukuzwa. Lifunelani ukukuzwa njalo? Lani lifuna ukuba ngabafundi bakhe na?" **28** Khonapho asemthuka esithi, "Ungumfundi walumuntu! Thina singabafundi bakaMosi! **29** Siyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakhuluma kuMosi, kodwa umfokazi lo kasimazi lokuthi uvela ngaphi." **30** Indoda yaphendula yathi, "Manje lokhu kuyamangalisa! Kalimazi lapho avela khona kodwa uwavulile amehlo ami. **31** Siyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazilaleli izoni. Ulalela umuntu olobunkulunkulu, owenza intando yakhe. **32** Kakho osewake wezwa ngokuvulwa kwamehlo omuntu owazalwa eyisiphofu. **(aiōn g165)** **33** Aluba umuntu lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu ubengasoze enze lutho." **34** Aphendula lokhu ngokuthi, "Wazalwa ucwile nya esonweni; ngeke sifundiswe nguwe thina!" Asemxotshela phandle. **35** UJesu wakuzwa ukuthi ayemxotshele phandle, wathi esembonile wathi kuye, "Uyakholwa

eNdodaneni yoMuntu na?” **36** Indoda yabuza yathi, “Ingubani na, nkosi? Ngitshela ukuze ngikholwe kuyo.” **37** UJesu wathi, “Khathesi usuyibonile; iqiniso yikuthi yiyo le ekhuluma lawe.” **38** Indoda yasisithi, “Nkosi, ngiyakholwa,” yasimkhonza. **39** UJesu wathi, “Ngeza lapha emhlabeni ukuzakwahlulela, ukuze iziphofu zibone kuthi labo ababonayo babonakale beyiziphofu.” **40** Abanye abaFarisi ababelaye bamuzwa uJesu esitsho lokhu babuza bathi, “Uthini? Lathi siyiziphofu yini?” **41** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kube beliyiziphofu ngabe kalilamlandu wesono. Kodwa umlandu wenu umi ngoba lizenza abakwaziyo abakwenzayo.”

10 “Ngikhuluma iqiniso ukuthi umuntu ongangeni ngesango esibayeni sezimvu kodwa akhwele kwenye indawo ulisela lomphangi. **2** Umuntu ongena ngesango nguye umelusi wezimvu. **3** Umlindi wesango uyamvulela, lezimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi lakhe. Izimvu zakhe uzibiza ngamabizo azikhokhele. **4** Nxa esezivulele zonke ezakhe, uhamba phambi kwazo, izimvu zakhe zimlandele ngoba ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe. **5** Kodwa kazisoze zilandele owemzini; iqiniso yikuthi zizambalekela ngoba kazilazi ilizwi lowemzini.” **6** UJesu wasebenzisa umzekeliso lo kodwa kabakuzwisisanga lokho ayebatshela khona. **7** Ngakho uJesu waphinda wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi mina ngiyilo isango lezimvu. **8** Bonke asebake bafika phambi kwami babengamasela labaphangi kodwa izimvu kazibalalelanga. **9** Mina ngiyilo isango; loba ngubani ongena ngami uzasindiswa. Uzangena, aphume, afumane idlelo. **10** Isela lilanda ukweba

lokubulala lokubhubhisa kuphela; mina ngilande ukuze zibe lokuphila, zibe lakho ngokugcweleyo. **11** Ngingumelusi olungileyo. Umelusi olungileyo unikela ukuphila kwakhe izimvu zakhe. **12** Oqhatshiweyo kasuye umelusi ongumnini wezimvu. Yikho nxa ebona iganyana lisiza, uyazitshiya izimvu abaleke. Iganyana beseliwuhlasela umhlambi liwuhlakaze. **13** Umuntu lo ubaleka ngoba eyisiqhatshwa, kazikhathaleli izimvu. **14** Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo; ngiyazazi izimvu zami njalo lezimvu zami ziyangazi **15** njengoba uBaba engazi lami ngiyamazi, nginikela ukuphila kwami ezimvini zami. **16** Ngilazo ezinye izimvu ezingasizo zalumhlambi. Lazo kumele ngizilethe. Lazo futhi zizalilalela ilizwi lami ukuze kube lomhlambi owodwa lomelusi oyedwa. **17** Isizatho sokuba uBaba angithande yikuthi ngiyayinikela impilo yami, ngizaphinde ngiyithathe futhi. **18** Kakho ongithathela yona kodwa ngiyinikela ngokufisa kwami. Ngilalo ilungelo lokuyinikela lelungelo lokuphinde ngiyithathe. Umlayo lo ngawamukela uvela kuBaba."
19 Amazwi aphinda enza amaJuda adabuka phakathi. **20** Amanengi kuwo athi, "Uledimoni, uyawumana njalo uyahlanya. Limlalelelani?" **21** Kodwa amanye athi, "La kayisiwo mazwi omuntu oledimoni. Idimoni lingawavula njani amehlo esiphofu?"
22 Kwafika uMkhosi Wokuzinikela eJerusalema. Kwakusebusika, **23** uJesu esemagumeni ethempeli ezihambela eKhulusini likaSolomoni. **24** AmaJuda ayembuthanele athi kuye, "Kuzaze kube nini ulokhu usitshiya silengile na? Nxa unguye uKhristu, sitshele kuhle." **25** UJesu waphendula

wathi, “Ngalitshela kodwa kalikholwa. Imimangaliso engiyenzayo ngebizo likaBaba iyangifakazela, **26** kodwa kalikholwa ngoba kalisizo zimvu zami. **27** Ezami izimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi lami; ngiyazazi lazo ziyangilandela. **28** Ngizipha ukuphila okungapheliyo, kazisoze zabhubha; kakho ongazihlwitha esandleni sikaBaba. **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **29** UBaba wami yena ongiphe zona mkhulu kulakho konke, kakho ongazihlwitha esandleni sikaBaba **30** Mina loBaba simunye.” **31** Aphinda njalo amaJuda adobha amatshe ukuba amkhande, **32** kodwa uJesu wathi kuwo, “Ngilitshengisile imimangaliso emikhulu eminengi evela kuBaba. Yiwuphi phakathi kwayo elingikhandela wona ngamatshe?” **33** “Kasikukhandeli misebenzi emihle oyenzileyo kodwa sikukhandela ukuhlambaza, ngoba wena, umuntu nje, uzenza uNkulunkulu.” **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakulotshwanga yini eMthethweni wenu ukuthi, ‘Ngitshilo ukuthi “lingonkulunkulu?”’ **35** Nxa wababiza ngokuthi ‘ngonkulunkulu,’ bona labo ilizwi elafika kubo, njalo uMbhalo kawephulwa **36** pho-ke kungathiwani kulowo uBaba amkhethileyo ukuba ngowakhe wamthumela emhlabeni na? Kungani pho lingibeka icala lokuhlambaza ngoba ngithe ngiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? **37** Lingangikholwa ngaphandle kokuba ngenze okwenziwa nguBaba. **38** Kodwa nxa ngikwenza, lanxa lingangikholwa, kholwani ubufakazi bemimangaliso ukuze lifunde njalo lizwisise ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuBaba.” **39** Baphinda njalo bazama ukumbamba kodwa waphunyuka. **40** UJesu wabuyela ngaphetsheya kweJodani kuleyondawo lapho uJohane ayebhaphathizela

khona ensukwini ezedlulayo. Wahlala khona, **41** abantu abanengi beza kuye. Bathi, “Lanxa uJohane engazange enze umangaliso, kodwa konke lokho uJohane akutshoyo ngomuntu lo kwakuliqiniso.” **42** Kuleyondawo abanengi bakholwa kuJesu.

11 Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguLazaro eyayigula. YayingeyaseBhethani, umuzi okwakuhlala khona uMariya lodadewabo uMatha. **2** (UMariya lo olomnewabo uLazaro owayephethwe ngumkhuhlane nguye owathela amakha ezinyaweni zeNkosi wazesula ngenwele zakhe.) **3** Ngakho odadewabo laba bathumela ilizwi kuJesu bathi, “Nkosi, lowo omthandayo uyagula.” **4** UJesu esekuzwile lokhu wathi, “Ukugula lokhu kakuzukucina ngokufa. Kodwa kungokodumo lukaNkulunkulu ukuze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe ngakho.” **5** UJesu wayemthanda uMatha lodadewabo kanye loLazaro. **6** Kodwa loba esezwile ukuthi uLazaro wayegula wazihlalela khona lapho ayekhona okwezinye insuku ezimbili. **7** Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Kasibuyeleni eJudiya.” **8** Bathi, “Oh, Rabi, muvana nje amaJuda ake azama ukukukhanda ngamatshe kodwa wena usubuyela khona futhi?” **9** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakusikho yini ukuthi kulamahola alitshumi lambili okukhanyisa kwelanga na? Umuntu ohamba emini kayikukhubeka ngoba ebona ngokukhanya kwalapha emhlabeni. **10** Ukhubeka nxa ehamba ebusuku ngoba kalakho ukukhanya.” **11** Esekutshilo lokhu wasebatshela wathi, “Umngane wethu uLazaro uselele kodwa ngiya khonale ukuyamvusa.” **12** Abafundi bakhe baphendula bathi, “Nkosi, nxa kuvuma ukuthi alale,

uzabangcono.” **13** UJesu wayekhuluma ngokufa kwakhe
kodwa abafundi bakhe babesithi kumbe utsho ukulala
okujayelekileyo. **14** Wasebatshela ephumela egcekeni
wathi, “ULazaro usefile, **15** kodwa ukuze lina likholwe,
ngiyathaba ukuthi bengingekho lapho. Kodwa kasiyeni
khona.” **16** UThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi) wathi
kwabanye abafundi, “Lathi kasihambeni ukuze
siyekufa laye.” **17** Ekufikeni kwakhe uJesu uLazaro
wayesehlale ethuneni okwensuku ezine. **18** EBhethani
kwakungaphansi kwamakhilomitha amathathu usuka
eJerusalema, **19** yikho amaJuda amanengi ayebuyile
ukuzakhalela uMatha loMariya ngokulahlekelwa kwabo
ngumnewabo. **20** Kwathi uMatha esizwa ukuthi uJesu
wayesiza, waphuma wamhlangabeza kodwa uMariya
wasala ngekhaya. **21** UMatha wathi kuJesu, “Nkosi, aluba
ubukhonapha ngabe umnewethu kafanga. **22** Kodwa
ngiyazi ukuthi lamanje uNkulunkulu uzakunika loba yini
oyicelayo.” **23** UJesu wathi kuye, “Umfowenu uzavuka
njalo.” **24** UMatha waphendula wathi, “Ngiyazi ukuthi
uzavuka futhi ekuvukeni kwabafileyo ngosuku lokucina.”
25 UJesu wathi kuye, “Mina ngiyikuvuka kwabafileyo
lokuphila. Lowo okholwa kimi uzaphila loba engafa; **26**
njalo lowo ophilayo ekholwa kimi kasoze afa lanini.
Uyakukholwa lokhu na?” **(aiōn g165)** **27** Waphendula wathi,
“Yebo Nkosi, ngiyakholwa ukuthi unguye uKhristu,
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ozabuya emhlabeni.” **28**
Esekutshilo lokho wabuyela ngekhaya wabizela
udadewabo uMariya eceleni wathi, “UMfundisi usekhona,
uyakucela.” **29** UMariya wathi ekuzwa lokhu wasuka

masinyane waya kuJesu. **30** UJesu wayelokhu engakangeni phakathi komuzi elokhu elapho ayehlangane khona loMatha. **31** Kwathi amaJuda ayeloMariya endlini emduduza esebonile ukuthi wasukuma masinyane njani ephuma, amlandela ecabanga ukuthi mhlawumbe wayesiya ethuneni ukuyakhalela khona. **32** UMariya wonela ukufika lapho uJesu ayekhona, wambona, wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zakhe wathi, "Nkosi, kube ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga." **33** UJesu embona ekhala kanye lamaJuda ayemlandele wadabuka kakhulu emoyeni, wakhathazeka. **34** Wabuza wathi, "Limbeke ngaphi na?" Baphendula bathi, "Woza uzobona Nkosi." **35** UJesu wakhala. **36** AmaJuda asesithi, "Liyabona ukuthi wayemthanda njani!" **37** Kodwa amanye awo athi, "Kanti yena lo owavula amehlo endoda eyayiyisiphofu wehlulekile ukwenza ukuthi umuntu lo angafi na?" **38** UJesu waphinda njalo wadabuka, wasondela ethuneni. Ithuna lalilubhalu, kulelitshe elalivale intuba. **39** Wathi, "Lisuseni ilitshe." UMatha, udadewabo wendoda efileyo wathi, "Nkosi, khathesi sekulephunga elibi ngoba selensuku ezine simbekile." **40** UJesu wasesithi, "Kangikutshelanga ukuthi nxa ukholwa uzabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu na?" **41** Ngakho balisusa ilitshe. UJesu wasekhangela phezulu wathi, "Baba ngiyakubonga ukuthi ungizwile. **42** Mina bengisazi ukuthi uhlala ungizwa, kodwa ngikutshela lokhu ngisenzela abantu abemi lapha ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ungithumile." **43** Esekutshilo lokhu uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, "Lazaro, phuma!" **44**

Umuyi waphuma, izandla lenyawo zakhe zithandelwe ngamaqhele elineni, kulelinye ilembu elalembese ubuso bakhe. UJesu wathi kubo, “Khuphani izivunulo zokungcwaba limyekele ahambe.” **45** Ngakho amaJuda amanengi ayeze ukuzakhalela uMariya esekubonile uJesu akwenzayo, amkholwa. **46** Kodwa amanye aya kubaFarisi bayabatshela lokho okwakwenziwe nguJesu. **47** Abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebebiza umhlangano weSanihedrini. Babuzana bathi, “Kanti sivele senzani? Nangu phela umuntu lo esenza imimangaliso eminengi. **48** Singamyekela aqhubeke ngalindlela, wonke umuntu uzakholwa kuye njalo amaRoma azakuza athathe indawo yethu lesizwe sethu.” **49** Kwasekusithi omunye wabo owayethiwa nguKhayifasi, owayengumphristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, wakhuluma wathi, “Kalazi lutho! **50** Kalikuboni lina ukuthi kungcono ukuba umuntu oyedwa afele abantu kulokuthi kubhubhe isizwe sonke.” **51** Lokhu kazikhulumelanga yena ngokwakhe, kodwa njengomphristi omkhulu kwabanye ngalowomnyaka waphrofitha ukuthi uJesu wayezafela isizwe samaJuda, **52** kungasisizwe leso sodwa, kodwa labantwana bakaNkulunkulu abahlakazekileyo ukuze balethwe ndawonye, benziwe babemunye. **53** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi bakha amacebo okumbulala. **54** Ngakho uJesu wayengasahambahambi obala phakathi kwamaJuda. Wasuka lapho waya emangweni owawuseduze kwenkangala, emzini owawuthiwa yi-Efrayimu, lapho ahlala khona labafundi bakhe. **55** Kwathi sekuzakuba yisikhathi sePhasika lamaJuda, abanengi

baqubuka elizweni baya eJerusalema ukuyahlanjululwa ngokomkhuba kungakabi yiPhasika. **56** Babelokhu bethalaza befuna uJesu, kwathi bemi egumeni lethempeli babuzana bathi, “Licabangani? Ukuthi angaphutha yini emkhosini?” **57** Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebelayele ukuthi nxa ekhona owayekwazi ukuthi uJesu wayengaphi, ahle abike ukuze bambophe.

12 Kwasekusele insuku eziyisithupha ukuthi kufike iPhasika, uJesu waya eBhethani, lapho okwakuhlala khona uLazaro owayevuswe kwabafileyo nguJesu. **2** Kwaphekwa ukudla kwakusihlwa kuhlonitshwa yena uJesu. UMatha nguye owayedidizela, uLazaro ehlezi labanye etafuleni loJesu. **3** UMariya wasethatha amafutha enadi acengekileyo njalo adulayo kakhulu, ayengaba yingxenye yelitha, wawathela ezinyaweni zikaJesu wasezesula ngenwele zakhe. Indlu yagcwala ngephunga elimnandi lamakha lawo. **4** Kodwa omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJudasi Iskariyothi owayezamnikela wasola wathi, **5** “Kungani amakha la engathengiswanga imali yaphiwa abampofu? Intengo yawo ibinganela umholo womnyaka wonke.” **6** Kakutshongo lokhu ngoba ebanakekela abampofu, kodwa ngoba elisela; njengomgcinisikhwama wayandise ukuzisiza ngalokho okwakufakwa phakathi kwaso. **7** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Myekele. Kwakuqondwe ukuthi amakha la awabekele usuku lokungcwatshwa kwami. **8** Lizahlala lilabo abampofu phakathi kwenu kodwa mina kaliyikuhlala lilami.” **9** Ngalesosikhathi ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lezwa ukuthi uJesu wayelapho, leza lingalandanga yena kuphela

kodwa lokuthi libone uLazaro ayemvuse kwabafileyo.
10 Ngakho abaphristi abakhulu benza amacebo okuba
bambulale laye uLazaro, **11** ngoba ngenxa yakhe amaJuda
amanengi ayesiya kuJesu ebeka ukholo lwawo kuye. **12**
Ngosuku olulandelayo ixuku elikhulu elalize emkhosini
lezwa ukuthi uJesu wayesendleleni esiza eJerusalema. **13**
Lathatha amagatsha elala laphuma ukuyamhlangabeza,
limemeza lisithi, "Hosana!" "Ubusisiwe lowo obuya
ngebizo likaThixo!" "Ubusisiwe oyiNkosi ka-Israyeli!" **14**
UJesu wathola inkonyane kababhemi wayigada njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: **15** "Ungesabi, Oh Ndodakazi yeZiyoni;
khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza, ihlezi phezu kwenkonyane
kababhemi." **16** Kuqala abafundi bakhe kabakuzwisisanga
konke lokhu. Kwaze kwaba ngemva kokuba uJesu
esekhazimulisiwe lapho abananzelela khona ukuba izinto
lezi zazilotshwe ngaye lokuthi babezenzile kuye lezozinto.
17 Ngalesosikhathi ixuku elalilaye mhla ebiza uLazaro
ethuneni wabuye wamvusa ekufeni laqhubeka lilifakaza
ilizwi. **18** Abantu abanengi bahamba ukuyamhlangabeza
ngoba basebezwile ukuthi wayewenzile umangaliso lo.
19 AbaFarisi bakhulumisana besithi, "Liyabona, into
le izasitshiya esikhaleni. Khangelani ukuthi umhlaba
wonke usuthe zalezale kuye!" **20** Kwakukhona amaGrikhi
phakathi kwalabo abayakhonza emkhosini. **21** Beza
kuFiliphu owayevela eBhethisayida eGalile lesicelo esithi,
"Nkosi, sifuna ukubona uJesu." **22** UFiliphu wayatshela
u-Andreya; u-Andreya loFiliphu basebemtshela uJesu.
23 UJesu waphendula wathi, "Sesifikile isikhathi sokuba
iNdodana yoMuntu ikhazimuliswe. **24** Ngilitshela

iqiniso ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi uhlamvu lwengqoloyi luwele emhlabathini lufe, lusala lulokhu luluhlamvu olulodwa. Kodwa lungaze lufe luthela inhlamvu ezinengi. **25** Umuntu othanda impilo yakhe izamlahlekela ikanti umuntu ozonda impilo yakhe kulo umhlaba uzayilondolozela ingunaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **26** Lowo ongikhonzayo kumele angilandele, lalapho engikhona lesikhonzi sami sikhona. UBaba uzamdumisa lowo ongikhonzayo. **27** Khathesi inhliziyo yami ikhathazekile. Kambe ngingatsho na ngithi, 'Baba, ngihlenga singafiki lesosikhathi'? Hatshi, kwakungenxa yalesisizatho ukuze ngingene kulesisikhathi. **28** Baba, khazimulisa ibizo lakho!" Kwasekufika ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi, "Sengilikhazimulisile, ngizaphinda ngilikhazimulise." **29** Ixuku labantu elalilapho elalizwayo ilizwi lathi kube lomdumo wezulu; abanye bathi ingilosi yayikhulume laye. **30** UJesu wathi, "Ilizwi leli belingelokusiza lina, hayi mina. **31** Manje sekuyisikhathi sokwahlulela kulo umhlaba; manje inkosi yalo umhlaba isizaxotshwa. **32** Kodwa mina nxa sengiphakanyisiwe ngisuswa emhlabeni, ngizabadonsela kimi bonke abantu." **33** Wakutsho lokhu eveza ukuthi wayezakufa ukufa okunjani. **34** Ixuku labhoboka lathi, "Sezwa eMthethweni ukuthi uKhristu uzahlala kokuphela, pho ukutsho kanjani ukuthi, 'INdodana yoMuntu imele iphakanyiswe na'? Ingubani yona 'iNdodana yoMuntu' le?" **(aiōn g165)** **35** UJesu wabatshela wathi, "Lizakuba lakho ukukhanya okwesikhatshana esithile. Hambani liseselakho ukukhanya, ubumnyama bungakaligubuzeli. Umuntu ophumputha emnyameni kakwazi lapho aya

khona. **36** Bekani ithemba lenu ekukhanyeni liseselakho
ukuze libe ngamadodana okukhanya." Wathi eseqedile
ukukhuluma uJesu wasuka kubo wayazifihla. **37** Lanxa
uJesu wayeseyenze yonke imimangaliso le emehlweni abo
babelokhu bengakholwa kuye. **38** Lokhu kwakugcwalisa
ilizwi lika-Isaya umphrofethi elithi: "Nkosi, ngubani
olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu na, njalo amandla eNkosi
ambulelwe ubani na?" **39** Ngalesisizatho babengeke
bakholwa ngoba u-Isaya uyatsho komunye umbhalo
ukuthi: **40** "Uwafiphazile amehlo abo wathundubeza
inhliziyo zabo ukuze bangaboni ngamehlo abo njalo
bangezwisisi ngenhliziyo zabo, loba baphenduke, ukuze
ngibasilise." **41** U-Isaya wakutsho lokhu ngoba wayibona
inkazimulo kaJesu njalo wayekhuluma ngaye. **42** Kodwa
loba kunjalo, abanengi labanye abakhokheli bakholwa
kuye. Kodwa ngenxa yabaFarisi kabalufakazanga ukholo
lwabo besesaba ukuthi bazaxotshwa esinagogweni;
43 ngoba babethanda ukubukwa ngabantu okwedlula
ukubukwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu. **44** UJesu wasememeza
wathi, "Nxa umuntu ekholwa kimi, kakholwa kimi
kuphela kodwa kuye lowo ongithumileyo. **45** Nxa
ekhangela mina ubona yena lowo ongithumileyo. **46**
Ngibuye emhlabeni ngiyikukhanya ukuze angabikhona
okholwa kimi ozahlala ebumnyameni. **47** Nxa umuntu
ewezwa amazwi ami kodwa angawagcini, angimahluleli
mina. Phela kangilandanga ukuzowahlulela umhlaba
kodwa ukuzowusindisa. **48** Ukhona umahluleli walowo
ongalayo, ongawemukeliyo amazwi ami; lawomazwi
engawakhulumayo uqobo azamlahla ngosuku lokucina. **49**

Ngoba kangizikhulumelanga ngokwentando yami kodwa uBaba owangithumayo wangilaya ukuthi ngithini lokuthi ngikutsho kanjani. **50** Ngiyazi ukuthi umlayo wakhe uholela ekuphileni kwaphakade. Ngakho loba kuyini engikutshoyo yikho lokho uBaba angitshele khona ukuthi ngikutsho." **(aiōnios g166)**

13 Kwakuyisikhathi lapho uMkhosi wePhasika ususondele. UJesu wayekwazi ukuthi isikhathi sokuthi asuke kulumhlaba aye kuYise sasesisondele. Wayehlezi ebathanda abakhe abasemhlabeni, lesi kwasekuyisikhathi sokubatshengisa ukujula kothando lwakhe. **2** Kwathi kudliwa ukudla kwakusihlwa, uSathane wayevele esemtshutshisile uJudasi Iskariyothi, indodana kaSimoni, ukuthi anikele uJesu. **3** UJesu wayekwazi ukuthi uYise wayenikele zonke izinto emandleni akhe, lokuthi yena wayevela kuNkulunkulu njalo wayebuyela kuNkulunkulu, **4** ngakho wasukuma ekudleni, wakhulula isembatho saphezulu, wabophela ithawulo ekhalweni lwakhe. **5** Ngemva kwalokho, wathela amanzi enditshini waseqalisa ukugezisa inyawo zabafundi bakhe, wazesula ngethawulo leyo ayezibophe ngayo. **6** Wafika kuSimoni Phethro owathi kuye, "Nkosi, kambe wena nguwe ongagezisa inyawo zami na?" **7** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kawukuzwisisi lokhu engikwenzayo khathesi kodwa uzakuzwisisa ngesikhathi esizayo." **8** UPhethro wathi, "Hatshi, kawusoze lanini ugezise inyawo zami." UJesu waphendula wathi, "Nxa ngingakugezisi kawulabudlelwano lami." **(aiōn g165)** **9** UPhethro waphendula wathi, "Nkosi, nxa kunjalo, kakungabi

zinyawo zami zodwa kodwa lezandla zami kanye lekhanda lami!” **10** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ogeze umzimba udinga ukugeza inyawo zakhe kuphela, ngoba umzimba wakhe wonke uhlanzekile. Njalo lina lihlanzekile loba nje kungayisini lonke elihlanzekileyo.” **11** Ngoba wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela, yikho wathi kakusibo bonke ababehlanzekile. **12** Eseqedile ukubagezisa inyawo, wagqoka isembatho saphezulu wasebuyela endaweni yakhe. Wababuza wathi, “Liyakuzwisisa na esengilenzele khona? **13** Lingibiza lithi ‘Mfundisi’ lokuthi ‘Nkosi,’ lisitsho liqondile, ngoba ngiyikho lokho. **14** Manje-ke njengoba mina, iNkosi yenu loMfundisi, sengigezise inyawo zenu, lani kumele ligezisane inyawo. **15** Sengilenzele isibonelo ukuthi lenze njengoba ngilenzele mina. **16** Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi kini kakulanceku enkulu kulenkosi yayo, njalo isithunywa kasisikhulu kulalowo osithumileyo. **17** Lingaze lizazi lezizinto lizabusiswa nxa lizenza.” **18** “Kangikhulumi ngani lonke; ngiyabazi labo esengibakhethile. Kodwa lokhu kuyikugcwalisa umbhalo othi: ‘Lowo obesidla lami isinkwa usengihlamukele.’ **19** Ngilazisa khathesi kungakenzakali, ukwenzela ukuthi lapho sekusenzakala, likholwe ukuthi ngiNguye. **20** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi lowo owamukela loba ngubani engimthumayo wamukela mina njalo lowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo.” **21** UJesu esatsho lokhu wakhathazeka kakhulu wafakaza wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela.” **22** Abafundi bakhe bakhangelana bedidekile ukuthi

kambe angabe esitsho wuphi kubo. **23** Omunye wabo
owayethandwa nguJesu wayeyeme etafuleni eduzane
laye. **24** USimoni Phethro wasemqhweba lowomfundi
wathi kuye, “Mbuze ukuthi utsho bani.” **25** Waseseyama
kuJesu wambuza wathi, “Nkosi, ngubani?” **26** UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Kungulowo engizamupha ucezu
lwesinkwa nxa sengisitshebile emganwini.” Kwathi
esesitshebile isinkwa wasiqhubela uJudasi Iskariyothi,
indodana kaSimoni. **27** Wonela ukusithatha isinkwa
uJudasi uSathane wasengena kuye. UJesu wathi kuye,
“Lokho osufuna ukukwenza, kwenze masinyane.” **28**
Kodwa kakho etafuleni owazwisisayo ukuthi kungani
uJesu watsho njalo kuye. **29** Ngenxa yokuthi uJudasi
nguye owayephatha imali, abanye bacabanga
ukuthi uJesu wayemtshela ukuthi athenge lokho
okwakuzafuneka emkhosini kumbe ukuthi anike okuthile
kwabampofu. **30** Wonela ukuthi athathe isinkwa
waphuma. Kwasekusebusuku. **31** Esehambile uJesu wathi,
“Khathesi iNdodana yoMuntu isikhazimulisiwe njalo
uNkulunkulu ukhazimulisiwe kuyo. **32** Nxa uNkulunkulu
ekhazimulisiwe kuyo, uNkulunkulu laye uzayikhazimulisa
iNdodana kuye njalo uzayikhazimulisa masinyane. **33**
Bantwabami, ngizakuba lani okwesikhatshana esincane.
Lizangidinga kodwa njengoba ngawatshela amaJuda, lani
sengilitshela khathesi ukuthi: Lapho engiyakhona,
alingeke lifike. **34** Ngilinika umlayo omutsha:
Thandanani. Kumele lithandane njengoba lami
ngilithandile. **35** Bonke abantu bazakwazi ukuthi
lingabafundi bami nxa lithandana.” **36** USimoni Phethro

wambuza wathi, “Nkosi, kanti uya ngaphi na?” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lapho engiyakhona ungazake ungilandele khathesi kodwa uzangilandela ngesikhathi esizayo.” **37** Wabuza uPhethro wathi, “Nkosi, kungani ngingahle ngikulandele khathesi? Ngizanikela ukuphila kwami kuwe.” **38** UJesu wasemphendula wathi, “Kambe uzinikele ukuphila kwakho ngenxa yami? Ngiqinisile ngithi uzangiphika kathathu iqhude lingakakhali!”

14 “Inhliziyo zenu kazingakhathazeki. Kholwani kuNkulunkulu; likholwe lakimi. **2** Emzini kaBaba kulezindlu ezinengi; aluba kwakungenjalo ngabe ngalitshela. Ngiya khona ukuyalilungisela indawo. **3** Njalo nxa sengiyile ukulilungisela indawo ngizabuya ngizolithatha ukuthi libe lami, ukuze libe lami lapho engikhona. **4** Liyayazi indlela eya lapho engiyakhona.” **5** UThomasi wathi kuye, “Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona, pho singayazi kanjani indlela na?” **6** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Mina ngiyiyo indlela njalo ngiliqiniso lokuphila. Kakho oza kuBaba ngaphandle kwami. **7** Aluba belingazi ngempela, belizamazi loBaba. Kusukela khathesi, selimazi njalo selimbonile.” **8** UFiliphu wathi, “Nkosi, sitshengise uBaba ngoba yikho lokho okuzasanelisa.” **9** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lokhe ungangazi na Filiphu, emva kwesikhathi eside kangaka ngilani? Lowo ongibonileyo usembonile uBaba. Ungatsho kanjani ukuthi, ‘Sitshengise uBaba’? **10** Kawukholwa yini ukuthi ngikuBaba lokuthi uBaba ukimi? Amazwi engiwakhulumayo kini akusiwami. Kodwa nguBaba ophila kimi owenzayo umsebenzi wakhe. **11** Kholwani kimi nxa ngisithi ngikuBaba loBaba ukimi;

loba ukukholwa ubufakazi bemimangaliso ngokwayo nje
zwi. **12** Ngiqinisile ukuthi lowo okholwa kimi uzakwenza
lokho ebengikwenza. Uzakwenza izinto ezinkulu kulalezi
ngoba ngiya kuBaba. **13** Njalo ngizakwenza noma
yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami ukuze iNdodana ilethe
inkazimulo kuBaba. **14** Lingacela noma yini ngebizo
lami, ngizakwenza." **15** "Nxa lingithanda, gcinani imilayo
yami. **16** Ngizacela kuBaba ukuthi alinike omunye umeli
ukuthi alisize abe lani kuze kube laphakade, **(aiōn g165)**
17 uMoya weqiniso. Ilizwe ngeke limamukele ngoba
kalimboni njalo kalimazi. Kodwa lina liyamazi ngoba
uhlala lani njalo uzakuba lani. **18** Kangisoze ngilitshiye
lizintandane, ngizabuya kini. **19** Kakusekhatshana ukuthi
umhlaba ungabe usangibona njalo kodwa lina lizangibona.
Ngenxa yokuthi ngiyaphila, lani lizaphila futhi. **20**
Ngalolosuku lizakunanzelela ukuthi ngikuBaba, lina
likimi, lami ngikini. **21** Lowo olayo imilayo yami, ayigcine,
nguye ongithandayo. Lowo ongithandayo uzathandwa
nguBaba njalo lami ngizamthanda ngiziveze kuye." **22**
Ngakho uJudasi (hatshi uJudasi Iskariyothi) wathi, "Kodwa
Nkosi, kungani ujonge ukuziveza kithi, hatshi emhlabeni
na?" **23** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Lowo ongithandayo
uzalalela imfundiso yami. UBaba uzamthanda njalo
sizakuza kuye sakhe umuzi wethu kanye laye. **24** Lowo
ongangithandiyo kayikulalela imfundiso yami. Amazwi la
eliwezwayo kayisiwo wami, ngakaBaba ongithumileyo.
25 Konke lokhu ngikukhulume ngiseselani. **26** Kodwa
uMeli, uMoya ONgcwele, uBaba azamthumela ebizweni
lami, uzalifundisa zonke izinto njalo uzalikhumbuza

konke engikukhulume kini. **27** Ukuthula ngikutshiya kini; ukuthula kwami ngilinika khona. Kangiliniki njengokunika komhlaba. Lingakhathazeki ezinhliziyweni zenu njalo lingesabi. **28** Langizwa ngisithi, 'Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini.' Kube belingithanda, ngabe liyathokoza ukuthi ngiya kuBaba, ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami. **29** Sengilitshelile manje kungakenzakali ukuze kuthi nxa sekusenzakala likholwe. **30** Kangisayikukhuluma okunengi kini ngoba inkosi yalo umhlaba isisiza. Kayilamandla phezu kwami, **31** kodwa umhlaba umele wazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda uBaba lokuthi ngenza khona kanye uBaba angilaye khona. Wozani manje; kasisukeni lapha."

15 "Mina ngilivini eliqotho, uBaba ungumlimi. **2** Zonke ingatsha ezingatheli izithelo uyaziquma, kuthi zonke ingatsha ezithelayo uyazithena kuhle ukuze zithele kakhulu. **3** Lina selihlambulukile ngenxa yelizwi esengilikhulume kini. **4** Hlalani kimi, lami ngizahlala kini. Kalukho ugatsha olungathela izithelo ngokwalo kodwa kumele luhlale lusevinini. Lani lingeke lithele izithelo ngaphandle kokuthi lihlale kimi. **5** Mina ngilivini; lina lizingatsha. Nxa umuntu ehlala kimi lami kuye, uzathela izithelo ezinengi; ngaphandle kwami kakukho elingakwenza. **6** Nxa lingahlali kimi, lizabe lifana logatsha olulahliweyo lwabuna; ingatsha ezinjalo ziyathezwa, zibaswe besezisitsha. **7** Nxa lihlala kimi lamazwi ami ehlala kini, celani loba yini eliyifunayo, lizayiphiwa. **8** Lokhu kungokwenkazimulo kaBaba ukuze lithele izithelo ezinengi, lizitshengisa ukuthi

lingabafundi bami. **9** Njengoba uBaba engithanda,
lami ngilithande ngendlela angithanda ngayo. Ngakho-
ke, hlalani ethandweni lwami. **10** Nxa ligcina imilayo
yami, lizahlala lisethandweni lwami, njengoba lami
ngilalele imilayo kaBaba ngihlala ngisethandweni lwakhe.
11 Ngilitshele lokhu ukuze ukuthokoza kwami kube
kini lokuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele. **12** Umlayo
wami yilo: Thandanani njengoba ngilithandile lani. **13**
Kakho olothando olukhulu kulonikela ukuphila kwakhe
ngenxa yabangane bakhe. **14** Lingabangane bami nxa
lisenza lokho engililaya khona. **15** Kangisalibizi ngokuthi
liyizinceku ngoba inceku kayiwazisisi umsebenzi wenkosi
yayo. Kodwa ngithe kini lingabangane ngoba konke
engakufunda kuBaba ngilazisile. **16** Kalingikhethanga,
kodwa yimi engalikhethayo, ngalibeka ukuze liyethela
izithelo, izithelo ezizahlala isikhathi eside ukuze kuthi
konke elikucela ngebizo lami uBaba alinike khona. **17**
Nanku umlayo wami: Thandanani." **18** "Nxa umhlaba
ulizonda, khumbulani ukuthi wangizonda kuqala. **19**
Ngabe belingabomhlaba, ubuzalithanda njengabantu
bawo. Njengoba kunje, kalisibo abomhlaba, kodwa
ngilikhethe lisemhlabeni. Yikho umhlaba ulizonda.
20 Khumbulani amazwi engawakhuluma kini ngisithi:
'Kakulanceku enkulu kuleNkosi yayo.'Nxa bangihlukuluza,
lani bazalihlukuluza. Nxa balalela imfundiso yami,
bazayilalela leyenu. **21** Bazaliphatha ngaleyondlela ngenxa
yebizo lami, ngoba kabamazi lowo ongithumileyo. **22**
Aluba bengingezanga ngakhuluma kubo bebengayikuba
lomlandu wesono. Kodwa manje kabaselaxolo ngesono

sabo. **23** Lowo ozonda mina uzonda loBaba. **24** Aluba
angenzanga umangaliso ongenziwanga ngomunye wabo
phakathi kwabo, babengayikuba lomlandu wesono. Kodwa
khathesi sebeyibonile imimangaliso le, kodwa baphinde
bangizonde mina kanye loBaba. **25** Kodwa lokhu kwenzeka
ukuze kugcwalise okulotshiweyo eMthethweni wabo
ukuthi: 'Bangizonda kungelasizatho.'" **26** "Angaze afike
uMeli engizamthumela kini evela kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso
ophuma kuBaba, uzafakaza ngami; **27** lani kumele lifakaze,
ngoba laba lami kusukela ekuqaleni."

16 "Ngilitshela konke lokhu ukuze ukholo lwenu
lunganyikinyeki. **2** Bazalixotsha esinagogweni; ngempela
siyeza isikhathi lapho abazalibulala khona bezitshela
ukuthi benzela uNkulunkulu into enhle. **3** Bazakwenza
lokhu ngoba kabamazanga uBaba loba mina. **4** Ngilitshela
lokhu ukuze kuthi isikhathi lesi sifika likhumbule
ukuthi ngalixwayisa ngaso. Kangilitshelanga lokhu
ekuqaleni ngoba ngangilani." **5** "Kodwa khathesi
sengisiya kuye ongithumileyo. Kakho kini ongibuzayo
ukuthi, 'Uya ngaphi na?' **6** Kodwa ngenxa yokuba
sengizitshilo lezizinto, selihlulukelwe. **7** Ngilitshela iqiniso
ngithi: Kulungele lina ukuba ngihambe. Ngaphandle
kokuthi ngihambe, uMeli akayikuza kini; kodwa
nxa ngihamba, ngizamthuma kini. **8** Lapho efika
uzatshengisa umhlaba ukuthi ulahlekile ngesono,
ngokulunga langokwahlulelwa: **9** ngokwesono, ngoba
abantu kabakholwa kimi; **10** ngokulunga, ngoba ngiya
kuBaba, lapho elingasayi kungibona khona njalo;
11 langokwahlulelwa, ngoba umbusi walo umhlaba

usemiselwe ukulahlwa. **12** Kusasekunengi engingakutsho kini, kodwa kungalisinda. **13** Kodwa yena uMoya weqiniso nxa esefikile uzalikhokhelela kulolonke iqiniso. Kazukuzikhulumela yena; uzakhuluma lokho akuzwayo kuphela, njalo uzalitshela lokho okusazobuya. **14** Uzaletha inkazimulo kini ngokuthatha kulokho okungokwami akwenze kwazakale kini. **15** Konke okungokukaBaba ngokwami. Yikho ngithe uMoya uzathatha kokungokwami akwenze kwazakale kini." **16** UJesu waqhubeka esithi, "Ngesikhatshana aliyi kungibona, kodwa ngemva kwesikhatshana lizangibona." **17** Abanye babafundi bakhe bakhulumisana bathi, "Utshoni ngokuthi, 'Ngemva kwesikhatshana kalisayikungibona,' njalo athi, 'Kuthi ngemva kwesikhatshana lizangibona njalo, Ngoba ngiya kuBaba' na?" **18** Babelokhu bebuza besithi, "Utshoni nxa esithi 'isikhatshana'? Kasikuzwisisi lokho akutshoyo." **19** UJesu wabona ukuthi babefuna ukumbuza ngalokhu, wasesithi kubo, "Liyabuzana ukuthi bengisitshoni ngize ngithi, 'Ngemva kwesikhatshana kalisayikungibona'? **20** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi lizakhala lilile kodwa umhlaba wona uthokoza. Lizakuba losizi, kodwa usizi lwenu luzakuba yintokozo. **21** Owesifazane nxa ebeletha uzwa ubuhlungu ngoba isikhathi sakhe sesifikile; kodwa nxa umntwana esezelwe uyabukhohlwa ubuhlungu lobo ngenxa yentokozo yokuthi sekuzelwe umntwana emhlabeni. **22** Kunjalo lakini: Manje yisikhathi senu sosizi, kodwa ngizaphinda ngilibone beselithokoza, njalo kakho ozaphinda alemuke intokozo yenu. **23** Ngalolosuku kaliyi kungibuza lutho. Ngiqinisile ngithi

kini, uBaba wami uzalinika loba yini eliyicela ngebizo lami. **24** Kuze kube manje kalikaceli lutho ngebizo lami. Celani, lizakwamukeliswa, ukuze ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele. **25** Lanxa bengikhuluma ngemizekeliso, siyeza isikhathi lapho ngingasayikukhuluma ngaleyondlela, kodwa engizalitshela khona kamhlophe ngoBaba. **26** Ngalelolanga lizacela ngebizo lami. Kangitsho ukuthi ngizalicelela kuBaba. **27** Hatshi, uBaba yena ngokwakhe uyalithanda ngoba lingithandile, lakukholwa ukuthi ngavela kuNkulunkulu. **28** Ngavela kuBaba ngangena emhlabeni; okwamanje sengiwutshiya umhlaba sengibuyela kuBaba." **29** Abafundi bakaJesu basebesithi, "Khathesi usukhuluma kamhlophe ungasazekelisi. **30** Khathesi sesibona ukuthi uyazazi izinto zonke lokuthi kakudingeki ukuthi ubuzwe imibuzo. Lokhu kwenza ukuthi sikholwe ukuba wavela kuNkulunkulu." **31** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Khathesi selikholwa na? **32** Kodwa siyeza isikhathi, sesifikile, lapho elizachitheka khona, ngulowo aye ngakibo. Lizangitshiya ngedwa lonke. Ikanti kangingedwa ngoba uBaba ulami. **33** Ngilitshele izinto lezi ukuze libe lokuthula kimi. Kulumhlaba lizahlupheka. Kodwa wobani lesibindi! Sengiwunqobile umhlaba."

17 UJesu esekutshilo lokhu, wakhangela ezulwini wakhuleka wathi: "Baba, isikhathi sesifikile. Khazimulisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze iNdodana yakho ikukhazimulise. **2** Ngoba wayinika amandla phezu kwabantu bonke ukuthi ibaphe ukuphila okungapheliyo kubo bonke labo obanike yona. **(aiōnios g166)** **3** Manje-ke yilokhu ukuphila okungapheliyo: ukuthi bakwazi wena, onguwe wedwa

uNkulunkulu weqiniso, loJesu Khristu omthumileyo.
(aiōnios g166) **4** Sengikulethele inkazimulo emhlabeni
ngokuphelelisa umsebenzi owanginika wona ukuthi
ngiwenze. **5** Manje, Baba, akungikhazimulise phambi
kwakho ngaleyonkazimulo esasilayo sobabili umhlaba
ungakabi khona." **6** "Ngikuvezile kulabo owangipha bona
emhlabeni. Babengabakho; wangipha bona njalo labo
balilalele ilizwi lakho. **7** Khathesi sebesazi ukuthi konke
lokho onginike khona kuvela kuwe. **8** Ngoba ngabanika
amazwi owanginika wona bawemukela. Bakwazi ngeqiniso
ukuthi ngavela kuwe njalo bakholwa ukuthi ungithumile.
9 Ngikhulekela bona. Kangikhulekeli umhlaba kodwa labo
onginike bona ngoba bangabakho. **10** Konke engilakho
ngokwakho, lakho konke olakho ngokwami. Lenkazimulo
isikimi ngabo. **11** Kangisayikuhlala emhlabeni kusukela
khathesi ngoba sengisiza kuwe, kodwa bona balokhu
besemhlabeni. Baba Ongcwele, bavikele ngamandla
ebizo lakho, ibizo owanginika lona ukuze babemunye
njengalokhu thina simunye. **12** Ngesikhathi ngiphakathi
kwabo ngabavikela, ngabagcina bephephile ngalelobizo
owanginika lona. Kakulahlekanga loyedwa ngaphandle
koyedwa owayefanele ukubhubha ukuze kugcwaliseke
uMbhalo. **13** Sengisiza kuwe manje, kodwa ngiyazitsho
lezizinto ngisesemhlabeni ukuze babe lentokozo yami
ngokugcweleyo ngaphakathi kwabo. **14** Ngibaphile
ilizwi lakho ngakho umhlaba usubazonda ngoba
bengaseyibo bomhlaba njengoba lami ngingasuye
womhlaba. **15** Umkhuleko wami kawusi wokuthi
ubasuse emhlabeni, kodwa ukuthi ubavikele komubi.

16 Kabasibo bomhlaba, njengoba lami ngingasiwawo.
17 Bangcwelise ngalo iqiniso; ilizwi lakho liliqiniso. **18**
Njengalokhu wangithuma emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile
emhlabeni. **19** Ngenxa yabo ngiyazingcwelisa ukuze
labo bangcweliswe ngobuqotho." **20** "Umkhuleko wami
kawusiwabo bodwa. Ngikhulekela njalo labo abazakholwa
kimi ngenxa yobufakazi babo, **21** ukuthi bonke babemunye
Baba njengoba wena ukimi lami ngikuwe. Sengathi
labo bangaba kithi ukuze umhlaba ukholwe ukuthi
ungithumile. **22** Ngibaphile inkazimulo owangipha yona
ukuze babemunye njengalokhu thina simunye: **23** mina
ngibe kubo lawe ukimi. Sengathi bangaba lokumanyana
okupheleleyo ukutshengisa umhlaba ukuthi ungithumile
njalo ubathandile njengalokhu ungithandile lami. **24**
Baba, ngifuna ukuthi labo ongiphe bona babe lami lapho
engikhona njalo bayibone inkazimulo yami, inkazimulo
onginike yona ngoba wangithanda umhlaba ungakadalwa.
25 Baba olungileyo, loba umhlaba ungakwazi, mina
ngiyakwazi, njalo bayakwazi ukuthi ungithumile. **26**
Ngikuvezile wena kubo njalo ngizaqhubeka ukwenza
ukuthi waziwe ukuze kuthi uthando olalo kimi lube
ngolwabo njalo lokuthi mina ngokwami ngibe kubo."

18 Wathi eseqedile ukukhuleka, uJesu wasuka kanye
labafundi bakhe bakhuphuka iSigodi seKhidroni.
Ngaphetsheya kwakulensimu yama-Oliva lapho angena
khona labafundi bakhe. **2** UJudasi owamnikelayo wayeyazi
leyondawo ngoba uJesu wayehlezi esiyahlangana khona
labafundi bakhe. **3** Ngakho uJudasi weza ensimini leyo,
ehola ixuku lamanxusa kanye lezinye izikhulu ezazivela

kubaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi. Babephethe izibane lezikhali. **4** UJesu esazi konke okwakuzakwenzakala kuye waya phambili wababuza wathi, “Lifuna bani na?” **5** Baphendula bathi, “uJesu waseNazaretha.” UJesu wathi, “Nginguye.” (UJudasi, umthengisi wayemi khonapho labo.) **6** UJesu esethe, “Nginguye,” batsheda bawela phansi. **7** Wababuza njalo wathi, “Lifuna bani na?” Bathi, “UJesu waseNazaretha.” **8** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshelile ngathi nginguye. Nxa lidinga mina, yekelani amadoda la azihambele.” **9** Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze amazwi awakhulumayo athi: “Kangilahlekelwanga lamunye walabo ongiphe bona agcwaliseke.” **10** Kwasekusithi uSimoni Phethro owayelenkemba, wayikhokha wagalela inceku yomphristi omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe yayo yakwesokunene. (Ibizo lenceku leyo lalinguMalikhusi.) **11** UJesu wamkhalimela uPhethro wathi, “Beka khatshana inkemba yakho! Ngingayinathi inkezo uBaba asengiphe yona na?” **12** Kwasekusithi iqembu lamanxusa lomlawuli walo kanye lezikhulu zamaJuda bambamba uJesu. Bambopha, **13** bamusa ku-Anasi kuqala owayenguyisezala kaKhayifasi owayengumphristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka. **14** UKhayifasi nguye owayecebise amaJuda ukuthi kwakuzaba kuhle ukuthi indoda eyodwa ifele abantu. **15** USimoni Phethro lomunye umfundi babemlandela uJesu. Kwathi ngoba lowomfundi wayesaziwa ngumphristi omkhulu wangena loJesu egumeni lomphristi omkhulu, **16** kodwa uPhethro yena walinda ngaphandle komnyango. Lowomfundi owayesaziwa ngumphristi omkhulu wabuya wakhuluma lentombazana eyayilindile khonapho,

wasengenisa uPhethro. **17** Intombazana eyayilinde
emnyango yambuza uPhethro yathi, “Konje wena lawe
ungomunye wabafundi bendoda le?” Waphendula wathi,
“Kangisuye.” **18** Kwakuqanda, ngakho izinceku lezikhulu
zazimi zisotha umlilo ezaziwubasile. UPhethro laye
wayemi lazo esotha umlilo. **19** Ngalesosikhathi umphristi
omkhulu wayebuzabuza uJesu mayelana labafundi
bakhe langemfundiso yakhe. **20** UJesu waphendula
wathi, “Ngikhulume obala kuwo umhlaba. Kokuphela
ngangifundisa emasinagogweni kumbe ethempelini lapho
amaJuda onke abuthana khona. Kangikhulumanga lutho
ensitha. **21** Libuzelani mina? Buzani labo abangizwayo.
Ngiqinisile bayakwazi engakukhulumayo.” **22** UJesu
esetshonjalo, omunye wezikhulu ezaziseduze kwakhe
wamhlankala ebusweni, wambuza wathi, “Yiyo indlela
yokuphendula umphristi omkhulu leyo na?” **23** UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngikhulume okungafanelanga
kutsho. Kodwa nxa ngikhulume iqiniso, ungitshayelani
na?” **24** U-Anasi wasemedlulisela kuKhayifasi umphristi
omkhulu elokhu ebotshiwe. **25** USimoni Phethro
wayelokhu emi esotha umlilo, abanye bambuza bathi,
“Kakusiqiniso yini ukuthi ungomunye wabafundi bakhe
na?” Waphika wathi, “Kangisuye.” **26** Omunye wezinceku
zomphristi omkhulu, owayeyisihlobo sendoda eyaqunywa
indlebe nguPhethro yamqonda yathi, “Kangikubonanga
yini ulaye esivandeni sama-oliva na?” **27** UPhethro
waphika njalo, khonokho nje iqhude lakhala. **28** AmaJuda
asemthatha uJesu kuKhayifasi amusa esigodlweni sombusi
ongumRoma. Khonapho kwasekusempondozankomo

njalo ukuze angazingcolisi ngokwenkonzo yawo amaJuda kawangenanga esigodlweni; ayefuna ukuthi akulungele ukudla iPhasika. **29** Ngakho uPhilathu waphuma weza kuwo wawabuza wathi, “Limbeka cala bani lumuntu na?” **30** Aphendula athi, “Kube ubengesiso isikliwi besingasoze simlethe kuwe.” **31** UPhilathu wathi, “Mthatheni lina limahlulele ngokomthetho wenu.” AmaJuda atshinga athi, “Phela thina kasilawo amandla okuquma umuntu.” **32** Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze amazwi uJesu ayewakhulumile ngendlela ayezakufa ngayo agcwaliseke. **33** UPhilathu wasengena njalo esigodlweni, wabiza uJesu wambuza wathi, “Wena uyinkosi yamaJuda na?” **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ngumcabango wakho yini kumbe kulabanye abake bakhuluma lawe ngami?” **35** UPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Ucabanga ukuthi ngingumJuda na? Ngabantu bakini labaphristi abakhulu abakulethe lapha kimi. Kanti uvele woneni?” **36** UJesu wathi, “Umbuso wami kawusi walumhlaba. Aluba kwakunjalo izinceku zami bezizakulwa ukwenqabela ukuthi ngingabotshwa ngamaJuda. Kodwa hatshi, umbuso wami uvela kwenye indawo.” **37** UPhilathu wathi, “Ngakho uyinkosi phela?” UJesu waphendula wathi, “Uqondile ukuthi ngiyinkosi. Ngeqiniso ngazalelwa lokho njalo ngalanda khona emhlabeni, ukuzafakaza iqiniso. Bonke abemi eqinisweni bayangilalela.” **38** UPhilathu wabuza wathi, “Yiliphi iqiniso?” Esekutshilo lokhu waphinda waphuma waya kumaJuda wathi, “Angifumani lutho lokumbeka icala. **39** Kodwa kungumkhuba wenu ukuthi ngilikhululele esinye isibotshwa ngesikhathi sePhasika.

Lifuna ukuthi ngilikhululele inkosi yamaJuda na?” **40** Amemeza athi, “Hatshi, hayi lo! Siphe uBharabhasi!” UBharabhasi wayephatheke ekukhokheleni umvukela.

19 UPhilathu wasemthatha uJesu wathi katshaywe ngemvubu. **2** Amabutho eluka umqhele wameva awubeka ekhanda lakhe. Amgqokisa isigqoko esiyibubende **3** aya kuye aphindaphinda ememeza esithi, “Bayethe! Nkosi yamaJuda!” **4** UPhilathu waphinda waphuma wathi kumaJuda, “Khangelani, sengimkhupha ngimlethe kini ngilazisa ukuthi kangifumani sizatho sokumethesa icala.” **5** Kwathi uJesu ephuma egqoke umqhele wameva, egqoke isigqoko esiyibubende, uPhilathu wathi kubo, “Iboneni-ke, nansi indoda!” **6** Abaphristi abakhulu lezikhulu zabo bonela ukumbona bamemeza bathi, “Mbethele! Mbethele!” Kodwa uPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Mthatheni limbethele lina. Mina, kangifumani sizatho sokumethesa icala.” **7** AmaJuda aphikelela athi, “Thina silomthetho, ngakho mayelana lalowomthetho kumele afe ngoba uzithi uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.” **8** UPhilathu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wesaba kakhulu, **9** wasebuyela esigodlweni. Wabuza uJesu wathi, “Ungowangaphi wena?” Kodwa uJesu kamphendulanga. **10** UPhilathu wathi, “Kawufuni kukhuluma lami? Awuboni yini ukuthi mina ngilamandla okukukhulula lawokukubethela?” **11** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kawulawo amandla phezu kwami ongawaphiwanga evela phezulu. Ngakho-ke, lowo onginikele kuwe ulecala lesono esikhulu kakhulu.” **12** Kusukela lapho uPhilathu wazama ukukhulula uJesu, kodwa amaJuda aqhubeka ememeza esithi,

“Nxa uyekela umuntu lo ahambe, kawulabungane loKhesari. Lowo ozitshaya inkosi uphikisana loKhesari.”
13 UPhilathu esezwe lokhu, wamletha phandle uJesu,
yena wasehlala esihlalweni sakhe sokwahlulela endaweni
eyayithiwa yisiGcawu Esigandelwe Ngamatshe (okuthiwa
ngesiHebheru yiGabatha). **14** Kwakulusuku lokuLungisela
iViki yePhasika, ngehola lesithupha. UPhilathu wathi
kumaJuda, “Nansi inkosi yenu.” **15** Kodwa amemeza
athi, “Msuse! Msuse! Mbethele!” UPhilathu wabuza
wathi, “Ngibethele inkosi yenu na?” Abaphristi
abakhulu bamphendula bathi, “Kasilankosi ngaphandle
kukaKhesari.” **16** Ekucineni uPhilathu wamnikela kubo
ukuba abethelwe. Ngakho amabutho amthatha uJesu.
17 Wathwala isiphambano, wasuka waya endaweni
yoKhakhayi (okuthiwa ngesiHebheru yiGoligotha). **18**
Bambethela khona lapho kanye labanye ababili, ngapha
langapha kwakhe, uJesu waba phakathi. **19** UPhilathu
waloba umbhalo wananyathiselwa esiphambanweni.
Wawubhalwe ukuthi: UJesu waseNazaretha, iNkosi
yamaJuda. **20** AmaJuda amanengi awufunda umbhalo
lowo ngoba lapho uJesu ayebethelwe khona kwakuseduze
ledolobho, umbhalo lowo wawulotshwe ngesiHebheru,
ngesiLathini langesiGrikhi. **21** Abaphristi abakhulu
bamaJuda basola kuPhilathu bathi, “Ungalobi uthi
‘INkosi yamaJuda,’ kodwa umuntu lo wayezibiza
ngokuthi uyinkosi yamaJuda.” **22** UPhilathu waphendula
wathi, “Esengikulobile, sengikulobile.” **23** Kwathi
amabutho esembethele uJesu, athatha izigqoko zakhe
azabelana, zaba zingxenye ezine, zilingene ibutho

linye ngalinye, kwasala isigqoko sangaphansi. Sona sasingelamthungo, silukwe sonke kusukela phezulu kusiya phansi. **24** Bacebisana bathi, “Kasingasidabuli. Kasikhetheni ngenkatho ukuthi sibe ngesikabani.” Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo owathi: “Babelana izembatho zami benza inkatho ngezigqoko zami.” Yikho lokhu amabutho akwenzayo. **25** Eduze kwesiphambano sakhe uJesu kwakumi unina, udadewabo kanina, uMariya umkaKlopasi loMariya Magadalini. **26** UJesu wathi ebona unina lapho lomfundi ayemthanda emi lapho eduze, wathi kunina, “Mama, nansi indodana yakho,” **27** wathi kumfundi, “Nangu unyoko.” Kusukela kulesosikhathi umfundi lowo wamthatha unina wamusa ekhaya lakhe. **28** Ngemva kwalesosikhathi, uJesu esesazi ukuthi konke kwasekuphelele njalo ukuze umbhalo ugcwaliseke, wathi, “Ngomile.” **29** Kwakubekwe imbodlela yewayini yeviniga khonapho, basebegxamuza kuyo uzipho baluxhuma eluthini lwesihlahlakazana sehisophi, baluphakamisela endebeni zikaJesu. **30** Esenathile wathi, “Sekuphelile.” Esetshonjalo wagobisa ikhanda lakhe wafa. **31** Lolo kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela, ngosuku olulandelayo kwakuzakuba liSabatha eliqakathekileyo. Ngenxa yokuthi amaJuda ayengafuni izidumbu zisale eziphambanweni ngeSabatha, acela uPhilathu ukuthi kwephulwe amalunga emilenze lezidumbu zethulwe. **32** Yikho amabutho eza ephula imilenze yendoda yakuqala eyayibethelwe loJesu, aphinda lakweyinye. **33** Kodwa athi efika kuJesu ebona ukuthi wayevele esefile, kawasazephulanga izitho zakhe. **34** Endaweni

yalokho elinye ibutho lamciba uJesu ngomkhonto ohlangothini, kwantshaza igazi lamanzi. **35** Umuntu owakubonayo usebulethile ubufakazi, njalo ubufakazi bakhe buliqiniso. Uyazi ukuthi ukhuluma iqiniso njalo ufakazela ukuthi lani libe lokukholwa. **36** Lezizinto zenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: "Kalikho lalinye ithambo lakhe elizakwephulwa," **37** lomunye umbhalo uthi, "Bazakhangela kulowo abamgwazayo." **38** Ngemva kwalokho, uJosefa wase-Arimathiya wacela isidumbu sikaJesu kuPhilathu. UJosefa lo wayengumfundi kaJesu kodwa wayekufihla ngoba wayesesaba amaJuda. Eselemvumo kaPhilathu weza wasithatha isidumbu. **39** Wayephathiswa nguNikhodimasi, indoda leyana eyayike yeza kuJesu ebusuku. UNikhodimasi weza lamakha emure lenhlaba engaba lesisindo samaphawundi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. **40** Bobabili bathatha isidumbu sikaJesu basigcoba ngalawomakha njalo basigoqela ngamaqhele elineni. Lokhu kwakungumkhuba wamaJuda wokungcwaba. **41** Endaweni lapho uJesu abethelwa khona kwakulesivande, esivandeni kulethuna elitsha okwakungakaze kungcwatshwe muntu kulo. **42** Ngenxa yokuthi kwakulusuku lokulungiselela lwamaJuda njalo ngenxa yokuthi ithuna laliseduze, bamngcwaba khonapho uJesu.

20 Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, kulokhu kusemnyama, uMariya Magadalini waya ethuneni wafumana ukuthi ilitshe laselisusiwe emlonyeni wethuna. **2** Ngakho wafika egijima kuSimoni Phethro elomunye umfundi, lowo uJesu ayemthanda, wathi, "Sebeyithethe

iNkosi ethuneni, kodwa kasazi ukuthi bayise ngaphi!” **3** Yikho uPhethro lalowomfundi omunye baqonda ethuneni. **4** Bobabili babegijima, kodwa lowo omunye umfundi wamtshiya uPhethro wayafika kuqala ethuneni. **5** Wakhothama walunguza phakathi wabona amaqhele elineni ekhonapho, kodwa kangenanga. **6** Khonokho uSimoni Phethro owayengemuva kwakhe wafika wangena ethuneni. Wawabona amaqhele elineni ethe qekele khonapho, **7** kanye lelembu lokungcwaba elalithandele ikhanda likaJesu. Ilembu lelo laseligoqiwe lodwa lingekho kwawelineni. **8** Ekucineni lowo omunye umfundi owayefike kuqala ethuneni laye wangena. Wabona, wakholwa. **9** (Babelokhu bengezwisisi emibhalweni ukuthi uJesu wayemele avuke kwabafileyo.) **10** Abafundi basebebuyela emizini yabo. **11** Kodwa uMariya wasala emi ngaphandle kwethuna ekhala. Wathi elokhu ekhala wakhothama walunguza ethuneni **12** wabona izingilosi ezimbili zigqoke okumhlophe zihlezi lapho isidumbu sikaJesu sasikade sikhona, enye ngasemakhanda, enye ngasezinyaweni. **13** Zambuza zathi, “Mama, ukhalelani na?” Wathi, “Bayisusile iNkosi yami, kangazi ukuthi bayibeke ngaphi.” **14** Wasephenduka wabona uJesu emi khonapho, kodwa kananzelelanga ukuthi kwakunguJesu. **15** Wathi, “Mama, ukhalelani na? Ufuna ubani na?” UMariya wayesithi kumbe ngumlimi, wasesithi, “Nkosi, nxa kunguwe omthetheyo, ngitshela ukuthi umbeke ngaphi ukuze ngiyemthatha.” **16** UJesu wathi, “Mariya.” Waphendukela kuye wamemeza ngesiHebheru wathi, “Rabhoni!” (okutsho ukuthi “Mfundisi”). **17** UJesu

wathi, “Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikabuyeli kuBaba. Kodwa hamba kubafowethu ubatshele uthi, ‘Sengibuyela kuBaba njalo uYihlo, kuNkulunkulu wami, uNkulunkulu wenu.’” **18** UMariya Magadalini waya kubafundi elombiko othi, “ngiyibonile iNkosi!” Njalo wabatshela ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kuye. **19** Kusihlwa ngalolosuku lokuqala lweviki, abafundi babendawonye behluthulele iminyango ngoba besesaba amaJuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini!” **20** Esekutshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe lohlangothi lwakhe. Abafundi bathaba kakhulu beyibona iNkosi. **21** UJesu waphinda wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini! Njengoba uBaba engithumile, lami ngiyalithuma.” **22** Esitsho lokho wabaphefumulela wathi, “Yamukelani uMoya oNgcwele. **23** Nxa lithethelela loba ngubani izono zakhe, zizathethelelwa lezenu, kodwa nxa lingathetheleli ezabanye kazisoze zithethelelwe lezenu.” **24** UThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi), omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wayengekho kwabanye abafundi uJesu aze afike. **25** Kwathi lapho abanye abafundi bemtshela bathi “sesiyibonile iNkosi,” wathandabuza wathi, “Ngaphandle kokuthi ngibone amanxeba ezipikili ezandleni zakhe ngibeke umunwe wami emanxebeni ezipikili, ngifake isandla sami ehlangothini lwakhe, kangisoze ngikholwe.” **26** Sekudlule iviki abafundi bakhe babesendlini njalo, loThomasi elabo. Njengoba iminyango yayihluthulelwe uJesu wafika wema phakathi kwabo wathi, “Ukuthula kakube kini!” **27** Wasesithi kuThomasi, “Faka umunwe wakho lapha; bona izandla zami. Yelula isandla sakho

usibeke ehlangothini lwami. Yekela ukuthandabuza ukholwe.” **28** UThomasi wathi kuye, “Nkosi yami, Nkulunkulu wami!” **29** UJesu wasemtshela wathi, “Usukholiwe ngoba usungibonile; babusisiwe labo abathi bengabonanga, kodwa sebekholiwe.” **30** UJesu wenza eminye imimangaliso eminengi abafundi bakhe bekhangele, kodwa engabhalwanga kule incwadi. **31** Kodwa le ibhaliwe ukuze likholwe ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo ukuze kuthi ngokukholwa libe lokuphila ngebizo lakhe.

21 Ngemva kwesikhathi uJesu waphinda waziveza kubafundi bakhe oLwandle lwaseThibheriyasi. Kwenzakala kanje: **2** USimoni Phethro, loThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi) loNathaneli waseKhana eseGalile, lamadodana kaZebhediya labanye abafundi ababili babendawonye. **3** USimoni Phethro wabatshela wathi, “Ngisayagola inhlanzi” bona bathi, “Sizahamba lawe.” Ngakho baphuma bayangena esikepeni kodwa kababambanga lutho ngalobobusuku. **4** Ekuseni kakhulu uJesu wema ekhunjini kodwa abafundi kabananzelelanga ukuthi kwakunguJesu. **5** Wabamemeza wathi, “Bangane, lilokhu lingabambanga nhlanzi yini?” Baphendula bathi, “Hatshi.” **6** Wathi, “Phoselani umambule wenu ngakwesokunene kwesikepe lizagola khona.” Bathe sebenze njalo behluleka ukudonsa umambule ngenxa yobunengi benhlanzi. **7** Lowomfundi owayethandwa nguJesu wathi kuPhethro, “YiNkosi!” USimoni Phethro wonela ukuzwa esithi, “YiNkosi,” wazembathisa ngesigqoko sakhe sejazi (ngoba wayesikhulule)

weqela emanzini. **8** Abanye abafundi balandela ngesikepe bedonsa umambule ugcwele inhlanzi ngoba babengakhatshana lasokhunjini, kwakungaba yizinyathelo ezilikhulu. **9** Ekufikeni kwabo okhunjini babona umlilo wamalahle uvutha kulenhlanzi phezulu kanye lesinkwa. **10** UJesu wathi kubo, “Lethani ezinye inhlanzi elizibambileyo.” **11** USimoni Phethro wagada esikepeni, wadonsela umambule okhunjini. Wawugcwele inhlanzi ezinkulu, zilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, kodwa loba zinengi kangaka umambule kawudabukanga. **12** UJesu wathi kubo, “Wozani lizokudla.” Kakho kubafundi owaqunga isibindi sokumbuza ukuthi, “Ungubani wena?” Bakwazi ukuthi yiNkosi. **13** UJesu weza, wathatha isinkwa wabanika, wenza njalo langenhlanzi. **14** Lesi kwasekuyisikhathi sesithathu uJesu ezibonakalisa kubafundi bakhe ngemva kokuvuswa kwabafileyo. **15** Sebeqedile ukudla, uJesu wathi kuSimoni Phethro, “Simoni, ndodana kaJohane, ungithanda ngeqiniso na okudlula laba abanye?” Wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi, uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu wathi, “Phana amawundlu ami ukudla.” **16** UJesu waphinda wathi, “Simoni, ndodana kaJohane, uyangithanda ngeqiniso na?” Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi, uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu wathi, “Gcina izimvu zami.” **17** Wasesithi kuye okwesithathu, “Simoni, ndodana kaJohane, uyangithanda na?” UPhethro wadabuka ngoba uJesu wambuza okwesithathu wathi, “Uyangithanda na?” Wathi, “Nkosi, uyazazi izinto zonke; uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu wathi,

“Phana izimvu zami ukudla. **18** Ngikutshela iqiniso ngithi,
usesemutsha wawuzigqokisa, uziyele lapho othanda
khona; kodwa nxa usuluphele, uzakwelula izandla zakho,
ugqokiswe ngomunye, akuhole akuse lapho ongafuni
ukuya khona.” **19** UJesu wakutsho lokhu ebonisa indlela
yokufa uPhethro ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu ngayo.
Wasesithi kuye, “Ngilandela!” **20** UPhethro wanyemukula
wabona umfundi uJesu ayemthanda ebalandela. (Nguye
lowo oweyama kuJesu esidlweni, owabuzayo wathi,
“Nkosi, ngubani ozakuthengisa?”) **21** UPhethro wathi
embona wathi, “Nkosi, kanti lo-ke?” **22** UJesu
waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngifuna ukuthi asale
ephila ngize ngibuye kulani lawe lokho? Wena
kumele ungilandele.” **23** Ngenxa yalokhu, kwaba
lehungahunga phakathi kwabazalwane lokuthi umfundi
lo wayengezukufa. Kodwa uJesu katshongo ukuthi
wayengezukufa; wathi nje kuphela, “Nxa ngifuna ukuthi
asale ephila ngize ngibuye, kulani lawe lokho?” **24** Lo
nguye umfundi ozifakazayo lezizinto, onguye owazibhala
phansi. Siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe buqotho. **25** UJesu
wenza ezinye izinto ezinengi njalo. Aluba zonke
zazingabhalwa phansi, ngibona ingathi lomhlaba wonke
wawuzaswela indawo yezincwadi ezazingabhalwa.

Imisebenzi

1 Encwadini yami yakuqala, Theyofelasi, ngalandisa
ngakho konke uJesu akwenzayo lakufundisayo **2** kwaze
kwafika usuku enyukiswa ngalo esiya ezulwini, esenike
izeluleko ngoMoya oNgcwele kubapostoli ayebakhethile.
3 Ngemva kokuhlupheka kwakhe, waziveza kubo,
wabapha iziqiniseko ezinengi njengobufakazi bokuthi
wayephila. Wabonakala kubo okwensuku ezingamatshumi
amane, ekhuluma ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. **4** Wathi
esidla labo ngelinye ilanga wabalaya wathi, "Lingasuki
eJerusalema, lilindele isipho esathenjiswa nguBaba,
elangizwa ngikhuluma ngaso. **5** Ngoba uJohane
wabhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa ngemva kwensuku
ezimbalwa lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele." **6**
Basebesithi gwaqa ndawonye bambuza bathi, "Nkosi,
khathesi usuzabuyisela umbuso ko-Israyeli na?" **7**
Wathi kubo: "Kakusikho kwenu ukwazi izikhathi
loba insuku uBaba azimisileyo ngamandla akhe.
8 Kodwa lina lizakwamukela amandla nxa uMoya
oNgcwele esefikile kini, njalo lizakuba ngofakazi bami
eJerusalema lakulo lonke eleJudiya laseSamariya kanye
lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba." **9** Esekutshilo lokhu,
wenyukiswa phambi kwamehlo abo, iyezi lamfihla,
abazabe besambona. **10** Babejolozele esibhakabhakeni
ngesikhathi esenyuka, masinyazana nje kwema amadoda
amabili eduze kwabo egqoke okumhlophe. **11** Athi
kubo, "Madoda aseGalile, limeleni lapha lijolozele
esibhakabhakeni na? UJesu lo osethethwe kini wasiwa
ezulwini uzabuya ngayonale indlela elimbone esenyuka

ngayo esiya ezulwini.” **12** Basebebuyela eJerusalema
besuka eNtabeni yama-Oliva, okungumango ongaba
likhilomitha kusuka edolobheni. **13** Ekufikeni kwabo
bakhuphukela endlini ephezulu lapho ababehlala khona.
Ababelapho babebalisa: uPhethro, uJohane, uJakhobe lo-
Andreya; uFiliphu loThomasi; uBhatholomewu loMatewu;
uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uSimoni umZilothi,
loJudasi indodana kaJakhobe. **14** Bonke laba bahlangana
kokuphela bekhuleka, bendawonye labesifazane loMariya
unina kaJesu kanye labafowabo bakaJesu. **15** Ngalezonsuku
uPhethro wasukuma phakathi kwamakholwa (ixuku
elalingafika ikhulu elilamatshumi amabili) **16** wathi,
“Bazalwane, uMbhalo kwakumele ugcwaliseke, lokho
okwakhulunywa nguMoya oNgcwele endulo ngomlomo
kaDavida mayelana loJudasi owaba ngumkhokheli walabo
ababopha uJesu. **17** Wayengomunye wenani lethu njalo
waba lengxenye emsebenzini wethu wobuvangeli.” **18**
(Ngomvuzo awuzuzayo ngenxa yobubi bakhe, uJudasi
wathenga isiqinti; khonapho wawa ngekhanda, isidumbu
sakhe sadubuka, amathumbu akhe wonke agcwala
phansi. **19** Bonke eJerusalema bezwa ngalokho, yikho
babiza isiqinti leso ngolimi lwabo bathi yi-Akhelidama,
okutsho iSiqinti seGazi.) **20** UPhethro wathi, “Ngoba
kulotshiwe encwadini yamaHubo ukuthi: ‘Sengathi
indawo yakhe ingaba ngamanxiwa; kungabi lamuntu
ozahlala kuyo,’ njalo, ‘Kakube lomunye ozathatha
isikhundla sakhe sobukhokheli.’ **21** Ngakho kufanele ukuba
sikhethe omunye wamadoda abekade elathi isikhathi
sonke iNkosi uJesu isesephakathi kwethu, **22** kusukela

ekubhaphathizweni kwakhe nguJohane kuze kufike esikhathini lapho uJesu athathwa khona kithi. Ukuze omunye wabo laba abe ngufakazi kanye lathi ngokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo." **23** Ngakho basebemisa amadoda amabili, uJosefa owayethiwa nguBhasabhasi (esaziwa njalo ngokuthi nguJustusi) loMathiyasi. **24** Basebekhuleka bathi, "Nkosi, uyayazi inhliziyo yomuntu munye ngamunye. Sitshengise ukuthi nguphi phakathi kwalaba ababili omkhethileyo **25** ukuba athathe lesisikhundla sobupostoli, uJudasi asitshiyayo esiya lapho ayefanele khona." **26** Basebesenza inkatho, yadla uMathiyasi, wasesengezwa kubapostoli abalitshumi lanye.

2 Kwathi kufika usuku lwePhentekhosti, bonke babendawonye. **2** Masinyane nje kwabakhona umsindo onjengokuvunguza komoya wesiphepho wehla uvela ezulwini, wagcwala indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo. **3** Babona okwakungathi zinlimi ezingamalangabi omlilo ezehlukana zahlala komunye lomunye wabo. **4** Bonke bagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, basebeqalisa ukukhuluma ezinye izindimi njengokwaneliswa kwabo nguMoya. **5** Ngalesosikhathi kwakuhlala amaJuda ayemesaba uNkulunkulu eJerusalema, evela kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. **6** Athi ngokuzwa umsindo lo, kwabuthana ixuku labantu bemangele ngoba omunye lomunye wabezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwakhe. **7** Ngokumangala okukhulu babuza bathi, "Kanti bonke laba abakhulumayo kabasimaGalile na? **8** Pho kungani omunye lomunye wethu ebezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwethu na? **9** AmaPhathiya, amaMede, ama-Elamu; izakhamizi

zaseMesophothamiya, lezeJudiya leKhaphadokhiya, lePhontusi le-Ezhiya, **10** leFirigiya lePhamfiliya, leGibhithe lezingxenye zeLibhiya eduze leKhureni; izethekeli ezivela eRoma **11** (amaJuda lamakholwa aphendukele enkolweni yesiJuda); amaKhrethe lama-Arabhu, sibezwa befakaza izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu ngendimi zethu!" **12** Babedidekile bengelankani, babuzana bathi, "Kutshoni lokhu?" **13** Kodwa abanye benza inhlekisa ngabo bathi, "Banathe iwayini enengi bedlulisa." **14** UPhethro wasesukuma labalitshumi lanye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhuluma emphakathini wathi, "Bantu bakithi elingamaJuda, lani lonke eliseJerusalema, kahleni ngilichasisele lokhu; lalelisisani lokhu engikutshoyo. **15** Amadoda la kawadakwanga njengokucabanga kwenu. Kuseselihola lesificamunwemunye nje ekuseni! **16** Hatshi, lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa ngumphrofethi uJoweli ukuthi: **17** 'Ngezinsuku zokucina, uNkulunkulu uthi, Ngizathululela uMoya wami kubo bonke abantu. Amadodana lamadodakazi enu azaphrofitha, izinsizwa zenu zizabona imibono, lamaxhegu enu azaphupha amaphupho. **18** Lasezincekwini zami, ezesilisa lezesifazane, ngizawuthulula uMoya wami ngalezonsuku, njalo bazaphrofitha. **19** Ngizatshengisa izimanga ezulwini phezulu, lezibonakaliso emhlabeni phansi, igazi lomlilo lezikhatha zentuthu. **20** Ilanga lizaphendulwa libe yibumnyama, lenyanga ibeligazi phambi kokuba kufike usuku olukhulu lukaThixo, olukhazimulayo. **21** Njalo wonke obiza ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa.' **22** Bantu bako-Israyeli, lalelani lokhu: UJesu

waseNazaretha wayeyindoda eyamiswa nguNkulunkulu kini, ngezimangaliso lezibonakaliso uNkulunkulu azenzayo phakathi kwenu ngaye, njengoba lina ngokwenu lisazi. **23** Umuntu lo wanikelwa kini ngecebo likaNkulunkulu ayelimisile langolwazi lokuzayo; njalo lina lincediswa ngabantu ababi, lambulala ngokumbethela esiphambanweni. **24** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, wamkhulula ebuhlungwini bokufa ngoba ukufa kwakungelamandla okumncindezela. **25** UDavida wathi ngaye: 'Ngayibona iNkosi iphambi kwami kokuphela. Njengoba isesandleni sami sokunene, angiyi kunyikinywa. **26** Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathaba lolimi lwami luyathokoza; umzimba wami lawo uzahlala ulethemba, **27** ngoba kawuzukungidela ukuba ngiye endaweni yabafileyo, njalo kawusoze wekele ongcwele wakho ukuthi abone ukubola. **(Hadēs g86)** **28** Ungazisile izindlela zempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngentokozo phambi kwakho.' **29** Bazalwane, ngilitshela ngilesibindi ukuthi ukhokho uDavida wafa wangcwatshwa, njalo ithuna lakhe likhona khonapha kuze kube lamuhla. **30** Kodwa wayengumphrofethi, ekwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayemthembisile ngesifungo ukuthi wayezabeka omunye wesizukulwane sakhe esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. **31** Ngoba ebona okwakuphambili, wakhuluma ngokuvuka kukaKhristu kwabafileyo, ukuthi kazange atshiywe endaweni yabafileyo njalo umzimba wakhe kawukubonanga ukubola. **(Hadēs g86)** **32** UNkulunkulu usemvusile uJesu lo waphila, thina sonke singofakazi balokho. **33** Njengoba esekhutshulelwe ngakwesokunene

sikaNkulunkulu, usamukele kuYise uMoya oNgcwele owathenjiswayo njalo usekuthulule lokho elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi. **34** Ngoba uDavida kenyukanga ukuya ezulwini, kodwa wathi, ‘INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: “Hlala ngakwesokunene sami **35** ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho.”’ **36** Ngakho-ke, u-Israyeli wonke kaqiniseke ngalokhu: uNkulunkulu usenze uJesu lo elambethelayo waba yiNkosi loKhristu.” **37** Abantu bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathinteka kakhulu ezinhliziyweni, bathi kuPhethro labanye abapostoli, “Bazalwane, senze njani na?” **38** UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Phendukani libhaphathizwe lonke, ebizweni likaJesu Khristu ukuze lithethelelwe izono zenu. Njalo lizakwamukela isipho soMoya oNgcwele. **39** Isithembiso ngesenu labantwabenu labo bonke abakude, lesabo bonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezababiza.” **40** Wabaxwayisa langamanye amazwi amanengi; njalo wabancenga wathi, “Zisindiseni kulesisizukulwane esonakeleyo.” **41** Labo abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe babhaphathizwa, kwengezwa enanini labo mhlalokho abangaba zinkulungwane ezintathu. **42** Bayikhuthalela imfundiso yabapostoli kanye lokudlelana, lokuhlephuna isinkwa lokukhuleka. **43** Wonke umuntu wagcwala ukwesaba ngezimanga lezibonakaliso ezenziwa ngabapostoli. **44** Wonke amakholwa ayendawonye, ehlanganyela kukho konke. **45** Athengisa izinto zawo lempahla zawo anika loba ngubani oswelayo. **46** Insuku zonke aqhubeka ehlangana emagumeni ethempeli njalo ehlephuna isinkwa emakhaya awo esidla ndawonye ngezinhliziyo ezimhlophe lezithobekileyo, **47** edumisa

uNkulunkulu njalo ethakazelelwa ngabantu bonke.
Njalo iNkosi yengeza inani lawo insuku zonke ngalabo
abasebesindisiwe.

3 Ngelinye ilanga uPhethro loJohane babesiya
ethempelini ngesikhathi sokukhuleka, ngehola lesithathu
emini. **2** Indoda eyayigogekile kusukele ekuzalweni kwayo,
yayithwalwa isiwe esangweni lethempeli elalibizwa
ngokuthi liSango Elihle, lapho eyayibekwa khona nsuku
zonke ukuthi icele kulabo ababengena emagumeni
ethempeli. **3** Yathi ibona uPhethro loJohane bengena
yabacela imali. **4** UPhethro loJohane bayijolozela.
UPhethro wasesithi, "Sikhangela!" **5** Ngakho indoda
yabakhangela, ithembe ukuthi izazuza ulutho kubo. **6**
UPhethro wasesithi, "Isiliva kumbe igolide kangilakho,
kodwa engilakho ngiyakunika. Ebizweni likaJesu Khristu
waseNazaretha, sukuma uhambe." **7** Wambamba
ngesandla sokudla wamsukumisa, masinyane nje inyawo
lenqagala zakhe kwaqina. **8** Wathi lothu ngezinyawo
zakhe wahle wahamba. Wasehamba labo ethempelini,
ezihambela, eseqa njalo edumisa uNkulunkulu. **9** Kwathi
abantu bonke bembona ehamba edumisa uNkulunkulu, **10**
bamnanzelela ukuthi nguye owayehlala ecela esangweni
lethempeli lelo, bamangala baphela amandla ngalokho
okwakwenzakele kuye. **11** Isiceli sisathe sece kuPhethro
loJohane, bonke abantu bamangala beza kubo begijima
endaweni eyayithiwa liKhulusi likaSolomoni. **12** UPhethro
wathi ekubona lokhu wathi kubo, "Bantu bako-Israyeli,
kungani kulimangalisa lokhu na? Kungani lisijolozela
sengathi ngamandla ethu loba ukholo lwethu okwenze

umuntu lo wahamba na? **13** UNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama,
lo-Isaka loJakhobe, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu
useyikhazimulisile inceku yakhe uJesu. Lamnikela ukuba
abulawe, lamphika phambi kukaPhilathu, loba yena
wayesemise ukuthi amyekele ahambe. **14** Lamphika
oNgcwele njalo oLungileyo, lacela ukuthi likhululelwe
umbulali. **15** Lambulala umsunguli wokuphila, kodwa
uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo. Singofakazi bakho
lokhu. **16** Ngokukholwa ebizweni likaJesu, indoda le
eliyibonayo, eliyaziyo, yenziwe yaqina. Kungenxa yebizo
likaJesu lokukholwa okuza ngaye okulethe ukusila
okupheleleyo kuyo njengoba lonke libona. **17** Manje-
ke bazalwane, ngiyazi ukuthi lakwenza ngokungazi,
njengoba labakhokheli benu labo babengazi. **18** Kodwa
yiyo indlela uNkulunkulu agcwalisa ngayo lokho
ayekutshilo ngaphambilini ngabo bonke abaphrofethi,
esithi uKhristu wakhe wayezahlupheka. **19** Ngakho
phendukani, libuyele kuNkulunkulu ukuze izono zenu
zesulwe, ukuze kufike izikhathi zokuhlambulula okuvela
eNkosini, **20** lokuthi ithumele uKhristu omiselwe lina,
yena uJesu. **21** Kumele ahlale ezulwini kuze kufike
isikhathi lapho uNkulunkulu azaqondisa konke ngaso,
njengokuthembisa kwakhe endulo ngabaphrofethi bakhe
abangcwele. **(aiōn g165)** **22** Ngoba uMosi wathi, 'INkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi
kwabafowenu njengami; libokulalela konke alitshela
khona. **23** Loba ngubani ongayikumlalela uzakususwa
ngokupheleleyo ebantwini bakibo.' **24** Ngempela, bonke
abaphrofethi kusukela kuSamuyeli, bonke abaphrofethi

baphrofitha ngazo insuku lezi. **25** Lina lizindlalifa zabo abaphrofethi kanye lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu asenza labokhokho benu. Wathi ku-Abhrahama, 'Bonke abantu bomhlaba bazabusiswa ngesizukulwane sakho.' **26** Kuthe uNkulunkulu eseyimisile inceku yakhe, wayithumela kuqala kini ukuba ilibusise ngokuphendula omunye lomunye wenu ezindleleni zenu zobubi."

4 Abaphristi lomlawuli wabalindi bethempeli kanye lamaSadusi beza kuPhethro loJohane belokhu besakhuluma labantu. **2** Bakhathazeka kakhulu ngoba abapostoli babefundisa abantu betshumayela ukuthi kuJesu kulokuvuka kwabafileyo. **3** Babamba uPhethro loJohane, kwathi ngenxa yokuthi kwasekuntambama, babafaka entolongweni kwaze kwaba kusasa. **4** Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo ilizwi bakholwa, inani lamadoda lakhula okungaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. **5** Ngosuku olulandelayo ababusi, abadala, labafundisi bomthetho babuthana eJerusalema. **6** U-Anasi umphristi omkhulu, uKhayifasi, uJohane, u-Alekizanda labanye abendlu yomphristi omkhulu. **7** Bathi uPhethro loJohane balethwe, baqala ukubathonisa besithi, "Lokhu likwenze ngamandla bani kumbe ngaliphi ibizo na?" **8** UPhethro egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wathi kubo, "Babusi labadala babantu! **9** Nxa sibekwa umlandu lamuhla ngesenzo somusa owenzelwe indoda ebiyisigoga, besesibuzwa ukuthi isiliswe njani, **10** yazini lokhu, lina kanye labo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli; kungenxa yamandla kaJesu Khristu waseNazaretha elambethelayo kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, yiwo enza indoda le

ime phambi kwenu isilile ngokupheleleyo. **11** Yena uyilo
‘ilitshe lina abakhi elalilahlayo, khathesi seliyilona ilitshe
lekhoneni.’ **12** Kakho omunye okulensindiso kuye; phela
kalikho elinye ibizo ngaphansi kwezulu elaphiwa abantu
ukuthi sisindiswe ngalo.” **13** Bathi ngokubona isibindi
sikaPhethro loJohane njalo benanzelela ukuthi ngabantu
makhaza, ababengafundanga, batsha amathe,
bakunanzelela ukuthi amadoda la ake aphila loJesu. **14**
Kodwa njengoba babeyibona indoda eyayisilisiwe imi
khonapho labo, baswela ukuthi bangathini. **15** Ngakho
kwathiwa kabasuke emphakathini weSanihedrini,
umphakathi wasala uhlanganisa amakhanda. **16** Babuzana
bathi, “Kambe senzeni ngamadoda la? Bonke abahlala
eJerusalema bayakwazi ukuthi benze umangaliso
obabazekayo, lathi asingeke sikulandule lokho. **17** Kodwa
ukuze into le siyimise ukuthi ingasabalali phakathi
kwabantu, kasibaqonqoseleni ukuthi bangaphindi
bakhulume lakubani ngebizo leli.” **18** Basebebabiza njalo,
babalaya ukuthi bangaqali ukukhuluma loba ukufundisa
ngebizo likaJesu. **19** Kodwa uPhethro loJohane
baphendula bathi, “Yikuphi okuqondileyo emehlweni
kaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kumbe ukulalela
uNkulunkulu? Kwahluleleni lokho. **20** Thina ngokwethu
asingeke siyekele ukukhuluma ngalokho esikubonileyo
lesikuzwileyo.” **21** Sebebaqonqosele njalo babakhulula.
Baswela ukuthi babengabajezisa njani, ngoba abantu
bonke babemdumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho
okwakwenzakele. **22** Ngoba leyondoda eyasiliswa
ngesimanga yayileminyaka engamatshumi amane

ubudala. **23** Ekukhululweni kwabo uPhethro loJohane babuyela ebantwini bakibo, bababikela konke okwakukhulunywe kibo ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala. **24** Sebekuzwile lokhu, baphakamisa amazwi abo bonke bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu. Bathi, "Thixo Nkosi, wena wenza amazulu lomhlaba, lolwandle lakho konke okukuwo. **25** Wena wakhuluma ngoMoya oNgcwele ngomlomo wenceku yakho, ubaba wethu uDavida wathi:
'Kungani izizwe zixokozela, labantu besakha amacebo ngeze? **26** Amakhosi omhlaba ayahloma ajame lababusi bahlangana ndawonye bemelana loThixo lalowo Ogcotshiweyo wakhe.' **27** Ngempela uHerodi loPhontiyasi Philathu bahlangana labeZizwe kanye labantu bako-Israyeli baceba ngenceku yakho engcwele, uJesu owamgcobayo. **28** Benza lokho okwakumiswe ngaphambilini ngamandla akho layintando yakho ukuthi kwakuzakwenzakala. **29** Ngakho, Nkosi, zwana ukusonga kwabo, uphe izinceku zakho amandla ukuthi zilikhulume ilizwi lakho ngesibindi esikhulu. **30** Yelula isandla sakho ukusilisa lokwenza imimangaliso lezimanga ngebizo lenceku yakho engcwele uJesu." **31** Sebekhulekile, indawo ababekuyo yazamazama. Bonke bagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, balikhuluma ngesibindi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.
32 Wonke amakholwa ayenhliziyo nye njalo engqondo nye. Kakho owathi okwakhe ngokwakhe yedwa kodwa babelana konke ababelakho. **33** Abapostoli baqhubeka ukufakaza ngamandla amakhulu ngokuvuka kweNkosi uJesu kwabafileyo, bonke babusiseka kakhulu. **34** Kakho owayeswela phakathi kwabo. Kwakusithi izikhathi

ngezikhathi labo ababe leziqinti loba izindlu bazithengise balethe imali abathengise ngayo **35** bayethule ebapostolini, yabelwe loba ngubani ngokuswela kwakhe. **36** UJosefa, umLevi waseSiphrasi, abapostoli ababembiza ngokuthi nguBhanabhasi (okutsho ukuthi, iNdodana yeNkuthazo), **37** wathengisa isivande sakhe waletha imali wayethula phambi kwabapostoli.

5 Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya ilomkayo uSafira labo bathengisa isiqinti sabo. **2** Wavumelana lomkakhe ukuthi afihle enye imali ibe ngeyabo, kwathi enye wayethula kubapostoli. **3** UPhethro wasesithi, "Ananiya, kungani uSathane esegabhele inhliziyo yakho usuze uqamba amanga kuMoya oNgcwele, wazigcinela ingxenye yemali eliyizuzileyo ngesiqinti senu na? **4** Kanti besingesisenu yini singakathengiswa? Njalo lapho sesithengisiwe, imali ibingaqondananga lani na? Kuyini okubangele ukuthi ucabange ukwenza into enje na? Kawuqambelanga muntu lawo manga, kodwa uwaqambele uNkulunkulu." **5** U-Ananiya wonela ukukuzwa lokhu, wawela phansi wafa. Bonke abezwa ngalesisehlakalo bangenwa yikwesaba okukhulu. **6** Kwasekungena amajaha agoqela isidumbu sakhe amthwalela phandle, ayamngcwaba. **7** Ngemva kwamahola amathathu umkakhe laye wangena engazi okwasekwenzakele. **8** UPhethro wambuza wathi, "Ake ungitshele, yiyo yini le intengo eliyizuzileyo wena lo-Ananiya esiqintini senu?" Wathi, "Yebo, yiyo intengo yaso." **9** UPhethro wathi kuye, "Kungani livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi na? Lalela! Yizisinde zamadoda asengcwabe umkakho esezisemnyango, bazakuthwala

lawe futhi.” **10** Khonokho wasakazeka phansi eduze
kukaPhethro, wafa. Asengena amajaha yena esefile,
amthwala aphuma laye ayamngcwaba malungana
lomkakhe. **11** Ibandla lonke lafikelwa yikwesaba
okukhulu kanye labo bonke abazizwayo lezizehlakalo.
12 Abapostoli benza imimangaliso lezimanga ezinengi
ebantwini. Amakholwa wonke ayevame ukuhlangana
ndawonye eKhulusini likaSolomoni. **13** Kakho omunye
owaqunga isibindi wahlangana labo, lanxa kunjalo
babalodumo ebantwini. **14** Lanxa kunjalo, amadoda
labafazi abanengi bakholwa eNkosini, bengezelela
ubunengi babo. **15** Kwathi ngenxa yalokho, abantu baletha
abagulayo ezitaladini, babalalisa emibhedeni lemacansini
ukuze isithunzi sikaPhethro sisithe abanye babo lapho
esedlula kuphela nje. **16** Amaxuku abantu abuthana
eqhamuka emizini eyayiseduze kweJerusalema, eletha
abagulayo lalabo ababehlukuluzwa yimimoya emibi,
bonke basiliswa. **17** Kwasekusithi umphristi omkhulu
kanye leqembu lakhe elalingelexuku labaSadusi bangenwa
ngumhawu. **18** Bababopha abapostoli babaphosela
entolongweni yomuntu wonke. **19** Kodwa ebusuku ingilosi
yeNkosi yavula iminyango yentolongo yabakhupha.
20 Yathi, “Hambani liyekuma emagumeni ethempeli,
litshele abantu lonke ilizwi lempilo entsha.” **21**
Kwathi emadabukakusa bahle bangena emagumeni
ethempeli, bafundisa abantu njengokutshelwa kwabo.
Ekufikeni komphristi omkhulu leqembu lakhe bahle
babiza iSanihedrini; inkundla yonke yabadala bako-
Israyeli bathumela ilizwi entolongweni lokuthi kulethwe

abapostoli, **22** kodwa izithunywa zathi zifika entolongweni
zafumana bengasekho. Ngakho zasezibuyela zayabika
zathi, **23** “Sifumane intolongo ivalwe kuhle labalindi
bemi eminyango; kodwa sithe siyivula kasibonanga
muntu phakathi.” **24** Induna yabalindi bethempeli
kanye labaphristi abakhulu bathi bekuzwa lokhu batsha
amathe, bamangala ukuthi into le yayikhombani.
25 Kwasekufika omunye umuntu wathi, “Zwanini!
Amadoda eliwaphosele entolongweni emi emagumeni
ethempeli afundisa abantu.” **26** Besizwa lokho, induna
yahle yasuka lamanxusa ayo bayabuya labapostoli.
Kabasebenzisanga udlakela ngoba besesaba ukuthi abantu
babengabakhanda ngamatshe. **27** Sebebalethile abapostoli,
babamisa phambi kweSanihedrini ukuthi bathonisiswe
ngumphristi omkhulu. **28** Wathi, “Saliqonqosela ukuthi
lingafundisi ngebizo leli. Kodwa seligcwalise iJerusalema
ngemfundiso yenu njalo lizimisele ukusethesa umlandu
ngegazi lomuntu lo.” **29** UPhethro labanye abapostoli
baphendula bathi, “Kumele silalele uNkulunkulu
kulokulalela abantu! **30** UNkulunkulu wabokhokho
bethu wamvusa uJesu kwabafileyo, yena elalimbulele
ngokumlengisa esiphambanweni. **31** UNkulunkulu
wamphakamisela kwesokunene sakhe waba yiNkosana
loMsindisi ukuze anike ukuphenduka lokuthethelelwa
kwezono ku-Israyeli. **32** Thina singofakazi balezizinto,
njengaye uMoya oNgcwele, uNkulunkulu amnike kulabo
abamlalelayo.” **33** Bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathukuthela
kakhulu, bafuna ukuthi babulawe. **34** Kodwa umFarisi
owayethiwa nguGamaliyeli, engumfundisi womthetho,

ehlonitshwa ngabantu bonke, wasukuma wema phambi kweSanihedrini wathi amadoda lawo ake amiswe phandle kancane. **35** Wasesithi emphakathini weSanihedrini, “Madoda ako-Israyeli, cabangani kuhle ngalokhu elifuna ukukwenza emadodeni la. **36** Ngesikhathi esadlulayo kwafika uThewuda ezitshaya umuntu oqakathekileyo, wahuga amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane. Wabulawa, bonke abalandeli bakhe bahlakazeka, konke kwaphelela emoyeni. **37** Ngemva kwakhe, uJudasi umGalile laye wavela ngezinsuku zokubalwa kwabantu, wakhokhela ixuku labantu ukuba lihlamuke. Laye wabulawa, labalandeli bakhe bonke bahlakazeka. **38** Ngakho, mayelana lalindaba yamanje ngixwayisa lokhu: Bayekeleni abantu laba! Kabahambe! Ngoba nxa inhloso yabo kumbe umkhankaso wabo uvela ebantwini, uzakuba yize. **39** Kodwa nxa uvela kuNkulunkulu, kalisoze libe lamandla okubamisa lababantu; lizazifumana seliphikisana loNkulunkulu.” **40** Inkulumo yakhe bayamukela. Bababiza abapostoli bangeniswa kwathiwa kabatshaywe. Basebeqonqoselwa ukuthi bangaqali ukukhuluma ngebizo likaJesu, basebekhululwa. **41** Abapostoli basuka eSanihedrini bethokoza ngoba basebebonakalisile ukuthi bangalimela ihlazo lokulihluphekela iBizo. **42** Insuku ngensuku, emagumeni ethempeli, njalo behamba bengena indlu ngendlu, kabazange bame ukufundisa lokutshumayela izindaba ezinhle ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu.

6 Ngalezonsuku inani labafundi lisanda, amaJuda esiGrikhi ayephakathi kwabo akhonona kulabo ababengamaHebheru ngoba abafelokazi babo

babengananzwa nxa kusabiwa ukudla ngezinsuku zonke.
2 Ngakho abalitshumi lambili bahlanganisa bonke
abafundi ndawonye bathi, “Kuyabe kungalunganga kithi
ukuthi siyekethise ukutshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
silibale ngokulungiselana ukudla. **3** Bazalwane, khethani
amadoda ayisikhombisa phakathi kwenu aziwayo ukuthi
agcwele uMoya lokuhlakanipha. Umlandu lo
sizawubekela wona **4** thina siqinise ukukhuleka
lokutshumayela ilizwi.” **5** Umbono lo walithokozisa ixuku
lonke. Bakhetha uStefane, indoda eyayigcwele
ukukholwa loMoya oNgcwele; uFiliphu, uPhrokhorusi,
uNikhanori, uThimoni, uPhamenasi loNikholasi wase-
Antiyokhi, ikholwa elaphendukela enkolweni yesiJuda. **6**
Amadoda la ethulwa kubapostoli, abakhuleka bawabeka
izandla. **7** Ngakho ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lamemetheka.
Inani labafundi eJerusalema landa ngokuphangisa,
kwathi lenani elikhulu labaphristi layilandela
inkolo. **8** Kwathi uStefane, indoda eyayigcwele
umusa kaNkulunkulu, lamandla, yenza izimanga
lemimangaliso phakathi kwabantu. **9** Kwasekuvela
umona usuka emalungeni eSinagogu yabaKhululekileyo
(njengokubizwa kwakhona) bengamaJuda aseKhureni le-
Alekizandriya kanye lasemikhonweni yaseSilisiya le-
Ezhiya. Abantu laba basuka basebephikisana loStefane,
10 kodwa behluleka ukumelana lenhlakanipho yakhe
kumbe uMoya ayekhuluma ngawo. **11** Basebefunza
abanye abantu amazwi ngasese ukuthi bathi, “Simzwile
uStefane ekhuluma amazwi ahlambaza uMosi kanye
loNkulunkulu.” **12** Ngaleyondlela badungulula abantu

labadala kanye labafundisi bomthetho. Bambopha uStefane bamletha phambi kweSanihedrini. **13** Baveza ofakazi bamanga abafakaza bathi, “Indoda le kayikhawuli ukukhuluma kubi ngendawo engcwele langomthetho. **14** Ngoba sesimuzwe esithi uJesu lo waseNazaretha uzayibhidliza indawo le njalo aguqule imikhuba uMosi asipha yona.” **15** Bonke ababehlezi phakathi kweSanihedrini bamnanzelela uStefane babona ukuthi ubuso bakhe babufana lobuso bengilosi.

7 Ngakho umphristi omkhulu wasembuza wathi, “Ukumangalelwa konke lokhu kuliqiniso na?” **2** Kulokhu waphendula wathi: “Bafowethu labobaba ake lingilalele! UNkulunkulu wenkazimulo waziveza kubaba wethu u-Abhrahama esahlala eMesophothamiya, engakahlali eHarani. **3** UNkulunkulu wathi, ‘Tshiya ilizwe lakini labantu bakini uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona.’ **4** Ngakho wasuka elizweni lamaKhaladiya wayahlala eHarani. Ngemva kokufa kukayise, uNkulunkulu wamletha kuleli ilizwe lapho eselihlala khona manje. **5** Kamuphanga lifa lapha loba nje isiqintshana somhlabathi. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamthembisa ukuthi yena lezizukulwane zakhe ngemva kwakhe babezalizuza ilizwe lelo libe ngelabo, loba nje ngalesosikhathi u-Abhrahama wayengelamntwana. **6** UNkulunkulu wakhuluma laye kanje: ‘Izizukulwane zakho zizakuba ngabezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lazo okweminyaka engamakhulu amane, njalo zizagqilazwa, zihlukuluzwe. **7** Ngizasijezisa lesosizwe esibagqilazayo,’ kusitsho uNkulunkulu, ‘emva kwalokho bazaphuma kulelolizwe bangikhonze kuyonale

indawo.’ **8** Wasenika u-Abhrahama isivumelwano
sokusoka. U-Abhrahama waba nguyise ka-Isaka, wamsoka
ngemva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili ezelwe. Ngemva
kwalokho u-Isaka waba nguyise kaJakhobe, uJakhobe yena
waba nguyise wabokhokho abalitshumi lambili. **9** Ngenxa
yokuthi okhokho babalomhawu ngoJosefa, bamthengisela
eGibhithe njengesigqili. Kodwa uNkulunkulu waba laye
10 wamephula kuzozonke inhlupho zakhe. Wanika uJosefa
inhlakanipho, wamenza wathandwa nguFaro, inkosi
yaseGibhithe. Yona yasimenza umbusi eGibhithe lakuso
sonke isigodlo sakhe. **11** Indlala yasihlasela lonke
elaseGibhithe leleKhenani, kwaba lobunzima obukhulu
ngoba okhokho bethu bakuswela ukudla. **12** UJakhobe
esezwile ukuthi amabele ayekhona eGibhithe, wathuma
okhokho bethu ekuhambeni kwabo kwakuqala. **13**
Sebesiya khona okwesibili, uJosefa wabatshela abanewabo
ukuthi wayengubani, njalo uFaro waziswa ngabakibo
kaJosefa. **14** Ngemva kwalokho uJosefa wasebiza uyise
uJakhobe ukuthi eze labendlu yakhe bonke, kungabantu
abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu sebebonke. **15**
Ngakho uJakhobe wasesehlela kweleGibhithe lapho afela
khona yena kanye labokhokho bethu. **16** Izidumbu zabo
zabuyiswa eShekhemu zabekwa ethuneni elathengwa
ngu-Abhrahama emadodaneni kaHamori eShekhemu
ngemali ethile. **17** Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele esokuthi
uNkulunkulu agcwalise isithembiso sakhe ku-Abhrahama,
inani labantu bakithi eGibhithe landa ngamandla. **18**
Kwasekusiba ‘lenye inkosi eyayingazi lutho ngoJosefa
yaba ngumbusi eGibhithe.’ **19** Yaba lesihluku ebantwini

bakithi, yancindezela okhokho bethu ngokubabamba ngamandla ukuthi balahlele khatshana insane zabo ezisanda kuzalwa ukuthi zife. **20** Ngalesosikhathi uMosi wazalwa, njalo engasumntwana makhaza. Okwezinyanga ezintathu wondliwa endlini kayise. **21** Kwathi esebekwe phandle, indodakazi kaFaro yamthatha yamkhulisa njengomntanayo. **22** UMosi wafundiswa kuyo yonke inhlakanipho yamaGibhithe, eligagu lokukhuluma lokwenza. **23** Kwathi uMosi eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane obudala, wacabanga ukuya kwethekelela abantu bakibo, abako-Israyeli. **24** Wabona omunye wabo ehlukuluzwa ngumGibhithe, ngakho wayamlamulela, wenanisa ngokubulala umGibhithe lowo. **25** UMosi wakhumbula ukuthi abantu bakibo babezakunanzelela ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayemsebenzisa ukuthi abakhulule, kodwa kabakunanzelelanga. **26** Ngosuku olulandelayo uMosi wawela phezu kwabako-Israyeli ababili ababesilwa. Wazama ukubalamula ngokuthi, 'Madoda, liyizinini; kungani lihlukuluzana kangaka na?' **27** Kodwa leyondoda eyayihlukuluza eyinye, yamfuqela eceleni uMosi yathi, 'Ngubani okwenze umbusi lomahluli phezu kwethu? **28** Ufuna ukungibulala njengomGibhithe ombuleleyo izolo?' **29** UMosi wathi ekuzwa lokho wabalekela eMidiyani, lapho ahlala khona njengesizwe, wazala khona amadodana amabili. **30** Sekwedlule iminyaka engamatshumi amane, ingilosi yavela kuMosi iselangabini lesixuku esibhebhayo enkangala eduze kweNtaba iSinayi. **31** Wathi ekubona lokhu wamangala kakhulu ngalowombono. Wathi uyasondela ukuthi abonisise, wezwa ilizwi

likaThixo lisithi: **32** ‘NginguNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe.’ UMosi wathuthumela ngokwesaba wehluleka ukukhangela. **33** INkosi yasisithi kuye, ‘Khupha amanyathela akho, ngoba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele. **34** Ngempela sengikubonile ukuhlukuluzeka kwabantu bami eGibhithe. Sengikuzwile ukububula kwabo, ngakho sengibuyile phansi lapha ukuzebakhulula. Manje-ke zwana, ngizakubuyisela eGibhithe.’ **35** Nguye kanye uMosi lo ababemalile ngamazwi athi, ‘Ngubani okwenze umbusi lomahluli na?’ Wathunyelwa ukuba ngumbusi lomkhululi nguNkulunkulu mathupha, ngengilosi eyabonakala kuye isesixukwini. **36** Wabakhokhela baphuma elizweni laseGibhithe, wenza izimanga lemimangaliso eGibhithe lasolwandle olubomvu kanye lasenkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. **37** Nguye lo uMosi owatshela abako-Israyeli wathi, ‘UNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami.’ **38** Wayephakathi kwebandla enkangala, elabokhokho bethu njalo elayo ingilosi eyakhuluma kuye eNtabeni yaseSinayi; njalo wemukela amazwi okuphila ukuthi awedlulisele kithi. **39** Kodwa okhokho bethu bala ukumlalela. Bamala, kwathi ezinhliziyweni zabo babuyela eGibhithe. **40** Batshela u-Aroni bathi, ‘Yenza onkulunkulu abazasikhokhela. UMosi lo owasikhupha eGibhithe asisakwazi ukuthi usedliwe yini!’ **41** Yiso lesosikhathi abenza ngaso isithombe esasilesimo sethole. Baletha imihlatshelo kulo, benza umkhosi wokuthakazelela lokho okwenziwa yizandla zabo. **42** Kodwa uNkulunkulu

wabafulathela, wabakhalala ukuba bakhonze ilanga, inyanga lezinkanyezi. Lokhu kuvumelana lalokho okulotshiweyo encwadini yabaphrofethi ukuthi: ‘Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, langilethela na imihlatshelo leminikelo ngeminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala? **43** Hatshi, lathwala isikhonzelo sikaMoleki lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uRefani, izithombe elazenzayo ukuthi lizikhonze. Ngakho-ke, ngizalixotshela ekuthunjweni’ ngale kweBhabhiloni. **44** Okhokho bethu babelalo ithabanikeli lobufakazi enkangala. Lalenziwe njengokuqondiswa kukaMosi nguNkulunkulu elandela isimo ayesibonile. **45** Sebelamukele ithala okhokho bethu bengaphansi kukaJoshuwa beza lalo ekuthumbeni kwabo izizwe. Lahlala elizweni kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaDavida, **46** owathandwa nguNkulunkulu, wacela ukuthi alungisele uNkulunkulu kaJakhobe indawo yokuhlala. **47** Kodwa kwaba nguSolomoni owamakhelayo leyondlu. **48** Lanxa kunjalo, oPhezukonke kahlali ezindlini ezakhiwe ngabantu. Njengoba esitsho umphrofethi ukuthi: **49** ‘Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi, lomhlaba uyisenabelo sami. Lizangakhela ndlu bani? kutsho iNkosi. Kambe izaba ngaphi indawo yami yokuphumula na? **50** Izinto zonke lezi kazenziwanga yisandla sami na?’ **51** Lina ziqholo zabantu, abanhliziyo lezindlebe ezingasokanga! Lifuze oyihlo: Lihlezi lijamelene loMoya oNgcwele! **52** Kambe kwake kwabakhona umphrofethi oyihlo abangazange bamhlukuluze na? Baze bababulala lalabo abaphrofetha ngokuza koLungileyo. Khathesi selimnikele lambulala, **53** lina eseliwemukele umthetho oweza ngezingilosi kodwa

kaliwulandelanga.” **54** Amalunga eSanihedrini esekuzwile lokhu azonda, afuthelana, amgedlela amazinyo. **55** Kodwa uStefane egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wakhangela ezulwini wabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu loJesu emi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **56** Wathi, “Khangelani, ngibona izulu livuliwe leNdodana yoMuntu imi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu.” **57** Besizwa lokhu bagcika indlebe zabo, baklabalala, bamdumela **58** bamhudulela phandle kwedolobho, bamkhanda ngamatshe. Ofakazi babeka izigqoko zabo phambi kwejaha elalithiwa nguSawuli. **59** Kwathi belokhu bemkhanda uStefane wakhuleka wathi, “Nkosi Jesu, yamukela umoya wami.” **60** Wathi vutshalala ngamadolo phansi wamemeza wathi, “Nkosi, ungababekeli mlandu ngalesisono.” Kuthe esetsho lokho, walala.

8 LoSawuli wayekhona evumelana lokubulawa kwakhe. Ngalelolanga kwaqalisa isiphithiphithi esibi sokuhlukuluza ibandla eJerusalema, kwathi bonke ngaphandle kwabapostoli bahlakazeka kulolonke iJudiya leSamariya. **2** Abantu abakholwa kuNkulunkulu bamngcwaba uStefane bamlilela kabuhlungu. **3** Kodwa uSawuli waqalisa ukulichitha ibandla. Wahamba engena izindlu ngezindlu ephuthuma abesilisa labesifazane esiyabaphosela entolongweni. **4** Labo ababehlakazekile balitshumayela ilizwi loba kungaphi abaya khona. **5** UFiliphu wehlela edolobheni elithile eSamariya watshumayela ngoKhristu khonale. **6** Kwathi amaxuku abantu emuzwa uFiliphu njalo ebona izibonakaliso ayezenza bonke bakulalelisisa lokho ayekukhuluma. **7**

Omoya ababi baphuma ebantwini abanengi beklabalala
njalo abanengi ababome imihlubulo labayizilima
basiliswa. **8** Ngakho kwaba lentokozo enkulu
kulelodolobho. **9** Okwesikhathi esithile indoda
eyayithiwa nguSimoni yayisenza amasalamusi
edolobheni lelo yamangalisa bonke abantu baseSamariya.
Wayezikhukhumeza ezitshaya umuntu omkhulu, **10** njalo
bonke abantu, abaphakemeyo labantukazana
bambuthanela bababaza bathi, "Indoda le kuqondile
ibizwa ngokuthi ingaMandla amakhulu kaNkulunkulu."
11 Bamlandela ngoba wayebamangalisile okwesikhathi
eside ngamasalamusi akhe. **12** Kodwa kwathi sebekholwe
uFiliphu etshumayela izindaba ezinhle zombuso
kaNkulunkulu kanye lebizo likaJesu Khristu,
babhaphathizwa, abesilisa labesifazane. **13** USimoni laye
ngokwakhe wakholwa wabhaphathizwa. Walandela
uFiliphu zonke indawo, emangaliswa yizibonakaliso
ezinkulu lemimangaliso ayibonayo. **14** Kwathi abapostoli
eJerusalema sebezwile ukuthi iSamariya yase ilamukele
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, bathuma uPhethro loJohane kubo.
15 Sebefikile babakhulekela ukuthi bemukele uMoya
oNgcwele, **16** ngoba uMoya oNgcwele wawulokhu
ungakehleli lakubani kubo; babebhaphathizelwe
ebizweni leNkosi uJesu kuphela. **17** Ngakho uPhethro
loJohane bababeka izandla, basebewemukela uMoya
oNgcwele. **18** Kwathi uSimoni ebona ukuthi uMoya
wawuphiwa ngokubekwa izandla ngabapostoli wabahuga
ngemali **19** esithi, "Ngiphani lami lawomandla ukuze
kuthi wonke lowo engimbeka izandla azuze uMoya

oNgcwele.” **20** UPhethro waphendula wathi, “Sengathi
imali yakho ingabhubha kanye lawe ngoba ucabanga
ukuthi ungasithenga isipho sikaNkulunkulu ngemali! **21**
Kawulangxenye loba isabelo kulinkonzo ngoba inhliziyo
yakho kayilunganga phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **22**
Phenduka kulobububi ukhuleke eNkosini. Mhlawumbe
izakuthethelela ngokuba lomcabango onje enhliziyweni
yakho. **23** Ngoba ngiyabona ukuthi ugcwalelene ngomona
njalo ugqilazwe yisono.” **24** USimoni wasephendula
wathi, “Ngikhulekelani eNkosini ukuze ngingehlelwa
laloba yikuphi lwalokho okutshiloyo.” **25** Kwathi
sebefakazile njalo balitshumayela ilizwi leNkosi,
uPhethro loJohane babuyela eJerusalema, bahamba
betshumayela ivangeli emizini eminengi yaseSamariya.
26 Ingilosi yeNkosi yathi kuFiliphu, “Yehlela ezansi
emgwaqweni, umgwaqo wenkangala, osuka eJerusalema
usiya eGaza.” **27** Ngakho wasesuka, kwathi endleleni leyo
wahlangana lomTopiya ongumthenwa, eyisikhulu
esiqakathekileyo esasiphethe ingcebo kaKhandaki,
indlovukazi yamaTopiya. Indoda le yayikade iye
eJerusalema ukuyakhonza, **28** isisendleleni yokubuyela
ekhaya ihlezi enqoleni yayo ibala incwadi ka-Isaya
umphrofethi. **29** UMoya watshela uFiliphu wathi,
“Hamba usondele enqoleni leyana walele eduze kwayo.”
30 UFiliphu wasegijimela kuyo inqola wezwa indoda leyo
ibala u-Isaya umphrofethi. UFiliphu wayibuza
wathi, “Uyakuzwisisa yini lokho okubalayo?” **31**
Yathi, “Ngingakuzwisisa kanjani kungekho muntu
ongichazelayo na?” Yasicela uFiliphu ukuthi agade

azohlala layo. **32** Indoda engumthenwa yayibala indima yombhalo ethi: “Waqhutshwa njengemvu isiwa esilaheni, njengezinyane lemvu elithula zwi phambi komgundi, kanjalo kazange awuvule umlomo wakhe. **33** Ekugconweni kwakhe wancitshwa ukwahlulelwa okulungileyo. Ngubani ongakhuluma ngezizukulwane zakhe na? Ngoba ukuphila kwakhe kwasuswa emhlabeni.” **34** Indoda engumthenwa yabuza uFiliphu yathi, “Ake ungitshele bakithi, umphrofethi ukhuluma ngobani, yena ngokwakhe kumbe ngomunye umuntu?” **35** UFiliphu wahle waqalisa ngaleyondima yoMbhalo, wayitshela izindaba ezinhle ngoJesu. **36** Bathi belokhu behamba ngomgwaqo bafika lapho okwakulamanzi khona, indoda engumthenwa yathi, “Khangela, nanka amanzi. Kulani ukuthi ngihle ngibhaphathizwe na?” [**37** UFiliphu wathi, “Nxa ukholwa ngenhliziyo yakho yonke ungabhaphathizwa.” Isikhulu saphendula sathi, “Ngiyakholwa ukuthi uJesu Khristu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.”] **38** Isikhulu sathi inqola kayimiswe. Ngakho bobabili, uFiliphu lendoda engumthenwa baya emanzini uFiliphu wayibhaphathiza. **39** Bathi bephuma emanzini uMoya weNkosi wahle wamthatha uFiliphu, indoda engumthenwa ayabe isambona njalo, kodwa yaqhubeka ngendlela yayo ithokoza. **40** Kodwa uFiliphu wabonakala e-Azotha, walidabula ilizwe etshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi waze wayafika eKhesariya.

9 Kusenjalo, uSawuli wayelokhu esonga ngomvamvithi ukubulala abafundi beNkosi. Waya kuMphristi omkhulu **2** wayacela izincwadi zokuya emasinagogweni

aseDamaseko, ukuze kuthi nxa engafumana khonale labo abangabeNdlela, abesilisa loba abesifazane, abalethe eJerusalema beyizibotshwa. **3** Wathi esebanga eDamaseko ngohambo lwakhe, masinyane kwaphazima ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini kwamzingelezela. **4** Wawela phansi, wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye, “Sawuli, Sawuli, ungihlukuluzelani na?” **5** USawuli wabuza wathi, “Ungubani, Nkosi?” Ilizwi lathi, “NginguJesu omhlukuluzayo. **6** Manje phakama uye edolobheni lapho ozatshelwa khona omele ukwenze.” **7** Amadoda ayehamba loSawuli ema lapho esetshe amathe; balizwa ilizwi, kodwa kababonanga muntu. **8** USawuli wavuka phansi, kodwa wathi evula amehlo akhe wayengasaboni lutho. Ngakho bamhola ngesandla bangena laye eDamaseko. **9** Waba yisiphofu okwensuku ezintathu, engadli njalo enganathi lutho. **10** EDamaseko kwakulomfundi owayethiwa ngu-Ananiya. INkosi yambiza ngombono yathi, “Ananiya!” Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi.” **11** INkosi yamtshela yathi, “Hamba uye endlini kaJudasi eMgwaqweni oQondileyo, ubuze khona ngendoda yaseThasasi ethiwa nguSawuli, ngoba iyakhuleka. **12** Usebelombono wabona indoda ethiwa ngu-Ananiya ifika imbeka izandla ibuyisa ukubona kwakhe.” **13** U-Ananiya waphendula wathi, “Nkosi sengiyizwile indumela yalumuntu mayelana lokubi konke akwenzayo ebantwini bakho eJerusalema. **14** Uze lapha ngamandla awaphiwe ngabaphristi abakhulu ukuzabopha bonke ababiza ibizo lakho.” **15** Kodwa iNkosi yathi ku-Ananiya, “Hamba! Indoda le iyisitsha sami

engisikhethileyo ukuthwala ibizo lami phambi kwabeZizwe lamakhosi abo laphambi kwabantu bako-Israyeli. **16** Ngizamtshengisa ukuthi uzahlupheka kanganani ngenxa yebizo lami." **17** U-Ananiya wasehamba esiya kuleyondlu wafika wangena. Wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kukaSawuli wathi, "Mzalwane, Sawuli, iNkosi uJesu obonakale kuwe endleleni usiza lapha ungithumile ukuze ukwazi ukubona njalo futhi ugcwaliswe ngoMoya oNgcwele." **18** Masinyane, kwakhithika okwakungathi zinkwethu emehlweni kaSawuli, wasebona njalo. Wasukuma wabhaphathizwa, **19** kwathi esedlile, wathola amandla. USawuli wahlala insuku ezithile labafundi eDamaseko. **20** Waseqalisa ukutshumayela emasinagogweni ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **21** Bonke labo abamuzwayo bamangala babuza bathi, "Kasuye yini umuntu lo owenza isihluku eJerusalema kulabo abalibizayo lelibizo na? Njalo kabuyanga yini lapha ukuzabathatha beyizibotshwa abese kubaphristi abakhulu na?" **22** Kodwa uSawuli wasebenza ngamandla amakhulu wadidekisa amaJuda ayehlala eDamaseko ngokubonisa kamhlophe ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu. **23** Sekudlule insuku ezinengi amaJuda abumba icebo lokumbulala, **24** kodwa uSawuli walizwa icebo labo. Emini lebusuku bamlindela emasinagogweni edolobho ukuze bambulale. **25** Kodwa abalandeli bakhe bamthatha ebusuku bamehlisa ngesilulu esikhaleni esasisemdulini. **26** Wathi esefikile eJerusalema wazama ukuhlangana labafundi, kodwa bonke babemesaba, bengakholwa ukuthi ngempela wayesengumfundi. **27**

Kodwa uBhanabhasi wamthatha wamusa kubapostoli.
Wabatshela ngokuthi uSawuli wayibona njani iNkosi
esendleleni esiya eDamaseko lokuthi watshumayela njani
ngesibindi ngebizo likaJesu. **28** USawuli wasehlala labo,
wazihambela ekhululekile eJerusalema, ekhuluma
ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi. **29** Wakhuluma njalo
waphikisana lamaJuda esiGrikhi, kodwa azama
ukumbulala. **30** Kwathi abazalwane bekuzwa lokhu,
bambalekisela eKhesariya bafika bamedlulisela eThasasi.
31 Ngalesosikhathi ibandla kulolonke elaseJudiya leGalile
leSamariya laba lesikhathi esihle sokuthula. Laqina, njalo
ngokukhuthazwa nguMoya oNgcwele landa ngobunengi,
lahlala liyesaba iNkosi. **32** Kwathi uPhethro ebhoda
phakathi kwelizwe wayakwethekelela abangcwele eLida.
33 Wafumana khonale indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Eniyasi,
eyayiyisigulane esome umhlubulo sihlezi silele
okweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. **34** UPhethro wathi
kuye, “Eniyasi, uJesu Khristu uyakusilisa. Vuka uthathe
icansi lakho.” Masinyane u-Eniyasi wasukuma. **35**
Bonke labo ababehlala eLida laseSharoni bambona
baphendukela eNkosini. **36** EJopha kwakulomfundi
owayethiwa nguThabitha (ngesiGrikhi ibizo lakhe
nguDokhasi), owayehlala esenza okuhle esiza abaswelayo.
37 Ngalesosikhathi wagula wafa, isidumbu sakhe
sageziswa, sabekwa endlini ephezulu. **38** ILida yayiseduze
kweJopha; yikho abafundi sebezwile ukuthi uPhethro
wayeseLida, bathuma amadoda amabili kuye bamncenga
bathi, “Sicela ukuthi uze ngokuphangisa!” **39** UPhethro
wahamba labo, wathi ekufikeni kwakhe wasiwa endlini

ephezulu. Bonke abafelokazi bema bemhanqile, bekhala, bemtshengisa izembatho lezinye izigqoko ezazithungwe nguDokhasi esaphila. **40** UPhethro wabakhupha bonke endlini; waseguqa ngamadolo wakhuleka. Wasephendukela esidunjini sowesifazane wathi, "Thabitha, vuka!" Owesifazane wasevula amehlo akhe, wathi ebona uPhethro wahlala. **41** Wambamba ngesandla wamsukumisa. Wasebiza amakholwa labafelokazi wamethula kubo esephila. **42** Lokhu kwasuka kwaziwa kulolonke iJopha, abantu abanengi bakholwa eNkosini. **43** UPhethro wahlala okwesikhathi eJopha loSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba.

10 EKhesariya kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguKhoneliyasi, yayingumlawuli webutho lekhulu elalithiwa liViyo lase-Ithaliya. **2** Yena lendlu yakhe yonke babekhonza njalo bemesaba uNkulunkulu. Wayenika ngesihle labo abaswelayo njalo ekhuleka kuNkulunkulu kokuphela. **3** Ngelinye ilanga, sokungaba lihola lesithathu emini waba lombono. Wabona kamhlophe ingilosi kaNkulunkulu, eyeza kuye yathi, "Khoneliyasi!" **4** UKhoneliyasi wayiqhuzulela amehlo ngokwesaba. Wabuza wathi, "Kuyini, Nkosi?" Ingilosi yaphendula yathi, "Imikhuleko yakho lezipho zakho kwabaswelayo sekufinyelele kuNkulunkulu kwaba yisikhumbuzo. **5** Ngakho-ke, thumela amadoda eJopha ayebuya lendoda ethiwa nguSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. **6** Ihlala loSimoni ongumtshuki wezikhumba, olendlu okhunjini lolwandle." **7** Ingilosi eyakhuluma laye isihambile, uKhoneliyasi wabiza izinceku zakhe

ezimbili kanye loyedwa owayengumncedisi webutho owayeyindoda ekhonzayo. **8** Wabatshela konke okwakwenzakele, wasebathuma eJopha. **9** Sekungaba phakathi laphakathi kwemini sebebanga edolobheni, uPhethro wakhwela ophahleni ukuyakhuleka. **10** Wezwa eselambile esefuna ulutho lokudla, kwathi ukudla kusalungiswa wehlelwa yisiyeziphupho. **11** Wabona izulu livulekile, kusehliselwa emhlabeni ulutho olwalunjengelembu elikhulu libanjwe ngamagumbi alo womane. **12** Lalithwele yonke imihlobo yezinyamazana ezilenyawo ezine, kanye lezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo emhlabeni lezinyoni zemoyeni. **13** Ilizwi laselimtshela lathi, "Vuka Phethro. Hlaba udle." **14** UPhethro waphendula wathi, "Hatshi, Nkosi! Kangikaze ngidle lutho olungahlanzekanga lolungcolileyo." **15** Laphinda ilizwi lakhuluma okwesibili kuye lathi, "Ungabokuthi ulutho oseluhlanjululwe nguNkulunkulu kaluhlanzekanga." **16** Lokhu kwenzakala kathathu, kwasekusithi masinyane ilembu labuyiselwa ezulwini. **17** Kwathi uPhethro esamangele ngokuthi umbono lowo wawusitshoni, amadoda ayethunywe nguKhoneliyasi ayibona indlu kaSimoni, ema entubeni. **18** Akhuleka abuza ingabe uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro wayehlala khonapho yini. **19** Kwathi uPhethro elokhu esacabanga ngombono, uMoya wathi kuye, "Simoni, kulamadoda amathathu akudingayo. **20** Ngakho-ke, phakama wehlele phansi. Ungathandabuzi ukuhamba lawo, ngoba ngiwathumile." **21** UPhethro wehla wathi emadodeni lawo, "Nginguye lowo elimdingayo. Lilandeni?" **22**

Amadoda aphendula athi, “Sivela kuKhoneliyasi umlawuli wekhulu lamabutho. Ungumuntu olungileyo owesaba uNkulunkulu, ohlonitshwa yibo bonke abangamaJuda. Ingilosi engcwele imtshele ukuthi kakulethe endlini yakhe ukuze ezwe lokho ongabe uyakutsho.” **23** UPhethro wasewangenisa endlini amadoda lawo njengezethekeli zakhe. Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhethro wasuka labo, kwathi labanye abazalwane beJopha bahamba laye. **24** Ngelanga elilandelayo wafika eKhesariya. UKhoneliyasi wayesebalindele esebize izihlobo zakhe labangane abaseduze. **25** Kuthe uPhethro engena, uKhoneliyasi wamhlangabeza, wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zakhe ngenhlonipho. **26** Kodwa uPhethro wamsukumisa. Wathi, “Sukuma, mina ngingumuntu nje.” **27** UPhethro wangena endlini elokhu ekhuluma laye, wafumana ixuku labantu elikhulu. **28** Wathi kubo, “Liyakwazi ukuthi kungaphandle komthetho wethu ukuthi umJuda ahlanganyele loweZizwe loba ukuthi amethekelele. Kodwa uNkulunkulu usengitshengisile ukuthi kangingakutsho ukuthi omunye umuntu kahlanzekanga loba ungcolile. **29** Yikho kuthe lapho ngibizwa lapha, ngahle ngeza ngingazange ngibalise lokhu lalokhuyana. Sengibuza-ke manje, ungibizelani?” **30** UKhoneliyasi waphendula wathi, “Ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo bengisendlini yami ngikhuleka ngasonalesi isikhathi, ngehola lesithathu emini. Masinyane indoda ebigqoke izigqoko ezikhazimulayo yema phambi kwami, **31** yathi, ‘Khoneliyasi, uNkulunkulu usewuzwile umkhuleko wakho

wakhumbula lezipho zakho kwabaswelayo. **32** Thumela
ilizwi eJopha ubize uSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi
nguPhethro. Wethekelele emzini kaSimoni umtshuki
wezikhumba, ohlala malungana lolwandle.' **33** Yikho
ngihle ngathuma abantu kuwe ngokuphangisa, kwaba
kuhle ukuthi lawe uze. Manje sonke sesikhona lapha
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi sizwe konke iNkosi
ekuyale ukuthi usitshele khona." **34** UPhethro waseqalisa
ukukhuluma wathi: "Sengibona khathesi ukuthi
ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu kalabandlululo, **35** kodwa
wamukela abantu benhlanga zonke abamesabayo, abenza
okulungileyo. **36** Yilo leli ilizwi uNkulunkulu alithumela
ebantwini bako-Israyeli, elikhuluma ngezindaba ezinhle
zokuthula ngoJesu Khristu oyiNkosi yabo bonke. **37**
Liyakwazi osekwenzakele kulolonke elaseJudiya, kusukela
eGalile ngemva kobhaphathizo olwatshunyayelwa
nguJohane, **38** ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamgcoba kanjani
uJesu waseNazaretha ngoMoya oNgcwele langamandla,
lokuthi wahamba izindawana zonke esenza ubuhle njalo
esilisa bonke ababesemandleni omubi, ngoba
uNkulunkulu wayelaye. **39** Singofakazi bakho konke
akwenzayo elizweni lamaJuda laseJerusalema. Bambulala
ngokumlengisa esiphambanweni, **40** kodwa uNkulunkulu
wamvusa kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, wakwenza
ukuthi abonakale. **41** Kabonwanga ngabantu bonke,
kodwa ngofakazi uNkulunkulu ayevele esebakhethile,
yithi thina esadla sanatha laye ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe
kwabafileyo. **42** Wasilaya ukuba sitshumayele ebantwini
bonke njalo sifakaze ukuthi unguye uNkulunkulu

ambekayo ukuba ngumahluleli wabaphilayo labafileyo.
43 Bonke abaphrofethi bafakaza ngaye ukuthi bonke
abakholwa kuye baphiwa ukuthethelelwa kwezono
ngebizo lakhe." **44** UPhethro elokhu esakhuluma amazwi
la uMoya oNgcwele wehlela kubo bonke abalizwayo
ilizwi. **45** AmaJuda, amakholwa asokiweyo ayeze
loPhethro amangaliswa yikuthi uMoya oNgcwele
wawuthululelwe lakwabeZizwe. **46** Ngoba babezwa
bekhuluma ngendimi bedumisa uNkulunkulu. UPhethro
wasesithi, **47** "Kambe ukhona yini umuntu ongalela
abantu laba ukuba babhaphathizwe ngamanzi na?
Sebemukele uMoya oNgcwele njengathi." **48** Wasesithi
kababhaphathizwe ebizweni likaJesu Khristu. Basebecela
uPhethro ukuthi ahlale labo okwensukwana ezithile.

11 Abapostoli labazalwane kulolonke elaseJudiya
bezwa ukuthi abeZizwe labo basebelamukele ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu. **2** Yikho kwathi uPhethro esebuyele
eJerusalema, amaJuda, amakholwa asokileyo, amsola
3 athi, "Wangena endlini yabantu abangasokanga
wadla labo." **4** UPhethro wabalondela konke kusukela
ekuqaleni, wakuchasisa njengokwenzakala kwakho,
wathi, **5** "Ngangisedolobheni laseJopha ngikhuleka,
ngehlelwa yisiyeziphupho ngaba lombono. Ngabona
ulutho olwalunjengelembu elikhulu lisehliselwa phansi
ngamagumbi alo womane livela ezulwini, lehlela phansi
lapho engangikhona. **6** Ngakhangela phakathi kwalo
ngabona izinyamazana zomhlaba zezinyawo ezine,
izilo zeganga, izinanakazana ezihuquzelayo lezinyoni
zemoyeni. **7** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lingitshela lisithi, 'Vuka

Phethro. Hlaba udle.’ **8** Ngaphendula ngathi, ‘Hatshi
bo, Nkosi! Kowami umlomo kakukaze kungene ulutho
olungahlanzekanga loba olungcolileyo.’ **9** Ilizwi lakhuluma
okwesibili livela ezulwini lathi, ‘Ungabokuthi ulutho
oseluhlanjululwe nguNkulunkulu kaluhlanzekanga.’ **10**
Lokhu kwenzakala kathathu, konke kwase kubuyiselwa
njalo ezulwini. **11** Ngalesosikhathi amadoda amathathu
ayethunywe kimi evela eKhesariya afika endlini
engangihlala kuyo. **12** UMoya wangitshela ukuthi
ngingathandabuzi ukuhamba lawo. Laba abazalwane
abayisithupha labo bahamba lami sayangena endlini
yendoda leyo. **13** Yasitshela ukuthi yabona ingilosi
endlini yayo isithi, ‘Thumela eJopha ubize uSimoni
owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. **14** Uzakulethela ilizwi
eliyilo elizakusindisa wena kanye lendlu yakho.’ **15**
Kwathi ngiqalisa nje ukukhuluma, uMoya oNgcwele
wehlela phezu kwabo njengoba wehlela kithi ekuqaleni.
16 Ngakho ngasengikhumbula okwatshiwo yiNkosi
isithi, ‘UJohane wabhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina
lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele.’ **17** Ngakho-ke, nxa
uNkulunkulu wabanika sona lesosipho asinika sona thina
esakholwa eNkosini uJesu Khristu, ngangingubani mina
engangingakhumbula ukuthi ngingamelana loNkulunkulu
na?” **18** Bathi sebekuzwile lokhu, kababe besaba
lansolo, badumisa uNkulunkulu besithi, “Ngakho-ke,
uNkulunkulu usebanikile labo abeZizwe ukuphendukela
ekuphileni.” **19** Kwathi labo ababehlakazekile ngenxa
yokuhlukunyezwa okwaqala ngokufa kukaStefane
bahamba baze bayafika eFenikhiya, leSiphrasi le-

Antiyokhi betshumayela ilizwi kumaJuda kuphela.
20 Kodwa abanye babo, amadoda ayevela eSiphrasi
laseKhureni, aya e-Antiyokhi atshumayela lakumaGrikhi,
ebatshela ngezindaba ezinhle ngeNkosi uJesu. **21**
INkosi yaba labo, ngakho abantu abanengi bakholwa
baphendukela eNkosini. **22** Ibandla eliseJerusalema
lakuzwa lokhu laselithumela uBhanabhasi e-Antiyokhi.
23 Ekufikeni kwakhe wazibona izithelo zomusa
kaNkulunkulu, wathokoza njalo wabakhuthaza bonke
ukuthi baqhubeke ngobuqotho eNkosini ngezinhliziyo
zabo zonke. **24** Wayeyindoda elungileyo, egcwele
uMoya oNgcwele lokukholwa. Abantu abanengi kakhulu
balethwa eNkosini. **25** UBhanabhasi wasesiya eThasasi
ukuyadinga uSawuli. **26** Esemfumene wahamba laye
e-Antiyokhi. Ngakho okomnyaka wonke uBhanabhasi
loSawuli babehlangana lebandla befundisa abantu
abanengi kakhulu. Abafundi baqalisa ukubizwa ngokuthi
ngamaKhristu e-Antiyokhi. **27** Ngalesosikhathi abanye
abaphrofethi bafika e-Antiyokhi bevela eJerusalema.
28 Omunye wabo owayethiwa ngu-Agabhasi wasukuma
eholwa nguMoya wabonisa ukuthi kwakuzakuba lendlala
embi eyayizakubakhona kulolonke ilizwe lombuso
wamaRoma. (Lokhu kwenzakala ngesikhathi sokubusa
kukaKlawudiyasi.) **29** Abafundi bazimisela ukunika
usizo kubazalwane ababehlala eJudiya, ngulowo enika
ngokwenelisa kwakhe. **30** Bakwenza lokhu, bathumeza
izipho zabo ebadaleni ngoBhanabhasi loSawuli.

12 Kungaba yisikhathi lapho iNkosi uHerodi
eyabopha khona abanye ababe ngabebandla eqonde

ukubahlukumeza. **2** Wabulalisa uJakhobe umfowabo
kaJohane ngenkemba. **3** Wathi esebone ukuthi lokho
kwakuwathabisa amaJuda, wabopha loPhethro njalo.
Lokho kwenzakala ngezinsuku zoMkhosi weSinkwa
esingelaMvubelo. **4** Esembophile wamphosela
entolongweni, wamnikela ukuba alindwe ngamaviyo
amane amabutho, ngalinye lilamabutho amane. UHerodi
wayefuna ukuthi ngemva kwePhasika amkhuphele obala
athonisiswe phambi kwabantu. **5** Ngakho uPhethro
wagcinwa entolongweni, kodwa ibandla lamkhulekela
njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu. **6** Ngobusuku obandulela
ukuthonisiswa kukaPhethro nguHerodi, uPhethro
wayelele ephahlwe ngamabutho amabili, ebotshwe
ngamaketane amabili, kumi abalindi emnyango
wentolongo. **7** Masinyane ingilosi yeNkosi yavela,
kwabakhona ukukhanya kulelokamela lentolongo.
Yathinta uPhethro ohlangothini, yamvusa yathi,
“Phangisa, vuka!” Amaketane akhithika ezingalweni
zikaPhethro. **8** Ingilosi yasisithi kuye, “Gqoka, ufake
lamanyathela akho.” UPhethro wenzenjalo. Ingilosi
yamtshela yathi, “Yembatha ijazi lakho ungilandele.” **9**
UPhethro wayilandela ngaphandle kwentolongo, kodwa
wayedidekile engakwazi ukuthi lokho ingilosi
eyayikwenza kwakusenzakala ngempela; wayekhumbula
ukuthi ubona umbono. **10** Bedlula kubalindi, owokuqala
lowesibili bafika esangweni lensimbi elaliphumela
edolobheni. Lazivulekela baphuma. Kwathi sebehambe
baphutsha umgwaqo wedolobho, ingilosi yamtshiya. **11**
Kwayikhona uPhethro enanzelela, wathi, “Khathesi

sengisazi kungelakuthandabuza ukuthi iNkosi ithume ingilosi yayo yangihlenga ezibotshweni zikaHerodi lakukho konke obekufiswa ngamaJuda." **12** Sekumkhanyele kuhle lokhu, waqonda endlini kaMariya unina kaJohane, owayethiwa nguMakho njalo, khona lapho abantu abanengi babebuthene bekhuleka. **13** UPhethro waqoqoda entubeni yangaphandle, kwathi incekukazi eyayithiwa nguRoda yayabuza ukuthi ngubani owayesemnyango. **14** Isilizwile ilizwi likaPhethro yathaba kakhulu, yagijimela phakathi ingasawuvulanga, yabika yathi, "UPhethro usemnyango!" **15** Bathi, "Uyahlanya wena." Kwathi ngoba wala elokhu ephikelela ukuthi liqiniso, bathi, "Kutsho ukuthi yingilosi yakhe." **16** Kodwa uPhethro wala elokhu eqoqoda, bathi bevula umnyango bambona, bamangala kakhulu. **17** UPhethro wabatshengisa ngesandla ukuthi bathule, wasebalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe kanjani entolongweni. Wathi, "Libotshela uJakhobe labazalwane ngalokhu." Wasesuka waya kwenye indawo. **18** Ekuseni kwaba lokunyakazela okukhulu phakathi kwabebutho. Babuza bathi, "Kambe ngabe uPhethro wenzenjani?" **19** Kwathi uHerodi esemthungathe waze wabeka phansi, wathonisisa abalindi wasesithi kababulawe. UHerodi wasuka eJudiya waya eKhesariya wayahlala khona okwesikhathi esithile. **20** Wayekade exabana labantu beThire labeSidoni; basebehlangana ndawonye bacela ukukhuluma laye. Sebezuze ukusekelwa nguBhlastu inceku ethembekileyo enkosini, bacela ukuthula ngoba ukudla kwabo babekuthola elizweni lenkosi. **21** Ngosuku

olumisiweyo, uHerodi wagqoka izigqoko zobukhosi wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, wasekhuluma ebantwini. **22** Bamemeza bathi, "Leli yilizwi likaNkulunkulu, hatshi elomuntu." **23** Masinyane nje, ngenxa yokuthi uHerodi wayengamkhonzi uNkulunkulu, ingilosi yeNkosi yamtshaya yamlahla phansi, wadliwa zimpethu wafa. **24** Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laqhubeka likhula njalo lisanda. **25** Kwathi uBhanabhasi loSawuli sebewuqedile umlandu wabo, babuyela besuka eJerusalema, bahamba loJohane, owayethiwa nguMakho.

13 Ebandleni elalise-Antiyokhi kwakulabaphrofethi labafundisi: uBhanabhasi, loSimiyoni owayethiwa nguNigeri, loLusiya waseKhureni, loManayeni (owayekhuliswe loHerodi umbusi) kanye loSawuli. **2** Kwathi beyikhonza iNkosi njalo bezilile uMoya oNgcwele wathi, "Ngahlukaniselani uBhanabhasi loSawuli baye emsebenzini engibabizele wona." **3** Ngakho bathi sebezilile njalo sebekhulekile, bababeka izandla babakhupha. **4** Bonke bobabili baholwa nguMoya oNgcwele, behlela eSelusiya lapho abawela khona ngomkhumbi baya eSiphrasi. **5** Bathi sebefikile eSalami, balitshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu emasinagogweni amaJuda. UJohane wayelabo engumsizi wabo. **6** Basibhoda sonke isihlenge baze bafika ePhafosi. Khonapho bafumana umJuda oyisanuse, njalo engumphrofethi wamanga owayethiwa nguBha-Jesu, **7** wayeyinceku kasibalukhulu, uSegiyasi Phawuli. Usibalukhulu lowo, indoda ekhaliphileyo, yathumela ukuthi kubizwe uBhanabhasi loSawuli ngoba wayefuna

ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa u-Elima isanuse
(phela yikho ibizo lakhe elikutshoyo) waphikisana labo
wazama ukuphambula usibalukhulu ekukholweni. **9**
Kwasekusithi uSawuli, owayethiwa njalo nguPhawuli,
egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, wamjolozela u-Elima wathi, **10**
"Wena ungumntakaSathane lesitha sakho konke
okulungileyo! Ugcwele zonke inhlobo zenkohliso
lokudlelezela. Kawuyikufa wakhawula yini ukuhlinikeza
izindlela eziqondileyo? **11** Khathesi-ke, isandla seNkosi
sizakutshaya. Uzakuba yimpumputhe, awuzukubona
ukukhanya kwelanga okwesikhathi esithile." Masinyane
wehlelwa yinkungu lomnyama, waphumputha, waswela
umuntu wokumhola ngesandla. **12** Kwathi usibalukhulu
esekubonile lokho okwakwenzakele wakholwa, ngoba
wamangaliswa yimfundiso ngeNkosi. **13** Besuka
ePhafosi uPhawuli labaphelekezeli bakhe bawela
ngomkhumbi baya ePhega esePhamfiliya lapho uJohane
abatshiya khona esebuyela eJerusalema. **14** Besuka
ePhega baya e-Antiyokhi yasePhisidiya. NgeSabatha
bangena esinagogweni bahlala phansi. **15** Sekubaliwe
eMthethweni labaPhrofethi, abaphathi besinagogu
bedlulisela ilizwi kubo lisithi, "Bazalwane, nxa lilelizwi
lokukhuthaza abantu, khulumani." **16** UPhawuli
wasukuma welekelela ngesandla wathi, "Madoda
ako-Israyeli kanye lani abeZizwe elimesabayo
uNkulunkulu, ngilalelani! **17** UNkulunkulu wabantu bako-
Israyeli wakhetha okhokho bethu wenza abantu
baphumelela ngesikhathi behlezi eGibhithe. Ngamandla
amakhulu wabakhupha kulelolizwe **18** wababekezelela

ekuhambeni kwabo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane besenkangala. **19** Wachitha izizwe eziyisikhombisa eKhenani wanika ilizwe lazo abantu bakhe laba yilifa labo. **20** Konke lokho kwathatha iminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu. Ngemva kwalokhu uNkulunkulu wababekela abahluleli kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaSamuyeli umphrofethi. **21** Abantu bacela inkosi, wabanika uSawuli indodana kaKhishi, owesizwana sikaBhenjamini, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **22** Ngemva kokuba esemsusile uSawuli, wabeka uDavida waba yinkosi. Wafakaza ngaye wathi, 'Sengifumane uDavida indodana kaJese, indoda ethandwa yinhliziyo yami; uzakwenza konke engifuna ukuba akwenze.' **23** Esizukulwaneni salindoda uNkulunkulu uselethe ko-Israyeli uMsindisi uJesu njengokuthembisa kwakhe. **24** Mandulo kokufika kukaJesu, uJohane watshumayela ukuphenduka lokubhaphathizwa kubo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli. **25** UJohane esewuphetha umsebenzi wakhe wathi, 'Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani na? Kangisuye lowo. Hatshi, kodwa uyeza ngemva kwami, omanyathela akhe akungilinganange ukuthi ngiwathukulule.' **26** Bazalwane, bantwana baka-Abhrahama lani beZizwe elimesabayo uNkulunkulu, lelilizwi lensindiso selithunyelwe kithi. **27** Abantu baseJerusalema kanye lababusi babo kabamamukelanga uJesu, ikanti kwathi ngokumlahla bagcwalisa amazwi abaphrofethi afundwayo ngamaSabatha wonke. **28** Lokuba bengazange bafumane ubufakazi obuqondileyo ukuthi agwetshelwe ukubulawa, bacela uPhilathu ukuthi abulawe. **29** Bathi sebekwenzile

konke lokho okwakulotshwe ngaye, bamethula esiphambanweni bamlalisa ethuneni. **30** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, **31** Wabonwa okwensuku ezinengi yilabo abahamba laye besuka eGalile besiya eJerusalema. Manje yibo asebe ngofakazi ebantwini bakithi. **32** Silitshela izindaba ezinhle ukuthi: Lokho uNkulunkulu akuthembisa okhokho bethu **33** usesigcwalisele khona, thina abantwababo, ngokumvusa uJesu kwabafileyo. Njengalokhu kulotshiwe eHubeni lesibili ukuthi: 'UyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguYihlo.' **34** Lokho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, engasoze abole lanini, kucacisiwe emazwini la: 'Ngizakunika izibusiso ezingcwele eziqinisekileyo ezathenjiswa uDavida.' **35** Kanjalo kulotshiwe kwenye indawo ukuthi: 'Kawusoze wekele oNgcwele wakho abone ukubola.' **36** Ngoba kwathi uDavida eseyifezile injongo kaNkulunkulu ngalesosikhathi aphila kuso, walala; wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe, umzimba wakhe wabola. **37** Kodwa lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo kwabafileyo kazange akubone ukubola. **38** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, ngithanda ukuba lazi ukuthi ngoJesu ukuthethelelwa kwezono kuyatshunyayelwa kini. **39** Ngaye bonke abakholwayo sebehlanjululwe ezonweni zonke abebengeke bahlanjululwe kuzo ngomthetho kaMosi. **40** Qaphelani ukuthi lokho okwakhulunywa ngabaphrofethi kungenzakali kini, ukuthi: **41** 'Khangelani, lina bachothozi, mangalani libhubhe, ngoba ensukwini zenu ngizakwenza into elingasoze liyikholwe lanxa kube lalingakutshelwa ngubani.'" **42** Kwathi

uPhawuli loBhanabhasi sebesuka esinagogweni abantu babacela ukuthi babuye bazokhuluma njalo ngalezizinto ngeSabatha elilandelayo. **43** Abantu sebechithekile amaJuda amanengi lamakholwa ayephendukele enkolweni yesiJuda balandela uPhawuli loBhanabhasi, bona bakhuluma labo bebakhuthaza ukuthi baqhubeke bebambelele emuseni kaNkulunkulu. **44** NgeSabatha elilandelayo phose lonke idolobho labuthana ukuzakuzwa ilizwi leNkosi. **45** Kwathi amaJuda ebona amaxuku abantu, aba lomona, akhuluma ehlambaza lokho okwakutshiwo nguPhawuli. **46** UPhawuli loBhanabhasi basebewaphendula ngesibindi bathi, "Bekumele silikhulume kini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kuqala. Kodwa njengoba lililahla ngoba lizibona lina lingakufanelanga ukuphila okungapheliyo, khathesi sesiphendukela kwabeZizwe. **(aiōnios g166)** **47** Phela nanku iNkosi esisiyale khona yathi: 'Sengilenze isibane sabeZizwe, ukuthi lilethe insindiso emikhawulweni yomhlaba.'" **48** Kwathi abeZizwe bekuzwa lokhu bathaba, balidumisa ilizwi leNkosi; kwathi bonke ababemiselwe ukuphila okungapheliyo bakholwa. **(aiōnios g166)** **49** Ilizwi leNkosi landa umango wonke. **50** Kodwa amaJuda athela umoya omubi kwabesifazane abahlonitshwayo ababekholwa lamadoda ayengabakhokheli bedolobho. Akhwezela ukuhlukuluzwa kukaPhawuli loBhanabhasi, abaxotsha emangweni wakibo. **51** Ngakho bathintitha uthuli ezinyaweni zabo njengesixwayiso, baqonda e-Ikhoniyamu. **52** Abafundi bagcwala ngentokozo langoMoya oNgcwele.

14 E-Ikhoniyamu uPhawuli loBhanabhasi baya
esinagogweni yamaJuda njengenjayelo yabo. Khonapho
bakhuluma kwazwela kwaze kwathi amaJuda amanengi
lamaGrikhi akholwa. **2** Kodwa amaJuda ayengafuni
ukukholwa adunga abeZizwe, abathela umoya omubi
ngabazalwane. **3** UPhawuli loBhanabhasi bahlala
isikhathi eside khona lapho bekhulumela iNkosi
ngesibindi. INkosi yaqinisa ilizwi lomusa wayo
ngokubapha amandla okwenza imimangaliso lezimanga.
4 Abantu bedolobho lelo badabukana phakathi; abanye
bema lamaJuda, kwathi abanye basekela abapostoli. **5**
AbeZizwe lamaJuda ndawonye labakhokheli babo bakha
icebo lokubahlukumeza lokubakhanda ngamatshe. **6**
Kodwa balizwa icebo lelo basebebalekela emadolobheni
aseLikhawoniya, eListra leDebhe lasemangweni yakhona,
7 lapho abaqhubeka khona ukutshumayela izindaba
ezinhle. **8** EListra kwakulendoda eyayiyisigoga ikwazi
ukuhlala kuphela, ilokhu yazalwayo ingakaze ihambe. **9**
Yamlalela uPhawuli lapho ekhuluma. UPhawuli
wayijolozela wabona ukuthi yayikholwa ukuba
ingasiliswa **10** wasememeza wathi, "Sukuma ngezinyawo
zakho!" Ngalokho indoda yathi lothu yahle yahamba. **11**
Kwathi ixuku labantu selikubonile okwakwenziwe
nguPhawuli, lamemeza ngolimi lwesiLikhawoniya lathi,
"Onkulunkulu sebehlele kithi belesimo sabantu!" **12**
UBhanabhasi bambiza bathi nguZewusi, uPhawuli bathi
nguHemesi ngoba nguye owayekhokhela ekukhulumeni.
13 Umphristi kaZewusi owayelethempeli eduze
ngaphandle kwedolobho, waletha inkunzi lemigaxo

emasangweni edolobho ngoba yena kanye lexuku labantu babefuna ukwenza imihlatshelo kubo. **14** Kodwa kwathi abapostoli, uBhanabhasi loPhawuli bekuzwa lokhu, badabula izigqoko zabo bazithela phakathi kwabantu bememeza besithi: **15** "Madoda, likwenzelani lokhu? Lathi singabantu njengani. Sililethela izindaba ezinhle, silitshela ukuthi litshiye izinto lezi eziyize liye kuNkulunkulu ophilayo owenza amazulu lomhlaba, lolwandle lakho konke okukuwo. **16** Endulo waziyekela izizwe zonke zahamba ngezindlela zazo. **17** Ikanti kazange ekele ukuzifakazela: Utshengisile umusa ngokulipha izulu laphezulu lamabele ngesikhathi sawo; ulipha ukudla okunengi njalo agcwalise inhliziyo zenu ngentokozo." **18** Loba sebetsho lamazwi baba lobunzima ukuthi bekelise abantu bonke ukuba babenzele umhlatshelo. **19** Kwasekufika amaJuda evela e-Antiyokhi lase-Ikhoniyamu afika adunga abantu. UPhawuli bamkhanda ngamatshe bamhudulela ngaphandle kwedolobho, becabanga ukuthi wayesefile. **20** Kodwa ngemva kokuba abafundi sebembuthanele, waphaphama wabuyela edolobheni. Ngosuku olulandelayo yena loBhanabhasi basuka baya eDebhe. **21** Bazitshumayela izindaba ezinhle kulelodolobho bazuza inani elikhulu labafundi. Basebebuyela eListra, le-Ikhoniyamu le-Antiyokhi **22** beqinisa abafundi njalo bebakhuthaza ukuthi babambelele ekukholweni. Bathi, "Kufanele sedlule ezinhlungwini ezinengi ukuze singene embusweni kaNkulunkulu." **23** UPhawuli loBhanabhasi babakhethela abadala kulelo lalelo bandla, babanikela

eNkosini ngomkhuleko langokuzila ngoba bebeke ithemba labo kuyo iNkosi. **24** Sebehambe bedlula ePhisidiya, bafika ePhamfiliya, **25** kwathi sebetshumayele ilizwi ePhega basebesiya e-Athaliya. **26** Besuka e-Athaliya bawela ngomkhumbi babuyela e-Antiyokhi, lapho ababenikelwe khona emuseni kaNkulunkulu ukwenza umsebenzi lowo abasebewufezile. **27** Ekufikeni kwabo khona, balihlanganisa ndawonye ibandla balibikela konke lokho uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile ngabo, lokuthi wayesevulele abeZizwe umnyango wokukholwa. **28** Bahlala khona isikhathi eside labafundi.

15 Amadoda athile eza e-Antiyokhi evela eJudiya, afika afundisa abazalwane esithi: “Ngaphandle kokuthi lisokwe ngendlela yomkhuba eyafundiswa nguMosi lingeke lisindiswe.” **2** Lokhu kwenza uPhawuli loBhanabhasi baphikisana labo kakhulu. Ngakho uPhawuli loBhanabhasi bakhethwa kanye lamanye amakholwa ukuthi baye eJerusalema ukuyabona abapostoli labadala ngaloludaba. **3** Ibandla labavalelisa. Bathi bedabula eFenikhiya leSamariya balandisa ngokuthi abeZizwe basebephendukile. Indaba le yathokozisa bonke abazalwane. **4** Bafika eJerusalema bemukelwa kuhle libandla langabapostoli labadala, bababikela konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile ngabo. **5** Kwasekusithi amanye amakholwa ayengawoluhlu lwabaFarisi asukuma athi, “AbeZizwe kumele basokwe njalo batshelwe ukuthi balandele umthetho kaMosi.” **6** Abapostoli labadala bahlangana bakhuluma ngalindaba. **7** Ngemva kokuphikisana okukhulu uPhethro wasukuma wakhuluma

kubo wathi: “Bazalwane, liyakwazi ukuthi esikhathini esedluleyo uNkulunkulu wangikhetha phakathi kwenu ukuthi abeZizwe bezwe kwezami izindebe ilizwi levangeli bakholwe. **8** UNkulunkulu owazi inhliziyo watshengisa ukuthi uyabemukela ngokubapha uMoya oNgcwele, njengalokhu akwenzayo kithi. **9** Kenzanga umahluko phakathi kwethu labo, ngoba wahlanza inhliziyo zabo ngokukholwa. **10** Pho-ke lizamelani ukulinga uNkulunkulu ngokwethesa abafundi beZizweni ijogwe thina labokhokho bethu esehluleka ukulithwala? **11** Hatshi! Sikholwa ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa weNkosi uJesu, njengabo labo.” **12** Wonke umhlangano wathula zwi balalela uBhanabhasi loPhawuli belandisa ngemimangaliso lezimanga uNkulunkulu ayezenzile kwabeZizwe ngabo. **13** Bathi sebeqedile uJakhobe wakhuluma wathi: “Bazalwane, ake lingilalele. **14** USimoni usesilandisele ngokuthi ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu watshengisa njani ukunakekela kwakhe abeZizwe ngokukhetha phakathi kwabo abantu ukuba babe ngabakhe. **15** Amazwi abaphrofethi ayavumelana lalokhu, njengalokhu kulotshiwe ukuthi: **16** ‘Ngemva kwalokhu ngizabuya ngakhe kutsha indlu kaDavida ewileyo. Amanxiwa ayo ngizawavuselela, njalo ngizayimisa kutsha, **17** ukwenzela ukuthi lonke uluntu luyidinge iNkosi, kanye labeZizwe abaziwa ngebizo lami, kutsho iNkosi eyenza lezizinto’: **18** ezivele zisaziwa kusukela endulo. **(aiōn g165)** **19** Ngokubona kwami, kakumelanga sikwenze kube lukhuni kwabeZizwe abaphendukela kuNkulunkulu. **20** Esikhundleni salokho, kasibalobeleni sibatshele

ukuthi baxwaye ukudla okungcoliswe yizithombe, lokuhlobonga, lenyama yenyamazana ekhanyiweyo lobubende. **21** Phela uMosi sekwatshunyayelwa ngaye kuwo wonke amadolobho kusukela ekuqaleni njalo kufundwa ngaye emasinagogweni amaSabatha wonke.” **22** Abapostoli labadala kanye lebandla lonke bamisa ukukhetha abanye babo ukuthi babathume e-Antiyokhi loPhawuli loBhanabhasi. Bakhetha uJudasi owayethiwa nguBhasabhasi, loSayilasi, la engamadoda amabili ayengabakhokheli kubazalwane. **23** Babaphathisa incwadi le: Abapostoli labadala, abazalwane benu, KwabeZizwe abakholwayo e-Antiyokhi, lase-Asiriya laseSilisiya: Siyalibingelela. **24** Sesizwile ukuthi bakhona abasuka kithi bengelamvumo yethu bafika balidunga, bedida ingqondo zenu ngalokho ababekutsho. **25** Ngakho sivumelene sonke ukukhetha amadoda athile ukuthi siwathumele kini labangane bethu abathandekayo, uBhanabhasi loPhawuli, **26** amadoda adele impilo zawo ngenxa yebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **27** Ngakho sithumela uJudasi loSayilasi ukugcwalisa ngomlomo lokhu esikulobayo. **28** Kubonakale kufanele kuMoya oNgcwele lakithi ukuthi singalethesi omthwalo omkhulu ngaphandle kwezimiso lezi: **29** Xwayani ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni, ububende, inyama yenyamazana ekhanyiweyo kanye lokuhlobonga. Lizabe lenze kuhle nxa lizixwaya lezizinto. Salani kuhle. **30** Bawavalelisa amadoda ahamba aya e-Antiyokhi, lapho afika ahlanganisa ibandla ndawonye ethula incwadi. **31** Abantu bayibala bathokoza ngenxa yamazwi ayo akhuthazayo. **32** UJudasi loSayilasi, bona

ngokwabo ababengabaphrofethi, bakhuluma okunengi ukukhuthaza lokuqinisa abazalwane. **33** Sebehlale isikhathi esithile khonapho, abazalwane babavalelisa ngesibusiso sokuthula sebebuyela kulabo ababathumayo. [**34** Kodwa uSayilasi wakhetha ukusala khona.] **35** Kodwa uPhawuli loBhanabhasi basala e-Antiyokhi, lapho bona kanye labanye abanengi bafundisa njalo batshumayela ilizwi leNkosi. **36** Emva kwesikhatshanyana uPhawuli wathi kuBhanabhasi, “Kasibuyele emuva siyebona abazalwane emadolobheni wonke esitshumayele khona ilizwi leNkosi ukuthi baqhuba njani.” **37** UBhanabhasi wayefuna ukuthi bahambe loJohane, owayethiwa nguMakho, **38** kodwa uPhawuli wakubona kungafanele ukuhamba laye ngoba wayeke wabafulathela besePhamfiliya kaze aqhubeka labo emsebenzini. **39** Baphikisana kakubi baze bacina betshiyana. UBhanabhasi wamthatha uMakho bawelela eSiphrasi, **40** kodwa uPhawuli wakhetha ukuhamba loSayilasi, basuka bebekwe ngabazalwane emuseni weNkosi. **41** Wahamba phakathi kwe-Asiriya leSilisiya eqinisa amabandla.

16 Wafika eDebhe wedlulela eListra lapho okwakuhlala khona umfundi owayethiwa nguThimothi, olonina owaye ngumJudakazi, elikholwa, kodwa uyise engumGrikhi. **2** Abazalwane baseListra lase-Ikhoniyamu babemncoma. **3** UPhawuli wayefuna ukuhamba laye, ngakho wasemsoka ngenxa yamaJuda akuleyondawo ngoba bonke babekwazi ukuthi uyise wayengumGrikhi. **4** Ekuhambeni kwabo kulelo lalelodolobho, babezethula izinqumo ezenziwa ngabapostoli labadala eJerusalema

ukuze abantu bazilandele. **5** Ngakho amabandla
aqiniswa ekukholweni abantu banda mihla yonke.
6 UPhawuli labaphelekezeli bakhe bayibhoda yonke
imango yaseFirigiya laseGalathiya, uMoya oNgcwele
esemalele ukuthi atshumayele ilizwi edolobheni lase-
Ezhiya. **7** Bathi sebefike emngceleni waseMisiya,
bazama ukungena eBhithiniya, kodwa uMoya kaJesu
kawubavumelanga. **8** Ngakho bedlula eceleni kweMisiya
behlela eTrowasi. **9** Ebusuku uPhawuli wehlelwa
ngumbono wendoda yaseMasedoniya imi imncenga
isithi, "Woza eMasedoniya uzosisiza." **10** UPhawuli
esebone umbono lowo, sahle salungisa masinyane
ukuthi siye eMasedoniya, sibona ukuthi uNkulunkulu
wayesibizile ukuba sitshumayele ivangeli kubo. **11**
Sasuka eTrowasi sawela ulwandle santsheza saqonda
eSamathrake, ngosuku olulandelayo sedlulela eNiyapholi.
12 Sesisuka lapho saya eFiliphi, elaliyilona idolobho
elikhulu lesiqinti seMasedoniya eyayibuswa ngamaRoma.
Sahlala lapho okwensuku ezinengi. **13** NgeSabatha
saphumela ngaphandle kwamasango omuzi saya emfuleni
sifuna indawo yokukhuleka. Sahlala phansi saqalisa
ukukhuluma labesifazane ababebuthene khonapho. **14**
Omunye walabo ababelalele ngowesifazane owayethiwa
nguLidiya, umthengisi welembu eliyibubende evela
edolobheni laseThiyathira, ekhonza uNkulunkulu.
INkosi yayivula inhliziyo yakhe ukuba emukele ilizwi
likaPhawuli. **15** Kwathi yena kanye labendlu yakhe
sebebhaphathiziwe, wasinxusela emzini wakhe. Wathi,
"Nxa lingemukela njengekholwa eNkosini, wozani

lizohlala endlini yami.” Wasincenga savuma. **16** Ngelinye
ilanga sathi sisiya endaweni yokukhuleka sahlangana
lentombazana eyayiyisigqili, ilomoya wobungoma.
Yayizuzela abanini bayo imali enengi ngalokho kuhlahlula.
17 Intombazana le yalandela uPhawuli lathi sonke
imemeza isithi, “Amadoda la ayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu
oPhezukonke, alitshela indlela yokusindiswa.” **18**
Yakwenza lokhu okwensuku ezinengi. Ekucineni uPhawuli
kwamcaphula lokho waphenduka wathi kuwo umoya,
“Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu Khristu ukuthi uphume
kuyo!” Umoya wahle waphuma kuyo khonapho.
19 Abanikazi bentombazana bathi ngokunanzelela
ukuthi ithemba labo lokuzuza imali laselinyamalele,
bababamba, uPhawuli loSayilasi babadonsela enkundleni
yokuthengisa ukuba bayeqondana leziphathamandla.
20 Babamisa phambi kwabomantshi bathi, “Amadoda la
angamaJuda asedunge idolobho lakithi **21** ngokukhuthaza
imikhuba engaphandle komthetho ukuthi thina
amaRoma siyamukele kumbe siyilandele.” **22** Ixuku
layingenela indaba yokuhlasela uPhawuli loSayilasi,
ngakho omantshi bathi kabakhululwe izigqoko batshaywe.
23 Sebebatshaye kabuhlungu babaphosela entolongweni
kwathiwa umlindijele abakhangele aqinisise. **24** Esezwe
lowomlayo wabafuqela endlini yentolongo ephakathi
wababopha inyawo, wazibophela ensikeni. **25** Sekungaba
phakathi kwamabili ebusuku uPhawuli loSayilasi
bakhuleka bahlabela amahubo kuNkulunkulu, ezinye
izibotshwa zibalalele. **26** Masinyane kwaba lokuzamazama
komhlaba kwaze kwanyikinyeka lezisekelo zentolongo.

Izivalo zentolongo zathi gwabu zavuleka, amaketane
ezibotshwa athukuluka. **27** Umlindijele waphaphama,
wathi ngokubona iminyango yentolongo ivulekile,
wakhokha inkemba yakhe esefuna ukuzibulala ngoba
ekhumbula ukuthi izibotshwa zasezibalekile. **28** Kodwa
uPhawuli wamemeza wathi, "Ungazilimazi bo! Sikhona
sonke!" **29** Umlindijele wathi kakulethwe izibane,
wangena wazilahla phambi kukaPhawuli loSayilasi
eqhaqhazela. **30** Wasebakhuphela phandle wababuza
wathi, "Madoda, ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswe na?" **31**
Baphendula bathi, "Kholwa eNkosini uJesu, uzasindiswa;
wena kanye lendlu yakho." **32** Basebemtshumayeza
ngelizwi leNkosi kanye labanye abendlu yakhe. **33**
Ngalelohola lebusuku umlindijele wabathatha wabagezisa
imvimvinya zabo; kwasekusithi khonokho nje yena
labendlu yakhe bahle babhaphathizwa. **34** Umlindijele
wahamba labo endlini yakhe, wabapha ukudla. Indlu
yakhe yonke yaba lokuthokoza ngoba basebekholwa
kuNkulunkulu. **35** Kwathi sokusile, omantshi bathuma
amanxusa abo kumlindijele lomlayo othi: "Bakhulule
abantu labo." **36** Umlindijele watshela uPhawuli
wathi, "Omantshi sebethe wena loSayilasi likhululwe.
Selingahamba. Lihambe ngokuthula." **37** Kodwa
uPhawuli wathi emanxuseni: "Basibhaxabule phambi
kwabantu singazange sithonisiswe thina singamaRoma
agcweleyo, basiphosela entolongweni. Kanti manje
sebefuna ukusikhupha ngasese na? Hatshi! Kababuye
bona ngokwabo bazesikhupha." **38** Amanxusa akubika
lokhu kubomantshi abathi ngokuzwa ukuthi uPhawuli

loSayilasi babengamaRoma agcweleyo, bethuka. **39** Beza ukuzabancenga, babakhupha entolongweni, babacela ukuthi basuke kulelodolobho. **40** UPhawuli loSayilasi sebephumile entolongweni baya endlini kaLidiya lapho abahlangana khona labazalwane babaqinisa. Basebesuka bahamba.

17 Bathi sebedlule e-Amfipholi le-Apholoniya, bafika eThesalonika lapho okwakulesinagogu yamaJuda khona. **2** Njengenjayelo yakhe uPhawuli waya esinagogweni, kwathi ngamaSabatha amathathu wabonisana labo ngeMibhalo, **3** echaza njalo eveza obala ukuthi uKhristu wayemele ahlupheke njalo avuke kwabafileyo. Wathi, "UJesu lo engitshumayela ngaye kini unguye uKhristu." **4** Amanye amaJuda akukholwa lokho asehlanganyelana loPhawuli loSayilasi, njengalokho okwenziwa linani elikhulu lamaGrikhi abesaba uNkulunkulu, kugoqela lehlekanyana labesifazane abahloniphekayo. **5** Kodwa amaJuda aba lomona; ngakho asehuga izixhwali endaweni yokuthengisa, abalixuku elithile asevusa umsindo edolobheni. Aphuthumela endlini kaJasoni edinga uPhawuli loSayilasi efuna ukubaletha phambi kukazulu. **6** Kodwa kwathi sebebaswele basebedonsela uJasoni labanye abazalwane abathile kubaphathi bedolobho bememeza besithi: "Amadoda la abekade edala uhlupho emhlabeni wonke manje aseze lapha, **7** uJasoni yena wawemukela endlini yakhe. Bonke bahlinikeza imithetho kaKhesari besithi kulenye inkosi ethiwa nguJesu." **8** Bathi bekuzwa lokhu abantu labaphathi bedolobho bazonda kakhulu. **9** Kwasekuthiwa uJasoni labanye bakhe kabakhuphe

isibambiso ngemali ethile, kwayikhona bekhululwa ukuthi bahambe. **10** Konela ukuthi kuhlwe abazalwane babasusa uPhawuli loSayilasi babasa eBheriya. Ekufikeni kwabo khona baya esinagogweni yamaJuda. **11** AmaJuda eBheriya wona ayelesimilo esingcono kulaleso esamaThesalonika, ngoba alemukela ilizwi ngomfutho omkhulu njalo ayihlola iMibhalo insuku zonke ukuze abone ukuthi lokho uPhawuli ayekutsho kwakuliqiniso na. **12** AmaJuda amanengi akholwa, kanye labesifazane abanengi bamaGrikhi abahloniphekayo lamadoda amanengi amaGrikhi. **13** Kwathi amaJuda aseThesalonika esezwile ukuthi uPhawuli wayesetshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu eBheriya, aya khona futhi, athela abantu umoya omubi abadunga. **14** Abazalwane bahle bathumela uPhawuli ngasokhunjini lolwandle, kodwa uSayilasi loThimothi basala eBheriya. **15** Amadoda ayephelekezela uPhawuli amtshiya e-Athene asebuyela lomlayezo wokuthi uSayilasi loThimothi bamlandele ngokuphangisa. **16** UPhawuli esabamelele e-Athene, wakhathazeka kakhulu ngokubona ukuthi idolobho lelo laligcwele izithombe. **17** Ngakho wabonisana lamaJuda kanye lamaGrikhi ayemesaba uNkulunkulu esinagogweni lasendaweni yokuthengisa zonke insuku lalabo ababekhonapho. **18** Ixuku lezazi zama-Ephikhuri lamaStoyikhi laphikisana laye. Abanye babo babuza bathi, “Uwumani lolu luzama ukuthini kanti?” Abanye bathi, “Kungathi utshumayela ngonkulunkulu bezizweni.” Bakutsho lokhu ngoba uPhawuli wayetshumayela izindaba ezinhle ngoJesu langokuvuka kwabafileyo. **19** Basebehamba laye

enkundleni ye-Ariyophagasi, bafika bathi kuye, “Ake usitshele ukuthi imfundiso le entsha oyethulayo iyini. **20** Uletha ezindlebeni zethu imibono engajayelekanga, ngakho sifuna ukwazi ukuthi itshoni.” **21** (Wonke ama-Atheni labezizwe ababehlala khona babechitha isikhathi sabo bengenzi lutho ngaphandle kokukhuluma lokulalela imibono emitsha.) **22** UPhawuli wasukuma enkundleni ye-Ariyophagasi wathi, “Madoda ase-Atheni! Ngiyabona ukuthi kukho konke lingabantu abakhonzayo. **23** Ngoba ngithe ngihambahamba, ngabona izithombe zenu, ngaze ngafumana i-alithari elilombhalo othi: Kunkulunkulu Ongaziwayo. Manje-ke lokho elikukhonza njengolutho olungaziwayo yikho engizakutshumayela kini. **24** UNkulunkulu owenza umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo uyiNkosi yezulu lomhlaba, njalo kahlali emathempelini akhiwe ngezandla. **25** Njalo kancediswa yizandla zabantu ingathi kukhona akuswelayo, ngoba yena ngokwakhe upha bonke abantu impilo, umphefumulo lokunye konke. **26** Ngomuntu oyedwa wenza zonke izizwe zabantu, ukuthi zakhe emhlabeni wonke; njalo wamisa izikhathi abazilungiselweyo lazo kanye izindawo abamele bahlale kuzo. **27** UNkulunkulu wakwenza lokhu ukuze abantu bamdinge lokuthi mhlawumbe bamfinyelele bamfumane, loba nje uvele engakhatshana komunye lomunye wethu. **28** ‘Ngoba siphila kuye, sihambe ngaye njalo sipheleliswe nguye.’ Njengokutsho kwezinye izimbongi zakini ukuthi, ‘Singabantwabakhe.’ **29** Ngakho-ke njengoba singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kasingacabangini ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu bunjengegolide, loba isiliva kumbe

ilitshe; umfanekiso obunjwe ngobungcitshi bomuntu.
30 Endulo uNkulunkulu kakunakanga ukungazi lokhu,
kodwa khathesi uselaya bonke abantu ezindaweni
zonke ukuba baphenduke. **31** Ngoba uselumisile usuku
lapho azakwahlulela khona umhlaba ngokulunga ngaye
umuntu amkhethileyo. Usebuvezile ubufakazi balokhu
kubo bonke abantu ngokumvusa kwabafileyo." **32**
Bathi besizwa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, abanye babo
bamklolodela, kodwa abanye bathi, "Sifuna ukuphinda
sikuzwe ukhuluma ngale indaba njalo." **33** Ngalokho-ke,
uPhawuli wasesuka enkundleni. **34** Abantu abathile baba
ngabalandeli bakaPhawuli, bakholwa. Phakathi kwabo
kwakuloDiyonisiyu owayelilunga le-Ariyophagasi, njalo
lowesifazane okwakuthiwa nguDamari kanye labanye
abalinani elithile.

18 Ngemva kwalokho uPhawuli wasuka e-Athene waya
eKhorinte. **2** Khonapho wahlangana lomJuda owayethiwa
ngu-Akhwila, owasePhontusi ngomdabuko, owayesanda
kufika lapho evele e-Ithali lomkakhe uPhrisila ngoba
uKlawudiyasi wayekhuphe isinqumo sokuthi amaJuda
wonke aphume eRoma. UPhawuli wahamba wayababona,
3 kwathi ngoba engumenzi wamathente njengabo
wasehlala labo, wasebenza labo. **4** NgamaSabatha
wonke wayesiya esinagogweni ebonisana lamaJuda
lamaGrikhi ezama ukuwaphendula. **5** Kwathi uSayilasi
loThimothi sebefikile bevela eMasedoniya, uPhawuli
wasenikela isikhathi sakhe sonke ekutshumayeleni
kuphela efakaza kumaJuda ukuthi uJesu wayenguKhristu.
6 Kodwa kwathi lapho amaJuda emphikisa njalo

emchothoza, wathintitha izembatho zakhe phambi kwawo wathi, “Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwamakhanda enu! Mina sengiwenzile owami umlandu. Kusukela manje sengisiya kwabeZizwe.” **7** UPhawuli wasesuka esinagogweni waya endlini eseceleni, eyayingekaThithu Justusi, owayekhonza uNkulunkulu. **8** UKhrispasi, umphathi wesinagogu, kanye lendlu yakhe yonke bakholwa eNkosini; kwathi labanengi bamaKhorinte abamuzwayo bakholwa, babhaphathizwa. **9** Ngobunye ubusuku iNkosi yakhuluma kuPhawuli ngombono yathi: “Ungesabi; qhubeka utshumayela, ungathuli. **10** Ngoba mina ngilawe, kakho ozakuhlasela akulimaze, ngoba ngilabantu abanengi kulelidolobho.” **11** Ngakho uPhawuli wahlala khona okomnyaka olengxenye, ebafundisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **12** UGaliyo esangusibalukhulu wase-Akhayiya, amaJuda eKhorinte amanyana ahlasela uPhawuli, amletha emthethwandaba, **13** amangalela esithi, “Indoda le idonsela abantu ekukhonzeni uNkulunkulu ngezindlela eziphambene lomthetho.” **14** Kwathi uPhawuli esathi uyakhuluma, uGaliyo wathi kumaJuda, “Kube lina maJuda libika ngokona okuthile loba icala lokuganga okubi, bekufanele ukuthi ngililalele. **15** Kodwa njengoba kuphathelane ngezinto zamazwi lamabizo, langomthetho wenu; kulungiseni lina. Mina kangiyikuba ngumahluleli wezinto ezinjalo.” **16** Wasesithi kabaxotshwe enkantolo. **17** Bonke basebephendukela uSosithene, umphathi wesinagogu, bamtshaya phambi kwenkantolo. Kodwa uGaliyo kazange athi thiki lakancane. **18** UPhawuli waphinda wahlala njalo okwesikhathi esithile

eKhorinte. Wasetshiya abazalwane waya e-Asiriya, ephelekezelwa nguPhrisila lo-Akhwila. Engakaweli ulwandle waqala wagela inwele zakhe eKhenkireya ngenxa yesifungo ayesenzile. **19** Bafika e-Efesu lapho uPhawuli atshiya khona uPhrisila lo-Akhwila. Yena waya esinagogweni wayabonisana lamaJuda. **20** Bamcela ukuthi ahlale okwesikhathi eside kodwa wala. **21** Wathi esesuka wathembisa wathi, "Ngizaphenduka nxa kuyintando kaNkulunkulu." Wasewela ulwandle esuka e-Efesu. **22** Wakhuphukela eKhesariya wahamba wayabingelela ibandla eJerusalema, wasesehlela e-Antiyokhi. **23** UPhawuli eseke wahlala e-Antiyokhi wasuka lapho wabhoda indawo ngendawo kuwo wonke umango waseGalathiya lowaseFirigiya eqinisa bonke abafundi. **24** Kusenjalo, umJuda owayethiwa ngu-Apholo, owe-Alekizandriya ngomdabuko, weza e-Efesu. Wayeyindoda efundileyo, elolwazi olukhulu ngeMibhalo. **25** Yayifundisiwe ngendlela yeNkosi, ikhuluma ngomfutho njalo ifundisa okuqondileyo ngoJesu, isazi ngobhaphathizo lukaJohane kuphela. **26** Yakhuluma ngesibindi esinagogweni. Kwathi uPhrisila lo-Akhwila beyizwa, bayinxusa emzini wabo, bayichazela ngokugcweleyo indlela kaNkulunkulu. **27** U-Apholo wayefuna ukuya e-Akhayiya, abazalwane basebemkhuthaza, babhalela abafundi khonale ukuthi bamamukele. Wathi efika khona waba luncedo olukhulu kulabo ababekholwe beholwa ngumusa. **28** Ngoba watshukana lamaJuda ewaphikisa enkundleni, ebonisa obala eMibhalweni ukuthi uJesu wayenguKhristu.

19 Kwathi u-Apholo eseKhorinte uPhawuli wathatha
indlela ehamba phakathi kwelizwe waze wayafika
e-Efesu. Khonapho wafumana abafundi abathile, **2**
wababuza wathi, “Lamamukela na uMoya oNgcwele
ngesikhathi liqalisa ukukholwa?” Baphendula bathi,
“Hatshi, kasizwanga lokuzwa ukuthi kuloMoya oNgcwele.”
3 Ngakho uPhawuli wasebuza wathi, “Pho lathola
luphi ubhaphathizo?” Baphendula bathi, “Ubhaphathizo
lukaJohane.” **4** UPhawuli wathi, “Ubhaphathizo
lukaJohane lwalulubhaphathizo lokuphenduka. Watshela
abantu ukuthi bakholwe kulowo owayezakuza ngemva
kwakhe, esitsho ukuthi kuJesu.” **5** Sebekuzwile lokhu
babhaphathizelwa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu. **6** UPhawuli
esebeke izandla zakhe phezu kwabo uMoya oNgcwele
wehlela kubo, bakhuluma ngendimi njalo baphrofitha. **7**
Babengamadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili bebonke. **8**
UPhawuli wangena esinagogweni wakhuluma ngesibindi
khona okwezinyanga ezintathu, echaza okusuthisayo
ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa abanye babo baba
yiziqholo; bala ukukholwa, bakhuluma kubi obala
ngeNdlela. Ngakho uPhawuli wabatshiya. Wathatha
abafundi wasuka wayahlangana labo baxoxisana nsuku
zonke esikolweni sikaThiranu. **10** Lokhu kwaqhubeka
okweminyaka emibili, kwaze kwathi wonke amaJuda
lamaGrikhi ayehlala kulesosifunda sase-Ezhiya alizwa
ilizwi leNkosi. **11** UNkulunkulu wenza imimangaliso
engajayelekanga ngoPhawuli, **12** izifinyo lamathawulo
okwakuthintiswe kuye kwakusiwa kwabagulayo bahle
basile emikhuhlaneni yabo lemimoya emibi iphume

kubo. **13** Amanye amaJuda ayebhoda exotsha imimoya
emibi azama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi uJesu kulabo
ababelamadimoni. Ayesithi, “Ngebizo likaJesu uPhawuli
atshumayela ngaye, ngikulaya ukuthi uphume.” **14**
Ababesenza lokhu ngamadodana ayisikhombisa kaSkeva
umphristi omkhulu wamaJuda. **15** Kwelinye ilanga umoya
omubi waphendula wathi, “UJesu ngiyamazi, loPhawuli
ngiyamazi, kodwa lina lingobani na?” **16** Kwasekusithi
indoda eyayilomoya omubi yabeqela, yabehlula bonke.
Yabatshaya okuzwayo baze baphuma endlini bebaleka
benqunu njalo besopha igazi. **17** Kwathi lokhu
sekuzwakele kumaJuda lamaGrikhi ayehlala e-Efesu, onke
ethuka ngokwesaba, ibizo leNkosi uJesu laselihlonitshwa
kakhulu. **18** Abanengi balabo abasebekholwa beza
baphumela egcekeni, bevuma iziphambeko zabo. **19**
Abanengi ababehlahlula baletha ndawonye imiqulu yabo
bayitshisa obala. Bathi sebehlolile izindleko zaleyomiqulu
kwabonakala kungaba ngamadrakhima azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **20** Ngaleyondlela ilizwi
leNkosi landa kabanzi njalo lakhula laba lamandla. **21**
Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu sekwenzakele, uPhawuli
wazimisela ukuya eJerusalema, ezadlula eMasedoniya
lase-Akhayiya. Wathi, “Nxa sengike ngaya khona,
kuzamele ngethekelele laseRoma.” **22** Wathuma ababili
abasizi bakhe eMasedoniya, uThimothi lo-Erastu, yena
esasele okwesikhatshana esifundeni sase-Ezhiya. **23**
Ngalesosikhathi kwaba lokudungeka okukhulu ngeNdlela.
24 Umkhandi wesiliva owayethiwa nguDemetriyasi
owayesenza izikhonzelo zokukhonzela u-Athemisi

ngesiliva, wayengenisa imali ezwayo kubakhandi.
25 Wababizela ndawonye kanye lezinye izisebenzi
zemisebenzi efananayo wathi kubo, “Madoda, liyakwazi
ukuthi sizuza imali enengi ngomsebenzi lo. **26** Liyabona
njalo liyezwa ukuthi uPhawuli lo usenze abantu
abanengi bakholwa njalo uzadukisa abantu abanengi
lapha e-Efesu lakuso sonke isifunda sase-Ezhiya. Uthi
yena onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngumuntu kabasibo
onkulunkulu lakancinyane. **27** Kulengozi-ke yokuthi
kakuyikuba ngumsebenzi wethu kuphela ozalahlekelwa
libizo lawo elihle, kodwa lethempeli likankulunkulukazi
omkhulu u-Athemisi lizadunyazwa, laye unkulunkulukazi
ngokwakhe, yena okhonzwa kusosonke isifunda sase-
Ezhiya lasemhlabeni wonke, uzakwemukwa ubukhosi
bakhe.” **28** Bathi bekuzwa lokhu bafuthelana ngokuzonda,
bahle bamemeza besithi, “Mkhulu u-Athemisi wama-
Efesu!” **29** Masinyane nje idolobho lonke laphithizela.
Abantu badumela uGayiyasi lo-Aristakhasi ababe
ngabaphelekezeli bakaPhawuli, bengabeMasedoniya,
babahudulela enkundleni yemidlalo bonke bayakuthi
cwi khona. **30** UPhawuli wayefuna ukuzithela
emphakathini, kodwa abafundi bamalela. **31** Labanye
abaphathi besifunda, ababengabangane bakaPhawuli, labo
bamthumela ilizwi bathi angaqali ukuyavela enkundleni
yemidlalo. **32** Kwakungasaqondakali enkundleni: Abanye
babeklabalala besitsho lokhu, abanye labo besitsho
okunye. Abantu abanengi babevele bengazi lokuthi
babelandeni lapho. **33** AmaJuda afuqela u-Alekizanda
phambili esithi kawakhulumele. Waphakamisa isandla

ukuwathulisa ukuze achasise kuhle indaba ebantwini.
34 Kodwa athi ngokunanzelela ukuthi wayengumJuda,
onke ahlaba umkhosi kanyekanye okwaphose kwathatha
amahola amabili, besithi, “Mkhulu u-Athemisi wama-
Efesu!” **35** Unobhala wedolobho walithulisa ixuku wathi,
“Madoda ase-Efesu, akusikho yini ukuthi umhlaba
wonke uyakwazi ukuthi idolobho lase-Efesu yilo
elingumlondolozi wethempeli lika-Athemisi omkhulu,
kanye lomfanekiso wakhe owehla uvela ezulwini? **36**
Pho-ke njengoba lokhu kuyinto engaphikiswayo, thulani
lingenzi izinto zamawala. **37** Selilethe amadoda la
lapha, kodwa wona engagqekezanga emathempelini
kumbe athuka unkulunkulukazi wethu. **38** Ngakho nxa
uDemetriyasi lalabo akhanda labo belensolo loba ngobani,
imithethwandaba ivuliwe, njalo labahluleli bakhona.
Bangamangala. **39** Nxa kukhona njalo okunye elifuna
ukukutsho, kakuyethoniswa ngomthetho enkundleni.
40 Njengoba kunje nje sisengozini yokubekwa icala
lokuvusa isiyaluyalu ngenxa yezehlakalo zalamuhla.
Kungenzeka lokho sizakwehluleka ukuchaza imbangela
yalesisiphithiphithi, ngoba ngempela kungekho sizatho.”
41 Eqeda kukhuluma lokhu, wawuchitha umhlangano.

20 Kwathi umsindo usuphelile uPhawuli wabiza
abafundi, wathi esebaqinisile wabavalelisa waqonda
eMasedoniya. **2** Wahamba wadabula kulowomango,
ekhuluma amazwi amanengi okukhuthaza abantu, wacina
esefike eGrisi **3** lapho ahlala khona okwezinyanga
ezintathu. AmaJuda abumba icebo ngaye eselungele
ukuwela aye e-Asiriya yikho wacabanga ukuthi

abuyele ngendlela yaseMasedoniya. **4** Wayephelekezelwa nguSophatha indodana kaPhirusi waseBheriya, lo-Aristakhasi, loSekhundu waseThesalonika, loGayiyasi waseDebhe, loThimothi laye, kwasekusiba nguThikhikhasi loThrofimasi abesifunda sase-Ezhiya. **5** Amadoda la asandulela ayasimelela eTrowasi. **6** Kodwa sawela ulwandle sisuka eFiliphi ngemva koMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, kwathi ngemva kwensuku ezinhlanu sahlangana labanye eTrowasi lapho esahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa. **7** Ngosuku lokuqala lweviki sahlangana ukuhlephuna isinkwa. UPhawuli watshumayela ebantwini, kwathi ngoba efuna ukusuka kusisa, wakhuluma kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku. **8** Endlini ephezulu lapho esasihlanganele khona kwakulezibane ezinengi. **9** Kwakulejaha elalithiwa nguYuthikhasi lihlezi ewindini, labanjwa yibuthongo uPhawuli elokhu ekhuluma engaqedi. Lathi selijumekile, lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu labuthwa selifile. **10** UPhawuli wehla, wazilahla phezu kwejaha lelo waligona wathi, "Lingethuki, liyaphila!" **11** Wasebuyela phezulu esitezi wahlephuna isinkwa wadla. Esekhulume kwaze kwasa, wasuka. **12** Abantu balisa ekhaya ijaha liphila, bona baduduzeka kakhulu. **13** Sathungamela ukuya emkhunjini sagwedla sisiya e-Asosi lapho esasizathatha khona uPhawuli awele lathi. Lokhu wayekulungiselele ngoba wayezahamba ngenyawo esiya khonale. **14** Wathi ngokuhlangana lathi e-Asosi samngenisa saqonda eMithilene. **15** Ngosuku olulandelayo sawela sisuka lapho sayafika eKhiyosi. Kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo sachaphela

eSamosi, ngosuku olulandelayo sayafika eMilethusi. **16** UPhawuli wayezimisele ukuwela edlule eceleni kwe-Efesu engafuni ukuchitha isikhathi esifundeni sase-Ezhiya, ngoba wayejahe ukuyafika eJerusalema, nxa kusenzeka kube ngosuku lwePhentekhosti. **17** EseMilethusi uPhawuli wathumela ilizwi e-Efesu ebiza abadala bebandla. **18** Sebefikile wathi kubo, "Liyakwazi ukuthi ngaphila njani ngesikhathi sonke ngilani, kusukela ngosuku engafika ngalo esifundeni sase-Ezhiya. **19** Ngayikhonza iNkosi ngokuzithoba okukhulu langezinyembezi, loba ngangilingwa kabuhlungu ngamacebo amaJuda. **20** Liyakwazi ukuthi kangizange ngithikaze ukutshumayela loba yikuphi obekungaba luncedo kini kodwa ngalifundisa obala njalo ngingena izindlu ngezindlu. **21** Ngitshumayele kumaJuda lakumaGrikhi ukuthi kumele baphendukele kuNkulunkulu ngokuphenduka, bakholwe eNkosini yethu uJesu. **22** Okwamanje ngiqhutshwa nguMoya ukuthi ngiye eJerusalema loba ngingazi ukuthi kuzakwenzakalani kimi khonale. **23** Ngazi kuphela ukuthi kuwo wonke amadolobho uMoya oNgcwele ungixwayisa ukuthi ukubotshwa lobunzima kungimelele. **24** Kodwa eyami impilo ngiyibona ingasilutho kimi, injongo yami emqoka yikuqeda loluhambo lokufeza lumsebenzi engiwuphiwe yiNkosi uJesu, umsebenzi wokufakaza ivangeli lomusa kaNkulunkulu. **25** Khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi kakho kini engihambe ngitshumayela khona umbuso ozaphinda angibone futhi. **26** Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini lamuhla ukuthi kangilacala ngegazi labantu bonke. **27** Ngoba kangingabazanga ukutshumayela kini yonke intando

kaNkulunkulu. **28** Zigcineni lina kanye lawo wonke umhlambi uMoya oNgcwele olenze laba ngabathungameli. Wobani ngabelusi bebandla likaNkulunkulu, owalithenga ngegazi lakhe. **29** Ngiyazi ukuthi nxa sengisukile lapha, impisi eziphangayo zizakuza phakathi kwenu ziwungenele umhlambi. **30** Laphakathi kwenu kuzavela abantu abazalihlanekela iqiniso ukuze abanye abafundi babalandele. **31** Ngakho lihlale liqaphele! Khumbulani ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu kangizange ngiphumule ukuxwayisa omunye lomunye wenu ubusuku lemini ngezinyembezi. **32** Khathesi ngilinikela kuNkulunkulu laselizwini lomusa wakhe elilamandla okulakha lokulipha ilifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisiweyo. **33** Kangihawukelanga siliva samuntu, loba igolide kumbe izembatho. **34** Lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi izandla zami lezi zagcwalisa zonke izinswelo zami lezabakhula bami. **35** Kukho konke engakwenzayo ngalibonisa ukuthi ngalindlela yokusebenza nzima kumele sisize ababuthakathaka, sikhumbula amazwi eNkosi uJesu athi, 'Kubusiseke kakhulu ukupha ukwedlula ukwamukela.'"
36 Esekutshilo lokhu waguqa phansi kanye labo bonke, wakhuleka. **37** Bonke bakhala lapho bemgona lokumanga. **38** Okwabadanisa kakhulu kwaba yilizwi lakhe lokuthi babengasayikuphinde babubone njalo ubuso bakhe. Basebemphelekezela emkhunjini.

21 Sathi sesizehlukanise kubo ngobuhlungu, sawela ulwandle saqonda nta eKhosi. Ngosuku olulandelayo saya eRodi, sasuka khona saya ePhathara. **2** Safumana umkhumbi owawuchaphela eFenikhiya, sangena kuwo,

sahamba. **3** Sayithi tshazi iSiphrasi, sedlula ngeningizimu kwayo, saya e-Asiriya. Sakhuphukela eThire lapho umkhumbi wethu wawuzakwethula khona umthwalo wawo. **4** Safumana abafundi khona, sahlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa. Baholwa nguMoya ukuthi bamncenge uPhawuli ukuthi angayi eJerusalema. **5** Kodwa isikhathi sethu sesifikile, sasuka saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu. Bonke abafundi lamakhosikazi abo kanye labantwana basiphelekezela basikhupha edolobheni, safika okhunjini saguqa sakhuleka. **6** Sesivalelisene, sangena emkhunjini, bona babuyela emakhaya. **7** Saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu sisuka eThire sayakhuphukela ePhetholemayi, lapho sabingelela abazalwane, sahlala labo usuku lonke. **8** Sasuka ngelanga elilandelayo safika eKhesariya sayahlala endlini kaFiliphu umvangeli, engomunye wabayisiKhombisa. **9** Wayelamadodakazi amane angendanga njalo ephrofitha. **10** Sesihlale insuku ezimbalwa kwafika umphrofethi owayethiwa ngu-Agabhasi evela eJudiya. **11** Weza kithi, wathatha ibhanti likaPhawuli, wazibopha izandla lezinyawo zakhe ngalo, wathi, “UMoya oNgcwele uthi, ‘Ngayonale indlela amaJuda aseJerusalema azabopha umninibhanti leli abesemnikela kwabeZizwe.’” **12** Sathi sikuzwa lokhu sonke labantu bakhonapho sancengana loPhawuli ukuthi angayi eJerusalema. **13** UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “Likhalelani lingidabula inhliziyo yami na? Kangilungelanga ukubotshwa kuphela, kodwa lokufa eJerusalema ngifela ibizo leNkosi uJesu.” **14** Kwathi ngoba engancengeki sadela sathi, “Mayenzeke intando yeNkosi.” **15** Ngemva kwalokhu, salungisa sasesisiya eJerusalema.

16 Abafundi abathile abaseKhesariya basiphelekezela basisa emzini kaMnasoni lapho esasizahlala khona. Wayeyindoda edabuka eSiphrasi, engomunye wabafundi bakuqala. **17** Ekufikeni kwethu eJerusalema abazalwane basamukela ngokuthokoza. **18** Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli lathi sonke sahamba ukuyabona uJakhobe, bonke abadala babekhona. **19** UPhawuli wababingelela, wabika ngokugcweleyo konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile kwabeZizwe ngokusebenza kwakhe. **20** Bathi sebekuzwile lokhu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu. Ngakho basebesithi kuPhawuli, "Uyabona mzalwane ukuthi izinkulungwane ezinengi zamaJuda sezikholiwe njalo wonke atshisekela umlayo. **21** Sebetshelwe ukuthi wena ufundisa wonke amaJuda ahlala phakathi kwabeZizwe ukuthi afulathele uMosi, ubatshela ukuthi angasoki abantwababo lokuthi angalandeli amasiko ethu. **22** Pho senzeni? Ngeqiniso bazakuzwa ukuthi usufikile, **23** ngakho yenza lokhu esikutshela khona. Kulamadoda amane phakathi kwethu asenze isifungo. **24** Hamba lawo amadoda la, ubambisane lawo emkhutsheni wokuzihlambulula, uwabhadalele izindleko zawo zakhona ukuze aphuce amakhanda awo. Ngakho umuntu wonke uzakwazi ukuthi akulaqiniso kulimibiko ngawe, kodwa babone ukuthi wena ngokwakho uphila ngokulandela umlayo. **25** AbeZizwe bona abakholwayo sesibalobele ngesinqumo sethu ukuthi kabaxwaye ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni, bangadli ububende, lenyama yenyamazana ekhanyiweyo lokuhlobonga." **26** Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli wawathatha lawomadoda wayazihlambulula kanye

lawo. Wasesiya ethempelini ukuyakwazisa ngosuku
lokuphela kwensuku zokuhlambulula lokuthi umnikelo
walowo lalowo wabo wawuzakwenziwa nini. **27** Kwathi
lezinsuku eziyisikhombisa sezizaphela, amaJuda athile
esifunda sase-Ezhiya abona uPhawuli ethempelini.
Alidunga lonke ixuku ambamba **28** ehlaba umkhosi
esithi, "Madoda ako-Israyeli; sibambiseni! Yiyo le
indoda efundisa abantu bonke ezindaweni zonke
okuphambene labantu bakithi lomlayo wakithi kanye
lendawo le. Ngaphandle kwalokho, usengenise amaGrikhi
emagumeni ethempeli wangcolisa indawo le eNgcwele."
29 (Mandulo babebone uThrofimasi wase-Efesu edolobheni
eloPhawuli basebekhumbula ukuthi uPhawuli wayeze laye
emagumeni ethempeli.) **30** Idolobho lonke laphithizela,
abantu beza begijima beqhamuka inxa zonke. Bamdumela
uPhawuli bamhudula bemsusa ethempelini, amasango
alo ahle avalwa. **31** Bathi besazama ukumbulala,
umbiko wafika kumlawuli wamabutho amaRoma ukuthi
idolobho lonke laseJerusalema laseliphithizela. **32**
Khonokho nje wathatha abanye abaphathi kanye
lamabutho wagijimela esiphithiphithini leso. Kwathi
labo ababevusa uthuli bebona umlawuli lamabutho
akhe bema ukutshaya uPhawuli. **33** Umlawuli weza
wafika wambopha wathi kabotshwe ngamaketane amabili.
Wasembuza ukuthi wayengubani lokuthi wayoneni. **34**
Abathile exukwini bamemeza lokhu, abanye bamemeza
okunye, kwasekusithi ngoba umlawuli engalizwa iqiniso
ngenxa yokuxokozela waselaya ukuthi uPhawuli kasiwe
enkambeni yamabutho. **35** Esefikile ezinyathelweni

zokuqansela endlini, abantu baphithizela ngamandla waze wathwalwa ngamabutho. **36** Ixuku elalilandela laphikelela limemeza lisithi, “Msusele amanqe!” **37** Amabutho esathi amngenisa ngaphakathi, uPhawuli wacela kumlawuli wathi, “Ngingaba lelizwi lawe na?” Yena waphendula wathi, “Uyasikhuluma yini isiGrikhi? **38** Kawusuye yini umGibhithe owaqala umvukela, wakhokhela izinkulungwane ezine zamathekulambuso enkangala?” **39** UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “NgingumJuda waseThasasi eSilisiya, isakhamuzi sedolobho elihloniphekayo. Ngicela ukuthi kengikhulume labantu laba.” **40** Esethole imvumo kumlawuli, uPhawuli wema ezinyathelweni zokuqansela endlini wathulisa ixuku ngesandla. Kwathi bonke sebethule wakhuluma kubo ngesiHebheru wathi,

22 “Bazalwane labobaba, manje lalelani lizwe ukuzivikela kwami.” **2** Bathi bemuzwa ekhuluma kubo ngesiHebheru bathula zwi. UPhawuli wasesithi, **3** “Mina ngingumJuda owazalelwa eThasasi eseSilisiya, kodwa ngakhulela kulonaleli idolobho. Ngafunda ngaphansi kukaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa okugcweleyo ngomlayo wabokhokho, lami ngakhuthalela uNkulunkulu njengani lamuhla. **4** Ngabahlukuluza abalandeli bale iNdlela baze bafa, ngibopha abesilisa labesifazane ngibaphosela entolongweni, **5** into engafakazwa ngumphristi omkhulu kanye lenkundla. Ngaze ngathola izincwadi kubo zisiya kubazalwane babo eDamaseko, ngaya khona ngifuna ukubaletha labobantu beyizibotshwa eJerusalema ukuthi bazojeziswa. **6** Kwathi sekungaba yimini enkulu sengisondela eDamaseko, masinyane kwaphazima

ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini kwangizingelezela. **7** Ngawela phansi, ngezwa ilizwi lisithi kimi, ‘Sawuli! Sawuli! Ungihlukuluzelani na?’ **8** Ngabuza ngathi, ‘Ungubani, Nkosi?’ Waphendula wathi, ‘NginguJesu waseNazaretha omhlukuluzayo.’ **9** Ababengiphelekezela bakubona ukukhanya, kodwa kabalizwanga ilizwi lalowo owayekhuluma lami. **10** Ngabuza ngathi, ‘Kumele ngenzeni Nkosi?’ INkosi yathi, ‘Phakama uye eDamaseko. Khonale uzatshelwa konke osumiselwe ukuthi ukwenze.’ **11** Abaphelekezeli bami bangihola ngesandla bangisa eDamaseko ngoba inkazimulo yokukhanya yayingenze ngaba yisiphofu. **12** Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya yeza yazangibona. Yayingumlandeli omkhulu womlayo njalo ihlonitshwa kakhulu yiwo wonke amaJuda ayehlala khona. **13** Wema eceleni kwami wathi, ‘Mzalwane Sawuli, bona njalo!’ Ngalesosikhathi ngahle ngazuza amandla okumbona. **14** Wasesithi, ‘UNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu usekukhethile ukuthi uyazi intando yakhe lokuthi umbone oLungileyo lokuba uzwe amazwi aphuma emlonyeni wakhe. **15** Uzakuba ngufakazi wakhe ebantwini bonke ngalokho okubonileyo lokuzwileyo. **16** Pho usalindeni? Sukuma ubhaphathizwe, ugeze izono zakho, ubiza ibizo lakhe.’ **17** Ngithe sengibuyile eJerusalema ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngafikelwa yisiyeziphupho, **18** ngabona iNkosi ikhuluma isithi kimi, ‘Phangisa! Suka masinyane eJerusalema ngoba kabayikubamukela ubufakazi bakho ngami.’ **19** Ngaphendula ngathi, ‘Nkosi, lababantu bayakwazi ukuthi nganginquma lamasinagogu ngibabopha njalo ngibatshaya labo abakholwa kuwe.

20 Lalapho kuchithwa igazi lomfakazi wakho uStefane
ngangimi khonapho ngivumelana labo njalo ngilinde
izigqoko zalabo ababembulala.’ **21** INkosi yasisithi
kimi, ‘Hamba; ngizakuthumela kude kwabeZizwe.’” **22**
Abantu bamlalela uPhawuli sonke isikhathi, kodwa
esetsho lokhu bavungama bamemeza bathi, “Kasuswe
emhlabeni lo umuntu! Kamelanga aphile!” **23** Bathi
sebeklabalala, behlubula amajazi abo, njalo bephosa
uthuli emoyeni, **24** umlawuli wamabutho walaya ukuthi
uPhawuli kangeniswe enkambeni yamabutho. Wayala
ukuthi atshaywe njalo abuzisiswe ukuthi kungani abantu
bemvukela kanje. **25** Bathi sebemlalisa phansi ukuthi
bambhaxabule bembophile, uPhawuli wathi kumphathi
wekhulu owayemi khonapho, “Kusemthethweni yini
ukuthi utshaye umuntu ongumRoma ongetheswanga
cala na?” **26** Umphathi wekhulu esekuzwile lokho
wayabikela umlawuli wamabutho wathi, “Usuzathini
manje? Indoda le ingumRoma.” **27** Umlawuli wamabutho
waya kuPhawuli wambuza wathi, “Ake ungitshele,
kanti ungumRoma na?” Wathi, “Yebo, nginguye.” **28**
Umlawuli wamabutho wasesithi, “Mina ngahlawula imali
ukuthi ngithole ilungelo lokuba ngumRoma.” UPhawuli
waphendula wathi, “Kodwa mina nginguye ngokuzalwa.”
29 Labo abasebelungele ukumbuzisisa bahle batshedela
emuva masinyane. Umlawuli webutho ngokwakhe
wethuka esenanzelela ukuthi wayebophe uPhawuli,
umRoma, ngamaketane. **30** Ngosuku olulandelayo,
njengoba umlawuli wamabutho wayefuna ukwazi isibili
ukuthi kungani uPhawuli wayebekwa icala ngamaJuda,

wamkhulula walaya abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke ukuthi bahlangane. Wasemletha uPhawuli wamisa phambi kwabo.

23 UPhawuli wawujolozela umphakathi weSanihedrini wathi, “Bazalwane, sengiwugcwalisile umlandu wami kuNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo eqotho kuze kube lamuhla.” **2** Umphristi omkhulu, u-Ananiya, kwamcunula lokhu, watshela labo ababemi eduze kukaPhawuli ukuthi bamukule umlomo. **3** UPhawuli wathi kuye, “UNkulunkulu uzakumukula, wena mduli oconjwe ngekalaga emhlophe! Lapha uhlalele ukungahlulela ngomthetho, ikanti wena ngokwakho uyaweqa umthetho ngokulaya ukuthi ngitshaywe!” **4** Labo ababemi eduze kukaPhawuli bathi, “Ulesibindi sokuthuka umphristi omkhulu kaNkulunkulu wena?” **5** UPhawuli waphendula wathi, “Bazalwane, bengingazi ukuthi ungumphristi omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Ungakhulumi okubi ngombusi wabantu bakini.’” **6** UPhawuli wayesazi ukuthi abanye babo babe ngamaSadusi, abanye bengabaFarisi, wasememeza phakathi kweSanihedrini wathi, “Bazalwane, mina ngingumFarisi, indodana yomFarisi. Ngithoniselwa ukuthi ngilethemba lokuvuka kwabafileyo.” **7** Wathi ngokutsho lokhu, kwavuka umsindo phakathi kwabaFarisi lamaSadusi, umphakathi wasudabukana phakathi. **8** (AmaSadusi athi kakulakuvuka ekufeni, lokuthi kakulazingilosi loba imimoya, kodwa abaFarisi bayakuvuma konke lokho ukuthi kukhona.) **9** Kwaba lokuxokozela okukhulu, kwathi abanye abafundisi bomthetho ababe ngabaFarisi basukuma bayidaza

inkani. Bathi, “Kasiboni lutho olubi ngendoda le. Mhlawumbe umoya kumbe ingilosi ikhulume kuye ke?” **10** Yavutha inkani umlawuli webutho waze wesaba ukuthi uPhawuli sebengamdabudabula. Waselaya amabutho ukuthi ahle amsuse kubo ngamandla amlethe enkambeni yamabutho. **11** Ngobusuku obulandelayo iNkosi yema eduze kukaPhawuli yathi, “Iba lesibindi! Njengoba usufakaze ngami eJerusalema, kusamele njalo uyofakaza eRoma.” **12** Ngosuku olulandelayo amaJuda abumba icebo njalo enza isifungo sokuthi kawayikudla kumbe anathe engakambulali uPhawuli. **13** Kwakungamadoda edlula amatshumi amane ayehambisana lalelocebo. **14** Baya kubaphristi abakhulu labadala bathi, “Sesifunge ijoyi lokuthi kasiyikudla lutho size simbulale uPhawuli. **15** Ngakho-ke lina leSanihedrini khalazani kumlawuli webutho ukuthi amlethe kini ngenhloso yokuthi lifuna ubufakazi obugcweleyo ngecala lakhe. Thina sesilungisile ukuthi simbulale engakafiki lapha.” **16** Kodwa kwathi ukuba indodana kadadewabo kaPhawuli isilizwile lelicebo, yaya enkambeni yamabutho yayamtshela uPhawuli. **17** UPhawuli wasebiza omunye umphathi wekhulu wathi, “Hamba lejaha leli kumlawuli wamabutho; kukhona elifuna ukukutsho kuye.” **18** Ngakho wasemusa kumlawuli. Umphathi wekhulu wathi, “Isibotshwa esinguPhawuli singibizile sangicela ukuthi ngilethe ijaha leli kuwe ngoba kukhona elifuna ukukutshela khona.” **19** Umlawuli wamthatha lowojaha, wambamba ngesandla waya laye eceleni, wambuza wathi, “Kuyini ofuna ukungitshela khona?” **20** Wathi: “AmaJuda asevumelene ukuthi akucele

wena ukuthi ulethe uPhawuli phambi kweSanihedrini kusasa ngenhloso yokuthi afuna ingcazelo epheleleyo mayelana laye. **21** Ungabavumeli ngoba abeqa amatshumi amane bawo bazamcathamela. Asenze isifungo sokuthi angadli njalo anganathi engakabulali uPhawuli. Kunje nje sebelungile, sebelindele imvumo yakho ngesicelo sabo." **22** Umlawuli wathi kahambe umfana, wamqonqosela wathi, "Ungatsheli muntu ukuthi usungazisile ngalokhu." **23** Wasebiza abaphathi bebutho ababili wabalaya wathi, "Lungisani ixuku lamabutho angamakhulu amabili, abagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa labangamakhulu amabili abahlome ngemikhonto ukuthi baye eKhesariya lamuhla ebusuku ngehola lesithathu. **24** Lilungisele loPhawuli amabhiza ukuze asiwe kuMbusi uFelikhe evikelekile." **25** Wabhala incwadi kanje: **26** Klawudiyasi Lisiya, Kumhlekazi, uMbusi uFelikhe: Ngiyabingelela. **27** Indoda le yabanjwa ngamaJuda, okwathi esezama ukuyibulala ngafika lamabutho ami sayilamulela ngoba ngasengizwile ukuthi ingumRoma. **28** Ngadinga ukwazi ukuthi ayesithi yoneni, yikho ngayiletha phambi kweSanihedrini yawo. **29** Ngezwa ukuthi icala layo laliphathelene lomlayo wawo, kodwa kwasweleka icala elingafanela ukufa loba ukugwetshelwa entolongweni. **30** Ngithe sengilunywe indlebe ngecebo lokuyibulala ngahle ngayedlulisela kuwe. Ngiphinde ngatshela omayimangalela ukuthi bazokwethula kuwe abamangalela ngakho. **31** Ngakho amabutho azilandela lezo ziqondiso amthatha uPhawuli ebusuku ayamfikisa e-Antiphatri. **32** Ngosuku olulandelayo amabutho amtshiya

leqembu labagade amabhiza ukuthi liqhubeke laye, bona babuyela enkambeni. **33** Kwathi abamabhiza sebefikile eKhesariya bayethula incwadi kumbusi loPhawuli laye bamnikela kuye. **34** Umbusi wayibala incwadi wambuza ukuthi wayedabuka kusiphi isifunda. Esezwile ukuthi wayengoweSilisiya, **35** Wathi, "Icala lakho ngizalihlola nxa labo abakumangalelayo sebefikile lapha." Waselaya ukuthi uPhawuli agcinwe elindiwe esigodlweni sikaHerodi.

24 Ngemva kwensuku ezinhlanu umphristi omkhulu u-Ananiya wehlela eKhesariya labadala abathile kanye lomeli owayethiwa nguThethula, bafika beneka ukumangalela kwabo uPhawuli kumbusi. **2** UPhawuli esebiziwe, uThethula walethula icala kuFelikhe wathi: "Mhlekazi! Ngaphansi kombuso wakho sesikholise isikhathi sokuthula eside, ikanti lombono wakho usulethe intuthuko kulesisizwe. **3** Yonke indawo, ngazozonke izindlela, mhlekazi omuhle Felikhe, siyakwamukela konke lokhu ngokubonga okukhulu. **4** Kodwa ukuthi ngingakuchitheli isikhathi, ngiyakucela ukuthi uke usizwe kancinyane esikutshoyo. **5** Indoda le siyifumane ukuthi iluhlupho, ivusa isiphithiphithi phakathi kwamaJuda kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ingumholi wequla lamaNazarini **6** futhi yazama njalo ukungcolisa ithempeli; yikho sayibamba. Sasifuna ukumahlulela ngokomlayo wethu. [**7** Kodwa umlawuli uLisiya weza wazamthatha ngodlakela ezandleni zethu, wathi obamangalelayo kabeze phambi kwakhe]. **8** Ngokumhlola wena ngokwakho uzalibona iqiniso ngazozonke lezizinto esimangalela ngazo." **9** AmaJuda lawo ayingenela

indaba eqinisa ukuthi lezizinto zaziliqiniso. **10** Kwathi umbusi esemphile ithuba lokuthi akhulume uPhawuli waphendula wathi: “Ngiyazi ukuthi usube ngumahluli walesisizwe okweminyaka eminengi; ngakho ngizivikela ngesibindi langentokozo. **11** Ungalithola iqiniso lokuthi kakudluli insuku ezilitshumi lambili ngiyile eJerusalema ukuyakhonza. **12** Abangimangalelayo kabazange bangifumane ngiphikisana lomuntu ethempelini, loba ngitshotshozela amaxuku emasinagogweni kumbe ngaphi edolobheni. **13** Bangezake balethe ubufakazi kuwe balezizinto abangimangalela ngazo. **14** Kodwa ngiyavuma ukuthi ngikhonza uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu, njengomlandeli weNdlela abayibiza ngokuthi ngumvukela. Ngiyakukholwa konke okuvumelana loMlayo lokubhaliweyo kubaphrofethi, **15** njalo ngilethemba elifana lelamadoda la kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi kuzakuba lokuvuka kwabafileyo, abalungileyo lababi. **16** Ngakho ngiyazama kokuphela ukuba isazela sami sihlale sihlanzekile phambi kukaNkulunkulu laphambi kwabantu. **17** Ngemva kweminyaka eminengi ngingekho, ngeza eJerusalema ukuletha izipho zabaswelayo ebantwini bakithi lokwethula iminikelo. **18** Ngangihlanzekile ngokomkhuba baze bangifumane ethempelini ngisenza lokhu. Kwakungelaxuku labantu elalilami, kumbe ukuthi ngangiphazamisa ngokuthile. **19** Kodwa kukhona amaJuda athile avela esifundeni sase-Ezhiya, okufanele ukuthi ngabe akhona lapha phambi kwakho, angethese icala nxa kukhona akusolayo ngami. **20** Kumbe wonala akhona kawachaze ukuthi licala bani alifumanayo

kimi mhlazana ngimi eSanihedrini, **21** ngaphandle kwalokhu kodwa engakumemezayo ngimi phambi kwawo ukuthi: ‘Kungenxa yokuvuka kwabafileyo okwenza ngithonisiswe phambi kwenu lamuhla.’” **22** Ngakho uFelikhe, owayesazi kakhulu ngeNdlela walimisa icala. Wathi, “Kuzakuthi nxa uLisiya umlawuli angafika ngizaliquma icala lenu.” **23** Walaya umphathi wekhulu ukuthi agcine uPhawuli elindiwe kodwa amvumele ukukhululeka okuthile kanye labangane bakhe ukuthi bamuphe lokho akuswelayo. **24** Ngemva kwensuku ezinengi uFelikhe wafika lomkakhe uDrusila owaye ngumJudakazi. Wathi kakubizwe uPhawuli, wamlalela echaza ngokukholwa kuJesu Khristu. **25** UPhawuli wathi esebalisa ngokulunga, langokuzithiba langokwahlulelwa okuzayo uFelikhe wesaba wathi, “Sekwanele okwamanje! Usungahamba. Kungaze kulunge njalo ngizakubiza.” **26** Yena wayecabanga ukuthi uPhawuli uzamupha imali yokumfumbathisa, yikho wayembiza futhifuthi ekhuluma laye. **27** Isidlule iminyaka emibili, uFelikhe walandelwa esikhundleni nguPhokhiyu Festasi, kodwa ngoba uFelikhe wayefuna ukuthabisa amaJuda, watshiya uPhawuli elokhu esentolongweni.

25 Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu efikile esifundeni uFestasi, wasuka eKhesariya waya eJerusalema **2** lapho abaphristi abakhulu labakhokheli bamaJuda bema phambi kwakhe beneka amacala kaPhawuli. **3** Bamcela ngokuphangisa uFestasi, ukuba abenzele umusa, abalethele uPhawuli eJerusalema, ngoba babeceba ukumcathamela bambulale endleleni. **4** UFestasi

waphendula wathi, “UPhawuli uvalelwe eKhesariya, njalo mina ngokwami Ngiya khona masinyane. **5** Akuthi abanye abakhokheli bakini bahambe lami bafike bamethese amacala khonale, nxa kukhona akonileyo.” **6** Esehlale insuku eziyisificaminwembili loba ezilitshumi labo, wehlela eKhesariya, kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo wangenisa inkundla wathi kalethwe uPhawuli phambi kwakhe. **7** Esefikile uPhawuli amaJuda ayebuyile evela eJerusalema ambuthanela, ethula amacala amanengi esabekayo ngaye, kodwa engelabufakazi ngawo. **8** UPhawuli wasezivikela wathi, “Angenzanga lutho oluphikisa umlayo wamaJuda kumbe ukudumaza ithempeli, kumbe oluphikisa uKhesari.” **9** UFestasi wayefuna ukwenzela amaJuda umusa, wathi kuPhawuli, “Uyavuma na ukuya eJerusalema ukuthi ngiyekuthonisela khona amacala la?” **10** Waphendula uPhawuli wathi, “Khathesi sengisiyakuma phambi kwenkundla kaKhesari, lapho engifanele ukuthonisiswa khona. Kangonanga lutho kumaJuda, njengoba lawe usazi kakuhle. **11** Kodwa, nxa ngilecala lokwenza loba yini efanele ukufa kangali ukubulawa. Kodwa nxa lawomacala engiwetheswa ngamaJuda la engasiqiniso, kakho olelungelo lokunginikela kuwo. Ngilidlulisela kuKhesari!” **12** UFestasi esehlanganise amakhanda lomphakathi wakhe, wathi, “Usulidlulisele kuKhesari. Uzakuya-ke kuKhesari!” **13** Sekuyizinsuku ezimbalwa ngemva kwalokho iNkosi u-Agripha loBhenikhe bafika eKhesariya ukuyaqinisa ubudlelwano laye uFestasi. **14** Njengoba babezachitha insuku ezinengi khona,

uFestasi wakhuluma leNkosi ngendaba kaPhawuli. Wathi,
“Kulendoda lapha eyatshiywa nguFelikhe iyisibotshwa.
15 Ngathi ngiseJerusalema, abaphristi abakhulu labadala
bamaJuda bayimangalela ngamacala athile, bacela
ukuthi ibulawe. **16** Ngabatshela ukuthi kakusimkhuba
wamaRoma ukunikela umuntu engakahlanganiswa
labamangaleli bakhe, waphiwa ithuba lokuzivikela kulawo
macala abambeka wona. **17** Bathi sebefikile lapha
behamba lami, ngahle ngalingenisa icala, kodwa inkundla
ngayihlanganisa ngosuku olulandelayo, ngathi indoda
leyo kayingeniswe. **18** Sebephakamile ukuba bakhulume,
kabasambekanga lawomacala engangiwakhumbula. **19**
Kodwa, kulezinto ezithile ababephikisana ngazo laye
mayelana lenkolo yabo langenye indoda eyafayo
ethiwa nguJesu, uPhawuli athi yena iyaphila. **20**
Ngisuke ngadideka ukuthi ngizicubungule njani izindaba
ezinjalo; yikho ngimbuzile ukuthi angavuma yini ukuya
eJerusalema ayethonisiswa khona ngamacala la. **21** Kuthe
uPhawuli esethe ucela icala lakhe limiswe liyoqunywa
nguMbusi oMkhulu, ngathi kagcinwe entolongweni
ngize ngimdlulisele kuKhesari.” **22** U-Agripha wasesithi
kuFestasi, “Ngifuna ukuthi kengiyizwe mina ngokwami
indoda leyo.” Waphendula wathi, “Uzayizwa kusasa.” **23**
Kusisa u-Agripha loBhenikhe bafika ngodumo olukhulu
bangena emthethwandaba lezikhulu zakhona ezaziwayo
kanye labakhokheli bedolobho. UFestasi wathi uPhawuli
kalethwe. **24** UFestasi wasesithi, “Nkosi Agripha, lani lonke
elikhona lathi lapha, liyayibona indoda le! Sonke isizwe
samaJuda eJerusalema lakhona lapha eKhesariya senza

isikhalazo kimi bememeza ukuthi kayisafanelanga ukuthi ibe ilokhu iphila. **25** Ngafumana ukuthi kwakungelalutho alwenzayo olufanele ukufa, kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wacela ukudluliselwa kuMbusi oMkhulu, ngakhetha ukuthi ngimdlulisele eRoma. **26** Kodwa kakulalutho olubambekayo engizalulobela uMhlekazi ngaye. Ngakho sengimlethe lapha phambi kwenu lonke, ikakhulu phambi kwakho wena Nkosi Agripha, ukuze kuthi ngemva kokumhlola hlezi ngithole ulutho engingaluloba. **27** Ngibona kungaba liphutha elikhulu ukuthumela isibotshwa ngingacacanga ngamacala esiwetheswayo."

26 U-Agripha wasesithi kuPhawuli, "Ulemvumo yokuzikhulumela." Ngakho uPhawuli wasephakamisa isandla sakhe waqalisa ukuzivikela, wathi, **2** "Nkosi Agripha, ngizibona ngilenhlanhla ukuma phambi kwakho lamuhla ngisethula ukuzivikela kwami kuwo wonke amacala engiwetheswa ngamaJuda, **3** ikakhulu njengoba wena uwazi amasiko amaJuda kanye lokuphikisana kwawo. Ngakho ngiyakucela ukuthi ungilalele ngokubekezela. **4** AmaJuda wonke ayayazi impilo engiyiphilileyo kusukela ebuntwaneni bami, ekuqaleni kokuphila kwami elizweni lakithi njalo laseJerusalema. **5** Sebengazi okwesikhathi eside njalo bangafakaza nxa bethanda, ukuthi ngenhlelo zenkolo yethu eqinileyo, ngangiphila ngingumFarisi. **6** Manje sekungenxa yethemba lami kulokho uNkulunkulu akuthembisa okhokho bethu okwenza ngithonisiswe lamuhla. **7** Lesi yiso isithembiso esilindelwe yizizwana zakithi ezilitshumi lambili ukuthi zizasibona

sigcwaliseka zilokhu zimkhonza uNkulunkulu ngokutshiseka emini lebusuku. Mhlekazi, kungenxa yalo lelithemba engimangalelwa lona ngamaJuda. **8** Kungenzakala kanjani ukuthi phakathi kwenu kube yinto engakholekiyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabavusa abafileyo na? **9** Lami ngokwami ngangizimisele ukuthi ngenze yonke imizamo yokuphikisana lebizo likaJesu waseNazaretha. **10** Lakanye yikho lokho engakwenzayo eJerusalema. Ngaphiwa amandla ngabaphristi abakhulu ngaphosela abanengi abangcwele entolongweni, kwathi ekubulaweni kwabo lami ngasekela ukubalahla. **11** Izikhathi ezinengi ngangihamba nginquma lamasinagogu ngisithi kabajeziswe, ngazama njalo ukubabamba ngamandla ukuthi bahlambaze uJesu. Ngathi ngihlanyiswa yikubazonda ngaya lakwamanye amadolobho asezizweni ukuyabahlukuluza khona. **12** Kolunye uhambo lwami ngalubangisa eDamaseko ngilamandla lomlayo engawuphiwa ngabaphristi abakhulu. **13** Kwathi sekungaba yimini enkulu ngisendleleni Mhlekazi Agripha, ngabona ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini, kukhazimula ukwedlula ilanga, kungizingelezele kanye labakhula bami. **14** Sonke sawela phansi, ngezwa ilizwi lisithi kimi, ngesiHebheru, ‘Sawuli, Sawuli ungihlukuluzelani na? Kubuhlungu kuwe ukukhahlela izinciji.’ **15** Ngasengibuza ngathi, ‘Ungubani, Nkosi?’ INkosi yaphendula yathi, ‘NginguJesu omhlukuluzayo. **16** Phakama khathesi ume ngezinyawo zakho. Ngizibonise kuwe ukuthi ngikukhethe ukuba yinceku njalo ube ngufakazi walokho osukubonile ngami,

lalokho engisazakutshengisa khona. **17** Ngizakuphephisa ebantwini bakini lakwabeZizwe. Ngikuthuma **18** ukuthi uvule amehlo abo, ubaphendule basuke ebumnyameni baye ekukhanyeni, njalo basuke emandleni kaSathane baye kuNkulunkulu ukuze bemukele ukuthethelelwa kwezono lendawo phakathi kwalabo abangcweliswe ngokukholwa kimi.' **19** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Agripha, kangiqholozelanga umbono ovela ezulwini. **20** Ngaqala ngaba seDamaseko, kwalandela abaseJerusalema laseJudiya lonke, kwalandela labeZizwe labo, ngatshumayela ukuthi kumele baphenduke babuyele kuNkulunkulu njalo babonise ukuphenduka kwabo ngezenzo zabo. **21** Kungaleso isizatho okwenza amaJuda angibamba ngisemagumeni ethempeli azama ukungibulala. **22** Kodwa uNkulunkulu ungiphephisile kuze kube namuhla, yikho ngimi lapha ngifakaza kwabancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo. Kakulalutho engilutshoyo ngaphezu kwalokho abaphrofethi loMosi abathi kuzakwenzakala, **23** ukuthi uKhristu wayezahlupheka, njalo njengowokuqala ukuvuka kwabafileyo, atshumayele ukukhanya ebantwini bakibo lakwabeZizwe." **24** Khonapho uFestasi wasemphazamisa esazivikela wathi, "Phawuli, usangene ingqondo! Ukufunda kwakho okukhulu sekukuphambanise ingqondo." **25** Waphendula uPhawuli wathi, "Kangihlanyi, Mhlekazi omkhulu Festasi. Engikutshoyo kuliqiniso njalo kulengqondo. **26** Inkosi izijayele lezizinto yikho ngikhuluma kuyo ngikhululekile. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi kakukho lokukodwa kukho

okuyeqileyo inkosi, ngoba kakwenziwanga ejikweni ngokucatshelana. **27** Nkosi Agripha, uyabakholwa na abaphrofethi? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyabakholwa." **28** U-Agripha wasesithi kuPhawuli, "Kambe ucabanga ukuthi ngesikhatshana esifitshane kangaka ungangiphendula ngibe ngumKhristu?" **29** UPhawuli waphendula wathi, "Singaba sisifitshane loba sibeside, ngiyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ukuthi kakungabi nguwe kuphela kodwa bonke abangizwayo lamuhla bangaba yilokho engiyikho khona, ngaphandle kwala amaketane." **30** Inkosi yaphakama kanye lombusi loBhenikhe lalabo ababehlezi labo. **31** Baphuma endlini, bathi sebekhuluma bodwa, bathi, "Indoda le kakulalutho elwenzayo olufanele ukufa loba ukuvalelwa entolongweni." **32** U-Agripha wathi kuFestasi, "Indoda le ibizakhululwa kube ibingedluliselanga icala layo kuKhesari."

27 Sekumisiwe ukuthi sizakuya e-Ithali, uPhawuli kanye lezinye izibotshwa banikelwa ezandleni zomphathi wekhulu owayethiwa nguJuliyasi owaye ngoweButho leSikhosini. **2** Sagada umkhumbi e-Adramithiya owawusulungele ukuya emathekwini asemakhunjini esifunda sase-Ezhiya, sahle salungena ulwandle. Sasilo-Aristakhasi, owayesuka eThesalonika. **3** Kusisa sakhuphukela eSidoni; uJuliyasi watshengisa umusa kuPhawuli, wamvumela ukuthi aye kubangane bakhe bamenzele lokho ayengabe ekuswela. **4** Sesisuka lapho saluqonda ulwandle njalo sagudla ethunzini laseSiphrasi ngoba ukuvunguza komoya kwakuphambana lathi. **5** Sathi sesiwele sadabula ulwandle olubanzi malungana

lasokhunjini lweSilisiya lePhamfiliya, sakhuphukela eMira eseLikhiya. **6** Khonapho umphathi wekhulu wafumana umkhumbi wase-Alekizandriya uwelela e-Ithali, wasingenisa kuwo. **7** Sahamba sitotoba okwensuku ezinengi, sathwala nzima ukuyafika eKhinidu. Kwathi ngoba umoya usivalela ukuthi sihambe ngendlela yethu, sawela sayagudla ethunzini laseKhrethe, malungana leSalimoni. **8** Sahamba siceza okhunjini kanzima, safika endaweni ethiwa kuseMathekumahle, eduze ledolobho laseLaseya. **9** Sasesilahlekelwe yisikhathi esinengi kakhulu, lokuhamba olwandle kwasekuyingozi kabi ngoba ngalesisikhathi kwasekungemva kwesikhathi sokuzila. Yikho uPhawuli wabaxwayisa wathi, **10** "Madoda, ngibona ukuthi uhambo lolu luzakuba lengozi lomonakalo omkhulu, kubhidlike umkhumbi lempahla, lempilo zethu lathi." **11** Kodwa umphathi wekhulu, esikhundleni sokulalela lokho okwakutshiwo nguPhawuli, walandela iseluleko somtshayeli womkhumbi kanye lomnikazi wawo. **12** Njengoba itheku lalingelihle ukuthi simise khona ebusika, abanengi bakhetha ukuthi siqhubeke ngohambo, bethemba ukuthi sizafika eFenikhe simise khona ebusika lobo. Leli kwakulitheku eliseKhrethe, elalikhangele eningizimu yentshonalanga njalo lenyakatho yentshonalanga. **13** Kwathi ngokuphephetha komoya opholileyo waseningizimu, banakana ukuthi basebekutholile ababekudinga; ngakho bawukhulula umkhumbi wawela ugudle iKhrethe. **14** Masinyazana nje, umoya olamandla esivunguvungu owawuthiwa "yiNhlampumalanga"

wavunguza usuka esihlengeni. **15** Umkhumbi watshaywa
yilesosiphepho wehluleka ukuqondana lomoya; ngakho
wasehlula sasesindenda nje siwulandela. **16** Sathi lapho
sidlula ekusithekeni kwesihlenge esincane esithiwa
yiKhawuda, kwasekusala lokuthi simise kuhle isikepe
sokuphephela siqonde. **17** Kwathi amadoda esesidonsele
phezulu emkhunjini, basebethandela izintambo bebopha
umkhumbi ngokwawo ukuze uqine wonke. Bathi
ngoba besesaba ukuthi bazatshayeka emhlabathini
wetshebetshebe laseSithisi, behlisa iseyili bayekela
umkhumbi wazindendela nje. **18** Isiphepho sasizunguza
kabuhlungu kwaze kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo
saqalisa ukujikela umthwalo olwandle. **19** Ngosuku
lwesithathu baphosela phandle ngezabo izandla
izintambo lezinye impahla zokuhambisa umkhumbi. **20**
Kwathi sekuyizinsuku ezinengi singaliboni ilanga loba
izinkanyezi, kodwa isiphepho silokhu sisidla ubhedu,
saphelelwa lithemba lokuthi sizaphepha. **21** Amadoda
ayesehlale isikhathi eside engadlanga, uPhawuli wasesima
phambi kwabo, wathi, "Madoda, ngabe lingilalele
sangasuki eKhrethe; ngabe kalizifakanga phakathi
kwale inhlekenhleke lokulahlekelwa lokhu. **22** Kodwa
manje ngiyalikhuthaza ukuthi lime isibindi, ngoba
kakukho lamunye wenu ozakufa; ngumkhumbi kuphela
ozabhidlika. **23** Izolo ebusuku ingilosi kaNkulunkulu
engingowakhe mina njalo lengimkhonzayo ime phambi
kwami **24** yathi, 'Ungesabi, Phawuli. Kumele uyethonisiswa
nguKhesari; njalo uNkulunkulu usebe lomusa wokukunika
impilo zabo bonke owela labo.' **25** Ngakho manini

isibindi, madoda, ngoba ngiyamethemba uNkulunkulu ukuthi kuzakwenzakala njengokungitshela kwakhe. **26** Kodwa phela sisezake sitshayeke phansi sikhaphazelwe esihlengeni esithile." **27** Ngobusuku betshumi lane sasilokhu siyaluziswa oLwandle lwe-Adriyathi, lapho okwathi phakathi kobusuku abaqhubi bomkhumbi bezwa kungathi basebesondela emhlabathini. **28** Baphosa izintambo zokulinganisa bafumana ukuthi amanzi ayezike okwezingalo ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili. Ngemva kwesikhatshana baphinda baziphosa njalo bafumana izingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye ukuzika. **29** Bathi ngoba besesaba ukuthi sasizasakazeka ematsheni basebesehlisa insika zokumisa umkhumbi ngemuva bekhalela ukuthi kuse. **30** Abaqhubi bomkhumbi bazama ukunyenya babaleke emkhunjini ngokwehlisela isikepe sokusinda olwandle bezenza abafuna ukuyakwehlisa ezinye insika ngaphambili komkhumbi. **31** UPhawuli wasesithi kumphathi wekhulu lasemabuthweni, "Nxa amadoda la engahlali emkhunjini, ngeke lisinde." **32** Ngakho amabutho asequma izintambo ezazibambe isikepe sokusinda asiyekela sayagxumukela emanzini. **33** Sekubanga emathathakusa, uPhawuli wabakhuthaza bonke ukuthi badle. Wathi, "Okwensuku ezilitshumi lane ezidluleyo belihlezi libambe amaphaphu enu; lisehluleka lokudla; kalizange lidle lutho. **34** Okwamanje ngilicela ukuthi lidle. Kumele lidle ukuze liphile. Kakho loyedwa wenu ozalahlekelwa lalunwele ekhanda lakhe." **35** Esekutshilo lokhu, wathatha isinkwa wabonga kuNkulunkulu phambi kwabo bonke. Wasesihlephuna

wadla. **36** Bonke baqunga isibindi basebesidla labo. **37** Sisonke sasingabantu abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesithupha emkhunjini. **38** Bathi sebedlile basutha, baphungula ukusindwa komkhumbi ngokuchithela amabele olwandle. **39** Kwathi sokusile kabawunanzelelanga umhlabathi, kodwa babona itheku elaligcwele itshebetshebe, basebezimisela ukuthi umkhumbi bayewumisa khona nxa kuvuma. **40** Baquma insika bazitshiya zicwila olwandle, baphinda banyomula lezintambo ezazibambe okokugwedlisa. Basebephakamisa iseyili yaphambili beyiqondisa emoyeni, basebeqonda ekhunjini. **41** Kodwa umkhumbi watshayelela esidulini setshebetshebe olwandle wahle wabhajwa. Isihloko sawo sathi ngxi phansi asabe sisanyikinyeka, ingemuva yona yahlakazeka itshaywa ngamagagasi. **42** Amabutho asesithi kungcono abulale izibotshwa ukuze kungabikhona esizantsheza sibaleke. **43** Kodwa umphathi wekhulu wayefuna ukuvikela impilo kaPhawuli, yikho wabalela ukuthi bakwenze lokho abasebekumisile. Walaya labo ababelamandla okuntsheza ukuba bazithele olwandle bona kuqala baqonde emhlabathini. **44** Inengi lalizandenda ngamapulanka liye khona loba ngasiqa bani somkhumbi. Ngale indlela wonke umuntu wafika emhlabathini ephephile.

28 Sathi sesiphephile safika emhlabathini, sezwa ukuthi isihlenge leso sasithiwa yiMalitha. **2** Abantu bakhona basiphatha ngomusa ongajayelekanga. Basemukela kuhle sonke, basibasela umlilo wekhanka ngoba izulu lalisina njalo kumakhaza. **3** UPhawuli watheza umnyaba wenkuni,

wathi ebasela kwaphuma inhlangwana isixotshwa ngumlilo yahle yamthandela esandleni. **4** Abahlali besihlengeni bathi bebona inyoka ilenga esandleni sakhe bakhulumisana besithi, “Indoda le iyisigebenga; ngoba loba isindile olwandle, unkulunkulukazi uKulunga kayivumelanga ukuthi iphile.” **5** Kodwa uPhawuli wayithintitha inyoka wayilabhulela emlilweni yena akaze alimala lakancane. **6** Abantu babelinde okwesikhathi eside bengaboni lutho olubi lusenzakala kuye, baguqula imicabango yabo basebesithi ungunkulunkulu. **7** Eduze kwalapho kwakulepulazi likaPhabhiliyasi, owayeyisikhulu esiphethe isihlenge. Wasemukela ngesihle emzini wakhe, wasihlalisa khona okwensuku ezintathu esiphethe kuhle. **8** Uyise wayegula elele phansi ephethwe luqhuqho lesihudo. UPhawuli wayambona, kwathi esekhulekile, wambeka izandla wamsilisa. **9** Kwathi sekwenzakele lokhu, bonke abagulayo esihlengeni beza basiliswa. **10** Basidumisa ngezipho ezinengi, kwasekusithi sesilungela ukuwela basilungisela umphako owaneleyo. **11** Ngemva kwezinyanga ezintathu sangena olwandle sigade umkhumbi owawuchithe ubusika khona lapho. Wawungumkhumbi wase-Alekizandriya owawulophawu lwamakhanda amaphahla abonkulunkulu uKhasto loPholukhi. **12** Sakhuphukela eSirakhusi sahlala khona okwensuku ezintathu. **13** Sesisuka lapho sawela sayafika eRegiyumi. Ngakusasa kwaphephetha umoya weningizimu, kwathi ngelanga elilandelayo sayafika ePhuthewoli. **14** Lapho safumana abazalwane abasicela ukuthi sihlale khona okweviki silabo. Sasesifika eRoma.

15 Abazalwane balapho basebezwile ukuthi siyeza,
ngakho bahamba baze bayafika eNkundleni yase-
Aphiya laseziNkantini eziNtathu besihlangabeza. Wathi
ebabona lababantu uPhawuli wabonga uNkulunkulu
njalo waqiniswa. **16** Sithe sesifikile eRoma, uPhawuli
wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, elindwe ngelilodwa
ibutho. **17** Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu uPhawuli
wabiza abakhokheli bamaJuda. Bathi sebehlangene
wathi kubo, "Bazalwane bami, loba ngingenzanga
lutho olubi ebantwini bakithi kumbe olwephula
imikhuba yabokhokho bethu, ngabotshwa eJerusalema
nganikelwa kwabaseRoma. **18** Wona esengihlolile afisa
ukungikhulula ngoba ngangingelacala loba elakuphi
ukuganga okwakungafanela ukufa. **19** Kodwa kwathi
ngoba amaJuda ekwala lokho ngabona sekufanele
ukuthi ngikhalaze kuKhesari; kungayisikho ukuthi
ngasengimangalela abantu bakithi. **20** Ngalesisizatho
ngicelile ukuthi ngilibone, ngikhulume lani. Kungenxa
yethemba lika-Israyeli okwenza ngibotshwe ngale
iketane." **21** Baphendula bathi, "Kasitholanga zincwadi
ezivela eJudiya mayelana lawe, njalo kakho umzalwane
ovela khonale oke wabika kumbe wakhuluma ulutho
olubi ngawe. **22** Kodwa sifuna ukuzwa imibono yakho,
ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ezindaweni zonke abantu
bakhuluma kubi ngaloluhlelo lwenkolo." **23** Balungiselela
ukuhlangana loPhawuli ngelanga elithile elalibekiwe,
njalo kweza abantu abanengi endaweni ayehlala kuyo.
Kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba ntambama echaza umbuso
kaNkulunkulu njalo efakaza ngokuseMthethweni kaMosi

lakubaPhrofethi. Wazama njalo ukubazisa ngoJesu **24** Abanye basuthiseka ngalokhu ayekutsho, kodwa abanye kabazange bakholwe. **25** Baphikisana bona bodwa basebesuka ngemva kokuba uPhawuli esephethe inkulumo yakhe ngokuthi, "Nxa uMoya oNgcwele wakhuluma iqiniso kubokhokho benu aze ukhulume ngomphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi: **26** 'Hamba kulababantu uyekuthi, "Lizahlala lisizwa kokuphela, kodwa lingaqedisisi; lizahlala libona kokuphela kodwa lingabonisisi." **27** Ngoba inhliziyo yalababantu isibuthundu; kabasezwa ngezindlebe zabo, njalo sebevale amehlo abo; ngoba bangaqabuka bebona ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo, baqedisise ngezinhliziyo zabo, baphenduke, lami ngibasilise.' **28** Ngakho ngithanda ukuthi lazi ukuba insindiso kaNkulunkulu isithunyelwe kwabeZizwe, njalo bona bazalalela!" [**29** Ngemva kwalokhu, amaJuda asuka, ephikisana wodwa kakhulu.] **30** UPhawuli wahlala khona okweminyaka emibili egcweleyo, ehlala endlini yakhe ayeloje kuyo, njalo esemukela ngesihle bonke ababesiza bezombona. **31** Watshumayela ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wafundisa ngeNkosi uJesu Khristu ngesibindi njalo engaphazanyiswa muntu.

KwabaseRoma

1 UPhawuli, inceku kaKhristu uJesu, owabizelwa
ukuba ngumpostoli njalo wahlukaniselwa ivangeli
likaNkulunkulu, **2** ivangeli alithembisa ngaphambilini
ngabaphrofethi bakhe emibhalweni engcwele **3**
mayelana leNdodana yakhe, yona okuthi ngokwemvelo
yayo yoluntu yayiyinzalo kaDavida, **4** njalo ngoMoya
wobungcwele yabonakaliswa ngamandla ukuthi
iyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngokuvuka kwayo
kwabafileyo; uJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu. **5** Ngaye
samukela umusa lobupostoli ukuba sinxusele abantu
beZizwe bonke ekulaleleni okuza ngokukholwa ngenxa
yebizo lakhe. **6** Lani futhi lingabanye babeZizweni
ababizelwe ukuba babe ngabakaJesu Khristu. **7** Kubo
bonke abaseRoma abathandwa nguNkulunkulu njalo
ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele bakhe: Umusa lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu
kakube kini. **8** Kuqala ngibonga uNkulunkulu wami
ngoJesu Khristu ngilibongela lani, ngoba ukukholwa
kwenu kubikwa umhlaba wonke. **9** UNkulunkulu
engimkhonza ngenhliziyo yami yonke ngokutshumayela
ivangeli leNdodana yakhe, ungufakazi wami ekuthini
ngilikhumbula kokuphela **10** emikhulekweni yami
izikhathi zonke; njalo ngiyakhuleka khathesi ukuthi
sengathi ekucineni ngentando kaNkulunkulu
ngivulelwe indlela yokuza kini. **11** Ngiyafisa ukulibona
ukuze ngilinike isipho somoya sokuliqinisa, **12**
okuyikuthi ngokufananayo lina lami siqiniswe lukholo
lomunye wethu. **13** Kangifuni ukuba lingaze lazi,

bazalwane, ukuthi sengaceba kanengi ukuba ngize kini (kodwa ngisehluleka ukwenzanjalo kuze kube khathesi) ukuze ngibe lesivuno phakathi kwenu, njengalokhu engakwenzayo kwabanye abeZizweni. **14** Ngilomlandu kumaGrikhi lakwabangasiwo, kwabahlakaniphileyo labayiziwula. **15** Yikho-nje ngitshisekela ukutshumayela ivangeli lakini eliseRoma. **16** Kangilanhloni ngevangeli, ngoba lingamandla kaNkulunkulu okusindiswa kwabo bonke abakholwayo: kuqala amaJuda, kulandele abeZizwe. **17** Ngoba ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu kubonakaliswa evangelini, ukulunga okungokukholwa kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Abalungileyo bazaphila ngokukholwa." **18** Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakaliswa luvela ezulwini kulabo abangalunganga kanye lobubi babantu abancindezela iqiniso ngobubi babo, **19** kalokho okungazakala ngoNkulunkulu kusobala kubo, ngoba uNkulunkulu ekwenze kwabasobala kubo. **20** Ngoba kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba isimo sikaNkulunkulu esingabonakaliyo, amandla akhe angapheliyo kanye lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, sekubonakele ngokusobala, kuzwisiseka ngokwenziweyo, ukuze abantu bangabi lasizatho sokuzigeza. **(aïdios g126)** **21** Ngoba lanxa uNkulunkulu babemazi, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu loba bambonge, kodwa imicabango yabo yaba yize lezinhliziyo zabo eziyiziwula zaba mnyama. **22** Lanxa bazenza abahlakaniphileyo baba yizithutha **23** benana inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ongafiyo ngemfanekiso eyenziwa yafana labantu abalakho ukufa

lezinyoni lezinyamazana kanye lezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo. **24** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wabanikela esonweni sezinkanuko zezinhliziyo zabo zobufebe ngokwenza imzimba yabo ihlazo phakathi kwabo. **25** Benana iqiniso likaNkulunkulu ngamanga, badumisa bekhonza izinto ezadalwayo kuloMdali odunyiswa kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **26** Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu wabanikela ezinkanukweni ezilihlazo. Labesifazane bakibo benana imvelo yobudlelwano bemacansini ngokungasikho kwemvelo. **27** Ngokufanayo abesilisa labo badela ukuphathana kwemvelo labesifazane batshiseka ngokukhanukana. Abesilisa benza izenzo ezilihlazo lamanye amadoda, bazilethela isijeziso esifanele ukuxhwala kwabo. **28** Phezu kwalokho, njengoba bengazange bacabange ukuthi kufanele bagcine ukumazi uNkulunkulu, wabanikela engqondweni yokuxhwala, ukuba benze okungamelanga kwenziwe. **29** Sebegcwele ngokonakala konke, ububi, ubuhaga kanye lokuxhwala. Bagcwele umhawu, lokubulala, lengxabano, lenkohliso kanye lolunya. Bangabanyeyayo, **30** labahlebi, labazonda uNkulunkulu, leziqholo, labazigqajayo kanye labazikhukhumezayo; baqala izindlela zokwenza okubi; badelela abazali babo; **31** kabaqedisisi, kabathembekanga, kabalathando njalo kabalamusa. **32** Lanxa besazi isimiso esilungileyo sikaNkulunkulu sokuthi labo abenza izinto ezinje bafanele ukufa, kabaqhubeki nje kuphela besenza zona kanye lezizinto, kodwa bayavumelana njalo lalabo abazenzayo.

2 Ngakho-ke, kawulasizatho sokuzigeza wena owahlulela omunye, ngoba loba kungaphi owahlulela khona omunye, uyazigweba wena ngokwakho, ngoba wena owahlulelayo wenza izinto ezifanayo. **2** Siyakwazi ukuthi ukubahlulela kwakhe uNkulunkulu labo abenza izinto ezinje kweyame eqinisweni. **3** Ngakho lapho-ke, wena muntu nje, ubahlulela, kodwa usenza izinto ezifanayo, ucabanga ukuthi uzakubalekela ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu na? **4** Kumbe njalo weyisa ubukhulu bomusa wakhe, ukubekezela kanye lesineke sakhe, ungananzeleli ukuthi umusa kaNkulunkulu ujonge ukukusa ekuphendukeni na? **5** Kodwa ngenxa yobuqholo bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo, uziqoqela ulaka oluzakuhlupha ngosuku lolaka lukaNkulunkulu, lapho okuzabonakaliswa khona ukwahlulela kwakhe okulungileyo. **6** UNkulunkulu "uzakupha umvuzo emuntwini munye ngamunye ngokuhambelana lalokho akwenzileyo." **7** Kulabo abaphikelela besenza okuhle bedinga inkazimulo, udumo kanye lokungabhubhi, uzakubanika ukuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **8** Kodwa labo abazinqinekelayo labala iqiniso balandele ububi, kuzakuba lolaka lokuthukuthela. **9** Kuzakuba lokuhlupheka losizi emuntwini wonke owenza okubi, kuqala kumJuda kulandele koweZizweni, **10** kodwa inkazimulo, udumo kanye lokuthula kuye wonke owenza okulungileyo, kuqala kumJuda kulandele koweZizweni. **11** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kalabandlululo. **12** Bonke abenza isono ngaphandle komthetho bazabhubha ngaphandle komthetho, njalo bonke abenza isono

ngaphansi komthetho bazakwahlulelwa ngomthetho.
13 Ngoba akusilabo abezwa umthetho abalungileyo
emehlweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa yilabo abalalela
umthetho okuzathiwa balungile. **14** (Ngempela, nxa
abeZizwe, abangelawo umthetho, besenza ngokwemvelo
izinto ezifunwa ngumthetho, bangumthetho bona
ngokwabo, lanxa bengelawo umthetho, **15** njengoba
bebonakalisa ukuthi okufunwa ngumthetho kulotshiwe
ezinhliziyweni zabo, izazela zabo ziyafakaza, imicabango
yabo ibasola iphinde ibavikele.) **16** Lokhu kuzakwenzakala
ngosuku uNkulunkulu azakwahlulela imfihlo zabantu
ngoJesu Khristu, njengokutsho kwevangeli lami. **17**
Khathesi-ke wena, nxa uzibiza ngokuthi ungumJuda;
nxa uthembe umthetho njalo uzincoma ngobudlelwane
bakho loNkulunkulu; **18** nxa uyazi intando yakhe njalo
uvumela okuhle ngoba ufundiswe ngumthetho; **19** nxa
ukholwa ukuthi ungumkhokheli weziphofu, ukukhanya
kwalabo abasemnyameni, **20** umeluleki wezithutha,
lomfundisi wezingane, ngoba kwezomthetho uhlanganisa
ulwazi leqiniso, **21** ngakho wena ofundisa abanye,
kambe lawe kawuzifundisi na? Wena otshumayela
ngokungebi, uyeba na? **22** Wena othi abantu bangafebi,
uyafeba na? Wena owenyanya izithombe, uyawaphanga
amathempeli na? **23** Wena ozincoma ngomthetho,
uNkulunkulu uyamdelela ngokwephula umthetho na?
24 Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Ibizo likaNkulunkulu
lihlanjaziwe phakathi kwabeZizwe ngenxa yakho.” **25**
Ukusoka kuligugu nxa ugcina umthetho, kodwa nxa
usephula umthetho, usufana lokuthi kawusokanga. **26**

Nxa labo abangasokanga begcina imfanelo zomthetho, kabayikukhangelwa njengabasokileyo na? **27** Lowo ongasokanga ngokwenyama, kodwa elalela umthetho, uzakulahla wena, okuthi lanxa ulomlayo olotshiweyo njalo usokile, ungumephuli womthetho. **28** Umuntu kasumJuda nxa enguye emehlweni kuphela, loba esokile emehlweni lenyameni kuphela. **29** Hatshi, umuntu ungumJuda nxa enguye ngaphakathi, lokusoka yikusoka kwenhliziyo, ngoMoya, hatshi ngomlayo. Ukubongwa komuntu onjalo akuveli ebantwini, kodwa kuNkulunkulu.

3 Pho yibungcono bani obukhona ekubeni ngumJuda, loba ligugu bani elikhona ekusokeni na? **2** Kukhulu ngezindlela zonke. Okokuqala amaJuda aphathiswe wona kanye amazwi kaNkulunkulu. **3** Kuba njani nxa abanye babo babengathembekanga? Ukungathembeki kwabo kungachitha ukuthembeka kukaNkulunkulu na? **4** Akunjalo! UNkulunkulu kabe qotho, umuntu wonke abe ngumqambi wamanga. Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ukuze ubonakaliswe ukuthi uqondile lapho ukhuluma, njalo unqobe lapho usahlulela." **5** Kodwa nxa ukungalungi kwethu kusenza ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kucace kakhulu, thina sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu kalunganga ngokwehlisela ulaka lwakhe phezu kwethu na? (Mina ngikhuluma njengokubona komuntu.) **6** Ngempela akunjalo. Aluba kwakunjalo, uNkulunkulu ubengawahlulela kanjani umhlaba na? **7** Omunye angaphikisa athi, "Nxa amanga ami ekhulisa ubuqotho bukaNkulunkulu ngalokho andise udumo lwakhe, kungani lokhe ngilahlwa njengesoni na?" **8** Kungani singathi

njengoba sigconwa kuthiwa sitsho njalo futhi abanye bathi “Kasenzeni okubi ukuze kuvele okulungileyo na?” Ukulahlwa kwabo kufanele. **9** Pho sizaphetha ngokuthini na? Kambe sesingcono na? Hatshi akunjalo! Sesitshilo ukuthi umJuda loweZizwe bangokufanayo ngaphansi kwamandla esono. **10** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Kakho olungileyo, kakho loyedwa; **11** kakho ozwisisayo, kakho odinga uNkulunkulu. **12** Bonke baphambukile, bonke kabasasizi ngalutho; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho loyedwa.” **13** “Imiphimbo yabo ingamangcwaba avulekileyo; inlimi zabo zisebenza ukukhohlisa.” “Ubuhlungu bezinhlangwana busezindebeni zabo.” **14** “Imilomo yabo igcwele ukuthuka lentukuthelo.” **15** “Inyawo zabo zilesiqubu ekuchitheni igazi; **16** incithakalo losizi kuphawula izindlela zabo, **17** indlela yokuthula kabayazi.” **18** “Ukumesaba uNkulunkulu akukho emehlweni abo.” **19** Siyakwazi ukuthi loba kuyini okutshiwo ngumthetho, ukutsho kulabo abangaphansi komthetho, ukuze imilomo yonke ithuliswe lomhlaba wonke ube lomlandu kuNkulunkulu. **20** Ngakho-ke, kakho okuzathiwa ulungile emehlweni akhe ngokugcina umthetho; kodwa ngomthetho siba lakho ukwazi isono. **21** Kodwa khathesi ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu, ngaphandle komthetho, sekwazisiwe, njalo kwafakazelwa nguMthetho labaphrofethi. **22** Ukulunga lokhu okuvela kuNkulunkulu kufika kubo bonke abakholwa kuJesu Khristu. Akulamehluko phakathi komJuda loweZizwe, **23** ngoba bonke bonile njalo bayasilela enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu, **24** njalo bakhululwa ngomusa wakhe

kudlula ngensindiso eyeza ngoKhristu uJesu. **25** UNkulunkulu wambeka njengomhlatshelo wenhlawulo, ngokukholwa egazini lakhe. Wenza lokhu ukuze abonakalise ukulunga kwakhe, ngoba ngokubekezela kwakhe wayekela izono ezenziwe ngaphambilini kungekho kujeziswa, **26** wakwenzela ukubonakalisa ukulunga kwakhe ngalesisikhathi, ukuze abe ngolungileyo njalo onguye obenza babe ngabalungileyo labo abakholwa kuJesu. **27** Pho kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kutshiywe ngaphandle. Ngasimiso bani na? Esokugcina umthetho na? Hatshi, kodwa ngesokukholwa. **28** Ngoba siyaqinisa ukuthi umuntu ulungiswa yikukholwa langaphandle kokugcina umthetho. **29** UNkulunkulu unguNkulunkulu wamaJuda kuphela na? KasuNkulunkulu wabeZizwe njalo na? Yebo, ungowabeZizwe futhi, **30** njengoba uNkulunkulu emunye kuphela, ozalungisa abasokileyo ngokukholwa labangasokanga ngalokho kukholwa okufanayo. **31** Pho, siyawuchitha umthetho ngalokhu kukholwa na? Hatshi, akunjalo! Kodwa, okuyikho yikuthi umthetho siyawusekela.

4 Pho sizakuthi kuyini u-Abhrahama, ukhokho wethu, akufumanayo ngokwenyama kule indaba na? **2** Nxa, ngempela, u-Abhrahama walungisiswa ngemisebenzi, wayelakho okokuzincoma ngakho, kodwa hatshi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Kanje umbhalo uthini na? Uthi, "U-Abhrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, njalo kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga." **4** Nxa umuntu esebenza, umholo wakhe kawubalwa kuye njengesipho, kodwa njengomlandu. **5** Ikanti emuntwini ongasebenziyo kodwa ethemba

uNkulunkulu owenza ababi balunge, ukukholwa kwakhe kubalwa njengokulunga. **6** UDavida utsho okufanayo lapho ekhuluma ngokubusiseka komuntu uNkulunkulu ambalela ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi, esithi: **7** "Babusisiwe labo oziphambeko zabo zithethelelwe, ozono zabo zisibekelwe. **8** Ubusisiwe lowo ongasoze abalelwe isono sakhe yiNkosi." **9** Ukubusiseka lokhu ngokwabasokileyo kuphela, kumbe njalo lakwabangasokanga na? Kade sisithi ukukholwa kuka-Abhrahama kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga. **10** Kwabalelwa kusiphi isimo na? Kwakungemva kokuba esesokile, loba ngaphambilini na? **11** Wamukela isibonakaliso sokusoka, uphawu lokulunga abalalo ngokulunga engakasoki. Ngakho-ke, unguyise wabo bonke abakholwayo, kodwa bengasokanga, ukuze ukulunga kubalelwe kubo. **12** Njalo unguyise wabasokileyo futhi, abangasokanga nje kuphela, kodwa abahamba ezinyathelweni zokholo ubaba u-Abhrahama ayelalo engakasoki. **13** Akuzanga ngomthetho ukuthi u-Abhrahama lenzalo yakhe amukele isithembiso sokuthi uzakuba yindlalifa yomhlaba, kodwa kweza ngokulunga okuza ngokukholwa. **14** Ngoba nxa labo abaphila ngomthetho bezindlalifa, ukukholwa kakulasizo lesithembiso siyize, **15** ngoba umthetho uletha ulaka. Njalo lapho okungelamthetho khona akukho ukona. **16** Ngakho, isithembiso siza ngokukholwa, ukuze sifike ngomusa njalo siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo ka-Abhrahama, hatshi kulabo abangabomthetho kuphela, kodwa njalo lakulabo abangabokholo luka-Abhrahama. Ungubaba wethu sonke. **17** Njengoba

kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Sengikwenze waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi.” Ungubaba emehlweni kaNkulunkulu akholwa kuye, yena onika abafileyo ukuphila njalo enze izinto ebezingekho zibe khona. **18** Kungekho themba, u-Abhrahama ngethemba wakholwa waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi, njengoba kwakutshiwo kuye ukuthi, “Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho.” **19** Engekethisanga ekukholweni kwakhe, wamelana lobuqotho bokuthi umzimba wakhe wawusufana lofileyo, njengoba wayeseleminyaka ephosa ibe likhulu ubudala kanye lokuthi isibeletho sikaSara laso sasesifile. **20** Waqiniswa ekukholweni kwakhe, wapha udumo kuNkulunkulu, **21** ekholwe ngokupheleleyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayelamandla okwenza lokho ayekuthembisile. **22** Yikho-nje “kwabalelwa kuye njengokulunga.” **23** Amazwi athi “kwabalelwa kuye” kawalotshelwanga yena yedwa, **24** kodwa lathi futhi, uNkulunkulu azabalela ukulunga kwethu, thina esikholwa kuye, yena owavusa uJesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo. **25** Wanikelwa ekufeni ngenxa yezono zethu njalo wavuselwa ekuphileni ukuze silungisiswe.

5 Ngakho-ke, njengoba silungisiswe ngokukholwa, silokuthula kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, **2** esifinyelele ngaye umusa esimi kuwo khathesi ngokukholwa. Njalo siyathokoza ngethemba enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu. **3** Akunjalo kuphela, kodwa siyathokoza njalo ezinhluphekweni zethu, ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kudala ukuqinisela; **4** ukuqinisela, ubuntu; lobuntu, ithemba. **5** Njalo ithemba kalisidanisi, ngoba uNkulunkulu usethululele

uthando lwakhe ezinhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele, asinike yena. **6** Liyabona, ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, lapho sisesebuthakathaka, uKhristu wafela abangakholwa kuNkulunkulu. **7** Kulivelakancane ukuthi umuntu afele umuntu olungileyo, lanxa kungaba lolesibindi sokufela umuntu olungileyo. **8** Kodwa uNkulunkulu ubonakalisa uthando lwakhe kithi ngalokhu: Siseseyizoni, uKhristu wasifela. **9** Njengoba khathesi sesilungisiswe ligazi lakhe, pho sizasindiswa kakhulu kangakanani olakeni lukaNkulunkulu ngaye! **10** Ngoba ngesikhathi sisaseyizitha zikaNkulunkulu, sabuyiselwa kuye ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, kuzakuba kukhulu kangakanani, sesibuyiselwe, sahlengwa ngokuphila kwakhe! **11** Lokhu akunjalo nje kuphela, kodwa siyathokoza njalo kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, khathesi esesithole ngaye ukubuyisana. **12** Ngakho-ke, njengalokhu isono sangena emhlabeni ngomuntu oyedwa, lokufa ngesono, njalo ngale indlela ukufa kwafika ebantwini bonke, ngoba bonke bona. **13** Ngeqiniso isono saba khona emhlabeni umthetho ungakaphawulwa, kodwa isono kasibalelwa emuntwini umthetho ungekho. **14** Lanxa kunjalo, ukufa kwabusa kusukela ngesikhathi sika-Adamu kusiya esikhathini sikaMosi, kanye lakulabo abangazange benze isono ngokweqa umlayo, njengokwenziwa ngu-Adamu, owayengumfanekiso walowo owayezakuza. **15** Kodwa isipho kasifani lesiphambeko. Ngoba nxa abanengi bafa ngesiphambeko salowomuntu oyedwa, umusa kaNkulunkulu kanye lesipho eseza ngomusa walowomuntu oyedwa, uJesu Khristu, kwaphuphuma

kakhulu okungakanani kwabanengi! **16** Njalo, isipho sikaNkulunkulu kasifani lalokho okudalwa yisono salowomuntu oyedwa. Ukwahlulela kwalandela isono esisodwa kwaletha ukulahlwa, kodwa isipho salandela iziphambeko ezinengi saletha ukulungisiswa. **17** Ngoba nxa ngesiphambeko salowomuntu oyedwa, ukufa kwabusa ngalowomuntu oyedwa, labo abamukela umusa omnengi kaNkulunkulu kanye lesipho sokulunga bazabusa kakhulu okungakanani ekuphileni ngalowomuntu oyedwa uJesu Khristu. **18** Ngakho-ke, njengoba okwalandela isiphambeko esisodwa kwaba yikulahlwa kwabantu bonke, ngokunjalo isenzo sokulunga esisodwa saletha ukulungisiswa lokuphila kwabantu bonke. **19** Ngoba ngokungalaleli kwalowomuntu oyedwa abanengi baba yizoni, ngokunjalo futhi ukulalela kwalowomuntu oyedwa abanengi bazakwenziwa abalungileyo. **20** Umthetho wabekwa ukuze isiphambeko sande. Kodwa lapho okwanda khona isono, umusa wanda kakhulukazi, **21** ukuze kuthi njengoba isono sabusa ekufeni, kuthi ngokunjalo umusa lawo ubuse ngokulunga ukuba ulethe ukuphila okungapheliyo ngoJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu. **(aiōnios g166)**

6 Ngakho, sizakuthini na? Sizaqhubeka sisenza isono ukuze umusa wande na? **2** Akunjalo! Safa ngenxa yesono; pho singaphila kanjani kuso futhi na? **3** Kumbe njalo kalazi yini ukuthi sonke thina esabhaphathizelwa kuJesu Khristu sabhaphathizelwa ekufeni kwakhe na? **4** Ngakho sangcwatshwa laye ngokubhaphathizelwa ekufeni, ukuze kuthi njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo ngobukhosi bukaYise, lathi siphile ukuphila

okutsha. **5** Nxa sihlanganiswe laye kanje ekufeni kwakhe, ngempela sizahlanganiswa laye futhi ekuvukeni kwakhe. **6** Ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ubuntu bethu obudala babethelwa laye ukuze umzimba wesono ulahlwe, khona singezukuba yizigqili zesono futhi, **7** ngoba lowo osefile usekhululwe esonweni. **8** Nxa safa loKhristu, siyakholwa ukuthi sizaphila laye. **9** Ngoba siyazi ukuthi njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, angeke afe futhi; ukufa akuselawo amandla phezu kwakhe. **10** Ukufa akufayo wakufela bonke kanye ngenxa yesono; kodwa ukuphila akuphilayo, ukuphilela uNkulunkulu. **11** Ngokufanayo, zibaleni njengabafileyo esonweni, kodwa abaphilayo kuNkulunkulu ngoKhristu uJesu. **12** Ngakho lingavumeli isono ukuba sibuse imizimba yenu efayo ukuba livumele izinkanuko zaso ezimbi. **13** Linganikeli izitho zemizimba yenu esonweni njengezikhali zobubi, kodwa zinikeleni kuNkulunkulu njengabavuswe kwabafileyo balethwa ekuphileni; linikele izitho zemizimba yenu kuye njengezikhali zokulunga. **14** Ngoba isono kasiyikuba ngumbusi wenu, ngoba lina kalikho ngaphansi komthetho, kodwa ngaphansi komusa. **15** Pho-ke, sizakwenza isono ngoba kasikho ngaphansi komthetho, kodwa ngaphansi komusa na? Akunjalo! **16** Kalazi yini ukuthi nxa lizinikela komunye umuntu ukuba njengezigqili ezilaleyo, liyizigqili kulowo elimlalelayo, langabe liyizigqili zesono, okuholela ekufeni, loba ezokulalela, okuholela ekulungeni na? **17** Kodwa-ke, kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngokuthi lanxa laliyizigqili zesono, layilalela ngezinhliziyo eziphelelelyo indlela

yemfundiso elabekwa kuyo. **18** Lakhululwa esonweni
laselisiba yizigqili zokulunga. **19** Lokhu ngikubeka
ngamazwi abantu ngoba libuthakathaka ngokwemvelo
yobuntu benu. Njengoba lalinikela izitho zemizimba
yenu njengezigqili emanyaleni lekuxhwaleni okwandayo,
ngakho khathesi zinikeleni njengezigqili ekulungeni
okuholela ebungcweleni. **20** Lapho laliyizigqili zesono,
lalikhululekile emandleni okulunga. **21** Ngumvuzo bani
elawutholayo ngalesosikhathi ezintweni eseliyangeka
ngazo khathesi? Lezozinto ziphetha ngokufa! **22**
Kodwa njengoba khathesi selikhululwe esonweni laba
yizigqili kuNkulunkulu, umvuzo eliwutholayo uholela
ebungcweleni, lesiphetho yikuphila okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **23** Ngoba inhlawulo yesono yikufa, kodwa isipho
sikaNkulunkulu siyikuphila okungapheliyo kuJesu Khristu
iNkosi yethu. **(aiōnios g166)**

7 Kalazi yini bazalwane, ngoba ngikhuluma ebantwini
abawaziyo umthetho, ukuthi umthetho ulamandla
phezu komuntu nxa esaphila kuphela na? **2**
Njengesibonelo, ngomthetho owesifazane owendileyo
ubotshelwe kumkakhe nxa esaphila, kodwa umkakhe
angafa, uyakhululwa emthethweni wokuthathana. **3**
Kungakho-ke, angendela kwenye indoda umkakhe
esaphila uthiwa yisifebe. Kodwa umkakhe angafa,
uyakhululwa kulowomthetho angabi yisifebe, lanxa
esesendela kwenye indoda. **4** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami,
lani lafela emthethweni ngomzimba kaKhristu, ukuze
libe ngabomunye, kuye owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze
sithele izithelo kuNkulunkulu. **5** Ngoba sisabuswa yimvelo

elesono, izinkanuko zesono ezavuswa ngumthetho zazisebenza emzimbeni yethu, okwenza sathelela ukufa izithelo. **6** Kodwa khathesi, ngokufela kulokho okwake kwasibopha, sesikhululiwe emthethweni ukuze sikhonze ngendlela entsha yoMoya hatshi ngendlela endala yezimiso ezilotshiweyo. **7** Ngakho sizakuthini na? Umthetho uyisono na? Ngempela kawusiso! Ngeqiniso mina ngangingasoze ngazi ukuthi isono siyini kungesiwo umthetho. Ngoba ngangingayikwazi ukuthi ukuhawukela ngempela kuyini aluba umthetho ungatshongo ukuthi, "Ungahawukeli." **8** Kodwa isono, sathatha ithuba elalethwa ngumlayo, saveza kimi inhlobo zonke zenkanuko yokuhawukela. Ngoba ngaphandle komthetho, isono sifile. **9** Mina ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komthetho; kodwa kwathi ekufikeni komlayo, isono savuka saphila, mina ngafa. **10** Ngathola ukuthi umlayo lowo owawuhlose ukuletha ukuphila waletha ukufa. **11** Ngoba isono sathatha ithuba elalethwa ngumlayo, sangikhohlisa, kwathi ngomthetho sangibulala. **12** Ngakho-ke, umthetho ungcwele, lomlayo ungcwele, ulungile njalo muhle. **13** Kanti lokho okuhle kube yikufa kimi na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ukuze isono sibonakale siyisono, saletha ukufa kimi ngalokho okwakukuhle, ukuze kuthi ngomlayo isono sibe yisono esipheleleyo. **14** Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ungokomoya; kodwa mina ngingowenyama, ngathengiswa esonweni njengesigqili. **15** Engikwenzayo angikuzwisisi. Ngoba lokho engifuna ukukwenza angikwenzi, kodwa lokho engikuzondayo ngiyakwenza. **16** Ngakho nxa ngisenza lokho engingafuni

kukwenza, ngiyavuma ukuthi umthetho ulungile. **17** Njengoba kunje, akuseyimi uqobo okwenzayo, kodwa isono esihlala kimi. **18** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akulalutho oluhle oluhlala kimi, okutsho imvelo yami elesono. Ngoba ngilesifiso sokwenza okuhle, kodwa angingeke ngikufeze. **19** Ngoba engikwenzayo akusikho okuhle engifuna ukukwenza; hatshi, okubi engingafuniyo ukukwenza, lokhu ngiqhubeka ngikwenza. **20** Nxa ngisenza engingafuni kukwenza, akuseyimi okwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi esikwenzayo. **21** Ngakho ngithola umthetho lo usebenza ukuthi: Lapho ngifuna ukwenza okuhle, okubi kulami khonapho. **22** Ngoba ebuntwini bami bangaphakathi ngiyathokoza ngomthetho kaNkulunkulu; **23** kodwa ngibona omunye umthetho usebenza ezithweni zami, usilwa lomthetho wengqondo yami ungenza ngibe yisibotshwa somthetho wesono osebenzayo ezithweni zami. **24** Yeka isinothongwana esengiyiso sona. Ngubani ozangihlenga kulo umzimba wokufa? **25** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngoJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu! Ngakho-ke, mina engqondweni yami ngiyisigqili somthetho kaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngokwemvelo yami yesono ngiyisigqili somthetho wesono.

8 Ngakho, khathesi akusekho ukulahlwa kulabo abakuKhristu uJesu, **2** ngoba ngoKhristu uJesu umthetho woMoya wokuphila wangikhulula emthethweni wesono lokufa. **3** Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungelamandla okukwenza ngoba waxegiswa yimvelo elesono, uNkulunkulu wakwenza ngokuthuma iNdodana yakhe ngesimo somuntu olesono ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono.

Ngakho isono yasilahla emuntwini olesono, **4** ukuze izimiso ezilungileyo zomthetho zipheleliswe kithi, thina esingaphili ngokwemvelo yesono, kodwa ngokoMoya. **5** Labo abaphila ngokwemvelo yesono ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho okufiswa yileyomvelo, kodwa labo abaphila ngokwakoMoya ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho okufiswa nguMoya. **6** Ingqondo yomuntu olesono yikufa, kodwa ingqondo ebuswa nguMoya yikuphila lokuthula; **7** ingqondo yimvelo yesono iyamzonda uNkulunkulu. Kayiwuvumi umthetho kaNkulunkulu, njalo ayingeke yenze njalo. **8** Labo ababuswa yimvelo yesono abangeke bamthokozise uNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa lina kalibuswa yimvelo yesono, kodwa nguMoya, nxa uMoya kaNkulunkulu ehlala kini. Njalo nxa umuntu engelaye uMoya kaKhristu, kasuye kaKhristu. **10** Kodwa nxa uKhristu ekini, umzimba wenu ufile ngenxa yesono, kodwa umoya wenu uyaphila ngenxa yokulunga. **11** Njalo nxa uMoya walowo owavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo, imizimba yenu efayo uzayinika ukuphila ngoMoya wakhe ohlala kini. **12** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, silomlandu, kodwa kawungabi yimvelo yesono ukuba siphile ngokwawo. **13** Ngoba nxa liphila ngokwemvelo yesono, lizakufa; kodwa nxa kungoMoya libulala izenzo ezimbi zomzimba, lizaphila, **14** ngoba labo abakhokhelwa nguMoya kaNkulunkulu bangamadodana kaNkulunkulu. **15** Ngoba kalamukelanga umoya olenza libe yizigqili, ukuze liphile ngokwesaba, kodwa lamukela uMoya wobundodana. Njalo siyamemeza ngawo sithi, “Abha, Baba.” **16** UMoya uqobo

uyafakaza lomoya wethu ukuthi thina singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. **17** Ngakho, nxa singabantwana, sizindlalifa, izindlalifa zikaNkulunkulu lezindlalifa kanye loKhristu, nxa sihlanganyela laye impela ezinhluphekweni zakhe ukuze sihlanganyele laye njalo enkazimulweni yakhe. **18** Ngikholwa ukuthi inhlupheko zethu zakhathesi kazifanelanga ukulinganiswa lenkazimulo ezabonakaliswa kithi. **19** Indalo ilindile ngokulangazelela okukhulu ukuba abantwana bakaNkulunkulu babonakaliswe. **20** Ngoba indalo ihlezi ihlukuluzekile, kungasintando yayo, kodwa kungentando yalowo oyihlukuluzayo, ngethemba **21** lokuthi indalo yona ngokwayo izakhululwa ebugqilini bokonakala ilethwe enkululekweni elenkazimulo yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. **22** Siyakwazi ukuthi indalo yonke ibubula njengosebuhlungwini bokuhelelwa kuze kube khathesi. **23** Akunjalo kuphela, kodwa lathi uqobo esilezithelo zakuqala zikaMoya, siyabubula ngaphakathi silindile ngokutshiseka ukwamukelwa njengamadodana, ukuhlengwa kwemizimba yethu. **24** Ngoba ngalelithemba sasindiswa. Kodwa ithemba elibonakalayo kalisilothemba. Ngubani othemba lokho avele eselakho na? **25** Kodwa nxa sithemba lokho esingakabi lakho, siyakulindela ngokubekezela. **26** Ngokufananayo, uMoya uyasisiza ebuthakathakeni bethu. Kasikwazi okumele sikukhulekele, kodwa uMoya uqobo uyasinxusela ububula okungeke kuchazwe ngamazwi. **27** Njalo yena lowo ohlola inhliziyo zethu uyayazi ingqondo kaMoya, ngoba uMoya uyabanxusela abangcwele ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu. **28** Njalo siyakwazi ukuthi ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu

usebenzela okuhle kulabo abamthandayo, ababizwe ngokwenjongo yakhe. **29** Ngoba labo uNkulunkulu abazi ngaphambilini wabamisela ukuba babe lesimo esifana leseNdodana yakhe, ukuze abe lizibulo phakathi kwabazalwane abanengi. **30** Labo abamiselayo, wababiza; labo ababizayo, wabenza balunga; labo abenza balunga, wabanika inkazimulo. **31** Pho sizakuthini ngalokhu na? Nxa uNkulunkulu elathi ngubani ongamelana lathi na? **32** Yena ongayigodlanga iNdodana yakhe, kodwa wayinikelela thina sonke, angayekela kanjani ukusipha ngesihle izinto zonke kanye layo na? **33** Ngubani ozababeka icala labo abakhethwe nguNkulunkulu na? NguNkulunkulu olungisayo. **34** Ungubani lowo olahlayo? UKhristu Jesu owafayo, okudlula lokho, owavuswayo waphila, usesandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu njalo laye uyasinxusela. **35** Ngubani ozasehlukanisa lothando lukaKhristu na? Yikuhlupheka kumbe ukudubeka loba ukuhlukuluzwa kumbe indlala loba ukuhamba ze loba ingozi kumbe inkemba na? **36** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ngenxa yakho, sikhangelane lokufa ilanga lonke; sithathwa njengezimvu ezizahlatshwa.” **37** Hatshi, kuzozonke lezizinto singaphezu kokuba ngabanqobi ngaye owasithandayo. **38** Ngoba ngiyakholwa ukuthi loba yikufa kumbe ukuphila, loba yizingilosi kumbe amadimoni, loba khathesi kumbe isikhathi esizayo, loba kungamandla bani, **39** loba kuyikuphakama kumbe ukuzika, loba olunye ulutho kukho konke okudaliweyo, akuyikusehlukanisa lothando lukaNkulunkulu olukuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu.

9 Ngikhuluma iqiniso ngikuKhristu, kangiqambi manga,
isazela sami siyakufakaza lokhu ngoMoya oNgcwele,
2 Ngilosizi olukhulu lobuhlungu obungapheliyo
enhliziyweni yami. **3** Ngoba ngangifisa ukuba ngabe
mina uqobo ngiyaqalekiswa ngisuswe kuKhristu
ngenxa yabazalwane bami, labo abohlanga lwami
ngokwenyama, **4** abantu bako-Israyeli. Okwabo
yikwamukelwa njengamadodana, ngeyabo inkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu, lesivumelwano, lokwamukela umthetho,
lenkonzo yasethempelini kanye lezithembiso. **5** Okhokho
ngababo, njalo lusukela kubo usendo lwenyama
lukaKhristu, onguNkulunkulu ophezu kwakho konke,
odunyiswa kokuphela! Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **6** Akunjengokuthi
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lehluleka. Ngoba akusibo bonke
abayinzalo ka-Israyeli abangama-Israyeli. **7** Njalo ngoba
yinzalo yakhe akusibo bonke abangabantwana baka-
Abhrahama. Kodwa-ke, "Isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa
ngo-Isaka." **8** Ngamanye amazwi, akusibantwana
benyama abangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kodwa
ngabantwana besithembiso ababalwa njengenzalo ka-
Abhrahama. **9** Ngoba isithembiso satshiwo kanje:
"Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngizaphenduka, njalo uSara
uzakuba lendodana." **10** Akusilokho kuphela, kodwa
abantwana bakaRabheka bazalwa sikhathi sinye ngubaba
wethu u-Isaka. **11** Kodwa amaphahla engakazalwa
loba ukwenza ulutho oluhle kumbe olubi, ukuba
inhloso kaNkulunkulu yokukhetha iqhubeke; **12**
hatshi ngemisebenzi kodwa ngaye obizayo, watshelwa
ukuthi, "Omdala uzakhonza omncinyane." **13** Njengoba

kulotshiwe ukuthi, “UJakhobe ngamthanda, kodwa u-Esawu ngamzonda.” **14** Pho sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu kalunganga na? Akunjalo! **15** Ngoba uthi kuMosi: “Ngizakuba lesihawu kulowo engilesihawu kuye, njalo ngizakuba lozwelo kulowo engilozwelo kuye.” **16** Ngakho-ke, akuyi ngesifiso somuntu loba umzamo wakhe, kodwa ngesihawu sikaNkulunkulu. **17** Ngoba umbhalo uthi kuFaro, “Ngakuphakamisela injongo yonale kanye, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami kuwe lokuthi ibizo lami litshunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke.” **18** Ngakho uNkulunkulu ulesihawu kulowo athanda ukuba lesihawu kuye, njalo umenza abe lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza abe lukhuni. **19** Omunye wenu uzakuthi kimi: “Pho kungani uNkulunkulu esisola? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando yakhe na?” **20** Kodwa ungubani wena, ungumuntu, ukuba uphendule uNkulunkulu na? Kambe okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kulowo owakubumbayo kuthi, “Kungani wangenza ngabanje na?” **21** Umbumbi kalalo yini ilungelo lokuba ngengxenye yebumba efanayo enze okunye okubunjiweyo okomsebenzi omuhle lokomsebenzi ojayelekileyo na? **22** Kwakungaba njani-ke nxa uNkulunkulu wakhetha ukutshengisa ukubekezela okukhulu ezidalweni zentukuthelo yakhe ezazimiselwe ukubhujiswa etshengisa ulaka lwakhe lokwenza amandla akhe aziwe. **23** Kube kunjani nxa wenza lokhu ukuze enze ubuhle benkazimulo yakhe bazakale ezintweni zesihawu sakhe, azilungisela inkazimulo ngaphambilini, **24** kanye lathi asibizayo, hatshi kumaJuda kuphela, kodwa lakwabeZizweni? **25** Njengoba esitsho kuHosiya

ukuthi: “Ngizababiza ngokuthi ‘ngabantu bami,’ labo Abangasibantu bami; njalo ngizambiza ‘sithandwa sami,’ lowo ongasiso isithandwa sami,” **26** njalo, “Kuzakwenzakala ukuba kuyo kanye indawo lapho okwathiwa kubo, ‘Kalisibo bantu bami,’ bazabizwa ngokuthi ‘ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.’” **27** U-Isaya uyamemezela ngo-Israyeli esithi: “Lanxa inani labako-Israyeli linjengetshebetshebe ngasolwandle, kuzasindiswa insalela kuphela. **28** Ngoba iNkosi izasifeza isigwebo sayo emhlabeni ngesiqubu langokuphelelisa.” **29** Kunjengoba u-Isaya watsho mandulo ukuthi: “Aluba iNkosi uSomandla wayengasitshiyelanga inzalo, sasizakuba njengeSodoma, sasizafana leGomora.” **30** Pho sizakuthini na? Sithi abeZizweni abangakudinganga ukulunga, sebekutholile, ukulunga okungokukholwa; **31** kodwa u-Israyeli owalandela umthetho wokulunga, kakutholanga. **32** Kungani na? Ngoba kabawulandelanga ngokukholwa, kodwa kwakungemisebenzi. Bakhubeka elitsheni elikhubayo. **33** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Khangelani, ngibeka eZiyoni ilitshe elikhubekisa abantu ledwala elibenza bawe, njalo lowo okholwa kuye kazukuyangiswa.”

10 Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami lomkhuleko wami kuNkulunkulu ngabako-Israyeli yikuba basindiswe. **2** Ngoba ngingafakaza ngabo ukuthi batshisekela uNkulunkulu, kodwa ukutshiseka kwabo akugxilanga ekwazini. **3** Njengoba ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu bengakwazanga bafuna ukumisa okwabo, kabavumanga ukuzibeka ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu. **4**

UKhristu uyisiphetho somthetho ukuze kube lokulunga kubo bonke abakholwayo. **5** UMosi ukuchaza ngale indlela ukulunga okungomthetho: “Umuntu owenza izinto lezi uzaphila ngazo.” **6** Kodwa ukulunga okungokukholwa kuthi: “Ungabokutsho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi, ‘Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini na?’” (okuyikuthi, ukwehlisa uKhristu) **7** “loba, ‘Ngubani ozakwehlela ekuzikeni kolwandle na?’” (okuyikuthi, ukuvusa uKhristu kwabafileyo). **(Abyssos g12)** **8** Kodwa kuthini na? “Ilizwi liseduze lawe, lisemlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyweni yakho,” lokho yikuthi, ilizwi lokukholwa esilitshumayelayo: **9** nxa uvuma ngomlomo wakho usithi, “UJesu uyiNkosi,” njalo ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, uzasindiswa. **10** Ngoba ukholwa ngenhliziyo yakho njalo ulungiswa ngayo, njalo kungomlomo wakho ovuma ngawo usindiswe. **11** Njengoba uMbhalo usithi, “Loba ngubani okholwa kuye akayikuyangiswa.” **12** Ngoba kawukho umahluko phakathi komJuda loweZizwe, iNkosi yinye iyiNkosi yabo bonke njalo iyababusisa kakhulu bonke abakhuleka kuyo, **13** ngoba, “Wonke obiza ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa.” **14** Pho, bangakhuleka kanjani kulowo abangakholwa kuye? Njalo bangakholwa njani kulowo abangakaze bezwe ngaye na? Njalo bangezwa njani kungekho otshumayela kubo na? **15** Njalo bangatshumayela njani ngaphandle kokuba bethunyiwe na? Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Yeka ubuhle bezinyawo zalabo abaletha izindaba ezinhle!” **16** Kodwa akusibo bonke abako-Israyeli abazamukelayo izindaba ezinhle. Ngoba u-Isaya uthi, “Nkosi, ngubani

olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu na?” **17** Ngakho-ke, ukukholwa
kuvela ekuzweni ilizwi, lelizwi lizwakala ngelizwi
likaKhristu. **18** Kodwa ngiyabuza ngithi: Kabezwanga na?
Impela bezwa ukuthi: “Ilizwi labo liphumile laya kuwo
wonke umhlaba, amazwi abo emikhawulweni yomhlaba.”
19 Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: U-Israyeli kaqedisisanga
na? Kuqala uMosi uthi, “Mina ngizalenza libe lomona
kulabo abangasiso sizwe; ngizalenza lithukuthelele
isizwe esingelakho ukuqedisisa.” **20** Lo-Isaya ukhuluma
ngesibindi uthi, “Ngatholwa yilabo ababengangidingi;
ngazibonakalisa kulabo abangangicelanga.” **21** Kodwa
mayelana lo-Israyeli uthi, “Ilanga lonke ngelulele izandla
zami ebantwini abangalaleliyo labayiziqholo futhi.”

11 Lapho-ke ngiyabuza ngithi: Kanti uNkulunkulu
wabalahla yini abantu bakhe? Hatshi akunjalo!
Mina uqobo ngingum’Israyeli inzalo ka-Abhrahama,
owesizwana sikaBhenjamini. **2** UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga
abantu bakhe abazi kuqala. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi uMbhalo
uthini esahlukwaneni ngo-Elija, ukuthi wakhalaza njani
kuNkulunkulu esola u-Israyeli esithi: **3** “Nkosi, bababulele
abaphrofethi bakho, badiliza lama-alithare akho; yimi
ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo bafuna ukungibulala?” **4**
Impendulo kaNkulunkulu kuye yathini na? Yathi,
“Ngizigodlele mina ngokwami abazinkulungwane
eziyisikhombisa abangamkhothamelanga uBhali.” **5**
Ngakho futhi, ngalesisikhathi kulensalela ezakhethwa
ngomusa. **6** Njalo nxa kungomusa, ngakho akuseyikho
ngemisebenzi; nxa kwakunjalo, umusa wawungeke ube
usaba ngumusa. **7** Pho-ke? Lokho u-Israyeli akufuna

ngokuzimisela kakuzuzanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola. Abanye baba lukhuni, **8** njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wokozela, lamehlo ukuze bangaboni, lendlebe ukuze bangezwa, kuze kube lamhla.” **9** Njalo uDavida uthi: “Sengathi itafula yabo ingaba ngumjibila lesifu, isikhubekiso kanye lesijeziso kubo. **10** Sengathi amehlo abo angafiphala ukuze bangaboni, lamaqolo abo akhokhobe kokuphela.” **11** Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: Kambe bangabe bakhubeka bawa okungangokuthi kakuselakuphepha na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ngenxa yesiphambeko sabo, ukusindiswa sekufikile kwabeZizwe ukuba kwenze u-Israyeli abe lomona. **12** Kodwa nxa isiphambeko sabo sisitsho inotho emhlabeni, lencithakalo yabo isitsho inotho kwabeZizwe, inkulu kangakanani inotho elethwa yikuphelela kwabo! **13** Ngikhuluma lani lina abeZizwe. Njengoba ngingumpostoli wabezizwe, ngikhulisa inkonzo yami **14** ngethemba lokuthi mhlawumbe ngingavusa umona ebantwini bakithi ngisilise abanye babo. **15** Ngoba nxa ukulahlwa kwabo kuyikubuyisana komhlaba, ukwamukelwa kwabo kuzakuba yini na ngaphandle kokuphila okuvela kwabafileyo? **16** Nxa ingxenye yenhlama enikelwe njengezithelo zakuqala ingcwele, injalo yonke enye; nxa impande zingcwele, zinjalo lezingatsha. **17** Nxa ezinye ingatsha zephulwe, njalo wena, lanxa ulihlumela lom’oliva weganga, usuxhunyelelwe phakathi kwezinye njalo usuhlanganyela emhluzini okhulisayo ovela empandeni zom’oliva, **18** ungazincomi ngalezongatsha. Nxa ukwenza, cabanga ngalokhu:

Impande kakusuwe oyithwalayo, kodwa impande yiyo ekuthweleyo. **19** Lapho-ke lina lizakuthi, “Ingatsha zephulwa ukuze mina ngixhunyelelwe.” **20** Yebo. Kodwa zephulwa ngenxa yokungakholwa, kodwa lina limi ngokukholwa. Lingazikhukhumezi, kodwa yesabani. **21** Ngoba nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga ingatsha zemvelo, lani kasoze aliyekele. **22** Ngakho cabangani ngesisa njalo lobulukhuni bukaNkulunkulu: ubulukhuni kulabo abawayo, kodwa isisa kini, nxa liqhubeka esiseni sakhe. Kungenjalo, lani lizaqunywa. **23** Njalo nxa bengaphikeleli ngokungakholwa, bazaxhunyelelwa, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyenelisa ukubaxhumelela futhi. **24** Phezu kwalokho, nxa laliqunywe esihlahleni som’oliva weganga ngemvelo, kwathi ngokuphambene lemvelo laxhunyelelwa esihlahleni se-oliva esilinywayo, pho kuzakuba lula kakhulu okunjani kulezi, ingatsha zemvelo, ukuba zixhunyelelwe esihlahleni sazo se-oliva. **25** Bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingaze lazi ngale imfihlakalo, ukuze lingazikhukhumezi: U-Israyeli useyibonile ingxenye yokuba lukhuni inani elipheleleyo labeZizwe lize lingene. **26** Ngokunjalo u-Israyeli wonke uzasindiswa, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Umkhululi uzafika eZiyoni: uzasusa kuJakhobe ukungakholwa. **27** Lesi yisivumelwano sami labo lapho ngizisusa izono zabo.” **28** Mayelana levangeli, bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa mayelana lokukhetha, bayathandwa ngenxa yabokhokho, **29** ngoba izipho zikaNkulunkulu lokubiza kwakhe akuguquleki. **30** Njengoba lina elake ladelela uNkulunkulu khathesi selamukele umusa ngenxa yokudelela kwabo, **31**

ngokunjalo labo, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu kini, kabasalalaleli ukuze labo khathesi bamukele umusa. **32** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ubophele abantu bonke ekudeleleni ukuze abe lomusa kubo bonke. **(eleēsē g1653)** **33** Yeka ukuzika kwenotho yenhlakanipho kanye lokwazi kukaNkulunkulu! Yeka ukwahlulela kwakhe okungeke kuhlolwe, kanye lezindlela zakhe ezingeke zilandelwe! **34** "Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi na? Loba owake waba ngumcebisi wayo na?" **35** "Ngubani owake wanika uNkulunkulu ulutho ukuba uNkulunkulu aluhlawule na?" **36** Ngoba izinto zonke zivela kuye langaye njalo futhi zikuye. Udumo kalube kuye kuze kube laphakade! Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

12 Ngakho-ke, ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu, ukuba linikele imizimba yenu njengemihlatshelo ephilayo, engcwele lemthokozisayo uNkulunkulu, okuyikukhonza kwenu ngomoya. **2** Lingavumi futhi ukulingisa umhlaba lo, kodwa liguqulwe ingqondo zenu zibe zintsha. Lapho-ke lizakwenelisa ukuhlola lokwamukela lokho okuyintando kaNkulunkulu, intando yakhe elungileyo, ethokozisayo lepheleleyo. **(aiōn g165)** **3** Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo ngithi kini lonke: Lingacabangi ngokuzazisa kakhulu ukwedlula okufaneleyo, kodwa lizicabangele ngokuqonda, ngokuhambelana lesilinganiso sokukholwa uNkulunkulu aliphe khona. **4** Njengalokhu omunye lomunye wethu elomzimba owodwa olezitho ezinengi, njalo izitho lezi zonke kazenzi msebenzi munye, **5** Ngokunjalo kuKhristu thina abanengi sibumba umzimba

owodwa, njalo ilunga linye ngalinye ngelawamanye wonke. **6** Silezipho ezehlukeneyo, kusiya ngomusa esawuphiwayo. Nxa isipho somuntu siyikuphrofitha, kasisebenzise ngokulingana lokukholwa kwakhe. **7** Nxa siyikukhonza, kakhonze: nxa siyikufundisa, kafundise; **8** nxa singesokukhuthaza, kakhuthaze; nxa siyikupha, kasiphe ngothando; nxa siyibukhokheli, kabuse ngokukhuthala; nxa siyikubonakalisa umusa, kakwenze ngokuthokoza. **9** Uthando kumele lube qotho. Zondani okubi libambelele kokulungileyo. **10** Zimiseleni omunye komunye ngothando lobuzalwane. Hloniphanani okudlula ukuzihlonipha kwenu. **11** Lingaphelelwa yikutshiseka, kodwa gcinani ukutshiseka kwenu komoya, likhonza iNkosi. **12** Thokozani ekwethembeni, libekezele ekuhlukuluzweni, libambelele ekukhulekeni. **13** Bapheni abantu bakaNkulunkulu abaswelayo. Zejwayezeni ukuphana. **14** Babusiseni labo abalihluphayo; busisani lingaqalekisi. **15** Thokozani lalabo abathokozayo, lilile lalabo abalilayo. **16** Hlalisanani ngokuzwana. Lingazigqaji, kodwa lihlanganyele labantukazana. Lingazikhukhumezi. **17** Lingaphindiseli muntu okubi ngokubi. Nanzelelani ukwenza okulungileyo phambi kwabantu bonke. **18** Nxa kusenzakala, kusiya mayelana lokubona kwenu, hlalani ngokuthula labantu bonke. **19** Lingaphindiseli, bangane bami abathandekayo, kodwa litshiyele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu ithuba, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela,” kutsho iNkosi. **20** Esikhundleni salokho: “Nxa isitha sakho silambile, siphe ukudla; nxa somile, sinikeni okunathwayo. Ngokwenza

lokhu, lokhela amalahle avuthayo ekhanda laso.” **21** Linganqotshwa ngokubi, kodwa nqobani ububi ngobuhle.

13 Umuntu wonke kumele azithobe kulabo ababusayo, ngoba akukho mbuso ngaphandle kwalowo obekwe nguNkulunkulu. Imibuso ekhona ibekwe nguNkulunkulu. **2** Ngakho, lowo ovukela umbuso uvukela okumiswe nguNkulunkulu, njalo labo abenza njalo bazilethela ukwahlulelwa. **3** Ngoba ababusi kabesabeki kulabo abenza okulungileyo, kodwa kulabo abenza okubi. Liyafuna ukukhululeka ekwesabeni lowo obusayo na? Ngakho yenzani okulungileyo yena uzalincoma. **4** Ngoba yena uyinceku kaNkulunkulu yokulenzela okuhle. Kodwa nxa lisenza okubi, yesabani, ngoba inkemba kayiphatheli ize. Uyinceku kaNkulunkulu, umeli wentukuthelo ukuba ehlisele isijeziso kowenza okubi. **5** Ngakho, kuyaswelakala ukuzithoba kubabusi, hatshi kuphela ngenxa yokujeziswa okungenzakala, kodwa langenxa yesazela. **6** Ngenxa yalokhu futhi yikho-nje lithela imithelo, ngoba ababusi bazinceku zikaNkulunkulu, ezinikela isikhathi sazo sonke ekubuseni. **7** Phanini abantu bonke okungokwabo: Nxa ungathelanga, thela imithelo, nxa kuyikuqoqwa kwemali, iqoqeni. Nxa kuyikwesaba, yesabani. Nxa kuyikuhlonipha, hloniphani; nxa kuyikudumisa, dumisani. **8** Lingayekeli umlandu ungahlawulwanga, ngaphandle kokuqhubeka komlandu wokuthandana, ngoba lowo othanda umuntu wakibo usewugcwalisile umthetho. **9** Imilayo ethi, “Ungafebi, Ungabulali, Ungebi, Ungahawukeli” kanye leminye imilayo engabe ikhona ihlanganiswa ngumthetho lo othi:

“Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda.”
10 Uthando kalwenzi ngozi kumakhelwane. Ngakho
uthando luyikugcwaliswa komthetho. **11** Njalo yenzani
lokhu liqedisisa isikhathi sakhathesi. Isikhathi sesifikile
ukuba livuke ebuthongweni benu, ngoba ukusindiswa
kwethu khathesi sekuseduze kakhulu kulekuqaleni
kwethu ukukholwa. **12** Ubusuku sebuzadlula; ukusa
sekusondele. Ngakho kasilahleni imisebenzi yobumnyama
sigqoke isivikelo sokukhanya. **13** Kasiziphatheni kuhle,
njengasemini, hatshi emadilini okuminza lokudakwa,
hatshi ekuhlobongeni lentokozo yobugangi, hatshi
ngokuxabana langomona. **14** Kodwa zigqokiseni iNkosi
uJesu Khristu, njalo lingacabangi ngokuthokozisa
inkanuko yemvelo yenu yokona.

14 Mamukeleni lowo okholo lwakhe lubuthakathaka,
kungekho kwahlulela ezindabeni eziphikisekayo. **2**
Omunye umuntu ukholo lwakhe luyamvumela ukuba
adle izinto zonke, kodwa omunye umuntu olokholo
olubuthakathaka, udla imbhida kuphela. **3** Umuntu odla
izinto zonke akumelanga eyise lowo ongadli konke,
lomuntu ongadli konke akumelanga asole umuntu odla
konke, ngoba uNkulunkulu umamukele. **4** Ungubani
wena ukuba wahlulele inceku yomunye? Ukuma lokuwa
kwayo ngokwenkosi yayo. Izakuma, ngoba iNkosi
ilamandla okuyimisa. **5** Omunye umuntu ubona olunye
usuku lungcwele kakhulu kulolunye; omunye umuntu
ubona insuku zonke zifanana. Umuntu ngamunye
kumele akholwe ngokupheleleyo engqondweni yakhe.
6 Lowo obona olunye usuku njengoluqakathekileyo,

wenzela iNkosi. Lowo odla inyama, udlela iNkosi, ngoba uyambonga uNkulunkulu; njalo lowo oyekelayo, wenzela iNkosi, njalo uyambonga uNkulunkulu. **7** Ngoba kakho phakathi kwethu oziphilela yena yedwa njalo kakho phakathi kwethu ozifelayo yena yedwa. **8** Nxa siphila, siphilela iNkosi; njalo nxa sisifa, sifela eNkosini. Ngakho, loba siphila kumbe sisifa, singabeNkosi. **9** Ngenxa yasonalesi isizatho, uKhristu wafa, wabuya waphila ukuze abe yiNkosi yabafileyo labaphilayo. **10** Pho wena, kungani usahlulela umzalwane wakho na? Loba kungani useyisa umzalwane wakho na? Ngoba sonke sizakuma phambi kwesihlalo sikaNkulunkulu sokwahlulela. **11** Kulotshiwe ukuthi: "'Ngeqiniso njengoba ngikhona, ngiphila,' kutsho UThixo, 'amadolo wonke azaguqa phambi kwami; ulimi lunye ngalunye luzavuma kuNkulunkulu.'" **12** Ngakho-ke, omunye lomunye wethu uzabika akwenzayo kuNkulunkulu. **13** Ngakho kasiyekeleni ukwahlulelana. Esikhundleni salokho zimisele engqondweni yakho ukuba ungabeki isikhubekiso kumbe umgoqo endleleni yomzalwane wakho. **14** Njengalowo oseNkosini uJesu, ngiyakholwa ngokupheleleyo ukuthi akulakudla okungcolileyo khona ngokwakho. Kodwa nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuba ulutho lungcolile, ngakho kuye lungcolile. **15** Nxa umfowenu ekhathazeka ngenxa yalokho okudlayo, kawusenzi okothando. Ungachithi umfowenu owafelwa nguKhristu ngokudla kwakho. **16** Ungavumi ukuba lokho wena ocabanga ukuthi kuhle kuthiwe kubi. **17** Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba yokudla lokunatha, kodwa

ngowokulunga, lokuthula kanye lokuthokoza kuMoya oNgcwele, **18** ngoba lowo okhonza uKhristu ngale indlela uthokozisa uNkulunkulu abukwe langabantu. **19** Ngakho kasenzeni imizamo yonke yokwenza okusilethela ukuthula lokusizana ekuphilisaneni koluntu. **20** Ungachithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokudla. Ukudla konke kuhlanzekile, kodwa kubi ukuthi umuntu adle ulutho olwenza omunye akhubeke. **21** Kungcono ukungadli inyama lokunganathi iwayini loba ukungenzi lutho oluzawisa umfowenu. **22** Ngakho loba kuyini okukholwayo ngalezizinto akube phakathi kwakho loNkulunkulu. Ubusisiwe umuntu ongazisoliyo ngalokho akukholwayo. **23** Kodwa umuntu olokuthandabuza uyalahlwa nxa esidla, ngoba ukudla kwakhe akuveli ekukholweni; njalo konke okungaveli ekukholweni kuyisono.

15 Thina esilamandla sifanele ukubekezelela ukwehluleka kwababuthakathaka, hatshi ukuba sizithokozise. **2** Lowo lalowo wethu kumele athokozise umakhelwane wakhe ngokuhle kuye, ukuze amakhe. **3** Ngoba loKhristu kazithokozisanga, kodwa njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ukuthuka kwalabo abalithukayo kwehlele phezu kwami.” **4** Ngoba konke okwalotshwa kudala kwalotshelwa ukusifundisa, ukuze kuthi ngokubekezela langokukhuthazwa yimibhalo sibe lethemba. **5** Sengathi uNkulunkulu onika ukubekezela lenkuthazo angalipha umoya wokumanyana phakathi kwenu lapho lilingisa uKhristu Jesu, **6** ukuze kuthi Nganhliziyonye langomlomo munye lidumise uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **7**

Ngakho yamukelani omunye lomunye njengalokhu uKhristu walamukela, ukuze kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu. **8** Ngoba ngiyalazisa ukuthi uKhristu waba yinceku yamaJuda emele iqiniso likaNkulunkulu, ukuba aqinise izithembiso ezenziwa kubokhokho, **9** ukuze abezizwe badumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yomusa wakhe, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngenxa yalesisizatho ngizakudumisa phakathi kwabeZizwe, ngizahlabela amahubo ebizweni lakho." **10** Njalo, kuthi, "Thokozani, lina beZizwe, labantu bakhe." **11** Njalo, "Dumisani iNkosi, lonke lina beZizwe, lihlabelele indumiso kuyo, lonke lina bantu." **12** Njalo, u-Isaya uthi, "Impande kaJese izavela, lowo ozavuka ukuba abuse izizwe; abeZizwe bazathembela kuye." **13** Sengathi uNkulunkulu wethemba angaligcwalisa ngentokozo enkulu langokuthula ekumethembeni kwenu, ukuze libe lethemba elikhaphakayo ngamandla kaMoya oNgcwele.
14 Mina ngokwami ngiyakholwa bazalwane bami, ukuthi lina ngokwenu ligcwele ukulunga, lilokwazi okupheleleyo njalo liyenelisa ukufundisana. **15** Ngililobele ngesibindi mayelana leminye imicijo, njengokungathi ngilikhumbuza yona futhi, ngenxa yomusa uNkulunkulu angiphe wona **16** ukuba yisikhonzi sikaKhristu uJesu kwabeZizwe ngilomlandu wobuphristi wokutshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu ukuze abeZizwe babe ngumnikelo owamukelekayo kuNkulunkulu, ongcweliswe nguMoya oNgcwele. **17** Ngakho ngiyaziqhenya kuKhristu uJesu emsebenzini wami kuNkulunkulu. **18** Kangiyikuba lesibindi sokukhuluma ngolunye ulutho ngaphandle kwalokho uKhristu asekufeze ngami ekukhokheleni

abeZizwe ukuba balalele uNkulunkulu ngalokhu engakutshoyo lengakwenzayo, **19** ngamandla ezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, langamandla kaMoya kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho indlela yonke kusukela eJerusalema kusiya e-Ilirikhumu, sengilitshumayele ngokugcweleyo ivangeli likaKhristu. **20** Bekuhlezi kuyisifiso sami ukutshumayela ivangeli lapho uKhristu ayengaziwa khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu kwesisekelo somunye. **21** Ikanti kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Labo abangatshelwanga ngaye bazabona, lalabo abangakezwa bazaqedisisa." **22** Yikho-nje kade ngixakeka ekubeni ngize kini. **23** Kodwa khathesi njengoba kungaselandawo engingasebenza kuyo kulezizigaba, njalo njengoba bengifisa okweminyaka eminengi ukulibona, **24** ngiceba ukwenzanjalo lapho sengisiya eSpeyini. Ngithemba ngizalibona ngisedlula lokuba lingisize ngohambo lwami lokuya khonale, emva kokuba sengithokoze ukuba lani okwesikhatshana. **25** Kodwa khathesi ngisendleleni yokuya eJerusalema emsebenzini wabantu beNkosi khonale. **26** Ngoba abeMasedoniya labe-Akhayiya kwabathokozisa ukusiza abayanga phakathi kwabantu beNkosi eJerusalema. **27** Kwabathokozisa ukwenza lokho, njalo impela balomlandu walokho kubo. Ngoba nxa abeZizwe bahlanganyela ezibusisweni zakomoya zamaJuda, balomlandu kumaJuda wokuhlanganyela lawo ezibusisweni zokwenyama. **28** Ngakho emva kokuqeda umsebenzi lo, njalo sengibe leqiniso ukuthi sebesamukele isithelo lesi, ngizakuya eSpeyini njalo ngilethekelele ohanjweni lwami. **29** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lapho ngisiza

kini, ngizakuza ngilesibusiso esigcweleyo sikaKhristu. **30** Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu langothando lukaMoya, ukuba lihlanganyele lami ekutshikatshikeni kwami ngokungikhulekela kuNkulunkulu. **31** Khulekelani ukuba ngihlengwe kwabangakholwayo eJudiya lokuthi umsebenzi wami eJerusalema wamukeleke ebantwini beNkosi khonale, **32** ukuze ngize kini ngentokozo kuthi ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngivuselelwe kanye lani. **33** UNkulunkulu wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Ameni.

16 Ngimethula kini udadewethu uFebhi, isikhonzikazi sebandla eKhenkireya. **2** Ngiyalicela ukuba limamukele eNkosini ngendlela efanele abangcwele njalo limsize ngakho konke angakuswela kini, ngoba laye ubelosizo olukhulu ebantwini abanengi, lakimi. **3** Bingelelani uPhrisila lo-Akhwila, abayizisebenzi kanye lami kuKhristu uJesu. **4** Babeka impilo yabo engozini ngenxa yami. Akusimi kuphela, kodwa wonke amabandla abeZizwe ayababonga kakhulu. **5** Bingelelani lebandla elihlanganela endlini yabo. Bingelelani umngane wami othandekayo u-Ephenethasi, owaba ngowokuqala ukuphendukela kuKhristu esiqintini sase-Ezhiya. **6** Bingelelani uMariya owalisebenzela kanzima. **7** Bingelelani u-Andronikhasi loJuniyasi, izihlobo zami ezazisentolongweni kanye lami. Badumile phakathi kwabapostoli, njalo babekuKhristu mina ngingakabi khona. **8** Bingelelani u-Ampiliyathasi, engimthandayo eNkosini. **9** Bingelelani u-Abhanusi, oyisisebenzi kanye lathi kuKhristu, lomngane wami othandekayo

uStakhisi. **10** Bingelelani u-Aphele, owahlolwayo wamukelwa kuKhristu. Bingelelani labo abangabendlu ka-Aristobhulasi. **11** Bingelelani uHerodiyoni, isihlobo sami. Bingelelani labo abasemzini kaNakhisu abaseNkosini. **12** Bingelelani uTrayifina loTrifosa, abesifazane labo abasebenza kakhulu eNkosini. Bingelelani umngane wami othandekayo, uPhesisi, omunye owesifazane osesebenze kakhulukazi eNkosini. **13** Bingelelani uRufasi, okhethiweyo eNkosini, lonina, obengumama lakimi. **14** Bingelelani u-Asinkrithasi, loFilegoni, loHemesi, loPhathirobhasi, uHemasi kanye labazalwane abalabo. **15** Bingelelani uFilologu, loJuliya, loNerusi lodadewabo, kanye lo-Olimpasi labo bonke abangcwele abalabo. **16** Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele. Wonke amabandla kaKhristu ayalibingelela. **17** Ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuba libaqaphele labo abadala ukwehlukana bebeka izikhubekiso endleleni yenu, okuphambene lemfundiso elayifundayo. Baxwayeni. **18** Ngoba abantu abanjalo kabakhonzi Nkosi yethu uKhristu, kodwa izinkanuko zabo. Ngenkulumo emnandi langobuqili bakhohlisa ingqondo zabantu abayiziphukuphuku. **19** Abantu bonke sebezwile ngokulalela kwenu, ngakho ngilokuthokoza okukhulu ngani; kodwa ngifuna ukuba lihlakaniphele okuhle, njalo libemsulwa kokubi. **20** UNkulunkulu wokuthula uzamchoboza masinyane uSathane ngaphansi kwezinyawo zenu. Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu kawube lani. **21** UThimothi, engisebenza laye, uyalibingelela, loLukhiyu, loJasoni kanye loSosiphatha, izihlobo zami. **22** Mina Thethiyasi, engilobe incwadi le,

ngiyalibingelela eNkosini. **23** UGayiyasi, osiphatho sakhe esihle siyangijabulisa mina kanye lebandla lonke lapha, uyalibingelela. U-Erastu, ongumqondisi wemisebenzi yabantu bonke wedolobho, lomzalwane wethu uKhwathu bayalibingelela. [**24** Sengathi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ungaba lani lonke. Ameni.] **25** Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngevangeli lami langentshumayelo kaJesu Khristu, mayelana lokwambulwa kwemfihlakalo eyayifihlakele okweminyakanyaka eyedlulayo, **(aiōnios g166)** **26** kodwa khathesi yambulwe yaziswa ngemibhalo yabaphrofethi ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu waphakade, ukuze abaZizwe bonke bamlalele ngokukholwa, **(aiōnios g166)** **27** kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa olenhlakanipho, udumo kalube kuye ingunaphakade ngoJesu Khristu! Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

1 KwabaseKhorinte

1 UPhawuli, obizelwe ukuba ngumpostoli kaJesu Khristu
ngentando kaNkulunkulu, kanye lomzalwane wethu
uSosithene. **2** Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte,
kulabo abangcweliswe kuJesu Khristu babizelwa ukuba
ngabangcwele bakhe kanye labo bonke abasezindaweni
zonke abakhuleka ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu,
iNkosi yabo leyethu: **3** Umusa lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube
kini. **4** Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu
wami ngani, ngenxa yomusa wakhe eliwuphiweyo kuJesu
Khristu. **5** Ngoba kuye linothiswe ngezindlela zonke,
ekukhulumeni kwenu konke lasekwazini konke, **6** ngoba
ubufakazi bethu ngoKhristu baqiniswa kini. **7** Ngakho
kalisileli lakusiphi isipho somoya lapho lilindele
ngokutshiseka ukuba iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu
ibonakaliswe. **8** Izaligcina liqinile kuze kube sekupheleni
ukuze lingabi lasici ngosuku lweNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu. **9** UNkulunkulu olibizele ekuhlanganyeleni
leNdodana yakhe uJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu,
uthembekile. **10** Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngebizo
leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, ukuba lonke livumelane
ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana phakathi kwenu
kanye lokuthi libe ngabamanyeneyo engqondweni
lasemcabangweni. **11** Bazalwane bami, abanye abendlu
yakoKlowe bangitshele ukuthi kulezingxabano phakathi
kwenu. **12** Engikutshoyo yilokhu: Omunye wenu uthi,
“Mina ngilandela uPhawuli”; omunye uthi, “Mina
ngilandela u-Apholo”; omunye uthi, “Mina ngilandela

uKhefasi"; omunye laye uthi, "Mina ngilandela uKhristu."
13 Kambe uKhristu wehlukene na? UPhawuli wake
wabethelwa ngenxa yenu na? Labhaphathizwa ngebizo
likaPhawuli na? **14** Ngibonga uNkulunkulu ngokuthi
kangibhaphathizanga lamunye wenu ngaphandle
kukaKhrispasi loGayiyasi, **15** ngakho kakho ongathi
labhaphathizwa ngebizo lami. **16** (Yebo ngabhaphathiza
abendlu KaStefane, ngaphandle kwalokho angikhumbuli
ngibhaphathiza omunye.) **17** Ngoba uKhristu
kangithumanga ukuba ngibhaphathize kodwa ukuba
ngitshumayele ivangeli, hatshi ngamazwi enhlakanipho
yabantu, funa isiphambano silahlekelwe ngamandla aso.
18 Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha kulabo
ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi abasindisiweyo lingamandla
kaNkulunkulu. **19** Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngizachitha
inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo; ukwazi kwezazi
ngizakunqunda." **20** Ungaphi umuntu ohlakaniphileyo
na? Singaphi isifundiswa somthetho na? Singaphi isazi
salesisikhathi na? UNkulunkulu kenzanga ukuhlakanipha
kwasemhlabeni kwaba yibuthutha na? **(aiōn g165)** **21**
Ngoba ekuhlakanipheni kukaNkulunkulu, umhlaba
ngokuhlakanipha kwawo kawumazanga, uNkulunkulu
wathokoza ngobuthutha balokho okwatshunyayelwayo
ukuze kusindise abakholwayo **22** AmaJuda afuna
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso lamaGrikhi adinga
ukuhlakanipha, **23** kodwa thina sitshumayela
uKhristu owabethelwayo: isikhubekiso kumaJuda
lobuthutha kwabeZizwe, **24** kodwa kulabo ababizwe
nguNkulunkulu, amaJuda lamaGrikhi, uKhristu

ungamandla lokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu. **25** Ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile kulokuhlakanipha komuntu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla kulamandla omuntu. **26** Bazalwane, khumbulani ngalokho elaliyikho ekubizweni kwenu. Kababanengi phakathi kwenu ababehlakaniphile ngesilinganiso sabantu; kababanengi ababelamandla; kababanengi ababezalwa yizikhulu. **27** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhetha izinto zasemhlabeni eziyizithutha ukuba ayangise izihlakaniphi; uNkulunkulu wakhetha izinto zasemhlabeni ezibuthakathaka ukuba ayangise abalamandla. **28** Wakhetha izinto zalo umhlaba eziphansi lezinto ezeyisekayo kanye lezinto ezingekho ukuba achithe okukhona, **29** ukuze kungabi lamuntu ozazincoma phambi kwakhe. **30** Ngenxa yakhe lina likuKhristu uJesu, yena osebe yikuhlakanipha okuvela kuNkulunkulu esenzela thina, okuyikulunga kwethu, ubungcwele lokusindiswa. **31** Ngakho-ke, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Lowo ozincomayo kazincome eNkosini.”

2 Ekufikeni kwami kini bazalwane, kangifikanga lobugabazi bokukhuluma kumbe ukuhlakanipha okukhulu lapho ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi ngoNkulunkulu. **2** Ngoba ngazimisela ukungazi lutho ngiseselani ngaphandle kukaJesu Khristu yena owabethelwayo. **3** Ngafika kini ngibuthakathaka, ngisesaba njalo ngithuthumela kakhulu. **4** Ilizwi lami lentshumayelo yami akubanga ngamazwi okuhlakanipha lahugayo, kodwa kubonakalisa amandla kaMoya, **5** ukuze

ukukholwa kwenu kungeyami ekuhlakanipheni kwabantu, kodwa emandleni kaNkulunkulu. **6** Kodwa siyalikhuluma ilizwi lokuhlakanipha kulabo asebekhulile, belo kungasikho kuhlakanipha kwalesisikhathi loba okwababusi balesisikhathi, asebezakuba yize. **(aiōn g165)** **7** Hatshi, sikhuluma ngokuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu okufihlakeleyo, ukuhlakanipha obekukade uNkulunkulu akumisela inkazimulo yethu isikhathi singakaqalisi. **(aiōn g165)** **8** Kakho kubabusi balesisikhathi owakuzwisisayo ngoba aluba kwakube njalo, babengasoze bayibethele iNkosi yenkazimulo. **(aiōn g165)** **9** Kodwa kunjengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Akulalihlo eselibonile, akulandlebe esizwile; njalo akulangqondo yomuntu esicabangile ngalokho uNkulunkulu akulungisele labo abamthandayo," **10** kodwa uNkulunkulu ukuvezile kithi ngoMoya. UMoya uyazihlolisisa izinto zonke, kanye lezinto ezizikileyo zikaNkulunkulu. **11** Kambe ngubani phakathi kwabantu oyaziyo imicabango yomuntu ngaphandle komoya walowomuntu ongaphakathi kwakhe na? Ngokufanayo, kakho oyaziyo imicabango kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaMoya kaNkulunkulu. **12** Kasamukelanga umoya wasemhlabeni, kodwa uMoya ovela kuNkulunkulu ukuze siqedisise ngalokho uNkulunkulu asiphe khona ngesihle. **13** Lokhu yikho esikukhulumayo, hatshi ngamazwi esawafundiswa yikuhlakanipha kwabantu kodwa ngamazwi esawafundiswa nguMoya. **14** Umuntu ongelaMoya kazamukeli izinto ezivela kuMoya kaNkulunkulu ngoba kuye ziyibuthutha njalo angeke

aziqedisise ngoba zibonakaliswa ngomoya. **15** Umuntu womoya uyazahlulela izinto zonke kodwa yena ngokwakhe akukho muntu ongamahlulela, **16** ngoba, “Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi ukuba ayeluleke na?” Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKhristu.

3 Bazalwane, ngangingeke ngikhulume lani njengabaphila ngomoya, kodwa njengabomhlaba, insane nje kuKhristu. **2** Ngalinika uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo, ngoba lalingakakulungeli. Impela lilokhu lingakakulungeli. **3** Lilokhu lingabomhlaba. Kalokho njengoba kulomona lokuxabana phakathi kwenu, kambe kalisibo bomhlaba na? Kalenzi njengabantu nje na? **4** Ngoba nxa omunye esithi, “Mina ngilandela uPhawuli,” omunye laye athi, “Mina ngilandela u-Apholo,” kambe kalisibantu nje na? **5** Kanti u-Apholo uvele uyini na? LoPhawuli uyini na? Bazinceku nje kuphela lina elakholwa ngazo, njengoba iNkosi imisele omunye lomunye umsebenzi wakhe. **6** Mina ngahlanyela inhlanyelo, u-Apholo wayithelela, kodwa nguNkulunkulu owayikhulisayo. **7** Ngakho lowo ohlanyelayo, loba othelelayo, akasilutho, kodwa nguNkulunkulu kuphela owenza izinto zikhule. **8** Umuntu ohlanyelayo lomuntu othelelayo banhlosonye, njalo lowo lalowo uzanikwa umvuzo wakhe njengokusebenza kwakhe. **9** Ngoba thina siyizisebenzi emsebenzini kaNkulunkulu; lina liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu, isakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu. **10** Ngomusa uNkulunkulu angipha wona, ngabeka isisekelo njengengcitshi yomakhi, njalo abanye bakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa omunye lomunye kumele ananzelele

ukuthi wakha njani. **11** Ngoba kakho ongabeka esinye isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso esivele sesibekiwe, esinguJesu Khristu. **12** Nxa umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo ngegolide, ngesiliva, ngamatshe adulayo, ngezigodo, ngotshani loba ngamahlanga, **13** umsebenzi wakhe uzabonakaliswa unjalo, ngoba usuku luzawubeka ekukhanyeni. Uzavezwa obala ngomlilo, njalo umlilo uzahlola umsebenzi womuntu ngamunye ukuthi unjani. **14** Nxa lokho okwakhiweyo kuzasala kukhona, umakhi uzakwamukela umvuzo wakhe. **15** Kodwa nxa kusitsha kuphele du, umakhi uzalahlekelwa kodwa yena ngokwakhe uzaphepha, loba nje kunjengomuntu ophunyuka edabula phakathi kwamalangabi. **16** Kanti kalazi yini ukuthi lina ngokwenu lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwenu? **17** Nxa umuntu echitha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele njalo lina lonke liyilelothempeli. **18** Lingazikhohlisi. Nxa omunye wenu ecabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile ngokwesilinganiso salesisikhathi kabe yisithutha ukuze ahlakaniphe. **(aiōn g165)** **19** Ngoba ukuhlakanipha kwalo umhlaba kuyibuthutha phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo,” **20** lokuthi, “UThixo uyakwazi ukuthi imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo iyize nje.” **21** Ngakho, Akungabikhona ukuzincoma ngabathungameli abangabantu. Izinto zonke ngezenu, **22** loba nguPhawuli kumbe u-Apholo loba uKhefasi kumbe umhlaba loba

ukuphila kumbe ukufa loba kukhathesi kumbe kwelizayo, konke ngokwenu, **23** njalo lina lingabakaKhristu, loKhristu ungokaNkulunkulu.

4 Ngakho abantu kumele basibone njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu lanjengalabo abagciniswe izinto ezifihlakeleyo zikaNkulunkulu. **2** Kuyadingeka ukuthi labo abagcinisiweyo babonakalise ukuthi bathembekile. **3** Kanginaki kakhulu nxa ngahlulelwe yini loba omunye umthethwandaba wabantu; impela, kangizahluleli lami. **4** Isazela sami simsulwa, kodwa lokho kakungenzi ngingabi lacala. INkosi yiyo engahlulelayo. **5** Ngakho-ke, lingahluleli lutho isikhathi esimisiweyo singakafiki; manini iNkosi ize ifike. Yona izakubeka ekukhanyeni okufihlwe emnyameni, njalo izaziveza obala injongo zezinhliziyo zabantu. Ngalesosikhathi omunye lomunye uzakwamukela ukubongwa kwakhe kuNkulunkulu. **6** Bazalwane, izinto lezi ngizisebenzisile kimi laku-Apholo ngenxa yenu ukuze lifunde kithi okutshiwo yisitsho esithi, "Lingenzi okudlula okulotshiweyo." Lapho-ke, kaliyikuzigqaja ngomunye umuntu komunye. **7** Kambe ngubani olenza lehluke omunye komunye na? Kuyini elilakho elingakwamukelanga na? Njalo nxa lakwamukela, pho kungani lizincoma kungathi alikwamukelanga? **8** Livele selilakho konke elikufunayo! Selinothile! Selibe ngamakhosi, njalo ngaphandle kwethu! Yeka ukufisa kwami ukuthi ngabe laba ngamakhosi ukuze lathi sibe ngamakhosi kanye lani! **9** Ngoba kini kukhanya angathi thina abapostoli uNkulunkulu usibeke embukisweni ekucineni

kodwendwe, njengalabo abagwetshelwe ukufa enkundleni. Senziwe umbukiso emhlabeni wonke, ezingilosini kanye lasebantwini. **10** Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKhristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphe kangaka kuKhristu! Thina sibuthakathaka lina lilamandla! Liyahlonitshwa, thina siyadelelwa. **11** Kuze kube yilesisikhathi, siyalamba njalo some, simanikiniki, siyahlukuluzwa ngolunya, kasilamakhaya. **12** Sisebenza nzima ngezandla zethu. Nxa siqalekiswa, thina siyabusisa; lapho sihlukuluzwa, thina siyaqinisela; **13** lapho sinyeywa, siphendula kuhle. Kuze kube yilesisikhathi sesibe ngamanyala omhlaba, izibi zomhlaba. **14** Kangilobi lokhu ukuba ngiliyangise kodwa ukulixwayisa njengabantwabami abathandekayo. **15** Lanxa lilabondli abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi kuKhristu, kalilabo oyihlo abanengi, ngoba kuJesu Khristu ngaba nguyihlo ngevangeli. **16** Ngakho ngiyalicela ukuba lenze njengami. **17** Ngenxa yalesisizatho, ngilithumela uThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo, ethembekileyo eNkosini. Uzalikhumbuza indlela yokuphila kwami kuJesu Khristu, evumelana lalokho engikufundisayo ezindaweni zonke, emabandleni wonke. **18** Abanye benu sebezikhukhumeza, kungazathi kangizi kini. **19** Kodwa ngizakuza kini masinyane, nxa iNkosi ithanda, njalo lapho-ke angizukudinga kuphela ukwazi ukuthi lababantu abazikhukhumezayo bakhulumani, kodwa ukuba balamandla anjani. **20** Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba yokukhuluma kodwa eyamandla. **21**

Likhetha kuphi? Ngize kini lomqwayi wokuliqondisa, kumbe ngothando kanye lomoya othobekileyo na?

5 Kuyabikwa impela ukuthi kulokuhlobonga phakathi kwenu njalo obohlobo olungenzakaliyo laphakathi kwabangakholwayo: Umuntu uthatha umkayise. **2** Njalo lina liyazigqaja! Kwakungamelanga libe buhlungu kakhulu yini limsuse enhlanganweni yenu umuntu owenze lokhu na? **3** Lanxa mina ngingekho mathupha, ngilani emoyeni. Njengomunye olani endaweni enje, sengimahlulele lowo owenze lokhu ebizweni lenkosi yethu uJesu. **4** Lapho libuthene ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu ngilani ngomoya, lamandla eNkosi yethu uJesu akhona, **5** umuntu lo mnikeleni kuSathane ukuze umzimba wakhe wesono uchithwe lomoya wakhe usindiswe ngosuku lweNkosi. **6** Ukuzincoma kwenu akulunganga. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encane ibilisa inhlama yonke? **7** Susani imvubelo endala ukuze libe yinhlama entsha engelamvubelo, njengoba linjalo impela. Ngoba uKhristu, iwundlu lethu lePhasika, lihlatshiwe. **8** Ngakho, kasigcineni uMkhosi, hatshi kulemvubelo endala, imvubelo yenzondo lobubi, kodwa lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa sobuqotho leqiniso. **9** Ngalilobela encwadini yami ukuba lingahlanganyeli labantu abayizixhwali ngobufebe, **10** ngingatsho abantu bakulo umhlaba abagangileyo, loba abayizihwaba lamaqili, loba abakhonza izithombe. Nxa kunjalo kuzamele liwutshiye umhlaba lo. **11** Kodwa khathesi ngililobela ukuba lingahlanganyeli lomuntu ozibiza ngokuthi ngumzalwane, kodwa exhwalile, eyisifebe, isihwaba, umkhonzi wezithombe loba onyeyayo,

isidakwa loba iqili. Umuntu onjalo lingalokothi lidle laye. **12** Kungumlandu wami na ukuba ngahlulele abangaphandle kwebandla? Akumelanga lahlulele labo abaphakathi na? **13** UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela labo abangaphandle. “Mxotsheni umuntu omubi phakathi kwenu.”

6 Nxa owakini elombango lomunye uyahamba ayemangalela kwabangakholwayo endaweni yokuya kwabakholwayo na? **2** Kalazi yini ukuthi abantu bakaNkulunkulu bazakwahlulela umhlaba na? Nxa lizakwahlulela umhlaba, kalenelisi ukwahlulela amacala amancane na? **3** Kalazi yini ukuthi sizakwahlulela izingilosi? Pho sizakwehlulwa yini ukwahlulela izindaba zalimpilo! **4** Ngakho-ke, nxa lilemibango yezindaba ezinje, lidinga ukwahlulelwa ngabantu abalempilo ezisolekayo ebandleni na? **5** Ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni. Kungenzakala yini ukuthi akulamuntu phakathi kwenu ohlakaniphe okwaneleyo ukuba ahlulele umbango phakathi kwabazalwane na? **6** Kodwa esikhundleni salokho, omunye umzalwane uya emthethweni ukuyamangalela omunye, njalo lokhu ekwenza phambi kwabangakholwayo! **7** Khona lokhu ukuthi impela kulokumangalelana phakathi kwenu kutsho ukuba selehlulwe ngokupheleleyo. Kakungcono yini ukwamukela ukoniwa? Kakungcono yini ukwamukela ukuqilibezelwa? **8** Esikhundleni salokho, lina ngokwenu liyaqilibezela njalo lone, futhi lokhu likwenza kubazalwane benu. **9** Kalazi yini ukuthi abonayo kabayikuba zindlalifa zombuso kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa. Akulazifebe

ezixhwalileyo loba abakhonza izithombe kumbe iziphingi loba izitabane **10** kumbe amasela loba izihwaba kumbe izidakwa loba abanyeyayo kumbe amaqili azakudla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **11** Njalo lokho yikho abanye benu ababeyikho. Kodwa selageziswa, selangcweliswa, selalungiswa ngebizo leNkosi uJesu Khristu langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu. **12** Lithi "Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini," kodwa akusikho konke okusizayo. "Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini" kodwa angiyikubuswa lutho. **13** Lithi "Ukudla kwesisu lesisu sokudla, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili." Umzimba kawusiwokuhlobonga, kodwa ngoweNkosi, leNkosi ngeyomzimba. **14** Ngamandla akhe uNkulunkulu wayivusa kwabafileyo iNkosi, lathi futhi uzasivusa. **15** Kalazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKhristu uqobo na? Kambe ngingathatha izitho zikaKhristu ngizihlanganise lesiphingi na? Hatshi! **16** Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo ozihlanganise lesiphingi uba munye laso emzimbeni? Ngoba kuthiwa, "Labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye." **17** Kodwa lowo ozihlanganisa leNkosi munye layo emoyeni. **18** Balekelani ukuhlobonga. Zonke ezinye izono umuntu azenzayo zingaphandle komzimba wakhe, kodwa lowo owenza isono sobufebe wenza isono emzimbeni wakhe. **19** Kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele, ophakathi kwenu, elamamukela kuNkulunkulu na? Kalisibo benu, **20** lathengwa ngentengo. Ngakho-ke, dumisani uNkulunkulu ngemizimba yenu.

7 Mayelana lezindaba elaloba ngazo: "Kuhle ukuba indoda ingabi lobudlelwano bemacansini lowesifazane."

2 Kodwa njengoba kulokuhlobonga okungaka, indoda
yinye kumele ibe lobudlelwano bemacansini lomkayo,
lomfazi munye abe lendoda yakhe. **3** Indoda kumele
igcwalise umlandu wayo wokuthathana kumkayo, kube
njalo lomfazi endodeni yakhe. **4** Umfazi kalamandla
ngomzimba wakhe kodwa uwunikela kumkakhe.
Ngokufanayo, lendoda kayilamandla ngomzimba wayo
kodwa iwunikela kumkayo. **5** Lingancitshani ngaphandle
kokuba kungokokuvumelana njalo okwesikhatshana,
ukuze lizinikele ekukhulekeni. Libuye lihlangane futhi
ukuze uSathane angalilingi ngenxa yokusilela kokuzithiba
kwenu. **6** Lokhu ngikutsho njengokuvumela, hatshi
njengomlayo. **7** Sengathi ngabe lonke linjengami.
Kodwa umuntu ngamunye ulesipho sakhe esivela
kuNkulunkulu, omunye ulalesi isipho, omunye laye
ulalesiyana. **8** Kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi:
Kuhle kubo ukuba bahlale bengendanga, njengami. **9**
Kodwa nxa bengeke bazithiba, kabende, ngoba ukwenda
kungcono kulokutshiseka ngokufisa. **10** Abathatheneyo
ngibapha umlayo lo (hatshi mina, kodwa iNkosi):
Umfazi akumelanga ehlukane lendoda yakhe. **11** Kodwa
nxa ekwenzile, kahlale engendanga loba abuyisane
lendoda yakhe. Lendoda akumelanga imlahle umkayo. **12**
Kwabanye ngithi (mina, hatshi iNkosi): Nxa umzalwane
elomfazi ongasilokholwa kodwa evuma ukuhlala laye,
akumelanga amlahle. **13** Njalo nxa owesifazane
elendoda engakholwayo ivuma ukuhlala laye, akumelanga
ayilahle. **14** Ngoba indoda engakholwayo isingcweliswe
ngomkayo, lomfazi ongakholwayo usengcweliswe

ngendoda yakhe ekholwayo. Kungenjalo ngabe abantwana benu bangcolile, kodwa okwamanje bangcwele. **15** Kodwa nxa ongakholwayo etshiya, myekeleni enze njalo. Owesilisa kumbe owesifazane okholwayo phakathi kabotshelwanga phakathi komumo onje; uNkulunkulu usibizele ukuhlala ngokuthula. **16** Wazi njani, mfazi, mhlawumbe uzasindisa indoda yakho? Loba, wazi njani ndoda, mhlawumbe uzasindisa umkakho? **17** Lanxa kunjalo, lowo lalowo ekuphileni kumele agcine leyondawo iNkosi emuphe yona njalo abizelwe kuyo nguNkulunkulu. Lo ngumlayo engiwubeka emabandleni wonke. **18** Indoda yayivele isisokile ekubizweni kwayo na? Kayingabi ngengasokanga. Indoda yayingasokanga ekubizweni kwayo na? Akumelanga isokwe. **19** Ukusoka lokungasoki konke kuyize. Ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu yikho okuqakathekileyo. **20** Lowo lalowo kahlale kulesosimo ayekuso ekubizweni kwakhe nguNkulunkulu. **21** Wawuyisigqili na ekubizweni kwakho? Kakungakukhathazi, lanxa ungathola ukukhululeka kwakho, yenza njalo. **22** Ngoba lowo owayeyisigqili ekubizweni kwakhe yiNkosi, ungokhululekileyo weNkosi; ngokufanayo, lowo owayekhululekile ekubizweni kwakhe uyisigqili sikaKhristu. **23** Lathengwa ngentengo; kalingabi yizigqili zabantu. **24** Bazalwane, umuntu munye ngamunye, njengolomlandu kuNkulunkulu, kumele ahlale ekulesosimo uNkulunkulu ambizela kuso. **25** Mayelana lezintombi ezigcweleyo: Kangilamlayo ovela eNkosini, kodwa ngahlulela njengothembekileyo ngomusa weNkosi. **26** Ngenxa yokukhathazeka kwakhathesi,

ngicabanga ukuthi kuhle kini ukuba lihlale linjengoba linjalo. **27** Uthethe na? Ungadingi ukwehlukana. Kawuthathanga na? Ungathathi. **28** Kodwa nxa uthatha, kawenzanga sono njalo nxa intombi egcweleyo isenda kayonanga. Kodwa labo abathathanayo bazabona inhlupho ezinengi kulokhukuphila, njalo ngifuna ukuliphephisa kulokhu. **29** Engikutshoyo, bazalwane, yikuthi isikhathi sifitshane. Kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili labo abalabafazi kabaphile kungathi kabalabo: **30** labo abakhalayo, kube sengathi kabakhali; labathokozayo babe njengabangathokoziyo; labo abathenga ulutho, kube sengathi kalusilo lwabo ukuba balugcine; **31** labo abasebenzisa izinto zasemhlabeni, kube sengathi kabathathekanga kuzo. Ngoba umhlaba lo kulesisimo sawo sakhathesi uyedlula. **32** Ngifuna ukuba linganqineki. Umuntu ongathathanga unqinekela izindaba zeNkosi, ukuba angayithokozisa kanjani iNkosi. **33** Kodwa umuntu othetheyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe, **34** lezifiso zakhe zehlukene phakathi. Umfazi ongendanga loba intombi egcweleyo inqinekela izindaba zeNkosi: Isifiso sayo yikuzinikela eNkosini ngakho kokubili umzimba lomoya. Kodwa umfazi owendileyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe. **35** Ngitsho lokhu ukuba kube lusizo kini, hatshi ukulivimbela. Ngifuna ukuba liphile ngendlela eqondileyo ngokuzinikela okupheleleyo eNkosini. **36** Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini egcweleyo athandana layo, esilokhu isiba ndala, njalo esizwa kusithi

kufanele athathe, kenze njengokuthanda kwakhe. Kenzi sono. Kumele bathathane. **37** Kodwa umuntu osenze isinqumo engqondweni yakhe engancindezelwanga kodwa elamandla okuzibamba esifisweni sakhe, njalo osemise engqondweni yakhe ukungayithathi intombi leyo, umuntu lo laye wenza into eqondileyo. **38** Ngakho-ke, lowo othatha intombi egcweleyo wenza okuqondileyo, kodwa lowo ongayithathiyo wenza okungcono kakhulu. **39** Owesifazane ubotshelwe endodeni yakhe nxa isaphila. Kodwa indoda yakhe ingafa, ukhululekile ukwendela kwenye ayithandayo, kodwa kumele ibe seNkosini. **40** Ngokubona kwami, uyathokoza kakhulu nxa ehlala enjalo, njalo ngiyakholwa ukuthi ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

8 Mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza, kodwa uthando luyakha. **2** Umuntu ocabanga ukuthi wazi ulutho kakazi lutho njengoba efanele ukwazi. **3** Kodwa umuntu othanda uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uyamazi lowomuntu. **4** Ngakho-ke, mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi “Isithombe kasisilutho emhlabeni” kanye lokuthi “UNkulunkulu munye kuphela kakho omunye.” **5** Ngoba lanxa kulabonkulunkulu abatshiwoyo, langabe ezulwini loba emhlabeni (njengoba impela kulabonkulunkulu abanengi lamakhosi amanengi), **6** kodwa kithi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa kuphela, uYise, okwavela kuye izinto zonke njalo okunguye esimphilelayo; njalo kuleNkosi eyodwa kuphela, uJesu Khristu, izinto zonke zeza ngaye njalo esiphila ngaye. **7** Kodwa akusimuntu wonke okwaziyo

lokhu. Abanye abantu balokhu bejayele izithombe kuze kuthi lapho besidla ukudla okunjalo, bacabange ukuthi kunikelwe esithombeni njalo njengoba isazela sabo sibuthakathaka, siyangcoliswa. **8** Kodwa ukudla akusisondezi eduzane loNkulunkulu; kasilahlekelwa yilutho nxa singadli, njalo kasizuzi lutho nxa sisidla. **9** Kodwa qaphelani ukuba ukusebenza kwamalungelo enu akubi yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka. **10** Ngoba nxa umuntu olesazela esibuthakathaka ebona lina elilalolulwazi lisidla ethempelini lesithombe, kambe kazukuba lesibindi sokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni na? **11** Ngakho umzalwane lo, uKhristu amfelayo, uchithwa yikwazi kwenu. **12** Nxa lisenza isono kubazalwane benu kanje lilimaza isazela sabo esibuthakathaka, lenza isono kuKhristu. **13** Ngakho-ke, nxa engikudlayo kusenza umzalwane wami awele esonweni, angiyikudla inyama futhi, ukuze ngingamwisi. **(aiōn g165)**

9 Kangikhululekanga na? Kangisumpostoli na? Kanje kangimbonanga uJesu iNkosi yethu na? Kalisizithelo zomsebenzi wami eNkosini na? **2** Lanxa ngingasuye umpostoli kwabanye, impela nginguye kini! Ngoba lina liluphawu lobupostoli bami eNkosini. **3** Lokhu kuyisivikelo sami kulabo abazangahlulela. **4** Kasilalungelo lokudla lokunatha na? **5** Kambe silelungelo bani lokuthatha owesifazane okholwayo owendileyo sihambe laye njengokwenziwa ngabanye abapostoli labafowabo beNkosi kanye loKhefasi na? **6** Kumbe yimi loBhanabhasi kuphela esingelalo ilungelo lokusebenzela impilo? **7** Ngubani osebenza njengebutho ngendleko zakhe

na? Ngubani olima isivini angadli izithelo zaso na? Ngubani owelusa umhlambi anganathi uchago lwawo na? **8** Lokhu ngikutsho ngokwengqondo yabantu na? Umthetho kawutsho okufanayo na? **9** Ngoba kulotshiwe emthethweni kaMosi ukuthi: “Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke nxa ibhula amabele.” UNkulunkulu ukhathazeka ngenkabi na? **10** Impela uyasikhulumela lokhu; akunjalo na? Yebo, lokhu kwalotshelwa thina, ngoba nxa umlimi elima lobhulayo ebhula kumele benzenjalo belethemba lokwabelana isivuno. **11** Nxa sahlanyela inhlanyelo yakomoya kini, kambe kunengi kakhulu yini nxa sivuna isivuno sempahla kini na? **12** Nxa abanye belaleli ilungelo losizo oluvela kini, thina akumelanga sibe lalo kakhulu na? Kodwa thina kasilisebenzisanga ilungelo leli. Esikhundleni salokho sibekezelele konke kulokuthi sivimbele ivangeli likaKhristu. **13** Kalazi yini ukuthi abasebenza ethempelini bathola ukudla kwabo ethempelini, lokuthi labo abakhonza e-alithareni babelana lokho okunikelwe e-alithareni na? **14** Ngokufanayo iNkosi ilaye ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli kumele bathole ukuphila kwabo evangelini. **15** Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalinye lala amalungelo. Njalo kangilobi lokhu ngethemba lokuthi lizangenzela izinto ezinjalo. Ngingakhetha ukufa kulokuthi umuntu angemuke ukuzincoma lokhu. **16** Ikanti lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, angingeke ngizincome ngoba kumele ngitshumayele! Maye kimi nxa ngingatshumayeli ivangeli! **17** Nxa ngitshumayela ngokuzithandela, ngithola umvuzo; nxa ngingazithandeli, ngifeza umlandu obekwe kimi. **18** Pho umvuzo wami

uyini na? Uyilokhu nje: ukuthi lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, ngilitshumayela kungekho mbadalo, kalokho ngingasebenzisi malungelo ami ekulitshumayeleni. **19** Lanxa ngikhululekile ngingasuye womunye umuntu, ngizenza isigqili ebantwini bonke, ukuze ngizuze abanengi nxa kusenzeka. **20** KumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda, ukuba ngizuze amaJuda. Kulabo abangaphansi komthetho ngaba njengongaphansi komthetho (lanxa nje mina ngingekho ngaphansi komthetho), ukuba ngizuze labo abangaphansi komthetho. **21** Kulabo abangelamthetho ngaba njengongelamthetho (lanxa ngingakhululekanga emthethweni kaNkulunkulu ngingaphansi komthetho kaKhristu), ukuba ngizuze labo abangelamthetho. **22** Kwababuthakathaka ngababuthakathaka, ukuba ngizuze ababuthakathaka. Sengibe yizinto zonke ebantwini bonke ukuze kuthi ngazozonke izindlela ezingenzakala ngisilise abanye. **23** Ngenza konke lokhu ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngihlanganyele ezibusisweni zalo. **24** Kalazi yini ukuthi emncintiswaneni wokugijima abagijimi bayagijima bonke, kodwa ngoyedwa kuphela othola umvuzo? Gijimani ngendlela ezakwenza ukuthi lithole umvuzo. **25** Umuntu wonke oncintisayo emidlalweni uba sekufundisweni okulukhuni. Bakwenzela ukuzuza umqhele wamaluba ongasoze uhlale isikhathi eside, kodwa thina sikwenzela ukuba sithole umqhele ozahlala ukhona kuze kube laphakade. **26** Ngakho kangigijimi njengomuntu ogijima engahlose lutho; kangilwi njengomuntu obindana lomoya. **27** Hatshi, ngitshaya umzimba wami ngiwenze isigqili

sami ukuze kuthi lapho sengitshumayele kwabanye, mina uqobo ngingemukwa ilungelo lokuthola umvuzo.

10 Ngoba, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingalazi iqiniso lokuthi okhokho babengaphansi kweyezi kanye lokuthi bonke badabula phakathi kolwandle. **2** Bonke babhaphathizelwa kuMosi eyezini kanye lasolwandle. **3** Bonke badla kudla kunye komoya **4** banatha okunathwayo kunye komoya, ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya elalihamba labo, njalo lelodwala lalinguKhristu. **5** Kodwa uNkulunkulu kathokozanga ngenengi labo, ngakho imizimba yabo yahlakazwa enkangala. **6** Lezizinto zenzakala njengezibonelo, ukuba zisinqabele ekubekeni inhliziyo zethu ezintweni ezimbi njengalokhu abakwenzayo. **7** Lingakhonzi izithombe, njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo; njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Abantu bahlala phansi badla, banatha, basukuma bagida.” **8** Akumelanga sihlobonge njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, njalo ngosuku olulodwa kwafa abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. **9** Akumelanga silinge uKhristu njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa zinyoka. **10** Lingakhononi, njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa yingilosi ebhubhisayo. **11** Izinto lezi zenzakala kubo njengezibonelo njalo zalotshwa njengezixwayiso kithi, osekufike kubo ukugcwaliseka kwezikhathi. **(aiōn g165)** **12** Ngakho nxa licabanga ukuthi limi liqinile, qaphelani ukuba lingawi. **13** Akulazilingo ezilehleleyo ngaphandle kokwejayelekileyo ebantwini. Njalo uNkulunkulu uthembekile; akayikuvumela ukuba lilingwe ngokwedlula lokho elingakumela. Kodwa lapho

lilingwa, uzalinika indlela yokuphunyuka ukuze limelane lakho. **14** Ngakho-ke, bangane bami abathandekayo, balekelani ukukhonza izithombe. **15** Ngikhuluma labantu abalengqondo; zenzeleni esenu isinqumo ngalokho engikutshoyo. **16** Konje inkezo yokubonga esiyibongelayo kayisikuhlanganyela egazini likaKhristu na? Lesinkwa esisihlephunayo kasisisokuhlanganyela emzimbeni kaKhristu na? **17** Njengoba kulesinkwa sinye, thina abanengi, singumzimba munye, ngoba sonke sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye. **18** Khumbulani abantu bako-Israyeli: Kakusikho yini ukuthi labo abadla imihlatshelo balokuhlanganyela e-alithareni na? **19** Pho ngitsho ukuthi umhlatshelo onikelwe esithombeni uyilutho, loba ukuthi isithombe siyilutho na? **20** Hatshi, kodwa imihlatshelo yabangakholwayo inikelwa emadimonini hatshi kuNkulunkulu, njalo kangifuni ukuba libe ngabahlanganyela lamadimoni. **21** Kalingeke linathe inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni njalo, alingeke libe lokuhlanganyela etafuleni yeNkosi lasetafuleni yamadimoni. **22** Sizama ukuvusa umona weNkosi na? Kambe silamandla kulayo na? **23** “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke ezilosizo. “Ngilelungelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke ezakhayo. **24** Akulamuntu omele azidingele okuhle, kodwa okuhle kwabanye. **25** Dlanini konke okuthengiswa lapho okuthengiswa khona inyama kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela, **26** ngoba, “Umhlaba ngokaThixo, lakho konke okukuwo.” **27** Nxa omunye wabangakholwayo elibizela ukudla

njalo lifuna ukuhamba, dlanini loba kuyini okubekwe phambi kwenu kungekho kubuza imibuzo yesazela. **28** Kodwa nxa omunye esithi kini, “Lokhu kunikelwe njengomhlatshelo,” lokho-ke lingakudli, ngenxa yomuntu lowo olitshelileyo langenxa yesazela, **29** ngitsho isazela salowomuntu, hatshi esenu. Kungani ukukhululeka kwami kumele kwahlulelwe ngesazela somunye na? **30** Nxa ngihlanganyela ekudleni ngokubonga, kungani ngisolwa ngolutho engilubongela iNkosi na? **31** Ngakho ingabe liyadla kumbe liyanatha, loba kuyikuphi elikwenzayo, kwenzeleni udumo lukaNkulunkulu. **32** Lingakhubekisi muntu, loba kungamaJuda, amaGrikhi loba ibandla likaNkulunkulu, **33** lalapho ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu bonke ngezindlela zonke. Ngoba kangidingi okuhle kwami, kodwa okuhle kwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

11 Landelani isibonelo sami, njengalokhu lami ngilandela isibonelo sikaKhristu. **2** Ngiyalibonga ngokungikhumbula ezintweni zonke langokubambelela emfundisweni njengokuyethula kwami kini. **3** Kodwa ngifuna ukuba likwazi ukuthi inhloko yamadoda wonke nguKhristu, lenhloko yowesifazane yindoda, lenhloko kaKhristu nguNkulunkulu. **4** Yonke indoda ekhuleka loba iphrofithe ikhanda layo limboziwe ihlayaza ikhanda layo. **5** Lowesifazane wonke okhuleka loba aphrofithe ikhanda lakhe lingembozwanga uhlayaza ikhanda lakhe, kufana lokuthi ikhanda lakhe liphuciwe. **6** Nxa owesifazane engambozi ikhanda lakhe, angagela inwele zakhe; kodwa nxa kulihlazo ukuthi owesifazane agele loba aphuce inwele zakhe, kumele alimboze ikhanda

lakhe. **7** Indoda akumelanga imboze ikhanda layo,
ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo lukaNkulunkulu kodwa
owesifazane uludumo lwendoda. **8** Ngoba indoda
kayivelanga kowesifazane kodwa owesifazane wavela
endodeni **9** njalo indoda kayidalelwanga owesifazane
kodwa owesifazane wadalelwa indoda. **10** Ngakho-
ke, njalo ngenxa yezingilosi, owesifazane kumele
abe lophawu lwamandla ekhanda lakhe. **11** Kodwa
eNkosini, owesifazane weyeme endodeni, lendoda yeyeme
kowesifazane. **12** Ngoba njengoba owesifazane wavela
endodeni, ngokunjalo indoda layo izalwa ngowesifazane.
Kodwa izinto zonke zivela kuNkulunkulu. **13** Zahluleleni
ngokwenu: Kulungile yini ukuba owesifazane akhuleke
kuNkulunkulu ikhanda lakhe lingembozwanga? **14** Imvelo
yezinto uqobo kayilifundisi yini ukuba nxa owesilisa
elenwele ezinde, kulihlazo kuye, **15** kodwa owesifazane
nxa elenwele ezinde, kuludumo lwakhe? Ngoba waphiwa
inwele ezinde njengesimbozo. **16** Nxa umuntu efuna
ukuba lenkani ngalokho, kasilawo omunye umkhuba,
lamabandla kaNkulunkulu kawalawo. **17** Kuziqondiso
ezilandelayo angilincomi, ngoba imihlangano yenu yenza
ububi obunengi kulobuhle. **18** Okokuqala, ngizwa kuthiwa
nxa libuthene njengebandla, kulokwahlukana phakathi
kwenu, njalo ngiphosa ngikholwe. **19** Akuthandabuzeki
ukuthi kufanele kube lokungavumelani phakathi kwenu
ukuba kubonakale ukuthi yibaphi abenu abamukelwe
nguNkulunkulu. **20** Lapho libuthene, akusiSidlo seNkosi
elisidlayo, **21** ngoba ekudleni kwenu, lowo lalowo wenu
uyaqhubeka engamelelanga omunye. Omunye usala

elambile, omunye adakwe. **22** Kanti kalilamakhaya yini
okudlela lokunathela kuwo? Kumbe liyaleyisa yini ibandla
likaNkulunkulu lidumaza lalabo abangelalutho na?
Ngizakuthini kini na? Ngingalincoma ngenxa yalokhu na?
Impela hatshi! **23** Ngoba eNkosini ngamukela lokho lami
engakudlulisela kini ukuthi: INkosi uJesu, ngalobobusuku
eyanikelwa ngabo, yathatha isinkwa, **24** kwathi isibongile,
yasihlephuna yathi, "Lokhu kungumzimba wami,
ongowenu; yenzani lokhu njengesikhumbuzo sami."
25 Ngokunjalo, emva kokudla yathatha inkezo, yathi,
"Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami; yenzani
lokhu izikhathi zonke lapho liyinatha, njengesikhumbuzo
sami." **26** Ngoba lapho lisidla isinkwa lesi linatha
lenkezo le, litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ibuye.
27 Ngakho-ke, lowo odla isinkwa loba anathe inkezo
yenkosi ngokungafanelanga uzakuba lecala lokwenza
isono ngomzimba langegazi leNkosi. **28** Umuntu kumele
azihlole phambi kokuba adle isinkwa loba anathe inkezo.
29 Ngoba lowo odlayo anathe engawukholwa umzimba
kaKhristu udla anathe ukwahlulelwa kwakhe. **30** Yikho-
nje abanengi phakathi kwenu bebuthakathaka begula,
njalo labanye benu sebelele. **31** Kodwa nxa sizahlulela
kasiyikwahlulelwa. **32** Lapho sisahlulelwa yiNkosi,
siyajeziswa ukuze singalahlwa lomhlaba. **33** Ngakho-ke,
bazalwane bami, nxa libuthene ukuba lidle, kumele lidle
ndawonye. **34** Nxa omunye elambile, kabokudla ekhaya,
ukuze kuthi lapho selibuthene kungabi lokwahlulelwa.
Ekufikeni kwami ngizalipha ezinye iziqondiso.

12 Mayelana lezipho zikamoya, bazalwane, kangifuni
ukuba lingaze lazi. **2** Liyakwazi ukuthi ngesikhathi
lingakabi ngabakholwayo, ngezinye indlela laholelwa
njalo ledukiselwa ezithombeni eziyizimungulu. **3**
Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi kakho okhuluma ngoMoya
kaNkulunkulu othi, "UJesu kathukwe," njalo kakho
ongathi, "UJesu yiNkosi," ngaphandle kokuba kungoMoya
oNgcwele. **4** Kulenhlobo ezehlukeneyo zezipho zikamoya
kodwa uMoya munye. **5** Kulezindlela ezehlukeneyo
zokukhonza, kodwa iNkosi yinye. **6** Kulezindlela
ezehlukeneyo zokukhonza kodwa uNkulunkulu munye
njalo uzisebenza zonke ebantwini bonke. **7** Emuntwini
ngamunye ukubonakaliswa kukaMoya kwenzelwa
ukusiza umuntu wonke. **8** Omunye ngoMoya uphiwa
amandla okukhuluma ngokuhlakanipha, omunye amandla
okukhuluma ngokwazi ngaye uMoya munye lowo, **9**
omunye uphiwa ukukholwa ngoMoya munye lowo,
omunye uphiwa izipho zokusilisa ngawona lowo
Moya munye, **10** omunye uphiwa amandla okwenza
izimangaliso, omunye uphiwa ukuphrofitha, omunye
uphiwa amandla okuhlola omoya, omunye njalo aphiwe
ukuchasisa izindimi. **11** Konke lokhu kungumsebenzi
kaMoya munye, njalo ukupha umuntu ngamunye,
njengokuthanda kwakhe. **12** Umzimba munye lanxa
ubunjwe ngezitho ezinengi; njalo lanxa izitho zawo
zonke zinengi, zibumba umzimba owodwa. Kunjalo
ngoKhristu. **13** Ngoba sonke sabhaphathizwa ngoMoya
munye kulowomzimba munye, loba singamaJuda
kumbe abeZizwe, izigqili loba abakhululekileyo, sonke

saphiwa uMoya munye ukuba siwunathe. **14** Umzimba
kawenziwanga ngesitho esisodwa kodwa ezinengi.
15 Nxa unyawo lungathi, “Njengoba ngingasisandla,
kangisingxenye yomzimba,” ngalesosizatho alungeke
lwekele ukuba yingxenye yomzimba. **16** Njalo nxa
indlebe ingathi, “Njengoba ngingasilihlo, kangisingxenye
yomzimba,” ngalesosizatho ayingeke yekele ukuba
yingxenye yomzimba. **17** Aluba umzimba wonke
wawulilihlo, pho ukuzwa kwakuzakuba ngaphi na? Aluba
umzimba wonke wawuyindlebe, pho kwakuzanukwa ngani
na? **18** Kodwa okuyikho yikuthi uNkulunkulu wabeka
izitho zomzimba, zonke, njengayefune ukuba zibe yikho
khona. **19** Aluba zonke zaziyisitho sinye, pho umzimba
wawuzakuba ngaphi na? **20** Njengoba kunjalo, kulezitho
ezinengi, kodwa umzimba munye. **21** Ilihlo alingeke
lithi esandleni, “Kangikudingi!” Lekhanda alingeke lithi
enyaweni, “Kangikudingi!” **22** Kodwa, lezozitho zomzimba
ezikhanya zibuthakathaka ziyadingeka, **23** lezitho thina
esicabanga ukuthi kazihlonipheki kakhulu siziphatha
ngokuhlonipha okuthize. **24** Izitho ezihloniphisayo
siziphatha ngokuhlonipha kakhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu
wahlanganisa izitho zomzimba njalo usenike udumo
olukhulu kulezozitho ezazingelalo, **25** ukuze kungabi
lokwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa ukuba izitho zawo
zibe lokuzwelana okufananayo. **26** Nxa esinye isitho
sibongwa, izitho zonke zithokoza laso. **27** Lina
lingumzimba kaKhristu njalo omunye lomunye wenu
uyingxenye yawo. **28** Ebandleni uNkulunkulu wabeka
abapostoli kuqala kulabo bonke, okwesibili abaphrofethi,

okwesithathu abafundisi, kwaba labenza izimangaliso, lalabo abalezipho zokusilisa, abalezokusiza abanye, abalezipho zokuthungamela, kanye lalabo abakhuluma inhlobo zezindimi ezehlukeneyo. **29** Bonke bangabapostoli na? Bonke bangabaphrofethi na? Bonke bangabafundisi na? Bonke bayazenza izimangaliso na? **30** Bonke balezipho zokusilisa na? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi na? Bonke bayachasisa na? **31** Kodwa zifuneni ngokutshiseka izipho ezinkulu. Khathesi-ke ngizalitshengisa indlela eyiyo enhle kakhulu.

13 Loba ngikhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilosi, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, ngiyinsimbi nje ekhalayo loba izenge elincencethayo. **2** Loba ngilesipho sokuphrofitha, ngingaqedisisa imfihlakalo zonke kanye lokwazi konke, njalo nxa ngilokukholwa okungasusa izintaba, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangisilutho. **3** Loba nginganika abayanga konke engilakho nginikele lomzimba wami emalangabini, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangizuzi lutho. **4** Uthando luyabekezela, uthando lulomusa. Kalulamona, kaluzincomi, kaluzigqaji. **5** Kalusisosiqholo, kaluzifuneli okwalo, kaluphangisi ukuthukuthela, kalubambeli zikhwili. **6** Uthando kaluthokozeli okubi, kodwa luthokozela iqiniso. **7** Luhlezi luvikela, luhlezi lukholwa, luhlezi lusethemba, luhlezi lubekezela. **8** Uthando kalupheli. Kodwa lapho okuleziphrofethi khona, zizaphela, lapho okulezindimi khona, zizathuliswa; lapho okulokwazi khona, kuzakwedlula. **9** Ngoba sazi ingxenye, njalo siphrofitha ingxenye, **10** kodwa lapho ukuphelela kufika, ukungapheleli kuyanyamalala. **11**

Ngisesengumntwana, ngakhuluma njengomntwana, ngacabanga njengomntwana, nganakana njengomntwana. Sengiyindoda, ngaziyekela izindlela zobuntwana. **12** Khathesi sibona kalufifi esibukweni; sizabuye sibone ubuso ngobuso. Khathesi ngazi ingxenye; ngizabuye ngazi okupheleleyo, njengoba lami ngisaziwa ngokupheleleyo. **13** Okuthathu lokhu kuma kunjalo: ukukholwa, ithemba lothando. Kodwa okukhulu kwalokhu luthando.

14 Landelani indlela yothando lizifune ngokutshiseka izipho zikamoya ikakhulu isipho sokuphrofitha. **2** Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu. Impela kakho obezwayo, bakhuluma imfihlakalo ngoMoya. **3** Kodwa umuntu wonke ophrofithayo ukhuluma ebantwini ukuba abaqinise, abakhuthaze njalo abaduduze. **4** Lowo okhuluma ngolimi oluthile uyazakha kodwa lowo ophrofithayo wakha ibandla. **5** Ngifisa ukuba lonke likhulume ngendimi kodwa ikakhulu ukuba liphrofithe. Ophrofithayo mkhulu kulalowo okhuluma ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuba echasisa, ukuze ibandla lakheke. **6** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, nxa ngifika kini ngikhulume ngendimi, ngilosizo bani kini, ngaphandle kokuba ngililethele ukwambulwa okuthile loba ukwazi loba isiphrofethi kumbe imfundiso, na? **7** Lezizinto ezingaphiliyo ezenza umsindo njengomhubhe loba ichacho, umuntu angalazi njani iculo elikhaliswayo ngaphandle kokuba kulomahluko empawini zomculo? **8** Njalo nxa icilongo lisitsho umbiko ongacacanga, ngubani ozalungela impi na? **9** Kunjalo-ke lakini. Nxa lingakhulumi amazwi azwakalayo ngolimi

lwenu, umuntu uzakwazi njani elikutshoyo? Lizakuba likhuluma lomoya nje. **10** Akuthandabuzwa ukuthi kulenhlobonhlobo zezindimi emhlabeni kodwa zonke zilomutsho. **11** Nxa ngingakuzwa okutshiwo ngomunye, ngingowezizweni kulowo okhulumayo, laye ngowezizweni kimi. **12** Kunjalo-ke lakini. Njengoba litshisekela izipho zikamoya, zamani ukwenza okuhle kakhulu ngezipho ezakha ibandla. **13** Ngakho-ke, umuntu okhuluma ngendimi kumele akhulekele ukuba achasise lokho akutshoyo. **14** Ngoba nxa ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka kodwa ingqondo yami kayilazithelo. **15** Pho ngenzeni na? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya wami njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo yami; ngizahlabela ngomoya wami njalo ngizahlabela langengqondo yami. **16** Nxa libonga uNkulunkulu ngomoya wenu, angatsho kanjani ozithola esephakathi kwalabo abangazwisisiyo ukuthi, “Ameni” ekubongeni kwenu, yena engakwazi elikutshoyo na? **17** Lingabe libonga kuhle sibili kodwa omunye umuntu kabusisekanga. **18** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ngoba mina ngikhuluma ngendimi ukudlula lina lonke. **19** Kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu azwakalayo ngifundisa abanye kulamazwi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngendimi. **20** Bazalwane, yekelani ukucabanga njengabantwana. Mayelana lobubi, wobani zingane kodwa ekucabangeni kwenu wobani ngabadala. **21** Emthethweni kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ngabantu bezindimi ezingaziwayo langezindebe zabezizweni ngizakhuluma lalababantu, kodwa loba kunjalo kabayikungilalela, kutsho iNkosi.” **22** Ngakho-

ke, izindimi ziyisibonakaliso, hatshi kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo; kodwa ukuphrofitha ngokwabakholwayo hatshi abangakholwayo. **23** Ngakho nxa ibandla lonke libuthene umuntu wonke akhulume ngendimi, kuthi abanye abangezwayo loba abangakholwayo bangene, kambe kabazukuthi ingqondo zenu ziphambene na? **24** Kodwa nxa ongakholwayo loba omunye ongaqedisisiyo engena lapho abantu bonke bephrofitha, uzavunyiswa yibo bonke ukuthi uyisoni njalo ahlulelwe yibo bonke, **25** lezimfihlo zenhliziyo yakhe zizavezwa obala. Ngakho uzakhothamela phansi akhonze uNkulunkulu esithi, "UNkulunkulu impela uphakathi kwenu!" **26** Pho sizakuthini, bazalwane? Lapho libuthana ndawonye, umuntu wonke ulehubo loba ilizwi lokufundisa, lokwambula, lezindimi, loba ukuchasisa. Konke lokhu kumele kwenziwe ukuze ibandla lakheke. **27** Nxa omunye ekhuluma ngendimi, ababili loba kungabangadluli abathathu, kumele kukhulume oyedwa ngasikhathi sinye, njalo omunye kumele achasise. **28** Nxa kungelamchasisi, okhulumayo kumele athule ebandleni, azikhulumele yedwa, kuye lakuNkulunkulu. **29** Kumele kukhulume abaphrofethi ababili loba abathathu, kuthi abanye bakuhlolisise ngokunanzelela okutshiwoyo. **30** Njalo nxa ukwambulelwa kufika komunye ohlezi phansi, okhulume kuqala kumele athule. **31** Ngoba lonke lingaphrofitha lintshintshana ukuze umuntu wonke afundiswe njalo akhuthazwe. **32** Imimoya yabaphrofethi iphathwa ngabaphrofethi. **33** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasuye Nkulunkulu wengxabangxoza kodwa

ungowokuthula. Njengasemabandleni wonke abantu beNkosi. **34** Abesifazane kumele bathule emabandleni. Kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma kodwa kumele bazithobe njengokutsho komthetho. **35** Nxa befuna ukubuza ngolutho oluthile, kumele babuze omkabo emakhaya ngoba kulihlazo ukuthi owesifazane akhulume ebandleni. **36** Konje ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lavela kini na? Kumbe lafika kini kuphela? **37** Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi ungumphrofethi loba ukuthi ulesipho sikaMoya, kavume ukuthi lokhu engililobela khona kungumlayo weNkosi. **38** Nxa lokhu engakunaki, laye akayikunakwa. **39** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, tshisekelani ukuphrofitha njalo lingenqabeli ukukhuluma ngendimi. **40** Kodwa izinto zonke kumele zenziwe ngendlela efaneleyo lehlelwe kuhle.

15 Bazalwane, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza ngevangeli engalitshumayela kini, elalamukelayo njalo eselimi ngalo. **2** Ngalelivangeli liyasindiswa, nxa libambelela elizwini engalitshumayela kini. Nxa kungenjalo, selikholwe ize. **3** Ngoba engakwamukelayo lami ngakudlulisela kini njengokuqakatheke kakhulu: ukuthi uKhristu wafela izono zethu mayelana lemibhalo, **4** lokuthi wangcwatshwa, lokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho kwemibhalo, **5** kanye lokuthi wabonakala kuKhefasi, wasebonakala kwabalitshumi lambili. **6** Emva kwalokho wabonakala kubazalwane abadlula amakhulu amahlanu sikhathi sinye, inengi labo lilokhu lisaphila, lanxa abanye sebalala. **7** Wabuya wabonakala kuJakhobe, wasebonakala kubapostoli

bonke, **8** kwathi ekucineni wabonakala kimi futhi,
njengalowo ozelwe ngendlela engajayelekanga. **9** Ngoba
mina ngingomncane kubapostoli njalo kangifanelanga
lokuthiwa ngingumpostoli ngoba ngahlukuluza ibandla
likaNkulunkulu. **10** Kodwa ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu
ngiyilokhu engiyikho njalo umusa wakhe kawubanga
yize kimi. Hatshi, mina ngasebenza kakhulu kulabo
bonke, kungayisimi belo kodwa kungumusa kaNkulunkulu
owawukimi. **11** Ngakho langabe kwakuyimi loba kuyibo,
lokhu yikho esikutshumayelayo njalo lokhu yikho
elakukholwayo. **12** Kodwa nxa kutshunyayelwa ukuthi
uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, pho bangakutsho kanjani
abanye benu ukuthi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo
na? **13** Nxa kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, loKhristu
kavuswanga phela. **14** Njalo nxa uKhristu engavuswanga,
ukutshumayela kwethu akusizi lutho njalo lunjalo
lokholo lwenu. **15** Phezu kwalokho, singatholakala
singofakazi bamanga ngoNkulunkulu ngoba sifakaze
ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo.
Kodwa kamvusanga nxa ngempela abafileyo bengayi
kuvuswa. **16** Nxa abafileyo bengayi kuvuswa, ngakho
loKhristu kavuswanga. **17** Nxa uKhristu engavuswanga
kwabafileyo ukholo lwenu luyize; lilokhu lisezonweni
zenu. **18** Lalabo abafa bekuKhristu balahlekile phela.
19 Nxa sithembele kuKhristu kulokhukuphila kuphela,
sizazwelwa usizi kakhulu kulabantu bonke. **20** Kodwa
ngempela uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, izithelo
zakuqala zalabo asebelele. **21** Ngoba njengoba ukufa
kweza ngomuntu, ukuvuka kwabafileyo lakho kuza

ngomuntu. **22** Ngoba njengoba ku-Adamu bonke besifa,
ngokunjalo kuKhristu bonke bazaphiliswa. **23** Kodwa
yilowo lalowo ngethuba lakhe: UKhristu, oyizithelo
zakuqala; kuzakuthi ekubuyeni kwakhe, kuvuke labo
abangabakhe. **24** Lapho-ke isiphetho sizafika esenikela
umbuso kaNkulunkulu uBaba emva kokuba esechithe
imibuso yonke, ubukhosi kanye lamandla. **25** Ngoba
kumele abuse uNkulunkulu aze azibeke zonke izitha
zakhe ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe. **26** Isitha sokucina
esizachithwa, yikufa. **27** Ngoba uNkulunkulu "usebeke
izinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe." Kodwa nxa
kuthiwa "izinto zonke" sezibekwe ngaphansi kwakhe,
kusobala ukuthi lokhu akugoqeli uNkulunkulu yena
ngokwakhe, owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kukaKhristu.
28 Lapho esekwenzile lokhu, iNdodana uqobo izakuba
ngaphansi kwakhe yena owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi
kwakhe, ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke, kukho
konke. **29** Nxa kungelakuvuka ekufeni, pho bazakwenzani
labo ababhaphathizelwe abafileyo na? Nxa abafileyo
bengavuswa, pho kungani abantu bebhaphathizwa ngenxa
yabo na? **30** Thina-ke, sizifakelani engozini isikhathi
sonke na? **31** Mina ngifa nsuku zonke, ngitsho khonokho
bazalwane, ngeqiniso engiziqhenya ngalo ngani kuKhristu
uJesu iNkosi yethu. **32** Nxa ngalwa lezilo zeganga e-
Efesu ngenxa yabantu, ngazuzani na? Nxa abafileyo
bengavuswa, "Kasidleni sinathe, ngoba kusasa sizakufa."
33 Lingedukiswa: "Abangane ababi bayasona isimilo
esihle." **34** Khumbulani ngengqondo zenu njengokumele
likwenze, licine ukwenza izono; ngoba kulabanye

abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu, ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni. **35** Kodwa omunye angabuza athi, “Abafileyo bavuswa njani na? Bazabuya belemizimba enjani na?” **36** Yeka ubuwula! Elikuhlanyelayo akuphili ngaphandle kokuba kufe. **37** Lapho lihlanyela, kalihlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona kodwa inhlanyelo nje, mhlawumbe eyengqoloyi loba okunye lakho. **38** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe njalo uhlobo ngalunye lwenhlanyelo ulunika umzimba walo. **39** Inyama yonke kayifanani: Abantu balohlobo lunye lwenyama, izinyamazana zilolunye, izinyoni olunye lenhlanzi olunye. **40** Njalo kulezidalwa zasezulwini lezidalwa zasemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezidalwa zasezulwini ingolunye uhlobo, lenkazimulo yezidalwa zasemhlabeni ingolunye. **41** Ilanga lilolunye uhlobo lwenkazimulo, inyanga olunye lezinkanyezi olunye; njalo inkanyezi iyehluka kwenye inkanyezi ngokukhazimula. **42** Kuzakuba njalo-ke ngokuvuka kwabafileyo. Umzimba ohlanyelwayo uyabola, uvuswa ungasaboli; **43** uhlanyelwa useyiswa, uvuswe ngenkazimulo; uhlanyelwa ubuthakathaka, **44** uvuswe usungumzimba olamandla. Nxa kulomzimba wemvelo, ukhona njalo lomzimba womoya. **45** Ngakho kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Umuntu wakuqala u-Adamu waba yisidalwa esiphilayo”; kodwa u-Adamu wokucina waba ngumoya ophilisayo. **46** Owomoya kafikanga kuqala, kodwa owemvelo, emva kwalokho kwafika owomoya. **47** Umuntu wakuqala wayenziwe ngothuli lomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili wavela ezulwini. **48** Njengoba wayenjalo umuntu wasemhlabeni, banjalo

lalabo abangabomhlaba; njalo njengoba enjalo umuntu ovela ezulwini, banjalo labo abangabasezulwini. **49** Njalo njengoba silesimo somuntu wasemhlabeni, ngokunjalo sizakuba lesimo somuntu ovela ezulwini. **50** Bazalwane, ngithi kini inyama legazi akungeke kudle ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu, lokubolayo akulidli ilifa lokungaboliyo. **51** Lalelani, ngilitshela imfihlakalo: Kasiyikufa sonke, kodwa sonke sizaguqulwa, **52** ngesikhatshana, ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ngecilongo lokucina. Ngoba icilongo lizakhala, abafileyo bazavuswa bengabolanga, njalo sizaguqulwa. **53** Ngoba okubolayo kumele kuzigqokise ngokungaboliyo, lokufayo ngokungafiyo. **54** Nxa okubolayo sekugqokiswe okungaboliyo, lokufayo okungafiyo, kuzagcwaliseka isitsho esilotshiweyo esithi: "Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni." **55** "Kungaphi, we kufa, ukunqoba kwakho? Lungaphi udonsi lwakho, we kufa?" **(Hadēs g86)** **56** Udonsi lokufa yisono, lamandla esono ngumthetho. **57** Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu! Uyasinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **58** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini liqine. Akungabi lalutho olulinyikinyayo. Zinikeleni ngokupheleleyo emsebenzini weNkosi izikhathi zonke ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ukusebenza kwenu eNkosini akusilo ize.

16 Mayelana lomnikelo onikelelwa abantu bakaNkulunkulu: Yenzani lokhu engatshela amabandla aseGalathiya ukuba akwenze. **2** Ngosuku lwakuqala maviki wonke, yilowo lalowo wenu kabeke eceleni imali ethile kusiya mayelana leholo lakhe, ayigcine, ukuze

kuthi ekufikeni kwami kungabi lokuqoqa okwenziwayo. **3** Ngakho-ke, ekufikeni kwami ngizabapha izincwadi zokubaveza labobantu elibakhethileyo ngibathume eJerusalema lesipho senu. **4** Kungabonakala kufanele ukuba ngihambe labo, bazangiphelekezela. **5** Sengidlule eMasedoniya ngizakuza kini, ngoba ngizadlula eMasedoniya. **6** Mhlawumbe ngizahlala lani okwesikhatshana, mhlawumbe ubusika bonke, ukuze lingisize ohanjweni lwami, ezindaweni zonke engiya kuzo. **7** Kangifisi ukulibona khathesi ngilethekelela okwesikhatshana nje; ngithemba ngizahlala lani okwesikhathi esithile, nxa iNkosi ivuma. **8** Kodwa ngizahlala e-Efesu kuze kufike iPhentekhosti, **9** ngoba ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu womsebenzi ophumelelayo, njalo banengi abangiphikisayo. **10** UThimothi angafika, libone ukuthi akulalutho alwesabayo eseselani ngoba uqhubeka ngomsebenzi weNkosi njengami. **11** Ngakho akungabi lomuntu owalayo ukumamukela. Medluliseni ngokuthula ukuze abuye kimi. Ngimlindele kanye labazalwane. **12** Mayelana lomzalwane wethu u-Apholo: Ngamncenga kakhulu ukuba eze kini labazalwane. Ubengafisi ukuhamba khathesi kodwa uzahamba lapho eselethuba. **13** Lindani; qinani ekukholweni kwenu; libe ngabantu abalesibindi, wobani lamandla. **14** Yenzani konke ngothando. **15** Liyakwazi ukuthi abendlu kaStefane baba ngamakholwa akuqala e-Akhayiya njalo sebazinikela emsebenzini wabantu beNkosi. Ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, **16** ukuba lizinikele kwabanjengalaba lakubo bonke abahlanganyela

emsebenzini basebenze khona. **17** Ngathokoza ekufikeni
kukaStefane loFothunathu kanye lo-Akhayikhu ngoba
balethe obekusilela kuvela kini. **18** Ngoba bavuselela
umoya wami kanye lowenu. Abantu abanjalo bafanele
ukuqakathekiswa. **19** Amabandla asesifundeni sase-
Ezhiya ayalibingelela. U-Akhwila loPhrisila ngokuthokoza
eNkosini bayalibingelela kakhulu, lenza njalo lebandla
elihlanganela endlini yabo. **20** Bonke abazalwane
abalapha bayalibingelela. Bingelelanani ngokwangana
okungcwele. **21** Mina, Phawuli, ngiloba ukubingelela
lokhu ngesami isandla. **22** Nxa umuntu engayithandi
iNkosi, kehlelwe yisithuko. Woza, awu Nkosi! **23** Umusa
weNkosi uJesu kawube lani. **24** Uthando lwami kini lonke
kuKhristu uJesu. Ameni.

2 Kwabasekhorinte

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu. Ebandleni
likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte, kanye lakubangcwele bonke
kulolonke elase-Akhayiya: **2** Umusa lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Khristu
kakube kini. **3** Makabongwe uNkulunkulu uYise
weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, uBaba wesihawu
loNkulunkulu wenduduzo yonke, **4** osiduduzayo
kuzozonke inhlupheko zethu ukuze lathi siduduze
abasekuhluphekeni ngenduduzo esiduduzwe ngayo
nguNkulunkulu. **5** Njengoba inhlupheko zikaKhristu
zigelezela ekuphileni kwethu, ngakho ngokunjalo
futhi induduzo yethu iyaphuphuma ngoKhristu. **6**
Nxa sihlupheka, kungenxa yenduduzo lokusindiswa
kwenu; nxa siduduzekile, kungenxa yokududuzwa kwenu
okulenza liqinisele ekubekezeleleni zona lezo zinhlupheko
ezisihluphayo. **7** Ithemba lethu ngani liqinile ngoba
siyakwazi ukuthi njengoba lahlanganyela ekuhluphekeni
kwethu, ngokunjalo liyahlanganyela ekududuzweni
kwethu. **8** Kasithandi, bazalwane, ukuba libe ngabangaziyo
ngobunzima esabuzwayo esabelweni sase-Ezhiya.
Sasilokuncindezeleka okukhulu, okungaphezu kwamandla
ethu okuqinisela, saze saphelelwa lalithemba lokuphila. **9**
Impela isigwebo sokufa sasizwa ezinhliziyweni zethu.
Kodwa lokhu kwenzakala ukuze singazithembi thina
ngokwethu kodwa uNkulunkulu, ovusa abafileyo. **10**
Wasihlenga engozini ebulalayo, njalo uzasikhulula.
Ithemba lethu silibeke kuye ukuba uzaqhubeka

esihlenga, **11** lapho lisisiza ngemikhuleko yenu. Abanengi
bazasibongela ngomusa omangalisayo esiwuphiweyo
kuyimpendulo yemikhuleko yabanengi. **12** Thina
sizincoma ngokuthi izazela zethu ziyafakaza ukuthi
siziphathe kuhle emhlabeni, ikakhulu phakathi
kobudlelwano bethu lani, ngobungcwele langobuqotho
obuvela kuNkulunkulu. Lokhu kasikwenzanga sigxile
ekuhlakanipheni kwasemhlabeni, kodwa ngomusa
kaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngoba kasililobeli ngolutho elingeke
lilubale loba liluqedisise. Njalo ngiyathemba ukuthi,
14 njengoba seliqedisisa okunye ngathi, lizaqedisisa
ngokupheleleyo lizincome ngathi njengoba lathi
sizazincoma ngani ngosuku lweNkosi uJesu. **15** Ngoba
ngangilethemba kulokhu, ngangifuna ukwethekelela
lina kuqala ukuze lisizakale kabili. **16** Ngangifuna
ukulethekelela ekuyeni kwami eMasedoniya, ngedlule
kini futhi sengivela eMasedoniya, beselingithuma-ke
eJudiya. **17** Ngakunakana ngingabaza yini lokhu? Kumbe
ngenza amalungiselelo ami ngendlela yasemhlabeni
okokuthi ngasikhathi sinye ngithi, “Yebo, yebo,” ngibuye
ngithi, “Hatshi, hatshi,” na? **18** Kodwa ngeqiniso
njengoba uNkulunkulu ethembekile, ilizwi lethu kini
kalisikuthi “Yebo,” lokuthi, “Hatshi.” **19** Ngoba iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, uJesu Khristu, eyatshunyayelwa kini yimi,
uSayilasi kanye loThimothi, yayingasi “Yebo” lo “Hatshi,”
kodwa kuyo kokuphela kwakungu “Yebo.” **20** Ngoba
lanxa zizinengi kangakanani izithembiso uNkulunkulu
azenzileyo zingu “Yebo” kuKhristu. Ngakho ngaye ibizo
elithi “Ameni” litshiwo yithi sidumisa uNkulunkulu. **21**

Njalo nguNkulunkulu owenza thina kanye lani siqine kuKhristu. Wasigcoba, **22** wasibeka uphawu lwakhe lokuba ngabakhe, wabeka loMoya wakhe ezinhliziyweni zethu njengesibambiso, esipha isiqiniseko sokuzayo. **23** Ngibiza uNkulunkulu njengomfakazi wami ukuthi kangibuyanga eKhorinte ukuze ngingalikhathazi. **24** Akusikuthi silibamba ngamandla ekukholweni kwenu kodwa sisebenza lani ukuze lithokoze, ngoba liqiniswa lukholo.

2 Ngakho ngenza isinqumo engqondweni yami ukuba ngingenzi olunye uhambo olubuhlungu lokuza kini. **2** Ngoba nxa ngilibangela usizi, ngubani omunye ozangithokozisa ngaphandle kwenu lina esengilibangele usizi? **3** Ngaloba ngokunjalo ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ngingadaniswa yilabo obekumele bangithokozise. Ngalethemba lonke, ukuba lonke lizathokoza kanye lami. **4** Ngoba ngalilobela ngokukhathazeka okukhulu lobuhlungu benhliziyo njalo langezinyembezi ezinengi, hatshi ukuba ngilizwise ubuhlungu kodwa ukuba ngilazise ngokuzika kothando lwami kini. **5** Nxa kukhona obange usizi, kalubanganga kimi kangako, kodwa ngenye indlela ulubange kini lonke, ukuze kungedlulisi amalawulo. **6** Isijeziso asinikwe ngabanengi simlingene. **7** Esikhundleni salokhu, kumele limthethelele njalo limduduze, ukuze angagajelwa lusizi olukhulu. **8** Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuba liluqinise futhi uthando lwenu kuye. **9** Isizatho sokulilobela kwakuyikuba ngibone ukuthi lingamelana lobunzima njalo lilalele ezintweni zonke. **10** Nxa lithethelela omunye umuntu, lami

ngiyamthethelela. Njalo lokho esengikuthethelele, nxa kwakukhona okwakumele kuthethelelwe, ngithethelele phambi kukaKhristu ngenxa yenu, **11** ukuze uSathane angasiqilibezeli. Ngoba amacebo akhe siyawazi. **12** Ekuyeni kwami eTrowasi ukuyatshumayela ivangeli likaKhristu njalo ngathola ukuthi iNkosi yayingivulele umnyango, **13** ngangilokhe ngingelakho ukuthula emoyeni wami ngoba ngingamtholanga umzalwane wami uThithu khonale. Ngakho ngavalelisa ngasengisedlulela eMasedoniya. **14** Kodwa-ke, kabongwe uNkulunkulu, yena osikhokhelela kokuphela njengabathunjiweyo ekunqobeni kukaKhristu njalo esenza sithele iphunga elimnandi lokumazi ezindaweni zonke. **15** Ngoba kuNkulunkulu siliphunga elimnandi likaKhristu phakathi kwalabo abasindiswayo lalabo ababhubhayo. **16** Komunye siliphunga elibi lokufa; komunye siliphunga elimnandi lokuphila. Ngubani olingene umsebenzi lo na? **17** Thina kasihambi sithengisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu njengabanengi. Kodwa kuKhristu siyakhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngobuqotho, njengabantu abathunywe nguNkulunkulu.

3 Kanti sesiqala futhi ukuzethula na? Kumbe njengabanye abantu kumele sibe lezincwadi zokusikhulumela kini kumbe ezivela kini na? **2** Lina ngokwenu liyizincwadi zethu ezibhalwe ezinhliziyweni zethu, ezaziwayo lezifundwa ngumuntu wonke. **3** Liyabonakalisa ukuba liyincwadi evela kuKhristu, isithelo sokutshumayela kwethu, engabhalwanga nge-inki kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, hatshi ezibhebhedwini zamatshe kodwa ezibhebhedwini zezinhliziyo zabantu. **4**

Ithemba elinjengaleli ngelethu ngoKhristu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Kungayisikho ukuthi siyenelisa ukwahlulela konke esikwenzayo kodwa ukwenelisa kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu. **6** Usiphe amandla okuba zinceku zesivumelwano esitsha, kungayisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala kodwa uMoya uletha ukuphila. **7** Nxa imfundiso eyaletha ukufa eyayibhalwe ngamabala elitsheni, yeza lenkazimulo, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli kokuphela ubuso bukaMosi ngenxa yenkazimulo yabo, lanxa nje yayisifiphala, **8** kambe imfundiso kaMoya kayiyikuba lenkazimulo enkulu na? **9** Nxa imfundiso elahla abantu ilenkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yemfundiso eletha ukulunga. **10** Ngoba okwakulenkazimulo khathesi akuselayo inkazimulo kuqathaniswa lenkazimulo enkulu. **11** Njalo nxa okwakufiphala kwaletha inkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yalokho okungulaphakade! **12** Ngakho, njengoba silethemba elinje, silesibindi. **13** Thina kasinjengoMosi owamboza ubuso bakhe ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli lapho inkazimulo yayisifiphala. **14** Kodwa ingqondo zabo zathundubezwa, ngoba kuze kube lamhla lesosembeso sisala sikhona lapho isivumelwano esidala sibalwa. Kasisuswanga ngoba sisuswa ngoKhristu kuphela. **15** Langalolosuku nxa kubalwa umlayo kaMosi, isembeso sembesa inhliziyo zabo. **16** Kodwa nxa umuntu ephendukela eNkosini, “isembeso siyasuswa.” **17** INkosi inguMoya njalo lapho okuloMoya weNkosi khona, kulokukhululeka. **18**

Njalo thina, sonke esibonakalisa inkazimulo yeNkosi ngobuso obungembeswanga, siguqulelwa ekufananeni layo ngenkazimulo ekhula kokuphela, evela eNkosini, enguMoya.

4 Ngakho, njengoba ngomusa kaNkulunkulu silale imfundiso, kasiphelelwa lithemba. **2** Kodwa-ke sizilahlile izindlela zangasese lezilihlazo; kasisebenzisi buqili loba ukuhlanekela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. Kodwa ngokubeka iqiniso obala, sizinikela kunembeza womuntu wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Lanxa ivangeli lethu lembesiwe, lembeswe kulabo ababhubhayo. **4** Unkulunkulu walesisikhathi usephumputhekise ingqondo zabangakholwayo, ukuze bangakuboni ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKhristu, ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. **(aiōn g165)** **5** Ngoba kasizitshumayeli thina ngokwethu, kodwa uJesu Khristu njengeNkosi, njalo thina njengezinceku zenu ngenxa kaJesu. **6** Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi, "Ukukhanya kakube khona emnyameni," wenza ukukhanya kwakhe kwakhanya ezinhliziyweni zethu ukuba asiphe ukukhanya kokwazi inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaJesu Khristu. **7** Kodwa inotho le silayo ezimbizeni zebumba ukubonakalisa ukuthi amandla amakhulukazi la avela kuNkulunkulu hatshi kithi. **8** Sincindezelwe kalukhuni enhlangothini zonke kodwa kasifihlizeki; sididekile kodwa kasilahlanga ithemba; **9** siyahlukuluzwa kodwa kasidelwanga; sitshayelelwa phansi kodwa kasibhujiswanga. **10** Sikuthwele njalonje emzimbeni yethu ukufa kukaJesu, ukuze ukuphila kukaJesu lakho

kubonakaliswe emizimbeni yethu. **11** Ngoba thina abaphilayo sihlezi sinikelwa ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze ukuphila kwakhe kubonakaliswe emizimbeni yethu efayo. **12** Ngakho ukufa kuyasebenza kithi kodwa ukuphila kuyasebenza kini. **13** Kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngakholwa; ngakho ngasengikhuluma." Ngalowomoya wokukholwa lathi siyakholwa, yingakho siyakhuluma, **14** ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi lowo owavusa iNkosi uJesu kwabafileyo lathi uzasivusa loJesu asethule kanye lani phambi kwakhe. **15** Konke lokhu ngokokusiza lina, ukuze kuthi umusa ofika ebantwini abanengi ungenza ukubonga kwande ukuze kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu. **16** Ngakho-ke, kasililahli ithemba. Lanxa ngaphandle sicikizeka kodwa ngaphakathi senziwa sibe batsha insuku zonke. **17** Ngoba ukukhanya kwethu lezinhlupheko zethu zesikhatshana zisilethela inkazimulo elaphakade, enkulu kulazo zonke. **(aiōnios g166)** **18** Ngakho amehlo ethu kasiwakhangelisanga kokubonakalayo, kodwa kokungabonakaliyo, ngoba okubonakalayo kuyedlula, kodwa okungabonakaliyo kuyahlala laphakade. **(aiōnios g166)**

5 Siyakwazi ukuthi nxa ithente lethu lasemhlabeni lidilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu yaphakade ezulwini, engakhiwanga ngezandla zabantu. **(aiōnios g166)** **2** Okwakhathesi siyabubula, sifisa ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini, **3** ngoba nxa sesembesiwe kasiyikutholakala sinqunu. **4** Ngoba nxa sisesekuleli ithente, siyabubula njalo siyasindwa ngoba kasifisi ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini ukuze okufayo kuginywe yikuphila.

5 UNkulunkulu nguye owasidala ngenxa yale injongo
njalo wasinika uMoya njengesibambiso, eqinisa okuzayo.
6 Ngakho sihlezi silethemba njalo siyakwazi ukuthi
nxa sisesekhaya emzimbeni, sikhatshana leNkosi. **7**
Ngoba siphila ngokukholwa hatshi ngokubona. **8**
Ngithi silethemba njalo ngingakhetha ukuba khatshana
lomzimba ngisekhaya kanye leNkosi. **9** Ngakho sikwenza
kube yinjongo yethu ukuyithokozisa, langabe sisekhaya
emzimbeni loba kude lawo. **10** Ngoba sonke kumele
sime phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKhristu ukuze
lowo lalowo amukele okumfaneleyo, okwezinto azenzayo
esemzimbeni, langabe ngezinhle loba ezimbi. **11** Ngakho
njengoba sikwazi ukuthi ukwesaba iNkosi kuyini, siyazama
ukubancenga abantu. Lokhu thina esiyikho kusobala
kuNkulunkulu njalo ngithemba kusobala lakuzazela zenu.
12 Kasizami ukuzibika kini futhi kodwa silinika ithuba
lokuba lizigqaje ngathi, ukuze lenelise ukubaphendula
labo abazigqaja ngokubonakalayo endaweni yalokho
okusenhliziyweni. **13** Nxa sesiphambene ingqondo,
kungenxa yokwenzela kwethu uNkulunkulu; nxa siphelele
engqondweni, senzela lina. **14** Ngoba uthando lukaKhristu
luyasifuqa, ngoba siyakholwa ukuba oyedwa wafela
bonke, ngakho bonke bafa. **15** Wafela abantu bonke ukuze
abaphilayo bangaziphileli bona ngokwabo kodwa lowo
owabafelayo wavuswa njalo. **16** Ngakho-ke, kusukela
khathesi kusiya phambili kasikhangeli muntu ngengqondo
yasemhlabeni. Lanxa sake sakhangela uKhristu ngale
indlela, kasisakwenzi. **17** Ngakho-ke, nxa umuntu
ekuKhristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala akusekho,

sekufike okutsha. **18** Konke lokhu kuvela kuNkulunkulu owasibuyisela kuye ngoKhristu wasinika imfundiso yokubuyisana: **19** ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayebuyisa umhlaba kuye ngoKhristu, abantu engababaleli izono zabo. Njalo usesinike ilizwi lokubuyisana. **20** Ngokunjalo, singabameli bakaKhristu, ngokungathi uNkulunkulu wenza isikhalazo sakhe ngathi. Siyalincenga simele uKhristu sithi: Buyisanani loNkulunkulu. **21** UNkulunkulu wamenza waba yisono owayengelasono ngenxa yethu ukuze kuthi kuye sibe yikulunga kukaNkulunkulu.

6 Njengezisebenzi zikaNkulunkulu siyalincenga ukuba lingamukeli umusa kaNkulunkulu ngeze. **2** Ngoba uthi: “Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo kimi ngalizwa, langosuku lokusindiswa ngalisiza.” Zwanini, khathesi sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo, khathesi lusuku lokusindiswa. **3** Kasibeki zikhubekiso endleleni yomuntu ukuze imfundiso yethu ingasolwa. **4** Kodwa, njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu sizethula ngazozonke izindlela: ngokubekezela okukhulu; ekuhluphekeni, ebunzimeni kanye lasezinsizini; **5** ekutshayweni, ekuvalelweni entolongweni laseziphithiphithini; ukusebenza nzima, ukungalali ebusuku kanye lendlala; **6** ukuhlambuluka, ukuqedisisa, ukubekezela kanye lomusa, ngoMoya oNgcwele langothando oluqotho, **7** ngokukhuluma iqiniso langamandla kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga esandleni sokudla lesenxele; **8** ngodumo langehlazo, ukukhulunyelwa kubi lokukhulunyelwa kuhle; siqotho, kodwa sikhangelwa njengabakhohlisi; **9** siyaziwa kodwa sikhangelwa njengabangaziwayo,

abafayo, kodwa siqhubeka siphila; siyatshaywa kodwa kasibulawa, **10** sisosizini kodwa sihlezi sijabula; simpofu kodwa sinothisa abanengi; kasilalutho kodwa silezinto zonke. **11** Sikhulume kini sikhululekile, maKhorinte, sazivula ngokupheleleyo inhliziyo zethu kini. **12** Kasilugodli uthando lwethu kini kodwa lina liyalugodla olwenu kithi. **13** Okungaba yikuphana okuhle, ngikhuluma njengasebantwaneni bami, lani zivuleni ngokupheleleyo inhliziyo zenu kithi. **14** Lingahlanganyeli labangakholwayo. Ngoba ukulunga lobubi kulokuhambelana bani na? Loba yibudlelwano bani obungaba khona phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama na? **15** Yikuzwana bani okukhona phakathi kukaKhristu loBheliyali na? Yikuhambelana bani okholwayo alakho longakholwayo na? **16** Yisivumelwano bani esikhona phakathi kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu lezithombe na? Ngoba thina silithempeli likaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathi: "Ngizahlala labo ngihambe phakathi kwabo njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo bona babengabantu bami." **17** Ngakho, "phumani kubo lehlukane labo, kutsho iNkosi. Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo, mina ngizalemukela." **18** Njalo, "mina, ngizakuba nguYihlo, lina lizakuba ngamadodana lamadodakazi ami, kutsho iNkosi uSomandla."

7 Njengoba silezithembiso lezi, bazalwane abathandekayo, kasizihlambululeni ezintweni zonke ezingcolisa umzimba lomoya, siphelelise ubungcwele ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu. **2** Sivuleleni inhliziyo zenu. Kasonelanga muntu, kasixhwalisanga muntu,

kasenzanga nzuzo ngomuntu. **3** Kangitsho lokhu ukuba ngililahle; ngitshilo ngaphambilini ukuthi likhona ezinhliziyweni zethu okungenza siphile kumbe sife lani. **4** Ngilethemba elikhulu ngani; ngiyazigqaja kakhulu ngani. Ngiduduzekile kakhulu; kuzozonke inhlupho zethu intokozo yami kayilamikhawulo. **5** Ngoba ekufikeni kwethu eMasedoniya, umzimba wethu lo wawungelakuphumula kodwa sasikhathazwa ezindaweni zonke, ingxabano ngaphandle, lokwesaba ngaphakathi. **6** Kodwa uNkulunkulu oduduza abadanileyo wasiduduza ngokufika kukaThithu, **7** kungayisikho ngokufika kwakhe nje kuphela kodwa langokumduduza kwenu. Wasitshela ngokungikhumbula kwenu, usizi lwenu olukhulu, lokutshiseka kwenu likhathazeka ngami, ukuthokoza kwami kwaze kwaba kukhulu kakhulu. **8** Lanxa ngalibangela usizi ngencwadi yami, angizisoli ngayo. Lanxa ngazisola ngayo, ngiyabona ukuba incwadi yami yalikhuba, kodwa okwesikhatshana nje, **9** ikanti khathesi ngiyathokoza, hatshi ngoba ladaniswa kodwa ngoba usizi lwenu lwalenza laphenduka. Ngoba laba lusizi njengokujonga kukaNkulunkulu njalo thina kasizange sililimaze langayiphi indlela. **10** Usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu luletha ukuphenduka okuholela ekusindisweni kungatshiyi nsolo, kodwa usizi lwasemhlabeni luletha ukufa. **11** Khangelani ukuba usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu lolu selufezeni kini: ukutshisekela okungaka, lokufisa okungaka ukuba lizigeze, lentukuthelo engaka, lokwethuka okungaka ekuboneni ukulunga kusenziwa. Kukho konke

libonakalise ukuthi lina limsulwa kule indaba. **12** Ngakho lanxa ngalilobela, ngangingajonganga owonayo loba lowo owonelwayo kodwa ukuba phambi kukaNkulunkulu lizibonele ngokwenu ukuthi lizimisele kangakanani kithi. **13** Konke lokhu thina kuyasikhuthaza. Phezu kokukhuthazwa kwethu, sijabuliswa ikakhulu yikubona uThithu ethokoza ngoba lonke lasiza ngokwenza ukuthi umoya wakhe ube lokuthula. **14** Ngangizincomile kuye ngani njalo kalingiyangisanga. Kodwa njengoba konke esakutshoyo kini kwakuliqiniso, ngakho ukuzincoma kwethu kuThithu ngani lakho kubonakale kuliqiniso. **15** Njalo ukulithanda kwakhe kukhulu kakhulu lapho ekhumbula ukuthi lonke lalilalela, limamukela ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela. **16** Ngiyathokoza ngoba ngilethemba elipheleleyo ngani.

8 Bazalwane, sithanda ukuba lazi ngomusa uNkulunkulu awunike amabandla aseMasedoniya. **2** Ekulingweni kwawo okunzima kakhulu lokuthokoza kwawo okukhulu kanye lobuyanga bawo bokucina kugcwele ukuphana okumangalisayo. **3** Ngoba ngiyafakaza ukuthi anikela okunengi njengayengakwanelisa, kanye lokudlula amandla awo. Bona ngokwabo, **4** basincenga ngokuphangisa ukuba babe lethuba lokuhlanganyela kulokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi. **5** Kabenzanga njengesasikulindele kodwa bazinikela eNkosini kuqala, muva bazinikela kithi kuvumelana lentando kaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngakho-ke, samncenga uThithu, njengoba wayeseqalisile ngaphambilini, ukuba lawo awuqede umsebenzi womusa lo kini. **7** Kodwa

njengoba lisenza kuhle ezintweni zonke, ekukholweni, ekukhulumeni, ekwazini, ekuzimiseleni okupheleleyo kanye lakukho ukusithanda kwenu, bonani ukuthi liyaqhubeka futhi kulumusa wokuphana. **8** Angilibekeli mlayo kodwa ngifuna ukuhlola ubuqotho bothando lwenu ngokuluqathanisa lokuzimisela kwabanye. **9** Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ukuthi lanxa wayenothile kodwa waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze kuthi ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe. **10** Njalo nansi iseluleko sami mayelana lalokho okuhle kakhulu kini kule indaba: Nyakenye libe ngabokuqala kungayisikho ekupheni nje kuphela kodwa lekubeni lesifiso sokwenza njalo. **11** Khathesi-ke uqediseni umsebenzi ukuze ukutshiseka kokufuna kwenu ukwenza kungalingana lokuwuqeda kwenu, kusiya ngalokho elilakho. **12** Ngoba nxa isifiso sikhona, isipho siyamukeleka kusiya ngalokho umuntu alakho hatshi ngalokho angelakho. **13** Isifiso sethu akusikuthi abanye bakhululwe lina lilokhu lincindezelekile kodwa ukuba kube lokulingana. **14** Ngenala yenu yalesisikhathi lizabanika abakuswelayo, ukuze kuthi labo ngenala yabo baliphe elikuswelayo. Lapho-ke kuzakuba lokulingana, **15** njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Lowo owabutha okunengi kabanga lokunengi kakhulu, lalowo owabutha okulutshwana kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu.” **16** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu owabeka enhliziyweni kaThithu ukukhathazeka kunye engilakho ngani. **17** Ngoba uThithu kamukelanga isicelo sethu nje kuphela kodwa uyeza kini ngokutshiseka okukhulu njalo ngokuzithuma

kwakhe. **18** Njalo kanye laye sithuma umzalwane obatshazwa ngamabandla wonke ngenxa yomsebenzi wakhe wokutshumayela ivangeli. **19** Phezu kwalokho, wakhethwa ngamabandla ukuba asiphelekezele sithwele umnikelo esiwuphetheyo ukuze sidumise iNkosi uqobo lokuba sibonakalise ukutshisekela kwethu ukusiza. **20** Sifuna ukuxwaya insolo ngendlela esiphatha ngayo lesisipho sokuphana. **21** Ngoba siyalwisa kakhulu ukuba senze okulungileyo, kungasikho emehlweni eNkosi kuphela, kodwa lasemehlweni abantu. **22** Phezu kwalokho, sithuma kanye labo umzalwane wethu ohlezi ebonakalisa kithi ngezindlela ezinengi ukuthi ukhuthele, ikakhulu khathesi ngenxa yethemba lakhe elikhulu kini. **23** UThithu yena-ke ungohlanganyela lami loyisisebenzi kanye lami phakathi kwenu; abazalwane bethu bona-ke bangabameli bamabandla lodumo kuKhristu. **24** Ngakho-ke, tshengisani abantu laba ubufakazi bothando lwenu kanye lesisusa sokuzigqaja kwethu ngani, ukuze amabandla wonke alubone.

9 Akudingeki ukuba ngililobele mayelana lalokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi. **2** Ngoba ngiyakwazi ukutshisekela kwenu ukuba lisize njalo kade ngizincoma ngakho kwabaseMasedoniya, ngibatshela ukuthi kusukela nyakenye lina e-Akhayiya belizimisele ukunikela; njalo ukutshiseka kwenu kukhuthaze inengi labo ukuba baphathise. **3** Kodwa ngithuma abazalwane ukuze ukuzincoma kwethu ngani ngale indaba kungabi yize kodwa ukuba libe ngabalungiseleleyo, njengoba ngatsho ukuthi lizakuba lilungiselele. **4** Ngoba nxa

abanye baseMasedoniya besiza lami, bengathola lingalungiselanga, singayangeka ngokulethemba ebesilakho. **5** Ngakho ngibone kufanele ukukhuthaza abazalwane ukuba balethekelele mandulo baqedise amalungiselelo esipho esihle elasithembisa sona. Ngalesosikhathi sizakuba sesilungile njengesipho esihle hatshi esinikelwe ngomona. **6** Khumbulani lokhu: Lowo ohlanyela okunengi uvuna okunengi. **7** Umuntu ngamunye kanike lokho amise ukukunikela enhliziyweni yakhe, kungabi ngokudonda loba ukubanjwa ngamandla ngoba uNkulunkulu uthanda onikela ngokuthokoza. **8** Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okwenza umusa wande kini ukuze kuthi ezintweni zonke ngezikhathi zonke, lilakho konke elikuswelayo, lizakuba lokunengi kuyo yonke imisebenzi emihle. **9** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Uchithele izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke; ukulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade." **(aiōn g165)** **10** Lowo onika umhlanyeli inhlanyelo lesinkwa sokudla uzanika njalo aqhelise isiphala senu senhlanyelo, andise lesivuno sokulunga kwenu. **11** Lizanothiswa ngezindlela zonke ukuze liphane ngezikhathi zonke, kuthi ngathi ukupha kwenu kulethe ukubongwa kukaNkulunkulu. **12** Umsebenzi lo eliwenzayo kawuqedi zinswelo zabantu bakaNkulunkulu kuphela kodwa ugcwele amazwi amanengi okubonga uNkulunkulu. **13** Ngenxa yomsebenzi eselizibonakalise ngawo, abantu bazamdumisa uNkulunkulu ngenxa yokulalela lokuvuma kwenu ivangeli likaKhristu, kanye lomusa wenu ekwabelananeni labo kanye labanye futhi. **14**

Ekulikhulekeleni kwabo, inhliziyo zabo zizakuba kini ngenxa yomusa ongelamkhawulo uNkulunkulu alinike wona. **15** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho esingeke sichazwe.

10 Ngenxa yokuthobeka lobumnene bukaKhristu ngiyalincenga, mina Phawuli "owethukayo" nxa ngilani ubuso ngobuso kodwa ngilesibindi nxa ngikude! **2** Ngiyalicela ukuthi ekufikeni kwami kungaze kwadingeka ukuba ngize ngibe lesibindi njengalokhu engikhangelele ukuba laso mayelana labanye abantu abacabanga ukuthi siphila ngokwezilinganiso zomhlaba lo. **3** Ngoba lanxa sihlala emhlabeni, kasilwi mpi njengokwenziwa ngumhlaba. **4** Izikhali esilwa ngazo akusizo zikhali zasemhlabeni. Kodwa zilamandla kaNkulunkulu okudiliza izinqaba. **5** Sichitha inkani lokuzazisa konke okuzibekayo kumelane lokwazi uNkulunkulu njalo siyayithumba yonke imicabango ukuba siyenze ibe ngemlalelayo uKhristu. **6** Njalo sizakuba silungele ukujezisa zonke izenzo zokungalaleli nxa ukulalela kwenu kungaphelela. **7** Lina likhangela kuphela lokho okubonakalayo. Nxa umuntu ekholwa ukuthi ungokaKhristu, kakhumbule njalo ukuthi lathi singabakaKhristu njengaye. **8** Ngoba lanxa ngizincoma kancane ngamandla iNkosi eyasinika wona ukuba lakhiwe kulokuba lichithwe, angiyikuyangeka ngakho. **9** Kangifuni ukuba kube sengathi ngiyalethusela ngezincwadi zami. **10** Ngoba abanye bathi, "Izincwadi zakhe zilesisindo lomfutho kodwa yena uqobo uyeyiseka lakukhulumayo kufana leze." **11** Abantu abanjalo kumele bakwazi ukuthi lokho

okukhanya siyikho ezincwadini zethu nxa singekho, sizakuba yikho kanye ngezenzo zethu nxa sesikhona. **12** Kasenelisi ukuzilinganisa loba ukuziqathanisa labanye abazibabazayo. Nxa bezilinganisa bona ngokwabo babuye baziqathanise bona ngokwabo, kabahlakaniphanga. **13** Kodwa thina kasizincomi kudlule imikhawulo efaneleyo. Kodwa ukuzincoma kwethu sikukhawulisa ebangeni uNkulunkulu asibekele lona, ibanga elifikayo lakini. **14** Kasedlulisi malawulo ekuzincomeni kwethu, njengokuba kungenzakala lapho kungabe kasizanga kini, ngoba safinyelela ukuzafika kini levangeli likaKhristu. **15** Njalo kasedluli mikhawulo yethu ngokuzincoma ngomsebenzi owenziwe ngabanye. Ithemba lethu yikuthi lapho ukukholwa kwenu kuqhubeka kukhula, indawo yethu yokusebenza phakathi kwenu izaqhela kakhulu, **16** sitshumayele ivangeli ezigabeni ezingale kwenu. Ngoba kasifuni kuzincoma ngomsebenzi ovele usuyenziwe endaweni yomunye umuntu. **17** Kodwa, "Lowo ozincomayo kazincome eNkosini." **18** Ngoba akusimuntu ozibabazayo onguye ovunywayo, kodwa umuntu onconywa yiNkosi.

11 Ngithemba lizabekezelela okuncane kobuthutha bami; kodwa livele selikwenza lokho. **2** Mina ngilobukhwele ngani ngobukhwele bokukholwa. Ngathembisa ukulendisela endodeni eyodwa, uKhristu, ukuze ngilethule kuyo liyintombi egcweleyo. **3** Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi njengo-Eva owakhohliswa yibuqili benyoka, ingqondo zenu zingaphanjulwa kancane ekuzinikeleni kwenu kuKhristu okuqotho lokungelasici. **4** Ngoba nxa umuntu angafika kini atshumayele uJesu

ongasuye esamtshumayelayo thina, loba nxa lisamukela umoya ohlukene lalowo elawamukelayo, loba ivangeli elehlukileyo kulelo elalivumayo, likubekezelele lula kakhulu. **5** Kodwa kangicabangi ukuthi ngiyeyiseka okokucina kulabo “bapostoli abaphezulu.” **6** Ngingaba yisikhulumi esingafundiswanga kodwa ulwazi ngilalo. Lokhu sesikwenze kwacaca ngokupheleleyo kini ngezindlela zonke. **7** Kambe kwakuyisono yini ukuba ngizehlise ukuze ngiliphakamise ngokutshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kungekho mbadalo na? **8** Ngaphanga amanye amabandla ngokwamukela usizo kuwo ukuze ngilisebenzele. **9** Njalo lalapho ngikini kulolutho engangilufuna, kangibanga ngumthwalo lakubani ngoba abazalwane ababesuka eMasedoniya bangipha engangikuswela. Ngizithibile ekubeni ngumthwalo kini langayiphi indlela njalo ngizaqhubeka ngisenza njalo. **10** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba iqiniso likaKhristu likhona kimi, akulamuntu ezigabeni zase-Akhayiya ozangalisa ukuzincoma kwami lokhu. **11** Kungani na? Ngoba angilithandi na? UNkulunkulu uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyalithanda! **12** Njalo ngizaqhubeka ngisenza lokhu engikwenzayo ukuze amacebo alabo abafuna ithuba lokuba bakhangelwe njengabalingana lathi ezintweni abazincoma ngazo abe liphutha. **13** Ngoba abantu abanjalo bangabapostoli bamanga, izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, ezizenza abapostoli bakaKhristu. **14** Akumangalisi ngoba loSathane uqobo uzenza ingilosi yokukhanya. **15** Ngakho akumangalisi nxa izinceku zakhe zizenza izinceku zokulunga. Isiphetho sazo

sizakuba ngokufanele izenzo zazo. **16** Ngiyaphinda ngithi:
Akungabi lamuntu ongithatha njengesithutha. Kodwa
nxa lisenza njalo, ngamukelani ngendlela elingamukela
ngayo isithutha ukuze ngizincome kancane. **17** Ngalokhu
kuzincoma kwami ngesibindi, angikhulumi njengeNkosi
kodwa njengesithutha. **18** Njengoba abanengi bezincoma
ngendlela eyenziwa ngumhlaba, lami-ke ngizazincoma.
19 Labekezelela izithutha ngentokozo ngoba lihlakaniphe
kangaka! **20** Ngeqiniso, lina libekezelela loba ngubani
oligqilazayo loba ethola inzuzo ngani loba ezisiza ngani
loba ezikhukhumeza loba elimakala ngempama ebusweni.
21 Ngivuma ngilenhloni ukuthi thina sasibuthakathaka
kakhulu kulokho! Lokho omunye umuntu angaba lesibindi
sokuzincoma ngakho, ngikhuluma njengesithutha, lami
ngilesibindi sokuzincoma ngakho. **22** BangamaHebheru
na? Lami nginguye. Bangama-Israyeli na? Lami nginguye.
Bayinzalo ka-Abhrahama na? Lami ngiyiyo. **23** Bazinceku
zikaKhristu na? (Sengiphambene ingqondo ukuba
ngikhulume kanje.) Mina ngedlula lokho. Sengisebenze
nzima, ngibe sentolongweni kanengi, ngabhaxabulwa
kakhulukazi, ngabekwa engozini yokufa njalonjalo.
24 Kahlanu ngatshaywa ngamaJuda imvimvinya
ezingamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye. **25**
Kathathu ngatshaywa ngemiqwayi, kanye ngatshaywa
ngamatshe, ngafelwa ngumkhumbi kathathu, ngachitha
ubusuku losuku ngindenda olwandle, **26** kade
ngihlezi ngingohambayo njalonje. Ngike ngaba
sezingozini zemifula, ezingozini zezigebenga, ezingozini
zabantu bakithi, ezingozini zabeZizweni, ezingozini

edolobheni, ezingozini emaphandleni, ezingozini elwandle; lasezingozini zabazalwane bamanga. **27** Ngasebenza nzima, ngatshikatshika njalo kanengi ngingalali; ngezwa indlala lokoma, ngaswela lokudla kanengi; ngagodola njalo ngahamba nqunu. **28** Langaphandle kwezinye zonke izinto; ngibhekane lokuncindezelwa yikukhathazeka kwami ngamabandla wonke. **29** Ngubani obuthakathaka, mina ngingabuzwa lobo buthakathaka na? Ngubani oholelwa esonweni, ngingatshi ngaphakathi kwami na? **30** Nxa kumele ngizincome, ngizazincoma ngezinto ezibonakalisa ubuthakathaka bami. **31** UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi uJesu, ozadunyiswa okungulaphakade, uyakwazi ukuthi kangiqambi manga. **(aiōn g165)** **32** EDamaseko umbusi ongaphansi kweNkosi u-Aretha walaya ukuba idolobho laseDamaseko lilindwe ukuze ngibotshwe. **33** Kodwa ngehliswa ngesilulu ewindini elalisemdulini, ngaphunyuka ezandleni zakhe.

12 Kumele ngiqhubeke ngizincoma. Lanxa kungelalutho oluzuzwayo, mina ngizaqhubeka ngemibono langezambulo ezivela eNkosini. **2** Mina ngazi umuntu okuKhristu okwathi ngeminyaka elitshumi lane eyedlulayo wathathwa wasiwa ezulwini lesithathu. Langabe kwakuphakathi komzimba loba ngaphandle komzimba kangikwazi, kwazi uNkulunkulu. **3** Mina ngazi ukuthi umuntu lo loba phakathi komzimba kumbe ngaphandle komzimba, kangikwazi, kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazi, **4** wahlwithwa wasiwa ePharadise. Wezwa izinto ezingakhulumekiyo, izinto umuntu angavunyelwa

ukuzitsho. **5** Ngazincoma ngomuntu onjalo, kodwa mina angiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle kwangobuthakathaka bami. **6** Lanxa ngingakhetha ukuzincoma, ngiyabe ngingesisithutha ngoba ngiyabe ngikhuluma iqiniso. Kodwa ngiyazibamba ukuze kungabikhona ozacabanga okunengi ngami kulalokho okufanele engikwenzayo loba engikutshoyo. **7** Ukuze ngenqabele ukuzikhukhumeza ngenxa yalezizambulo ezinkulu kakhulukazi, ngahlatshwa ngameva emzimbeni wami, ayisithunywa sikaSathane, ukuba angihluphe. **8** Ngalabhela eNkosini kathathu ukuba iwasuse kimi. **9** Kodwa yathi kimi, "Umusa wami ukwanele ngoba amandla ami apheleliswa ebuthakathakeni." Ngakho ngizazincoma kakhulu-ke ngokuthokoza ngobuthakathaka bami, ukuze amandla kaKhristu ahlale phezu kwami. **10** Yikho-nje, ngenxa kaKhristu, ngithokozela ubuthakathaka, izithuko, inhlupho, ukuhlukuluzwa lokukhathazeka. Ngoba nxa ngibuthakathaka, kulapho-ke ngilamandla. **11** Sengenze ubuthutha, kodwa yini elingingenise kubo. Kade kufanele nginconywe yini ngoba kangiphansi okokucina "kubapostoli abaphezulu," lanxa nje ngingasilutho. **12** Izinto eziphawula umpostoli zigoqela izibonakaliso, izimanga kanye lezimangaliso ezenziwa phakathi kwenu ngokubekezela okukhulu. **13** Laliphansi okunjani kulamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi angizange ngibe ngumthwalo kini. Ngithethelelani kulokhu! **14** Khathesi sengilungele ukuba ngilethekelele okwesithathu njalo angiyikuba ngumthwalo kini ngoba engikufunayo akusimpahla yenu kodwa lina. Ikanti belo

abantwana akumelanga banakekele abazali babo kodwa abazali yibo okumele banakekele abantwababo. **15** Ngakho ngizathokozela kakhulu ukuchitha konke engilakho ngenxa yenu lami futhi ngizinikele. Ngingalithanda kakhulu, lina lizangithanda kancane na? **16** Loba kunjalo, mina angibanga ngumthwalo kini. Kodwa mina njengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngalibamba ngobuqili! **17** Ngaliqilibezela yini ngomunye wabantu engabathuma kini na? **18** Ngacela uThithu ukuba eze kini njalo ngathuma lomzalwane wethu kunye laye. UThithu kazange aliqilibezele, waliqilibezela na? Kasisebenzanga ngamoya munye salandela indlela yinye na? **19** Isikhathi sonke lesi kade licabanga ukuthi besizivikela kini na? Kade sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu njengabakuKhristu; njalo konke esikwenzayo, bazalwane abathandekayo, ngokokuliqinisa. **20** Ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni kwami angiyikulifica liyilokho engifuna libe yikho, mhlawumbe lani lingangifumani ngiyilokho elifuna ngibe yikho. Ngiyesaba ukuthi kungaba khona ukuxabana, umona, ukuthukuthela, imibango, isinyeyo, ukuhleba, ukuzikhukhumeza kanye lokuphithizela. **21** Ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami uzangithoba phambi kwenu njalo ngizakuba lusizi ngabanengi abenze izono ngaphambilini njalo bengaphendukanga kulokho kungcola, isono sokufeba kanye lamanyala abangena kuwo.

13 Ukuza kwami kini lokhu kuzakuba ngokwesithathu. “Izindaba zonke kumele ziqiniswe yibufakazi babantu ababili loba abathathu.” **2** Ngavela ngalixwayisa lapho

ngilani okwesibili. Ngiyakuphinda njalo ngingekho: Ekubuyeni kwami futhi angiyikubayekela labo abenza izono ngaphambilini loba nguphi wabanye, **3** njengoba lifuna ubufakazi bokuthi uKhristu ukhuluma ngami. Yena kabuthakathaka ekuliphatheni kwakhe kodwa ulamandla phakathi kwenu. **4** Ngoba ngeqiniso, wabethelwa ebuthakathakeni, ikanti uyaphila ngamandla kaNkulunkulu. Ngokufanayo, sibuthakathaka kuye, ikanti ngamandla kaNkulunkulu sizaphila laye ukuba silisebenzele. **5** Zihloleni ukuba libone ingabe lisekukholweni, zihloleni. Kaliboni yini ukuthi uKhristu uJesu uphakathi kwenu, ngaphandle nje kokuba lehluleke ekuhlolweni? **6** Ngithemba ukuba lizafumana ukuthi thina kasisibo abehlulekileyo ekuhlolweni. **7** Siyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ukuba lingenzi lutho olubi. Kungayisikho ukuba abantu babone ukuthi sifanele kodwa ukuba lina lenze okulungileyo lanxa singakhanya singabehlulekileyo. **8** Ngoba asingeke senze lutho oluphambene leqiniso kodwa olweqiniso kuphela. **9** Siyathokoza lapho singabe sibuthakathaka kodwa lina liqinile njalo umkhuleko wethu ngowokuba lipheleliswe. **10** Yikho-nje ngiloba izinto lezi ngingekho ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ngingabi lukhuni ekusebenziseni kwami amandla, amandla okulakha engiwaphiwe yiNkosi hatshi ukulidiliza. **11** Okokucina, bazalwane, salani kuhle. Funani ukuphelela, lilalele isicelo sami, libe ngqondo yinye, lihlale ngokuthula. UNkulunkulu wothando lokuthula uzakuba lani. **12** Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele. **13** Abantu bakaNkulunkulu bonke bayalibingelela. **14** Sengathi

umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu, uthando lukaNkulunkulu
lokuhlanganyela kukaMoya oNgcwele kungaba lani lonke.

KwabaseGalathiya

1 UPhawuli umpostoli ongathunywanga evela ebantwini
loba ngumuntu, kodwa nguJesu Khristu loNkulunkulu
uBaba, owamvusayo kwabafileyo, **2** labo bonke abazalwane
abalami. Emabandleni aseGalathiya: **3** Umusa lokuthula
akube kini kuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Khristu, **4** owazinikela ngenxa yezono zethu
ukuthi asihlenge kulesisikhathi esibi, ngenxa yentando
kaNkulunkulu uBaba wethu, **(aiōn g165)** **5** udumo
kalube kuye kuze kube laphakade. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**
6 Ngiyamangala ukuthi limdela masinya kangaka
lowo owalibiza ngomusa kaKhristu njalo liphendukela
evangelini elehlukileyo, **7** elingasivangeli langempela
ngitsho. Kusobala abanye abantu bayaliphambanisa
njalo bazama ukungcolisa ivangeli likaKhristu. **8**
Kodwa lanxa thina loba ingilosi evela ezulwini
ingatshumayela elinye ivangeli ngaphandle kwalelo
esalitshumayela kini, kasilahlwe kuze kube nini lanini!
9 Njengoba sesivele sitshilo, lakhathesi ngiyatsho futhi
ngithi: Lanxa kungaba ngubani otshumayela kini
elinye ivangeli ngaphandle kwalelo elalamukelayo,
kaqalekiswe nguNkulunkulu! **10** Kambe sengizama
ukuzuza ukwamukelwa ngabantu loba nguNkulunkulu
na? Kumbe njalo ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu na? Aluba
lokhe ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu, bengingayikuba
yinceku kaKhristu. **11** Ngithanda ukuthi lazi bazalwane,
ukuthi ivangeli engalitshumayelayo kaliveli ebantwini. **12**
Kangilamukelanga emuntwini njalo kangilifundiswanga;
kodwa ngalamukela ngokwambulelwa nguJesu Khristu.

13 Selizwile ngokuhamba kwami kwakuqala enkolweni
yesiJuda, ukuthi ngalihlukuluza ngaliphatha ngochuku
ibandla likaNkulunkulu njalo ngazama lokulichitha.
14 Ngangisiya phambili ngokholo lwesiJuda ukwedlula
amaJuda amanengi ayintanga yami njalo ngangitshisekela
imikhuba yabokhokho bami kakhulu. **15** Kodwa kwathi
uNkulunkulu owangiphawula ngisesesiswini sikamama
engibiza ngomusa wakhe, wathokoza **16** ukuthi aveze
iNdodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngitshumayele phakathi
kwabeZizwe, kangibuzanga muntu. **17** Angizange
ngiye eJerusalema ukuyabona labo ababengabapostoli
ngingakabi nguye, kodwa ngahle ngaya e-Arabhiya.
Emva kwalokho ngabuyela eDamaseko. **18** Emva
kweminyaka emithathu, ngaya eJerusalema ukuze
ngijayelane loKhefasi, ngahlala laye insuku ezilitshumi
lanhlanu. **19** Kangibonanga lamunye wabanye abapostoli
ngaphandle kukaJakhobe umfowabo weNkosi kuphela. **20**
Ngikugcizelela kini lokhu phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi
lokhu engililobela khona akusimanga. **21** Ngasengisuka
ngaya e-Asiriya kanye laseSilisiya. **22** Mina ngokwami
ngangingaziwa emabandleni aseJudiya akuKhristu.
23 Ayesizwa umbiko nje kuphela usithi: "Umuntu
owayesihlukuluza kuqala khathesi usetshumayela ukholo
ake wazama ukuluchitha." **24** Amdumisa uNkulunkulu
ngenxa yami.

2 Emva kweminyaka elitshumi lane ngaya eJerusalema
futhi, ngalesisikhathi ngangiloBhanabhasi. Ngathatha
loThithu futhi. **2** Ngaya khona njengokwambulelwa
ngethula phambi kwabo ivangeli engilitshumayela

kwabeZizweni. Kodwa lokhu ngakwenza ngasese kulabo ababekhanya bengabakhokheli. Ngangifuna ukuba lesiqiniseko sokuthi angigijimeli ize. **3** Ikanti loThithu owayelami kazange abanjwe ngamandla ukuba asoke lanxa wayengumGrikhi. **4** Indaba le yavela ngoba abanye abazalwane bamanga basebengene phakathi kwethu ukuba bahlole ukukhululeka esilakho kuKhristu uJesu ukuze basenze izigqili. **5** Kasibavumelanga lakancane ukuze iqiniso levangeli lihlale likhona kini. **6** Labo ababeqakathekiswa, loba beyilokho ababeyikho khona akwenzi mahluko kimi; uNkulunkulu kahluleli ngokubonakala ngaphandle, labobantu kabengezanga lutho elizwini lami. **7** Esikhundleni salokho babona ukuthi ngangiphiwe umsebenzi wokutshumayela ivangeli kwabeZizweni njengoPhethro owaphiwa umsebenzi wokutshumayela ivangeli kwabasokiweyo. **8** Ngoba uNkulunkulu, owayesebenza kuPhethro njengompostoli kwabasokiweyo, wayesebenza kimi futhi ekutshumayeleni kwami njengompostoli kwabeZizweni. **9** UJakhobe, loKhefasi kanye loJohane, abadume njengensika, banika mina loBhanabhasi ilungelo lokuhlanganyela labo lapho sebebone umusa engawuphiwayo. Bavuma ukuthi siye kwabeZizweni, bona baye kwabasokiweyo. **10** Abakucelayo kuphela nje yikuthi siqhubeke sikhumbula abayanga, yona kanye into engangitshisekela ukuyenza. **11** Ekufikeni kukaKhefasi e-Antiyokhi ngamphikisa sikhangelene ngoba wayesoleka. **12** Ngaphambilini kwafika abantu abathile bevela kuJakhobe owayevame ukudla labeZizweni. Kodwa sebefikile waqalisa

ukuhlehlela emuva, wazehlukanisa labeZizweni ngoba wayesesaba ababengabeqembu lokusoka. **13** Amanye amaJuda lawo ahlanganyela laye kulokhukuzenzisa kwakhe, kwaze kwathi ngenxa yokuzenzisa kwawo uBhanabhasi waholelwa ekulahlekeni. **14** Kwathi lapho ngibona ukuba babengenzi okuhambelana leqiniso levangeli, ngathi kuKhefasi phambi kwabo bonke, “Wena ungumJuda kodwa uphila njengoweZizweni hatshi njengomJuda. Pho kwenzeka njani ukuba ubambe ngamandla abeZizweni ukuba balandele imikhuba yamaJuda na? **15** Thina esingamaJuda ngokuzalwa hatshi ‘izoni zeZizweni’ **16** siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu kalungisiswa yikugcina umthetho kodwa yikukholwa kuJesu Khristu. Ngakho-ke, lathi futhi, sibeke ukukholwa kwethu kuKhristu uJesu ukuba silungiswe yikukholwa kuKhristu hatshi ngokugcina umthetho ngoba kakho ozalungisiswa ngokugcina umthetho. **17** Kodwa nxa sisafuna ukulungisiswa kuKhristu, kube sokubonakala ukuthi thina ngokwethu siyizoni, lokho kutsho ukuthi uKhristu usekela isono na? Akunjalo lakancane! **18** Nxa ngikwakha kutsha lokho engakudilizayo, ngibonakalisa ukuthi ngiyisaphulamthetho. **19** Ngoba ngomthetho ngafa emthethweni ukuze ngiphilele uNkulunkulu. **20** Sengibethelwe kanye loKhristu, akuseyimi engiphilayo, kodwa uKhristu uphila phakathi kwami. Ukuphila engikuphila emzimbeni, ngikuphila ngokukholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu, eyangithandayo njalo yazinikela ngenxa yami. **21** Kangiwudeli umusa

kaNkulunkulu ngoba nxa ukulunga kuzuzwa ngomthetho, uKhristu wafela ize."

3 Lina maGalathiya ayizithutha! Ngubani oliloyileyo? Phambi kwamehlo enu uJesu Khristu wabonakaliswa obala ebethelwe. **2** Mina ngifuna ukwazi into eyodwa nje kini: UMoya lamamukela ngokugcina umthetho loba ngokukholwa lokho elakuzwayo na? **3** Kanti liyizithutha kangaka? Emva kokuqalisa ngoMoya, khathesi selizama ukuzuza ukuphelela ngemizamo yabantu na? **4** Kanti lihlupheke kangaka lihluphekela ize na, nxa impela kwakungokweze? **5** Kanti uNkulunkulu ulinika uMoya wakhe abuye enze izimangaliso phakathi kwenu ngoba ligcina umthetho loba ngoba likholwa lokho elakuzwayo na? **6** Khumbulani u-Abhrahama: "Wamkholwa uNkulunkulu, kwabalelwa kuye njengokulunga." **7** Ngakho zwisisani ukuthi labo abakholwayo bangabantwana baka-Abhrahama. **8** Umbhalo wabona ngaphambili ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayezalungisa abeZizweni ngokukholwa, wahle wamemezela ivangeli ngaphambili ku-Abhrahama esithi: "Zonke izizwe zizabusiswa ngawe." **9** Ngakho labo abalokholo babusiswa kanye lo-Abhrahama, umuntu wokholo. **10** Bonke abathembe umthetho bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Uqalekisiwe umuntu wonke ongaqhubeki esenza konke okulotshwe eNcwadini yoMthetho." **11** Kusobala ukuthi akakho olungisiswa ngomthetho phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngoba, "Abalungileyo bazaphila ngokukholwa." **12** Umthetho kaweyamanga ekukholweni; kodwa, "Umuntu owenza izinto lezi uzaphila ngazo." **13** UKhristu wasihlenga

esiqalekisweni somthetho ngokuba yisiqalekiso ngenxa yethu, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu wonke olengiswa esihlahleni.” **14** Wasihlenga ukuze isibusiso esaphiwa u-Abhrahama sifike kwabeZizweni ngoKhristu uJesu, ukuze samukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokukholwa. **15** Bazalwane, ake ngithathe isibonelo sokuphila kwansukuzonke. Njengoba engekho ongabeka eceleni loba engeze kusivumelwano sabantu esenziwe ngemfanelo, kunjalo-ke lakule indaba. **16** Izithembiso zatshiwo ku-Abhrahama lakunzalo yakhe. Umbhalo kawuthi “kwabenzalo,” usitsho abantu abanengi, kodwa uthi, “lakunzalo yakho,” usitsho umuntu oyedwa, lowo kunguKhristu. **17** Engikutshoyo yilokhu: Umthetho owabekwa eminyakeni engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu muva, kawusibeki eceleni isivumelwano esamiswa ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu ngalokho wesule isithembiso. **18** Ngoba nxa ilifa leyame emthethweni, ngalokho kaliseyamanga esithembisweni; kodwa uNkulunkulu ngomusa wakhe, walinika u-Abhrahama ngesithembiso. **19** Pho, yayiyini-ke injongo yomthetho? Wengezelelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko kwaze kwafika iNzalo eyayitshiwo yisithembiso. Umthetho wenziwa wasebenza ngezingilosi lomeli. **20** Kodwa umeli kameli icele elilodwa; kodwa uNkulunkulu munye. **21** Kambe ngalokho umthetho uphambene lezithembiso zikaNkulunkulu na? Akunjalo lakancane! Ngoba nxa kwakubekwe umthetho onika ukuphila, ukulunga impela kwakuzavela ngomthetho. **22** Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke ngaphansi kwesono, ukwenzela

ukuthi okwakuthenjisiwe, kuphiwa ngokukholwa kuJesu Khristu, sokungaphiwa labo abakholwayo. **23** Ukholo lolu lungakabi khona sasiyizibotshwa zomthetho, sivalelwe ukholo olwaluzakuza luze lubonakaliswe. **24** Ngakho umthetho waphiwa amandla okusiholela kuKhristu ukuba silungisiswe ngokukholwa. **25** Khathesike njengoba ukholo selukhona, kasisekho ngaphansi kwamandla omthetho. **26** Lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu **27** ngoba lonke lina elabhaphathizelwa kuKhristu selizembathise ngoKhristu. **28** AkulamJuda loba oweZizweni, isigqili loba okhululekileyo, owesilisa loba owesifazane, ngoba lonke limunye kuKhristu uJesu. **29** Nxa lingabakaKhristu, ngalokho liyinzalo ka-Abhrahama, lezindlalifa njengokutsho kwesithembiso.

4 Engikutshoyo yikuthi nxa indlalifa isesengumntwana, kayehlukananga lesigqili lanxa nje ingumnikazi welifa lonke. **2** Ingaphansi kwabaphathi lababambeli kuze kufike isikhathi esabekwa nguyise. **3** Ngokunjalo lathi ngesikhathi sisesengabantwana sasiyizigqili ngaphansi kwempi yemimoya yalumhlaba. **4** Kodwa kwathi lapho isikhathi sesifike ngokupheleleyo, uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa ngowesifazane, izalwa ngaphansi komthetho, **5** ukuba ihlenge abangaphansi komthetho, ukuze sithole amalungelo apheleleyo amadodana atholakeleyo. **6** Njengokuba lingamadodana, uNkulunkulu wathumela uMoya weNdodana yakhe enhliziyweni zenu, omemezayo usithi, “Abha, Baba.” **7** Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili kodwa

indodana kaNkulunkulu; njalo njengoba usuyindodana, uNkulunkulu usekwenze waba yindlalifa futhi. **8** Ekuqaleni, lingakamazi uNkulunkulu laliyizigqili zalabo abangayisibo onkulunkulu ngemvelo. **9** Kodwa khathesi uNkulunkulu selimazi, loba ngithi uNkulunkulu uselazi, pho kungani libuyela emuva empini yemimoya yalumhlaba ebuthakathaka leyize na? Liyafisa ukuthi ligqilazwe yiyo njalo na? **10** Lina ligcina insuku ezithile lezinyanga, izikhathi zomnyaka kanye leminyaka! **11** Ngiyalesabela, ukuthi ngenye indlela sengichithe imizamo yami kini. **12** Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, wobani njengami, ngoba lami ngaba njengani. Kalingenzelanga lutho olubi. **13** Njengoba lisazi, ngatshumayela ivangeli kini kuqala ngenxa yomkhuhlane. **14** Lanxa isimo somzimba wami sasiyisilingo kini, kalizange lingeyise kumbe lingihleke. Kodwa langamukela sengathi ngangiyingilosi kaNkulunkulu, sengathi nganginguKhristu uJesu yena ngokwakhe. **15** Intokozo yenu yonke isiyengaphi na? Ngingafakaza ukuthi aluba lalingenzanjalo, lalingakopola amehlo enu linginike wona. **16** Khathesi sengibe yisitha senu ngokulitshela iqiniso na? **17** Labobantu batshisekela ukulenza abazalwane babo, kodwa hatshi ngobuhle. Abakufunayo yikulehlukanisa lathi ukuze litshisekele bona. **18** Ukutshiseka kulungile nxa injongo inhle, lokuba kube njalo kokuphela, hatshi kuphela nxa ngilani. **19** Bantwabami abathandekayo, lina engilomhelo ngani futhi uKhristu aze abunjwe phakathi kwenu, **20** ngiyafisa kakhulu ukuba lani khathesi ngiguqule isimo sami, ngoba ngikhathazekile ngani! **21** Ngitshelani lina elifuna ukuba

ngaphansi komthetho, kalikwazi yini ukuthi umthetho uthini? **22** Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi u-Abhrahama wayelamadodana amabili, enye ingeyesigqilikazi lenye ingeyowesifazane okhululekileyo. **23** Indodana yakhe yesigqilikazi yazalwa ngokwenyama; kodwa indodana yakhe yowesifazane okhululekileyo yazalwa kulandela isithembiso. **24** Izinto lezi zingathathwa njengomzekeliso; ngoba abesifazane ababili bamele izivumelwano ezimbili. Esinye isivumelwano sivela eNtabeni yeSinayi e-Arabhiya njalo sizala abantwana abazakuba yizigqili: Lo nguHagari. **25** UHagari umele iNtaba yeSinayi e-Arabhiya njalo uhambelana ledolobho lakhathesi eleJerusalema, ngoba lisebugqilini kanye labantwana balo. **26** Kodwa iJerusalema ephezulu ikhululekile, njalo ingumama wethu. **27** Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Thokoza mfazi oyinyumba, wena ongazange uzale umntwana; umemeze ngenjabulo ukhale kakhulu, wena ongakaze uhelelwe; ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliweyo banengi kulabalowo olendoda.” **28** Ngakho lina bazalwane, njengo-Isaka, lingabantwana besithembiso. **29** Ngalesosikhathi indodana eyazalwa ngokwenyama yahlukuluza indodana eyazalwa ngamandla kaMoya. Kunjalo lakhathesi. **30** Kodwa umbhalo uthini na? Uthi: “Susa isigqilikazi lendodana yaso, ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi kayiyikwabelana ilifa lendodana yowesifazane okhululekileyo.” **31** Ngakho, bazalwane, thina kasisibo bantwana besigqilikazi, kodwa abowesifazane okhululekileyo.

5 UKhristu wasikhululela ukuthi sibe lenkululeko. Ngakho manini liqine, lingavumeli ukuthi libotshelwe

futhi ejogeni lobugqili. **2** Qaphelani amazwi ami!
Mina Phawuli, ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingavuma ukusoka,
uKhristu kayikuba lusizo kini. **3** Njalo ngiyaqinisa
ebantwini bonke abavumayo ukusoka ukuthi balomlandu
wokulalela umthetho wonke. **4** Lina elizama ukulungisiswa
ngomthetho selehlukaniswe loKhristu; selehlukane
lomusa. **5** Kodwa ngokukholwa siholwa nguMoya silindele
ithemba lokulunga ngokutshiseka. **6** Ngoba kuKhristu
uJesu ukusoka loba ukungasoki akulasizo. Into kuphela
eyiyo eqakathekileyo yikukholwa okuzibonakalisa
ngothando. **7** Kade lihamba kuhle. Ngubani olikhuphe
ekulandeleni iqiniso na? **8** Ukuncenga okunjalo kakuveli
kulowo olibizayo. **9** "Imvubelo encinyazana ibilisa
inhlama yonke." **10** Ngiyathemba eNkosini ukuthi
kaliyikwamukela omunye umnakano. Lowo olibeka
phakathi kwenyakanyaka uzajeziswa, loba engubani. **11**
Bazalwane, nxa ngisatshumayela ngokusoka, pho kungani
ngilokhu ngihlukuluzwa? Nxa kunjalo isikhubekiso
sesiphambano sesisusiwe. **12** Labo abahluphayo,
ngifisa ukuthi ngabe bayaqhubeka bazithene! **13**
Lina bazalwane bami, labizelwa ukuthi likhululeke.
Kodwa lingasebenzisi inkululeko yenu ukuthokozisa
inyama; kodwa sizanani omunye lomunye lizehlisa
ngothando. **14** Umthetho wonke uhlanganiswa ngumlayo
owodwa othi: "Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba
uzithanda." **15** Nxa liqhubeka lilumana lokudlanana,
qaphelani hlezi liqedane du. **16** Ngakho ngithi philani
ngoMoya, kaliyikuthokozisa izinkanuko zenu zenyama.
17 Ngoba imvelo yesono ikhanuka okuphambene

loMoya, loMoya ufuna okuphambene lemvelo yesono. Kuyaphikisana ukuze lingenzi elikuthandayo. **18** Kodwa nxa likhokhelwa nguMoya, kalikho ngaphansi komthetho. **19** Izenzo zenyama zisobala: ukuhlobonga, lokungesabi ukujeziswa, lokuxhwala; **20** ukukhonza izithombe lobuthakathi; inzondo lokuxabana, umona lentukuthelo, lobuhwaba, ukungezwani lokungavumelani **21** lomhawu; ukudakwa lokuzitika ngamanyala kanye lokunye okunjalo. Ngiyalixwayisa, njengoba lami ngaphila phakathi kwakho ukuthi abaphila kanje kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **22** Kodwa izithelo zikaMoya luthando, lokuthokoza, lokuthula, lokubekezela, lomusa, lokulunga, lokuthembeka, **23** lobumnene kanye lokuzithiba. Ezintweni ezinje akulamthetho. **24** Labo abangabakaKhristu uJesu sebayibethela esiphambanweni imvelo yabo yesono lokufutheka kwayo kanye lezinkanuko. **25** Njengoba siphila ngoMoya, kasenzeni okuhambelana loMoya. **26** Kasingazikhukhumezi, singaqalani kumbe senzelane umona.

6 Bazalwane, nxa umuntu ethunjwe yisono esithile lina eliphila ngokoMoya kumele limbuyise kakuhle. Kodwa lizinanzelele ukuthi lani futhi lingalingwa. **2** Thwalani imithwalo yomunye lomunye, ngalokho lizagcwalisa umthetho kaKhristu. **3** Nxa umuntu ezitshaya ulutho yena engasilutho, uyazikhohlisa. **4** Umuntu munye ngamunye kahlole izenzo zakhe. Ngalokho angaziqhenya, kungekho ukuziqathanisa lomunye, **5** ngoba lowo lalowo kumele athwale umthwalo wakhe.

6 Loba ngubani othola ukufundiswa ngelizwi umele abelane zonke izinto ezinhle lalowo omfundisayo. **7** Lingakhohliswa: UNkulunkulu kahlekwa. Umuntu uvuna lokho akuhlanyelayo. **8** Lowo ohlanyela ukuthokozisa inyama yakhe, kuleyonyama uzavuna ukuchitheka; lowo ohlanyela ukuthokozisa uMoya, kuMoya uzavuna ukuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **9** Kasingadinwa yikwenza okuhle ngoba ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna isivuno nxa singadeli. **10** Ngakho-ke, njengokuba silethuba kasenzeni okulungileyo ebantwini bonke ikakhulu kulabo abangabemuli yabakholwayo. **11** Khangelani ukuthi makhulu kanganani amabala engiwasebenzisayo lapho ngililobela ngesami isandla! **12** Labo abafuna ukubukwa enyameni bazama ukulincindezela ukuba lisoke. Isizatho sokuba benze lokhu yikuba babalekele ukuhlukuluzelwa isiphambano sikaKhristu kuphela. **13** Lalabo abasokileyo kabawulaleli umthetho kodwa bafuna ukuba lisoke ukuze bazincome ngemizimba yenu. **14** Mina kangingazincomi lanini ngaphandle kwangesiphambano seNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, umhlaba wonke owabethelwa ngaso kimi, lami njalo emhlabeni. **15** Ukusoka loba ukungasoki akutsho lutho; okuqakathekileyo yikudalwa kutsha. **16** Ukuthula lesihawu kubo bonke abalandela umthetho lo, kanye laku-Israyeli kaNkulunkulu. **17** Okokucina, akungabi lamuntu ongibangela uhlupho, ngoba emzimbeni wami ngilempawu zikaJesu. **18** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wenu bazalwane. Ameni.

Kwabase-Efesu

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, Lakwabangcwele bakaNkulunkulu abase-
Efesu, abathembekileyo kuKhristu uJesu: **2** Umusa
lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu
Khristu kakube kini. **3** Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu
uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, osibusise ebukhosini
basezulwini ngezibusiso zonke zakomoya kuKhristu. **4**
Ngoba wasikhetha umhlaba ungakadalwa ukuthi sibe
ngcwele lokuthi singabi lasici ebusweni bakhe. Ngothando
5 wasimisela ukuba senziwe amadodana akhe ngoJesu
Khristu, ngokwentokozo yakhe kanye lentando yakhe, **6**
ukuze kudunyiswe umusa wakhe omangalisayo asiphe
wona ngesihle kuLowo amthandayo. **7** Kuye silokuhlengwa
ngegazi lakhe lokuthethelelwa kwezono ngokwenotho
yomusa kaNkulunkulu **8** awuthululele phezu kwethu
ngenhlakanipho yonke langokuqedisisa. **9** Wasazisa
imfihlakalo yentando yakhe mayelana lentokozo yakhe
elungileyo ayiceba kuKhristu, **10** ukuba kuhlanganiswe
ndawonye zonke izinto ezisezulwini lasemhlabeni
ngaphansi kwenhloko yinye enguKhristu. **11** Sakhethwa
kuye, simiselwe lokho ngokwecebo lakhe yena osebenza
izinto zonke ngokuvumelana lenjongo yentando yakhe,
12 ukuze kuthi thina esaba ngabokuqala ukubeka ithemba
lethu kuKhristu sibe ngabokubonga udumo lwakhe.
13 Lani labalwa kanye loKhristu lapho selizwe ilizwi
leqiniso, levangeli lokusindiswa kwenu. Selikholwe kuye,
labekwa uphawu, uMoya oNgcwele owathenjiswayo,
14 oyisibambiso esiyisiqiniselo selifa lethu kuze kufike

ukuhlengwa kwalabo abangabakaNkulunkulu ukuba kudunyiswe udumo lwakhe. **15** Ngenxa yalokhu, sekulokhu ngezwa ngokukholwa kwenu eNkosini uJesu kanye lothando lwenu kubo bonke abantu bakaNkulunkulu abangcwele, **16** angikaze ngiyekele ukulibongela lokulikhumbula emikhulekweni yami. **17** Ngiyaqhubeka ngicela ukuba uNkulunkulu weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, uYise oyinkazimulo, alinike uMoya wokuhlakanipha lokwambulelwa ukuze limazi ngcono. **18** Ngikhulekela njalo lokuthi amehlo ezinhliziyo zenu akhanyiselwe ukuze lilazi ithemba alibizela kulo, inotho yelifa lakhe elimangalisayo kwabangcwele, **19** lamandla akhe amakhulu angelakulinganiswa kithi thina esikholwayo. Amandla lawo afana lokusebenza kwamandla akhe amakhulu **20** awasebenzisa evusa uKhristu kwabafileyo, emhlalisa esandleni sakhe sokunene ebukhosini basezulwini **21** phezu kokubusa konke lobukhosi, amandla kanye lombuso, lamabizo wonke angatshiwo, kungayisikho kwalesisikhathi kuphela kodwa lakuleso esizayo. **(aiōn g165)** **22** UNkulunkulu wabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe wamkhetha ukuba abe yinhloko yezinto zonke zebandla, **23** lona elingumzimba wakhe, ukuphelela kwakhe yena ophelelisa izinto zonke ngezindlela zonke.

2 Lina lalifile eziphambekweni lasezonweni zenu, **2** elaliphila kuzo ngesikhathi lisalandela izindlela zalo umhlaba lezombusi wombuso wasemoyeni, umoya osebenzayo lakhathesi kulabo abangalaleliyo. **(aiōn g165)** **3** Lathi sonke sake saphila phakathi kwabo

ekuqaleni, sithokozisa izinkanuko zemvelo yethu yesono, silandela lezifiso kanye lemicabango yazo. Njengabanye, ngokwemvelo sasifanele ulaka. **4** Kodwa ngenxa yothando lwakhe olukhulu kithi, uNkulunkulu olesihawu esikhulu, **5** wasenza saba ngabaphilayo loKhristu lanxa sasifile eziphambekweni, ngomusa selisindisiwe. **6** UNkulunkulu wasivusa ekufeni kanye loKhristu wasihlalisa laye ebukhosini basezulwini kuKhristu uJesu **7** ukuze kuthi ezikhathini ezizayo atshengise inotho yomusa wakhe engeke ilinganiswe, ebalulwe yibubele bakhe kithi kuKhristu uJesu. **(aiōn g165)** **8** Ngoba ngomusa lisindisiwe, kungokukholwa njalo lokhu akuveli kini, kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu, **9** hatshi ngemisebenzi, ukuze kungabi lozazincoma. **10** Ngoba siyibuciko bukaNkulunkulu, sidalelwe kuKhristu uJesu ukuba senze imisebenzi emihle, uNkulunkulu ayilungisa ngaphambili ukuba siyenze. **11** Ngakho, khumbulani ukuthi kuqala lina elingabeZizweni ngokuzalwa njalo elibizwa ngokuthi “ngabangasokanga” yilabo abazibiza ngokuthi “ngabokusoka” (lokho okwenziwa emzimbeni ngezandla zabantu), **12** khumbulani ukuthi ngalesosikhathi lalehlukene loKhristu, lingabalelwa enzalweni yako-Israyeli njalo lingabezizweni kusivumelwano sesithembiso, lingelathemba njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu emhlabeni. **13** Kodwa khathesi kuKhristu uJesu lina elake laba khatshana le selisondezwe eduzane ngegazi likaKhristu. **14** Ngoba yena uqobo uyikuthula kwethu, yena owenza ababili baba munye, wadiliza uthango olungumduli wobutha owehlukanisayo, **15** ngokuchitha emzimbeni wakhe umthetho lemilayo

yawo kanye lezimiso. Injongo yakhe yayingeyokudala phakathi kwakhe umuntu oyedwa njalo omutsha ngabantu ababili, ngalokho enze ukuthula, **16** kuthi kulo umzimba munye kube lokubuyisana kwayo yomibili kuNkulunkulu ngesiphambano, achitha ngaso ubutha bayo. **17** Weza wazatshumayela ukuthula kini elalikhatshana lokuthula kulabo ababeseduzane. **18** Ngoba ngaye sobabili siyafinyelela kuYise ngoMoya munye. **19** Ngalokho-ke, kaliseyibo bezizweni lezihambi, kodwa seliyinzalo yakithi labantu bakaNkulunkulu, kanye lamalunga abendlu kaNkulunkulu, **20** lakhelwe phezu kwesisekelo sabapostoli labaphrofethi, uKhristu uJesu yena uqobo eyilitshe elikhulu lekhoneni. **21** Indlu yonke ihlanganiselwe kuye njalo ikhula ukuze ibe lithempeli elingcwele eNkosini. **22** Lani futhi lakhelwa ndawonye kuye ukuze libe yindawo yokuhlala uNkulunkulu ahlala kuyo ngoMoya wakhe.

3 Ngenxa yalesisizatho, mina Phawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu ngenxa yenu lina bantu beZizweni. **2** Ngeqiniso selizwile ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu engawuphiwayo ngenxa yenu, **3** ukuthi ngaziswa imfihlakalo ngokwambulelwa njengoba sengabhala ngamafitshane. **4** Nxa libala lokhu lizenelisa ukuzwisisa umbono wami ngemfihlakalo kaKhristu, **5** engazange yaziswe abantu kwezinye izizukulwane njengoba khathesi isiveziwe nguMoya kubapostoli abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu lakubaphrofethi. **6** Imfihlakalo le iyikuthi ngevangeli abeZizweni bazindlalifa bekanye labako-Israyeli, amalunga omzimba munye ndawonye,

labahlanganyeli kuso isithembiso kuKhristu uJesu. **7** Mina ngaba yinceku yevangeli leli ngesipho somusa kaNkulunkulu engasiphiwa ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe. **8** Lanxa ngimncane kulabancane bonke babantu bakaNkulunkulu, umusa lo ngawunikwa: ukuba ngitshumayele kwabeZizweni inotho kaKhristu engacubungulekiyo, **9** njalo ngikubeke obala ukuphatha kwami imfihlakalo le eyayifihliwe okweminyaka eminengi eyedlulayo kuNkulunkulu, owadala izinto zonke. **(aiōn g165)** **10** Injongo yakhe yayiyikuthi ibandla lazise ababusi leziphathamandla zemibuso yasezulwini ngenhlakanipho emangalisayo kaNkulunkulu, **11** ngokwenhloso yakhe engulaphakade ayifeza kuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu. **(aiōn g165)** **12** Kuye langokukholwa kuye singasondela kuNkulunkulu ngokukhululeka langesibindi. **13** Ngakho, ngiyalicela ukuba lingalahli ithemba ngenxa yokulihluphekela kwami, okuludumo kini. **14** Ngenxa yalokhu ngiyaguqa phambi kukaBaba, **15** lapho yonke imuli yamakholwa asezulwini lasemhlabeni ethola khona ibizo layo. **16** Ngikhulekela ukuthi ngenotho yobukhosi bakhe aliqinise ngamandla ngoMoya wakhe ezinhliziyweni zenu **17** ukuze uKhristu ahlale ezinhliziyweni zenu ngokukholwa. Ngikhulekela ukuba ligxile njalo liqine othandweni, **18** libe lamandla kanye labangcwele beNkosi bonke ukuba liqedisise ububanzi lobude lokujula kanye lokuzika kothando lukaKhristu, **19** lokuba lilwazi uthando lolu oludlula ukwazi ukuze ligcwaliswe ngesilinganiso sokugcwala okupheleleyo kukaNkulunkulu. **20** Ngakho-ke, kuye lowo

oyenza okukhulu kakhulu kulalokho esikucelayo kumbe esikucabangayo, ngokwamandla akhe asebenza phakathi kwethu, **21** udumo kalube kuye ebandleni lakuKhristu uJesu kuzizukulwane zonke kuze kube nini lanini! Ameni.
(aiōn g165)

4 Njengesibotshwa seNkosi, ngiyalincenga ukuba liphile impilo efanele ubizo elalwamukelayo. **2** Wobani ngabathobekileyo labamnene ngokupheleleyo; bekezelani, libekezelelane omunye komunye ethandweni. **3** Zamani ngamandla wonke ukugcina ukumanyana kukaMoya ngesibopho sokuthula. **4** Kulomzimba munye loMoya munye; njengalokhu labizelwa ethembeni linye ekubizweni kwenu, **5** iNkosi yinye, lokholo lunye, ubhaphathizo lunye; **6** uNkulunkulu munye uYise wabo bonke, ophezu kwabo bonke njalo okubo bonke. **7** Kodwa yilowo lalowo wethu waphiwa umusa ngokwaba kukaKhristu. **8** Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi:
“Ekwenyukeleni kwakhe phezulu, wahola abathunjiweyo abanengi njalo wanika izipho ebantwini bakhe.” **9** (Ukuthi “wenyuka” kutshoni ngaphandle kokuthi njalo wehlela lezigabeni zangaphansi komhlaba na? **10** Yena lowo owehlela phansi nguye kanye owenyukela phezulu kakhulu kulamazulu wonke ukuze agcwale izindawo zonke emhlabeni lasezulwini.) **11** UKhristu nguye owanika abanye ukuba babe ngabapostoli, abanye babe ngabaphrofethi, abanye babe ngabavangeli, abanye babe ngabaphathi labanye babe ngabafundisi, **12** ukuba balungisele abantu bakaNkulunkulu imisebenzi yenkonzo, ukuze umzimba kaKhristu wakhiwe **13** sonke size

sifinyelele ekumanyaneni, ekukholweni lasekwazini
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu sikhule ngokupheleleyo, sithole
isilinganiso sokuphelela okufunyanwa kuKhristu. **14**
Ngakho kasisayikuba zingane, siphoswa emuva laphambili
ngamagagasi, siphetshulwa lapha lalaphaya yimimoya
yonke yemfundiso kanye lokuhlakanipha lobuqili babantu
ngamazwi abo enkohliso. **15** Kodwa-ke, sikhuluma
iqiniso ngothando, sizakhula ezintweni zonke kuye
yena oyiNhloko, yena enguKhristu. **16** Kusukela kuye
umzimba wonke ohlanganiswe wabanjaniswa yimisipha
yonke ewusekelayo uyakhula uzakhe ngothando, isitho
sinye ngasinye sisenza umsebenzi waso. **17** Ngakho-
ke, ngilitshela lokhu, ngikugcizelela eNkosini, ukuba
akumelanga liphile njengabeZizweni emicabangweni
yabo eyize. **18** Kubamnyama ekuqedisiseni kwabo
njalo behlukene lokuphila kukaNkulunkulu ngenxa
yokungazi kwabo okungenxa yobulukhuni bezinhliziyo
zabo. **19** Sebelahlekelwe ngunembeza wonke, sebezinikele
ekuthokoziseni inyama ukuze benze inhlobo zonke
zokuxhwala, inkanuko iqhubeka ifuna okunengi. **20** Kodwa
lina uKhristu kalimazanga ngaleyondlela. **21** Impela
lezwa njalo lafundiswa ngaye ngokweqiniso elikuJesu. **22**
Lafundiswa mayelana lendlela yenu yakuqala yokuphila
ukuba lilahle uqobo lwenu oludala, olonakaliswa
yizinkanuko zalo zenkohliso; **23** ukuba lenziwe libe
batsha esimeni sengqondo zenu; **24** lifake uqobo
lomzimba olutsha, oludalelwe ukuba njengoNkulunkulu
ekulungeni okuqotho lobungcwele. **25** Ngakho-ke, yilowo
lalowo wenu kumele alahle amanga akhulume iqiniso

kumakhelwane wakhe ngoba sonke siyizitho zomzimba munye. **26** “Ekuthukutheleni kwenu lingoni”: Ilanga kalingatshoni lilokhu lithukuthele **27** njalo lingamniki indawo yokugxila uSathane. **28** Lowo obekade entshontsha kangantshontshi futhi kodwa kumele asebenze, enze ulutho oluhle ngezandla zakhe ukuze abe langakwabela abaswelayo. **29** Akungabi lenkulumo embi ephuma emilonyeni yenu kodwa okusizayo ekwakheni abanye ngokwezinswelo zabo, ukuba kusize labo abalalelayo. **30** Njalo lingamdabukisi uMoya oNgcwele kaNkulunkulu elabekwa ngaye uphawu lwelanga lokuhlengwa. **31** Susani yonke inzondo, ulaka lokuthukuthela, ingxabano lesinyeyo, kanye lobubi bonke. **32** Wobani lomusa kanye lozwelo komunye lomunye wenu njalo lithethelelane njengalokhu uNkulunkulu walithethelela ngoKhristu.

5 Ngakho-ke, wobani ngabalingiseli bakaNkulunkulu njengabantwana abathandwa kakhulu **2** liphile impilo yothando, njengalokhu uKhristu wasithanda wazinikela ngenxa yethu njengomnikelo olephunga elimnandi lomhlatshelo kaNkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa phakathi kwenu Akungabikhona umthonselanyana wokuhlobonga loba uhlobo luphi lokungcola kumbe ubuhwaba ngoba lezizinto kazifanelanga ebantwini abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu. **4** Njalo akumelanga kube lenhlamba lenkulumo zobuthutha loba ubuphoxo khona okuyizinto ezingafanelanga kodwa kakube lokubonga. **5** Ngoba kuliqiniso ukuthi: Akulamuntu oyisixhwali, ongcolileyo loba oyisihwaba, umuntu onjalo ukhonza izithombe, olelifa embusweni kaKhristu lokaNkulunkulu. **6** Lingavumi ukukhohliswa ngumuntu

ngamazwi ayize ngoba ngenxa yezinto ezinje ulaka
lukaNkulunkulu lwehlela phezu kwalabo abangalaleliyo.
7 Ngakho lingahlanganyeli labo. **8** Ngoba lake laba
yibumnyama kodwa khathesi seliyikukhanya eNkosini.
Philani njengabantwana bokukhanya **9** (ngoba izithelo
zokukhanya zikhona kubo bonke ubuhle lokulunga
kanye leqiniso) **10** lidinge okuthokozisa iNkosi. **11**
Lingahlanganyeli ezenzweni zobumnyama ezingelazithelo
kodwa zichayeni sobala. **12** Ngoba kulihlazo lokukutsho nje
okwenziwa yizigangi ensitha. **13** Kodwa konke okuvezwe
obala yikukhanya kuyabonakala, **14** ngoba yikukhanya
okwenza izinto zonke zibonakale. Yikho-nje kuthiwa:
“Phaphama, wena oleleyo, vuka kwabafileyo, uKhristu
uzakhanya kuwe.” **15** Ngakho-ke, qaphelani kakhulu
ukuba liphila njani, kungabi njengezithutha kodwa
njengabahlakaniphileyo, **16** liwasebenzise ngokupheleleyo
amathuba wonke ngoba insuku zimbi. **17** Ngakho-
ke, lingabi yiziwula kodwa qedisisani ukuthi intando
kaThixo iyini. **18** Lingadakwa liwayini okuthungamela
ekoneni. Kodwa gcwaliswani ngoMoya, **19** likhulumisana
omunye komunye ngamahubo, amaculo kanye lezingoma
zakoMoya. Hlabelani lenzele iNkosi imiculo ezinhliziyweni
zenu **20** limbonge kokuphela uNkulunkulu uBaba kukho
konke, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **21** Zehliseni
omunye komunye lihlonipha uKhristu. **22** Bafazi, zehliseni
kubomkenu njengaseNkosini. **23** Ngoba indoda yinhloko
yomfazi njengoKhristu eyinhloko yebandla elingumzimba
wakhe, yena onguMsindisi walo. **24** Ngakho njengebandla
lizehlisa kuKhristu ngokunjalo abesifazane kumele

bazehlise kubomkabo ezintweni zonke. **25** Madoda thandani omkenu njengoKhristu owathanda ibandla wazinikela ngenxa yalo **26** ukuba alenze libengcwele, elihlambulula ngokuligezisa ngamanzi esebenzisa ilizwi, **27** kanye lokulethula kuye njengebandla elilenkazimulo, elingelasici loba ukuba mxhilibane kumbe esinye nje isici kodwa lingcwele njalo lingelacala. **28** Ngokunjalo, amadoda kumele athande omkawo njengemizimba yawo. Lowo othanda umkakhe uyazithanda yena ngokwakhe. **29** Belo, kakho owake wazonda umzimba wakhe kodwa uwunika ukudla awulondoloze njengokwenziwa nguKhristu ebandleni, **30** ngoba thina siyizitho zomzimba wakhe. **31** "Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo njalo ababili laba bazakuba nyamanye." **32** Le yimfihlakalo enkulu kodwa mina ngikhuluma ngoKhristu lebandla. **33** Kodwa omunye lomunye wenu laye kathande umkakhe njengoba ezithanda, lomfazi kumele ahloniphe indoda yakhe.

6 Bantwana lalelani abazali benu eNkosini ngoba lokhu kulungile. **2** "Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko," okungumlayo wakuqala olesithembiso, **3** "ukuze kukulungele lokuba ube lempilo ende emhlabeni." **4** Bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu kodwa bondleni ngokufundisa langokulaya kweNkosi. **5** Zisebenzi, lalelani amakhosi enu asemhlabeni ngenhlonipho langokwesaba, langobuqotho benhliziyo, ngendlela elingalalela ngayo uKhristu. **6** Lingawalaleli ukuba liwathokozise nje kuphela nxa elikhangele kodwa njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu, lisenza intando kaNkulunkulu kuvela ezinhliziyweni

zenu. **7** Sebenzani ngenhliziyo yonke kube sengathi
lisebenzela iNkosi hatshi abantu **8** ngoba liyakwazi
ukuthi iNkosi izakupha umuntu wonke umvuzo ngenxa
yokuhle akwenzayo loba eyisigqili kumbe ekhululekile. **9**
Lani makhosi phathani izigqili zenu ngendlela efanayo.
Lingazisongeli njengoba likwazi ukuthi lowo oyiNkosi
yazo leyenu usezulwini njalo akukho ubandlululo
kuye. **10** Ekucineni, qinani eNkosini lasemandleni
ayo amakhulu. **11** Fakani isihlangu esipheleleyo
sikaNkulunkulu ukuze lenelise ukumelana lamacebo
kaSathane. **12** Ngoba kasilwi lenyama legazi kodwa
silwa lababusi, lemibuso kanye lamandla omhlaba lo
ogcwele ubumnyama, silwe njalo lamabutho emimoya
emibi emibusweni yasemazulwini. **(aiōn g165)** **13** Ngakho-
ke, fakani isihlangu esipheleleyo sikaNkulunkulu ukuze
kuthi lapho usuku lobubi lufika libe lamandla okuma
kuthi lalapho selenze konke, lime. **14** Manini liqine,
ibhanti leqiniso libotshelwe ngensimbi ezinkalweni zenu,
lesihlangu sasesifubeni sokulunga sisendaweni yaso, **15**
lezinyawo zenu zigqokiswe zalungiselelwa ngokuvela
evangelini lokuthula. **16** Phezu kwakho konke lokhu,
thathani ihawu lokukholwa elizacitsha ngalo yonke
imitshoko yomubi evuthayo. **17** Thathani ingowane
yokusindiswa lenkemba kaMoya eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu.
18 Khulekani ngoMoya ezikhathini zonke ngezinhlobo
zonke zemikhuleko lezicelo. Lilalokhu emicabangweni,
qaphelani liqhubeke kokuphela libakhulekela bonke
abantu beNkosi abangcwele. **19** Lami lingikhulekele ukuba
kokuphela lapho ngivula umlomo wami, ngiphiwe amazwi

ukuze ngitshumayele ngesibindi imfihlakalo yevangeli,
20 engingumeli walo ngibotshwe ngamaketane. Khulekani
ukuba ngilitshumayele ngesibindi njengokumele
ngikwenze. **21** UThikhikhasi umzalwane othandekayo
loyinceku ethembekileyo eNkosini uzalitshela konke
ukuze lani lazi ukuba nginjani kanye lengikwenzayo. **22**
Ngimthuma kini ngenjongo yokuthi likwazi ukuthi sinjani
lokuthi alikhuthaze. **23** Ukuthula kakube kubazalwane,
lothando lokukholwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu uYise
laseNkosini uJesu Khristu. **24** Umusa kawube kubo bonke
abayithandayo iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ngothando
olungapheliyo.

KwabaseFiliphi

1 UPhawuli loThimothi, inceku zikaKhristu uJesu,
Lakubo bonke abangcwele kuKhristu uJesu eFiliphi
kanye lababonisi labadikoni: **2** Umusa lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu
kakube kini. **3** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami
izikhathi zonke lapho ngilikhumbula. **4** Emikhulekweni
yami yonke ngilikhulekela lonke, ngihlezi ngikhuleka
ngokuthokoza **5** ngenxa yokuhlanganyela kwenu
evangelini kusukela ngosuku lwakuqala kuze kube
khathesi, **6** ngilethemba lokuthi lowo owaqalisa
umsebenzi omuhle kini uzawuqhubekisela phambili kuze
kube lusuku lukaKhristu uJesu. **7** Kuqondile ukuthi
ngicabange ngokunjalo ngenxa yenu lonke, njengoba
ngilani enhliziyweni yami njalo lanxa ngibotshiwe kumbe
ngivikela ivangeli loba ngiliqinisa, lonke lihlanganyela
lami emuseni kaNkulunkulu. **8** UNkulunkulu angafakaza
ukuthi lonke ngilifiselani ngothando lukaKhristu uJesu. **9**
Umkhuleko wami ngowokuthi uthando lwenu lwande
kokuphela ekwazini lasekuzikeni kokuqedisisa **10** ukuze
lenelise ukubona okuhle njalo lihlambuluke lingabi
lasici kuze kube lusuku lukaKhristu, **11** ligcwele izithelo
zokulunga ezibuya ngoJesu Khristu ekudunyisweni
lasekubongweni kukaNkulunkulu. **12** Bazalwane, ngifuna
ukuba lazi ukuthi okwenzakale kimi kusizile impela
ekuqhubekeliseni ivangeli phambili. **13** Ngalokho, sekube
sobala kubo bonke abalindi besigodlo lakwabanye bonke
ukuthi ngibotshelwe uKhristu. **14** Ngenxa yokubotshwa
kwami, abazalwane abanengi sebelethemba eNkosini

njalo sebelesibindi esikhulu sokutshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu bengelakwesaba. **15** Kuliqiniso ukuthi abanye batshumayela uKhristu ngenxa yomona lombango kodwa abanye ngenxa yesifiso esihle. **16** Laba benza lokhu ngothando bekwazi ukuthi ngifakwe lapha ukuba ngivikele ivangeli. **17** Abakuqala batshumayela ngoKhristu ngokuzikhukhumeza, bengeqotho, becabanga ukuthi bangangidalela uhlupho ngisekubotshweni. **18** Kodwa-ke, kusizani pho? Into eqakathekileyo yikuthi ngezindlela zonke, ingabe kuyinjongo engalunganga loba eyeqiniso, uKhristu uyatshunyayelwa. Njalo ngenxa yalokhu mina ngiyathokoza. Yebo, ngizaqhubeka ngithokoza, **19** ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu langosizo lukaMoya kaJesu Khristu, okwenzakale kimi kuzaletha ukukhululwa kwami. **20** Ngokutshiseka ngilindele njalo ngithemba ukuthi angiyikuyangeka langayiphi indlela, kodwa ngizakuba lesibindi esaneleyo ukuze kuthi khathesi njengenjwayelo uKhristu uzakudunyiswa emzimbeni wami, loba ngokuphila kumbe ngokufa. **21** Ngoba kimi, ukuphila kunguKhristu lokufa kuyinzuzo. **22** Nxa ngingaqhubeka ngiphila emzimbeni, lokhu kuzakutsho umsebenzi olezithelo kimi. Kodwa-ke, kuyini engizakukhetha? Angazi! **23** Ngiphakathi kwakho kokubili: Ngifisa ukusuka ngibe loKhristu, okungcono kakhulu; **24** Kodwa kuyasweleka kakhulu kini ukuba ngibe ngilokhu ngiphila kulumzimba. **25** Sengikholwe lokhu, ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngizakuba khona, njalo ngizaqhubeka ngilani lonke ngenxa yokuthuthuka kwenu lokuthokoza ekukholweni, **26** ukuze kuthi ngokuba lani kwami futhi,

ukuthokoza kwenu kuKhristu uJesu kuzakwanda ngenxa yami. **27** Loba kusenzakalani, lina ziphatheni ngendlela efanele ivangeli likaKhristu. Ngakho, langabe ngiyeza ukuzalibona loba ngizwe nje kuphela ngani ngingekho, ngizakwazi ukuba liqinile ngaMoya munye, lilwela ukholo lwevangeli njengomuntu munye, **28** kungekho kwethuswa langayiphi indlela yilabo abaliphikisayo. Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso kubo ukuthi bazachithwa, kodwa lina lizasindiswa nguNkulunkulu. **29** Ngoba kunikelwe kini ngenxa kaKhristu kungasikukholwa kuye kuphela, kodwa lokumhluphekela, **30** njengoba lilwisa hlupho lunye elabona ngilalo, lakhathesi liyezwa ukuba ngilokhu ngilalo.

2 Nxa kukhona okukhuthazayo ngokuhlangana loKhristu, nxa kulenduduzo evela ethandweni lwakhe, nxa kulobudlelwano loMoya, nxa kulozwelo lesihawu, **2** phelelisani intokozo yami ngokuba ngqondo nye, lilothando lunye, limunye emoyeni njalo linjongo yinye. **3** Lingenzi lutho ngokuzikhukhumeza loba ukuziphakamisa okuyize. Kodwa ngokuthobeka khangelani abanye njengabangcono kulani **4** lingazikhathaleli izifiso zenu lodwa kodwa likhathalele lezifiso zabanye. **5** Ekuphilisaneni kwenu, isimo sengqondo yenu kumele sifanane lesikaKhristu uJesu, **6** Yena okwathi ngemvelo enguNkulunkulu, kacabanganga ukulingana loNkulunkulu kuyilutho olungafinyelelwa, **7** kodwa wazithoba, wathatha isimo senceku, yena elesimo somuntu. **8** Wathi ebunjwe wabonakala njengomuntu, wazehlisa walalela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, ukufa kwasesiphambanweni! **9** Ngakho-

ke, uNkulunkulu wamphakamisela endaweni ephezulu kakhulu, wamnika ibizo elingaphezu kwamabizo wonke, **10** ukuba amadolo wonke aguqe ebizweni likaJesu, ezulwini lasemhlabeni kanye langaphansi komhlaba, **11** lezindimi zonke zivume ukuthi uJesu Khristu uyiNkosi, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu uYise. **12** Ngakho-ke, bangane bami abathandekayo, njengoba lihlezi lilalela kungayisikho ukuthi ngikhona kuphela kodwa ikakhulu nxa ngingekho, qhubekani lisebenzela ukusindiswa kwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela **13** ngoba nguNkulunkulu osebenzayo phakathi kwenu ukuba lifune njalo lenze okumthokozisayo. **14** Yenzani konke kungela kusola kumbe ukuphikisana **15** ukuze libe ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici labahlambulukileyo, abamsulwa phakathi kwesizukulwane esonakeleyo lesixhwalileyo, lina elicwebezela phakathi kwaso liletha ukukhanya emhlabeni **16** ligagadlela ilizwi lokuphila. Ngalokho ngizazincoma ngosuku lukaKhristu ukuthi kangigijimelanga kumbe ngasebenzela ize. **17** Kodwa lanxa ngithululwa njengomnikelo wokunathwa phezu komhlatshelo lenkonzo evela ekukholweni kwenu, ngiyathaba ngithokoza lani lonke. **18** Ngakho-ke, lani njalo thabani lithokoze lami. **19** Ngiyethemba eNkosini uJesu ukuba ngizathuma uThimothi kini masinyane ukuba lami ngithokoze lapho ngisamukela izindaba ngani. **20** Kangilaye omunye onjengaye, othakazelela inhlalakahle yenu ngobuqotho. **21** Ngoba abantu bonke bazifunela okwabo, hatshi okukaJesu Khristu. **22** Kodwa lina liyakwazi ukuthi uThimothi usezifakazele ngoba

njengendodana eloyise usesebenze lami emsebenzini wevangeli. **23** Ngakho-ke, ngithemba ngizamthuma masinyane lapho sengibonile ukuba izinto zingihambela njani. **24** Njalo ngiyathemba eNkosini ukuthi lami uqobo ngizakuza masinyane. **25** Kodwa ngibona kufanele ukuthi ngimthume kini futhi u-Ephafrodithusi, umzalwane wami, obambisane lami umsebenzi lolibutho kanye lami, oyisithunywa senu futhi, elamthumayo ukuthi angisize ngendingeko zami. **26** Ngoba uyalilangatha lonke njalo ukhathazekile njengoba lezwa ukuthi wayegula. **27** Ngempela wayegula njalo waphose wafa. Kodwa uNkulunkulu waba lesihawu kuye, kungayisikho kuye kuphela kodwa lakimi ukuba angiphephise osizini phezu kosizi. **28** Ngakho-ke, ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma ukuze kuthi lapho limbona futhi lithokoze lami ngikhathazeke okunganeno. **29** Mamukeleni eNkosini ngokuthokoza okukhulu njalo libahloniphe abantu abanjengaye **30** ngoba waphosa wafela umsebenzi kaKhristu, wafaka impilo yakhe engozini ukuze angiphe usizo elingangiphanga lona.

3 Okokucina, bazalwane, thokozani eNkosini! Akusihlupho kimi ukulilobela ngezinto ezifanayo futhi ngoba lokho kuyisivikelo kini. **2** Qaphelani izinja lezo, abantu labo abenza okubi lalabo abalimaza umzimba. **3** Ngoba thina yithi abokusokwa, thina esikhonza uNkulunkulu ngoMoya wakhe, esiziqhenya ngoKhristu uJesu njalo esingabeki ithemba kokwenyama **4** lanxa nje mina ngokwami ngilezizatho zethemba elinjalo. Nxa kulomuntu ocabanga ukuthi ulezizatho

zokuthemba okwenyama, mina ngilezinengi: **5** ngasokwa ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, ngingowako-Israyeli, owesizwana sakoBhenjamini, umHebheru wamaHebheru; ngokomthetho, ngingumFarisi; **6** ngokutshiseka, ngahlukuluza ibandla; ngokulunga okugxile emthethweni, angilacala. **7** Kodwa loba kuyini okwakuyinzuzo kimi khathesi ngikubala njengokulahlekelwa ngenxa kaKhristu. **8** Phezu kwalokho, konke ngikubona kuyize lapho kulinganiswa lobukhulu obumangalisayo bokwazi uKhristu Jesu iNkosi yami esengilahlekelwe yizinto zonke ngenxa yakhe. Ngikubona kuyimfucuza ukuze ngizuze uKhristu **9** njalo ngitholakale kuye, ngingelakulunga okungokwami okuvelela emthethweni, kodwa lokho kungenxa yokukholwa kuKhristu, ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu njalo okungokukholwa. **10** Ngifuna ukumazi uKhristu lamandla okuvuka kwakhe ekufeni lobudlelwano bokuhlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, ngibe njengaye ekufeni, **11** ukuze ngenye indlela, ngithole ukuvuka kwabafileyo. **12** Akusikuthi sengikuzuzile konke lokhu loba ukuthi sengiphelelisiwe kodwa ngilwisa ukuba ngibambe lokho uKhristu Jesu angibambela khona. **13** Bazalwane, angikazibali njengosekubambile lokho. Kodwa yinye into engiyenzayo, ngiyakukhohlwa okusemuva ngizama ngamandla ukufinyelela kokuphambili, **14** ngilwisa ukuthi ngiyefinyelela ekucineni ukuba ngithole umvuzo uNkulunkulu angibizela wona ezulwini ngoKhristu uJesu. **15** Sonke thina esesiphelele kumele sikhangele izinto ngengqondo

enjalo. Nxa kokunye licabanga ngokwehlukileyo, lalokho uNkulunkulu uzakwenza kucace kini. **16** Kuphela nje kasiqhubekeni ngalokho esesikuzuzile. **17** Bazalwane, hlanganyelani labanye ekulandeleni isibonelo sami, libananzelele labo abaphila ngokwesibonelo esalitshengisa sona. **18** Ngoba, njengoba ngangihlala ngilitshela kuqala lakhathesi ngiyatsho futhi langezinyembezi ukuthi abanengi baphila njengezitha zesiphambano sikaKhristu. **19** Isiphetho sabo yikubhubha, unkulunkulu wabo yisisu sabo, lodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo. Ingqondo yabo isezintweni zasemhlabeni. **20** Kodwa elethu ikhaya lisezulwini. Njalo simlindele ngokutshiseka uMsindisi evela khonale, iNkosi uJesu Khristu, **21** yena okuzakuthi ngamandla amenza abeke izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, uzaguqula imizimba yethu elesimo esiphansi ibe njengomzimba wakhe olenkazimulo.

4 Ngakho-ke bazalwane bami, lina engilithandayo lengilikhumbulayo, liyintokozo yami lomqhele wami, kumele liqine kanjalo eNkosini bangane abathandekayo!
2 Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya loSintikhe ukuba bavumelane eNkosini. **3** Ngiyakucela mhlobo wami oqotho, siza abesifazane labo abasebenza lami kanzima ngenxa yevangeli, kanye loKlementi labanye engisebenza labo, abalamabizo abo asencwadini yokuphila. **4** Thokozani eNkosini kokuphela. Ngiyatsho futhi ngithi: Thokozani! **5** Ukuthobeka kwenu kakubonakale kubo bonke. INkosi isiseduze. **6** Lingakhathazeki kodwa ngazo zonke izikhathi bikani izicelo zenu kuNkulunkulu

ngokukhuleka, ngokuncenga langokubonga. **7** Ukuthula kukaNkulunkulu okudlula ukuqedisisa konke kuzabusa inhliziyo zenu lezingqondo zenu kuKhristu uJesu. **8** Okokucina bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, lokulesithunzi, lokulungileyo, lokuhlambulukileyo, lokuhle, lokubukekayo, nxa ulutho luluhle kakhulu loba lubongeka, cabangani ngezinto ezinje. **9** Loba kuyini elikufundileyo loba elikwamukeleyo loba elikuzwileyo kuvela kimi, loba elikubonileyo kimi, kwenzeni. UNkulunkulu wokuthula uzakuba lani. **10** Ngiyathokoza kakhulu eNkosini ngokuthi khathesi selize lavuselela ukungikhathalela kwenu. Impela kade likhathazeka kodwa lingelalo ithuba lokukubonakalisa. **11** Kangitsho lokhu ngenxa yokuthi ngiyaswela ngoba sengafunda ukwaneliseka kuyo yonke imimo. **12** Ngiyakwazi ukuba ukuswela kuyini njalo ngiyakwazi ukuba kuyini ukuba lokunengi. Sengafunda imfihlo yokwaneliseka kuzozonke izimo, langabe ngiyasutha loba ngilambile, loba ngilokunengi kumbe ngiswela. **13** Ngingazenza zonke izinto ngaye onginika amandla. **14** Kodwa kwakukuhle ukuthi lihlanganyele lami ekuhluphekeni kwami. **15** Phezu kwalokho, lina bantu baseFiliphi liyakwazi ukuthi ensukwini elaqala ngazo ukwazi ivangeli ngesikhathi ngisuka eMasedoniya, akukho lalinye ibandla elahlanganyela lami endabeni yokupha lokwamukela ngaphandle kwenu kuphela; **16** ngoba langesikhathi ngiseThesalonika langithumela usizo kanengi lapho ngidinga uncedo. **17** Akusikuthi ngifuna isipho kodwa ngifuna okuzakuba yinzuzo kini. **18** Sengamukele umvuzo

ogcweleyo lodlulisileyo; ngiphiwe okwaneleyo njengoba khathesi sengamukele ku-Ephafrodithusi izipho elazithumelayo. Zingumnikelo wephunga elimnandi, umhlatshelo owamukelekayo lothokozisa uNkulunkulu. **19** UNkulunkulu wami uzakugcwalisa konke ukuswela kwenu ngenkazimulo yenotho yakhe kuKhristu uJesu. **20** Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu uBaba kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **21** Bingelelani bonke abangcwele abakuKhristu. Abazalwane abalami bayalibingelela. **22** Abangcwele bonke bayalibingelela, ikakhulu labo abangabendlu kaKhesari. **23** Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wenu.

KwabaseKholose

1 UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu, **2**
Lakubazalwane abangcwele labathembekileyo kuKhristu
abaseKholose: Umusa lokuthula kakube kini kuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu. **3** Sihlezi simbonga kokuphela
uNkulunkulu, uBaba weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, nxa
silikhulekela, **4** ngoba sizwile ngokukholwa kwenu
kuKhristu uJesu langothando elithanda ngalo abangcwele
bonke. **5** Ukukholwa lothando okuvela ethembeni
eligcinelwe lina ezulwini, eselezwa ngalo elizwini leqiniso,
elilivangeli **6** eselifikile kini. Emhlabeni wonke ivangeli leli
lithela izithelo njalo liyakhula njengebelikwenza phakathi
kwenu kusukela ngelanga elalizwa ngalo lawuqedisisa
umusa kaNkulunkulu ngawo wonke amaqiniso alo.
7 Lalifundiswa ngu-Ephafrasi oyinceku ethandekayo,
ongumfundisi othembekileyo kaKhristu emele thina,
8 owasitshela ngothando lwenu kuMoya. **9** Ngenxa
yalokhu, kusukela mhla sisizwa ngani kasizange siyekele
ukulikhulekela sicela uNkulunkulu ukuthi aligcwalise
ngokwazi intando yakhe ngakho konke ukuhlakanipha
koMoya kanye lokuqedisisa. **10** Sikhulekela ukuba
liphile impilo efanele iNkosi lokuba liyithokozise
ngezindlela zonke, lithele izithelo kuyo yonke imisebenzi
emihle, ukwazi kwenu uNkulunkulu kukhule, **11**
liqiniswa ngamandla wonke mayelana lamandla akhe
amangalisayo ukuze libe lokubekezela kanye lesineke
esikhulu, kuthi njalo ngokuthokoza **12** limbonge
ngentokozo uYise owalenza lafanela ukuhlanganyela

elifeni labangcwele bakhe embusweni wokukhanya. **13** Ngoba wasihlenga embusweni wobumnyama wasiletha embusweni weNdodana yakhe ayithandayo, **14** okukuyo ukuhlengwa kwethu lokuthethelelwa kwezono. **15** Indodana ingumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu ongabonakaliyo, izibulo kukho konke okwadalwayo. **16** Ngoba izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo: izinto ezisezulwini lezisemhlabeni, ezibonakalayo lezingabonakaliyo loba kuyizihlalo zobukhosi kumbe amandla loba ababusi kumbe abaphathi; izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo zidalelwa yona. **17** Yona iphambi kwezinto zonke njalo kuyo izinto zonke zibambene. **18** Iyinhloko yomzimba okulibandla; iyikuqala lezibulo elivela kwabafileyo ukuze yona ibe ngeyokuqala ezintweni zonke. **19** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wathokoza ukuba ukuphelela kwakhe kube kuyo **20** lokuthi ngayo abuyisane lezinto zonke, loba kuyizinto ezisemhlabeni kumbe izinto ezisezulwini ngokwenza ukuthula ngegazi layo elachithwa esiphambanweni. **21** Lina lake laba ngabehlukane loNkulunkulu, liyizitha ezingqondweni zenu ngenxa yokuziphatha kwenu okubi. **22** Kodwa khathesi uselibuyisile ngomzimba kaKhristu uqobo lwawo ngokufa ukuze alethule lingcwele ebusweni bakhe, lingelasici njalo limsulwa. **23** Nxa liqhubeka ngokukholwa kwenu ligxile njalo liqinile, lingasuki ethembeni eliliphiwa ngevangeli. Leli yilo ivangeli elalizwayo eselitshunyayelwe kuzozonke izidalwa ngaphansi kwezulu, mina Phawuli esengibe yinceku yalo. **24** Khathesi ngiyathokoza ngokulihluphekela kwami njalo ngiyagcwalisa emzimbeni okulokhu kusasilela mayelana lezinhlupheko zikaKhristu

ngenxa yomzimba wakhe olibandla. **25** Sengaba yinceku yalo ngomsebenzi uNkulunkulu anginika wona ukuba ngililethele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liphelele, **26** ebeliyimfihlakalo ebifihlakele okweminyakanyaka kanye lezizukulwane ezedluleyo kodwa khathesi isibekwe obala kwabangcwele beNkosi. **(aiōn g165)** **27** UNkulunkulu wathanda ukubazisa phakathi kwabeZizweni inotho emangalisayo yemfihlakalo le, enguKhristu phakathi kwenu, ithemba lenkazimulo. **28** Sitshumayela yena, seluleke njalo sifundise abantu bonke ngenhlakanipho yonke ukuze bonke sibalethe kuKhristu bephelele. **29** Ngisebenza nzima ukuba lokhu kufezeke, ngilwisa ngawo wonke amandla uKhristu asebenza ngawo phakathi kwami.

2 Ngifuna ukuba lazi ukuthi ngilizamela kakhulu okunganani lina labaseLodikheya, kanye labo bonke abangakangiboni mathupha. **2** Injongo yami yikuthi bakhuthazeke ezinhliziyweni njalo bamanyane ethandweni ukuze babe lenotho egcweleyo yokuqedisisa okupheleleyo, ukuze bayazi imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu kubalisa uKhristu, **3** okufihlwe kuye yonke ingcebo yokuhlakanipha lokwazi. **4** Ngilitshela lokhu ukuze kungabikhona olikhohlisayo ngamazwi amnandi. **5** Ngoba lanxa ngingekho kini ngomzimba ngilani ngomoya njalo ngithokozela ukubona ubuntu benu lokuqina kokholo lwenu kuKhristu. **6** Ngakho-ke, njengoba uKhristu Jesu lamamukela njengeNkosi, qhubekani liphila kuye, **7** ligxile njalo lakhelwe kuye, liqine ekukholweni njengokufundiswa kwenu,

liphuphuma ngokubonga. **8** Qaphelani kungabikhona olithumbayo ngenhlakanipho eyize lekhohlisayo, eyeyame emdabukweni wabantu lakuzimiso zemvelo yakulo umhlaba kungesikho kuKhristu. **9** Ngoba bonke ubuNkulunkulu buhlezi kuKhristu ngesimo somzimba **10** njalo lina lilakho lokhu kuphelela kuKhristu oyinhloko yamandla wonke kanye lokubusa konke. **11** Lasokelwa kuye ngokususwa kwemvelo yenu yesono, kungayisikho ngokusoka okwenziwa ngezandla zabantu kodwa ngokulahla umzimba wenyama, lokhu kuyikusoka okwenziwa nguKhristu **12** ngokungcwatshwa laye ngobhaphathizo labuye lavuswa kanye laye ngokukholwa kwenu emandleni kaNkulunkulu owamvusa kwabafileyo. **13** Ngesikhathi lifile ezonweni zenu lokungasoki kwemvelo yenu yesono, uNkulunkulu walenza laba ngabaphilayo kanye loKhristu. Wasithethelela zonke izono zethu **14** ngokwesula yonke imithetho elotshiweyo lezimiso zayo eyayimelane lathi njalo isivimbela. Wayisusa, wayibethela esiphambanweni. **15** Kwathi eselahlise imibuso lababusi izikhali, wenza umbukiso oyinhlekisa ngabo, wabanqoba ngesiphambano. **16** Ngakho-ke, lingavumeli umuntu elahlulela ngalokho elikudlayo loba elikunathayo loba ngokuphathelane lomkhosi wokholo, ukuthokozela ukuthwasa kwenyanga loba usuku lweSabatha. **17** Lezizinto ziyisithunzi nje sezinto ezazizakuza kodwa ubuqotho butholakala kuKhristu. **18** Lingavumeli umuntu othokoziswa yikuzithoba kwamanga lokukhonza izingilosi eliphuthisa umvuzo wenu. Umuntu onjalo ubalisa ngokupheleleyo

konke akubonileyo, kuthi ingqondo yakhe engayisiyo yomoya imkhukhumeze ngemicabango eyize. **19** Usehlukane lenhloko yomzimba wonke wona ohlanganiswa ndawonye yimisipha lemithambo, okhula ngokuthanda kukaNkulunkulu. **20** Njengoba lafa loKhristu ezimisweni zalo umhlaba, kungani liphila sengathi lilokhu lingabawo, lizibeka ngaphansi kwemithetho yawo yokuthi, **21** "Ungabambi! Unganambithi! Ungathinti!"? **22** Konke lokhu kumiselwe ukuqedwa yikusetshenziswa ngoba kweyame phezu kwemilayo yabantu lemfundiso yabo. **23** Impela izimiso ezinje zibonakala njengenhlakanipho, ngenkonzo yazo yokuzenzela, ukuzithoba kwamanga lokuphatha umzimba kabuhlungu kodwa kazilalo usizo lokuzithiba ezinkanukweni zomzimba.

3 Ngakho-ke njengoba livuswe kanye loKhristu, bekani inhliziyo zenu ezintweni eziphezulu lapho uKhristu ahlezi khona esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **2** Bekani ingqondo zenu ezintweni eziphezulu hatshi ezintweni zasemhlabeni. **3** Ngoba lafa, ukuphila kwenu khathesi kufihlwe loKhristu kuNkulunkulu. **4** Lapho uKhristu oyikuphila kwenu, ebonakala, lani futhi lizabonakala laye enkazimulweni. **5** Ngakho-ke, kubulaleni konke okungokwemvelo yenu yasemhlabeni: okubalisa ukuhlobonga, ukungcola, inkanuko, izifiso ezimbi, ubuhwaba lokukhonza izithombe. **6** Ngenxa yalezizinto, ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyeza. **7** Lalijayele ukuhamba kulezizindlela empilweni elake layiphila. **8** Kodwa khathesi zilahleni zonke izinto ezinjengalezi: ulaka,

ukuthukuthela, inzondo, ukunyeya lenkulumo ebolileyo.
9 Lingaqambelani amanga njengoba selihlubule uqobo
lwenu oludala lezenzo zalo **10** lembatha uqobo lwenu
olutsha olwenziwa lube lutsha ekwazini ngomfanekiso
kaMdali walo. **11** Lapha akula oweZizwe loba umJuda,
osokileyo loba ongasokanga, iqaba, umSikhethiya, isigqili
loba okhululekileyo kodwa uKhristu uyikho konke njalo
ukubo bonke. **12** Ngakho, njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu
abakhethiweyo, abangcwele labathandwa kakhulu,
zembeseni ngesihawu, umusa, ukuzithoba, ubumnene
kanye lokubekezela. **13** Bekezelelanani, lithethelelane
loba kuyinsolo bani omunye angaba layo ngomunye.
Thethelelani njengoba iNkosi yalithethelela. **14** Phezu
kwakho konke lokhu yembathani uthando olukubophela
ndawonye konke lokhu, kube yikumanyana okupheleleyo.
15 Ukuthula kukaKhristu kakubuse ezinhliziyweni
zenu ngoba njengezitho zomzimba munye labizelwa
ukuthula. Njalo bongani. **16** Ilizwi likaKhristu kalihlale
phakathi kwenu ngokupheleleyo lapho lifundisana njalo
liselulekana ngenhlakanipho yonke, ngamahubo, amaculo
kanye lezingoma zakoMoya, lihlabelele lilokubonga
uNkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zenu. **17** Njalo kukho konke
elikwenzayo, ngelizwi loba ngesenzo, konke kwenzeni
ngebizo leNkosi uJesu, libonge uNkulunkulu uYise ngaye.
18 Bafazi, zehliseni kubomkenu njengokufanele eNkosini.
19 Madoda, thandani omkenu njalo lingabi lesihluku
kubo. **20** Bantwana, lalelani abazali benu ezintweni
zonke ngoba lokhu kuyayithokozisa iNkosi. **21** Bazali,
lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu hlezi badumazeke.

22 Zigqili, lalelani amakhosi enu omhlaba ezintweni zonke;
likwenze hatshi ngoba elikhangele loba ukuthi alithande
kodwa ngobuqotho bezinhliziyo langokuhlonipha
iNkosi. **23** Konke elikwenzayo kusebenzeni ngenhliziyo
yenu yonke njengokusebenzela iNkosi hatshi abantu,
24 njengoba lisazi ukuthi lizathola ilifa eNkosini
njengomvuzo. YiNkosi uKhristu elimkhonzayo. **25** Loba
ngubani oyenza okubi uzaphindiselwa ngobubi bakhe
njalo akula kubandlulula.

4 Makhosi, nikani izigqili zenu okulungileyo lokufaneleyo
ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi lani lileNkosi ezulwini. **2**
Zinikeleni ekukhulekeni ngokuqaphela langokubonga.
3 Lisikhulekele lathi futhi ukuba uNkulunkulu avulele
ilizwi lethu umnyango ukuze sitshumayele imfihlakalo
kaKhristu engayibotshelwayo. **4** Khulekelani ukuba
ngiyitshumayele ngokucaca okufanele ngikwenze. **5**
Hlakaniphani kulokho elikwenzayo kwabangaphandle
lisebenzisa amathuba wonke ngokugcweleyo. **6** Ingxoxo
yenu kayihlale igcwele umusa, ifakwe itswayi ukuze
likwazi ukuphendula umuntu wonke. **7** UThikhikhasi
uzalitshela izindaba zonke ngami. Ungumzalwane
othandekayo, umfundisi othembekileyo loyinceku
eNkosini. **8** Ngimthuma kini ngenjongo enxwanele
ukuthi lazi ngomumo wethu lokuthi akhuthaze inhliziyo
zenu. **9** Ubuya lo-Onesimasi, umzalwane wethu
othembekileyo lothandekayo njalo ongomunye wenu.
Bazalitshela konke okwenzakala lapha. **10** U-Aristakhasi
engibotshwe laye loMakho umzawakhe kaBhanabhasi
bayalibingelela. (Selamukela iziqondiso ngaye; angabuya

kini limamukele.) **11** UJesu othiwa nguJustusi laye
uyalibingelela. Laba yibo kuphela abangamaJuda
kulabo engisebenzela umbuso kaNkulunkulu labo
njalo sebebonakalise ukuthi bayinduduzo kimi. **12** U-
Ephafrasi ongomunye wenu lenceku kaKhristu uJesu
uyalibingelela. Uhlezi elikhulekela kakhulu ukuba liqine
kuyo yonke intando kaNkulunkulu liphelele njalo
lithembile. **13** Ngiyamfakazela ukuthi uyalisebenzela
kakhulu lina kanye lalabo abaseLodikheya leHiyerapholisi.
14 Umngane wethu othandekayo uLukha ongudokotela,
loDemasi bayalibingelela. **15** Ngibingelelelani abazalwane
abaseLodikheya loNimfa kanye lebandla endlini yakhe.
16 Emva kokuba incwadi le seliyifundelwe, bonani ukuthi
iyafundwa lasebandleni laseLodikheya lokuthi lani libale
incwadi evela eLodikheya. **17** Tshelani u-Akhiphasi
lithi: “Bona ukuba uyawuqeda umsebenzi owamukele
eNkosini.” **18** Mina Phawuli, ngiloba ukuvalelisa lokhu
ngesami isandla. Khumbulani ukubotshwa kwami. Umusa
kawube lani.

1 KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPhawuli, uSayilasi kanye loThimothi, Lebandleni labaseThesalonika abakuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu: Umusa lokuthula kakube kini. **2** Sihlala silibongela lonke kuNkulunkulu njalo silibeka emikhulekweni yethu. **3** Siyawukhumbula kokuphela phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu uBaba umsebenzi wenu ongenxa yokukholwa lokusebenza kwenu okufuqwa luthando kanye lokubekezela kwenu okuqiniswa yikwethemba eNkosini uJesu Khristu. **4** Bazalwane abathandwa nguNkulunkulu, siyakwazi ukuthi ulikhethile **5** ngoba ivangeli lethu lafika kini hatshi ngamazwi nje kuphela kodwa langamandla loMoya oNgcwele kanye lokukholwa okujulileyo. Liyakwazi ukuba sahlala njani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu. **6** Lina laba ngabasilingisayo thina kanye leNkosi ngoba lalamukela ilizwi esikhathini esinzima ngokuthokoza okuvela kuMoya oNgcwele. **7** Ngakho-ke, laba yisibonelo kuwo wonke amakholwa eMasedoniya kanye le-Akhayiya. **8** Ilizwi leNkosi lezwakala livela kini hatshi eMasedoniya lase-Akhayiya kuphela kodwa ukukholwa kwenu kuNkulunkulu sekusaziwa ezindaweni zonke. Ngakho-ke, akudingeki ukuba sikhulume ngakho **9** ngoba bona ngokwabo bayabika ukuthi lasamukela njani. Bayatsho ngokuphendukela kwenu kuNkulunkulu lidela ukukhonza izithombe ukuba likhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo loqotho **10** lilindele leNdodana yakhe evela ezulwini, ayivusayo kwabafileyo, uJesu osihlenga elakeni oluzayo.

2 Liyakwazi bazalwane ukuthi ukuza kwethu kini
akubanga liphutha. **2** Sike sahlupheka ngaphambili
njalo sathukwa eFiliphi njengoba lisazi kodwa ngosizo
lukaNkulunkulu wethu saba lesibindi sokulitshela ivangeli
lakhe lanxa nje kwakulobunzima obukhulu. **3** Ngoba
isicelo esisenzayo kasiveli ekuphosiseni loba enjongweni
engcolileyo njalo kasizami kulikhohlisa. **4** Kodwa
sikhuluma njengabantu abavunywe nguNkulunkulu
ukuba siphathiswe ivangeli. Kasizami kuthokozisa abantu
kodwa uNkulunkulu, yena ohlola inhliziyo zethu. **5**
Liyakwazi ukuthi kasizange sisebenzise inkohliso loba
isisitho ukuba sifihle ubuhwaba njalo uNkulunkulu
ungufakazi wethu. **6** Kasifuni dumo oluvela ebantwini loba
kini kumbe omunye laye. Njengabapostoli bakaKhristu
sasingaba ngumthwalo kini **7** kodwa saba mnene kini
njengomama esondla abantwana bakhe abancinyane.
8 Salithanda kakhulu, sathokoza ukuhlanganyela
lani kungayisikho evangelini likaNkulunkulu kuphela
kodwa lasekuphileni kwethu ngoba lina laselithandeka
kakhulu kithi. **9** Impela liyakhumbula bazalwane,
ukusebenza nzima lokuhlupheka kwethu; sasebenza
ebusuku lemini ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakubani
lapho sitshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kini. **10**
Lingofakazi kanye loNkulunkulu bokuthi sasingcwele,
silungile njalo singasoleki phakathi kwenu lina
elalikholwa. **11** Ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ngamunye wenu
saliphatha njengobaba ephatha abantwana bakhe, **12**
siliqinisa, silikuduza kanye lokulikhuthaza ukuthi liphile
impilo efanele uNkulunkulu yena olibizela embusweni

wakhe lasenkazimulweni. **13** Njalo uNkulunkulu siyambonga kokuphela ngoba ekwamukeleni kwenu ilizwi likaNkulunkulu elalizwa ngathi, lalamukela hatshi njengelizwi labantu kodwa njengoba linjalo impela, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, elisebenzayo kini lina abakholwayo. **14** Ngoba lina bazalwane laba ngabalingisi bamabandla kaNkulunkulu eJudiya akuKhristu uJesu; abantu belizwe lakini balihluphela izinto ezifana lalezo amabandla lawo azihlutshelwa ngamaJuda, **15** abulala iNkosi uJesu labaphrofethi, thina asixotsha. Ayamdabukisa uNkulunkulu njalo ayizitha zabantu bonke **16** ekuzameni kwawo ukusinqabela ukukhuluma labeZizweni ukuba basindiswe. Ngalokho-ke, bandisa izono zabo kakhulu. Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu seluze lwehlela phezu kwabo. **17** Kodwa-ke, bazalwane, ekuhlukanisweni kwethu kini okwesikhatshana (uqobo lwethu, hatshi umcabango), kwathi ngokulangazelela okukhulu senza imizamo yonke ukuba silibone. **18** Ngoba sasifuna ukuza kini, impela mina Phawuli ngazama kanengi kodwa uSathane wasivimbela. **19** Ngoba liyini ithemba lethu, intokozo yethu loba umqhele esizazincoma ngawo phambi kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ekufikeni kwakhe na? Akusini na? **20** Ngempela lina liludumo lwethu lentokozo yethu.

3 Ngakho-ke, kwathi singasenelisi ukukumela sabona kungcono ukuba sisale sodwa e-Athene. **2** Sathuma uThimothi ongumzalwane wethu lesisebenzi kanye lathi kuNkulunkulu ekutshumayeleni ivangeli likaKhristu, ukuliqinisa lokulikhuthaza ekukholweni kwenu **3** ukuze angabikhona ongayikuhlaliseka ngenxa yalezizilingo.

Liyakwazi kakuhle ukuthi samiselwa zona. **4** Ngeqiniso,
siseselani sasihlala silitshela ukuthi sizahlukuluzwa.
Kwabanjalo njengoba lisazi kakuhle. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu,
kwathi ngingasanelisi ukukumela ngathumela ukuba
ngazi ngokholo lwenu. Ngangisesaba ukuthi engxenye
umlingi uselilingile lemizamo yethu kayisizanga. **6** Kodwa
uThimothi usanda kufika kithi khathesi evela kini njalo
ulethe izindaba ezinhle ngokholo lwenu kanye lothando
lwenu. Usitshele ukuthi lihlala lilemikhumbulo emihle
ngathi kanye lokuthi lifisa ukusibona njengoba lathi sifisa
ukulibona. **7** Ngakho bazalwane, kulolonke usizi lwethu
kanye lokuhlukuluzwa kwethu, sakhuthazeka ngani
ngenxa yokukholwa kwenu. **8** Ngoba khathesi sesiphila
ngempela, njengoba liqinile eNkosini. **9** Singalibongela
njani ngokwaneleyo kuNkulunkulu sibuyisela yonke
intokozo esilayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa
yenu na? **10** Ebusuku lemini siyakhuleka ngokuzimisela
ukuba silibone futhi silinike okusilelayo ekukholweni
kwenu. **11** Sengathi uNkulunkulu wethu loBaba uqobo
kanye leNkosi yethu uJesu angasivulela indlela yokuza
kini. **12** Sengathi iNkosi ingandisa uthando lwenu
kuthi olomunye lomunye luphumelele komunye kanye
lasemuntwini wonke njengokwenziwa ngolwethu kini.
13 Kaziqinise inhliziyo zenu ukuze lingasoleki njalo
libengcwele phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu loBaba
ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu labangcwele bayo bonke.

4 Okokucina bazalwane, salifundisa ukuba liphile njani
ukuze limthokozise uNkulunkulu njengoba impela liphila.
Siyalicela njalo silincenga ngeNkosi uJesu ukuba lokhu

likwenze kokuphela. **2** Liyayazi imilayo esalinika yona
ngokulaya kweNkosi uJesu. **3** Kuyintando kaNkulunkulu
ukuba libengcwele: ukuba lixwaye ukuhlobonga; **4**
ukuba omunye lomunye wenu afunde ukuthiba umzimba
wakhe ngendlela engcwele lehloniphekayo **5** hatshi
ngomfutho wenkanuko njengabezizweni abangamaziyo
uNkulunkulu. **6** Njalo kulokhu akukho okumele onele
umzalwane wakhe kumbe amzuzele khonapho ekuthini
ngumzalwane. INkosi izabajezisa bonke abenza izono
ezinje njengoba sesavela salitshela njalo salixwayisa
ngazo. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasibizelanga ukuba sibe
ngabangcolileyo kodwa ukuba siphile impilo engcwele. **8**
Ngakho-ke, lowo owalayo umlayo lo kalimuntu kodwa
uNkulunkulu, yena olinika uMoya wakhe oNgcwele.
9 Mayelana lothando lobuzalwane, akudingeki ukuba
sililobele ngoba lina uqobo lafundiswa nguNkulunkulu
ukuba lithandane. **10** Njalo ngempela, liyabathanda
abazalwane bonke kulolonke elaseMasedoniya. Kodwa
siyalincenga bazalwane ukuthi lenzenjalo kokuphela.
11 Akube yisifiso senu ukuphila impilo yokuthula
lokukhathalela umsebenzi wenu kanye lokusebenza
ngezandla zenu njengoba salitshela **12** ukuze ukuphila
kwenu kwansukuzonke kubukwe ngabangaphandle
njalo lingathembeli komunye umuntu. **13** Bazalwane,
kasifuni ukuba libe ngabangaziyo ngalabo abalalayo loba
lidabuke njengabanye abantu abangelalo ithemba. **14**
Siyakholwa ukuthi uJesu wafa wabuya wavuka njalo
ngalokho siyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzabavusa
kanye loJesu labo asebelele kuye. **15** Ngelizwi leNkosi

siyalitshela ukuthi thina esisaphila, esasalayo iNkosi ize ifike, kasiyikubaqalela impela labo asebelele. **16** Ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela ezulwini ngelizwi elikhulu, ngelizwi lengilosi enkulu langokumemeza kwecilongo likaNkulunkulu, kuthi abafileyo kuKhristu bavuke kuqala. **17** Emva kwalokho, thina esisaphila njalo sisele sizahlwithwa kanye labo emayezini ukuba sihlangabeze iNkosi emoyeni. Ngakho sizahlala leNkosi kuze kube nininini. **18** Ngakho-ke, khuthazanani ngala amazwi.

5 Bazalwane, mayelana lezikhathi lezinsuku akudingeki ukuba sililobele **2** ngoba likwazi kahle ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela ebusuku. **3** Abantu besathi, "Ukuthula lokuvikeleka," incithakalo izakwehlela phezu kwabo ngokujuma njengomhelo kowesifazane ozithweleyo njalo kabayikuphunyuka. **4** Kodwa lina bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni ukuba lolusuku lulijume njengesela. **5** Lonke lingamadodana okukhanya lamadodana emini. Kasisibo bobusuku loba abobumnyama. **6** Ngakho-ke, kasingafani labanye abaleleyo kodwa kasiphaphameni njalo sizithibe. **7** Ngoba labo abalalayo balala ebusuku, lalabo abadakwayo badakwa ebusuku. **8** Kodwa njengoba singabemini, kasizithibeni, sembathe ukukholwa lothando njengesihlangu sesifuba, lethemba lokusindiswa njengengowane. **9** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimiselanga ulaka kodwa ukuba sithole ukusindiswa ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **10** Wasifela ukuze loba sikhangele kumbe silele, siphile laye. **11** Ngakho-ke, qinisanani

njalo lakhane njengoba likwenza. **12** Siyalicela bazalwane, ukuba libahloniphe labo abasebenza nzima phakathi kwenu, abalikhathalelayo eNkosini njalo beliqondisa futhi. **13** Bahlonipheni kakhulu ngothando ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo. Hlalisanani ngokuthula. **14** Njalo siyalincenga bazalwane, baxwayiseni labo abangamavila, likhuthaze abadele inhliziyo, lisize ababuthakathaka njalo libekezelele umuntu wonke. **15** Qaphelani kungabikhona ophindisela okubi ngokubi kodwa lihlale lizama ukwenzelana okuhle kanye lakwabanye abantu. **16** Thokozani kokuphela, **17** likhuleke kokuphela **18** njalo libonge konke okulehlelayo ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ngani kuKhristu uJesu. **19** Lingawucitshi umlilo kaMoya; **20** lingazeyisi iziphrofethi **21** kodwa zihloleni zonke; libambelele kokulungileyo, **22** lixwaye konke okubi. **23** Sengathi uNkulunkulu uqobo, uNkulunkulu wokuthula angalenza libengcwele ngokupheleleyo. Sengathi umoya wenu wonke lomphefumulo kanye lomzimba kungalondolozwa kungelasici ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **24** Lowo olibizayo uthembekile njalo uzakukwenza lokho. **25** Lisikhulekele bazalwane. **26** Bingelelani abazalwane bonke ngokwangana okungcwele. **27** Ngiyalilaya phambi kweNkosi ukuba incwadi le ibalelwe abazalwane bonke. **28** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani.

2 KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPhawuli, loSayilasi kanye loThimothi, Lebandleni leThesalonika kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu: **2** Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Kumele sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa yenu bazalwane njengoba kufanele ngoba ukholo lwenu lukhula kokuphela lothando elilalo komunye lomunye wenu luyanda. **4** Ngakho-ke, phakathi kwamabandla kaNkulunkulu thina siyazincoma ngokuqinisela kwenu lokukholwa phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ukuhlukuluzwa kanye lokuhlupheka elikubekezelelayo. **5** Konke lokhu kuyibufakazi bokuthi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu kulungile njalo lizabalwa njengabafanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu eliwuhluphekelayo. **6** UNkulunkulu ulungile: Uzaphindisela inhlupho kulabo abalihluphayo, **7** alinike kanye lathi ukuhlaliseka lina elihlutshwayo. Lokhu kuzakwenzakala lapho iNkosi uJesu isibonakaliswa ezulwini phakathi komlilo ovuthayo ilezingilosi zayo ezilamandla. **8** Izabajezisa labo abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu labangalilaleliyo ivangeli leNkosi yethu uJesu. **9** Bazajeziswa ngokubhujiswa okulaphakade, bavalelwe ngaphandle kobukhona beNkosi lasenkazimulweni yamandla ayo **(aiōnios g166)** **10** ngosuku ezafika ngalo ukuba idunyiswe ngabantu bayo abangcwele lokuba ibatshazwe phakathi kwabo bonke abakholwayo. Lokhu kugoqela lani ngoba labukholwa ubufakazi bethu kini. **11** Nxa sikhumbula lokhu, sihlala

silikhulekela kokuphela ukuthi uNkulunkulu wethu alibale njengabafanele ukubizwa nguye njalo kuthi ngamandla akhe afeze injongo yenu elungileyo lakho konke ukwenza kwenu okuthunganyelwa yikukholwa kwenu. **12** Sikhulekela lokhu ukuze ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu lidunyiswe kini, lani kuyo, ngokomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosi uJesu Khristu.

2 Mayelana lokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu lokubuthana kwethu kuyo, siyalicela bazalwane **2** ukuthi lingaphangi likhathazeke kumbe lethuswe ngeyinye imfundiso loba isiphrofethi kumbe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni loba incwadi okungathiwa ivela kithi kuthiwa usuku lweNkosi selufikile. **3** Lingavumeli muntu elikhohlisa langayiphi indlela ngoba lolosuku kaluyikufika umvukela uze wenzakale, lomuntu ongelamthetho abonakaliswe yena omiselwe ukubhujiswa. **4** Uzaphikisa, azikhukhumeze ezintweni zonke ezibiza uNkulunkulu loba ezikhonzwayo, aze azihlalise ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, amemezele ukuthi yena unguNkulunkulu. **5** Kalisakhumbuli yini ukuthi ngisesekini ngangijayele ukulitshela izinto lezi? **6** Khathesi selikwazi okumvimbelayo ukuze abonakaliswe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. **7** Ngoba amandla afihlakeleyo okungabi lamthetho asesebenza kodwa lowo owavimbelayo khathesi uzaqhubeka esenza njalo aze asuswe endleleni. **8** Lapho-ke, lowo ongelamthetho uzabonakaliswa, lowo iNkosi uJesu ezamchitha ngomoya womlomo wayo, imqede ngenkazimulo yokufika kwayo. **9** Ukufika kwalowo ongelamthetho kuzakuya ngendlela

yemisebenzi kaSathane. Uzasebenzisa inhlobo zonke zokubonakalisa amandla ngezibonakaliso lezimanga zamanga **10** kanye lezinhlobo zonke zobubi obukhohlisa ababhubhayo. Babhubha ngoba bala ukuthanda iqiniso ukuba basindiswe. **11** Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu ubehlisela inkohliso elamandla ukuba bakholwe amanga **12** ukuze balahlwe bonke abangalikholwanga iqiniso kodwa bathokoziswa yibubi. **13** Kodwa kufanele sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa yenu, bazalwane abathandwa yiNkosi, ngoba uNkulunkulu walikhetha kusukela ekuqaleni ukuba lisindiswe ngomsebenzi ongcwele kaMoya langokukholwa eqinisweni. **14** Walibizela kulokhu ngevangeli lethu ukuze lihlanganyele enkazimulweni yeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **15** Ngakho-ke bazalwane, qinani libambelele ezifundweni esalinika zona, kungaba ngelizwi lomlomo loba ngencwadi. **16** Sengathi iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu uqobo kanye loNkulunkulu uBaba owasithandayo kwathi ngomusa wakhe wasinika induduzo engapheliyo lethemba elihle **(aiōnios g166)** **17** angakhuthaza inhliziyo zenu njalo aliqinise kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle lasemazwini amahle.

3 Okokucina bazalwane, sikhulekeleni ukuba ilizwi leNkosi liqhubeke ngokuphangisa njalo lihlonitshwe njengalokhu okwenzeka kini. **2** Khulekani njalo ukuba sikhululwe ebantwini abaxhwalileyo lababi ngoba akusimuntu wonke okholwayo. **3** Kodwa iNkosi ithembekile, izaliqinisa ilivikele komubi. **4** Silethemba eNkosini ukuba lenza izinto esalilaya zona njalo lizaqhubeka lizenza. **5** Sengathi iNkosi

ingaqondisa inhliziyo zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu lasekubekezeleni kukaKhristu. **6** Ebizweni leNkosi uJesu Khristu, siyalilaya bazalwane ukuba libaxwaye bonke abazalwane abangamavila, abangaphili ngokwemfundiso elayamukela kithi. **7** Ngoba lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuba kufanele lisilandele njani isibonelo sethu. Sasingavilaphi lapho siseselani **8** njalo kasidlanga kudla komuntu singakuhlawulelanga. Kodwa sasebenza ebusuku lemini, sisebenza nzima njalo sitshikatshika ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakubani phakathi kwenu. **9** Lokhu sakwenza kungayisikho ukuthi kasilalungelo losizo olunjalo kodwa ukuba sizenze sibe yisibonelo kini ukuba lisilandele. **10** Ngoba langesikhathi silani salinika umlayo othi: "Nxa umuntu engafuni ukusebenza, kangadli." **11** Sizwa kuthiwa abanye phakathi kwenu bayavilapha. Kabenzi lutho, bangenela izindaba zabanye. **12** Ebizweni leNkosi uJesu Khristu, siyabalaya njalo sibakhuthaza abantu abanjalo ukuba bazimisele, basebenzele ukudla abakudlayo. **13** Lina bazalwane, lingadinwa yikwenza okuhle. **14** Qaphelani iloba ngubani ongalaleli imilayo yethu ekule incwadi. Lingadlelani laye ukuze ayangeke. **15** Lingamthathi njengesitha kodwa mxwayiseni njengomzalwane. **16** Sengathi iNkosi yokuthula uqobo ingalinika ukuthula ngezikhathi zonke njalo ngezindlela zonke. INkosi kayibe lani lonke. **17** Mina Phawuli ngiloba ukuvalelisa lokhu ngesami isandla, okuyilo uphawu oluphawulayo kuzozonke izincwadi zami. Ngiloba kanje. **18** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani lonke.

1 KuThimothi

1 Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngokulaya
kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu lokukaKhristu uJesu
ithemba lethu, **2** KuThimothi indodana yami eqotho
ekukholweni ngithi: Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu iNkosi
yethu kakube kuwe. **3** Njengoba ngakukhuthaza
ekuyeni kwami eMasedoniya, hlala khonapho e-Efesu
ukuze ulaye abantu abathile ukuba bangafundisi
imfundiso yamanga futhi **4** loba ukuchitha isikhathi
ngezinganekwane langezimbali zensendo ezingapheliyo.
Lokhu kubanga ukuphikisana hatshi umsebenzi
kaNkulunkulu wokukholwa. **5** Inhloso yalo umlayo
luthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe, lesazela
esihle lokholo oluqotho. **6** Abanye sebedukile kulokhu
baphendukela ekukhulumeni okuyize. **7** Bafuna
ukuba ngabafundisi bomthetho kodwa kabakwazi
abakhuluma ngakho loba lokhu abakuqinisa kangaka
ngesibindi. **8** Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ulungile
nxa umuntu ewusebenzisa kuhle. **9** Siyakwazi
lokuthi umthetho kawenzelwanga abantu abalungileyo
kodwa wenzelwa abeqa imithetho labahlamuki,
abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu labayizoni, abangalunganga
labangakholwayo; wenzelwa ababulala oyise labonina,
lababulali, **10** lezifebe, izitabane, abathengisa izigqili
labaqamba amanga kanye labafakazela amanga kanye
lokunye okuphambene lemfundiso eqotho **11** evumelana
levangeli elilenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu obusisekileyo,
enginika lona. **12** Ngiyambonga uKhristu uJesu iNkosi

yethu onginike amandla, wangibona ngithembekile njalo wangibeka emsebenzini wakhe. **13** Lanxa ngake ngaba ngumhlambazi, lomhlukuluzi, lesidlwangudlwangu, ngenzelwa isihawu ngoba ngakwenza ngokungazi langokungakholwa. **14** Umusa weNkosi wathululelwa phezu kwami ngokwanda okukhulu, ndawonye lokukholwa kanye lothando olukuKhristu uJesu. **15** Nansi isitsho esiqotho esifanele ukwamukelwa esithi: UKhristu uJesu weza emhlabeni ukuba asindise izoni, mina ngingesibi kakhulu kulazo. **16** Kodwa ngenxa yalesosizatho ngenzelwa isihawu ukuze kuthi ngami isoni esibi kakhulu uJesu Khristu abonakalise ukubekezela kwakhe okungelamkhawulo njengesibonelo kulabo abakholwa kuye bamukele lokuphila okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Manje kuyo iNkosi yaphakade engafiyo, engabonakaliyo, uNkulunkulu yedwa, udumo lenkazimulo akube kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **18** Thimothi ndodana yami, ngikunika umlayo lo ekulondolozeni iziphrofethi ezake zenziwa ngawe ukuze uthi ngokuzikhumbula ulwe ukulwa okuhle, **19** ubambelele ekukholweni lesazeleni esihle. Abanye bakwalile lokhu, ngakho-ke, babhidliza ukukholwa kwabo. **20** Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi lo-Alekizanda esengibanikele kuSathane ukuba bafundiswe ukungahlambazi uNkulunkulu.

2 Ngakho-ke, phezu kwakho konke ngiyakhuthaza ukuba izicelo, lemikhuleko, lokukhulekela abanye kanye lokubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke, **2** amakhosi labo bonke abaphethe amandla ukuze sihlale ngokuthula empilweni enhle kukho konke ukumesaba uNkulunkulu

lobungcwele. **3** Lokhu kuhle njalo kuyamthokozisa
uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu **4** ofuna ukuba abantu
bonke basindiswe njalo balazi iqiniso. **5** Ngoba
uNkulunkulu munye njalo lomeli munye phakathi
kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu uKhristu Jesu, **6**
owazinikela njengenhlawulo yabantu bonke, ubufakazi
obanikwa ngesikhathi sabo esifaneleyo. **7** Ngenxa yalokhu
mina ngakhethelwa ukuba ngumanduleli lompostoli
njalo ngikhuluma iqiniso kangiqambi manga kanye
lomfundisi wokholo oluqotho kwabeZizweni. **8** Ngakho
ngifuna amadoda ezindaweni zonke aphakamise izandla
zawo ezingcwele ekhuleka kungela kuthukuthela kumbe
ukuphikisana. **9** Ngifuna ukuba abesifazane bagqoke
ngokuzothileyo, okuhle lokufaneleyo, kungabi ngenwele
ezelukiweyo loba igolide loba amangqongqo loba
izigqoko ezidulayo **10** kodwa ngezenzo ezinhle ezifanele
abesifazane abathi bayamkhonza uNkulunkulu. **11**
Owesifazane kumele afunde ethule langokuzithoba
okupheleleyo. **12** Kangivumeli ukuba owesifazane
afundise loba ukuba lamandla phezu kowesilisa; kumele
athule. **13** Ngoba u-Adamu wabunjwa kuqala; kwalandela
u-Eva. **14** Njalo u-Adamu kasuye owakhohliswayo;
ngowesifazane owakhohliswayo wasesiba yisoni. **15** Kodwa
abesifazane bazasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana nxa
beqhubeka ngokukholwa, ngothando kanye lobungcwele
ngokufaneleyo.

3 Nansi isitsho esiqotho esithi: Lowo ofuna ukuba
ngumthungameli ufisa umsebenzi olesithunzi. **2**
Umthungameli akumelanga abengosolekayo njalo kumele

abeyindoda elomfazi oyedwa, ezithibayo, elamandla okuzibamba, ehloniphekayo, ephatha kuhle izihambi, eyenelisa ukufundisa, **3** engayisiso sidakwa, engeladlakela kodwa emnene, engathandi ingxabano, engathandi imali. **4** Kayibe ngephatha kuhle umuzi wayo njalo ibone ukuba abantwana bayo bayayilalela ngenhlonipho efaneleyo. **5** (Nxa umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha umuzi wakhe angaliphatha njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu na?) **6** Akumelanga kube ngosanda kuphenduka hlezi azikhukhumeze abe ngaphansi kokwahlulelwa kunye loSathane. **7** Njalo kumele abe ngodume ngokuhle kwabangaphandle ukuze angaweli ehlazweni lasemjibileni kaSathane. **8** Ngokunjalo, amadikoni lawo kumele kube ngabantu abahloniphekayo, abaqotho, abanganathi iwayini elinengi, abangadingi inzuzo ngobuqili. **9** Kumele babambelele eqinisweni elizikileyo kanye lasekukholweni ngesazela esihlanzekileyo. **10** Kumele baqale bahlolwe; nxa kungekho lutho olubi ngabo, kabasebenze njengamadikoni. **11** Ngokunjalo, labomkabo kumele babe ngabesifazane abahloniphekayo, abangahlebiyo kodwa abazithibayo labathembekileyo ezintweni zonke. **12** Umdikoni kabe lomfazi oyedwa kuphela njalo ophatha kuhle abantwana bakhe kanye labendlu yakhe. **13** Labo abasebenze kuhle bazuza isithunzi lesithembiso esikhulu ekukholweni kwabo kuKhristu uJesu. **14** Lanxa ngikhangelele ukuza kuwe masinyane, ngikulobela iziqondiso lezi ukuze kuthi **15** nxa ngibambeka, ukwazi ukuthi abantu kumele baziphathe njani endlini kaNkulunkulu elibandla likaNkulunkulu

ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso. **16** Kungekho kuthandabuza imfihlakalo yokwesaba uNkulunkulu inkulu: Wabonakaliswa emzimbeni, wafakazelwa nguMoya, wabonwa yizingilosi, watshunyayelwa phakathi kwezizwe, umhlaba wakholwa kuye, wenyukiselwa phezulu ngenkazimulo.

4 Umoya utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokucina abanye bazalahla ukukholwa balandele imimoya ekhohlisayo lezinto ezifundiswa ngamadimoni. **2** Ukufundisa okunjalo kuza labaqambi bamanga abangabazenzisi abalezazela ezingathi zahaqazwa ngensimbi etshisayo. **3** Balela abantu ukuba bathathane njalo babalaye ukuba bazile ukudla okuthize, uNkulunkulu akudalela ukuthi kwamukelwe ngokubonga yilabo abakholwayo labalaziyo iqiniso. **4** Ngoba konke uNkulunkulu akudalayo kulungile njalo akulalutho okumele lulahlwe nxa lusamukelwa ngokubonga **5** ngoba kungcweliswe yilizwi likaNkulunkulu lomkhuleko. **6** Nxa lezizinto uziphawula kubazalwane, uzakuba ngumfundisi omuhle kaKhristu uJesu, owondliwe phakathi kwamaqiniso okukholwa lemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo. **7** Ungazinaki izinganekwane ezikhohlakeleyo kanye lezindaba eziyize kodwa wena zifundise ukumesaba uNkulunkulu. **8** Ngoba imisebenzi yokuqinisa umzimba ilosizo oluthile kodwa ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kulosizo ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso ekuphileni kwakhathesi lasekuphileni okuzayo. **9** Lesi yisitsho esiqotho okumele samukelwe ngokupheleleyo **10** njalo lokhu siyakusebenzela sikutshikatshikele

ngoba ithemba lethu silibeke kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, onguMsindisi wabantu bonke, ikakhulu owalabo abakholwayo. **11** Laya njalo ufundise ngalezizinto. **12** Ungavumeli muntu ukuba akweyise ngenxa yokuthi usasemutsha kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo ngokukhuluma, ngokuphila, ngothando, ngokukholwa kanye langokuhlambuluka. **13** Zinikele ekufundeleni uzulu imibhalo, ekutshumayeleni kanye lasekufundiseni ngize ngifike. **14** Ungasideli isipho sakho owasiphiwa ngelizwi lesiphrofethi ngesikhathi ibandla labadala libeka izandla zalo phezu kwakho. **15** Khuthalela izinto lezi; zinikele ngokupheleleyo kuzo ukuze umuntu wonke abone ukuqhubeka kwakho. **16** Qaphela kakhulu ukuphila kwakho kanye lemfundiso. Bambelela kuzo ngoba nxa usenza njalo uzazisindisa wena ngokwakho kanye labakuzwayo.

5 Ungamkhuzi ngolaka umuntu omdala kodwa mncenge ngokungathi nguyihlo. Amajaha aphathe njengabafowenu, **2** abesifazane abadala njengonyoko, abesifazane abatsha njengodadewenu ngokuhlambuluka okupheleleyo. **3** Woba lonanzelelo olufaneleyo kubafelokazi abaswelayo kakhulu. **4** Kodwa nxa umfelokazi elabantwana kumbe abazukulu, kumele bafunde kuqala kulakho konke ukusebenzisa ukholo lwabo ngokukhathalela abendlu yakwabo langokusiza abazali babo labazali babazali babo ngoba lokhu kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu. **5** Umfelokazi oswelayo kakhulu njalo esele eyedwa ubeka ithemba lakhe kuNkulunkulu njalo uqhubeka ebusuku lemini ekhuleka ecela usizo

kuNkulunkulu. **6** Kodwa umfelokazi ophilela intokozo ufile
lanxa esaphila. **7** Banike labo abantu izeluleko lezi ukuze
angabikhona ongasoleka. **8** Nxa umuntu enganakekeli
izihlobo zakhe ikakhulu abendlu yakwabo, uselulahlile
ukholo lwakhe njalo mubi kakhulu kulongakholwayo.
9 Akulamfelokazi ozabekwa eluhlwini lwabafelokazi
ngaphandle kokuba eseleminyaka edlula engamatshumi
ayisithupha, obengokade ethembekile kumkakhe **10**
njalo edumile ngezenzo zakhe ezinhle, ezinjengokondla
abantwana, lokuphatha kuhle izihambi, lokugezisa
inyawo zabangcwele, lokusiza abahluphekayo kanye
lokuzinikela kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle. **11** Abafelokazi
abasesebatsha ungababeki eluhlwini olunjalo. Ngoba
lapho izinkanuko zabo zomzimba sezikhulela ukuzinikela
kwabo kuKhristu bafuna ukwenda. **12** Ngalokho-ke,
bazilethela ukwahlulelwa phezu kwabo ngoba bephule
isithembiso sabo sokuqala. **13** Langaphandle kwalokho,
basuka babe lomkhuba wokuvilapha batshone benquma
ngemizi. Njalo kababi ngamavila nje kuphela kodwa
bangabanyeyayo labathandi bezindaba zabanye besitsho
izinto okungafanelanga bazitsho. **14** Ngakho, abafelokazi
abasesebatsha ngibacebisa ukuba bende, babelabantwana,
baphathe izindlu zabo njalo banganiki isitha ithuba lokuba
kube lokuhleba. **15** Abanye bavele sebedukile balandela
uSathane. **16** Nxa umuntu okholwayo elabafelokazi emzini
wakhe, kumele abasize hatshi ukuyekela besinda ibandla
ukuze ibandla lisize abafelokazi abaswela kakhulu. **17**
Abadala abaqhuba kuhle imisebenzi yebandla bafanele
ukuhlonitshwa okuphindiweyo ikakhulu labo abasebenza

ukutshumayela lokufundisa. **18** Ngoba umbhalo uthi:
“Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke nxa ibhula amabele,” njalo
uthi, “Isisebenzi sifanele umholo waso.” **19** Ungalamukeli
icala eletheswa umuntu omdala ngaphandle kokuba
limangalwa ngabafakazi ababili loba abathathu. **20** Abenza
izono kumele bakhuzwe phambi kwabantu ukuze labanye
baxwayiseke. **21** Ngiyakulaya phambi kukaNkulunkulu
loKhristu uJesu lezingilosi ezikhethiweyo ukuba ugcine
iziqondiso lezi kungekho bandlululo njalo ungenzi
lutho ngokukhetha. **22** Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla
emuntwini njalo ungahlanganyeli ezonweni zabanye.
Zigcine uhlambulukile. **23** Yekela ukunatha amanzi
kuphela kodwa sebenzisa lewayini elincinyane ngenxa
yesisu sakho lokuhlala kwakho ugula. **24** Izono zabanye
abantu zisobala, zifika endaweni yokwahlulela kuqala
kulabo; kodwa abanye ezabo izono zilandela ngemva
kwabo. **25** Ngokufanayo, izenzo ezinhle zisobala njalo
lalezo ezingenjalo azingeke zihlale zifihliwe.

6 Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe lobugqili kumele
bakhangele amakhosi abo ngokuthi afanele
ukuhlonitshwa ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu kanye
lokufundisa kwethu kungadunyazwa. **2** Labo
abalamakhosi akholwayo kabangawadeleli ngoba
angabazalwane. Kodwa kabawasebenzele ngcono kakhulu
ngoba labo abasizakala ngokubasebenzela kwabo
ngabakholwayo labathandekayo kubo. Lezi yizinto
okumele uzifundise njalo uzigcizelele. **3** Nxa umuntu
efundisa imfundiso yamanga njalo engawuvumi umlayo
oqotho weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu lemfundiso

yokwesaba uNkulunkulu, **4** uyazikhukhumeza njalo
akulalutho aluzwisisayo. Ulezifiso ezimbi enkanini
lasekuphikisaneni ngamazwi okudala umona, lombango,
lezinkulumo ezilimazayo, ukucabangelana okubi **5** kanye
lokuxabana kokuphela kwabantu abalengqondo
ezixhwalileyo, asebalahlekelwa liqiniso labacabanga
ukuthi ukulalela uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yokuzuza imali.
6 Kodwa-ke, ukulalela uNkulunkulu ngokusuthiseka
kuyinzuzo enkulu. **7** Ngoba akulalutho esalulethayo
emhlabeni njalo akulalutho esingasuka lalo kuwo. **8**
Kodwa nxa silokudla lezigqoko kumele sisuthiseke
ngalokho. **9** Abantu abafuna ukunotha bawela
ezilingweni lasemijibileni lasezinkanukweni ezinengi
zobuthutha ezilimazayo leziwisela abantu ekufeni
lasekubhujisweni. **10** Ngoba ukuthanda imali
kuyimpande yezinhlobo zonke zobubi. Abanye abantu
ngokutshisekela imali baphambuka ekukholweni
bazibangele insizi ezinengi. **11** Kodwa wena muntu
kaNkulunkulu, kubalekele konke lokhu ufune ukulunga
lokulalela uNkulunkulu, lokukholwa, lothando,
lokubekezela kanye lobumnene. **12** Ilwa ukulwa okuhle
kokukholwa. Bambelela ekuphileni okulaphakade
owabizelwa kukho ekuvumeni kwakho okuhle
owakwenza kulabafakazi abanengi. **(aiōnios g166)** **13** Phambi
kukaNkulunkulu onika izinto zonke ukuphila
laphambi kukaKhristu uJesu owathi efakaza phambi
kukaPhontiyasi Philathu wenza ukuvuma okuhle,
ngiyakulaya **14** ukuba ugcine umlayo lo kungelasici loba
ukusoleka kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu

uJesu Khristu, **15** okuzalethwa nguNkulunkulu ngesikhathi sakhe, uNkulunkulu obusisekileyo njalo onguye uMbusi kuphela, iNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, **16** onguye kuphela ongafiyo lohlala ekukhanyeni okungafinyelelekiyo, okungekho owake wambona loba ongambona. Udumo lamandla akube kuye kuze kube laphakade. Ameni. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Balaye labo abanothileyo kulo umhlaba wakhathesi ukuba bangazikhukhumezi loba babeke ithemba labo enothweni engathembekanga kodwa ukuba babeke ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu osinika kakhulu konke okwentokozo yethu. **(aiōn g165)** **18** Balaye ukuba benze okuhle, bande ngezenzo ezinhle, baphane njalo bathande ukwaba okungokwabo. **19** Ngalokhu-ke, bazazibekela inotho njengesisekelo esiqinileyo sesizukulwane esizayo ukuze babambe ukuphila okuyikuphila okuqotho. **20** Thimothi, londoloza lokho okuphathisiweyo. Xwaya inkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu, lemibono ephikisana leqiniso ebizwa ngokuthi lulwazi, **21** njalo abanye sebekuvumile, bathi ngokwenza njalo baphambuka ekukholweni. Umusa kawube kuwe.

2 KuThimothi

1 Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, mayelana lesithembiso sokuphila
okukuKhristu uJesu, **2** KuThimothi, indodana yami
ethandekayo ngithi: Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu iNkosi
yethu. **3** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu engimkhonzayo
njengokwenziwa ngokhokho bami ngesazela esimsulwa
lapho ngikukhumbula kokuphela emikhulekweni yami
ebusuku lemini. **4** Lapho ngikhumbula inyembezi
zakho, ngifisa ukukubona ukuze ngibe lokuthokoza
okukhulu. **5** Ngikhunjuzwe ngokukholwa kwakho
okuqotho okwaqala kugogo wakho uLoyisi lakunyoko
uYunisi njalo ngiyathemba ukuba khathesi kukhona
lakuwe futhi. **6** Ngenxa yalokhu ngiyakukhumbuza
ukuba sihlale sivutha isipho sikaNkulunkulu owasamukela
ngokubekwa kwezandla zami phezu kwakho. **7** Ngoba
uNkulunkulu kasiphanga umoya wobugwala kodwa umoya
wamandla, lowothando kanye lowokuzithiba. **8** Ngakho-
ke, ungabi lenhloni ukufakaza ngeNkosi yethu loba ube
lenhloni ngami isibotshwa sayo. Kodwa hlanganyela
lami ekuhluphekeleni ivangeli ngamandla kaNkulunkulu
9 owasisindisayo, wasibizela ekuphileni okungcwele
kungayisikho kuthi kukhona esakwenzayo kodwa ngenxa
yenjongo yakhe langomusa wakhe. Umusa lo sawunikwa
ngoKhristu uJesu ngaphambi kokuqala kwesikhathi **(aiōnios g166)** **10** kodwa khathesi usubonakaliswe ngokubonakala
koMsindisi wethu uKhristu Jesu, osechithe ukufa
waletha ekukhanyeni ukuphila lokungafi ngevangeli. **11**

Njalo ivangeli leli mina ngabekwa ukuba yisithunywa lompostoli kanye lomfundisi walo. **12** Yikho-nje ngihlupheka njengoba nginje. Kodwa kangilanhloni ngoba ngiyamazi engikholwa kuye njalo ngiyakholwa ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye ngalolosuku. **13** Lokho owakuzwa ngami kugcine njengesibonelo semfundiso epheleleyo, ngokukholwa langothando kuKhristu uJesu. **14** Londoloza isibambiso osiphathisiweyo usilondoloze ngosizo lukaMoya oNgcwele ohlala phakathi kwethu. **15** Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu bonke esabelweni sase-Ezhiya sebangidela, kubalwa loFigelusi kanye loHemogenesi. **16** Sengathi iNkosi ingaba lomusa kwabendlu ka-Onesiforosi ngoba wayehlala engivuselela njalo wayengelanhloni ngezibopho zami. **17** Kodwa kwathi eseRoma wangidinga kakhulu waze wangithola. **18** Sengathi iNkosi ingenza ukuba athole umusa eNkosini ngalolosuku! Uyakwazi kakuhle ukuba wangisiza ngezindlela ezinengi kangakanani e-Efesu.

2 Ngakho-ke, wena ndodana yami, qina emuseni okuKhristu uJesu. **2** Izinto owangizwa ngizitsho phambi kwabafakazi abanengi ziphathise abantu abathembekileyo abazafanela ukuba labo bafundise abanye. **3** Hlanganyelana lathi ebunzimeni njengebutho likaKhristu uJesu elifaneleyo. **4** Kakho osebenza njengebutho ongenela ezindabeni zabangasibo bebutho kodwa ufuna ukuthokozisa umlawuli wakhe. **5** Ngokufanayo, nxa umuntu encintisa njengomdlali kawutholi umqhele wokunqoba ngaphandle kokuba encintisa ngokusemthethweni. **6** Umlimi osebenza

kakhulu kumele kube nguye oqala ukuthola isabelo sezilimo. **7** Nakana ngalokho engikutshoyo ngoba iNkosi izakupha umbono kukho konke lokhu. **8** Khumbula uJesu Khristu owavuka kwabafileyo, wadabuka kuDavida. Leli yilo ivangeli lami **9** engilihluphekelayo ngize ngibotshwe ngamaketane njengesigangi. Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga. **10** Ngakho-ke, ngibekezelela konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo ukuze labo bazuze ukusindiswa okukuKhristu uJesu lenkazimulo engapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **11** Nansi isitsho esiqotho: Nxa safa laye sizaphila laye futhi; **12** nxa sibekezela sizabusa laye futhi. Nxa simphika, laye futhi uzasiphika; **13** nxa singelalo ithemba yena uzaqhubeka ethembekile, ngoba angeke azidele. **14** Qhubeka ubakhumbuza abantu bakaNkulunkulu ngalezizinto. Baxwayise phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngokuxabana ngamazwi; akulasizo, kuchitha labo abalaleleyo. **15** Yenza ubungcono bakho ukuba uzethule kuNkulunkulu njengohloliweyo, isisebenzi esingadingi ukuba sibe lenhloni njalo esiliphatha kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. **16** Xwaya inkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu ngoba abazikholisayo baqhubeka kokuphela besiba ngabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **17** Imfundiso yabo izaqhela njengesilonda esibhibhidlayo. Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi loFilethosi, **18** abaphambukayo eqinisweni. Bathi ukuvuka kwabafileyo sekwenzakala njalo bachitha ukukholwa kwabanye. **19** Noma kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu esiqinileyo sigxilile, sibekwe uphawu lombhalo othi: “UThixo uyabazi labo abangabakhe,” lokuthi, “Bonke abalivumayo ibizo

likaThixo kumele badele ububi.” **20** Endlini enkulukazi
akulazitsha zegolide lezesiliva nje kuphela kodwa
lezezigodo kanye lezebumba; ezinye ngezemisebenzi
encomekayo njalo ezinye ngezokusebenzisa nje. **21** Nxa
umuntu ezihlambulula kokulihlazo, uzasetshenziswa
emisebenzini encomekayo, angcweliswe, abe luncedo
eNkosini yakhe njalo elungele ukwenza loba yiwuphi
umsebenzi omuhle. **22** Xwaya izinkanuko ezimbi zobutsha
ufune ukulunga, lokukholwa, lothando kanye lokuthula,
ukanye lalabo abakhuleka eNkosini ngezinhliziyo
ezimhlophe. **23** Xwaya ukuphikisana kobuthutha lobuwula
ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi kudala ingxabano. **24** Inceku
yeNkosi kumele ixwaye ingxabano; kodwa kumele ibe
lomusa ebantwini bonke, yenelise ukufundisa, ingabi
lenzondo. **25** Abaphikisayo kumele belulekwe kuhle,
ngethemba lokuthi uNkulunkulu uzabaguqula inhliziyo
baholelwe ekwazini iqiniso **26** lokuthi baphaphame,
baphunyuke emjibileni kaSathane obathumbele ukuba
benze intando yakhe.

3 Kodwa nanzelela lokhu: Ensukwini zokucina
kuzakuba lezikhathi ezinzima. **2** Abantu
bazakuba ngabazithandayo, labathanda imali,
labazikhukhumezayo, labazigqajayo, labathukayo,
labangalaleli abazali babo, labangabongiyo,
labangcolileyo, **3** labangelathando, labangathetheleliyo,
labahlebayo, labangazikhuziyo, labalesihluku,
labangakuthandiyo okuhle, **4** labalamacebo amabi,
labacaphuka ngeze, labaziphakamisayo, labathanda
injabulo kulokuthanda uNkulunkulu, **5** belesimo

sokukholwa kuNkulunkulu kodwa belandula amandla okukholwa. Ungahlanganyeli labo. **6** Yibo laba abanyenyela emakhaya bazuze amandla phezu kwabesifazane ababuthakathaka, abasindwa yizono njalo bebuswa zinhlobo zonke zezinkanuko ezimbi, **7** behlezi befunda kodwa besehluleka ukufinyelela elwazini lweqiniso. **8** NjengoJanesi loJambiresi abaphikisa uMosi, ngokunjalo abantu laba baphikisa iqiniso. Abantu bengqondo ezonakeleyo, abalahliweyo ngokokholo. **9** Kodwa kabayikufika ndawo ngoba njengokwalawo madoda, ubuthutha babo buzakuba sobala ebantwini bonke. **10** Kodwa wena wazi konke ngemfundiso yami, lempilo yami, lenjongo yami, lokukholwa, lokubekezela, lothando, lokuqinisela, **11** lokuhlukuluzwa, inhlupheko zonke engahlangana lazo e-Antiyokhi, lase-Ikhoniyamu, laseListra kanye lokuhlukuluzeka engangena phakathi kwakho. Kodwa iNkosi yangihlenga kukho konke lokhu. **12** Ngempela umuntu wonke othanda ukuphila impilo yokulalela uNkulunkulu kuKhristu uJesu uzahlukuluzwa, **13** kukanti abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazakonakala ngokudlulisayo, bekhohlisa labo bekhohliswa. **14** Kodwa wena qhubeka ngalokho okufundileyo njalo wakukholwa ngoba uyabazi labo okufunde kubo, **15** lokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni wayazi njani imibhalo eNgcwele engakwenza uhlakaniphele ukusindiswa ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu. **16** IMibhalo yonke yaphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu njalo ilosizo ekufundiseni, lokukhuza, lokuqondisa, lokufundisa ngokulunga, **17** ukuze umuntu

kaNkulunkulu ayilungisele ngokupheleleyo yonke imisebenzi emihle.

4 Phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu ozathonisisa abaphilayo labafileyo njalo mayelana lokubonakala kwakhe kanye lombuso wakhe ngikunika lumlayo: **2** Tshumayela iLizwi; lungiselela isikhathi esifaneleyo lesikhathi esingafanelanga; lungisa, ukhuze njalo ukhuthaze ngokubekezelela okukhulu langokulaya ngokunanzelela. **3** Ngoba isikhathi sizafika lapho abantu abangayikuyivuma khona imfundiso eqotho. Kodwa ukuze basuthise izinkanuko zabo, bazaziqoqela abafundisi abanengi ukuba batsho lokho indlebe zabo ezilumela ukukuzwa. **4** Indlebe zabo bazazisusa eqinisweni baphambukele ezinganekwaneni. **5** Kodwa wena lulamisa ikhanda kuzozonke izehlakalo, ubekezele ebunzimeni, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, uyifeze yonke imisebenzi yenkonzo yakho. **6** Ngoba mina sengilungele ukuthululwa njengomnikelo onathwayo njalo lesikhathi sokusuka kwami sesifikile. **7** Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, sengiliqedile ibanga lami lokukholwa ngikulondolozile. **8** Khathesi ngigcinelwe umqhele wokulunga iNkosi uMahluleli olungileyo ezanginika wona ngalelolanga njalo kungayisimi kuphela kodwa kubo bonke abatshisekela ukubonakala kwayo. **9** Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba uze kimi ngokuphangisa **10** ngoba uDemasi ngenxa yokuthi ubethanda umhlaba lo, usengibalekele waya eThesalonika. UKhrisensi useye eGalathiya, uThithu waya eDalmathiya. **(aiōn g165)** **11** ULukha nguye kuphela olami. Thatha uMakho ubuye laye ngoba ulusizo kakhulu

enkonzweni yami. **12** UThikhikhasi ngamthuma e-Efesu.
13 Lapho usubuya ubuye lejazi engalitshiya kuKhaphusi
eTrowasi lengwalo zami ikakhulu leziyana ezemibhalo
elotshwe ezikhumbeni. **14** U-Alekizanda umkhandi
wensimbi wenza okubi kakhulu kimi. INkosi izaphindisela
kuye lokhu akwenzileyo. **15** Lawe futhi kumele umqaphele
ngoba ilizwi lethu waliphikisa kakhulu. **16** Ekuzivikeleni
kwami kwakuqala kakho owangisekelayo kodwa abantu
bonke bangihlamukela. Kabangabi lamlandu ngalokho.
17 Kodwa iNkosi yema phansi kwami yangipha amandla
ukuze kuthi ngami ilizwi litshunyayelwe ngokupheleleyo
njalo labeZizweni bonke balizwe. Ngempela ngasindiswa
emlonyeni wesilwane. **18** INkosi izangihlenga kukho konke
ukuhlaselwa okubi ingilethe kungekho bubi embusweni
wayo wasezulwini. Udumo kalube kuyo kuze kube
nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **19** Bingelela uPhrisila lo-
Akhwila kanye labendlu ka-Onesiforosi. **20** U-Erastusi
wasala eKhorinte, kwathi uThrofimasi ngamtshiya egula
eMilethusi. **21** Zama ngamandla akho wonke ukuba ufike
lapha ubusika bungakafiki. UYubhulasi, loPhudeni, loLino,
loKlawudiya kanye labazalwane bonke bayakubingelela.
22 INkosi kayibe lomoya wakho. Umusa kawube lawe.

KuThithusi

1 Mina Phawuli inceku kaNkulunkulu lompostoli kaJesu
Khristu wokukholwa kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu
lokwazi iqiniso eliholela ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu, **2**
ukukholwa lokwazi okweyame ethembeni lokuphila
okulaphakade okwathenjiswa ekudatshulweni komhlaba
nguNkulunkulu **(aiōnios g166)** **3** njalo ngesikhathi sakhe
esimisiweyo wabonakalisa ilizwi lakhe ngentshumayelo
engayiphathiswa ngomlayo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi
wethu, **4** KuThithu indodana yami ngokukholwa
kwethu sonke ngithi: Umusa lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu uMsindisi wethu.
5 Engakutshiyela khona eKhrethe yikuthi uqondise
lokho okwasala kungaphelanga njalo ubeke abadala
bebandla emizini yonke njengokukulaya kwami. **6**
Umdala webandla kumele abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda
elomfazi oyedwa, indoda elabantwana abakholwayo njalo
abangelacala lobudlwangudlwangu loba ukwedelela.
7 Njengoba umthungameli ephathiswe umsebenzi
kaNkulunkulu, kumele angabi lasici, angazikhukhumezi,
ongazondi masinyane, ongasisosidakwa, ongathandi
ukulwa, ongadingi inzuzo ngobuqili. **8** Kodwa kumele
abe ngophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda okuhle,
ozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele lozithibayo. **9** Kumele
abambelele elizwini eliqotho njengokufundiswa kwalo
ukuze akhuthaze abanye ngemfundiso eqotho njalo
amelane lalabo abayiphikisayo. **10** Ngoba banengi abantu
abahlamukayo, abakhulumayo nje kanye labakhohlisi
ikakhulu abeqembu lokusoka. **11** Kumele bathuliswe

ngoba bachitha imizi epheleleyo ngokufundisa izinto okungamelanga bazifundise besenzela ukuthola inzuzo ngobuqili lenkohliso. **12** Omunye wabaphrofethi babo wathi, “AbaseKhrethe ngabantu bamanga, izilo ezimbi, izihwaba ezingamavila.” **13** Ubufakazi lobu buliqiniso. Ngakho-ke, bakhuze ngamandla ukuze baqine ekukholweni **14** bangalaleli izinganekwane zamaJuda loba imilayo yalabo abadela iqiniso. **15** Kwabahlambulukileyo izinto zonke zihlambulukile kodwa kulabo abaxhwalileyo njalo bengakholwa akulalutho oluhlambulukileyo. Ngempela, ingqondo lezazela zabo konke kuxhwalile. **16** Bathi uNkulunkulu bayamazi kodwa ngezenzo zabo bayamphika. Bayenyanyeka, bayadelela njalo kabafanelanga ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle.

2 Kumele ufundise okuvumelana lemfundiso eqotho. **2** Fundisa amadoda amadala ukuzithiba, afanele ukuhlonitshwa, azikhuze, njalo aqine ekukholweni, ethandweni kanye lasekubekezeleni. **3** Ngokunjalo, fundisa abesifazane abadala ukuba babe ngabahloniphayo ekuphileni kwabo, bangabi ngabahlebayo kumbe ababuswa liwayini kodwa ukuba bafundise okulungileyo. **4** Ngakho-ke, bangafundisa abesifazane abatsha ukuba bathande omkabo labantwana babo **5** ukuba bazikhuze njalo bahlambuluke, lokuba bakhuthale emakhaya, lokuba lomusa, lokuba bazehlise ngaphansi kwabomkabo ukuze kungabikhona ogcona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngokunjalo, khuthaza abesilisa abatsha ukuba bazikhuze. **7** Kukho konke babekele isibonelo ngokwenza okuhle. Ekufundiseni kwakho tshengisa ubuqotho

lokuzimisela **8** kanye lokukhuluma okulengqondo okungeke kusolwe ukuze kuthi labo abakuphikisayo bayangeke ngoba bengelalutho olubi abangalutsho ngathi. **9** Fundisa izisebenzi ukuba zizehlisele ngaphansi kwamakhosi azo ezintweni zonke, zizame ukuwathokozisa, zingawaphenduli, **10** zingawantshontsheli, kodwa zibonakalise ukuthi zingathembeka okuphelelelyo ukuze kuthi ngakho konke zenze imfundiso ngoNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ibe ngebukekayo. **11** Ngoba umusa kaNkulunkulu oletha insindiso usubonakele ebantwini bonke. **12** Uyasifundisa ukuthi "Hayi" ekweyiseni uNkulunkulu lasezinkanukweni zasemhlabeni njalo siphile ngokuzikhuza, ngokuqonda empilweni yokulalela uNkulunkulu ngesikhathi samanje, **(aiōn g165)** **13** lapho sisalindele ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu wethu omkhulu longuMsindisi uJesu Khristu **14** owazinikela ngenxa yethu ukuba asihlenge ebubini bonke kanye lokuthi azihlambululele abantu abangabakhe, abatshisekela ukwenza okuhle. **15** Ngakho lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise. Khuthaza njalo ukhuze ngamandla wonke. Ungavumeli muntu ukuthi akweyise.

3 Khumbuza abantu ukuba bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi, labaphathi, lokuba balalele, lokuba balungele ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle, **2** lokunganyeyi muntu, lokuba lokuthula kanye lozwelo, kanye lokubonakalisa ukuzithoba okuqotho ebantwini bonke. **3** Ngesinye isikhathi lathi sake saba yiziwula, singalaleli, sikhohliswa njalo sithunjwe zinhlobo zonke zenkanuko kanye

lenjabulo. Saphila phakathi kwenzondo lomhawu,
sizondwa njalo sizondana. **4** Kodwa kwathi umusa
lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu sekubonakele,
5 wasisindisa, hatshi ngenxa yezinto ezilungileyo
esasizenzile kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakhe. Wasisindisa
ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa kutsha kanye lokuvuselelwa
nguMoya oNgcwele **6** amthela kakhulu phezu kwethu
ngoJesu Khristu uMsindisi wethu **7** ukuze kuthi
sesilungiswe ngumusa wakhe, sibe zindlalifa silethemba
lokuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **8** Leli yilizwi eliqotho.
Njalo ngithanda ukuba izinto lezi uzigcizelele ukuze kuthi
labo abathembele kuNkulunkulu bananzelele ukuzinikela
ekwenzeni okuhle. Izinto lezi zinhle kakhulu njalo zilosizo
ebantwini bonke. **9** Kodwa xwaya impikiswano yobuwula
lezindaba zosendo kanye lemibango lengxabano mayelana
lomthetho ngoba lokhu akulasizo njalo kuyize. **10**
Umuntu oxabanisayo mlaye kanye, uphinde umlaye
okwesibili. Emva kwalokho mxwaye. **11** Ungaba leqiniso
ukuthi umuntu onjalo uxhwalile njalo uyisoni; nguye
ozilahlayo yena ngokwakhe. **12** Ngingaze ngithumele
u-Athemasi kumbe uThikhikhasi kuwe, kumele uzame
ngamandla akho wonke ukuza kimi eNikhopholisi ngoba
sengizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika. **13** Yenza konke
ongakwenza ukuba usize uZenasi igqwetha kanye lo-
Apholo ohanjweni lwabo ubone ukuba balakho konke
abakuswelayo. **14** Abantu bakithi kumele bafunde
ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle ukuze bagcwalise izinswelo
zansuku zonke njalo bangaphili impilo eyize. **15** Bonke

abalami bayakubingelela. Bingelela labo abasithandayo ekukholweni. Umusa kawube lani lonke.

UFilimoni

1 Mina Phawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu, loThimothi
umzalwane wethu, KuFilimoni umngane wethu
othandekayo loyisisebenzi kanye lathi, **2** ku-Afiya
udadewethu, ku-Akhiphasi olibutho kanye lathi,
lasebandleni elihlanganela ekhaya lakho ngithi: **3** Umusa
kawube kuwe kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu. **4** Ngihlezi ngimbonga
kokuphela uNkulunkulu wami lapho ngikukhumbula
emikhulekweni yami **5** ngoba ngiyezwa ngothando lwakho
lokukholwa eNkosini uJesu kanye lothando lwakho kubo
bonke abangcwele. **6** Ngikhulekela ukuba ukuhlanganyela
kwakho kanye lathi ekukholweni kube lomfutho ngokujula
ekuqedisiseni kwakho konke ukulunga esikwabelana
ngenxa kaKhristu. **7** Uthando lwakho lungiphe
ukuthokoza okukhulu lokududuzeka ngoba wena,
mzalwane, uvuselele inhliziyo zabangcwele. **8** Ngakho-
ke, lanxa kuKhristu ngingaba lesibindi ngikulaye ukuba
wenze lokho okumele ukwenze **9** kodwa ngiyakuncenga
ngenxa yothando. Ngakho-ke, mina Phawuli, umuntu
omdala khathesi oyisibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu futhi,
10 ngiyakuncenga ngenxa yendodana yami u-Onesimasi
owaba yindodana yami ngibotshiwe. **11** Kuqala
wayengelasizo kuwe kodwa khathesi uselusizo kuwe
lakimi. **12** Ngimthuma kuwe yena othandwe yinhliziyo
yami. **13** Kade ngingathanda ukuhlala laye ukuze
athathe indawo yakho yokungisiza ngisabotshelwe
ivangeli. **14** Kodwa angithandanga ukwenza lutho
kungelamvumo yakho ukuze kuthi loba ngumusa

owenzayo ube ngowokuzithandela hatshi ukubanjwa ngamandla. **15** Mhlawumbe isizatho sokwehlukaniswa lawe okwesikhatshana sasiyikuthi ube laye futhi kokuphela **(aiōnios g166)** **16** engaseyiso sigqili kodwa esengcono kulesigqili njengomzalwane othandekayo. Uyathandeka kimi kodwa uthandeka kakhulu kuwe njengomunye wakho lanjengomzalwane eNkosini. **17** Ngakho-ke, nxa ungithatha njengohlanganyela lawe, mamukele ngendlela obuzangamukela ngayo. **18** Nxa kulokubi akwenze kuwe kumbe elesikwelede kuwe, kubalele kimi. **19** Mina Phawuli, ngiloba lokhu ngesandla sami. Ngizahlawula ngingabali ukuthi lawe ulomlandu kimi wena ngokwakho. **20** Ngiyafisa, mzalwane, ukuba ngithole usizo oluthile kuwe eNkosini; uvuselele inhliziyo yami kuKhristu. **21** Ngileqiniso ngokulalela kwakho, ngikulobela ngisazi ukuthi uzakwenza okudlula engikucelayo. **22** Okunye njalo yilokhu: Ngilungisela indlu yezihambi ngoba ngithemba ukuba ngizabuyiselwa kuwe ngenxa yemikhuleko yakho. **23** U-Ephafrasi oyisibotshwa kanye lami ngenxa kaKhristu uJesu, uyakubingelela. **24** UMakho, lo-Aristakhasi, loDemasi kanye loLukha abayizisebenzi kanye lami bayakubingelela. **25** Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wakho.

KumaHebheru

1 Kudala uNkulunkulu wakhuluma kubokhokho kanenginengi ngabaphrofethi langezindlela ezehlukeneyo **2** kodwa ngalezizinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi ngeNdodana yakhe, ayibeka ukuba yindlalifa yezinto zonke, yona adala ngayo izulu lomhlaba. **(aiōn g165)** **3** INdodana iyikubenyezela kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kanye lomfanekiso wokuba nguye kwakhe uqobo, iqinisa izinto zonke ngelizwi layo elilamandla. Emva kokuba isikufezile ukuhlanjululwa kwezono, yahlala phansi esandleni sokunene sobukhosi ezulwini. **4** Ngakho yaba ngaphezu kwezingilosi ngoba ibizo eyalithola njengelifa lilikhulu kulelazo. **5** Ngoba kukuyiphi ingilosi uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo: "Wena uyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguYihlo"? Kumbe njalo wathi, "Ngizakuba nguYise, yona izakuba yiNdodana yami"? **6** Njalo, lapho uNkulunkulu eletha izibulo lakhe emhlabeni, uthi: "Zonke izingilosi zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze." **7** Lapho ekhuluma ngezingilosi uthi, "Wenza izingilosi zakhe zibe yimimoya, izinceku zakhe zibe ngamalangabi omlilo." **8** Kodwa ngeNdodana uthi, "Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Oh Nkulunkulu, sizakuma nini lanini, intonga yokwahlulela okulungileyo izakuba yintonga yombuso wakho. **(aiōn g165)** **9** Ukuthandile ukulunga wazonda ububi; ngakho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho usekubeke ngaphezu kwabakhula bakho ngokukugcoba ngamafutha entokozo." **10** Njalo uthi, "Ekuqaleni, Oh Nkosi, wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho. **11** Kuzabhubha kodwa wena

uzasala; konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko. **12** Uzakugoqa
njengesembatho; kuzantshintshwa njengesigqoko. Kodwa
wena uhlala unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela." **13**
Kukuyiphi ingilosi uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo: "Hlala
ngakwesokunene sami; ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe
yisinyathelo senyawo zakho"? **14** Izingilosi kazisimimoya
esebenzayo yini, ethunywe ukukhonza labo abazakudla
ilifa lokusindiswa na?

2 Ngakho kufanele siqaphelelisise lokho esikuzwileyo
ukuze singaduki. **2** Ngoba nxa ilizwi elakhulunywa
yizingilosi liqinisa njalo konke ukona lokungalaleli kuthole
isijeziso sakho esifaneleyo, **3** pho thina sizaphepha
njani nxa singanaki insindiso enkulu kangaka na? Lokhu
kusindiswa okwabikwa kuqala yiNkosi, kwafakazwa
kithi yilabo abayizwayo. **4** LoNkulunkulu wakufakaza
ngezibonakaliso langezimangaliso ezithile, langezipho
zikaMoya oNgcwele ezabiwa ngokwentando yakhe. **5**
Akusikho ezingilosini abeka khona ngaphansi kwazo ilizwe
elizayo esikhuluma ngalo. **6** Kodwa ikhona indawo lapho
omunye ofakaza khona esithi: "Uyini umuntu osungaze
uzihluphe ngaye na, loba indodana yomuntu ukuba
uyinanze na? **7** Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosi;
wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosi, **8** wabeka
lezinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe." Ekubekeni
izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe uNkulunkulu katshiyanga
lutho olungekho ngaphansi kwakhe. Kodwa khathesi
kasiboni zinto zonke zingaphansi kwakhe. **9** Kodwa sibona
yena, owenziwa waba ngaphansanyana kwezingilosi
okwesikhatshana, uJesu, ebekwa umqhele wobukhosi

lodumo ngoba wavuma ukufa ukuze kuthi ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ezwe ukufa ngenxa yabantu bonke. **10** Ekuletheni amadodana amanengi enkazimulweni, kwakufanele ukuba uNkulunkulu, yena owenza zonke izinto njalo zabakhona ngenxa yakhe, enze umsunguli wokusindiswa kwabo aphelele ngokuhlupheka kwakhe. **11** Ngoba lowo owenza abantu babengcwele kanye lalabo abenziwe baba ngcwele ngabendlunye. Ngakho uJesu kakumyangisi ukuba athi bangabafowabo. **12** Uthi, "Ngizamemezela ibizo lakho kubafowethu; ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho phambi kwebandla." **13** Njalo uthi, "Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye." Uphinda athi, "Mina ngilapha, kanye labantwana uNkulunkulu angiphe bona." **14** Njengoba abantwana belomzimba legazi, laye wahlanganyela ebuntwini babo ukuze kuthi ngokufa kwakhe amchithe lowo ophethe amandla okufa okutsho uSathane, **15** abakhulule ababesebugqilini impilo yabo yonke ngenxa yokwesaba kwabo ukufa. **16** Ngoba impela akusizo ingilosi azisizayo kodwa inzalo ka-Abhrahama. **17** Ngenxa yalokhu kwakumele enziwe afane labafowabo kukho konke ukuze abe ngumphristi omkhulu olesihawu lothembekileyo enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu, lokuba abeyinhlawulo yezono zabantu. **18** Njengoba laye wahlupheka lapho elingwa, uyenelisa ukubasiza abalingwayo.

3 Ngakho-ke, bafowethu abangcwele, abahlanganyela ekubizweni ezulwini, bekani imicabango yenu kuJesu, umpostoli lomphristi omkhulu esimvumayo. **2** Wathembeka kulowo owambekayo, njengoMosi

owayethembekile kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu. **3** UJesu ufunyenwe efanele udumo olukhulu kuloMosi njengomakhi wendlu elodumo olukhulu kulendlu yona ngokwayo. **4** Ngoba yileyo laleyondlu yakhiwa ngumuntu othize kodwa uNkulunkulu ungumakhi wezinto zonke. **5** "UMosi wayethembekile njengenceku kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu," efakaza lokho okwakuzatshiwo ensukwini ezizayo. **6** Kodwa uKhristu uthembekile njengendodana endlini kaNkulunkulu. Njalo thina siyindlu yakhe nxa sibambelela ngesibindi langethemba lethu esizincoma ngakho. **7** Ngakho, njengoba uMoya oNgcwele esithi: "Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe, **8** lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu, njengelakwenza ekuhlamukeni, ngesikhathi sokulingwa enkangala, **9** lapho okhokho benu abangihlola khona bangilinga, babona engakwenzayo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **10** Yikho-nje ngasithukuthelela isizukulwane leso, njalo ngathi, 'Inhliziyo zabo zihlezi ziduka, njalo kabazazanga izindlela zami.' **11** Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi, 'Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.'" **12** Bonani bazalwane ukuthi kakho omunye wenu olenhliziyo yokona lokungakholwa, ephambukayo kuNkulunkulu ophilayo. **13** Kodwa khuthazanani insuku zonke kusabizwa ngokuthi lamuhla, ukuze angabikhona owenu oba lukhuni ngenxa yokukhohliswa yisono. **14** Ngoba sesingabahlanganyelayo kuKhristu nxa sibambelele ngokuqina kuze kuphele ithemba esasilalo kuqala. **15** Njengoba kutshiwo ukuthi: "Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi

lakhe, lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu njengelakwenzayo ekuhlamukeni.” **16** Babengobani labo abezwayo basebehlamuka na? Akusibo yini bonke labo uMosi abakhupha eGibhithe na? **17** Njalo ngobani ayebathukuthelele okweminyaka engamatshumi amane na? Akusibo yini labo abonayo, abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala na? **18** Ngobani uNkulunkulu abafungela ukuthi kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe nxa kungayisibo labo abangalalelanga na? **19** Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengeke bangene ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

4 Ngakho-ke, njengoba isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe silokhu sikhona, kasiqapheleni ukuba kakho phakathi kwenu otholakala engafinyeleli kuso. **2** Ngoba ivangeli latshunyayelwa kithi njengakubo; kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo lalingelasizo kubo ngoba labo abalizwayo kabalihlanganisanga lokholo. **3** Thina esakholwayo siyangena kulokho kuphumula njengoba uNkulunkulu etshilo ukuthi: “Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi, ‘Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.’” Kodwa umsebenzi wakhe wapheleliswa ekudalweni komhlaba. **4** Ngoba kwenye indawo ukhulume ngosuku lwesikhombisa ngala amazwi athi: “Ngakho ngosuku lwesikhombisa uNkulunkulu waphumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe.” **5** Njalo endimeni engaphezulu uthi, “Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.” **6** Kulokhu kunjalo ukuthi abanye bazangena kulokho kuphumula, lalabo ivangeli elatshunyayelwa kubo kuqala

kabangenanga ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo. **7** Ngakho
uNkulunkulu wabuya wamisa olunye usuku, elubiza
ngokuthi Lamuhla, lapho kwathi emva kwesikhathi eside
wakhuluma ngoDavida, njengokwakutshiwo mandulo
ukuthi: “Lamuhla nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe
lukhuni inhliziyo zenu.” **8** Ngoba aluba uJoshuwa
wayebanikile ukuphumula, ngabe uNkulunkulu
kakhulumanga muva ngolunye usuku. **9** Ngakho kulokhu
kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu
bakaNkulunkulu; **10** ngoba loba ngubani ongena
ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula lakowakhe
umsebenzi njengokwenziwa nguNkulunkulu kowakhe. **11**
Ngakho-ke, kasenzeni imizamo yonke ukuba singene
kulokho ukuphumula, ukuze angabikhona ozawiswa
yikulandela isibonelo sakhe sokungalaleli. **12** Ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu liyaphila njalo liyasebenza. Libukhali
kulenkemba esika inxa zombili, ingena ize yehlukanise
umphefumulo lomoya, amalunga lomnkantsho; lahlulela
imicabango lomumo wenhliziyo. **13** Kukho konke
okudaliweyo akulalutho olufihlakeleyo emehlweni
kaNkulunkulu. Konke kwambuliwe kwabekwa obala
phambi kwamehlo akhe yena okumele sizibike kuye. **14**
Ngakho-ke, njengoba silomphristi omkhulu kakhulu
osengene emazulwini, uJesu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu,
kasibambeleleni kakhulu okholweni esiluvumayo. **15**
Ngoba kasilamphristi omkhulu onganelisiyo ukusizwela
ebuthakathakeni bethu kodwa silaye oseke walingwa
ngezindlela zonke njengathi kodwa akazange one. **16**
Kasisondeleni esihlalweni sobukhosi somusa ngesibindi

ukuze samukele isihawu njalo sithole umusa wokusisiza ezikhathini zokuswela kwethu.

5 Wonke umphristi omkhulu ukhethwa ebantwini abekwe ukuba abamele ezindabeni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukunikela izipho lemihlatshelo yezono. **2** Ulakho ukubaphatha ngesineke labo abangaziyo abadukayo, njengoba laye uqobo ephethwe yikuba buthakathaka. **3** Yikho-nje kumele anikele imihlatshelo yezono zakhe kanye leyezono zabantu. **4** Kakho ozethesa udumo lolu phezu kwakhe; kumele abizwe nguNkulunkulu njengo-Aroni. **5** Ngakho loKhristu kazethesanga udumo lokuba ngumphristi omkhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, "Wena uyiNdodana yami; lamuhla sengibe nguYihlo." **6** Njalo kwenye indawo uthi, "Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi." **(aiōn g165)** **7** Ngensuku zokuphila kukaJesu emhlabeni, wakhuleka wacela ngokukhala kakhulu langezinyembezi kuye lowo owayengamphephisa ekufeni njalo wezwakala ngenxa yokuzehlisa kwakhe okuhloniphekayo. **8** Lanxa wayeyindodana wafunda ukulalela kulokhu ahlupheka ngakho, **9** kwathi lapho esephelelisiwe, waba ngumthombo wokusindiswa okulaphakade wabo bonke abamlalelayo **(aiōnios g166)** **10** wasekhethwa nguNkulunkulu ukuba abe ngumphristi omkhulu, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi. **11** Kunengi esingakutsho ngalokho kodwa kunzima ukuchaza ngoba liyaphuza ukufunda. **12** Ngeqiniso, lanxa ngalesisikhathi lifanele ukuba ngabafundisayo, liswela omunye ukuba alifundise amaqiniso okuqala elizwi likaNkulunkulu.

Lifuna uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo! **13** Lowo ophila ngochago, ulokhu elusane, kayazi imfundiso emayelana lokulunga. **14** Kodwa ukudla okuqinileyo ngokwabakhulileyo asebazifundisa ukwehlukanisa okuhle kokubi.

6 Ngakho kasiyekeleni imfundiso elula ngoKhristu siqhubeke siye ekukhuleni. Kasingasibeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka ezenzweni eziholela ekufeni, lezokukholwa kuNkulunkulu, **2** lemfundiso ngemibhaphathizo, lokubekwa kwezandla, lokuvuka kwabafileyo kanye lokwahlulelwa okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **3** Njalo nxa uNkulunkulu evuma sizakwenza njalo. **4** Akwenzakali kulabo asebake bakhanyiselwa, asebenambithe isipho sasezulwini, asebehlanganyele kuMoya oNgcwele, **5** asebenambithe ubumnandi belizwi likaNkulunkulu kanye lamandla esikhathi esizayo, **(aiōn g165)** **6** njalo nxa behlamuka ukuba babuyiselwe ekuphendukeni ngoba ekulahlekelweni kwabo bayayibethela futhi esiphambanweni iNdodana kaNkulunkulu beyethesa ihlazo phambi kwabantu bonke. **7** Umhlabathi onatha izulu elihlezi lisina phezu kwawo loveza isilimo esilusizo kulabo abawulimayo uthola isibusiso sikaNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa umhlabathi oveza ameva lokhula kawulasizo njalo usengozini yokuqalekiswa. Ekucineni uzatshiswa. **9** Kodwa lanxa sikhuluma kanje bazalwane abathandekayo, silethemba lezinto ezingcono ngani, izinto ezilokwenza lokusindiswa. **10** UNkulunkulu ulungile, kasoke awukhohlwe umsebenzi wenu lothando elamtshengisa lona njengoba lasiza abantu

bakhe njalo liyaqhubeka libasiza. **11** Sifuna omunye lomunye wenu abonakalise ukukhuthala lokhu kuze kube sekupheleni ukuze ithemba lenu liqiniseke. **12** Kasifuni ukuba libe ngamavila kodwa ukuba lilingisele labo okwathi ngokukholwa langokubekezela bathola ilifa lalokhu okwakuthenjisiwe. **13** Lapho uNkulunkulu esenza isithembiso sakhe ku-Abhrahama, njengoba wayengekho omkhulu ayengafunga ngaye, wafunga ngaye yena ngokwakhe **14** esithi, "Ngempela ngizakubusisa njalo ngikuphe inzalo enengi." **15** Ngakho emva kokulinda ngokubekezela, u-Abhrahama wathola okwakuthenjisiwe. **16** Abantu bafunga ngomunye omkhulu kulabo njalo isifungo siqinisa lokho okutshiwoyo siqede lokuphikisana konke. **17** Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathanda ukuba enze ukungaguquki kwesimo senhloso yakhe kube sobala kuzindlalifa zalokho okwathenjiswayo, wakuqinisa ngesifungo. **18** UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu ukuze kuthi ngezinto ezimbili ezingaguqulekiyo, uNkulunkulu angeke aqambe amanga ngazo, thina esibaleke sabambelela ethembeni esiliphiwayo sikhuthazeke kakhulu. **19** Silethemba leli njengensika yemiphefumulo yethu, eliqinileyo njalo eligxilileyo. Lingena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi ngemva kwamakhetheni **20** lapho uJesu owahamba phambi kwethu angena khona ngenxa yethu. Usebe ngumphristi omkhulu emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi kuze kube nini lanini. **(aiōn g165)**

7 UMelikhizedekhi lo wayeyinkosi yaseSalemu lomphristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke. Wahlangabeza u-Abhrahama evela kwehlula amakhosi, wambusisa, **2** u-Abhrahama

wamnika okwetshumi kwakho konke. Okwakuqala, ibizo elithi Melikhizedekhi litsho ukuthi “Nkosi yokulunga”; lokuthi futhi, “Nkosi yaseSalemu” kutsho ukuthi “Nkosi yokuthula.” **3** Engelayise loba unina, engelamdabuko, engelakuqala kwensuku loba ukuphela kokuphila njengeNdodana kaNkulunkulu uhlezi engumphristi nini lanini. **4** Ake licabange ukuthi wayemkhulu kangakanani: Lokhokho u-Abhrahama wamnika okwetshumi kwempango! **5** Khathesi umthetho ufuna abenzalo kaLevi ababa ngabaphristi ukuba baqoqe okwetshumi ebantwini, lokhu kutsho abafowabo lanxa abafowabo beyinzalo ka-Abhrahama. **6** Umuntu lo kazange alonde umdabuko wakhe usukela kuLevi kodwa waqoqa okwetshumi ku-Abhrahama njalo wambusisa yena lowo owayelezithembiso. **7** Kakulakuthandabuza ukuthi umuntu omncinyane ubusiswa ngomkhulu. **8** Kwesinye isehlakalo, okwetshumi kuthathwa ngabantu abafayo kodwa kwesinye isehlakalo kube ngulowo okuthiwe uyaphila. **9** Umuntu angatsho lokuthi uLevi oqoqa okwetshumi, wanikela okwetshumi ngo-Abhrahama **10** ngoba lapho uMelikhizedekhi ehlangabeza u-Abhrahama uLevi wayelokhu esesemzimbeni kakhokho wakhe. **11** Nxa ukuphelela kwakungatholakala ngobuphristi babaLevi njalo ngempela umthetho owaphiwa abantu wasungula lobobuphristi, pho kungani kwakulokhu kudingeka ukuba omunye umphristi abuye evela emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi, engasiwemkhondweni ka-Aroni na? **12** Ngoba lapho kulokuguqulwa kobuphristi, kufanele kube lokuguqulwa komthetho futhi. **13** Yena lowo

okutshiwo lezizinto ngaye ngowesinye isizwana njalo kakho owalesosizwana owake wakhonza e-alithareni. **14** Ngoba kusobala ukuba iNkosi yethu yadabuka koJuda njalo mayelana lalesosizwana uMosi katshongo lutho ngabaphristi. **15** Njalo lokhu esesikutshilo kucace kakhulu nxa omunye umphristi onjengoMelikhizedekhi evela, **16** omunye obe ngumphristi kungayisikho komthetho ngokosendo lwakhe kodwa ngokumayelana lamandla okuphila okungeke kuchithwe. **17** Ngoba kumenyezelwe ukuthi: "Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi." **(aiōn g165)** **18** Umthetho wakuqala ubekwe eceleni ngoba wawubuthakathaka njalo ungelasizo **19** (ngoba umthetho kawenzanga lutho olupheleleyo) ngakho kulethwa ithemba elitsha esisondela ngalo kuNkulunkulu. **20** Njalo kwakungayisikho ngaphandle kwesifungo! Abanye babangabaphristi kungekho sifungo, **21** kodwa yena waba ngumphristi ngesifungo lapho uNkulunkulu athi kuye: "INkosi ifungile njalo kayiyikuguqula ingqondo yayo: 'Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini.'" **(aiōn g165)** **22** Ngenxa yesifungo lesi, uJesu usebe yisiqiniselo sesivumelwano esingcono. **23** Abaphristi labo sebebanengi njengoba babevinjelwa yikufa ukuba baqhubeke besezikhundleni; **24** kodwa uJesu uphila kuze kube laphakade, ulobuphristi obuyisimakade. **(aiōn g165)** **25** Ngakho ulamandla okubasindisa ngokupheleleyo labo abeza kuNkulunkulu ngaye ngoba uhlezi ephilela ukubancengela. **26** Umphristi omkhulu onjalo wagcwalisa izinswelo zethu, ongongcwele, ongelasici, lohlanzekileyo,

lowehlukaniswe lezoni, lophakanyiselwe ngaphezu kwamazulu. **27** Hatshi njengabanye abaphristi abakhulu, yena kadingi kunikela imihlatshelo insuku zonke, kuqala eyezono zakhe, kulandele owezono zabantu. Wabenzela umhlatshelo wezono zabo kwaba kanye kuphela lapho ezinikela. **28** Ngoba umthetho ubeka abantu ababuthakathaka ukuba ngabaphristi abakhulu kodwa isifungo eseza emva komthetho sabeka iNdodana eyenziwe yaba ngepheleleyo kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)**

8 Isiqokoqela salokho esikutshoyo yilesi: Silaye umphristi omkhulu onjalo, owahlala phansi esandleni sokunene kwesihlalo sobukhosi soMkhulu ezulwini, **2** okhonzayo endaweni engcwele, ithabanikeli eliqotho elamiswa yiNkosi hatshi ngabantu. **3** Umphristi omkhulu ngamunye ubekelwe ukunikela izipho lemihlatshelo, ngakho kwakufanele ukuba lalo abe lolutho alunikelayo. **4** Aluba wayesemhlabeni wayengayikuba ngumphristi ngoba bevele bekhona abantu abanikela izipho eziphawulwa ngumthetho. **5** Bakhonza endaweni engcwele engumfanekiso lesithunzi salokho okusezulwini. Yikho-nje uMosi waxwayiswa lapho esezakwakha ithabanikeli ngokuthi: “Qaphela ukuba wenze konke njengalokhu owakutshengiswa entabeni.” **6** Kodwa inkonzo uJesu ayemukeleyo ingcono kuleyabo njengesivumelwano yena angumeli waso singcono kulesidala njalo sakhelwe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono. **7** Ngoba aluba kwakungelalutho olungalunganga kusivumelwano sakuqala leso, akulasizatho esasingadingelwa esinye. **8** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathola isici ebantwini wasesithi:

“Isikhathi siyeza, kutsho iNkosi, lapho engizakwenza khona isivumelwano esitsha lendlu ka-Israyeli kanye lendlu kaJuda. **9** Kasiyikufana lesivumelwano engasenza labokhokho babo lapho engababamba khona ngesandla ukuba ngibakhuphe eGibhithe, ngoba kabaqhubekanga bethembekile esivumelwaneni sami, ngasengibadela, kutsho iNkosi. **10** Nansi isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu ka-Israyeli, ngemva kwalesosikhathi, kutsho iNkosi. Ngizabeka imithetho yami ezingqondweni zabo, ngiyilobe ezinhliziyweni zabo. Ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona babengabantu bami. **11** Umuntu kasayikufundisa umakhelwane wakhe, kumbe umfowabo, esithi, ‘Yazi iNkosi,’ ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo kusiya komkhulu. **12** Ngoba ngizabathethelela ububi babo, njalo angiyikukhumbula izono zabo futhi.” **13** Ngokuthi isivumelwano lesi “sitsha” wenze esakuqala sangasasebenzi; futhi okungasasebenzi lokugugileyo kuzanyamalala masinyane.

9 Isivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso zokukhonza kanye lendawo engcwele yasemhlabeni. **2** Kwakhiwa ithabanikeli. Ekamelweni lalo lakuqala kwakuloluthi lwesibane, letafula kanye lesinkwa esingcwelisiweyo; lokhu kwakubizwa ngokuthi yiNdawo eNgcwele. **3** Ngemva kwekhetheni lesibili kwakulekamelo elalithiwa yiNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, **4** eyayile-alithare lokutshisela impepha elalihuqwe ngegolide kanye lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano owawuhuqwe ngegolide. Umtshokotsho wakhona wawulembizanyana yemana, lentonga ka-Aroni eyahlumayo kanye lezibhebhedu

zamatshe esivumelwano. **5** Phezu komtshokotsho kwakulamakherubhi eNkazimulo enze ithunzi phezu kwendawo yomhlatshelo. Kodwa khathesi asingeke silandise okugcweleyo ngalezozinto. **6** Kwathi konke sekulungisiwe kanje, abaphristi bangena njalonjalo ekamelweni langaphandle ukuba benze inkonzo yabo. **7** Kodwa umphristi omkhulu nguye kuphela owayengena ekamelweni langaphakathi kanye ngomnyaka, njalo kungeke kwenzeke engelagazi alinikelela yena kanye lezono abantu abazenza bengazi. **8** UMoya oNgcwele wayetshengisa ngalokho ukuthi indlela eya eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele yayingabonakaliswa nxa ithabanikeli lakuqala lilokhu likhona. **9** Lokhu kungumfanekiso walesisikhathi, okubonakalisa ukuthi izipho lemihlatshelo okwakunikelwa kwakunganelisi ukuhlambulula izazela zabakhonzayo. **10** Kuyindaba yokudla lokunatha kuphela kanye lemikhuba eyehlukeneyo yokugeza imilayo yangaphandle komzimba esebenza kuze kufike isikhathi sezimiso ezintsha. **11** Kwathi lapho uKhristu esefikile njengomphristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle esezikhona, wadabula phakathi kwethabanikeli elikhulu elipheleleyo elingenziwanga ngabantu, okuyikuthi, kalisingxenye yale indalo. **12** Kangenanga ngokusebenzisa igazi lembuzi loba elamathole; kodwa wangena kanye kuphela eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi lakhe, esethole ukuhlengwa okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **13** Igazi lembuzi lelenkunzi lemilotha yamathokazi okufafazwa ebantwini abangahlambulukanga ngokomkhuba kuyabangcwelisa

ukuba babe ngabahlambulukileyo ngaphandle. **14** Pho igazi likaKhristu, owazinikela engelasici kuNkulunkulu ngomoya olaphakade, lizazihlambulula kakhulu okungakanani izazela zethu emisebenzini edonsela ekufeni, ukuze sikhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo! **(aiōnios g166)** **15** Ngenxa yalokhu uKhristu ungumeli wesivumelwano esitsha ukuze kuthi labo ababiziweyo bathole ilifa elingapheliyo elathenjiswayo njengoba sewafa njengenhlawulo ukuba abakhulule ezonweni abazenzayo esivumelwaneni sakuqala. **(aiōnios g166)** **16** Mayelana lentando yokwaba ilifa, kuyadingakala ukuba kufakazwe ukufa kwalowo owakwenzayo, **17** ngoba intando yokwaba ilifa isebenza kuphela lapho kukhona ofileyo; kayisebenzi nxa lowo owayenzayo elokhu esaphila. **18** Yikho-nje lesivumelwano sakuqala kasifezwanga kungekho gazi. **19** Kwathi uMosi esememezele imilayo yonke yomthetho ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazi lamathole lelempongo ndawonye lamanzi, lewulu ebomvu kanye lezingatsha zehisophi, wachela umqulu kanye labantu bonke. **20** Wathi, "Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alaye ukuba lisigcine." **21** Ngendlela efanayo wachela ithabanikeli ngegazi kanye lezinto zonke ezisetshenziswayo emikhosini yalo. **22** Ngempela umthetho uphose ufune ukuba izinto zonke zihlanjululwe ngegazi, njalo kungekho kuchithwa kwegazi akukho ukuthethelela. **23** Ngakho kwakufanele ukuba imifanekiso yezinto zasezulwini zihlanjululwe ngemihlatshelo le kodwa izinto zasezulwini uqobo kube ngemihlatshelo engcono kulale. **24** Ngoba uKhristu

kangenanga endaweni engcwele eyenziwa ngabantu eyayingumfanekiso waleyo eqotho kuphela; yena wangena ezulwini uqobo, ukuba asimele phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **25** Kangenanga ezulwini ukuba azinikele njalonjalo, njengomphristi omkhulu engena eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele minyaka yonke legazi elingayisilo lakhe. **26** Ngakho uKhristu wayezahlupheka kanengi kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. Kodwa khathesi usebonakale kanye kuphela ekupheleni kwezikhathi ukuba asuse isono ngomhlatshelo onguye. **(aiōn g165)** **27** Njengalokhu umuntu wamiselwa ukufa kanye, kuthi emva kwalokho abhekane lokwahlulelwa, **28** ngokunjalo uKhristu wanikelwa kanye ukuba asuse izono zabantu abanengi; njalo uzabonakala okwesibili, hatshi ukuthwala isono, kodwa ukuletha ukusindiswa kulabo abamlindeleyo.

10 Umthetho uyisithunzi nje sezinto ezinhle ezizayo kodwa hatshi lokho okuyikho uqobo. Ngenxa yemihlatshelo efanayo ephindwaphindwa kokuphela iminyaka leminyaka ayingeke ibenze baphelele labo abasondela ekukhonzeni. **2** Aluba wawusanelisa, imihlatshelo yayingayikuyekelwa ukunikelwa na? Ngoba abakhonzayo babezahlanjululwa kube kanye kuphela, njalo babengasayikuzizwa belecala lezono zabo. **3** Kodwa imihlatshelo iyisikhumbuzo sezono zeminyaka yonke, **4** ngoba akwenzakali ukuba igazi lenkunzi lelembuzi lisuse izono. **5** Ngakho-ke, uKhristu esefikile emhlabeni wathi: “Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawukufunanga, kodwa wena wangilungisela umzimba; **6** kawuthokozanga ngeminikelo

yokutshiswa leminikelo yesono. **7** Ngasengisithi,
‘Ngilapha, kulotshiwe ngami emqulwini, ngilande
ukuzokwenza intando yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu.’” **8**
Kuqala wathi, “Imihlatshelo leminikelo, iminikelo
yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yesono kawuyifunanga,
njalo kayikuthokozisanga” (lanxa umthetho usithi
kayenziwe). **9** Wabuya wathi, “Ngilapha, ngilande
ukuzokwenza intando yakho.” Ususa okokuqala ukuze
amise okwesibili. **10** Njalo ngaleyontando senziwe
saba ngcwele ngomhlatshelo womzimba kaJesu Khristu
kanye kuphela. **11** Insuku zonke umphristi uyema
enze imisebenzi yakhe yenkonzo, anikele njalonjalo
imihlatshelo minye, engeke isuse izono. **12** Kodwa kwathi
umphristi lo esenikelele izikhathi zonke umhlatshelo
owodwa wezono, wahlala phansi esandleni sokunene
sikaNkulunkulu. **13** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi ulindele
izitha zakhe ukuba zibe yisenabelo sakhe, **14** ngoba
ngomhlatshelo owodwa usephelelise nini lanini labo
abenziwayo ukuba ngcwele. **15** LoMoya oNgcwele
uyafakaza kithi ngalokho. Kuqala uthi: **16** “Lesi
yisivumelwano engizasenza labo emva kwalesosikhathi,
kutsho iNkosi. Ngizafaka imithetho yami ezinhliziyweni
zabo ngiyilobe lasezingqondweni zabo.” **17** Wabuya
wengeza wathi: “Izono zabo lezenzo zokungabi lomthetho,
angiyikukhumbula futhi.” **18** Nxa lezi sezithethelelwe,
kawusekho umhlatshelo wesono. **19** Ngakho-ke,
bazalwane, njengoba silethemba lokungena eNdaweni
eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi likaJesu, **20** ngendlela entsha
ephilayo, esiyivulelwe ekhethenini, okuyikuthi umzimba

wakhe, **21** njalo njengoba silomphristi omkhulu ophethe
indlu kaNkulunkulu, **22** kasisondeleni kuNkulunkulu
ngezinhliziyo eziqotho ngethemba elipheleleyo lokholo;
sibe lezinhliziyo ezicheliweyo ukuba sihlanjululwe isazela
secala lemizimba yethu igeziswe ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo.
23 Kasibambeleleni ngokuqina kulo ithemba esilikholwayo,
ngoba lowo owathembisayo uthembekile. **24** Njalo
kasicabangeni ukuba singakhuthazana njani ethandweni
lasezenzweni ezinhle. **25** Kasingakudeli ukuhlangana,
njengalokhu abanye abajayele ukukwenza kodwa
kasikhuthazaneni ikakhulu njengoba sibona uSuku
lusondela. **26** Nxa siqhubeka sisenza izono ngabomu emva
kokuba iqiniso sesilazi, kawusekho umhlatshelo wezono,
27 kodwa umlindelo owesabekayo wokwahlulelwa kuphela
kanye lomlilo ovuthayo ozaqothula izitha zikaNkulunkulu.
28 Owawalayo umthetho kaMosi wafa kungela sihawu
ngobufakazi babafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu. **29** Pho
licabanga ukuthi ufanele ukujeziswa kakhulu kangakanani
umuntu owanyathela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngaphansi
konyawo, ophathe igazi lesivumelwano elamenza
waba ngcwele njengento engangcwele, lohlambaza
uMoya womusa na? **30** Ngoba thina siyamazi lowo
owathi, “Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela,”
njalo wathi, “INkosi izakwahlulela abantu bayo.” **31**
Kuyinto eyesabekayo ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu
ophilayo. **32** Khumbulani insuku zakuqala leziyana
emva kokuba selamukele ukukhanya, lapho elaqinisela
khona ebunzimeni obukhulu phakathi kokuhlupheka. **33**
Ngezinye izikhathi lenziwa umbukiso wokuhlanjazwa

lokuhlukuluzwa; kwathi ngezinye izikhathi lamanyana lalabo ababephathwa kanjalo. **34** Laba lozwelo kulabo ababesentolongweni, lamukela ngentokozo ukuthunjwa kwempahla yenu, ngoba lalikwazi ukuthi lina lilempahla engcono engapheliyo. **35** Ngakho lingalilahli ithemba lenu; lizavuzwa ngokunengi. **36** Kuyadingeka ukuba libekezele ukuze kuthi lapho seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu, lamukele lokho akuthembisayo. **37** Ngoba, "Ngesikhatshana nje, lowo ozayo uzafika njalo kasoze aphuze." **38** Kodwa, "Olungileyo wami uzaphila ngokukholwa. Angahlehlela emuva, kangiyikuthokoza ngaye." **39** Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva babhujiswe, kodwa labo abakholwayo basindiswe.

11 Ukukholwa yikuba leqiniso lalokhu esikulindeleyo njalo kuqinisekile ngalokho esingakuboniyo. **2** Lokhu yikho abendulo abanconywa ngakho. **3** Ngokukholwa siyezwisisa ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kwadalwa ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu, ngoba okubonakalayo kakwenziwanga ngalokho okwakubonakala. **(aiōn g165)** **4** Ngokukholwa u-Abheli wanikela kuNkulunkulu umnikelo omuhle kulokaKhayini. Ngokukholwa wanconywa njengomuntu olungileyo, ngesikhathi uNkulunkulu ekhuluma kuhle ngeminikelo yakhe. Njalo ngokukholwa ulokhu ekhuluma, lanxa sewafa. **5** Ngokukholwa u-Enoki wasuswa kulumhlaba ephila ukuze angakuzwa ukufa: "Kabonakalanga ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemthethe." Engakathathwa, wayenconywe njengowayethokozise uNkulunkulu. **6** Kungelakukholwa akweneliseki ukumthokozisa uNkulunkulu ngoba oza kuye kumele

akholwe ukuthi ukhona lokuthi uyabanika umvuzo labo abamdinga ngobuqotho. **7** Ngokukholwa uNowa esexwayisiwe ngezinto ezazingakabonakali, ngokwesaba okungcwele wakha umkhumbi ukuba ahlenge abendlu yakhe. Ngokukholwa kwakhe wawulahla umhlaba waba yindlalifa yokulunga okuza ngokukholwa. **8** Ngokukholwa u-Abhrahama esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni ayezayamukela muva njengelifa lakhe, walalela wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi lapho ayesiya khona. **9** Ngokukholwa wahlala elizweni lesithembiso njengesihambi, elizweni elingayisilo lakibo; wahlala emathenteni, njengokwenziwa ngu-Isaka loJakhobe, ababezindlalifa zalelolizwe lesithembiso kanye laye. **10** Ngoba wayelindele idolobho elilezisekelo, elimcandi walo lomakhi walo nguNkulunkulu. **11** Ngokukholwa, lanxa u-Abhrahama wayeseluphele loSara eyinyumba, wanikwa amandla okuba lomntwana ngoba wambona njengothembekileyo lowo owayenze isithembiso. **12** Ngakho-ke, kusukela kulumuntu oyedwa, owayefana lofileyo, kwavela inzalo enengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini njalo engeke ibalwe njengenhlabathi ekhunjini lolwandle. **13** Abantu bonke laba bafa belokhu bephila ngokukholwa. Kabazamukelanga izinto ezathenjiswayo; bazibona nje kuphela bazithakazelela zikude. Njalo bavuma ukuthi bona babeyizizwe lezihambi emhlabeni. **14** Abantu abakhuluma izinto ezinje babonakalisa ukuthi bafuna ilizwe elingelabo. **15** Aluba babecabanga ngelizwe abasuka kulo, babezakuba lethuba lokubuyela. **16** Kodwa-ke bona babefuna ilizwe

elingcono, lona elisezulwini. Ngakho uNkulunkulu akumyangisi ukubizwa ngokuthi unguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba usebalungisele idolobho. **17** Ngokukholwa, kwathi u-Abhrahama ehlolwa nguNkulunkulu, wanikela u-Isaka njengomhlatshelo. Yena owayamukele izithembiso wayeseseduze ukuba anikele indodana yakhe eyodwa njalo eyiyo kuphela, **18** lanxa uNkulunkulu wayethe kuye, "isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka." **19** U-Abhrahama wanakana ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayengabavusa abafileyo, njalo nxa kuzekeliswa, wamamukela u-Isaka evela ekufeni. **20** Ngokukholwa u-Isaka wabusisa uJakhobe lo-Esawu ngekusasa labo. **21** Ngokukholwa uJakhobe, esesifa wawabusisa wonke amadodana kaJosefa, wasekhonza eyame phezu kwentonga yakhe. **22** Ngokukholwa uJosefa, isiphetho sakhe sesisondele, walandisa ngokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe njalo walayezela ngamathambo akhe. **23** Ngokukholwa abazali bakaMosi bamfihla izinyanga ezintathu emva kokuzalwa kwakhe, ngoba babona ukuthi wayengasumntwana nje ojayelekileyo, njalo babengawesabi umthetho wenkosi. **24** Ngokukholwa uMosi esekhulile, wala ukuba aziwe njengendodana yendodakazi kaFaro. **25** Wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuba akholise injabulo yesono okwesikhathi esifitshane. **26** Wakhetha ihlazo ngenxa kaKhristu njengegugu elikhulu kulenotho yaseGibhithe ngoba wayekhangelele umvuzo phambili. **27** Ngokukholwa wasuka eGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi; wabekezela ngoba wambona lowo ongabonakaliyo. **28**

Ngokukholwa wagcina iPhasika lokuchelwa kwegazi, ukuze umbulali wamazibulo angawathinti amazibulo ako-Israyeli. **29** Ngokukholwa abantu badabula phakathi koLwandle oluBomvu njengasemhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa kwathi amaGibhithe ezama ukwenzanjalo agalula. **30** Ngokukholwa imiduli yaseJerikho yadilika emva kokuba abantu beyibhode okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **31** Ngokukholwa uRahabi isifebe, ngoba wamukela inhloli, kabulawanga kanye lalabo ababengalaleli. **32** Kuyini okunye engingakutsho? Kangilasikhathi sokulandisa ngoGidiyoni, loBharakhi, loSamsoni, loJeftha, loDavida, loSamuyeli kanye labaphrofethi, **33** abanqoba imibuso ngokukholwa benza okulungileyo njalo bathola okwakuthenjisiwe; bona abavala imilomo yezilwane, **34** bacitsha ukuvutha kwamalangabi, baphepha lasebukhalini benkemba; ubuthakathaka babo baphenduka baba ngamandla; njalo baba lamandla empini bawachitha amabutho ezizweni. **35** Abesifazane bamukela abafayo babo sebevuselwe ekuphileni futhi. Abanye bahlukuluzwa njalo bala ukukhululwa, ukuze bathole ukuvuka ekufeni okuhle. **36** Abanye bahozwa batshaywa, kwathi abanye babotshwa ngamaketane bafakwa entolongweni. **37** Batshaywa ngamatshe, baqunywa ngesaha baba yiziqa ezimbili; babulawa ngenkemba. Bahamba begqoke izikhumba zezimvu lezikhumba zembuzi, beswela, behlukuluzwa, bephathwa kubi, **38** umhlaba kubo wawungabafanele. Bantula enkangala lasezintabeni lasezimbalwini kanye lasemilindini emhlabathini. **39** Bonke laba banconywa

ngokukholwa kwabo, kodwa kakho phakathi kwabo owathola okwakuthenjisiwe. **40** Thina uNkulunkulu wayesimisele okuhle ukuze kuthi sebe kanye lathi bapheleliswe.

12 Ngakho-ke, njengoba sihanqwe lixuku elikhulu kangaka labafakazi, kasikulahleni konke okusivimbelayo kanye lesono esisibopha lula njalo kasigijimeni ngokubekezela kulo umjaho ophawulelwe thina. **2** Kasikhangeleni kuJesu, uMqalisi loMphelelisi wokukholwa kwethu, okwathi ngentokozo eyayibekwe phambi kwakhe wabekezelela isiphambano, engananzi ihlazo laso, wahlala phansi esandleni sokunene sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu. **3** Cabangani ngaye owabekezelela ukuphikiswa okungaka ngabantu abayizoni ukuze lingabi buthakathaka lilahle ithemba. **4** Ekulweni kwenu lesono, kalimelananga laso kwaze kwaba sebangeni lokuchitha igazi lenu. **5** Njalo selilikhohliwe lelizwi lokulikhuthaza elikhuluma kini njengamadodana elithi: “Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya kweNkosi. Njalo ungalahli ithemba lapho ikukhuza, **6** ngoba uThixo ulaya labo abathandayo, abuye ajezise bonke abamukela njengendodana.” **7** Bekezelelani ukuhlupheka njengokulaywa; uNkulunkulu uliphatha njengabantwana bakhe. Kambe yibaphi abantwana abangalaywa nguyise na? **8** Nxa lingalaywa (umuntu wonke uyalaywa), liyabe lingabantwana abazalwa ngokungekho emthethweni njalo abangasiwo amadodana lamadodakazi uqobo. **9** Phezu kwalokho, sonke sake saba labobaba abasilayayo njalo sabahlonipha ngenxa yalokho. Pho kufanele sizehlise kakhulu okungakanani

kuBaba wemimoya yethu njalo siphile! **10** Obaba basilaya okwesikhatshana ngababekubona kukuhle, kodwa uNkulunkulu usilaya ukuba sisizakale, ukuba sihlanganyele ebungcweleni bakhe. **11** Akukho kulaywa okukhanya kukuhle ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kubuhlungu. Kodwa muva, kuletha isivuno sokulunga lokuthula kulabo abafundiswa yikho. **12** Ngakho-ke, qinisani izingalo zenu ezibuthakathaka lamadolo enu axegayo. **13** "Lungiselani inyawo zenu izindlela ezibekekileyo," ukuze abaqhulayo bangagogeki, kodwa basiliswe. **14** Zamani kakhulu ukuhlalisana ngokuthula labantu bonke lokuba ngcwele; kungekho bungcwele kakho ozayibona iNkosi. **15** Bonani ukuthi kakho oswela umusa kaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi akulampande ebabayo ekhulayo ukuba idale uhlupho ingcolise abanengi. **16** Bonani ukuthi kakho oyisifebe, loba ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu njengo-Esawu okwathi ngenxa yokudla kunye wathengisa amalungelo elifa lakhe okuba lizibulo. **17** Muva, njengoba lisazi, lapho esefuna ukuzuza isibusiso lesi waliwa. Wayengeke enze kube lokuguquka kwengqondo, lanxa wafuna isibusiso leso ngezinyembezi. **18** Kalizanga entabeni engathintwayo njalo ebhebha umlilo; ebumnyameni lasekufiphaleni lesiphepho; **19** ekukhaleni kwecilongo loba ilizwi elinjalo elikhulumayo, okwenza labo abalizwayo bacela ukuba kungabi lelizwi elikhulunywa kubo futhi, **20** ngoba babengeke bakumele ukulaywa okwakusithi: "Lenyamazana ingathinta intaba, kumele itshaywe ngamatshe." **21** Okwabonwayo kwakusesabeka kakhulu uMosi waze wathi, "Ngiyathuthumela ngenxa

yokwesaba.” **22** Kodwa lina lize eNtabeni iZiyoni,
iJerusalema lasezulwini, umuzi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.
Lize kuzinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zezingilosi
23 ezihlangane ngentokozo ebandleni lezibulo, ezimabizo
azo alotshiwe ezulwini. Lize kuNkulunkulu, umahluleli
wabantu bonke, emimoyeni yabantu abalungileyo
24 abaphelelisiweyo, kuJesu umeli wesivumelwano
esitsha, lasegazini elicheliweyo elikhuluma ilizwi elihle
25 kulegazi lika-Abheli. Bonani ukuthi kalimenqabeli lowo
okhulumayo. Nxa bengaphephanga lapho benqabela lowo
owabaxwayisa emhlabeni, koba kuncane kangakanani
kithi, nxa sidela lowo osixwayisa ezulwini na? **26**
Ngalesosikhathi ilizwi lakhe lanyikinya umhlaba,
kodwa khathesi usethembisile wathi: “Ngizaphinda
njalo futhi nginyikinye, hatshi umhlaba kuphela,
kodwa lamazulu futhi.” **27** Amazwi la “njalo
futhi” atsho ukususwa kwalokho okunganyikinyiswa,
okuyikuthi izinto ezadalwayo, ukuze kuthi lokho
okungeke kunyikinyiswe kusale. **28** Ngakho-ke, njengoba
sisamukela umbuso ongeke unyikinywe, kasibongeni
njalo sikhonze uNkulunkulu ngokufaneleyo ngenhlonipho
29 langokwesaba, ngoba “uNkulunkulu wethu ungumlilo
oqothulayo.”

13 Qhubekani lithandana njengabazalwane. **2**
Lingakhohlwa ukwamukela izihambi ngoba ngokwenza
njalo abanye abantu bamukela izingilosi bengazi.
3 Khumbulani abasentolongweni ngokungathi lani
liyizibotshwa kanye labo, kanye lalabo abaphethwe kubi
4 ngokungathi lani uqobo liyahlupheka. Ukuthathana

kumele kuhlonitshwe ngumuntu wonke, kuthi lomendlalo wokuthathana uhlale uhlambulukile ngoba uNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela isifebe labo bonke abahlobongayo. **5** Ekuphileni kwenu xwayani ukuthanda imali lisuthiseke ngalokho elilakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi: “Kangisoze ngilitshiye; kangisoze ngilidele.” **6** Ngakho siyatsho ngethemba sithi: “INkosi ingumsizi wami; kangiyikwesaba. Umuntu angenzani kimi na?” **7** Khumbulani abakhokheli benu, abakhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kini. Cabangani okwavela endleleni yokuphila kwabo lilingisele ukukholwa kwabo. **8** UJesu Khristu uyafana izolo lanamhla kanye laphakade. **(aiōn g165)** **9** Lingathatheki ngazozonke inhlobo zemfundiso engaziwayo. Kuhle ukuba inhliziyo zethu ziqiniswe ngumusa, hatshi yikudla komkhuba okungelasizo kulabo abakudlayo. **10** Thina sile-alithare lapho labo abakhonza ethabanikeleni bengelalungelo lokudlela kulo. **11** Umphristi omkhulu uletha igazi lezifuyo eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele njengomnikelo wesono kodwa izidumbu zazo ziyatshiswa ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **12** Ngokunjalo uJesu laye wahlupheka ngaphandle kwesango ledolobho ukuba enze abantu bakhe babengcwele ngegazi lakhe. **13** Ngakho-ke, kasiyeni kuye ngaphandle kwezihonqo silehlazo alithwalayo. **14** Ngoba lapha kasiladolobho elimiyo njalo, kodwa sidinga idolobho elizayo. **15** Ngakho, ngoJesu kasinikeleni njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo wokubonga, isithelo sezindebe ezivuma ibizo lakhe. **16** Njalo lingakhohlwa ukwenza okulungileyo kanye lokwabela abanye ngoba uNkulunkulu uyathokoza ngemihlatshelo

enje. **17** Lalelani abakhokheli benu njalo lithobele amandla abo. Bayalilinda njengabantu okumele balandise ngani. Balaleleni ukuze umsebenzi wabo uthokozise njalo ungasindi ngoba lokho akungeke kube lusizo kini. **18** Sikhulekeleni. Sileqiniso ukuthi silesazela esihle njalo sifisa ukuhlala ngobuqotho ngezindlela zonke. **19** Ikakhulu ngiyalincenga ukuba likhuleke ukuze ngibuyiselwe kini masinyane. **20** Sengathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula, owavusa iNkosi yethu uJesu kwabafileyo ngegazi lesivumelwano esingapheliyo, lowoMalusi omkhulu wezimvu, **(aiōnios g166)** **21** angalihlomisa ngakho konke okulungele ukwenza intando yakhe, njalo sengathi angasebenza phakathi kwethu lokho okumthokozisayo ngoJesu Khristu, udumo kalube kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **22** Bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuba libekezelele ilizwi lami lokuqonqosela kwami ngoba ngililobele incwadi emfitshane nje. **23** Ngithanda ukuba likwazi ukuthi umzalwane wethu uThimothi usekhululwe. Angafika masinyane ngizakuza laye sizelibona. **24** Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli benu kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu bonke. Abavela e-Ithali bayalibingelela. **25** Umusa kawube lani lonke.

UJakhobe

1 UJakhobe inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi uJesu
Khristu, Kuzo izizwana ezilitshumi lambili ezihlakazekele
phakathi kwezizwe: Ngiyalibingelela. **2** Bazalwane
bami, lapho lisehlelwa yizilingo ezitshiyeneyo, kubaleni
njengentokozo epheleleyo **3** ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi
ukuhlolwa kokholo lwenu kukhulisa ukubekezela. **4**
Ukubekezela kufanele kuwuqede umsebenzi wakho
ukuze lina likhule njalo liphelele, lingasileli ngalutho.
5 Nxa omunye wenu eswela ukuhlakanipha kumele
acele kuNkulunkulu onika bonke ngesihle engadinganga
sici, ngempela uzakuphiwa. **6** Kodwa lapho ecela
kumele akholwe angathandabuzi ngoba othandabuzayo
unjengegagasi lolwandle eliphetshulwa ngumoya
uliphose. **7** Umuntu lowo akumelanga acabange
ukuthi kulolutho azaluthola eNkosini; **8** ungumuntu
ongqondombili, kazinzanga kukho konke akwenzayo.
9 Umzalwane olesimo esiphansi kumele aziqhenye
ngesikhundla sakhe esiphezulu. **10** Kodwa lowo onothileyo
kumele aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe esiphansi, ngoba
uzadlula njengeluba leganga. **11** Ngoba ilanga liphuma
litshisa okuhangulayo libunise ihlumela, umqhakazo walo
uwohloke lobuhle balo buphele. Ngokufanayo umuntu
onothileyo uzanyamalala elokhu esawenza umsebenzi
wakhe. **12** Ubusisiwe umuntu oqiniselayo ekulingweni,
ngoba lapho esephumelele ekuhlolweni, uzaphiwa
umqhele wokuphila, ukuphila uNkulunkulu akuthembisa
labo abamthandayo. **13** Ekulingweni, kakho okumele athi,
“UNkulunkulu uyangilinga.” Ngoba uNkulunkulu angeke

alingwe yibubi, futhi kalingi muntu; **14** kodwa lowo
lalowo ulingwa yinkanuko yakhe embi, lapho edonselwa
kude ehugwa. **15** Ngakho-ke, nxa inkanuko isidaliwe izala
isono; njalo isono lapho sesikhulile okugcweleyo, sizala
ukufa. **16** Lingakhohliswa bazalwane bami abathandekayo.
17 Zonke izipho ezinhle leziphelelelyo zivela phezulu,
zehlele phansi zivela kuYise wezibane zasezulwini,
ongaguqukiyo njalo ongelathunzi lokuphenduka. **18**
Wakhetha ukusizala ngelizwi leqiniso ukuze sibe luhlobo
lwezithelo zakuqala kukho konke akudalayo. **19** Bazalwane
bami abathandekayo, qaphelani lokhu: Umuntu wonke
kumele aphange alalele, aphuze ukukhuluma, njalo
aphuze lokuthukuthela **20** ngoba ukuthukuthela
komuntu kakulethi ukuphila okulungileyo okufiswa
nguNkulunkulu. **21** Ngakho-ke, lahlani amanyala wonke
lobubi obande kangaka, lilamukele ngokuthobeka ilizwi
elahlanyelwa kini, elingalisindisa. **22** Lingalaleli ilizwi
nje kuphela, beselizikhohlisa ngalokho. Yenzani lokho
elikutshoyo. **23** Loba ngubani olalela ilizwi kodwa angaze
enza elikutshoyo unjengomuntu okhangela ubuso bakhe
esibukweni **24** kuthi esezibukile asuke ahle akhohlwe
ukuthi unjani. **25** Kodwa umuntu owukhangela ngenjongo
umthetho opheleleyo oletha ukukhululeka, njalo
aqhubeke esenza lokhu engakhohlwa asekuzwile, kodwa
ekwenza, uzabusiswa kulokho akwenzayo. **26** Nxa umuntu
ecabanga ukuthi uyakholwa kodwa engabambi ulimi
lwakhe okuqinileyo, uyazikhohlisa njalo lokholo lwakhe
luyize. **27** Ukukholwa okwamukelwa nguNkulunkulu
uBaba okuhlambulukileyo njalo kungelasici yilokhu:

ukugcina izintandane labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, kanye lokuzigcina thina ngokwethu ekungcolisweni ngumhlaba.

2 Bazalwane bami, njengabakholwayo eNkosini yethu elenkazimulo uJesu Khristu, lingabandlululi. **2** Kasithi umuntu ufika emhlanganweni wenu egqize indandatho yegolide, egqoke lezigqoko ezinhle, besekungena umyanga egqoke izigqoko ezinithizelayo. **3** Nxa limnaka kakhulu lowo ogqoke izigqoko ezinhle lithi kuye, "Nansi isihlalo esingcono," kodwa kongumyanga lithi, "Wena mana laphayana," kumbe lithi, "Hlala phansi eduze kwezinyawo zami," **4** Kambe kalibandlululanga njalo laba ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi na? **5** Lalelani, bazalwane bami abathandekayo: Kanti uNkulunkulu kabakhethanga yini labo abangabayanga emehlweni omhlaba ukuba babengabanothileyo ekukholweni kanye lokudla ilifa lombuso awuthembisa labo abamthandayo na? **6** Kodwa lina libathukile abayanga. Abanothileyo akusibo yini abadinga inzuzo ngani? Akusibo yini abalihudulela emithethwandaba? **7** Akusibo yini abahlambaza ibizo lobukhosi elalowo lina elingabakhe na? **8** Nxa liwugcina sibili umthetho wobukhosi otholakala eMbhalweni othi, "Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda," lenza okulungileyo. **9** Kodwa nxa libandlulula lenza isono njalo lilahlwa ngumthetho njengabephuli bomthetho. **10** Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umthetho wonke, kodwa akhubeke endaweni eyodwa, ulecala lokuwephula wonke. **11** Ngoba yena owathi, "Ungafebi," wathi futhi, "Ungabulali." Nxa ungafebi, kodwa ubulala, usube

yisaphulamthetho. **12** Khulumani njalo lenze njengalabo
abazakwahlulelwa ngumthetho onika ukukhululeka, **13**
ngoba ukwahlulela okungelasihawu kuzakuba kulowo
obengelasihawu. Isihawu sinqoba ukwahlulela! **14** Kusizani
bazalwane bami, nxa umuntu esithi ulokholo kodwa
engelazenzo? Ukholo olunjalo lungamsindisa na? **15**
Kasithi umfowenu loba udadewenu kalazigqoko lokudla
kwansukuzonke. **16** Nxa omunye wenu esithi kuye,
"Hamba, ngikufisela okuhle; hlala ufudumala njalo
usutha," kodwa angenzi lutho ngalezi zinswelo zakhe
zomzimba, kusizani na? **17** Ngokunjalo, ukukholwa
nje kuphela, nxa kungelamisebenzi kufile. **18** Kodwa
omunye uzakuthi, "Wena ulokukholwa; mina ngilezenzo."
Ngitshengisa ukukholwa kwakho kungelazenzo, njalo
mina ngizakutshengisa ukukholwa kwami ngalokho
engikwenzayo. **19** Uyakholwa ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu
oyedwa. Kulungile! Lamadimoni ayakukholwa lokhu
njalo ayathuthumela. **20** Wena ndoda eyisiwula, ufuna
ubufakazi bokuthi ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi kuyize
na? **21** Kanje ukhokho wethu u-Abhrahama kabalwanga
njengolungileyo ngenxa yalokhu akwenzayo lapho anikela
indodana yakhe u-Isaka e-alithareni na? **22** Liyabona
ukuthi ukukholwa kwakhe lezenzo zakhe kwakusebenza
ndawonye, njalo ukukholwa kwakhe kwapheleliswa
yilokho akwenzayo. **23** Njalo umbhalo wagcwaliseka
othi, "U-Abhrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, njalo
kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga," njalo wabizwa ngokuthi
ngumngane kaNkulunkulu. **24** Liyabona ukuthi umuntu
ulungiswa yilokho akwenzayo hatshi ngokukholwa

kuphela. **25** Ngokunjalo, loRahabi isifebe konje kabalwanga njengolungileyo ngalokho akwenzayo lapho anika inhloli indawo yokulala wabuya wazikhupha ngenye indlela na? **26** Njengoba umzimba ongelamoya ufile, ngokunjalo ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi kufile.

3 Bazalwane bami, abanengi benu akumelanga babe ngabafundisi ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi thina esifundisayo sizakwahlulelwa kalukhunikazi. **2** Sonke siyakhubeka ngezindlela ezinengi. Nxa umuntu engakaze abelesici kulokho akutshoyo, ungumuntu opheleleyo, oyenelisayo ukuwubamba wonke umzimba wakhe. **3** Lapho sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuba asilalele, ibhiza singaliphendula lonke. **4** Kumbe lithathe imikhumbi njengesibonelo. Lanxa imikhulu kangaka njalo iqhutshwa ngumoya olamandla, iqondiswa ngophinyana oluncane loba kungaphi lapho umtshayeli afuna ukuya khona. **5** Ngokufanayo ulimi luyisitho esincane somzimba kodwa luyazincoma kakhulu. Cabangani ngehlathi elikhulu elithungelwa yinhlansi encane yomlilo. **6** Ulimi lalo lungumlilo, umhlaba wobubi phakathi kwezitho zomzimba. Lungcolisa lonke uqobo lomuntu, luyithungele ngomlilo yonke impilo yakhe, lalo luthungelwe yisihogo somlilo. **(Geenna g1067)** **7** Zonke inhlobo zezinyamazana, izinyoni, lezihuquzelayo kanye lezidalwa zasolwandle ziyathanjiswa njalo sezathanjiswa ngumuntu, **8** kodwa akulamuntu ongathambisa ulimi, luyibubi obuyaluzelayo, lugcwele itshefu ebulalayo. **9** Ngolimi siyayibonga iNkosi uBaba, njalo ngalo sithuka abantu abenziwa ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. **10** Emlonyeni munye

kuphuma ukubonga lokuthuka. Bazalwane bami, lokhu akufanelanga. **11** Kambe amanzi amnandi lamanzi aletswayi angagobhoza mthombo munye na? **12** Bazalwane bami, umkhiwa ungathela ama-oliva na, kumbe ivini lithele imikhiwa na? Lomthombo oletswayi awungeke ukhuphe amanzi amnandi. **13** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu na? Kakubonakalise ngokuphila kwakhe kuhle, langezenzo ezenziwa ngokuzithoba okuvela ekuhlakanipheni. **14** Kodwa nxa ligcine umhawu lokulangazela kobukhwele ezinhliziyweni zenu, lingazincomi ngakho kumbe liphike iqiniso. **15** "Ukuhlakanipha" okunjalo kakwehli kuvela ezulwini, kodwa ngokwasemhlabeni, akusikomoya, ngokwamadimoni. **16** Ngoba lapho okulomhawu khona lokutshisekela kokuzisuthisa kulapho okutholakala khona ingxabangxoza kanye lezenzo zonke ezimbi. **17** Kodwa ukuhlakanipha okuvela ezulwini kuqala ngokuhlambuluka; besekuthanda ukuthula, kulozwelo, kuyazehlisa, kugcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle, kakukhethi njalo kuqotho. **18** Abalamuli abahlanyela ukuthula bathola isivuno sokulunga.

4 Kuyini okubangela ukulwa lengxabano phakathi kwenu na? Kakuveli ezinkanukweni zenu ezilwayo phakathi kwenu na? **2** Lifuna ulutho oluthile, kodwa kaliliutholi. Liyabulala njalo lihawukele kodwa kalingeke likuthole lokho elikufunayo. Liyaxabana lilwe. Kalilalutho ngoba kaliceli kuNkulunkulu. **3** Lapho licela, kaliphiwa ngoba licela ngenjongo embi, ukuba lichithe lokho elikuzuzayo enjabulweni yenu. **4** Lina zifebe zabantu, kalikwazi yini

ukuthi ubungane lomhlaba kuyikuzonda uNkulunkulu na? Umuntu okhetha ukuba ngumngane womhlaba uba yisitha sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kumbe licabanga ukuthi umbhalo utsho kungelasizatho ukuthi umoya awenza ukuba uhlale phakathi kwethu ugebela ebukhweleni? **6** Kodwa yena usinika umusa owengeziweyo. Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi: "UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo." **7** Ngakho-ke, zehliseni kuNkulunkulu. Menqabeleni uSathane, uzalibalekela. **8** Sondelani phansi kukaNkulunkulu laye uzasondela kini. Gezani izandla zenu lina zoni, lihlambulule lezinhliziyo zenu, lina abangqondombili. **9** Dabukani, lilile, likhale. Guqulani ukuhleka kwenu kube yikukhala, kuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kube yikudana. **10** Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi, izaliphakamisa. **11** Bazalwane, lingachothozani. Umuntu okhuluma kubi ngomzalwane wakhe, loba amahlulele, ukhuluma kubi ngomthetho awahlulele. Lapho lisahlulela umthetho, kaliwugcini kodwa liyawahlulela. **12** KuloMenzi wemithetho loMahluleli oyedwa kuphela, lowo olamandla okusindisa lokubhubhisa. Kodwa lina lingobani ukuba lahlulele omakhelwane benu na? **13** Lalelani lina elithi, "Lamhla loba kusasa sizakuya kuleli loba kuleliyana idolobho, siqede umnyaka khona, senze imisebenzi sizuze imali." **14** Kungani ngoba phela kalikwazi okuzakwenzakala kusasa. Ukuphila kwenu kuyini na? Liyinkungu ebonakala okwesikhatshana ibe isinyamalala. **15** Kodwa kumele lithi, "Nxa kuyintando yeNkosi sizaphila senze lokhu loba lokhuyana." **16** Okwakhathesi liyazincoma lizikhukhumeza. Konke ukuzincoma okunje

kubi. **17** Ngakho-ke, loba ngubani okwaziyo okulungileyo
okumele akwenze kodwa angakwenzi, wenza isono.

5 Lalelani lina bantu abanothileyo, khalani lilile ngenxa
yosizi oluzayo phezu kwenu. **2** Inotho yenu isibolile,
lezigqoko zenu sezidliwe linondo. **3** Isiliva legolide lenu
sekuthombile. Ukuthomba kwakho kuzafakaza kubi ngani,
kudle inyama yemizimba yenu njengomlilo. Libuthelele
inotho ensukwini zokucina. **4** Khangelani! Imiholo
elingayibhadalanga izisebenzi ezavuna amasimu enu
iyalikhalela. Ukukhala kwabavuni sekufikile ezindlebeni
zeNkosi uSomandla. **5** Emhlabeni lihlale ngentokozo
langokuminza. Selikhuluphele ngenxa yokuhlaba imihla
ngemihla. **6** Libagwebile lababulala abantu abamsulwa,
ababengamelani lani. **7** Ngakho, bazalwane, bekezelani
iNkosi ize ifike. Khangelani ukuthi umlimi uyilindela
njani insimu ukuba ithele izilimo zayo eziligugu
kanye lokuthi ukubekezelela njani ukuna kwezulu
lentwasa. **8** Lani futhi, bekezelani liqine ngoba ukufika
kweNkosi sekusondele. **9** Lingasolani bazalwane hlezi
lahlulelwe. UMahluleli umi emnyango! **10** Bazalwane,
njengesibonelo sokubekezela ekuhluphekeni, khumbulani
abaphrofethi abakhuluma ngebizo leNkosi. **11** Njengoba
lisazi, labo ababekezelayo sibabala njengababusisiweyo.
Selezwa ngokubekezela kukaJobe njalo selikubonile
okwalethwa yiNkosi ekucineni. INkosi igcwele isihawu
esikhulu lomusa. **12** Phezu kwakho konke, bazalwane
bami, lingafungi, kungaba ngezulu loba ngomhlaba
kumbe ngolunye ulutho. “U-Yebo” wenu kabe nguyebo,
lo “Hatshi” wenu abenguhatshi, hlezi lilahlwe. **13**

Ukhona phakathi kwenu ohluphekayo na? Kakhuleke.
Ukhona othokozayo na? Kahlabele izingoma zokudumisa.
14 Ukhona kini ogulayo na? Kumele abize abadala
bebandla bamkhulekele njalo bamgcobe ngamafutha
ebizweni leNkosi. **15** Umkhuleko owenziwe ngokukholwa
uzakwenza lowomuntu ogulayo asile; iNkosi izamvusa.
Nxa enze isono, uzathethelelwa. **16** Ngakho-ke, vumani
izono zenu omunye komunye njalo likhulekelane ukuze
lisiliswe. Umkhuleko womuntu olungileyo ulamandla
njalo uyasebenza. **17** U-Elija wayengumuntu njengathi.
Wakhuleka ngokutshiseka ukuba izulu lingani, lakanye
kalinanga elizweni iminyaka emithathu lengxenye.
18 Wakhuleka futhi, amazulu aletha izulu, kwathi
umhlaba lawo wathela izilimo zawo. **19** Bazalwane bami,
nxa omunye wenu ephambuka eqinisweni, omunye
ambuyisele, **20** khumbulani lokhu: Lowo onqanda isoni
ekoneni kwaso uzasisindisa ekufeni, agubuzele izono
ezinengi.

1 UPhetro

1 UPhethro, umpostoli kaJesu Khristu, Kwabakhethiweyo
bakaNkulunkulu, lasezihambini emhlabeni
labahlakazekileyo kulolonke elasePhontusi,
laseGalathiya, laseKhaphadokhiya, lase-Ezhiya kanye
laseBhithiniya, **2** abakhethwe ngokumayelana lokwazi
mandulo kukaNkulunkulu uBaba, ngomsebenzi
ongcwelisayo kaMoya, ngokulalela uJesu Khristu
langokuchelwa ngegazi lakhe: Umusa lokuthula
kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo. **3** Udumo kalube
kuNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu!
Ngenxa yesihawu sakhe esikhulu usinike ukuzalwa
kutsha ethembeni eliphilayo ngokuvuka kwabafileyo
kukaJesu Khristu, **4** kanye laselifeni elingasoze libole,
lonakale loba libune njalo eliligcinelweyo ezulwini. **5**
Ngokukholwa livikelwe ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kuze
kufike ukusindiswa okulungiselwe ukubonakaliswa
ngesikhathi sokucina. **6** Liyathokoza kakhulu ngalokhu
lanxa like lahlupheka okwesikhatshana ngezinsizi
zezinhlobo zonke zezilingo. **7** Zifikile ukuze ukukholwa
kwenu okulinganisiweyo, okuqakatheke kakhulu
kulegolide, elonakalayo lanxa licengwe ngomlilo
kubonakaliswe kuqotho njalo kulethe ukubonga,
lenkazimulo kanye lodumo lapho uJesu Khristu
esebonakaliswa. **8** Lanxa lingambonanga, liyamthanda;
njalo lanxa lingamboni khathesi, liyakholwa kuye njalo
ligcwele intokozo engakhulumekiyo lemangalisayo, **9**
ngoba lamukela umvuzo wokukholwa kwenu,
ukusindiswa kwemiphefumulo yenu. **10** Mayelana

lokusindiswa lokhu, abaphrofethi abakhuluma ngomusa owawuzakuza kini, badingisisa ngesineke esikhulu, **11** bezama ukwazi isikhathi lomumo okwakutshiwo nguMoya kaKhristu owayekubo lapho atsho mandulo ngezinhlupheko zikaKhristu lenkazimulo eyayizalandela. **12** Kwabonakaliswa kubo ukuthi bona babengazisebenzeli kodwa besebenzela lina lapho babekhuluma ngezinto khathesi eselizitshelwe yilabo abatshumayele ivangeli kini ngoMoya oNgcwele owathunywa evela ezulwini. Lezingilosi ziyafisa ukuzibona lezizinto. **13** Ngakho-ke, lungiselani ingqondo zenu okungenziwa; zithibeni; bekani ithemba lenu ngokupheleleyo emuseni elizawuthola lapho uJesu Khristu esebonakaliswa. **14** Njengabantwana abalalelayo lingavumeli izinkanuko ezimbi elalilazo lingakazi. **15** Kodwa njengoba lowo owalibizayo engcwele, ngakho wobani ngcwele kukho konke elikwenzayo; **16** ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Wobani ngcwele ngoba mina ngingcwele.” **17** Njengoba likhuleka kuYihlo owahlulela imisebenzi yomuntu ngamunye kungekho bandlululo, philani impilo yenu lapha njengezihambi ngokuhlonipha. **18** Ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi kalihlengwanga ngezinto ezifayo ezinjengegolide lesiliva endleleni yokuphila eyize elakutshiyelwa ngokhokho benu, **19** kodwa ngegazi eliligugu likaKhristu imvana engelacala loba isici. **20** Wakhethwa umhlaba ungakadalwa, kodwa wabonakaliswa ngalezi izikhathi zokucina ngenxa yenu. **21** Ngaye liyakholwa kuNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo wamnika inkazimulo, ngakho ukukholwa kwenu lethemba

kukuNkulunkulu. 22 Njengoba khathesi selizihlambulule
ngokulalela iqiniso ukuze libe lothando oluqotho
kubazalwane benu, thandanani kakhulu, kusuka
enhliziyweni. 23 Ngoba selizelwe kutsha, kungasikho
ngenhlanyelo ebolayo, kodwa ngengaboliyo, ngelizwi
eliphilayo eliqinileyo likaNkulunkulu. (aiōn g165) 24 Ngoba,
“Abantu bonke banjengotshani, bonke ubukhosi babo
bunjengamaluba eganga; utshani buyabuna njalo
amaluba ayakhithika, 25 kodwa ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze
kube nini lanini.” Njalo leli yilo ilizwi elatshunyayelwa
kini. (aiōn g165)

2 Ngakho-ke, lahlani ububi bonke lenkohliso yonke,
lokuzenzisa, lomona, kanye lesinyeyo senhlobo zonke.
2 Njengabantwana abasanda kuzalwa, funani uchago
lwakomoya oluhlambukileyo, ukuze likhuliswe yilo
ekusindisweni kwenu, 3 njengoba selibonile ukuthi
iNkosi ilungile. 4 Lapho lisiza kuye, iLitshe eliphilayo,
elalahlwa ngabantu, kodwa elakhethwa nguNkulunkulu
njalo liligugu kuye, 5 lani futhi, njengamatshe
aphilayo lakhiwa laba yindlu yakomoya ukuba libe
ngabaphristi abangcwele, linikela imihlatshelo yakomoya
eyamukelekayo kuNkulunkulu ngoJesu Khristu. 6
Ngoba emibhalweni kuthiwa: “Khangelani, ngibeka
ilitshe eZiyoni, ilitshe lekhoneni elikhethiweyo eliligugu,
njalo lowo okholwa kuye akayikuyangiswa.” 7 Kini
lina abakholwayo, ilitshe leli liligugu. Kodwa kulabo
abangakholwayo, “Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi seliyilona
ilitshe lekhoneni,” 8 njalo, “Ilitshe elikhubekisa abantu
ledwala elibenza bawe.” Bayakhubeka ngoba badelela

ilizwi okuyikho njalo abakumiselweyo. **9** Kodwa
lina lingabantu abakhethiweyo, ubuphristi bobukhosi,
isizwe esingcwele, abantu abangabakaNkulunkulu,
ukuba limemezele indumiso yakhe yena owalibiza
lisemnyameni ukuba lize ekukhanyeni kwakhe
okumangalisayo. **10** Lake langabi ngabantu, kodwa
khathesi selingabantu bakaNkulunkulu; lake laswela
isihawu; kodwa khathesi selithole isihawu. **11**
Bangane abathandekayo, ngiyalincenga, njengabezizweni
lezihambi emhlabeni ukuba lizile izinkanuko zesono
ezilwa lemiphefumulo yenu. **12** Philani impilo elungileyo
phakathi kwabangakholwayo ukuze kuthi lanxa besithi
lenza okubi, babone izenzo zenu ezilungileyo badumise
uNkulunkulu mhla esiza kithi. **13** Zehliseni ngenxa
yeNkosi emibusweni yonke ebekwe phakathi kwabantu:
loba enkosini, njengamandla amakhulu, **14** loba kubabusi
abathunywe yiyo ukuba bajezise labo abenza okubi kanye
lokubonga labo abenza okulungileyo. **15** Ngoba kuyintando
kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ngokwenza okulungileyo lizaqeda
inkulumo yokungazi yabantu abayiziwula. **16** Philani
njengabantu abakhululekileyo, kodwa lingasebenzisi
inkululeko yenu njengezaba lokufihla ububi; philani
njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu. **17** Tshengisani inhlonipho
eqondileyo kwabanye. Thandani izimuli zabazalwane,
lihloniphe umuntu wonke, mesabeni uNkulunkulu,
lihloniphe umbusi. **18** Zigqili, zehliseni emakhosini enu
ngenhlonipho yonke, hatshi kuphela kulawo alungileyo
lalozwelo, kodwa lakulawo alolaka. **19** Ngoba kuyabongeka
nxa umuntu eqinisela ebuhlungwini bokuhlupheka

okungafanelanga ngoba uyazi ngoNkulunkulu. **20** Kodwa kuba ludumo njani kini nxa litshayelwa ukwenza okungalunganga njalo likubekezelela? Kodwa nxa lihlukuluzelwa ukwenza okuhle njalo likubekezelela, lokhu kuyancomeka phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **21** Labizelwa lokhu, ngoba uKhristu walihluphekela, walitshiyela isibonelo ukuba lilandele ezinyathelweni zakhe. **22** "Yena kenzanga sono, njalo akukho nkohliso eyatholakala emlonyeni wakhe." **23** Kwathi bemthethisa, yena kaphindiselanga; lapho ehlupheka, kazange asonge. Kodwa wathembeka kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga. **24** "Yena ngokwakhe wathwala izono zethu" emzimbeni wakhe esiphambanweni ukuze siphephe ezonweni njalo siphilele ukulunga; "lisilisiwe ngamanxeba akhe." **25** Ngoba "lina lalinjengezimvu ezilahlekileyo," kodwa khathesi selibuyele kuMalusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo yenu.

3 Ngokunjalo, bafazi zehliseni kubomkenu ukuze kuthi lanxa abanye babo bengalikholwa ilizwi, baphenduke ngokuziphatha kwabomkabo kungekho kukhuluma, **2** lapho bebona ukuhlanzeka lenhlonipho yokuphila kwenu. **3** Ubuhle benu kabungaveli ekuziceciseni kwangaphandle, okunjengenwele ezelukiweyo lokugqiza izigqizo zegolide kanye lokugqoka izigqoko ezinhle. **4** Kodwa kumele bube ngobangaphakathi kwenu, ubuhle obungapheliyo bomoya omnene lothuleyo, oligugu elikhulu emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. **5** Ngoba le yiyo indlela abesifazane abangcwele bakudala ababethembe uNkulunkulu bejayele ukuzicola ngayo. Babezehlisa kubomkabo, **6** njengoSara

owalalela u-Abhrahama wambiza ngokuthi yinkosi yakhe. Lingamadodakazi kaSara nxa lisenza okulungileyo njalo lingavumeli ukwesaba. **7** Ngokufanayo, madoda ekuphileni kwenu labomkenu wobani lozwelo, libaphathe ngenhlonipho njengababuthakathaka labazindlalifa kanye lani zesipho sokuphila esomusa, ukuze kungabi lalutho oluzavimbela imikhuleko yenu. **8** Okokucina lonke hlalisanani ngokuthula; wobani lozwelo, lithandane njengabazalwane, libe lesihawu kanye lokuthobeka. **9** Lingaphindiseli okubi ngokubi loba inhlamba ngenhlamba, kodwa ngesibusiso, ngoba labizelwa ukuze lizuze ilifa lokubusiswa. **10** Ngoba, "Lowo othanda ukuphila abone lensuku ezinhle kumele anqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi lezindebe zakhe ekukhulumeni inkohliso. **11** Kumele batshiye ububi benze okulungileyo; kumele bafune ukuthula njalo bakunxwanele. **12** Ngoba amehlo kaThixo akhangele abalungileyo lezindlebe zakhe ziyezwa, imikhuleko yabo, kodwa ubuso bukaJehova bumelana lalabo abenza okubi." **13** Ngubani ozalilimaza nxa litshisekela ukwenza okulungileyo na? **14** Kodwa lanxa lingahlupheka ngenxa yokulungileyo, libusisekile. "Lingakwesabi lokho abakwesabayo; kalingethuswa." **15** Kodwa yamukelani uKhristu ezinhliziyweni zenu njengeNkosi engcwele. Hlalani lilungele ukuphendula loba ngubani olibuza isizatho ngethemba elilalo. **16** Kodwa lokhu kwenzeni ngobumnene langenhlonipho, lilesazela esihle, ukuze kuthi labo abakhuluma okubi ngokuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKhristu bayangeke ngokuhlambaza kwabo. **17** Ngoba kungcono nxa

kuyintando kaNkulunkulu, ukuhlupheka ngenxa yokwenza okulungileyo kulokwenza okubi. **18** Ngoba uKhristu wafela izono zenu kwaba kanye, olungileyo efela abangalunganga, ukuze alise kuNkulunkulu. Wabulawa emzimbeni, kodwa wavuswa nguMoya, **19** wahamba ngaye wayatshumayela emimoyeni eyayisentolongweni yona **20** engalalelanga kudala lapho uNkulunkulu alinda khona ngokubekezela ensukwini zikaNowa umkhumbi usakhiwa. Phakathi kwawo abantu abalutshwana nje kuphela, abayisificaminwembili bebonke, basindiswa ngamanzi, **21** njalo amanzi la afanekisa umbhaphathizo osusilisa lani futhi, kungayisikho kususa ingcekeza emzimbeni kodwa kuyisibambiso sesazela esihle kuNkulunkulu. Siyalisilisa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo kukaJesu Khristu, **22** oseye ezulwini njalo usesandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu, lezingilosi, leziphathamandla kanye lezikhulu ekuzehliseni kuye.

4 Ngakho, njengoba uKhristu wahlupheka emzimbeni wakhe, lani hlomani ngesimo esifanayo, ngoba lowo owahluphekayo emzimbeni wakhe usehlule isono. **2** Ngakho-ke, ukuphila kwakhe kwasemhlabeni okuseleyo kakuphileli izinkanuko ezimbi zabantu, kodwa intando kaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba selichithe isikhathi esaneleyo ngaphambili lisenza lokho abahedeni abakhetha ukukwenza, impilo yobudlova, inkanuko, lokudakwa, ukuzitika, ukuzivusa amadlabuzane kanye lezithombe eziyisinengiso. **4** Bakubona kumangalisa ukuthi kalibhudlukeli kanye labo kusikhukhula sinye sencithakalo, njalo bayalithuka kakhulu. **5** Kodwa

kuzamela baziphendulele kuye olungele ukwahlulela abaphilayo kanye labafileyo. **6** Ngoba lesi yiso isizatho esenza kwatshunyayelwa ivangeli lakulabo khathesi asebefile, ukuze bahlulelwe ngokwabantu ngokomzimba, kodwa baphile ngokukaNkulunkulu ngokomoya. **7** Ukuphela kwezinto zonke sekusondele. Ngakho-ke, kumele liqedisise njalo lizithibe ukuze likhuleke. **8** Phezu kwakho konke, thandanani ngokupheleleyo, ngoba uthando lugqibela izono ezinengi. **9** Yamukelanani emakhaya enu kungekho kukhonona. **10** Lowo lalowo kumele asebenzise loba yisiphi isipho somoya asamukelayo ekusizeni abanye, njengenceku ezithembekileyo zomusa kaNkulunkulu ngesimo sawo olezimo ezehlukeneyo. **11** Nxa umuntu ekhuluma, kumele akhulume njengokhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu wona ngokwawo. Nxa umuntu ekhonza, kumele akhonze ngamandla awaphiwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthi ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu adunyiswe ngoJesu Khristu. Udumo lamandla kakube kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **12** Bangane bami abathandekayo, lingamangaliswa yibuhlungu besilingo elibuzwayo, kungathi kwenzakala into engaziwayo kini. **13** Kodwa thokozani ngokuthi liyahlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kukaKhristu, ukuze lithokoze kakhulu lapho inkazimulo yakhe isibonakaliswa. **14** Nxa lithukwa ngenxa yebizo likaKhristu, libusisiwe, ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo lokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu. **15** Nxa lihlupheka, akungabi njengombulali loba isela kumbe olunye uhlobo lwesigebenga loba lanjengongenelayo ezindabeni

zabanikazi. **16** Kodwa-ke, nxa lihlupheka njengomKhristu,
lingayangeki, kodwa dumisani uNkulunkulu ngebizo
lakhe. **17** Ngoba kuyisikhathi sokuthi ukwahlulela
kuqalise ngabendlu kaNkulunkulu; njalo nxa kuqalisa
ngathi, isiphetho sizakuba yini kulabo abangalaleli
ivangeli likaNkulunkulu na? **18** Njalo, "Nxa kunzima
ukuba abalungileyo basindiswe, pho kuzakuba njani
kwabangakholwayo labayizoni na?" **19** Ngakho-ke,
labo abahlupheka ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu kumele
bazinikele kuMdali wabo othembekileyo njalo baqhubeke
besenza okulungileyo.

5 Ebadaleni abaphakathi kwenu, ngiyakhalaza
njengomunye wabadala, ufakazi wezinhlupheko
zikaKhristu lomunye laye ozahlanganyela enkazimulweni
ezabonakaliswa: **2** Wobani ngabelusi bomhlambi
kaNkulunkulu eliwugcinayo, lisebenze njengababonisi,
kungasikubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa ngenxa yokuthanda
kwenu, njengoba uNkulunkulu efuna ukuba libe njalo;
lingelamhawu wemali, kodwa lifisa ukusiza; **3** hatshi
ukubusa ababekwe ezandleni zenu, kodwa liyisibonelo
emhlambini. **4** Lapho uMalusi oMkhulu evela,
lizakwamukela umqhele wenkazimulo engayikufiphala. **5**
Majaha, ngokunjalo zehliseni ebadaleni. Lonke
zembathiseni ngokuthobeka omunye komunye, ngoba,
"UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abe lomusa
kwabathobekileyo." **6** Ngakho-ke, zithobeni ngaphansi
kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla, ukuze
aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. **7** Yethulani kuye
konke ukukhathazeka kwenu ngoba yena uyalikhathalela.

8 Zithibeni, liqaphele. Isitha senu uSathane, siyazulazula njengesilwane esibhongayo sidinga esingamudla. **9** Menqabeni, liqine ekukholweni ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi abazalwane benu emhlabeni wonke baphakathi kwalezo zinhlupheko. **10** Njalo uNkulunkulu womusa wonke, yena owalibizela enkazimulweni kaKhristu engulaphakade, emva kokuba lihlupheke okwesikhatshana, yena uqobo uzalivuselela alenze libe lamandla, liqine njalo lithembeke. **(aiōnios g166)** **11** Amandla kawabe kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **12** Ngosizo lukaSayilasi, engimthanda njengomzalwane othembekileyo, ngililobele ngamafitshane ngilikhuthaza njalo ngifakaza ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho kaNkulunkulu. Bambelelani kuwo. **13** Lowo oseBhabhiloni, owakhethwa kanye lani, uyalibingelela, loMakho indodana yami iyalibingelela. **14** Bingelelanani ngokwangana kothando. Ukuthula kakube kini lonke elikuKhristu.

2 UPhetro

1 USimoni Phethro, inceku lompostoli kaJesu Khristu,
Kulabo abamukele ukholo oluligugu njengolwethu
ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu wethu loMsindisi uJesu
Khristu: **2** Umusa lokuthula kakube ngokwenu
ngokwandileyo ngokumazi uNkulunkulu loJesu iNkosi
yethu. **3** Amandla akhe obuNkulunkulu asesinike konke
esikudingayo ekuphileni kanye lokumesaba uNkulunkulu
ngokumazi kwethu yena owasibiza ngenkazimulo yakhe
langokulunga. **4** Ngalokhu-ke usesinike izithembiso
zakhe ezinkulu kakhulu eziligugu, ukuze kuthi ngazo
lihlanganyele esimeni sobuNkulunkulu njalo liphephe
ekonakaleni kwasemhlabeni okubangelwa yizinkanuko
ezimbi. **5** Ngenxa yalesisizatho, yenzani imizamo yonke
ukuba lengeze ukulunga ekukholweni kwenu; lekulungeni
lengeze ukwazi; **6** ekwazini lengeze ukuzithiba;
ekuzithibeni lengeze ukubekezela; ekubekezeleni lengeze
ukumesaba uNkulunkulu; **7** ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu
lengeze umusa wobuzalwane; lasemuseni wobuzalwane
lengeze uthando. **8** Ngoba nxa lilalezizinto ngokwanda
kwazo, zizalinqanda ekubeni ngabangafezi lutho
labangelazithelo ekwazini kwenu iNkosi yethu uJesu
Khristu. **9** Kodwa nxa umuntu engelazo ubona kalufifi
njalo uyisiphofu, ekhohlwa ukuthi usehlanjululwe
ezonweni zakhe zakudala. **10** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami,
tshisekelani kakhulu ukwenza ukubizwa lokukhethwa
kwenu kuqiniseke. Ngoba nxa lisenza lezizinto kalizukuwa,
11 njalo lizakwamukelwa ngokupheleleyo embusweni
olaphakade weNkosi loMsindisi wethu uJesu Khristu.

(aiōnios g166) **12** Ngakho ngizahlala ngilikhumbuza
lezizinto, lanxa lizazi njalo liqinile ngokupheleleyo
eqinisweni eselilalo. **13** Ngibona kufanele ukuba
ngilikhumbuze nxa ngisaphila kulelithente lomzimba
lo, **14** ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngizaphanga ngilibeke
eceleni, njengoba iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu isikwenze
kwabasobala kimi. **15** Njalo ngizakwenza imizamo
yonke ukubona ukuthi emva kokusuka kwami lizahlala
lizikhumbula lezizinto. **16** Sasingalandeli izinganekwane
ezaqaliswa ngokuhlakanipha lapho silitshela ngamandla
langokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kodwa
sasingofakazi bobukhosi bakhe. **17** Ngoba wamukela
udumo lenkazimulo kuNkulunkulu uBaba lapho ilizwi
lifika kuye livela eNkazimulweni yoBukhosi, lisithi, "Le
yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu
ngayo." **18** Thina ngokwethu salizwa ilizwi lelo elavela
ezulwini silaye phezu kwentaba engcwele. **19** Njalo
ilizwi labaphrofethi seliqiniswe kakhulu, futhi kuzakuba
kuhle kini ukuba lilinake njengesibane esikhanyise
endaweni emnyama, kuze kuse lendonsakusa ize iphume
ezinhliziyweni zenu. **20** Phezu kwakho konke, kumele
liqedisise ukuthi akukho siphrofethi soMbhalo esavela
ngokuchasisa okungokomphrofethi. **21** Ngoba isiphrofethi
kasizange sivele entandweni yomuntu, kodwa abantu
bakhuluma kuvela kuNkulunkulu beholwa nguMoya
oNgcwele.

2 Kodwa phakathi kwabantu kwakulabaphrofethi
bamanga futhi, njengoba kuzakuba labafundisi
bamanga phakathi kwenu. Ngasese bazangenisa inkolo

yamanga echithayo, baze bamphike loThixo iNkosi yobukhosi eyabathengayo, bazilethele ukubhujiswa ngokuphangisa. **2** Abanengi bazalandela izindlela zabo ezilihlazo benze lendlela yeqiniso idumazeke. **3** Ngobugovu babo abafundisi laba bazakwenza inzuzo ngani ngezinganekwane zokuzibumbela. Ukulahlwa kwabo kubengamile, lokubhujiswa kwabo akuzange kukhohlakale. **4** Ngoba nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga izingilosi ekwenzeni kwazo isono, kodwa wazisa egehena, wazifaka emigodini emnyama ukuba zigcinelwe ukwahlulelwa. **(Tartaroō g5020)** **5** Nxa engayekelanga umhlaba wasendulo lapho aletha khona uzamcolo ebantwini bawo ababengamesabi uNkulunkulu, kodwa wamvikela uNowa, umtshumayeli wokulunga, labanye abayisikhombisa. **6** Nxa watshabalalisa amadolobho aseSodoma leGomora ngokuwatshisa aba ngumlotha, wawenza aba yisibonelo salokho okuzakwenzakala kwabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **7** Njalo nxa wahlenga uLothi, umuntu olungileyo, owayekhathazekile ngokuphila okungcolileyo kwabantu ababengelamthetho **8** (ngoba lowomuntu olungileyo, wayehlala phakathi kwabo insuku zonke, ehlutshwa emoyeni yizenzo zabo ezimbi ayezibona layezizwa). **9** Nxa lokhu kunjalo, uThixo uyakwazi ukuhlenga abantu abamesabayo ekulingweni kanye lokugcinela abangalunganga usuku lokwahlulela, eqhubeka ngokujeziswa kwabo. **10** Lokhu kuliqiniso ikakhulu kulabo abalandela izinkanuko ezonakeleyo zenyama njalo beseyisa umthetho. Ngesibindi lokuzikhukhumeza, abantu laba kabakwesabi

ukuhlambaza izidalwa zasezulwini; **11** ikanti lezingilosi,
lanxa ziqinile njalo zilamandla amakhulu, kazizethesi
macala ngokuhlambaza izidalwa ezinjalo phambi
kukaThixo. **12** Kodwa abantu laba bahlambaza
ngezindaba abangaziqedisisiyo. Banjengezinyamazana
ezinganakaniyo, izidalwa ezibuswa yimvelo, ezazalelwa
ukubanjwa lokubulawa kuphela, labo njalo njengezilo
bazabhubha. **13** Bazaphindiselwa ngokubi ngenxa yokubi
abakwenzileyo. Umcabango wabo ngenjabulo yikuminza
emini libalele. Bayizixhwali lezoni, bezitika enjabulweni
yabo besidla lani edilini. **14** Ngamehlo agcwele ubufebe
kabayekeli ukwenza isono; baxhwalisa abangaqinanga;
bazingcitshi zobugovu, inzalo eqalekisiweyo! **15**
Bayitshiyile indlela eqondileyo, baduka belandela
indlela kaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori owayethanda
inzuzo yobubi. **16** Kodwa wakhuzwa ngezenzo
zakhe ezimbi ngubabhemi, inyamazana eyisimungulu,
eyakhuluma ngelizwi lomuntu yanqanda ukuphambana
komphrofethi. **17** Abantu laba bayimithombo engelamanzi
lenkungu eqhutshwa yisiphepho. Ubumnyama obukhulu
bugcinelwe bona. **18** Ngoba bakhuluma amazwi
okuzikhukhumeza ayize, njalo ngokulangatha izinkanuko
zemizimba yabantu elesono, bahuga abantu abasanda
kuphunyuka kulabo abahlala ekoneni. **19** Babathembisa
inkululeko, bona beyizigqili zobuxhwali, ngoba umuntu
uyisigqili salokho okumbusayo. **20** Nxa bebalekele
ukonakala komhlaba ngokwazi iNkosi yethu loMsindisi
uJesu Khristu baphinde bahitsheleke kukho behlulwe,
isiphetho sabo sibi njalo siyesabeka kulasekuqaliseni

kwabo. **21** Kwakuzakuba ngcono kubo ukungayazi indlela yokulunga, kulokuthi sebeyazi bafulathele imilayo engcwele ababeyiphiwe. **22** Izaga ziqinisile ngabo ukuthi: “Inja iyawabuyelela amahlanzo ayo,” njalo ukuthi, “Ingulube egezisiweyo iyabuyela iyezibhixa edakeni.”

3 Bangane abathandekayo, le yincwadi yami yesibili kini. Ngizilobe zombili njengezikhumbuzo ukuba ngivuselele kini ukucabanga kuhle. **2** Ngithanda ukuba likhumbule amazwi akhulunywa kudala ngabaphrofethi abangcwele lomlayo owaphiwa yiNkosi loMsindisi ngabapostoli benu. **3** Phezu kwakho konke, kumele liqedisise ukuthi ngezinsuku zokucina kuzafika abaklolodayo baklolode belandela izinkanuko zabo ezimbi. **4** Bazakuthi, “Kungaphi ‘ukuza’ lokhu akuthembisayo? Selokhu obaba bafayo, konke kuqhubeka njengokwakuvele kusenzakala kusukela ekuqaleni kwendalo.” **5** Kodwa bakhohlwa ngabomo ukuthi endulo ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu amazulu abakhona lomhlaba wavela emanzini njalo ngamanzi. **6** Ngamanzi futhi umhlaba wakulezozinsuku wakhukhulwa wachitheka. **7** Ngelizwi elifanayo amazulu akhathesi kanye lomhlaba kugcinelwe umlilo, kulindele usuku lokwahlulelwa lokubhujiswa kwabantu abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa, bangane abathandekayo, lingakhohlwa into le eyodwa ukuthi: KuThixo usuku lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane leminyaka eyinkulungwane injengosuku olulodwa. **9** INkosi kayiphuzi ukugcwalisa isithembiso sayo, njengoba abanye bekuqedisisa njengokuphuza. Iyalibekezelela, ingafuni ukuba lamunye abhubhe, kodwa ukuba umuntu wonke

aphenduke. **10** Kodwa usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela.
Amazulu azanyamalala ngokuhlokoma; imimoya
izaqothulwa ngomlilo, lomhlaba lakho konke okukuwo
kuzatshabalaliswa. **11** Njengoba izinto zonke zizachithwa
ngale indlela, lina kumele libe ngabantu abanjani
na? Kumele liphile impilo engcwele leyokumesaba
uNkulunkulu **12** lisalindele usuku lwakhe liphangisise
ukufika kwalo. Lolosuku luzaletha ukuchithwa kwamazulu
ngomlilo, njalo imimoya izancibilikiswa yikutshisa. **13**
Kodwa mayelana lesithembiso sakhe silindele izulu
elitsha lomhlaba omutsha, ikhaya lokulunga. **14**
Ngakho-ke, bangane abathandekayo, njengoba lokhu
likulindele, yenzani imizamo yonke ukuba litholakale
lingelasici, lingelacala njalo lihlalisane laye ngokuthula.
15 Khumbulani ukuthi ukubekezela kweNkosi yethu
kutsho ukusindisa, njengalokhu umzalwane wethu
othandekayo uPhawuli walilobela ngenhlakanipho
uNkulunkulu amupha yona. **16** Uloba ngendlela efanayo
kuzozonke izincwadi zakhe, ekhuluma lezizindaba kuzo.
Izincwadi zakhe zimumethe ezinye izinto okunzima
ukuzizwisisa, okuthi abantu abangaziyo labangaqinanga
bazihlanekele, njengabakwenzayo kweminye iMibhalo,
okuzaletha ukubhujiswa kwabo. **17** Ngakho-ke, bangane
abathandekayo, njengoba selike lenqatshelwa, qaphelani
ukuze lingedukiswa yibubi babantu abangelamthetho
beselisiwa ezindaweni zenu eziqinileyo. **18** Kodwa khulani
emuseni lasekwazini iNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu
Khristu. Inkazimulo kayibe kuye khathesi lanininini!
Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

1 UJohane

1 Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni, esesikuzwile, esesikubone ngamehlo ethu, esesikukhangele lezandla zethu zakuthinta, lokhu siyakutshumayela mayelana leLizwi lokuphila. **2** Ukuphila kwabonakala; sikubonile njalo siyakufakaza, njalo sitshumayela kini ukuphila okulaphakade okwakukhona kuBaba njalo sekubonakele kithi. **(aiōnios g166)** **3** Sitshumayela kini esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo ukuze lani libe lokuhlanganyela lathi. Ukuhlanganyela kwethu kuloBaba kanye leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu. **4** Siloba lokhu ukuze ukuthokoza kwethu kuphelele. **5** Leli yilizwi esilizwe kuye esilitshumayela kini elokuthi: UNkulunkulu uyikukhanya; kuye akukho ubumnyama. **6** Nxa sisithi silokuhlanganyela laye, kodwa sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo leqiniso kasilenzi. **7** Kodwa nxa sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengoba esekukhanyeni, silokuhlanganyela omunye lomunye legazi likaJesu iNdodana yakhe liyasihlambulula ezonweni zonke. **8** Nxa sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa njalo kasilaqiniso. **9** Nxa sivuma izono zethu, yena uthembekile njalo ulungile, uzasithethelela izono zethu, asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalungi kwethu. **10** Nxa sisithi akulasono esasenzayo, simenza abe ngumqambi wamanga, njalo ilizwi lakhe kalilandawo kithi.

2 Bantwabami abathandekayo, ngililobela incwadi le ukuze lingenzi izono. Kodwa nxa umuntu enze isono, silaye osimelayo kuBaba esivikela yena uJesu Khristu oLungileyo. **2** Ungumhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu,

kungasizono zethu kuphela kodwa lezono zomhlaba wonke. **3** Siba leqiniso ukuthi siyamazi nxa silalela imilayo yakhe. **4** Umuntu othi, "Ngiyamazi," kodwa angagcini imilayo yakhe uqamba amanga, leqiniso kalalo. **5** Kodwa nxa umuntu elalela ilizwi lakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliswa sibili kuye. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi sikuye: **6** Lowo othi uhlala kuye kumele aphile njengokwenziwa nguJesu. **7** Bangane abathandekayo, kangililobeli umlayo omutsha, kodwa omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni. Umlayo lo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo. **8** Ikanti ngililobela umlayo omutsha; iqiniso lawo libonakala kuye lakini, ngoba ubumnyama buyedlula lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya. **9** Lowo othi usekukhanyeni kodwa ezonda umzalwane wakhe ulokhu esebumnyameni. **10** Othanda umzalwane wakhe uhlala ekukhanyeni njalo akulalutho kuye olungamenza akhubeke. **11** Kodwa lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni njalo uyazula ebumnyameni. Kakwazi lapho aya khona ngoba ubumnyama sebumenze waba yisiphofu. **12** Ngiyalilobela bantwana abathandekayo, ngoba izono zenu zithethelelwe ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **13** Ngiyalilobela bobaba, ngoba selimazi yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalilobela majaha, ngoba limnqobile omubi. **14** Ngiyalilobela, bantwana abathandekayo, ngoba liyamazi uBaba. Ngiyalilobela bobaba, ngoba selimazi yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalilobela majaha, ngoba lilamandla lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini, njalo limnqobile omubi. **15** Lingawuthandi umhlaba

loba olunye ulutho olusemhlabeni. Nxa umuntu ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaBaba kalukho kuye. **16** Ngoba izinto zonke ezisemhlabeni, izinkanuko zabantu abalezono, ukulangazela kwamehlo abo kanye lokuzigqaja ngempahla akuveli kuBaba, kodwa emhlabeni. **17** Umhlaba lezinkanuko zawo kuyadlula, kodwa umuntu owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uphila kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)** **18** Bantwana abathandekayo, lesi yisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengoba lizwile ukuthi umphikuKhristu uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi abaphika uKhristu sebekhona. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi lesi yisikhathi sokucina. **19** Baphuma besuka kithi, kodwa impela babengasibo bakithi. Ngoba aluba babengabakithi, babezahlala lathi; kodwa ukusuka kwabo kwatshengisa ukuthi kakho kubo owayengowakithi. **20** Kodwa lina ligcotshwe ngoNgcwele, njalo lonke liyalazi iqiniso. **21** Kangililobeli ngoba iqiniso kalilazi, kodwa ngoba liyalazi langenxa yokuthi akulamanga aphuma eqinisweni. **22** Umqambi wamanga ngubani? Ngumuntu ophikayo ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu. Umuntu onjalo ngumphikuKhristu, uphika uYise leNdodana. **23** Kakho ophika iNdodana oloYise; lowo owamukela iNdodana uloYise futhi. **24** Bonani ukuthi lokho elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuyahlala kini. Nxa kuhlala, lani lizahlala likhona eNdodaneni lakuYise. **25** Njalo nanku asithembisa khona, ukuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **26** Ngililobela ngalezizinto mayelana lalabo abazama ukulidukisa. **27** Ukugcotshwa kwenu elakwamukela kuye, kuhlezi kukini, njalo kalisweli muntu wokulifundisa. Kodwa njengoba ukugcoba kwakhe kulifundisa izinto zonke

njalo njengoba ukugcoba lokho kuqotho, akusinkohliso njengoba kulifundisile, hlalani likuye. **28** Ngakho-ke, bantwana abathandekayo, qhubekani likuye ukuze kuthi lapho esebonakala sibe lesibindi njalo singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe. **29** Nxa likwazi ukuthi ulungile, liyakwazi ukuthi umuntu wonke oyenza okulungileyo uzelwe ngaye.

3 Yeka ubukhulu bothando uBaba asinika lona, ukuba sibizwe ngokuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu! Njalo lokho yikho esiyikho! Okwenza umhlaba thina ungasazi yikuthi laye kawumazanga. **2** Bangane abathandekayo, khathesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo lokho esizakuba yikho akukaziwa. Kodwa siyakwazi ukuthi lapho ebonakala sizakuba njengaye ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo. **3** Wonke umuntu olethemba leli ngaphakathi kwakhe uyazihlambulula njengoba laye ehlambulukile. **4** Umuntu wonke owenza izono wephula umthetho; ngempela isono yikungabi lomthetho. **5** Kodwa liyakwazi ukuthi wabonakala ukuze asuse izono zethu. Njalo kuye akulasono. **6** Kakho ohlala kuye oqhubeka esona. Kakho oqhubeka esona owambonayo kumbe omaziyo. **7** Bantwana abathandekayo, lingavumeli muntu eledukisa. Lowo oyenza okulungileyo ulungile, njengoba laye elungile. **8** Lowo owonayo ngokaSathane ngoba uSathane wona kusukela ekuqaleni. INdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakala ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kaSathane. **9** Kakho ozelwe ngokukaNkulunkulu ozaqhubeka esona, ngoba inhlanyelo kaNkulunkulu ihlala ikubo, abasoze baqhubeke besona ngoba bazelwe nguNkulunkulu. **10** Sibazi ngalokhu

ukuthi abantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngobani kanye lokuthi abangabantwana bakaSathane ngobani. Lowo ongenzi okulungileyo kasuye mntakaNkulunkulu, loba lowo ongamthandiyo umfowabo lodadewabo. **11** Leli yilizwi elalizwa kusukela ekuqaleni: Kumele sithandane. **12** Lingabi njengoKhayini, owayengokaSathane wasebulala umfowabo. Wambulalelani na? Ngoba ezakhe izenzo zazizimbi ezomfowabo zilungile. **13** Lingamangali bazalwane bami nxa umhlaba ulizonda. **14** Siyakwazi ukuthi sesidlulile ekufeni saya ekuphileni, ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane bethu. Lowo ongathandiyo ulokhu esekufeni. **15** Lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali, njalo liyakwazi ukuthi akulambulali olokuphila okungapheliyo kuye. **(aiōnios g166)** **16** Nanku esazi ngakho ukuthi uthando luyini: UJesu Khristu wadela ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yethu. Lathi kufanele sidele ukuphila kwethu ngenxa yabazalwane bethu. **17** Nxa umuntu enothile abone umzalwane wakhe oswelayo, kodwa angabi lesihawu kuye, uthando lukaNkulunkulu lungaba kuye kanjani na? **18** Bantwana abathandekayo, kasingathandi ngamazwi loba ulimi kuphela kodwa ngezenzo langeqiniso. **19** Ngalokhu sazi kanje ukuthi singabeqiniso lokuthi sizibeka njani inhliziyo zethu ekuphumuleni phambi kwakhe **20** lapho inhliziyo zethu zisilahla. Ngoba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kakhulu kulezinhliziyo zethu njalo wazi izinto zonke. **21** Bazalwane abathandekayo, nxa inhliziyo zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi phambi kukaNkulunkulu **22** njalo samukela kuye konke esikucelayo ngoba siyayilalela

imilayo yakhe senze okumthokozisayo. **23** Nanku umlayo wakhe: ukukholwa ebizweni leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu, lokuthandana njengokusilaya kwakhe. **24** Labo abalalela imilayo yakhe bahlala kuye, laye kubo. Njalo sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi uhlala kithi: Sikwazi ngoMoya asinika yena.

4 Bazalwane abathandekayo, lingaze labakholwa omoya bonke, kodwa bahloleni omoya ukuba libone bangabe bevela kuNkulunkulu na ngoba abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi sebekhona emhlabeni. **2** Lingamazi kanje uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Umoya wonke ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza esenyameni uvela kuNkulunkulu, **3** kodwa wonke umoya ongamvumiyo uJesu kawuveli kuNkulunkulu. Lowo ngumoya womphikuKhristu, elezwa ukuthi uyeza njalo osukhona khathesi emhlabeni. **4** Lina, bantwana abathandekayo, lingabakaNkulunkulu njalo selibanqobile ngoba lowo okini mkhulu kulalowo osemhlabeni. **5** Bona bangabasemhlabeni, ngakho bakhuluma ngokwengqondo yasemhlabeni njalo umhlaba uyabalalela. **6** Thina singabakaNkulunkulu njalo lowo omaziyo uNkulunkulu uyasilalela, kodwa lowo ongasuye kaNkulunkulu kasilaleli. Simbona ngalokhu uMoya weqiniso lomoya wamanga. **7** Bangane abathandekayo kasithandaneni, ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu. Umuntu wonke othandayo uzelwe ngoNkulunkulu njalo uyamazi uNkulunkulu. **8** Lowo ongathandiyo kamazi uNkulunkulu, ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando. **9** UNkulunkulu walubonakalisa kanje uthando lwakhe kithi: Wathumela emhlabeni iNdodana

yakhe eyiyo yodwa ukuba siphile ngayo. **10** Lolu luthando: kungayisikuthi sasimthanda uNkulunkulu kodwa ukuthi yena wasithanda wathumela iNdodana yakhe njengomhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu. **11** Bangane abathandekayo, njengoba uNkulunkulu wasithanda kangaka, lathi kumele sithandane. **12** Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; kodwa nxa sithandana, uNkulunkulu uhlala kithi lothando lwakhe luyapheleliswa kithi. **13** Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi sihlala kuye laye uhlala kithi ngoba usinike okukaMoya wakhe. **14** Sibonile njalo siyafakaza ukuthi uBaba uyithumele iNdodana yakhe ukuba ibe nguMsindisi womhlaba. **15** Nxa umuntu evuma ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uhlala kuye laye kuNkulunkulu. **16** Ngakho siyazi njalo sithembe uthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi. UNkulunkulu uluthando. Ohlala ethandweni, uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu kuye. **17** Uthando luyapheleliswa kithi ukuze sibe lesibindi ngosuku lokwahlulelwa, ngoba kulumhlaba lathi sinjengaye. **18** Ethandweni akulakwesaba. Uthando olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba kukhumbuza isijeziso. Umuntu owesabayo kapheleliswa ethandweni. **19** Siyathanda ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala. **20** Nxa umuntu esithi, "Mina ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu," kodwa ezonda umfowabo, ulamanga. Ngoba umuntu ongamthandiyo umfowabo ambonayo, angeke amthande uNkulunkulu angakaze ambone. **21** Njalo wasinika umlayo lo: Lowo othanda uNkulunkulu kumele athande lomfowabo.

5 Umuntu wonke okholwayo ukuthi uJesu nguKhristu
uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo umuntu wonke othanda
uBaba uyamthanda lomtanakhe. **2** Sikwazi ngalokhu
ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu:
ngokuthanda uNkulunkulu sigcina imilayo yakhe. **3**
Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu yilokhu: ukulalela imilayo yakhe.
Njalo imilayo yakhe kayinzima, **4** ngoba umuntu wonke
ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uwunqobile umhlaba. Lokhu
yikunqoba okwehlule umhlaba, okuyikukholwa kwethu.
5 Ngubani lowo onqoba umhlaba? Ngulowo kuphela
okholwayo ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
6 Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi langegazi, uJesu Khristu
kabuyanga ngamanzi kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi langegazi.
Njalo nguMoya ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya uliqiniso. **7** Ngoba
bathathu abafakazayo: **8** uMoya, lamanzi kanye legazi;
njalo bobathathu laba bayavumelana. **9** Siyabamukela
ubufakazi babantu, kodwa ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu
bukhulu ngoba yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu abunikayo
ngeNdodana yakhe. **10** Lowo okholwayo eNdodaneni
kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi lobu enhliziyweni yakhe. Lowo
ongamkholwayo uNkulunkulu umenze waba ngolamanga
ngoba engabukholwanga ubufakazi uNkulunkulu abunike
ngeNdodana yakhe. **11** Ubufakazi lobo yilobu:
UNkulunkulu usinike ukuphila okulaphakade njalo lokhu
kuphila kuseNdodaneni yakhe. **(aiōnios g166)** **12** Lowo
oleNdodana yakhe ulokuphila; lowo ongelayo iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu kalakho ukuphila. **13** Ngililobela lezizinto
lina abakholwayo ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu
ukuze lazi ukuthi lilokuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)**

14 Silesiqiniselo lesi ekusondeleni kuNkulunkulu: ukuthi
nxa sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. **15** Nxa
sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa loba kuyini esikucelayo siyakwazi
ukuthi sesilakho esikucele kuye. **16** Lapho umuntu
ebona umzalwane wakhe esenza isono esingakhokheleli
ekufeni, kumele akhuleke, uNkulunkulu uzamnika
ukuphila. Ngitsho kulabo abasono sabo kasikhokheleli
ekufeni. Kulesono esikhokhelela ekufeni. Kangitsho
ukuthi akhuleke ngaleso. **17** Konke ukwenza okubi
kuyisono, njalo kulesono esingakhokheleli ekufeni.
18 Siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu ozelwe nguNkulunkulu
kaqhubeki esenza izono; lowo owazalwa nguNkulunkulu
uyamvikela, loSathane kamthinti. **19** Siyakwazi
ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi
umhlaba wonke ungaphansi kwamandla omubi. **20**
Siyakwazi lokuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu yeza yasinika
ukuqedisisa, ukuze siyazi yona eqotho. Njalo sikuye yena
oqotho kanye laseNdodaneni yakhe uJesu Khristu. Yena
unguNkulunkulu oqotho kanye lokuphila okulaphakade.
(aiōnios g166) **21** Bantwana abathandekayo, xwayani
izithombe.

2 UJohane

1 Mina omdala, Ngilobela inkosikazi ekhethiweyo
labantwana bayo, engibathandayo eqinisweni,
kungayisimi kuphela, kodwa labo bonke abalaziyo
iqiniso, **2** ngenxa yeqiniso elikhona kithi njalo elizakuba
lathi kuze kube nininini: **(aiōn g165)** **3** Umusa, lesihawu
kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba
lakuJesu Khristu, iNdodana kaBaba, kuzakuba lathi
ngeqiniso langothando. **4** Kungithokozise kakhulu
ukufumana abanye babantwana benu bephila ngeqiniso
njengokulaywa kwethu nguBaba. **5** Khathesi-ke,
nkosikazi ethandekayo, ngikulobela umlayo omutsha,
kodwa esasilawo kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngicela ukuba
sithandane. **6** Uthando yilolu: ukuba siphile ngokulalela
imilayo yakhe. Njengoba uzwile kusukela ekuqaleni,
umlayo wakhe yikuthi uphile impilo yothando. **7** Ngitsho
lokhu ngoba abakhohlisi abanengi abangavumiyo
ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza engumuntu sebekhona
emhlabeni. Lowomuntu onjalo ungumkhohlisi
lomphikuKhristu. **8** Qaphelani ukuba lingalahlekelwa
yilokho elakusebenzelayo, kodwa ukuba liphiwe umvuzo
ngokupheleleyo. **9** Lowo odlulela phambili angabe
esaqhubeka ngemfundiso kaKhristu kalaye uNkulunkulu;
lowo oqhubekayo ngemfundiso uloBaba leNdodana. **10**
Nxa umuntu esiza kini engalethi imfundiso le,
lingamngenisi ezindlini zenu njalo lingamamukeli. **11**
Lowo omamukelayo uyahlanganyela emisebenzini yakhe
emibi. **12** Ngilokunengi engingalilobela khona, kodwa
angifuni ukusebenzisa iphepha le-inki. Kodwa ngithemba

ukuthi ngizalethekelela ngikhulume lani sikhangelene ukuze intokozo yethu iphelele. **13** Abantwana bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakubingelela.

3 UJohane

1 Mina omdala, Ngilobela umngane wami othandekayo
uGayiyasi, engimthanda ngeqiniso. **2** Mngane wami
othandekayo, ngiyakhuleka ukuba ube lempilo enhle
lokuthi konke kukuhambele kuhle njengalokhu
umphefumulo wakho uphila kuhle. **3** Kwangithokozisa
kakhulu ukuba labanye abazalwane abafika bafakaza
ngokuthembeka kwakho eqinisweni kanye lokuthi
uyaqhubeka uphila ngeqiniso. **4** Angilakuthokoza
okukhulu okudlula ukuzwa ukuthi abantwabami baphila
ngokweqiniso. **5** Mngane othandekayo, uthembekile
kulokho okwenzela abazalwane, lanxa nje kuwe
bengabemzini. **6** Sebetshele ibandla ngothando lwakho.
Ngicela ubathume ngendlela edumisa uNkulunkulu.
7 Baphuma ngenxa yeBizo, abaze bathola usizo
kwabangakholwayo. **8** Ngakho kufanele sitshengise
ukuphana ebantwini abanjalo ukuze sisebenzele
ndawonye iqiniso. **9** Ngalobela ebandleni kodwa
uDiyothrefasi othanda ubukhulu akasoze asemukela.
10 Ngakho-ke, ngingeza ngizakukhangelisisa lokhu
akwenzayo, ekhuluma kakubi ngathi. Kasuthiseki
ngalokho, uyala ukwamukela abazalwane. Labafuna
ukwenzanjalo uyabalela abaxotshe ebandleni. **11** Bangane
abathandekayo, lingalingiseli okubi, kodwa lingisani
okuhle. Lowo oyenza okuhle ngokaNkulunkulu. Lowo
oyenza okubi kakamboni uNkulunkulu. **12** UDemetriyasi
unconywa ngabantu bonke kanye laliqiniso uqobo. Lathi
sikhuluma okuhle ngaye njalo liyakwazi ukuthi ubufakazi
bethu buliqiniso. **13** Ngilokunengi engingalilobela khona,

kodwa angifuni ukusebenzisa usiba le-inki. **14** Ngithemba
ukuthi ngizalibona masinyane lapho esizakhuluma khona
ubuso ngobuso. Ukuthula kakube kini. Abangane abalapha
bayalibingelela. Bingelela abangane abangapho munye
ngamunye.

UJuda

1 UJuda, inceku kaJesu Khristu lomfowabo kaJakhobe,
Kulabo ababiziweyo, abathandwa nguNkulunkulu uBaba
belondolozwa nguJesu Khristu: **2** Isihawu, lokuthula
kanye lothando kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo.
3 Bangane abathandekayo, lanxa kade ngitshisekela
kakhulu ukulilobela mayelana lensindiso esilayo, kodwa
ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngilobele ukulikhuthaza
ukuba lilwele ukholo lolu olwaphiwa abangcwele
bakaNkulunkulu **4** Ngoba abantu abathile abokulahlwa
kwabo okwalotshwa ngakho endulo sebengene
phakathi kwenu ngasese. Bangabantu abangamesabiyo
uNkulunkulu abaguqulela umusa kaNkulunkulu ukuthi
ubeyimvumo yokuganga bamphike loJesu Khristu
onguye kuphela iNkosi yethu Yobukhosi. **5** Lanxa
likwazi konke lokhu, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza ukuthi
iNkosi yakhupha abantu bayo eGibhithe, kodwa muva
yababhubhisa labo abangakholwanga. **6** Lezingilosi
ezingagcinanga izikhundla zazo zamandla, kodwa
zadela ikhaya lazo, lezi wazigcina ebumnyameni,
zibotshwe ngamaketane angaqamukiyo zilindele
ukwahlulelwa ngoSuku olukhulu. **(aïdios g126)** **7** Ngokunjalo,
iSodoma leGomora lamadolobho aseduzane azinikela
ekuxhwaleni kobufebe lokonakala. Ayisibonelo salabo
abezwa isijeziso somlilo waphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **8**
Ngokunjalo, ngamandla okuphupha kwabo lababantu
abangalunganga bangcolisa imizimba yabo, baphike
ubukhokheli, bachothoze lezidalwa zasezulwini. **9** Kodwa
lengilosi enkulu uMikhayeli lapho ephikisana loSathane

ngesidumbu sikaMosi kazange alokothe ukumthuka ngenhlamba, kodwa wathi, “INkosi kayikukhuze!” **10** Kodwa abantu laba bakhuluma behlambaza lokho abangakuzwisisiyo; njalo lezozinto abazizwisisayo ngokwemvelo njengezinyamazana ezingacabangiyo, lezi yizo kanye izinto ezizababhubhisa. **11** Maye kubo! Balandela indlela kaKhayini; baphuthuma inzuzo besona njengoBhalamu; babhujiswa emvukeleni kaKhora. **12** Abantu laba bayisinengiso emadilini enu abantu abathetheneyo besidla lani bengelanhloni lakancane, abelusi abazitika ngokudla bona bodwa. Bangamayezi angelazulu, aphetshulwa ngumoya; izihlahla zasekwindla ezingelazithelo njalo ezisitshuniweyo, ezife kabili. **13** Bangamagagasi olwandle alamandla, bebhubhudla ihlazo labo; izinkanyezi ezintulayo, ezilobumnyama obukhulu obugcinelwe zona kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)** **14** U-Enoki, owesikhombisa kusukela ku-Adamu waphrofitha ngabantu laba wathi: “Khangelani, iNkosi iza lezinkulungwane lezinye izinkulungwane zabangcwele bayo **15** ukwahlulela abantu bonke, lokubalahla ngenxa yamacala abawenzayo ebubini babo, langenxa yamazwi wonke okudelela, izoni ezingamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ezawakhuluma ngaye.” **16** Abantu laba bangabakhononi labachothozi; balandela izinkanuko zabo ezimbi; bayazikhukhumeza, bancome abanye ngamanga ukuze bazitholele inzuzo. **17** Kodwa-ke, bangane abathandekayo, khumbulani okwatshiwo ngaphambilini ngabapostoli beNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **18** Bathi kini, “Ngezikhathi zokucina kuzakuba labaklolodayo,

belandela izinkanuko zabo zokungalungi.” **19** Laba yibo abantu abalehlukanisayo, abalandela isazela semvelo nje bengelawo uMoya. **20** Kodwa lina, bangane abathandekayo, zakheni ekukholweni kwenu okungcwele kakhulu likhuleke kuMoya oNgcwele, **21** lizigcine lisothandweni lukaNkulunkulu lisalindele isihawu seNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ukuba ilingenise ekuphileni okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **22** Yibani lesihawu kulabo abathandabuzayo; **23** lenyule abanye emlilweni libasilise; kwabanye bonakalisani isihawu, kuhlangene lokwesaba, lizonde lezigqoko ezingcoliswe yimizimba exhwalileyo. **24** Kuye olamandla okuligcina ukuba lingawi, lokulibeka phambi kwenkazimulo yobukhona bakhe kungelasici njalo ngentokozo enkulu, **25** kuye yedwa uNkulunkulu onguMsindisi wethu, kakube lodumo, ubukhosi kanye lamandla ngoJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu, mandulo kwezikhathi zonke, khathesi kanye lanininini! Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

Isambulo

1 Isambulo esivela kuJesu Khristu, asiphiwa nguNkulunkulu ukuba atshengise izinceku zakhe okufanele kwenzakale masinyane. Wakwenza kwazakala ngokuthuma ingilosi yakhe encekwini yakhe uJohane **2** ofakaza konke akubonayo, lona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kanye lobufakazi bukaJesu Khristu. **3** Ubusisiwe lowo ofunda amazwi alesisiphrofethi njalo babusisiwe lalabo abakuzwayo bakugcine ezinhliziyweni okulotshwe kuso ngoba isikhathi sesisondele. **4** Johane, Emabandleni ayisikhombisa esifundeni sase-Ezhiya: Umusa lokuthula kakube kini okuvela kuye okhona, lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, lokuvela kubomoya abayisikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, **5** lokuvela kuJesu Khristu, ongufakazi othembekileyo, izibulo kwabafileyo, lombusi wamakhosi asemhlabeni. Kuye osithandayo lowasikhululayo ezonweni zethu ngegazi lakhe, **6** njalo osenze saba ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba sisebenzele uNkulunkulu wakhe loYise, kakube kuye udumo lamandla kuze kube nininini! Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **7** "Khangelani uyeza ngamayezi, amehlo wonke azakumbona, lalabo abamgwazayo"; labantu bonke abasemhlabeni "bazalila ngenxa yakhe." **8** "Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega," kutsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu, "okhona, lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, uSomandla." **9** Mina Johane, umzalwane wenu lomkhula wenu ekuhluphekeni lasembusweni kanye lekubekezeleni ngesineke okungokwethu kuJesu, ngangisesihlengeni sasePhathimosi ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu

lobufakazi bukaJesu. **10** NgoSuku lweNkosi ngangenwa
nguMoya kwathi ngemva kwami ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu
kungathi licilongo, **11** elathi: "Loba emqulwini lokhu
okubonayo uwuthumele emabandleni ayisikhombisa:
kwelase-Efesu, lelaseSimina, lelasePhegamami,
lelaseThiyathira, lelaseSadisi, lelaseFiladelifiya kanye
lelaseLodikheya." **12** Ngatshibilika ukuze ngimbone lowo
owayekhuluma lami. Sengiphendukile ngabona izinti
zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **13** njalo phakathi
kwezinti zezibane kwakulomuntu owayenjengendodana
yomuntu, egqoke isembatho esasifika phansi ezinyaweni
zakhe, ibhanti legolide libophe isifuba sakhe. **14** Ikhanda
lakhe lezinwele zakhe kwakumhlophe njengotshinda,
kumhlophe nke njengongqwaqwane, lamehlo
akhe ayenjengomlilo ovuthayo. **15** Inyawo zakhe
zazinjengethusi elikhazimulayo emvuthweni, ilizwi lakhe
linjengokuhuba kwamanzi agelezayo. **16** Esandleni sakhe
sokunene wayephethe izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa,
emlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma insingo. Ubuso bakhe
babunjengelanga likhanyisa ngenkazimulo yalo yonke. **17**
Kwathi ngimbona ngawela ezinyaweni zakhe
njengofileyo. Wabeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu
kwami, wathi: "Ungesabi. Mina ngiyisiQalo lesiPhetho. **18**
NgingoPhilayo; ngangifile njalo khangela ngiyaphila kuze
kube nininini! Njalo ngiphethe izihluthulelo zokufa
kanye leHadesi. **(aiōn g165, Hadēs g86)** **19** Ngakho-ke, loba
lokhu okubonileyo, okukhona khathesi kanye
lokuzakwenzakala muva. **20** Imfihlakalo yezinkanyezi
eziyisikhombisa ozibone esandleni sami sokunene kanye

lezinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa yile: Izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa yizingilosi zamabandla ayisikhombisa, izinti zezibane ngamabandla ayisikhombisa.”

2 “Ingilosi yebandla lase-Efesu ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene ehamba phakathi kwezinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho lokusebenza kwakho nzima kanye lokubekezela kwakho. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi awungeke ubabekezelele abantu abaxhwalileyo lokuthi ubahlolile labo abathi bangabapostoli, kodwa bengayisibo, njalo wabafumana bengabalamanga. **3** Ubekezele waqinisela ebunzimeni ngenxa yebizo lami, kawaze wadinwa. **4** Kodwa ngilale insolo ngawe: Usuludelile uthando lwakho obulalo kuqala. **5** Khumbula isiqongo owe kuso! Phenduka wenze izinto owawuzenza kuqala. Nxa ungaphenduki, ngizakuza kuwe, ngisuse uluthi lwakho lwesibane endaweni yalo. **6** Kodwa ulalokhu okuhle ngawe: Uyayizonda imikhuba yamaNikholayitha, engiyizondayo lami. **7** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo ngizamnika ilungelo lokudla esihlahleni sokuphila esisepharadise kaNkulunkulu.” **8** “Ingilosi yebandla laseSimina ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe yena oyisiQalo lesiPhetho, owafayo wabuya wavuka. **9** Ngiyazazi inhlupheko zakho kanye lobuyanga bakho, kanti-ke unothile! Ngiyakwazi ukuhlambaza kwalabo abathi bangamaJuda bengayisiwo, kodwa beyisinagogu kaSathane. **10** Ungazesabi inhlupheko esezizakwehlela. Ngiyakutshela ukuthi uSathane uzabeka

abanye benu entolongweni ukuba alilinge njalo lizahlukuluzwa okwensuku ezilitshumi. Thembeka, lanxa kuselungeni lokufa, mina ngizakupha umqhele wokuphila. **11** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo kasoze alinyazwe lakancane yikufa kwesibili." **12** "Ingilosi yebandla lasePhegamami ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe insingo. **13** Ngiyakwazi lapho ohlala khona, lapho uSathane alesihlalo sakhe. Ikanti wena uqhubeke uqotho ebizweni lami. Kawukuphikanga ukukholwa kwakho kimi, lasezinsukwini zika-Antiphasi, ufakazi wami othembekileyo, owabulawayo edolobheni lakini, lapho uSathane ahlala khona. **14** Kodwa-ke, kulezinto ezimbalwa engilensolo ngazo kuwe: Kulabantu khonapho ababambelele emfundisweni kaBhalamu, owafundisa uBhalaki ukuhugela abako-Israyeli ekwenzeni isono ngokudla ukudla okwakunikelwe ezithombeni kanye langokuxhwala kobufebe. **15** Njalo ulabanye ababambelele emfundisweni yamaNikholayitha. **16** Ngakho-ke, phenduka! Hlezi ngize kuwe ngilwe labo ngenkemba yomlomo wami. **17** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo, ngizamupha enye yemana efihliweyo. Ngizamupha lelitshe elimhlophe okulotshwe kulo ibizo elitsha, elaziwa ngulowo kuphela olamukelayo." **18** "Ingilosi yebandla laseThiyathira ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi eNdodana kaNkulunkulu, emehlo ayo anjengomlilo ovuthayo lezinyawo zayo zinjengethusi elikhazimulayo. **19** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, uthando lokholo lwakho, kanye lokuthi

khathesi ususenza okunengi kulakuqala. **20** Kodwa-
ke, ngilale insolo ngawe: Uyambekezelela owesifazane
lowana uJezebheli, ozibiza ngokuthi ngumphrofethikazi.
Ngemfundiso yakhe udukisela izinceku zami ekuxhwaleni
kobufebe lekudleni ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni.
21 Ngimnike isikhathi ukuba aphenduke ekuxhwaleni
kwakhe, kodwa kafuni. **22** Ngakho ngizamphosela
phezu kombheda wokuhlupheka, njalo labo afeba labo
ngizabenza bahlupheke kakhulu, ngaphandle kokuba
baphenduke ezindleleni zakhe. **23** Abantwabakhe
ngizabatshaya bafe. Ngakho-ke, amabandla wonke
azakwazi ukuthi mina nginguye ohlola inhliziyo
lezingqondo njalo ngizavuza omunye lomunye wenu
ngemisebenzi yenu. **24** Manje-ke, ngithi kwabanye benu
eThiyathira, kini elingabambelelanga emfundisweni
yakhe njalo lingafundanga okuthiwa zimfihlo ezizikileyo
zikaSathane, 'Kangiyikulethesa omunye umthwalo,
25 lina bambelelani kuphela kulokho elilakho ngize
ngifike.' **26** Lowo onqobayo esenza intando yami
kuze kube sekupheleni ngizamnika amandla phezu
kwezizwe, **27** 'Uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; aziphahlaze
zibe yizicucu njengokwenziwa ngebumba,'njengalokhu
ngiphiwe amandla avela kuBaba. **28** Ngizamupha
lendonsakusa. **29** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo
nguMoya emabandleni."

3 "Ingilosi yebandla laseSadisi ilobele uthi: La
ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe omoya abayisikhombisa
bakaNkulunkulu kanye lezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa.
Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho; ulodumo lokuba ngophilayo,

kodwa ufile. **2** Vuka! Qinisa okuseleyo osekuseduze
lokufa, ngoba izenzo zakho angizifumananga ziphelele
emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngakho, khumbula
okwamukeleyo lokuzwileyo; kulalele, uphenduke. Kodwa
nxa ungavuki, ngizakuza njengesela njalo kawusoze
wazi ukuthi ngizafika kuwe ngasiphi isikhathi. **4**
Kodwa ulabantu abalutshwana eSadisi abangangcolisanga
izigqoko zabo. Bazahamba lami begqoke ezimhlophe,
ngoba bazifanele. **5** Lowo onqobayo uzagqoka ezimhlophe
njengabo. Ibizo lakhe kangisoze ngilesule encwadini
yokuphila, kodwa ibizo lakhe ngizalivuma phambi
kukaBaba lezingilosi zakhe. **6** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe
okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni." **7** "Ingilosi yebandla
laseFiladelifiya ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo
ongcwele loqotho, ophethe isihluthulelo sikaDavida.
Akuvulileyo kakho ongakuvala; lakuvalileyo kakho
ongakuvula. **8** Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho. Khangela
phambi kwakho sengibeke umnyango okungelamuntu
ongawuvala. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ulamandla amancinyane,
kodwa ilizwi lami uligcinile njalo ibizo lami
kawuliphikanga. **9** Ngizakwenza labo abangabesinagogu
likaSathane, abathi bangamaJuda bona bengayisiwo,
kodwa beqamba amanga beze kuwe bawele phansi
ngasezinyaweni zakho bavume ukuthi ngikuthandile.
10 Njengoba ugcine umlayo wami ukuba ubekezele
ngesineke, lami ngizakugcina esikhathini sokulingwa
esizafika emhlabeni wonke ukuhlola labo abahlala
emhlabeni. **11** Ngiyeza masinyane. Bambelela kulokho
olakho, ukuze kungabikhona othatha umqhele wakho.

12 Lowo onqobayo ngizamenza abe yinsika ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu. Kasoze asuke kulo futhi. Ngizaloba phezu
kwakhe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami kanye lebizo ledolobho
likaNkulunkulu wami, iJerusalema elitsha, elehlela phansi
liphuma ezulwini livela kuNkulunkulu wami; njalo
ngizaloba phezu kwakhe lebizo lami elitsha. **13** Lowo
olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo nguMoya emabandleni."
14 "Ingilosi yebandla laseLodikheya ilobele uthi: La
ngamazwi ka-Ameni, ufakazi othembekileyo loqotho,
umbusi wendalo kaNkulunkulu. **15** Ngiyazazi izenzo
zakho, ukuthi kawuqandi njalo kawutshisi. Ngifisa
ukuthi ngabe uyilokhu loba lokhuyana. **16** Ngakho-ke,
njengoba ubuthukuthuku, ungatshisi njalo ungaqandi,
sekuseduze ukuba ngikukhafule emlonyeni wami. **17**
Wena uthi, 'Nginothile; sengazuza inotho njalo kangisweli
lutho.' Kodwa kawunanzeleli ukuthi uyahlupheka, ulusizi,
ungumyanga, uyisiphofu njalo unqunu. **18** Ngiyakucebisa
ukuba uthenge kimi igolide elihlanjululwe emlilweni
ukuze unothe; ugqoke izigqoko ezimhlophe ukuze uvale
ubunqunu bakho obulihlazo, lamafutha okugcoba amehlo
akho ukuze ubone. **19** Labo engibathandayo ngiyabakhuza
ngibajezise. Ngakho-ke, woba lokutshiseka uphenduke.
20 Mina ngilapha! Ngimi emnyango ngiqoqoda. Nxa
kukhona ozwa ilizwi lami avule umnyango, ngizangena
ngidle laye, laye adle lami. **21** Lowo onqobayo, ngizamnika
ilungelo lokuhlala lami esihlalweni sami sobukhosi,
njengoba lami nganqoba ngasengihlala loBaba esihlalweni
sakhe sobukhosi. **22** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshiwo
nguMoya emabandleni."

4 Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela, ngabona umnyango
phambi kwami uvulekile ezulwini. Ilizwi engangilizwe
kuqala lingikhulumisa kungathi licilongo lathi, “Woza
lapha ngikutshengise okuzakwenzakala emva kwalokhu.”
2 Khonokho nje ngahle ngehlelwa nguMoya, kwathi
phambi kwami ngabona isihlalo sobukhosi ezulwini
kulomuntu owayehlezi kuso. **3** Lowo owayehlezi lapho
wayefana lejaspa lekhaneliya. Umchilowamakhosikazi
owawufana le-emeralidi wawuzingeleze isihlalo
sobukhosi. **4** Kwakulezinye izihlalo zobukhosi
ezingamatshumi amabili lane ezazizingelezele isihlalo
sobukhosi leso, kuzo kuhlezi abadala abangamatshumi
amabili lane. Babegqoke okumhlophe njalo belemiqhele
yegolide emakhanda abo. **5** Esihlalweni sobukhosi kwaba
lokuphazima kombane, lokundindizela kanye
lokukhwaza kwezulu. Phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
kwakuvutha izibane eziyisikhombisa. Lezi zazingomoya
abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu. **6** Phambi kwesihlalo
futhi kwakulokungani lulwandle lwengilazi, kucwebezela
njengelitshe elikhazimulayo. Phakathi, emaceleni wonke
esihlalo sobukhosi, kwakulezidalwa ezine eziphilayo,
zilamehlo phambili langemuva. **7** Isidalwa sakuqala
esiphilayo sasinjengesilwane, esesibili sinjengenkabi,
esesithathu sasilobuso obunjengobomuntu, esesine
sasinjengokhozi oluphaphayo. **8** Esinye lesinye
salezozidalwa eziphilayo sasilempiko eziyisithupha njalo
sigcwele amehlo amacele wonke, kanye langaphansi
kwempiko. Emini lebusuku kazizange zithule ukuthi: **9**
Kuthi lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zimdumisa, zimhlonipha

njalo zimbonga lowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi njalo ophila kuze kube nininini, **(aiōn g165)** **10** abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kwakhe ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, bamkhonza yena ophila kuze kube nininini. Babeka imiqhele yabo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi bathi: **(aiōn g165)** **11** "Ufanele, Nkosi yethu loNkulunkulu wethu, ukwamukela udumo lenhlonipho kanye lamandla, ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke, njalo zadalwa ngentando yakho, njalo zilabo ubukhona bazo."

5 Esandleni sokunene salowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi ngabona umqulu ulombhalo emaceleni womabili ungcinwe ngempawu eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ngabuya ngabona ingilosi elamandla imemeza ngelizwi eliphakemeyo isithi, "Ngubani ofanele ukuqhaqha impawu avule umqulu na?" **3** Kodwa kakho ezulwini loba emhlabeni loba ngaphansi komhlaba owayengawuvula umqulu kumbe akhangele phakathi kwawo. **4** Ngakhala, ngakhala ngoba kakho owatholakala efanele ukuwuvula umqulu loba ukukhangela phakathi kwawo. **5** Omunye wabadala wathi kimi, "Ungakhali! Khangela, iNgonyama yesizwe sakoJuda, iMpande kaDavida, sinqobile. Sizakwanelisa ukuwuvula umqulu lezimpawu zawo eziyisikhombisa." **6** Ngabona iWundlu, kukhanya angathi lalibulewe, limi phakathi laphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, lizingelezwe yizidalwa eziphilayo ezine labadala. Lalilempondo eziyisikhombisa lamehlo ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu abathunywe emhlabeni wonke. **7** Leza

lathatha umqulu esandleni sokunene salowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi. **8** Esewuthethe, izidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu. Omunye lomunye wabo wayelechacho njalo babephethe imiganu yegolide igcwele impepha, eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. **9** Bahlabela ingoma entsha besithi: "Wena ufanele ukuwuthatha umqulu lokuvula impawu zawo, ngoba wahlatshwa, kwathi ngegazi lakho wahlengela uNkulunkulu abantu bezizwana zonke lezindimi labantu kanye lezizwe. **10** Usubenze baba ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba bakhonze uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo bazabusa emhlabeni." **11** Ngakhangela ngasengisizwa amazwi ezingilosi ezinengi, ezaziyizinkulungwane lezinkulungwane, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi ziphindwe okuzinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Zazizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosi lezidalwa eziphilayo kanye labadala. **12** Zahlabela ngamazwi aphezulu zisithi: "Lifanele iWundlu, elahlatshwayo, ukwamukela amandla lenotho lenhlakanipho lokuqina lodumo lenkazimulo kanye lokudunyiswa!" **13** Ngezwa izidalwa zonke ezulwini lasemhlabeni langaphansi komhlaba lasolwandle lakho konke okukukho, kuhlabela kusithi: "Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi lakulo iWundlu kakube lenhlonipho lodumo lenkazimulo kanye lamandla kuze **(aiōn g165)** **14** Izidalwa ezine eziphilayo zathi, "Ameni," kwathi abadala bawela phansi bakhonza.

6 Ngakhangela iWundlu livula uphawu lwakuqala kweziyisikhombisa. Ngasengisizwa esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sisithi, ngelizwi elinjengomdumo wezulu,

“Woza!” **2** Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami
kwakulebhiza elimhlophe! Umgadi walo wayephethe
idandili njalo waphiwa umqhele, wasuka wahamba
njengomnqobi ehlose ukunqoba. **3** Kwathi iWundlu
selivula uphawu lwesibili, ngezwa isidalwa sesibili
esiphilayo sisithi, “Woza!” **4** Kwaphuma elinye
ibhiza; libomvu okomlilo. Umgadi walo wanikwa
amandla okususa ukuthula emhlabeni lokuthi abantu
babulalane. Waphiwa inkemba enkulu. **5** Kwathi
iWundlu livula uphawu lwesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa
sesithathu esiphilayo sisithi, “Woza!” Ngakhangela,
khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza elimnyama!
Umgadi walo wayephethe isikali sokulinganisa. **6**
Ngasengisizwa okwakungathi yilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa
ezine eziphilayo lisithi, “Ikhilogramu elilodwa lamabele
umholo wosuku, lamakhilogramu amathathu ebhali
umholo wosuku njalo ungoni amafutha lewayini!”
7 Kwathi iWundlu livula uphawu lwesine, ngezwa
ilizwi lesidalwa sesine esiphilayo lisithi, “Woza!” **8**
Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza
eliliganu! Umgadi walo wayethiwa nguKufa, leHadesi
lalimlandela eduzane emva kwakhe. Babephiwe amandla
phezu kwengxenye yesine yomhlaba ukuba babulale
ngenkemba langendlala langezifo kanye langezilo
zeganga zasemhlabeni. **(Hadēs g86)** **9** Kwathi livula
uphawu lwesihlanu ngabona ngaphansi kwe-alithari
imiphefumulo yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa yelizwi
likaNkulunkulu lobufakazi abema ngabo. **10** Yamemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, “Koze kube nini, Thixo wobukhosi,

engcwele leqotho ukuze wahlulele abasemhlabeni uphindisele igazi lethu na?" **11** Lapho-ke omunye lomunye wayo waphiwa isembatho esimhlophe ukuba alinde okwesikhatshana, inani lezinceku ezingabakhula bayo labazalwane ababezabulawa njengayo lize liphelele. **12** Ngakhangela lapho livula uphawu lwesithupha. Kwaba lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba. Ilanga laphenduka laba mnyama tshu njengesigqoko samasaka esenziwe ngoboya bembuzi, inyanga yonke yaphenduka yaba bomvu okwegazi, **13** izinkanyezi emkhathini zawela emhlabeni njengemikhiwa yamuva ikhithika esihlahleni somkhiwa lapho sinyikinywa ngumoya olamandla. **14** Umkhathi wahlehla wagoqeka njengomqulu, kwathi izintaba zonke lezihlenge kwasuswa ezindaweni zakho. **15** Amakhosi omhlaba lamakhosana lezinduna zamabutho lezinothi labalamandla lezigqili zonke kanye labantu bonke abakhululekileyo bacatsha ezimbalwini kanye lasemadwaleni ezintaba. **16** Babiza izintaba lamadwala besithi, "Welani phezu kwethu lisifihle ebusweni balowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi kanye lasolakeni lweWundlu! **17** Ngoba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwabo selufikile, pho ngubani ongema na?"

7 Emva kwalokhu ngabona izingilosi ezine zimi emagumbini womane omhlaba, zivimbele imimoya emine yomhlaba zisenqabela loba yiwuphi umoya ukuvunguza elizweni loba olwandle loba kwesinye isihlahla. **2** Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi isiza ivela empumalanga, ilophawu lukaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ezingilosini ezine

ezaziphiwe amandla okulimaza umhlaba lolwandle, isithi:
3 "Lingawulimazi umhlaba loba ulwandle loba izihlahla
size sibeke uphawu emabunzini ezinceku zikaNkulunkulu
wethu." 4 Ngasengisizwa inani lalabo ababekwa uphawu:
Abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane
abezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli. 5 Abesizwana sakoJuda
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili bafakwa uphawu,
abesizwana sakoRubheni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lambili, abesizwana sakoGadi abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili, 6 abesizwana sako-Asheri
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana
sakoNafithali abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lambili, abesizwana sakoManase abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili, 7 abesizwana sakoSimiyoni
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana
sakoLevi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili,
abesizwana sako-Isakhari abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lambili, 8 abesizwana sakoZebhuluni abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoJosefa
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana
sikaBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. 9
Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami
kwakulexuku elikhulukazi elingela kubalwa livela
ezizweni zonke lezizwaneni lasebantwini kanye
lasezindimini zonke limi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
laphambi kweWundlu. Babegqoke izembatho ezimhlophe
bephethe ingatsha zelala ngezandla zabo. 10
Bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi: "Ukusindisa
ngokukaNkulunkulu wethu, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi,

kanye lokweWundlu.” **11** Izingilosi zonke zazimi
zizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosi njalo zizingeleze abadala
kanye lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Zathi mbo phansi
ngobuso bazo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi zakhonza
uNkulunkulu **12** zisithi: “Ameni! Udumo lobukhosi
lokuhlakanipha lokubongwa lokuhlonitshwa lamandla
kanye lokuqina kakube kuNkulunkulu wethu nini lanini.
Ameni!” **(aiōn g165)** **13** Emva kwalokho omunye wabadala
wangibuza wathi, “Laba abezembatho ezimhlophe
ngobani, njalo bavele ngaphi?” **14** Ngaphendula ngathi,
“Nkosi, uyakwazi.” Wasesithi, “Laba yibo abaphume
ekuhluphekeni okukhulu; bagezise izembatho zabo
egazini leWundlu bazenza zaba mhlophe. **15** Ngakho-ke,
baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu
bemkhonza emini lebusuku ethempelini lakhe; njalo
yena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi uzakubavikela
ngobukhona bakhe. **16** ‘Kabasoze balambe futhi; njalo
kabasoze bome futhi. Ilanga kalisayikuhlaba phezu
kwabo’ loba ukutshisa okuhangulayo. **17** Ngoba iWundlu
elingaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lizakuba ngumelusi
wabo; lizabaholela emithonjeni yamanzi okuphila.
‘UNkulunkulu uzazesula zonke inyembezi emehlweni
abo.’”

8 Kwathi lapho iWundlu livula uphawu lwesikhombisa
kwaba lokuthula ezulwini okwesikhathi esasingaba
yingxenye yehola. **2** Ngasengibona izingilosi
eziyisikhombisa ezima phambi kukaNkulunkulu
ziphiwa amacilongo ayisikhombisa. **3** Enye ingilosi
eyayilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha yeza yema

ngase-alithareni. Yanikwa impepha enengi ukuba iyinikele lemikhuleko yabangcwele bonke e-alithareni legolide phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi. **4** Intuthu yempepha kanye lemikhuleko yabangcwele kwaya phezulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu kusuka esandleni sengilosi leyo. **5** Ingilosi yasithatha umganu wokutshisela impepha yawugcwalisa ngomlilo osuka e-alithareni yasiwuphosela emhlabeni kwasekusiba lokukhwaza kwezulu lokundindizela lokuphazima kombane kanye lokuzamazama komhlaba. **6** Izingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilamacilongo ayisikhombisa zalungisela ukuwakhalisa. **7** Ingilosi yokuqala yakhalisa icilongo layo kwasekusiba lesiqhotho lomlilo kuhlangene legazi kwasekuphoselwa phansi emhlabeni. Ingxenye yesithathu yomhlaba yatsha lotshani bonke obuluhlaza batsha. **8** Ingilosi yesibili yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi ulutho olwalunjengentaba enkulu olwalubhebha, lwaphoselwa olwandle. Ingxenye yesithathu yolwandle yaphenduka yaba ligazi, **9** kwathi ingxenye yesithathu yezidalwa eziphilayo olwandle yafa, kwathi lengxenye yesithathu yemikhumbi yatshabalaliswa. **10** Ingilosi yesithathu yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi inkanyezi enkulukazi eyayivutha njengesibane yawa ivela emkhathini yawela phezu kwengxenye yesithathu yemifula lasemithonjeni yamanzi, **11** ibizo lenkanyezi leyo nguMhlonyane. Ingxenye yesithathu yamanzi yaphenduka yababa, abantu abanengi bafa ngenxa yamanzi ayesebaba. **12** Ingilosi yesine yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi ingxenye yesithathu yelanga yatshaywa,

lengxenye yesithathu yenyanga kanye lengxenye yesithathu yezinkanyezi, okwenza ingxenye yesithathu yalokhu yaphenduka yaba mnyama. Ingxenye yesithathu yemini yayingelakukhanya, kanye lengxenye yesithathu yobusuku. **13** Kwathi ngilokhu ngikhangele ngezwa ingqungqulu iphapha emkhathini imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu isithi, “Maye! Maye! Maye kwabahlezi emhlabeni ngenxa yokukhala kwamacilongo asezakhaliswa ngezinye izingilosi ezintathu!”

9 Ingilosi yesihlanu yakhalisa icilongo layo ngasengibona inkanyezi eyavela emkhathini iwela emhlabeni. Inkanyezi leyo yayiphiwe isihluthulelo soMgodi ongelamkhawulo. **(Abyssos g12)** **2** Isivule umgodi ongelamkhawulo kwaphuma kuwo izikhatha zentuthu ezazifana leziphuma esihogweni somlilo esikhulukazi. Ilanga lomkhathi kwaba mnyama ngenxa yezikhatha lezi ezaphuma emgodini ongelamkhawulo. **(Abyssos g12)** **3** Entuthwini leyo kwaphuma izintethe zehlela phansi emhlabeni ziphiwe amandla anjengawezinkume zasemhlabeni. **4** Zazitshelwe ukuthi zingalimazi tshani basemhlabeni loba olunye ulutho olwamilayo loba isihlahla, kodwa kuphela labobantu ababengelalo uphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo. **5** Zazingaphiwanga amandla okubabulala, kodwa ukubazwisa ubuhlungu okwezinyanga ezinhlanu. Ubuhlungu ababuzwayo babufana lobuhlungu benkume lapho intinyela umuntu. **6** Ngalezonsuku abantu bazadinga ukufa, kodwa bazakuswela; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa ukufa kuzababalekela. **7** Izintethe lezo zazifana lamabhiza alungele impi. Emakhanda

azo zazigqoke ulutho olwalunjengemiqhele yegolide, ubuso bazo babufana lobuso babantu. **8** Uboya bazo babunjengenwele zabesifazane, amazinyo azo enjengamazinyo esilwane. **9** Zazilezivikelo zesifuba ezinjengezivikelo zensimbi njalo umdumo wempiko zazo wawunjengomdumo wamabhiza amanengi lezinqola zempi zigijimela empini. **10** Zazilemisila elobuhlungu njengezinkume, njalo emisileni yazo zazilamandla okuzwisa abantu ubuhlungu okwezinyanga ezinhlanu. **11** Inkosi yazo ezazilayo yingilosi yoMgodi ongelamkhawulo, ebizo layo ngesiHebheru lalingu-Abhadoni, ngesiGrikhi lingu-Apholiyoni (okuyikuthi, uMtshabalalisi). **(Abyssos g12)** **12** Uhlupho lwakuqala selwedlule; ezinye inhlupho ezimbili zisazobuya. **13** Ingilosi yesithupha yakhalisa icilongo layo ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela empondweni ze-alithare legolide eliphambi kukaNkulunkulu. **14** Lathi engilosini yesithupha eyayiphethe icilongo, “Khulula izingilosi ezine ezibotshiweyo emfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe.” **15** Ngakho izingilosi ezine lezo ezazigcinwe zilindele lesisikhathi losuku lenyanga kanye lomnyaka zakhululelwa ukubulala ingxenye yesithathu yoluntu. **16** Inani lamabutho ayegade amabhiza laliyizigidi ezingamakhulu amabili. Ngalizwa inani lawo. **17** Amabhiza labagadi engakubona embonweni wami kwakukhanya kunje: Inqaba zabo zesifuba zazibomvu okomlilo, ziluhlazanyana njalo zilithanga njengesolufa. Amakhanda amabhiza ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane njalo emilonyeni yawo kwaphuma umlilo lentuthu kanye lesolufa. **18** Ingxenye yesithathu yoluntu yabulawa yizifo ezintathu zomlilo lentuthu kanye

lesolufa okwaphuma emilonyeni yawo. **19** Amandla amabhiza ayesemilonyeni yawo lasemisileni yawo ngoba imisila yawo yayinjengezinyoka ilamakhanda elimaza ngawo. **20** Abanengi boluntu ababengabulawanga yizifo lezi kabazange baphenduke emisebenzini yezandla zabo; kabayekelanga ukukhonza amadimoni lezithombe zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi, lezamatshe kanye lezezigodo, izithombe ezingeke zibone loba zizwe loba zihambe. **21** Njalo kabaphendukanga ezenzweni zabo zokubulala, lasebuthakathini babo, ekuxhwaleni kwabo kobufebe loba ebuseleni babo.

10 Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi elamandla isehla ivela ezulwini. Yayembethe iyezi kulomchilo wamakhosikazi ngaphezu kwekhanda layo; ubuso bayo babunjengelanga; imilenze yayo injengensika zomlilo. **2** Yayiphethe umqulu omncane, uvulekile usezandleni zayo. Yagxilisa unyawo lwayo lokwesokunene olwandle kwathi unyawo lwayo lwesokunxele lwaba semhlabathini **3** njalo yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu njengokubhonga kwesilwane. Ekumemezeni kwayo imidumo eyisikhombisa yakhuluma. **4** Kwathi imidumo eyisikhombisa ikhuluma ngasengilungele ukuloba kodwa ngezwa ilizwi elavela ezulwini lisithi, “Vala lokho okutshiwo yimidumo eyisikhombisa njalo ungakulobi.” **5** Ingilosi engangiyibone imi olwandle lasemhlabathini yaphakamisela isandla sayo sokunene ezulwini. **6** Yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, owadala amazulu lakho konke okukuwo, lomhlaba lakho konke okukuwo lolwandle lakho konke okukulo, yathi, “Kakusayikuba khona

ukuphuza futhi! (aiōn g165) **7** Kodwa ngezinsuku lapho ingilosi yesikhombisa isizakhalisa icilongo layo imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu izafezeka njengokutsho kwakhe ezincekwini zakhe abaphrofethi." **8** Ilizwi engangilizwe livela ezulwini lakhuluma lami futhi lathi: "Hamba uyethatha umqulu ovulekileyo esandleni sengilosi emi olwandle lasemhlabathini." **9** Ngakho ngaya kuleyongilosi ngacela ukuba ingiphe lowomqulu omncane. Yathi kimi, "Uthathe uwudle. Uzaqubula isisu sakho ngokubaba, kodwa emlonyeni wakho uzakuba mnandi njengoluju." **10** Ngawuthatha umqulu omncane esandleni sengilosi ngawudla. Emlonyeni wami wanambitheka mnandi njengoluju, kodwa sengiwudlile isisu sami saqubuka, sababa. **11** Ngasengitshelwa ukuthi, "Kumele uphrofithe futhi ngabantu abanengi, langezizwe, langezindimi kanye langamakhosi."

11 Ngaphiwa umhlanga njengomqwayi wokulinganisa, ngasengitshelwa ukuthi, "Hamba uyelinganisa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu le-alithari, ubale labakhonza khona. **2** Kodwa utshiye iguma langaphandle ungalilinganisi ngoba liphiwe abeZizweni. Bazanyathela idolobho elingcwele izinyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. **3** Ofakazi bami ababili ngizabanika amandla njalo bazaphrofitha insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha, begqoke izigqoko zamasaka." **4** Laba "bayizihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva" lezinti ezimbili zezibane "ezimi phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba." **5** Umuntu angazama ukuzilimaza, kuphuma umlilo emilonyeni yazo uqothule izitha zazo. Le

yiyo indlela umuntu ofuna ukuzilimaza afa ngayo.
6 Abantu laba balamandla okuvala umkhathi ukuba
izulu lingani lapho bephrofitha njalo balamandla
okuphendula amanzi abe ligazi lawokutshaya umhlaba
ngezinhlobo zonke zezifo kanengi njengokuthanda
kwabo. **7** Kuzakuthi lapho sebeqedile ukufakaza
kwabo isilo esiphuma eMgodini ongelamkhawulo
sizabahlasela sibehlule sibabulale. **(Abyssos g12)** **8** Izidumbu
zabo zizalala emgwaqweni wedolobho elikhulu okuthi
ngokufaniswa libizwe ngokuthi yiSodoma leGibhithe
lapho leNkosi yabo eyabethelwa khona esiphambanweni.
9 Okwensuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku abantu
abavela emihlotsheni yonke yabantu lasezizwaneni
zonke lasezindimini zonke kanye lasezizweni zonke
bazakhangela izidumbu zabo bale ukuba zingcwatshwe.
10 Abantu basemhlabeni bazazikhangela ngokuthokoza
bazijabulise ngokuthumela izipho ngoba abaphrofethi
ababili laba babebahluphile abahlala emhlabeni. **11**
Kodwa emva kwalezonsuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku
umoya wokuphila owavela kuNkulunkulu wabangena,
basebesima ngezinyawo zabo, kwathi labo abababonayo
besaba kakhulu. **12** Bezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini
lisithi kubo, “Wozani phezulu lapha.” Baya phezulu
ezulwini bephakathi kweyezi izitha zabo zilokhu
zikhangele. **13** Ngalesosikhathi kwaba lokuzamazama
okukhulu komhlaba kwathi ingxenye yetshumi yedolobho
yabhidlika. Abantu abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa
bafa ekuzamazameni komhlaba, abaphephayo, besaba
kakhulu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu wasezulwini. **14**

Uhlupho lwesibili selwedlule; uhlupho lwesithathu luyeza masinyane. **15** Ingilosi yesikhombisa yakhalisa icilongo layo kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini, ayesithi: “Umbuso wasemhlabeni usube ngumbuso weNkosi yethu loKhristu wayo, njalo izabusa kuze kube nininini.” **(aiōn g165)** **16** Abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane ababehlezi ezihlalweni zobukhosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso babo bakhonza uNkulunkulu, **17** besithi: “Siyakubonga Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, onguye okhona lowayekhona, ngoba usuwathethe amandla akho amakhulu njalo usuqalisile ukubusa. **18** Izizwe zazithukuthele; lolaka lwakho selufikile. Isikhathi sokwahlulela abafileyo sesifikile kanye lesokuvuza izinceku zakho abaphrofethi labangcwele bakho kanye lalabo abalihloniphayo ibizo lakho, abancinyane labakhulu kanye lesokuchitha labo abachitha umhlaba.” **19** Emva kwalokho ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lavulwa ezulwini phakathi kwethempeli lakhe kwabonakala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sakhe. Kwasekusiba lokuphazima kwemibane lokundindizela lokukhwaza kwezulu lokuzamazama komhlaba kanye lesiqhotho esikhulu.

12 Isibonakaliso esikhulu lesimangalisayo sabonakala ezulwini: owesifazane egqoke ilanga, inyanga ingaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe, umqhele wezinkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili usekhanda lakhe. **2** Wayezithwele njalo ekhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo ngoba wayesezabeletha. **3** Kwabuya kwabonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini: umgobho omkhulukazi obomvu olamakhanda

ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi kanye lemiqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo. **4** Umsila wawo wakhucula ingxenye yesithathu yezinkanyezi emkhathini waziphosela emhlabeni. Umgobho wema phambi kowesifazane owayesezabeletha ukuze kuthi umntwana angazalwa uhle umtshwabadele. **5** Wazala indodana, "eyayizabusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi." Umntanakhe wahluthunelwa phezulu kuNkulunkulu lasesihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. **6** Owesifazane wabalekela enkangala endaweni ayeyilungiselwe nguNkulunkulu lapho ayezagcinakala khona okwensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha. **7** Kwaba lempi ezulwini. UMikhayeli lezingilosi zakhe balwa lomgobho kwathi umgobho kanye lezingilosi zawo lawo walwa labo. **8** Kodwa wawungelamandla kangako njalo wona lezingilosi zawo balahlekelwa yindawo yabo ezulwini. **9** Umgobho omkhulu waphoselwa phansi, inyoka leyana endala ethiwa ngoMubi loba uSathane odukisa umhlaba wonke. Waphoselwa emhlabeni ekanye lezingilosi zakhe. **10** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu ezulwini lisithi: "Khathesi ukusindiswa sekufikile lamandla kanye lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu kanye lobukhosi bukaKhristu wakhe. Ngoba umangaleli wabazalwane bethu, obamangalelayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku, usephoselwe phansi. **11** Bamnqobile ngegazi leWundlu langelizwi lobufakazi babo; kabakuthandanga kakhulu ukuphila kwabo ukuba besabe ukufa. **12** Ngakho-ke, thokozani lina mazulu kanye lani elihlala kuwo!

Kodwa maye kuwo umhlaba lolwandle ngoba omubi useze phansi kini! Ugcwele intukuthelo ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sifitshane.” **13** Kwathi umgobho ubona ukuthi wawusuphoselwe emhlabeni wamdinga owesifazane owayebelethe umntwana wesilisa. **14** Owesifazane lowo wayephiwe amaphiko amabili okhozi olukhulu ukuze andizele endaweni ayilungiselwayo enkangala lapho ayezagcinwa khona okwesikhathi lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi lapho inyoka eyayingeke ifike khona. **15** Inyoka yasikhupha amanzi emlonyeni wayo angathi ngumfula ukuze ifice owesifazane imkhucule ngesikhukhula. **16** Kodwa umhlaba wasiza owesifazane ngokuvula umlomo wawo wasuginya umfula owawukhutshwe ngumgobho emlonyeni wawo. **17** Ngakho-ke, umgobho wamthukuthelela owesifazane wasusuka usiyakulwa impi lenzalo yonke yowesifazane, labo abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu bebambelele kubo ubufakazi bukaJesu. Umgobho wema okhunjini lolwandle.

13 Ngabuya ngabona isilo siphuma olwandle. Sasilempondo ezilitshumi lamakhanda ayisikhombisa silemiqhele elitshumi phezu kwempondo zaso njalo ekhanda ngalinye kulebizo elihlambazayo. **2** Isilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, kodwa silenyawo ezifana lezebhele lomlomo onjengowesilwane. Umgobho wanika isilo leso amandla awo lesihlalo sawo sobukhosi kanye lamandla amakhulu. **3** Elinye lamakhanda esilo leso lalingathi lalike laba lenxeba elibulalayo, kodwa inxeba elibulalayo lelo laselipholile. Umhlaba wonke wamangala

wasilandela isilo. **4** Abantu bawukhonza umgobho ngoba
wawunike isilo amandla, lesilo basikhonza bebuza
besithi, “Ngubani onjengesilo? Ngubani ongalwa impi
laso na?” **5** Isilo saphiwa umlomo ukuba sikhulume
amazwi okuzigqaja lokuhlambaza kanye lokuthi
sisebenzise amandla aso okwezinyanga ezingamatshumi
amane lambili. **6** Savula umlomo waso ukuba sihlambaze
uNkulunkulu lokuba sichothoze ibizo lakhe lendawo
yakhe yokuhlala kanye lalabo abahlala ezulwini. **7**
Sasiphiwe amandla okulwa impi labangcwele kanye
lokubanqoba. Saphiwa lamandla phezu kwezizwana
zonke labantu lezindimi kanye lezizwe zonke. **8** Bonke
abantu abahlala emhlabeni bazasikhonza isilo leso, bonke
abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila
yeWundlu elahlatshwayo kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba.
9 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe. **10** “Nxa umuntu kumele aye
ekuthunjweni, uzakuya ekuthunjweni. Nxa umuntu
kumele abulawe ngenkemba, uzabulawa ngayo inkemba.”
Lokhu kufuna ukubekezela okuqinileyo lokuthembeka
kwabangcwele. **11** Ngabuya ngabona esinye isilo siphuma
emhlabeni. Sasilempondo ezimbili njengewundlu, kodwa
sikhuluma njengomgobho. **12** Sasisebenzisa wonke
amandla esilo sakuqala esikhundleni saso njalo senza
umhlaba labahlezi kuwo bakhonze isilo sakuqala,
esinxeba laso eselapholayo. **13** Njalo senza izibonakaliso
ezinkulu lezimangalisayo, kanye lokwenza ukuthi umlilo
wehlele phansi usuka ezulwini usiza emhlabeni abantu
bezibonela. **14** Ngenxa yezibonakaliso saphiwa amandla
okumela isilo sakuqala, sakhohlisa abahlezi emhlabeni.

Sabalaya ukuba bamise umfanekiso wokuhlonipha isilo esalinyazwa ngenkemba, kodwa saphila. **15** Saphiwa amandla okuba umfanekiso wesilo sakuqala siwunike umphefumulo ukuze sikhulume njalo sibangele ukuthi bonke abala ukukhonza umfanekiso babulawe. **16** Njalo sabamba abantu bonke ngamandla, abancane labakhulu, abanothileyo labayanga, abakhululekileyo kanye lezigqili ukuba babekwe uphawu ezandleni zabo zokudla loba emabunzini abo **17** ukuze angabikhona ozathenga kumbe athengise ngaphandle kokuba elophawu lolo olulibizo lesilo leso loba inombolo yebizo laso. **18** Lokhu kufuna inhlakanipho. Umuntu olombono lengqondo ebonayo, kayidingisise inombolo yesilo ngoba yinombolo yomuntu. Inombolo yaso ngamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha.

14 Ngabuya ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakuleWundlu, limi phezu kweNtaba iZiyoni, lilabazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ababelotshwe ibizo lalo lelikaYise emabunzini abo. **2** Ngezwa umdumo ovela ezulwini ufana lokuhuba kwamanzi agelezayo lanjengokukhwaza okukhulu kwezulu. Umdumo engawuzwayo wawunjengowabatshayi bamachacho betshaya amachacho abo. **3** Bahlabela ingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi laphambi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo kanye laphambi kwabadala. Kakho owayengayifunda ingoma leyo ngaphandle kwaba zinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ababehlengwe emhlabeni. **4** Laba yilabo abangazingcolisanga ngabesifazane ngoba bazigcina

behlambulukile. Balandela iWundlu loba kungaphi lapho eliya khona. Bahlengwa phakathi kwabantu banikelwa njengezithelo zakuqala kuNkulunkulu laseWundlwini. **5** Akulamanga atholakala emilonyeni yabo; kabalasici. **6** Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosi indiza emoyeni ilevangeli elingapheliyo ukuba ilitshumayele kulabo abahlezi emhlabeni lasezizweni zonke lasezizwaneni lasezindimini kanye lasebantwini. **(aiōnios g166)** **7** Ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, "Mesabeni uNkulunkulu limdumise ngoba isikhathi sokwahlulela kwakhe sesifikile. Mkhonzeni yena owadala amazulu, lomhlaba, lolwandle kanye lemithombo yamanzi." **8** Ingilosi yesibili yalandela yathi, "Liwile! Liwile iBhabhiloni eliKhulu elenza izizwe zonke zanatha iwayini layo elihlanyisayo ngobufebe balo." **9** Ingilosi yesithathu yazilandela yathi ngelizwi elikhulu, "Nxa umuntu angakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso afakwe uphawu lwaso ebunzini loba esandleni, **10** laye uzanatha iwayini lentukuthelo kaNkulunkulu elithelwe ngamandla agcweleyo enkezweni yolaka lwakhe. Uzahlukuluzwa ngesolufa elitshisayo phambi kwezingilosi ezingcwele laphambi kweWundlu. **11** Intuthu yokuhlukuluzwa kwabo ithunqa kuze kube nininini. Akukho suku loba ubusuku bokuphumula kulabo abakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso loba lowo owemukela uphawu lwebizo laso." **(aiōn g165)** **12** Lokhu kufuna ukubekezela okuqinileyo kwabangcwele abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu baqhubeke bethembekile kuJesu. **13** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi, "Loba ukuthi: Babusisiwe abafileyo befela eNkosini kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili." "Yebo," kutsho

uMoya, “bazaphumula ekutshikatshikeni kwabo ngoba izenzo zabo zizabalandela.” **14** Ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami kwakuleyezi elimhlophe njalo phezu kweyezi lelo kwakuhlezi ofana lendodana yomuntu elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe lesikela ebukhali esandleni sakhe. **15** Enye ingilosi yaphuma ethempelini yamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu kulowo owayehlezi phezu kweyezi isithi, “Thatha isikela uvune ngoba isikhathi sokuvuna sesifikile kalokho isivuno emhlabeni sesivuthiwe.” **16** Ngakho-ke, lowo owayehlezi phezu kweyezi watshibilikisela isikela yakhe emhlabeni, umhlaba wavunwa. **17** Enye ingilosi yaphuma ethempelini ezulwini layo futhi yayilesikela ebukhali. **18** Enye njalo ingilosi eyayilamandla phezu komlilo yeza ivela e-alithareni yamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu kulowo owayelesikela ebukhali isithi, “Thatha isikela yakho ebukhali ubuthe amahlukuzo amavini esivinini somhlaba, ngoba amavini aso asevuthiwe.” **19** Ingilosi leyo yatshibilikisela isikela yayo emhlabeni yabutha amavini awo yawaphosela esikhamelweni sewayini solaka lukaNkulunkulu. **20** Avoxwa phakathi kwesikhamelo sewayini ngaphandle kwedolobho, igazi lageleza liphuma esikhamelweni, laphakama okufika ematomini ebhiza okwebanga elingaba ngamakhilomitha angamakhulu amathathu.

15 Ezulwini ngabona esinye isibonakaliso esikhulu lesimangalisayo: Izingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezifo zokucina eziyisikhombisa, ezokucina ngoba ngazo ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliswa. **2** Ngabuya ngabona okwakungathi lulwandle lwamangilazi axutshaniswe

lomlilo njalo eceleni kolwandle kwakumi labo ababesinqobile isilo lomfanekiso waso kanye lenombolo yebizo laso. Babephethe amachacho ababewaphiwe nguNkulunkulu **3** behlabela ingoma kaMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu kanye lengoma yeWundlu besithi: “Mikhulu iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla. Zilungile njalo ziqotho izindlela zakho, Nkosi yezikhathi zonke. **4** Ngubani ongayikukwesaba wena Nkosi, adumise ibizo lakho na? Ngoba nguwe kuphela ongcwele. Zonke izizwe zizakuza zikhonze phambi kwakho, ngoba imisebenzi yakho elungileyo isibonakalisiwe.” **5** Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela ngabona ezulwini ithempeli, okulithabanikeli lobufakazi livuliwe. **6** Ethempelini kwaphuma izingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezifo eziyisikhombisa. Zazigqoke ilembu elihlanzekileyo, elicazimulayo njalo zibophe izifuba zazo ngamabhanti egolide. **7** Esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sanika izingilosi eziyisikhombisa imiganu yegolide eyisikhombisa igcwele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu ophila kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)** **8** Ithempeli lagcwala intuthu evela enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu lasemandleni akhe, njalo kakho owayengangena ethempelini izifo eziyisikhombisa zezingilosi eziyisikhombisa zingakapheli.

16 Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livelela ethempelini lisithi ezingilosini eziyisikhombisa, “Hambani, lithululele emhlabeni imiganu eyisikhombisa yolaka lukaNkulunkulu.” **2** Ingilosi yakuqala yahamba

yathululela umganu wayo emhlabeni kwasekuphihlika izilonda ezenyanyekayo njalo ezibuhlungu ebantwini ababelophawu lwesilo njalo bekhonza umfanekiso waso.
3 Ingilosi yesibili yathululela umganu wayo olwandle lwaphenduka lwaba ligazi elinjengelomuntu ofileyo, kwathi yonke into ephilayo esolwandle yafa. **4** Ingilosi yesithathu yathululela umganu wayo emifuleni lasemithonjeni yamanzi yaba ligazi. **5** Ngasengisizwa ingilosi eyayingumphathi wamanzi isithi: "Ulungile ngalezizahlulelo, wena oNgcwele wena okhona lowayekhona, **6** ngoba bachitha igazi labangcwele bakho lelabaphrofethi, ngakho ubanike igazi ukuba balinathe njengokubafaneleyo." **7** Ngezwa i-alithari liphendula lisithi: "Yebo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, ziqotho njalo zilungile lezi zahlulelo zakho." **8** Ingilosi yesine yathululela umganu wayo elangeni, ilanga laseliphiwa amandla okutshisa abantu ngomlilo. **9** Bosiwa yikutshisa okukhulu kwelanga njalo balithuka ibizo likaNkulunkulu, owayelamandla phezu kwezifo lezi, kodwa bala ukuba baphenduke bamdumise. **10** Ingilosi yesihlanu yathululela umganu wayo phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi sesilo, umbuso waso wembeswa yibumnyama. Abantu baxhanxatha inlimi zabo ngobuhlungu, **11** bamthuka uNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngenxa yobuhlungu bezilonda zabo, kodwa bala ukuphenduka kulokho ababekwenzile.
12 Ingilosi yesithupha yathululela umganu wayo emfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe, amanzi awo asesitsha ukuba kulungiswe indlela yamakhosi avela empumalanga. **13** Ngabuya ngabona imimoya emibi emithathu eyayifana

lamaxoxo eyaphuma emlonyeni womgobho lasemlonyeni wesilo kanye lasemlonyeni womphrofethi wamanga. **14** Yimimoya yamadimoni eyenza izibonakaliso ezimangalisayo njalo iyahamba iye emakhosini omhlaba wonke iwaqoqela impi ngosuku olukhulu lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. **15** "Khangelani, ngiza njengesela! Ubusisiwe lowo ohlala elindile egcina izigqoko zakhe zikuye ukuze angahambi nqunu abelihlazo." **16** Basebeqoqela amakhosi ndawonye endaweni ethiwa yi-Amagedoni ngesiHebheru. **17** Ingilosi yesikhombisa yathululela umganu wayo emoyeni kwasekuphuma ilizwi elikhulu ethempelini livela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi, "Sokwenziwe!" **18** Kwasekusiba lokuphazima kwemibane lemidumo lokukhwaza kwezulu kanye lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba. Akulakuzamazama komhlaba okunjengakho okwake kwenzeka selokhu umuntu waba semhlabeni, kwakukukhulu kakhulu lokho kuzamazama komhlaba. **19** Idolobho elikhulu lehlukana laba yizigaba ezintathu, amadolobho ezizwe abhidlika. UNkulunkulu wakhumbula iBhabhiloni eliKhulu walinika inkezo yewayini egcwele ukuvutha kolaka lwakhe. **20** Izihlenge zonke zabaleka kwathi izintaba zanyamalala. **21** Emkhathini kwehla amatshe amakhulukazi esiqhotho, lilinye lingaba ngamakhilogramu angamatshumi amathathu, awela phezu kwabantu. Bamthuka uNkulunkulu ngenxa yohlupho lwesiqhotho ngoba uhlupho lolo lwalusesabeka.

17 Enye yezingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa yeza kimi yathi, "Woza ngikutshengise

ukujeziswa kwesiphingi esikhulu esihlezi phezu kwamanzi amanengi. **2** Amakhosi omhlaba afeba laso njalo abahlezi emhlabeni badakwa yiwayini yobufebe baso." **3** Ingilosi yasingithatha ngiseMoyeni yangisa enkangala. Khonapho ngabona owesifazane ehlezi phezu kwesilo esibomvu gebhu sigcwele amabizo ahlambazayo njalo yayilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. **4** Owesifazane lowo wayegqoke okuyibubende lokubomvu gebhu njalo wayekhazimula ngegolide langamatshe aligugu kanye langobuhlalu. Esandleni sakhe wayephethe inkezo igcwele izinto ezenyanyekayo kanye lamanyala obufebe bakhe. **5** Umbhalo owawulotshwe ebunzini lakhe wawusesabeka: iBhabhiloni eliKhulu uNina weziPhingi kanye lamaNyala wonke oMhlaba. **6** Ngabona ukuthi owesifazane lowo wayedakwe ligazi labangcwele, igazi lalabo abalobufakazi bukaJesu. Ekumboneni kwami ngamangala kakhulu. **7** Ingilosi yasisithi kimi, "Kungani umangala? Ngizakuchazela imfihlakalo yowesifazane lesilo asigadileyo esilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. **8** Isilo osibonileyo sake saba khona, kodwa khathesi kasisekho njalo sizaphuma eMgodini ongelamkhawulo siye ekubhujisweni kwaso. Abahlezi emhlabeni abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba bazamangala lapho besibona lesosilo ngoba sake saba khona, kodwa khathesi kasisekho, kodwa sizabuya sivele. **(Abyssos g12)** **9** Lokhu kufuna ingqondo elokuhlakanipha. Amakhanda ayisikhombisa ngamaqaqa ayisikhombisa owesifazane ahlezi phezu kwawo. **10** Njalo angamakhosi ayisikhombisa.

Amahlanu kudala awa, eyodwa ikhona, enye kayikaveli,
kodwa nxa isisiza kumele ihlale isikhatshana. **11** Isilo
esake saba khona njalo khathesi esingasekho yinkosi
yesificaminwembili. Ngenye yalawo ayisikhombisa njalo
isisiya ekubhujisweni kwayo. **12** Impondo ezilitshumi
ozibonileyo ngamakhosi alitshumi angakatholi mbuso,
kodwa azathola amandla obukhosi okwehola elilodwa
kanye lesilo. **13** Alenjongo yinye njalo azakupha
isilo amandla awo kanye lelungelo. **14** Azakulwa
impi leWundlu, kodwa iWundlu lizawanqoba ngoba
liyiNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, njalo lizabe
lilababiziweyo balo abangabalandeli abakhethiweyo
labathembekileyo." **15** Ingilosi yabuya yathi kimi,
"Amanzi owabonileyo lapho isiphingi esihlezi khona
ngabantu bemihlobo yonke, amaxuku lezizwe kanye
lezindimi. **16** Isilo lempondo ezilitshumi ozibonileyo
kuzasizonda isiphingi. Zizasichitha zisitshiye size;
zizakudla inyama yomzimba waso zisitshise ngomlilo. **17**
Ngoba uNkulunkulu ubeke ezinhliziyweni zazo ukuba
afeze injongo yakhe ngokuvuma ukunika isilo amandla
azo okubusa amazwi kaNkulunkulu aze agcwaliseke.
18 Owesifazane ombonileyo lidolobho elikhulu elibusa
amakhosi omhlaba."

18 Emva kwalokhu ngabona enye ingilosi isehla
ivela ezulwini. Yayilamandla amakhulu njalo umhlaba
wakhanyiswa yikukhazimula kwayo. **2** Yamemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu yathi: "'Liwile! Liwile iBhabhiloni eliKhulu!'
Selibe likhaya lamadimoni lomango wabomoya ababi,
lomango wezinyoni zonke ezingcolileyo lezenyanyekayo.

3 Ngoba izizwe zonke zinathe iwayini elihlanyisayo
lobufebe balo. Amakhosi omhlaba afeba lalo, labathengisi
basemhlabeni banothiswa yinotho yalo edlulisileyo.”
4 Ngabuya ngezwa elinye ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi:
“‘Bantu bami, phumani kulo,’ ukuze lingahlanganyeli
ezonweni zalo ukuze lingehlelwa yizifo zalo; **5**
ngoba izono zalo ziyinqwaba efika ezulwini, njalo
uNkulunkulu usekhumbule amacala alo. **6** Lipheni
njengokupha kwalo; buyiselani ngokuphindiweyo kulokho
elikwenzileyo. Thelani kabili isilinganiso enkezweni
yalo. **7** Lizwiseni uchuku olukhulu losizi okulingana
inkazimulo lenotho elizipha khona.” Enhliziyweni
yalo liyazincoma lisithi, ngihlezi njengendlovukazi;
kangisumfelokazi, njalo kangisoze ngilile. **8** Ngakho-ke,
ngosuku olulodwa izifo zalo zizalifica: ukufa lokukhala
kanye lendlala. Lizahangulwa ngumlilo ngoba ilamandla
iNkosi uNkulunkulu olahlulelayo. **9** Lapho amakhosi
asemhlabeni afeba lalo njalo abelana lalo inotho yalo
ebona intuthu yokutsha kwalo azalikhalela alililele. **10**
Azesaba ngenxa yokuhlukuluzwa kwalo eme khatshana
akhale esithi: Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu,
Oh Bhabhiloni, dolobho lamandla! Ngehola linye nje
incithakalo yakho ifikile! **11** Abathengisi basemhlabeni
bazalikhalela balililele ngoba kungasekho othenga
impahla yabo, **12** imithwalo yegolide leyesiliva leyamatshe
aligugu leyobuhlalu; eyelineni elihle leliyibubende,
ilembu lesilika lelembu elibomvu gebhu; inhlobo zonke
zezigodo zesithironi lezinhlobo zonke zezinto ezenziwe
ngempondo zendlovu lezigodo ezidulayo lethusi lensimbi

kanye lelitshe elimhlophe; **13** imithwalo yesinamoni
leyeziyoliso, eyempepha leyemure kanye leyamakha,
eyewayini lamafutha e-oliva, eyefulawa ecolekileyo kanye
lengqoloyi; inkomo lezimvu; amabhiza lezinqola lezigqili
kanye lemiphefumulo yabantu. **14** Bazakuthi, “Izithelo
owawuzilangathela zisukile kuwe. Yonke inotho yakho
lenkazimulo sekunyamalele, kakuyikutholakala futhi.” **15**
Abathengisi ababethengisa lezizinto bezuza inotho yabo
kuyo bazakuma khatshana, besesaba ngokuhlukuluzwa
kwalo. Bazalila babubule **16** njalo bakhale kakhulu
besithi: “Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu, eligqoke
ilineni elihle, okuyibubende lokubomvu, elikhazimulayo
ngegolide langamatshe aligugu kanye lobuhlalu! **17**
Ngehola linye nje inotho enengi kangaka isichithiwe!”
Izinduna zonke zemikhumbi labo bonke abahamba
ngayo labatshayeli labo bonke abazuza ukuphila kwabo
olwandle bazakuma khatshana. **18** Lapho bebona
izikhatha zokutsha kwalo bazachaza bathi, “Kambe kwake
kwaba ledolobho elinjengaleli idolobho elikhulu na?”
19 Bazathela uthuli emakhanda abo balile babubule
bekhala besithi: “Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu,
lapho bonke ababelemikhumbi olwandle abanothiswa
khona yinotho yalo! Ngehola linye nje selichithiwe! **20**
Thokoza ngalo, Oh Zulu! Thokozani bangcwele labapostoli
kanye labaphrofethi! UNkulunkulu uselahlulele ngendlela
elaliphatha ngayo.” **21** Ingilosi elamandla yasidobha
ilitshe elingangembokodo enkulu yaliphosela olwandle,
yathi: “Idolobho elikhulu laseBhabhiloni lizaphoselwa
phansi, ngodlakela olunje, lingaphindi libonakale futhi. **22**

Umculo wabatshayi bamachacho labahlabeleli labatshayi bemihlanga lamacilongo, kawusoze uzwakale kuwe futhi. Akukho sisebenzi lesawuphi umsebenzi esizatholakala kuwe futhi. Umsindo wembokodo kawusoze uzwakale kuwe futhi. **23** Ukukhanya kwesibane akusoze kukhanye kuwe futhi. Ilizwi lomyeni lelomlobokazi kalisoze lizwakale kuwe futhi. Abathengisi bakho babeyizikhulu zomhlaba. Izizwe zonke zadukiswa yibuthakathi bakho. **24** Kuwe kwafunyanwa igazi labaphrofethi lelabangcwele, kanye lelabo bonke ababulawayo emhlabeni."

19 Emva kwalokhu ngezwa umsindo onjengokuhlokoma kwexuku elikhulu ezulwini limemeza lisithi: "Haleluya! Ukusindisa lodumo lamandla ngokukaNkulunkulu wethu **2** ngoba ukwahlulela kwakhe kuqotho njalo kulungile. Usilahlile isiphingi esikhulu esaxhwalisa umhlaba ngobufebe baso. Uphindisele kuso igazi lezinceku zakhe." **3** Bamemeza njalo bathi: "Haleluya! Intuthu yokutsha kwaso ithunqa kuze kube nininini." **(aiōn g165)** **4** Abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo bawela phansi bakhonza uNkulunkulu owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi. Bamemeza njalo bathi: "Ameni, Haleluya!" **5** Kwasekuzwakala ilizwi elavela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lisithi: "Dumisani uNkulunkulu wethu, lonke lina zinceku zakhe, lina elimesabayo, abancane labakhulu!" **6** Ngabuya ngezwa okwakungathi lixuku elikhulu, kunjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi agelezayo lanjengokukhwaza kwezulu besithi: "Haleluya! Ngoba iNkosi yethu uNkulunkulu uSomandla uyabusa. **7** Kasithokozeni sijabule simuphe udumo.

Ngoba umthimba weWundlu usufikile, lomlobokazi walo usezilungisele. **8** Ilineni elihle elicazimulayo elihlanzekileyo uliphiwe ukuba agqoke." (Ilineni elihle limele imisebenzi emihle yabangcwele.) **9** Ingilosi yasisithi kimi, "Loba ukuthi: Babusisiwe labo abanxusiweyo edilini lomtshado weWundlu!" Yengeza yathi, "La ngamazwi aqotho kaNkulunkulu." **10** Ngawela ezinyaweni zayo ngayikhonza. Kodwa yathi kimi, "Ungakwenzi lokhu! Mina ngiyinceku kanye lawe kanye labazalwane bakho abalobufakazi bukaJesu. Khonza uNkulunkulu! Ngoba ubufakazi bukaJesu bungumoya wesiphrofethi." **11** Ngabona izulu livulekile njalo khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza elimhlophe, umgadi walo ethiwa nguThembekile loQiniso. Wahlulela ngokulunga alwe impi. **12** Amehlo akhe anjengomlilo ovuthayo njalo ekhanda lakhe kulemiqhele eminengi. Ulebizo elilotshwe kuye elingaziwa muntu ngaphandle kwakhe yena ngokwakhe. **13** Ugqoke isembatho esigxanyuzwe egazini njalo ibizo lakhe nguLizwi likaNkulunkulu. **14** Amabutho asezulwini ayemlandela egade amabhiza amhlophe njalo egqoke ilineni elihle elimhlophe njalo lihlanzekile. **15** Emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma inkemba ebukhali agalela ngayo izizwe. "Uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi." Unyathela isikhamelo sewayini sentukuthelo yolaka lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. **16** Esambathweni sakhe lasemlenzeni wakhe kulotshwe ibizo leli elithi: INkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi. **17** Ngasengibona ingilosi imi elangeni eyamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu ezinyonini zonke ezazindiza emoyeni isithi, "Wozani

libuthanele idili elikhulu likaNkulunkulu **18** ukuze lidle inyama yemizimba yamakhosi, eyezinduna zempi, eyamadoda alamandla, eyamabhiza labagadi bawo kanye leyabantu bonke abakhululekileyo lezigqili, abancane labakhulu." **19** Ngabuya ngabona isilo lamakhosi asemhlabeni lamabutho awo ebuthanele ukulwa impi lomgadi webhiza kanye lebutho lakhe. **20** Kodwa isilo sathunjwa ndawonye lomphrofethi wamanga owayenze izibonakaliso ezimangalisayo emele sona. Ngalezi zibonakaliso wabedukisa labo ababebekwe uphawu lwesilo bakhonza umfanekiso waso. Sona lomphrofethi wamanga baphoselwa bephila echibini lomlilo wesolufa ovuthayo. **(Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)** **21** Abanye babo babulawa ngenkemba eyaphuma emlonyeni womgadi webhiza njalo izinyoni zonke zazitika ngenyama yemizimba yabo.

20 Ngasengibona ingilosi isehlela phansi isuka ezulwini ilesihluthulelo soMgodi ongelamkhawulo iphethe ngesandla sayo iketane enkulu. **(Abyssos g12)** **2** Yabamba umgobho, inyoka leyana endala, engoMubi loba uSathane, yambopha okweminyaka eyinkulungwane. **3** Yamphosela eMgodini ongelamkhawulo, yawuhluthulela, yawuvala silikici, ukumvimbela ukuba angakhohlisi izizwe futhi kuze kuphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane. Emva kwalokho kumele akhululwe okwesikhatshana. **(Abyssos g12)** **4** Ngabona izihlalo zobukhosi okwakuhlezi kuzo labo ababephiwe amandla okwahlulela. Ngabona imiphefumulo yalabo ababequnywe amakhanda ngenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu langenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu. Babengasikhonzanga isilo loba umfanekiso waso

njalo bengabekwanga uphawu lwaso emabunzini abo loba ezandleni zabo. Bavuka baphila njalo babusa loKhristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane. **5** (Inengi labafileyo kalivukanga kwaze kwaphela iminyaka eyinkulungwane.) Lokhu yikuvuka ekufeni kwakuqala. **6** Babusisiwe njalo bangcwele labo abahlanganyela ekuvukeni kwakuqala. Ukufa kwesibili akulamandla phezu kwabo, kodwa bazakuba ngabaphristi bakaNkulunkulu labakaKhristu njalo bazabusa laye okweminyaka eyinkulungwane. **7** Iminyaka eyinkulungwane isidlule uSathane uzakhululwa entolongweni yakhe **8** aphume ukuyakhohlisa izizwe emagumbini womane omhlaba, uGogi loMagogi, ukuba abaqoqele empini. Ngobunengi bangangenhlabathi okhunjini lolwandle. **9** Badabula phakathi komhlaba bahonqolozela izihonqo zabantu bakaNkulunkulu, idolobho alithandayo. Kodwa kwehla umlilo uvela ezulwini wabaqothula. **10** Omubi owayebakhohlisile waphoselwa echibini lesolufa elivuthayo, lapho okwakuphoselwe khona isilo lomphrofethi wamanga. Bazakutsha emini lebusuku kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)** **11** Ngabuya ngabona isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu kanye lalowo owayehlezi kuso. Umhlaba lomkhathi kwabaleka phambi kwakhe, akwaze kwaba lendawo yakho. **12** Ngasengibona abafileyo, abancane labakhulu, bemi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, kwasekuvulwa izincwadi. Kwavulwa enye incwadi, eyincwadi yokuphila. Abafileyo bahlulelwa mayelana lalokho ababekwenzile okwakulotshwe ezincwadini. **13** Ulwandle lwakhupha abafileyo ababekulo, ukufa leHadesi

kwakhupha abafileyo ababekukho, umuntu ngamunye wahlulelwa mayelana lalokho akwenzayo. **(Hadēs g86)** **14** Ukufa leHadesi kwaphoselwa echibini lomlilo. Ichibi lomlilo liyikufa kwesibili. **(Hadēs g86, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)** **15** Nxa umuntu ibizo lakhe lalitholakala lingalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila wayephoselwa echibini lomlilo. **(Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)**

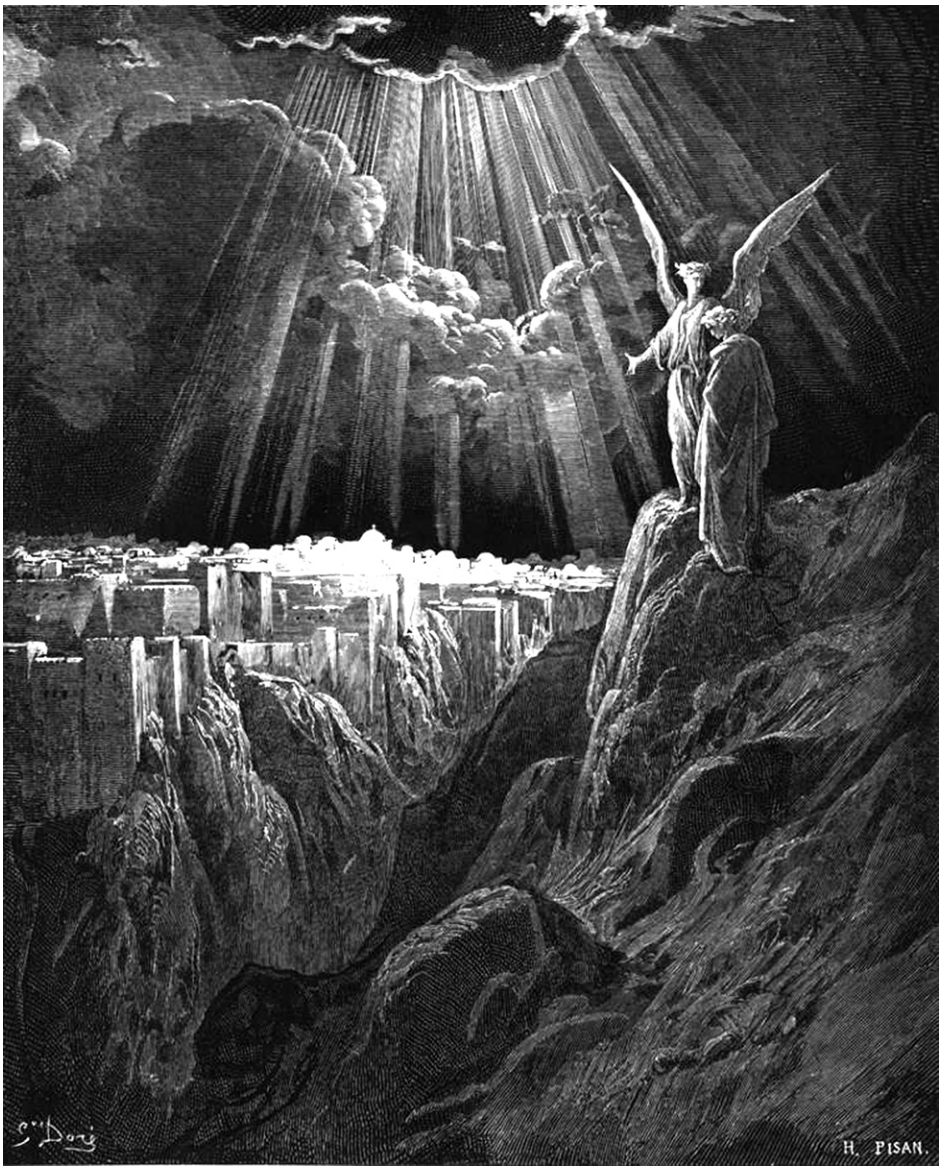
21 Ngabuya ngabona "izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha," ngoba izulu lakuqala lomhlaba wakuqala kwasekudlule njalo ulwandle lwalungasekho. **2** Ngabona iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema elitsha, lisehlela phansi liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu lilungiswe njengomlobokazi ececele umkakhe. **3** Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela esihlalweni sobukhosi lisithi, "Khathesi ikhaya likaNkulunkulu selisebantwini, uzahlala labo. Bazakuba ngabantu bakhe njalo uNkulunkulu yena uqobo uzakuba labo abe nguNkulunkulu wabo. **4** Uzazesula zonke inyembezi emehlweni abo. Akusayikuba khona futhi ukufa loba ukulila loba ukukhala loba ubuhlungu ngoba umumo omdala wezinto usudlule." **5** Lowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi wathi, "Ngenza izinto zonke zibe zintsha!" Wabuya wathi, "Kulobe lokhu ngoba amazwi la aqotho njalo aliqiniso." **6** Wasesithi kimi, "Sekwenzakele. Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega, isiQalo lesiPhetho. Lowo owomileyo ngizamnathisa emthonjeni wamanzi okuphila kungekho mbadalo. **7** Lowo onqobayo uzakudla ilifa lakho konke lokhu njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wakhe yena abe yindodana yami. **8** Kodwa amagwala, abangakholwayo, abaxhwalileyo, ababulali, iziphingi,

abathakathi, abakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqamba amanga; indawo yabo izakuba sechibini lomlilo wesolufa ovuthayo. Lokhu yikufa kwesibili." **(Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)** **9** Enye yezingilosi eziyisikhombisa eyayilemiganu eyisikhombisa eyayigcwele izifo zokucina eziyisikhombisa yeza yathi kimi, "Woza, ngizakutshengisa umlobokazi, umkaWundlu." **10** Yangithwala ngiseMoyeni yangisa entabeni enkulu ende yangitshengisa iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema lisehla liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu. **11** Lakhanyisa ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, ukucwebezela kwalo kwakufana lokwelitshe eliligugu, njengejaspa, licwebezela njengelitshe elikhanyisayo. **12** Lalilomduli omkhulu, ophakemeyo lamasango alitshumi lambili kanye lezingilosi ezilitshumi lambili emasangweni. Emasangweni kwakulotshwe amabizo ezizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. **13** Kwakulamasango amathathu ngasempumalanga, lamathathu ngasenyakatho, lamathathu ngaseningizimu, kanye lamathathu ngasentshonalanga. **14** Umduli wedolobho wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili njalo phezu kwazo kwakulamabizo abapostoli beWundlu abalitshumi lambili. **15** Ingilosi eyakhuluma lami yayilomqwayi wegolide owokulinganisa idolobho, amasango alo lomduli walo. **16** Idolobho lalakhiwe lalingana inxa zonke, lilide okungangobubanzi balo. Yalilinganisa idolobho ngomqwayi yathola lingaba ngamakhilomitha azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amabili ubude njalo libanzi liphakeme okulingana lobude balo. **17** Yalinganisa

umduli walo isebenzisa isilinganiso sabantu, wawuzingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ubuqatha bawo. **18** Umduli wawakhiwe ngejaspa, idolobho lakhiwe ngegolide elicengeke njengengilazi. **19** Izisekelo zemiduli yedolobho zazicediswe ngezinhlobo zonke zamatshe aligugu. Isisekelo sakuqala sasiyijaspa, esesibili kuyisafire, esesithathu kuyikhalisedoni, esesine kuyi-emaralidi, **20** esesihlanu kuyisadonikisi, esesithupha kuyikhaneliyani, esesikhombisa kuyikhrisolithe, esesificaminwembili kuyibherili, esesificamunwemuye kuyithophazi, esetshumi kuyikhrisophirase, esetshumi lanye kuyijasinti, esetshumi lambili kuyi-amethisithi. **21** Amasango alitshumi lambili ayengamatshe obuhlalu alitshumi lambili, isango ngalinye lenziwe ngelitshe elilodwa lobuhlalu. Umgwaqo omkhulu wedolobho wawuligolide elicengekileyo njengengilazi elibonisa okungale kwalo. **22** Kangibonanga thempeli edolobheni ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla leWundlu balithempeli lalo. **23** Idolobho kalisweli langa loba inyanga yokukhanyisa kulo ngoba inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ilinika ukukhanya leWundlu liyisibane salo. **24** Izizwe zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwalo lamakhosi omhlaba azaletha ubukhazikhazi bawo kulo. **25** Akulasuku lapho amasango alo azake avalwe ngalo ngoba akuyikuba lobusuku khona. **26** Inkazimulo lodumo lwezizwe kuzalethwa kulo. **27** Akulalutho olungcolileyo oluzake lungene kulo, loba ngubani owenza amanyala kumbe inkohliso, kodwa labo kuphela abalamabizo abo alotshwe encwadini yokuphila yeWundlu.

22 Ingilosi yasingitshengisa umfula wamanzi okuphila
acengekileyo kakhulu egeleza evela esihlalweni sobukhosi
sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu **2** esehla ephakathi
komgwaqo omkhulu wedolobho. Eceleni ngalinye lomfula
kwakulesihlahla sokuphila sithela izithelo ezilitshumi
lambili, sithela izithelo zaso nyanga zonke. Amahlamvu
esihlahla leso ngawokwelapha izizwe. **3** Akusoze kube
lesiqalekiso futhi. Isihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu
leseWundlu zizakuba sedolobheni njalo izinceku zakhe
zizamkhonza. **4** Zizabubona ubuso bakhe lebizo lakhe
lizakuba semabunzini azo. **5** Akusayikuba lobusuku
futhi. Kaziyikukuswela ukukhanya kwesibane loba
okwelanga ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu izazikhanyisela.
Njalo zizabusa kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)** **6** Ingilosi
yasisithi kimi, "Amazwi la aqotho njalo aliqiniso.
INkosi, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yabaphrofethi wathuma
ingilosi yakhe ukuba itshengise izinceku zakhe izinto
okumele zenzakale masinyane." **7** "Khangelani, ngiyeza
masinyane! Ubusisiwe lowo ogcina amazwi esiphrofethi
asencwadini le." **8** Mina Johane, yimi engazibonayo
njalo ngazizwa izinto lezi. Kwathi lapho sengizwile njalo
ngazibona, ngawela phansi ukuba ngikhonze ezinyaweni
zengilosi eyayingitshengisa zona. **9** Kodwa yathi
kimi, "Ungakwenzi lokhu! Mina ngiyinceku njengawe
kanye labazalwane bakho abaphrofethi labo bonke
abagcina amazwi encwadi le. Khonza uNkulunkulu!" **10**
Yabuya yathi kimi, "Ungawagciki amazwi esiphrofethi
sencwadi le, ngoba isikhathi sesiseduze. **11** Owenza
okubi kaqhubeke esenza okubi; oxhwalileyo kaqhubeke

ngokuxhwala; olungileyo kaqhubeke esenza okulungileyo;
njalo ongcwele kaqhubeke engcwele." **12** "Khangelani,
ngiyeza masinyane! Ngilomvuzo wami, njalo ngizakupha
umuntu munye ngamunye ngalokho akwenzayo. **13**
Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega, ngiyiKuqala loKucina, isiQalo
lesiPhetho. **14** Babusisiwe labo abagezisa izembatho zabo
ukuze babe lelungelo esihlahleni sokuphila njalo bangene
ngesango edolobheni. **15** Ngaphandle kulezinja, labo
abenza imisebenzi yobuthakathi, izifebe ezixhwalileyo,
lababulali, labakhonza izithombe labo bonke abathanda
inkohliso njalo beyenza. **16** Mina Jesu, ngithume
ingilosi yami ukuba ilinike ubufakazi lobu emabandleni.
NgiyiMpande leNzalo kaDavida, kanye leNdonsakusa
ekhanyayo." **17** UMoya lomlobokazi bathi, "Woza!"
Ozwayo katsho athi, "Woza!" Loba ngubani owomileyo,
keze; njalo loba ngubani ofisayo, kathathe isipho
esingahlawulelwayo samanzi okuphila. **18** Ngiyabaxwayisa
bonke abezwa amazwi esiphrofethi sencwadi le: Nxa
umuntu ezakwengeza olunye ulutho kuwo, uNkulunkulu
uzazengeza kuye izifo ezibaliswe kule incwadi. **19** Njalo
nxa umuntu esusa amazwi kule incwadi yesiphrofethi,
uNkulunkulu uzamthathela isabelo sakhe esihlahleni
sokuphila laseDolobheni eliNgcwele, okubaliswe kule
incwadi. **20** Yena lowo ofakaza izinto lezi uthi, "Yebo,
ngiyeza masinyane." Ameni. Woza, Nkosi Jesu. **21** Umusa
weNkosi uJesu kawube sebantwini bakaNkulunkulu.
Ameni.



Ngabona iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema elitsha, lisehlela phansi liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu lilungiswe njengomlobokazi ececele umkakhe. Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela esihlalweni sobukhosi lisithi, "Khathesi ikhaya likaNkulunkulu selisebantwini, uzahlala labo. Bazakuba ngabantu bakhe njalo uNkulunkulu yena uqobo uzakuba labo abe nguNkulunkulu wabo.

Isambulo 21:2-3

Isiqondiso sabafundayo

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Who has the authority to interpret the Bible and examine the underlying Hebrew and Greek words? That is a good question! We read in 1 John 2:27, *"As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you remain in him."* Every Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible! Now that does not mean we will all agree. Each of us is still growing in our understanding of the truth. However, it does mean that there is no infallible human or tradition to answer all our questions. Instead the Holy Spirit helps each of us to know the truth and grow closer to God and each other.

The Bible is a library with 66 books in the Protestant Canon. The best way to learn God's word is to read entire books. Read the book of Genesis. Read the book of John. Read the entire Bible library. Topical studies and cross-referencing can be good. However, the safest way to understand context and meaning is to read whole Bible books. Chapter and verse numbers were added for convenience in the 16th century, but unfortunately they can cause the Bible to seem like an encyclopedia. The Aionian Bible is formatted with simple verse numbering, minimal notes, and no cross-referencing in order to encourage the reading of Bible books.

Bible reading must also begin with prayer. Any Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible with God's help. However, this freedom is also a responsibility because without the Holy Spirit we cannot interpret accurately. We read in 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, *"And we speak of these things, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Now the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."* So we cannot understand in our natural self, but we can with God's help through prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the best writer and he uses literary devices such as introductions, conclusions, paragraphs, and metaphors. He also writes various genres including historical narrative, prose, and poetry. So Bible study must spiritually discern and understand literature. Pray, read, observe, interpret, and apply. Finally, *"Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth."* 2 Timothy 2:15. *"God has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,"* 2 Peter 1:4-8.

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The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven special words to help us better understand the extent of God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies. The original translation is unaltered and a note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Compare the meanings below to the Strong's Concordance and Glossary definitions.

Abyssos g12
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 9 times in 3 books, 6 chapters, and 9 verses
Meaning:

Temporary prison for special fallen angels such as Apollyon, the Beast, and Satan.

aïdios g126
Greek: adjective
Usage: 2 times in Romans 1:20 and Jude 6
Meaning:

Lasting, enduring forever, eternal.

aiōn g165
Greek: noun
Usage: 127 times in 22 books, 75 chapters, and 102 verses
Meaning:

A lifetime or time period with a beginning and end, an era, an age, the completion of which is beyond human perception, but known only to God the creator of the aiōns, Hebrews 1:2. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

aiōnios g166
Greek: adjective
Usage: 71 times in 19 books, 44 chapters, and 69 verses
Meaning:

From start to finish, pertaining to the age, lifetime, entirety, complete, or even consummate. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Koine Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

eleēsē g1653
Greek: verb, aorist tense, active voice, subjunctive mood, 3rd person singular
Usage: 1 time in this conjugation, Romans 11:32
Meaning:

To have pity on, to show mercy. Typically, the subjunctive mood indicates possiblity, not certainty. However, a subjunctive in a purpose clause is a resulting action as certain as the causal action. The subjunctive in a purpose clause functions as an indicative, not an optative. Thus, the grand conclusion of grace theology in Romans 11:32 must be clarified. God's mercy on all is not a possibility, but a certainty. See ntgreek.org.

Geenna g1067
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 12 times in 4 books, 7 chapters, and 12 verses
Meaning:
Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's trash dump, a place of ruin, destruction, and judgment in this life, or the next, though not eternal to Jesus' audience.

Hadēs g86
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 11 times in 5 books, 9 chapters, and 11 verses
Meaning:
Synonomous with Sheol, though in New Testament usage Hades is the temporal place of punishment for deceased unbelieving mankind, distinct from Paradise for deceased believers.

Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: Phrase 5 times in the New Testament
Meaning:
Lake of Fire, final punishment for those not named in the Book of Life, prepared for the Devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41.

Sheol h7585
Hebrew: proper noun, place
Usage: 66 times in 17 books, 50 chapters, and 64 verses
Meaning:
The grave or temporal afterlife world of both the righteous and unrighteous, believing and unbelieving, until the general resurrection.

Tartaroō g5020
Greek: proper noun, place
Usage: 1 time in 2 Peter 2:4
Meaning:
Temporary prison for particular fallen angels awaiting final judgment.

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Glossary references are below. Strong's Hebrew and Greek number notes are added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Questioned verse translations do not contain Aionian Glossary words and may wrongly imply *eternal* or *Hell*. * The note placement is skipped or adjusted for verses with non-standard numbering.

Abyssos

ULukha 8:31
KwabaseRoma 10:7
Isambulo 9:1
Isambulo 9:2
Isambulo 9:11
Isambulo 11:7
Isambulo 17:8
Isambulo 20:1
Isambulo 20:3

aïdios

KwabaseRoma 1:20
UJuda 1:6

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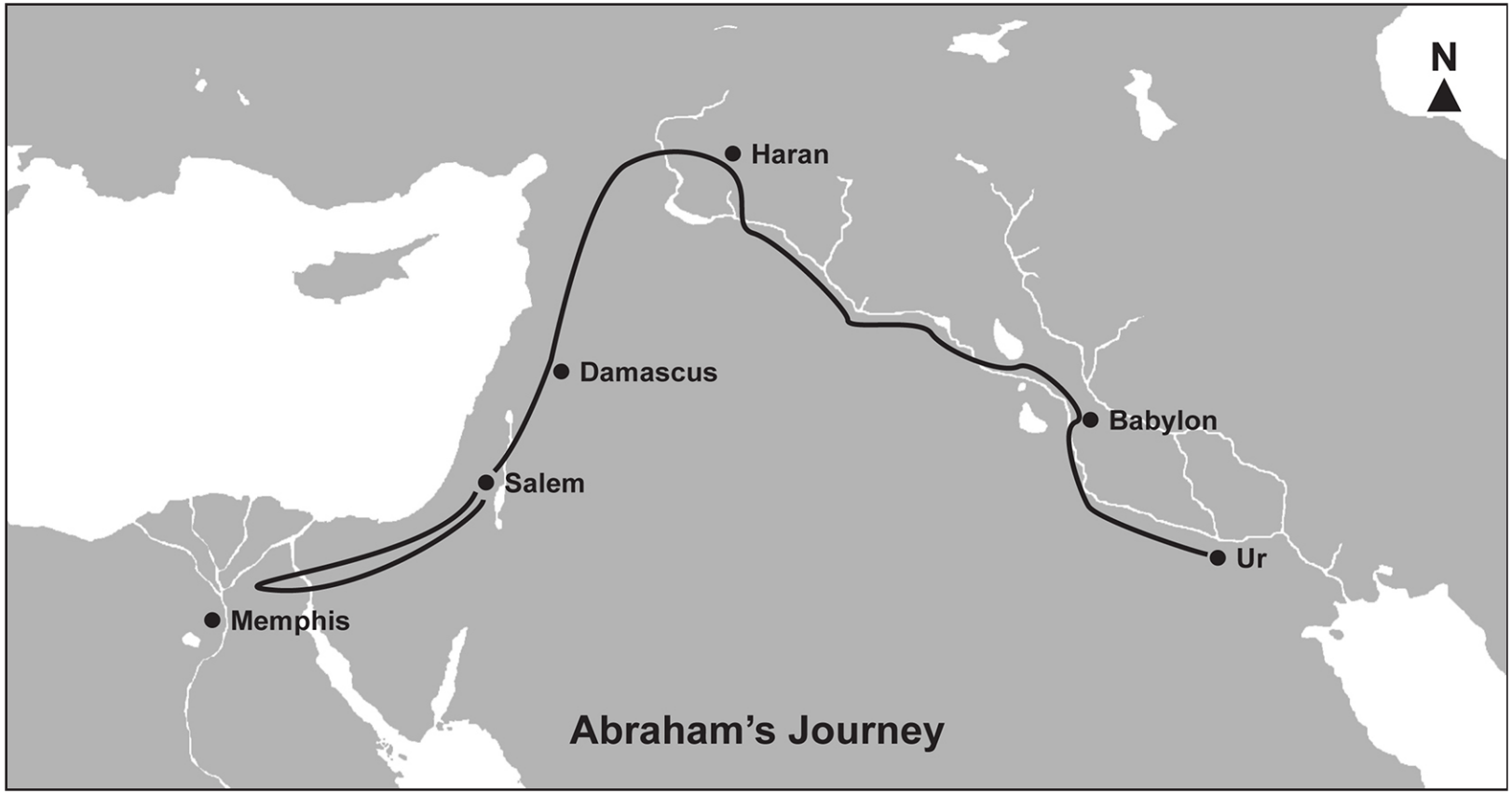

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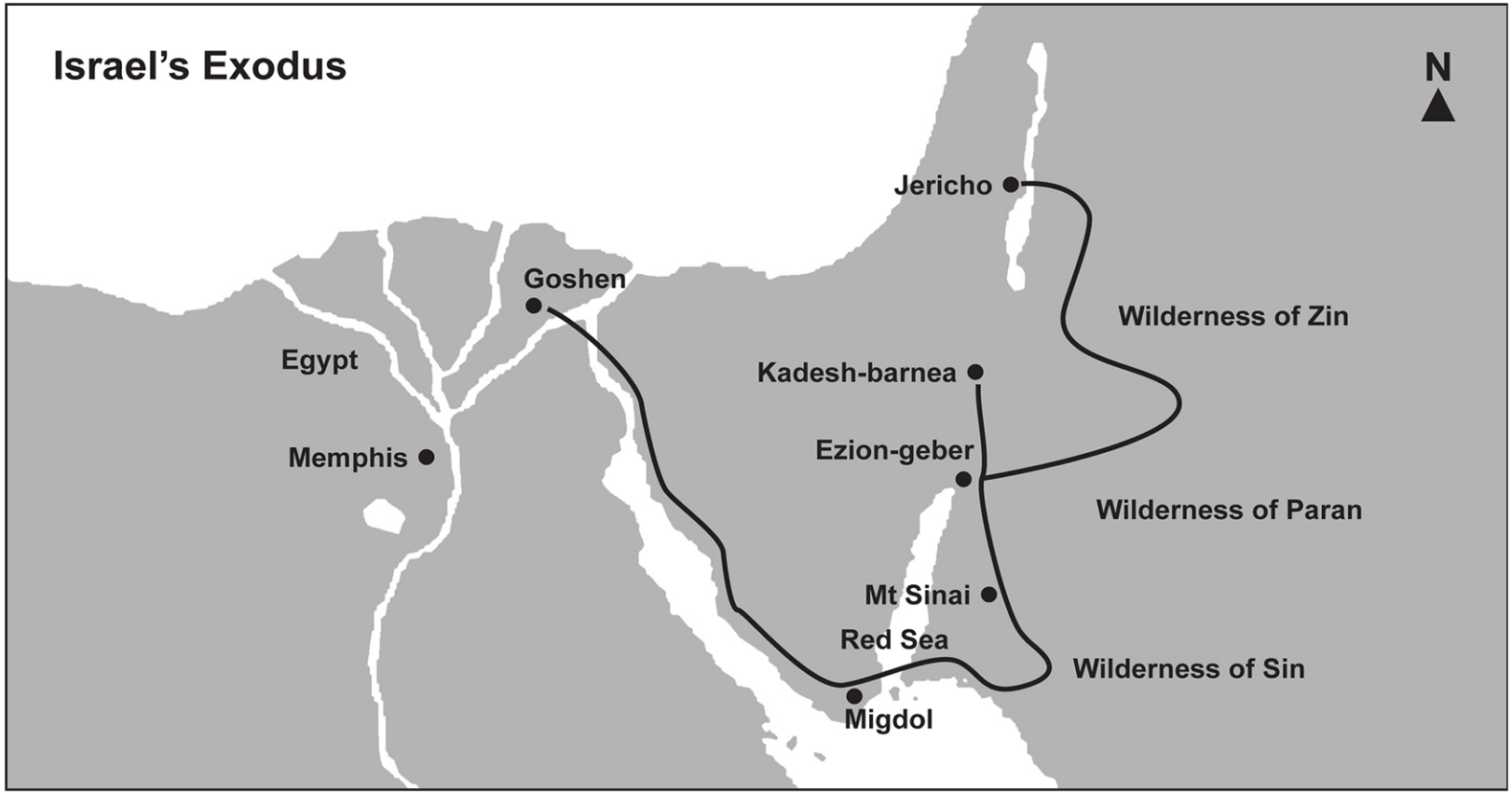

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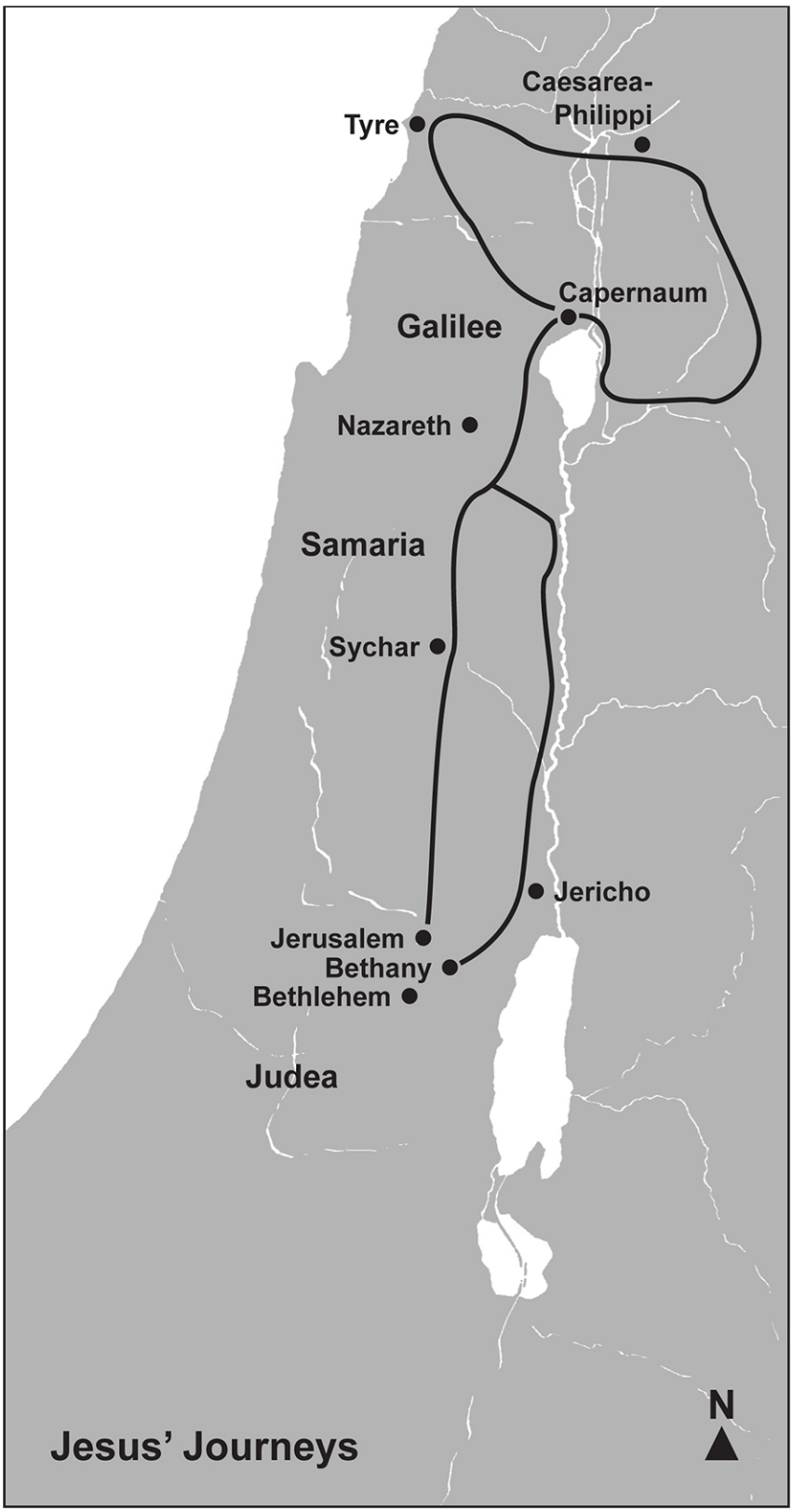

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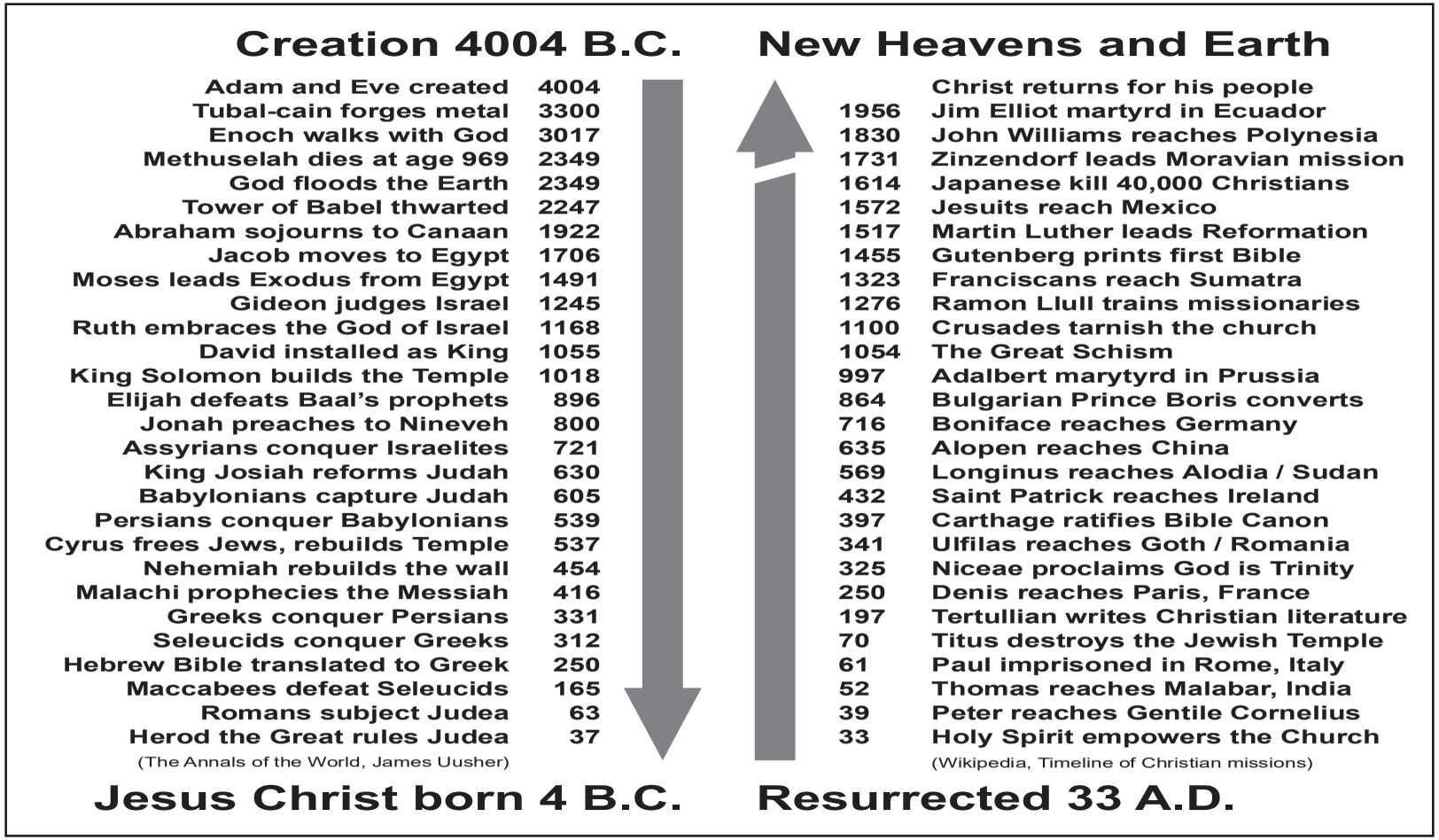
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1731 Zinzendorf leads Moravian mission
1614 Japanese kill 40,000 Christians
1572 Jesuits reach Mexico
1517 Martin Luther leads Reformation
1455 Gutenberg prints first Bible
1323 Franciscans reach Sumatra
1276 Ramon Llull trains missionaries
1100 Crusades tarnish the church
1054 The Great Schism
997 Adalbert marytyrd in Prussia
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250 Denis reaches Paris, France
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61 Paul imprisoned in Rome, Italy
52 Thomas reaches Malabar, India
39 Peter reaches Gentile Cornelius
33 Holy Spirit empowers the Church
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Resurrected 33 A.D.

What are we?			Genesis 1:26 - 2:3		Mankind is created in God's image, male and female He created us				
How are we sinful?			Romans 5:12-19		Sin entered the world through Adam and then death through sin				
Where are we?			**When are we?**						
			Innocence		Fallen				Glory
			Eternity Past	Creation 4004 B.C.	Fall to sin No Law	Moses' Law 1500 B.C.	Christ 33 A.D.	Church Age Kingdom Age	New Heavens and Earth
Who are we?	God	Father	John 10:30 God's perfect fellowship	Genesis 1:31 God's perfect fellowship with Adam in The Garden of Eden	1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapproachable light				Acts 3:21 Philippians 2:11 Revelation 20:3 God's perfectly restored fellowship with all Mankind praising Christ as Lord in the Holy City
		Son			John 8:58 Pre-incarnate		John 1:14 Incarnate	Luke 23:43 Paradise	
		Holy Spirit			Psalm 139:7 Everywhere		John 14:17 Living in believers		
	Mankind	Living	Genesis 1:1 No Creation No people		Ephesians 2:1-5 Serving the Savior or Satan on Earth				
		Deceased believing			Luke 16:22 Blessed in Paradise				
		Deceased unbelieving			Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:5,13 Punished in Hades until the final judgment				
	Angels	Holy			Hebrews 1:14 Serving mankind at God's command				
		Imprisoned		Genesis 1:31 No Fall No unholy Angels	2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tartarus				Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:10 Lake of Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels
		Fugitive			1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10 Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind			Revelation 20:13 Thalaasa	
		First Beast						Revelation 19:20 Lake of Fire	
		False Prophet							
		Satan						Revelation 20:2 Abyss	
Why are we?			Romans 11:25-36, Ephesian 2:7		For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all				

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The Aionian Bible shows the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of after-life destinies. The underlying Hebrew and Greek words typically translated as *Hell* show us that there are not just two after-life destinies, Heaven or Hell. Instead, there are a number of different locations, each with different purposes, different durations, and different inhabitants. Locations include 1) Old Testament *Sheol* and New Testament *Hadēs*, 2) *Geenna*, 3) *Tartaroō*, 4) *Abyssos*, 5) *Limnē Pyr*, 6) *Paradise*, 7) *The New Heaven*, and 8) *The New Earth*. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The key observation is that fallen angels will be present at the final judgment, 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. Traditionally, we understand the separation of the Sheep and the Goats at the final judgment to divide believing from unbelieving mankind, Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 20:11-15. However, the presence of fallen angels alternatively suggests that Jesus is separating redeemed mankind from the fallen angels. We do know that Jesus is the helper of mankind and not the helper of the Devil, Hebrews 2. We also know that Jesus has atoned for the sins of all mankind, both believer and unbeliever alike, 1 John 2:1-2. Deceased believers are rewarded in Paradise, Luke 23:43, while unbelievers are punished in Hades as the story of Lazarus makes plain, Luke 16:19-31. Yet less commonly known, the punishment of this selfish man and all unbelievers is before the final judgment, is temporal, and is punctuated when Hades is evacuated, Revelation 20:13. So is there hope beyond Hades for unbelieving mankind? Jesus promised, *"the gates of Hades will not prevail,"* Matthew 16:18. Paul asks, *"Hades where is your victory?"* 1 Corinthians 15:55. John wrote, *"Hades gives up,"* Revelation 20:13.

Jesus comforts us saying, *"Do not be afraid,"* because he holds the keys to *unlock* death and Hades, Revelation 1:18. Yet too often our *Good News* sounds like a warning to *"be afraid"* because Jesus holds the keys to *lock* Hades! Wow, we have it backwards! Hades will be evacuated! And to guarrantee hope, once emptied, Hades is thrown into the Lake of Fire, never needed again, Revelation 20:14.

Finally, we read that anyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life is thrown into the Lake of Fire, the second death, with no exit ever mentioned or promised, Revelation 21:1-8. So are those evacuated from Hades then, *"out of the frying pan, into the fire?"* Certainly, the Lake of Fire is the destiny of the Goats. But, do not be afraid. Instead, read the Bible's explicit mention of the purpose of the Lake of Fire and the identity of the Goats, *"Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the consummate fire which is prepared for... the devil and his angels,'"* Matthew 25:41. Bad news for the Devil. Good news for all mankind!

Faith is not a pen to write your own name in the Book of Life. Instead, faith is the glasses to see that the love of Christ for all mankind has already written our names in Heaven. Jesus said, *"You did not choose me, but I chose you," John 15:16*. Though unbelievers will suffer regrettable punishment in Hades, redeemed mankind will never enter the Lake of Fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And as God promised, all mankind will worship Christ together forever, Philippians 2:9-11.

Ngakho hambani lenze abafundi ezizweni zonke, libabhaphathize ebizweni likaBaba, leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele, - UMathewu 28:19