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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 *aīdios*, 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 *aīdios*, 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/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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*Yasimxoitsha umuntu; yabeka empumalanga kwasivande seEdeni amakherubhi lenkemba
evuthayo ephenduphendukayo, ukulinda indlela yesihlahla sempilo.*

UGenesis 3:24

UGenesisI

1 Ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu wadala amazulu lomhlaba. **2**
Njalo umhlaba wawungelasimo ungelalutho, lobumnyama
babuphezu kokujula; loMoya kaNkulunkulu wayendiza phezu
kwamanzi. **3** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona ukukhanya;
kwasekusiba khona ukukhanya. **4** UNkulunkulu wasebona
ukukhanya ukuthi kuhle; uNkulunkulu wasehlukanisa phakathi
kokukhanya lobumnyama. **5** UNkulunkulu wasebiza ukukhanya
ngokuthi yimini, lobumnyama wabubiza ngokuthi yibusuku.
Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lokuqala.
6 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona umkhathi phakathi
kwamanzi; kawehlukanise phakathi kwamanzi lamanzi. **7**
UNkulunkulu wasesenza umkhathi, wasehlukanisa phakathi
kwamanzi angaphansi komkhathi lamanzi aphezu komkhathi;
kwasekusiba njalo. **8** UNkulunkulu wasebiza umkhathi ngokuthi
ngamazulu. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku
lwesibili. **9** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakuqoqelwe amanzi avela
ngaphansi kwamazulu ndawonye, njalo kakubonakale umhlabathi
owomileyo; kwasekusiba njalo. **10** UNkulunkulu wasebiza
umhlabathi owomileyo ngokuthi ngumhlaba, lenhlangano yamanzi
wayibiza ngokuthi zinlwandle. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi
kuhle. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlaba kawumilise utshani,
imibhida ethela inhlanyelo, isihlahla sesithelo sisenza isithelo
ngohlobo lwaso, onhlanyelo yaso ikuso phezu komhlaba.
Kwasekusiba njalo. **12** Umhlaba wasuveza utshani, imibhida
ethela inhlanyelo ngohlobo lwayo, lesihlahla sisenza isithelo,
esinhlanyelo yaso ikuso ngohlobo lwaso. UNkulunkulu wasebona
ukuthi kuhle. **13** Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku
lwesithathu. **14** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakube khona izikhanyiso

emkhathini wamazulu, ukuze zehlukanise phakathi kwemini lobusuku; njalo zibe yizibonakaliso lezikhathi ezimisiweyo, lensuku lemynyaka. **15** Njalo zibe yizikhanyiso emkhathini wamazulu, ukuze zikhanyise emhlabeni. Kwasekusiba njalo.

16 UNkulunkulu wasesenza izikhanyiso ezimbili ezinkulu: Isikhanyiso esikhulu ukuze sibuse imini, lesikhanyiso esincinyane ukuze sibuse ubusuku, kanye lezinkanyezi. **17** UNkulunkulu wasezimisa emkhathini wamazulu, ukuthi zikhanyise emhlabeni, **18** lokuthi zibuse emini lebusuku, lokwehlukanisa phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. **19** Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesine. **20** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Amanzi kawagcwale ukunyakazela kwemiphefumulo ephilayo, njalo kakuphaphe inyoni phezu komhlaba emkhathini wamazulu. **21** UNkulunkulu wasedala oququmadevu bolwandle abakhulu, laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esibhinqikayo, amanzi agcwele sona, ngohlobo lwaso, layo yonke inyoni elempiko, ngohlobo lwayo. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. **22** UNkulunkulu wasekubusisa, esithi: Zalani, lande, njalo ligcwaliise amanzi enlwandle, lezinyoni kazande emhlabeni. **23** Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesihlanu. **24** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlabu kawuveze izidalwa eziphilayo ngohlobo lwazo, izifuyo lokuhuquzelayo lenyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo zazo. Kwasekusiba njalo. **25** UNkulunkulu wasesenza izinyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo zazo, lezifuyo ngenhlobo zazo, lakho konke okuhuquzelayo komhlaba ngenhlobo zakho. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. **26** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Asenze abantu ngomfanekiso wethu, ngesimo sethu, njalo babuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu,

laphezu kwezfifuyo, laphezu komhlaba wonke, laphezu kwakho konke okuhuquzelayo lokho okuhuquzelala emhlabeni. **27**
UNkulunkulu wasemdala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe; wamdale ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu; owesilisa lowesifazana wabadala.
28 UNkulunkulu wasebabusisa, uNkulunkulu wasesithi kibo: Zalani lande, ligcwalise umhlaba njalo liwehlisele phansi; libuse phezu kwenhlanzi zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu, laphezu kwakho konke okuphilayo okuhuquzelala emhlabeni. **29**
UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Khangelani, ngilinike yonke imibhida ethela inhlanyelo, esebusweni bomhlaba wonke, laso sonke isihlahla, okukuso isithelo sesihlahla esithela inhlanyelo; kini singesokudla. **30** Njalo kuyo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba, lakuyo yonke inyoni yamazulu, lakukho konke okuhuquzelala emhlabeni, okukukho umoya ophilayo, lonke uhlaza ngolokudla. Kwasekusiba njalo. **31** UNkulunkulu wasebona konke akwenzileyo; khangelake kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwasithupha.

2 Kwasekuqediswa amazulu lomhlaba lalo lonke ibutho lakho. **2** UNkulunkulu wasewuqeda ngosuku lwasikhombisa umsebenzi wakhe abewenza. Waphumula ngosuku lwasikhombisa emsebenzini wakhe wonke abewenza. **3** UNkulunkulu wasebusisa usuku lwasikhombisa, walungcwelisa; ngoba ngalo waphumula emsebenzini wakhe wonke, uNkulunkulu awudalayo wawenza. **4** Lezi yizizukulwana zamazulu lezomhlaba ekudalweni kwakho, mhla iNkosi uNkulunkulu isenza umhlaba lamazulu, **5** laso sonke isihlahlakazana sensimu, singakabi khona emhlabeni, layo yonke imibhida yeganga, ingakamili; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu yayinganisanga izulu emhlabeni, njalo kwakungelamuntu wokulima umhlabathi. **6** Kodwa kwenyuka

inkungu ivela emhlabathini, yasithelela ubuso bonke bomhlabathi.

7 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasibumba umuntu ngothuli oluvela emhlabathini, yaphefumulela emakhaleni akhe umoya wempilo; umuntu wasesiba ngumphefumulo ophilayo. 8 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasihlanyela isivande eEdeni ngasempumalanga, yasimbeka khona umuntu eyambumbayo. 9 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasimilisa emhlabeni sonke isihlahla esibukekayo lesilungele ukudla; lesihlahla sempilo phakathi kwesivande, lesihlahla solwazi lokuhle lokubi. 10 Kwasekuphuma eEdeni umfula wokuthelela isivande; njalo kusukela lapho wehlukaniswa waba zinhloko ezine. 11 Ibizo lowokuqala yiPishoni; yiwo ozingelezele ilizwe lonke leHavila, lapho okulegolide khona. 12 Legolide lalelolizwe lihle; lapho kulebedola lelitshe i-onikse. 13 Lebizo lomfula wesibili yiGihoni; yiwo ozingelezele ilizwe lonke eleEthiyophiya. 14 Lebizo lomfula wesithathu yiHidekeli; yiwo ogelezela empumalanga kweAsiriya. Lomfula wesine yiYufrathi. 15 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasimthatha umuntu, yambeka esivandeni seEdeni, ukuze asilime asilondoloze. 16 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasimlaya umuntu isithi: Kuso sonke isihlahla sesivande ungarla lokudla; 17 kodwa okwesihlahla solwazi lokuhle lokubi, ungarli kuso, ngoba mhla usidla kuso uzakufa lokufa. 18 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisithi: Kakukuhle ukuthi umuntu abe yedwa. Ngizamenzela umsizi onjengaye. 19 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasibumba ngomhlabathi yonke inyamazana yeganga layo yonke inyonu yamazulu; yakuletha kuAdamu, ukuthi ibone ukuthi angazibiza ngokuthini, njalo loba yikuphi uAdamu azabiza ngakho isidalwa esiphilayo, yilo ibizo laso. 20 UAdamu wasesitha amabizo kuzo zonke izifuyo, lenyonini yamazulu, lakuyo yonke inyamazana yeganga; kodwa uAdamu katholelwanga umsizi onjengaye. 21 INkosi uNkulunkulu

yasisehlisela phezu kukaAdamu ubuthongo obukhulu, waselala. Yasithatha olunye Iwezimbambo zakhe, yavala ngenyama endaweni yalo. **22** INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisenza ubambo eyayiluthethe emuntwini lwaba ngowesifazana, yasimusa emuntwini. **23** UAdamu wasesithi: Lo khathesi ulithambo lamathambo ami, lenyama yenysama yami; uzabizwa ngokuthi ngowesifazana, ngoba yena ethethwe endodeni. **24** Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo; njalo bazakuba nyamanye. **25** Bobabili babenqunu-ke, umuntu lomkakhe, futhi bengelanhloni.

3 Inyoka yayilobuqili-ke kulayo yonke inyamazana yeganga, eyayiyenzile iNkosi uNkulunkulu. Yasisithi kowesifazana: Yebo uNkulunkulu watsho yini ukuthi: Kumele lingadli kuso sonke isihlahla sesivande? **2** Owesifazana wasesithi enyokeni: Singadla okwesithelo sezihlahla zesivande; **3** kodwa okwesithelo sesihlahla esiphakathi kwesivande, uNkulunkulu wathi: Lingadli kuso, njalo lingasithinti, hlezi life. **4** Inyoka yasisithi kowesifazana: Kaliyikufa sibili. **5** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyazi ukuthi mhla lisidla kuso, amehlo enu azavuleka, njalo libe njengoNkulunkulu, lisazi okuhle lokubi. **6** Owesifazana ebona-ke ukuthi isihlahla silungile ukuba yikudla, lokuthi sona siyabukeka emehlwani, lesihlahla sikhwabitheka ukwenza uhlakaniphe, wakha okwesithelo saso, wadla; wasenika lendoda yakhe kanye laye, yasisidla. **7** Asevuleka amehlo abo bobabili, basebesazi ukuthi babenqunu; basebethungela ndawonye amahlamvu omkhiwa, bazenzela amafasikoti. **8** Basebesizwa ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu ihamba esivandeni ekupholeni kosuku; uAdamu lomkakhe basebecatsha ebusweni beNkosi uNkulunkulu phakathi kwezihlahla zesivande. **9** INkosi uNkulunkulu yasibiza uAdamu, yathi kuye: Ungaphi?

10 Wasesithi: Ilizwi lakho ngilizwe esivandeni, ngesaba, ngoba
nginqunu; ngasengicatsha. **11** Yasisithi: Ngubani okutshele
ukuthi unqunu? Udlile yini okwesihlahla, engakulaya ngaso
ukuthi ungadli okwaso? **12** UAdamu wasesithi: Owesifazana
owangipha yena ukuthi abe lami, yena unginike okwesihlahla,
ngasengisidla. **13** INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisithi kowesifazana:
Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo? Owesifazana wasesithi: Inyoka
ingikhohlisile, ngasengisidla. **14** INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisithi
enyokeni: Njengoba usukwenzile lokhu, uqalekisiwe wena
okwedlula sonke isifuyo lokwedlula yonke inyamazana yeganga.
Uzahamba ngesisu sakho, njalo udle uthuli insuku zonke zempilo
yakho. **15** Njalo ngizafaka ubutha phakathi kwakho lowesifazana
laphakathi kwenzalo yakho lenzalo yakhe. Yona izakuchoboza
ikhanda, wena uzayichoboza isithende. **16** Kowesifazana yathi:
Ngokwandisa ngizakwandisa ubuhlungu bakho lokuzithwala
kwakho; ngobuhlungu uzabeletha abantwana, lokukhanuka
kwakho kuzakuba sendodeni yakho, njalo yona izakubusa.
17 Njalo kuAdamu yathi: Njengoba ulalele ilizwi lomkakho,
wasusidla okwesihlahla engakulaya ngaso ukuthi: Ungadli
okwaso, uqalekisiwe umhlaba ngenxa yakho; ngokukhathazeka
uzakudla okwawo insuku zonke zempilo yakho. **18** Njalo
uzakumilisela ameva lokhula oluhabayo, ubususidla imibhida
yeganga. **19** Ngesithukuthuku sobuso bakho uzakudla ukudla,
uze ubuye emhlabathini, ngoba wathathwa kuwo; ngoba wena
uluthuli, njalo uzabuyela ethulini. **20** UAdamu wasebiza ibizo
lomkakhe ngokuthi nguEva, ngoba yena ungunina wabo bonke
abaphilayo. **21** INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisenzela uAdamu lomkakhe
izigqoko zezigogo, yasibagqokisa. **22** INkosi uNkulunkulu
yasisithi: Khangela, umuntu usenjengomunye wethu, esazi

okuhle lokubi. Khathesi-ke, hlezi elule isandla sakhe athathe njalo okwesihlahla sempilo, adle aphile kuze kube sephakadeni. **23** Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu yamkhupha esivandeni seEdeni ukuthi alime umhlabathi, lapho athathwa khona. **24** Yasimxotsha umuntu; yabeka empumalanga kwesivande seEdeni amakherubhi lenkemba evuthayo ephenduphendukayo, ukulinda indlela yesihlahla sempilo.

4 UAdamu wasemazi uEva umkakhe; wasethatha isisu, wabeletha uKhayini, wasesithi: Ngizuze indoda eNkosini. **2** Wasebuya ebeletha umfowabo uAbela. UAbela wasesiba ngumelusi wezimvu, loKhayini waba ngumlimi womhlabathi. **3** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwezinsuku uKhayini waletha eNkosini umnikelo owesithelo somhlabathi. **4** LoAbela, waletha laye emazibulweni ezimvu zakhe lakwezinonileyo zawo; iNkosi yasinaka uAbela lomnikelo wakhe. **5** Kodwa uKhayini lomnikelo wakhe kayiwunakanga. UKhayini wasethukuthela kakhulu, lobuso bakhe banyukubala. **6** INkosi yasisithi kuKhayini: Uthukutheleleni, njalo kungani ubuso bakho bunyukubele? **7** Angithi uba usenza kuhle, kuyemukeleka yini? Kodwa uba ungenzi kuhle, isono siyacathama emnyango, lokunxwanelo kwakhe kukuwe, kodwa wena uzambusa. **8** UKhayini wasekhulumma loAbela umfowabo; kwasekusithi besegangeni, uKhayini wasukela umfowabo uAbela wambulala. **9** INkosi yasisithi kuKhayini: Ungaphi uAbela umfowenu? Wasesithi: Angazi; ngingumlondolozi womfowethu yini? **10** Yasisithi: Wenzeni? Iлизwi legazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi livela emhlabathini. **11** Khathesi-ke uqalekisiwe emhlabeni okhamise umlomo waho ukwemukela igazi lomfowenu esandleni sakho. **12** Nxa ulima umhlabathi, kawusayikukunika amandla awo; uzakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni. **13** UKhayini wasesithi

eNkosini: Isijeziso sami sikhulu kulengingakuthwala. **14** Khangela, ungixotshile lamuhla ebusweni bomhlaba, njalo ngizacatshiswa ebusweni bakho; sengizakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni; njalo kuzakuthi wonke ongificayo uzangibulala. **15** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngakho, loba ngubani obulala uKhayini uzaphindiselwa kasikhombisa. INkosi yasibeka uphawu kuKhayini, hlezi loba ngubani omficayo ambulale. **16** UKhayini wasesuka ebusweni beNkosi, wasehlala elizweni leNodi, empumalanga kweEdeni. **17** UKhayini wasemazi umkakhe; wasethatha isisu, wabeletha uEnoki; njalo wayesakha umuzi, wabiza ibizo lomuzi ngebizo lendodana yakhe uEnoki. **18** Kwasekuzalelwa uEnoki ulradi; ulradi wasezala uMehujayeli; uMehujayeli wasezala uMethushayeli; uMethushayeli wasezala uLameki. **19** ULameki wasezithathela abafazi ababili, ibizo lowokuqala lalinguAda, lebizo lowesibili lalinguZila. **20** UAda wasezala uJabali; yena wayenguyise walabo abahlala emathenteni, belezifuyo. **21** Lebizo lomfowabo lalinguJubali, yena wayenguyise wakhe wonke olokwenza lechacho lomhlanga. **22** UZila laye wasezala uThubhali-Khayini, umkhandi wakho konke okusikayo kwethusi lensimbi. Lodadewabo kaThubhali-Khayini wayenguNahama. **23** ULameki wasesithi kubafazi bakhe: Ada loZila, zwanini ilizwi lami, bafazi bakaLameki, bekani indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami; ngoba ngabulala indoda ngenxa yokungilimaza, lomfana ngenxa yokungihluzula. **24** Nxa uKhayini ephindiselwa kasikhombisa, isibili uLameki kamatshumi ayisikhombisa ephindwe kasikhombisa. **25** UAdamu wasephinda wamazi umkakhe; wasezala indodana, wasebiza ibizo layo wathi nguSeti; ngoba wathi: UNkulunkulu ungibekele enye inzalo esikhundleni sikaAbela, ngoba uKhayini wambulala. **26** Laye

uSeti wasezalelwa indodana, wabiza ibizo layo wathi nguEnosi.

Ngalesosikhathi baqala ukubiza ibizo leNkosi.

5 Lolu lugwalo lwezizukulwana zikaAdamu. Mhla uNkulunkulu edala umuntu, wamenza ngokomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. **2** Wabadala owesilisa lowesifazana, wasebabusisa, wasebiza ibizo labo wathi ngabantu, mhla bedalwa. **3** UAdamu wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; wasezala indodana efuzweni lwakhe njengokomfanekiso wakhe, wabiza ibizo layo wathi nguSeti. **4** Njalo izinsuku zikaAdamu esezele uSeti zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili; wasezala amadodana lamadodakazi. **5** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaAdamu, aziphilayo, zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu, wasesifa. **6** USeti wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lanhlanu; wazala uEnosi. **7** USeti wasephila esezele uEnosi iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **8** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaSeti zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi lambili; wasesifa. **9** UEnosi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye, wazala uKenani. **10** UEnosi wasephila, esezele uKenani, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lanhlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **11** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaEnosi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wasesifa. **12** UKenani wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uMahalaleli. **13** UKenani wasephila, esezele uMahalaleli, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **14** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaKenani zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi, wasesifa. **15** UMahalaleli

wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uJaredi. **16** UMahalaleli wasephila, esezele uJaredi, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **17** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaMahalaleli zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wasesifa. **18** UJaredi wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, wazala uEnoki. **19** UJaredi wasephila, esezele uEnoki, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **20** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaJaredi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili; wasesifa. **21** UEnoki wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uMethusela. **22** UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu, esezele uMethusela, iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **23** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaEnoki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu. **24** UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu; kasekho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamthatha. **25** UMethusela wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa, wazala uLameki. **26** UMethusela wasephila, esezele uLameki, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **27** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaMethusela zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha lesificamunwemunye; wasesifa. **28** ULameki wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili, wazala indodana. **29** Wasebiza ibizo layo wathi nguNowa esithi: Lo uzasiduduza ekusebenzeni kwethu lekutshikatshikeni kwezandla zethu, ngenxa yomhlabathi, ewuqalekisileyo

iNkosi. **30** ULameki wasephila, esezele uNowa, iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **31** Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaLameki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa; wasesifa. **32** UNowa waba leminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu, uNowa wasezala uShemu, uHamu, loJafethi.

6 Kwasekusithi abantu sebeqala ukwanda ebusweni bomhlaba, basebezalelw amadodakazi, **2** amadodana kaNkulunkulu ebona amadodakazi abantu ukuthi wona ayemahle; asezithathela abafazi kuwo wonke awakhethayo. **3** INkosi yasisithi: UMoya wami kawuyikulwiana lomuntu njalonjalo, ngoba laye eyinyama; kodwa izinsuku zakhe zizakuba yiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili. **4** Iziqhwaga zazisemhlabeni ngalezonsuku; lemva kwalokho-ke, lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu esengenile emadodakazini abantu, asewazalela abantwana. Wona ayengamaqhawe asendulo, engamadoda alebizo. **5** INkosi yasibona ukuthi ububi bomuntu bukhulu emhlabeni, lokuthi konke ukuceba kwemicabango yenhliziyo yakhe kwakukubi kuphela usuku lonke. **6** INkosi yasizisola ngokuthi yayimentzile umuntu emhlabeni, yasidabuka enhliziyweni yayo. **7** INkosi yasisithi: Ngizamchitha umuntu engamdalayo ngimsuse ebusweni bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni, kuze kube kokuhuquzelayo, lenyonini zamazulu; ngoba ngiyazisola ukuthi ngikwenzile. **8** Kodwa uNowa wazuza umusa emehlwani eNkosi. **9** Lezi yizizukulwana zikaNowa. UNowa wayeyindoda elungileyo epheleleyo esizukulwaneni sakhe; uNowa wahamba loNkulunkulu. **10** UNowa wasezala amadodana amathathu, uShemu, uHamu loJafethi. **11** Umhlaba wonakaliswa-ke phambi

kukaNkulunkulu, lomhlaba wagcwaliswa ngobudlwangudlwangu.

12 UNkulunkulu wasebona umhlaba, khangela-ke wonakalisiwe, ngoba yonke inyama yonakalise indlela yayo emhlabeni.

13 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Ukuphela kwayo yonke inyama sekuze phambi kwami, ngoba umhlaba ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabo; khangela-ke, ngizabachitha kanye lomhlaba. **14** Zakhele umkhumbi ngezigodo zegofere, wenze izigaba phakathi komkhumbi, uwuhuqe ngengcino ngaphakathi langaphandle. **15** Nansi indlela ozawenza ngayo; ingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu yibude bomkhumbi, ingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu yibubanzi bawo, ingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu yikuphakama kwavo. **16** Iwindi uzalenza emkhunjini, uliqede libe yingalo kusukela phezulu, ufake umnyango womkhumbi ehlangothini lwawo, uwenze ube lesitezi esaphansi, esesibili, lesesithathu. **17** Mina-ke, khangela, ngizakwehlisela uzamcolo wamanzi phezu komhlaba, ukuchitha yonke inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo, isuke ngaphansi kwamazulu. Konke okusemhlabeni kuzaphela. **18** Kodwa ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe; njalo uzangena emkhunjini, wena lamadodana akho lomkakho labafazi bamadodana akho kanye lawe. **19** Lakukho konke okuphilayo, kuyo yonke inyama, okubili kwakho konke, uzakuletha emkhunjini, ukulondoloze kuphila lawe, kuzakuba ngokuduna lokusikazi; **20** enyonini ngothrobo lwayo, lesifuyweni ngothrobo lwaso, lakukho konke okuhuquzelayo komhlaba ngothrobo lwakho, okubili kwakho kuzakuza kuwe, ukulondoloze kuphila. **21** Lawe-ke, zithathelle kukho konke ukudla okudliwayo, njalo ukubuthelele kuwe, futhi kuzakuba ngokwakho lokwazo okokudla. **22** Wasekwenza

uNowa; njengakho konke uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona wenza njalo.

7 INkosi yasisithi kuNowa: Ngena wena lendlu yakho yonke emkhunjini, ngoba wena ngikubone ulungile phambi kwami kulesisizukulwana. **2** Kuyo yonke inyamazana ehlambulukileyo uzazithathela ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna lensikazi yayo; njalo kuyo inyamazana engahlambulukanga ezimbili, enduna lensikazi yayo. **3** Lakuzo inyonи zamazulu ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna lensikazi, ukulondoloza inhlanyelo iphila ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. **4** Ngoba kusele izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, besenginisa izulu emhlabeni, izinsuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ngibhubhise konke okuphilayo, engakwenzayo, ebusweni bomhlaba. **5** UNowa wasesenza njengakho konke iNkosi eyamlaya khona. **6** UNowa wayeleminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha, lapho uzamcolo wamanzi ephezu komhlaba. **7** UNowa wasengena emkhunjini lamadodana akhe lomkakhe labafazi bamadodana akhe kanye laye, ngenxa yamanzi kazamcolo. **8** Kuzo inyamazana ezihlambulukileyo, lakuzo inyamazana ezingahlambulukanga, lakuzo inyonи, lakukho konke okuhuquzelayo phezu komhlaba, **9** ngambili ngambili kweza kuNowa emkhunjini, okuduna lokusikazi, njengoba uNkulunkulu emlayile uNowa. **10** Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo ayephezu komhlaba. **11** Ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wempilo kaNowa, ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga, ngalolosuku yonke imithombo yokujula okukhulu yaqhekezwa, lamasango empophoma zamazulu avulwa. **12** Izulu laliphezu komhlaba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku

obungamatshumi amane. **13** Ngalolosuku olufananayo uNowa wangena loShemu loHamu loJafethi, amadodana kaNowa, lomkaNowa, labafazi abathathu bamadodana akhe kanye labo, emkhunjini, **14** bona, layo yonke inyamazana ngohlobo lwayo, laso sonke isifuyo ngohlobo lwaso, lakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzelala phezu komhlaba ngohlobo lwakho, lakho konke okuphaphayo ngohlobo lwakho, yonke inyonu yalo lonke uphiko. **15** Zasezingena kuNowa emkhunjini, ngambilili ngambilili, kuyo yonke inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo. **16** Lezangenayo, kwangena enduna lensikazi kuyo yonke inyama, njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona; iNkosi yasimvalela phakathi. **17** Uzamcolo wasesiba semhlabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane; amanzi asesanda asephakamisa umkhumbi, waze waphakama phezu komhlaba. **18** Amanzi asephakama ngamandla, anda kakhulu phezu komhlaba; lomkhumbi wahamba phezu kobuso bamanzi. **19** Amanzi asephakama ngamandla kakhulukazi emhlabeni, zaze zasitshekela zonke intaba eziphakemeyo ezingaphansi kwamazulu wonke. **20** Izingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu amanzi aqonga aphakama ngamandla, lezintaba zasitshekela. **21** Yonke-ke inyama yaphela, eyayihamba phezu komhlaba, eyenyoni, leyesifuyo, leyenyamazana, leyakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzelala phezu komhlaba, laye wonke umuntu; **22** konke okulokuphefumula komoya wempilo emakhaleni akho, kwakho konke okusemhlabeni owomileyo, kwafa. **23** Kwachithwa konke okwakukhona, okwakusebusweni bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya esifuyweni kusiya kokuhuquzelayo njalo kusiya enyonini yamazulu; kwasekuchithwa emhlabeni; kwasekutshiywa uNowa kuphela, lalokho ayelakho emkhunjini. **24** Lamanzi

ayephakama ngamandla phezu komhlaba, okwensuku ezilikhulu
lamatshumi amahlanu.

8 UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uNowa, lakho konke okuphilayo,
laso sonke isifuyo, esasilaye emkhunjini. UNkulunkulu
wavunguzisa umoya phezu komhlaba, lamanzi etsha. **2**
Kwasekumiswa imithombo yokujula lamasango empophoma
zamazulu, lezulu elivela emazulwini lanqandwa. **3** Lamanzi
etsha esuka emhlabeni, ehamba ebuyela; amanzi asencipha
ekupheleni kwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. **4**
Umkhumbi wasuhlala ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku
lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga, phezu kwezintaba zeArarathi.
5 Lamanzi aya esetsha kwaze kwaba senyangeni yetshumi;
ngeyetshumi ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga kwabonakala
ingqonga zezintaba. **6** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku
ezingamatshumi amane, uNowa wasevula iwindi lomkhumbi
ayelenzile, **7** wasethuma iwabayi, lazulazula njalo, aze atsha
amanzi emhlabeni. **8** Wasethuma ijuba lisuka kuye, ukubona
ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana yini ebusweni bomhlaba; **9**
kodwa ijuba kalitholanga indawo yokuphumula kwengaphansi
onyawo lwalo, ngakho labuyela kuye emkhunjini, ngoba
amanzi ayekhona ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. Waseselula
isandla sakhe, walithatha, walingenisa kuye emkhunjini. **10**
Waselinda futhi ezinye izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; wasephinda
elithuma ijuba lisuka emkhunjini. **11** Ijuba laselibuya kuye
ngesikhathi santambama, khangela-ke, ihlamu lomhlwathi
elisanda ukuquntwa lalisemlonyeni walo; ngakho uNowa
wasesazi ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana phezu komhlaba. **12**
Waselinda futhi ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; waselithuma
ijuba; kalabe lisabuyela kuye futhi. **13** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka

wamakhulu ayisithupha lanye, ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, amanzi atsha emhlabeni. UNowa wasesusa isifulelo somkhumbi, wabona, khangela-ke, ubuso bomhlaba babomile. **14** Njalo ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga, umhlaba wawusuwomile. **15** UNkulunkulu wasekhulumu kuNowa, esithi: **16** Phuma emkhunjini, wena lomkakho lamadodana akho labafazi bamadodana akho kanye lawe. **17** Konke okuphilayo okulawe, kuyo yonke inyama, eyenyoni leyesifuyo leyakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzelayo emhlabeni, phuma lakho; ukuze kuzale kwande emhlabeni, kuzale, kwande phezu komhlaba. **18** UNowa wasephuma, lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe, labafazi bamadodana akhe kanye laye. **19** Yonke inyamazana, konke okuhuquzelayo, layo yonke inyoni, konke okuhamba emhlabeni, ngenhlobo zakho, kwaphuma emkhunjini. **20** UNowa waseyakhela iNkosi ilathi; wathatha kuso sonke isifuyo esihlambulukileyo, lakuyo yonke inyoni ehlambulukileyo, wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwelathi. **21** INkosi yasisizwa uqhatshi olumnandi; iNkosi yasisithi enhliziyweni yayo: Kangisayikuphinda ngiqalekise umhlaba ngenxa yomuntu, ngoba ukuceba kwenhliziyo yomuntu kubi kusukela ebutsheni bakhe; futhi kangisayikuphinda ngitshaye konke okuphilayo njengalokhu ngenzile. **22** Ngazo zonke izinsuku zomhlaba, ukuhlanyela lokuvuna, lamakhaza lokukhudumala, lehlobo lobusika, lemini lobusuku, kakuyikuphela.

9 UNkulunkulu wasebusisa uNowa lamadodana akhe, wathi kibo: Zalani lande ligcwalise umhlaba. **2** Lokwesatshwa kwenu lokuquqhwia kwenu kuzakuba phezu kwayo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba laphezu kwayo yonke inyoni yamazulu; kukho konke okuhamba emhlabeni lakuzo zonke inhlanzi zolwandle; zinikelwe

ezandleni zenu. **3** Konke okuhambayo okuphilayo kuzakuba yikudla kini; njengombhida oluhlaza ngilinikile konke. **4** Kodwa inyama lempilo yayo, igazi layo, kalisoze likudle. **5** Njalo sibili, igazi lenu, elempilo yenu, ngizalibiza; esandleni sayo yonke inyamazana ngizalibiza; lesandleni somuntu, lesandleni somfowabo womunye lomunye ngizabiza umphefumulo womuntu. **6** Ochitha igazi lomuntu, ngomuntu lizachithwa igazi lakhe; ngoba ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu. **7** Ngakho lina, zalani, lande, lizale ngokwengezelelweyo emhlabeni, lande kuwo. **8** UNkulunkulu wasekhulumu kuNowa lakumadodana akhe kanye laye, esithi: **9** Mina-ke, khangelani, ngiyamisa isivumelwano sami lani lenzalo yenu emva kwenu, **10** laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esilani, esenyoni lesesifuyo, lesayo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba lani; kusukela kubo bonke abaphume emkhunjini, kusiya kuyo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba. **11** Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lani; njalo kakusayikubhujiswa yonke inyama ngamanzi kazamcolo; ukuze kungasabi khona uzamcolo ukubhubhisa umhlaba. **12** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisinika phakathi kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esilani, kuze kube yizizukulwana laphakade. **13** Ngizamisa umchilowamakhosikazi wami emayezini; uzakuba yisibonakaliso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lomhlaba. **14** Kuzakuthi nxa ngibuyisa amayezi phezu komhlaba, umchilowamakhosikazi uzabonwa eyezini; **15** khona ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami, esiphakathi kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo sayo yonke inyama; lamanzi kawasayikuba nguzamcolo ukubhubhisa yonke inyama. **16** Lomchilowamakhosikazi uzakuba semayezini, njalo ngizawubona ukukhumbula isivumelwano esilaphakade phakathi

kukaNkulunkulu laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo, sayo yonke inyama esemhlabeni. **17** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisimise phakathi kwami layo yonke inyama esemhlabeni. **18** Amadodana kaNowa aphumayo-ke emkhunjini ayengoShemu loHamu loJafethi; njalo uHamu nguyise kaKhanani. **19** Laba bobathathu ngamadodana kaNowa; lomhlaba wonke wasatshalaliswa ngokuvela kubo. **20** UNowa waseqala ukuba ngumlimi, wahlanyela isivini. **21** Wasenatha okwewayini, wadakwa; njalo waba nqunu phakathi kwethente lakhe. **22** UHamu, uyise kaKhanani, wasebona ubunqunu bukayise, wasetshela abafowabo ababili phandle. **23** OShemu loJafethi basebethatha isembatho, basibeka emahlombe abo bobabili, bahamba nyovane, bagubuzela ubunqunu bukayise; lobuso babo babusemuva ukuze bangaboni ubunqunu bukayise. **24** UNowa wasevuka ewayinini lakhe, wakwazi lokho indodana yakhe encinyane ekwenze kuye. **25** Wasesithi: Kaqalekiswe uKhanani, uzakuba yisigqili sezigqili kubafowabo. **26** Wasesithi: Ibusisiwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaShemu, loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe. **27** UNkulunkulu amqhelise uJafethi, njalo ahlale emathenteni kaShemu, loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe. **28** Emva kukazamcolo uNowa wasephila iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amahlanu. **29** Zonke-ke insuku zikaNowa zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu; wasesifa.

10 Njalo lezi yizizukulwana zamadodana kaNowa: UShemu, uHamu loJafethi. Kwasekuzalwa amadodana kubo emva kukazamcolo. **2** Amadodana kaJafethi: UGomeri loMagogi loMadai loJavani loThubhali loMesheki loTirasi. **3** Lamadodana kaGomeri: UAshikenazi loRifathi loTogarma. **4** Lamadodana

kaJavani: UElisha loTarshishi, amaKiti lamaDodani. 5
Kwehlukaniswa kusukela kubo izihlenge zezizwe emazweni abo,
ngulowo lalowo ngokolimi lwakhe, langokosendo lwabo, ezizweni
zabo. 6 Lamadodana kaHamu: UKushi loMizirayimi loPuti
loKhanani. 7 Lamadodana kaKushi: USeba loHavila loSabitha
loRama loSabitheka. Lamadodana kaRahama: UShebha
loDedani. 8 UKushi wasezala uNimrodi; yena waqala ukuba
liqhawe emhlabeni. 9 Yena waba ngumzingeli olamandla phambi
kweNkosi; ngakho kuthiwa: NjengoNimrodi, umzingeli olamandla
phambi kweNkosi. 10 Lokuqala kombuso wakhe yiBabeli leEreki
leAkadi leKaline elizweni leShinari. 11 Kwaphuma kulelolizwe
uAshuri, wasesakha iNineve leRehobothi-Ire leKala, 12 leReseni
phakathi kweNineve leKala; lo ngumuzi omkhulu. 13 UMizirayimi
wasezala amaLudi lamaAnami lamaLehabi lamaNafethuhi 14
lamaPatrusi lamaKaseluhu - lapho okwavela khona amaFilisti -
lamaKafitori. 15 UKhanani wasezala uSidoni izibulo lakhe, loHethi,
16 lomJebusi lomAmori lomGirigashi 17 lomHivi lomArki lomSini
18 lomArvadi lomZemari lomHamathi; lemva kwalokho usendo
lwamaKhanani lwahlakazeka. 19 Umngcele wamaKhanani
wasusukela eSidoni usiya eGerari uze urike eGaza, usiya
eSodoma leGomora leAdima leZeboyimi kuze kufike eLasha. 20
La ngamadodana kaHamu, ngokosendo lwawo, langendimi zawo,
emazweni awo, ezizweni zawo. 21 UShemu laye wasezalelwa
amadodana; unguyise wamadodana wonke akaEberi, umfowabo
kaJafethi, omkhulu. 22 Amadodana kaShemu: UElamu loAshuri
loArpakishadi loLudi loAramu. 23 Lamadodana kaAramu:
U-Uzi loHuli loGetheri loMashi. 24 UArpakishadi wasezala
uShela; uShela wasezala uEberi. 25 Kwasekuzalelwa uEberi
amadodana amabili, ibizo lomunye nguPelegi, ngoba ensukwini

zayo umhlaba wehlukaniswa; lebizo lomfowabo nguJokithani.

26 UJokithani wasezala uAlimodadi loShelefi loHazamavethi loJera **27** loHadoramu loUzali loDikila **28** loObali loAbhimayeli loShebha **29** loOfiri loHavila loJobabi; bonke labo ngamadodana kaJokithani. **30** Indawo yokuhlala kwabo isukela eMesha lapho usiya eSafari, intaba yempumalanga. **31** La ngamadodana kaShemu, ngokosendo lwabo langendimi zabo, emazweni abo ngokwezizwe zabo. **32** Lolu lusendo lwamadodana kaNowa ngezizukulwana zawo ezizweni zawo; kwasekusehlukaniswa kulaba izizwe emhlabeni emva kukazamcolo.

11 Umhlaba wonke-ke wawulolimi lunye, lamazwi manye. **2** Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni kwabo bevela empumalanga bafica igceke elizweni leShinari, basebehlala khona. **3** Basebesithi ngulowo lalovo kumakhelwane wakhe: Wozani, asenzeni izitina sizitshise lokuzitshisa; lesitina saba lilitshe kubo, lengcino yaba ludaka kubo. **4** Basebesithi: Wozani, asizakheleni umuzi lomphotshongo osihloko sawo sisemazulwini, besesizenzela ibizo, hlezi sihlakazeke ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. **5** INkosi yasisehla ukubona umuzi lomphotshongo abantwana babantu abawakhayo. **6** INkosi yasisithi: Khangela, yisizwe sinye, njalo balolimi lunye bonke, njalo yikho abaqala ukukwenza; khathesi-ke akulalutho olungabehlula abamisa ukulwenza. **7** Wozani, asehle, siphambanise lapho ulimi lwabo, ukuze bangezwa, ngulowo lalovo ulimi lomakhelwane wakhe. **8** Ngakho iNkosi yabahlakazel aebusweni bomhlaba wonke besuka lapho; basebesima ukwakha umuzi. **9** Ngalokho kwabizwa ibizo lawo ngokuthi iBabeli, ngoba lapho iNkosi yaphambanisa ulimi lomhlaba wonke; kusukela lapho iNkosi yabahlakaza ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. **10** Lezi yizizukulwana zikaShemu.

UShemu wayelemiyaka elikhulu, wasezala uArpakishadi, iminyaka emibili emva kukazamcolo. **11** UShemu wasephila, esezele uArpakishadi, iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **12** UArpakishadi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, wazala uShela. **13** UArpakishadi wasephila, esezele uShela, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **14** UShela wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uEberi. **15** UShela wasephila, esezele uEberi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **16** UEberi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lane, wazala uPelegi. **17** UEberi wasephila, esezele uPelegi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **18** UPelegi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uRewu. **19** UPelegi wasephila, esezele uRewu, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili layisificamunwemunye; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **20** URewu wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, wazala uSerugi. **21** URewu wasephila, esezele uSerugi, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesikhombisa; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **22** USerugi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uNahori. **23** USerugi wasephila, esezele uNahori, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **24** UNahori wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye, wazala uTera. **25** UNahori wasephila, esezele uTera, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **26** UTera wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uAbrama, uNahori loHarani. **27** Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaTera. UTera wazala uAbrama, uNahori

loHarani; uHarani wasezala uLothi. 28 UHarani wasesifa phambi kukayise uTera, elizweni lokuzalwa kwakhe, eUri yamaKhaladiya. 29 OAbrama loNahori basebezithathela abafazi; ibizo lomkaAbrama nguSarayi, lebizo lomkaNahori nguMilka, indodakazi kaHarani, uyise kaMilka loyise kalska. 30 Kodwa uSarayi wayeyinyumba; wayengelamntwana. 31 UTera wasethatha uAbrama indodana yakhe, loLothi indodana kaHarani, indodana yendodana yakhe, loSarayi umalokazana wakhe, umkaAbrama indodana yakhe; basebesuka labo eUri yamaKhaladiya, ukuya elizweni leKhanani; basebefika eHarani, bahlala khona. 32 Lensuku zikaTera zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili lanhlanu; uTera wasefela eHarani.

12 INkosi yasisithi kuAbrama: Suka wena elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho lemzini kayihlo, uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. 2 Ngizakwenza-ke ube yisizwe esikhulu, ngikubusise, ngenze ibizo lakho libe likhulu, njalo ube yisibusiso. 3 Njalo ngizababusisa abakubusisayo, lokuqalekisayo ngimqalekise; lakuwe kuzabusiswa zonke insapho zomhlabo. 4 UAbrama wasehamba njengoba iNkosi ikhulumile kuye, loLothi wahamba laye. Njalo uAbrama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ekusukeni kwakhe eHarani. 5 UAbrama wasethatha uSarayi umkakhe, loLothi indodana yomfowabo, lempahla yabo yonke ababeyiqoqile, lemiphefumulo ababeyizuzile eHarani; basebesuka ukuya elizweni leKhanani; bafika elizweni leKhanani. 6 UAbrama wasedabula ilizwe waze wafika endaweni yeShekema, esihlahleni se-okhi seMore. LamaKhanani ayekhona elizweni ngalesosikhathi. 7 INkosi yasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi: Kunzalo yakho ngizanika lelilizwe. Waseyakhela lapho iNkosi ilathi eyayibonakale kuye.

8 Waseqhubeka esuka lapho waya entabeni empumalanga yeBhetheli, wamisa ithente lakhe, iBhetheli isentshonalanga leAyi empumalanga. Waseyakhela lapho iNkosi ilathi, wabiza ibizo leNkosi. 9 UAbrama wasesuka wahamba eqhubeka esiya eningizimu. 10 Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni. UAbrama wasesehlala ngaseGibhithe ukuthi ahlale khona njengowezizwe, ngoba indlala yayinzima elizweni. 11 Kwasekusithi esesondela ukungena eGibhithe wathi kuSarayi umkakhe: Khangela-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi ungowesifazana omuhle obukekayo. 12 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho amaGibhithe ekubona, azakuthi: Lo ngumkakhe; abesengibulala, kodwa wena akugcine uphila. 13 Ake uthi ungudadewethu, ukuze kube kuhle kimi ngenxa yakho, lomphefumulo wami uphile ngenxa yakho. 14 Kwasekusithi lapho uAbrama esefikile eGibhithe, amaGibhithe ambona owesifazana, ukuthi muhle kakhulu. 15 Iziphathamandla zikaFaro lazo zambona, zambabaza phambi kukaFaro. Owesifazana waselethwa endlini kaFaro. 16 Wasemphatha kuhle uAbrama ngenxa yakhe; njalo waba lezimvu lezinkabi labobabhemikazi lamakamela. 17 Kodwa iNkosi yamhlupha uFaro ngezinhlupheko ezinkulu, lendlu yakhe, ngendaba kaSarayi umkaAbrama. 18 UFaro wasembiza uAbrama, wathi: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kimi? Kungani ungangitshelanga ukuthi ungumkakho? 19 Utsholoni ukuthi ungudadewenu, ngize ngimthathe ukuba ngumkami? Ngakho khangela-ke umkakho; mthathe uhambe. 20 UFaro waselaya amadoda ngaye; asemukisa lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho.

13 UAbrama wasesenyuka eGibhithe, yena lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho loLothi kanye laye, waya eningizimu. 2 Njalo uAbrama wayenothile kakhulu, ngezifuyo, ngesiliva, lange golide.

3 Wasehamba kuzinhambo zakhe esuka eningizimu, waze wafika eBhetheli, endaweni lapho ithente lakhe elalikhona kuqala, phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi; **4** endaweni yelathi ayelenzile khona kuqala; uAbrama wasebiza ibizo leNkosi lapho. **5** LoLothi laye, owayehamba loAbrama, wayelezimvu lezinkomo lamathente.

6 Njalo ilizwe lalingebathwale ukuthi bahlale ndawonye, ngoba impahla yabo yayinengi, ukuthi babengeke bahlala ndawonye. **7** Kwasekusiba khona ukuxabana phakathi kwabelusi bezifuyo zikaAbrama labelusi bezifuyo zikaLothi. Ngalesosikhathi amaKhanani lamaPerizi ayehlala elizweni. **8** UAbrama wasesithi kuLothi: Ake kungabi khona ukuxabana phakathi kwami lawe, laphakathi kwabelusi bami labelusi bakho, ngoba singamadoda osendo. **9** Ilizwe lonke kaliphambi kwakho yini? Yehlukana-ke lami; uba usiya kwesokhohlo, ngizakuya kwesokunene; kodwa uba kwesokunene, ngizakuya kwesokhohlo. **10** ULothi wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona lonke igceke leJordani ukuthi lalithelelwе kuhle lonke. INkosi ingakachithi iSodoma leGomora, lalinjengensimu yeNkosi, njengelizwe leGibhithe, nxa usiya eZowari. **11** ULothi wasezikhetela lonke igceke leJordani; uLothi wasesiya empumalanga; basebezelukanisa omunye komunye. **12** UAbrama wahlala elizweni leKhanani, uLothi wasehlala emizini yemagcekeni, wamisa ithente lakhe eduze leSodoma. **13** Kodwa abantu beSodoma babebabi babeyizoni phambi kweNkosi kakhulu. **14** INkosi yasisithi kuAbrama emva kokuthi uLothi esehlukaniswe laye: Phakamisa-ke amehlo akho, ukhangale endaweni lapho okhona, ngasenyakatho langaseningizimu langasempumalanga langasentshonalanga, **15** ngoba ilizwe lonke olionayo ngizalini ka wena, lakunzalo yakho kuze kube nininini. **16** Njalo ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ibe

njengothuli lomhlaba, kuze kuthi uba umuntu engabala uthuli lomhlaba, izabalwa lenzalo yakho. **17** Sukuma uhambe udabule ilizwe, ebudeni balo lebubanzini balo, ngoba ngizalinika wena. **18** UAbrama wasesusa amathente wafika wahlala ezihlahleni zama-okhi zeMamre, eziseHebron, wakhela lapho iNkosi ilathi.

14 Kwasekusithi ensukwini zikaAmrafeli inkosi yeShinari, uAriyoki inkosi yeElasari, uKedolawoma inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe, **2** balwa impi loBera inkosi yeSodoma, loBirisha inkosi yeGomora, uShinabi inkosi yeAdima, loShemebere inkosi yeZeboyimi, lenkosi yeBhela, eliyiZowari. **3** Bonke labo bahlangana esigodini iSidima esiluLwandle IweTshwayi. **4** Babemkhonzile uKedolawoma okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu bavukela. **5** Langomnyaka wetshumi lane kweza uKedolawoma, lamakhosi ayelaye, batshaya amaRefa eAshiterothi-Karnayimi, lamaZuzi eHamu, lamaEmi egcekeni leKiryathayimi, **6** lamaHori entabeni yabo yeSeyiri, kuze kube eEliparani eliseduze lenkangala. **7** Basebebuya bafika eEnimishipati eliyiKadeshi, batshaya ilizwe lonke lamaAmaleki, njalo lamaAmori ayehlala eHazazoni-Tamari. **8** Kwasekuphuma inkosi yeSodoma lenkosi yeGomora, lenkosi yeAdima lenkosi yeZeboyimi, lenkosi yeBhela eliyiZowari, bahломisa impi bemelene labo esigodini iSidima, **9** emelane loKedolawoma inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe, loAmrafeli inkosi yeShinari, loAriyoki inkosi yeElasari; amakhosi amane emelane lamakhosi amahlanu. **10** Lesigodi seSidima sasilemigodigodi yengcino; lenkosi yeSodoma leyeGomora yabaleka, yawela khona; labaseleyo babalekela entabeni. **11** Asethatha yonke impahla yeSodoma leyeGomora, lokudla kwabo konke, ahamba. **12** Amthatha loLothi lempahla yakhe,

indodana yomfowabo kaAbrama, asehamba, ngoba wayehlala eSodoma. **13** Kwasekusiza owayephunyukile, wamlandisela uAbrama umHebheru, owayehlala ezihlahleni zama-okhi zikaMamre umAmori, umfowabo kaEshikoli lomfowabo kaAneri ababelesivumelwano loAbrama. **14** Kwathi uAbrama esezwile ukuthi isihlobo sakhe sasithunjiwe, wahlomisa ayebafundisile, bezelwe endlini yakhe, abangamakhulu amathathu letshumi lesificaminwembili, waxotshana lawo waze wafika koDani. **15** Wasezehlukanisa emelane lawo ebusuku, yena lenceku zakhe, wawatshaya, waxotshana lawo waze wafika eHoba, ekwesokhohlo seDamaseko. **16** Wasebuyisa yonke impahla, wasebuyisa loLothi umfowabo lempahla yakhe, labesifazana labo labantu. **17** Inkosi yeSodoma yasiphuma ukumhlangabeza, esebuile ekutshayeni uKedolawoma lamakhosi ayelaye, esigodini iShave, esiyisigodi senkosi. **18** UMelkizedeki inkosi yeSalema waseletha isinkwa lewayini; njalo yena ngumpristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke. **19** Wasembusa wathi: Kabusiswe uAbrama nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba. **20** Kabusiswe-ke uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke onikele izitha zakho esandleni sakho. Wasemnika okwetshumi kwakho konke. **21** Inkosi yeSodoma yasisithi kuAbrama: Nginika abantu, kodwa uzithathele impahla. **22** UAbrama wasesithi eNkosini yeSodoma: Ngiphakamise isandla sami eNkosini uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba, **23** ngithi kangiyikuthatha kusukela kumucu kusiya emchilweni wenyathela, kukho konke olakho! Hlezi uthi: Mina ngimnothisile uAbrama. **24** Ngaphandle kwalokho kuphela akudlileyo amajaha, lesabelo samadoda ahambe lami, uAneri, uEshikoli loMamre, bona kabathathe isabelo sabo.

15 Emva kwalezizinto ilizwi leNkosi leza kuAbrama ngombono, lisithi: Un gesabi Abrama, ngiyisihlangu sakho, umvuzo wakho omkhulu kakhulu. **2** UAbrama wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, uzangiphani, njengoba lokhe ngingelamntwana, lendlalifa yendlu yami ingowe Damaseko uEliyezeri? **3** UAbrama wasesithi: Khangela, kimi kawuphanga nzalo; njalo khangela, ozelwe endlini yami uzakuba yindlalifa yami. **4** Khangela-ke ilizwi leNkosi laba kuye lisithi: Lo kayikudla ilifa lakho, kodwa ozaphuma emibilini yakho, yena uzakudla ilifa lakho. **5** Wasemkhuphela phandle wathi: Khangela-ke emazulwini, ubale izinkanyezi uba ungazibala. Wasesithi kuye: Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho. **6** Wasekhola eNkosini. Yasimbalela lokhu kube yikulunga. **7** Yasisithi kuye: NgiyiNkosi, eyakukhupha eUri yamaKhaladiya ukukunika ilizwe leli libe yilifa lakho. **8** Wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, ngizakwazi ngani ukuthi lizakuba yilifa lami? **9** Yasisithi kuye: Ngithathela ithokazi elileminyaka emithathu, lesibhuzikazi esileminyaka emithathu, lengama eleminyaka emithathu, lejuba, lephuphu lenkwilimba. **10** Wasesisa kuyo zonke lezizinto, wazidabula phakathi, wabeka leyo laleyongxene yazo ikhangelene lenye; kodwa inyoni kazidabulanga. **11** Inyoni ezidla inyama zasezisehlela phezu kwezidumbu, uAbrama wasezixotshela khatshana. **12** Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshona, ubuthongo obukhulu bajuma uAbrama; khangela-ke, uvalo lomnyama omkhulu lwehlela phezu kwakhe. **13** Yasisithi kuAbrama: Yazi lokwazi ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba yisihambi elizweni elingeyisilo layo, njalo bazabasebenzela, besebebahlupha iminyaka engamakhulu amane. **14** Kodwa lesizwe abazasisebenzela ngizasigweba; lemva kwalokho bazaphuma lempahla enengi. **15** Kodwa wena uzakuya kuboyihlo ngokuthula, uzangcwatshwa ekuluphaleni

okuhle. **16** Isizukulwana sesine sizabuya-ke lapha; ngoba isono samaAmori kasikapheleli. **17** Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshonile sekumnyama, khangela-ke, imbaWula ethunqayo leshlanti somlilo esadabula phakathi kwalezozingxene. **18** Ngalolosuku iNkosi yenza isivumelwano loAbrama isithi: Enzalweni yakho ngingikele lelilizwe, kusukela emfuleni weGibhithe kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi, **19** amaKeni lamaKenizi lamaKadimoni **20** lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaRefa **21** lamaAmori lamaKhanani lamaGirigashi lamaJebusi.

16 USarayi umkaAbrama wayengamzaleli-ke abantwana; wayelencekukazi umGibhithekazi, lebizo layo linguHagari. **2** USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama: Khangela-ke, iNkosi ingivalile ukuze ngingazali; ake ungene encekukazini yami, mhlawumbe ngingakhiwa ngayo. UAbrama waselalela ilizwi likaSarayi. **3** Ngakho uSarayi umkaAbrama wamthatha uHagari umGibhithe, incekukazi yakhe, ekupheleni kweminyaka elitshumi uAbrama esehlale elizweni leKhanani, wasemnika uAbrama indoda yakhe ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. **4** Wasengena kuHagari, wasethatha isisu. Esebonile ukuthi uzithwele, inkosikazi yakhe yasideleleka emehlwani akhe. **5** USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama: Ububi bami buphezu kwakho. Mina ngingike incekukazi yami esifubeni sakho, ithe isibonile ukuthi izithwele, ngiyadeleleka emehlwani ayo. INkosi kayahlulele phakathi kwami lawe. **6** UAbrama wasesithi kuSarayi: Khangela, incekukazi yakho isesandleni sakho. Yenza kuyo lokho okuhle emehlwani akho. USarayi waseyiphatha kubi, yasibaleka ebusweni bakhe. **7** Ingilosu yeNkosi yasiyifica emthonjeni wamanzi enkangala, emthonjeni endleleni eya eShuri. **8** Yasisithi: Hagari, ncekukazi kaSarayi, uvela ngaphi, uya ngaphi? Yasisithi: Ngibalekela ubuso bukaSarayi inkosikazi

yami. **9** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuyo: Buyela enkosikazini yakho, ubusuzehlisela ngaphansi kwezandla zayo. **10** Ingilosи yeNkosi yathi kuyo futhi: Ngizakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho ukuze ingabalwa ngenxa yobunengi. **11** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuyo: Khangela, uzithwele, futhi uzazala indodana, njalo uzayitha ibizo layo uthi ngulshmayeli, ngoba iNkosi izwile ukuhlupheka kwakho. **12** Yona-ke izakuba ngumuntu ongubabhemи ongathambanga, isandla sayo simelane labo bonke, lesandla sabo bonke simelane layo; izahlala phambi kobuso babafowabo bonke. **13** Waseyitha iNkosi eyakhulumа laye ibizo lokuthi: Wena Nkulunkulu wokubona. Ngoba wathi: Lapha lami ngimkhangele yini ongibonayo? **14** Ngakho umthombo wabizwa ngokuthi iBeri-Lahayi-Royi; khangela, uphakathi kweKadeshi leBeredi. **15** UHagari wasemzalela uAbrama indodana; uAbrama wasesitha ibizo lendodana yakhe, uHagari ayizalayo, wathi ngulshmayeli. **16** Njalo uAbrama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesithupha mhla uHagari emzalela uAbrama ulshmayeli.

17 Kwathi uAbrama eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificamunwemunye iNkosi yasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; hamba phambi kwami, uphelele. **2** Njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lawe, ngizakwandisa kakhulukazi. **3** UAbrama wasesiwa ngobuso bakhe, uNkulunkulu wasekhulumа laye, esithi: **4** Mina ngokwami, khangela, isivumelwano sami silawe; futhi uzakuba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi. **5** Lebizo lakho kalisyikubizwa ngokuthi Abrama, kodwa ibizo lakho lizakuba nguAbrahama, ngoba ngikwenze uyise wexuku lezizwe. **6** Ngizakwenza uzale kakhulukazi, ngizakwenza izizwe, lamakhosi

azaphuma kuwe. 7 Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lawe lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo, kube yisivumelwano esilaphakade, sokuthi ngibe nguNkulunkulu kuwe lakuyo inzalo yakho emva kwakho. 8 Ngizanika-ke wena lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ilizwe ohlala kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe lonke leKhanani, libe yimfuyo elaphakade; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu kibo. 9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: Wena-ke uzagcina isivumelwano sami, wena lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo. 10 Lesi yisivumelwano sami elizasigcina phakathi kwami lani lenzalo yakho emva kwakho; sonke isilisa sisokwe kini. 11 Lizasoka inyama yejwabu lenu laphambili; kuzakuba yisibonakaliso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lani. 12 Lendodana yensuku eziyisificaminwembili izasokwa phakathi kwenu, sonke isilisa ezizukulwaneni zenu, ozelwe endlini, lothengwe ngemali kuye wonke oyisizwe, ongayisuye wenzalo yakho. 13 Ozelwe endlini yakho lothengwe ngemali yakho kumele asokwe. Lesivumelwano sami sizakuba senyameni yenu, sibe yisivumelwano esilaphakade. 14 Lesilisa esingasokwanga, esinyama yejwabu laphambili lingasokwanga, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke esizweni sawo, weqile isivumelwano sami. 15 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: NgoSarayi umkakho, ungabizi ibizo lakhe uthi nguSarayi, ngoba uSara libizo lakhe. 16 Njalo ngizambusa, ngikuniike indodana evela lakuye; yebo ngizambusa abesesiba yizizwe, amakhosi eizizwe azavela kuye. 17 UAbrahama wasesiwa ngobuso bakhe, wahleka, wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: Oleminyaka elikhulu uzazalelwya yini? Kambe loSara oleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye uzazala? 18 UAbrahama wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Kungathi ulshmayeli angaphila phambi kwakho!

19 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Hatshi, uSara umkakho uzakuzalela indodana; uzayitha ibizo uthi ngulsaka; njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami laye, sibe yisivumelwano esilaphakade kunzalo yakhe emva kwakhe. **20** Mayelana lolshmayeli ngikuzwile-ke; khangela, ngimbusisile, njalo ngizamenza abe lenzalo, ngimandise kakhulukazi; uzazala iziphathamandla ezilitshumi lambili, njalo ngizamenza isizwe esikhulu. **21** Kodwa isivumelwano sami ngizasimisa lolsaka, uSara azakuzalela yena ngalesisikhathi esimisiweyo ngomnyaka ozayo. **22** Wasechina ukukhuluma laye, uNkulunkulu wenyuka esuka kuAbrahama. **23** UAbrahama wasethatha ulshmayeli indodana yakhe labo bonke ababezlwelwe endlini yakhe labo bonke ababethengwe ngemali yakhe, sonke isilisa phakathi kwabendlu kaAbrahama, wasoka inyama yejwabu labo laphambili, ngalona lolosuku, njengalokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo kuye. **24** LoAbrahama wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificamunwemunye ekusokweni kwakhe inyama yejwabu lakhe laphambili. **25** Ulshmayeli-ke indodana yakhe wayeleminyaka elitshumi lantathu ekusokweni kwakhe inyama yejwabu lakhe laphambili. **26** Ngalona lolosuku uAbrahama wasokwa, lolshmayeli indodana yakhe. **27** Lamadoda wonke omuzi wakhe, ayezelwe endlini layethengwe ngemali kowezizwe, asokwa kanye laye.

18 INkosi yasibonakala kuye ema-okhini eMamre, wathi ehlezi emnyango wethente ekutshiseni kosuku, **2** wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke amadoda amathathu emi phambi kwakhe; esewabonile wagijima ukuwahlangabeza esuka emnyango wethente, wakhothamela emhlabathini, **3** wasesithi: Nkosi, uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlwani akho, ngicela ungdululi usuke encekwini yakho. **4** Ake kulethwe

amanzi amalutshwana, beseligeza inyawo zenu, liphumule ngaphansi kwesihlahla. **5** Ngizaletha-ke ucezu lwesinkwa, beseliqinisa inhliziyo yenu, beselisedlula, ngoba yikho ledlule encekwini yenu. Asesithi: Ngokunjalo yenza njengokutsho kwakho. **6** UAbrahama wasephangisa esiya ethenteni kuSara, wasesithi: Phangisa! Amaseya amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo! Xova, wenze amaqebelengwana. **7** UAbrahama wasegijimela enkomeni, wathatha ithole elibuthakathaka njalo elihle, walinika ijaha; laphangisa ukulilungisa. **8** Wasethatha amasi lochago, lethole abeilungisile, wakubeka phambi kwavo; wema eduze lawo ngaphansi kwesihlahla, asesidla. **9** Asesithi kuye: Ungaphi uSara umkakho? Wasesithi: Khangela, ethenteni. **10** Yasisithi: Isibili ngizabuya kuwe ngalesisikhathi sempilo; khangela, uSara umkakho uzakuba lendodana. USara wakuzwa esemnyango wethente elalingemva kwayo. **11** UAbrahama loSara basebebadala sebelensuku ezinengi; kwasekuphelile kuSara okwendlela yabafazi. **12** USara wasehlekela ngaphakathi, esithi: Sengigugile, ngingaba lenjabulo, lenkosi yami isindala yini? **13** INkosi yasisithi kuAbrahama: Kungani uSara ehleka, esithi: Isibili lami ngizazala mina sengimdala yini? **14** Kukhona into enzima kakhulu eNkosini yini? Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngizabuya kuwe, ngalesisikhathi sempilo, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana. **15** USara wasephika esithi: Kangihlekanga, ngoba wayesesaba. Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, ngoba uhlekile. **16** Amadoda asesukuma esuka lapho akhangela phansi eSodoma; uAbrahama wasehamba lawo ewaphelekezelwa. **17** INkosi yasisithi: Mina ngingamfihlela uAbrahama yini engikwenzayo? **18** Ngoba isibili uAbrahama uzakuba yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla; Iazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa kuye. **19** Ngoba ngimazile,

ukuze alaye abantwana bakhe lendlu yakhe emva kwakhe,
besebegcina indlela yeNkosi ukuze benze ukulunga lokwahlulela,
ukuze iNkosi imehlisele uAbrahama lokho ekutshoyo ngaye. **20**
INkosi yasisithi: Ngoba isikhalo seSodoma leGomora sikhulu,
langoba isono sabo sinzima kakhulu, **21** ngizakwehla-ke
besengibona ukuthi njengokwesikhalo sayo esesifike kimi,
benzile ngokupheleleyo; kodwa uba kungenjalo ngizakwazi.
22 Amadoda esefulathele lapho, asesiya eSodoma; kodwa
uAbrahama wayelokhu emile phambi kweNkosi. **23** UAbrahama
wasesondela, wathi: Kambe uzambhubhisa lolungileyo kanye
lomubi? **24** Mhlawumbe kukhona abalungileyo abangamatshumi
amahlanu phakathi komuzi; kambe uzabhubhisa ungaxoleli
indawo ngenxa yabalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu
abakuwo? **25** Kakube khatshana lawe ukwenza into enjalo,
ukubulala olungileyo kanye lomubi lokuthi olungileyo abe
njengomubi; kakube khatshana lawe; umahluleli womhlaba wonke
kayikwenza ukulunga yini? **26** INkosi yasisithi: Uba ngithola
eSodoma abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu phakathi
komuzi, ngizaxolela yonke indawo ngenxa yabo. **27** UAbrahama
wasephendula wathi: Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukukhulum
eNkosini, lanxa ngiluthuli lomlotha. **28** Mhlawumbe kuzasweleka
abahlanu kubo abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu;
uzabhubhisa umuzi wonke ngenxa yabahlanu yini? Yasisithi:
Kangiyikuwubhubhisa uba ngithola khona abangamatshumi
amanne lanhlanu. **29** Waseqhubeka elokhu ekhulum kuyo
wathi: Mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi
amanne. Yasisithi: Kangiyikwenza ngenxa yabangamatshumi
amanne. **30** Wasesithi: Ngicela iNkosi ingathukutheli lapho
ngikhulum. Mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi

amathathu. Yasisithi: Kangiyikukwenza uba ngithola khona abangamatshumi amathathu. **31** Wasesithi: Khangel-a-ke, ngizimisele ukukhuluma eNkosini; mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amabili. Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabangamatshumi amabili. **32** Wasesithi: Ngicela iNkosi ingathukutheli, ngizakhuluma khathesi kuphela; mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona abalitshumi. Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabalitshumi. **33** INkosi yasihamba isiqedile ukukhuluma kuAbrahama; uAbrahama wasebuyela endaweni yakhe.

19 Ingilosи ezimbili zasezifika eSodoma sekuhlwile. LoLothi wayehlezi esangweni leSodoma. Kwathi uLothi ezibona, wasukuma ukuzihlangabeza, wathi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini; **2** wasesithi: Khangelani-ke makhosi ami, ngicela liphendukele endlini yenceku yenu, lilale ubusuku, ligeze inyawo zenu, beselivuka ngovivi, lihambe indlela yenu. Zathi-ke: Hatshi, kodwa sizalala endleleni. **3** Wasezincenga kakhulu zaze zaphendukela kuye zangena endlini yakhe; wazenzela idili, wapheka isinkwa esingelamvubelo, zasezisidla. **4** Zingakalali, amadoda omuzi, amadoda eSodoma, azingelezela indlu, kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala, bonke abantu bevela ephethelweni lomuzi. **5** Asembiza uLothi athi kuye: Angaphi amadoda afike kuwe lobubusuku? Akhuphele phandle kithi ukuze siwazi. **6** ULothi wasephumela kuwo emnyango, wava la umnyango ngemva kwakhe. **7** Wathi: Ngiyacela bazalwane, lingenzi okubi. **8** Khangelani-ke, ngilamadodakazi amabili, angakazi indoda; ake ngilikhuphele wona, beselisenza kuwo njengokuhle emehlwani enu; kodwa kulamadoda lingenzi lutho, ngoba yikho engene emthunzini wophahla Iwami. **9** Kodwa athi: Xekela le. Athi njalo: Yena lo yedwa wafika engowezizwe, kambe ngeqiniso angaba

ngumahluleli? Khathesi sizakwenza okubi kuwe okwedlula wona. Acindezela kakhulu indoda uLothi, asondela ukuze afohloze isivalo. **10** Kodwa lawomadoda elula isandla sawo, amngenisa uLothi kuwo endlini, avala umnyango. **11** Asetshaya amadoda ayesemnyango wendlu ngobuphofu, kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, aze adinwa yikudinga umnyango. **12** Amadoda asesithi kuLothi: Useselobani lapha? Umkhwenyana lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, laye wonke olaye emzini, mkhuphe kulindawo, **13** ngoba sizabhubhisa lindawo, ngoba isikhalo sabo sikhulu phambi kweNkosi; njalo iNkosi isithumile ukuthi siyibhubhise. **14** ULothi wasephuma, wakhulum labakhwenyana bakhe ababezathatha amadodakazi akhe, wathi: Sukumanि liphume kulindawo; ngoba iNkosi izabhubhisa umuzi. Kodwa waba njengosomayo emehlwani abakhwenyana bakhe. **15** Kwathi emadabukakusa, ingilosи zamcindezela uLothi, zisithi: Suka, uthathe umkakho lamadodakazi akho womibili atholakalayo, hlezi ubhujiswe ebubini bomuzi. **16** Kodwa esazilazila, amadoda abamba isandla sakhe, lesandla somkakhe, lesandla samadodakazi akhe womibili, ngoba iNkosi ilomusa kuye, asemkhupha, ambeka ngaphandle komuzi. **17** Kwasekusithi esebakhuphele ngaphandle, yathi: Baleka ngenxa yempilo yakho, ungakhangeli ngemva kwakho, ungemi egcekeni lonke; balekela entabenи hlezi ubhujiswe. **18** ULothi wasesithi kuwo: Kakungabi njalo, Nkosi yami. **19** Khangel-a-ke, inceku yakho ithole umusa emehlwani akho, ukhulisile isihawu sakho, osenze kimi, ukugcina uphila umphefumulo wami; kodwa mina ngingeke ngiphephele entabenи, hlezi ububi bunamathele kimi, besengisifa. **20** Khangel-a-ke, lumuzi useduze ukubalekela kuwo; futhi umncinyane. Ngicela ngibalekele kuwo (kambe

kawumncinyane?) lomphefumulo wami uphile. **21** Yasisithi kuye: Khangela, ngibemukele ubuso bakho lakulolu udaba, ukuze ngingawuchithi umuzi okhulume ngawo. **22** Phangisa, balekela kuwo; ngoba ngingeze ngenza ulutho uze ufile kuwo. Ngakho babiza ibizo lomuzi ngokuthi yiZowari. **23** Ilanga laseliphumile phezu komhlaba lapho uLothi engena eZowari. **24** INkosi yasinisa phezu kweSodoma laphezu kweGomora isibabule lomlilo, kuvela eNkosini kuvela emazulwini. **25** Yasibhubhisa leyomizi legecke lonke, labo bonke ababehlala emizini, lokuhlumayo komhlaba. **26** Kodwa umkakhe wakhangela emuva engemuva kwakhe, wasesiba yinsika yetshwayi. **27** UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, waya endaweni lapho ayemi khona phambi kweNkosi. **28** Wasekhangela phansi ngaseSodoma leGomora langasemhlabathini wonke wegceke, wabona, njalo khangela, intuthu yathunqa emhlabeni njengentuthu yesithando. **29** Kwasekusithi uNkulunkulu esebehuhisile imizi yegceke uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uAbrahama, wamkhokhela uLothi emkhupha phakathi kwencithakalo, mhla ebhubhisa imizi ayehlala kuyo uLothi. **30** ULothi wasesenyuka esuka eZowari, wahlala entabeni, lamadodakazi akhe womabili laye, ngoba wayesesaba ukuhlala eZowari; wahlala obhalwini, yena lamadodakazi akhe womabili. **31** Endala yasisithi kwencinyane: Ubaba usemdala, njalo kakulandoda emhlabeni ukungena kithi, ngokwendlela yomhlaba wonke. **32** Woza simnathise ubaba iwayini, silale laye sigcine iphila inzalo evela kubaba. **33** Asemnathise uyise iwayini ngalobobusuku; endala yasingena yalala loyise, futhi kakwazanga ekulaleni kwayo lekusukeni kwayo. **34** Kwasekusithi ngosuku olulandelayo endala yathi kwencinyane: Khangela, bengilele lobaba ngobusuku obedlulileyo; asimnathise

iwayini langalobubusuku, ubusungena ulale laye, ukuze sigcine iphila inzalo evela kubaba. **35** Asemnathisa uyise iwayini langalobobusuku; lencinyane yasukuma yalala laye, futhi kakwazanga ekulaleni kwayo lekusukeni kwayo. **36** Ngokunjalo amadodakazi womabili kaLothi athatha izisu kuyise. **37** Endala yasizala indodana, yayitha ibizo yathi nguMowabi; lowo nguyise wamaMowabi kuze kube lamuhla. **38** Lencinyane layo yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo yathi nguBenami; lowo nguyise wabantwana bakoAmoni kuze kube lamuhla.

20 UAbrahama wasesuka lapho waya elizweni leningizimu, wahlala phakathi kweKadeshi leShuri wahlala njengowezizwe eGerari. **2** UAbrahama wasesithi ngoSara umkakhe: Ungudadewethu. UAbhimeleki inkosi yeGerari wathuma-ke, wathatha uSara. **3** Kodwa uNkulunkulu weza kuAbhimeleki ephutsheni ebusuku, wathi kuye: Khangela, ufile ngenxa yowesifazana omthetheyo, ngoba uganile endoden. **4** Kodwa uAbhimeleki wayengasondelanga kuye. Ngakho wathi: Nkosi, uzabhubhisa lesizwe esilungileyo yini? **5** Kayisuye yini othe kimi: Ungudadewethu? Laye uqobo wasesithi: Ungumnewethu. Ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami langobuhlophe bezandla zami ngikwenzile lokhu. **6** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye ephutsheni: Lami sengazile ukuthi ngobuqotho benhliziyo yakho ukwenzile lokhu; lami futhi ngikuvimbele ukuze ungoni kimi; ngenxa yalokhu kangikuvumelanga ukuthi umthinte. **7** Ngakho-ke buyisela umfazi wendoda, ngoba ingumprefethi; njalo izakukhulekela ukuze uphile; kodwa uba ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi isibili uzakufa wena labo bonke abangabakho. **8** UAbhimeleki wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabiza zonke inceku zakhe, wakhulumka wonke la amazwi endlebeni zazo; njalo amadoda esaba

kakhulu. **9** UAbhimeleki wasembiza uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Wenzeni kithi? Ngoneni kuwe ukuthi ungilethele mina lombuso wami isono esikhulu? Wenze kimi izenzo ezingafanelanga ukwenziwa. **10** UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuAbrahama: Uboneni, uze wenze into le? **11** UAbrahama wasesithi: Ngoba ngacabanga ukuthi: Isibili ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kakukho kulindawo; njalo bazangibulala ngenxa yomkami. **12** Kanti-ke isibili ungudadewethu, uyindodakazi kababa, kodwa kasiyo indodakazi kamama; wasesiba ngumkami. **13** Kwasekusithi mhla uNkulunkulu engizulisa ngisuka endlini kababa ngasengisithi kuye: Lo ngumusa ozawenza kimi, kuzo zonke indawo esizafika kuzo, uthi ngami: Ungumnewethu. **14** UAbhimeleki wasethatha izimvu lezinkomo lezincku lezincekukazi, wapha uAbrahama, wambuyisela uSara umkakhe. **15** UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Khangela, ilizwe lami liphambi kwakho; hlala lapho okuhle khona emehlwani akho. **16** LakuSara wathi: Khangela, ngimnikile umnewenu inhlamu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane; khangela, uysisibekelo samehlo kuwe, kuye wonke olawe, labo bonke, njalo ukhuziwe. **17** UAbrahama wasekhuleka kuNkulunkulu; uNkulunkulu wasemsilisa uAbhimeleki lomkakhe lencekukazi zakhe, ukuze bazale. **18** Ngoba iNkosi yayizivalile ngokupheleleyo izizalo zonke zabendlu kaAbhimeleki ngenxa kaSara umkaAbrahama.

21 INkosi yasimhambela uSara njengokukhuluma kwayo, njalo iNkosi yenza kuSara njengoba yayitshilo. **2** USara wasethatha isisu, wamzalela indodana uAbrahama ebudaleni bakhe, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo uNkulunkulu abesitshilo kuye. **3** UAbrahama wasesitha ibizo lendodana yakhe, eyazalelwa yena, uSara amzalela yona, wathi ngulsaka. **4** UAbrahama wasesoka

ulsaka indodana yakhe isilensuku eziyisificaminwembili, njengoba uNkulunkulu wamlaya. **5** Njalo uAbrahama wayeleminyaka elikhulu lapho ezalelwa ulsaka indodana yakhe. **6** USara wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungenzele uhleko, wonke ozwayo uzahleka lami. **7** Wathi futhi: Ngubani obengatsho kuAbrahama ukuthi: USara uzamunyisa abantwana? Ngoba ngimzalele indodana ebudaleni bakhe. **8** Umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa. UAbrahama wasesenza idili elikhulu mhla ulsaka elunyulwa. **9** USara wasebona indodana kaHagari umGibhithekazi ayeyizalele uAbrahama ikloloda. **10** Ngakho wathi kuAbrahama: Xotsha lesigqilikazi lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yalesisigqilikazi kayiyikudla ilifa kanye lendodana yami, kanye lolsaka. **11** Lalelilizwi laba libi kakhulu emehlwani kaAbrahama, ngenxa yendodana yakhe. **12** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuAbrahama: Kakungabi kubi emehlwani akho, ngenxa yomfana langenxa yesigqilikazi sakho; konke uSara azakutsho kuwe, lalela ilizwi lakhe, ngoba kulsaka inzalo yakho izabizwa. **13** Kodwa lendodana yesigqilikazi ngizayenza ibe yisizwe, ngoba iyinzalo yakho. **14** Ngakho uAbrahama wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wathatha isinkwa lesigxingi samanzi, wakunika uHagari, ekubeka emahlombe akhe, lomntwana, wamyekela wahamba. Wasehamba wazula enkangala iBherishebha. **15** Amanzi esephelile esigxingini waphosela umntwana phansi kwesinye sezihlahlakazana. **16** Wasehamba wahlala phansi maqondana laye, esuka kuye khatshanyana, okungaba yikutshoka ngedandili; ngoba wathi: Kangingaboni ukufa komntwana. Wahlala maqondana laye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala inyembezi. **17** UNkulunkulu wasesizwa ilizwi lomfana. Yasimemeza ingilosи kaNkulunkulu kuHagari isemazulwini, yathi kuye: Ulani, Hagari? Ungesabi,

ngoba uNkulunkulu ulizwile ilizwi lomfana lapho akhona. **18**
Sukuma, uphakamise umfana, umbambe ngesandla sakho;
ngoba ngizamenza abe yisizwe esikhulu. **19** UNkulunkulu
wasevula amehlo akhe, njalo wabona umthombo wamanzi;
wahamba, wagcwalisa isigxingi ngamanzi, wamnathisa umfana.
20 Njalo uNkulunkulu waba lomfana, wakhula, wahlala enkangala,
waba ngumtshoki. **21** Wahlala enkangala iParani; unina
wasemthathela umfazi elizweni leGibhithe. **22** Kwasekusithi
ngalesosikhathi uAbhimeleki loFikoli, induna yebutho yakhe,
wakhulumu kuAbrahama wathi: UNkulunkulu ulawe kukho konke
okwenzayo. **23** Ngakho-ke funga kimi lapha ngoNkulunkulu
ukuthi kawuyikungikhohlisa mina kumbe indodana yami kumbe
izizukulwana zami; njengomusa engikwenzele wona, yenza
kimi, lelizweni ohlala kilo njengowemzini. **24** UAbrahama
wasesithi: Mina ngizafunga. **25** Kodwa uAbrahama wamsola
uAbhimeleki ngenxa yomthombo wamanzi ebeziwuphangile
izinceku zikaAbhimeleki. **26** UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Angazi
owenze le into; njalo lawe kawungitshelanga, futhi lami
kangizwanga ngakho, ngaphandle kwalamuuhla. **27** UAbrahama
wasethatha izimvu lenkomo, wazinika uAbhimeleki; njalo bobabili
benza isivumelwano. **28** UAbrahama wabeka amawundlukazi
omhlambi ayisikhombisa wodwa. **29** UAbhimeleki wasesithi
kuAbrahama: Ayini lapha lamawundlukazi ayisikhombisa
owabeke wodwa? **30** Wasesithi: Ngoba uzakwemukela esandleni
sami amawundlukazi ayisikhombisa, ukuze abe yibufakazi kimi
bokuthi lumthombo ngiwugebhile. **31** Ngakho wabiza leyondawo
ngokuthi yiBherishebha, ngoba lapho bafunga bobabili. **32** Ngakho
benza isivumelwano eBherishebha. UAbhimeleki wasesukuma,
loFikoli induna yebutho lakhe, babuyela elizweni lamaFilisti.

33 Wasehlanyela isihlahla setamarisiki eBherishebha wabiza khona ibizo leNkosi, uNkulunkulu olaphakade. **34** UAbrahama wasehlala njengowezizwe elizweni lamaFilisti insuku ezinengi.

22 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uNkulunkulu wamlinga uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Abrahama! Wathi: Khangela ngilapha.
2 Wasesithi: Thatha-ke indodana yakho, eyodwa eyakho, oyithandayo, ulsaka, uye elizweni leMoriya; uyinikele khona ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwenye yezintaba engizakutshela yona. **3** UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe, wathatha kanye laye ababili kumajaha akhe, lolsaka indodana yakhe. Wabanda inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wasukuma waya endaweni ayemtshele yona uNkulunkulu. **4** Kwathi ngosuku Iwesithathu uAbrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe wayibona indawo isekhatshana. **5** UAbrahama wasesithi emajaheni akhe: Salani lina lapha lobabhemi, mina lomfana sisaya laphayana njalo sizakhonza, sibuye kini futhi. **6** UAbrahama wasethatha inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wazethesa ulsaka indodana yakhe; wathatha esandleni sakhe umlilo lengqamu; basebehamba bobabili ndawonye. **7** Ulsaka wasekhuluma kuAbrahama uyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, mntanami. Wasesithi: Khangela, umlilo lenkuni; kodwa lingaphi iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa? **8** UAbrahama wasesithi: UNkulunkulu uzazibonela yena iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa, ndodana yami. Bahambake bobabili ndawonye. **9** Basebefika endaweni uNkulunkulu ayemtshele yona; uAbrahama wasesakha khona ilathi; wabeka kuhle inkuni; esembophile ulsaka indodana yakhe, wambeka elathini phezu kwenkuni. **10** UAbrahama waseselula isandla sakhe, wathatha ingqamu ukuze ayihlabe indodana yakhe.

11 Kwasekumemeza kuye ingilosí yeNkosi isemazulwini yathi:
Abrahama, Abrahama! Wathi: Khangela ngilapha. **12** Yasisithi:
Ungeluleli isandla sakho emfaneni, ungenzi lutho kuye,
ngoba khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi wena uyamesaba uNkulunkulu,
lokhu ungayigodlanga indodana yakho eyodwa kimi. **13**
UAbrahama wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, khangela-
ke, inqama emuva ibanjiwe esixukwini ngezimpondo zayo.
UAbrahama wasehamba wayithatha inqama, wayinikela ibe
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe. **14**
UAbrahama wasesitha ibizo laleyondawo wathi uJehova-
jire, njengoba kutshiwo lalamuhla ukuthi: Entabení yeNkosi
kuzanakekelwa. **15** Ingilosí yeNkosi yasimemeza uAbrahama
ngokwesibili isemazulwini, **16** yathi: Ngizifungile, itsho iNkosi,
ukuthi njengoba wenzile le into ungayigodlanga indodana
yakho, eyakho eyodwa, **17** qotho ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa,
ngiyandise lokuyandisa inzalo yakho njengenkanyezi zamazulu,
lanjengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle; lenzalo yakho
izakuba ngumnikazi wesango lezitha zayo, **18** lenzalweni
yakho zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa, ngoba ulalele
ilizwi lami. **19** UAbrahama wasebuyela emajaheni akhe;
basebesukuma, bahamba ndawonye eBherishebha; uAbrahama
wasehlala eBherishebha. **20** Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto
kwabikwa kuAbrahama ukuthi: Khangela, uMilka laye umzalele
uNahori umfowenu abantwana, **21** uUzi izibulo lakhe, loBuzi
umfowabo, loKemuweli uyise kaAramu, **22** loKesedi, loHazo,
loPilidashi, loJidilafi, loBethuweli. **23** UBethuweli wasezala
uRebeka; laba abayisificaminwembili uMilka wabazalela uNahori,
umfowabo kaAbrahama. **24** Lomfazi wakhe omncane obizo

lakhe linguRewuma, laye wazala uTeba loGahama loTahashi
loMahaka.

23 Njalo impilo kaSara yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa; yiyo iminyaka yempilo kaSara. **2** USara wasefela eKiriyathi-Arba okuyiHebronli elizweni leKhanani. UAbrahama wasesiza ukumkhalela uSara lokumlilela. **3** UAbrahama wasesukuma ebusweni bofileyo wakhe, wakhulumka kumadodana kaHethi, esithi: **4** Ngingowezizwe lowemzini ngilani; nginikani indawo yami yokungcwabela phakathi kwenu ukuze ngimngcwabe ofileyo wami ngimsuse phambi kwami. **5** Amadodana kaHethi asemphendula uAbrahama, athi kuye: **6** Sizwe, nkosi yami! Uyisikhulu esilamandla phakathi kwethu; ngcwaba ofileyo wakho kwelihle lamangcwaba ethu; kakho phakathi kwethu ozakugodlela ingcwaba lakhe ukuthi ungamngcwabi ofileyo wakho. **7** UAbrahama wasesukuma, wakhothamela abantu balelolizwe, kumadodana kaHethi. **8** Wasekhuluma labo esithi: Uba kungentando yenu ukuthi ngimngcwabe ofileyo wami ngimsuse phambi kwami, ngizweni, lingincengele kuEfroni indodana kaZohari, **9** ukuze anginike ubhalu lweMakaphela alalo, olusemngceleni wesiqinti sakhe, angiphe lona ngemali egcweleyo, lube yindawo yami yokungcwabela phakathi kwenu. **10** UEfroni wayehlezike phakathi kwamadodana kaHethi, njalo uEfroni umHethi wamphendula uAbrahama endlebeni zamadodana kaHethi, lezabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe, esithi: **11** Hatshi, nkosi yami, ngizwe; isiqinti ngiyakunika, lobhalu olukuso ngiyakunika; phambi kwamehlo amadodana abantu bami ngiyakunika lona; ngcwaba ofileyo wakho. **12** UAbrahama wasekhothamela phansi phambi kwabantu balelolizwe. **13**

Wasekhuluma kuEfroni endlebeni zabantu belizwe esithi:
Kodwa nxa kunguwe, ake ungilalele; ngizanika imali yesiqinti;
yemukele kimi, besengingcwaba ofileyo wami khona. **14** UEfroni
wasemphendula uAbrahama esithi kuye: **15** Nkosi yami, ngizwe;
isiqinti samashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane, siyini phakathi
kwami lawe? Ngakho ngcwaba ofileyo wakho. **16** UAbrahama
wasemlalela uEfroni; uAbrahama wasemlinganisela uEfroni isiliva
ayekhulume ngaso endlebeni zamadodana kaHethi, amashekeli
esiliva angamakhulu amane avunywa kumthengisi. **17** Ngakho
isiqinti sikaEfroni esiseMakaphela esasiqondane leMamre, isiqinti
lobhalu olukuso, lazo zonke izihlahla ezisesiqintini lezizingelezele
umngcele waso, kwaqiniseka **18** kuAbrahama kube yimpahla
phambi kwamehlo amadodana kaHethi phakathi kwabo bonke
abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe. **19** Lemva kwalokho
uAbrahama wamngcwaba uSara umkakhe obhalwini lwesiqinti
seMakaphela maqondana leMamre, okuyiHebron elizweni
leKhanani. **20** Isiqinti lobhalu olukuso kwaqiniseka kuAbrahama
kube yindawo yakhe yokungcwabela kuvela kumadodana
kaHethi.

24 UAbrahama wayesemdala eselezinsuku ezinengi; leNkosi
yayimbusisile kukho konke. **2** UAbrahama wasesithi encekwini
yakhe, endala yendlu yakhe, ebusa phezu kwakho konke alakho:
Ake ubeke isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami, **3** ukuze
ngikufungise ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu loNkulunkulu
womhlaba, ukuthi kawuyikuyithathela indodana yami umfazi
emadodakazini amaKhanani, engihlala phakathi kwavo; **4** kodwa
uzakuya elizweni lakithi lezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele umfazi
indodana yami ulsaka. **5** Inceku yasisithi kuye: Mhlawumbe
owesifazana angafuni ukungilandela kulelilizwe, ngingayibuyisela

lokuyibuyisela yini indodana yakho elizweni owaphuma kulo? **6**
UAbrahama wasesithi kuye: Qaphela ukuthi ungayibuyiseli khona
indodana yami. **7** INkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, eyangithatha
endlini kababa lelizweni lokuzalwa kwami, eyakhulumka kimi,
eyafunga kimi isithi: Ngizalinika inzalo yakho lelilizwe; yona
izathuma ingilosy yayo phambi kwakho, ukuze uyithathethle
khona umfazi indodana yami. **8** Kodwa uba owesifazana
engafuni ukukulandela, uzakuba ukhululekile kulesisifungo
sami; kuphela ungayibuyiseli indodana yami khona. **9** Inceku
yasibeka isandla sayo ngaphansi kwethangazi likaAbrahama
inkosi yayo, yafunga kuye ngaloludaba. **10** Njalo inceku
yasithatha amakamela alitshumi kuwo amakamela enkosi yayo,
yahamba, lakho konke okuhle kwenkosi yayo kwakusesandleni
sayo, yasisukuma yaya eMesopotamiya emzini kaNahori. **11**
Yasiguqisa amakamela ngaphandle komuzi emthonjeni wamanzi
ngesikhathi santambama, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwabakhi
bamanzi besifazana. **12** Yasisithi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wenkosi
yami uAbrahama, ake ungiphumelelise lamuhla, uyenzele
umusa inkosi yami uAbrahama. **13** Khangela, ngimi emthonjeni
wamanzi, kuphuma amadodakazi amadoda omuzi ukukha
amanzi. **14** Njalo kuzakuthi intombazana engizakuthi kuyo: Ake
ukhothamise imbiza yakho ukuze nginathe, ibisisithi: Natha,
lamakamela akho ngizawanathisa; yiyo oyimisele inceku yakho
ulsaka; ngalokho-ke ngizakwazi ukuthi uyenzele umusa inkosi
yami. **15** Kwasekusithi ingakaqedu ukukhulumka, khangela-
ke, uRebeka waphuma, owazalelwu uBethuweli indodana
kaMilka, umkaNahori umfowabo kaAbrahama, njalo elembiza
ehlombe lakhe. **16** Njalo inkazana yayikhangeleka kuhle
kakhulu, intombi emsulwa, okungelandoda eyaziyo; yasisehlela

emthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo, yenyuka. **17** Inceku yasigijima ukuyihlangabeza yathi: Ake unginathise amanzi amalutshwana embizeni yakho. **18** Yasisithi: Natha, nkosi yami. Yaphangisa yehlisela imbiza yayo esandleni sayo, yayinathisa. **19** Isiqedile ukuyinathisa yathi: Ngizakhelela lamakamela akho aze aqede ukunatha. **20** Yasiphangisa yathululela isigxingi sayo emkolweni wokunathela, yabuya yagijimela emthonjeni ukuyakukha, yakhelelela amakamela ayo wonke. **21** Indoda yasiyikhangelisa ithule ukuze yazi ukuthi iNkosi iyiphumelisile indlela yayo kumbe hatshi. **22** Kwasekusithi amakamela eseqedile ukunatha, indoda yasithatha icici legolide, osisindo salo sasiyingxene yehekeli, lamasongo amabili ezandleni zayo, isisindo sawo saba ngamashekeli alitshumi egolide. **23** Yasisithi: Uyindodakazi kabani? Ake utsho. Kukhona indawo yethu yini endlini kayihlo ukuthi silale? **24** Yasisithi kuyo: Ngiyindodakazi kaBethuweli indodana kaMilka owayizalela uNahori. **25** Yathi kuyo futhi: Silakho konke amahlanga lokudla kwezinyamazana okunengi, lendawo yokulala. **26** Indoda yasikhothama, yakhonza iNkosi, **27** yasisithi: Ibusisiwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engayekelanga umusa wayo lobuqotho bayo enkosini yami; mina-ke, ngisendleleni, iNkosi ingikhokhelele endlini yabafowabo benkosi yami. **28** Intombi yasigijima, yazisa abendlu kanina ngalezizinto. **29** Njalo uRebeka wayelomnewabo obizo lakhe lalinguLabani; uLabani wasegijimela phandle endoden'i emthonjeni. **30** Kwasekusithi esebonile icici lamasongo ezandleni zikadadewabo, esezwile amazwi kaRebeka udadewabo okuthi: Itsho njalo indoda kimi; wasesiya endoden'i, khangela-ke, yayimi ngasemakameleni emthonjeni. **31** Wasesithi: Ngena wena obusisiweyo weNkosi;

umeleni ngaphandle? Ngoba mina sengilungjisile indlu lendawo yamakamela. **32** Indoda yasisiza endlini, yakhulula amakamela; wasenika amakamela amahlanga lokudla kwenyamazana, lamanzi okugeza inyawo zayo lenyawo zamadoda ayelayo. **33** Kwasekubekwa ukudla phambi kwayo; kodwa yathi: Kangiyikudla ngize ngikhulume indaba zami. Wasesithi: Khuluma. **34** Yasisithi: Ngijiniceku kaAbrahama. **35** Futhi iNkosi iyibusisile kakhulu inkosi yami, yaze yaba nkulu. Yayinika izimvu lezinkomo, lesiliva legolide, leziniceku lezincekukazi, lamakamela labobabhem. **36** Njalo uSara inkosikazi yenkosi yami uyizalele inkosi yami indodana emva kokuba esemdala; yasiyinika konke elakho. **37** Inkosi yami yasingifungisa isithi: Ungayithatheli indodana yami umfazi kumadodakazi amaKhanani, engihlala elizweni lawo; **38** kodwa uzakuya endlini kababa lezihlotsheni zami, ubusuyithathela indodana yami umfazi. **39** Ngasengisithi enkosini yami: Mhlawumbe owesifazana kayikungilandela. **40** Yasisithi kimi: INkosi, engihamba phambi kwayo, izathuma ingilos yayo lawe, izaphumeleisa indlela yakho, njalo uzayithathela indodana yami umfazi ezihlotsheni zami lendlini kababa. **41** Emva kwalokho uzakhululeka esifungweni sami uba uye ezihlotsheni zami njalo uba bengakunki yena, uzakhululeka-ke esifungweni sami. **42** Kuthe ngifika emthonjeni lamuhla, ngathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, uba-ke uphumeleisa indlela yami, engihamba ngayo; **43** khangela, ngimi emthonjeni wamanzi; njalo kakuthi intombi ezaphuma ukukha lengizakuthi kuyo: Ake unginathise amanzi amalutshwana esigxingini sakho; **44** ibisisithi kimi: Natha lawe, futhi ngizakhelelela lamakamela akho; kayibe nguye owesifazana iNkosi emmissele indodana yenkosi yami. **45** Ngingakaqedi ukukhuluma enhliziyweni yami,

khangela-ke, uRebeka waphuma lesigxingi sisehlombe lakhe; wehlela emthonjeni, wakha. Ngasengisithi kuye: Akunginathise.

46 Wasephangisa, wethula isigxingi kuye wathi: Natha, futhi ngizanathisa lamakamela akho. Ngasenginatha, wasenathisa lamakamela. **47** Ngasengimbuza ngathi: Uyindodakazi kabani? Wasesithi: Indodakazi kaBethuweli, indodana kaNahori uMilka amzalela yona; ngasengifaka icici emakhaleni akhe lamasongo ezandleni zakhe. **48** Ngasengikhothama, ngakhonza iNkosi, ngabusisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engikhokhele endleleni elungileyo ukuthi indodakazi yomfowabo wenkosi yami ngiyithathele indodana yayo. **49** Khathesi-ke uba lizayenzela inkosi yami umusa lobuqotho, ngitshelani; uba-ke kungenjalo, ngitshelani, ukuze ngiphendukele ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo. **50** Khona oLabani loBethuweli baphendula, bathi: Le into ivela eNkosini; kasilakutsho lutho kuwe, olubi kumbe oluhle. **51** Khangela, uRebeka uphambi kwakho; mthathe uhambe, ukuze abe ngumkandodana yenkosi yakho, njengoba iNkosi ikhulumile. **52** Kwasekusithi inceku kaAbrahama isizwile amazwi abo yakhothamela emhlabathini phambi kweNkosi. **53** Inceku yasikhupha imiceciso yesiliva, lemiceciso yegolide, lezemba, yakunika uRebeka, yabanika lomnewabo lonina impahla eziligu. **54** Basebesidla banatha, yona lamadoda ayelayo, balala; bavuka ekuseni, yasisithi: Ngiyekelani ngiye enkosini yami. **55** Kodwa umnewabo lonina bathi: Kayihlale lathi intombazana izinsuku loba ezilitshumi, emva kwalokho ihambe. **56** Yasisithi kubo: Lingangibambeleli, lokhu iNkosi iphumelelisile indlela yami; ngiyekelani ngihambe ukuze ngiye enkosini yami. **57** Basebesithi: Asiyibize intombi, sizwe emlonyeni wayo. **58** Basebembiza uRebeka, bathi

kuye: Uzahamba lalindoda yini? Wasesithi: Ngizahamba. **59**
Basebemyekela ehamba uRebeka udadewabo lomlizane wakhe,
lenceku kaAbrahama lamadoda ayo. **60** Basebembusisa
uRebeka, bathi kuye: Wena dadewethu, woba zinkulungwane
zezigidi, lenzalo yakho ibe ngumnikazi wesango labayizondayo!
61 URebeka wasesukuma lamantombazana akhe, bagada
amakamela, balandela indoda; inceku yasimthatha uRebeka,
yahamba. **62** Ulsaka wasefika lapho abavelela khona emthonjeni
iLahayi-Royi, njalo wayehlala elizweni leningizimu. **63** Ulsaka
wasephuma ukuyazindla ensimini sekuntambama; waphakamisa
amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke, amakamela ayesiza. **64**
LoRebeka waphakamisa amehlo akhe; esembonile ulsaka
waziwisa ekamelweni. **65** Wasesithi encekwini: Ngubani lindoda
ehamba emasimini ukusihlangabeza? Inceku yasisithi: Yinkosi
yami. Wasethatha isimbombozo, wazigubuzela. **66** Inceku
yasilandisa kulsaka zonke indaba ezenzileyo. **67** Ulsaka
wasemngenisa ethenteni likaSara unina, wamthatha uRebeka,
waba ngumkakhe, wamthanda. Ulsaka waseduduzwa emva
kokufa kukanina.

25 UAbrahama wasebuya wathatha umfazi, lebizo lakhe
linguKetura. **2** Wasemzalela uZimrani loJokishani loMedani
loMidiyani lolshibaki loShuwa. **3** UJokishani wasezala uShebha
loDedani. Lamadodana kaDedani ayengamaAshuri lamaLetushi
lamaLewumi. **4** Njalo amadodana kaMidiyani ayengoEfa loEferi
loHanoki loAbida loElidaha. Wonke la ngamadodana kaKetura.
5 UAbrahama wasemupha ulsaka konke ayelakho. **6** Kodwa
kumadodana abafazi abancane uAbrahama ayelabo uAbrahama
wanika izipho; wawasusa kulsaka indodana yakhe, esaphila,
wawathuma empumalanga elizweni lempumalanga. **7** Lalezi

zinsuku zeminyaka yempilo kaAbrahama ayiphilayo, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi aysisikhombisa lanhlalu. **8** uAbrahama wasephela, wafa eseluphele kuhle emdala enele, wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo. **9** Ulsaka lolshmayeli amadodana akhe basebemngcwaba obhalwini lweMakaphela, esiqintini sikaEfroni indodana kaZohari umHethi, esiqondene leMamre, **10** isiqinti uAbrahama asithenga emadodaneni akaHethi; lapho uAbrahama wangcwatshwa loSara umkakhe. **11** Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu wambusisa ulsaka indodana yakhe; ulsaka wasehlala emthonjeni iLahayi-Royi. **12** Lalezi yizizukulwana zikalshmayeli indodana kaAbrahama, uHagari umGibhithekazi, incekukazi kaSara, amzalela uAbrahama. **13** Lala ngamabizo amadodana kalshmayeli ngamabizo awo njengokuzalwa kwawo; izibulo likalshmayeli nguNebayothi, loKedari loAdibeli loMbisama **14** loMishima loDuma loMasa, **15** uHadadi loTema, uJeturi, uNafishi loKedema; **16** la ngamadodana kalshmayeli, njalo la ngamabizo awo ngemizana yawo langezingaba zawo, iziphathamandla ezilitshumi lambili ngezizwe zawo. **17** Njalo le yiminyaka yempilo kalshmayeli, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; wasephela, wafa, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo. **18** Basebehlala kusukela eHavila kusiya eShuri ephambi kweGibhithe, ekuhambeni usiya eAsiriya; wahlala phambi kobuso babafowabo bonke. **19** Lalezi yizizukulwana zikalsaka indodana kaAbrahama; uAbrahama wazala ulsaka. **20** Ulsaka wayeseleminyaka engamatshumi amane mhla ethatha uRebeka, indodakazi kaBethuweli umSiriya wePadani-Arama, udadewabo kaLabani umSiriya, ukuba ngumkakhe. **21** Ulsaka wasemncengela umkakhe eNkosini, ngoba wayeyinyumba; iNkosi yasincengeka ngaye, kwaze kwathi

uRebeka umkakhe wathatha isisu. **22** Abantwana babebindana-ke ngaphakathi kwakhe; wasesithi: Uba kunjalo, kungani nginje? Wasesiyabuza iNkosi. **23** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Izizwe ezimbili zisesizalweni sakho, izizwe ezimbili zizakwehlukana emibilini yakho. Njalo esinye isizwe sizakuba lamandla kulesinye isizwe, futhi omkhulu uzakhonza omncinyane. **24** Kwathi sezicwalisekile insuku zakhe zokubeletha, khangela-ke, amaphahla esiswini sakhe. **25** Kwasekuphuma owokuqala ebomvana, yena wonke enjengesembatho soboya; ngakho bamutha ibizo lakhe bathi nguEsawu. **26** Njalo emva kwalokho kwaphuma umfowabo, lesandla sakhe sibambelele esithendeni sikaEsawu; basebebiza ibizo lakhe uJakobe. Lolsaka wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ekuzalweni kwabo. **27** Abafana basebekhula; uEsawu wasesiba ngumzingeli ohlakaniphileyo, umuntu weganga; loJakobe umuntu obekekileyo ehlala emathenteni. **28** Njalo ulsaka wayemthanda uEsawu ngoba wadla inyama yenyamazana yakhe; kodwa uRebeka wathanda uJakobe. **29** Kwathi uJakobe esephekile ukudla okuphekiweyo, kwasekufika uEsawu evela egangeni, ekhathele. **30** UEsawu wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake ungiyumele ngiginye kokubomvu lokho okubomvu, ngoba ngikhathele. Ngalokhu babiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi uEdoma. **31** UJakobe wasesithi: Ngithengisela lamuhla ilungelo lobuzibulo bakho. **32** UEsawu wasesithi: Khangela, sengizakufa; njalo liyini kimi ilungelo lobuzibulo? **33** UJakobe wasesithi: Funga kimi lamuhla. Wasefunga kuye, wathengisa ilungelo lobuzibulo bakhe kuJakobe. **34** UJakobe wasenika uEsawu isinkwa lokudla okuphekiweyo kwamalentili; wasesidla wanatha, wasukuma wahamba; ngalokho uEsawu wadelela ilungelo lobuzibulo bakhe.

26 Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni, ngaphandle kwendlala yakuqala eyayikhona ensukwini zikaAbrahama. Ulsaka wasesiya kuAbhimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti, eGerari. **2** INkosi yasibonakala kuye, yathi: Ungehleli eGibhithe, hlala elizweni engizakutshela lona; **3** hlala njengowezizwe kulelilizwe, futhi ngizakuba lawe ngikubusise; ngoba ngizanika wena lenzalo yakho wonke lamazwe, ngiqinise isifungo engasifunga kuAbrahama uyihlo. **4** Ngizakwandisa inzalo yakho njengenkanyezi zamazulu, ngizanika inzalo yakho lamazwe wonke; lenzalweni yakho zizabusiswa izizwe zonke zomhlaba; **5** ngalokhu ukuthi uAbrahama walalela ilizwi lami, wagcina ukulaya kwami, imilayo yami, izimiso zami lemithetho yami. **6** Ulsaka wahlala-ke eGerari. **7** Amadoda aleyondawo asebuza ngomkakhe. Wasesithi: Ungudadewethu; ngoba wesaba ukuthi: Umkami. Hlezi amadoda aleyondawo angibulale ngenxa kaRebeka, ngoba wayekhangeleka kuhle. **8** Kwasekusithi esehlale khona isikhathi eside, uAbhimeleki inkosi yamaFilisti walunguza phansi ngewindi, wabona, khangela-ke, ulsaka wayedlala loRebeka umkakhe. **9** UAbhimeleki wasembiza ulsaka, wathi: Isibili, khangela, ungumkakho; utsho ngani ukuthi: Ungudadewethu? Ulsaka wasesithi kuye: Ngoba ngathi, hlezi ngife ngenxa yakhe. **10** UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi? Bekulula ukuthi omunye wabantu alale lomkakho; ubususibeka icala. **11** UAbhimeleki waselaya wonke umuntu, esithi: Othinta lindoda lomkayo uzabulawa isibili. **12** Ulsaka wasehlanyela kulelolizwe, wathola ngalowomnyaka okuphindwe kalikhulu; iNkosi yasimbusa. **13** Lowomuntu waba mkhulu, waqhubeqhubeka waba mkhulu waze waba mkhulu kakhulu. **14** Njalo wayelemfuyo yezimvu lemfuyo yezinkomo lenceku ezinengi; ngakho amaFilisti aba lomhawu ngaye. **15** Lemithombo yonke

izinceku zikayise ezaziyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise, amaFilisti ayeiyivalile, ayigcwalisa ngenhlabathi. **16** UAbhimeleki wasesithi kulsaka: Suka kithi, ngoba ulamandla kakhulu kulathi. **17** Ulsaka wasesuka lapho, wamisa inkamba esigodini seGerari, wahlala khona. **18** Ulsaka wabuya waphanda imithombo yamanzi ababeyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise, ngoba amaFilisti ayeiyivalile emva kokufa kukaAbrahama. Wayibiza amabizo ngamabizo uyise ayewabizile. **19** Izinceku zikalsaka zasezigebha esihotsheni, zathola khona umthombo wamanzi agobhozayo. **20** Njalo abelusi beGerari babangisana labelusi bakalsaka, besithi: Amanzi ngawethu. Ngakho wabiza ibizo lomthombo iEseki, ngoba baphikisana laye. **21** Zasezigebha omunye umthombo, lalowoke bawubanga. Wasebiza ibizo lawo iSitina. **22** Waseqhubeka wasuka lapho, wagebha omunye umthombo, kodwa lowo kabawubanganga. Wasewubiza ibizo lawo iRehobothi, wathi: Ngoba iNkosi isisenzele indawo, futhi sizakuba lesithelo elizweni. **23** Wasesenyuka lapho waya eBherishebha. **24** INkosi yasibonakala kuye ngalobobusuku yathi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo. Ungesabi ngoba ngilawe, ngizakubusisa njiyandise inzalo yakho ngenxa kaAbrahama inceku yami. **25** Wasesakha khona ilathi, wabiza ebizweni leNkosi, wamisa khona ithente lakhe, lenceku zikalsaka zagebha khona umthombo. **26** UAbhimeleki wasesiya kuye evela eGerari loAhuzathi umngane wakhe loFikoli induna yebutho lakhe. **27** Ulsaka wasesithi kubo: Lizeleni kimi, lokhu liyangizonda, lingixotshile kini? **28** Basebesithi: Sesibonile lokubona ukuthi iNkosi ilawe. Ngakho sathi: Ake kube khona isifungo phakathi kwethu, phakathi kwethu lawe, asenze isivumelwano lawe, **29** sokuthi ungasenzeli okubi, njengoba singakuthintanga, njengoba sikwenzele okuhle kuphela,

sakuyekela wahamba ngokuthula; wena khathesi ungobusisiweyo weNkosi. **30** Wasebenzela idili, basebesidla banatha. **31** Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, bafungisana omunye komunye; ulsaka wasebayekela bahamba, basuka kuye ngokuthula. **32** Kwasekusithi ngalolosuku izinceku zikalsaka zafika, zambikela mayelana lomthombo ezaziwugebhile, zathi kuye: Sithole amanzi. **33** Wawubiza ngokuthi yiShebha; ngakho ibizo lomuzi liyiBherishebha kuze kube lamuhla. **34** Kwasekusithi uEsawu eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane wathatha umfazi uJudithi indodakazi kaBeri umHethi, loBasemathi indodakazi kaEloni umHethi. **35** Lalaba baba lusizi lwawo umoya kulsaka loRebeka.

27 Kwasekusithi ulsaka esemdala lamehlo akhe esefiphele engasaboni, wabiza uEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathi kuye: Ndodana yami! Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ngilapha. **2** Wasesithi: Khangela-ke, sengimdal, angilwazi usuku lokufa kwami. **3** Ngakho khathesi, ake uthathe izikhali zakho, isikhwama sakho semitshoko ledandili lakho, uphume uye egangeni ungizingelete inyama yenamazana, **4** ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi njengengikuthandayo, ukulethe kimi ukuthi ngidle, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukubusise ngingakafi. **5** URebeka wasesizwa lapho ulsaka ekhulumu loEsawu indodana yakhe. UEsawu wasesiya egangeni ukuyazingela inyama yenamazana ukuze ayilethe. **6** URebeka wasekhulumu kuJakobe indodana yakhe, esithi: Khangela, ngizwile uyihi ekhulumu kuEsawu umnewenu, esithi: **7** Ngilethela inyama yenamazana, ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi ukuthi ngidle, ngikubusise phambi kweNkosi ngingakafi. **8** Ngakho khathesi, ndodana yami, lalela ilizwi lami kulokhu engikulaya khona. **9** Ake uye emhlanjini, ungithathole lapho amazinyane amabili amahle ezimbuzi, ngizawenzela uyihi

ukudla okumnandi njengalokho akuthandayo; **10** uzakusa-ke kuyihlo ukuthi adle, ukuze akubusise engakafi. **11** UJakobe wasesithi kuRebeka unina: Khangela, uEsawu umnewethu uyindoda elihwanqa, kodwa ngiyindoda ebutshelezi. **12** Mhlawumbe ubaba uzangiphulula, besengisiba emehlwani akhe njengomhleka usulu, njalo ngizilethele isiqalekiso kungabi-ke yisibusiso. **13** Unina wasesithi kuye: Isiqalekiso sakho kasibe phezu kwami, ndodana yami; kuphela lalela ilizwi lami, uhambe ungithatheli wona. **14** Wasehamba, wawathatha, wawaletsha kunina; unina waselungisa ukudla okumnandi njengalokho uyise akuthandayo. **15** URebeka wasethatha iziggoko ezinhle zikaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, ayelazo endlini, wagqokisa uJakobe indodana yakhe encinyane; **16** lezikhumba zamazinyane ezimbuzi wazifaka ezandleni zakhe lebutshelezini bentamo yakhe. **17** Wasenika ukudla okumnandi lesinkwa ayekulungisile esandleni sikaJakobe indodana yakhe. **18** Wasesiza kuyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha; ungubani ndodana yami? **19** UJakobe wasesithi kuyise: NginguEsawu izibulo lakho; ngenze njengoba ungitshelile; ake uvuke uhlale, udle okwenyama yami yenyamazana, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise. **20** Ulsaka wasesithi endodaneni yakhe: Kungani uyithole masinyane kangaka, ndodana yami? Wasesithi: Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yenze ukuthi ize phambi kwami. **21** Ulsaka wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake usondele ukuze ngikuphulule, ndodana yami, ukuthi uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo, kumbe hatshi. **22** UJakobe wasesondela kulsaka uyise; wasemphulula wathi: Ilizwi liyilizwi likaJakobe, kodwa izandla ziyizandla zikaEsawu. **23** Kodwa kamazanga ngoba izandla zakhe zaziloboya njengezandla zomnewabo uEsawu; ngakho

wambusisa. **24** Wasesithi: Uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo yini? Wasesithi: Nginguye. **25** Wasesithi: Sondeza kimi ukuze ngidle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yami, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukubusise. Waseyisondeza kuye, wasesidla; waseletha kuye iwayini, wasenatha. **26** Uyise ulsaka wasesithi kuye: Ake usondele, ungange, ndodana yami. **27** Wasesondela, wamanga; wasenuka iphunga lezembatho zakhe, wambusisa wathi: Khangela, iphunga lendodana yami linjengephunga lensimu iNkosi eyibusisileyo. **28** Ngakho uNkulunkulu akunike okwamazolo amazulu lokokuvunda komhlaba, lenala yamabele lewayini elitsha. **29** Abantu kabakukhonze, lezizwe zikukhothamele. Bana yinkosi yabafowenu, lamadodana kanyoko akukhothamele. Okuqalekisayo kaqalekiswe, lokubusisay kabusiswe! **30** Kwasekusithi ulsaka eseqedile ukubusisa uJakobe, kwathi uJakobe esanda ukuphuma phambi kukalsaka uyise, uEsawu umnewabo wafika evela ekuzingeleni kwakhe. **31** Laye futhi walungisa ukudla okumnandi, wakusa kuyise; wathi kuyise: Ubaba kavuke, adle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yakhe, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungi busise. **32** Ulsaka uyise wasesithi kuye: Ungubani? Wasesithi: Ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho uEsawu. **33** Ulsaka wasethuthumela ngokuthuthumela okukhulukazi, wathi: Pho, ngubani ozingele inyama yenyamazana wayiletha kimi, ngasengisidla okwayo yonke ungakafiki? Ngibusisile, yebo uzabusiswa. **34** Kwathi uEsawu eseze we amazwi kayise, wakhala ngokukhala okukhulu lokubuhlungu isibili, wathi kuyise: Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba! **35** Wasesithi: Umfowenu ufile ngenkohliso, wathatha isibusiso sakho. **36** Wasesithi: Kasikuthi babiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi nguJakobe, ukuthi ungiqile lezizikhathi ezimbili? Ilungelo

lobuzibulo bami ulithethe, khangela-ke, khathesi uthethe isibusiso sami. Wathi futhi: Kawungigcinelanga mina isibusiso? **37**
Ulsaka wasephendula wathi kuEsawu: Khangela, ngimbekile abe yinkosi phezu kwakho, labo bonke abafowabo ngimnikile babe zinceku; ngimsekele ngamabele lewayini elitsha; pho, ngingabe ngisakwenzelani, ndodana yami? **38** UEsawu wasesithi kuyise: Ulesibusiso esisodwa yini, baba? Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba. UEsawu waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala inyembezi. **39** Ulsaka uyise wasephendula wathi kuye: Khangela, umuzi wakho uzakuba khatshana lokuvunda komhlaba lakhatshana lamazolo amazulu avela phezulu. **40** Njalo uzaphila ngenkemba yakho, uzakhonza umfowenu. Kodwa kuzakuthi lapho usuphunyuka, uzakwephula ijogwe lakhe entanyeni yakho. **41** UEsawu wasemzonda uJakobe ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ayembusise ngaso. UEsawu wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Insuku zokulilela ubaba sezisondele, khona ngizambulala umnawami uJakobe. **42** Kwathi uRebeka etshelwa amazwi kaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathuma wabiza uJakobe indodana yakhe encinyane, wathi kuye: Khangela, uEsawu umnewenu uyaziduduza ngawe ukuthi akubulale. **43** Ngakho khathesi, ndodana yami, lalela ilizwi lami; sukuma uzbalekele uye kuLabani umfowethu eHarani, **44** njalo uhlale laye insuku ezinlutshwana, ize idede intukuthelo yomnewenu, **45** kuze kuthi ulaka lomnewenu ludede kuwe, futhi akhohlwe lokho okwenze kuye; besengithuma ngikulande khona; kungani ngizalahlekelwa layini lobabili ngosuku lunye? **46** URebeka wasesithi kulsaka: Nginengekile yimpilo ngenxa yamadodakazi kaHethi; uba uJakobe ethatha umfazi kumadodakazi kaHethi anjengala, emadodakazini alelilizwe, ngiphilelani?

28 Ulsaka wasebiza uJakobe, wambusisa, wamlaya wathi kuye: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani. **2** Sukuma uye ePadani-Arama, endlini kaBethuweli uyise kanyoko, uzithathele khona umfazi kumadodakazi kaLabani umalumakho. **3** Njalo uNkulunkulu uSomandla akubusise, akwenze ube lenzalo akwandise, ukuze ube ngumbuthano wezizwe; **4** abesekupha isibusiso sikaAbrahama, kuwe lenzalweni yakho kanye lawe, ukuze udle ilifa lelizwe lapho ohlala khona njengowezizwe, uNkulunkulu alinika uAbrahama. **5** Ulsaka wasethuma uJakobe waya ePadani-Arama kuLabani indodana kaBethuweli umSiriya, umfowabobo kaRebeka unina kajakobe loEsawu. **6** UEsawu wasebona ukuthi ulsaka umbusisile uJakobe, wamthuma ePadani-Arama ukuze azithathele khona umfazi, lapho embusisa wamlaya esithi: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani; **7** lokuthi uJakobe walalela oyise lonina, waya ePadani-Arama. **8** UEsawu wasebona ukuthi amadodakazi eKhanani ayemabi emehlwani kalsaka uyise. **9** Ngakho uEsawu waya kulshmayeli, wazithathela uMahalathi indodakazi kalshmayeli, indodana kaAbrahama, udadewabobo kaNebayothi, abe ngumkakhe phezu kwabafazi ayelabo. **10** UJakobe wasephuma eBherishebha waya eHarani. **11** Wafika endaweni, achitha khona ubusuku ngoba ilanga lalitshonile. Wasethatha ilitshe ematsheni aleyondawo, wenza umqamelo wakhe, walala kuleyondawo. **12** Waphupha, khangela-ke, ilele limisiwe emhlabeni, isihloko salo sifinyelela emazulwini, khangela-ke, ingilosi zikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla kulo. **13** Khangela-ke, iNkosi yema phezu kwalo, yathi: NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo loNkulunkulu kalsaka; ilizwe olele kulo, ngizakunika lona, lenzalo yakho; **14** njalo inzalo yakho izakuba ngangothuli lomhlaba, uzasabalalela

entshonalanga lempumalanga lenyakatho leningizimu; njalo zizabusiswa kuwe zonke insendo zomhlaba, lasenzalweni yakho. **15** Khangela-ke, ngilawe, ngizakulondoloza kuzo zonke indawo lapha oya khona, ngikubuyise kulelilizwe; ngoba kangiyikukutshiya ngize ngikwenze lokho engikhulume ngakho kuwe. **16** Kwathi uJakobe ephaphama ebuthongweni bakhe, wathi: Isibili iNkosi ikulindawo, mina-ke bengingawkazi. **17** Wasesesaba wathi: Yesabeka kangakanani lindawo! Kayisilutho ngaphandle kokuthi yindlu kaNkulunkulu, laleli lisango lamazulu. **18** UJakobe wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wathatha ilitshe alenza laba ngumqamelo wakhe, walimisa laba yinsika, wathela amagcobo phezu kwesihloko salo. **19** Wasebiza ibizo laleyondawo iBhetheli; kodwa-ke kuqala ibizo lomuzi laliyiLuzi. **20** UJakobe wasethembisa isithembiso esithi: Uba uNkulunkulu ezakuba lami, angilondoloze kulindlela engiyihambayo, angiphe isinkwa sokudla, lesembatho sokwembatha, **21** njalo ngibuyelete ngokuthula endlini kababa, khona iNkosi izakuba nguNkulunkulu wami, **22** lelitshe leli engilimise ukuthi libe yinsika lizakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu; kukho konke ozangipha khona, isibili ngizakunika okwetshumi.

29 UJakobe wasephakamisa inyawo zakhe, waya elizweni labantwana bempumalanga. **2** Wasebona, khangela-ke, umthombo emmangweni, khangela-ke lapho, imihlambi emithathu yezimvu yayilele kuwo, ngoba kulowomthombo banathisa imihlambi; kwakukhona ilitshe elikhulu emlonyeni womthombo. **3** Njalo yonke imihlambi yabuthelwa khona, sebeliqiqile ilitshe lisuka emlonyeni womthombo banathisa izimvu, basebebuyisela ilitshe emlonyeni womthombo endaweni yalo. **4** UJakobe wasesithi kibo: Bazalwane bami, livela ngaphi? Basebesithi:

Sivela eHarani. **5** Wasesithi kibo: Liyamazi yini uLabani indodana kaNahori? Basebesithi: Siyamazi. **6** Wasesithi kibo: Uyaphila yini? Basebesithi: Uphilile; khangela-ke, uRasheli indodakazi yakhe, uyeza lezimvu. **7** Wasesithi: Khangelani, kusesemini enkulu, kayisiso isikhathi sokuthi izifuyo zibuthaniswe; nathisani izimvu, lihambe lizidlise. **8** Basebesithi: Singeke, kuze kubuthaniswe imihlambi yonke, bagiqe-ke ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni womthombo; khona sizanathisa izimvu. **9** Esakhulum labo, uRasheli wafika lezimvu, ezingezikayise, ngoba wayengumelusikazi. **10** Kwasekusithi uJakobe ebona uRasheli indodakazi kaLabani umalumakhe lezimvu zikaLabani umalumakhe, uJakobe wasondela, waligqa ilitshe lasuka emlonyeni womthombo, wazinathisa izimvu zikaLabani umalumakhe. **11** UJakobe wasemanga uRasheli, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala izinyembezi. **12** UJakobe wasemazisa uRasheli ukuthi ungumfowabo kayise lokuthi uyindodana kaRebeka. Wasegijima, wamazisa uyise. **13** Kwasekusithi uLabani esezwile umbiko kaJakobe indodana kadadewabo, wagijima ukuyamhlangabeza, wamgona, wamanga, wamngenis endlini yakhe. UJakobe waselandisela uLabani zonke lezizinto. **14** ULabani wasesithi kuye: Isibili ulithambo lami lenyama yami. Wahlala laye inyanga yonke. **15** ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Njengoba ungumfowethu, usuzangisebenzela mahala yini? Ngitshela ukuthi umholo wakho uzakuba yini? **16** Njalo uLabani wayelamadodakazi amabili, ibizo lenkulu linguLeya lebizo lencinyane linguRasheli. **17** Kodwa uLeya wayelamehlo abuthakathaka, kodwa uRasheli wayemuhle ngesimo, njalo wayemuhle ngokukhangeleka. **18** UJakobe wasemthanda uRasheli. Wathi: Ngizakusebenzela iminyaka eyisikhombisa ngoRasheli indodakazi yakho encane.

19 ULabani wasesithi: Kungcono ukuthi ngimnike wena kulokuthi ngimnike enye indoda; hlala lami. **20** UJakobe wasemsebenzela uRasheli iminyaka eyisikhombisa; yaba emehlwani akhe njengensuku ezinlutshwana, ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe. **21** UJakobe wasesithi kuLabani: Ngipha umkami, ngoba insuku zami sezigcwalisekile, ukuthi ngingene kuye. **22** ULabani wasebuthanisa wonke amadoda aleyondawo, wenza idili. **23** Kwasekusithi kusihlwa wathatha uLeya indodakazi yakhe wamusa kuye, wasengena kuye. **24** ULabani wasemnika uZilipa incekukazi yakhe, kuLeya indodakazi yakhe, abe yincekukazi. **25** Kwasekusithi ekuseni, khangela-ke, nguLeya; ngakho wathi kuLabani: Kuyini lokhu okwenze kimi? Kangimsebenzelanga uRasheli kuwe yini? Pho, ungikhohliseleni? **26** ULabani wasesithi: Kakwenziwa njalo endaweni yakithi ukupha omncinyane ngaphambi kwengqabutho. **27** Gcwalisa iviki yalo, besesikunika lalowayana, ngomsebenzi ozawusebenza lami futhi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa. **28** UJakobe wasesenza njalo; wagcwalisa iviki yalo; wasemnika uRasheli indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe. **29** ULabani wasenika uRasheli indodakazi yakhe uBiliha incekukazi yakhe, abe yincekukazi kuye. **30** Wasengena lakuRasheli; wamthanda njalo uRasheli kuloLeya, wasesebenza laye futhi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa. **31** Lapho iNkosi isibona ukuthi uLeya wayezondwa, yavula isizalo sakhe, kodwa uRasheli wayeyinyumba. **32** ULeya wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana, wayitha ibizo layo uRubeni, ngoba wathi: Ngoba iNkosi ibonile inhlupheko yami; ngakho khathesi indoda yami izangithanda. **33** Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana, wathi: Njengoba iNkosi izwile ukuthi ngiyazondwa, inginike lale; wayitha ibizo layo uSimeyoni. **34** Wasebuya wathatha isisu,

wazala indodana; wathi: Khathesi ngalesisikhathi indoda yami izazihianganisa lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana amathathu; ngalokhu wabiza ibizo layo uLevi. **35** Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; wathi: Ngalesisikhathi ngizadumisa iNkosi; ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uJuda; wasesima ukuzala.

30 Kwathi uRasheli esebonile ukuthi wayengamzaleli uJakobe, uRasheli waba lomona ngodadewabo, wathi kuJakobe: Nginika abantwana, kodwa nxa kungenjalo ngife. **2** Ngakho lwavutha ulaka lukaJakobe kuRasheli, wathi: Ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu okwenqabele isithelo sesizalo yini? **3** Wasesithi: Khangela, incekukazi yami uBiliha, ngena kuye, ukuze azalele emadolweni ami, ukuze lami ngakhiwe kuye. **4** Wasemnika uBiliha incekukazi yakhe abe ngumkakhe; uJakobe wasengena kuye. **5** UBiliha wasethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana. **6** URasheli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungahlulele, njalo uwile ilizwi lami, wanginika indodana. Ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uDani. **7** UBiliha incekukazi kaRasheli wasebuya ethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesibili. **8** URasheli wasesithi: Ngibindene lokubindana okulamandla lodadewethu, njalo ngehlula; ngakho wayitha ibizo layo uNafithali. **9** Kwathi uLeya esebonile ukuthi usemi ukuzala, wathatha uZilipa incekukazi yakhe, wamnika uJakobe abe ngumkakhe. **10** UZilipa incekukazi kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe indodana. **11** ULeya wasesithi: Kuyeza inhlanhla. Wayitha ibizo layo uGadi. **12** UZilipa incekukazi kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe indodana yesibili. **13** ULeya wasesithi: Kungokwentokozo yami, ngoba amadodakazi azakuthi ngilentokozo. Wayitha ibizo layo uAsheri. **14** URubeni wasehamba ngensuku zokuvuna ingqoloyi, wafica amamandrake ensimini, wawaletha kuLeya unina. URasheli wasesithi kuLeya: Ake

ungiphe emamandrakeni endodana yakho. **15** Wasesithi kuye. Kuyinto encinyane yini ukuthi uthethe indoda yami? Usuzathatha lamamandrake endodana yami yini? URasheli wasesithi: Ngakho uzalala lawe ngalobibusuku ngenxa yamamandrake endodana yakho. **16** Kwathi uJakobe esebuya evela emasimini kusihlwa, uLeya waphuma ukumhlangabeza, wathi: Kimi uzangena, ngoba ukukuqhatsha ngikuqhatshile ngamamandrake endodana yami. Waselala laye ngalobobusuku. **17** UNkulunkulu wasemuzwa uLeya; wasethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesihlanu. **18** ULeya wasesithi: UNkulunkulu unginikile umvuzo wami, ngoba ngayinika indoda yami incekukazi yami; waseyitha ibizo layo ulsakari. **19** ULeya wasephinda ethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana yesithupha. **20** ULeya wasesithi: UNkulunkulu unginikile mina isipho esihle; khathesi indoda yami izahlala lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana ayisithupha, waseyitha ibizo layo uZebuluni. **21** Emva kwalokhu wasezala indodakazi, wayitha ibizo layo uDina. **22** UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uRasheli, uNkulunkulu wasemuzwa, wavula isizalo sakhe. **23** Wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana, wathi: UNkulunkulu ususile ihlazo lami. **24** Waseyitha ibizo layo uJosefa, esithi: INkosi kayengeze kimi enye indodana. **25** Kwasekusithi uRasheli esemzele uJosefa, uJakobe wathi kuLabani: Ngiyekela ngihambe ukuze ngiye endaweni yakithi, lelizweni lakithi. **26** Ngipha omkami labantwana bami engibasebenzele kuwe ukuze ngihambe, ngoba wena uyazi umsebenzi wami engikusebenzele wona. **27** ULabani wasesithi kuye: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlwani akho; sengibonile ngokukhangela ukuthi iNkosi ingibusile ngenxa yakho. **28** Wathi futhi: Ngimisela iholo lakho, njalo ngizakupha. **29** Wasesithi kuye: Wena yazi ukuthi ngikusebenzele njani lokuthi izifuyo

zakho bezinjani lami. **30** Ngoba okulutshwana owawulakho mandulo kwami, kwanda kakhulu kwaba yinkithinkithi; iNkosi ikubusisile ekufikeni kwami; pho-ke, ngizayisebenzela nini lami indlu yami? **31** Wasesithi: Ngizakuphani? UJakobe wasesithi: Kawuyikunginika lutho, uba uzangenzela le into; ngizabuya ngeluse izimvu zakho ngizilinde. **32** Ngizadabula phakathi komhlambi wonke wakho lamuhla, ngehlukanise lapho yonke imvu elamabala lelamachatha, layo yonke imvu ensundu phakathi kwezimvu, lezilamabala lezilamachatha ezimbuzini, zibe liholo lami. **33** Njalo ukulunga kwami kuzangifakazela ngosuku oluzayo, uba usiza mayelana leholo lami, phambi kwakho; konke okungelamabala lamachatha ezimbuzini, lokunsundu emawundlwini, kuyabe kuntshontshiwe uba kukimi. **34** ULabani wasesithi: Khangela, ye, kakube njengelizwi lakho. **35** Wasezehlukanisa mhlalokho impongo ezingamaqamule lezilamabala lazo zonke izibuzikazi ezilamabala lezilamachatha, lakho konke okulokumhlophe, lakho konke okunsundu emawundlwini, wakunikela esandleni samadodana akhe. **36** Wabeka ummango wensuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe loJakobe. UJakobe waseselusa imihlambi eseleyo kaLabani. **37** UJakobe wasezithathela ingatsha ezimanzi zephophula leze-alimondi lezingelamaxolo, webula kuzo imizila emhlophe, wembula okumhlophe okwakusezingatsheni. **38** Wasefaka ingatsha ayezebulile emigelweni lemikolweni yokunathela yamanzi maqondana lemhhlambi, lapho imihlambi efika khona ukunatha; yamitha ekufikeni kwayo ukuzanatha. **39** Kwathi imihlambi isimithi ezingatsheni, imihlambi yazala amaqaqamule, alamabala lalamachatha. **40** UJakobe wasezehlukanisa amawundlu; wakhangelisa ubuso bomhlambi kwezingamaqamule lazo zonke

ezinsundu zomhlambi kaLabani; wabeka imihlambi yakhe yodwa, engayibeki emhlanjini kaLabani. **41** Kwasekusithi loba nini eziqinileyo zomhlambi sezimitha, uJakobe wafaka izingatsha phambi kwamehlo omhlambi emigelweni, ukuze zidabule phakathi kwezingatsha. **42** Kodwa nxa umhlambi ububuthakathaka kazifakanga; ngalokhu ebuthakathaka yaba ngekaLabani, leqinileyo ngekaJakobe. **43** Lendoda yaqhamuka yaba nkulu kakhulu, yaba lemihlambi eminengi lezincekukazi lezinceku lamakamela labobabhemi.

31 Wasesizwa amazwi amadodana kaLabani esithi: UJakobe uthethe konke okukababa; langalokho okwakungokukababa wenza lonke loludumo. **2** UJakobe wasebona ubuso bukaLabani, futhi khangela, babunganjengamandulo kuye. **3** INkosi yasisithi kuJakobe: Buyela elizweni laboyihlo lezihlotsheni zakho; njalo ngizakuba lawe. **4** UJakobe wasethuma wababiza oRasheli loLeya emadlelweli emhlanjini wakhe, **5** wathi kibo: Ngiyabona ubuso bukayihlo ukuthi kabunjengamandulo kimi; kodwa uNkulunkulu kababa ube lami. **6** Futhi lina liyazi ukuthi ngamandla ami wonke ngimsebenzele uyihlo. **7** Kodwa uyhlo unghohlisile, waphendula iholo lami okwezikathi ezilitshumi, kanti uNkulunkulu kamvumelanga ukwenza okubi kimi. **8** Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezilamabala zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala ezilamabala. Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezingamaqamule zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala ezingamaqamule. **9** Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uthethe izifuyo zikayihlo, wanginika. **10** Kwasekusithi, ngesikhathi umhlambi umitha, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami ngabona ephutsheni, khangela-ke, izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi zazingamaqamule, zilamabala, lezizinala. **11** Ingilosи kaNkulunkulu yasisithi kimi ephutsheni: Jakobe!

Ngathi: Khangela ngilapha. **12** Yasisithi: Ake uphakamise amehlo akho ubone, zonke impongo ezikhwela umhlambi zingamaqamule, zilamabala lezizinala; ngoba ngibonile konke uLabani akwenze kuwe. **13** NginguNkulunkulu weBhetheli lapho owagcoba khona insika, owathembisa khona isithembiso kimi. Khathesi, vuka, uphume kulelilizwe, ubuyele elizweni lokuzalwa kwakho. **14** ORasheli loLeya baphendula bathi kuye: Siselesabelo lelifa endlini kababa yini? **15** Kasibalwa njengabezizwe kuye yini? Ngoba wasithengisa, futhi wadla lokudla imali yethu. **16** Ngoba inotho yonke uNkulunkulu ayemuke ubaba ingeyethu leyabantwana bethu; khathesi-ke, konke uNkulunkulu akutsho kuwe, kwenze. **17** UJakobe wasesukuma, wakhweza amadodana akhe labomkakhe emakameleni; **18** waqhuba izifuyo zakhe zonke, layo impahla yakhe yonke abeyizuzile, izifuyo zenzozo yakhe, ayezizuze ePadani-Arama, ukuze aye kulsaka uyise elizweni leKhanani. **19** Njalo uLabani esehambile ukuyagunda izimvu zakhe, uRasheli weba izithombe uyise ayelazo. **20** UJakobe wasuka enyenya engananzelwelwe kuLabani umSiriya, ngoba kamazisanga ukuthi uyabaleka. **21** Wasebaleka, yena lakho konke ayelakho, wasukuma, wachapha umfula, wakhangela ubuso bakhe entaben yeGileyadi. **22** Kwasekusazisa uLabani ngosuku Iwesithathu ukuthi uJakobe ubalekile. **23** Wasethatha abafowabo kanye laye, waxotshana laye ibanga lensuku eziyisikhombisa, wamfica entaben yeGileyadi. **24** UNkulunkulu wasesiza kuLabani umSiriya ephutsheni lebusuku, wathi kuye: Ziqaphele, hlezi ukhulume loJakobe okuhle kumbe okubi. **25** ULabani wasemfica uJakobe. Njalo uJakobe wayemise ithente lakhe entaben; uLabani laye kanye labafowabo bamisa entaben yeGileyadi. **26** ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe:

Wenzeni, ukuthi usuke unyenye ngingananzelele, uthathe amadodakazi ami ngamandla njengabathunjiweyo ngenkemba? **27** Ubalekeleni ngasese, unginyenyela, ungangazisanga, ukuthi ngabe ngikuvalileise ngokuthokoza langengoma, ngesigubhu langechacho? **28** Njalo kawungivumelanga ukuthi ngange amadodana ami lamadodakazi ami. Khathesi wenze ubuthutha ngokwenza lokho. **29** Kusemandleni esandla sami ukwenza okubi kini; kodwa uNkulunkulu kayihlo ukhulumile kimi ebusuku obudlulileyo wathi: Ziqaphele ukuthi ungakhulumi loJakobe okuhle kumbe okubi. **30** Khathesi-ke, ukuhamba uhambile, ngoba ngokukhanuka ukhanukile indlu kayihlo; webeleni onkulunkulu bami? **31** UJakobe wasephendula wathi kuLabani: Ngoba ngesaba, ngoba wathi: Hlezi ungihluthunele amadodakazi akho. **32** Lowo ozathola kuye onkulunkulu bakho kangaphili; phambi kwabafowethu zinantelele okungokwakho okukimi, uzithathele. Ngoba uJakobe wayengazi ukuthi uRasheli wayebibile. **33** ULabani wasengena ethenteni likaJakobe lethenteni likaLeya, lethenteni lezincekukazi ezimbili, kodwa katholanga. Waphuma ethenteni likaLeya, wangena ethenteni likaRasheli. **34** Kodwa uRasheli wayethethe izithombe, wazifaka esikhwameni sesihlalo sekamela, wahlala phezu kwazo. ULabani waphumpatha ithente lonke kodwa katholanga. **35** Wasesithi kuyise: Kalungavuthi ulaka emehlwani enkosi yami ukuthi ngingesukume phambi kwakho, ngoba indlela yabesifazana ikimi. Wabhudula, kodwa kazitholanga izithombe. **36** UJakobe wasethukuthela, waphikisana loLabani; uJakobe waphendula wathi kuLabani: Isiphambeko sami siyini, isono sami siyini, ukuthi ungixotshe ngokutshiseka? **37** Njengoba usubabbabambe kuyo impahla yami yonke, utholeni okwayo impahla yonke yendlu yakho? Ibeke lapha phambi kwabafowethu

labafowenu ukuze baqume phakathi kwethu sobabili. **38**
Iminyaka le engamatshumi amabili ngangilawe; izimvukazi zakho
lezibhuzikazi zakho kaziphunzanga, lezingama zemihlambi
yakho kangizidlanga. **39** Ezadatshulwayo kangizilethanga
kuwe, mina ngazihlawula; esandleni sami wazibiza, zebiwe
emini loba zebiwe ebusuku. **40** Nganginjalo emini imbalela
yangidla, lamakhaza ebusuku, ubuthongo babaleka emehlwani
ami. **41** Iminyaka le engamatshumi amabili bengisemzini
wakho, ngakusebenzela okweminyaka elitshumi lane ngenxa
yamadodakazi akho amabili, leminyaka eyisithupha ngenxa
yomhlambi wakho; njalo waphendula iholo lami okwezikathathi
ezilitshumi. **42** Ngaphandle kokuthi uNkulunkulu kababa,
uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama lokwesaba kukalsaka ubengelami,
isibili khathesi ubuzangixotsha ngize. Inhlupheko zami
lomtshikatshika wezandla zami uNkulunkulu ubonile, wakusola
izolo ebusuku. **43** ULabani wasephendula wathi kuJakobe:
Amadodakazi angamadodakazi ami, lamadodana angamadodana
ami, lomhlambi ngumhlambi wami, lakho konke okubonayo
kungokwami; lemadodakazini ami ngizakwenzani kuwo lamuhla,
loba kubantwana bawo abawazeleyo? **44** Khathesi-ke, woza,
asenze isivumelwano, mina lawe, njalo sibe yibufakazi phakathi
kwami lawe. **45** UJakobe wasethatha ilitshe, walimisa laba
yinsika. **46** UJakobe wasesithi kubafowabo: Buthani amatshe.
Basebethatha amatshe, benza inqumbi; badla khona phezu
kwenqumbi. **47** ULabani waseyibiza ngokuthi yiJegari-Sahadutha,
kodwa uJakobe wayibiza ngokuthi yiGaledi. **48** ULabani
wasesithi: Linqwaba iyibufakazi phakathi kwami lawe lamuhla.
Ngakho bayitha ibizo layo iGaledi, **49** leMizipa, ngoba wathi:
INkosi kayilinde phakathi kwami lawe, lapho singabonani

omunye lomunye. **50** Uba uhlupha amadodakazi ami, njalo uba uthatha abafazi phezu kwamadodakazi ami, kakulamuntu olathi, bona, uNkulunkulu unggumfakazi phakathi kwami lawe. **51** ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Khangela linqwaba, khangela-ke lensika engiyiphosileyo phakathi kwami lawe. **52** Linqwaba kayibe yibufakazi, lensika kayibe yibufakazi, bokuthi mina kangiyikuyidlula linqwaba ngiye kuwe, lawe kawuyikuyidlula linqwaba lalinsika uze kimi ngokubi. **53** UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kaNahori, kahlulele phakathi kwethu, uNkulunkulu kayise wabo. UJakobe wasefunga ngokwesaba kayise ulsaka. **54** UJakobe wasehlaba umhlatshelo entaben, wabiza abafowabo ukuthi badle isinkwa; basebesidla isinkwa, balala entaben. **55** ULabani wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wanga amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe, wawabusisa; uLabani wasehamba wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

32 UJakobe wasehamba indlela yakhe, lengilosи zikaNkulunkulu zamhlangabeza. **2** UJakobe ezibona wasesithi: Leli libutho likaNkulunkulu. Wayitha ibizo laleyondawo iMahanayimi. **3** UJakobe wasethuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe kuEsawu umnewabo, elizweni iSeyiri, ilizwe lakoEdoma. **4** Wasezilaya esithi: Likhulume kanje enkosini yami uEsawu lithi: Itsho njalo inceku yakho uJakobe ithi: KoLabani bengihlala njengowezizwe ngalibala kuze kube khathesi; **5** njalo ngilezinkabi labobabhem, izimvu lezinceku lezincekukazi; sengithumele ukubika enkosini yami ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlwani akho. **6** Izithunywa zasezibuyela kuJakobe zathi: Sifikile kumnewenu, kuEsawu, laye uyeza ukukuhlangabeza lamadoda angamakhulu amane laye. **7** UJakobe wasesesaba kakhulu, wakhathazeka. Wehlukanisaabantu ababelaye lezimvu lezinkomo lamakamela, kwaba

ngamaqembu amabili; **8** ngoba wathi: Uba uEsawu efika kwelinye iqembu alitshaye, iqembu eliseleyo lizaphepha. **9** UJakobe wathi futhi: Nkulunkulu kababa uAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kababa ulsaka, Nkosi owathi kimi: Buyela elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho, njalo ngizakwenzela okuhle; **10** kangiwufanele wonke umusa lakho konke ukuthembeka okwenzele inceku yakho; ngoba ngilodondolo lwami ngachapha le iJordani, khathesike sengingamaqembu amabili. **11** Ake ungophule esandleni somnewethu, esandleni sikaEsawu; ngoba ngiyamesaba, hlezi afike angitshaye, unina phezu kwabantwana. **12** Wena-ke wathi: Ukwenza okuhle ngizakwenzela okuhle, njalo ngizayenza inzalo yakho ibe njenetshebetshebe lolwandle elingelakubalwa ngenxa yobunengi. **13** Waselala lapho ngalobobusuku; wathatha kulokho okwafika esandleni sakhe, isipho sikaEsawu umfowabo, **14** izibuzikazi ezingamakhulu amabili lempongo ezingamatshumi amabili, izimvukazi ezingamakhulu amabili lenqama ezingamatshumi amabili, **15** amakamela enyisayo angamatshumi amathathu lamathole awo, amankomokazi angamatshumi amane, lamajongosi alitshumi, obabhemikazi abangamatshumi amabili lamathole abobabhemi alitshumi. **16** Wasezinikela esandleni senceku zakhe umhlambi ngomhlambi wodwa, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Dlulani phambi kwami, libeke ibanga phakathi komhlambi lomhlambi. **17** Waselaya eyokuqala esithi: Nxa uEsawu umnewethu ehlangana lawe, ekubuza esithi: Ungokabani? Njalo uya ngaphi? Ngezikabani-ke lezi eziphambi kwakho? **18** Ubususithi: Ngezenceku yakho ngezikaJakobe, yisipho esithunyelwa enkosini yami uEsawu; khangela-ke, laye uqobo ungemva kwethu. **19** Waselaya leyesibili leyesithathu labo bonke ababelandela imihlambi esithi:

Njengalelilizwi lizakhuluma kuEsawu, lapho limthola; **20** lithi futhi: Khangela, inceku yakho uJakobe ingemva kwethu. Ngoba uthe: Ngizathoba ubuso bakhe ngesipho esihamba phambi kwami, langemva kwalokho ngizabona ubuso bakhe; mhlawumbe uzakwemukela ubuso bami. **21** Lesipho sahamba phambi kwakhe; kodwa yena walala lobobusuku enkambeni. **22** Wasesukuma ngalobobusuku, wathatha omkakhe bobabili lencekukazi ezimbili labantwana bakhe abalitshumi lanye, wachapha izibuko leJaboki. **23** Wabathatha, wabachaphisa isifudlana, wachaphisa lokho ayelakho. **24** UJakobe watshiywa yedwa; njalo indoda yabindana laye kwaze kwaba semadabukakusa. **25** Kodwa isibonile ukuthi kayimehluli, yathinta isikhoxo senyonga yakhe, isikhoxo senyonga kaJakobe saqhuzuka ebindana layo. **26** Yasisithi: Ngiyekela ngihambe ngoba sekusemadabukakusa. Kodwa wathi: Kangiyikukuyekela uhambe ngaphandle kokuthi ungibusise. **27** Yasisithi kuye: Ungubani ibizo lakho? Wasesithi: UJakobe. **28** Yasisithi: Ibizo lakho kalisayikuthiwa nguJakobe, kodwa ulsrayeli, ngoba ulwile loNkulunkulu labantu, wanqoba. **29** UJakobe wasebuza wathi: Ake utsho ibizo lakho. Yasisithi: Kungani ubuza ibizo lami? Yambusisa lapho. **30** UJakobe waseyitha ibizo lendawo iPeniyeli, ngoba ngibonile uNkulunkulu ubuso ngobuso, njalo impilo yami isindisiwe. **31** Njalo ilanga lamphumela esedlula iPenuyeli; wayeqhula enyongeni yakhe. **32** Ngakho abantwana bakolsrayeli kabawudli umsipha womthambo osesikhoxweni senyonga kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wathinta isikhoxo senyonga kaJakobe esisemsipheni womthambo wenyonga.

33 UJakobe wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, khangela-ke, uEsawu esiza lamadoda angamakhulu amane kanye laye. Wasesehlukanisa abantwana phakathi kukaLeya loRasheli

lencekukazi zombili. **2** Wasebeka izincekukazi labantwana bazo ngaphambili, loLeya labantwana bakhe ngemuva, loRasheli loJosefa ekucineni. **3** Yena uqobo wasesedlula phambi kwabo, wakhothamela emhlabathini kasikhombisa waze wafika eduze lomnewabo. **4** UEsawu wasegijima ukumhlangabeza, wamgona, wawela entanyeni yakhe, wamanga; basebekhala inyembezi. **5** Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona abesifazana labantwana, wathi: Ngobani laba olabo? Wasesithi: Abantwana uNkulunkulu ngomusa ayinike bona inceku yakho. **6** Zasezisondela incekukazi, zona labantwana bazo, bakhothama. **7** Laye uLeya wasesondela labantwana bakhe, bakhothama; emva kwalokho uJosefa wasondela loRasheli, bakhothama. **8** Wasesithi: Uqondeni ngaleli iqembu lonke engihlangene lalo? Wasesithi: Ukuthola umusa emehlwani enkosi yami. **9** UEsawu wasesithi: Ngilokunengi, mfowethu; okwakho kakube ngokwakho. **10** UJakobe wasesithi: Hayi bo! Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlwani akho, yemukela isipho sami esivela esandleni sami; ngoba yikho ngibone ubuso bakho kunjengokuthi ngibone ubuso bukaNkulunkulu, njalo wathokoza ngami. **11** Ake wemukele isipho sami esilethwa kuwe; ngoba uNkulunkulu ungiphile ngomusa, njalo ngoba ngilakho konke. Wasemncenga, waze wasemukela. **12** Wasesithi: Asisuke sihambe, njalo ngizahamba phambi kwakho. **13** Kodwa wathi kuye: Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana babuthakathaka, lokuthi izimvu lezinkomo engilazo ziyenyisa; uba-ke beziqhuba ngamandla usuku olulodwa, umhlambi wonke uzakufa. **14** Inkosi yami ake yedlule phambi kwenceku yayo; mina-ke ngizaqhube ka kuhle kuhle, ngokuhamba komsebenzi ophambi kwami, langokuhamba kwabantwana, ngize ngifike enkosini yami eSeyiri. **15** UEsawu wasesithi: Ake ngibeke kuwe abanye

babantu abalami. Wasesithi: Kungani lokhu? Kangithole umusa emehlweni enkosi yami. **16** UEsawu wasebuyela ngendlela yakhe ngalolosuku, waya eSeyiri. **17** Njalo uJakobe waqhubeka waya eSukothi, wazakhela indlu, wenzela izifuyo zakhe izibaya ezilophahla; ngakho wayitha ibizo lendawo iSukothi. **18** UJakobe wasefika evikelekile emzini weShekema, oselizweni leKhanani, ekuveleni kwakhe ePadani-Arama; wamisa inkamba phambi komuzi. **19** Njalo ingxene yeziqinti amisela kuyo amathente akhe wayithenga esandleni samadodana kaHamori uyise kaShekema, ngezinhlamvu zemali ezilikhulu. **20** Wasemisa khona ilathi, walibiza ngokuthi yiEli-Elohe-Israyeli.

34 UDina indodakazi kaLeya, ayizalela uJakobe, wasephuma ukuyabona amadodakazi elizwe. **2** Njalo uShekema indodana kaHamori umHivi, isiphathamandla selizwe, sambona, samthatha, salala laye, samona. **3** Inhlizyo yaso yasinamathela kuDina indodakazi kaJakobe, sayithanda intombi, sakhluma kunhlizyo yentombi. **4** UShekema wasekhuluma kuHamori uyise esithi: Ngithathela lintombi ibe ngumkami. **5** UJakobe wasesizwa ukuthi usemngcolisile uDina indodakazi yakhe; lamadodana akhe ayesezifuyweni egangeni; njalo uJakobe wathula aze afika. **6** UHamori uyise kaShekema wasephuma waya kuJakobe ukuze akhulume laye. **7** Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe efika evela egangeni esezwile, amadoda adabuka, athukuthela kakhulu ngoba wayenze ubuphukuphuku kolsrayeli ngokulala lendodakazi kaJakobe, okungafanele kwenziwe ngokunjalo. **8** UHamori wasekhuluma labo esithi: UShekema indodana yami, inhlizyo yakhe iyayilangatha indodakazi yenu; ake limnike yona ibe ngumkakhe. **9** Njalo yendiselanani lathi, lisiphe amadodakazi enu, lani lizithathele amadodakazi ethu. **10** Hhalani-

ke lathi, lelizwe lizakuba phambi kwenu; hlalani lithengiselane kulo, lifuye kulo. **11** UShekema wasesithi kuyise wentombi lakubanewabo: Angithole umusa emehlwani enu; lalokho elizakutsho kimi ngizanika. **12** Yandisani kakhulu kimi ilobolo lesipho, njalo ngizakupha njengoba litshilo kimi; kodwa ngiphani intombi ibe ngumkami. **13** Amadodana kaJakobe asephendula uShekema loHamori uyise ngobuqili, athi, ngenxa yokuthi ubesemngcolisile uDina udadewabo, **14** athi kubo: Asilakuyenza lindaba, ukunika udadewethu indoda engasokwanga, ngoba kulihlazo kithi. **15** Kodwa ngalokhu singalivumela, uba libe njengathi, ukuthi wonke owesilisa wakini asokwe, **16** sizalinika-ke amadodakazi ethu, lathi amadodakazi enu sizithathele, njalo sihlale lani sibe yisizwe sinye. **17** Kodwa uba lingasilaleli lisokwe, sizathatha indodakazi yethu, sihambe. **18** Lamazwi abo aba mahle emehlwani kaHamori, lemehlwani kaShekema indodana kaHamori. **19** Njalo ijaha kaliphuzanga ukwenza lindaba, ngoba yayilentokozo endodakazini kaJakobe; yayilodumo kulendlu yonke kayise. **20** UHamori wasefika, loShekema indodana yakhe, esangweni lomuzi wabo, basebekhuluma kumadoda omuzi wabo, besithi: **21** Lamadoda alokuthula lathi; ngakho kabahlale elizweni bathengiselane kulo; ngoba ilizwe, khangelani, libanzi inhhlangothi zombili phambi kwawo; amadodakazi abo sizawathatha abe ngomkethu, lamadodakazi ethu sizawanika wona. **22** Kulokhu kuphela amadoda azavumelana lathi, ukuhlala lathi, ukuba yisizwe sinye, nxa wonke owesilisa wethu esokiwe, njengalokhu esokiwe wona. **23** Inkomo zawo lempahla yawo lazo zonke izifuyo zawo kaziyikuba ngezethu yini? Kuphela asiwavumele, ahlale-ke lathi. **24** Basebelalela uHamori loShekema indodana yakhe, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi

wakhe; basebesokwa, wonke owesilisa, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe. **25** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasithathu beselobuhlungu, amadodana amabili kaJakobe, oSimeyoni loLevi, abanewabo bakaDina, ngulowo lalowo wathatha inkemba yakhe, awujuma umuzi, abulala wonke owesilisa. **26** Asebabulala oHamori loShekema indodana yakhe ngobukhali benkemba, amkhupha uDina endlini kaShekema, aphuma. **27** Amadodana kaJakobe ehlela phezu kwasebebulewe, awuphangwa umuzi, ngoba babemngcolisile udadewabo. **28** Athatha izimvu zabo lenkomo zabo labobabhemi babo lalokho okwakusemzini lalokho okwakusegangeni, **29** lenotho yabo yonke, labantwana babo bonke abancinyane, labomkabo, athumba abaphanga, lakho konke okwakusendlini. **30** UJakobe wasesithi kuSimeyoni loLevi: Lingihluphile, ngokungenza ukuthi ngibe levumba phakathi kwabakhileyo belizwe, phakathi kwamaKhanani lamaPerizi; njalo ngimlutshwana, futhi bazangihlanganyela bangitshaye, ngibe sengichitheka mina lendlu yami. **31** Basebesithi: Amenze yini udadewethu njengesifebe?

35 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJakobe: Sukuma, yenyukela eBhetheli, uhlale khona; umenzele lapho ilathi uNkulunkulu owabonakala kuwe mhla ubaleka ebusweni bukaEsawu umnewenu. **2** UJakobe wasesithi kundlu yakhe lakubo bonke ababelaye: Susani onkulunkulu bezizwe abaphakathi kwenu, lizihlambulule, lintshintshe izembatho zenu. **3** Asisukume senyukele eBhetheli, ngimenzele khona uNkulunkulu ilathi owangiphendula ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami, njalo waba lami endleleni engahamba kuyo. **4** Basebenika uJakobe bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe ababesesandleni sabo, lamacici ayesezindlebeni zabo; uJakobe wasekufihla ngaphansi

kwesihlahla se-okhi eliseShekema. **5** Basebehamba; lokwesabeka kukaNkulunkulu kwakuphezu kwemizi eyayibazingelezele, njalo kabawaxotshanga amadodana kaJakobe. **6** UJakobe wasefika eLuzi, eselizweni leKhanani, eyiBhetheli, yena labantu bonke ababelaye. **7** Wasesakha khona ilathi, wayibiza indawo ngokuthi iEli-Bhetheli, ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye ekubalekeleni ubuso bomnewabo. **8** Njalo uDebora umlizane kaRebeka wafa, wangcwatshwa ezansi kweBhetheli ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, ngakho wasitha ibizo laso iAloni-Bakuthi. **9** UNkulunkulu wasebuya wabonakala kuJakobe evela ePadani-Arama, wambusisa. **10** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Ibizo lakho nguJakobe; ibizo lakho kalisyikuthiwa nguJakobe, kodwa ulsrayeli kuzakuba libizo lakho. Wabiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi ulsrayeli. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; zala wande; isizwe, yebo ibandla lezizwe kuzavela kuwe; lamakhosi azaphuma ekhalweni lwakho. **12** Lelizwe engalinika uAbrahama lolsaka ngizalinika wena, lenzalweni yakho emva kwakho ngizayinika ilizwe. **13** UNkulunkulu wasesenyuka esuka kuye endaweni lapho ayekhulumma laye khona. **14** UJakobe wasemisa insika endaweni lapho ayekhulumma laye khona, insika yelitshe. Wathululela phezu kwayo umnikelo wokunathwayo, wathela phezu kwayo amagcobo. **15** UJakobe waseyitha ibizo lendawo, lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhulume laye khona, iBhetheli. **16** Basebehamba besuka eBhetheli; kwathi kusesengummango ukuya eEfrathi, uRasheli wabeletha, wayelobunzima ekubeletheni. **17** Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe nzima, umbelethisi wathi kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba lalo uzakuba yindodana yakho. **18** Kwasekusithi umphefumulo wakhe

usuphuma, ngoba esesifa, wayitha ibizo layo uBenoni; kodwa uyise wayibiza ngokuthi nguBhenjamini. **19** URasheli wasesifa, wangcwatshwa endleleni eya eEfrathi, eyiBhethelohema. **20** UJakobe wasemisa insika phezu kwengcwaba lakhe; le yinsika yengcwaba likaRasheli kuze kube lamuhla. **21** Ulrayeli wasehamba, wamisa ithente lakhe ngaphambili komphotshongo weEderi. **22** Kwasekusithi ulsrayeli ehlala kulelolizwe, uRubeni waya walala loBiliha umfazi omncinyane kayise; ulsrayeli wasekuzwa. Amadodana kaJakobe-ke ayelitshumi lambili; **23** amadodana kaLeya: Izibulo likaJakobe, uRubeni, loSimeyoni loLevi loJuda lolsakari loZebuluni; **24** amadodana kaRasheli: OJosefa loBhenjamini; **25** lamadodana kaBiliha, incekukazi kaRasheli: ODani loNafithali; **26** lamadodana kaZilipa, incekukazi kaLeya: OGadi loAsheri; la ngamadodana kaJakobe azalelwa yena ePadani-Arama. **27** UJakobe wasefika kulsaka uyise eMamre, eKiryathi-Arba, eyiHebron, lapho uAbrahama ahlala khona njengowezizwe, lolsaka. **28** Lensuku zikalsaka zaziyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi aysisicaminwembili. **29** Ulaka wasehodoza, wafa, wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo, emdala, enele ngensuku. Amadodana akhe uEsawu loJakobe asemngcwaba.

36 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaEsawu, onguEdoma. **2** UEsawu wathatha abafazi bakhe kumadodakazi eKhanani, uAda indodakazi kaEloni umHethi, loAholibama indodakazi kaAna, indodakazi kaZibeyoni umHivi, **3** loBasemathi indodakazi kalshmayeli udadewabo kaNebayothi. **4** UAda wasemzalela uEsawu uElifazi; uBasemathi wasezala uRehuwel; **5** uAholibama wasezala uJewushi loJalama loKora; la ngamadodana kaEsawu awazalelwa elizweni leKhanani. **6** UEsawu wasethatha omkakhe

lamadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe, layo yonke imiphefumulo yendlu yakhe, lenkomo zakhe lezifuyo zakhe zonke lempahla yakhe yonke ayeyizuzile elizweni leKhanani, wasesiya kwelinye ilizwe esuka ebusweni bukaJakobe umfowabo. 7 Ngoba imfuyo yabo yayinkulu okungangokuthi bangehlale ndawonye, lelizwe abebehlala kulo njengabemzini, lalingebathwale ngenxa yezifuyo zabo. 8 UEsawu wasehlala entaben iSeyiri; uEsawu nguEdoma, 9 Lezi-ke yizzukulwana zikaEsawu, uyise wabakoEdoma, entaben iSeyiri; 10 la ngamabizo amadodana kaEsawu, uElifazi indodana kaAda umkaEsawu, uRehuwel indodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu. 11 Lamadodana kaElifazi ayengoThemani, uOmari, uZefo, loGatama, loKenazi. 12 Njalo uTimina wayengumfazi omncane kaElifazi indodana kaEsawu, wamzalela uElifazi uAmaleki; la ngamadodana kaAda umkaEsawu. 13 Lala ngamadodana kaRehuwel, oNahathi loZera, uShama loMiza; la ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu. 14 Njalo la ngamadodana kaAholibama indodakazi kaAna, indodakazi kaZibeyoni umkaEsawu; wasemzalela uEsawu uJewushi loJalama loKora. 15 Lezi yizinduna zamadodana kaEsawu; amadodana kaElifazi izibulo likaEsawu: Induna uThemani, induna uOmari, induna uZefo, induna uKenazi, 16 induna uKora, induna uGatama, induna uAmaleki; lezi zinduna zikaElifazi elizweni leEdoma; la ngamadodana kaAda. 17 Futhi la ngamadodana kaRehuwel indodana kaEsawu: Induna uNahathi, induna uZera, induna uShama, induna uMiza; lezi zinduna zikaRehuwel elizweni leEdoma; la ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu. 18 Njalo la ngamadodana kaAholibama, umkaEsawu: Induna uJewushi, induna uJalama, induna uKora; lezi zinduna zikaAholibama, indodakazi kaAna, umkaEsawu. 19 La ngamadodana kaEsawu,

futhi lezi zinduna zawo; unguEdoma. **20** La ngamadodana kaSeyiri umHori, abahlali belizwe: ULotani loShobhali loZibeyoni loAna. **21** loDishoni loEzeri loDishani; laba bayizinduna zamaHori, amadodana kaSeyiri elizweni leEdoma. **22** Lamadodana kaLotani ayengoHori loHemama; lodadewabo kaLotani wayenguTimina. **23** Lala ngamadodana kaShobhali: UAlivani loManahathi loEbuali, uShefo loOnama. **24** Lala ngamadodana kaZibeyoni: Bobabili uAya loAna; nguAna owafica imithombo etshisayo enkangala eselusa obabhemi bakaZibeyoni uyise. **25** Lala ngamadodana kaAna: UDishoni; loAholibama wayeyindodakazi kaAna. **26** Lala ngamadodana kaDishoni: UHemidani loEshibhani loJitirani loKerani. **27** La ngamadodana kaEzeri: UBiliani loZahavana loAkani. **28** Lala ngamadodana kaDishani: U-Uzi loArani. **29** Lezi zinduna zamaHori: Induna uLotani, induna uShobhali, induna uZibeyoni, induna uAna, **30** induna uDishoni, induna uEzeri, induna uDishani; lezi zinduna zamaHori, ngezinduna zabo elizweni leSeyiri. **31** Lala ngamakhosi abusa elizweni leEdoma, inkosi ingakabusi abantwana bakolsrayeli. **32** UBhela indodana kaBeyori wasebusa eEdoma, lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiDinihaba. **33** UBhela wasesifa, uJobabi indodana kaZera weBhozira wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **34** UJobabi wasesifa, uHushama owelizweni lamaThemani wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **35** UHushama wasesifa; uHadadi indodana kaBedadi, owatshaya uMidiyani egcekeni lakoMowabi, wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiAvithi. **36** UHadadi wasesifa; uSamila weMasireka wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **37** USamila wasesifa; uShawuli weRehobothi emfuleni wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **38** UShawuli wasesifa; uBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhhibori wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

39 UBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhibhori wasesifa; uHadari wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiPawu; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabbeli, indodakazi kaMatiredi, indodakazi kaMezahabhi. **40** Njalo la ngamabizo ezinduna zakoEsawu ngezizukulwana zazo, ngendawo zazo, ngamabizo azo: Induna uTimina, induna uAliva, induna uJethethi, **41** induna uAholibama, induna uEla, induna uPinoni, **42** induna uKenazi, induna uThemani, induna uMibhizari, **43** induna uMagidiyeli, induna ulrama; lezi zinduna zeEdoma, njengokwezindawo zazo zokuhlala, elizweni lelifa lazo; lo nguEsawu, uyise kaEdoma.

37 UJakobe wasehlala elizweni uyise ayehlala kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe leKhanani. **2** Lezi zindaba zezizukulwana zikaJakobe. UJosefa, eleminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, wayeselusa umhlambi labafowabo, wayengumfana, elamadodana kaBiliha, lamadodana kaZilipa, omkayise; uJosefa waseletha kuyise imibiko emibi ngabo. **3** Njalo ulsrayeli wayemthanda uJosefa kulawo wonke amadodana akhe, ngoba wayeyindodana yobudala bakhe; wamenzela isigqoko esilemibalabala. **4** Kwathi abafowabo sebebonile ukuthi uyise uyamthanda kulabo bonke abafowabo, bamzonda, babengelakukhuluma kuye ngokuthula. **5** UJosefa wasephupha iphupho, walazisa abafowabo; ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu. **6** Wasesithi kibo: Ake lizwe lelipupho engiliphuphileyo. **7** Khangelani-ke, besibopha izithungo phakathi kwensimu, njalo khangelani, isithungo sami sema saqonda futhi, khangelani-ke, izithungo zenu zazingelezela, zasikhothamela isithungo sami. **8** Abafowabo basebesithi kuye: Kanti ukubusa uzasibusu, ukulawula uzasilawula yini? Ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu, ngenxa yamaphupho akhe langenxa yamazwi akhe.

9 Wasebuya futhi waphupha elinye iphupho, walilandisela abafowabo, wathi: Khangelani, ngiphuphe futhi iphupho; khangelani-ke, ilanga lenyanga lenkanyezi ezilitshumi lanye zingikhothamela. **10** Waselandisela uyise labafowabo. Uyise wasemsola wathi kuye: Liyini lelipupho oliphuphileyo? Ukuza sizakuza, mina lonyoko labafowenu, sikhothamele emhlabathini phambi kwakho yini? **11** Abafowabo-ke baba lomona ngaye, kodwa uyise waligcina lelilizwi. **12** Abafowabo basebesiyalagisa umhlambi kayise eShekema. **13** Ulgrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Abafowenu kabalagisi eShekema yini? Woza, ngikuthume kibo. Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ngilapha. **14** Wasesithi kuye: Hamba-ke, ubone ukuthi baphila kuhle yini abafowenu, lokuthi uyaphila umhlambi, ungibuyisele ilizwi. Wasemthuma esuka esigodini iHebron wasefika eShekema. **15** Indoda yamfica, ngoba khangela wayezula egangeni; indoda yasimbuza yathi: Udingani? **16** Wasesithi: Ngidinga abafowethu; ake ungazise ukuthi balagise ngaphi. **17** Indoda yasisithi: Basukile lapha, ngoba ngibezwile besithi: Asiye eDothani. UJosefa wasebalandela abafowabo, wabathola eDothani. **18** Basebembona esekhatshana. Njalo engakasondeli kubo, bamenzela ugobe lokuthi bambulale. **19** Bakhulumisana besithi: Khangela, lo umphuphi uyeza; **20** khathesi-ke, wozani simbulale, simphosele komunye wemigodi, besesisithi: Isilo esibi simdlile. Khona sizabona ukuthi amaphupho akhe azakuba yini. **21** URubeni wasekuzwa, wamophula esandleni sabo, wathi: Asingatshayi impilo. **22** URubeni wasesithi kubo: Lingachithi igazi, mphoseleni kulumgodi osenkangala, lingeluleli isandla kuye; ukuze amkhulule esandleni sabo, ukuze ambuyisele kuyise. **23** Kwasekusithi uJosefa esefikile kubafowabo,

bamhlubula uJosefa isiggoko sakhe, isiggoko esilemibalabala, ayesigqokile; **24** basebemthatha, bamphosela emgodini; kodwa umgodi wawungelalutho, kungelamanzi kuwo. **25** Basebehlala phansi ukudla isinkwa. Baphakamisa amehlo abo babona, khangela-ke, udwendwe Iwamalshmayeli luvela eGileyadi, lamakamela awo ethwele isinongo lenhlaka lemure, ehamba ukukwehlisela eGibhithe. **26** UJuda wasesithi kubafowabo: Yinzuzo bani uba simbulala umfowethu, sifihle igazi lakhe? **27** Wozani, simthengise kumalshmayeli, lesandla sethu kasingabi phezu kwakhe, ngoba umgumfowethu, inyama yethu. Abafowabo basebelalela. **28** Kwasekndlula amaMidiyani angabathengiselani; basebemdonsa bamphakamisa uJosefa emgodini, bathengisa uJosefa kumalshmayeli ngenhlamu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amabili. Amusa-ke eGibhithe. **29** Kwathi uRubeni ebuyela emgodini, khangela-ke, uJosefa wayengekho emgodini, wadabula izembatho zakhe. **30** Wasebuyela kubafowabo wathi: Umfana kakho; mina-ke, ngizakuya ngaphi? **31** Basebethatha isiggoko sikaJosefa, bahlaba izinyane lembuzi, bagxamuza isiggoko egazini. **32** Basebethumela isiggoko esilemibalabala, basisa kuyise, bathi: Lokhu sikuficle; akunanzelele ukuthi lesi yisiggoko sendodana yakho yini, loba hatshi. **33** Wasinanzelela wathi: Yisiggoko sendodana yami! Isilo esibi simdlile, isibili udatshulwe uJosefa. **34** UJakobe wasedabula izembatho zakhe, wafaka isaka ekhalweni Iwakhe, wayililela indodana yakhe insuku ezinengi. **35** Njalo wonke amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe asukuma ukumduzuza, kodwa wala ukududuzwa, wathi: Ngoba ngizakwehlela engcwabeni endodaneni yami ngilila. Uyise wamlilela njalo. (**Sheol h7585**) **36** AmaMidiyani asemthengisa eGibhithe kuPotifa, umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi.

38 Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi uJuda wehla esuka kubafowabo, waphambukela endodeni yeAdulamu, obizo layo linguHira. **2** UJuda wasebona lapho indodakazi yendoda umKhanani, obizo lakhe linguShuwa; wayithatha wangena kuyo. **3** Yasithatha isisu, yazala indodana; waseyitha ibizo layo uEri. **4** Yasiphinda ithatha isisu, yazala indodana; yayitha ibizo layo uOnani. **5** Yasisengezelela futhi yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo layo uShela; kodwa wayeseKezibi ekuyizaleni kwayo. **6** UJuda wasemthathe uEri izibulo lakhe umfazi, njalo ibizo lakhe linguTamari. **7** Kodwa uEri, izibulo likaJuda, wayemubi emehlwani eNkosi; iNkosi yasimbula. **8** UJuda wasesithi kuOnani: Ngena kumkamfowenu, wenze kuye imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda, umvusele umfowenu inzalo. **9** UOnani wayesazi-ke ukuthi inzalo kayiyikuba ngeyakhe. Kwasekusithi lapho engena kumkamfowabo, wayichithela emhlabathini, ukuze angamniki umfowabo inzalo. **10** Kwasekusiba kubi emehlwani eNkosi lokho akwenzayo; ngakho yambulala laye. **11** UJuda wasesithi kuTamari umalokazana wakhe: Hlala ungumfelokazi endlini kayihlo, aze akhule uShela indodana yami; ngoba wathi: Hlezi laye afe njengabafowabo. UTamari wasehamba wahlala endlini kayise. **12** Emva kwensuku ezinengi yafa indodakazi kaShuwa, umkaJuda. UJuda esezipiduzile, wenyukela kubagundi bezimvu zakhe eThiminathi, yena lomngane wakhe uHira umAdulamu. **13** Kwasekusazisa kuTamari ukuthi: Khangela, uyihlozala wenyukela eThiminathi ukugunda izimvu zakhe. **14** Wasekhulula izembatho zobufelokazi bakhe, wazimbomboza ngesimbombozo, wazigoqela, wahlala esangweni iEnayima, elisendleleni eya eThiminathi; ngoba wabona ukuthi uShela wayesekhulile, njalo wayengamnikwanga ukuba ngumkakhe. **15**

Lapho uJuda esembonile, wacabanga ukuthi uliwule, ngoba embomboze ubuso bakhe. **16** Wasephambukela kuye endleleni wathi: Woza-ke, ngingene kuwe; ngoba wayengazi ukuthi ngumalokazana wakhe. Wasesithi: Uzanginikani ukuze ungene kimi? **17** Wasesithi: Mina ngizathumela izinyane lembuzi elivelwa emhlanjini. Wasesithi: Uzanginika isibambiso uze ulithumele yini?

18 Wasesithi: Sibambiso bani engizakunika sona? Wasesithi: Indandatho elophawu lwakho, lentambo yakho, lodondolo lwakho olusesandleni sakho. Wasemupha, wangena kuye; wasethatha isisu sakhe. **19** Wasesukuma wahamba, wakhulula isimbombozo sakhe, wafaka izembatho zobufelokazi bakhe. **20** UJuda wasethumela izinyane lembuzi ngesandla somngane wakhe umAdulamu ukuze athathe isibambiso esandleni sowesifazana; kodwa kamtholanga. **21** Wasebuza amadoda endawo yakowesifazana esithi: Lingaphi iwule elaliseEnayima endleleni? Asesithi: Kakuzanga kube khona iwule lapha. **22** Wasebuyela kuJuda wathi: Kangilitholanga, futhi lamadoda endawo athi: Kakuzanga kube khona iwule lapha. **23** UJuda wasesithi: Kalizithathelle, hlezi sideleleke; khangela, ngithumele lelizinyane, kodwa wena kawumtholanga. **24** Kwasekusithi phose emva kwenyanga ezintathu kwaziswa kuJuda ukuthi: UTamari umalokazana wakhe ufebile, futhi khangela-ke, ulesisu sokufetshwa. UJuda wasesithi: Mkhupheni atshiswe. **25** Esekutshiwe, yena wathumela kuyisezala, esithi: Ngoniwe yindoda engumnini walezizinto. Wathi futhi: Ake uhlolisise ukuthi ngezikabani lezizinto, indandatho elophawu lezintambo lodondolo. **26** UJuda wasezivuma wathi: Ulungile kulami, ngakho njengoba ngingamnikanga uShela indodana yami. Njalo kabanga esamazi futhi. **27** Kwasekusithi esikhathini sokubeletha kwakhe,

khangel-a-ke, amaphahl-a ayesesiswini sakhe. **28** Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe, elinye lakhupha isandla; umbelethisi wasithatha, wabopha intambo ebomvu esandleni salo, esithi: Lo uzaphuma kuqala. **29** Kodwa kwathi lifinyeza isandla salo, khangel-a-ke umfowabo waphuma; wasesithi: Ufohle njani? Ukufohla kakube phezu kwakho. Wasemutha ibizo lakhe uPerezi. **30** Emva kwalokhu kwasekuphuma umfowabo owayelentambo ebomvu esandleni sakhe; wasemutha ibizo lakhe uZera.

39 UJosefa wasesehliselwa eGibhithe; njalo uPotifa, umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi, indoda engumGibhithe, wamthenga esandleni samalshmayeli, ababemehlisel-e khona. **2** Njalo iNkosi yayiloJosefa, waze waba ngumuntu ophumelelayo; wayesendlini yenkosi yakhe, umGibhithe. **3** Inkosi yakhe yasibona ukuthi iNkosi ilaye, lokuthi konke akwenzayo iNkosi yakuphumelelisa esandleni sakhe. **4** UJosefa wasethola umusa emehlwani ayo, wayisebenzela; njalo yamenza waba ngumphathi wendlu yayo, lako konke eyayilakho yakunikela esandleni sakhe. **5** Kwasekusithi kusukela esikhathini eyamenza ngaso umphathi wendlu yayo, lako konke eyayilakho, iNkosi yabusisa indlu yomGibhithe ngenxa kajosefa; lesibusiso seNkosi saba phezu kwakho konke eyayilakho, endlini lensimini. **6** Yositshiya konke eyayilakho esandleni sikaJosefa; yayingazi lutho lwayo, ngaphandle kokudla eyayikudla. Futhi uJosefa wayemuhle ngesimo, ekhangeleka kuhle. **7** Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto, inkosikazi yenkosi yakhe yaphakamisela amehlo ayo kuJosefa; yathi: Lala lami. **8** Kodwa wala, wathi enkosikazini yenkosi yakhe: Khangel-a, inkosi yami kayikwazi okulami endlini, njalo konke elakho ikunikela esandleni sami; **9** kakho omkhulu kulami endlini le; njalo kayingigodlelanga lutho, ngaphandle kwakho, ngalokhu

ukuthi ungumkayo; njalo ngingenza njani lobububi obukhulu, ngone kuNkulunkulu? **10** Kwasekusithi ekukhulumeni kwakhe kuJosefa insuku ngensuku, kazange amlalele, ukulala laye, lokuba laye. **11** Kwasekusithi ngosuku oluthile wangena endlini ukuyakwenza umsebenzi wakhe, njalo kwakungekho owamadoda endlu lapho endlini, **12** yasimbamba ngesembatho sakhe isithi: Lala lami. Kodwa watshiya isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabaleka, waphumela phandle. **13** Kwasekusithi isibonile ukuthi utshiyile isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabalekela phandle, **14** yabiza amadoda endlu yayo, yakhuluma kuwo isithi: Bonani, usilethele indoda engumHebheru ukudlala ngathi; uze kimi ukuze alale lami, ngamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu; **15** kwasekusithi esezwile ukuthi ngiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala, watshiya isembatho sakhe eceleni kwami, wabaleka, waphumela phandle. **16** Yasisibeka isembatho sakhe eceleni kwayo, yaze yafika inkosi yakhe ekhaya. **17** Njalo yakhuluma kuyo njengalamazwi isithi: Inceku engumHebheru, osilethele yona, izile kimi ukuze idlale ngami; **18** kwasekusithi sengiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala, yatshiya isembatho sayo eceleni kwami, yabalekela phandle. **19** Kwasekusithi inkosi yakhe isizwe amazwi omkayo, ewakhulume kuyo, esithi: Njengalamazwi inceku yakho yenze kimi, ulaka lwayo lwavutha. **20** Inkosi kaJosefa yasimthatha yamfaka entolongweni, indawo lapho izibotshwa zenkosi ezazibotshelwa khona; wasesiba lapho entolongweni. **21** Kodwa iNkosi yaba loJosefa, yelulela umusa kuye, yasimupha umusa emehlwani enduna yentolongo. **22** Induna yentolongo yanikela-ke esandleni sikaJosefa zonke izibotshwa ezazisentolongweni; lakho konke ezazikwenza lapho, wayengumenzi. **23** Induna yentolongo

kayisakhangelanga lutho olwalusesandleni sakhe, ngoba iNkosi yayilaye; lalokho akwenzayo iNkosi yakuphumelisa.

40 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto umphathinkezo wenkosi yeGibhithe lomphekizinkwa bona enkosini yabo, enkosini yeGibhithe. **2** Ngakho uFaro wabathukuthelela abathenwa bakhe ababili, induna yabaphathinkezo lenduna yabaphekizinkwa. **3** Wazinikela esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi, entolongweni, indawo lapho uJosefa ayebotshelwe khona. **4** Induna yabalindi yasimlaya uJosefa ukuba lazo, wazisebenzela; njalo zaba lensuku esitokisini. **5** Zombili zasezipupha amaphupho, ngamunye iphupho lakhe, ngabusuku bunye, ngamunye njengengcazeloyephupho lakhe, umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa ababengabenkosi yeGibhithe ababebotshiwe entolongweni. **6** UJosefa wasengena kibo ekuseni, wababona, khangela-ke, benyukumele. **7** Wasebabuza abathenwa bakaFaro ababelaye esitokisini endlini yenkosi yakhe, esithi: Kungani ubuso benu budanile lamuhla? **8** Basebesithi kuye: Siphophile iphupho, njalo kakho umchasisi walo. UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Ingcazelo kayisizo zikaNkulunkulu yini? Ake lingilandisele wona. **9** Induna yabaphathinkezo yalandisa iphupho layo kuJosefa, yathi kuye: Ephutsheni lami, khangela-ke, kwakukhona ivini phambi kwami; **10** evinini-ke kwakukhona ingatsha ezintathu; njalo kwakungathi liyahluma, impoko zalo zaphuma, amahlukozo alo athela izithelo zevini ezivuthiweyo. **11** Njalo inkezo kaFaro yayisesandleni sami; ngasengithatha izithelo zevini, ngazikhama enkezwensi kaFaro, nganika inkezo esandleni sikaFaro. **12** UJosefa wasesithi kuyo: Le yingcazelo yalo. Ingatsha ezintathu ziyizinsuku ezintathu; **13** kusesephakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho, akubuyisele esikhundleni sakho; njalo uzanika

inkezo kaFaro esandleni sakhe, njengendlela yakuqala lapho wawungumphathinkezo wakhe. **14** Kodwa ungikhumbule lawe, lapho uhlezi kuhle, ake ungenzele umusa, ungibike kuFaro, ungikhuphe kulindlu. **15** Ngoba ngebiwa lokwebiwa elizweni lamaHebheru, lalapha futhi kangenzanga lutho ukuze bangifake emgodini. **16** Lapho induna yabaphekizinkwa ibona ukuthi uchasic ekuhle, yathi kuJosefa: Lami bengisephutsheni; khangela-ke, bekukhona izitsha ezintathu zilezinkwa ezimhlophe ekhanda lami; **17** njalo esitsheni esingaphezulu kwakukhona okokudla konke kukaFaro, umsebenzi obhakiwego; njalo inyoni zakudla lokho esitsheni esisekhanda lami. **18** UJosefa wasephendula wathi: Le yingcazel yalo. Izitsha ezintathu ziyyizinsuku ezintathu; **19** kusesephakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho lisuke kuwe, akulengise esihlahleni; inyoni zizakudla inyama yakho ziyyisuse kuwe. **20** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasithathu, usuku lokuzalwa kukaFaro, wenzela inceku zakhe zonke idili; waphakamisa ikhanda lenduna yabaphathinkezo lekhanda lenduna yabaphekizinkwa phakathi kwenceku zakhe. **21** Wayibuyisela induna yabaphathinkezo ekuphatheni kwayo inkezo; yasinika inkezo esandleni sikaFaro. **22** Kodwa wayilengisa induna yabaphekizinkwa, njengoba uJosefa ezichasisele. **23** Kodwa induna yabaphathinkezo kayimkhumbulanga uJosefa, kodwa yamkhohlwa.

41 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili egcweleyo uFaro waphupha; khangela-ke, emi emfuleni. **2** Khangela-ke, emfuleni kwakhuphuka amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, ekhangeleka emahle, enonile enyameni; adla emihlangeni. **3** Khangela-ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka emfuleni emva kwawo, ekhangeleka kubi, ecakile enyameni;

ema eduze lamankomokazi ekhunjini lomfula. **4** Amankomokazi akhangeleka kubi acakileyo enyameni adla amankomokazi akhangeleka kuhle anonileyo. UFaro wasephaphama. **5** Walala futhi, waphupha ngokwesibili; khangela-ke, kwakhahlela izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ehlangeri linye, ezigcweleyo zilungile. **6** Khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezicakileyo, zihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga, zakhahlela emva kwazo. **7** Izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu ezipheleleyo ezigcweleyo. UFaro wasephaphama, khangela-ke, kwakuliphupho. **8** Kwasekusithi ekuseni umoya wakhe wakhathazeka; wathumela wabiza izangoma zonke zeGibhithe lazo zonke izazi zayo. UFaro wazilandisela iphupho lakhe; kodwa kwakungekho ongamchasisela wona uFaro. **9** Induna yabaphathinkezo yasikhulumu kuFaro isithi: Lamuhla ngyakhumbula amacala ami. **10** UFaro wazithukuthelela inceku zakhe, wanginikela esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi, mina lenduna yabaphekizinkwa; **11** njalo saphupha iphupho ngabusuku bunye, mina layo. Saphupha, ngamunye njengengcazelo yephupho lakhe. **12** Kwakukhona lapho kanye lathi ijaha umHebheru, inceku yenduna yabalindi; sayilandisela yasichasisela amaphupho ethu, yachasisa ngamunye njengethupho lakhe. **13** Kwasekusithi njengokusichasisela kwayo kwaba njalo; mina wangibuyisela esikhundleni sami, yena wamlengisa. **14** UFaro wasethumela wabiza uJosefa; bamkhupha emgodini ngokuphangisa; esephucile wafaka ezinye iziggoko, wangena kuFaro. **15** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Ngiphophile iphupho, kodwa kakho olichasisayo; njalo mina ngizwile ngawe ukuthi: Usizwa iphupho, uyalichasisa. **16** UJosefa wasemphendula uFaro esithi: Kakukho kimi. UNkulunkulu

uzaphendula impilakahle kaFaro. **17** UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa wathi: Ephutsheni lami, khangela, ngangimi ekhunjini lomfula; **18** njalo khangela, kwakhuphuka emfuleni amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, anonileyo enyameni, akhangeleka emahle, adla emihlangeni. **19** Khangela-ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka emva kwavo, ayangekileyo, akhangeleka emabi kakhulu, acakileyo enyameni; angizanga ngiwabone anjengawo ngobubi elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **20** Kwathi amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi adla amankomokazi ayisikhombisa okuqala anonileyo. **21** Lapho esengene esiswini sawo, kakubonakalanga ukuthi angenile esiswini sawo, ngoba ekhangeleka kubi njengakuqala. Ngasengiphaphama. **22** Ngasengibona ephutsheni lami, khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa zikhahlela ehlengeni linye, zigcwele zilungile; **23** njalo khangela, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezitshwabheneyo, ezicakileyo, ezhangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga zakhahlela emva kwazo. **24** Njalo izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo. Njalo ngakulandisela izangoma; kodwa kwakungekho esangichasiselayo. **25** UJosefa wasesithi kuFaro: Iphupho likaFaro linye. Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo, umazisile uFaro. **26** Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa alungileyo ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa. Iphupho linye. **27** Njalo amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi akhuphuka emva kwavo ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezicakileyo ezhangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga zizakuba yiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala. **28** Le yinto engiyikhulume kuFaro ukuthi: Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo, ukutshengisile kuFaro. **29** Khangela, kuyeza iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala

enkulu elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **30** Kuzavela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala emva kwayo; izakhohlakala-ke inala yonke elizweni leGibhithe; njalo indlala izaliqeda ilizwe. **31** Njalo inala kayiyikwaziwa elizweni ngenxa yaleyondlala emva kwalokho, ngoba izakuba nzima kakhulu. **32** Njalo ukuthi iphupho liphindwe kibili kuFaro, kungoba into le imisiwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uNkulunkulu uyaphangisa ukukwenza. **33** Khathesi-ke uFaro kakhangale indoda eqedisisayo lehlakaniphileyo, ayibeke phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe. **34** UFaro kenze lokhu, abeke ababonisi phezu kwelizwe, athathe ingxenye yesihlanu yelizwe leGibhithe eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala. **35** Kababuthe konke ukudla kwaliminyaka elungileyo ezayo, njalo kababuthelele amabele ngaphansi kwesandla sikaFaro, kube yikudla emizini, bawagcine. **36** Njalo ukudla kuzakuba yisiphala selizwe okweminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala ezakuba khona elizweni leGibhithe, ukuze ilizwe lingabhujisa yndlala. **37** Njalo into le yabanhe emehlwani kaFaro lemehlwani ezinceku zakhe zonke. **38** UFaro wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Singamthola yini onjengaye, indoda okuyo uMoya kaNkulunkulu? **39** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu ekwazisile konke lokhu, kakho oqedisisayo lohlakaniphileyo njengawe. **40** Wena uzakuba phezu kwendlu yami, njalo emlonyeni wakho bonke abantu bami bazabuswa; kuphela esihlalweni sobukhosи ngizakuba mkhulu kulawe. **41** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Khangelа, ngikubekile phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe. **42** UFaro wasekhupha indandatho yakhe elophawu lwakhe esandleni sakhe, wayifaka esandleni sikaJosefa, wamgqokisa iziggoko zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, wamgaxa iketane legolide entanyeni yakhe. **43** Wamhambisa enqoleni yesibili ayelayo; njalo bamemeza phambi

kwakhe besithi: Guqani! Ngokunjalo wambeka phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe. **44** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: NginguFaro; kodwa ngaphandle kwakho kakho ozaphakamisa isandla sakhe loba unyawo lwakhe elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **45** UFaro wasebiza ibizo likaJosefa ngokuthi uZafenathi-Paneya. Wamnika uAsenathi, indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni, ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa wasephuma wadabula elizweni leGibhithe. **46** Njalo uJosefa wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu mhla esima phambi kukaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe. UJosefa wasephuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro, wadabula ilizwe lonke leGibhithe. **47** Umhlabu wathela ngezandla ezigcweleyo eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala. **48** Waseqoqa konke ukudla kweminyaka eyisikhombisa eyayiselizweni leGibhithe, wabeka ukudla emizini; ukudla kwensimu ezingelezele lowo lalowomuzi wakubeka kuwo. **49** UJosefa wasebuthelela amabele njengetshebetshebe lolwandle, aba manengi kakhulu, waze wayekela ukubala, ngoba ayengelanani. **50** Wasezalelwa uJosefa amadodana amabili, ungakafiki umnyaka wendlala, amzalela wona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni. **51** UJosefa wasebiza ibizo lezibulo wathi nguManase, wathi: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi ngikhohlwe konke ukuhlupheka kwami lendlu yonke kababa. **52** Lebizo leyesibili walibiza wathi nguEfrayimi, wathi: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi ngibe lezithelo elizweni lokuhlupheka kwami. **53** Kwasekuphela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala eyayiselizweni leGibhithe. **54** Kwasekuqala ukufika iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala, njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo. Kwasekusiba khona indlala emazweni wonke, kodwa elizweni lonke leGibhithe kwakukhona isinkwa. **55** Kwathi ilizwe leGibhithe lonke selilamba, abantu bakhala ngesinkwa kuFaro. UFaro

wasesithi kuwo wonke amaGibhithe: Yanini kuJosefa, lenze lokho alitshela khona. **56** Kwathi sekulendlala ebusweni belizwe lonke, uJosefa wavula zonke iziphala, wathengisela amaGibhithe; indlala-ke yaba lamandla elizweni leGibhithe. **57** Lonke ilizwe lafika eGibhithe kuJosefa ukuthenga, ngoba indlala yayilamandla emhlabeni wonke.

42 UJakobe esebonile ukuthi kakhona amabele eGibhithe, uJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: Kungani likhanelana? **2** Wathi futhi: Khangelani, sengizwile ukuthi kakhona amabele eGibhithe; yehlani liye khona, lisithengele khona, ukuze siphile, singafi. **3** Abafowabo bakaJosefa abalitshumi basebesehlakuthenga amabele eGibhithe. **4** Kodwa uBhenjamini, umfowabo kaJosefa, uJakobe kamthumanga labafowabo, ngoba wathi: Hlezi ehlwelwe yingozi. **5** Amadodana kalsrayeli asefika ukuthenga phakathi kwababesiza, ngoba indlala yayikhona elizweni leKhanani. **6** Njalo uJosefa wayengumbusi phezu kwelizwe; wathengisela abantu bonke belizwe; bafika-ke abafowabo bakaJosefa, bamkothamela ngobuso emhlabathini. **7** UJosefa esebabonile abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa wazitshaya owemzini kubo, wakhulumo labo izinto ezilukhuni wathi kubo: Livela ngaphi? Bathi: Elizweni leKhanani, ukuthenga ukudla. **8** UJosefa wasebazi abafowabo, kodwa bona kabamazanga. **9** UJosefa wasekhumbula amaphupho awaphupha ngabo, wathi kibo: Lizinhlolli, ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe lizile. **10** Basebesithi kuye: Hatshi, nkosi yami; kodwa inceku zakho zize ukuthenga ukudla. **11** Thina sonke singamadodana andodanye; singabaqotho, inceku zakho kazisizo inhloli. **12** Wasesithi kubo: Hatshi, kodwa ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe lizile. **13** Basebesithi: Thina, izinceku zakho, siyizelamani

ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana andodanye elizweni leKhanani; khangela-ke, icinathunjana likubaba lamuhla, enye kayisekho.

14 UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yikho lokho engikutsho kini, ukuthi: Lizinhlolli. **15** Kulokhu lizahlolwa; ngempilo kaFaro! kalisoze liphume lapha, ngaphandle kokuthi kufike umfowenu olicinathunjana lapha. **16** Thumani omunye wenu, amlande umfowenu; kodwa lina lizabotshwa, ukuze kuhlolwe amazwi enu, ukuthi iqiniso likini yini; kodwa uba hatshi, impilo kaFaro! lizinhlolli. **17** Wasebafaka esitokisini insuku ezintathu. **18** UJosefa wasesithi kubo ngosuku Iwesithathu: Yenzani lokhu ukuze liphile. Ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu. **19** Uba lingabaqotho, kabotshwe omunye wabafowenu endlini yokulondolozwa kwenu, kodwa lina hambani, libuyele lamabele endlala ezindlu zenu, **20** lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana kimi; khona amazwi enu ezaqjiniswa, ukuze lingafi. Basebesenza njalo. **21** Basebekhulumisana besithi: Isibili silecalal ngomfowethu, ngoba sabona usizi lomphefumulo wakhe, nxa wasincenga, kodwa kasilalelanga; ngenxa yalokho sehlelwe yikuhlupheka lokhu. **22** URubeni wasebaphendula wathi: Kangitshongo yini ukuthi: Lingoni kumfana? Kodwa kalilalelanga. Ngakho legazi lakhe, khangelani, liyabizwa. **23** Njalo bona babengazi ukuthi uJosefa uyezwa, ngoba kwakulomtoliki phakathi kwabo. **24** Njalo wabafulathela, wakhala inyembezi; wasetshibilikela kubo, wakhulumka kubo; wasethatha uSimeyoni kubo, wambopha phambi kwamehlo abo. **25** UJosefa waselaya ukuthi bagcwalise amasaka abo ngamabele, lokuthi babuyisele imali yabo, ngulowo lalowo esakeni lakhe, lokuthi babanike umphako wendlela; basebesenza njalo kubo. **26** Basebesethwesa obabhemi babo amabele abo, basuka lapho. **27** Kwathi omunye evula isaka lakhe ukuze anike

ubabhemi wakhe ukudla endlini yezihambi, wabona imali yakhe, ngoba khangela, yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe. **28** Wasesithi kubafowabo: Imali yami ibuyiselwe; futhi khangelani, isesakeni lami. Inhliziyo yabo yasisehluleka, bathuthumela, omunye komunye besithi: Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu akwenze kithi? **29** Basebesiza kuJakobe uyise elizweni leKhanani, bamazisa konke abahlangene lakho, besithi: **30** Indoda, umbusi walelolizwe, wasihalada, wasithatha njengenhloli zelizwe. **31** Kodwa sathi kuye: Singabaqotho; kasisizo izinhlol; **32** sasiyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana kababa; enye kayisekho, lecinathunjana lamuhla likubaba elizweni leKhanani. **33** Lendoda, umbusi welizwe, wathi kithi: Ngalokhu ngizakwazi ukuthi lingabaqotho; tshiyani omunye wabafowenu kimi, lithathele indlala yezindlu zenu, lihambe, **34** lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana kimi; khona ngizabona ukuthi kalisizo izinhlol kodwa lingabaqotho, ngilinike umfowenu, lithengiselane elizweni. **35** Kwasekusithi sebethulula amasaka abo, khangela-ke, isikhwama semali salowo lalowo sisesakeni lakhe. Lapho bebona izikhwama zemali yabo, bona loyise, besaba. **36** UJakobe uyise wasesithi kubo: Liyangemuka abantwana; uJosefa kasekho loSimeyoni kakho, loBhenjamini lizamthatha; zonke lezizinto zimelane lami. **37** URuben i wasekhuluma kuyise esithi: Bulala ababili kumadodana ami, uba ngingambuyisi kuwe; mnikele esandleni sami, futhi mina ngizambuyisela kuwe. **38** Kodwa wathi: Indodana yami kayiyikwehla lani, ngoba umfowabo ufile, futhi yena usele yedwa; uba esehlelwa yingozi endleleni elihamba kuyo, lizakwehlisela engcwaben i izimvu zami ngosizi. (**Sheol h7585**)

43 Indlala yasisiba nzima elizweni. **2** Kwasekusithi sebeqedile ukudla ababebuye lakho eGibhithe, uyise wathi kubo: Buyelani,

lisithengele ukudla okulutshwana. **3** UJuda wasekhulum
kuye wathi: Leyondoda yasiqonqosela yathi: Kalisoze libubone
ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuthi umnawenu libe laye. **4** Uba
uthuma umnawethu lathi, sizakwehla siyekuthengela ukudla,
5 kodwa uba ungamthumi, kasiyikwehla, ngoba leyondoda
yathi kithi: Kalisoze libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuthi
umnawenu lilaye. **6** Ulrsayeli wasesithi: Lenzelani okubi kimi
ngokuyazisa leyondoda ukuthi liselomnawenu? **7** Basebesithi:
Leyondoda yabuzisisa mayelana lathi langezihlobo zethu,
isithi: Uyihlo usaphila yini? Lilomnawenu yini? Sayilandisa
ngalawomazwi; ukwazi sasikwazi yini ukuthi izakuthi: Yehlani
lomnawenu? **8** UJuda wasesithi kulsrayeli uyise: Thuma umfana
lam; besesisukuma sihambe, ukuze siphile singafi, lathi, lawe,
abantwanyana bethu. **9** Mina ngizakuba yisibambiso sakhe;
uzambiza esandleni sami; uba ngingambuyisi kuwe ngimbeke
phambi kwakho, ngizakuba lecalu kuwe zonke izinsuku. **10**
Isibili uba besingalibalanga, qotho ngabe khathesi sesibuyile
kabili. **11** Ulrsayeli uyise wasesithi kubo: Uba kunjalo khathesi,
yenzani lokhu; thathani okwezithelo ezikhethiweyo zelizwe
ezitsheni zenu, liyehlisele leyondoda isipho, inhlaka eyingcosana,
loluju oluyingcosana, isinongo, lemure, imkelu yepistakiyo,
lama-alimondi; **12** lithathe imali iphindwe kabili esandleni
senu; futhi imali eyabuyiselwayo emlonyeni wamasaka enu
liyibuyisele esandleni senu, mhlawumbe kwaba yisiphosiso. **13**
Lithathe futhi umfowenu, lisukume, libuyele kuleyondoda. **14**
UNKulunkulu uSomandla kaliphe isihawu phambi kwaleyondoda,
ukuze alikhululele omunye umfowenu loBhenjamini. Mina-
ke, uba ngemukwa abantwana, ngiyemukwa. **15** Amadoda
asethatha lesosipho, athatha imali ephindwe kabili esandleni

sawo loBhenjamini; asukuma ehlela eGibhithe, ema phambi kukaJosefa. **16** Kwathi uJosefa embona uBhenjamini elabo, wathi kumphathi wendlu yakhe: Ngenisa lamadoda endlini, uhlabe isifuyo, ulungise, ngoba lamadoda azakudla lami emini. **17** Indoda yenza njengoba uJosefa etshilo, lendoda yawangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa. **18** Amadoda asesesaba, ngoba engeniswe endlini kaJosefa; athi: Singenisiwe ngenxa yemali eyabuyiselwa emasakeni ethu kuqala, ukuze asijume ehlele phezu kwethu, asithathe sibe yiziggili, labobabhemi bethu. **19** Asesondela endodeneyayingumphathi wendlu kaJosefa, akhulumakuyo emnyango wendlu, **20** athi: Mayuyu nkosi yami! Sehla lokwehla kuqala ukuthenga ukudla. **21** Kwasekusithi sesifike endlini yezihambi, savula amasaka ethu, khangela-ke, imali yalowo lalowo yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe, imali yethu ngesisindo sayo; siyibuyisile esandleni sethu. **22** Sehle lenye imali layo esandleni sethu, ukuthenga ukudla. Kasazi ukuthi ngubani ofake imali yethu emasakeni ethu. **23** Wasesithi: Ukuthula kakube kini, lingesabi. UNkulunkulu wenu loNkulunkulu kayihlo ulinikile inotho emasakeni enu. Imali yenu yeza kimi. Wasemkhuphela kubo uSimeyoni. **24** Indoda yasiwangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa, yawanika amanzi; asegeza inyawo zawo; yasinika obabhemibawo ukudla. **25** Aselungisa isipho waze wafika uJosefa emini, ngoba ayezwile ukuthi bazakudla isinkwa lapho. **26** Kwathi uJosefa esefikile endlini, amlethela endlini isipho esasisesandleni sawo, amkhothamela emhlabathini. **27** Wasewabuza impilo wathi: Uyaphila uyihlo yini, ixhegu elalikhuluma ngalo? Lisaphila yini? **28** Asesithi: Inceku yakho ubaba isekhona, isaphila. Asekhothamela phansi amkhonza. **29** Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona uBhenjamini umfowabo, indodana kanina, wathi:

Nguye lo umnawenu omncinyane yini elakhuluma ngaye kimi?
Wathi futhi: UNkulunkulu kabe lomusa kuwe, ndodana yami.
30 UJosefa wasephangisa, ngoba imibilini yakhe yatshisekela
umfowabobo; wadinga indawo yokukhala inyembezi; wangena
ekamelweni eliphakathi, wakhala inyembezi khona. **31** Esegezile
ubuso bakhe, waphuma; esezibambile wathi: Fakani isinkwa. **32**
Bamfakela yedwa, lawo wodwa, lamaGibhithe, ayesidla laye,
wodwa, ngoba amaGibhithe ayengedle isinkwa lamaHebheru,
ngoba lokho kwakuyisinengiso kumaGibhithe. **33** Asehlala
phambi kwakhe, izibulo njengobuzibulo balo, lecinathunjana
njengobucinathunjana balo; amadoda asemangala enye kwenye.
34 Wasewabela kulokhu okwakuphambi kwakhe; kodwa isabelo
sikaBhenjamini saphindwa kahlanu okwedlula isabelo sawo
wonke. Anatha asenatha kakhulu laye.

44 Waselaya umphathi wendlu yakhe esithi: Gcwalisa amasaka
amadoda ngokudla, okulingene abangakuthwala, ufake imali
yalowo lalowo emlonyeni wesaka lakhe. **2** Lenkezo yami, inkezo
yesiliva, ifake emlonyeni wesaka lecinathunjana kanye lemali
yamabele alo. Wenza-ke njengelizwi likaJosefa, ayelikhulumile.
3 Ekuseni sekusile, amadoda avunyelwa ukuhamba, wona
labobabhembo bawo. **4** Wona aphuma emzini, ayengakhatshana,
uJosefa wasesithi kumphathi wendlu yakhe: Sukuma xotshana
lamadoda; lapho usuwaficile uzakuthi kuwo: Liphindiseleleni
okuhle ngokubi? **5** Le kayisiyo enatha kuyo inkosi yami,
lehlahlula ngayo sibili yini? Lenze okubi ngelikwenzileyo. **6**
Wasewafica, wakhuluma kuwo la amazwi. **7** Asesithi kuye:
Inkosi yami ikhulumelani amazwi anje? Kakube khatshana
lezinceku zakho ukwenza into enje. **8** Khangela, imali esayifica
emlonyeni wamasaka ethu sayibuyisela kuwe ivela elizweni

leKhanani. Pho, besingeba njani isiliva loba igolide endlini yenkosi yakho? **9** Lowo owezinceku zakho etholwa kuye, kafe, lathi futhi sizakuba yiziggili zenkosi yami. **10** Wasesithi: Khathesike, kakube njalo njengamazwi enu; lowo ezatholwa kuye uzakuba yisiggili sami, kodwa lina libe msulwa. **11** Basebephangisa, njalo ngulowo lalowo wethulela isaka lakhe emhlabathini, ngulowo lalowo wasevula isaka lakhe. **12** Waphenya eqala kwenkulu wacina ngecinathunjana; njalo inkezo yatholwa esakeni likaBhenjamini. **13** Asedabula izembatho zawo; ileyo laleyo yethwesa ubabhemi wayo, asebuyela emzini. **14** Njalo uJuda wafika labafowabo endlini kaJosefa; ngoba wayesesekhona, bawela emhlabathini phambi kwakhe. **15** UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yisenzo bani elisenzileyo? Belingazi yini ukuthi indoda enjengami ingahlahlula sibili? **16** UJuda wasesithi: Sizakuthini enkosini yami? Sizakhulumani? Loba sizazilungisia njani? UNkulunkulu uthole ububi benceku zakho; khangela, siyiziggili zenkosi yami, thina sonke kanye laye inkezo etholwe esandleni sakhe. **17** Kodwa wathi: Kakube khatshana lami ukwenza lokho. Indoda esandleni sayo okutholwe inkezo, nguye ozakuba yisiggili sami; kodwa lina yenyukani ngokuthula liye kuyihlo. **18** UJuda wasesondela kuye wathi: Uxolo nkosi yami! Ake uvumele inceku yakho ikhulume ilizwi endlebeni zenkosi yami, lolaka lwakho lungayivutheli inceku yakho, ngoba unjengoFaro kanye. **19** Inkosi yami yabuza inceku zayo isithi: Liloyihlo kumbe umfowenu yini? **20** Sasesisithi enkosini yami: Silobaba olixhegu, lomfana wobuxhegu, omncinyane, lomnewabo ufile, njalo yena usele yedwa kunina, loyise uyamthanda. **21** Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho: Mehliseleni kimi ukuze ngibeke ilihlo lami phezu kwakhe. **22** Sasesisithi enkosini yami: Umfana angetshiye uyise; uba

emtshiya uyise, uzakufa uyise. **23** Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho:
Uba umnawenu olicinathunjana engehli lani, kalyikubona ubuso
bami futhi. **24** Kwasekusithi sesenyukele kunceku yakho ubaba,
samazisa amazwi enkosi yami. **25** Ubaba wasesithi: Buyelani,
lisithengele ukudla okulutshwana. **26** Sasesisithi: Singeke
sehle; uba umnawethu olicinathunjana elathi singehla, ngoba
singebone ubuso baleyondoda uba umnawethu olicinathunjana
singelaye. **27** Inceu yakho ubaba yasisithi kithi: Lina liyazi
ukuthi umkami wangizalela amadodana amabili; **28** njalo omunye
waphuma kimi, ngasengisithi: Isibili udatshuliwe lokudatshulwa;
njalo kangimbonanga kuze kube khathesi. **29** Uba lithatha lalo
limsusa ebusweni bami, esehlelw yingozi, lizakwehlisela-ke
izimvu zami engcwabeni ngosizi. (*Sheol h7585*) **30** Khathesi-
ke, lapho ngibuyela kunceku yakho ubaba, lomfana singelaye,
njengoba umphefumulo wakhe ubotshelwe emphefumulweni
wakhe, **31** kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ebona ukuthi umfana kakho,
uzakufa; njalo inceu zakho zizakwehlisela izimvu zenceku yakho
ubaba engcwabeni ngosizi. (*Sheol h7585*) **32** Ngoba inceu yakho
yaba yisibambiso somfana kubaba esithi: Uba ngingambuyiseli
kuwe, ngizakuba lecalu kubaba zonke izinsuku. **33** Khathesi-
ke, ake inceu yakho isale esikhundleni somfana, ibe yisigqili
senkosi yami, lomfana enyuke kanye labafowabo. **34** Ngoba
ngingenyukela njani kubaba, umfana ngingelaye, hlezi ngibone
okubi okuzafica ubaba?

45 UJosefa-ke wayengelakuzibamba phambi kwabo ababemi
laye, wamemeza wathi: Khuphani wonke umuntu asuke kimi.
Futhi kwakungelamuntu owayemi laye lapho uJosefa eziveza
kubafowabo. **2** Wasephakamisa ilizwi lakhe ngokukhala,
aze ezwa amaGibhithe, yezwa lendlu kaFaro. **3** UJosefa

wasesithi kubafowabo: NginguJosefa. Ubaba usaphila yini?
Kodwa abafowabo kabaze bamphendula, ngoba besanganisekile
phambi kwakhe. **4** UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: Ake
lisondele kimi. Basondela-ke. Wasesithi: NginguJosefa umfowenu
elamthengisa waya eGibhithe. **5** Khathesi-ke, lingadabuki,
lingazithukutheleli, ukuthi langithengisa lapha, ngoba uNkulunkulu
wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulondoloza impilo. **6** Ngoba
liminyaka emibili indlala iphakathi kwelizwe; njalo kuseleminyaka
emihlanu okungayikulinywa kuvunwe ngayo. **7** Njalo uNkulunkulu
wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulimisela insali emhlabeni,
lokuligcina liphila ngokukhulula okukhulu. **8** Khathesi-ke, lina
alingithumelanga lapha, kodwa uNkulunkulu; wasengimisa ngaba
nguyise kaFaro, lenkosi yendlu yakhe yonke, lombusi elizweni
lonke leGibhithe. **9** Phangisani lenyukele kubaba, lithi kuye:
Itsho njalo indodana yakho uJosefa: UNkulunkulu ungimise
inkosi yeGibhithe lonke; yehlela kimi, ungaphuzi; **10** uzahlala
elizweni leGosheni, ube seduze lami, wena labantwana bakho
abantwana babantwabakho, lezimu zakho lenkomo zakho,
lakho konke olakho. **11** Njalo ngizakondla lapho, ngoba isekhona
iminyaka emihlanu yendlala, hlezi ube ngumyanga, wena lendlu
yakho lakho konke olakho. **12** Khangelani-ke, amehlo enu
ayabona, lamehlo omfowethu uBhenjamini, ukuthi umlomo
wami ukhuluma kini. **13** Bikelani ubaba lonke udumo Iwami
eGibhithe, lakho konke elikubonileyo, liphangise lehlisele ubaba
lapha. **14** Wasewela entanyeni kaBhenjamini umfowabo, wakhala
inyembezi; loBhenjamini wakhala inyembezi entanyeni yakhe.
15 Wasebanga bonke abafowabo, wakhala inyembezi phezu
kwabo. Njalo emva kwalokhu abafowabo baxoxa laye. **16** Kwathi
lelilizwi lizwakala endlini kaFaro lisithi, abafowabo bakaJosefa

bafikile, kwaba kuhle emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni enceku zakhe. **17** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Tshela abafowenu uthi: Yenzani lokhu, yethwesani inyamazana zenu, lihambe liye elizweni leKhanani, **18** lithathe uyihlo lemizi yenu, libuye kimi; besengilinika okuhle kwelizwe leGibhithe, beselisidla amanono elizwe. **19** Wena-ke usulayiwe; yenzani lokhu, zithatheleni elizweni leGibhithe izinqola zabantwanyana benu labomkenu, lithwale uyihlo libuye. **20** Futhi ilihlo lenu lingakhathaleli impahla zenu, ngoba okuhle kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe kungokwenu. **21** Asesenzo njalo amadodana kalsrayeli; uJosefa wasewanika izinqola njengokulaya kukaFaro, wabanika umphako wendlela. **22** Wabanika bonke, kwaba ngulowo lalowo izembatho zokuntshintsha; kodwa uBhenjaminsi wamnika inhlamu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amathathu, lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezinhlanu. **23** Wasethumela kuyise kanje, obabhemis abalitshumi, bethwele okwezinto ezinhle zeGibhithe, labobabhemikazi abalitshumi bethwele amabele lezinkwa lokudla kwendlela kukayise. **24** Wasebathuma abafowabo bahamba. Wathi kibo: Lingaxabani endleleni. **25** Basebesenyuka besuka eGibhithe, bafika elizweni leKhanani, kuJakobe uyise. **26** Bambikela besithi: UJosefa usaphila, njalo ungumbusi elizweni leGibhithe lonke. Inhlizyo yakhe yasiphela amandla, ngoba wayengabakholwa. **27** Basebemtshela wonke amazwi kaJosefa ayewatshilo kibo. Kwathi eseziponile izinqola uJosefa ayezithume ukumthwala, umoya kaJakobe uyise wavuseleleka. **28** Ulisrayeli wasesithi: Kwanele, uJosefa indodana yami usaphila; ngizahamba ngimbone ngingakafi.

46 Ulisrayeli wasesuka lakho konke ayelakho, wafika eBherishebha, wanikela imihlatshelo kuNkulunkulu kayise

ulsaka. **2** UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kulsrayeli emibonweni yebusuku esithi: Jakobe, Jakobe! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha. **3** Wasesithi: NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo; ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe, ngoba ngizakumisa ube yisizwe esikhulu khona; **4** mina ngizakwehlela eGibhithe lawe, njalo lami isibili ngizakwenyusa; futhi uJosefa uzabeka isandla sakhe phezu kwamehlo akho. **5** UJakobe wasesukuma evela eBherishebha. Lamadodana kalsrayeli amthwala uJakobe uyise labantwanyana bawo labomkawo ezinqoleni uFaro ayezithumile ukumthwala. **6** Basebethatha izifuyo zabo lempahla zabo ababezizuzile elizweni leKhanani, bafika eGibhithe, uJakobe lenzalo yakhe yonke laye, **7** amadodana akhe, lamadodana amadodana akhe kanye laye, lamadodakazi akhe, lamadodakazi amadodana akhe; layo yonke inzalo yakhe wayiletha laye eGibhithe. **8** Njalo la ngamabizo amadodana kalsrayeli afika eGibhithe: UJakobe lamadodana akhe. Izibulo likaJakobe: URubeni. **9** Lamadodana kaRubeni: OHanoki, loPalu, loHezironi, loKarimi. **10** Lamadodana kaSimeyoni: OJemuweli loJamini loOhadi loJakini loZohari, loShawuli indodana yomKhananikazi. **11** Lamadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi loMerari. **12** Lamadodana kaJuda: OEri loOnani loShela loPerezi loZera; kodwa uEri wafa, loOnani, elizweni leKhanani. Lamadodana kaPerezi ayengoHezironi loHamuli. **13** Lamadodana kalsakari: OThola loPuva loYobi loShimroni. **14** Lamadodana kaZebuluni: OSeredi loEloni loJaleli. **15** La ngamadodana kaLeya awazalela uJakobe ePadani-Arama loDina indodakazi yakhe; yonke imiphefumulo yamadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe yayingamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **16** Njalo amadodana kaGadi: UZifiyonI loHagi, uShuni loEziboni, uEri loArodi loAreli. **17** Lamadodana

kaAsheri: O Jimna lolshiva lolshivi loBeriya loSera udadewabo.
Lamadodana kaBeriya: O Heberi loMalikiyeli. **18** La ngamadodana
kaZilipa, uLabani amnika yena uLeya indodakazi yakhe, njalo la
wawazalela uJakobe, imiphefumulo elitshumi lesithupha. **19**
Amadodana kaRasheli umkaJakobe: O Josefa loBhenjamini.
20 Kwasekuzalelwa uJosefa elizweni leGibhithe oManase
loEfrayimi, amzalela bona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera
umpristi weOni. **21** Lamadodana kaBhenjamini: OBhela loBekeri
loAshibeli, uGera loNamani, uEhi loRoshi, uMupimi loHupimi
loAridi. **22** La ngamadodana kaRasheli azalelwa uJakobe; yonke
imiphefumulo ilitshumi lane. **23** Lamadodana kaDani: UHushimi.
24 Lamadodana kaNafithali: O Jazeli loGuni loJezeri loShilema.
25 La ngamadodana kaBiliha, uLabani amnika yena uRasheli
indodakazi yakhe, wasemzalela la uJakobe; yonke imiphefumulo
iyisikhombisa. **26** Yonke imiphefumulo eyafika loJakobe
eGibhithe, evela ekhalweni lwakhe, ngaphandle kwabafazi
bamadodana kaJakobe, yonke imiphefumulo ingamatshumi
ayisithupha lesithupha. **27** Lamadodana kaJosefa awazalelwa
eGibhithe ayimiphefumulo emibili. Yonke imiphefumulo yendlu
kaJakobe eyafika eGibhithe yayingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **28**
Wasethuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa, ukuthi akhokhele
phambi kwakhe esiya eGosheni; basebefika elizweni leGosheni.
29 U Josefa wasebopha inqola yakhe, wenyukela eGosheni
ukuLangabeza ulsrayeli uyise; wazibonakalisa kuye, wawela
entanyeni yakhe, wakhala inyembezi isikhathi eside entanyeni
yakhe. **30** Ulrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Khathesi kangife,
lokhu sengibonile ubuso bakho, ngoba usaphila. **31** U Josefa
wasesithi kubafowabo lakundlu kayise: Ngizakwenyuka ngibike
kuFaro ngithi kuye: Abafowethu lendlu kababa ababeselizweni

leKhanani sebefikile kimi; **32** lamadoda angabelusi bezimvu, ngoba abengamadoda afuyileyo; njalo alethe izimvu zawo lenkomo zaho lakho konke alakho. **33** Njalo kuzakuthi lapho uFaro elibiza esithi: lyini imisebenzi yenu? **34** Lizakuthi-ke: Izinceku zakho zingamadoda okufuya, kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube khathesi, thina sonke labobaba; ukuze lihlale elizweni leGosheni; ngoba wonke umelusi wezimvu uyanengeka kumaGibhithe.

47 UJosefa wasesiza wambikela uFaro wathi: Ubaba labafowethu lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo lakho konke abalakho bavele elizweni leKhanani, khangela-ke, baselizweni leGosheni. **2** Wasethatha ingxenye yabafowabo, amadoda amahlanu, wawamisa phambi kukaFaro. **3** UFaro wasesithi kubafowabo: lyini imisebenzi yenu? Basebesithi kuFaro: Izinceku zakho zingabelusi bezimvu, thina sonke labobaba. **4** Bathi futhi kuFaro: Sizahlala njengabezizwe elizweni; ngoba kakuladlelo lemihlambi inceku zakho ezilayo, ngoba indlala inzima elizweni leKhanani. Khathesi-ke, inceku zakho ake zihlale elizweni leGosheni. **5** UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa esithi: Uyihlo labafowenu sebeze kuwe. **6** Ilizwe leGibhithe liphambi kwakho; hhalisa uyihlo labafowenu ebuhleni belizwe, kabahlale elizweni leGosheni; futhi uba usazi ukuthi kukhona phakathi kwabo amadoda azingcitshi, uwabeke abe zinduna zezifuyo phezu kwengilakho. **7** UJosefa waseletha uJakobe uyise, wammisa phambi kukaFaro; uJakobe wasembusa uFaro. **8** UFaro wasesithi kuJakobe: Mangaki amalanga eminyaka yempilo yakho? **9** UJakobe wasesithi kuFaro: Amalanga eminyaka yobuhambuma bami ayiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; abemalutshwana emabi amalanga eminyaka yempilo yami, futhi kawafinyelelanga emalangeni

eminyaka yempilo yabobaba ensukwini zobuhambuma babo.

10 UJakobe wasebusisa uFaro, waphuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro. **11** UJosefa wabahlalisa oyise labafowabo, wabapha isabelo elizweni leGibhithe, ebuhleni belizwe kulalo lonke, emkhonweni iRamesesi njengoba uFaro elayile. **12** UJosefa wasebondla oyise labafowabo lendlu yonke kayise ngesinkwa, ngokomlomo wabantwanyana. **13** Njalo kwakungelakudla elizweni lonke, ngoba indlala yayinzima kakhulu; lelizwe leGibhithe lelizwe leKhanani aphela amandla ngendlala. **14** UJosefa wasebutha yonke imali eyatholakala elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, yamabele ababewathenga; uJosefa waseletha imali endlini kaFaro. **15** Kwathi imali isiphelile elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, wonke amaGibhithe eza kuJosefa esithi: Siphe ukudla; ngoba sizafelani phambi kwakho? Ngoba isiphelile imali.

16 UJosefa wasesithi: Lethani izifuyo zenu; njalo ngizalinika ngezifuyo zenu, uba imali isiphelile. **17** Basebeletha izifuyo zabo kuJosefa; uJosefa wasebanika ukudla ngamabhiza langemfuyo yezimvu langemfuyo yenkomo langabobabhem. Wasebondla ngokudla ngezifuyo zabo zonke ngalowomnyaka. **18** Kwathi usuphelile lowomnyaka, beza kuye ngomnyaka wesibili, bathi kuye: Kasiyikuyifihlela inkosi yethu ukuthi, njengoba imali isiphelile, lemfuyo yezifuyo isingeyenkosi yethu, kakukho okuseleyo phambi kwenkosi yethu, ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu lamasimu ethu. **19** Sizafelani phambi kwamehlo akho, thina sonke lamasimu ethu? Sithenge lamasimu ethu ngokudla, thina-ke lamasimu ethu sibe zinceku zikaFaro; njalo siphe inhlanyelo ukuze siphile singafi, lokuthi umhlabathi ungalobi. **20** UJosefa wasemthengela uFaro ilizwe lonke leGibhithe, ngoba amaGibhithe athengisa ngulowo lalowo insimu yakhe, ngoba

indlala yayilamandla phezu kwabo; lelizwe laba ngelikaFaro.

21 Njalo mayelana labantu, wabasusa bayo emizini, kusukela ekupheleni komunye umngcele weGibhithe kusiya ekupheleni komunye wayo. **22** Kuphela ilizwe labapristi kalithenganga, ngoba abapristi balesabelo kuFaro, badla isabelo sabo uFaro ayebanika sona; ngakho kabathengisanga ilizwe labo. **23** UJosefa wasesithi ebantwini: Khangelani, lamuhla ngilithengele uFaro lelizwe lenu; khangelani kulenhlanyelo yenu njalo lizahlanyela ensimini. **24** Kuzakuthi-ke esivunweni limniko uFaro ingxene yeishlanu, lengxene ezine zibe ngezenu, kube yinhlanyelo yensimu lokudla kwenu lokwabasemizini yenu, lokudla kwabantwanyana benu. **25** Basebesithi: Usindise impilo yethu; asithole umusa emehlwani enkosi yami, njalo sizakuba yizigqili zikaFaro. **26** UJosefa wasekumisa kwaba ngumthetho kuze cube lamuhla, phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ukuthi ingxene yeishlanu izakuba ngekaFaro; ngaphandle kwelizwe labapristi lodwa elingeyisilo likaFaro. **27** Ulsrayeli wasehlala elizweni leGibhithe, elizweni leGosheni; bazizuzela imfuyo kulo, bazala, banda kakhlulu. **28** UJakobe wasephila elizweni leGibhithe iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa; ngakho insuku zikaJakobe, iminyaka yempilo yakhe, yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa. **29** Kwathi sekusondele insuku zikalsrayeli ukuthi afe, wabiza indodana yakhe uJosefa, wathi kuye: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlwani akho, ake ubeke isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami, ungenzele umusa leqiniso; ngicela ungangingcwabi eGibhithe; **30** kodwa akuthi ngilale labobaba, ngakho uzangithwala ungisuse eGibhithe, ungingcwabe engcwabeni labo. Wasesithi: Mina ngizakwenza

njengokwelizwi lakho. **31** Wasesithi: Funga kimi. Wasefunga kuye. Ulsrayeli wasekhothamela phezu kwesihloko sombheda.

48 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto kwathiwa kuJosefa: Khangela, uyihlo uyagula. Wasethatha amadodana akhe amabili laye, uManase loEfrayimi. **2** Kwasekubikwa kuJakobe ukuthi: Khangela, indodana yakho uJosefa iyeza kuwe. Ulsrayeli waseziqinisa wahlala embhedeni. **3** UJakobe wasesithi kuJosefa: UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuzi elizweni leKhanani, wangibusisa, **4** wathi kimi: Khangela, ngizakwenza uzale ngikwandise ngikwenze ube yizizwe ezinengi, nginike inzalo yakho emva kwakho lelilizwe, libe yimfuyo elaphakade. **5** Khathesi-ke, amadodana akho amabili, owawazalelw elizweni leGibhithe ngingakafiki kuwe eGibhithe, angawami; uEfrayimi loManase njengoRubeni loSimeyoni bazakuba ngabami. **6** Kodwa izizukulwana zakho ozazizala emva kwabo zizakuba ngezakho; ngebizo labafowabo zizabizwa elifeni lazo. **7** Mina-ke, ekusukeni kwami ePadani, uRasheli wafa elami elizweni leKhanani, endleleni, kuselomangwana ukuya eEfrathi, ngasengimngcwaba khona endleleni yeEfrathi, eyiBhethelohema. **8** Ulsrayeli wasebona amadodana kaJosefa wathi: Ngobani laba? **9** UJosefa wasesithi kuyise: Bangamadodana ami, uNkulunkulu anginika wona lapha. Wasesithi: Ake uwalethe kimi ngiwbuse. **10** Njalo amehlo kalsrayeli ayefiphele ngenxa yobudala, engelakubona. Wasewasondeza kuye, wawanga, wawagona. **11** Ulsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Ngangingacabanganga ukuthi ngingabona ubuso bakho, kodwa khangela, uNkulunkulu ungingonise lenzalo yakho. **12** UJosefa wasewakhupha emadolweni akhe, wakhothama ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini. **13** UJosefa wasebathatha bobabili, uEfrayimi ngesandla sakhe sokunene

ngakwesokhohlo sikalsrayeli, loManase ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo ngakwesokunene sikalsrayeli, wabasondeza kuye.

14 Kodwa ulsrayeli welula isandla sakhe sokunene, wasibeka ekhanda likaEfrayimi, lanxa engomncinyane, lesandla sakhe sokhohlo ekhanda likaManase, eqondisa izandla zakhe esazi, ngoba uManase wayelizibulo. **15** Wasembusisa uJosefa wathi: UNkulunkulu abahamba phambi kwakhe obaba oAbrahama lolsaka, uNkulunkulu owangondla kusukela ebukhoneni bami kuze kube lamuhla, **16** ingilosи engihlenge kokubi konke, ibusise abafana; njalo ibizo lami libizwe kubo, lebizo labobaba oAbrahama lolsaka; bande babebanengi phakathi komhlaba.

17 Kwathi uJosefa esebonile ukuthi uyise ubeke isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda likaEfrayimi, kwaba kubi emehlwani akhe; wasibamba isandla sikayise ukuze asisuse ekhanda likaEfrayimi asise ekhanda likaManase. **18** UJosefa wasesithi kuyise: Hayi njalo, baba, ngoba lo ulizibulo; beka isandla sakho sokunene ekhanda lakhe. **19** Kodwa uyise wala wathi: Ngiyazi, ndodana yami, ngiyazi; laye uzakuba yiszizwe, laye uzakuba mkhulu; kanti lanxa kunjalo umfowabo omncinyane uzakuba mkhulu kulaye, lenzalo yakhe izakuba yikugcwala kwezizwe. **20** Wasebabusisa ngalolosuku esithi: Ngawe ulsrayeli uzabusisa, esithi: UNkulunkulu kakumise njengoEfrayimi lanjengoManase. Wasebeku uEfrayimi phambi kukaManase. **21** Ulsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Khangelu, ngiyafa; kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuba lani, njalo uzalibuyisela elizweni laboyihlo. **22** Futhi mina ngikunikile isabelo esisodwa okwedlula abafowenu, engasithatha esandleni samaAmori ngenkemba yami langedandili lami.

49 UJakobe wasebiza amadodana akhe wathi: Buthanani ukuze ngilazise okuzalehlela ensukwini ezizayo. **2** Buthanani,

lizwe madodana kaJakobe, limlalele ulsrayeli uyi hlo. 3
Rubeni, ulizibulo lami, amandla ami, lokuqala kokuqina
kwami, ukuphelela kwesthunzi, lokuphelela kwamandla. 4
Uphuphuma njengamanzi, kawuyikuba ngopheleleyo, ngoba
ukhwele embhedeni kayihlo, wasuwona; wakhwela embhedeni
wami. 5 USimeyoni IoLevi bayizelamani; inkemba zabo
ziyizikhali zokuphang. 6 Umphefumulo wami ungangeni
emphakathini wabo wangasese, udumo lwami lungahlangani
emhlanganweni wabo; ngoba ngolaka lwabo babulala umuntu,
langokuzithokozisa baquma izinkabi umsipha. 7 Kaluqalekiswe
ulaka lwabo ngoba lulamandla, lentukuthelo yabo ngoba
ilesihluku. Ngizabehlukanisa koJakobe, ngibahlakaze kolsrayeli.
8 Juda, wena, abafowenu bazakudumisa; isandla sakho sizakuba
sentanyeni yezitha zakho; amadodana kayihlo azakukhethamela.
9 UJuda ungundlwane wesilwane; wenyukile empangweni,
ndodana yami, uguqile, ulele njengesilwane, lanjengesilwane
esisikazi; ngubani ozamsukumisa? 10 Intonga yobukhos
kaiyikusuka kuJuda, lomnikumthetho phakathi kwenyawo zakhe,
aze afike uShilo, njalo izizwe zizamlalela. 11 Ubophela ithole
lakhe likababhemi evinini, lethole likababhemitkazi wakhe evinini
elihle. Uhlamba isiggoko sakhe ewayinini, lesembatho sakhe
egazini lezithelo zevini. 12 Amehlo akhe azakuba nsundu
ngewayini, lamazinyo akhe mhlophe ngochago. 13 UZebuluni
uzahlala ethekwini lolwandle, abe litheku lemikhumbi, lomngcele
wakhe uzakuba ngaseSidoni. 14 Ulsakari ungubabhemi
olamathambo alamandla, oqutha phakathi kwemithwalo emibili.
15 Wathi ebona indawo yokuphumula ukuthi inhle, lelizwe
ukuthi liyabukeka, wagobisa amahlombe akhe ukuze athwale,
waba yinceku esibhalweni. 16 UDani uzakwahlulela abantu

bakhe, njengesinye sezizwe zakolsrayeli. **17** UDani uzakuba yinyoka endleleni, inhlanguana emkhondweni, eluma izithende zebhiza, ukuze umgadi walo awe nyovane. **18** Ngilindele usindiso lwakho, Nkosi. **19** UGadi, iviyo lizamhlasela, kodwa yena uzahlasela ezithendeni. **20** Kuvela kuAsheri, ukudla kwakhe kuzanona, uzaveza iziliboco zenkosi. **21** UNafithali uyimpala ethukululiweyo, eveza amazwi amahle. **22** UJosefa ulugatsha oluthelayo, ugatsha oluthelayo emthonjeni, ingatsha zikhwela phezu komduli. **23** Abatshoki basebemphatha kabuhlungu, bamtshoka, bamzonda. **24** Kodwa idandili lakhe lahlala liqinile, lengalo zezandla zakhe zaqiniswa ngezandla zikaSomandla kaJakobe, okuvela khona umelusi, ilitshe likalsrayeli, **25** ngoNkulunkulu kayihlo ozakusiza, langoSemandla ozakubusisa ngezibusiso zamazulu ezivela phezulu, izibusiso zokujula okulele phansi, izibusiso zamabele lesizalo, **26** izibusiso zikayihlo ziyledlula izibusiso zabokhokho bami, kuze kube sengqongeni zamaqaqa aphakade; zizakuba phezu kwekhanda likaJosefa, laphezu kwenkanda yalowo owehlukaniswe kubafowabo. **27** UBhenjamini uyimpisi edabulayo; ekuseni izakudla ekujimbileyo, lakusihlwa izakwehlukanisa impango. **28** Bonke labo bayizizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakolsrayeli; futhi lokho yikho uyise akukhulumu kubo ebabusisa; ngulowo lalowo ngesibusiso sakhe wababusisa. **29** Wasebalaya wathi kubo: Sengibuthelwa ebantwini bakithi; lingingcwabe labobaba obhalwini olusensimini kaEfroni umHethi, **30** obhalwini olusensimini yeMakaphela eqondane leMamre, elizweni leKhanani, uAbrahama ovaluthenga lensimu kuEfroni umHethi ibe yindawo yethu yokungcwabela. **31** Lapho bangcwaba oAbrahama loSara umkakhe; lapho bangcwaba olsaka loRebeka umkakhe; lapho ngangcwaba uLeya, **32** insimu, lobhalu

olukiyo, kwathengwa emadodaneni kaHethi. **33** Kwathi uJakobe eseqedile ukulaya amadodana akhe, waqoqela inyawo zakhe embhedeni, waphela, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo.

50 UJosefa wasewela phezu kobuso bukayise, wakhala inyembezi phezu kwakhe, wamanga. **2** UJosefa waselaya inceku zakhe abelaphi ukuthi baqhole uyise ngomuthi; labelaphi bamqholu ulsrayeli ngomuthi. **3** Zagcwaliseka kuye insuku ezingamatshumi amane, ngoba ngokunjalo zazigcwaliseka insuku zabaqholwe ngomuthi. LamaGibhithe amlilela insuku ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **4** Kwathi sezidlulile insuku zokumkhalela, uJosefa wakhuluma lendlu kaFaro esithi: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlwani enu, ake likhulume endlebeni zikaFaro, lisithi: **5** Ubaba wangifungisa esithi: Khangela, ngyafa; engcwabeni engazigebhela lona elizweni leKhanani, lapho ungingcwabe. Khathesi-ke, ake ngenyuke ngyengcwaba ubaba, besengibuya. **6** UFaro wasesithi: Yenyuka uyengcwaba uyhlo njengokukufungisa kwakhe. **7** UJosefa wasesenyuka ukuyangcwaba uyise, kwenyuka kanye laye zonke izinceku zikaFaro, abadala bendlu yakhe, labo bonke abadala belizwe leGibhithe, **8** lendlu yonke kaJosefa, labafowabo, lendlu kayise; kuphela abantwana babo abancinyane lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo bakutshiya elizweni leGosheni. **9** Kwasekusenyuka kanye laye konke izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, kwaba liviyo elinzima kakhulu. **10** Kwathi sebefike esizeni seAtadi, eliphetsheya kweJordani, balila khona, isililo esikhulu lesinzima kakhulu, bamenzela uyise isililo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **11** Kwathi abakhileyo belizwe, amaKhanani, bebona ukulila esizeni seAtadi, bathi: Lesi yisililo esinzima samaGibhithe. Ngakho basebesitha ibizo laso iAbeli-Mizirayimi, eliphetsheya kweJordani. **12**

Amadodana akhe asemenzela njalo njengalokhu ewalayile;
13 ngoba amadodana akhe amthwalela elizweni leKhanani,
amngcwaba obhalwini Iwensimu yeMakaphela, uAbrahama
aluthenga lensimu, lube yindawo yakhe yokungcwabela, kuEfroni
umHethi, eqondane leMamre. **14** UJosefa wasebuyela eGibhithe,
yena labafowabo labo bonke abenyuka laye ukuyangcwaba
uyise, esemngcwabile uyise. **15** Kwathi abafowabo bakaJosefa
sebebonile ukuthi uyise usefile bathi: Mhlawumbe uJosefa
uzasizonda, ngoqotho asiphindisele ububi bonke esabenza
kuye. **16** Basebenika isilayezelo kuJosefa besithi: Uyihlo
walaya engakafi, esithi: **17** Lizakutsho kanje kuJosefa lithi:
Ngiyakucela, akuxolele isiphambeko sabafowenu lesono sabo,
ngoba bakwenzela okubi; khathesi-ke ake uxolele isiphambeko
sezinceku zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo. UJosefa wasekhala inyembezi
nxo behkulumu kuye. **18** Labafowabo labo beza, bawa phansi
phambi kwakhe, bathi: Khangela, siyizinceku zakho. **19** Kodwa
uJosefa wathi kibo: Lingesabi, ngoba kanti ngisendaweni
kaNkulunkulu yini? **20** Kodwa lina laceba okubi kimi,
uNkulunkulu waceba ngokuhle, ukuze enze njengalamuhla, ukuze
alondoloze abantu abanengi bephila. **21** Khathesi-ke lingesabi;
mina ngizalandla lina labantwanyana benu. Wasebaduduza,
wakhulumu labo ngomusa. **22** UJosefa wasehlala eGibhithe,
yena lendlu kayise. Njalo uJosefa waphila iminyaka elikhulu
letshumi. **23** UJosefa wasebona abantwana bakaEfrayimi
abesizukulwana sesithathu; labantwana bakaMakiri indodana
kaManase bazalelwu emadolweni kaJosefa. **24** UJosefa wasesithi
kubafowabo: Ngiyafa, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzalihambela isibili,
alenyuse kulelilizwe alise elizweni alifungela oAbrahama,
ulsaka loJakobe. **25** UJosefa wafungisa amadodana kalsrayeli

esithi: UNkulunkulu uzalihambela isibili, njalo lizakwenyusa amathambo ami asuke lapha. **26** UJosefa wasesifa, eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi; basebemqholo ngomuthi, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibhithe.

U-Eksodus

1 La-ke ngamabizo amadodana kalsrayeli afika eGibhithe loJakobe; afika, ileyo laleyo lomuzi wayo, **2** uRubeni, uSimeyoni, uLevi, loJuda, **3** uIlsakari, uZebuluni, loBhenjamini, **4** uDani, loNafithali, uGadi, loAsheri. **5** Njalo yonke imiphefumulo eyaphuma ekhalweni lukaJakobe yayiyimiphefumulo engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Kodwa uJosefa wayeseGibhithe.

6 UJosefa wasesifa labo bonke abafowabo, lalesosizukulwana sonke. **7** Njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli bazalana, baba banengi, banda, baba lamandla kakhulukazi, ilizwe laze lagcwaliswa yibo.

8 Kwasekuvela inkosi entsha phezu kweGibhithe eyayingamazi uJosefa. **9** Yasisithi esizweni sayo: Khangela, isizwe sabantwana bakolsrayeli sinengi, futhi silamandla kulathi. **10** Wozani, asisihlakanipheleni, hlezi sande, njalo kuzakuthi lapho kusehla impi, laso sihlangane lezitha zethu, silwe simelene lathi, senyuke sisuke elizweni. **11** Ngakho bamisa phezu kwaso izinduna zesibhalo ukusihlupha ngemithwalo yabo. Njalo samakhela uFaro imizi eyiziphala, iPithoma leRamesesi. **12** Kodwa kwathi ekusihlupheni kwaso kwang'khona sisanda, kwang'khona sisabalala. Ngakho banengwa ngabantwana bakolsrayeli. **13** Njalo amaGibhithe abasebenzisa abantwana bakolsrayeli ngochuku, **14** aze enza impilo zabo zababa ngomsebenzi onzima, ngodaka langezitina, langawo wonke umsebenzi emasimini; ngomsebenzi wabo wonke, ababenza bawenza ngodlakela. **15** Inkosi yeGibhithe yasikhuluma lababelethisi amaHebherukazi, obizo lowokuqala lalinguShifira, lebizo lowesibili lalinguPhuwa, **16** yasisithi: Nxa libeletthisa amaHebherukazi, lapho libabona ezihlalweni zokubeletha, uba kuyindodana, liyibulale; kodwa uba kuyindodakazi, iyekeleni

iphila. 17 Kodwa ababelethisi babemesaba uNkulunkulu, kabenzanga njengalokho yakhuluma kubo inkosi yeGibhithe, kodwa babayekela abafana baphila. 18 Inkosi yeGibhithe yasibiza ababelethisi, yathi kubo: Liyenzeleni linto ukuthi liyekele abafana baphile? 19 Ababelethisi basebesithi kuFaro: Ngoba amaHebherukazi kawanjengabafazi bamaGibhithe; ngoba alamandla, umbelethisi engakafiki kuwo, asebelethile. 20 Ngalokhu uNkulunkulu wabenzela ababelethisi okuhle, labantu banda, baba lamandla kakhulu. 21 Kwasekusithi, ngoba ababelethisi bamesaba uNkulunkulu, wabakhela imizi. 22 UFaro waselaya isizwe sakhe sonke esithi: Yonke indodana ezalwayo liyiphosele emfuleni, kodwa yonke indodakazi liiyekele iphile.

2 Kwasekusuka indoda yendlu yakoLevi, yathatha indodakazi yakoLevi. 2 Owesifazana wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana; eseyibonile ukuthi inhle, wayifihla inyanga ezintathu. 3 Kwathi engaselakuyifihla wayithathela isitsha semizi, wasibhada ngengcino lanethara, wafaka umntwana kuso, wasibeka emihlangeni ekhunjini lomfula. 4 Udadewabo wasezimisa khatshana ukuze azi okuzakwenziwa kuye. 5 Kwasekusehla indodakazi kaFaro ukuyageza emfuleni; lamantombazana ayo ahamba eceleni komfula. Isibonile isitsha phakathi kwemihlanga, yathuma incekukazi yayo yasithatha. 6 Kwathi isivula, yabona umntwana, khangela-ke, umfanyana wakhala inyembezi. Yasimhawukela yathi: Lo ngomunye wabafana bamaHebheru. 7 Udadewabo wasesithi endodakazini kaFaro: Ngijhambe yini njiyekubizela umfazi omunyisayo kumaHebherukazi ukuze akumunyisele umfana? 8 Indodakazi kaFaro yasisithi kuye: Hamba. Intombi yasihamba, yabiza unina womfana. 9 Indodakazi kaFaro yasisithi kuye: Thatha uhambe lalo umntwana,

ungimunyisele yena; njalo mina ngizakupha iholo lakho.
Owesifazana wasemthatha umntwana, wammunyisa. **10**
Umfana esekhulile, wamletha endodakazini kaFaro, wasesiba
yindodana yayo. Yasisitha ibizo layo yathi nguMozisi, yathi:
Ngoba ngamkhupha emanzini. **11** Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku,
uMozisi esekhulile, waphuma waya kubafowabo, wakhangela
imithwalo yabo; futhi wabona umGibhithe etshaya umHebheru
kubafowabo. **12** Wathalaza ngapha langapha; esebonile ukuthi
kakulamuntu, wamtshaya umGibhithe, wamfihla etshebetshebeni.
13 Waphuma langosuku Iwesibili, khangela-ke, amaHebheru
amabili esilwa; wasesithi kowonileyo: Umtshayelani umakhelwane
wakho? **14** Wasesithi: Ngubani okubeke ube yisiphathamandla
lomahluleli phezu kwethu? Wena uzimisele ukungibulala yini
njengalokho ubulele umGibhithe? UMozisi wasesesaba wathi:
Isibili udaba luyaziwa. **15** Kwathi uFaro eseluzwile udaba,
wadinga ukumbulala uMozisi. Kodwa uMozisi wabalekela ubuso
bukaFaro, wahlala elizweni leMidiyani; wahlala emthonjeni. **16**
Njalo umpristi weMidiyani wayelamadodakazi ayisikhombisa;
eza ukukha, agcwalisa imikolo ukunathisa umhlambi kayise. **17**
Kwasekufika abelusi, bawaxotsha; kodwa uMozisi wasukuma,
wawasiza wanathisa umhlambi wawo. **18** Lapho efika
kuRehuweli uyise, wathi: Kungani libuye masinyane kangaka
lamuhla? **19** Asesithi: Indoda engumGibhithe isophulile esandleni
sabelusi; futhi yasikhela lokusikhela, yanathisa umhlambi.
20 Wasesithi emadodakazini akhe: Kambe ingaphi? Kanti
liyitshiyeleni indoda? Ibizeni, ukuze idle isinkwa. **21** UMozisi
wasevuma ukuhlala lendoda; wasemnika uMozisi uZipora
indodakazi yakhe. **22** Wasezala indodana; wayitha ibizo
layo uGereshoma, ngoba wathi: Ngangingowemzini elizweni

lemzini. **23** Kwasekusithi emva kwalezinsuku ezinengi, inkosi yeGibhithe yafa. Labantwana bakolsrayeli babubula ngenxa yobuggili, bakhala; lokukhala kwabo kwenyukela kuNkulunkulu ngenxa yobuggili. **24** UNkulunkulu wasesizwa ukububula kwabo, uNkulunkulu wakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe loAbrahama, lolsaka, njalo loJakobe. **25** UNkulunkulu wasebona abantwana bakolsrayeli, uNkulunkulu wabazi.

3 UMozi wayeselusa-ke umhlambi kaJetro uyisezala, umpristi weMidiyani; waqhuba umhlambi waya ngaphambili kwenkangala waze wafika entaben i kaNkulunkulu, eHorebe. **2** Njalo ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuye elangabini lomlilo liphuma phakathi kwesihlahla; wasebona, khangela-ke, isihlahla sivutha umlilo, kodwa isihlahla sasingapheli. **3** UMozi wasesithi: Ngizaphambuka-ke ngibone lo umbono omkhulu, ukuthi kungani isihlahla singatshi. **4** Kwathi iNkosi isibonile ukuthi uphambukile ukuyabona, uNkulunkulu wambiza ephakathi kwesihlahla, wathi: Mozisi, Mozisi! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha. **5** Wasesithi: Ungasondeli lapha; khupha amanyathela akho enyaweni zakho, ngoba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele. **6** Wathi futhi: NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu kalsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. UMozi wasefihla ubuso bakhe, ngoba esesaba ukukhangela uNkulunkulu. **7** INkosi yasisithi: Isibili ngibonile ukuhlupheka kwesizwe sami esiseGibhithe, ngizwile ukukhala kwabo ngenxa yabaqhubi besibhalo babo; ngoba ngiyazazi insizi zabo; **8** njalo ngehlile ukusikhulula ezandleni zamaGibhithe, lokusenyusa kulelolizwe, ngisise elizweni elihle elibanzi, siye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, siye endaweni yamaKhanani lamaHethi lamaAmori lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi. **9** Khathesi-ke, khangela,

ukukhala kwabantwana bakolsrayeli sekufikile kimi; njalo lami ngibonile ucindezelo amaGibhithe abacindezela ngalo. **10**
Khathesi-ke, woza, ngizakuthuma kuFaro ukuze ukhuphe isizwe sami, abantwana bakolsrayeli, eGibhithe. **11** Kodwa uMozisi wathi kuNkulunkulu: Ngjingubani mina ukuthi ngiye kuFaro, lokuthi ngikhuphe abantwana bakolsrayeli eGibhithe? **12**
Wasesithi: Isibili ngizakuba lawe; lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe sokuthi mina ngikuthumile; lapho ususikhuphile isizwe eGibhithe, lizamkhonza uNkulunkulu kulintaba. **13** UMozi wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Khangela, nxa ngifika kubantwana bakolsrayeli ngisithi kubo: UNkulunkulu waboyihlo ungithumile kini; bazakuthi kimi: Ungubani ibizo lakhe? Ngizathini kubo? **14**
UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuMozi: NGINGUYE ENGINGUYE.
Wathi futhi: Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi: UNGINGUYE ungithumile kini. **15** UNkulunkulu wasesithi njalo kuMozi: Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi: INkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu kalsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe ungithumile kini; leli libizo lami kuze kube nininini, njalo lesi yisikhumbuzo sami kusizukulwana kusiya kusizukulwana. **16** Hamba, ubuthanise abadala bakolsrayeli, uthi kubo: INkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo ibonakele kimi, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, kalsaka, lokaJakobe, isithi: Ngokulihambela ngilihambele, lalokho elikwenziwe eGibhithe; **17** futhi ngathi ngizalenyusa enhluphekweni yeGibhithe, ngilise elizweni lamaKhanani lelamaHethi lelamaAmori lelamaPerizi lelamaHivi lelamaJebusi, liye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju. **18** Njalo bazalalela ilizwi lakho. Futhi uzakuya, wena labadala bakolsrayeli, enkosini yeGibhithe, lithi kuyo: INkosi, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ihlangene lathi; khathesi-ke, ake usiyekele

sihambe ummango wensuku ezintathu siye enkangala ukuze
sihlabele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **19** Kodwa mina ngiyazi
ukuthi inkosi yeGibhithe kayiyikuliyekela lihambe, ngitsho
langesandla esilamandla. **20** Ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami
ngilitshaye iGibhithe ngezimangaliso zami zonke engizazenza
phakathi kwalo; njalo emva kwalokho izaliyekela lihambe.
21 Njalo ngizanika lesisizwe umusa emehlwani amaGibhithe.
Kuzakuthi-ke mhla lisukayo, kalyikusuka lingelalutho, **22** kodwa
wonke owesifazana uzacela kumakhelwane wakhe, lakuye
ohlezihleziyo endlini yakhe, izinto zesiliva, lezinto zegolide,
lemvunulo; lizazifaka emadodaneni enu lemadodakazini enu;
lizawaphanga amaGibhithe.

4 UMozi si wasephendula wathi: Kodwa khangela,
kabayikungikhola, kabayikulilalela ilizwi lami; ngoba bazakuthi:
INkosi kayibonakalanga kuwe. **2** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Kuyini
lokho okusesandleni sakho? Wasesithi: Yintonga. **3** Yasisithi:
Iphosele emhlabathini. Waseyiphosela emhlabathini, yasisiba
yinyoka. UMozi waseybalekela. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuMozi:
Yelula isandla sakho, uyibambe ngomsila. Waselula isandla
sakhe, wayithi xhaka; yasisiba yintonga esandleni sakhe, **5**
ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ibonakele kuwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
waboyise, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu kalsaka,
loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. **6** INkosi yasisithi njalo kuye: Ake
ufake isandla sakho esifubeni sakho. Wasesifaka isandla sakhe
esifubeni sakhe; esesikhuphile, khangela-ke, isandla sakhe
sasesilobulephero njengeliqwa elikhithikileyo. **7** Yasisithi:
Buyisela isandla sakho esifubeni sakho. Wasesibusela isandla
sakhe esifubeni sakhe; esesikhuphile esifubeni sakhe, khangela-
ke, sasesiphenduke saba njengenyama yakhe. **8** Njalo kuzakuthi

uba bengakukholwa, bengalaleli ilizwi lesibonakaliso sokuqala, bazakholwa ilizwi lesibonakaliso sokucina. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke, uba bengakholwa lalezizibonakaliso ezimbili, bengalaleli ilizwi lakho, uzakukha okwamanzi omfula, uwathele emhlabathini owomileyo; njalo kuzakuthi amanzi ozawakha emfuleni azakuba ligazi emhlabathini owomileyo. **10** UMozisi wasesithi eNkosini: Uxolo, Nkosi yami, kangisiso sikhulumi, ngitsho kusukela endulo, ngitsho kusukela usukhulume lenceku yakho; ngoba kunzima emlonyeni wami njalo kunzima olimini. **11** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngubani owenzela umuntu umlomo? Kumbe ngubani owenza isimungulu, kumbe isacuthe, kumbe obonayo, kumbe isiphofu? Kakusimi yini iNkosi? **12** Khathesi-ke hamba, njalo mina ngizakuba lomlomo wakho, ngikufundise lokho ozakhulum. **13** Kodwa wathi: Uxolo, Nkosi yami, akuthume ngesandla salowo ozamthuma. **14** Lwaseluvutha ulaka lweNkosi kuMozisi, yasisithi: Angithi uAroni umLevi ngumnewenu? Ngiyazi ukuthi angakhulum kuhle. Njalo khangela-ke, uzaphuma ukukuhlangabeza; nxa ekubona, uzathaba enhliziyweni yakhe. **15** Njalo uzakhulum kuye, ufake amazwi emlonyeni wakhe; mina-ke ngizakuba lomlomo wakho lomlomo wakhe, ngizalifundisa lokho elizakwenza. **16** Yena-ke uzakhulum esizweni esikhundleni sakho, kuzakuthi abe ngumlomo kuwe, wena ube njengoNkulunkulu kuye. **17** Njalo uzathatha lintonga esandleni sakho, ozakwenza izibonakaliso ngayo. **18** UMozisi wasehamba wabuyela kuJetro uyisezala, wathi kuye: Ake ungiyekele ngihambe, ngibuyelete kubafowethu abaseGibhithe, ngibone ukuthi basaphila yini. UJetro wasesithi kuMozisi: Hamba ngokuthula. **19** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi eMidiyani: Hamba, ubuyele eGibhithe; ngoba wonke amadoda asafa,

ayedinga umphefumulo wakho. **20** UMozisi wasethatha umkakhe lamadodana akhe, wabakhwelisa phezu kukababhemi, wabuyela elizweni leGibhithe. UMozisi wasethatha intonga kaNkulunkulu esandleni sakhe. **21** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ekuhambeni kwakho ubuyela eGibhithe, bona ukuthi, zonke izimangaliso engizibeke esandleni sakho, uzenze phambi kukaFaro. Kodwa ngizakwenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni ukuze angasiyekeli isizwe sihambe. **22** Njalo uzakuthi kuFaro: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Indodana yami, izibulo lami, ngulsrayeli; **23** njalo sengithe kuwe: Yekela indodana yami ihambe ukuthi ingikhonze; kodwa walile ukuyiyekela ihambe, khangela, ngizabulala indodana yakho, izibulo lakho. **24** Kwasekusithi esendleleni, endlini yezihambi, iNkosi yahlangana laye, yadinga ukumbulala. **25** UZipora wasethatha insengetshe, waquma ijwabu laphambili lendodana yakhe, walithintisa inyawo zakhe wathi: Isibili unguemyeni wegazi kimi. **26** Yasimyekela. Ngalesosikhathi wathi: Umyeni wegazi, ngenxa yokusoka. **27** INkosi yasisithi kuAroni: Hamba, uyehlangabeza uMozisi enkangala. Wahambake, wahlangana laye entabenи kaNkulunkulu, wamanga. **28** UMozisi wasemtshela uAroni wonke amazwi eNkosi eyayimthumile, lazo zonke izibonakaliso eyayimlaye zona. **29** OMozisi loAroni basebehamba, babuthanisa bonke abadala babantwana bakolsrayeli. **30** UAróni wasekhulumá amazwi wonke iNkosi eyayiwakhulumé kuMozisi, wenza izibonakaliso phambi kwamehlo abantu. **31** Abantu basebekholwa; bezwa ukuthi iNkosi ihambele abantwana bakolsrayeli, lokuthi ibonile inhlupeko yabo, bakhothama, bakhonza.

5 Emva kwalokho-ke uMozisi loAroni bahamba bathi kuFaro: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli: Bayekele abantu

bami bahambe, bangicinele umkhosi enkangala. **2** Kodwa uFaro wathi: Ingubani iNkosi ukuthi ngilalele ilizwi layo, ngiyekelo ulsrayeli ahambe? Kangiyazi iNkosi, futhi kangiyikumyekela ulsrayeli ahambe. **3** Basebesithi: UNkulunkulu wamaHebheru uhlangane lathi; ake usiyekelo sihambe uhambo Iwensuku ezintathu enkangala, siyihlabele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, hlezi isehlele ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo kumbe ngenkemba. **4** Kodwa inkosi yeGibhithe yathi kubo: Kungani, Mozisi loAroni, lisusa abantu emisebenzini yabo? Yanini emithwalweni yenu! **5** UFaro wasesithi: Khangelani, abantu belizwe sebebanengi, kanti liyabaphumuza emithwalweni yabo. **6** Ngalolosuku uFaro waselaya abaqhube besibhalo besizwe lezinduna zaso, esithi: **7** Lingabe lisabanika abantu amahlanga okwenza izitina njengamandulo; kabahambe bona bayezibuthela amahlanga; **8** lenani lezitina abalenze mandulo lizabamisela lona, lingaphunguli kulo; ngoba bayavilapha; yikho bekhala besithi: Siyekeleni siyehlabele uNkulunkulu wethu. **9** Yenzani umsebenzi ube nzima kakhulu phezu kwamadoda, ukuze basebenze kuwo, bangalaleli amazwi enkohliso. **10** Abaqhubi besibhalo babantu baphuma, lezinduna zabo, bakhulumba ebantwini besithi: Utsho njalo uFaro: Kangiyikulinika amahlanga; **11** hambani lina, lizithatthele amahlanga lapho elingawathola khona; kodwa umsebenzi wenu kakuyikuphungulwa lutho kuwo. **12** Abantu basebehlekazeka elizweni lonke leGibhithe ukuze babuthe izidindi zibe ngamahlanga. **13** Abaqhubi besibhalo babahaluzelisa besithi: Qedani imisebenzi yenu, umlandu wosuku ngosuku lwano, njengamhla kulamahlanga. **14** Njalo izinduna zabantwana bakolsrayeli, abaqhubi besibhalo bakaFaro abababekela zona, zatshaywa, kuthiwa: Kaliqedanga ngani umsebenzi wenu

omisiweyo wokwenza izitina njengamandulo, layizolo lalamuhla?

15 Izinduna zabantwana bakolsrayeli zasezisiza, zakhala kuFaro zathi: Wenzelani kanje ezincekwini zakho? **16** Amahlanga kawanikwa inceku zakho, kanti bathi kithi: Yenzani izitina. Khangela-ke, inceku zakho ziyatshaywa; kodwa icala ngelabantu bakho. **17** Kodwa wathi: Lina lingamavila, lingamavila; ngalokhu lithi: Siyekeleni siyehlabela iNkosi. **18** Khathesi-ke hambani, lisebenze; kodwa amahlanga kalyikuwanikwa, kanti lizaletha inani lezitina. **19** Izinduna zabantwana bakolsrayeli zasezibona ukuthi zazisebubini, nxa kuthiwa: Kaliyikuphungula ezitineni zenu, umlandu wosuku ngosuku lwawo. **20** Zasezihlangana loMozisi loAroni ababemi ukubahlangabeza ekuphumeni kwabo kuFaro; **21** zasezisithi kubo: INkosi ilibone yahlulele; ngoba lenze iphunga lethu libe livumba emehlwani kaFaro lemehlwani enceku zakhe; linike inkemba esandleni sabo ukuze basibulale. **22** UMozisi wasebuyela eNkosini wathi: Nkosi, wenzeleni okubi kulesisizwe? Kungani ungithumile? **23** Ngoba selokhu ngaya kuFaro ukukhuluma ebizweni lakho, wenzile okubi kulesisizwe; futhi kawusikhululanga lokusikhulula isizwe sakho.

6 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khathesi uzabona engizakwenza kuFaro; ngoba ngesandla esilamandla uzabayekela bahambe, langesandla esilamandla uzabaxotsha elizweni lakhe. **2** UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuMozisi wathi kuye: NgiyiINkosi; **3** njalo ngabonakala kuAbrahama, kulsaka, lakuJakobe njengoNkulunkulu uSomandla; kodwa ngebizo lami lokuthi uJehova ngangingaziwa kubo. **4** Njalo lami ngamisa isivumelwano sami labo ukubapha ilizwe leKhanani, ilizwe lobuhambuma babo, ababehlala kulo njengabezizwe. **5** Futhi lami ngizwile ukububula kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, amaGibhithe abagcine

ebugqilini; njalo ngikhumbule isivumelwano sami. **6** Ngakho-
ke tshono kubantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi: NgiyiNkosi; njalo
ngizalikhupha lisuke ngaphansi kwemithwalo yamaGibhithe;
ngilikhulule ebugqilini bawo, ngilihlenge ngengalo eyeluliweyo
langezigwebo ezinkulu. **7** Njalo ngizazithathela lina libe
yisizwe, ngizakuba kini nguNkulunkulu; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, olikhupha lisuke ngaphansi
kwemithwalo yamaGibhithe; **8** njalo ngizalingenisa elizweni
engaphakamisa isandla sami ngalo ukulinika uAbrahama,
ulsaka loJakobe, ngilinike lona libe yilifa; mina, iNkosi. **9**
UMozisi wasekhulumu ngokunjalo kubantwana bakolsrayeli;
kodwa kabamlalelanga uMozisi ngenxa yokukhathazeka komoya
langenxa yobugqili obunzima. **10** INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi
isithi: **11** Ngena ukhulume kuFaro, inkosi yeGibhithe, ukuthi
ayekele abantwana bakolsrayeli basuke elizweni lakhe. **12**
Kodwa uMozisi wakhulumu phambi kweNkosi esithi: Khangela,
abantwana bakolsrayeli kabangilalelanga; pho-ke uFaro
angangizwa njani, engingowendebe ezingasokanga? **13** INkosi
yasikhulumu kuMozisi lakuAroni yabapha umlayo ngabantwana
bakolsrayeli langoFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ukukhupha abantwana
bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe. **14** Laba bazinhloko zezindlu
zaboyise; amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likalsrayeli: OHanoki
loPalu, oHezironi loKarimi; laba bazinsapho zikaRubeni.
15 Lamadodana kaSimeyoni: OJemuweli loJamini loOhadi
loJakini loZohari loShawuli indodana yomKhananikazi; laba
bazinsapho zikaSimeyoni. **16** Njalo la ngamabizo amadodana
kaLevi ngezizukulwana zawo: OGerishoni loKohathi loMerari;
leminyaka yempilo kaLevi yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi
amatathathu lesikhombisa. **17** Amadodana kaGerishoni: OLibini

loShimeyi ngezinsapho zaho. **18** Njalo amadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu lolzihari loHebron loUziyeli; leminyaka yempilo kaKohathi yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **19** Njalo amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Laba bazinsapho zamaLevi ngezizukulwana zabo. **20** UAmramu wasethatha uJokebedi udadewabo kayise, waba ngumkakhe. Wasemzalela uAroni loMozisi. Leminyaka yempilo kaAmramu yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa. **21** Njalo amadodana kalzihari: OKora loNefegi loZikiri. **22** Lamadodana kaUziyeli: OMishayeli loElizafani loSithiri. **23** UAroni wasezithathela uElisheba indodakazi kaAminadaba, udadewabo kaNashoni, waba ngumkakhe. Wasemzalela uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare lolthamari. **24** Njalo amadodana kaKora: OAsiri loElkana loAbhiyasafa; laba bazinsapho zabakoKora. **25** UEleyazare indodana kaAroni wasezithathela enye yamadodakazi kaPutiyeli, yaba ngumkakhe. Yasimzalela uPhinehasi. Yizo lezi inhloko zaboyise bamaLevi ngezinsapho zaho. **26** Lo nguAroni loMozisi iNkosi eyathi kubo: Khuphani abantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho abo. **27** Yibo labo ababekhuluma kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ukukhupha abantwana bakolsrayeli eGibhithe; lo nguMozisi loAroni. **28** Kwasekusithi mhla iNkosi ikhuluma kuMozisi elizweni leGibhithe **29** iNkosi yakhuluma kuMozisi isithi: Mina ngiyiNkosi; khuluma kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe konke engikukhuluma kuwe. **30** UMozisi wasesithi phambi kweNkosi: Khangela, ngingowendebe ezingasokanga; ngakho uFaro angangizwa njani?

7 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Bona, ngikwenze waba njengoNkulunkulu kuFaro; loAroni umnewenu uzakuba ngumprofethi wakho. **2** Wena uzakhuluma konke engikulaya

khona; loAroni umnewenu uzakhuluma kuFaro ukuthi ayekele abantwana bakolsrayeli baphume elizweni lakhe. **3** Kodwa mina ngizakwenza inhliziyo kaFaro ibe lukhuni, ngandise izibonakaliso zami lezimangaliso zami elizweni leGibhithe. **4** Kodwa uFaro kayikulilalela; njalo ngizabeka isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, ngikhuphe amabutho ami, isizwe sami, abantwana bakolsrayeli, elizweni leGibhithe, ngezigwebo ezinkulu. **5** Njalo amaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho ngiselula isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, ngikhuphe abantwana bakolsrayeli phakathi kwawo.

6 OMozisi loAroni basebesenza njengoba iNkosi yabalaya; benza njalo. **7** UMozisi wayeseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, loAroni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lantathu lapho bekhuluma kuFaro. **8** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni, isithi: **9** Nxa uFaro ekhuluma lani esithi: Zenzeleni isimangaliso; uzakuthi kuAroni: Thatha intonga yakho, uyiphosele phansi phambi kukaFaro, izakuba yinyoka. **10** UMOzisi loAroni basebengena kuFaro, benza njalo njengoba iNkosi ilayile; uAroni wasephosela phansi intonga yakhe phambi kukaFaro laphambi kwenceku zakhe, yasisiba yinyoka. **11** UFaro wasebiza laye izazi labathakathi; labalumbi beGibhithe labo benza njalo ngamalumbo abo. **12** Ngoba ngulowo lalowo waphosela phansi intonga yakhe, zaba zinyoka; kodwa intonga kaAroni yaginya intonga zabo. **13** Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, okokuthi kabalalelanga, njengokutsho kweNkosi.

14 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Inhliziyo kaFaro inzima, uyala ukuyekela isizwe sihambe. **15** Yana kuFaro ekuseni; khangela, uzaphuma esiya emanzini, ume uqondane laye ekhunjini lomfula, lontonga eyaphenduka yaba yinyoka ithathe esandleni sakho. **16** Uzakuthi kuye: INkosi uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru

ingithume kuwe isithi: Yekela isizwe sami sihambe, singikhonze enkangala; kodwa khangela, kawulalelanga kuze kube khathesi.

17 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngalokhu uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi; khangela, ngizatshaya ngentonga esesandleni sami phezu kwamanzi asemfuleni, njalo azaphenduka abe ligazi. **18** Lenhlanzi ezipsemfuleni zizakufa, lomfula ube levumba; lamaGibhithe azadinwa yikunatha amanzi emfuleni. **19** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kuAroni uthi: Thatha intonga yakho, welule isandla sakho phezu kwamanzi eGibhithe, phezu kwemifula yabo, phezu kwezifula zabo, laphezu kweziziba zabo, laphezu kwamachibi wonke amanzi abo, ukuze abe ligazi. Kuzakuba legazi elizweni lonke leGibhithe, lezitsheni zezihlahla lezamatshe.

20 UMozi loAroni basebesenza njalo, njengokulaya kweNkosi; wasephakamisa intonga, watshaya amanzi ayesemfuleni phambi kwamehlo kaFaro laphambi kwamehlo ezinceku zakhe; lawo wonke amanzi ayesemfuleni aphendulwa aba ligazi. **21** Lenhlanzi ezipsemfuleni zafa; lomfula waba levumba, kwaze kwathi amaGibhithe ehluleka ukuwanatha amanzi emfuleni; njalo kwakulegazi elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **22** Labalumbi beGibhithe benza njalo ngamalumbo abo, kwaze kwathi inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, njalo kabalalelanga, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **23** UFaro wasetshibilika waya endlini yakhe njalo kayibekanga inhliziyo yakhe lakulokhu. **24** LamaGibhithe wonke agebha amanzi okunatha inhlangothi zonke zomfula, ngoba babengelakunatha emanzini omfula. **25** Lensuku eziyisikhombisa zagcwaliseka emva kokuthi iNkosi isitshaye umfula.

8 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuze bangikhonze. **2** Uba-ke usala ukubayekela bahambe, khangela, ngizatshaya

yonke imingcele yakho ngamaxoxo. **3** Njalo umfula uzanyakazela ngamaxoxo, azakhuphuka, angene endlini yakho, lekamelweni lakho lokulala, laphezu kombheda wakho, lendlini yenceku zakho, laphezu kwsizwe sakho, lemaziko akho, lemiganwini yakho yokuxovela ukudla; **4** lamaxoxo azakhuphukela kuwe, lesizweni sakho lezincekwini zakho zonke. **5** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kuAroni uthi: Yelula isandla sakho ngentonga yakho phezu kwemifula, phezu kwezifula, laphezu kweziziba, wenze amaxoxo akhuphukele elizweni leGibhithe. **6** UAroni waseselula isandla sakhe phezu kwamanzi eGibhithe; lamaxoxo akhuphuka, asibekela ilizwe leGibhithe. **7** Labalumbi benza njalo ngamalumbo abo, benza amaxoxo akhuphukela elizweni leGibhithe. **8** UFaro wasebabiza oMozisi loAroni wathi: Ncengani iNkosi ukuthi isuse amaxoxo kimi lesizweni sami; njalo ngizayekela isizwe sihambe ukuthi bahlabele iNkosi. **9** UMozisi wasesithi kuFaro: Woba Iodumo ngaphezu kwami. Ngizakuncengela nini lenceku zakho, lesizwe sakho, ukuchitha amaxoxo asuke kuwe lendlini zakho, asale emfuleni kuphela? **10** Wasesithi: Kusasa. Wathi-ke: Njengelizwi lakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi kakho onjengeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **11** Njalo amaxoxo azasuka kuwe lezindlini zakho lezincekwini zakho lesizweni sakho, asale emfuleni kuphela. **12** UMozisi loAroni basebephuma kuFaro. UMozisi wakhala eNkosini ngenxa yamaxoxo eyayiwabekile phezu kukaFaro. **13** INkosi yenza-ke njengelizwi likaMozisi; amaxoxo asesifa ephuma ezindlini, emagumeni lemasimini. **14** Basebewabuthelela inqwaba ngenqwaba; lelizwe laba levumba. **15** Kodwa uFaro ebona ukuthi sekungcono, wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba nzima, ukuthi kabalalelanga, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **16** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kuAroni uthi: Yelula intonga

yakho, utshaye uthuli lomhlaba, ukuze lube yimiyane elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **17** Basebesenza njalo; ngoba uAroni welula isandla sakhe silentonga yakhe, watshaya uthuli lomhlaba; lemiyane yaba khona ebantwini lezifuyweni; lonke uthuli lwaba yimiyane elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **18** Labalumbi benza njalo ngamalumbo abo ukuveza imiyane, kodwa babengeke. Ngakho imiyane yaba sebantwini lezifuyweni. **19** Labalumbi bathi kuFaro: Lokhu kungumunwe kaNkulunkulu. Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, kazabezwa, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **20** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Vuka ekuseni kakhulu, uzimise phambi kukaFaro; khangela uphuma esiya emanzini, njalo uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yekela abantu bami bahambe bangikhonze. **21** Ngoba uba ungasiyekeli isizwe sami sihambe, khangela ngizathumela umtshitshi wezibawu kuwe lezinckwini zakho lesizweni sakho lendlini zakho; lezindlu zamaGibhithe zizagcwala umtshitshi wezibawu futhi lomhlabathi ezikuwo. **22** Kodwa ngalolosuku ngizakwehlukanisa ilizwe leGosheni esihlala kulo isizwe sami, ukuthi kungabi khona lapho umtshitshi wezibawu, ukuze wazi ukuthi ngiyINkosi phakathi kwelizwe. **23** Njalo ngizamisa umehluko phakathi kwesizwe sami lesizwe sakho; kusasa kuzakuba lesibonakaliso lesi. **24** INkosi yasisenza njalo; kwasekufika umtshitshi onzima wezibawu endlini kaFaro lezindlini zezincku zakhe lelizweni lonke leGibhithe; ilizwe lonakala ngenxa yomtshitshi wezibawu. **25** UFaro wasebabiza oMozisi loAroni, wathi: Hambani, lihlabele uNkulunkulu wenu kulelilizwe. **26** Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Kakulunganga ukwenza njalo, ngoba sizahlabela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu okunengekayo kwamaGibhithe; khangela, uba sihlaba okunengekayo kwamaGibhithe phambi kwamehlo awo, kawayikusikhanda ngamatshe yini? **27**

Sizahamba ummango wensuku ezintathu enkangala, sihlabele-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu njengoba izakutsho kithi. **28** UFaro wasesithi: Mina ngizaliyekela lihambe ukuthi lihlabele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu enkangala; kodwa lingayi khatshana kakhulu; lingincengele. **29** UMozi wasesithi: Khangela, ngiyasuka kuwe, ngizayincenga iNkosi ukuze umtshitshi wezibawu usuke kuFaro, ezincekwini zakhe, lesizweni sakhe kusasa; kuhela uFaro angaphindi akhohlise ngokungayekeli isizwe sihambe, sihlabele iNkosi. **30** UMozi wasephuma kuFaro, wayincenga iNkosi. **31** INkosi yasisenza njengelizwi likaMozi; yasusa umtshitshi wezibawu kuFaro, ezincekwini zakhe lesizweni sakhe; kakusalanga lesisodwa. **32** Kodwa uFaro wenza inhlizyo yakhe yaba nzima langalesisikhathi, kayekelanga isizwe sihambe.

9 INkosi yasisithi kuMozi: Yana kuFaro uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ithi: Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuthi bangikhonze. **2** Ngoba uba usala ukubayekela bahambe, ulokhu ubababile, **3** khangela, isandla seNkosi sizakuba phezu kwezfuyo zakho ezsiegangeni, phezu kwamabhiza, phezu kwabobabhem, phezu kwamakamela, phezu kwenkomo laphezu kwezimvu, umatshayabhuqe wesifo onzima kakhulu. **4** Kodwa iNkosi izakwenza umehluko phakathi kwezfuyo zakolsrayeli lezifuyo zeGibhithe, kuze kuthi kakuyikufa lutho kukho konke okwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **5** INkosi yasimisa isikhathi esimisiwego, isithi: Kusasa iNkosi izakwenza linto elizweni. **6** INkosi yayenza-ke linto kusisa; lazo zonke izifuyo zeGibhithe zafa; kodwa kakufanga lesisodwa ezifuyweni zabantwana bakolsrayeli. **7** UFaro wasethuma, khangela-ke, kakufanga ngitsho lesisodwa ezifuyweni zakolsrayeli. Kodwa inhlizyo kaFaro yaba nzima, kasiyekelanga isizwe sihambe. **8**

INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi lakuAroni: Zithatheleni izandla zenu ezigcweleyo zomlotha weziko, njalo uMozisi awutsahazele emazulwini phambi kwamehlo kaFaro. **9** Njalo uzakuba luthuli olucolekileyo phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe, njalo luzakuba phezu kwabantu laphezu kwezfuyo lube lithumba eliphihlika amathuthuva elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **10** Basebethatha umlotha weziko, bema phambi kukaFaro; uMozisi wasewutsahazel emazulwini, waba lithumba eliphihlika amathuthuva ebantwini lezifuyweni. **11** Njalo abalumbi babengeme phambi kukaMozisi ngenxa yamathumba; ngoba amathumba ayephezu kwabalumbi laphezu kwawo wonke amaGibhithe. **12** Kodwa iNkosi yayenza yaba lukhuni inhlizyo kaFaro, njalo kazabezwa, njengokutsho kweNkosi kuMozisi. **13** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Vuka ekuseni kakhulu, uziphise phambi kukaFaro uthi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ithi: Yekela isizwe sami sihambe bangikhonze. **14** Ngoba ngalesisikhathi ngizathumela zonke inhlupheko zami enhliziyweni yakho laphezu kwenceku zakho laphezu kвесizwe sakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi kakho onjengami emhlabeni wonke. **15** Ngoba khathesi ngizaselula isandla sami ukuze ngikutshaye lesizwe sakho ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ubusuchitheka usuke emhlabeni. **16** Kodwa isibili ngalokhu ngikumisile ukuze ngikutshengise amandla ami lokuze ibizo lami lilandiswe emhlabeni wonke. **17** Usaziphakamisa umelana labantu bami, ukuthi ungabayekeli bahambe yini? **18** Khangela, kusasa ngalesisikhathi ngizanisa isiqhotho esinzima kakhulu, esingazanga sibe khona esinjalo eGibhithe kusukela ngosuku lisekelwa kuze kube khathesi. **19** Khathesi-ke thuma, ubuthe izifuyo zakho lakho konke olakho ensimini; wonke umuntu layo yonke inyamazana okuficwa ensimini okungabuthelwanga

ekhaya, nxa isiqhoho siwela phezu kwakho, kuzakufa. **20**
Lowo olesabayo ilizwi leNkosi phakathi kwenceku zikaFaro
wenza izisebenzi zakhe lezifuyo zakhe zibalekele ezindlini;
21 kodwa lowo ongabekanga inhliziyu yakhe elizwini leNkosi
watshiya izisebenzi zakhe lezifuyo zakhe ensimini. **22** INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho emazulwini, ukuze
kube khona isiqhoho elizweni lonke leGibhithe, phezu kwabantu
laphezu kwezinyamazana laphezu kwemibhida yonke yensimu
elizweni leGibhithe. **23** UMozi waseselulela intonga yakhe
emazulwini; iNkosi yasiletha imidumo lesiqhoho; lomlilo wehlela
emhlabeni; leNkosi yanisa isiqhoho elizweni leGibhithe. **24**
Kwasekusiba khona isiqhoho, lomlilo uzixubanise esiqhothweni;
okunzima kakhulu; okungazanga kube khona okunjengakho
elizweni lonke leGibhithe selokhu laba yisizwe. **25** Isiqhoho
sasesitshaya elizweni lonke leGibhithe konke okusegangeni,
kusukela ebantwini kusiya ezinyamazaneni; lesiqhoho satshaya
wonke umbhida weganga, sephula sonke isihlahla seganga.
26 Kuphela elizweni leGosheni lapho ababekhona abantwana
bakolsrayeli kwakungekho isiqhoho. **27** UFaro wasethuma
wabiza uMozisi loAroni, wathi kubo: Ngonile ngalesikhathi;
iNkosi ilungle, kanti mina labantu bami sibabi. **28** Ncengani
iNkosi, ngoba sekwanele, ukuze kungabi lemidumo elamandla
lesiqhoho; besengiliyekela lihambe, lingabe lisahlala. **29** UMozi
wasesithi kuye: Nxa sengiphumile emzini, ngizachaya izandla
zami eNkosini; kuzaphela imidumo lesiqhoho kasisayikuba
khona, ukuze wazi ukuthi umhlaba ungoweNkosi. **30** Kodwa wena
lenceku zakho, ngiyazi ukuthi kalikayesabi iNkosi uNkulunkulu. **31**
Kwasekutshaya ifilakisi lebhali; ngoba ibhali yayisesikwetshini,
lefilakisi yayisithela amaluba. **32** Kodwa ingqoloyi leselite

kakutshaywanga, ngoba kwakungakavuthwa. **33** UMozi
wasephuma emzini evela kuFaro, wachaya izandla zakhe
eNkosini; kwasekusima imidumo lesiqhotho, lezulu kalabe
lisathululeka emhlabeni. **34** Kwathi uFaro esebonile ukuthi izulu
lesiqhotho lemidumo sekumile, wengezelela ukona, wayenza
yaba nzima inhlizyo yakhe, yena lenceku zakhe. **35** Njalo inhlizyo
kaFaro yaba luhkuni, kazabayekela abantwana bakolsrayeli
bahambe, njengalokhu iNkosi yayitshilo ngesandla sikaMozisi.

10 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro, ngoba mina ngenze
inhlizyo yakhe yaba nzima lenhlizyo yenceku zakhe, ukuze
ngenze lezizibonakalso zami phambi kwakhe, **2** lokuthi ulandise
endlebeni zendodana yakho lendodana yendodana yakho ukuthi
ngenze kabuhlungu kumaGibhithe lezibonakalso zami engizenze
phakathi kwavo, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiINkosi. **3** UMozi loAroni
basebesiya kuFaro, bathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wamaHebheru, ithi: Koze kube nini usala ukuzithoba phambi
kwami? Yekela isizwe sami sihambe, bangikhonze. **4** Ngoba
uba usala ukuyekela isizwe sami sihambe, khangela, kusasa
ngizaletha isikhonyane emngceleni wakho, **5** njalo sizasibekela
ubuso bomhlaba ukuze ungawuboni umhlaba, sizakudla insalela
yokwaphephayo, okwalisalelayo esiqhothweni, sidle sonke
isihlahla esikhulela wena ensimini. **6** Sizagcwala izindlu
zakho lezindlu zezincku zakho zonke lezindlu zawo wonke
amaGibhithe, oyihlo abangazanga basibone laboyise baboyihlo,
kusukela ngosuku ababakhona emhlabeni kuze kube lamuhla.
Wasetshibiliqa, waphuma kuFaro. **7** Lenceku zikaFaro zathi
kuye: Koze kube nini lo esiba ngumjibila kithi? Yekela amadoda
ahambe, akhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wawo; kawukazi yini
ukuthi iGibhithe isichithekile? **8** UMozi loAroni babuyiselwa

kuFaro; wasesithi kubo: Hambani likhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngobani kanye labo abazahamba? **9** UMozi wasesithi: Sizahamba labatsha bethu labadala bethu, lamadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu, lezimvu zethu lenkomo zethu sizahamba, ngoba silomkhosi weNkosi. **10** Wasesithi kubo: INkosi ibe lani ngokunjalo, njengoba ngizaliyekela lihambe labantwanyana benu! Bonani ngoba kulokubi phambi kwenu. **11** Kungabi njalo! Hambani khathesi, madoda, liyikhonze iNkosi, ngoba yikho elikudingayo. Basebebaxotsha ebusweni bukaFaro. **12** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelula isandla sakho phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ngenxa yesikhonyane, ukuze senyukele phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, sidle wonke umbhida welizwe lakho konke isiqhoho esikutshiyileyo. **13** UMozi waseyelula intonga yakhe phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe; iNkosi yasiqhuba umoya wempumalanga elizweni, lonke lolosuku lobusuku bonke; kwasekusithi ekuseni, umoya wempumalanga wenyusa isikhonyane. **14** Isikhonyane sasesisenyukela phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe, sehlela emngceleni wonke weGibhithe, esinzima kakhulu. Phambi kwaso akuzange kube khona isikhonyane esinjalo njengaso, futhi kakuyikuba khona esinjalo emva kwaso. **15** Ngoba sasibekela ubuso belizwe lonke, kwaze kwafiphazwa ilizwe; sadla wonke umbhida welizwe laso sonke isithelo sezihlahla isiqhoho esasitshiyayo; kakusalanga lutho oluluhlaza esihlahleni, lombhida weganga, elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **16** UFaro wasephangisa ukubabiza oMozisi loAroni, wathi: Ngonile eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu lakini. **17** Khathesi-ke ake lithethelele isono sami okwalesisikhathi kuphela, liyincenge iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ukuthi isuse kimi lokhu ukufa kuphela. **18** Wasephuma kuFaro, wayincenga iNkosi. **19** INkosi yasiphendula umoya

wentshonalanga olamandla kakhulu owenyusa isikhonyane, wasiphosela oLwandle oluBomvu; kakusalanga sikhonyane lesisodwa kuwo wonke umngcele weGibhithe. **20** Kodwa iNkosi yayenza luhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, kazabayekela abantwana bakolsrayeli bahambe. **21** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho emazulwini, ukuze kube khona umnyama phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ngitsho umnyama ophumpushekayo. **22** UMozisi waseselulela isandla sakhe emazulwini; kwasekusiba khona umnyama wobumnyama elizweni lonke leGibhithe insuku ezintathu. **23** Kababonananga, futhi kakusukumanga mutu endaweni yakhe okwensuku ezintathu; kodwa kubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli kwakukhona ukukhanya emizini yabo. **24** UFaro wasembiza uMozisi wathi: Hambani likhonze iNkosi, kuphela izimvu zenu lenkomo zenu kuzagcinwa, labantwanyana benu bazahamba lani. **25** Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Lawe ubonika imihlatshelo leminikelo yokutshiswa ezandleni zethu, esizayenzela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **26** Njalo lezifuyo zethu zizahamba kanye lathi, kakuyikusala emuva isondo; ngoba sizathatha kuzo ukukhonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba kasikwazi esizakhonza ngakho iNkosi size sifike khona. **27** Kodwa iNkosi yenza luhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, njalo kafunanga ukubayekela bahambe. **28** UFaro wasesithi kuye: Suka kimi, uziqaphele, ungaboni ubuso bami futhi; ngoba mhla ubona ubuso bami uzakufa. **29** UMozisi wasesithi: Ukhulume ngokuqonda, kangisayikubona futhi ubuso bakho.

11 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ngisezakwehlisela kuFaro lakulo iGibhithe inhlupheko eyodwa; emva kwalokho uzaliyekela lihambe lisuke lapha; ekuliyekeleni kwakhe lihambe uzalixotsha lokulixotsha lisuka lapha ngokupheleleyo. **2** Ake ukhulume

endlebeni zabantu, ukuthi bacele, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe, lalowo owesifazana kumakhelwane wakhe, izinto zesiliva lezinto zegolide. 3 INkosi yasinika abantu umusa emehlwani amaGibhithe. Futhi indoda uMozisi waba mkhulu kakhulu elizweni leGibhithe emehlwani enceku zikaFaro lemehlwani esizwe. 4 UMozisi wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNkosiithi: Phose phakathi kobusuku ngizaphuma ngiye phakathi kweGibhithe; 5 lawo wonke amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe azakufa, kusukela kuzibulo likaFaro elizahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos, kuze kube kuzibulo lencekukazi engemva kwelitshe lokuchola, lamazibulo wonke ezifuyo. 6 Njalo kuzakuba khona isililo esikhulu elizweni lonke leGibhithe, esingazanga sibe khona esinjengaso, lesingayikuba khona futhi esinjengaso. 7 Kodwa lakubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli inji kayiyikulola ulimi lwayo, kusukela emuntwini kusiya ezifuyweni, ukuze lazi ukuthi iNkosi iyehlukanisa phakathi kweGibhithe lolsrayeli. 8 Lazo zonke izinceku zakho lezi zizakwehlela kimi, zingikhothamele zisithi: Phuma wena lesizwe sonke esikulandelayo. Langemva kwalokho ngizaphuma. Wasephuma kuFaro ekuvutheni kolaka. 9 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: UFaro kayikulizwa, ukuze zande izimangaliso zami elizweni leGibhithe. 10 OMozisi loAroni basebesenza zonke lezizimangaliso phambi kukaFaro, kodwa iNkosi yenza inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, kazabayekela abantwana bakolsrayeli baphume elizweni lakhe.

12 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni elizweni leGibhithe, isithi: 2 Le inyanga kayibe kini yinhloko yezinyanga, ibe kini ngeyokuqala yenyanga zomnyaka. 3 Khulumani kunhlangano yonke yakolsrayeli lithi: Ngolwetshumi lwalinyanga bazazithathela ngulowo iwundlu, ngokwezindlu zaboyise, iwundlu ngendlu. 4

Uba-ke indlu incinyane kakhulu ewundlwini, kakuthi yena athathe lomakhelwane wakhe, oseduze lendlu yakhe, njengobunengi bemiphefumulo; ngulowo njengokudla kwakhe, lizabalela iwundlu.

5 Lizakuba lezinyane elingelasici, eliduna, elilomnyaka owodwa; lithatheni ezimvini loba ezimbuzini. **6** Njalo lizaligcina kuze kufike usuku lwetshumi lane lwaleyonyanga, njalo ibandla lonke lenhlangano yakolsrayeli izalihlaba kusihlwa. **7** Bazathatha-ke okwegazi, bakufake emigubazini yomibili lekhothameni, ezindlini abazalidlela kuzo. **8** Njalo bazakudla inyama ngalobobusuku, yosiwe ngomlilo, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, lemibhida ebabayozayidla. **9** Lingadli okwalo kuluhlaza kumbe kuphekiwe lokuphekwa ngamanzi, kodwa yosiwe ngomlilo; inhloko yalo lemilenze yalo, kanye lemibilini yalo. **10** Njalo lingatshiyi lutho kulo kuze kube sekuseni, kodwa okusalayo kulo kuze kube sekuseni lizakutshisa ngomlilo. **11** Ngokunjalo-ke lizalidla, inkalo zenu zibotshiwe, izicathulo zenu zisenyaweni zenu, lendondolo zenu zisezandleni zenu; lizalidla ngokuphangisa; kuliphasika leNkosi. **12** Ngoba ngizadabula phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe ngalobobusuku, ngitshaye wonke amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni, ngizakwenza izigwebo kubo bonke onkulunkulu beGibhithe; mina ngiyiNkosi. **13** Legazi lizakuba kini yisibonakaliso ezindlini lapho elikhona; nxa ngibona igazi ngizadlula phezu kwenu, njalo kungehleli kini inhlupheko yokuchitha, mhla ngitshaya ilizwe leGibhithe. **14** Njalo lolusuku luzakuba kini yisikhumbuzo; njalo lizalugcina lube ngumkhosi eNkosini; lizalugcina ezizukulwaneni zenu ngokomthetho wanininini. **15** Insuku eziyisikhombisa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo. Yebo ngosuku lokuqala lizakhupha imvubelo ezindlini zenu; ngoba wonke odla okuvutshelweyo

kusukela kusuku lokuqala kuze kufike usuku lwasikhombisa, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke kolsrayeli. **16** Njalo ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba khona inhlango ebiziweyo engcwele, langosuku lwasikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; kungenziwa msebenzi ngazo, kuphela lokho wonke umphefumulo okudlayo, lokho kodwa kungenziwa yini. **17** Ngakho gcinani izinkwa ezingelamvubelo; ngoba ngalona lolosuku ngikhuphile amabutho enu elizweni leGibhithe. Ngakho lizagcina lolosuku ezizukulwaneni zenu ngesimiso saphakade. **18** Kweyokuqala, osukwini lwetshumi lane lwenyanga kusihlwa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo, kuze kufike usuku lwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga kusihlwa. **19** Insuku eziyisikhombisa kakungaficwa imvubelo ezindlini zenu; ngoba wonke odla okuvutshelwego lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke kunhlangano yakolsrayeli, loba engowemzini loba engowokuzalwa elizweni. **20** Lingadli lutho oluvutshelwego; emizini yenu yonke lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo. **21** UMozisi wasebiza bonke abadala bakolsrayeli, wathi kubo: Hudulani lizithatthele amawundlu ngokwensapho zenu, lihlabe iphasika, **22** lithathe ilixha lehisope, liligxamuze egazini elisemganwini, lininde ekhothameni lemigubazini emibili ngegazi elisemganwini; lina-ke, kakungaphumi muntu endlini yakhe kuze kube sekuseni. **23** Ngoba iNkosi izadabula ukutshaya amaGibhithe; nxo ibona igazi ekhothameni lemigubazini yomibili, iNkosi izadlula phezu komnyango, ingavumeli umchithi ukuthi angene ezindlini zenu ukutshaya. **24** Njalo lizagcina le into, kube yisimiso kini lakabantwana benu kuze kube phakade. **25** Njalo kuzakuthi lapho lifika elizweni iNkosi ezalinika lona njengokukhuluma kwayo, lizagcina linkonzo.

26 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho abantwana benu besithi kini: lyini linkonzo elilayo? **27** Lizakuthi-ke: Lo ngumhlatshelo wephasika leNkosi, eyedlula phezu kwezindlu zabantwana bakolsrayeli eGibhithe mhla itshaya amaGibhithe, wophula izindlu zethu. Njalo abantu bakhothama bakhonza. **28** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebehamba, bayakwenza njengalokhu iNkosi yayibalayile oMozisi loAroni, benza njalo. **29** Kwasekusithi phakathi kobusuku iNkosi yatshaya wonke amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela kuzibulo likaFaro elalizahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosu kuze kube kuzibulo lesibotshwa esasisentolongweni, lamazibulo wonke ezifuyo. **30** UFaro wasesukuma ebusuku, yena lenceku zakhe zonke lamaGibhithe wonke. Kwasekusiba khona isililo esikhulu eGibhithe, ngoba kwakungekho ndlu lapho okwakungelamu fi khona. **31** Wasebiza oMozisi loAroni ebusuku, wathi: Sukumanu, liphume phakathi kwabantu bami, lonke lina labantwana bakolsrayeli, lihambe liyekhonza iNkosi njengokutsho kwenu. **32** Thathani lani izimvu zenu lenkomo zenu njengokutsho kwenu, lihambe; futhi lingibusise lami. **33** Njalo amaGibhithe ayebakhuthaza abantu ebahaluzelisa ukuthi baphume elizweni, ngoba athi: Sonke sifile. **34** Abantu-ke bathatha inhlama yabo ingakavutshelwa, betshata imiganu yabo yokuxovela ibotshelwe ezembathweni zabo. **35** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza njengelizwi likaMozisi; bacela kumaGibhithe izinto zesiliva lezinto zegolide leziggoko. **36** INkosi yasibapha abantu umusa emehlwani amaGibhithe, aze abanika izicelo zabo. Basebewaphundla amaGibhithe. **37** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesuka eRamesesi besiya eSukothi; amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ahamba ngenyawo, ngaphandle kwabantwana. **38** Kwasekusenyuka

labo lexuku lenhlobonhlobo, lezimvu lezinkomo, lezifuyo ezinengi kakhulu. **39** Basebebhaka izinkwa ezingelamvubelo ngenhlama abayikhupha eGibhithe, ngoba ingavutshelwanga, ngoba baxotshwa eGibhithe, ngoba babengelakulibala, futhi bengazilungiselelanga umphako. **40** Isikhathi sokuhlala-ke kwabantwana bakolsrayeli abasihlala eGibhithe sasiyiminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu. **41** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu, kwathi ngalona lolosuku wonke amabutho eNkosi aphuma elizweni leGibhithe. **42** Kuyibusuku bemilindo eNkosini ngokubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe; lobu yibusuku beNkosi bemilindo yabo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli ezizukulwaneni zabo. **43** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi loAroni: Lesi yisimiso sephasika. Kakho owezizwe ongalidla; **44** kodwa sonke isigqili sawo wonke umuntu, esathengwa ngemali, nxa usisokile, ngalesosikhathi sizakudla kulo. **45** Owezizwe loqhatshiweyo bangadli kulo. **46** Lizadlelwenda endlini yinye; ungakhupheli phandle kwendlu okwenyama, ungephuli thambo lalo. **47** Inhangano yonke yakolsrayeli izakwenza lokhu. **48** Uba owemzini ohlala lani njengowezizwe egcinela iNkosi iphasika, kabasokwe bonke abesilisa laye, abesesondela-ke aligcine, uzakuba njengowokuzalwa elizweni; kodwa kakho ongasokwanga ozalidla. **49** Umlayo munye uzakuba kowokuzalwa elizweni lakowemzini ohlala phakathi kwenu njengowezizwe. **50** Bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza njengalokhu iNkosi yayibalayile oMozisi loAroni; benza njalo. **51** Kwasekusithi ngalona lolosuku iNkosi yabakhupha abantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho abo.

13 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Ngingcwelisela lonke izibulo, elivula loba yisiphi isizalo phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, elomuntu lelenyamazana, lingelami. **3** UMozi wasesithi ebantwini: Khumbulani lolusuku eliphume ngalo eGibhithe, endlini yobuggili; ngoba ngamandla esandla iNkosi ilikhuphile lapha. Njalo kakungadliwa isinkwa esilemvubelo.

4 Ngalolusuku liyaphuma ngenyanga kaAbhibhi. **5** Njalo kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi isikungenisile elizweni lamaKhanani lamaHethi lamaAmori lamaHivi lamaJebusi, afunga kuboyihlo ukukunika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, uzagcina linkonzo ngalinyanga. **6** Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzakudla izinkwa ezingelamvubelo, langosuku lwasikhombisa kuzakuba khona umkhosi eNkosini. **7** Izinkwa ezingelamvubelo zizadliwa ngensuku eziyisikhombisa; njalo kakuyikubonwa kuwe okuvutshelweyo lemvubelo kayiyikubonwa kuwe kuwo wonke umngcele wakho.

8 Njalo uzatshela indodana yakho ngalolosuku usithi: Ngenxa yalokho iNkosi eyakwenza kimi ekuphumeni kwami eGibhithe.

9 Futhi kuzakuba kuwe lumphawu phezu kwesandla sakho lesikhumbozo phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo akho, ukuze umlayo weNkosi ube semlonyeni wakho; ngoba ngesandla esilamandla iNkosi ikukhuphile eGibhithe. **10** Ngakho uzagcina lesismiso ngesikhathi saso esimisiweyo iminyaka ngeminyaka. **11** Njalo kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi isikungenisile elizweni lamaKhanani, njengokufunga kwayo kuwe lakuboyihlo, isikunike lona, **12** uzakwehlukanisela iNkosi konke okuvula isizalo; lalo lonke izibulo lomqegu wezifuyo olazo, amaduna azakuba ngaweNkosi.

13 Lalo lonke izibulo likababhemi uzalihlenga ngewundlu; kodwa uba ungalihlengi, uzalephula intamo; lalo lonke izibulo lomuntu phakathi kwamadodana akho uzalihlenga. **14** Njalo kuzakuthi

lapho indodana yakho ikubuza ngesikhathi esizayo isithi: Kuyini lokhu? Uzakuthi kuyo: Ngamandla esandla iNkosi yasikhupha eGibhithe, endlini yobuggili. **15** Ngoba kwathi uFaro ezenza lukhuni ukuthi asiyekele sihambe, iNkosi yabulala lonke izibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela kuzibulo lomuntu kusiya kuzibulo lezifuyo; ngakho ngiyahlabela iNkosi konke okuvula isizalo okuduna; kodwa lonke izibulo lamadodana ami ngiyalihlenga. **16** Njalo kuzakuba luhawu phezu kwesandla sakho lamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo akho, ngoba ngamandla esandla iNkosi yasikhupha eGibhithe. **17** Kwasekusithi uFaro eseyekeli abantu bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela yelizwe lamaFilisti, lanxa yayiseduze; ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi: Hlezi abantu bazisole nxa bebona impi, babuyelete eGibhithe. **18** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wababhodisa abantu ngendlela yenkangala yoLwandle oluBomvu. Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenyuka besuka elizweni leGibhithe behlomile. **19** UMozisi wasethatha amathambo kaJosefa wahamba lawo, ngoba wayebafungisile lokubafungisa abantwana bakolsrayeli esithi: Isibili uNkulunkulu uzalihambela; futhi kalibokwenyusa lapha amathambo ami lihambe lawo. **20** Basebesuka eSukothi, bamisa inkamba eEthama, ekucineni kwenkangala. **21** INkosi yasihamba phambi kwabo emini ngensika yeyezi ukubakhanyisela, ukuze bahambe emini lebusuku. **22** Kayiyisusanga insika yeyezi emini, lensika yomlilo ebusuku, phambi kwabantu.

14 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshela abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi baphenduke, bamise inkamba phambi kwePi-Hahirothi, phakathi kweMigidoli lolwandle, phambi kweBhali-Zefoni, maqondana layo limise inkamba elwandle.

3 Njalo uFaro uzakuthi ngabantwana bakolsrayeli: Badidekile elizweni, inkangala ibavalele. **4** Njalo ngizayenza lukhuni inhliziy kaFaro, ukuthi axotshane labo, ngibe sengidunyiswa kuFaro lebuthweni lakhe lonke, ukuze amaGibhithe azi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. Basebesenza njalo. **5** Kwathi sekubikiwe enkosini yeGibhithe ukuthi abantu babalekile, inhliziy kaFaro lenhliziy yenceku zakhe yaguquka mayelana labantu, basebesithi: Kuyini lokho esikwenzileyo, ukuthi siyekele ulsrayeli ahambe angasisebenzeli? **6** Wasebophela inqola yakhe, wathatha abantu bakhe laye. **7** Wasethatha inqola ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ezikhethiweyo lazo zonke inqola zeGibhithe lenduna eziphezu kwazo zonke. **8** INkosi yasiyenza lukhuni inhliziy kaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, wasexotshana labantwana bakolsrayeli, kodwa abantwana bakolsrayeli baphuma ngesandla esiphakemeyo. **9** Kodwa amaGibhithe asexotshana labo, amabhiza wonke, izinqola zikaFaro, labagadi bakhe bamabhiza, lebutho lakhe, abafica bemise inkamba elwandle, eceleni kwePi-Hahirothi phambi kweBhali-Zefoni. **10** Kwathi uFaro esesondele, abantwana bakolsrayeli baphakamisa amehlo abo, khangela-ke, amaGibhithe ehamba ebalandela, basebesesaba kakhulu. Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebekhala eNkosini; **11** bathi kuMozisi: Kungoba kwakungekho mangcwaba yini eGibhithe ukuthi usithethe ukuze sifele enkangala? Kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi, ukusikhupha eGibhithe? **12** Kayisilo leli ilizwi esalikhulumu kuwe eGibhithe sisithi: Siyekele ukuthi sisebenzele amaGibhithe? Ngoba bekuzakuba ngcono kithi ukuthi sisebenzele amaGibhithe kulokuthi sifele enkangala. **13** UMozisi wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi; manini liqine, libone usindiso IweNkosi ezalenzela lona lamuhla; ngoba amaGibhithe eliwabonayo lamuhla,

kalisayikuwabona futhi kuze kube laphakade. **14** INkosi izalilwela, lina-ke lizathula. **15** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ukhalelani kimi? Tshela abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi baqhubekelle phambili. **16** Wena-ke, phakamisa intonga yakho, welulele isandla sakho phezu kolwandle uludabule, ukuze abantwana bakolsrayeli bahambe phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo. **17** Mina-ke, khangela, ngizayenza lukhuni inhliziyo yamaGibhithe ukuze angene ngemva kwabo. Njalo ngizadunyiswa ngoFaro langebutho lakhe lonke, ngezingola zakhe, langabagadi bamabhiza bakhe. **18** Njalo amaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi ngiyiINkosi sengidunyiswe ngoFaro, ngezingola zakhe langabagadi bamabhiza bakhe. **19** Njalo ingilosи kaNkulunkulu eyayihamba phambi kwebutho lakolsrayeli yasuka yayahamba ngemva kwabo; lensika yeyezi yasuka phambi kwabo, yema ngemva kwabo, **20** yasisiza phakathi kwebutho lamaGibhithe lebutho lakolsrayeli. Njalo yayiliyezi lobumnyama, kodwa yakhanyisa ubusuku, okokuthi elinye kalisondelanga kwelinje ubusuku bonke. **21** UMOzisi waseselulela isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle; iNkosi yalwenza ulwandle lwahamba ngomoya olamandla wempumalanga ubusuku bonke, yenza ulwandle lwaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo; amanzi asesehlukaniswa. **22** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebengena olwandle emhlabathini owomileyo; njalo amanzi aba ngumduli kubo ngakwesokunene sabo langakwesokhohlo sabo. **23** AmaGibhithe asexotshana labo, angena ngemva kwabo, wonke amabhiza kaFaro, inqola zakhe labagadi bamabhiza bakhe, phakathi kolwandle. **24** Kwasekusithi ngomlindo wokusa, iNkosi yakhangela phansi ebuthweni lamaGibhithe isensikeni yomlilo leyeyezi, yalidunga ibutho lamaGibhithe; **25** yakhupha amavili ezingola zaho ukuze zihambe nzima, aze athi amaGibhithe:

Asibalekele ubuso bukalsrayeli, ngoba iNkosi iyabalwela imelene lamaGibhithe. **26** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho phezu kolwandle ukuze amanzi abuyele phezu kwamaGibhithe, phezu kwenqola zawo laphezu kwabagadi bawo bamabhiza. **27** UMozisi waseselulela isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle; ulwandle Iwaselubuyela endaweni yalo eyejwayelekileyo emadabukakusa; amaGibhithe asebalekela kulo; iNkosi yasiwathintithela amaGibhithe phakathi kolwandle. **28** Amanzi asebuyela, asibekela izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, lebutho lonke likaFaro elalingene olwandle ngemva kwabo; kakusalanga loyedwa kubo. **29** Kodwa abantwana bakolsrayeli bahamba phezu komhlabathi owomileyo phakathi kolwandle; njalo amanzi aba ngumduli kubo ngakwesokunene sabo langakwesokhohlo sabo. **30** Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa ulsrayeli ngalolosuku esandleni samaGibhithe; njalo ulsrayeli wabona amaGibhithe efile ekhunjini lolwandle. **31** Ulsrayeli wasebona amandla amakhulu iNkosi eyawenzayo kumaGibhithe. Abantu basebeyesaba iNkosi, bakholwa eNkosini, lakuMozisi inceku yayo.

15 Khona oMozisi labantwana bakolsrayeli bahlabelela lelihubo eNkosini; bakhuluma bathi: Ngizahlabelela iNkosi, ngoba iphakeme isibili. Ibhiza lomgadi walo ikuphosele olwandle. **2** INkosi ingamandla lehubo lami, isibe kimi lusindiso, lo nguNkulunkulu wami, ngakho ngizamphakamisa, unguNkulunkulu kababa, ngakho ngizamphakamisa. **3** INkosi yindoda yempi, iNkosi libizo layo. **4** Inqola zikaFaro lebutho lakhe ikuphosele olwandle, lokhetho Iwezinduna zakhe Iwacwiliswa oLwandle oluBomvu. **5** Inziki zabasibekela; behlela ekujuleni njengelitshe. **6** Isandla sakho sokunene, Nkosi, sidunyisiwe ngamandla;

isandla sakho sokunene, Nkosi, sisiphahlazile isitha. **7** Njalo ngobukhulu bokuphakama kwakho uchithile abakuvukelayo; uthumele ulaka lwakho oluvuthayo, lwabaqeda njengezidindi.

8 Langokuvuthela kwamakhala akho amanzi abuthelelwa; impophoma zema njengenqumbi; izinziki zajiya enhliziyweni yolwandle. **9** Isitha sathi: Ngizaxotsha, ngifice, ngehlukanise impango; isiloyiso sami sizasutha bona, ngizahwatsha inkemba yami, isandla sami sizababhubhisa. **10** Waphephetha ngomoya wakho, ulwandle lwabasibekela; batshona njengomnuso emanzini alamandla. **11** Ngubani onjengawe, Nkosi, phakathi kwabonkulunkulu? Ngubani onjengawe olodumo ebungcweleni, owesabekayo ezindunyisweni, esenza izimangaliso? **12** Welulile isandla sakho sokunene, umhlaba wabaginya. **13** Ukhokhele ngomusa wakho lesizizwe osihlengileyo; wasihola ngamandla akho endaweni yakho yokuhlala yobungcwele bakho. **14** Izizwe zizwile, ziyathuthumela; umhelo ubabambile abahlali beFilisti. **15** Ngalesosikhathi izinduna zeEdoma zizasanganiseka, iziphathamandla zakoMowabi, ukuthuthumela kwazibamba, bonke abahlali beKhanani bazancibilika. **16** Ukwethuka lokwesaba kuzabehlela; ngobukhulu bengalo yakho bazathula njengelitshe, size sichaphe isizwe sakho, Nkosi, size sichaphe isizwe osithengileyo. **17** Uzabangenisa, ubahlanyele entaben ielifa lakho, indawo oyenzileyo, Nkosi, ukuthi uhlale kuyo, indawo engcwele eziyimisileyo izandla zakho, Nkosi. **18** INkosi izabusa kuze kube phakade lanininini. **19** Ngoba ibhiza likaFaro langena olwandle lenqola yakhe labagadi bakhe bamabhiza, iNkosi yasibuyisela amanzi olwandle phezu kwabo, kodwa abantwana bakolsrayeli bahamba emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi kolwandle. **20** UMiriyamu umprofethikazi,

udadewabo kaAroni, wasethatha isigujana esandleni sakhe; bonke abesifazana basebephuma ngemva kwakhe, lezigujana lemigido. **21** UMiriyamu wasebaphendula wathi: Hlabelani iNkosi, ngoba inqobe ngodumo. Ibhiza lomgadi walo ikuphosele olwandle. **22** UMozi wasemkhokhela ulsrayeli eqhubeka esuka eLwandle oluBomvu, baphuma bay a enkangala yeShuri; bahamba insuku ezintathu enkangala, kabatholanga manzi. **23** Kwathi lapho befika eMara babengelakuwanatha amanzi eMara, ngoba ayebaba; ngakho ibizo layo lathiwa yiMara. **24** Abantu basebekhonona bemelene loMozisi besithi: Sizanathani? **25** Wasekhala eNkosini. INkosi yasimtshengisa isihlahla, asiphosela emanzini, amanzi asesiba mnandi. Yabamisela khona isimiso lesimiselo, lalapho yabalinga, **26** yasisithi: Uba lilalela lokulalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lenze okulungileyo emehlweni ayo, libeke indlebe emilayweni yayo, ligcine zonke izimiso zayo, kangiyikwehlisela phezu kwenu lasinye sezifo engazehlisela phezu kwamaGibhithe; ngoba ngiyiNkosi elelaphayo. **27** Basebefika eElimi lapho okwakukhona imithombo elitshumi lambili yamanzi, lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa; basebemisa inkamba khona emanzini.

16 Basebesuka eElimi, lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli yafika enkangala yeSini, ephakathi kweElimi leSinayi, ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo elizweni leGibhithe. **2** Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli yakhonona imelana loMozisi loAroni enkangala. **3** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesithi kubo: Kungathi ngabe saf a ngesandla seNkosi elizweni leGibhithe lapho sasihlezi embizeni zenyama, lapho sadla isinkwa sasutha; ngoba lisikhuphele kulinkangala ukuze libulale lelibandla lonke

ngendlala. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, ngizalinisela isinkwa sivela emazulwini; labantu bazaphuma ukubutha isabelo sosuku ngosuku Iwaso, ukuze ngibalinge ukuthi bazahamba ngomlayo wami yini kumbe hayi. **5** Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku Iwesithupha basalungisa lokho abakulethileyo, njalo kuzabe kuphindwe kabili kulokho abakubuthayo insuku ngensuku. **6** UMOzisi loAroni basebesithi kubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli: Kusihlwa, khona lizakwazi ukuthi iNkosi ilikhuphile elizweni leGibhithe; **7** njalo kusisa, khona lizabona inkazimulo yeNkosi, ngoba izwile ukukhonona kwenu limelene leNkosi. Thina-ke siyini ukuthi lisikhononele? **8** UMOzisi wasesithi: Lapho iNkosi ilinika inyama yokudla kusihlwa, lesinkwa ekuseni, ukuze lisuthe, kungoba iNkosi izwile ukukhonona kwenu elikukhonona limelene layo. Ngoba thina siyini? Ukukhonona kwenu kakumelananga lathi, kodwa kumelene leNkosi. **9** UMOzisi wasesithi kuAroni: Tshono kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli uthi: Sondelani phambi kweNkosi, ngoba izwile ukukhonona kwenu. **10** Kwasekusithi uAroni esakhulumma kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli, bakhangela ngasenkangala, khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi yabonakala eyezini. **11** INkosi yasikhulumma kuMozisi isithi: **12** Sengizwile ukukhonona kwabantwana bakolsrayeli; batshele uthi: Kusihlwa lizakudla inyama, lekuseni lisuthe isinkwa, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **13** Kwasekusithi ntambama kwenyuka izagwaca, zasibekela inkamba; lakusisa kwakulomlalela wamazolo uzingelezele inkamba. **14** Kwathi umlalela wamazolo usuwenyukile, khangela-ke, phezu kobuso benkangala into eyisigaqa encinyane, incinyane njengongqwaqwane emhlabathini. **15** Kwathi abantwana

bakolsrayeli bezibona bathi omunye komunye: Yimana. Ngoba babengazi ukuthi kuyini. uMozisi wasesithi kubo: Kuyisinkwa iNkosi elinike sona ukuze lidle. **16** Le yinto iNkosi elilaye ngayo yathi: Ngulowo lalowo kabuthe kuyo okulingene ukudla kwakhe, i-omeri ngekhanda, njengenani lempiphefumulo yenu, ngulowo uzathathela abasethenteni lakhe. **17** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza njalo, babutha, omunye okunengi lomunye okulutshwana. **18** Sebelinganise nge-omeri, lowo owayebuthe okunengi kabanga lokusalayo, lowayebuthe okulutshwana kaswelanga; babutha, ngulowo lalowo okulingene ukudla kwakhe. **19** uMozisi wasesithi kubo: Kakungabi lamuntu otshiya kukho kuze kube sekuseni. **20** Kodwa kabamlalelanga uMozisi; kodwa abanye batshiya kukho kwaze kwaba sekuseni, kwasekuphethuza impethu, kwaba levumba. Ngakho uMozisi wabathukuthelela. **21** Bakubutha ukusa ngokusa, ngulowo lalowo okulingene ukudla kwakhe; lapho ilanga selitshisa, kwancibilika. **22** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasithupha babutha isinkwa esiphindwe kibili, amameri amabili ngamunye. Njalo zonke izinduna zenhlangano zeza zamtshele uMozisi. **23** Wasesithi kuzo: Lokhu yikho iNkosi ekutshiloyo: Kusasa yikuphumula, isabatha elingcwele leNkosi. Bhakani elizakubhaka, lipheke elizakupheka, konke lokho okuseleyo lizibekele kugcinwe kuze kube sekuseni. **24** Basebekubeka kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaya kukaMozisi. Njalo kakubanga levumba, kwakungelampethu kukho. **25** uMozisi wasesithi: Dlanini lokhu lamuhla, ngoba lamuhla kulisabatha leNkosi; lamuhla kalyikukuthola egangeni. **26** Lizakubutha insuku eziyisithupha; kodwa ngosuku lwasikhombisa, isabatha, kakuyikuba khona kulo. **27** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasikhombisa abanye babantu baphuma ukubutha, kodwa

kabakutholanga. **28** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Koze kube nini lisala ukugcina imilayo yami lemithetho yami? **29** Bonani, ngoba iNkosi ilinikile isabatha, ngakho ilinika ngosuku lwesithupha isinkwa sensuku ezimbili; hlalani kube ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe, kakungaphumi muntu endaweni yakhe ngosuku lwesikhombisa. **30** Ngakho abantu baphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa. **31** Indlu yakolsrayeli yasibiza ibizo lakho ngokuthi yimana; njalo kwakunjengenhlanyelo yekhoriyanderi emhlophe, lokunambitheka kwayo kwakunjengezinkwana eziyizipatalala eziloluju. **32** UMozisi wasesithi: Le yinto iNkosi elaye ngayo ukuthi: Gcwalisani i-omeri ngayo igcinelwe izizukulwana zenu, ukuze zibone isinkwa engalinika sona ukuthi lidle enkangala ekulikhupheni kwami elizweni leGibhithe. **33** UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Thatha inqayi eyodwa, ufake kuyo i-omeri eligcwele imana, uyibeke phambi kweNkosi, igcinelwe izizukulwana zenu. **34** Njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi, uAroni wayibeka phambi kobufakazi ukuze igcinwe. **35** Abantwana bakolsrayeli-ke badla imana iminyaka engamatshumi amane baze bafika elizweni elakhiweyo. Badla imana baze bafika emngceleni welizwe leKhanani. **36** I-omeri-ke ingokwetshumi kwe-efa.

17 Inhlango yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli yasuka enkangala yeSini, ngamalombolombo abo, ngokomlayo weNkosi, bamisa inkamba eRefidimi; kodwa kwakungelmanzi okuthi abantu banathe. **2** Ngakho abantu bamsola uMozisi bathi: Sinike amanzi, sinathe. UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Lingisolelani? Liyilingelani iNkosi? **3** Abantu basebesomela amanzi lapho, abantu bangunguna kuMozisi bathi: Wasenyuselani eGibhithe ukuze usibulale thina labantwana bethu lezifuyo zethu ngokoma? **4** UMozisi wasekhala eNkosini esithi: Ngizakwenzani

kulababantu? Sekukancane ukuthi bangikhande ngamatshe.

5 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Dlula phambi kwabantu, uthathe kanye lawe kubadala bakolsrayeli, lentonga yakho owatshaya umfula ngayo, ithathe ngesandla sakho, uhambe. **6** Khangela, ngizakuma lapho phambi kwakho phezu kwedwala eHorebe; njalo uzatshaya idwala, kuphume-ke kulo amanzi ukuze abantu banathe. UMozi wasesenza njalo phambi kwamehlo abadala bakolsrayeli. **7** Wasebiza ibizo lendawo ngokuthi yiMasa lokuthi yiMeriba ngenxa yokusola kwabantwana bakolsrayeli langenxa yokuyilinga kwabo iNkosi besithi: INkosi iphakathi kwethu yini loba hatshi? **8** Kwasekufika uAmaleki, walwa lolsrayeli eRefidimi.

9 UMozi wasesithi kuJoshiwa: Sikhethele amadoda, uphume uyekulwa loAmaleki; kusasa ngizakuma engqongeni yoqaqa, lentonga kaNkulunkulu izakuba sesandleni sami. **10** UJoshiwa wasesenza njengokutsho kukaMozisi kuye, walwa loAmaleki. OMozisi, uAroni loHuri basebesenyukela engqongeni yoqaqa. **11** Kwasekusithi lapho uMozi ephakamisa isandla sakhe, ulsrayeli waba lamandla; kodwa lapho wehlisa isandla sakhe, uAmaleki waba lamandla. **12** Kodwa izandla zikaMozisi zaba nzima, ngakho bathatha ilitshe, balibeka ngaphansi kwakhe, ukuthi ahlale kulo. OAróni loHuri basebesekela izandla zakhe, omunye engapha lomunye engale, ukuze izandla zakhe ziqine lize litshone ilanga.

13 UJoshiwa wasemchitha uAmaleki labantu bakhe ngobukhali benkemba. **14** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Bhala lokhu egwalweni kube yisikhumbuzo, ukubeke ezindlebeni zikaJoshiwa ukuthi ngokwesula ngizakwesula ukukhunjulwa kukaAmaleki ngaphansi kwamazulu. **15** UMozi wasesakha ilathi, wabiza ibizo lalo ngokuthi: UJehova-nisi; **16** wathi: Ngoba isandla sisesihlahleni

sobukhosи seNkosi, iNkosi izakuba lempi imelene loAmaleki kusukela kusizukulwana kusiya kusizukulwana.

18 Kwathi uJetro umpristi weMidiyani, uyisezala kaMozisi, esezwile konke uNkulunkulu ayemenzele khona uMozisi lolsrayeli isizwe sakhe, ukuthi iNkosi yayimkhuphile ulsrayeli eGibhithe, **2** uJetro uyisezala kaMozisi wathatha uZipora umkaMozisi emva kokumbuyisela kwakhe, **3** kanye lamadodana akhe amabili; obizo lenye lalinguGereshoma, ngoba wathi: Ngangingowemzini elizweni lemzini; **4** lebizo lenye linguEliyezeri, ngoba uNkulunkulu kababa wayelusizo Iwami, wangikhulula enkembeni kaFaro. **5** UJetro uyisezala kaMozisi wasesiza lamadodana akhe lomkakhe kuMozisi enkangala, entabenи kaNkulunkulu lapho ayemise khona inkamba. **6** Wasesithi kuMozisi: Mina, uyhlozala, uJetro, ngiza kuwe lomkakho lamadodana akhe amabili elaye. **7** UMozisi wasephuma ukumhlangabeza uyisezala, wakhothama, wamanga. Basebebuzana impilakahle; bangena ethenteni. **8** UMozisi wasemlandisela uyisezala ngakho konke iNkosi eyayikwenzile kuFaro lakumaGibhithe ngenxa kalsrayeli, yonke inhlupheko eyabehlela endleleni, lokuthi iNkosi yayibakhulule. **9** UJetro wasethokoza ngakho konke okuhle iNkosi eyayikwenzile ulsrayeli, ukuthi yayimkhulule esandleni samaGibhithe. **10** UJetro wasesithi: Ibusisiwe iNkosi elikhulule esandleni samaGibhithe lesandleni sikaFaro; eyakhulula lesizizwe ngaphansi kwesandla samaGibhithe. **11** Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi iNkosi inkulu kulabo bonke onkulunkulu, ngoba endabenи abazigabisa ngayo yayiphezu kwabo. **12** UJetro uyisezala kaMozisi wasethathela uNkulunkulu umnikelo wokutshisa lemihlatshelo; kwasekusiza uAroni labo bonke abadala bakolsrayeli ukudla isinkwa loyisezala kaMozisi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **13** Kwasekusithi kusisa

uMozisi wahlala ukwahlulela abantu; njalo abantu bema phambi kukaMozisi kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwahlwa. **14**
Kwathi lapho uyisezala kaMozisi esekubonile konke akwenzela abantu wathi: lyini linto oyenza ebantwini? Uhlalelani wedwa, labantu bonke bemi kuwe kusukela ekuseni kuze kuhlwe?
15 UMozisi wasesithi kuyisezala: Ngoba abantu beza kimi ukubuza kuNkulunkulu. **16** Nxa belendaba, beza kimi, njalo ngahlulele phakathi komuntu lomakhelwane wakhe, ngibazise izimiso zikaNkulunkulu lemithetho yakhe. **17** Uyisezala kaMozisi wasesithi kuye: Into oyenzayo kayinhle. **18** Isibili uzazidlakaza, wena-ke lalababantu abalawe; ngoba linto inzima kakhulu kuwe, kawulakukwenza wedwa. **19** Khathesi lalela ilizwi lami; ngizakweluleka, njalo uNkulunkulu abe lawe. Wena kawube ngowabantu phambi kukaNkulunkulu, wena ulethe izindaba kuNkulunkulu, **20** ubafundise izimiso lemithetho, ubazise indlela abamele bahambe ngayo, lomsebenzi abamele bawenze. **21** Futhi wena ubone phakathi kwabo bonke abantu amadoda alamandla, amesabayo uNkulunkulu, amadoda eqiniso, azonda inzuzzo engalunganga, uwabeke phezu kwabo, induna zezinkulungwane, induna zamakhulu, induna zamatshumi amahlanu, lenduna zamatshumi; **22** ukuthi zahlulele abantu ngaso sonke isikhathi; kodwa kuzakuthi lonke udaba olukhulu zizaluletha kuwe, kodwa lonke udaba oluncinyane zizalwahlulela zona, ukuze kube luła kuwe, njalo zizathwalisana lawe. **23** Uba usenza linto, loNkulunkulu ekulawula, uzakuba lamandla okuma, njalo labo bonke lababantu bazabuyela endaweni yabo ngokuthula. **24** UMozisi waselilalela ilizwi likayisezala, wenza konke ayekutshilo. **25** UMozisi wasekhetha amadoda alamandla kuye wonke ulsrayeli, wawabeka inhloko phezu

kwabantu, induna zezinkulungwane, induna zamakhulu, induna zamatshumi amahlanu lenduna zamatshumi. **26** Zasezibahlulela abantu ngaso sonke isikhathi; zaletha kuMozisi indaba ezinzima, kodwa lonke udaba oluncinyane zalwahlulela zona. **27** UMozisi wasemyekela wahamba uyisezala; waya elizweni lakibo.

19 Ngenyanga yesithathu emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, ngalelolanga bafika enkangala yeSinayi. **2** Sebesukile eRefidimi, bafika enkangala yeSinayi, bamisa inkamba enkangala; ulsrayeli wamisa-ke inkamba khona phambi kwentaba. **3** UMozisi wasesenyukela kuNkulunkulu. INkosi yasimemeza kuye esentabeni isithi: Uzakutsho njalo kuyo indlu kaJakobe, ubatsheli abantwana bakolsrayeli uthi: **4** Lina libonile lokho engikwenze kumaGibhithe, lokuthi ngalithwala phezu kwempiko zenkozi, ngaliletha kimi. **5** Ngakho-ke uba lilalela lokulalela ilizwi lami, ligcine isivumelwano sami, khona lizakuba yimfuyo ekhethekileyo kimi kulazo zonke izizwe; ngoba umhlaba wonke ungowami; **6** njalo lizakuba ngumbuso wabapristi lesizwe esingcwele kimi. Yiwo lamazwi ozawatsho kubantwana bakolsrayeli. **7** UMozisi wasesiza wabiza abadala babantu, wabeka phambi kwabo wonke la amazwi iNkosi emlaye wona. **8** Bonke abantu basebephendula kanyekanye bathi: Konke iNkosi ekukhulumileyo sizakwenza. UMozisi wasebuyisela amazwi abantu eNkosini. **9** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, ngizakuza kuwe eyezini elinzima ukuze abantu bezwe nxu ngikhuluma lawe, lokuthi bakhole kuwe kuze kube nininini. UMozisi wasebikela iNkosi amazwi abantu. **10** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Hamba uye ebantwini, ubangcwelise lamuhla lakuasa, bawatshe izembatho zabo, **11** babe sebelungele usuku lwesthathu; ngoba ngosuku lwesthathu iNkosi izakwehla

phambi kwamehlo abantu bonke phezu kwentaba yeSinayi.

12 Uzabamisela abantu umngcele inhlangothi zonke uthi:
Ziqapheleni ukukhwela entabenzi, lokuthinta ewatheni layo.
Wonke othinta intaba uzabulawa lokubulawa. **13** Kakulasandla
esizayithinta, kodwa sibili uzakhandwa ngamatshe loba sibili
uzatshokwa; loba inyamazana loba umuntu, kakuyikuphila. Lapho
uphondo Iwenqama lukhala isikhathi eside bazakwenyukela
entabenzi. **14** UMozisi wasesehla entabenzi waya ebantwini,
wangcwelisa abantu, njalo bahlamba izembatho zabo. **15**
Wathi ebantwini: Lungelani usuku Iwesithathu; lingasondeli
kowesifazana. **16** Kwasekusithi ngosuku Iwesithathu sekusile,
kwakulemidumo lemibane leyezi elinzima phezu kwentaba, lelizwi
lophondo olulamandla amakhulu; kwaze kwathi bonke abantu
ababesenkambeni bathuthumela. **17** UMozisi wasebakupha
abantu enkambeni ukuyamhlangabeza uNkulunkulu; basebesima
ngaphansi kwentaba. **18** Intaba yonke-ke yeSinayi yathunqa
intuthu, ngoba iNkosi yehlela phezu kwayo ngomlilo; njalo
intuthu yayo yenyuka njengentuthu yesithando; intaba yonke
yasizamazama kakhulu. **19** Kwathi ilizwi lophondo liqhubeka
lisiba lamandla amakhulu, uMozisi wakhulumu; njalo uNkulunkulu
wamphendula ngelizwi. **20** INkosi yasisihlela entabenzi yeSinayi,
engqongeni yentaba; iNkosi yambizela uMozisi engqongeni
yentaba; uMozisi wenyuka-ke. **21** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yehla,
ubaxwayise abantu hlezi bafohlele eNkosini ukubona, njalo
abanengi babo bawe. **22** Labapristi labo abasondela eNkosini
kabazingcwelise hlezi iNkosi ibadumele. **23** UMozisi wasesithi
eNkosini: Abantu bangenyukele entabenzi yeSinayi, ngoba wena
usixwayisile usithi: Misa umngcele wentaba, uyingcwelise. **24**
INkosi yasisithi kuye: Hamba wehle, ubuye wenyuke, wena

loAroni elawe; kodwa abapristi labantu kabangafohli benyukele eNkosini, hlezi ibadumele. **25** UMozi wasesehlela ebantwini, wabatshela.

20 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma wonke la amazwi esithi: **2**
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobuggili. **3** Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu phambi kwami. **4** Ungazenzeli isithombe esibaziweyo loba yiuphi umfanekiso wokusemazulwini phezulu, loba wokusemhlabeni phansi, loba wokusemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba; **5** ungakukhothameli, ungakukhonzi; ngoba mina iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, njinguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ngiphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana, kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine sabangizondayo, **6** kodwa ngibenzela umusa abayizinkulungwane zabangithandayo lezabagcina imilayo yami. **7** Ungaliphathi ngeze ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba iNkosi kayiyikumyekela engelacala ophatha ibizo layo ngeze. **8** Khumbula usuku Iwesabatha, ukulugcina lube ngcwele. **9** Insuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza, uwenze wonke umsebenzi wakho; **10** kodwa usuku Iwesikhombisa Iulisabatha leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi loba yiuphi umsebenzi ngalo, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, inceku yakho lencekukazi yakho lezifuyo zakho lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho. **11** Ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha iNkosi yenza amazulu lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho, yasiphumula ngosuku Iwesikhombisa; ngalokhu iNkosi yalubusisa usuku Iwesabatha, yalungcwelisa. **12** Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika Iona. **13** Ungabulali. **14** Ungafebi. **15** Ungebi. **16** Unganiki ubufakazi bamanga ngomakhelwane wakho. **17** Ungafisi

indlu kamakhelwane wakho, ungafisi umkamakhelwane wakho, lenceku yakhe, lencekukazi yakhe, lenkabi yakhe, lobabhemi wakhe, njalo loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho. **18** Bonke abantu basebebona imidumo lemibane lelizwi lophondo, lentaba ithunqa. Kwathi abantu bekubona bathuthumela, bema khatshana; **19** bathi kuMozisi: Khulumu wena lathi, njalo sizakuzwa; kodwa uNkulunkulu kangakhulumi lathi hlezi sife. **20** UMozisi wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi; ngoba uNkulunkulu uifikile ukuze alilinge, lokuze ukwesabeka kwakhe kube phambi kwenu, ukuze lingoni. **21** Abantu bema-ke khatshana; kodwa uMozisi wasondela emnyameni onzima lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhona. **22** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana bakolsrayeli uthi: Lina selibonile ukuthi ngikhulume lani ngisemazulwini. **23** Kaliyikwenza kanye lami onkulunkulu besiliva, njalo onkulunkulu begolide kaliyikuzenzela. **24** Ngenzela ilathi lenhlabathi, unikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa leminikelo yakho yokuthula, izimvu zakho lenkabi zakho. Kuyo yonke indawo lapho engilenza ibizo lami ukuthi likhunjulwe khona ngizakuza kuwe ngikubusise. **25** Kodwa uba ungenzela ilathi lamatshe, awuyikulakha ngamatshe abaziweyo; ngoba nxa uphakamisela kulo insimbi yakho yokubaza, uyalingcolisa. **26** Awuyikukhwela phezu kwelathi lami ngezikhwelo, ukuze ubunqunu bakho bungembulwa phezu kwalo.

21 Lezi yizahlulelo ozazibeka-ke phambi kwabo. **2** Uba uthenga isigqili esingumHebheru, sizasebenza iminyaka eyisithupha, kodwa ngowesikhombisa sizaphuma sikhululekile ngesihle. **3** Uba safika sisodwa, sizaphuma sisodwa; uba sithethe, umkasos uzaphuma laso. **4** Uba inkosi yaso yasinika umfazi, asizalele amadodana kumbe amadodakazi, umfazi labantwana bakhe

bazakuba ngabenkosi yakhe, njalo sizaphuma sisodwa. 5
Kodwa uba isiggili sisitsho lokutsho ukuthi: Ngiyayithanda
inkosi yami, umkami labantwana bami, kangiyikuphuma
ngikhululekile; 6 inkosi yaso izasiletha kubahluleli, ibisisiletha
emnyango loba emgubazini, njalo inkosi yaso izabhboboza
indlebe yaso ngosungulo, siyisebenzele-ke kuze kube nininini.
7 Njalo uba umuntu ethengisa indodakazi yakhe ukuze ibe
yisigqilikazi, kayiyikuphuma njengalokhu iziggili ziphuma. 8
Uba singayithokozisi inkosi yaso ezimisele sona, izasenza
sihlengwe; kayiyikuba lamandla okusithengisa esizweni semzini,
njengoba esiphethe ngenkohliso. 9 Kodwa uba esimisela
indodana yayo, izakwenza kuso njengelungelo lamadodakazi.
10 Uba ezithathela omunye, ukudla kwaso, isigubuzelo saso
lokuhlala kwaso ndawonye kayiyikukunciphisa. 11 Kodwa uba
ingasenzeli lezizinto ezintathu, sizaphuma ngesihle ngaphandle
kwemali. 12 Otshaya umuntu aze afe, uzabulawa lokubulawa.
13 Kodwa uba ebengamcathamelanga, kodwa uNkulunkulu
ekwenze wahlangana lesandla sakhe, ngizakumisela indawo
ukuthi abalekele kuyo. 14 Kodwa uba umuntu esukela
umakhelwane wakhe ambulale ngobuqili, uzamsusa elathini
lami ukuze afe. 15 Otshaya uyise kumbe unina, uzabulawa
lokubulawa. 16 Loweba umuntu, amthengise, loba eficwa
esandleni sakhe, uzabulawa lokubulawa. 17 Othuka uyise
kumbe unina, uzabulawa lokubulawa. 18 Njalo nxa amadoda
esilwa, enye itshaye enye ngelitshe kumbe ngenqindi, kodwa
ingafi kodwa ilale embhedeni, 19 uba ilulama itotobe phandle
ngodondolo Iwayo, leyo eyitshayileyo izakhululwa. Kodwa
izahlawulela isikhathi sokungasebenzi kwayo, izayelaphisa
lokuyelaphisa. 20 Uba-ke umuntu etshaya isiggili sakhe kumbe

isiggilikazi sakhe ngenduku size sife ngaphansi kwesandla sakhe, sizaphindiselwa lokuphindiselwa. **21** Kanti nxa silulama usuku kumbe insuku ezimbili, kayikuphindiselwa, ngoba siyimali yakhe. **22** Njalo nxa amadoda esilwa, atshaye owesifazana okhulelweyo aze aphume umntwana wakhe, kodwa kungelangozi yokufa, izahlawuliswa lokuhlawuliswa, njengokubeka kwendoda yomfazi phezu kwayo, izahlawulanjengokumiswe ngabahluleli. **23** Kodwa uba kulengozi yokufa, uzanika umphefumulo ngomphefumulo, **24** ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo, **25** ukutshiswa ngokutshiswa, inxeba ngenxeba, umvivinya ngomvivinya. **26** Uba-ke umuntu etshaya ilihlo lesigqili sakhe kumbe ilihlo lesigqilikazi sakhe alibulale, uzasiyekela sihambe sikhululekile ngenxa yelihlo laso. **27** Uba-ke etshaya izinyo lesigqili kumbe izinyo lesigqilikazi likhumuke, uzasiyekela sihambe sikhululekile ngenxa yezinyo laso. **28** Njalo uba inkabi ihlaba owesilisa kumbe owesifazana abesesifa, inkabi izakhandwa lokukhandwa ngamatshe, lenyama yayo ingadliwa; kodwa umnininkabi uzayekelwa. **29** Kodwa uba inkabi ibijwayele ukuhlaba mandulo, njalo kufakaziwe kumniniyo, kodwa engayilondolozanga, ibisibulala owesilisa kumbe owesifazana, leyonkabi izakhandwa ngamatshe, lomniniyo laye abulawe. **30** Uba inhlawulo ibekwa phezu kwakhe, uzanika imbadalo yokuhlengwa komphefumulo wakhe, njengakho konke okubekwe phezu kwakhe. **31** Loba ihlaba indodana kumbe ihlaba indodakazi, kuzakwenziwa kuye njengomthetho lo. **32** Nxa inkabi ihlaba inceku kumbe incekukazi, uzanika amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amathathu enkosini yayo, lenkabi ikhandwe ngamatshe. **33** Njalo uba umuntu evula umgodi, loba uba umuntu egebha umgodi angawusibekeli, kuwele kuwo inkabi

kumbe ubabhemi, **34** umninimgodi uzahlawula, abuyisele imali kumniniyo, kodwa efileyo izakuba ngeyakhe. **35** Njalo uba inkabi yomuntu ilimaza inkabi kamakhelwane wakhe ize ife, bazathengisa inkabi ephilayo, behlukaniselane imali yayo, behlukaniselane efileyo futhi. **36** Kumbe uba kusaziwa ukuthi inkabi ibijwayele ukuhlaba mandulo, kodwa umniniyo engayilondolozanga, uzabhadala lokubhadala inkabi ngenkabi, kodwa efileyo izakuba ngeyakhe.

22 Uba umuntu esebe inkabi loba imvu, ayihlabe kumbe ayithengise, uzahlawula inkabi ezinhlanu ngenkabi, lezimvu ezine ngemu. **2** Uba isela lificwa lifohlela, litshaywe lize life, kakulacala legazi kuye. **3** Uba ilanga seliphumile phezu kwalo, ulecalala legazi. Lifanele ukubhadala lokubhadala; uba lingelalutho, limele lithengiswe ngenxa yokweba kwalo. **4** Uba okwebiweyo kuficwa lokuficwa esandleni salo kuphila, loba inkabi loba ubabhemi kumbe imvu, lizabuyisela kuphindwe kabilo. **5** Nxa umuntu edlisa insimu kumbe isivini, angenise izifuyo zakhe zidle ensimini yomunye, uzabuyisela ngokuhle kwensimu yakhe langokuhle kwesivini sakhe. **6** Uba kuqhamuka umlilo, ulumathe emeiveni kuze kutshe inqumbi yamabele loba amabele amileyo loba insimu, othungele umlilo uzahlawula lokuhlawula. **7** Uba umuntu enika umakhelwane wakhe imali loba impahla ukuze akulondoloze, njalo kwebiwe endlini yallowomuntu, uba isela litholwa lizabuyisela kuphindwe kabilo. **8** Uba isela lingatholwa, umninindlu uzasondezwa kubahluleli ukuthi kafakanga yini isandla sakhe empahleni kamakhelwane wakhe. **9** Ngalo lonke udaba lwecala, ngenkabi, ngobabhemi, ngemu, ngesembatho, ngakho konke okulahlekileyo, umuntu atsho ngakho ukuthi ngokwakhe, udaba lwabo bobabili

luzakuza kubahluleli; lowo abahluleli abamlahlayo uzabuyisela kuperhindwe kibili kumakhelwane wakhe. **10** Uba umuntu enikela kumakhelwane wakhe ubabhemi loba inkabi loba imvu kumbe isifuyo nje ukuthi akulondoloze, besekusifa loba kulimala kumbe kuthunjwe, kungelamuntu obonayo, **11** isifungo seNkosi sizakuba phakathi kwabo bobabili, ukuthi kelulanga isandla empahleni kamakhelwane wakhe; njalo umniniyo uzasemukela, kayikubuyisela. **12** Kodwa uba yebiwe lokwebiwa kuye, uzamhlawula umniniyo. **13** Uba idatshuliwe lokudatshulwa, kayilethe ibe yibufakazi, kayikubuyisela edatshuliweyo. **14** Uba-ke umuntu eseboleka ulutho kumakhelwane wakhe, beselulimala loba lusifa umninilo engelalo, uzahlawula lokuhlawula. **15** Uba umninilo elalo, kayikuhsawula; uba beluqhatshiwe, lulande ukuqhatshwa kwalo. **16** Uba-ke indoda iyenga intombi emsulwa engakhombanga, ilale layo, izayilobola lokuyilobola ibe ngumkayo. **17** Uba uyise esala lokwala ukumnika yona, uzabhadala imali njengelobolo lezintombi ezimsulwa. **18** Lingayekeli umthakathikazi ukuthi aphile. **19** Wonke olala lenyamazana uzabulawa lokubulawa. **20** Ohlabela onkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNkosi kuperhindwe uzaqshabalalisa. **21** Njalo ungamacindezeli owezizwe, ungamhluphi, ngoba lalingabezizwe elizweni leGibhithe. **22** Lingacindezeli lawuphi umfelokazi kumbe intandane. **23** Uba ubacindezela lokubacindezela, yebo, uba bekhala lokukhala kimi, ngizakuzwa lokuzwa ukukhala kwabo, **24** ulaka lwami luzavutha, ngilibulale ngenkemba, labomkenu babe ngabafelokazi labantwana benu intandane. **25** Uba useboleka abantu bami imali abangabayanga abalawe, ungaziphathi njengombolekisi kubo, ungabeki inzalo phezu kwabo. **26** Uba uthatha lokuthatha isembatho sikamakhelwane

wakho sibe yisibambiso, sibuyisele kuye lingakatshoni ilanga;
27 ngoba siyisigubuzelo sakhe sodwa, siyisembatho sakhe
esikhumbeni sakhe; uzalala phakathi kwani? Kuzakuthi-ke lapho
ekhala kimi, ngizamuzwa, ngoba ngilomusa. 28 Lingathuki
onkulunkulu, lingaqalekisi induna yabantu bakini. 29 Lingaphuzisi
isivuno senu esigcweleyo lomhluzi wenu wezithelo. Uzangipha
izibulo emadodaneni akho. 30 Wenze njalo ngenkabi yakho
langemu yakho; kuzakuba lonina insuku eziyisikhombisa;
ngosuku Iwesificaminwembili unginike khona. 31 Lizakuba
ngabantu abangcwele kimi; ngakho lingadli inyama edatshulwe
egangeni yizilo, iphoseleni injia.

23 Ungawuphathi umbiko wamanga, ungafaki isandla sakho
lomubi ukuze ube ngumfakazi wobubi. 2 Ungalandeli abanengi
ngezinto ezimbi, ungafakazi ecaleni ukuze weyamele kwabanengi
uliphambule. 3 Lomyanga ungamzweli ecaleni lakhe. 4
Uba uhlangana lenkabi yesitha sakho loba ubabhemi waso
kuduha, uzakubuyisela lokukubuyisela kuso. 5 Uba ubona
ubabhemi walowo okuzondayo elele ngaphansi komthwalo
wakhe, uyekele ukumkhulula, uzamkhulula lokumkhulula
laye. 6 Kawuyikuphambula ukwahlulelwa komyanga wakho
ecaleni lakhe. 7 Bana khatshana lendaba yamanga,
ungabulali ongelacala lolungileyo, ngoba kangiyikumlungisia
okhohlakeleyo. 8 Njalo kawuyikwemukela isivalamlomo, ngoba
isivalamlomo siphumputhekisa ababonayo, sonakalise amazwi
abalungileyo. 9 Futhi kawuyikumcindezela owezizwe; ngoba
lina liyayazi imizwa yowezizwe, ngoba lalingabezizwe elizweni
leGibhithe. 10 Njalo iminyaka eyisithupha uzahlanyela isiqinti
sakho, ubuthe isivuno saso. 11 Kodwa ngowesikhombisa
uzasilalukisa sibe lifusi, ukuze abayanga besizwe sakho badle,

lalokho okuseleyo inyamazana zeganga zikudle. Wenze njalo ngesivini sakho lemihlwathi yakho. **12** Insuku eziyisithupha uzakwenza umsebenzi wakho, njalo ngosuku lwasikhombisa uphumule, ukuze kumphumule inkabi yakho labobabhemba bakho, kuvuselele-ke indodana yencekukazi yakho lowezizweni. **13** Lezintweni zonke esengizitshilo kini qaphelani, lebizo labanye onkulunkulu lingaliphathi, kalyikuzwakala emlonyeni wakho. **14** Kathathu ngomnyaka uzangigcinela umkhosi. **15** Umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo uzawugcina, insuku eziyisikhombisa udle isinkwa esingelamvubelo njengokukulaya kwami, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyanga kaAbhibhi; ngoba kuyo waphuma eGibhithe; kabayikubonakala phambi kwami bengaphethe lutho. **16** Lomkhosi wesivuno, izithelo zokuqala zomsebenzi wakho, owuhlanyeleyo ensimini; lomkhosi wokubutha ekupheleni komnyaka, lapho usubuthile umsebenzi wakho ensimini. **17** Kathathu ngomnyaka bonke abesilisa bakho bazabonakala phambi kweNkosi uJehova. **18** Kawuyikunikela igazi lomhlatsihelo wami kanye lesinkwa esilemvubelo. Lamafutha omkhosi wami angalali kuze kuse. **19** Ikhethelo lezithelo zokuqala zensimu yakho uzaliletha endlini yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. Ungapheki izinyane echagweni lukanina. **20** Khangela, ngithuma ingilosiphamphambi kwakho ukuze ikulondoloze endleleni, ikuse endaweni engiyilungisileyo. **21** Uqaphele phambi kwayo, ulalele ilizwi layo; ungayicunuli, ngoba kayiyikuthethelala iziphambeko zenu; ngoba ibizo lami liphakathi kwayo. **22** Kodwa uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi layo, wenze konke engikutshoyo, sengizakuba yisitha sezitha zakho, ngiphambane labaphambana lawe. **23** Ngoba ingilosiphamphambi kwakho, ikungenise kumaAmori lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaKhanani

lamaHivi lamaJebusi. Njalo ngizababhubhisa. **24** Ungakhothameli onkulunkulu babo, ungabakhonzi, ungenzi njengemisebenzi yabo; kodwa ubachithe lokubachitha, ubhidlize lokubhidliza izinsika zabo eziyizithombe. **25** Lizakhonza-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; njalo izabusisa ukudla kwakho lamanzi akho, njalo ngisuse isifo phakathi kwakho. **26** Kakuyikuba khona okuphunzayo lokuyinyumba elizweni lakho. Ngizapheleisa inani lensuku zakho. **27** Ngizathumela ukwesabeka kwami phambi kwakho, ngiphambanise bonke abantu ozafika kubo, ngenze izitha zakho zonke zikunike isiphundu. **28** Ngizathumela olonyovu phambi kwakho abazaxotsha amaHivi, amaKhanani lamaHethi phambi kwakho. **29** Kangiyikubaxotsha phambi kwakho ngomnyaka owodwa, hlezi ilizwe libe ngamanxiwa, lenyamazana zeganga zikwandele. **30** Ngizabaxotsha phambi kwakho kancinyane kancinyane, uze wande, udle ilifa lelizwe. **31** Njalo ngizamisa imingcele yakho kusukela eLwandle oluBomvu kuze kufike elwandle IwamaFilisti, njalo kusukela enkangala kuze kufike emfuleni; ngoba ngizanikela esandleni sakho abakhileyo belizwe; uzabaxotsha phambi kwakho. **32** Ungenzi isivumelwano labo labonkulunkulu babo. **33** Kabayikuhlala elizweni lakho, hlezi bakwenze ukuthi wone kimi; uba ukhonza onkulunkulu babo, ngeqiniso kuzakuba yisifu kuwe.

24 Yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenyukela eNkosini, wena loAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, labangamatshumi ayisikhombisa kubadala bakolsrayeli, likhonze likhatshana. **2** Njalo uMozisi yedwa uzasondela eNkosini, kodwa bona kabayikusondela; labantu kabayikwenyuka laye. **3** UMozisi wasesiza wabatshela abantu wonke amazwi eNkosi lokwahlulela konke; bonke abantu baphendula ngalizwi linye bathi: Wonke amazwi eNkosi

ewakhulumileyo sizawenza. **4** UMozisi wasebhala wonke amazwi eNkosi. Wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wakha ilathi phansi kwentaba, lensika ezilitshumi lambili, ngokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakolsrayeli. **5** Wathuma amajaha abantwana bakolsrayeli, anikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, ahlabela iNkosi iminikelo yokuthula yamajongosi. **6** UMozisi wasethatha ingxene ye gazi, wayifaka emiganwini; lengxene ye gazi wayifafaza phezu kwelathi. **7** Wasethatha incwadi yesivumelwano, wayibala ezindlebeni zabantu. Basebesithi: Konke iNkosi ekutshiloy o sizakwenza silalele. **8** UMozisi wasethatha igazi, walifafaza phezu kwabantu, wathi: Khangelani igazi lesivumelwano iNkosi esenze lani mayelana lawo wonke la amazwi. **9** Basebesenyuka oMozisi loAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, labangamatshumi ayisikhombisa kubadala bakolsrayeli, **10** basebebona uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli, langaphansi kwenyawo zakhe kwakukhona okunjengomsebenzi wamasafire agandelweyo, lanjengamazulu uqobo ngokucwengeka. **11** Kodwa kaselulanga isandla sakhe kuzo iziphathamandla zabantwana bakolsrayeli. Sebembonile-ke uNkulunkulu badla banatha. **12** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenukela kimi entaben, ube khona; njalo ngizakunika izibhebhe zamatshe lomlayo lemithetho, engikubhalileyo ukubafundisa. **13** Wasukuma-ke uMozisi, lenceku yakhe uJoshuwa; uMozisi wasesenyukela entaben kaNkulunkulu. **14** Wasesithi ebadalen: Silindeleni lapha size sibuye kini; khangelani-ke uAroni loHuri balani; olezindaba kasondele kubo. **15** UMozisi wasesenyukela entaben, leyezi lasibekela intaba. **16** Njalo inkazimulo yeNkosi yahlala entaben yeSinayi; leyezi layisibekela insuku eziyisithupha; yasimbiza uMozisi ngosuku lwasikhombisa iphakathi kweyezi.

17 Njalo ukubonakala kwenkazimulo yeNkosi kwakunjengomlilo oqothulayo, engqongeni yentaba, emehlwani abantwana bakolsrayeli. 18 UMozisi wasengena phakathi kweyezi, wenyukela entabeni; njalo uMozisi waba sentabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

25 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Khuluma kubantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi bangithathole umnikelo; uzathatha umnikelo wami kuye wonke umuntu, onhlizyo yakhe imenza avume. 3 Njalo yilo umnikelo ozawuthatha kubo: Igolide, lesiliva, lethusi, 4 lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, loboya bembazi, 5 lezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezingama, lezikhumba zikamantswane, lesihlahla sesinga, 6 amafutha esibane, amakha amafutha okugcoba, lawempepha ethunqayo elephunga eliminandi, 7 amatshe athiwa ngama-onikse, lamatshe okubekwa e-efodini lesembathweni sesifuba. 8 Njalo kabangenzele indawo engcwele ukuze ngihlale phakathi kwabo. 9 Njengakho konke engizakutshengisa khona, isibonelo sethabhanekel, lesibonelo sempahla yalo yonke, lenze njalo-ke. 10 Njalo bazakwenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude bawo bube zingalo ezimbili lengxenye, lobubanzi bawo yingalo lengxenye, lokuphakama kwano yingalo lengxenye. 11 Uwuhuqe-ke ngegolide elicwengekileyo, uwuhuqe ngaphakathi langaphandle, wenze phezu kwano umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke. 12 Uwubumbele ngokuncibilikisa futhi amasongo amane egolide, uwafake emagumbini omane awo, ukuze amasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwano, lamasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwano. 13 Njalo uzakwenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngegolide, 14 uyifake imijabo emasongweni

enhlangothini zomtshokotsho, ukuthwala umtshokotsho ngayo. **15**
Imijabo izakuba semasongweni omtshokotsho, ayiyikukhutshwa
kuwo. **16** Ubusufaka emtshokotshweni ubufakazi engizakunika
bona. **17** Njalo uzakwenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide
elicwengekileyo, ubude baso bube zingalo ezimbili lengxenye,
ububanzi baso yingalo lengxenye. **18** Ubususenza amakherubhi
amabili ngegolide, uzawenza ngomsebenzi okhandiwego,
avele emaphethelweni womabili esihlalo somusa. **19** Wenze
elinye ikherubhi livele ephethelweni lwaloluhlangothi, lelinye
ikherubhi livele ephethelweni lolunye uhlangothi, uzakwenza
amakherubhi evela esihlalweni somusa emaphethelweni womabili
aso. **20** Lamakherubhi azakwelula impiko zawo ngaphezulu,
ambomboze isihlalo somusa ngempiko zawo, lobuso bawo
bukhangelane; ubuso bamakherubhi buzakhanga isihlalo
somusa. **21** Njalo uzasibeka isihlalo somusa ngaphezulu, phezu
komtshokotsho, ufake emtshokotshweni ubufakazi engizakunika
bona. **22** Ngizahlangana-ke lawe lapho, ngikhulume lawe
ngingaphezu kwesihlalo somusa, ngiphakathi kwamakherubhi
amabili aphezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi, konke engizakulaya
khona kubantwana bakolsrayeli. **23** Uzakwenza futhi itafula
ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude balo bube zingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi
balo yingalo, lokuphakama kwalo yingalo lengxenye. **24**
Uzalihuqa-ke ngegolide elicwengekileyo, wenze kulo umqolo
wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **25** Uzakwenza kulo inhlangothi
zonke ibhanti elingangobubanzi besandla, ulenzele ibhanti
lalo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **26** Ulenzele futhi
amasongo amane egolide, uwafake amasongo emagunjini amane
asenyaweni zalo zozine. **27** Amasongo azakuba ngasebhantini
ukuze abe zindawo zemijabo, ukuthwala itafula. **28** Njalo

uzakwenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngegolide, ukuze itafula lithwalwe ngayo; **29** wenze futhi imiganu yalo lenkezo zalo lezitsha zalo lenditshi zalo abathela ngazo, uzenze ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **30** Uzabeka-ke etafuleni izinkwa zokubukiswa phambi kwami njalonjalo. **31** Uzakwenza njalo uluthi lвесibane ngegolide elicwengekileyo; uluthi lвесibane luzakwenziwa ngomsebenzi okhandiwego, isidindi salo, lezinti zalo, imbizana zalo, induku zalo, lamaluba alo, kuvele kulo. **32** Njalo izinti eziyisithupha zizaphuma enhlangothini zalo; izinti ezintathu zoluthi lвесibane kolunye uhlangothi, lezinti ezintathu zoluthi lвесibane kolunye uhlangothi. **33** Imbizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi kolunye uluthi, isiduku leluba; lembizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi kolunye uluthi, isiduku leluba; kube njalo ezintini eziyisithupha eziphuma oluthini lвесibane. **34** Oluthini lвесibane kube khona imbizana ezine ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi, iziduku zalo lamaluba alo; **35** kube lesiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili ezivela kulo, futhi isiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili ezivela kulo, njengezinti eziyisithupha eziphuma oluthini lвесibane. **36** Iziduku zazo lezinti zazo zizavela kulo, lonke lube ngumsebenzi munye okhandiwego wegolide elicwengekileyo. **37** Uzakwenza futhi izibane zalo eziyisikhombisa, njalo bazalumathisa izibane zalo, bazazenza zikhanyise ehlangothini oluphambi kwalo. **38** Njalo indlawu zalo lemiganu yalo yomlotha kuzakuba ligolide elicwengekileyo, kanye lazo zonke lezizinto. **40** Nanzelela-ke ukuthi uzenze njengomfanekiso wazo, owatshengiswa wona entaben.

26 Uzakwenza-ke ithabhanekele ngamakhetheni alitshumi elembu elicolekileyo elenziwe ngentambo ephothiwego lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, ngamakherubhi; uzawenza enziwe ngumuntu oyincitshi. **2** Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili, lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa zingalo ezine; wonke amakhetheni alingane. **3** Amakhetheni amahlanu azahlanganiswa, elinye lelinye; lamakhetheni amahlanu azahlanganiswa, elinye lelinye. **4** Uzakwenza-ke izihitshela ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka emphethweni welinye ikhetheni, ekucineni kwenhlangano, njalo ngokufananayo wenze emphethweni wekhetheni ekucineni, kunhlangano yesibili. **5** Wenze izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu kwelinye ikhetheni, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu uzazenza emphethweni wekhetheni elikunhlangano yeysibili; izihitshela zikhangelane. **6** Njalo wenze ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, uhlanganise amakhetheni elinye lelinye ngengwegwe, ukuze kube lethabhanekele elilodwa. **7** Wenze futhi amakhetheni ngoboya bembizi abe lithente phezu kwethabhanekele; uzalenza ngamakhetheni alitshumi lanye. **8** Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa zingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu, lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa zingalo ezine; amakhetheni alitshumi lanye alingane. **9** Njalo uzahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu abe wodwa, lamakhetheni ayisithupha abe wodwa; lekhetheni lesithupha uzalipheqa phambi kwethente ngaphambili. **10** Wenze-ke izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni, ekucineni kwenhlangano, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni elihlanganisa elesibili. **11** Wenze futhi ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu, uzifake

ingwegwe ezhitseleni, uhlanganise ithente libe linye. **12** Njalo okuseleyo okwedluleleyo kwamakhetheni ethente, ingxenye yekhetheni eseleyo, izalengela ehlangothini olungemuva kwethabhanekele. **13** Njalo ingalo ngapha lengalo langapha kulokho okuseleyo ebudeni bamakhetheni ethente, izalengela emaceleni ethabhanekele ngapha langapha ukulisibekela. **14** Uzalenzela ithente isembeso sezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezingama, lesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane phezulu. **15** Njalo uzakwenza amapulanka ethabhanekele ngesihlahla sesinga, ame, **16** ubude bamapulanka buzakuba zingalo ezilithumi, lobubanzi bepulanka linye bube yingalo lengxenye yengalo. **17** Ipulanka elilodwa lizakuba lemisuka emibili, ihlanganisiwe omunye komunye; wenze njalo kuwo wonke amapulanka ethabhanekeleni. **18** Uzalenzela-ke ithabhanekele amapulanka, amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lweningizimu olukhangele eningizimu; **19** wenze njalo izisekelo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva ngaphansi kwamapulanka angamatshumi amabili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, **20** njalo amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lwasibili lwethabhanekele, uhlangothi lwenyakatho, **21** lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka. **22** Njalo wenze amapulanka ayisithupha ehlangothini olungemuva kwethabhanekele ngentshonalanga, **23** njalo uzakwenza lamapulanka amabili awengonsi zethabhanekele ehlangothini olungemuva, **24** njalo abe mabili ngaphansi, azaphelela langaphezulu ndawonye, esongweni elilodwa;

kuzakuba njalo ngawo womabili, abe ngawengonsi zombili. **25**
Njalo azakuba ngamapulanka ayisificaminwembili, lezisekelo
zawo zesiliva, izisekelo ezilitshumi lesithupha, izisekelo ezimbili
ngaphansi kwepulanka elinye, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi
kwelinye ipulanka. **26** Uzakwenza njalo imithando ngesihlahla
sesinga, emihlanu ibe ngeyamapulanka akolunye uhlangothi
lwethabhanekele, **27** lemithando emihlanu ibe ngeyamapulanka
akolunye uhlangothi lwethabhanekele, lemithando emihlanu ibe
ngeyamapulanka ehlangothini lwethabhanekele, ehlangothini
olusemuva ngentshonalanga; **28** lomthando waphakathi, phakathi
kwamapulanka, uzadabula kusukela ekucineni kusiya ekucineni.
29 Njalo uzawahuqa amapulanka ngegolide, uwenze amasongo
awo ngegolide, abe zindawo zemithando; uyihuqe imithando
ngegolide. **30** Uzalimisa-ke ithabhanekele njengomfanekiso
walo owawutshengiswa entaben. **31** Uzakwenza leveyili
ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu,
lelembu elicolekileyo elentambo ephothiwego, kube ngumsebenzi
wengcitshi, lamakherubhi; **32** uzalilengisa-ke ensikeni ezine
zesinga, ezihuqwe ngegolide, lengwegwe zalo zegolide,
phezu kwezisekelo ezine zesiliva. **33** Njalo uzalilengisa iveyili
phansi kwezingwegwe, ukuze ungenise lapho, ngaphakathi
kweveyili, umtshokotsho wobufakazi; leliveyili lizalehlukanisela
phakathi kwengcwele lengcwele yezingcwele. **34** Uzabeka-ke
isihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi engcweleni
yezingcwele, **35** njalo ubeke itafula ngaphandle kweveyili, loluthi
lwesibane maqondana letafula ehlangothini lwethabhanekele
ngaseningizimu, ubeke itafula ehlangothini lwenyakatho.
36 Uzakwenza isilenge somnyango wethente ngokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu langelembu

elicolekileyo elilentambo ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi. **37** Usenzele-ke isilenge insika ezinhlanu zesinga, uzihuqe ngegolide; ingwegwe zazo zibe ngezegolide, uzibumbele ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo ezinhlanu zibe ngezethusi.

27 Uzakwenza-ke ilathi ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude bube zingalo ezinhlanu, ububanzi bube zingalo ezinhlanu, ilathi lilangane inhlangothi zozine, ukuphakama kwalo kube zingalo ezintathu. **2** Njalo uzakwenza imondo zalo phezu kwengonsi zalo zozine, imondo zalo zizavela kulo; ubusulihuqa ngethusi. **3** Njalo wenze izimbiza zokususa umlotha walo, lamafotsholo alo, lemiganu yalo yokufafaza, lamafologwe alo enyama, lezitsha zalo zokuthwala umlilo, uzenze zonke izinto zalo ngethusi. **4** Ulenzele-ke iziko lethusi elenziwe njengembule, wenze phezu kwembule amasongo amane ethusi engonsini zalo zozine; **5** usibeke ngaphansi komphetho welathi phansi, ukuze imbule lifinyelele phakathi kwelathi. **6** Ulenzele ilathi imijabo, imijabo yesihlahla sesinga, uyihiqe ngethusi; **7** lemijabo ifakwe emasongweni, imijabo izakuba-ke enhlangothini zombili zelathi, ekulithwaleni. **8** Ulenze ngamapulanka ligubheke, njengalokho wakutshengiswa entaben, bazalenza njalo. **9** Njalo uzakwenza iguma lethabhanekeli; okohlangothi olungeningizimu ngaseningizimu kube lamakhetheni elembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, ubude bohlangothi lunye bube zingalo ezilikhulu; **10** lensika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zazo ezingamatshumi amabili zibe ngezethusi, ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zibe ngezesiliva. **11** Ngokunjalo-ke ehlangothini olungenyakatho ebuden, amakhetheni azakuba zingalo ezilikhulu ebuden, lensika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zazo ezingamatshumi amabili zibe ngezethusi, ingwegwe

zezinsika lezibopho zazo zibe ngezesiliva. **12** Lebubanzini beguma, ehlangothini olusentshonalanga, kuzakuba khona amakhetheni azingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, insika zawo zibe litshumi lezisekelo zazo zibe litshumi. **13** Lobubanzi beguma ehlangothini olungempumalanga ngasempumalanga bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **14** Lamakhetheni olunye uhlangothi azakuba zingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zawo zibentathu, lezisekelo zazo zibentathu; **15** lakolunye uhlangothi amakhetheni abe zingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zawo zibentathu lezisekelo zazo zibentathu. **16** Emnyango weguma kuzakuba-ke lesilenge esizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, esilokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, kube ngumsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi; insika zaso zibe zine lezisekelo zazo zibe zine. **17** Zonke insika ezizingelezele iguma zizabotshwa ngesiliva, ingwegwe zazo zibe ngezesiliva lezisekelo zazo zibe ngezethusi. **18** Ubude beguma bube zingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu inhlangothi zombili, lokuphakama kube zingalo ezinhlanu zelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, lezisekelo zazo ngezethusi. **19** Zonke izinto zethabhanekele emsebenzini walo wonke, lezikhonkwane zalo zonke, lazo zonke izikhonkwane zeguma zizakuba ngezethusi. **20** Wena uzabalaya-ke abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuze bakulethele amafutha acengekileyo emihlwathi agigelwe isibane, ukuze enze isibane sivuthe njalonjalo. **21** Ethenteni lenhlangano ngaphandle kweveyili eliphambi kobufakazi, uAroni lamadodana akhe bazasilondoloza kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni phambi kweNkosi; kuzakuba yisimiso saphakade ezizukulwaneni zabo, ngenxa yabantwana bakolsrayeli.

28 Wena-ke sondeza kuwe uAroni umnewenu lamadodana akhe kanye laye, phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi, uAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare lolthamari, amadodana kaAroni. **2** Umenzele-ke uAroni umnewenu izembatho ezingcwele, ezobukhos lezokucecisa. **3** Wena-ke khuluma labo bonke abahlakaniphileyo ngenhlizyo, engibagcwalise ngomoya wenhlakanipho, ukuze benze izembatho zikaAroni zokumehlukanisela ukungisebenzela njengompristi. **4** Lalezi yizembatho abazenza; isembatho sesifuba le-efodi, lebhatsi, lesigqoko esilamabala, iqhiye, lebhanti; bamenzele uAroni umnewenu izembatho ezingcwele, lezamadodana akhe, ukuze angisebenzele njengompristi. **5** Bona-ke kabathathe igolide lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu. **6** Besebesenza i-efodi ngegolide, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, okubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiwego, umsebenzi wengcitshi. **7** Sizakuba lezichibi ezimbili zamahlombe, zihlangane emaceleni aso womabili, ukuze sihlanganiswe. **8** Ibhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi lakhe, elikuye, lizakuba njengomsebenzi walo, liyinto yinye, ngegolide, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiwego. **9** Njalo uzathatha amatshe amabili ama-onikse, ubaze kuwo amabizo amadodana kalsrayeli, **10** ayisithupha kumabizo awo phezu kwelinye ilitshe, lamabizo ayisithupha aseleyo phezu kwelinye ilitshe, njengokuzalwa kwawo. **11** Njengomsebenzi wombazi wamatshe, njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, uzawabaza amatshe womabili, ngamabizo amadodana kalsrayeli, uwenze amiswe ezisekelweni zegolide ezitshiliwego. **12**

Njalo uzabeka amatshe womabili ezichibini zamahlombe zefodi, amatshe esikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli; loAroni uzathwala amabizo abo emahlombe akhe womabili phambi kweNkosi, kube yisikhumbuzo. **13** Wenze lezisekelo ezitshiliwego zegolide, **14** lamaketane amabili egolide elicwengekileyo, uwenze ukuthi abe njengamagoda, umsebenzi ophothiwego, amaketane aphothiwego uwabophele ezisekelweni ezitshiliwego zegolide. **15** Ubususenza isembatho sesifuba sokwahlulela, kube ngumsebenzi wengitshi, uyenze njengomsebenzi wefodi, ngegolide, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, langelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiwego uzasenza. **16** Kasilingane inhlangothi zozine, siphindwe kibili, ubude baso bube yikwelulwa kweminwe, lobubanzi baso bube yikwelulwa kweminwe. **17** Njalo uhlele kuso inhlelo zamatshe, imizila emine yamatsho; umzila wesardiyusi, itopazi le-emeraldi, umzila wokuqala. **18** Lomzila wesibili ube lerubi, isafire, lendayimana, **19** lomzila wesithathu ube lejasinte, i-agate, le-ametiste, **20** lomzila wesine ube lebherule, le-onikse, lejaspi; amatshe la azasekelwa ngegolide ezisekelweni zawo ezitshiliwego. **21** Lamatshe azakuba lamabizo amadodana kalsrayeli, alitshumi lambili, lamabizo awo; njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, yilelo lalelo lebizo lalo; azakuba ngawezizwe ezilitshumi lambili. **22** Wenze-ke esembathweni sesifuba amaketane aphothiwego omsebenzi wegoda egolide elicwengekileyo, **23** wenze futhi phezu kwasembatho sesifuba amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake amasongo amabili emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba. **24** Ufake amaketane amabili egolide aphothiwego emasongweni amabili emaceleni esembatho sesifuba; **25** kodwa izihloko zombili zamaketane womabili

aphothiweyo uzifake ezisekelweni ezimbili ezitshiliweyo, uzibeke ezichibini ze-efodi, phambili kwayo kanye. **26** Uzakwenza njalo amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba, emphethweni waso ongaphakathi kwe-efodi. **27** Wenze futhi amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake ezichibini ezimbili ze-efodi, ngaphansi ngaphambili kwaso, eduze kokuhlangana kwazo, phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi. **28** Bazabophela-ke isembatho sesifuba ngamasongo aso emasongweni e-efodi ngentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze sibe phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi, njalo isembatho sesifuba singakhumuki e-efodini. **29** Njalo uAroni uzathwala amabizo abantwana bakolsrayeli esembathweni sesifuba sokwahlulela phezu kwenhlizyo yakhe, nxa engena endaweni engcwele, kube yisikhumbuzo phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo. **30** Uzafaka-ke esembathweni sesifuba sokwahlulela iUrimi leThumimi, njalo kube phezu kwenhlizyo kaAroni, nxa engena phambi kweNkosi; ngakho uAroni uzakuthwala ukwahlulelwka kwabantwana bakolsrayeli phezu kwenhlizyo yakhe phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo. **31** Uzakwenza ibhatshi lonke le-efodi ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka; **32** njalo sibe lesikhala sekhana ngaphakathi kwaso, isikhala sibe lomphetho osizingelezeleyo, umsebenzi owelukiweyo, sibe njengesikhala sebhatsi lensimbi, ukuze singadabuki. **33** Lemiphethweni yaso wenze amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, emiphethweni yaso osizingelezeleyo, lamabhera egolide phakathi kwawo asizingelezeleyo, **34** ibhera legolide lepomegranati, ibhera legolide lepomegranati, emiphethweni yebhatshi kuzingezezele. **35** UAroni kasembathele-ke ukukhonza, lokukhenceza kwaso kuzwakale lapho engena

endaweni engcwele phambi kweNkosi, lalapho ephuma, ukuze angafi. **36** Uzakwenza njalo incence ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ubaze kuyo ukubazwa kwendandatho elophawu: UBUNGWELE ENKOSINI. **37** Uyifake phezu kwentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze ibe phezu kweqhiye, ibe ngaphambili kweqhiye. **38** Izakuba sebunzini likaAroni, ukuze uAroni athwale ububi bezinto ezingcwele, abantwana bakolsrayeli abazazingcwelisa, kuzo zonke izipho zabo ezingcwele; njalo izahlala ise bunzini lakhe, ukuze bemukeleke phambi kweNkosi. **39** Uzakweluka njalo isigqoko ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elilamabala, wenze leqhiye ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lebhanti, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi. **40** Wenzele-ke amadodana kaAroni iziqqoko, uwenzele amabhanti, lezingowane uwenzele, kube ngokobukhos iokuceca. **41** Umqqokise zona uAroni umnewenu lamadodana akhe kanye laye, ubagcobe, ubehlukanise, ubangcwelise ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi. **42** Ubenzele labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo okusibekela inyama yobunqunu, aqale ekhalweni afike emathangazini; **43** njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe bawaggoke lapho bengena ethenteni lenhlangano kumbe lapho besondela elathini ukukhonza endaweni engcwele, hlezi bathwale ububi, bafe. Kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kuye lakuyo inzalo yakhe emva kwakhe.

29 Yile-ke into ozayenza kubo ukubehlukanisa ukuthi bangisebenzele njengabapristi. Thatha ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, lenqama ezimbili ezingelasici, **2** lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, lamaqebelengwana angelamvubelo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, lezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha, uzenze ngempuphu

ecolekileyo yengqoloyi; **3** ukufake esitsheni esisodwa, ukusondeze ngesitsha, kanye lejongosi lenqama ezimbili. **4** Usondeze uAroni lamadodana akhe emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ubagezise ngamanzi; **5** uthathe izembatho, ugqokise uAroni isiggoko, lebhathi le-efodi, le-efodi, lesembatho sesifuba, umbophe ngebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi, **6** umthwalise iqhiye ekhanda lakhe, umthwalise umqhele ongcwele phezu kweqhiye. **7** Uthathe amafutha okugcoba, uwathele ekhanda lakhe, umgcobe. **8** Usondeze lamadodana akhe, uwagqqokise iziggoko. **9** Ubabophe ngamabhanti, uAroni lamadodana akhe, ubabophele izingowane, lobupristi bube ngobabo ngesimiso saphakade. Ubehluhanise-ke uAroni lamadodana akhe. **10** Uzasondeza ijongosi phambi kwethente lenhlangano; njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi; **11** ubusulihlabi ijongosi phambi kweNkosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano, **12** uthathe okwegazi lejongosi, ulifake empondweni zelathi ngomunwe wakho, uthululele lonke igazi esisekelweni selathi. **13** Uzathatha idanga lonke, lamahwahwa aphezu kwasibindi, lezinso zombili, lamahwahwa aphezu kwazo, ukutshise elathini. **14** Kodwa inyama yejongosi lesikhumba salo lomswane walo ukutshise ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba; kungumnikelo wesono. **15** Ubusuthatha inqama ibenye; njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama. **16** Ubusuyihlabi inqama, uthathe igazi layo, ulifafaze elathini uligombolozele. **17** Uyiqume inqama ngeziqa zayo, ugezise imibilini yayo lemilenze yayo, ukubeke phezu kweziqa zayo laphezu kwenhloko yayo, **18** utshise inqama yonke elathini. Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, kuluqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi

ngomlilo. **19** Uzathatha inqama yesibili; uAroni lamadodana akhe babesebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama. **20** Uyihlabe-ke inqama, uthathe okwegazi layo, ulifake eqwangeni lwendlebe kaAroni, leqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yamadodana akhe, lesithupheni sesandla sabo sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwabo lokunene, ufafaze igazi elathini uligombolozele. **21** Uthathe okwegazi eliselathini lokwamafutha okugcoba, ukufafaze phezu kukaAroni, laphezu kwezemba^{tho} zakhe, laphezu kwamadodana akhe, laphezu kwezemba^{tho} zamadodana akhe kanye laye, ukuze abe ngcwele lezemba^{tho} zakhe, lamadodana akhe lezemba^{tho} zamadodana akhe kanye laye. **22** Uthathe enqameni amahwahwa, lomsila ononileyo, ledanga, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili, lamahwahwa aphezu kwazo, lomlenze wokunene, ngoba iyinqama yokwehlukaniswa; **23** lesinkwa esiyindilinga esisodwa, leqebelegwana elilodwa elesinkwa esilamatutha, lesinkwana esiyisipatalala esisodwa, esitsheni sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo esiphambi kweNkosi, **24** ukubeke konke ezandleni zikaAroni lezandleni zamadodana akhe, ukuzunguze ukuze kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi. **25** Ukuthathe ezandleni zabo, ukutshise phezu kwelathi phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, ukuze kube luqhatshi olumnandi phambi kweNkosi; kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **26** Uzathatha isifuba senqama yokwehlukaniswa engekaAroni, usizunguze sibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi, njalo sibe yisabelo sakho. **27** Uzasingcwela isifuba somnikelo wokuzunguzwa lomlenze womnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ozunguzwayo lophakanyiswayo, okwenqama yokwehlukaniswa, okwalokho okungokukaAroni lokwalokho okungokwamadodana

akhe; **28** njalo kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe, kube yisimiso saphakade kuvela kubantwana bakolsrayeli; ngoba kungumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; kuzakuba ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ovela kubantwana bakolsrayeli, eminikelweni yabo yokuthula; umnikelo wabo wokuphakanyiswa eNkosini. **29** Lezembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni zizakuba ngezamadodana akhe emva kwakhe, ukuze agcotshwe embethe zona, lokuze ehlukaniswe embethe zona. **30** Insuku eziyisikhombisa umpristi endaweni yakhe, ovela kumadodana akhe, uzazembatha, nxa engena ethenteni lenhlangano ukukhonza endaweni engcwele. **31** Uzathatha-ke inqama yokwehlukaniswa, upheke inyama yayo endaweni engcwele. **32** Njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla inyama yenqama lesinkwa esisesitsheni emnyango wethente lenhlangano, **33** badle lezozinto okwenziwa ngazo inhlawulo yokuthula, ukubehlukanisa, ukubangcwelisa; kodwa owemzini angazidli ngoba zingcwele. **34** Njalo uba kusala okwenyama yokwehlukaniswa kumbe okwesinkwa kuze kuse, tshisa okuseleyo ngomlilo; kungadliwa, ngoba kungcwele. **35** Uzakwenza njalo-ke kuAroni lakumadodana akhe njengakho konke engikulaya khona; insuku eziyisikhombisa uzabehlukanisa. **36** Insuku ngensuku unikele ijongosi lomnikelo wesono wenhlawulo yokuthula; uhlambulule ilathi lapho ulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, uligcobe ukuze ulingcwelise. **37** Ulenzele ilathi inhlawulo yokuthula insuku eziyisikhombisa, ulingcwelise, lelathi lizakuba yingcwelengcwele; konke okulithintayo ilathi kuzakuba ngcwele. **38** Yilokhu-ke ozakunikela phezu kwelathi: Amawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa insuku ngensuku njalonjalo. **39** Elinye iwundlu uzalinikela ekuseni, lelinye iwundlu ulinikele kusihlwa, **40** lokwetshumi

kwempuphu ecolekileyo kuxubene lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha agigiweyo, lengxenye yesine yehini yewayini kube ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, welinye iwundlu. **41** Lelinye iwundlu ulinikele kusihlwa, wenze kulo njengomnikelo wokudla wekuseni, lanjengomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **42** Uzakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo ezizukulwaneni zenu, emnyango wethente lenhlangano phambi kweNkosi, lapho engizahlangana khona lani, ukukhuluma lawe lapho. **43** Lalapho ngizahlangana labantwana bakolsrayeli, njalo kungcweliswe yinkazimulo yami. **44** Njalo ngizangcwelisa ithente lenhlangano lelathi, ngizangcwelisa loAroni lamadodana akhe, ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi. **45** Ngizahlala phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, ngibe nguNkulunkulu kubo. **46** Bazakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze ngihlale phakathi kwabo; ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo.

30 Uzakwenza lelathi lokutshisela impepha, ulenze ngesihlahla sesinga. **2** Ubude balo bube yingalo, lobubanzi balo ingalo, lilingane inhlangothi zozine; lokuphakama kwalo kube zingalo ezimbili; imondo zalo zizavela kulo. **3** Njalo ulihuqe ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ingaphezulu yalo, lenhlangothi zalo ezilizingelezeleyo, lempondo zalo; wenze kulo umqolo wegolide olizingelezeleyo. **4** Wenze njalo amasongo amabili egolide, ngaphansi komqolo walo, enhlangothini ezimbili zalo; wenze enhlangothini zalo zombili; azakuba zindawo zemijabo ezokulithwala ngayo. **5** Njalo wenze imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngegolide. **6** Uzalibeka phambi kweveyili elingasemtshokotshweni wobufakazi, phambi kwesihlalo somusa

esiphezu kobufakazi, lapho engizahlangana khona lawe. 7
Njalo uAroni atshisele kulo impepha elephunga elimnandi
ukusa ngokusa, eselungise izibane uzayitshisa; 8 lapho uAroni
elumathisa izibane kusihlwa, ayitshise; yimpepha eqhubekayo
phambi kweNkosi ezizukulwaneni zenu. 9 Linganikeleli kulo
impepha engejwayelekanga kumbe umnikelo wokutshiswa
kumbe umnikelo wokudla; njalo lingatheli kulo umnikelo
wokunathwayo. 10 UAroni uzakwenza inhlawulo yokuthula
empondweni zalo kanye ngomnyaka, ngegazi lomnikelo wesono
wezinhlawulo zokuthula; kanye ngomnyaka uzakwenza inhlawulo
yokuthula kulo ezizukulwaneni zenu; liyingcwelengcwele
eNkosini. 11 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi: 12 Lapho
uthatha inani lonke labantwana bakolsrayeli, njengokubalwa
kwabo, bazanika ngulowo lalowo ihlawulo ngomphefumulo
wakhe eNkosini, nxa ubabala; ukuze kungabi lenhlupheko
phakathi kwabo, nxa ubabala. 13 Bazanika lokhu, wonke
odlulela kwababaliwego, ingxenye yeshekeli, njengokweshekeli
lendlu engcwele - ishekeli lingamagera angamatshumi amabili -
ingxenye yeshekeli ngumnikelo eNkosini. 14 Wonke odlulela
kwababaliwego, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphezulu, anikele umnikelo weNkosi. 15 Abanothileyo
bangadlulisi, labayanga banganciphisi ingxenye yeshekeli,
lapho linikela umnikelo weNkosi, ukwenzela imiphefumulo
yenu inhlawulo yokuthula. 16 Uzathatha imali yenhlawulo
zokuthula ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, uyinikele inkonzo yethente
lenhlangano, ukuthi ibe yisikhumbuzo sabantwana bakolsrayeli
phambi kweNkosi, ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu inhlawulo
yokuthula. 17 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi: 18 Uzakwenza
lenditshi yethusi yokugezelia elonyawo Iwayo Iwethusi, ukugezelia

kuyo; uyibeki phakathi laphakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi, utheli kuyo amanzi, **19** njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe bagezele kuyo izandla zabo lenyawo zabo. **20** Nxa bengena ethenteni lenhlangano bazageza ngamanzi, ukuze bangafi, loba besondela elathini ukukhonza, ukutshisa umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **21** Ngakho bazageza izandla zabo lenyawo zabo ukuze bangafi; njalo kuzakuba kubo yisimiso esilaphakade, kuye lakunzalo yakhe ezizukulwaneni zabo. **22** INkosi yakhulumu futhi kuMozisi yathi: **23** Wenake, zithatheli amakha aqakathekileyo, imure elizigelezelayo elingamashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu, lekinamoni elilephunga elimnandi ingxene ye yalokho, elingamashekeli angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, lekalamu elilephunga elimnandi elingamashekeli angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, **24** lekhasiya elingamashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, lamafutha omhlwathi alihini; **25** wenze lokhu kube ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba, amakha axutshanisiweyo njengokwenza komenzi wamakha; azakuba ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba. **26** Uzagcoba ngawo ithente lenhlangano lomtshokotsho wobufakazi, **27** letafula lezitsha zalo zonke, loluthi lwesibane lezitsha zalo, lelathi lempeha, **28** lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezelanya lwayo; **29** ukungcwelise ukuze kube yingcwelengcwele; loba yini okukuthintayo kuzakuba ngcwele. **30** Ugcobe laye uAroni lamadodana akhe, ubangcwelise ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi. **31** Ukhulume kubantwana bakolsrayeli uthi: Lokhu kuzakuba kimi ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba ezizukulwaneni zenu; **32** angabothelwa emzimbeni womuntu; njalo lingawenzi anjengawo ngokwenziwa kwavo; angcwele, azakuba ngcwele

kini. **33** Loba ngubani owenza anjengawo, loba ewafaka kowemzini, uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo. **34** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Zithathelle amakha amnandi, isitakete leonika legalibantu, amakha amnandi lenhlaka ecengekileyo, kube yizabelo ezilinganayo; **35** wenze kube yimpepha, amakha axutshanisiweyo njengokwenza komenzi wamakha, itshwayiwe, icengekile, ingcwele; **36** uchole okwayo kucolisiseke, ubeke okwayo phambi kobufakazi ethenteni lenhlangano, lapho engizahlangana khona lawe; izakuba yingcwelengcwele kini. **37** Kodwa impepha ozayenza, lingazenzeli yona njengokwenziwa kwayo; izakuba ngcwele kuwe, yenzelwe iNkosi. **38** Loba ngubani ozakwenza enjengayo ukuyinuka, uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo.

31 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi: **2** Bona, ngibizile ngebizo uBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda; **3** ngimgcwalisile ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, ekuhlakanipheni lekuqedisiseni lelwazini lakuyo yonke imisebenzi yobungcitshi, **4** ukuthi aqambe imisebenzi yobungcitshi, asebenze ngegolide langesiliva lanethusi, **5** ekubazeni amatshe ukuwafaka, lekubazeni izigodo, ukwenza yonke imisebenzi yobungcitshi. **6** Mina-ke, khangela, nginike uOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki owesizwe sakoDani kanye laye; lenhliziyweni yakhe wonke ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyngifake inhlakanipho, ukuthi benze konke engikulaye khona, **7** ithente lenhlangano, lomtshokotsho wobufakazi, lesihlalo somusa esiphezu kwawo, lempahla yonke yethente, **8** letafula lezitsha zalo, loluthi Iwesibane olucwengekileyo lezitsha zalo zonke, lelathi lempepha, **9** lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezelala lonyawo lwayo, **10** lezembaatho ezifekethisiweyo, lezembaatho

ezingcwele zikaAroni umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe, ukusebenza njengabapristi, **11** lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha emnandi yendawo engcwele; benze njengakho konke engikulaye khona. **12** INKosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **13** Wena-ke, tshela abantwana bakolsrayeli uthi: Isibili lizagcina amasabatha ami; ngoba lokhu kuyisibonakaliso phakathi kwami lani ezizukulwaneni zenu, ukwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi elingcwelisayo. **14** Ngakho gcinani isabatha, ngoba lingcwele kini; olonayo uzabulawa lokubulawa; ngoba wonke owenza umsebenzi ngalo, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **15** Insuku eziyisithupha kwensiwe umsebenzi, kodwa ngosuku Iwesikhombisa kulisabatha lokuphumula, lingcwele eNkosini; wonke owenza umsebenzi ngesabatha uzabulawa lokubulawa. **16** Ngakho abantwana bakolsrayeli bazagcina isabatha, balilondoloze isabatha ezizukulwaneni zabo, libe yisivumelwano esilaphakade. **17** Liyisibonakaliso phakathi kwami labantwana bakolsrayeli kuze kube nini lanini; ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha iNkosi yenza amazulu lomhlaba, kodwa ngosuku Iwesikhombisa yaphumula, yavuselelwa. **18** Wasemnika uMozisi, eseqedile ukukhuluma laye entabenyeSinayi, izibhebhe ezimbili zobufakazi, izibhebhe zamatshe, zibhalwe ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu.

32 Abantu sebebonile ukuthi uMozisi uphuzile ukwehla entaben, abantu babuthana kuAroni bathi kuye: Sukuma, usenzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, indoda eyasikhuphula elizweni leGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi yehlelw yini. **2** Uaroni wasesithi kubo: Qamulani amacici egolide asendlebeni zabomkenu, zamadodana enu, lezamadodakazi enu, liwalethe kimi. **3** Bonke abantu

basebeqamula amacici egolide ayesendlebeni zabo, bawaletha kuAroni. **4** Wawemukela ezandleni zabo, walibumba ngesikhali sokukhanda, wawenza aba lithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. Basebesithi: Laba ngonkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphule elizweni leGibhithe. **5** uAroni eselibonile wakha ilathi phambi kwalo; uAroni wamemezela wathi: Kusasa kuzakuba khona umkhosi weNkosi. **6** Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, basondeza iminikelo yokuthula; abantu bahlala phansi ukudla lokunatha, basebesukuma ukudlala. **7** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Hamba wehle, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhuphula elizweni leGibhithe bonakalisile; **8** baphambukile masinyane endleleni engabalaya ngayo; bazenzele ithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, balikhonza, balihlabela, bathi: Laba ngonkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphule elizweni leGibhithe. **9** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ngibabonile lababantu, khangela-ke, bangabantu abantamo zilukhuni. **10** Khathesi-ke ngiyekela ukuze ulaka Iwami lubavuthele, ngibaqede; kodwa wena ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu. **11** Kodwa uMozisi wancenga ubuso beNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: Kungani, Nkosi, ulaka Iwakho lubavuthela abantu bakho owabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langesandla esiqinileyo? **12** Kungani amaGibhithe ezakhulumath: Wabakhuphela ububi ukubabulala ezintabeni, lokubaqedebusweni bomhlaba? Phenduka ekuvutheni kolaka Iwakho, uzirole ngobubi obumelene labantu bakho. **13** Khumbula uAbrahama, ultiaka lolisrayeli, inceku zakho, owazifunga wena kizo wathi kuzo: Ngizakwandisa inzalo yenu njengezinkanyezi zamazulu, lalelilizwe lonke engikhulume ngalo, ngizalipha inzalo yenu, njalo bazalidla ilifa lalo kuze kuge nininini. **14** INkosi

yasizisola ebubini eyayisithi izabenza ebantwini bayo. **15** uMozisi wasetshibilika wehla entaben, lezibhebhe ezimbili zobufakazi esandleni sakhe; izibhebhe zazibhalwe inhlangothi zazo zombili; zibhalwe ngapha langapha. **16** Lezibhebhe zazingumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, lombhalo wawungumbhalo kaNkulunkulu, ubazwe ezibhebheni. **17** Kwathi uJoshua esezwile umsindo wabantu beklabalala, wathi kuMozisi: Kulomsindo wempi enkambeni. **18** Kodwa wathi: Kakusumsindo wokuklabalala kokunqoba, njalo kakusumsindo wokuklabalala kokunqotshwa; ngizwa umsindo wokuhlabelela. **19** Kwasekusithi esesondele enkambeni walibona ithole lokugida; ulaka lukaMozisi Iwaseluvutha, wasezilahla izibhebhe ezandleni zakhe, waziphahlazela phansi kwentaba. **20** Wathatha ithole ababelenzile, walitshisa emlilweni, walichola laze lacoleka, walivuvuzela emanzini, wabanathisa wona abantwana bakolsrayeli. **21** uMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Abantu laba benzeni kuwe ukuze uebhlidele isono esikhulu kangaka? **22** uAroni wasesithi: Kalungavuthi ulaka Iwenkosi yami; wena uyabazi abantu ukuthi batshekele ebubini. **23** Ngoba bathi kimi: Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, indoda eyasikhuphula elizweni leGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi yehlelwu yini. **24** Ngasengisithi kubo: Loba ngubani olegolide, kabaliqamule. Basebenginika lona. Ngasengiliphosela emlilweni, kwasekuphuma lelithole. **25** Kwathi uMozisi esebonile abantu ukuthi babengabambeki (ngoba uAroni wabayekela bangabambeki ukuze bayangeke kwababengabavukela), **26** uMozisi wasesima esangweni lenkamba, wathi: Loba ngubani ongoweNkosi, keze kimi! Kwasekubuthana kuye wonke amadodana kaLevi. **27** Wasesithi kuwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ithi: Ngulowo lalowo kahlome

inkemba yakhe ethangazini lakhe, adabule aphenduke esuka esangweni esiya esangweni enkambeni, langulowo lalowo abulale umfowabo, langulowo lalowo umngane wakhe, langulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe. **28** Amadodana kaLevi asesenza njengelizwi likaMozisi; njalo kwawa ebantwini ngalolosuku abantu abangabazinkulungwane ezintathu. **29** UMozi wasesithi: Lizehlukanisele iNkosi lamuhla, ngoba ngulowo lalowo ubemelene lendodana yakhe amelane lomfowabo, ukuze aphe isibusiso phezu kwenu lamuhla. **30** Kwasekusithi kusisa uMozi wathi ebantwini: Lina lenze isono esikhulu; khathesi sengizakwenyukela eNkosini; mhlawumbe ngingenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono senu. **31** UMozi wasebuyela eNkosini wathi: Maye! Lababantu bonile isono esikhulu, bazele onkulunkulu begolide. **32** Khathesi-ke, uba uthethelela isono sabo - kodwa uba kungenjalo, ake ungesule egwalweni lwakho olubhalileyo. **33** INkosi yasisithi kuMozi: Owonileyo kimi ngizamesula egwalweni lwami. **34** Kodwa hamba-ke, ukhokhele abantu baye lapho engikhulume lawe ngakho; khangela, ingilosy yami izahamba phambi kwakho. Kanti mhla ngiphindisela ngizaphindisela isono sabo phezu kwabo. **35** INkosi yasibatshaya abantu ngoba babenze ithole, uAroni ayelenzile.

33 INkosi yasisithi kuMozi: Hamba wenyuke lapha wena labantu owabeniyusa elizweni leGibhithe, uye elizweni engalifungela uAbrahama, ulsaka loJakobe ngisithi: Inzalo yakho ngizayinika lona. **2** Njalo ngizathuma ingilosy phambi kwakho, ngixotshe amaKhanani, amaAmori, lamaHethi, lamaPerizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi. **3** Uye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju; ngoba kangiyikwenyuka phakathi kwakho, ngoba uyisizwe esintamo lukhuni, hlezi ngikuqede endleleni. **4** Kwathi

abantu sebezwile lelilizwi elibi, balila; njalo kakulamuntu
owafaka izigqizo zakhe; **5** ngoba iNkosi yayithe kuMozisi:
Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Lingabantu abantamo
zilukhuni; ngisenyuka ngiphakathi kwakho ngokucwayiza
kwelihlo, ngizakuqedo. Ngakho-ke khupha izigqizo zakho kuwe
ukuze ngazi engizakwenza kuwe. **6** Abantwana bakolsrayeli
basebezihlubula izigqizo zabo kusukela entabenye Horebe. **7**
UMozisi wasethatha ithente walimisa ngaphandle kwenkamba,
khatshana lenkamba; walibiza ngokuthi lithente lenhlangano.
Kwasekusithi wonke odinga iNkosi waphuma waya ethenteni
lenhlangano elalingaphandle kwenkamba. **8** Kwakusithi lapho
uMozisi ephuma ukuya ethenteni, bonke abantu basukume, beme
kube ngulowo lalowo emnyango wethente lakhe; bakhangele
emva kukaMozisi aze angene ethenteni; **9** njalo kwakusithi
lapho uMozisi esengene ethenteni, insika yeyezi yehle, ime
emnyango wethente; ibisikhuluma loMozisi. **10** Lapho bonke
abantu beyibona insika yeyezi imi emnyango wethente, bonke
abantu basukume bakhonze, kube ngulowo lalowo emnyango
wethente lakhe. **11** INkosi yakhuluma-ke kuMozisi ubuso
ngobuso, njengomuntu ekhuluma lomngane wakhe. Wasebuyela
enkambeni, kodwa uJoshua inceku yakhe, indodana kaNuni,
ijaha, kasukanga phakathi kwethente. **12** UMOzisi wasesithi
eNkosini: Khangela, uthi kimi: Yenyusa lababantu; kodwa
wena kawungazisanga ozamthuma lami. Kanti wena uthe:
Ngiyakwazi ngebizo, futhi uthole umusa emehlwani ami. **13**
Ngakho-ke ngicela, uba ngithole umusa emehlwani akho,
ake ungazise indlela yakho, ukuze ngikwazi, ukuze ngithole
umusa emehlwani akho; ukhumbule futhi ukuthi lesiaizwe
singabantu bakho. **14** Wasesithi: Ubukhona bami buzahamba

lawe, ngikuphumuze. **15** Wasesithi kuye: Uba ubukhona bakho bungahambi lami, ungasenyusi lapha. **16** Ngoba kuzakwaziwake ngani ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, mina labantu bakho? Kakusikho yini ekuhambeni kwakho lathi? Ngakho sizakwehlukaniswa, mina labantu bakho, kubo bonke abantu abasebusweni bomhlaba. **17** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Lale into oyitshoyo ngizayenza, ngoba uthole umusa emehlweni ami, njalo ngiyakwazi ngebizo. **18** Wasesithi: Ake ungitshengise inkazimulo yakho. **19** Yasisithi: Mina ngizadlulisa bonke ubuhle bami phambi kwakho, ngimemezele ibizo leNkosi phambi kwakho. Ngizahawukela lowo engizamhawukela, ngibe lomusa kulowo engizakuba lomusa kuye. **20** Yathi futhi: Ungebone ubuso bami; ngoba kakho umuntu ongangibona, aphi. **21** INkosi yasisithi: Khangela, kulendawo ngakimi lapho ozakuma khona edwaleni; **22** kuzakuthi-ke lapho inkazimulo yami isedlula, ngizakufaka esikhexeni sedwala, ngikusibekele ngesandla sami ngize ngidlule; **23** besengisusa isandla sami ubusubona ingemuva yami; kodwa ubuso bami kabuyikubonwa.

34 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Zibazele izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala; ngibe sengibhala phezu kwezibhebhe amazwi ayesezibhebheni zakuqala owaziphahlazayo. **2** Ubusulungile ekuseni, wenyukele entabeni yeSinayi ekuseni, ume phambi kwami lapho engqongeni yentaba. **3** Njalo kungenyukeli mutnu kanye lawe, futhi kungabonakali lamuntu entabeni yonke; njalo izimvu lezinkomo zingadli phambi kwaleyontaba. **4** Wasebaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala; uMozisi wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wenyukela entabeni yeSinayi, njengoba iNkosi imlayile, wathatha esandleni sakhe izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe. **5** INkosi yasisehla eyezini, yema

laye lapho, yamemeza ibizo leNkosi. **6** INkosi yasisedlula phambi kwakhe, yamemeza yathi: INkosi, INkosi, uNkulunkulu, elesihawu elomusa, ephuza ukuthukuthela, levame ububele lobuqotho, **7** egcinela abayizinkulungwane umusa, ethethelela ububi lesiphambeko lesono, engayikuyekela lokuyekela olecalal, ephindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana laphezu kwabantwana babantwana kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine. **8** UMozisi wasephangisa, wakhothamela emhlabathini, wakhonza. **9** Wathi: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlwani akho, Nkosi, akuthi iNkosi ihambe phakathi kwethu, ngoba yisizwe esintamo lukhuni, uthethelele ububi bethu lesono sethu, usithathe sibe yilifa lakho. **10** Yasisithi: Khangela, ngenza isivumelwano; phambi kwabantu bonke ngizakwenza izimangaliso ezingazange zidalwe emhlabeni wonke laphakathi kwezizwe zonke; labo bonke abantu ophakathi kwabo bazabona umsebenzi weNkosi, ngoba kuyesabeka engizakwenza lawe. **11** Zicinele lokho engikulaya khona lamuhla; khangela ngizaxotsha phambi kwakho amaAmori lamaKhanani lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi. **12** Ziqaphelisele ukuthi ungenzi isivumelwano labakhileyo elizweni oya kulo, hlezi kube ngumjibila phakathi kwakho. **13** Kodwa amalathi abo lizawadiliza, lensika zabo eziyizithombe lizazipahlaza, lezixuku zabo lizazigamula; **14** ngoba kawuyikukhonza omunye unkulunkulu; ngoba iNkosi, ebizo layo linguBukhwele, inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. **15** Hlezi wenze isivumelwano labakhileyo elizweni, nxa bephinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu babo, behlabele onkulunkulu babo, lomunye akunxuse, njalo udle okomhlatshele wakhe; **16** uwathathele amadodana akho kumadodakazi abo; nxa amadodakazi abo ephinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu bawo, enze lamadodana akho

ukuthi aphinge ngokulandela onkulunkulu bawo. **17** Ungazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **18** Umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo uwugcine; insuku eziyisikhombisa udle isinkwa esingelamvubelo njengokukulaya kwami, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyanga kaAbhibhi, ngoba ngenyanga kaAbhibhi waphuma eGibhithe. **19** Konke okuvula isizalo kungokwami, lalo lonke izibulo eliduna elezifuyo, inkomo kumbe imvu. **20** Kodwa izibulo likababhemi ulihlenge ngezinyane; ubake ungalihlengi ulephule intamo. Lonke izibulo lamadodana akho uzalihlenga; njalo kungabonakali muntu phambi kwami engaphethe lutho. **21** Uzasebenza insuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwasikhombisa uphumule, ngesikhathi sokulima lekuvuneni uzaphumula. **22** Uzagcina umkhosi wamaviki, izithelo zokuqala zesivuno sengqoloyi, lomkhosi wokubuthelela ekuthwaseni komnyaka. **23** Kathathu ngomnyaka wonke owesilisa uzabonakala phambi kweNkosi uJehova, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **24** Ngoba ngizaxotsha izizwe phambi kwakho, ngiqhelise imingcele yakho; njalo kakuyikuba lamuntu ofisa ilizwe lakho nxa usenyuka ukuyabonakala phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, kathathu ngomnyaka. **25** Unganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo wami kanye lokulemvubelo; futhi kakungasali kuze kuse umhlatshelo womkhosi wephasika. **26** Ikhethelo lezithelo zokuqala zensimu yakho ulilethe endlini yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. Ungapheki izinyane echagweni lukanina. **27** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Zibhalele la amazwi, ngoba ngokutsho kwalamazwi ngenzile isivumelwano lawe lolrayeli. **28** Njalo wayelapho leNkosi insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; kadlanga sinkwa kanathanga manzi. Yasibhala ezibhebeni amazwi esivumelwano, imilayo elitshumi.

29 Kwasekusithi uMozisi esehla entabeni yeSinayi, lezibhebhe zombili zobufakazi zazisesandleni sikaMozisi esehla entabeni, uMozisi wayengazi ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bakhe sasikhazimula ekhulumha laye. **30** Kwathi uAroni labo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli bebona uMozisi, khangela-ke, isikhumba sobuso bakhe saknazimula, basebesesaba ukusondela kuye. **31** UMozisi wasebabiza; loAroni lazo zonke induna zenhlangano babuyela kuye; uMozisi wasekhulumha labo. **32** Njalo emva kwalokho basondela bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli; wasebalaya konke iNkosi eyayikukhulume laye entabeni yeSinayi. **33** Kwathi uMozisi eseqedile ukukhuluma labo, wafaka isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe. **34** Kodwa lapho uMozisi engena phambi kweNkosi ukukhuluma layo, wasisusa isimbombozo aze aphume; esephumile wakhuluma kubantwana bakolsrayeli lokho akulayiwego, **35** labantwana bakolsrayeli babona ubuso bukaMozisi, ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bukaMozisi saknazimula. UMozisi wabuyisela isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe, aze angene ukuyakhuluma laye.

35 UMozisi wasebuthanisa inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli, wathi kubo: La ngamazwi iNkosi ewalayileyo ukuthi liwenze. **2** Insuku eziyisithupha kuzakwenziwa umsebenzi, kodwa ngosuku lwasikhombisa kuzakuba yibungcwele kini, isabatha lokuphumula eNkosini; loba ngubani owenza umsebenzi ngalo uzabulawa. **3** Lingabasi umlilo ngosuku lwasabatha kuyo yonke imizi yenu. **4** UMozisi wasekhuluma kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli esithi: Yile into iNkosi eyilayileyo isithi: **5** Thathani phakathi kwenu umnikelo ube ngoweNkosi; loba ngubani olenhlizayo evumayo kawulethe, umnikelo weNkosi, igolide lesiliva lethusi, **6** lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende

lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, loboya bembuzi, **7**
lezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezingama, lezikhumba
zikamantswane, lezihlahla zesinga, **8** lamafutha ezibane, lamakha
amatfutha okugcoba lempepha elephunga elimnandi, **9** lamatshe
ama-onikse, lamatshe okubekwa awe-efodi lawesembatho
sesifuba. **10** Labo bonke abalenhlizyo ehlakaniphileyo phakathi
kwenu kabeze benze konke iNkosi ekulayileyo; **11** ithabhanekelé,
ithente lalo, lesifulelo salo, ingwegwe zalo, lamapulanka alo,
imithando yalo, insika zalo, lezisekelo zalo; **12** umtshokotsho,
lemijabo yawo, isihlalo somusa, leveyili lesembeso; **13** itafula,
lemijabo yalo, lezitsha zalo zonke, lezinkwa zokubukiswa; **14**
loluthi Iwesibane sesikhanyiso, lezitsha zalo, lezibane zalo,
lamafutha esikhanyiso; **15** lelathi lempepha, lemijabo yalo,
lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha elephunga elimnandi, lesilenge
somnyango emnyango wethabhanekelé; **16** ilathi lomnikelo
wokutshiswa, lesihlengo sethusi elilaso, imijabo yalo, lazo zonke
izitsha zalo, inditshi yokugezela lonyawo Iwayo; **17** amakhetheni
eguma, insika zalo, lezisekelo zazo, lesilenge sesango leguma;
18 izikhonkwane zethabhanekelé, lezikhonkwane zeguma,
lentambo zazo; **19** izembatho ezifekethisiweyo zokukhonza
endaweni engcwele, izembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni umpristi,
lezembatho zamadodana akhe, ukusebenza njengabapristi.
20 Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli yaphuma
phambi kukaMozisi. **21** Beza-ke, wonke onhlizyo yakhe
eyamvusayo, laye wonke omoya wakhe owamenza wavuma,
balettha umnikelo eNkosini emsebenzini wethente lenhlangano
lowenkonzo yonke yalo lowezembatho ezingcwele. **22** Beza-ke
abesilisa kanye labesifazana, bonke abavumayo ngenhlizyo,
balettha iziceco lamacici lendandatho lamasongo, zonke izinto

zegolide; laye wonke owazunguza umnikelo wokuzunguzwa wegolide eNkosini. **23** Laye wonke okwatholakala kuye okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu loboya bembizi lezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zenqama lezikhumba zikamantswane bakuletha. **24** Wonke owanikela umnikelo wokuzunguzwa wesiliva lowethusi bakuletha kungumnikelo wokuzunguzwa weNkosi; laye wonke okwatholakala kuye izihlahla zesinga ezawo wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo baziletha. **25** Labo bonke abesifazana ababehlakaniphile ngenhliziyo baphotha ngezandla zabo, balettha okuphothiweyo, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, okubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu. **26** Labo bonke abesifazana abanhliziyo zabo zabavusa enhlakanipheni baphotha uboya bembizi. **27** Lezinduna zaletha amatshe ama-onikse lamatshe okubekwa, awe-efodi lawesembatho sesifuba, **28** lamakha lamafutha awesibane, lawamafutha okugcoba, lawempepha elephunga elimandi. **29** Abantwana bakolsrayeli bawuletha umnikelo wesihle eNkosini. Bonke abesilisa labesifazana abanhliziyo zabo zabenza bavuma ukulethela wonke umsebenzi iNkosi eyayiwulayile ukuthi wenziwe ngesandla sikaMozisi. **30** UMozi wasesithi ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli: Bonani, iNkosi imbizile ngebizo uBhezaleli indodana kaUri, indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda; **31** imgcwalisile ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu enhlakanipheni, ekuqedisiseni, lelwazini, lemisebenzini yobungcitshi yonke, **32** lokuthi acebe ubungcitshi ukusebenza ngegolide langesiliva lanethusi, **33** lekubazeni amatshe okufakwa, lekubazeni izigodo, ukusebenza emisebenzini yonke yeminwe ngobungcitshi. **34** Ifakile laye enhliziyweni yakhe ukufundisa, yena loOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki

owesizwe sakoDani. **35** Ibagcwalisile ngokuhlakanipha kwenhliziyo, ukwenza wonke umsebenzi wombazi, lowengcitshi, lowomfekethisi ngenalithi, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende, ngokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lowomeluki; besenza wonke umsebenzi beceba ubungcitshi.

36 UBhezaleli loOholiyaba basebesenza, lawo wonke amadoda ahlaniphileyo ngenhliziyo okukuwo iNkosi ifake ukuhlakanipha lokuqedisa ukwazi ukwenza wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo yendawo engcwele, njengakho konke iNkosi eyayikulayile.

2 UMozi wasebiza uBhezaleli loOholiyaba layo yonke indoda ehlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo iNkosi efake inhlakaniph enhliziyweni yayo, wonke onhliziyo yakhe eyamvusela ukusondela emsebenzini ukuwenza; **3** basebesemukela kuMozi wonke umnikelo, abantwana bakolsrayeli ababewulethele umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu engcwele ukuwenza ngawo. Bona-ke babesaletha kuye iminikelo yesihle ukusa ngokusa.

4 Bonke abahlakaniphileyo ababesenza wonke umsebenzi wendlu engcwele basebesiza, ngulowo lalowo evela emsebenzini wakhe, abawenzayo. **5** Basebekhuluma kuMozi besithi: Abantu baletha okunengi kakhulu okwedlula okwanele ukusetshenzwa komsebenzi iNkosi elaye ukuthi wenziwe.

6 UMozi waselaya ukuthi bedlulise ilizwi enkambeni lisithi: Kakungabi lendoda kumbe umfazi owenza futhi umsebenzi ngomnikelo wendlu engcwele. Ngalokhu abantu banqatshelwa ukuthi balethe; **7** ngoba okokusetshenziswa kwakwanele kubo, ukuwenza umsebenzi wonke, kwaze kwasala. **8** Labo bonke abahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo phakathi kwalabo ababesenza umsebenzi wethabhanekele benza

amakhetheni alitshumi; ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiwego lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, ngamakherubhi wawenza, umsebenzi wengcitsi.

9 Ubude bekheteni elilodwa babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili, lobubanzi bekheteni elilodwa babuzingalo ezine; wonke amakhetheni ayelesilinganiso sinye. **10** Wasehlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu elinye lelinye, wahlanganisa amanye amakhetheni amahlanu elinye lelinye. **11** Wenza izihitshela ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka emphethweni wekhetheni elinye, ekucineni ekuhlanganeni; wenze njalo emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni, ekuhlanganeni kwelesibili. **12** Wenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu kwelinye ikhetheni, wenza lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni, elisekuhlanganeni kwelesibili; izihitshela zazikhangelene, esinye lesinye. **13** Wenza ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, wahlanganisa amakhetheni, elinye lelinye ngengwegwe; ngalokhu kwaba lithabhanekele linye. **14** Wenza amakhetheni ngoboya bembizi abe lithente phezu kwethabhanekele; wawenza amakhetheni alitshumi lanye. **15** Ubude bekheteni elilodwa babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu, lobubanzi bekheteni elilodwa babuzingalo ezine; amakhetheni alitshumi lanye ayeyisilinganiso sinye. **16** Wahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu wodwa, lamakhetheni ayisithupha wodwa. **17** Wenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni ekuhlanganeni, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu wazenza emphethweni wekhetheni elihlanganisa elesibili. **18** Wenza ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu, ukuhlanganisa ithente, ukuze libe linye. **19** Wenza isifulelo sethente ngezikhumba

eziphendulwe zababomvu zenqama, lesifulelo ngezikhumba zikamantswane phezulu. **20** Wenza amapulanka ethabhanekel egesihlahla sesinga, amiyo; **21** ubude bepulanka babuzingalo ezilitshumi, lobubanzi bepulanka ngalinye babuyingalo lengxenye. **22** Ipulanka elilodwa lalilemisuka emibili, ihlangana omunye komunye; wenze njalo kuwo wonke amapulanka ethabhanekel e. **23** Wenza amapulanka ethabhanekel amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lweningizimu ngaseningizimu; **24** wenza izisekelo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva ngaphansi kwamapulanka angamatshumi amabili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinje ipulanka zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili; **25** wenza amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini lwesibili lwethabhanekel ehlangothini lwenyakatho, **26** lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinje ipulanka. **27** Wenza amapulanka ayisithupha ehlangothini lwethabhanekel ngentshonalanga, **28** lamapulanka amabili wawenzela izingonsi zethabhanekel ngasemuva; **29** ayengamaphahl ngaphansi ehlangene, ephelele phezulu, ngesongo linye; wenze njalo kuwo womabili, ezingonsini zombili. **30** Njalo kwakulamapulanka ayisificaminwembili lezisekelo zawo zesiliva, izisekelo ezilitshumi lesithupha, izisekelo ezimbili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye. **31** Wenza imithando ngesihlahla sesinga, emihlanu eyamapulanka ehlangothini olunye lwethabhanekel, **32** lemithando emihlanu eyamapulanka kolunye uhlangothi lwethabhanekel, lemithando emihlanu eyamapulanka ethabhanekel, ehlangothini olungemuva

ngasentshonalanga. **33** Wenza umthando waphakathi udabule phakathi kwamapulanka, kusukela ekucineni kusiya ekucineni. **34** Wahuqa amapulanka ngegolide, wenza amasongo awo ngegolide, azindawo zemithando, wayihuqa imithando ngegolide. **35** Wenza ivesyili ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende langokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo, walenza laba ngumsebenzi wengitshi lamakherubhi. **36** Walenzela insika ezine ngesinga, wazihuqa ngegolide; ingwegwe zazo zazingezegolide; wazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo ezine zesiliva. **37** Wenza isilenge somnyango wethente ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi; **38** lensika zalo ezinhlanu lengwegwe zazo; wazihuqa izihloko zazo lezibopho zazo ngegolide; lezisekelo zazo ezinhlanu zazingezethusi.

37 UBhezaleli wasewenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude bawo babuzingalo ezimbili lengxenye, lobubanzi bawo babuyingalo lengxenye, lokuphakama kwawo kwakuyingalo lengxenye. **2** Wawuhuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo ngaphakathi langaphandle, wawenzela umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **3** Wawubumbela ngokuncibilikisa futhi amasongo amane egolide enyaweni zawo zozine, kuze kuthi amasongo amabili ayekolunye uhlangothi lamasongo amabili kolunye uhlangothi. **4** Wenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide. **5** Wayifaka imijabo emasongweni enhlangothini zomtshokotsho ukuthwala umtshokotsho. **6** Wenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ubude baso babuzingalo ezimbili lengxenye, lobubanzi baso babuyingalo lengxenye. **7** Wenza amakherubhi

amabili ngegolide, wawenza ngomsebenzi okhandiwego, avela emaphethelweni womabili esihlalo somusa, **8** elinye ikherubhi livela ephethelweni lwaloluhlangothi, lelinye ikherubhi livela ephethelweni lolunye uhlangothi; wawenza amakherubhi amabili evela esihlalweni somusa evela emaphethelweni womabili aso.

9 Amakherubhi elula impiko ezimbili ngaphezulu, embomboza isihlalo somusa ngempiko zawo, lobuso bawo babukhangelene; ubuso bamakherubhi babukhangele isihlalo somusa. **10** Njalo wenza itafula ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude balo babuzingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi balo babuyingalo, lokuphakama kwalo kwakuyingalo lengxenye. **11** Walihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walenzela umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **12** Walenzela ibhanti elilingana lobubanzi besandla inhlangothi zonke, wenzela ibhanti lalo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke.

13 Walibumbela ngokuncibilika amasongo amane egolide, wawafaka amasongo ezingonsini ezine ezazisenyaweni zozine zalo. **14** Eduze lebhanti kwakulamasongo, indawo zemijabo yokuthwala itafula. **15** Wenza lemijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide, ukuthwala itafula. **16** Wazenza izitsha ezaziphezu kwetafula, imiganu yalo lenkezo zalo lenditshi zalo lezitsha zokuthulula, ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **17** Wenza uluthi Iwesibane ngegolide elicwengekileyo; ngomsebenzi okhandiwego walwenza uluthi Iwesibane, isisekelo salo, lesiqu salo, imbizana zalo, iziduku zalo, lamaluba alo, kwakuvela kulo. **18** Lengatsha eziyisithupha ziphuma enhlangothini zalo, ingatsha ezintathu zoluthi Iwesibane kolunye uhlangothi Iwalo lengatsha ezintathu zoluthi Iwesibane kolunye uhlangothi Iwalo. **19** Egatsheni olunye kwakulembizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba e-alimondi, isiduku leluba; lembizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana

lamaluba e-alimondi kolunye ugaatsha, isiduku leluba; kwakunjalo ngengatsha eziyisithupha eziphuma eluthini Iwesibane. **20**
Njalo kwakukhona eluthini Iwesibane imbizana ezine ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba e-alimondi, iziduku zalo lamaluba alo;
21 kwakukhona-ke isiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili ezivela kulo, kuzo ingatsha eziyisithupha eziphuma kulo. **22** Iziduku zazo lezingatsha zazo zazivela kulo; konke okwalo kwakungumsebenzi munye okhandiwego wegolide elicwengekileyo. **23** Wasesenza izibane zalo eziyisikhombisa, lezindlawu zalo, lemiganu yalo yomlotha, ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **24** Walenza ngethalenta legolide elicwengekileyo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo. **25** Njalo wenza ilathi lempepha ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude balo babuyingalo lobubanzi balo babuyingalo, lilingana inhlangothi zozine; lokuphakama kwalo kwakuzingalo ezimbili; impondo zalo zazivela kulo. **26** Walihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ingaphezulu lemiduli yalo inhlangothi zonke lempondo zalo; walenzela-ke umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **27** Waselenzela amasongo amabili egolide, ngaphansi komqolo walo, ezingonsini ezimbili zalo, enhlangothini ezimbili zalo, ukuba yindawo yemijabo yokulithwala. **28** Wayenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide. **29** Wenza amafutha angcwele okugcoba, lempepha ecwengekileyo yamakha alephunga eliminandi, njengokwenza komenzi wamakha.

38 Wenza-ke ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lobubanzi balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lilingana inhlangothi zozine, lokuphakama kwalo kwakuzingalo ezintathu. **2** Wenza impondo zalo engonsini zalo

zozine; impondo zalo zazivela kulo; walihuqa ngethusi. **3** Wenza zonke izinto zelathi, izimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza lamafologwe lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo; zonke izinto zalo wazenza ngethusi. **4** Walenzela ilathi isihlengo sethusi esenziwe njengembule, ngaphansi komphetho walo, sehla saze safinyelela phakathi kwalo. **5** Wabumba ngokuncibilika amasongo amane engonsini zozine zesihlengo sethusi, abe zindawo zemijabo. **6** Wayenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngethusi. **7** Wayifaka imijabo emasongweni enhlangothini zelathi ukuze lithwalwe ngayo; walenza lagubheka ngamapulanka. **8** Wenza inditshi yokugezela ngethusi, lonyawo lwayo ngethusi, ngezibuko zabesifazana ababuthanayo, ababuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **9** Wenza leguma; ehlangothini oluseningizimu ngaseningizimu kwakukhona amakhetheni eguma ayengawelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiwego, izingalo ezilikhulu; **10** insika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amabili zazingezethusi, ingwegwe zensika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva. **11** Lehlangothini olungenyakatho ingalo ezilikhulu; insika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amabili zazingezethusi; ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva. **12** Lehlangothini olusentshonalanga kwakukhona amakhetheni azingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lensika zawo ezilitshumi lezisekelo zawo ezilitshumi; ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva. **13** Lehlangothini olusempumalanga ngasempumalanga ingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **14** Amakhetheni kwelinye icele ayezingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zawo ezintathu lezisekelo zawo ezintathu. **15** Lakwelinye icele, kwakukhona ngapha langapha komnyango

weguma amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika zaho ezintathu lezisekelo zaho ezintathu. **16** Wonke amakhetheni eguma inhlangothi zonke ayengawelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo. **17** Lezisekelo zensika zazingezethusi, ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zingezesiliva; ukuhuqwa kwezihloko zazo kwakungesiliva, lazo zonke insika zeguma zazilesibopho sesiliva. **18** Lesilenge somnyango weguma sasingumsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama ebubanzini kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu, kuvumelane lamakhetheni eguma. **19** Insika zaho ezine lezisekelo zaho ezine zingezesiliva, ingwegwe zaho zingezesiliva, lokuhuqwa kwezihloko zaho lezibopho zaho kungesiliva. **20** Lazo zonke izikhonkwane zethabhanekele lezeguma inhlangothi zonke zazingezethusi. **21** Leli linani lezinto zethabhanekele, ithabhanekele lobufakazi, ezabalwayo njengokulaya kukaMozisi, umsebenzi wamaLevi, ngesandla sikalthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi. **22** UBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda wasekwenza konke njengalokho iNkosi ibimlayile uMozisi; **23** njalo kanye laye kwakuloOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki owesizwe sakoDani, umbazi wamatshe, lengcitshi, lomfekethisi ngenalithi ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu. **24** Lonke igolide elasetshenziswa emsebenzini, kuwo wonke umsebenzi wendlu engcwele, ngitsho igolide lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa, lalingamathalenta angamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lamashekeli angamakhulu ayisikhombisa

lamatshumi amathathu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele.

25 Lesiliva sababalwayo benhlangano sasingamathalenta alikhulu lamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; **26** kwaba libheka ngekhanda linye, ingxene yehekeli, njengokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, kuye wonke odlulela kwababaliwego, kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu; abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu eziyisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu. **27** Njalo kwakulamathalenta alikhulu esiliva ukubumba ngokuncibiliisa izisekelo zendlu engcwele lezisekelo zeveyili, izisekelo ezilikhulu ngamathalenta alikhulu, ithalenta ngesisekelo.

28 Lokwamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu wenza ingwegwe zensika, wahuqa inhloko zazo wazenzela izibopho. **29** Lethusi lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa lalingamathalenta angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amane. **30** Wenza ngalo izisekelo zomnyango wethente lenhlangano, lelathi lethusi, lesihlengo sethusi elalilaso, lezinto zonke zelathi, **31** lezisekelo zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo zesango leguma, lazo zonke izikhonkwane zethabhanekele, lezikhonkwane zonke zeguma inhlangothi zonke.

39 Langokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu benza izembatho zomsebenzi zokusebenza endaweni engcwele; benza njalo izembatho ezingcwele ezazingezikaAroni, njengalokhu iNkosi ibimlayile uMozisi. **2** Wasesenza i-efodi ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, langelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiwego. **3** Basebekhanda icicantalala zegolide, bazisika

zaba yizincingwana ukuzisebenzisa phakathi kokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka laphakathi kokuyibubende laphakathi kokubomvu laphakathi kwelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu; umsebenzi wengcitshi. **4** Basenzela izichibi zamahlombe ukusihlanganisa; sahlanganiswa emaceleni aso womabili.

5 Lebhanti le-efodi lakhe elelukwe ngobungcitshi elikulo, liyinto yinye, njengomsebenzi walo, ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende lokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiwego, njengalokhu iNkosi ibimlayile uMozisi. **6** Balungisa njalo amatshe e-onikse, bawabeka ukuze azingelezewo ngezinto ezitshiliwego zegolide, abazwa njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, ngamabizoabantwana bakolsrayeli. **7** Wasewabeka phezu kwezichibi ze-efodi, abe ngamatshe esikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **8** Wenza isembatho sesifuba ngomsebenzi wengcitshi, njengomsebenzi we-efodi, ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiwego. **9** Sasilingana inhlangothi zozine, benza isembatho sesifuba saphindwa, ubude baso babungangokwelulwa kweminwe, lobubanzi baso babungangokwelulwa kweminwe, siphindiwe. **10** Basebefaka kuso imizila emine yamatshe; umzila wesardiyusi, itopazi le-emeraldi; umzila wokuqala; **11** lomzila wesibili, i-emeraldi, isafire lendayimana; **12** lomzila wesithathu, ijasinte, i-agate le-ametiste; **13** lomzila wesine, ibherule, i-onikse lejaspi; ayezingelezelwe ngezinto ezitshiliwego zegolide lapho afakwe khona. **14** Lalawomatshe ayengokwamabizo amadodana kalsrayeli, alitshumi lambili, njengamabizo awo, njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, ilelo lalelo ngokwebizo

lawo, ngokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili. **15** Benza njalo esembathweni sesifuba amaketane, umsebenzi ophothiwego, ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **16** Benza izinto ezimbili ezitshiliwego ngegolide lamasongo amabili egolide, bafaka amasongo amabili emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba, **17** bafaka amaketane amabili egolide emasongweni amabili emaceleni esembatho sesifuba. **18** Izihloko ezimbili zamaketane womabili bazifaka ezintweni ezimbili ezitshiliwego zegolide, bazifaka ezichibini ze-efodi ngaphambili kwaso kanye. **19** Benza lamasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba, emphethweni waso, oseceleni kwe-efodi ngaphakathi. **20** Benza njalo amasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka ezichibini ezimbili ze-efodi, ngaphansi, ngaphambili kwaso, maqondana lekuhlanganeni kwaso, phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi. **21** Basebebophela isembatho sesifuba ngamasongo aso emasongweni e-efodi ngentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze sibe phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi, ukuze isembatho sesifuba singakhumuki e-efodini; njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **22** Wasesenza ibhatshi le-efodi ngomsebenzi owelukiwego, lonke ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka; **23** lesikhala sebhatsi sasiphakathi laphakathi kwaso, njengesikhala sebhatsi lensimbi; isikhala sasilomphetho osizingelezeleyo ukuze singadabuki. **24** Lemiphethweni yebhatshi benza amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, kuphothiwe. **25** Benza lamabhera egolide elicwengekileyo, bafaka amabhera phakathi laphakathi kwamapomegranati emiphethweni yebhatshi inhlangothi zonke, phakathi laphakathi kwamapomegranati, **26** ibhera lepomegranati, ibhera lepomegranati, emiphethweni

yebhatshi kuzingeleze, ukusebenza, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **27** Basebebenzela oAroni lamadodana akhe izigqoko ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lomsebenzi owelukiwego, **28** leqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lezingowane ezinhle zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiwego, **29** lebhanti lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiwego lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **30** Benza lencence yomqhele ongcwele ngegolide elicwengekileyo, babbala phezu kwayo umbhalo, ngokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu ukuthi: UBUNGWELE ENKOSINI. **31** Babophela kuyo intambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka ukuze ibotshelwe eqhiyeni ngaphezulu; njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **32** Waphela-ke umsebenzi wonke wethabhanekele lethente lenhlangano; njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli bakwenza njengakho konke iNkosi eyakulaya kuMozisi; benza njalo. **33** Basebeletha ithabhanekele kuMozisi, ithente, lazo zonke impahla zalo, ingwegwe zalo, amapulanka alo, imithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, **34** lesifulelo sezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezingama, lesifulelo sezikhumba zikamantswane, leveyili lesembeso, **35** umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo lesihlalo somusa, **36** itafula, zonke izitsha zalo, lezinkwa zokubukiswa, **37** uluthi lvesibane olucwengekileyo, izibane zalo, izibane ezhleliwego, lezitsha zalo zonke, lamafutha esibane, **38** lelathi legolide, lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha elephunga eliminandi, lesilenge somnyango wethente, **39** ilathi lethusi, lesihlengo sethusi elalilaso, imijabo yalo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo, inditshi yokugezelu lonyawo lwayo, **40** amakhetheni

eguma, insika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, lesilenge sesango leguma, intambo zalo, lezikhonkwane zalo, lempahla yonke yomsebenzi wethabhanekele, wethente lenhlangano, **41** izembatho zomsebenzi zokusebenza endaweni engcwele, izembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe ukuze basebenze njengabapristi. **42** Njengakho konke iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi, ngokunjalo abantwana bakolsrayeli benza umsebenzi wonke. **43** UMozisi wasebona umsebenzi wonke, khangela-ke babewenze njengokulaya kweNkosi, babenze njalo; uMozisi wasebabusisa.

40 INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **2** Ngosuku Iwenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala Iwenyanga, uzamisa ithabhanekele, ithente lenhlangano, **3** ubusufaka lapho umtshokotsho wobufakazi, umbomboze umtshokotsho ngeveyili. **4** Ungenise itafula, uhlele okuhlelwayo phezu kwalo; ungenise uluthi Iwesibane, ulumathise izibane zalo. **5** Ubeke ilathi legolide lempepha phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, ulengise isilenge somnyango wethabhanekele. **6** Ubeke ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi komnyango wethabhanekele wethente lenhlangano, **7** ubeke inditshi yokugezela phakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi, utheli amanzi lapho. **8** Umise iguma inhlangothi zonke, ulengise isilenge sesango leguma. **9** Uthathe amafutha okugcoba, ugcobe ithabhanekele lakho konke okukulo, ulingcwelise lempahla yalo yonke, njalo lizakuba ngcwele. **10** Njalo ugcobe ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, ulingcwelise ilathi, njalo ilathi lizakuba yingcwelengcwele. **11** Njalo ugcobe inditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo, uyingcwelise. **12** Usondeze uAroni lamadodana akhe emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ubagezise ngamanzi. **13**

Ugqokise uAroni izembatho ezingcwele, umgcobe, umngcwelise, ukuze angisebenzele njengompristi. **14** Usondeze amadodana akhe, uwaggokise izigqoko, **15** uwagcobe njengalokhu ugcobe uyise, ukuze angisebenzele njengabapristi; kuzakuthi-ke ukugcotshwa kwabo kuzakuba kubo yibupristi obuphakade kuzizukulwana zabo. **16** UMozisi wenza njengakho konke iNkosi eyayimlaye khona; wenza njalo. **17** Kwasekusithi ngenyanga yokuqala ngomnyaka wesibili ngolokuqala lwenyanga ithabhanekele lamiswa. **18** UMozisi wasemisa ithabhanekelle; wabeka phansi izisekelo zalo, wamisa amapulanka alo, wafaka imithando yalo, wamisa insika zalo. **19** Wendlala ithente phezu kwethabhanekelle, wabeka isifulelo sethente phezu kwalo phezulu, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **20** Wathatha wafaka ubufakazi emtshokotshweni, wafaka imijabo emtshokotshweni, wafaka isihlalo somusa ngaphezu komtshokotsho phezulu. **21** Wangenisa umtshokotsho ethabhanekeleni, wamisa iveyili lesembeso wambomboza umtshokotsho wobufakazi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **22** Wasefaka itafula ethenteni lenhlangano, eceleni kwethabhanekelle ngenyakatho ngaphandle kweveyili, **23** wahlela isinkwa ngoholelo phezu kwalo phambi kweNkosi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **24** Wafaka uluthi lwesibane ethenteni lenhlangano, maqondana letafula, eceleni kwethabhanekelle ngeningizimu. **25** Walumathisa izibane phambi kweNkosi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **26** Wafaka ilathi legolide ethenteni lenhlangano phambi kweveyili, **27** watshisa kulo impepha elephunga eliminandi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **28** Walengisa isilenge somnyango wethabhanekelle. **29** Wabeka ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa emnyango wethabhanekelle lethente lenhlangano, wanikela kulo umnikelo wokutshiswa

lomnikelo wokudla, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **30**
Wabeka inditshi yokugezela phakathi kwethente lenhlangano
lelathi, wathela lapho amanzi okugeza. **31** UMozisi IoAroni
lamadodana akhe bagezela kuyo izandla zabo lenyawo zabo;
32 ekungeneni kwabo ethenteni lenhlangano lekusondeleni
kwabo elathini bageza, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **33**
Wasemisa iguma lazingelezela ithabhanekele lelathi, walengisa
isilenge sesango leguma. UMozisi wasewuqeda umsebenzi.
34 Iyezi laselisibekela ithente lenhlangano, lenkazimulo
yeNkosi yagcwalisa ithabhanekele. **35** Ngakho uMozisi
wayengelakungena ethenteni lenhlangano, ngoba iyezi lahlala
phezu kwalo lenkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa ithabhanekele. **36**
Lalapho iyezi lisenyuswa lisuka ethabhanekeleni, abantwana
bakolsrayeli baqhubekela phambili enhambeni zabo zonke, **37**
kodwa lapho iyezi lingenyuswanga kabahambanga kuze kufike
usuku lokwenyuswa kwalo. **38** Ngoba iyezi leNkosi laliphezu
kwethabhanekele emini, lomlilo wawuphezu kwalo ebusuku,
phambi kwamehlo endlu yonke yakolsrayeli, enhambeni zabo
zonke.

ULevi

1 INkosi yasimbiza uMozisi yakhuluma kuye isethenteni lenhlangano yathi: **2** Khuluma kubantwana bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Nxa umuntu wakini esondeza umnikelo eNkosini, lizasondeza umnikelo wenu ovela ezifuyweni, ovela enkomani, loba ovela ezimvini. **3** Uba umnikelo wakhe ungumnikelo wokutshiswa ovela enkomani, uzanikela iduna elingelasici, alinikele emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ngokuthanda kwakhe, phambi kweNkosi. **4** Uzabeka isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa, njalo wemukelelw yena, ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **5** Uzalihlaba ijongosi phambi kweNkosi; lamadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azanikela igazi, afafaze igazi elathini inhlangothi zonke, elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano. **6** Uzahlinza umnikelo wokutshiswa, awusike ngeziqa zavo. **7** Njalo amadodana kaAroni umpristi azafaka umlilo elathini, ahlele inkuni phezu komlilo. **8** Amadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azahlela-ke izitho, inhloko lamahwahwa, phezu kwenkuni ezssemililweni ophezu kwelathi. **9** Kodwa imibilini yalo lemilenze yalo uzakugezisa ngamanzi; njalo umpristi uzakutshisa konke elathini, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **10** Njalo uba umnikelo wakhe uvela emhlanjini, owezimvu loba owembuzi, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, uzasondeza iduna elingelasici; **11** uzalihlabela eceleni kwelathi ngenyakatho, phambi kweNkosi; njalo amadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azafafaza igazi lalo elathini inhlangothi zonke. **12** Uzalisika ngeziqa zalo, lenhloko yalo lamahwahwa alo; lompristi uzakuhlela phezu kwenkuni ezssemililweni ophezu kwelathi. **13** Kodwa uzagezisa imibilini lemilenze ngamanzi; lompristi uzakunikela konke, akutshise elathini; kungumnikelo

wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **14** Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe eNkosini ungumnikelo wokutshiswa owezinyoni, uzanikela umnikelo wakhe uvela emajubeni loba amaphuphu enkwilimba. **15** Umpristi alisondeze elathini, atshuphune inhloko yalo, alitshise elathini, legazi lalo likhanyelwe eceleni kwelathi, **16** asuse isidlelo salo lensiba zalo, akulahle eceleni kwelathi ngempumalanga, endaweni yomlotha, **17** aliqhaghe ngempiko zalo, angalehlukanisi; umpristi alitshise-ke elathini, phezu kwenkuni ezisemilweni; kungumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini.

2 Lalapho umuntu enikela eNkosini umnikelo wokudla, umnikelo wakhe uzakuba ngowempuphu ecolekileyo; abesethela amafutha phezu kwavo, abeke inhlaka kuwo, **2** awulethe kumadodana kaAroni, abapristi, acuphe kuwo isandla sakhe esigcweleyo impuphu yawo ecolekileyo lokwamafutha awo, kanye lenhlaka yawo yonke; lompristi atshise isikhumbuzo sawo elathini, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **3** Lokuseleyo komnikelo wokudla kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe; kuyingcwelengcwele eminikelweni yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo. **4** Nxa uletha-ke umnikelo womnikelo wokudla ophekwe eziko, kawube ngowamaqebelengwana angelamvubelo empuphu ecolekileyo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, loba izinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha. **5** Uba-ke umnikelo wakho ungumnikelo wokudla ophekwe ngomganu oyincence, uzakuba ngowempuphu ecolekileyo engelamvubelo, ixubene lamafutha. **6** Uwuhlephune ube yizihlephu, utheli amafutha kuzo; kungumnikelo wokudla. **7** Uba-ke umnikelo wakho ungumnikelo wokudla ophekwe

ngembiza, kuzakwenziwa ngempuphu ecolekileyo kanye lamafutha. **8** Njalo uzaletha umnikelo wokudla owenziwe ngalezizinto eNkosini; nxa ulethwa kumpristi, uzawuletha elathini. **9** Umpristi uzathatha emnikelweni wokudla isikhumbuzo sawo, asitshise elathini; singumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **10** Lokuseleyo komnikelo wokudla kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe; kuyingcwelengcwele emnikelweni yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo. **11** Kakulamnikelo wokudla elizawuletha eNkosini ozakwenziwa ngemvubelo, ngoba kawuyikutshisa langayiphi imvubelo loba ngaluphi uluju umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **12** Umnikelo wezithelo zokuqala lizawunikela eNkosini, kodwa kawuyikutshiswa elathini kube luqhatshi olumnandi. **13** Lawo wonke umnikelo womnikelo wakho wokudla uzawutshwaya ngetshwayi; njalo ungavumeli ukuthi itsihwayi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wakho lisweleke emnikelweni wakho wokudla; kanye leminikelo yakho yonke uzanikela itsihwayi. **14** Uba-ke unikela umnikelo wokudla wezithelo zokuqala eNkosini, uzanikela kube ngumnikelo wokudla ezithelweni zakho zokuqala amabele amatsha ayizikhwebu ezosiweyo, amabele achotshoziweyo ezikhwebu ezintsha; **15** uthela amafutha kuwo, ubeke inhlaka phezu kwawo; kungumnikelo wokudla. **16** Umpristi uzatshisa-ke isikhumbuzo sawo, okwamabele achotshoziweyo awo lokwamafutha awo, layo yonke inhlaka yawo; kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo.

3 Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe ungumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, nxa enikela okwenkomo, ingabe iduna kumbe insikazi, uzawunikela ungelasici phambi kweNkosi. **2** Uzabeka isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wakhe, awuhlabe emnyango wethente lenhlangano; amadodana kaAroni angabapristi

azafafaza-ke igazi phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **3** Uzanikela okuvela kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, idanga, lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini, **4** lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso. **5** Njalo amadodana kaAroni azawatshisa elathini phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa ophezu kwenkuni eziphezu komlilo; kungumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **6** Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe ongumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNkosini ungowomhlambi, iduna kumbe insikazi, uzawunikela ungelasici. **7** Uba enikela iwundlu, libe ngumnikelo wakhe, uzalinikela phambi kweNkosi, **8** abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wakhe, awuhlabe phambi kwethente lenhlangano; amadodana kaAroni azafafaza-ke igazi lawo phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **9** Uzanikela okuvela kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, amahwahwa awo, umsila wonke ononileyo ewuquma eduze lomgogodla, ledanga, lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini, **10** lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso. **11** Umpristi uzakutshisa-ke elathini, kuyikudla komnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **12** Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe uyimbuzi, uzawunikela phambi kweNkosi, **13** abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yayo, ayihlabe phambi kwethente lenhlangano; amadodana kaAroni azafafaza-ke igazi layo phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **14** Uzanikela okuvela kiyo umnikelo wakhe, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, idanga, lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini, **15** lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso. **16** Njalo umpristi uzakutshisa

elathini, kuyikudla komnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, kube lughatshi olumnandi. Wonke amahwahwa ngaweNkosi. **17** Yisimiso saphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, emizini yenu yonke, sokuthi lingadli ngitsho amahwahwa lagazi.

4 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Khuluma ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Uba umphefumulo usona ngokungazi umelana loba yiyphi imilayo yeNkosi, engafanele ukwenziwa, wenze okumelene lomunye wayo, **3** uba umpristi ogcotshiwego esona, kube licala ebantwini, uzanikela ngesono sakhe asonileyo ijongosi ithole lenkomo elingelasici, eNkosini, libe ngumnikelo wesono. **4** Uzaletsha ijongosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano phambi kweNkosi, abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yejongosi, alihlabe ijongosi phambi kweNkosi. **5** Njalo umpristi ogcotshiwego uzathatha okwegazi lejongosi, alilethe ethenteni lenhlangano. **6** Umpristi uzagxamuza-ke umunwe wakhe egazini, afafaze okwegazi kasikhombisa phambi kweNkosi, phambi kweveyili lendlu engcwele. **7** Njalo umpristi uzafaka okwegazi empondweni zelathi lempepha elephunga elimnandi phambi kweNkosi, elisethenteni lenhlangano, athululele lonke igazi lejongosi kungaphansi yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano. **8** Lawo wonke amahwahwa ejongosi lomnikelo wesono uzawasusa kulo, idanga, lawo wonke amahwahwa asemibilini, **9** lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso, **10** njengalokhu kususwa kiyo inkabi yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula. Umpristi uzakutshisa elathini lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **11** Kodwa isikhumba sejongosi, lenyama yalo yonke, lenhloko yalo, lemilenze yalo, lemibilini yalo, lomswane walo, **12** yebo, ijongosi lonke uzalikhuphela

ngaphandle kwenkamba, alise endaweni ehlambulukileyo, lapho okuthululelwā khona umlotha, alitshise phezu kwenkuni ngomlilo. Lizatshiselwa lapho okuthululelwā khona umlotha.

13 Uba-ke inhlangano yonke yakolsrayeli isona ngokungazi, lendaba ifihlwe emehlwē ebandla, benze ulutho olumelene loba yiwuphi wemilayo yeNkosi, okungafanele ukwenziwa, njalo babe lecalā, **14** lapho isono abasone bemelene lawo sesisaziwa, ibandla lizanikela ijongosi ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono, lililethe phambi kwethente lenhlangano. **15** Njalo abadala benhlangano bazabeka izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi phambi kweNkosi, lejongosi lizahlatshwa phambi kweNkosi. **16** Umpristi ogcotshiweyo uzaletha-ke okwegazi lejongosi ethenteni lenhlangano, **17** lompristi uzagxamuza umunwe wakhe egazini, afafaze kasikhombisa phambi kweNkosi, phambi kweveyili, **18** afake okwegazi empondweni zelathi eliphambi kweNkosi, elisethenteni lenhlangano, athululele lonke igazi kungaphansi yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano. **19** Uzathatha-ke kilo wonke amahwawa alo, awatshise elathini. **20** Enze kulo ijongosi, njengakwenze kulo ijongosi lomnikelo wesono, enze njalo kulo. Umpristi abenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo bazathethelelwā. **21** Njalo uzalikhuphela ijongosi ngaphandle kwenkamba, alitshise njengalokho walitshisa ijongosi lokuqala; kungumnikelo wesono webandla. **22** Nxa induna isona, yenza ngokungazi okumelene loba yiwuphi wemilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wayo, okungafanele ukwenziwa, njalo ibe lecalā, **23** kumbe isono sayo esone imelene lawo sisaziswa kuyo, izaletha umnikelo wayo, izinyane lembuzi, iduna elingelasici, **24** ibeke isandla sayo enhlokweni yembuzi, iyihlabe endaweni lapho

okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kweNkosi; kungumnikelo wesono. **25** Umpristi abesethatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe wakhe, alifake empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, athululele igazi lawo kungaphansi yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **26** Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawatshisa elathini njengamahwahwa omhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula. Ngalokho umpristi uzayenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sayo, njalo ithethelelwe. **27** Uba-ke loba ngubani wabantu belizwe esona ngokungazi, ngoba esenza okumelene loba yiuphi wemilayo yeNkosi, okungafanele ukwenziwa, aze abe lecalal, **28** kumbe isono sakhe asonileyo sisaziswa kuye, uzaletha umnikelo wakhe, izinyane lembuzi, isibhuzikazi esingelasici, ngesono sakhe asonileyo. **29** Uzabeka-ke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabe umnikelo wesono endaweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa. **30** Njalo umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lawo ngomunwe wakhe, alifake empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, athululele lonke igazi lawo kungaphansi yelathi. **31** Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawasusa, njengalokhu amahwahwa esuswa kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, lompristi awatshise elathini abe liphunga eliminandi eNkosini. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, abesethethelelwa. **32** Kodwa uba eletha iwundlu lomnikelo wakhe libe ngumnikelo wesono, uzaletha elisikazi elingelasici, **33** abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabe ube ngumnikelo wesono, endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa. **34** Njalo umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe wakhe, alifake empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, athululele lonke igazi lawo kungaphansi yelathi. **35** Lawo wonke amahwahwa

awo uzawasusa njengalokhu amahwahwa ewundlu esuswa kuwo umhlatshele weminikelo yokuthula, lompristi awatshise elathini phezu kweminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe asonileyo, njalo uzathethelelwa.

5 Umphefumulo, uba usona-ke usuzwe ilizwi lesifungo, njalo ube ngumfakazi, kumbe ukubonile loba ukwazi, uba ungakukhulumi, uzathwala ububi bawo. **2** Loba uba umphefumulo uthinta loba yiypipi into engcolileyo, loba iyisidumbu senyamazana engcolileyo, loba isidumbu sesifuyo esingcolileyo, kumbe isidumbu salokho okuhuquzelayo okungcolileyo, lanxa kufihliwe kuye, kube kanti ungcilile ulecalala. **3** Loba uba uthinta ukungcola komuntu, loba kuyini ukungcola kwakhe angcola ngakho, njalo kufihliwe kuwo, lapho usukwazi uzakuba lecalala. **4** Loba uba umphefumulo ufunga, ukhuluma ngamawala ngendebe zaho ukwenza okubi loba ukwenza okuhle, loba kuyini umuntu angakhuluma ngakho ngamawala ngesifungo, njalo kufihliwe kuwo, lapho usukwazi uzakuba lecalala kokunye kwalokho. **5** Kuzakuthi-ke nxa ulecalala kwenye yalezizinto, uvume ngalokho okonileyo, **6** ulethe umnikelo wawo wecalala eNkosini ngesono sawo osonileyo, ensikazi emhlanjini, iwundlu loba izinyane lembuzi, kube ngumnikelo wesono, umpristi abesewenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sawo. **7** Kodwa uba isandla sawo singafinyeleli okwanelia imvu, ungaletsha eNkosini ngecalala lawo olonileyo amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili, elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **8** ubusuwaletha kumpristi ozanikela elingelomnikelo wesono kuqala, atshuphule inhloko yalo entanyeni yalo, kodwa angakwehlukanisi, **9** afafaze

okwegazi lomnikelo wesono ehlangothini lwelathi, legazi eliseleyo likhanyelwe kungaphansi yelathi; kungumnikelo wesono. **10** Elesibili uzalenza libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njengokwesimiso, lompristi amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe asonileyo, njalo uzathethelelwa. **11** Kodwa uba isandla sawo singafinyeleli emajubeni amabili loba emaphuphini enkwilimba amabili, lowo owonileyo angaletha umnikelo wakhe okwetshumi kwe-efa yempuphu ecolekileyo ube ngumnikelo wesono; angabeki mafutha phezu kwayo, angabeki nhlaka phezu kwayo, ngoba ingumnikelo wesono. **12** Njalo uzayiletha kumpristi, umpristi acuphe-ke kuyo isandla sakhe esigcweleyokube yisikhumbuzo sayo, akutshise elathini, phezu kweminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo; kungumnikelo wesono. **13** Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe asonileyo lakuyiphi yalezizinto, njalo uzathethelelwa. Njalo kuzakuba ngokompristi, njengomnikelo wokudla. **14** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **15** Uba umphefumulo uphambeka ngesiphambeko wone ungazi umelana lezinto ezingcwele zeNkosi, uzaletha umnikelo wawa wecala eNkosini, inqama engelasici emhlanjini, elesilinganiso sakho sentengo samashekeli esiliva ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, kube ngumnikelo wecala. **16** Lalokho okonileyo okumelene lento engcwele uzakubuyisela, wengezelele kukho ingxenye yesihlanu yakho, oyinike umpristi, lompristi awenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngenqama yomnikelo wecala, njalo uzathethelelwa. **17** Uba-ke umphefumulo usona, wenze okumelene lomunye wayo yonke imilayo yeNkosi, okungafanele ukwenziwa, lanxa ungakwazi, kube kanti ulecalo, njalo uzathwala ububi bawo. **18** Uzaletha-ke kumpristi inqama engelasici evela emhlanjini, elesilinganiso sakho sentengo, kube

ngumnikelo wecala, lompristi uzawenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngokuphambanisa kwavo ophambanisa ngakho ungakwazi, njalo uzathethelwa. **19** Kungumnikelo wecala; ngeqiniso ulecal a eNkosini.

6 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Uba umphefumulo usona, uphambeke isiphambeko eNkosini ukhohlise umakhelwane wawo mayelana lalokho okunikelwa kuwo ukuthi ukulondoloze, loba mayelana lesibambiso sesandla, loba ngokuphangiweyo, loba umcindezele umakhelwane wawo, **3** kumbe uthola lokho okwakulahlekile, uqambe amanga ngakho, ufunge amanga, loba kukuphi kwazo zonke lezo izinto umuntu azenzayo, one ngakho, **4** kuzakuthi-ke ngoba onile elecal a, uzabuyisela impango ayiphangileyo, loba lokho owakuzuza ngokucindezela, loba lokho okwanikelwa kuye ukuthi akulondoloze, loba lokho okwakulahlekile akutholileyo, **5** kumbe kukho konke afunge amanga ngakho; uzakubuya ngesiqokoqela sakho, engezelele kukho ingxene yeishlanu yakho, amnike lowo engeyakhe ngosuku lomnikelo wakhe wecala. **6** Njalo uzaletsha umnikelo wakhe wecala eNkosini, inqama engelasici emhlanjini, elesilinganiso sakho sentengo, kube ngumnikelo wecala, ayise kumpristi, **7** njalo umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi, njalo uzathethelwa, loba kukuphi kwakho konke akwenzileyo alecal a ngakho. **8** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **9** Laya uAroni lamadodana akhe uthi: Lo ngumlayo womnikelo wokutshiswa. Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa ngenxa yokutshisa phezu kwelathi ubusuku bonke kuze kuse, lomlilo welathi uzabhebha kulo. **10** Umpristi-ke uzaggoka isembatho sakhe selembu elicolekileyo, lokabhudula wakhe wangaphansi welembu elicolekileyo uzamfaka emzimbeni wakhe, athathe

umlotha umlilo usuqede umnikelo wokutshiswa elathini, awubeke eceleni kwelathi. **11** Abesekhulula izembatho zakhe, embathe ezinye izembatho, akhuphele umlotha ngaphandle kwenkamba endaweni ehlambulukileyo. **12** Lomlilo ophezu kwelathi uzabhebha kulo, ungacitshwa; njalo umpristi uzabasa inkuni phezu kwalo ukusa ngokusa, abeke kuhle umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwalo, atshise kulo amahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula.

13 Umlilo uzabhebha njalonjalo elathini, ungacitshi. **14** Lalo ngumlayo womnikelo wokudla. Amadodana kaAroni azawunikela phambi kweNkosi, phambi kwelathi. **15** Njalo uzacupha okwayo isandla sakhe esigcweleyo, emputshini ecolekileyo yomnikelo wokudla, lemafutheni awo, lenhlaka yonke ephezu komnikelo wokudla, akutshise elathini, uqhatshi olumnandi, isikhumbuzo sawo, eNkosini. **16** Lokuseleyo kuwo uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla, kuzadliwa kungelamvubelo endaweni engcwele, lokhu bazakudla egumeni lethente lenhlangano. **17** Kakuyikubhakwa ngemvubelo. Kuyisabelo sabo engisinike kuminikelo yami eyenziwe ngomlilo; kuyingcwelengcwele, njengomnikelo wesono lanjengomnikelo wecala. **18** Bonke abesilisa ebantwaneni bakaAroni bazakudla. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, esivela eminkelweni yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo; wonke okuthintayo uzakuba ngcwele. **19** INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **20** Lo ngumnikelo kaAroni lamadodana akhe abazawunikela eNkosini ngosuku lokugcotshwa kwakhe; okwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla njalonjalo, ingxene yayo ekuseni lengxene yayo kusihlw. **21** Uzakwenzelwa emganwini oyincence ngamafutha. Uzawuletha uxutshanisiwe, unikele ngencezu ezibhakiweyo zomnikelo wokudla, zibe luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **22**

Lompristi wamadodana akhe, ogcotshiwego esikhundleni sakhe, uzakwenza. Kuyisimiso saphakade eNkosini. Uzatshiswa ngokupheleleyo. **23** Wonke-ke umnikelo wokudla wompristi uzatshiswa ngokupheleleyo, ungarliwa. **24** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **25** Tshono kuAroni lakumadodana akhe uthi: Lo ngumlayo womnikelo wesono. Endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa umnikelo wesono uzahlatshwa khona phambi kweNkosi; uyingcwelengcwele. **26** Umpristi owunikelela isono uzawudla; uzadlelwa endaweni engcwele, egumeni lethente lenhlangano. **27** Konke okuthinta inyama yawo kuzakuba ngcwele; lofafaza okwegazi lawo esiggokweni, lokhu afafaze kikho wena uzakugezisa endaweni engcwele. **28** Njalo imbiza yebumba okuphekewo kuyo izaphahlazwa; kodwa uba kuphekewo embizeni yethusi, kayiphalwe ihlanjululwe ngamanzi. **29** Wonke owesilisa kubapristi uzawudla. Kuyingcwelengcwele. **30** Kodwa loba yiuphi umnikelo wesono okwegazi lawo lingeniswe ethenteni lenhlangano ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele kawuyikudliwa; uzatshiswa ngomlilo.

7 Lalo ngumlayo womnikelo wecala. Uyingcwelengcwele. **2** Endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa bazahlabela khona umnikelo wecala, legazi lawo uzalifafaza elathini inhlangothi zonke. **3** Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawanikela, umsila ononileyo, ledanga, **4** lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso; **5** lompristi uzakutshisa elathini kube ngumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo; kungumnikelo wecala. **6** Wonke owesilisa kubapristi uzawudla; kawudlelwe endaweni engcwele, uyingcwelengcwele. **7** Njengomnikelo wesono unjalo umnikelo wecala; umlayo wayo munye. Umpristi

owenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngawo, uzakuba ngowakhe.

8 Umpristi onikela-ke umnikelo wokutshiswa womuntu, isikhumba somnikelo wokutshiswa anikele ngawo sizakuba ngesalowompristi. **9** Lawo wonke umnikelo wokudla obhakwe eziko, lakho konke okulungiswa epaneni loba emganwini oyincence, kuzakuba ngokwalowompristi onikele ngakho. **10** Lawo wonke umnikelo wokudla ovutshwe ngamafutha kumbe owomileyo uzakuba ngowamadodana wonke kaAroni, enye njengenye. **11** Njalo lo ngumlayo womhlatshele weminikelo yokuthula awunikela eNkosini. **12** Uba ewunikela ube ngumnikelo wokubonga, uzanikela kanye lomhlatshele womnikelo wokubonga amaqebelengwana angelamvubelo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, lezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha, lamaqebelengwana empuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ekhanzingiwe. **13** Ngaphandle kwamaqebelengwana uzanikela isinkwa esilemvubelo kube ngumnikelo wakhe, lomhlatshele womnikelo wokubonga weminikelo yakhe yokuthula.

14 Njalo uzanikela okwawo okukodwa okuvela kuwo wonke umnikelo kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa eNkosini; lizakuba ngelalowompristi ofafaza igazi leminikelo yokuthula. **15** Kodwa inyama yomhlatshele womnikelo wokubonga weminikelo yakhe yokuthula izadliwa ngosuku lokunikela kwakhe, angatshiyi okwayo kuze kube sekuseni. **16** Kodwa uba umhlatshele womnikelo wakhe uyisithembiso loba umnikelo wesihle, uzadliwa ngosuku anikela ngalo umhlatshele wakhe, lokuseleyo kuwo kudliwe lakusisa; **17** kodwa okuseleyo enyameni yomhlatshele ngosuku lwasithathu kuzatshiswa ngomlilo. **18** Njalo uba okwenyama yomhlatshele weminikelo yakhe yokuthula kudliwa lokudliwa ngosuku lwasithathu, okunikelayo kayikwemukeleka,

kakuyikubalelwa kuye; kuzakuba yisinengiso, lomphefumulo odla okwayo uzathwala ububi bawo. **19** Lenyama ethinta into engcolileyo kayiyikudliwa, izatshiswa ngomlilo. Kodwa mayelana lenyama, wonke ohlambulukileyo angadla inyama, **20** kodwa umphefumulo odla inyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, engeyeNkosi, lokungcola kwavo kuphezu kwavo, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **21** Njalo uba umphefumulo uthinta loba yini engcolileyo, ukungcola komuntu, loba inyamazana engcolileyo, kumbe loba yini engcolileyo eyisinengiso, abesesidla okwenyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula engeyeNkosi, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **22** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **23** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Lingadli lakanye amahwahwa enkomo kumbe awemu kumbe awembuzi. **24** Kodwa amahwahwa esidumbu senyamazana, lamahwahwa enyamazana edatshuliweyo angasetshenziswa loba kuwuphi umsebenzi, kodwa lingawadli lakanye. **25** Ngoba loba ngubani odla amahwahwa enyamazana abanikela ngayo umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, lowomphefumulo odlayo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **26** Futhi lingadli lagazi lakuyiphi imizi yenu, elenyoni loba elenyamazana. **27** Wonke umphefumulo odlayo loba yiliphi igazi, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **28** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **29** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Lowo onikela umhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula eNkosini uzaletha umnikelo wakhe eNkosini uvela kumhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula. **30** Izandla zakhe zizaletha iminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, amahwahwa lesifuba, uzakuletha lesifuba, ukusizinguza sibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi. **31** Umpristi uzatshisa-

ke amahwahwa elathini, kodwa isifuba sibe ngesikaAroni lesamadodana akhe. **32** Lizanika-ke umpristi umlenze wokunene, ube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ovela emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yenu yokuthula. **33** Lowo phakathi kwamadodana kaAroni onikela igazi leminikelo yokuthula lamahwahwa uzazuza umlenze wokunene ube yisabelo sakhe. **34** Ngoba isifuba sokuzunguzwa lomlenze wokuphakanyiswa ngikuthethe ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yabo yokuthula, ngakunika uAroni umpristi lamadodana akhe, kube yisimiso esilaphakade, okuvela ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli. **35** Lokho kuyisabelo sikaAroni lesabelo samadodana akhe esivela eminikelweni yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, mhla ebasondeza ukusebenzela iNkosi njengabapristi, **36** iNkosi eyalaya ngakho ukubanika, ngosuku eyabagcoba ngalo, okuvela ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zabo. **37** Lo ngumlayo womnikelo wokutshisa, womnikelo wokudla, lowomnikelo wesono, lowomnikelo wecala, lowokwehlukaniselwa, lowomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, **38** iNkosi eyalaya ngawo uMozisi entabenye Sinayi, ngosuku alaya ngalo abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi balethe iminikelo yabo eNkosini enkangala yeSinayi.

8 iNkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Thatha uAroni lamadodana akhe kanye laye, lezembatho, lamafutha okugcoba, lejongosi lomnikelo wesono, lenqama ezimbili, lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo, **3** ubuthanise inhlangu yonke emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **4** UMozisi wasesenza njengokulaya kweNkosi kuye, lenhlangano yabuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **5** UMozisi wasesithi enhlanganweni: Yiyo le into iNkosi elaye ukuthi yenziwe. **6** UMozisi wasesondeza uAroni

lamadodana akhe, wabagezisa ngamanzi. 7 Wasemqqokisa isigqoko, wambopha ngebhanti, wamgqokisa ibhatshi, wamfaka i-efodi, wambopha ngebhanti le-efodi elelukwe ngobungcitsihi, walibophela kuye ngalo. 8 Wamgqokisa isembatho sesifuba, wabeka esembathweni sesifuba iUrimi leThumimi. 9 Wamthwalisa iqhiye ekhanda lakhe; wabeka phezu kweqhiye, ngaphambi kobuso bayo, incence yegolide, umqhele wobungcwele, njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. 10 UMozisi wasethatha amafutha okugcoba, waligcoba ithabhanekele lakho konke okuphakathi kwalo, wakungcwelisa. 11 Wafafaza ngawo phezu kwelathi kasikhombisa, wagcoba ilathi lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezel a lonyawo lwayo, ukukungcwelisa. 12 Wathela okwamafutha okugcoba ekhanda likAroni, wamgcoba, ukumngcwelisa. 13 UMozisi wasesondeza amadodana kaAroni, wawaggokisa izigqoko, wawabopha ngamabhanti, wawathwalisa izingowane, njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. 14 Wasesondeza ijongosi lomnikelo wesono; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi lomnikelo wesono. 15 Waselihlaba, uMozisi wasethatha igazi, walifaka ngomunwe wakhe empondweni zelathi inhlangothi zonke, wahlambulula ilathi, wathululela igazi kungaphansi yelathi, walingcwelisa ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. 16 Wathatha idanga lonke, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, uMozisi wakutshisa elathini. 17 Kodwa ijongosi, lesikhumba salo, lenyama yalo, lomswane walo wakutshisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba, njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. 18 Wasesondeza inqama yomnikelo wokutshiswa; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama. 19 Waseyihlab, uMozisi wafafaza igazi phezu

kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **20** Waseyisika inqama ngeziqa zayo, uMozisi watshisa inhloko lezitho lamahwahwa. **21** Wagezisa imibilini lemilenze ngamanzi, uMozisi watshisa inqama yonke elathini, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa oloqhatshi olumnandi, kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, njengalokho iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. **22** Wasesondeza enye inqama, inqama yokwehlukaniswa; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama. **23** Waseyihlabu, uMozisi wathatha okwegazi layo, walifaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene kaAroni, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene. **24** Wasesondeza amadodana kaAroni, uMozisi wafaka okwegazi eqwangeni lwendlebe yawo yokunene, lesithupheni sesandla sawo sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwawo lokunene; uMozisi wasefafaza igazi phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **25** Wasethatha amahwahwa, lomsila ononileyo, ledanga lonke, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, lomlenze wokunene, **26** wakhupha esitsheni sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo esasiphambi kweNkosi iqebelengwana laba linye elingelamvubelo, leqebelengwana elilodwa lesinkwa esilamafutha, lesinkwana esisodwa esiyisipatalala, wakubeka phezu kwamahwahwa laphezu komlenze wokunene; **27** wakubeka konke ezandleni zikaAroni lezandleni zamadodana akhe, wakuzunguza kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi. **28** UMozi wasekuthatha ezandleni zabo, wakutshisa elathini phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, kwaba yikwehlukaniswa okoqhatshi olumnandi, kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **29** UMozi wasethatha isifuba, wasizunguza saba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi; saba yisabelo

sikaMozisi senqama yokwehlukaniswa, njengalokho iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. **30** UMozi wasethatha okwamafutha okugcoba lokwegazi okwakuphezu kwelathi, wakufafaza phezu kukaAroni, phezu kwezemba^{tho} zakhe, laphezu kwamadodana akhe, laphezu kwezemba^{tho} zamadodana akhe kanye laye. Wamngcwelisa uAroni, izembatho zakhe, lamadodana akhe, lezembatho zamadodana akhe kanye laye. **31** UMozi wasesithi kuAroni lemaddaneni akhe: Phekani inyama emnyango wethente lenhlangano, liyidle lapho lezinkwa ezisitsheni sokwehlukaniswa, njengokulaya kwami ngisithi: UArni lamadodana akhe bazakudla. **32** Lokuseleyo kwenyama lokwezinkwa lizakutshisa ngomlilo. **33** Njalo kaliyikuphuma ngomnyango wethente lenhlangano, insuku eziyisikhombisa, kuze kufike usuku okuzagcwaliwa ngalo insuku zokwehlukaniswa kwenu, ngoba uzalehlukanisa okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **34** Njengoba enzile lamuhla iNkosi ilayile ukukwenza, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **35** Ngakho lizahlala emnyango wethente lenhlangano insuku eziyisikhombisa, imini lebusuku, ligcine imfanelo yeNkosi ukuze lingafi; ngoba ngilaywe njalo. **36** UArni lamadodana akhe basebesenza izinto zonke iNkosi eyazilayayo ngesandla sikaMozisi.

9 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasificaminwembili uMozisi wabiza oAroni lamadodana akhe labadala bakolsrayeli. **2** Wathi kuAroni: Zithathele ithole, inkonyana yenkomu, libe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, okungelasici, ukusondeze eNkosini. **3** Leabantwaneni bakolsrayeli uzakhulumu uthi: Thathani izinyane lembuzi libe ngumnikelo wesono, lethole, lewundlu, abe lomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, **4** lenkabi lenqama zibe yiminikelo yokuthula, zihlatshwe phambi

kweNkosi, lomnikelo wokudla oxubene lamafutha; ngoba lamuhla iNkosi izabonakala kini. **5** Basebethatha lokho uMozisi akulayayo bakuletha phambi kwethente lenhlangano; lenhlangano yonke yasondela, yema phambi kweNkosi. **6** UMozisi wasesithi: Le into iNkosi elilaye ngayo lizayenza; lenkazimulo yeNkosi izabonakala kini. **7** UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Sondela elathini, wenze umnikelo wakho wesono lomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa, uzenzele wena inhlawulo yokuthula lokwabantu; ubususenza umnikelo wabantu, ubenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, njengokulaya kweNkosi. **8** UAróni wasesondela elathini, walihlaba ithole lomnikelo wesono owawungowakhe. **9** Amadodana kaAroni aseletha igazi kuye, wasegxamuza umunwe wakhe egazini, walifaka phezu kwempondo zelathi, legazi walithululela kungaphansi yelathi; **10** kodwa amahwahwa, lezinso, lamahwahwa esibindi omnikelo wesono wakutshisa elathini, njengalokho iNkosi imlayile uMozisi. **11** Kodwa inyama lesikhumba wakutshisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba. **12** Wasehlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa; lamadodana kaAroni amnika igazi, waselifafaza phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **13** Amnika lomnikelo wokutshisa ngezitho zawo lenhloko; wasekutshisa phezu kwelathi. **14** Wagezisa imibilini lemilenze, wayitshisa phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa elathini. **15** Wasesondeza umnikelo wabantu, wathatha impongo yomnikelo wesono eyayingeyabantu, wayihlaba, wayinikela yaba ngumnikelo wesono, njengowokuqala. **16** Wasondeza umnikelo wokutshiswa, wawulungisa njengokwesimiso. **17** Wasondeza umnikelo wokudla, wagcwalisa isandla sakhe ngokwawo, wakutshisa phezu kwelathi, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni. **18** Wahlaba inkabi lenqama zibe ngumhlatshelo weminkelo yokuthula owawungowabantu; lamadodana kaAroni

amnika igazi, owalifafaza phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **19**
Lamahwahwa enkabi lawenqama, umsila ononileyo, ledanga
elisibekelayo, lezinso, lamahwahwa esibindi, **20** asebeka
amahwahwa phezu kwezifuba; wasetshisa amahwahwa elathini;
21 kodwa izifuba lomlenze wokunene uAroni wakuzunguza kwaba
ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi, njengokulaya
kukaMozisi. **22** Uaroni wasephakamisela isandla sakhe
ebantwini, wababusisa. Wehla ekunikeleni umnikelo wesono
lomnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. **23** UMozi loAroni
basebengena ethenteni lenhlangano; baphuma bababusisa
abantu, lenkazimulo yeNkosi yabonakala kubo bonke abantu. **24**
Kwasekuphuma umlilo uvela phambi kweNkosi, watshisa phezu
kwelathi umnikelo wokutshiswa lamahwahwa. Bonke abantu
bathi bekubona lokhu bamemeza, bawa ngobuso babo.

10 Amadodana kaAroni, oNadabi loAbihu, asethatha ngulowo
lalovo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, afaka umlilo kiyo,
abeka phezu kwawo impepha, anikela umlilo ongejwayelekanga
phambi kweNkosi, eyayingawalayanga wona. **2** Kwasekuphuma
umlilo ovela phambi kweNkosi, wawaqothula, asefela phambi
kweNkosi. **3** UMozi wasesithi kuAroni: Yilokhu iNkosi
eyakukhulumayo isithi: Kulabo abasondela kimi ngizangcweliswa,
futhi phambi kwabantu bonke ngizadunyiswa. Uaroni wasethula.
4 UMozi wasebiza uMishayeli loElizafani, amadodana kaUziyeli
uyise omncane kaAroni, wathi kibo: Sondelani, libasuse
abafowenu phambi kwendlu engcwele, kuze kube ngaphandle
kwenkamba. **5** Basondela-ke, babathwala bembethe izigqoko
zabo kwaze kwaba ngaphandle kwenkamba, njengokutsho
kukaMozisi. **6** UMozi wasesithi kuAroni lakuEleyazare
lakulthamari, amadodana akhe: Lingembuli amakhanda enu,

lingadabuli izembatho zenu, hlezi life, lolaka lwehlele phezu
kwenhlangano yonke. Kodwa akuthi abafowenu, indlu yonke
kalsrayeli, balilele ukutshisa iNkosi ekuphembileyo. 7
Lingaphumi ngomnyango wethente lenhlangano hlezi life,
ngoba amafutha okugcoba eNkosi aphezu kwenu. Benza-
ke njengelizwi likaMozisi. 8 INkosi yasikhuluma kuAroni
isithi: 9 Uganath iwayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, wena
lamadodana akho kanye lawe, nxa lingena ethenteni lenhlangano,
ukuze lingafi; kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu;
10 lokwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcwele lokungangcwele,
laphakathi kokungahlambulukanga lokuhlambulukileyo; 11
lokufundisa abantwana bakolsrayeli zonke izimiso iNkosi
ezikhulume kubo ngesandla sikaMozisi. 12 UMozi wasesithi
kuAroni lakuEleyazare lakulthamari, amadodana akhe ayesele:
Thathani umnikelo wokudla oseleyo eminikelweni yeNkosi
eyenziwe ngomlilo, liwudle ungelamvubelo eceleni kwelathi,
ngoba uyingcwelengcwele; 13 njalo liwudlele endaweni engcwele,
ngoba uyimfanelo yakho lemfanelo yamadodana akho, esivela
eminikelweni yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo; ngoba ngilaywe njalo.
14 Kodwa isifuba sokuzunguzwa lomlenze wokuphakanyiswa
lizakudlela endaweni ehlambulukileyo, wena lamadodana akho,
lamadodakazi akho kanye lawe; ngoba kuyisabelo sakho
lesabelo samadodana akho; kunikwa kuvela emihlatshelweni
yeminikelo yokuthula yabantwana bakolsrayeli. 15 Umlenze
wokuphakanyiswa lesifuba sokuzunguzwa bazakuletha leminikelo
yamahwahwa eyenziwe ngomlilo, ukukzunguza kube
ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi; kuzakuba
ngokwakho lokwamadodana akho kanye lawe, kube yisimiso
saphakade, njengokulaya kweNkosi. 16 UMozi wasesithi

impongo yomnikelo wesono, khangela-ke yayitshisiwe. Ngakho wathukuthelela uEleyazare lolthamari, amadodana kaAroni aseleyo, esithi: **17** Kalidlanga ngani umnikelo wesono endaweni engcwele, ngoba uyingcwelengcwele, futhi ilinikile wona lina ukuze lithwale ububi benhlangano, libenzele inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi? **18** Khangelani, igazi lawo kalingeniswanga phakathi endaweni engcwele. Ngabe isibili liyidlile endaweni engcwele njengokulaya kwami. **19** UAroni wasesithi kuMozisi: Khangela, lamuhla sebenikele umnikelo wabo wesono lomnikelo wabo wokutshiswa phambi kweNkosi, kanti izinto ezinje zingehlele! Uba bengidlile umnikelo wesono lamuhla, bekuzakuba kuhle emehlwani eNkosi yini? **20** Esezwile lokho uMozisi kwaba kuhle emehlwani akhe.

11 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi kibo: **2** Tshonini ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli lithi: Lezi zinyamazana elingazidla kuzo zonke inyamazana ezssemhlabeni. **3** Konke okwehlukanisa isondo lokwehlukanisa isondo kabili lokwetshisayo phakathi kwenyamazana, lokhu lizakudla. **4** Kodwa lezi kaliyikuzidla kulezo ezetshisayo kumbe kulezo ezechlukanisa isondo: Ikamela, ngoba liyetshisa, kodwa kalehlukanisi amasondo; lingcolile kini. **5** Lembila, ngoba iyetshisa, kodwa kayehlukanisi isondo; ingcolile kini. **6** Lomvundla, ngoba uyetshisa, kodwa kawehlukanisi isondo; ungcilile kini. **7** Lengulube, ngoba iyehlukanisa isondo lokwehlukanisa isondo kube kubili kodwa kayetshisi; ingcolile kini. **8** Lingadli okwenyama yazo, lingathinti isidumbu sazo; zingcolile kini. **9** Lezi lingazidla kuzo zonke ezsemanzini: Zonke ezilempiko lamaxolo, emanzini, enlwandle lemifulen, lezo lingazidla. **10** Kodwa zonke ezingelampiko lamaxolo enlwandle lemifulen, phakathi kwazo zonke ezibhinqika emanzini

laphakathi kwaso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esisemanzini, ziysinengiso kini. **11** Yebo, zizakuba yisinengiso kini; lingadli okwenyama yazo; kodwa lizanengwa yisidumbu sazo. **12** Konke okungelampiko lamaxolo emanzini, kuyisinengiso kini. **13** Lezi-ke lizanengwa yizo phakathi kwezinyoni; kaziyikudliwa, ziysinengiso; ukhozi lelinqe lengqungqulu edla inhlanzi, **14** lomzwazwa, lohelwane ngohlobo lwalo, **15** lonke iwabayi ngohlobo lwalo, **16** lesikhova, lomandukulo, lenkanku, lokhozi ngohlobo lwalo, **17** lesikhova esincinyane, letshayamanzi, lesikhova esikhulu, **18** lesikhova esimhlophe, lewunkwe, lelinqe elikhulu, **19** lengabuzane, ihemu ngohlobo lwalo, lemwenduna, lolulwane. **20** Zonke izibungu ezilempiko ezihamba ngezine ziysinengiso kini. **21** Kodwa lezi lizazidla ezibungwini ezilempiko ezihamba ngezine ezilemilenze ephezu kwenyawo zazo ezeqa ngayo emhlabeni; **22** lezi lingadla kuzo: lsikhonyane ngohlobo lwaso, lonyelele ngohlobo lwakhe, lediye ngohlobo lwalo, lentethe ngohlobo lwayo. **23** Kodwa zonke izibungu ezilempiko, ezilenyawo ezine, ziysinengiso kini. **24** Langalezi lizangcoliswa; wonke othinta isidumbu sazo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **25** Njalo wonke ophakamisa okwesidumbu sazo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **26** Yonke inyamazana eyehlukanisa isondo, kodwa ingehlukanisi isondo kibili, njalo ingetshisi, ingcolile kini; wonke oyithintayo uzangcola. **27** Konke-ke okuhamba ngezidladla zakho, phakathi kwazo zonke inyamazana ezihamba ngezine, zingcolile kini; wonke othinta isidumbu sazo uzangcola kuze kuhlwe. **28** Lothwala isidumbu sazo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; zingcolile kini. **29** Futhi lezi zizakuba ngezingcolileyo kini, phakathi kwezihuquzelayo ezihuquzelayo

emhlabeni; ubuchakide, legundwane, legwababa ngohlobo lwalo, **30** lontulo, lebulumakhasana, lombankwa, lesiqhuza, lonwabu. **31** Lezi zingcolile kini phakathi kwazo zonke ezihuquzelayo; wonke ozithintayo sezifile uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **32** Konke-ke ewela phezu kwakho enye yazo isifile kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, lokwasiphi isitsha sesihlahla, loba isembatho, loba isikhumba, loba isaka, lasiphi isitsha okusetshenzwa ngaso; kuzafakwa emanzini, njalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; khona kuzahlambuluka. **33** Layo yonke imbiza yebumba ewela phakathi kwayo enye yazo, konke okukiyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, njalo lizayibulala. **34** Ekudleni konke okudliwayo afike kukho amanzi kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo; lakuphi okunathwayo okunganathwa phakathi kwaloba yiypipi imbiza enjalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo. **35** Konke-ke okuwela kukho okwesidumbu sazo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo; iziko loba isitofu, kuzaphohlozw, kungcolile, futhi kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo kini. **36** Kodwa umthombo loba umgodi aqoqene khona amanzi uzakuba ngohlambulukileyo; kodwa okuthinta izidumbu zazo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo. **37** Njalo uba okwesidumbu sazo kuwela phezu kwenhlanyelo ehlanyelwayo ezahlanyelwa, ihlambulukile; **38** kodwa uba okwamanzi kufakwa enhlanyelweni, lokwesidumbu sazo kuwela phezu kwayo, ingcolile kini. **39** Uba kusifa-ke enyamazaneni eyikudla kini, othinta isidumbu sayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **40** Lodla okwesidumbu sayo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; lothwala isidumbu sayo uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **41** Lazo zonke ezihuquzelayo ezihuquzelu emhlabeni ziyyisinengiso; kaziyikudliwa. **42** Konke okuhamba ngesisu, lakho

konke okuhamba ngezine, kuze kube yikho konke okulenyawo ezinengi, phakathi kwazo zonke ezihuquzelayo ezihuquzelala emhlabeni kalyikukudla, ngoba kuyisinengiso. **43** Lingazenzi linengeke langakuphi okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzelala, lingazingcolisi ngakho ukuthi lingcoliswe yikho. **44** Ngoba njiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngakho zingcweliseni, libe ngcwele, ngoba ngingcwele. Lingazingcolisi langakuphi okuhuquzelayo okuhuquzelala emhlabeni. **45** Ngoba njiyiNkosi eyalenyusa lisuka elizweni leGibhithe ukuthi ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. Ngakho banini ngcwele, ngoba ngingcwele. **46** Lo ngumlayo wezinyamazana lezinyoni, laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esibhinqika emanzini lakuso sonke isidalwa esihuquzelala emhlabeni, **47** ukwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo, laphakathi kokuphilayo okungadliwa lokuphilayo okungadliwayo.

12 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Uba owesifazana ekhululeka, abelethe owesilisa, uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengensuku zokwehlukaniswa kwakhe esemfuleni uzakuba ngongcolileyo. **3** Langosuku lwasificaminwembili inyama yejwabu lakhe laphambili izasokwa. **4** Khona ezaahlala okwensuku ezingamatshumi amathathu lantathu egazini lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, angathinti lutho olungcwele, angangeri endlini engcwele, zize ziphelele insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe. **5** Kodwa angabeletha owesifazana, uzakuba ngongcolileyo amaviki amabili, njengokwehlukaniswa kwakhe; uzahlala insuku ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha egazini lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe. **6** Lapho sezigcwalisekile insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, ngendodana loba ngendodakazi, uzaletha iwundlu

elilomnyaka owodwa, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, lephuphu lenkwilimba kumbe ijuba kube ngumnikelo wesono, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, kumpristi, 7 ozakunikela eNkosini, amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula; khona ezahlambuluka ekopheni kwegazi lakhe. Lo ngumlayo walowo obeletha owesilisa loba owesifazana. 8 Kodwa uba isandla sakhe singatholi okwanelia mvu, uzathatha amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa lokunye kube ngumnikelo wesono, lompristi amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, aze ahlambuluke.

13 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: 2 Umuntu, nxa kukhona esikhumbeni senyama yakhe ithumba loba uqweqwelo loba ibala elikhanyayo, njalo esikhumbeni senyama yakhe kube njengesifo sobulephero, khona ezalethwa kuAroni umpristi kumbe kwenye yamadodana akhe angabapristi. 3 Umpristi uzakhangela-ke isifo esikhumbeni senyama; uba uboya esifweni sebuphenduke baba mhlophe, lokubonakala kwesifo sekutshone kulesikhumba senyama yakhe, kuyisifo sobulephero. Umpristi esemkhangele uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile. 4 Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo esikhumbeni senyama yakhe limhlophe, lokubonakala kwalo kungatshoni kulesikhumba, loboya balo bungaphendukanga baba mhlophe, umpristi uzamvalela olesifo insuku eziyisikhombisa. 5 Umpristi uzamkhangela-ke ngosuku ljesikhombisa; uba, khangela, isifo sisemi emehlwani akhe, isifo singaqhelanga esikhumbeni, umpristi uzamvalela ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa. 6 Umpristi uzabuya-ke amkhangele ngosuku ljesikhombisa; uba, khangela, isifo sifiphele, lesifo singaqhelanga esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile; luqweqwe. Njalo uzaahlamba izembatho zakhe, ahlambuluke. 7 Kodwa uba

uqweqwe luqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni emva kokubonakaliswa kwakhe kumpristi ngokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, uzabonakaliswa kumpristi futhi. **8** Uba umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, uqweqwe luyaqhela esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile; kuyibulephero. **9** Isifo sobulephero, uba sisemuntwini, uzalethwa kumpristi. **10** Njalo umpristi uzabona, khangela-ke, kukhona ithumba elimhlophe esikhumbeni, seliphendule uboya baba mhlophe, futhi kulenyama entsha ephilayo ethunjeni, **11** kuyibulephero obudala esikhumbeni senyama yakhe; umpristi uzakutsho-ke ukuthi ungcilile, angamvaleli ngoba engcolile. **12** Uba-ke ubulephero buqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni, lobulephero bugubuzela isikhumba sonke salowo olesifo, kusukela ekhanda lakhe kuze kufike lenyaweni zakhe, njengokubona konke kwamehlo ompristi, **13** umpristi uzabona, khangela-ke, ubulephero bugubuzele inyama yonke yakhe, uzakutsho ukuthi olesifo uhlambulukile; konke kuphendukile kwaba mhlophe; uhlambulukile. **14** Kodwa mhla kubonakala kuye inyama ebomvu, uzakuba ngongcolileyo. **15** Lapho umpristi esebone inyama ebomvu, uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile; inyama ebomvu ingcolile, iyibulephero. **16** Kumbe uba inyama ebomvu ibuye iphenduke ibe mhlophe, uzakuya kumpristi. **17** Lapho umpristi esembonile ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiphenduke saba mhlophe, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile olesifo; uhlambulukile. **18** Inyama layo, nxa kukhona kuyo, esikhumbeni sayo, ithumba, selipholile, **19** lendaweni yethumba kube lokuvuvuka okumhlophe kumbe ibala elikhanyayo elimhlophe libomvana, kuzatshengiswa umpristi. **20** Uba umpristi ezabona ukuthi, khangela, ukubonakala kwakho kutshone kulesikhumba, loboya bakho sebuphenduke baba mhlophe, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile; kuyisifo

sobulephero, siphume ethunjeni. **21** Kodwa uba umpristi ezakubona ukuthi, khangela, kakulaboya obumhlophe kukho, lokuthi kakutshonanga kulesikhumba, kodwa kufiphele, umpristi uzamvalela insuku eziyisikhombisa. **22** Uba-ke kuqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni, umpristi atsho ukuthi ungcilile, kuyisifo. **23** Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo limi endaweni yalo, lingaqheli, kuyisibavu sethumba; umpristi uzakutsho-ke ukuthi uhlambulukile. **24** Kumbe inyama, uba kukhona esikhumbeni sayo umtshiso womlilo, lokuphola komtshiso kulibala elikhanyayo elimhlophe libomvana kumbe limhlophe. **25** Lapho umpristi eselibonile ukuthi, khangela, uboya bebala elikhanyayo buphenduke baba mhlophe, lokubonakala kwalo litshone kulesikhumba, kuyibulephero, buqhamuke emtshisweni; ngakho umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile; kuyisifo sobulephero. **26** Kodwa uba umpristi eselibona ukuthi, khangela, kakulaboya obumhlophe ebeleni elikhanyayo, lokuthi kalitshonanga kulesikhumba, kodwa lifiphele, umpristi uzamvalela insuku eziyisikhombisa. **27** Langosuku lwasikhombisa umpristi uzambona; uba liqhele kakhulu esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile; kuyisifo sobulephero. **28** Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo limi endaweni yalo, lingaqhelanga esikhumbeni, kodwa lifiphele, kuyikuvuvuka komtshiso; umpristi atsho-ke ukuthi uhlambulukile, ngoba kuyisibavu somtshiso. **29** Njalo nxa owesilisa loba owesifazana elesifo ekhanda loba endevini, **30** lapho umpristi esebonile isifo ukuthi, khangela, ukubonakala kwaso kutshonile kulesikhumba, njalo kulezinwele ezilithanga ezinciphileyo, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile; kuluqweqwe; kuyibulepherobekhanda loba obendevu. **31** Uba-ke umpristi esebone isifo soqweqwe ukuthi, khangela, ukubonakala kwaso kasitshonanga kulesikhumba, lokuthi

kakulanwele ezimnyama kuso, umpristi uzamvalela olesifo soqweqwe insuku eziyisikhombisa. **32** Langosuku lwasikhombisa umpristi uzabona isifo; uba, khangela, uqweqwe lungaqhelanga, futhi kungekho kuso inwele ezilithanga, lokubonakala koqweqwe kungatshonanga kulesikhumba, **33** uzaziphuca, kodwa uqweqwe angaluphuci, lompristi uzamvalela oloqweqwe ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa. **34** Langosuku lwasikhombisa umpristi uzabona uqweqwe; uba, khangela, uqweqwe lungaqhelanga esikhumbeni, futhi ukubonakala kwalo kungatshonanga kulesikhumba, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile, njalo uzaahlamba izembatho zakhe, ahlambuluke. **35** Kodwa uba uqweqwe luqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni emva kokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, **36** umpristi uzabe esembonile ukuthi, khangela, uqweqwe seluqhelile esikhumbeni, umpristi kangadingi inwele ezilithanga; ungcilile. **37** Kodwa uba emehlwani akhe uqweqwe lusemi, lenwele ezimnyama sezimilile kulo, uqweqwe selupholile, uhlambulukile; lompristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile. **38** Njalo owesilisa loba owesifazana, nxa kukhona esikhumbeni senyama yabo amabala akhanyayo, amabala akhanyayo amhlophe, **39** nxa umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, esikhumbeni senyama yabo kulamabala akhanyayo afipheleyo amhlophe, kuyimpunza equubukayo esikhumbeni; uhlambulukile. **40** Lendoda, uba ikhanda layo lingaselanwele, ulempabanga, uhlambulukile. **41** Uba-ke ikhanda layo lingaselanwele eceleni lebunzi layo, ulempabanga ebunzini, uhlambulukile. **42** Kodwa uba kukhona isifo esimhlophe sibomvana empabangeni kumbe empabangeni esebunzini, kuyibulephero obuqubuka ebumpabangeni bayo kumbe empabangeni esebunzini layo. **43** Lapho umpristi esembonile ukuthi, khangela, ukuvuvuka kwesifo kumhlophe

kubomvana empabangeni yayo kumbe empabangeni esebunzini
layo, njengokubonakala kobulephero esikhumbeni senyama,
44 uyindoda elobulephero, ungcilile; umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi
ungcolile kakhulu; isifo sayo sisekhanda layo. **45** Umlephero,
esikuye isifo, izembatho zakhe zizadatshulwa-ke, lekhanda
lakhe lembulwe, njalo ambomboze indevu zendebe yakhe
yangaphezulu, akhale athi: Ngcolile, ngcolile! **46** Zonke insuku
isifo sikuye ungcilile; ungcilile, uzaahlala yedwa, indawo
yakhe yokuhlala izakuba ngaphandle kwenkamba. **47** Njalo
isembatho, nxa isifo sobulephero sikuso, esembathweni soboya
bezimvu, loba esembathweni selembu elicolekileyo, **48** loba
ezintanjeni eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo zelembu
elicolekileyo kumbe ezoboya bezimvu, loba esikhumbeni,
kumbe kukuphi okwenziwe ngesikhumba, **49** futhi isifo
siluhlazana loba sibomvana esembathweni loba esikhumbeni
loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo loba ezintanjeni eziqumayo
kumbe kuyiphi into yesikhumba; kuyisifo sobulephero, njalo
kuzatshengiswa umpristi. **50** Umpristi uzakhangela-ke isifo,
avalele okulesifo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **51** Akhangele isifo
ngosuku Iwesikhombisa; uba isifo siphelile esembathweni
loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo loba ezintanjeni eziqumayo loba
esikhumbeni, loba kuwuphi umsebenzi owenziwe ngesikhumba;
isifo siyibulephero obuvukuzayo; kungcolile. **52** Ngakho uzatshisa
isembatho loba izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo
zoboya bezimvu loba ezelembu elicolekileyo kumbe loba
yiypipi into yesikhumba okukuyo isifo; ngoba kuyibulephero
obuvukuzayo; kuzatshiswa ngomlilo. **53** Kodwa uba umpristi
ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiqhelanga esembathweni
kumbe ezintanjeni eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo,

kumbe loba kuyiphi into yesikhumba, 54 umpristi uzalaya-ke ukuthi bawatshe lokho esikukho isifo, akuvalele ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa. 55 Kuzakuthi umpristi, sekuwatshiwe, abone isifo ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiphendukanga ukubonakala kwaso, lesifo kasiqhelanga; kungcolile. Uzakutshisa ngomlilo; kuyikucutheka kohlangothi lwakho lwangemuva loba uhlangothi lwakho lwaphambili. 56 Kodwa uba umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sifiphele emva kokuwatshwa kwaso, uzasidabula esembathweni, loba esikhumbeni, loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo, kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo. 57 Kodwa uba silokhu sibonakala esembathweni loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo kumbe loba kuyiphi into yesikhumba, siyaqhela; uzakutshisa ngomlilo lokho esikukho isifo. 58 Kodwa isembatho kumbe izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo kumbe loba yiypipi into yesikhumba okuwatshileyo, uba isifo sisukile kukho, kuzawatshwa okwesibili, kuzahlambuluka-ke. 59 Lo ngumlayo wesifo sobulephero wesembatho soboya bezimvu kumbe selembu elicolekileyo, loba izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo, kumbe loba yiypipi into yesikhumba, ukutsho ukuthi kuhlambulukile kumbe ukutsho ukuthi kungcolile.

14 INKosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Lo uzakuba ngumlayo womlephero ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe: Uzaletwa kumpristi. 3 Umpristi uzaphuma-ke ngaphandle kwenkamba. Uba umpristi ezabona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sobulephero seselaphekile kumlephero, 4 umpristi uzalaya-ke ukuthi kuthathelwe lowo ozahlanjululwa inyoni ezimbili eziphilayo ezihlambulukileyo, lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope; 5 umpristi alaye ukuthi enye inyoni ibulawelwe embizeni yebumba phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo. 6 Inyoni

ephilayo, uzayithatha lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope, akugxamuze lenyoni ephilayo egazini lenyoni ehlatshelwe phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo, **7** amfafaze lowo ozahlanjululwa kubulephero kasikhombisa, atsho ukuthi uhlambulukile, ayekele inyoni ephilayo ikhululekile endle. **8** Lalowo ozahlanjululwa uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, ahlambuluke; emva kwalokho uzangena enkambeni, kodwa ahlale ngaphandle kwethente lakhe insuku eziyisikhombisa. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku Iwesikhombisa uzaphuca zonke inwele zakhe, ikhanda lakhe lezindevu zakhe lezintshiya zakhe, yebo, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, ahlambuluke. **10** Langosuku Iwesificaminwembili uzathatha amawundlu amabili amaduna angelasici, lewundlu elisikazi elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici, lengxenyenye ezintathu etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla, kuxubene lamafutha, lelogi eyodwa yamafutha. **11** Umpristi ohlambululayo uzamisa-ke indoda ezahlanjululwa lezinto phambi kweNkosi, emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **12** Njalo umpristi uzathatha elinye iwundlu eliduna, alinikele libe ngumnikelo wecala, lelogi yamafutha, akuzunguze kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi; **13** ahlabe iwundlu endaweni lapho okuhlatselwa khona umnikelo wesono lomnikelo wokutshiswa, endaweni engcwele; ngoba umnikelo wecala ungowompristi njengomnikelo wesono; uyingcwelengcwеле. **14** Umpristi uzathatha-ke okwegazi lomnikelo wecala, umpristi uzakufaka eqwangeni Iwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo Iwakhe lokunene. **15** Futhi umpristi uzathatha okwelogi yamafutha, akuthele esandleni

sompristi sokhohlo. **16** Njalo umpristi uzagxamuza umunwe wakhe wokunene emafutheni asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo, afafaze okwamafutha kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe phambi kweNkosi. **17** Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sakhe umpristi uzafaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene, phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala. **18** Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sompristi uzakufaka ekhanda lalowo ozahlanjululwa. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. **19** Umpristi uzanikela-ke umnikelo wesono amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula lowo ozahlanjululwa ekungcoleni kwakhe, lemva kwalokho ahlabe umnikelo wokutshiswa. **20** Njalo umpristi uzanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla elathini. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo uzahlambuluka. **21** Kodwa-ke uba engumyanga, lesandla sakhe singakufinyeleli, uzathatha iwundlu elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wecala lokuzunguzwa ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, lengxenye eyodwa etshumini lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha kube ngumnikelo wokudla, lelogi yamafutha, **22** lamajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, isandla sakhe esingakufinyelela, njalo okunye kube ngumnikelo wesono lokunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **23** Langosuku lwasificaminwembili uzakulethela ukuhlanjululwa kwakhe kumpristi, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, phambi kweNkosi. **24** Umpristi uzathatha-ke iwundlu elomnikelo wecala, lelogi yamafutha; njalo umpristi uzakuzunguza kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi. **25** Aahlabe iwundlu elomnikelo wecala; njalo umpristi athathe okwegazi lomnikelo wecala, akufake eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene

yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene; **26** njalo umpristi uzathela okwamafutha esandleni sompristi sokhohlo; **27** umpristi uzafafaza-ke okwamafutha asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo kasikhombisa phambi kweNkosi ngomunwe wakhe wokunene; **28** njalo umpristi uzafaka okwamafutha asesandleni sakhe eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene, endaweni yegazi lomnikelo wecala. **29** Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sompristi uzakufaka ekhanda lalowo ozahlanjululwa, ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. **30** Njalo uzanikela elinye lamajuba loba elamaphuphu enkwilimba, kulokho isandla sakhe esifinyelele kukho, **31** lokho isandla sakhe esifinyelele kukho, okunye kube ngumnikelo wesono lokunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, kanye lomnikelo wokudla. Lompristi uzamenzela ohlanjululwayo inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. **32** Lo ngumlayo ngalowo esikuye isifo sobulephero, osandla sakhe kasifinyeleli ekuhlanjululweni kwakhe. **33** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **34** Lapho selifikile elizweni leKhanani engilinika lona libe yimfuyo, uba ngifake isifo sobulephero endlini yelizwe lelifa lenu, **35** umninindlu uzakuza ambikele umpristi, esithi: Kubonakala kimi kungathi kulesifo endlini. **36** Umpristi uzalaya ukuthi bakhuphe okusendlini, engakafiki umpristi ukubona isifo, ukuze konke okusendlini kungangcoli. Emva kwalokho umpristi uzangena ukukhangela indlu. **37** Lapho ebona isifo, khangela-ke, uba isifo sisemidulwini yendlu, silamagodigodi aluhlazana loba abomvana, lokubonakala kwawo kutshonile kulomduli, **38** umpristi uzaphuma endlini aye emnyango wendlu, ayivale indlu

insuku eziyisikhombisa. **39** Njalo umpristi uzabuya ngosuku lwasikhombisa; uba ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiqhelile emidulwini yendlu, **40** umpristi uzalaya ukuthi bakhuphe izitina isifo esikuzo, bazilahlele ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo, **41** njalo uzakwenza ukuthi indlu iphalwe phakathi inhlangothi zonke, babesebethululela uthuli abaluphalileyo ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo. **42** Babesebethatha ezinye izitina, bazifake endaweni yalezozitina, njalo uzathatha olunye udaka ayibhade indlu. **43** Kodwa uba isifo sibuya futhi siqhamuke endlini emva kokukhupha kwakhe izitina, lemva kokuphalwa kwendlu, lemva kokubhadwa, **44** umpristi uzabuya; uba ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiqhelile endlini, kuyibulephero obuvukuzayo endlini; ingcolile. **45** Njalo uzayidiliza indlu, izitina zayo, lezigodo zayo, lalo lonke udaka lwendlu, akukhuphele ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo. **46** Lalowo ongena kuleyondlu zonke izinsuku eseyivalile uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **47** Lalowo olala kuleyondlu uzahlamba izembatho zakhe; lalowo odlela kuleyondlu uzahlamba izembatho zakhe. **48** Kodwa nxa umpristi esengenile lokungena abone ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiqhelanga endlini emva kokubhadwa kwendlu, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi indlu ihlambulukile, ngoba isifo seselatshiwe. **49** Lokuze indlu ihlambuluke, uzathatha inyoniezimbili, lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope, **50** abulalele enye inyoniebizeni yebumba phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo, **51** athathe isigodo somsedari lehisope lokubomvu lenyoniephilayo, akugxamuze egazini lenyoniebuleweyo lemanzini agobhozayo, afafaze indlu kasikhombisa, **52** ahlambulule indlu ngegazi lenyonie langamanzi agobhozayo langenyoni ephilayo langesigodo somsedari langehisope langokubomvu,

53 ayiyekele inyoni ephilayo iye ngaphandle komuzi endle.

Ngakho uzayenzela indlu inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo ihlambuluke.

54 Lo ngumlayo waso sonke isifo sobulephero, lowoqweqw,

55 lowobulephero besembatho, lowendlu, **56** lowethumba,

lowokhwekhwe, lowebala elikhanyayo, **57** ukufundisa mhla

kungcolile lamhla kuhlambulukile. Lo ngumlayo wobulephero.

15 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **2** Tshonini ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli lithi kubo: Ileyo laleyondoda, nxa kulokugobhoza okuphuma enyameni yayo, ngokugobhoza kwayo ingcolile. **3** Lalokhu kuzakuba yikungcola kwayo ngenxa yokugobhoza kwayo. Loba inyama yayo iyagobhoza ngokugobhoza kwayo loba inyama yayo isimile ekugobhozeni kwayo, kuyikungcola kwayo. **4** Wonke umbheda alala kuwo ollokugobhoza uzangcola; layo yonke into ahlala kuyo izangcola. **5** Njalo loba ngubani othinta umbheda wakhe uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **6** Lohlala entweni ahlale kuyo ollokugobhoza uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **7** Lothinta inyama yallowo ollokugobhoza uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **8** Uba-ke ollokugobhoza ekhafulela ngamathe ohlambulukileyo, uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **9** Laso sonke isihlalo senyamazana agada kuso ollokugobhoza sizangcola. **10** Laloba ngubani othinta loba yini ebingaphansi kwakhe uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; loyithwalayo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **11** Laloba ngubani ollokugobhoza amthintayo engahlambululanga izandla zakhe ngamanzi, uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo

kuze kuhlwe. **12** Lembiza yebumba olokugobhoza ayithintayo izabulawa, laso sonke isitsha sesigodo sizahlanjululwa ngamanzi. **13** Lapho-ke olokugobhoza esehlanjululwe ekugobhozeni kwakhe, uzazibalela insuku eziyisikhombisa zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi agobhozayo, ahlambuluke. **14** Njalo ngosuku lwasificaminwembili uzazithathela amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, eze phambi kweNkosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano, akunike umpristi. **15** Umpristi uzanikela-ke elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi ngenxa yokugobhoza kwakhe. **16** Indoda, nxa kuphuma-ke kuyo ubudoda bokuhlangana, izageza umzimba wayo wonke ngamanzi, ibe ngengcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **17** Njalo sonke isembatho laso sonke isikhumba obukuso ubudoda bokuhlangana sizawatshwa ngamanzi, sibe ngesingcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **18** Futhi owesifazana indoda elele laye ngobudoda bokuhlangana, bobabili bazageza ngamanzi, babe ngabangcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **19** Njalo owesifazana, nxa kulokugobhoza, ukugobhoza kwakhe enyameni yakhe kuligazi, uzakuba sekwehlukanisweni kwakhe insuku eziyisikhombisa; njalo loba ngubani omthintayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **20** Lakho konke alala kukho ekwehlukanisweni kwakhe kuzangcola; lakho konke ahlala kukho kuzangcola. **21** Njalo loba ngubani othinta umbheda wakhe uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **22** Njalo loba ngubani othinta loba yiyiphi into ahlale kuyo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **23** Loba-ke ibisembhedeni loba entweni ahlala kuyo, uba eyithinta,

uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **24** Njalo nxa indoda ilala lokulala laye, ukwehlukanisa kwakhe kuzakuba kiyo; isizakuba ngengcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa, lawo wonke umbheda elala kuwo uzangcola. **25** Njalo owesifazana, uba ukugobhoza kwegazi kugobhoza insuku ezinengi, kungeyisiso isikhathi sokwehlukanisa kwakhe, kumbe uba kugobhoza okwedlula isikhathi sokwehlukanisa kwakhe, zonke izinsuku zokugobhoza kokungcola kwakhe, uzakuba njengensuku zokwehlukanisa kwakhe, abe ngongcolileyo. **26** Wonke umbheda alala kuwo zonke izinsuku zokugobhoza kwakhe uzakuba kuye njengombheda wokwehlukanisa kwakhe; njalo loba yiyiphi into ahlala kuyo izangcola, njengokungcola kokwehlukanisa kwakhe. **27** Njalo loba ngubani othinta lezozinto uzakuba ngongcolileyo, awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **28** Kodwa uba esehlanjululwe ekugobhozeni kwakhe, uzazibalela insuku eziyisikhombisa, lemva kwalokho uzahlambuluka. **29** Langosuku lwasificaminwembili uzazithathela amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, akulethe kumpristi emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **30** Umpristi uzanikela-ke elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi ngenxa yokugobhoza kokungcola kwakhe. **31** Ngalindlela lizakwehlukanisa abantwana bakolsrayeli lokungcola kwabo, ukuze bangafeli ekungcoleni kwabo, lapho bengcolisa ithabhanekele lami eliphakathi kwabo. **32** Lo ngumlayo walowo ollokugobhoza, lowalowo okuphuma kuye ubudoda bokuhlangana, aze angcole ngakho, **33** futhi lowesifazana ogulayo ekwehlukanisweni kwakhe, lalowo

ogobhoza ngokugobhoza kwakhe, owesilisa lowesifazana,
langendoda elala lowesifazana ongcolileyo.

16 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi emva kokufa kwamadodana
amabili kaAroni ekusondeleni kwawo phambi kweNkosi, asesifa.
2 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khuluma kuAroni umnewenu ukuthi
angangen i langasiphi isikhathi endaweni engcwele ngaphakathi
kweveyili, phambi kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu komtshokotsho,
ukuze angafi; ngoba ngizabonakala eyezini phezu kwesihlalo
somusa. **3** Elalokhu uAroni uzangena endaweni engcwele:
elejongosi ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama
ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **4** Uzakwembatha isigqoko
esingcwele lelembu elicolekileyo, lokabhudula wangaphansi
welembu elicolekileyo uzakuba senyameni yakhe, azibophe
ngebanti lelembu elicolekileyo, athandele ngeqhiye yelembu
elicolekileyo; lezi yizembatho ezingcwele. Ngakho uzageza
umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, azembathe. **5** Lakunhlangano
yabantwana bakolsrayeli uzathatha izimpongo ezimbili zembuzi
zibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa. **6** Njalo uAroni uzanikela ijongosi lomnikelo wesono
elingelakhe, azenzele inhlawulo yokuthula lokwendlu yakhe. **7**
Athathe impongo ezimbili, azibeke phambi kweNkosi emnyango
wethente lenhlangano. **8** UAróni uzakwenza-ke inkatho phezu
kwezimpongo ezimbili, enye inkatho ibe ngeyeNkosi lenye
inkatho ibe ngeyempongo yokususa. **9** UAróni uzasondeza-
ke impongo okuphezu kwayo inkatho yeNkosi, ayenze ibe
ngumnikelo wesono; **10** kodwa impongo okuphezu kwayo
inkatho yempongo yokususa uzayibeka iphilile phambi kweNkosi
ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo, ukuyiyekela ihambe
njengempongo yokususa enkangala. **11** Njalo uAroni uzasondeza

ijongosi lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe, azenzele inhlawulo yokuthula leyendlu yakhe; ahlabe ijongosi lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe. **12** Athathe umganu wokutshisela impepha ugcwele amalahle omlilo avele elathini phambi kweNkosi, lezandla zakhe zigcwele impepha elephunga eliminandi echolisisiweyo, akulethe ngaphakathi kweveyili, **13** abeke impepha phezu komlilo phambi kweNkosi, ukuze jyezi lempepha lisibekel isihlalo somusa esiphezu kobufakazi, ukuze angafi. **14** Athathe okwegazi lejongosi, alifafaze ngomunwe wakhe phezu kwesihlalo somusa empumalanga; langaphambi kwesihlalo somusa uzafafaza okwegazi kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe. **15** Abesehlabo impongo yomnikelo wesono engeyabantu, alethe igazi layo ngaphakathi kweveyili, enze ngegazi layo njengokwenza kwakhe ngegazi lejongosi, alifafaze phezu kwesihlalo somusa laphambi kwesihlalo somusa. **16** Ngalokho uzakwenzela indawo engcwele inhlawulo yokuthula, ngenxa yokungcola kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, langenxa yeziphambeko zabo, ezonweni zabo zonke. Futhi uzalenzela njalo ithente lenhlangano, elihlala labo phakathi kokungcola kwabo. **17** Kakungabi khona lamuntu ethenteni lenhlangano, ekungeneni kwakhe ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele aze aphume, esezenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, leyendlu yakhe, leyebandla lonke lakolsrayeli. **18** Uzaphumela-ke elathini eliphambi kweNkosi, alenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, athathe okwegazi lejongosi lokwegazi lempongo, akufake empondweni zelathi inhlangothi zonke; **19** afafaze okwegazi phezu kwalo kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe, alihlambulule, alingcwelise ekungcoleni kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **20** Lapho eseqedile ukwenzela indawo engcwele ukubuyisana, lethente lenhlangano,

lelathi, uzasondeza impongo ephilayo; **21** uAroni abeke-ke izandla zakhe zombili enhlokweni yempongo ephilayo, avume phezu kwayo bonke ububi babantwana bakolsrayeli, leziphambeko zonke zabo, lezono zabo zonke, akubeke enhlokweni yempongo, ayiyekelo ihambe ngesandla sendoda efaneleyo, iye enkangala. **22** Impongo izathwala-ke phezu kwayo bonke ububi babo, iye emmangweni owehlukanisiweyo; njalo izayiyekela impongo iye enkangala. **23** LoAroni uzangena ethenteni lenhlangano, akhulule izembatho zelembu elicolekileyo abezembethe ekungeneni kwakhe endaweni engcwele, azitshiye khona, **24** ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi endaweni engcwele, agqoke izembatho zakhe, aphume, enze umnikelo wakhe wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokutshiswa wabantu, azenzele yena inhlawulo yokuthula leyabantu. **25** Lamahwahwa omnikelo wesono uzawatshisa elathini. **26** Lalowo oyekelo impongo njengempongo yokususa uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, emva kwalokho angene enkambeni. **27** Kodwa ijongosi lomnikelo wesono lempongo yomnikelo wesono, ogazi lazo langeniswa ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele, zizakhitshelwa ngaphandle kwenkamba; babesebetshisa izikhumba zazo lenyama yazo lomswane wazo ngomlilo. **28** Lalowo okutshisayo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, emva kwalokho angene enkambeni. **29** Kuzakuba yisimiso esaphakade kini: Ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolwetshumi lwenyanga lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu, lingasebenzi lamsebenzi, owokuzalwa elizweni lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu. **30** Ngoba ngalolusuku uzalenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ukulihlambulula; kuzo zonke izono zenu phambi kweNkosi lizahlanjululwa. **31** Kulisabatha

lokuphumula kini; njalo lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu; kuyisimiso saphakade. **32** Njalo umpristi ogcotshiweyo, owehlukaniselwe ukusebenza njengompristi esikhundleni sikayise, uzakwenza inhlawulo yokuthula, agqoke izembatho zelembu elicolekileyo, izembatho ezingcwele, **33** enzele inhlawulo yokuthula indawo engcwele ngcwele, lethente lenhlangano, lelathi uzakwenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, labapristi labantu bonke bebandla uzabenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **34** Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kini, ukwenzela inhlawulo yokuthula abantwana bakolsrayeli kanye ngomnyaka ngazo zonke izono zabo. Wenza-ke njengokuba iNkosi yalaya uMozisi.

17 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono kuAroni lakumadodana akhe, lebantwaneni bonke bakolsrayeli, uthi kubo: Leli yilizwi iNkosi elaye ngalo isithi: **3** Loba ngubani wendlu kalsrayeli ohlabi inkabi loba imvu loba imbuzi enkambeni, kumbe ekuhlabela ngaphandle kwenkamba, **4** engakulethanga emnyango wethente lenhlangano ukunikela umnikelo eNkosini phambi kwethabhanekele leNkosi, igazi lizabalelwia lowomuntu, uchithile igazi; ngakho lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo. **5** Ukuze, lapho abantwana bakolsrayeli beletha imihlatshelo yabo, abayihlabela endle, bayilethe eNkosini emnyango wethente lenhlangano, kumpristi, bayihlabe ibe yimihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula eNkosini. **6** Njalo umpristi uzafafaza igazi phezu kwelathi leNkosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano, atshise amahwahwa, abe luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **7** Njalo kabasayikuhlabela amadimoni imihlatshelo yabo, ababephinga ngokuwalandela. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kubo ezizukulwaneni zabo. **8** Tshono-ke kubo uthi: Ngulowo lalowo wendlu kalsrayeli, lakowemzini ohlala

njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo, **9** angawulethi emnyango wethente lenhlangano ukuze awenzele iNkosi, lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo. **10** Njalo ngulowo lalovo wendlu kalsrayeli, lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, odla loba yiliphi igazi, ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lomphefumulo odla igazi, ngiwiqume usuke phakathi kwabantu bawo. **11** Ngoba impilo yenyama isegazini; mina-ke ngilinike lona phezu kwelathi ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu inhlawulo yokuthula; ngoba kuligazi elenzela umphefumulo inhlawulo yokuthula. **12** Ngakho ngathi ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli: Kakungabi lamphefumulo kini odla igazi; lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu kangadli igazi. **13** Njalo ngulowo lalovo ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, ozingela inyama yenyamazana kumbe inyoni edliwayo, uzathulula igazi layo, aliggibe ngenhlabathi. **14** Ngoba kuyimpilo yenyama yonke; igazi layo lisempilweni yayo; yikho ngathi ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli: Lingadli igazi loba ngelayiphi inyama, ngoba impilo yayo yonke inyama kuligazi layo; loba ngubani olidlayo uzaqunywa. **15** Futhi wonke umphefumulo odla ingcuba kumbe inyamazana edatshuliweyo phakathi kwabokuzalwa elizweni kumbe phakathi kwabemzini, uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; emva kwalokho uzahlambuluka. **16** Kodwa uba engaziwatshi, engagezi umzimba wakhe, uzathwala ububi bakhe.

18 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: NgiyiINkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **3** Lingenzi njengokwemisebenzi yelizwe leGibhithe lapho elalihlala khona, lingenzi futhi njengokwemisebenzi yelizwe leKhanani

engililetha kulo. Lingahambi ngemithetho yabo. **4** Lizakwenza izahlulelo zami ligcine izimiso zami, ukuhamba kuzo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Ngakho lizagcina izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami; okuthi uba umuntu ezenza uzaphila ngazo. NgiyiNkosi. **6** Kakungasondeli lamuntu lakusiphi isihlobo senyama yakhe ukwembula ubunqunu baso. NgiyiNkosi. **7** Ungembuli ubunqunu bukayihlo lobunqunu bukanyoko; ungunyoko, ungembuli ubunqunu bakhe. **8** Ungembuli ubunqunu bomkayihlo, buyibunqunu bukayihlo. **9** Ubunqunu bukadadewenu, indodakazi kayihlo loba indodakazi kanyoko, ezelwe ekhaya loba ezelwe ngaphandle, ungembuli ubunqunu babo. **10** Ungembuli ubunqunu bendodakazi yendodana yakho, loba bendodakazi yendodakazi yakho, ngoba bayibunqunu bakho. **11** Ubunqunu bendodakazi yomkayihlo ezelwe nguyihlo, ingudadewenu, ungembuli ubunqunu bayo. **12** Ungembuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kayihlo, ngoba eyisihlobo sikayihlo. **13** Ungembuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kanyoko, ngoba eyisihlobo sikanyoko. **14** Ungembuli ubunqunu bomfowabo kayihlo; ungasondeli kumkakhe, ngoba enguyihlokazi. **15** Ungembuli ubunqunu bukamalokozana; ungumkandodana yakho, ungembuli ubunqunu bakhe. **16** Ungembuli ubunqunu bomkamfowenu, buyibunqunu bomfowenu. **17** Ungembuli ubunqunu bowesifazana lobendodakazi yakhe; ungathathi indodakazi yendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakhe, ukwembula ubunqunu bayo; bayizihlobo; kuyinkohlakalo. **18** Ungathathi owesifazana kanye lodadewabo ukumhlupha, ukwembula ubunqunu bakhe kanye laye empilweni yakhe. **19** Ungasondeli kowesifazana ekwehlukanisweni kokungcola kwakhe ukwembula ubunqunu bakhe. **20** Ungalali lomkamakhelwane wakho ukungcola ngaye.

21 Unganiki okwenzalo yakho ukuthi ukudabulisele kuMoleki; ungangcolisi ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **22** Ungalali lowesilisa njengokulala lowesifazana; kuyisinengiso. **23** Ungalali laloba yiypipi inyamazana ukungcola ngayo; futhi owesifazana angemi phambi kwenyamazana ukulala layo; kuyingxube elihlazo. **24** Lingazingcolisi langenye yalezizinto, ngoba ngazo zonke lezizinto izizwe ziyangcoliswa engizixotsha phambi kwenu. **25** Ngalokho ilizwe lingcolile; ngakho ngiphindisela ububi balo phezu kwalo, lelizwe liyabahlanza abahlali balo. **26** Ngakho lina lizagcina izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami, lingenzi okwazo zonke lezizinengiso; owokuzalwa elizweni loba owemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu. **27** Ngoba zonke lezizinengiso bazenza abantu balelolizwe ababekhona ngaphambi kwenu, ngakho ilizwe langcola. **28** Ukuze ilizwe lingalihlanzi lapho lilingcolisa, njengalokhu lahlanza isizwe esasikhona ngaphambi kwenu. **29** Ngoba wonke owenza okwalezizinengiso, imiphefumulo ekwenzayo izaqunywa isuke ebantwini bayo. **30** Ngakho lizagcina umlayo wami, ukuze lingenzi okwalezozimiso eziyisinengiso ezenziwa ngaphambi kwenu, ukuthi lingazingcolisi ngazo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

19 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Banini ngcwele, ngoba mina iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ngingcwele. **3** Yesabani, ngulowo lalowo, unina loyise. Gcinani-ke amasabatha ami. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **4** Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni, lingazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngokuncibiliikisa. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Njalo nxa linikela umhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNkosini, liwunikele ukuze lemukeleke. **6** Uzadliwa ngosuku

lokunikela kwenu langakusasa; kodwa okuseleyo ngosuku lwestithathu kuzatshiswa ngomlilo. **7** Uba kudliwa lokudliwa ngosuku lwestithathu, kuzakuba yisinengiso; kakuyikwemukeleka. **8** Ngakho okudlayo uzathwala ububi bakhe, ngoba ungcilise okungcwele kweNkosi; lalowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **9** Lalapho livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, ungavuni ngokupheleleyo umngcele wensimu yakho; futhi ungabuthi okuseleyo kjesivuno sakho. **10** Ungakhethozi isivini sakho; futhi ungabuthi okuwileyo kjesivini sakho; uzakutshiyela abayanga labemzini. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **11** Lingebi, lingaphathi ngenkohliiso, lingaqambi manga omunye kumakhelwane wakhe. **12** Lingafungi ngamanga ngebizo lami, loba ungcilise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **13** Ungacindezeli umakhelwane wakho, ungamphangi. Iholo loqhatshiwego lingahlali kuwe ubusuku kuze kube sekuseni. **14** Ungaqalekisi isacuthe, ungafaki isikhubeleiso phambi kjesiphofu, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **15** Ungenzi ukungalungi ekwahluleleni; ungemukeli ubuso bomyanga, ungahloniphi ubuso bomkhulu, yahlulela umakhelwane wakho ngokulunga. **16** Ungahambahambi njengomnyundi phakathi kwabantu bakini; ungamelani legazi lomakhelwane wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **17** Ungazondi umfowenu enhliziyweni yakho; umkhuze lokumkhuza umakhelwane wakho, ungathwali isono ngenxa yakhe. **18** Ungaphindiseli, ungabi lasikhwili labantwana babantu bakini; kodwa thanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. NgiyiNkosi. **19** Gcinani izimiso zami. Ungavumeli izifuyo zakho zikhwelwe yimihlobo emibili. Ungahlanyeli insimu yakho ngenhlobo ezimbili. Lesigqoko esemihlobo emibili exubeneyo singezi phezu kwakho. **20** Lendoda, nxa ilala ngokwenyama

lomfazi, eyisiggilikazi esikhombileyo, esingahlengwanga lokuhlengwa, kumbe singanikwanga inkululeko, kuzakuba lesijeziso. Kabayikubulawa, ngoba sasingakhululwanga. 21 Njalo izaletha umnikelo wayo wecala eNkosini, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, inqama ibe ngumnikelo wecala. 22 Njalo umpristi uzayenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngenqama yomnikelo wecala phambi kweNkosi ngesono sayo esonileyo, izathethelelwa-ke esonweni sayo esonileyo. 23 Lalapho selifikile elizweni, lihlanyele yonke imihlobo yezihlahla zokudla, lizathatha isithelo sazo njengento engasokwanga; iminyaka emithathu sizakuba singasokwanga kini, singadliwa. 24 Kodwa ngomnyaka wesine sonke isithelo sazo sizakuba ngcwele, sibe yindumiso eNkosini. 25 Langomnyaka wesihlanu lingadla isithelo sazo, ukuze zilengezelelele isivuno sazo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. 26 Lingadli lutho olulegazi. Lingensi imilingo, lingachasisi ngemibono. 27 Lingageli amagumbi ekhanda lenu, ungoni amagumbi endevu zakho. 28 Lingazicabi enyameni yenu ngenxa yofileyo, lingafaki phezu kwenu uphawu lokuzisika. NgiyiNkosi. 29 Ungangcolisi indodakazi yakho ngokuyenza ibe liwule, hlezi ilizwe liphinge, lelizwe ligcwale inkohlakalo. 30 Gcinani amasabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. NgiyiNkosi. 31 Lingaphendukeli kulabo abalamadlozi lakwabalumbayo; lingabadingi ukuze lingcoliswe yibo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. 32 Sukumela impunga, uhloniphe ubuso bomdala, wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNkosi. 33 Futhi nxa owezizweni ehlala njengowezizwe lawe elizweni lakini, lingamcindezeli. 34 Owezizweni ohlala njengowezizwe lani uzakuba kini njengozalwa elizweni phakathi kwenu, umthande njengalokhu uzithanda wena; ngoba lalingabezizweni elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNkosi

uNkulunkulu wenu. **35** Lingenzi ukungalungi ekwahluleleni, ebudeni, esisindweni, lesilinganisweni. **36** Banini lezikali zokulinganisa ezilungileyo, izilinganiso ezilungileyo, i-efa elilungileyo, lehini elilungileyo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe. **37** Ngakho gcinani zonke izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami zonke, lizenze. NgiyiNkosi.

20 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono futhi ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Ngulowo lalowo wabantwana bakolsrayeli, loba owabezizweni abahlala njengabezizwe kolsrayeli, onikela okwenzalo yakhe kuMoleki, uzabulawa lokubulawa, abantu belizwe bazamkhanda ngamatshe. **3** Mina-ke ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lalowomuntu, ngimqume asuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo, ngoba enikele okwenzalo yakhe kuMoleki, ukuze angcolise indlu yami engcwele, eyise ibizo lami elingcwele. **4** Uba-ke abantu belizwe befihla lokufihla amehlo abo kulowomuntu nxa enikela okwenzalo yakhe kuMoleki, ukuze bangambulali, **5** mina ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lalowomuntu njalo bumelane losapho lwakhe, ngimqume labo bonke abaphinga emva kwakhe, ukuthi baphinge belandela uMoleki, basuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **6** Umphefumulo, ophendukela-ke kulabo abalamadlozi lakwabalumbayo ukuphinga ubalandela, ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lalowomphefumulo, ngiwiqume usuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **7** Ngakho zingcweliseni libe ngcwele, ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **8** Njalo gcinani izimiso zami, lizenze. NgiyiNkosi elingcwelisayo. **9** Ngoba ngulowo lalowo othuka uyise kumbe unina uzabulawa lokubulawa; uthukile uyise kumbe unina; igazi lakhe liphezu kwakhe. **10** Lendoda efeba lomfazi womuntu, efeba lomkamakhelwane wayo, izabulawa

lokubulawa, isifebe lesifebekazi. **11** Lendoda elala lomkayise yembule ubunqunu bukayise; bobabili bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo liphezu kwabo. **12** Lendoda elala lomalokazana wayo, bobabili bazabulawa lokubulawa; benze ingxube; igazi labo liphezu kwabo. **13** Lendoda elala lowesilisa njengokulala lowesifazana, bobabili benze isinengiso; bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo liphezu kwabo. **14** Lendoda ethatha umfazi kanye lonina, kuyinkohlakalo. Bazatshiswa ngomlilo, yena labo, ukuze kungabi khona inkohlakalo phakathi kwenu. **15** Lendoda elala lenyamazana, izabulawa lokubulawa, futhi lizayibulala inyamazana. **16** Lowesifazana osondela lakuyiphi inyamazana ukulala layo, uzabulala owesifazana lenyamazana; bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo liphezu kwabo. **17** Lendoda ethatha udadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina, ibone ubunqunu bakhe, laye abone ubunqunu bayo, kulihlazo; njalo bazaqunywa emehlwani abantwana babantu bakibo; yembule ubunqunu bukadadewabo; izathwala ububi bayo. **18** Lendoda elala lowesifazana ogulayo, yembule ubunqunu bakhe, inqunule umthombo wakhe, laye wembule umthombo wegazi lakhe, bobabili bazaqunywa basuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **19** Njalo ungembuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kanyoko, loba obukadadewabo kayihlo; ngoba wembule isihlolo sakhe; bazathwala ububi babo. **20** Lendoda elala lomkamfowabo kayise, yembule ubunqunu bomfowabo kayise; bazathwala isono sabo; bafe bengelabantwana. **21** Lendoda ethatha umkamfowabo, kuyikungcola; yembule ubunqunu bukamfowabo; bazakuba ngabangelabantwana. **22** Ngakho gcinani zonke izimiso zami lezahlulelo zonke zami, lizenze, ukuze ilizwe engililetha kulo ukuhlala kulo lingalihlanzi. **23** Njalo lingahambi ngezimiso zesizwe

engisixotshayo phambi kwenu; ngoba benze zonke lezizinto; ngakho nganengwa yibo. **24** Kodwa ngathi kini: Lizakudla ilifa lelizwe labo; mina ngizalinika ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, olehlukanise labezizwe. **25** Ngakho yehlukanisani phakathi kwenyamazana ezihlambulukileyo lezingahlambulukanga, laphakathi kwezinyoni ezingahlambulukanga lezihlambulukileyo; lingensi imiphefumulo yenu inengeke ngezinyamazana loba ngezinyoni loba ngakuphi okuhuquzelayo emhlabathini, engikwehlukanise lani njengokungcolileyo. **26** Njalo lizakuba ngcwele kimi, ngoba mina Nkosi ngingcwele; ngilehlukanisile labezizwe ukuze libe ngabami. **27** Njalo owesilisa loba owesifazana, abalamadlozi loba abalumbayo, bazabulawa lokubulawa, bazabakhanda ngamatshe; igazi labo liphezu kwabo.

21 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kubapristi, amadodana kaAroni, uthi kubo: Kakungabi khona ozingcolisayo ngofileyo phakathi kwabantu bakibo, **2** ngaphandle kwesihlobo sakhe, esiseduze laye, ngonina, langoyise, langendodana yakhe, langendodakazi yakhe, langomfowabo, **3** langodadewabo intombi emsulwa, eseduze laye, engazange ibe ngeyendoda; angazingcolisa ngayo. **4** Kayikuzingcolisa, eyisikhulu phakathi kwabantu bakibo, ukuzingcolisa. **5** Kabayikwenza impabanga ekhanda labo, bangageli igumbi lodevu lwabo, bangacabi inhlanga enyameni yabo. **6** Bazakuba ngcwele kuNkulunkulu wabo, bangeyisi ibizo likaNkulunkulu wabo. Ngoba banikela iminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wabo. Ngakho bazakuba ngcwele. **7** Kabayikuthatha owesifazana oyisifebe kumbe ongcolileyo, njalo kabayikuthatha owesifazana olahlwe yindoda yakhe; ngoba ungcwele kuNkulunkulu wakhe. **8**

Ngakho uzamngcwelisa, ngoba unikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakho. Uzakuba ngcwele kuwe, ngoba mina Nkosi elingcwelisayo ngingcwele. **9** Lendodakazi yaloba nguwuphi umpristi, uba izingcolisa ngokuphinga, iyamngcolisa uyise; izatshiswa ngomlilo. **10** Lompristi omkhulu phakathi kwabafowabo, okuthelwe ekhanda lakhe amafutha okugcoba, lowehlukaniselwa ukuthi embathe izembatho, kayikuvumela ukuthi ikhanda lakhe lembulwe, angadabuli izembatho zakhe; **11** angayi lakuSiphi isidumbu, angazingcolisi ngoyise loba ngonina; **12** angaphumi endlini engcwele, angangcolisi indlu engcwele kaNkulunkulu wakhe, ngoba umqhele wamafutha okugcoba kaNkulunkulu wakhe uphezu kwakhe. NgiyiNkosi. **13** Njalo yena uzathatha umfazi ebuntombini bakhe. **14** Umfelokazi, kumbe olahliweyo, loba isifebe esingcolisiweyo, laba kangabathathi. Kodwa uzathatha intombi emsulwa ebantwini bakibo ibe ngumkakhe, **15** njalo angangcolisi inzalo yakhe phakathi kwabantu bakibo. Ngoba ngyiNkosi emngcwelisayo. **16** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **17** Khuluma kuAroni usithi: Loba ngubani owenzalo yakho ezizukulwaneni zabo okulesici kuye kangasondeli ukunikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe. **18** Ngoba loba nguwuphi umuntu okulesici kuye angasondeli, umuntu oyisiphofu, kumbe oyisiqhuli, kumbe olimele ebusweni, kumbe olesitho eselulekileyo, **19** kumbe umuntu okulokwephuka konyawo kuye, kumbe ukwephuka kwesandla, **20** kumbe olesifumbu, kumbe ongumuthwa, kumbe olomntwana elihlweni lakhe, kumbe olentembuzane, kumbe oloqweqwe olulumayo, loba olimele emasendeni. **21** Kakulamuntu owenzalo kaAroni umpristi okukuye isici ozasondeli ukunikela iminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo; kulesici kuye, angasondeli ukunikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe. **22** Angadla ukudla

kukaNkulunkulu wakhe, ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele lezintweni ezingcwele, **23** kodwa angezi kulo ivesyili, angasondeli elathini, ngoba kulesici kuye, ukuze angangcolisi izindlu zami ezingcwele. Ngoba ngyiNkosi ebangcwelisayo. **24** UMozisi wasekhuluma lokho kuAroni, lakumadodana akhe, lakubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli.

22 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono kuAroni lakumadodana akhe ukuthi bazehlukanise lezinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakolsrayeli, bangangcolisi ibizo lami elingcwele; ngoba zingcwele kimi: NgyiNkosi. **3** Tshono kibo uthi: Loba nguuphi umuntu ezipukulwaneni zenu owenzalo yenu yonke osondela ezintweni ezingcwele, abantwana bakolsrayeli abazingcwelisela iNkosi, nxa ukungcola kwakhe kuphezu kwakhe, lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phambi kwami. NgyiNkosi. **4** Ngulowo lalowo owenzalo kaAroni, ongumlephero, loba olokugobhoza, kangadli ezintweni ezingcwele aze ahlambuluke. Lothinta lakuphi okungcoliswe yisidumbu, kumbe indoda okuphuma kuyo ubudoda bokuhlangana, **5** kumbe loba ngubani othinta loba yiyiphi into ehuquzelayo, angcoliswa yiyo, kumbe umuntu angcoliswa nguye, ngakho konke ukungcola kwakhe, **6** umuntu othinta lokhu uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe, angadli okwezinto ezingcwele ngaphandle kokuthi ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi. **7** Nxa selitshonile ilanga uzahlambuluka; lemva kwalokho angadla okwezinto ezingcwele, ngoba kuyikudla kwakhe. **8** Ingcuba lokudatshuliweyo kangakudli ukuzingcolisa ngakho. NgyiNkosi. **9** Ngakho bazagcina umlayo wami, ukuze bangathwali isono ngawo, bafele kuso, sebewungcolisile. NgyiNkosi ebangcwelisayo. **10** Njalo kakho owemzini ozakudla into engcwele. Ohlala lompristi loysisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo

kangadli into engcwele. **11** Kodwa uba umpristi ethenga umuntu eyintengo yemali yakhe, yena angadla okwayo, lozelwe emzini wakhe, bona bangadla okokudla kwakhe. **12** Lendodakazi yompristi, uba isiba ngeyendoda yemzini, yona kayingadli okomnikelo wezinto ezingcwele. **13** Kodwa indodakazi yompristi, nxa ingumfelokazi loba ingelahlwego ingelanzalo, isibuyelete emzini kayise njengetsheni bayo, izakudla okokudla kukayise; kanti kakho owemzini ongadla kukho. **14** Njalo nxa umuntu esidla into engcwele ngokungazi, uzakwengezelela kuyo ingxene yezihanu yayo, anike umpristi into engcwele. **15** Njalo kabayikungcolisa izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakolsrayeli abaziphakamisela iNkosi, **16** babenze bathwale ububi becalo, lapho besidla izinto zabo ezingcwele; ngoba ngiyiNkosi ebangcwelisayo. **17** INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **18** Tshono kuAroni, lakumadodana akhe, lakubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli, uthi kubo: Ngulowo lalovo owendlu kalsrayeli, lowabezizweni kolsrayeli, ozanikela umnikelo wakhe ngezithembiso zabo zonke, langokweminikelo yabo yonke yesihle, abazayinikela eNkosini kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, **19** ukuze lemukeleke, iduna elingelasici, elezinkomo, elezimvu, loba elembuzi. **20** Linganikeli loba ngakuphi okulesici kukho, ngoba kakuyikwemukeleka kini. **21** Umuntu, nxa enikela-ke umhlatshele weminikelo yokuthula eNkosini wesithembiso esikhethekileyo loba womnikelo wesihle, enkomani loba ezimvini, kumele uphelele ukuze wemukeleke, kungabi lasici kuwo. **22** Eziyizophofu, kumbe ezephukileyo, kumbe eziyizilima, kumbe ezilensumpa, kumbe eziloqwegwe, kumbe ezilamathumba, linganikeli lezi eNkosini, futhi linganikeli kulezi umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo eNkosini phezu kwelathi. **23** Kodwa inkunzi loba imvu elesitho

eselulekileyo kumbe esidundubeleyo lingayinikela ibe ngumnikelo wesihele; kodwa kayiyikwemukeleka ukuba ngeyesithembiso. **24**
Njalo linganikeli eNkosini okuhluzukileyo kumbe okugxotshiweyo loba okudatshuliweyo loba okuqunyiweyo; lingakwenzi elizweni lakini. **25** Ngokuvela esandleni sowemzini linganikeli isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu wenu okuvela kuzo zonke lezi; ngoba ukonakala kwazo kukuzo, isici sikuzo, kaziyikwemukeleka kini. **26** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **27** Nxa kuzalwa inkunzi loba imvu loba imbuzi, izakuba ngaphansi kukanina insuku eziyisikhombisa. Njalo kusukela kusuku Iwesificaminwembili njalo kusiya phambili izakwemukeleka ibe ngumnikelo, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **28** Kodwa inkomokazi loba imvukazi lingayihlabi lomntwana wayo ngasuku lunye. **29** Njalo nxa lihlabela iNkosi umhlatshelo wokubonga, lizawuhlabu ukuze lemukeleke. **30** Uzadliwa ngalolosuku, lingatshiyi okwawo kuze kube sekuseni. NgiyiNkosi. **31** Ngakho gcinani imilayo yami, liyenze. NgiyiNkosi. **32** Njalo lingeyisi ibizo lami elingcwele, kodwa ngizangcweliswa phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. NgiyiNkosi elingcwelisayo, **33** eyalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. NgiyiNkosi.

23 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Imikhosi emisiweyo yeNkosi elizayimemezela ibe zinhlangano ezibiziweyo ezingcwele, le yimikhosi yami emisiweyo. **3** Umsebenzi uzakwenziwa insuku eziyisithupha; kodwa usuku Iwesikhombisa lulisabatha lokuphumula, inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi; lulisabatha eNkosini kuyo yonke imizi yenu. **4** Le yimikhosi emisiweyo yeNkosi, inhlangano ezibiziweyo ezingcwele elizazimemezela ngesikhathi sazo esimisiweyo. **5** Ngenyanga

yokuqala ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga kusihlwa kuliphasika leNkosi. **6** Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwaleyonyanga kulomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo eNkosini; dlanini isinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **7** Ngosuku lokuqala lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **8** Kodwa lizanikela umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo insuku eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuzakuba khona inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **9** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **10** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho selfikile elizweni engilinika Iona, livune isivuno salo, lethani isithungo sezithelo zokuqala zesivuno senu kumpristi, **11** njalo azunguze isithungo phambi kweNkosi ukuze lemukeleke. Umpristi uzasizunguza ngosuku olulandela isabatha. **12** Ngosuku elizunguza ngalo isithungo, nikelani iwundlu elingelasici eliomnyaka owodwa, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini. **13** Lomnikelo waho wokudla uzakuba zingxenyenye ezimbili etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ube ngumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi oolumnandi; lomnikelo waho wokunathwayo uzakuba ngowewayini, ingxenyenye yesine yehini. **14** Njalo kalyikudla isinkwa, lamabele akhanzingiweyo, lezikhwebu ezintsha, kuze kufike Iona lolosuku, lize lilethe umnikelo kaNkulunkulu wenu. Kuyisimiso esillaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, kuyo yonke imizi yenu. **15** Njalo lizazibalela kusukela ngosuku olulandela isabatha, kusukela ngosuku elaletha ngalo isithungo somnikelo wokuzunguzwa; kuzakuba ngamasabatha ayisikhombisa apheleleyo, **16** kuze kufike usuku olulandela isabatha lesikhombisa libale insuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu; khona lizanikela umnikelo omutsha

wokudla eNkosini. **17** Lethani okuvela emizini yenu izinkwa ezimbili zokuzunguzwa; zizakuba zingxenye ezimbili etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo; zizabhakwa lemvubelo; ziyyithelo zokuqala eNkosini. **18** Njalo lizanikela kanye lesinkwa amawundlu ayisikhombisa angelasici alomnyaka owodwa, lejongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, lenqama ezimbili; zizakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, kanye lomnikelo wazo wokudla leminikelo yazo yokunathwayo, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **19** Lizalungisa njalo izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, lamawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa abe ngumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula. **20** Umpristi uzazizinguza-ke kanye lesinkwa sezithelo zokuqala zibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi, kanye lamawundlu amabili; zizakuba ngcwele eNkosini, zibe ngezompristi. **21** Lizamememezela ngalona lolosuku; kuzakuba yinhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele kini, lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. Kuyisimiso esaphakade kuyo yonke imizi yenu ezizukulwaneni zenu. **22** Lalapho livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, ekuvuneni kwakho ungaqed emngceleni wensimu yakho; futhi ungabuthi okuseleyo kwesivuno sakho; ukutshiyele umyanga lowemzini. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **23** INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **24** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga kuzakuba kini yikuphumula, isikhumbuzo sokutshaywa kwezimpondo, inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele. **25** Lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi; kodwa nikelani umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **26** INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **27** Yebo, ngolwetshumi lwalinyanga yesikhombisa kuzakuba lusuku lwenhlangulo yokuthula; lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo

engcwele; lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu, linikele umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **28** Langalona lolosuku lingenzi lamsebenzi, ngoba kulusuku lwenhlawulo yokuthula, ukulenzela lina inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **29** Ngoba loba yiuphi umphefumulo ongazithobiyo ngalona lolosuku uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bakibo. **30** Laloba yiuphi umphefumulo owenza loba yiuphi umsebenzi ngalona lolosuku ngizawubhubhisa lowomphefumulo usuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **31** Lingenzi lamsebenzi. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu kuyo yonke imizi yenu. **32** Lisabatha lokuphumula kini; lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu; ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, ntambama, kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube kusihlwa, lizacina isabatha lenu. **33** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **34** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwale inyanga yesikhombisa kuzakuba lomkhosi wamadumba insuku eziyisikhombisa eNkosini. **35** Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **36** Insuku eziyisikhombisa lizanikela umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. Ngosuku lwasificaminwembili kuzakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele kini, linikele umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. Kungumhlangano onzulu, lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **37** Le yimkhosi emisiweyo yeNkosi elizayimememezela ibe zinhlangano ezibiziweyo ezingcwele, ukunikela umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo wokudla, umhlatshelo, leminikelo yokunathwayo, kube yilokho lalokho ngosuku lwakho, **38** ngaphandle kwamasabatha eNkosi, langaphandle kwezipho zenu, langaphandle kwezithembiso zenu zonke, langaphandle kweminikelo yenu yonke yesihle,

elayinikela eNkosini. **39** Kodwa ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesikhombisa, lapho selibuthile isivuno selizwe, gcinani umkhosi weNkosi insuku eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba lokuphumula langosuku lwasificaminwembili kuzakuba lokuphumula. **40** Langosuku lokuqala zithatheleni izithelo zezihlahla ezinhle, izingatsha zezihlahla zelala, lezingatsha zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu aminyeneyo, leminyezane yemifula, lithabe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu insuku eziyisikhombisa. **41** Lizawugcina ube ngumkhosi eNkosini insuku eziyisikhombisa ngomnyaka. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; liwugubhe ngenyanga yesikhombisa. **42** Lizahlala emadumbeni insuku eziyisikhombisa; bonke abazalwa kolsrayeli bazahlala emadumbeni, **43** ukuze izizukulwana zenu zazi ukuthi ngabahlalisa abantwana bakolsrayeli emadumbeni ekubakhupheni kwami elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **44** Ngokunjalo uMozisi wabatshela abantwana bakolsrayeli imikhosi emisiweyo yeNkosi.

24 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Laya abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi balethe kuwe amafutha emihlwathi acengekileyo agigelwe ukukhanyisa ukuze izibane zivuthe njalonjalo. **3** Ngaphandle kweveyili lobufakazi, ethenteni lenhlangano, uAroni uzazilungisa phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo, kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni; kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu. **4** Uzalungisa izibane eluthini lwesibane olucwengekileyo phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo. **5** Uzathatha-ke impuphu ecolekileyo, ubhake ngayo amaqebelewana alitshumi lambili; ingxene ezimbili etshumini kuzakuba liqebelengwana elilodwa. **6** Uwabeke emizileni emibili, ayisithupha emzileni, phezu kwetafula

elicwengekileyo phambi kweNkosi; **7** futhi ubeke kulowo lalowo umzila inhlaka ecengekileyo, ibe yisinkwa sesikhumbuzo, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **8** Ngalo lonke usuku Iwesabatha uzakulungisa phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo, kuvela ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, yisivumelwano esilaphakade.

9 Njalo kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe, besebekudlela endaweni engcwele; ngoba kuyingcwelengcwele kuye, okuvela eminikelweni yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, isimiso esilaphakade. **10** Kwasekuphuma indodana yowesifazana umlsrayelikazi, owayeyindodana yendoda engumGibhithe, phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. Lalindodana yomlsrayelikazi lendoda engumlsrayeli balwa enkambeni. **11** Indodana yowesifazana umlsrayelikazi yasihlambaza iBizo, yathuka. Basebemletha kuMozisi. Lebizo likanina lalinguShelomithi, indodakazi kaDibiri, owesizwe sakoDani. **12** Basebemfaka esitokosini, ukuze bachasiselwe ngokomlomo weNkosi. **13** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi: **14** Khiphela ngaphandle kwenkamba umthuki; labo bonke abamuzwayo kababeke izandla zabo ekhanda lakhe, lenhlangano yonke imkhande ngamatshe. **15** Khuluma-ke ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Ngulowo lalowo othuka uNkulunkulu wakhe uzathwala isono sakhe. **16** Lohlambaza ibizo leNkosi uzabulawa lokubulawa; inhlangano yonke izamkhanda lokumkhanda ngamatshe. Njengowokuzalwa elizweni uzakuba njalo owemzini, nxa ehlambaza iBizo uzabulawa. **17** Lomuntu nxa etshaya loba yiuphi umphefumulo womuntu uzabulawa lokubulawa. **18** Lotshaya abulale inyamazana uzayihlawula, impilo ngempilo. **19** Umuntu nxa esipha-ke umakhelwane wakhe isici, njengokwenza kwakhe kuzakwenziwa njalo kuye, **20** ukwephuka ngokwephuka,

ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo; njengalokho ephe umuntu isici, kuzakwenziwa njalo kuye. **21** Lotshaya inyamazana ife uzayihlawula; lotshaya umuntu afe uzabulawa. **22** Lizakuba lokwahluela okukodwa, njengowezizwe uzakuba njalo owokuzalwa elizweni. Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **23** UMozisi wakhuluma-ke ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, ukuthi bamkhuphele ngaphandle kwenkamba umthuki, bamkhande ngamatshe. Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi.

25 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi entaben iyeSinayi isithi: **2** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Nxa lifika elizweni engilinika Iona, ilizwe lizaphumula, isabatha eNkosini. **3** Iminyaka eyisithupha uzahlanyela insimu yakho, leminyaka eyisithupha uthene isivini sakho, ubuthe isithelo saso. **4** Kodwa ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kuzakuba lesabatha lokuphumula kwelizwe, isabatha eNkosini. Kawuyikuhlanyela insimu yakho, ungatheni isivini sakho. **5** Kawuyikuvuna umkhukhuzela wesivuno sakho, kaliyikukha izithelo zamavini akho angathenwanga. Uzakuba ngumnyaka wokuphumula welizwe. **6** Njalo isabatha lelizwe lizakuba yikudla kwenu, ngokwakho, lokwenceku yakho, lokwencekukazi yakho, lokoqhatshiweyo wakho, lokowemzini wakho ohlala lawe njengowezizwe, **7** lokwezfuyo zakho, lokwenyamazana ezeselizweni lakho; konke elikuthelayo kuzakuba yikudla. **8** Uzazibalela-ke amaviki ayisikhombisa eminyaka, iminyaka eyisikhombisa ephindwe kasikhombisa, ukuze insuku zamaviki ayisikhombisa eminyaka zibe yiminyaka engamatshumi amane lesificamunwemunye kuwe. **9** Khona uzadlulisa uphondo lomsindo omkhulu enyangeni yesikhombisa ngolwetshumi Iwenyanga; ngosuku Iwenhlawulo yokuthula

lizadlulisa umsindo wophondo elizweni lonke lakini. **10** Njalo lizangcwelisa lumnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu, limemezele inkululeko elizweni kubo bonke abakhileyo balo. Kuzakuba lijibili kini; lizabuyela, ngulowo lalowo, elifeni lakhe; futhi lizabuyela, ngulowo lalowo, kusapho lwakhe. **11** Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu uzakuba ngumnyaka wejubili kini; lingahlanyeli, lingavuni umkhukhuzela wawo, lingakhi ngawo kumavini angathenwanga. **12** Ngoba ulijibili, uzakuba ngcwele kini; lizakudla ensimini okuthelwayo kwayo. **13** Ngomnyaka walelijibili lizabuyela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe. **14** Uba-ke uthengisa ulutho kumakhelwane wakho loba uthenga esandleni sikamakhelwane wakho, lingacindezelani. **15** Ngokwenani lemnyaka emva kwejubili uzathenga kumakhelwane wakho; ngokwenani lemnyaka yokuthelwayo uzakuthengisela. **16** Ngobunengi beminyaka uzakwandisa intengo yakho; njalo ngobulutshwana beminyaka uzanciphisa intengo yakho; ngoba ekuthengisela inani lezivuno. **17** Ngakho lingacindezelani, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **18** Ngakho yenzani izimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zami, lizenze, ukuze lihlale elizweni livikelekile. **19** Lelizwe lizathela izithelo zalo, lidle lize lisuthe, lihlale kulo livikelekile. **20** Uba-ke lisithi: Sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa? Khangela, kasihlanyeli, kasibuthi isivuno sethu. **21** Khona ngizalaya isibusiso sami kini ngomnyaka wesithupha, ukuze utheli isivuno seminyaka emithathu. **22** Njalo lizahlanyela ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili lidle okwesivuno esidala kuze kufike umnyaka wesificamunwemunye; kuze kufike isivuno sawo lizakudla esidala. **23** Lelizwe kalyikuthengiswa lanininini, ngoba ilizwe ngelami; ngoba lingabemzini labahlala njengabezizwe lami. **24**

Lelizweni lonke lelifa lenu lizavumela uhlengo lwelizwe. **25** Uba umfowenu esiba ngumyanga, athengise okwelifa lakhe, uzafika umhlensi wakhe eyisihlobo sakhe, ahlenge lokho umfowabo akuthengisileyo. **26** Njalo umuntu, uba engelaye umhlensi, kodwa isandla sakhe sifinyelele, athole okwenele uhlengo lwakhe, **27** kabale iminyaka yokuthengiswa kwalo, abuyisele okuseleyo kulowomuntu owamthengisela lona, abuyele elifeni lakhe. **28** Kodwa uba isandla sakhe singatholanga okwenele ukubuyisela kuye, okuthengisiwego kuzakuba sesandleni sokuthengileyo kuze kufike umnyaka wejibili; kodwa ngejibili kuzaphuma, njalo uzabuyela elifeni lakhe. **29** Umuntu, uba ethengiske indlu yokuhlala emzini olomthangala, ilungelo lohlengo lwayo lizakuba kuze kuphele umnyaka wokuthengiswa kwayo; ilungelo lohlengo lwayo lizakuba ngumnyaka wonke. **30** Kodwa uba ingahlengwanga uze umnyaka wayo wonke ugcwale, leyondlu esemzini olomthangala izamiselwa lowo owayithengayo njalonjalo, ezipukulaneni zakhe; kayiyikuphuma ngejibili. **31** Kodwa izindlu zemizi engabiyelwanga ngomthangala zizabalwa njengensimu yelizwe; kulohlengo lwayo, njalo izaphuma ngejibili. **32** Mayelana lemizi yamaLevi, izindlu zemizi yelifa lawo, amaLevi azakuba lohlengo lwaphakade. **33** Uba kungohlenga kumaLevi, kuzaphuma ukuthengiswa kwendlu lokomuzi welifa lakhe ngejibili; ngoba izindlu zemizi yamaLevi ziylifa lawo phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **34** Kodwa insimu yamaphethelo emizi yawo kayiyikuthengiswa, ngoba iyilifa lawo kuze kube nininini. **35** Uba-ke umfowenu esiba ngumyanga, lesandla sakhe sixega kuwe, uzamsekela: Owemzini lohlezi njengowezizwe, ukuze aphile lawe. **36** Ungathathi kuye umvuzo lenzozo, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze umfowenu aphile lawe. **37** Ungamuphi

imali yakho ngenzalo, futhi ungaphi ukudla kwakho ngenzozo.

38 NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukulinika ilizwe leKhanani, ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.

39 Uba-ke umfowenu olawe esiba ngumyanga, azithengise kuwe, ungamenzi asebenze njengesigqili; **40** uzakuba lawe njengoqhatshiweyo, njengohlala njengoweziwe, asebenze kuwe kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili. **41** Khona ezaphuma kuwe, yena labantwana bakhe laye, abuyelete kwabomdeni wakhe, abuyelete elifeni laboyise. **42** Ngoba ziyizinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni leGibhithe; kaziyikuthengiswa ngokuthengiswa kwesigqili. **43** Ungambusi nzima, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. **44** Lesigqili sakho lesigqilikazi sakho ozakuba lazo, zizavela ezizweni ezilizingelezeleyo; kuzo lizathenga isigqili kumbe isigqilikazi. **45** Futhi-ke ebantwaneni balabo abahlala njengabemzini abahlala njengabezizwe lani, kubo lingazithenga lakuzizukulwana zabo ezilani, abazizalela elizweni lakini, njalo bazakuba yimfuyo yenu.

46 Njalo lizazenza abafuyi bazo lisenzela abantwana benu emva kwenu ukuze badle ilifa lemfuyo; lizabasebenzisa kuze kube nininini. Kodwa phakathi kwabafowenu, abantwana bakolsrayeli, kaliyikubusa nzima, omunye phezu komunye. **47** Uba-ke isandla soweziwensi loba sowemzini ohlala lawe sesifinyelele enothweni, lomfowenu olaye abe ngumyanga, azithengise kowemzini, owezizweni ohlala lawe, kumbe kusendo lwasizukulwana sowemzini, **48** eseziethengisile kungaba lokuhlengwa kwakhe; omunye wabafowabo angamhlenga, **49** loba umfowabo kayise, loba umtanomfowabo kayise angamhlenga, kumbe isihlobo sakhe segazi emdeni wakhe singamhlenga; uba isandla sakhe sesifinyelele enothweni, angazihlenga. **50** Uzabalisana lowamthengayo, kusukela emnyakeni owazithengisa kuye ngawo

kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili; ukuze imali yentengiso yakhe izakuba njengenani leminyaka, njengensuku zoqhatshiweyo kuzakuba njalo ngaye. **51** Uba kuseleminyaka eminengi, ngokungayo uzabuyisela uhlengo lwakhe, emalini yokuthengwa kwakhe. **52** Uba-ke kusele iminyaka emilutshwana kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, uzabalisana laye; njengokweminyaka yakhe uzabuyisela uhlengo lwakhe. **53** Uzakuba laye njengoqhatshiweyo iminyaka ngeminyaka; kayikumbusa nzima phambi kwamehlo akho. **54** Kodwa uba engahlengwanga ngalokhu, uzaphuma ngomnyaka wejubili, yena labantwana bakhe kanye laye. **55** Ngoba kimi abantwana bakolsrayeli bazinceku, bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

26 Lingazenzeli izithombe, lingazimiseli isifanekiso esibaziweyo lensika eyisithombe, lingabeki elizweni lakini ilitshe elilemifanekiso ukulikhothamela; ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **2** Gcinani amasabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. NgiyiNkosi. **3** Uba lihamba ngezimiso zami, ligcine imilayo yami, liyenze, **4** khona ngizanika izulu lenu ngesikhathi salo, lelizwe lizaveza isivuno salo, lezihlahla zeganga zithele isithelo sazo. **5** Lesikhathi sokubhula kwenu sizafinyelela esikhathini sokuvuna amavini, lesikhathi sokuvuna amavini sizafinyelela esikhathini sokuhlanya; njalo lizakudla ukudla kwenu lize lisuthe, lihlale livikelekile elizweni lakini. **6** Njalo ngizanika ukuthula elizweni, lilale futhi kungelamuntu owethusayo, njalo ngisuse inyamazana ezimbi elizweni, lenkemba kayiyikudabula elizweni lakini. **7** Njalo lizaxotsha izitha zenu, zizakuwa-ke phambi kwenu ngenkemba. **8** Labahlanu benu bazaxotsha ikhulu, labalikhulu benu bazaxotsha inkulungwane ezilitshumi; lezitha zenu zizakuwa

phambi kwenu ngenkemba. **9** Njalo ngizaphendukela kini, ngilenze ukuthi lizale, ngilandise, ngimise isivumelwano sami lani. **10** Lizakudla-ke okudala okugciniweyo, likhuphe okudala ngenxa yokutsha. **11** Njalo ngizamisa ithabhanekele lami phakathi kwenu, lomphefumulo wami kawuyikunengwa yini. **12** Ngizahambahamba-ke phakathi kwenu, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu, lina libe ngabantu bami. **13** NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo; ngephule izikeyi zejogwe lenu, ngenze ukuthi lihambe leluleme. **14** Kodwa uba lingangilaleli, lingayenzi yonke le imilayo, **15** njalo uba lidelela izimiso zami, njalo uba umphefumulo wenu unengwa yizahlulelo zami, ukuze lingenzi yonke imilayo yami, ukwephula isivumelwano sami, **16** lami ngizakwenza lokhu kini: Ngizamisa phezu kwenu ukwesaba okukhulu, isifo esicakisayo, lomkhuhlane, okuqedo amehlo, okwenza impilo iphele. Njalo inhlanyelo yenu lizayihlanyeleta ize, ngoba izitha zenu zizayidla. **17** Njalo ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lani, njalo litshaywe phambi kwezitha zenu. Labalizondayo bazalibusa, libaleke kungelamuntu olixotshayo. **18** Kodwa uba ngalezizinto lingangilaleli, ngizakwengeza ngilijezise kasikhombisa ngenxa yezeno zenu, **19** ngephule ukuziphakamisa kwamandla enu, ngenze isibhakabhaka senu sibe njengensimbi, lomhlabathi wenu njengethusi; **20** lamandla enu azachithelwa ize, ngoba ilizwe lenu kaliyikuveza isivuno salo, lezhlahla zelizwe kaziyikuthela isithelo sazo. **21** Uba-ke lihamba ngokuphambene lami, lingafuni ukungilalela, ngizakwengezelela kini inhlupheko kasikhombisa ngokwezeno zenu. **22** Ngizathumela phakathi kwenu izilo zeganga ezizalemuka abantwana benu, zichithe izifuyo zenu, zilenze libe balutshwana, lezindlela zenu zibe yinkangala. **23** Njalo

uba lingavumi ukuxwayiswa yimi ngalezizinto, kodwa lihamba ngokuphambene lami, **24** lami ngizahamba ngokuphambene lani, lami ngilitshaye kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. **25** Ngizakwehlisela inkemba phezu kwenu ezaphindisela impindiselo yesivumelwano. Uba libuthana emizini yenu, ngizathumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo phakathi kwenu, njalo linikelwe esandleni sesitha. **26** Lapho ngilephulela udondolo lwsinkwa, abesifazana abalitshumi bazabhaka isinkwa senu eziko elilodwa, babuyise isinkwa senu ngesisindo; njalo lizakudla, kodwa lingasuthi. **27** Kodwa uba lingangilaleli kulokhu, lihambe ngokuphambene lami, **28** lami ngizahamba ngokuphambene lani ngilentukuthelo, lami ngilijezise kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. **29** Njalo lizakudla inyama yamadodana enu lenyama yamadodakazi enu lizayidla. **30** Njalo ngizachitha indawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngidilize amalathi enu elanga, ngiphosele izidumbu zenu phezu kwezidumbu zezithombe zenu, lomphefumulo wami unengwe yini. **31** Ngizakwenza-ke imizi yenu ibe lunxiwa, ngidilize izindlu zenu ezingcwele; kangiyikunuka uqhatshi lwenu olumnandi. **32** Mina-ke ngizachitha ilizwe ukuze izitha zenu ezihlala kulo zikhakhama le ngalo. **33** Njalo ngizalihlakazela ezzeweni, nighwatshe inkemba emva kwenu; lelizwe lakini lizakuba yincithakalo, lemizi yenu ibe lunxiwa. **34** Khona ilizwe lizathokoza ngamasabatha alo zonke izinsuku zencithakalo, liselizweni lezitha zenu; khona ilizwe lizaphumula, lithokoze ngamasabatha alo. **35** Zonke insuku zencithakalo lizaphumula, ngoba kaliphumulanga ngamasabatha enu lisahlala kilo. **36** Mayelana lalabo abaseleyo phakathi kwenu, ngizathuma ubuthakathaka enhliziyweni zabo emazweni ezitha zabo; lomsindo wehlamvu eliphephukayo uzabaxotsha, bazabaleka njengomuntu obalekela

inkemba, bawe kungelamuntu obaxotshayo. **37** Bazakhubeka omunye phezu komunye kungathi kuphambi kwenkemba, kungelamuntu obaxotshayo. Kaliyikuba lako ukuma phambi kwezitha zenu. **38** Njalo lizabhubha phakathi kwezizwe, lelizwe lezitha zenu lizakulidla. **39** Labaseleyo phakathi kwenu bazacikizeka ebubini babo emazweni ezitha zabo, yebo lebubini baboyise bazacikizeka kanye labo. **40** Uba bezavuma ububi babo lobubi baboyise, lesiphambeko sabo abaphambeka ngaso kimi, yebo futhi ukuthi bahambe ngokuphambene lami, **41** lami ngihambe ngokuphambene labo, ngibase elizweni lezitha zabo. Uba ngalesosikhathi inhliziyo yabo engasokanga izathotthiswa, langalesosikhathi bemukele ngokuthokoza ukutshaywa ngenxa yobubi babo, **42** khona ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami loJakobe, yebo lesivumelwano sami lolsaka, yebo lesivumelwano sami loAbrahama ngisikhumbule, lelizwe ngilikhumble. **43** Lelizwe lizatshiywa yibo, lithokoze ngamasabatha alo lisachithekile lingelabo. Bona bazakwemukela ngokuthokoza ukutshaywa ngenxa yobubi babo, ngoba, yebo ngoba badelela izahlulelo zami, lomphefumulo wabo wanengwa yizimiso zami. **44** Kanti-ke lalokhu, lapho beselizweni lezitha zabo, kangiyikubadelela, futhi kangiyikunengwa yibo ukuze ngibaqothule, ngephule isivumelwano sami labo, ngoba ngyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo. **45** Kodwa ngizabakhumbulela isivumelwano sabokhokho babo engabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe phambi kwamehlo ezizwe, ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. NgyiNkosi. **46** Lezi yizimiso lezahlulelo lemilayo iNkosi ekunikileyo phakathi kwayo labantwana bakolsrayeli entabenyeSinayi ngesandla sikaMozisi.

27 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Umuntu, nxa esenza isithembiso esikhethekileyo, njengesilinganiso sakho imiphefumulo izakuba ngeyeNkosi. **3** Khona isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngesowesilisa, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. **4** Kodwa uba kungowesifazana, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli angamatshumi amathathu.

5 Njalo nxa kusukela koleminyaka emihlanu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili, isilinganiso sakho sowesilisa sizakuba ngamashekeli angamatshumi amabili, lakowesifazana amashekeli alitshumi. **6** Njalo nxa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya koleminyaka emihlanu, isilinganiso sakho sowesilisa sizakuba ngamashekeli amahlanu esiliva, njalo kowesifazana isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli amathathu esiliva. **7** Uba-ke kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha langaphezulu, uba kungowesilisa, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu, lakowesifazana amashekeli alitshumi. **8** Kodwa uba engumyanga kulesilinganiso sakho, uzazimisa phambi kompristi ukuze umpristi amlinganise; njengalokho isandla sowathembisayo singafinyelela kukho umpristi uzamlinganisa. **9** Njalo uba kuyinyamazana abanikela okwayo umnikelo eNkosini, konke okwayo anikela ngakho eNkosini kuzakuba ngcwele.

10 Kayikuyintshintsha, futhi angenaniseli ngayo, enhle ngembi loba embi ngenhle. Uba-ke usenanisa lokwenanisa inyamazana ngenyamazana, lokhu lalokhukwenaniselana kuzakuba ngcwele.

11 Njalo uba kuyinyamazana loba yiyphi engcolileyo abanganikeli okwayo ngayo umnikelo eNkosini, uzayimisa inyamazana

phambi kompristi, **12** umpristi ayilinganise-ke, ukuthi inhle loba imbi; njengesilinganiso sakho, mpristi, izakuba njalo. **13** Kodwa uba eyihlenga lokuyihlenga, uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yayo phezu kwesilinganiso sakho. **14** Umuntu, nxa engcwelisa-ke indlu yakhe, ukuthi ibe ngcwele eNkosini, umpristi uzayilinganisa, ukuthi inhle loba imbi; njengalokho umpristi ezayilinganisa izakuma njalo. **15** Uba-ke oyincwelisileyo ezayihlenga indlu yakhe, uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yemali yesilinganiso sakho phezu kwayo, njalo izakuba ngeyakhe. **16** Uba-ke umuntu ezangcwelisela iNkosi okwensimu yelifa lakhe, isilinganiso sakho sizakuba njengokwenhlanyelo yayo. Ihomeri lenhlanyelo yebhali libe ngamashekeli esiliva engamatshumi amahlanu. **17** Uba engcwelisa insimu yakhe kusukela emnyakeni wejubili, njengesilinganiso sakho izakuma. **18** Kodwa uba wangcwelisa insimu yakhe emva kwejubili, umpristi uzambalela imali ngokweminyaka eseleyo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, njalo kuzaphungulwa esilinganisweni sakho. **19** Uba-ke owayingcwelisayo eyihlenga lokuyihlenga insimu, uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yemali yesilinganiso sakho phezu kwayo, njalo iqiniswe kuye. **20** Kodwa uba engayihlensi insimu, loba uba eseiyithengisile insimu komunye umuntu, kayisayikuhlengwa. **21** Kodwa insimu ekuphumeni kwayo ngejubili izakuba ngcwele eNkosini, njengensimu eyehlukanisiweyo; ilifa layo libe ngelompristi. **22** Uba-ke eyingcwelisela iNkosi insimu ayithengileyo, engayisiyo insimu yelifa lakhe, **23** umpristi uzambalela-ke inani lesilinganiso sakho, kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, abesenika isilinganiso sakho ngalolosuku, into engcwelisela eNkosini. **24** Ngomnyaka wejubili insimu izabuyela kulowo eyathengwa kuye, kulowo

ilifa lensimu ebelingelakhe. **25** Njalo sonke isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; amagera angamatshumi amabili azakuba lishekeli. **26** Kodwa izibulo, elizelwe njengengqabutho eNkosini elenyamazana, kakho ozalingcwelisa; loba inkabi loba imvu, ngeleNkosi. **27** Kodwa uba lingelenyamazana engcolileyo, uzalihlenga ngokwesilinganiso sakho, engezelele phezu kwalo ingxenye yesihlanu yalo; kodwa uba lingahlengwanga, lizathengiswa ngokwesilinganiso sakho. **28** Kodwa kakukho into eyehlukanisiweyo, umuntu ayehlukanisele iNkosi, kukho konke alakho, okuvela emuntwini, loba enyamazaneni, loba okuvela ensimini yelifa lakhe, kakuyikuthengiswa, futhi kakuyikuhlengwa; konke okwehlukanisiweyo kuyingcwelengcwele eNkosini. **29** Yonke into eqalekisiweyo, eqalekiswe ebantwini, kayiyikuhlengwa; izabulawa lokubulawa. **30** Lakho konke okwetshumi kwelizwe, okwenhlanyelo yelizwe, okwesithelo sezihlahla, kungokweNkosi; kungcwele eNkosini. **31** Uba umuntu ehlenga lokuhlenga kokwetshumi kwakhe, uzakwengezelela kukho ingxenye yesihlanu yakho. **32** Mayelana lakho konke okwetshumi kwezinkomo leyezimvu, konke okwedlula ngaphansi kwentonga, okwetshumi kuzakuba ngcwele eNkosini. **33** Kayikuhlolola phakathi kokuhle lokubi, futhi kayikuntshintsha. Njalo uba ekuntshintsha lokukuntshintsha, ngakho khona lokuntshintshana lakho kuzakuba ngcwele, kakuyikuhlengwa. **34** Leyo yimilayo iNkosi eyayilaya uMozisi kubantwana bakolsrayeli entabenyeSinayi.

Amanani

1 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi ethenteni lenhlangano, ngolokuqala lwenyanga yesibili, ngomnyaka wesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo elizweni leGibhithe, isithi: **2** Thathani inani lonke lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, lenani lamabizo, wonke owesilisa, ngamakhanda abo. **3** Kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini kolsrayeli, lizababala ngamabutho abo, wena loAroni. **4** Kuzakuba lani indoda kuleso lalesosizwe, ileyo laleyo eyinhloko yendlu yaboyise. **5** Lala ngamabizo amadoda azakuma lani. KoRubeni: UEIzuri indodana kaShedewuri. **6** KoSimeyoni: UShelumielyi indodana kaZurishadayi. **7** KoJuda: UNashoni indodana kaAminadaba. **8** Kolsakari: UNethaneli indodana kaZuwari. **9** KoZebuluni: UEliyabi indodana kaHeloni. **10** Kubantwana bakoJosefa, koEfrayimi: UElishama indodana kaAmihudi; koManase: UGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri. **11** KoBhenjamini: UAbidani indodana kaGideyoni. **12** KoDani: UAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi. **13** KoAsheri: UPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani. **14** KoGadi: UEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli. **15** KoNafithali: UAhira indodana kaEnani. **16** Yibo ababizwayo benhlangano, iziphathamandla zezizwe zaboyise, inhloko zezinkulungwane zakolsrayeli. **17** OMozisi loAroni basebethatha lawomadoda aqanjwe ngamabizo. **18** Bahlanganisa inhlangano yonke ngolokuqala lwenyanga yesibili; babala ngenhlanga zabo ngensendo zabo ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, ngamakhanda abo. **19** Njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi wababala ngokunjalo enkangala yeSinayi. **20**

Njalo abantwana bakoRubeni, izibulo likalsrayeli, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, ngamakhana abo, wonke owesilisa kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; **21** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoRubeni, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu. **22** Kubantwana bakoSimeyoni, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, labo ababalwayo, ngokwenani lamabizo, ngamakhana abo, wonke owesilisa kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; **23** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoSimeyoni, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lesificamunwemunye lamakhulu amathathu. **24** Kubantwana bakoGadi, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; **25** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoGadi, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu. **26** Kubantwana bakoJuda, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; **27** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoJuda, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane lamakhulu ayisithupha. **28** Kubantwana bakolsakari, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; **29** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakolsakari, babeyizinkulungwane

ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane lamakhulu amane. 30
Kubantwana bakoZebuluni, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo
zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
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kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu,
bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; 33 labo ababaliweyo kubo,
esizweni sakoEfrayimi, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ame amane lamakhulu amahlanu. 34 Kubantwana bakoManase,
izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise,
ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; 35 labo
ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoManase, babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lamakhulu amabili. 36
Kubantwana bakoBhenjamini, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo
zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
abangaphuma ukuya empini; 37 labo ababaliweyo kubo,
esizweni sakoBhenjamini, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lanhlanu lamakhulu amane. 38 Kubantwana bakoDani,
izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise,
ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; 39
labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoDani, babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. 40

Kubantwana bakoAsheri, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; **41** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoAsheri, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanye lamakhulu amahlanu. **42** Abantwana bakoNafithali, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini; **43** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoNafithali, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu amane. **44** Yibo laba ababalwayo, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, leziphathamandla zakolsrayeli, amadoda alitshumi lambili, yileso laleso singesendlu yaboyise.

45 Babenjalo bonke ababalwayo babantwana bakolsrayeli, ngezindlu zaboyise, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini kolsrayeli. **46** Ngakho bonke ababalwayo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu. **47** Kodwa amaLevi, ngezindlu zaboyise, kawabalwanga phakathi kwabo. **48** Ngoba iNkosi yayikhulume kuMozisi yathi: **49** Kuphela isizwe sakoLevi ungasibali, ungathathi inani lonke laso phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli; **50** kodwa wena, misa amaLevi phezu kwethabhanekele lobufakazi, laphezu kwazo zonke izitsha zalo, laphezu kwakho konke okwalo. Wona azathwala ithabhanekele lazo zonke izitsha zalo; futhi wona azakhonza kulo, amise amathente awo azingelezele ithabhanekele. **51** Lekusukeni kwethabhanekelle amaLevi azalidiliza, lekumisweni kwethabhanekelle amaLevi azalimisa. Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa. **52** Abantwana bakolsrayeli bazamisa-ke amathente

abo, kube ngulowo lalowo enkambeni yakhe, langulowo lalowo ngophawu lwakhe, ngokwamabutho abo. **53** Kodwa amaLevi azamisa amathente awo azingeleze ithabhanekelobufakazi, ukuze kungabi lolaka phezu kwenhlangano yabantwana bakolsrayeli; amaLevi azagcina-ke umlindo wethabhanekelobufakazi. **54** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza njengakho konke iNkosi eyayimlaye khona uMozisi, benza njalo.

2 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **2** Abantwana bakolsrayeli bazamisa amathente abo, kube ngulowo lalowo ngophawu lwakhe, ngokwezibonakaliso zezindlu zaboyise; bazamisa amathente abo bucwaldlana lethente lenhlangano inhlangothi zonke. **3** Labo abamisa amathente abo ngempumalanga lapho okuphuma khona ilanga, bangabophawu lwenkamba yakoJuda ngokwamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoJuda sizakuba nguNashoni indodana kaAminadaba; **4** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane lamakhulu ayisithupha. **5** Lalabo abamisa amathente abo eceleni kwakhe ngabesizwe sakolsakari, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakolsakari sizakuba nguNethaneli indodana kaZuwari; **6** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane lamakhulu amane. **7** Isizwe sakoZebuluni: Isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoZebuluni sizakuba-ke nguEliyabi indodana kaHeloni; **8** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amane. **9** Bonke ababalwayo benkamba yakoJuda babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lamakhulu amane, ngamabutho abo; bazasuka kuqala. **10** Uphawu lwenkamba yakoRubeni luzakuba

ngeningizimu, ngamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoRubeni sizakuba nguElizuri indodana kaShedewuri; **11** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu. **12** Lalabo abamisa amathente abo eceleni kwakhe ngabesizwe sakoSimeyoni, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoSimeyoni sizakuba nguShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi; **13** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lesificamunwemunye lamakhulu amathathu. **14** Lesizwe sakoGadi: Isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoGadi sizakuba-ke nguEliyasafi indodana kaRehuwel; **15** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu. **16** Bonke ababalwayo benkamba yakoRubeni babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lanye lamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, ngamabutho abo. Njalo bazakuba ngabesibili ekusukeni. **17** Emva kwalokhu kuzasuka ithente lenhlangano, lenkamba yamaLevi phakathi kwenkamba; njengokumisa kwabo inkamba ngokunjalo bazasuka, kube ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe, ngokwempawu zabo. **18** Uphawu lwenkamba yakoEfrayimi ngamabutho abo luzakuba sentshonalanga, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoEfrayimi sizakuba nguElishama indodana kaAmihudi; **19** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu. **20** Leceleni kwakhe isizwe sakoManase, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoManase sizakuba nguGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri; **21** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lamakhulu amabili. **22** Lesizwe sakoBhenjamini;

isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoBhenjamini sizakuba-ke
nguAbidani indodana kaGideyoni; **23** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo
babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu
lamakhulu amane. **24** Bonke ababalwayo benkamba
yakoEfrayimi babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lesificaminwembili
lekhulu, ngamabutho abo. Njalo bazakuba ngabesithathu
ekusukeni. **25** Uphawu Iwenkamba yakoDani luzakuba
ngenyakatho, ngamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana
bakoDani sizakuba nguAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi;
26 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa.
27 Labamisa amathente abo eceleni kwakhe kuzakuba
yisizwe sakoAsheri, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoAsheri
sizakuba nguPagiyezi indodana kaOkirani; **28** lebutho lakhe
lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amanе lanye lamakhulu amahlanu. **29** Lesizwe sakoNafithali;
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoNafithali sizakuba-ke nguAhira
indodana kaEnani; **30** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu
lamakhulu amane. **31** Bonke ababalwayo benkamba
yakoDani babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu
lesikhombisa lamakhulu ayisithupha. Bazakuba ngabokucina
ekusukeni ngokwempawu zabo. **32** Yibo labo ababalwayo
abantwana bakolsrayeli ngezindlu zaboyise. Bonke ababalwayo
bezinkamba ngokwamabutho abo babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu
lamatshumi amahlanu. **33** Kodwa amaLevi kawabalwanga
phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, njengalokho iNkosi
yayimlayile uMozisi. **34** Njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli benza

njengalokho konke iNkosi eyayimlaye khona uMozisi; ngokunjalo bamisa amathente abo ngokwempawu zabo futhi basuka ngokunjalo, ngulowo lalowo ngosendo lwakhe ngokwendlu kayise.

3 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaAroni lezikaMozisi, ngosuku iNkosi eyakhuluma ngalo loMozisi entabeni yeSinayi. **2** Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaAroni; izibulo uNadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, lolthamari. **3** La ngamabizo amadodana kaAroni, abapristi abagcotshiweyo, owabehlukanisela ukusebenza njengabapristi. **4** Kodwa uNadabi loAbihu bafa phambi kweNkosi, lapho benikela umlilo ongejwayelekanga phambi kweNkosi enkangala yeSinayi. Babengelabantwana. Ngakho uEleyazare lolthamari basebenza njengabapristi phambi kukaAroni uyise. **5** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **6** Sondeza isizwe sakoLevi, usimise phambi kukaAroni umpristi, ukuthi bamsebenzele. **7** Bazagcina imfanelo yakhe lemfanelo yenhlangu yonke phambi kwethente lenhlangu ukwenza inkonzo yethabhanekel. **8** Bazalondoloza yonke impahla yethente lenhlangu, lemfanelo yabantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuthi benze inkonzo yethabhanekel. **9** Njalo uzanikela amaLevi kuAroni lemadodaneni akhe; aphiwe lokuphiwa kuye bephuma kubantwana bakolsrayeli. **10** Njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe uzabamisa, bagcine-ke ubupristi babo. Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa. **11** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **12** Mina-ke, khangela, ngithethe amaLevi ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli endaweni yalo lonke izibulo elivula isizalo kubantwana bakolsrayeli. Ngakho amaLevi azakuba ngawami, **13** ngoba lonke izibulo lingelami ngosuku engatshaya ngalo lonke izibulo elizweni leGibhithe. Ngizehlukanisela lonke izibulo kolsrayeli, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni;

lizakuba ngelami; ngiyiNkosi. **14** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi isithi: **15** Bala abantwana bakoLevi ngezindlu zaboyise langensendo zabo; wonke owesilisa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, uzababala. **16** Ngakho uMozisi wababala ngokomlomo weNkosi njengokulaywa kwakhe. **17** Lala ayengamadodana kaLevi ngamabizo awo: UGerishoni loKohathi loMerari. **18** Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaGerishoni ngensendo zawo: ULibini loShimeyi. **19** Lamadodana kaKohathi ngensendo zawo: UAmramu lolzihari, uHebronI loUziyeli. **20** Lamadodana kaMerari ngensendo zawo: UMahli loMushi. Lezi zinsendo zamaLevi ngezindlu zaboyise. **21** KuGerishoni kwakulosendo IwamaLibini losendo IwamaShimeyi; lezi zinsendo zamaGerishoni. **22** Ababalwayo babo, ngenani labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, ababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu. **23** Insendo zamaGerishoni zizamisa amathente azo ngemva kwethabhanekele ngentshonalanga. **24** Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise wamaGerishoni sizakuba nguEliyasafi indodana kaLayeli. **25** Lemfanelo yamadodana kaGerishoni ethenteni lenhlangano izakuba lithabhanekele, lethente, isifulelo salo, lesilenge somnyango wethente lenhlangano, **26** lamakhetheni eguma, lesilenge somnyango weguma elingasethabhanekeleni lelingaselathini inhlangothi zonke, lentambo zalo, ngokomsebenzi walo wonke. **27** LakuKohathi kwakulosendo IwamaAmramu, losendo Iwamalzihari, losendo IwamaHebronI, losendo IwamaUziyeli. Lezi zinsendo zamaKohathi. **28** Kunani labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha, begcina imfanelo

yendlu engcwele. **29** Insendo zamadodana kaKohathi zizamisa amathente azo eceleni kwethabhanekel ngeningizimu. **30** Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise wensendo zamaKohathi sizakuba nguElizafani indodana kaUziyeli. **31** Lemfanelo yawo izakuba ngumtshokotsho, letafula, loluthi Iwesibane, lamalathi, lezitsha zendlu engcwele abakhonza ngazo, lesilenge, layo yonke inkonzo yalo. **32** Njalo umphathi weziphathamandla zamaLevi uzakuba nguEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi; ubuphathi bakhe babukwabagcina ukulindwa kwendlu engcwele. **33** KoMerari kwakulusendo IwamaMahli losendo IwamaMushi; lezi zinsendo zamaMerari. **34** Lababalwayo babo, ngenani labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu amabili. **35** Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise wensendo zakoMerari sizakuba nguZuriyeli indodana kaAbihayili. Bazamisa amathente abo eceleni kwethabhanekel ngenyakatho. **36** Lobuphathi bokulinda bamadodana kaMerari buzakuba ngamapulanka ethabhanekel, lemithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, lezitsha zalo zonke, lawo wonke umsebenzi walo, **37** lensika zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo zazo, lezikhonkwane zazo, lentambo zazo. **38** Lalabo ababemise amathente abo phambi kwethabhanekel ngempumalanga, phambi kwethente lenhlangano, kwakungoMozisi loAroni lamadodana akhe, belondoloza ukulindwa kwendlu engcwele, kusenzelwa umlindo wabantwana bakolsrayeli. Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa. **39** Bonke ababalwayo bamaLevi, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, ngokomlayo weNkosi, ngezinsapho zabo, bonke abesilisa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili. **40** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:

Bala wonke amazibulo esilisa abantwana bakolsrayeli, kusukela kolonyanga kusiya phezulu, uthathe inani lamabizo abo.

41 Uzangithathela amaLevi (ngiyiNkosi) endaweni yawo wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli; lezifuyo zamaLevi endaweni yamazibulo wonke phakathi kwezfuyo zabantwana bakolsrayeli. **42** Ngakho uMozisi wabala wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuye. **43** Lawo wonke amazibulo esilisa, ngenani lamabizo, kusukela kolonyanga kusiya phezulu, kwababaliweyo babo, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu. **44** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **45** Thatha amaLevi endaweni yamazibulo wonke phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, lezifuyo zamaLevi endaweni yezifuyo zabo; lamaLevi azakuba ngawami; ngiyiNkosi. **46** Mayelana labazahlengwa, abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu bamazibulo abantwana bakolsrayeli, abaphezu kwenani lamaLevi; **47** uzathatha lamashekeli nganhlanu nganhlanu ngekhanda, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele uzawathatha; ishekeli lingamagera angamatshumi amabili. **48** Unike kuAroni lakumadodana akhe imali yabahlengiweyo abasele phakathi kwabo. **49** UMOzisi wasethatha imali yohlengo kulabo ababesele phezu kwabahlengwa ngamaLevi. **50** Wayithatha imali kumazibulo abantwana bakolsrayeli, amashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. **51** UMOzisi wasenika uAroni lamadodana akhe imali yabahlengiweyo, ngokomlomo weNkosi, njengalokhu iNkosi imlayile uMozisi.

4 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **2** Thathani inani lonke lamadodana kaKohathi avela phakathi kwamadodana kaLevi, ngensendo zawo, ngezindlu zaboyise, **3** kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni ukwenza umsebenzi wethente lenhlangano. **4** Lo ngumsebenzi wamadodana kaKohathi ethenteni lenhlangano: Izinto ezingcwelengcwele. **5** Ekusukeni-ke kwenkamba uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakuza behlise iveyili lesembeso, basibekelo umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngalo, **6** bazabeka phezu kwavo izikhumba zikamantswane, bendlale phezu kwavo ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lonke, bafake imijabo yawo. **7** Laphezu kwetafula lokubukisa bazakwendlala ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, babeke phezu kwalo imiganu, lenkezo zempepha, lezitsha, lenkezo zomnikelo wokunathwayo; lesinkwa esihlezi sikhona sizakuba phezu kwalo. **8** Laphezu kwalezizinto bazakwendlala ilembu elibomvu, balembese ngesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo. **9** Bazathatha-ke ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bembese uluthi lwesibane sesikhanyiso, lezibane zalo, lendlawu zalo, lemiganu yalo yomlotha, lezitsha zonke zalo zamafutha abasebenza ngazo kulo. **10** Njalo bazalufaka kanye lezinto zalo zonke esembesweni sezikhumba zikamantswane, bakugaxe egodweni. **11** Laphezu kwelathi legolide bazakwendlala ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, balembese ngesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo. **12** Njalo bazathatha yonke impahlala yenkonzo, abakhonza ngayo endlini engcwele, bayifake elenjini eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bayembese ngesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane, bayigaxe egodweni.

13 Njalo bazasusa umlotha elathini, bendlale phezu kwalo ilembu eliyibubende, **14** babeke phezu kwalo zonke izinto zalo abakhonza ngazo kulo, izitsha zokuthwala umlilo, amafologwe enyama, lamafotsholo, lemiganu yokufafaza, zonke izinto zelathi; bendlale phezu kwalo isembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo. **15** Lapho uAroni lamadodana akhe sebeqedile ukwembesa indlu engcwele lempahla zonke zendlu engcwele, ekususweni kwenkamba, emva kwalokho amadodana kaKohathi azakuza ukuthwala, kodwa kawayikuthinta into engcwele hlezi afe. Lezizinto zingumthwalo wamadodana kaKohathi, ethenteni lenhlangano. **16** Ubongameli bukaEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi buzakuba ngamafutha esibane, lempepha elephunga eliminandi, lomnikelo wokudla njalonjalo, lamafutha okugcoba; ububonisi ngethabhanekele lonke lakho konke okukilo, endlini engcwele lezitsheni zayo. **17** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **18** Lingaqumi insendo zesizwe samaKohathi zisuke phakathi kwamaLevi. **19** Kodwa lokho kwenzeni kuwo, ukuze aphile angafi, ekusondeleni kwawo ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele; uAroni lamadodana akhe bazangena, bawamise lowo lalowo emsebenzini wakhe lemthwalweni wakhe; **20** kodwa kawayikungena ukubona lapho izinto ezingcwele zigoqelwa, hlezi afe. **21** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **22** Thatha inani lonke lamadodana kaGerishoni lawo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngensendo zawo, **23** kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlau uzababala; wonke ongena ukukhonza inkonzo, ukuthi enze umsebenzi ethenteni lenhlangano. **24** Lo ngumsebenzi wensendo zamaGerishoni ukukhonza lemthwalweni; **25** bazathwala-ke

amakhetheni ethabhanekele, lethente lenhlangano, isembeso
salo, lesembeso sezikhumba zikamantswane eziphezu kwalo
phezulu, lesilenge somnyango wethente lenhlangano, **26**
lamakhetheni eguma, lesilenge somnyango wesango leguma
eliseduze lethabhanekele njalo eduze lelathi inhlangothi zonke,
lentambo zazo, lempahla yonke yenkonzo yabo, lakho konke
okwenzelwe bona; basebenze-ke. **27** Njengokulaya kukaAroni
lamadodana akhe uzakuba njalo umsebenzi wonke wamadodana
amaGerishoni emthwalweni wabo wonke lenkonzweni yabo
yonke. Uzawamisa ukugcina wonke umthwalo wabo. **28** Lo
ngumsebenzi wensendo zamadodana amaGerishoni ethenteni
lenhlangano; ukugcinwa kwavo kuzakuba ngaphansi kwesandla
sikalthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi. **29** Amadodana kaMerari
uzawabala ngensendo zawo ngezindlu zaboyise, **30** kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya
koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu uzababala, wonke ongena
enkonzweni, ukusebenza umsebenzi wethente lenhlangano. **31**
Lalokhu yikugcinwa komthwalo wabo, njengokomsebenzi wabo
wonke ethenteni lenhlangano: Amapulanka ethabhanekele,
lemithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, **32** lensika
zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo zazo, lezikhonkwane
zazo, lezintambo zazo, lempahla yazo yonke, lomsebenzi
wazo wonke. Njalo lizaziqamba ngamabizo impahla abafanele
ukuzithwala. **33** Lo ngumsebenzi wensendo zamadodana
kaMerari, ngokomsebenzi wonke wawo ethenteni lenhlangano,
ngaphansi kwesandla sikalthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi.
34 UMozisi loAroni leziphathamandla zenhlangano basebebala
amadodana amaKohathi ngensendo zawo langezindlu zaboyise,
35 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu

kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini wethente lenhlangano. **36** Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo babeyizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amahlanu. **37** Laba ngababalwayo bensendo zamaKohathi, wonke owasebenza ethenteni lenhlangano, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, ngokomlayo weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **38** Lalabo ababalwayo bamadodana kaGerishoni, ngensendo zawo, langezindlu zaboyise, **39** kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini ethenteni lenhlangano. **40** Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo ngezindlu zaboyise babeyizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu. **41** Laba ngababalwayo bensendo zamadodana kaGerishoni, wonke owasebenza ethenteni lenhlangano, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo ngokomlayo weNkosi. **42** Lalabo ababalwayo bensendo zamadodana kaMerari, ngensendo zawo, ngezindlu zaboyise, **43** kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini wethente lenhlangano. **44** Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo babeyizinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu amabili. **45** Laba ngababalwayo bensendo zamadodana kaMerari, oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, ngokomlayo weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **46** Bonke ababalwayo, oMozisi loAroni leziphathamandla zakolsrayeli abababalayo, bamaLevi, ngensendo zabo langezindlu zaboyise, **47** kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke owangena ukusebenza umsebenzi wenkonzo

lomsebenzi womthwalo ethenteri lenhlangano, **48** lalabo ababalwayo kubo babeyizinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **49** Ngokomlayo weNkosi bababala, ngesandla sikaMozisi, ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe langokomthwalo wakhe; ngakho babalwa nguye, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi.

5 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Laya abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi bakhuphe enkambeni wonke umlephero, laye wonke olokugobhoza, laye wonke ongcolileyo ngofileyo. **3** Kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana lizabakhupha, kuze kube ngaphandle kwenkamba lizabakhupha, ukuze bangangcolisi izinkamba zabo, engihlala phakathi kwazo. **4** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza njalo, babakhupha baze baba ngaphandle kwenkamba; njengokutsho kweNkosi kuMozisi, benza njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli. **5** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **6** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Indoda kumbe umfazi, uba besenza loba yisiphi isono somuntu, ngokuphambeka isiphambeko eNkosini, lowomuntu ulecalala. **7** Njalo bazavuma isono sabo abasenzileyo, abesehlawula icala lakhe ngokupheleleyo kwalo, engezelele phezu kwalo ingxenye yesihlanu yalo, anike lowo alecalala kuye. **8** Kodwa uba lowomuntu engelamhlensi oyisihlobo okungahlawulwa kuso icala, icala lizahlawulwa eNkosini kube ngokompristi, ngaphandle kwenqama yenhlawulo yokuthula, azamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo. **9** Lawo wonke umnikelo wazo zonke izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakolsrayeli, abaziletha kumpristi, uzakuba ngowakhe. **10** Lezinto ezingcwele zaho wonke umuntu zizakuba ngezakhe; lokhu loba ngubani akunika umpristi kuzakuba ngokwakhe. **11** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **12** Tshono ebantwaneni

bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Loba yiyphi indoda, uba umkayo eduha, ngokungathembeki kuyo enze isenzo sokungathembeki, **13** lendoda ilala laye ngobudoda bokuhlangana, njalo kufihlakale emehlwani endoda yakhe, angabonwa, yena ungcilisiwe, njalo kungelamfakazi omelana laye, futhi yena engabanjwanga, **14** lomoya wobukhwele ufile phezu kwayo, futhi ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo, njalo yena engcolisiwe, loba umoya wobukhwele ufile phezu kwayo, futhi ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo, lanxa yena engangcolanga, **15** indoda izaletha umkayo kumpristi, imlethele umnikelo wakhe, okwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu yebhali; kayiyikuthela amafutha kuyo, ingabeki inhlaka phezu kwayo, ngoba kungumnikelo wokudla wobukhwele, umnikelo wokudla wesikhumbuzo, ukukhumbuza ububi. **16** Umpristi uzasondeza-ke owesifazana, ammise phambi kweNkosi. **17** Umpristi athathe amanzi angcwele embizeni yebumba, lompristi athathe okothuli oluphansi ethabhanekeleni, akufake emanzini. **18** Umpristi uzamisa owesifazana phambi kweNkosi, embule ikhanda lowesifazana, abeke ezandleni zakhe umnikelo wokudla wokukhumbuza, ongumnikelo wokudla wobukhwele. Lesandleni sompristi kuzakuba lamanzi ababayao aletha isiqalekiso. **19** Umpristi uzamfungisa-ke, athi kowesifazana: Uba kungelandoda elele lawe, njalo uba ungduhelanga ekungcoleni, uphansi kwendoda yakho, khululeka emanzini la ababayao aletha isiqalekiso. **20** Kodwa wena, uba uduhile, uphansi kwendoda yakho, futhi uba ungcilisiwe, lendoda yahlangana lawe, ngaphandle kwendoda yakho, **21** umpristi amfungise owesifazana ngesifungo sesiqalekiso, umpristi athi kuye: INkosi kayikwenze ube yisiqalekiso lesifungo phakathi kwabantu bakini, lapho iNkosi isenza ithangazi lakho liwe,

lesisu sakho sikhukhumale. **22** Lamanzi la aletha isiqalekiso kawangene emibilini yakho, akwenze isisu sikhukhumale lokwenza ithangazi liwe. Owesifazana abesesithi: Ameni, Ameni. **23** Umpristi uzabhala-ke iziqalekiso lezi egwalweni, azesule ngamanzi ababayo, **24** anathise owesifazana amanzi ababayo aletha isiqalekiso, lamanzi aletha isiqalekiso azangena kuye, abe ngokubabayo. **25** Umpristi uzathatha-ke esandleni sowesifazana umnikelo wokudla wobukhwele, awuzunguze umnikelo wokudla phambi kweNkosi, awusondeze elathini, **26** umpristi acuphe isandla esigcweleyo somnikelo wokudla, sibe yisikhumbuzo sawo, asitshise elathini, lemva kwalokho amnathise owesifazana amanzi. **27** Esemnathisile amanzi, kuzakuthi uba engcolile, enze ngokungathembeki isenzo sokungathembeki endodeni yakhe, amanzi aletha isiqalekiso esengenile kuye abe ngokubabayo, isisu sakhe sizakhukhumala lethangazi lakhe liwe, lowesifazana uzakuba yisiqalekiso phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **28** Kodwa uba owesifazana engangcolanga, kodwa ehlambulukile, uzakhululeka, uzakwemukela inhlanyelo. **29** Lo ngumlayo wobukhwele, lapho umfazi eduha, ephansi kwendoda yakhe, abesengcoliswa, **30** kumbe indoda, uba umoya wobukhwele ufika phezu kwayo ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo; immise owesifazana phambi kweNkosi, lompristi enze kuye umlayo lo wonke. **31** Indoda izakhululeka-ke ecaleni, kodwa lowo owesifazana uzathwala icala lakhe.

6 INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Owesilisa loba owesifazana, uba ezelukanisela ukuthembisa isithembiso somNaziri, ukuze azehlukanisele iNkosi, **3** uzazehlukanisa lewayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, anganathi iviniga lewayini, leviniga lokunathwayo

okulamandla, anganathi lamhluzi wezithelo zevini, angadli izithelo zevini ezimanzi lezomileyo. **4** Zonke insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe kayikudla okolutho olwenziwe ngevini lewayini, kusukela enhlamvini kusiya emakhasini. **5** Zonke insuku zesithembiso sokuzehlukanisela kwakhe impuco kayiyikudlula phezu kwekhanda lakhe; kuze kugcwaliseke insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe iNkosi uzakuba ngcwele, ayekele izihluthu zenwele zekhanda lakhe zikhule. **6** Zonke insuku azehlukanisele iNkosi ngazo kayikuya esidunjini. **7** Kayikuzingcolisa ngoyise, langonina, ngomfowabo, langodadewabo, uba befile, ngoba ukwehlukaniselwa uNkulunkulu wakhe kuphezu kwekhanda lakhe. **8** Zonke insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe ungcwele eNkosini. **9** Uba-ke ofayo ejunywa masinyane yikufa phansi kwakhe, usengcolise ikhanda lokuzehlukanisela kwakhe, uzaphuca ikhanda lakhe ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, uzaliphuca ngosuku ljesikhombisa. **10** Langosuku ljesificaminwembili uzaletsha amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba kumpristi emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **11** Lompristi uzanikela enye ibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenye ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, ngoba wonile ngesidumbu. Njalo uzangcwelisa ikhanda lakhe ngalona lolosuku, **12** azehlukanisele iNkosi insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe, alethe iwundlu elilomnyaka owodwa libe ngumnikelo wecala; kodwa insuku zakuqala zizakuwa, ngoba ukuzehlukanisela kwakhe kungcolisiwe. **13** Lalo ngumlayo womNaziri ngosuku lapho insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe sezigcwalisekile. Uzaletsha lokhu emnyango wethente lenhlangano, **14** anikele umnikelo wakhe eNkosini, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka

owodwa elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, lewundlukazi
elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici libe ngumnikelo
wesono, lenqama ibenye engelasici ibe yiminikelo yokuthula,
15 lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo, amaqebelengwana
empuphu ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lamafutha, lezinkwana
eziyipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha, lomnikelo
wazo wokudla leminikelo yazo yokunathwayo. **16** Njalo
umpristi uzakusondeza phambi kweNkosi, anikele umnikelo
wakhe wesono lomnikelo wakhe wokutshiswa. **17** Lenqama
uzayinikela ibe ngumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNkosini
kanye lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo; lompristi uzanikela
umnikelo wakhe wokudla lomnikelo wakhe wokunathwayo.
18 UmNaziri uzaphuca-ke ikhanda lokuehlukanisela kwakhe
emnyango wethente lenhlangano, athathe inwele zekhanda
lokuehlukanisela kwakhe, azifake emlilweni ongaphansi
komhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula. **19** Lompristi uzathatha
umkhono ophekiweyo wenqama, leqebelengwana elilodwa
elingelamvubelo esitsheni, lesinkwana esisodwa esiyisipatalala
esingelamvubelo, akubeke ezandleni zomNaziri esephucile
ukuzehlukanisela kwakhe, **20** umpristi akuzunguze-ke kube
ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi; kungcwele
kumpristi, kanye lesifuba esizunguziweyo kanye lomlenze
wokuphakanyiswa. Emva kwalokhu umNaziri usenganatha
iwayini. **21** Lo ngumlayo womNaziri othembise umnikelo wakhe
wokuehlukanisela kwakhe eNkosini, ngaphandle kwalokho
isandla sakhe singafinyelela kukho; njengesithembiso sakhe
asithembisileyo uzakwenza njalo, njengomlayo wobuNaziri
bakhe. **22** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **23** Tshono
kuAroni lakumadodana akhe uthi: Lizabusisa kanje abantwana

bakolsrayeli, lisithi kubo: **24** INkosi kayikubusise, ikulondoloze. **25**
INkosi kayikhanyise ubuso bayo kuwe, ibe lomusa kuwe. **26** INkosi
kayiphakamise ubuso bayo kuwe, ikunike ukuthula. **27** Ngokunjalo
bazabeka ibizo lami phezu kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, mina-ke
ngizababusisa.

7 Kwasekusithi ngosuku uMozisi aqeda ngalo ukumisa
ithabhanekele, waligcoba, walingcwelisa, lempahla zalo zonke,
lelathi lempahla zalo zonke, wakugcoba, wakungcwelisa; **2**
iziphathamandla zakolsrayeli, izinhloko zezindlu zaboyise,
ezaziyizophathamandla zezizwe, ezazisongamela labo
abalawayo, zanikela, **3** zaletu umnikelo wazo phambi
kweNkosi, inqola eziyisithupha ezembesiweyo lenkabi ezilitshumi
lambil; inqola eyodwa ngeziphathamandla ezimbili, lenkabi
ngesisodwa; zazisondeza phambi kwethabhanekele. **4**
INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **5** Yemukela kuzo,
ukuze zibe ngezokusebenza inkonzo yethente lenhlangano,
uzinike amaLevi, kulowo lalowo njengomsebenzi wakhe.
6 Ngakho uMozisi wathatha izinqola lezinkabi, wazinika
amaLevi. **7** Inqola ezimbili lenkabi ezine wazinika amadodana
kaGerishoni, njengomsebenzi wawo; **8** lenqola ezine
lenkabi eziyisificaminwembili wazinika amadodana kaMerari,
njengomsebenzi wawo, ngesandla sikalthamari indodana
kaAroni umpristi. **9** Kodwa emadodaneni kaKohathi kanikanga
lutho, ngoba umsebenzi wendawo engcwele wawuphezu
kwawo, awuthwala emahlombe. **10** Leziphathamandla
zanikelela ukwehlukaniselwa kwelathi ngosuku elagcotshwa
ngalo; iziphathamandla zasondeza umnikelo wazo phambi
kwelathi. **11** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Isiphathamandla
ngasinye ngasinye ngosuku lwaso, zizanikelela umnikelo wazo

wokwehlukaniselwa kwelathi. **12** OwaniKela-ke umnikelo wakhe ngosuku lokuqala wayenguNashoni indodana kaAminadaba, owesizwe sakoJuda. **13** Lomnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **14** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **15** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **16** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **17** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu kwakungumnikelo kaNashoni indodana kaAminadaba. **18** Ngosuku Iwesibili uNethaneli indodana kaZuwari, isiphathamandla sakolsakari, wanikela. **19** Wanikela umnikelo wakhe: Umganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **20** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **21** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **22** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **23** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu

kwakungumnikelo kaNethaneli indodana kaZuwari. **24** Ngosuku Iwesithathu uEliyabi indodana kaHeloni, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoZebuluni: **25** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **26** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **27** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **28** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **29** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaEliyabi indodana kaHeloni. **30** Ngosuku Iwesine uElizuri indodana kaShedewuri, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoRubeni: **31** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **32** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **33** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **34** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **35** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho

kwakungumnikelo kaElizuri indodana kaShedewuri. **36**
Ngosuku Iwesihlanu uShelumielyi indodana kaZurishadayi,
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoSimeyoni: **37** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo
sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu
wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili
yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube
ngumnikelo wokudla; **38** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli
alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **39** ijongosi elilodwa
ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa eliomnyaka
owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **40** izinyane lembuzi
elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **41** lokomhlatshele weminikelo
yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo
ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho
kwakungumnikelo kaShelumielyi indodana kaZurishadayi.
42 Ngosuku Iwesithupha uEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli,
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoGadi: **43** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo
sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu
wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili
yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube
ngumnikelo wokudla; **44** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli
alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **45** ijongosi elilodwa
ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa eliomnyaka
owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **46** izinyane lembuzi
elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **47** lokomhlatshele weminikelo
yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo

ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli. **48** Ngosuku Iwesikhombisa uElishama indodana kaAmihudi, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoEfrayimi: **49** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **50** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **51** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **52** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **53** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaElishama indodana kaAmihudi. **54** Ngosuku Iwesificaminwembili uGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoManase: **55** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **56** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **57** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **58** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **59** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo

ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri. **60** Ngosuku Iwesificamunwemunye uAbidani indodana kaGideyoni, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoBhenjamini: **61** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **62** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **63** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa eliomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **64** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **65** lokomhlatshele weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaAbidani indodana kaGideyoni. **66** Ngosuku Iwetshumi uAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoDani: **67** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **68** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **69** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa eliomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **70** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **71** lokomhlatshele weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama

ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka
owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaAhiyezeri indodana
kaAmishadayi. **72** Ngosuku lwetshumi lanye uPagiyezi indodana
kaOkirani, isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoAsheri: **73**
Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, umganu
wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili
yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube
ngumnikelo wokudla; **74** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli
alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha; **75** ijongosi elilodwa
ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka
owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **76** izinyane lembuzi
elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **77** lokomhlatshele weminikelo
yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo
ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho
kwakungumnikelo kaPagiyezi indodana kaOkirani. **78** Ngosuku
lwetshumi lambili uAhira indodana kaEnani, isiphathamandla
sabantwana bakoNafithali: **79** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu
owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu
lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva
wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli
lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **80** ukhezo
olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele impepha;
81 ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu
elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;
82 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **83**
lokomhlatshele weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama

ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka
owodwa. Lokhu kwakungumnikelo kaAhira indodana kaEnani. **84**
Lokhu kwakuyikwehlukaniselwa kwelathi ngosuku lokugcotshwa
kwalo ngeziphathamandla zakolsrayeli. Imiganu yesiliva elitshumi
lambili, imiganu yokufafaza yesiliva elitshumi lambili, inkezo
zegolide ezilitshumi lambili. **85** Lowo lalowo umganu wesiliva
wawungamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; langulowo
lalowo umganu wokufafaza wamatshumi ayisikhombisa;
sonke isiliva semiganu sasingamashekeli azinkulungwane
ezimbili lamakhulu amane, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele.
86 Inkezo zegolide ezilitshumi lambili, zigcwele impepha;
yilolo lalolokhezo lwalungamashekeli alitshumi ngokweshekeli
lendlu engcwele; igolide lonke lenkezo lalingamashekeli
alikhulu lamatshumi amabili. **87** Zonke izifuyo zomnikelo
wokutshiswa zazingamajongosi alitshumi lambili, inqama
ezilitshumi lambili, amawundlu alomnyaka owodwa alitshumi
lambili, lomnikelo wazo wokudla; lamazinyane embuzi alitshumi
lambili omnikelo wesono. **88** Lazo zonke izifuyo zomhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula zazingamajongosi angamatshumi
amabili lane, inqama ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, impongo
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, amawundlu angamatshumi
ayisithupha alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu kwakuyikwehlukaniselwa
kwelathi, emva kokugcotshwa kwalo. **89** Lapho uMozisi
esengena ethenteni lenhlangano ukukhuluma laye, wezwa ilizwi
likhuluma kuye, livela ngaphezu kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu
komtshokotsho wobufakazi, livela phakathi kwamakherubhi
amabili; wasekhuluma kuye.

8 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono kuAroni uthi kuye:
Nxa ulumathisa izibane, izibane eziyisikhombisa zizakhanyisa

ngaphambili phambi koluthi lwasibane. **3** Uaroni wasesenza njalo; ngaphambili phambi koluthi lwasibane walumathisa izibane zalo, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **4** Lalo umsebenzi woluthi lwasibane wawungowegolide elikhandiweyo, kuze kube sesidindini salo kuze kuye emalubeni alo lwalukhandiwe; njengesifanekiso iNkosi eyamtshengisa sona uMozisi, walwenza njalo uluthi lwasibane. **5** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **6** Khupha amaLevi phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, uwahlambulule; **7** wenze ngokunjalo kuwo ukwahlbambulula; ufafaze phezu kwawo amanzi okuhlambulula, njalo adlulise impuco emzimbeni wawo wonke, awatshe iziggoko zawo, azihlambulule. **8** Athathe ijongosi ithole lenkomo, lomnikelo walo wokudla, impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, uthathe lelinye ijongosi ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono. **9** Njalo uzasondeza amaLevi phambi kwethente lenhlangano, ubuthanise inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli. **10** Usondeze amaLevi phambi kweNkosi, njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli bazabeka izandla zabo phezu kwamaLevi, **11** loAroni azunguze amaLevi, abe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi, evela ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, ukuze abe ngasebenza umsebenzi weNkosi. **12** AmaLevi azabeka-ke izandla zawo enhlokweni yamajongosi; unikele elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, ukuwenzela amaLevi inhlawulo yokuthula. **13** Njalo uzawamisa amaLevi phambi kukaAroni laphambi kwamadodana akhe, uwazunguze abe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa eNkosini. **14** Ngakho uzakwehlukanisa amaLevi uwakhuphe phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuthi amaLevi abe ngawami. **15** Lemva kwalokho amaLevi azangena ukukhonza ethenteni lenhlangano. Njalo

uzawahlambulula, uwazunguze abe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa.

16 Ngoba wona aphiwe lokuphiwa mina ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. Esikhundleni salokho okuvula sonke isizalo, izibulo laye wonke wabantwana bakolsrayeli, ngizithathele wona. **17** Ngoba lonke izibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli ngelami, phakathi kwabantu laphakathi kwezfuyo. Ngosuku engatshaya ngalo lonke izibulo elizweni leGibhithe ngazingcwelisela wona; **18** sengithethe amaLevi esikhundleni sawo wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **19** Ngiwanikile amaLevi njengabaphiweyo kuAroni lakumadodana akhe, ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, ukukhonza inkonzo yabantwana bakolsrayeli ethenteni lenhlangano, lokwenzela abantwana bakolsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, ukuze kungabi lenhlupheko phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, nxo abantwana bakolsrayeli besondela endlini engcwele. **20** UMozisi loAroni lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza kumaLevi njengakho konke iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi mayelana lamaLevi; benza njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli kuwo. **21** LamaLevi azihlambulula, ahlamba izembatho zavo; uAroni wasewazunguza aba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi; loAroni wawenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ukuwahlambulula. **22** Lemva kwalokho amaLevi angena ukwenza inkonzo yawo ethenteni lenhlangano phambi kukaAroni laphambi kwamadodana akhe. Njengalokhu iNkosi yamlaya uMozisi ngamaLevi, benza njalo kuwo. **23** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **24** Yilokhu okuqondene lamaLevi: Kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu langaphezulu azangena ukukhonza inkonzo, enkonzweni yethente lenhlangano. **25** Njalo kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu

azaphuma enkonzweni yenkonzo, angabe esasebenza; **26** kodwa azasiza abazalwane bawo ethenteni lenhlangano ukugcina umlindo, kodwa angasebenzi umsebenzi. Uzakwenza njalo kumaLevi kumfanelo zawo.

9 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi, ngomnyaka wesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo elizweni leGibhithe ngenyanga yokuqala, isithi: **2** Futhi abantwana bakolsrayeli kabagcine iphasika ngesikhathi salo esimisiwego. **3** Ngosuku lwetshumi lane Iwenyanga le, kusihlwa, lizaligcina ngesikhathi salo esimisiwego; ngokwezimiso zalo zonke langokwemithetho yalo yonke liligcine. **4** Ngakho uMozisi wakhuluma kubantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuthi bagcine iphasika. **5** Basebegcina iphasika ngosuku lwetshumi lane Iwenyanga yakuqala, kusihlwa, enkangala yeSinayi; njengakho konke iNkosi eyamlaya ngakho uMozisi, benza njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli. **6** Kwakukhona-ke amadoda ayengcolile ngenxa yesidumbu, ukuthi ayengelakugcina iphasika ngalolosuku. Asondela phambi kukaMozisi laphambi kukaAroni ngalolosuku. **7** Lalawomadoda asesithi kubo: Thina singcolile ngenxa yesidumbu; sivinjelelwani ukuze singanikeli umnikelo weNkosi ngesikhathi sawo esimisiwego, phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli? **8** UMozisi wasesithi kuwo: Manini, ukuze ngizwe ukuthi iNkosi izalilayani. **9** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **10** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi: Uba ngulowo lalowo phakathi kwenu loba ovezizukulwana zenu ezangcola ngenxa yesidumbu, loba esekuhambeni khatshana, uzagcina iphasika eNkosini. **11** Ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwetshumi lane, kusihlwa, bazaligcina; bazalidla lesinkwa esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabayi. **12** Kabayikutshiya lutho Iwalo kuze kube sekuseni, bangephuli thambo Ialo;

bazaligcina ngokwezimiso zonke zephasika. **13** Kodwa umuntu ohlambulukileyo, ongekho ekuhambeni, oyekela ukugcina iphasika, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo, ngoba kanikelanga umnikelo weNkosi ngesikhathi sawo esimisiweyo; lowomuntu uzathwala isono sakhe. **14** Uba-ke owemzini ehlala njengowezizwe kini agcine iphasika eNkosini, ngokwesimiso sephasika langokomthetho walo, uzakwenza njalo. Kuzakuba lesimiso esisodwa kini lakowemzini lakowokuzalwa elizweni. **15** Langosuku ithabhanekele elamiswa ngalo, iyezi lasibekela ithabhanekele, ithente lobufakazi; lakuSIhlwa kwakukhona phezu kwethabhanekele njengokubonakala komlilo kwaze kwaba sekuseni. **16** Kwakunjalo isikhathi sonke: Iyezi lalisibekela, njalo kwaba lokubonakala komlilo ebusuku. **17** Kwakusithi lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa lisuka phezu kwethente, langemva kwalokho abantwana bakolsrayeli basuke; lendaweni lapho iyezi elima khona, abantwana bakolsrayeli bamisa khona amathente abo. **18** Ngokomlayo weNkosi abantwana bakolsrayeli basuka, langokomlayo weNkosi bamisa amathente abo: Bahlala enkambeni insuku zonke iyezi elalihlala ngazo phezu kwethabhanekele. **19** Lalapho iyezi lihlala isikhathi eside phezu kwethabhanekelle insuku ezinengi, abantwana bakolsrayeli bagcina imfanelo yeNkosi, kabasukanga. **20** Kwasekusithi lapho iyezi liphezu kwethabhanekelle insuku ezinlutshwana; ngokomlayo weNkosi bahlala enkambeni, futhi ngokomlayo weNkosi basuka. **21** Kwasekusithi lapho iyezi likhona kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni, lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa ekuseni, basuka. Loba kusemini kumbe ebusuku, lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa basuka. **22** Kumbe uba iyezi lalihlala isikhathi eside phezu kwethabhanekelle okwensuku ezimbili, loba inyanga,

loba umnyaka, lihlezi phezu kwalo, abantwana bakolsrayeli bahlala enkambeni, kabasukanga. Kodwa lapho liphakanyiswa, basuka. **23** Ngokomlayo weNkosi bamisa inkamba, langokomlayo weNkosi basuka. Bagcina imfanelo yeNkosi ngokomlayo weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi.

10 INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **2** Zenzele impondo ezimbili zesiliva, uzenze zibe ngumsebenzi okhandiwego; njalo zizakuba ngezakho ekubizeni inhlangano lekusukeni kwezinkamba. **3** Uba bezivuthela inhlangano yonke izabuthana kuwe emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **4** Kodwa uba bevuthela olulodwa, iziphathamandla, inhloko zezinkulungwane zakolsrayeli zizabuthana kuwe. **5** Lapho lihlaba umkhosi, izinkamba ezimise ngempumalanga zizasuka. **6** Lalapho lihlaba umkhosi ngokwesibili, izinkamba ezimise ngeningizimu zizasuka. Bazahlaba umkhosi ukuze zisuke. **7** Kodwa ekubuthaniseni ibandla lizavuthela impondo, kodwa lingahlabi umkhosi. **8** Njalo amadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azavuthela izimpondo. Zizakuba kini yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu. **9** Njalo lapho liphuma impi elizweni lakini ukuyakulwa lesitha esilicin dezelayo, lihlabe umkhosi ngezimpondo, njalo likhunjulwe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lisindiswe ezitheni zenu. **10** Langosuku lwentokozo yenu, lemikhosini yenu emisiwego, lekuthwaseni kwenyanga zenu, lizavuthela izimpondo phezu kweminikelo yenu yokutshiswa laphezu kwemihlatshelo yeminikelo yenu yokuthula, ukuze ibe kini yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wenu. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **11** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesibili, ngenyanga yesibili, ngolwamatshumi amabili lwenyanga, iyezi laphakanyiswa lisuka phezu kwethabhanekelobufakazi. **12** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesuka enkangala yeSinayi

ngokwenhambo zabo; leyezi lema enkangala yeParani. **13**
Basebesuka okokuqala ngokomlayo weNkosi ngesandla
sikaMozisi. **14** Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana
bakoJuda kuqala ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe
kwakunguNashoni indodana kaAminadaba. **15** Laphezu
kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakolsakari kwakunguNethaneli
indodana kaZuwari. **16** Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana
bakoZebuluni kwakunguEliyabi indodana kaHeloni. **17**
Ithabhanekele laselidilizwa; amadodana kaGerishoni lamadodana
kaMerari asesuka, ethwele ithabhanekele. **18** Kwasekusuka
uphawu lwenkamba yakoRubeni ngamabutho abo; laphezu
kwebutho lakhe kwakunguElizuri indodana kaShedewuri.
19 Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni
kwakunguShelumielyi indodana kaZurishadayi. **20** Laphezu
kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoGadi kwakunguEliyasafi
indodana kaDehuweli. **21** Kwasekusuka amaKohathi ethwele
indlu engcwele, labanye bamisa ithabhanekele, engakafiki. **22**
Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana bakoEfrayimi
ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe kwakunguElishama
indodana kaAmihudi. **23** Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana
bakoManase kwakunguGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri. **24**
Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini
kwakunguAbidanu indodana kaGideyoni. **25** Kwasekusuka
uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana bakoDani; babengabokucina
ezinkambeni zonke ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe
kwakunguAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi. **26** Laphezu
kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoAsheri kwakunguPagiyeli
indodana kaOkirani. **27** Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana
bakoNafithali kwakunguAhira indodana kaEnani. **28** Lokhu

yikusuka kwabantwana bakolsrayeli ngamabutho abo, ekusukeni kwabo. **29** UMozisi wasesithi kuHobabi indodana kaRehuweli umMidyani, uyisezala kaMozisi: Thina siyasuka siya endaweni iNkosi eyathi ngayo: Ngizalipha yona. Hamba lathi; sizakwenzela okuhle, ngoba iNkosi ikhulume okuhle ngolsrayeli. **30** Wasesithi kuye: Kangiyikuhamba, kodwa-ke ngizakuya elizweni lakithi lezihlotsheni zami. **31** Wasesithi: Ake ungasitshiyi, ngoba uyazi lapho esingamisa khona inkamba enkangala, uzakuba ngamehlo ethu. **32** Kuzakuthi-ke, uba uhamba lathi, yebo, kuzakwenzeka lokho okuhle okungakho iNkosi ezasenzela okuhle, sizakwenzela okuhle. **33** Basuka-ke entaben iyeNkosi, uhambo lwensuku ezintathu; lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi wahamba phambi kwabo uhambo lwensuku ezintathu, ukuze ubadingele indawo yokuphumula. **34** Leyezi leNkosi laliphezu kwabo emini, ekusukeni kwabo enkambeni. **35** Kwasekusithi ekusukeni komtshokotsho, uMozisi wathi: Vuka, Nkosi, kazichitheke-ke izitha zakho, labo abakuzondayo kababaleke phambi kwakho. **36** Ekumisweni kwawo wathi: Buyela, Nkosi, kuzinkulungwane ezilitshumi zezinkulungwane zakolsrayeli.

11 Kwasekusithi abantu besola kwakukubi endlebeni zeNkosi. Kwathi iNkosi isikuzwile, ulaka lwayo lwavutha, lomlilo weNkosi wavutha phakathi kwabo, waqothula emngceleni wenkamba. **2** Abantu basebekhala kuMozisi; uMozisi wasekhuleka eNkosini, lomlilo wadeda. **3** Ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo iTabera, ngoba umlilo weNkosi wavutha phakathi kwabo. **4** Ududu lwabantwana olwaluphakathi kwabo lwaloyisa isiloyiso; ngakho labantwana bakolsrayeli baphinde bakhala inyembezi, bathi: Ngubani ozasipha inyama ukuthi sidle? **5** Siyazikhumbula inhlanzi esasizidla ngesihle eGibhithe,

amakhomane, lamakhabe, lamaliki, lesandindima, legalikhi. **6**
Kodwa khathesi umphefumulo wethu womile, kakulalutho ngitsho,
ngaphandle kwale imana phambi kwamehlo ethu. **7** Njalo imana
yayinjengenhlanyelo yekhoriyanderi, lokukhangeleka kwayo
kwakunjengokukhangeleka kwebedola. **8** Abantu bahambahamba
bayibutha bayichola ematsheni okuchola, loba bayigiga
engigeni, bayipheka ezimbizeni, benza amaqebelengwana ngayo;
lokunambitheka kwayo kwakunjengokunambitheka komhluzi
wamafutha. **9** Lapho amazolo esehlela phezu kwenkamba
ebusuku, imana yehla phezu kwawo. **10** Njalo uMozisi wezwa
abantu behkala inyembezi ngokwensapho zabo, ngulowo lalowo
emnyango wethente lakhe. Lolaka IweNkosi Iwavutha kakhulu;
futhi kwaba kubi emehlwani kaMozisi. **11** UMozisi wasesithi
eNkosini: Wenzeleni okubi encekwini yakho? Njalo kungani
ngingatholanga umusa emehlwani akho ukuthi ubeke umthwalo
walababantu bonke phezu kwami? **12** Mina ngakhulelwa
yibo bonke lababantu yini? Kumbe mina ngabazala yini,
ukuze uthi kimi: Basingathe esifubeni sakho, njengomlizane
owesilisa esingatha umntwana omunyayo, kuze kube selizweni
owalifungela oyise? **13** Ngingayithatha ngaphi inyama ukuthi
ngibaphe bonke lababantu? Ngoba bayakhala inyembezi kimi
besithi: Siphe inyama ukuze sidle. **14** Mina kangilamandla
okuthwala bonke lababantu ngedwa, ngoba kunzima kakhulu
kimi. **15** Uba-ke usenza njalo kimi, ake ungbulale lokungibulala,
uba ngithole umusa emehlwani akho, njalo kangingaboni usizi
Iwami. **16** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Buthela kimi amadoda
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa abadala bakolsrayeli, owaziyo
ngawo ukuthi angabadala babantu lenduna zabo, uwalethe
ethenteni lenhlangano ukuze eme khona lawe. **17** Njalo

ngizakwehla, ngikhulume lawe khona; ngizagodla okomoya ophezu kwakho ngikufake phezu kwabo; njalo bazathwala kanye lawe umthwalo wabantu, ukuze ungawuthwali wedwa. **18** Tshono-ke ebantwini uthi: Zingcweliseleleni ikusasa, lizakudla inyama; ngoba likhalile inyembezi endlebeni zeNkosi lisithi: Ngubani ozasipha inyama ukuze sidle? Ngoba kwakukuhle kithi eGibhithe. Ngakho iNkosi izalipha inyama njalo lidle. **19** Kaliyikudla usuku olulodwa, loba insuku ezimbili, loba insuku ezinhlanu, loba insuku ezilitshumi, kumbe insuku ezingamatshumi amabili, **20** kuze kube yinyanga yonke, ize iphume emakhaleni enu, ilitshiphele, ngenxa yokuthi liyalile iNkosi ephakathi kwenu, lakhala inyembezi phambi kwayo lisithi: Kanti saphumelani eGibhithe? **21** Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Abantu abahamba ngenyawo engiphakathi kwabo bazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha; wena-ke uthi: Ngizabanika inyama ukuze badle inyanga yonke. **22** Bazahlatshelwa izimvu lezinkomo yini ukuze zibanele? Loba bazabuthelwa yini inhlanzi zonke zolwandle ukuze zibanele? **23** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Isandla seNkosi sifinyeziwe yini? Khathesi uzabona ukuthi ilizwi lami lizakwenzeka kuwe kumbe hatshi. **24** UMozisi wasephuma, wabatshela abantu amazwi eNkosi; wabutha amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa ebadaleni babantu, wawamisa ehanqe ithente. **25** INkosi yasisehla ngeyezi, yakhuluma kuye, yagodla okomoya ophezu kwakhe, yakubeka phezu kwamadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, abadala. Kwasekusithi lapho uMoya ehlala phezu kwabo, baprofetha, kodwa kabakuphindanga. **26** Njalo kwakusele amadoda amabili enkambeni, ibizo lenye lalinguElidadi lebizo lenye linguMedadi; loMoya wahlala phezu kwawo. Njalo ayephakathi kwalabo

ababhaliweyo, kodwa kawaphumanga ukuya ethenteni, njalo aprofetha enkambeni. **27** Kwagijima ijaha labika kuMozisi lathi: UElidadi loMedadi bayaprofetha enkambeni. **28** UJoshua indodana kaNuni, inceku kaMozisi, omunye wabatsha bakhe, wasephendula wathi: Nkosi yami, Mozisi, benqabele. **29** Kodwa uMozisi wathi kuye: Ulobukhwele ngenxa yami yini? Kungathi bonke abantu beNkosi bangaba ngabaprofethi, ukuze iNkosi ifake uMoya wayo phezu kwabo! **30** UMozisi wasezibuthela enkambeni, yena labadala bakolsrayeli. **31** Kwasekusuka umoya ovela eNkosini, waletha izagwaca zivela elwandle, wazehlisela phezu kwenkamba, phose uhambo losuku ngapha, njalo phose uhambo losuku ngapha, zizingezele inkamba, njalo okungaba zingalo ezimbili phezu komhlabathi. **32** Abantu basebesukuma lolosuku lonke, lobusuku bonke, losuku lonke olulandelayo, bebutha izagwaca. Lowo owayeleinlutshwana wayebuthe amahomeri alitshumi; bazichayela zona inhlangothi zonke zenkamba. **33** Inyama isesephakathi kwamazinyo abo ingakahlaufwa, intukuthelo yeNkosi yabavuthela abantu, njalo iNkosi yabatshaya abantu ngenhlupheko enkulu kakhulu. **34** Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo lathiwa yiKibirothi-Hathava, ngoba lapho bangcwaba abantu abakhanukayo. **35** Abantu basuka eKibirothi-Hathava baya eHazerothi; bahlala eHazerothi.

12 UMiriyamu loAroni basebekhuluma bemelene loMozisi ngenxa yowesifazana umEthiyophiyakazi owayemthethe, ngoba wayethethe umfazi umEthiyophiyakazi. **2** Basebesithi: Kambe, iNkosi ikhulume ngoMozisi kuphela? Kayikhulumanga langathi? LeNkosi yakuzwa. **3** Njalo indoda uMozisi yayimnene kakhulu kulabo bonke abantu abaphezu kobuso bomhlaba. **4** Khona iNkosi yahle yathi kuMozisi lakuAroni lakuMiriyamu: Phuman lobathathu

lize ethenteni lenhlangano. Baphuma-ke bona bobathathu. 5
INkosi yasisehla isensikeni yeyezi, yema emnyango wethente,
yabiza uAroni loMiriyamu; basebephuma bobabili. 6 Yasisithi:
Zwanini-ke amazwi ami; uba kukhona umprofethi phakathi kwenu,
mina iNkosi ngizazineza kuye ngombono, ngikhulume laye
ngephupho. 7 Kodwa inceku yami uMozisi kanjalo, uthembekile
endlini yami yonke. 8 Ngikhuluma laye umlomo ngomlomo,
langokubona, kungeyisikho ngemizekeliso; futhi ukhangela isimo
seNkosi. Ngakho kungani belingesabi ukukhuluma limelene
lenceku yami uMozisi? 9 Njalo ulaka lweNkosi lwabavuthela;
yasihamba. 10 Kwathi lapho iyezi lisuka phezu kwethente,
khangela, uMiriyamu wayelobulephero, emhlopho njengeliqhwa
elikhithikileyo. Uaroni wasemkhangela uMiriyamu, khangela-
ke, ulobulephero. 11 Uaroni wasesithi kuMozisi: Hawu nkosi
yami, akungabeki isono phezu kwethu, okungaso senze
ngobuthutha, lokungaso sonile. 12 Ake angabi njengofileyo,
othi nxa ephuma esiswini sikanina ingxenye yenyama yakhe
idliwe. 13 UMozi wasekhala eNkosini esithi: Nkulunkulu, ake
umelaphe, ngiyakuncenga. 14 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Uba
uyise ubemkhafulle lokumkhafulela ngamathe ebusweni bakhe,
ubengayikuyangeka insuku eziyisikhombisa yini? Kavalelw
ngaphandle kwenkamba insuku eziyisikhombisa; lemva kwalokho
emukelwe. 15 UMiriyamu wasevaledwa ngaphandle kwenkamba
insuku eziyisikhombisa; labantu kabasukanga, waze wemukelwa
uMiriyamu. 16 Lemva kwalokho abantu basuka eHazerothi,
bamisa inkamba enkangala yeParani.

13 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Zithumele amadoda
ukuthi ahlole ilizwe leKhanani engibapha lona abantwana
bakolsrayeli; uthume indoda eyodwa yaleso lalesosizwe saboyise,

yonke eyinduna phakathi kwabo. **3** UMozi wawathuma-ke esuka enkangala yeParani, ngokomlayo weNkosi; wonke lawomadoda ayezinhloko zabantwana bakolsrayeli. **4** Lala ngamabizo awo; owesizwe sakoRubeni, uShamuwa indodana kaZakuri. **5** Owesizwe sakoSimeyoni, uShafati indodana kaHori. **6** Owesizwe sakoJuda, uKalebi indodana kaJefune. **7** Owesizwe sakolsakari, ulgali indodana kaJosefa. **8** Owesizwe sakoEfrayimi, uHoseya indodana kaNuni. **9** Owesizwe sakoBhenjamini, uPaliti indodana kaRafu. **10** Owesizwe sakoZebuluni, uGadiyeli indodana kaSodi. **11** Owesizwe sakoJosefa, owesizwe sakoManase, uGadi indodana kaSusi. **12** Owesizwe sakoDani, uAmiyeli indodana kaGemali. **13** Owesizwe sakoAsheri, uSethuri indodana kaMikayeli. **14** Owesizwe sakoNafithali, uNabi indodana kaVofisi. **15** Owesizwe sakoGadi, uGewuweli indodana kaMaki. **16** La ngamabizo amadoda uMozisi awathumayo ukuhlola ilizwe. UMozi wasembiza uHoseya indodana kaNuni ngokuthi nguJoshua. **17** UMozi wasewathuma ukuhlola ilizwe leKhanani, wathi kuwo: Yenyukani lapha liye eningizimu, lenyukele entaben, **18** libone ilizwe ukuthi linjani, labantu abakhileyo kulo ukuthi balamandla kumbe babuthakathaka, balutshwana kumbe banengi yini, **19** lokuthi linjani ilizwe abahlala kulo, loba lihle loba libi, lokuthi injani imizi abahlala kiyo, loba izinkamba loba izinqaba, **20** lokuthi ilizwe linjani, loba livundile loba lilugwadule, lokuthi lilezihlahla loba hayi. Manini isibindi, lithathe okwesithelo selizwe. Lalesisikhathi kwakuyisikhathi sezithelo zokuqala zevini. **21** Basebesenyuka, balihlola ilizwe kusukela enkangala yeZini kuze kube seRehobi, ekungeneni eHamathi. **22** Benyuka-ke ngeningizimu bafika eHebron, lapho kwakulaboAhimani, uSheshayi, IoTalimayi, abantwana

bakaAnaki. IHebronI lakhiwa-ke iminyaka eyisikhombisa kungakabi leZowani eGibhithe. **23** Basebefika esihotsheni seEshikoli; baquma khona ugatsha olulehlukuzo elilodwa lezithelo zevini, baluthwalisana ngesigodo ngababili, lokwamapomegranati lokwemikhiwa. **24** Leyondawo kwathiwa yisihotsha seEshikoli, ngenxa yehlukuzo abantwana bakolsrayeli abaliquumayo lapho. **25** Basebebuya bevela ekuhloleni ilizwe ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane. **26** Basebehamba bafika kuMozisi lakuAroni lakunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli enkangala yeParani, eKadeshi; basebebuyisela umbiko kubo lakunhlangano yonke, basebebatshengisa isithelo selizwe. **27** Basebembikela bathi: Safika elizweni owasithuma kulo; njalo ngeqiniso, ligeleza uchago loluju; lalesi yisithelo salo. **28** Kodwa-ke abantu abahlala elizweni balamandla, lemizi ibiyelwe ngemithangala, mikhulu kakhulu; njalo-ke sibone khona inzalo kaAnaki. **29** AmaAmaleki akhile elizweni leningizimu; lamaHethi lamaJebusi lamaAmori akhile entaben; lamaKhanani akhile elwandle leceleni kweJordani. **30** UKalebi wasethulisa abantu phambi kukaMozisi, wathi: Asenyukeni lokwenyuka, sidle ilifa lalo, ngoba silamandla okulinqoba. **31** Kodwa amadoda ayenyuke laye athi: Kasilamandla okwenyukela kulabobantu, ngoba balamandla kulathi. **32** Basebeveza umbiko omubi ngelizwe ababelihlolile ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli besithi: Ilizwe esidabule kulo ukulihlolola yilizwe elidla abantu abahlala kulo; labantu bonke esababona phakathi kwalo bangamadoda amade kakhulu. **33** Lalapho sibone iziqhwaga, amadodana kaAnaki, avela eziqhwagoni. Lemehlwani ethu sasinjengentethe, sasinjalo lemekhlweni azo.

14 Lenhlangano yonke yasizophakamisa, yazwakalisa ilizwi layo; abantu basebekhala inyembezi ngalobobusku. **2** Bonke

abantwana bakolsrayeli basebengunguna bemelene loMozisi
loAroni; lenhlangano yonke yathi kubo: Kungathi ngabe safela
elizweni leGibhithe, kumbe kungathi ngabe safela kule inkangala!
3 Njalo kungani iNkosi isilethe kulelilizwe ukuthi siwe ngenkemba?
Omkethu labantwanyana bethu bazakuba yimpango. Bekungebe
ngcono kithi ukubuyela eGibhithe yini? **4** Basebesithi omunye
komunye: Asimiseni inhloko, sibuyele eGibhithe. **5** UMozi
loAroni basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phambi kwebandla lonke
lenhlangano yabantwana bakolsrayeli. **6** UJoshua indodana
kaNuni loKalebi indodana kaJefune ababengabalabo abahlola
ilizwe, basebedabula izembatho zabo, **7** bakhuluma kunhlangano
yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli besithi: Ilizwe esadabula kulo
ukuze silihlole yilizwe elihle kakhlukazi. **8** Uba iNkosi ithokoza
ngathi, izasingenisa kulelilizwe, isinike lona, ilizwe eligeleza
uchago loluju. **9** Kuphela lingayivukeli iNkosi; futhi lina lingesabi
abantu belizwe, ngoba bayikudla kwethu. Umthunzi wabo usukile
kubo; leNkosi ilathi; lingabesabi. **10** Kodwa inhlangu yonke
yathi kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Inkazimulo yeNkosi yasibonakala
ethenteni lenhlangano kubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli.
11 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Koze kube nini lababantu
bengidelela? Koze kube nini bengangikhola, ngazo zonke
izibonakaliso engizenze phakathi kwabo? **12** Ngizabatshaya
ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngibathathele ilifa, ngikwenze ube
yisizwe esikhulu lesilamandla kulabo. **13** UMozi wasesithi
eNkosini: Khona amaGibhithe azakuzwa; ngoba wenyuse
lababantu phakathi kwabo ngamandla akho. **14** Njalo azatshela
abahlali balelilizwe. Bazwile ukuthi wena Nkosi uphakathi
kwalabantu, ukuthi wena Nkosi ubonwa ubuso ngobuso, lokuthi
iyeki lakho lima phezu kwabo, uhamba phambi kwabo usensikeni

yeyezi emini lensikeni yomlilo ebusuku. **15** Uba ubulala lababantu njengomuntu oyedwa, izizwe ezizwe ngendumela yakho zizakhuluma zisithi: **16** Ngoba iNkosi yayingelakho ukungenisa lababantu elizweni eyabafungela lona, ngakho ibabulele enkangala. **17** Khathesi-ke, ngiyancenga, kawabe makhulu amandla eNkosi yami, njengokutsho kwakho usithi: **18** INkosi iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo inkulu emuseni, ithethelela ububi leziphambeko, kodwa engayikumyekela lokumyekela olecalal, iphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana kvesesithathu lesesine isizukulwana. **19** Thethelela, ngiyancenga, ububi balababantu njengobukhulu bomusa wakho, lanjengalokho ubathethelele lababantu kusukela eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi. **20** INkosi yasisithi: Sengibathethelele njengokwelizwi lakho. **21** Kodwa isibili, njengalokhu ngiphila, umhlaba wonke uzagcwala ngenkazimulo yeNkosi. **22** Ngoba wonke amadoda abone inkazimulo yami lezibonakaliso zami engazenza eGibhithe lenkangala, langilingileyo lezizikhathi ezilitshumi, kawezwanga ilizwi lami, **23** isibili kabayikubona ilizwe engalifungela oyise; futhi kakho ovalabo abangideleleyo ozalibona. **24** Kodwa inceku yami uKalebi, ngoba omunye umoya ubulaye, wangilandela ngokupheleleyo; ngakho ngizamngenis elizweni ayengene kilo; lenzalo yakhe izakudla ilifa lalo. **25** (AmaAmaleki lamaKhanani ahlala-ke esigodini.) Kusasa phendukani, lisuke liziyele enkangala ngendlela yoLwandle oluBomvu. **26** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **27** Koze kube nini ngilalinlangano embi, engingungunelayo? Ngizwile ukungunguna kwabantwana bakolsrayeli abangunguna ngakho bemelene lami. **28** Tshono kibo uthi: Sibili njengoba ngiphila, kutsho iNkosi, njengalokhu likhulume endlebeni zami, ngizakwenza njalo kini. **29** Izidumbu

zenu zizawela enkangala le, labo bonke ababaliweyo benu, njengokwenani lonke lenu, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, lina abangingunguneleyo; **30** sibili lina kaliyikungena elizweni engiliphakamisele isandla sami ukulihlala kulo, ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune loJoshua indodana kaNuni. **31** Kodwa abantwanyana benu elathi ngabo bazakuba yimpango, ngizabangenisa, bazalazi ilizwe elalilahlayo. **32** Lina-ke, izidumbu zenu zizawela kulinkangala. **33** Labantwana benu bazakuba ngabelusi enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane, bathwale ukuphinga kwenu, izidumbu zenu zize ziphele enkangala. **34** Njengokwenani lezinsuku elahlola ngazo ilizwe, insuku ezingamatshumi amane, usuku ngomnyaka, usuku ngomnyaka, lizathwala ububi benu, iminyaka engamatshumi amane, lazi ukufulathela kwami. **35** Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. Isibili ngizakwenza lokhu kulinhlangano yonke embi ebuthene imelene lami; kulinkangala bazaphela, bafele khona. **36** Njalo amadoda uMozisi awathumayo ukuhlola ilizwe, esephenduka, enza inhlanguano yonke yamngungunela ngokuletha umbiko omubi mayelana lelizwe, **37** lamadoda aletha umbiko omubi ngelizwe afa ngenhlupheko phambi kweNkosi. **38** Kodwa uJoshua indodana kaNuni loKalebi indodana kaJefune, kulawomadoda ayeyehlola ilizwe, asala ephila. **39** Njalo uMozisi wakhulumla la amazwi kubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli; abantu basebelila kakhulu. **40** Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, benyukela engqongeni yentaba, besithi: Khangelani silapha, sizakwenyukela endaweni iNkosi eyithembisileyo; ngoba sonile. **41** Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Kungani-ke liseqa umlayo weNkosi? Ngoba kakuyikuphumelela. **42** Lingenyuki, ngoba iNkosi kayikho phakathi kwenu, ukuze lingatshaywa phambi

kwezitha zenu. **43** Ngoba amaAmaleki lamaKhanani alapho phambi kwenu; njalo lizakuwa ngenkemba, ngoba njengoba liphendukile ekulandeleni iNkosi, iNkosi kayiyikuba lani. **44** Kodwa ngokuziqhenya benyukela engqongeni yentaba, kodwa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi loMozisi kawuphumanga phakathi kwenkamba. **45** AmaAmaleki asesehla, lamaKhanani ahlala kulezozintaba, abatshaya, abahlakaza kwaze kwaba seHorma.

15 INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho lifika elizweni lokuhlala kwenu, engilinika lona, **3** lisenza umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe umhlatshelo, owokugcwalisa isithembiso, loba emnikelweni wesihle, loba emikhosini yenu emisiweyo, ukwenza uqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, okuvela enkomeni kumbe ezimvini, **4** Iwo-ke onikelayo umnikelo wakhe eNkosini uzasondeza umnikelo wokudla, ube ngokwetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha; **5** lewayini libe ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, ingxenye yesine yehini, uzakulungisa lomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo, owewundlu eliodwa. **6** Kumbe Owenqama lizalungisa umnikelo wokudla, ube zingxenye ezimbili etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ingxenye yesithathu yehini; **7** lewayini libe ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, ingxenye yesithathu yehini, uzalinikela libe liphunga eliminandi eNkosini. **8** Njalo nxa lilungisa ithole eliduna lenkomo libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe umhlatshelo, owokugcwalisa isithembiso, kumbe iminikelo yokuthula eNkosini, **9** uzanikelela-ke ithole lenkomo umnikelo wokudla, ube zingxenye ezintathu etshumini lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ingxenye yehini.

10 Linikele iwayini libe ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, ingxenye yehini, kube ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo olephunga eliminandi eNkosini. **11** Kuzakwenziwa njalo ngaleyonkunzi, loba ngaleyonqama, loba ngewundlu, kumbe ngezinyane.

12 Njengenani elizalilungisa, lizakwenza njalo kuleyo laleyo, ngokwenani lazo. **13** Wonke owokuzalwa elizweni uzazenza njalo lezizinto, ekunikeleni umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo woqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **14** Uba-ke owemzini ohlala njengowezizwe lani, kumbe loba ngubani ophakathi kwenu ezizukulwaneni zenu, njalo enikela umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo woqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, njengoba lisenza uzakwenza njalo. **15** Kuzakuba lesimiso sinye kini abebandla lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe, isimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; njengani uzakuba njalo owemzini phambi kweNkosi. **16** Kuzakuba lomthetho munye lesimiso sinye kini lakowemzini ohlala lani njengowezizwe. **17** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **18** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni engilisa kulo, **19** kuzakuthi nxalisdla okokudla kwelizwe, linikele umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa eNkosini. **20** Ngokokuqala kwenhlama yenu lizanikela iqebelengwana, kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; njengomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa webala lokubhulela, ngokunjalo lizawuphakamisa. **21** Ngokokuqala kwenhlama yenu lizanika eNkosini umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ezizukulwaneni zenu. **22** Uba-ke liduha, lingenzanga yonke imilayo le iNkosi eyikhulume kuMozisi, **23** konke iNkosi elilaye khona ngesandla sikaMozisi kusukela ngosuku iNkosi eyalaya ngalo kusiya phambili ezizukulwaneni zenu, **24** kuzakuthi-ke uba kwenziwe ngokungazi, kungekho emehlwani enhlangano, inhhlangano yonke izanikela ijongosi elilodwa ithole

lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, lomnikelo walo wokudla, lomnikelo walo wokunathwayo njengomthetho, lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa, libe ngumnikelo wesono. **25** Umpristi uzakwenzela-ke inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, bakuthethelwelwe, ngoba kuyikungazi, futhi bona bazaletha umnikelo wabo, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, lomnikelo wabo wesono phambi kweNkosi, ngenxa yesiphambeko sokungazi kwabo. **26** Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli izakuthethelwelwa, lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, ngoba kubo bonke abantu kwakusekungazini. **27** Uba-ke umuntu oyedwa esona ngokungazi, uzasondeza isibhuzikazi esilomnyaka owodwa, sibe ngumnikelo wesono. **28** Lompristi uzwenzela lowomphefumulo owone ngokungazi inhlawulo yokuthula, lapho one ngokungazi phambi kweNkosi, ukumentza inhlawulo yokuthula; uzakuthethelwelwa-ke. **29** Lizakuba lomlayo munye kwalowo owona ngokungazi, owokuzalwa elizweni phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo. **30** Kodwa umuntu okwenza ngabomo, engowokuzalwa elizweni loba engowemzini, ethuka iNkosi; njalo lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **31** Ngoba edelele ilizwi leNkosi, wephula umlayo wayo, lowomuntu uzaqunywa lokuqunywa; ububi bakhe buzakuba phezu kwakhe. **32** Kwathi abantwana bakolsrayeli besenkangala, bafica umuntu etheza inkuni ngosuku lwesabatha. **33** Labo abamficayo etheza inkuni bamletha kuMozisi lakuAroni lakuNhlangu yonke. **34** Bamfaka esitokisini, ngoba kwakungakatshiwo ukuthi kuzakwenziwani kuye. **35** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Lowomuntu kabulawe lokubulawa; inhlangano yonke izamkhanda ngamatshe

ngaphandle kwenkamba. **36** Lenhlangano yonke yamkhuphela ngaphandle kwenkamba, yamkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **37** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **38** Khulumfa ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, ubatsheli ukuthi bazenzele izintshaka emagumbini ezembatho zabo, ezizukulwaneni zabo, lokuthi bafake entshakeni yomphetho intambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhabka. **39** Njalo kuzakuba kini yintshaka ukuze likukhangele, likhumbule yonke imilayo yeNkosi, liyenze, lingadingi lilandele inhlizyo yenu lilandele amehlo enu, eliphinga ngokukulandela. **40** Ukuze likhumbule lenze yonke imilayo yami, libe ngcwele kuNkulunkulu wenu. **41** NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu eyalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuba nguNkulunkulu wenu; ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

16 UKora indodana kalzihari indodana kakohathi indodana kaLevi, IoDathani IoAbiramu amadodana kaEliyabi, IoOni indodana kaPelethi, amadodana kaRubeni, basebethatha amadoda. **2** Basebesukuma phambi kukaMozisi, lamadoda abantwana bakolsrayeli, abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, abangabakhokheli benhlangano, abakhethiweyo bomhlangano, amadoda alebizo. **3** Bahlangana bamelana IoMozisi bamelana loAroni, bathi kubo: Seledlulise amalawulo! Ngoba inhlangano yonke, bonke bangcwele, leNkosi iphakathi kwabo. Pho, liziphakamiselani phezu kwebandla leNkosi? **4** Kwathi uMozisi esekuzwile, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi. **5** Wasekhuluma kuKora lakuqembu lakhe lonke esithi: Kusisa, khona iNkosi izatshengisa ukuthi ngubani ongowayo lokuthi ngubani ongcwele, izamsondeza kuyo, lalowo emkhethileyo izamsondeza kuyo. **6** Yenzani lokhu: Zithatheleni imiganu yokutshisela impepha, uKora, leqembu lakhe lonke, **7** lifake

kiyo umlilo, libeke kiyo impepha phambi kweNkosi kusasa. Kuzakuthi indoda iNkosi eyikhethayo, yiyo engcwele. Seledlulise amalawulo, madodana kaLevi! **8** UMozi wasesithi kuKora: Ake lizwe, madodana kaLevi; **9** kuyinto encinyane kini yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ulehlukanisile lenhlangano yakolsrayeli ukuze alisondeze kuye ukuthi lenze inkonzo yethabhanekele leNkosi, lokuthi lime phambi kwenhlangano ukubakhonza? **10** Ukusondezile, labafowenu bonke, amadodana kaLevi, kanye lawe; selifuna lobupristi yini? **11** Ngalokho wena leqembu lakho lonke selihlangene ukumelana leNkosi. Ngoba uAroni uyini ukuthi limngungunеле? **12** UMozi wasethuma ukubiza uDathani loAbiramu, amadodana kaEliyabi. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikwenyuka; **13** kuyinto encinyane yini ukuthi wasenyusa sivela elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju ukusibulala enkangala, kanti lawe usuzenza umbusi phezu kwethu? **14** Futhi kawusingenisanga elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, loba ukusinika ilifa lamasimu lezivini. Amehlo ala amadoda ungawakopola yini? Asiyikwenyuka. **15** UMozi wasethukuthela kakhulu, wathi eNkosini: Unganaki umnikelo wabo. Kangithathanga ubabbemi oyedwa wabo, futhi kangenzanga okubi komunye wabo. **16** UMozi wasesithi kuKora: Wena leqembu lakho lonke banini phambi kweNkosi, wena, labo, loAroni, kusasa; **17** thathani, omunye lomunye umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, lifake kuyo impepha, liyisondeze phambi kweNkosi, kube ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, imiganu yokutshisela impepha engamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu; lawe loAroni, ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha. **18** Basebethatha, ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, bafaka umlilo kuyo, babeka impepha kuyo, bema

emnyango wethente lenhlangano, loMozisi loAroni. **19** UKora wasebuthanisa inhlangano yonke ukumelana labo emnyango wethente lenhlangano. Inkazimulo yeNkosi yasibonakala ebandleni lonke. **20** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **21** Zehlukaniseni liphume phakathi kwalinhlangano ukuze ngibaqede ngokucwayiza kwelihlo. **22** Basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phansi bathi: Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wemimoya yayo yonke inyama, kona umuntu oyedwa, ubusuthukuthelela inhlangano yonke yini? **23** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **24** Tshono enhlanganweni uthi: Yenyukani lisuke kunhlangothi zonke zomuzi kaKora, uDathani, loAbiramu. **25** UMOzisi wasesukuma, waya kuDathani loAbiramu, labadala bakolsrayeli bamlandela. **26** Wasekhuluma enhlanganweni esithi: Ake lisuke emathenteni alamadoda amabi, lingathinti lutho olungolwabo, hlezi liphetshulwe ezonweni zabo zonke. **27** Basebesenyuka besuka emzini yaboKora, uDathani loAbiramu enhlangothini zonke; oDathani loAbiramu basebephuma, bema emnyango wamathtente abo labomkabo lamadodana abo labantwanyana babo. **28** UMOzisi wasesithi: Ngalokhu lizakwazi ukuthi iNkosi ingithumile ukwenza yonke limisebenzi, lokuthi kakusikho okwengqondo yami. **29** Uba laba besifa njengokufa kwabantu bonke, kumbe behlelwе njengokwehlelwа kwabantu bonke, iNkosi kayingithumanga. **30** Kodwa uba iNkosi idala into entsha, ukuthi umhlaba uvule umlomo wawo, ubaginye lakho konke okwabo, behlele emgodini bephila, lizaqedisisa ukuthi lamadoda ayidelele iNkosi. (**Sheol h7585**) **31** Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma wonke la amazwi, umhlaba owawungaphansi kwabo waqhekezeka, **32** lomhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabaginya lezindlu zabo, labo bonke abantu ababengabakaKora, lempahla

yabo yonke. **33** Basebetshona emgodini bephila bona lako konke okwabo; umhlaba wabagqibela, babhubha besuka phakathi kwebandla. (**Sheol h7585**) **34** Ulsrayeli wonke owayebazingezele wasebaleka ekukhaleni kwabo, ngoba bathi: Hlezi umhlaba usiginye. **35** Kwasekuphuma umlilo eNkosini, waqothula amadoda angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ayenikele impepha. **36** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **37** Tshono kuEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi, ukuthi athathe imiganu yokutshisela impepha phakathi kokutsha; uwuchithachithele umlilo laphayana, ngoba ingcwele. **38** Imiganu yokutshisela impepha yalezizoni imelene lemiphefumulo yazo, kabayenze ibe yizicecedu ezibanzi zibe yisisibekelo selathi; ngoba bayinikele phambi kweNkosi, ngakho ingcwele; njalo izakuba yisibonakaliso ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli. **39** UEleyazare umpristi wasethatha imiganu yethusi yokutshisela impepha ababenikele ngayo abatshisiweyo, basebeyikhanda yaba yizicecedu zokusibekela ilathi, **40** kube yisikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli ukuze kungabi lowemzini, ongesuye owenzalo kaAroni, osondela ukutshisa impepha phambi kweNkosi, ukuze angabi njengoKora lanjengexuku lakhe, njengoba iNkosi yakhuluma kuye ngesandla sikaMozisi. **41** Kodwa kusisa inhlango yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli yabasola oMozisi loAroni, isithi: Lina libabulele abantu beNkosi. **42** Kwasekusithi inhlango isihlangene imelene loMozisi njalo imelene loAroni, baphendukela ethenteni lenhlangano, khangela-ke iyezi lalilisibekelo lenkazimulo yeNkosi yabonakala. **43** UMozisi loAroni basebesiza ngaphambi kwethente lenhlangano. **44** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **45** Yenyukani lisuke phakathi kwalinhlangano, ukuze ngibaqede njengokucwayiza kwelihlo. Basebesithi mbo ngobuso

babo phansi. **46** UMozi wasesithi kuAroni: Thatha umganu wokutshisela impepha, ufake kuwo umlilo ovela elathini, ubeke kuwo impepha, uye ngokuphangisa enhlanganweni, ubenzele inhlawulo yokuthula; ngoba ulaka seluphumile lusuka phambi kweNkosi, inhlupheko isiqalisile. **47** UAroni wasekuthatha njengokutsho kukaMozisi, wagijimela phakathi kwebandla, khangela-ke, inhlupheko yayisiqalisile phakathi kwabantu. Wafaka impepha, wabenzela abantu inhlawulo yokuthula. **48** Wasesima phakathi kwabafileyo labaphilayo. Inhlupheko yasimiswa. **49** Labafayo enhluphekweni babeyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, ngaphandle kwalabo abafa ngendaba kaKora. **50** UAroni wasebuyela kuMozisi emnyango wethente lenhlangano; lenhlupheko yayismisiwe.

17 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono kubantwana bakolsrayeli, njalo uthathe induku kulowo lalowo wabo, ngokwendlu kayise, kuzo zonke iziphathamandla zabo, ngokwezindlu zaboyise, induku ezilitshumi lambili. Bhala ibizo laleyondoda endukwini yayo, **3** ubhale ibizo likaAroni endukwini kaLevi. Ngoba induku eyodwa izakuba ngeyenhloko yendlu yaboyise. **4** Njalo uzazibeka ethenteni lenhlangano phambi kobufakazi, lapho engizahlanga lawe khona. **5** Kuzakuthi-ke induku yendoda engizayikhetha izahluma; njalo ngizathulisa kusuke kimi ukusola kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, abalisola ngakho. **6** UMozi wasekhuluma ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli; zonke-ke iziphathamandla zabo zamnika izinduku, yabanye kuleso lalesosiphathamandla, njengezindlu zaboyise, induku ezilitshumi lambili; lenduku kaAroni yayiphakathi kwenduku zazo. **7** UMozi wasezibeka induku phambi kweNkosi ethenteni lobufakazi. **8** Kwasekusithi kusisa uMozisi wangena ethenteni lobufakazi,

khangel-a-ke, induku kaAroni eyendlu kaLevi yayihlumile, yakhupha amahlumela, yakhahlela impoko, yathela ama-alimondi. **9** UMozi si wasezikhuphela phandle zonke induku zivela phambi kweNkosi, kubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli; basebekhangela, bathatha ngulowo lalowo induku yakhe. **10** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Buyisela induku kaAroni phambi kobufakazi, igcinwe, ibe yisibonakaliso kwabahlamukayo, ukuze ususe ukusola kwabo kimi, ukuze bangafi. **11** UMozi si wasesenza; njengalokho iNkosi yamlaya, wenza njalo. **12** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebekhuluma kuMozisi besithi: Khangela, siyafa, siyahubha, sonke siyahubhal! **13** Wonke osondela lokusondela ethabhanekeleni leNkosi uzakufa. Sizaphela ngokufa yini?

18 INkosi yasisithi kuAroni: Wena lamadodana akho lendlu kayihlo kanye lawe lizathwala ububi bendlu engcwele; futhi wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe lizathwala ububi bobupristi benu. **2** Labafowenu, isizwe sakoLevi, isizwe sikayihlo, basondeze-ke lawe ukuze bahlanganiswe lawe, bakusize. Kodwa wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe lizakuba phambi kwethente lobufakazi. **3** Bazagcina umlayo wakho, lemfanelo zethente lonke; kodwa kabayikusondela ezitsheni zendlu engcwele lelathini, ukuze bangafi, labo lani. **4** Bazahlanganiswa lawe, bagcine imfanelo zethente lenhlangano kuyo yonke inkonzo yethente; kodwa owemzini kayikusondela kini. **5** Njalo lizagcina imfanelo zendlu engcwele lemfanelo zelathi, ukuze kungabi kusaba khona ulaka phezu kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **6** Mina-ke, khangelani, ngithethe abafowenu amaLevi bevela phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. Bayisipho kini, baphiwe iNkosi ukwenza inkonzo yethente lenhlangano. **7** Ngakho wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe lizagcina ubupristi benu kuzo zonke izinto zelathi laphakathi

kweveyili, likhonze. Nginike ubupristi benu bube ngumsebenzi wesipho; kodwa owemzini osondelayo uzabulawa. **8** INkosi yasisithi kuAroni: Mina-ke, khangela, ngikunike ukuphathwa kweminikelo yami yokuphakanyiswa yazo zonke izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakolsrayeli; ngiziphe wena, ngenxa yokugcotshwa, lamadodana akho, ngesimiso esilaphakade. **9** Lokhu kuzakuba ngokwakho okuvela ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele, zivela emililweni; yonke iminikelo yabo, yonke iminikelo yabo yokudla, layo yonke iminikelo yabo yesono, layo yonke iminikelo yabo yecala, abazayibuyisela kimi; izakuba ngengcwelengcwele ibe ngeyakho leyamadodana akho. **10** Lizakudlela engcweleni yezingcwele; wonke owesilisa uzakudla; kuzakuba ngcwele kuwe. **11** Lalokhu ngokwakho: Umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesipho sabo, layo yonke iminikelo yokuzunguzwa yabantwana bakolsrayeli; ngikuphe wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, ngesimiso esilaphakade. Wonke ohlambulukileyo endlini yakho uzakudla. **12** Ikhethelo lonke lamafutha, lekhethelo lonke lewayini elitsha, lelamabele, lengqabutho yalezo abazazinikela eNkosini, ngiziphe wena. **13** Izithelo zokuqala zakho konke okuselizweni labo abazakuletha eNkosini kuzakuba ngokwakho. Wonke ohlambulukileyo endlini yakho uzakudla. **14** Konke okuvula isizalo, kwayo yonke inyama abakuletha eNkosini, phakathi kwabantu laphakathi kwezfuyo, kuzakuba ngokwakho; kodwa izibulo lomuntu uzalihlenga lokulihlenga, lezibulo lenyamazana engcolileyo uzalihlenga. **15** Lalezo ezizahlengwa uzazihlenga kusukela sezilenyanga, njengesilinganiso sakho, ngemali yamashekeli amahlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, elingamagera angamatshumi

amabili. **17** Kodwa izibulo lenkomo, kumbe izibulo lemvu, kumbe izibulo lembuzi, awuyikuwahlenga, angcwele. Uzafafaza igazi lawo phezu kwelathi, utshise amahwahwa awo, abe ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **18** Lenyama yawo izakuba ngeyakho, njengesifuba esizunguziweyo lanjengomlenze wokunene, kuzakuba ngokwakho. **19** Yonke iminikelo yokuphakanyiswa yezinto ezingcwele abantwana bakolsrayeli abayinikela eNkosini ngiyiniwe wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho kanye lawe, ngesimiso esilaphakade. Kuyisivumelwano setswayi esilaphakade phambi kweNkosi kuwe lakunzalo yakho kanye lawe. **20** INkosi yasisithi kuAroni: Kawuyikudla ilifa elizweni labo, kawuyikuba lesabelo phakathi kwabo; ngiyisabelo sakho lelifa lakho phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **21** Khangela-ke, nginiwe abantwana bakoLevi konke okwetshumi kolsrayeli kube yilifa, ngomsebenzi wabo abawenzayo, inkonzo yethente lenhlangano. **22** Njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli bangabe besasondela ethenteni lenhlangano hlezi bathwale isono bafe. **23** Kodwa amaLevi azakwenza inkonzo yethente lenhlangano, wona athwale ububi bawo. Kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; laphakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli kawayikuzuza ilifa. **24** Ngoba okwetshumi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli abakunikela eNkosini kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa, ngikuniwe amaLevi kube yilifa. Ngakho ngitshilo kiwo ukuthi phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli kawayikuzuza ilifa. **25** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **26** Futhi uzakhuluma kumaLevi uthi kuwo: Nxa lithatha ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli okwetshumi engilinike khona, kuvela kubo kube yilifa lenu, lizanikela kokwakho umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi,

kube ngokwetshumi kwalokho okwetshumi. **27** Lomnikelo wenu wokuphakanyiswa uzabalelw a lina, njengamabele ebala lokubhulela lanjengokugcwala kwesikhamelo sewayini. **28** Ngalokhu lani lizanikela umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi kukho konke okwetshumi kwenu elikwemukelayo ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli; lizanika kokwayo umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi, kuAroni umpristi. **29** Kuzo zonke izipho zenu lizanikela wonke umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi; ekhethelweni lonke lazo, ingxene yayo engcwelisiweyo evela kuyo. **30** Futhi uzakuthi kuwo: Lapho linikela ikhethelo lazo elivel a kuzo, kuzabalelw a maLevi njengesivuno sebala lokubhulela lanjengesivuno sesikhamelo sewayini. **31** Lizakudla lokho endaweni zonke, lina lendlu yenu, ngoba kungumvuzo wenu ngomsebenzi wenu ethenteni lenhlangano. **32** Njalo kaliyikuthwala isono ngenxa yakho, lapho seliphakamisile ikhethelo lakho kukho; kaliyikungcolisa izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuze lingafi.

19 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **2** Lesi yisimiso somlayo iNkosi esimisileyo isithi: Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli ukuthi balethe kini ithokazi elibomvu elipheleleyo okungelasici kulo, okungazange kufakwe ijogwe kulo; **3** njalo lilinike uEleyazare umpristi, alikhuphele-ke ngaphandle kwenkamba, libe selihlatshwa phambi kwakhe. **4** Njalo uEleyazare uzathatha okwegazi lalo ngomunwe wakhe, afafaze kasikhombisa okwegazi lalo maqondana laphambi kwethente lenhlangano. **5** Lethokazi litshiswe phambi kwamehlo akhe; kutshiswe isikhumba salo lenyama yalo legazi lalo kanye lomswane walo. **6** Umpristi uzathatha-ke isigodo somsedari, lehisope, lokubomvu, akuphose phakathi kokutsha kwethokazi. **7**

Umpristi usezahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe emanzini, emva kwalokho angene enkambeni, njalo umpristi abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **8** Lolitshisileyo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe emanzini, ageze umzimba wakhe emanzini, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **9** Lendoda ehlambulukileyo izabutha umlotha wethokazi, iwubeke ngaphandle kwenkamba endaweni ehlambulukileyo, ukuze ugcinelwe inhlangano yabantwana bakolsrayeli, kube ngamanzi okwehlukanisa; kuyikuhlanjululwa kwesono. **10** Lobutha umlotha wethokazi uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; njalo kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo. **11** Othinta isidumbu saloba nguuphi umuntu uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **12** Uzazihlambulula ngawo ngosuku lwasithathu langosuku lwasikhombisa uzahlambuluka; kodwa uba engazihlambululi ngosuku lwasithathu, khona ngosuku lwasikhombisa kayikuhlambuluka. **13** Loba ngubani othinta ofileyo, isidumbu somuntu osefile, angazihlambululi, ungclica ithabhanekele leNkosi; lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke kolsrayeli, ngoba amanzi okwehlukanisa engafafazwanga phezu kwakhe; uzakuba ngongcolileyo, lokungcola kwakhe kusekuye. **14** Lo ngumlayo womuntu nxa efela ethenteni. Konke okungena ethenteni lakho konke okusethenteni kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **15** Njalo yonke imbiza evulekileyo engelasisibekelo esibotshelwe phezulu kwayo ingcolile. **16** Laye wonke othinta umuntu obuleweyo ngenkemba, endle, loba ofileyo, loba ithambo lomuntu, loba ingcwaba, uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **17** Ngongcolileyo bazathatha okomlotha walokho okwatshiswayo kokuhlanjululwa kwesono, njalo

kuzafakwa phezu kwakho amanzi aphilayo esitsheni. **18** Lendoda ehlambulukileyo izathatha ihisope, iyigxamuze emanzini, ifafaze phezu kwethente, laphezu kwempahla yonke, laphezu kwabantu ababelapho, laphezu kowathinta ithambo, loba obuleweyo, loba ofileyo, loba ingcwaba. **19** Lohlambulukileyo uzafafaza ongcolileyo ngosuku Iwesithathu langosuku Iwesikhombisa, njalo uzamhlambulula ngosuku Iwesikhombisa; awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze emanzini, ahlambuluke kusihlwa. **20** Kodwa indoda engcolileyo, ingazihlambululi, lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phakathi kwebandla, ngoba engcolise indlu engcwele yeNkosi; amanzi okwehlukanisa Kawafafazwanga phezu kwakhe, ungcilile. **21** Njalo kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kubo, ukuthi lowo ofafaza amanzi okwehlukanisa uzahlamba izembatho zakhe; lalowo othinta amanzi okwehlukanisa uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **22** Njalo konke akuthintayo ongcolileyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo; lomuntu okuthintayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

20 Khona abantwana bakolsrayeli, inhlangano yonke, bafika enkangala yeZini ngenyanga yokuqala; labantu bahlala eKadeshi. UMiriyamu wasefela lapho, wangcwatshwa khona. **2** Njalo kwakungelamanzi enhlangano; ngakho bahlangana bamelana loMozisi bamelana loAroni. **3** Abantu baphikisana loMozisi bakhulumba besithi: Kungathi ngabe safu ekufeni kwabafowethu phambi kweNkosi! **4** Liletheleni ibandla leNkosi enkangala le ukuze sifele lapha, thina lezifuyo zethu? **5** Lasenyuselani sisuka eGibhithe ukusiletha kulindawo embi? Kakusiyo indawo yenhlanyelo lemikhiwa lamavini lamapomegranati, futhi kakulamanzi okunatha. **6** UMOzisi loAroni basebesuka phambi kwebandla, baya emnyango wethente lenhlangano, bathi

mbo ngobuso babo phansi. Inkazimulo yeNkosi yasibonakala kubo. **7** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **8** Thatha intonga, ubuthanise inhlango, wena loAroni umnewenu, likhulume kulo idwala phambi kwamehlo abo, njalo lizanika amanzi alo; ngalokhu uzabakhuphela amanzi edwaleni, ukuze ulinathise ibandla lezifuyo zabo. **9** UMozi wasethatha intonga esuka phambi kweNkosi njengokumlaya kwayo. **10** UMozi loAroni basebebuthanisa ibandla phambi kwedwala; wasesithi kubo: Zwanini-ke, lina bahlamuki; sizalikhuphela yini amanzi edwaleni leli? **11** UMozi wasephakamisa isandla sakhe, watshaya idwala kibili ngentonga yakhe; kwasekumpompoza amanzi amanengi, inhlango yasinatha, lezifuyo zayo. **12** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi lakuAroni: Ngoba lingangikhulwanga, ukungingcwelisa emehlweni abantwana bakolsrayeli, ngakho kalyikungenisa ibandla leli elizweni engibanike lona. **13** La ngamanzi eMeriba, lapho abantwana bakolsrayeli abaphikisana khona leNkosi, yasingcweliswa kubo. **14** UMozi wasethuma izithunywa enkosini yeEdoma zisuka eKadeshi wathi: Utsho njalo umfowenu ulsrayeli: Wena uyazazi zonke inkathazo ezisehleleyo, **15** lokuthi obaba behlela eGibhithe, sasesihlala eGibhithe insuku ezinengi; lamaGibhithe asiphatha kubi labobaba. **16** Sasesikhala eNkosini, yasisizwa ilizwi lethu, yathuma ingilosi, yasikhupha eGibhithe; khangela-ke siseKadeshi, umuzi osekucineni komngcele wakho. **17** Ake usiyekele sidabule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikudabula ensimini loba esivinini, futhi kasiyikunatha amanzi omthombo. Sizahamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi, kasiyikuphambukela ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo, size sedlule umngcele wakho. **18** Kodwa uEdoma wathi kuye: Kawuyikudabula kimi, hlezzi ngiphume ngenkemba ngimelane lawe. **19** Abantwana bakolsrayeli

basebesithi kuye: Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu. Uba-ke mina lezifuyo zami sinatha okwamanzi akho, sizawabhadalela; kuphela ngizadabula ngenyawo zami nje. **20** Kodwa wathi: Kawuyikudabula. UEdoma wasephuma wamelana laye elabantu abanengi, langesandla esilamandla. **21** Ngalokhu uEdoma wala ukuvumela ulsrayeli ukudabula emngceleni wakhe. Ngakho ulsrayeli waphambuka wasuka kuye. **22** Abantwana bakolsrayeli, inhlangano yonke, basebesuka eKadeshi, bafika entabeni yeHori. **23** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni entabeni yeHori, emngceleni welizwe leEdoma, isithi: **24** Uaroni uzabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo, ngoba kayikungena elizweni engilinike abantwana bakolsrayeli, ngoba lahlamukela ilizwi lami emanzini eMeriba. **25** Thatha uAroni loEleyazare indodana yakhe, ubenyusele entabeni yeHori, **26** umhlubule uAroni izembatho zakhe, uzifake kuEleyazare indodana yakhe; ngoba uAroni uzabuthelwa kwabakibo, afele lapho. **27** UMozisi wenza njengokulaya kweNkosi. Basebesenyukela entabeni yeHori phambi kwamehlo enhlangano yonke. **28** UMozisi wasemhlubula uAroni izembatho zakhe, wazifaka kuEleyazare indodana yakhe. Uaroni wasefela lapho engqongeni yentaba. UMozisi loEleyazare basebesebla entabeni. **29** Lapho inhlangano yonke ibona ukuthi uAroni usephelile, balilela uAroni insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu, indlu yonke kalsrayeli.

21 Kwathi inkosi yeAradi, umKhanani, eyayihlala eningizimu, isizwa ukuthi ulsrayeli uyeza ngendlela yabahloli, yalwa imelene lolrsayeli yathumba abanye kubo. **2** Ulsrayeli wathembisa isithembiso eNkosini wathi: Uba unikela lokunikela lababantu esandleni sami, ngizatshabalalisa imizi yabo. **3** INkosi yasisizwa ilizwi likalsrayeli, yanikela amaKhanani, wawatshabalalisa lemizi

yawo; ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yiHorma. 4
Basebesuka entaben iyeHori, ngendlela yoLwandle oluBomvu
ukuze baceze ilizwe leEdoma; lomphefumulo wabantu wadinwa
endleleni. 5 Abantu basebekhuluma bemelene loNkulunkulu njalo
bemelene loMozisi bathi: Lasenyuselani lisikhupha eGibhithe
ukuze sifele enkangala? Ngoba kakulasinkwa njalo kakulamanzi,
futhi umphefumulo wethu unengwa yilesisinkwa esilula. 6 INkosi
yasithuma inyoka ezilokutshisa phakathi kwabantu, zasezibaluma
abantu, njalo kwafa abantu abanengi kolsrayeli. 7 Ngakho abantu
beza kuMozisi bathi: Sonile, ngoba sikhulume simelene leNkosi
njalo simelene lawe; khuleka eNkosini ukuze isuse izinyoka kithi.
UMozisi wasebakhulekela abantu. 8 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Zenzele inyoka elomlilo, uyibeke esigodweni; njalo kuzakuthi
wonke olunyiweyo, nxa eyikhanga, uzaphila. 9 UMozi
wasesenza inyoka yethusi, wayibeka esigodweni; kwasekusithi
lapho inyoka ilume loba nguuphi umuntu, uba ekhangele
inyoka yethusi, waphila. 10 Njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli
basuka bamisa inkamba eObothi. 11 Basuka eObothi, bamisa
inkamba elye-Abarimi enkangala emaqondana lakoMowabi
lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. 12 Basuka lapho, bamisa
inkamba esigodini seZeredi. 13 Basuka lapho, bamisa inkamba
ngale kweArinoni esenkangala ephuma emingceleni yamaAmori;
ngoba iArinoni lingumngcele wakoMowabi, phakathi kweMowabi
lamaAmori. 14 Ngakho kuthiwa egwalweni Iwezimpi zeNkosi:
IWahebi eseSufa, lezifula zeArinoni, 15 leliwa lezifula elehlela
endaweni yeAri, lisekele umngcele wakoMowabi. 16 Basebesuka
lapho baye eBer; lo ngumthombo iNkosi eyakhuluma ngawo
kuMozisi yathi: Buthanisa abantu, ngizabanika-ke amanzi. 17
Khona ulsrayeli wahlabela lingoma ethi: Mpompoza, mthombo!

Hlabelelani kuwo, **18** umthombo ezawugebhayo iziphathamandla, ezawugebhayo izikhulu zabantu, ngomnikumthetho, ngendondolo zazo. Basebesuka enkangala baya eMathana. **19** Besuka eMathana baya eNahaliyeli; besuka eNahaliyeli baya eBamothi; **20** besuka eBamothi esigodini esisemhlabeni wakoMowabi, engqongeni yePisiga ekhangele inkangala. **21** Ulsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, esithi: **22** Ake ngidabule elizweni lakho; kasiyikuphambukela emasimini loba ezivinini; kasiyikunatha amanzi omthombo; sizahamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi, size sedlule imingcele yakho. **23** Kodwa uSihoni kamvumelanga ulsrayeli ukudabula umngcele wakhe, kodwa uSihoni wabuthanisa bonke abantu bakhe, waphuma ukumelana lolsrayeli enkangala, wafika eJahazi, walwa emelene lolsrayeli. **24** Ulsrayeli wamtshaya ngobukhali benkemba, waba ngumnikazi welizwe lakhe kusukela eArinoni kuze kube seJaboki, kuze kube sebantwaneni bakoAmoni, ngoba umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni wawuqinile. **25** Ulsrayeli wasethatha yonke le imizi; ulsrayeli wasehlala emizini yonke yamaAmori, eHeshiboni layo yonke imizana yalo. **26** Ngoba iHeshiboni yayingumuzi kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, owayelwe emelene lenkosi yamandulo yakoMowabi, wayethethe ilizwe lonke layo esandleni sayo, kwaze kwafika eArinoni. **27** Ngakho abasebenzisa izaga bathi: Wozani eHeshiboni! Umuzi kaSihoni kawakhiwe, umiswe. **28** Ngoba umlilo waphuma eHeshiboni, ilangabi emzini kaSihoni, laqothula iAri loMowabi, amakhosi endawo eziphakemeyo zeArinoni. **29** Maye kuwe, Mowabi! Selibhujisiwe, bantu bakaKemoshi! Unikele amadodana akhe aba ngababaleki, lamadodakazi akhe ekuthunjweni kuSihoni, inkosi yamaAmori. **30** Sesibatshokile; iHeshiboni ibhubhile kuze kube seDiboni;

sesibachithile kuze kube seNofa, efika eMedeba. **31** Ulsrayeli wasehlala elizweni lamaAmori. **32** UMozisi wathuma ukuyahlola iJazeri; basebethumba imizana yalo, baxotsha amaAmori ayehlala khona. **33** Basebephenduka, benyuka ngendlela yeBashani. UOgi inkosi yeBashani wasephuma ukumelana labo, yena labantu bakhe bonke, empini eEdreyi. **34** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ungamesabi; ngoba ngimnikele esandleni sakho, labantu bakhe bonke, lelizwe lakhe; njalo uzakwenza kuye njengokwenza kwakho kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni. **35** Basebemtshaya, lamadodana akhe, labantu bakhe bonke, akwaze kwasala ophilayo kuye. Badla ilifa lelizwe lakhe.

22 Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesuka, bamisa inkamba emagcekeni akoMowabi, nganeno kweJordani, eJeriko. **2** UBalaki indodana kaZipori wasebona konke ulsrayeli ayekwenze kumaAmori. **3** UMowabi wasesesaba kakhulu ubuso babantu, ngoba babebanengi. UMowabi wasetshaywa luvalo ngenxa yabantwana bakolsrayeli. **4** UMowabi wasesithi ebadalen beMidiyan: Khathesi lelibandla lizakhtha konke okusihanqleyo, njengenkabi ikhatha utshani bedlelo. Njalo uBalaki indodana kaZipori wayeyinkosi yakoMowabi ngalesosikhathi. **5** Wasethuma izithunywa kuBalami indodana kaBeyori ePethori eliseduze lomfula welizwe labantwana babantu bakhe, ukumbiza, esithi: Khangela, abantu baphumile eGibhithe. Khangela, basibekele ubuso bomhlaba, futhi sebehhlala maqondana lami. **6** Khathesike, ake uze, ngiqalekisela lababantu, ngoba balamandla kulami; mhlawumbe ngingaba lamandla okuthi sibatshaye, lokuthi ngibaxotshe elizweni, ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lwo ombusisayo ubusisiwe, lalowo omqalekisayo ugalekisiwe. **7** Abadala

beMowabi labadala beMidiyani basebehamba belembadaloyokuvumisa esandleni sabo; bafika kuBalami, bakhuluma kuye amazwi kaBalaki. **8** Wasesithi kubo: Lalani lapha lobubusuku, njalo ngizalilethela ilizwi, njengalokhu iNkosi ezakutsho kimi. Iziphathamandla zakoMowabi zasezihlala loBalami. **9** UNkulunkulu wasefika kuBalami, wathi: Ngobani lamadoda alawe? **10** UBalami wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: UBalaki, indodana kaZipori, inkosi yakoMowabi, ungithumele esithi: **11** Khangela, abantu baphumile eGibhithe basibekele ubuso bomhlaba; woza khathesi, ungiqalekisele bona; mhlawumbe ngingaba lamandla okulwa labo, ngibaxotshe. **12** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuBalami: Ungahambi labo; ungabaqalekisi lababantu, ngoba babusisiwe. **13** UBalami wasevuka ekuseni, wathi kuziphathamandla zikaBalaki: Yanini elizweni lakini, ngoba iNkosi iyala ukungivumela ukuhamba lani. **14** Ngakho iziphathamandla zakoMowabi zasukuma, zaya kuBalaki, zathi: UBalami uyala ukuhamba lathi. **15** UBalaki wasebuya wathuma njalo iziphathamandla, ezinengi ezidumileyo kulalezo. **16** Zasezifika kuBalami zathi kuye: Utsho njalo uBalaki indodana kaZipori uthi: Ake ungavijnwa yilutho ukuza kimi. **17** Ngoba ngizakuhlonipha lokukuhlonipha kakhulu, lakho konke ongitshela khona ngizakwenza. Ngakho ake uze, ngiqalekisela lababantu. **18** Kodwa uBalami waphendula wathi encekwini zikaBalaki: Uba uBalaki ebezangipha indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva legolide, bengingayikweqa umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wami ukwenza okukhulu kumbe okuncinyane. **19** Khathesi-ke, ake lihlale lapha lani lobubusuku, ukuze ngazi ukuthi iNkosi izakuthini kimi futhi. **20** UNkulunkulu wasesiza kuBalami ebusuku wathi kuye: Uba amadoda efika ukukubiza, sukuma uhambe

lawo; kodwa kuphela lelolizwi engizalikhuluma kuwe, lona uzalenza. **21** UBalami wasesukuma ekuseni, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemikazi wakhe, wahamba leziphathamandla zakoMowabi. **22** Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwavutha ngoba wahamba; ingilosи yeNkosi yayakuma endleleni ukuba yisitha esimelane laye. Njalo wayegade ubabhemikazi wakhe, lenceku zakhe ezimbili zilaye. **23** Ubabhemи waseyibona ingilosи yeNkosi imi endleleni, lenkemba ehwatshiwego isesandleni sayo; lobabhemikazi waphambuka endleleni, wangena ensimini. UBalami wasemtshaya ubabhemи ukumphendulela endleleni. **24** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisima endleleni eminyeneyo yezivini, umduli ngapha lomduli ngapha. **25** Lapho ubabhemikazi ebona ingilosи yeNkosi wazibandezela emdulini, wabandezela unyawo lukaBalami emdulini; wasemtshaya futhi. **26** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasiqhubeka, yema endaweni eminyeneyo, lapho okwakungelandlela yokuphendukela ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo. **27** Lapho ubabhemikazi ebona ingilosи yeNkosi, walala ngaphansi kukaBalami. Ulaka lukaBalami lwaseluvutha, wasemtshaya ubabhemи ngenduku. **28** INkosi yasivila umlomo kababhemikazi, wasesithi kuBalami: Ngenzeni kuwe ukuthi ungitshaye okwalezizikhathi ezintathu? **29** UBalami wasesithi kubabhemikazi: Ngoba ungenze inhlekisa. Kungathi ngabe kulenkemba esandleni sami, ngoba bengizakubulala khathesi. **30** Ubabhemikazi wasesithi kuBalami: Angisuye yini ubabhemи wakho omgade kusukela ngsengowakho kuze kube lamuhla? Ngake ngejwayela ukwenza kanje kuwe yini? Wasesithi: Hatshi. **31** INkosi yasivila amehlo kaBalami, wasebona ingilosи yeNkosi imi endleleni, lenkemba yayo ihwatshiwego isesandleni sayo; wakhothama wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi. **32** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuye: Umtshayeleni

ubabhemikazi wakho okwalezizikhathi ezintathu? Khangela, mina ngiphumile ukumelana lawe, ngoba indlela yakho iphambukile kimi; **33** njalo ubabhemikazi wangibona, waphambuka phambi kwami lezizikhathi ezintathu. Ngaphandle kokuthi ephambukile phambi kwami, ngeqiniso khathesi ngabe ngikubulele lawe, ngamgcina yena ephila. **34** UBalami wasesithi engilosini yeNkosi: Ngonile, ngoba bengingazi ukuthi umi endleleni ukumelana lami. Ngakho-ke uba kukubi emehlwani akho, ngizabuyela futhi. **35** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuBalami: Hamba lalawomadoda; kodwa kuphela ilizwi engizalikhulumu kuwe, yilo ozalikhulumu. UBalami wasehamba leziphathamandla zikaBalaki. **36** UBalaki esezwile ukuthi uBalami uyeza, waphuma ukuyamhlangabeza emzini wakoMowabi, osemngceleni weArinoni, osekucineni komngcele. **37** UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Kangithumanga yini lokuthuma kuwe ukukubiza? Kungani ungfikanga kimi? Isibili kangilamandla okukunika udumo yini? **38** UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Khangela, ngifikile kuwe. Khathesi ngilamandla isibili okukhulumu loba yini na? Ilizwi uNkulunkulu alifaka emlonyeni wami, yilo engizalikhulumu. **39** UBalami wasehamba loBalaki, basebefika eKiryathi-Huzothi. **40** UBalaki wasehlaba izinkabi lezimvu, wathumela kuBalami lakuziphathamandla ezazilaye. **41** Kwasekusithi ekuseni uBalaki wamthatha uBalami, wamenyusela endaweni eziphakemayo zikaBhali, ukuthi abone elapho ukucina kwabantu.

23 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Ngakhela lapha amalathi ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele lapha amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa. **2** UBalaki wenza njengokutsho kukaBalami; uBalaki loBalami basebenikela kulelo lalelo ilathi ijongosi lenqama. **3** UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Mana

emnikelweni wakho wokutshiswa, ngizahamba mina; mhlawumbe iNkosi izafika ukungihlangabeza; lento ezangitshengisa yona ngizakutshela. Wasesiya endaweni ephakemeyo. **4** UNkulunkulu wasehlangana loBalami; wasesithi kuye: Sengilungise amalathi ayisikhombisa, nganikela kulelo lalelo ilathi ijongosi lenqama.

5 INkosi yasifaka ilizwi emlonyeni kaBalami, yathi: Buyela kuBalaki, ukhulume kanje. **6** Wasebuyela kuye, khangela-ke, wayemi emnikelweni wakhe wokutshiswa, yena lazo zonke iziphathamandla zakoMowabi. **7** Wasephakamisa umzekeliso wakhe, wathi: UBalaki, inkosi yakoMowabi, ungilandile eSiriya, ezintabeni zempumalanga wathi: Woza, ungiqalekisele uJakobe, woza, umthuke ulsrayeli. **8** Ngingamqalekisa njani uNkulunkulu angamqalekisiyo? Kumbe ngingamthuka njani iNkosi engamthukanga? **9** Ngoba ngisengqongeni yamadwala ngiyambona, ngisemaqaqeni ngiyamkhangela. Khangela, abantu bazahlala bodwa, kabayikubalelw phakathi kwezizwe. **10** Ngubani ongabala uthuli lukaJakobe, lenani lengxenye yesine kalsrayeli? Umphefumulo wami kawufe ukufa kwabalungileyo, lokuphela kwami kube njengokwakhe! **11** UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Wenzeni kimi? Ngikuthethe ukuze ugalekise izitha zami, kodwa khangela, uzibusisile lokuzibusisa. **12** Wasephendula wathi: Lokho iNkosi ekufaka emlonyeni wami, kakumelanga ngiqaphele yini ukukukhuluma? **13** UBalaki wasesithi kuye: Ake uze lami siye kwenye indawo lapho ozababona khona; uzabona ukucina kwabo kuphela, ungaboni bonke; njalo ungiqalekisele bona ulapho. **14** Njalo wamthatha wamuswa ensimini yeZofimu, engqongeni yePisiga; wakha amalathi ayisikhombisa, wanikela ijongosi lenqama phezu kwalelo lalelo ilathi. **15** Wasesithi kuBalaki: Mana lapha emnikelweni

wakho wokutshiswa, njalo mina ngizahlangana layo laphayana.

16 INkosi yasihlangana loBalami, yafaka ilizwi emlonyeni wakhe, yathi: Buyela kuBalaki, ukhulume kanje. **17** Esefikile kuye, khangela-ke wema emnikelweni wakhe wokutshiswa leziphathamandla zakoMowabi zilaye. UBalaki wasesithi kuye: INkosi itheni? **18** Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: Sukuma, Balaki, uzwe, ubeke indlebe, ndodana kaZipori. **19** UNkulunkulu kasumuntu ukuthi aqambe amanga, loba indodana yomuntu ukuthi azisole. Utshilo, kanti kayikukwenza? Kumbe ukhulumile, kanti kayikukuqinisa? **20** Khangela, ngemukele ukuthi ngibusise; yebo, ubusisile, njalo ngingeke ngikuguqule. **21** Kakhangelanga ububi kuJakobe, kabonanga isiphambeko kulsrayeli. INkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe ilaye, lesimemezelo senkosi siphakathi kwakhe. **22** UNkulunkulu wabakhupha eGibhithe, ulokunjengamandla enyathi. **23** Isibili kakulamlingo ongamelana loJakobe, loba ukuvumisa okungamelana lolsrayeli. Ngalesikhathi kuzatshiwo ngoJakobe langolsrayeli ukuthi uNkulunkulu akwenzileyo! **24** Khangela, abantu bazasukuma njengesilwane esisikazi, bazisukumise njengesilwane; kabalali baze badle impango, njalo banathe igazi lababulewego. **25** UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Futhi ungabaqalekisi lokubaqalekisa, njalo ungababusisi lokubabusisa. **26** Kodwa uBalami waphendula wathi kuBalaki: Kangikutshelanga yini ngisithi: Konke iNkosi ekutshoyo, lokho ngizakwenza? **27** UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Ake uze, ngizakusa kwenye indawo; mhlawumbe kungaqonda emehlwensi kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ungiqalekisele bona ulapho. **28** UBalaki wamthatha wamusu uBalami engqongeni yePeyori ekhangele ngasenkangala. **29** UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Ngakhela lapha amalathi ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele lapha

amajongosi aysisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa. **30** UBalaki wasesenza njengokutsho kukaBalami, wanikela ijongosi lenqama kulelo lalelo ilathi.

24 UBalami esebonile ukuthi kuhle emehlwani eNkosi ukubusisa ulsrayeli, kahambanga njengezinye izikhathi ukuyadinga imilingo; kodwa wakhangelisa ubuso bakhe enkangala. **2** Kwathi uBalami ephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona ulsrayeli ehlezi ngokwezizwe zakhe, loMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe. **3** Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: UBalami indodana kaBeyori uthi, lendoda olihlo layo livulekile ithi, **4** uthi ozwayo amazwi kaNkulunkulu, obonayo umbono kaSomandla, esiwa, njalo kwembulwe amehlo. **5** Mahle kangakanani amathente akho, Jakobe, amakhaya akho, Israyeli! **6** Njengezigodi zisabalele, njengezivande ngasemfuleni, njengezinhlaba iNkosi ezhlanyeleyo, njengezihlahla zemisedari ngasemanzini! **7** Amanzi azageleza evela embizeni zakhe, lenhlanyelo yakhe izakuba semanzini amanengi, lenkosi yakhe izakuba nkulu kuloAgagi, lombuso wakhe uzaphakama. **8** UNkulunkulu wamkhupha eGibhithe, ulokunjengamandla enyathi, uzakudla izizwe, izitha zakhe, njalo uzakwephula amathambo azo, njalo azitshoke ngemitshoko yakhe. **9** Waqutha, walala phansi njengesilwane, lanjengesilwane esisikazi; ngubani ozamvusa? Okubusisayo abusiswe, lokuqalekisayo aqalekiswe! **10** Njalo ulaka lukaBalaki lwavuthela uBalami, watshaya izandla zakhe, uBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Ngikubize ukuze uqalekise izitha zami, kodwa khangela, uzibusisile lokuzibusisa okwalezikathathi ezintathu. **11** Khathesi-ke zibalekele uye endaweni yakho. Bengithe ngizakuhlonipha ngodumo, kodwa khangela, iNkosi ikuvimbile kudumo. **12** UBalami wasesithi

kuBalaki: Kangikhulumanga yini lakuzithunywa obuzithume kimi ngisithi: **13** Uba uBalaki ebezangipha indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva legolide, bengingayikweqa umlayo weNkosi, ukwenza okuhle kumbe okubi okwenhliziyi yami; lokho iNkosi ekutshoyo yilokho engizakukhuluma? **14** Khathesi-ke, khangela, ngyia ebantwini bakithi; woza ngikucebise ukuthi lababantu bazakwenzani ebantwini bakini ensukwini zokucina. **15** Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: UBalami indodana kaBeyori uthi, lendoda elamehlo avulekileyo ithi, **16** uthi ozwayo amazwi kaNkulunkulu, lowazi ulwazi loPhezukonke, obonayo umbono kaSomandla, esiwa, njalo kuvuleke amehlo. **17** Ngizambona, kodwa hatshi khathesi, ngizamkhangela, kodwa kungeseduze; kuzavela inkanyezi kuJakobe, lentonga yobukhosu izavuka kolsrayeli, itshaye amagumbi akoMowabi, njalo ichithe bonke abantwana bakaShethi. **18** Njalo uEdoma uzakuba yimfuyo, loSeyiri abe yimfuyo yezitha zakhe, kodwa ulsrayeli uzakwenza ngobuqhawe, **19** kuzavela-ke koJakobe umbusi, njalo uzabhubhisa oseleyo emzini. **20** Esebone uAmaleki, waphakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: UAmaleki wayengowokuqala wezizwe, kodwa ukucina kwakhe kuyikubhubha okupheleleyo. **21** Esebone amaKeni, waphakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: Iqinile indlu yakho, isidleke sakho usimise edwaleni. **22** Kanti-ke uKhayini uzachithwa, aze akuthumbe uAshuri. **23** Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: Maye, ngubani ozaphila nxa uNkulunkulu esenza lokhu? **24** Imikhumbi izavela ekhunjini lweKitimi, ihluphe uAshuri, ihluphe uEberi; njalo laye uzabhubha okwesikhathi sonke. **25** UBalami wasesukuma wahamba wabuyela endaweni yakhe; loBalaki laye wahamba ngendlela yakhe.

25 Ulrayeli wasehlala eShithimi. Abantu basebeqala ukuphinga lamadodakazi akoMowabi. **2** Asebabizela abantu emihlatshelweni yabonkulunkulu bawo, labantu badla, bakhothamela onkulunkulu bawo. **3** Ulrayeli wasezihlanganisa loBhali-Peyori; lolaka lweNkosi Iwamvuthela ulrayeli. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Thatha zonke inhloko zabantu, uziphanyeke phambi kweNkosi maqondana lelanga, ukuze ulaka lweNkosi oluvuthayo lubuye lusuke kolsrayeli. **5** UMozisi wasesithi kubahluleli bakolsrayeli: Bulalani, kube ngulowo lalovo amadoda akhe ababezihlanganise loBhali-Peyori. **6** Khangela-ke, umuntu wabantwana bakolsrayeli weza waletha kubafowabo umMidyanikazi phambi kwamehlo kaMozisi laphambi kwamehlo enhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli, besakhala inyembezi emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **7** Kwathi uPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi, ekubona, wasukuma ephuma phakathi kwenhlangano, wathatha umkhonto esandleni sakhe, **8** waseyilandela indoda yakolsrayeli ethenteni, wabagwaza bobabili, indoda yakolsrayeli lowesifazana esiswini sakhe. Yasimiswa inhlupheko kubantwana bakolsrayeli. **9** Lalabo abafayo ngenhlupheko babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **10** INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi isithi: **11** UPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi, uphendule ulaka Iwami lusuka ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, ngoba wayelobukhwele ngobukhwele bami phakathi kwabo; ngakho kangibaqothulanga abantwana bakolsrayeli ngobukhwele bami. **12** Ngakho utsho: Khangela, ngiyamnika isivumelwano sami sokuthula. **13** Njalo uzakuba laso, lenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, isivumelwano sobupristi obulaphakade, ngenxa yokuthi elobukhwele ngoNkulunkulu wakhe, wabenzela abantwana

bakolsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula. **14** Lebizo lendoda yakolsrayeli eyatshaywayo, eyatshaywa kanye lomMidyanikazi, lalinguZimri indodana kaSalu, isiphathamandla sendlu kayise phakathi kwabakoSimeyoni. **15** Ibizo lowesifazana owatshaywayo, umMidyanikazi, lalinguKozibi indodakazi kaZuri, owayeyinhloko yesizwe sendlu kayise eMidiyani. **16** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **17** Hluphani amaMidiyani, liwatshaye; **18** ngoba aliphethe njengezitha ngobuqili bawo, alikhohlisa ngodaba lukaPeyori langodaba lukaKozibi, indodakazi yesiphathamandla seMidiyani, udadewabo, owatshaywa ngosuku lwenhlupheko ngenxa yodaba lukaPeyori.

26 Kwathi emva kwenhlupheko iNkosi yakhuluma kuMozisi lakuEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi, isithi: **2** Thathani inani lonke lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, ngezindlu zaboyise, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini kolsrayeli. **3** UMozi loEleyazare umpristi basebekhuluma labo emagcekeni akoMowabi, eJordani eJeriko, besithi: **4** Babale kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi labantwana bakolsrayeli abaphuma elizweni leGibhithe. **5** URubeni, izibulo likalsrayeli. Amadodana kaRubeni: UHanoki, okwavela kuye usendo IwabakoHanoki; koPalu, usendo IwabakoPalu; **6** koHezironi, usendo IwabakoHezironi; koKarimi, usendo IwabakoKarimi. **7** Lezi zinsendo zabakoRubeni; lalabo ababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lantathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu. **8** Lamadodana kaPalu; uEliyabi. **9** Lamadodana kaEliyabi; oNemuwel iDathani loAbiramu. Yibo oDathani loAbiramu, ababizwa yinhlangano, abaphikisana loMozisi loAroni, eqenjini

likakora, lapho bephikisana leNkosi. **10** Lomhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabaginya loKora ekufeni kwaleloqembu, lapho umlilo waqothula amadoda angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu; asesiba yisibonelo. **11** Kodwa abantwana bakaKora kabafanga. **12** Amadodana kaSimeyoni ngensendo zawo: KoNemuweli, usendo IwabakoNemuweli; koJamini, usendo IwabakoJamini; koJakini, usendo IwabakoJakini; **13** koZera, usendo IwabakoZera; koShawuli, usendo IwabakoShawuli. **14** Lezi zinsendo zabakoSimeyoni; izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu amabili. **15** Amadodana kaGadi ngensendo zawo: KoZefoni, usendo IwabakoZefoni; koHagi, usendo IwabakoHagi; koShuni, usendo IwabakoShuni; **16** koOzini, usendo IwabakoOzini; koEri, usendo IwabakoEri; **17** koArodi, usendo IwabakoArodi; koAreli, usendo IwabakoAreli. **18** Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaGadi, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu amahlanu. **19** Amadodana kaJuda ayengoEri loOnani; oEri loOnani basebefela elizweni leKhanani. **20** Njalo amadodana kaJuda ngensendo zawo yila: KoShela, usendo IwabakoShela; koPerezi, usendo IwabakoPerezi; koZera, usendo IwabakoZera. **21** Lamadodana kaPerezi yila: KoHezironi, usendo IwabakoHezironi; koHamuli, usendo IwabakoHamuli. **22** Lezi zinsendo zikaJuda, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu. **23** Amadodana kalsakari ngensendo zawo: KoThola, usendo IwabakoThola; koPhuwa, usendo IwabakoPhuwa; **24** koJashubi, usendo IwabakoJashubi; koShimroni, usendo IwabakoShimroni. **25** Lezi zinsendo zikalsakari, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane

lamakhulu amathathu. **26** Amadodana kaZebuluni ngensendo zawo: KoSeredi, usendo IwabakoSeredi; koEloni, usendo IwabakoEloni; koJaleli, usendo IwabakoJaleli. **27** Lezi zinsendo zabakoZebuloni, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lamakhulu amahlanu. **28** Amadodana kaJosefa ngensendo zawo ayengoManase loEfrayimi. **29** Amadodana kaManase: KoMakiri, usendo IwabakoMakiri; uMakiri wasezala uGileyadi; koGileyadi, usendo IwabakoGileyadi. **30** La ngamadodana kaGileyadi: Kolyezeri, usendo Iwabakolyezeri; koHeleki, usendo IwabakoHeleki; **31** lakoAsiriyeli, usendo IwabakoAsiriyeli; lakoShekema, usendo IwabakoShekema; **32** lakoShemida, usendo IwabakoShemida; lakoHeferi, usendo IwabakoHeferi. **33** Njalo uZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi. Lamabizo amadodakazi kaZelofehadi ayengoMahla, IoNowa, uHogila, uMilka, IoTiriza. **34** Lezi zinsendo zikaManase, lababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **35** La ngamadodana kaEfrayimi ngensendo zawo: KoShuthela, usendo IwabakoShuthela; koBekeri, usendo IwabakoBekeri; koTahani, usendo IwabakoTahani. **36** Lala ngamadodana kaShuthela: KoErani, usendo IwabakoErani. **37** Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaEfrayimi, njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lamakhulu amahlanu. La ngamadodana kaJosefa ngensendo zawo. **38** Amadodana kaBhenjamini ngensendo zawo: KoBhela, usendo IwabakoBhela; koAshibeli, usendo IwabakoAshibeli; koAhiramu, usendo IwabakoAhiramu; **39** koShefufamu, usendo IwabakoShefufamu; koHufamu, usendo IwabakoHufamu. **40** Lamadodana kaBhela ayenguAridi IoNamani: KoAridi, usendo

IwabakoAridi; koNamani, usendo IwabakoNamani. **41** La ngamadodana kaBhenjamini ngensendo zawo; lababaliweyo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlalu lamakhulu ayisithupha. **42** La ngamadodana kaDani ngensendo zawo: KoShuhamu, usendo IwabakoShuhamu. Lezi zinsendo zikaDani ngensendo zazo. **43** Zonke insendo zabakoShuhamu, njengababaliweyo babo, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane lamakhulu amane. **44** Amadodana kaAsheri ngensendo zawo: KoJimna, usendo IwabakoJimna; kolshivi, usendo Iwabakolshivi; koBeriya, usendo IwabakoBeriya. **45** Kumadodana kaBeriya: KoHeberi, usendo IwabakoHeberi; koMalikiyeli, usendo IwabakoMalikiyeli. **46** Lebizo lendodakazi kaAsheri lalinguSera. **47** Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaAsheri, njengababaliweyo babo; inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlalu lantathu lamakhulu amane. **48** Amadodana kaNafithali ngensendo zawo: KoJazeli, usendo IwabakoJazeli; koGuni, usendo IwabakoGuni; **49** koJezeri, usendo IwabakoJezeri; koShilema, usendo IwabakoShilema. **50** Lezi zinsendo zikaNafithali ngensendo zazo; lababaliweyo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlalu lamakhulu amane. **51** Laba ngababaliweyo babantwana bakolsrayeli, inkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lanye lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu. **52** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **53** Kulaba ilizwe lizakwehlukaniswa libe yilifa njengenani lamabizo. **54** Kwabanengi uzakwengeza ilifa labo, lakwabalutshwana uzanciphisa ilifa labo; ngulowo lalowo uzanikwa ilifa lakhe njengababaliweyo bakhe. **55** Loba kunjalo ilizwe lizakwehlukaniswa ngenkatho; ngokwamabizo ezizwe zaboyise bazalidla ilifa. **56** Ngokwenkatho ilifa lalo

lizakwehlukaniswa phakathi kwabanengi labalutshwana. **57**
Lalaba ngababalwayo bamaLevi ngensendo zawo; koGerishoni,
usendo IwabakoGerishoni; koKohathi, usendo IwabakoKohathi;
koMerari, usendo IwabakoMerari. **58** Laba zinsendo zabakoLevi;
usendo IwabakoLibini, usendo IwabakoHebroni, usendo
IwabakoMahli, usendo IwabakoMushi, usendo IwabakoKora.
UKohathi wasezala uAmramu. **59** Lebizo lomkaAmramu
lalinguJokebedi, indodakazi kaLevi, unina owamzalela uLevi
eGibhithe; njalo wamzalela uAmramu oAroni loMozisi loMiriyamu
udadewabo. **60** UAroni wazalelwa uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare
lolthamari. **61** Kodwa uNadabi loAbihu bafa lapho banikela
umlilo ongejwayelekanga phambi kweNkosi. **62** Lababalwayo
babu babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu,
bonke abesilisa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu; ngoba
babengabalelwanga phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, ngoba
babenganikwanga ilifa phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli.
63 Laba ngababalwa nguMozisi loEleyazare umpristi, ababala
abantwana bakolsrayeli emagcekeni akoMowabi eJordani
eJeriko. **64** Kodwa phakathi kwalabo kwakungekho muntu
wababalwayo nguMozisi loAroni umpristi, lapho bebala
abantwana bakolsrayeli enkangala yeSinayi; **65** ngoba iNkosi
yayithe ngabo: Bazakufa lokufa enkangala. Njalo kakusalanga
muntu kubo ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune,
loJoshua indodana kaNuni.

27 Kwasekusondela amadodakazi kaZelofehadi indodana
kaHeferi indodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana
kaManase owensendo zikaManase indodana kaJosefa;
njalo la ngamabizo amadodakazi akhe: UMahla, uNowa,
loHogila, loMilka, loTiriza. **2** Asesima phambi kukaMozisi,

laphambi kukaEleyazare umpristi, laphambi kwezipathamandla,
lenhlangano yonke, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, esithi: **3**
Ubaba wafela enkangala; kodwa yena wayengekho phakathi
kweqembu lalabo ababuthana ukumelana leNkosi, egenjini
likaKora, kodwa wafa esonweni sakhe, wayengelamadodana. **4**
Kungani ibizo likababa likhutshwe phakathi kosendo lwakhe
ngoba engelandodana? Siphe ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo
bakababa. **5** UMozi waseluletha udaba lwavo phambi
kweNkosi. **6** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **7** Amadodakazi
kaZelofehadi akhulume iqiniso; uzawanika lokuwanika isabelo
selifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise; uzadlulisela kuwo
ilifa likayise. **8** Njalo uzakhuluma ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli
usithi: Uba indoda isifa, ingelandodana, lizadlulisela ilifa layo
kundodakazi yayo. **9** Njalo uba ingelandodakazi, lizanika
abafowabo ilifa layo. **10** Uba-ke ingelabafowabo, lizanika ilifa
layo kubafowabo bakayise. **11** Njalo uba uyise engelabafowabo,
lizanika ilifa layo esihlotsheni sayo esiseduze layo sosendo
lwayo, silidle. Njalo kuzakuba yisimiso sesahlulelo ebantwaneni
bakolsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **12** INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenyukela kule intaba yeAbarimi, ubone
ilizwe engilinike abantwana bakolsrayeli. **13** Lapho usulibonile,
lawe uzabuthelwa ebantwini bakini, njengoAroni umnewenu
wabuthwa; **14** njengokuba lavukela umlayo wami enkangala
yeZini, ekuphikisaneni kwenhlangano, ukungingcwelisa phambi
kwamehlo abo. La ngamanzi eMeriba eKadeshi enkangala yeZini.
15 UMozi wasekhuluma eNkosini esithi: **16** INkosi, uNkulunkulu
wemimoya yenyama yonke, kayimise indoda enhlanganweni,
17 engaphuma phambi kwabo, lengangena phambi kwabo,
lengabakhokhela baphume, lengabangenisa, ukuze inhlango

yeNkosi ingabi njengezimvu ezingelamelusi. **18** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Zithathele uJoshua indodana kaNuni, indoda okukuyo umoya, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo, **19** uyimise phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi kwenhlangano yonke, uyilaye phambi kwamehlo abo, **20** ubusubeka okodumo lwakho phezu kwayo, ukuze inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli ilalele. **21** Njalo izakuma phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi ozayibuzela njengokwesahlulelo sikaUrimi phambi kweNkosi; ngomlomo wayo bazaphuma, langomlomo wayo bazangena, yona labantwana bonke bakolsrayeli kanye layo, ngitsho inhlangano yonke. **22** UMozi wasesenza njengokulaya kweNkosi kuye. Wathatha uJoshua, wammisa phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi kwenhlangano yonke, **23** wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe, wamlaya, njengokukhuluma kweNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi.

28 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Laya abantwana bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Umnikelo wami, isinkwa sami seminikelo eyenziwe ngomlilo, uqhatshi lwami olumnandi, lizakuqaphela ukukunikela kimi ngesikhathi sakho esimisiwego. **3** Uzakuthi kibo: Lo ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo elizawunikela eNkosini; amawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, insuku ngensuku, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo. **4** Elinye iwundlu uzalilungisa ekuseni, lelinye iwundlu ulinikele kusihlwa, **5** lokwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla, kuxubene lengxenyne yesine yehini yamafutha agigiwego. **6** Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke owamiswa entaben iyeSinayi, ube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **7** Lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo uzakuba yingxenyne yesine yehini ngewundlu linye; uzathululela eNkosini umnikelo wokunathwayo

ongowokunathwayo okulamandla endaweni engcwele. **8**
Lelinye iwundlu uzalilungisa kusihlwa; njengomnikelo wokudla
wekuseni, lanjengomnikelo waho wokunathwayo uzalinikela,
umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **9**
Langosuku Iwesabatha amawundlu amabili, alomnyaka owodwa,
angelasici, lengxenyenye ezimbili zetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo,
kube ngumnikelo wokudla, ixubene lamafutha, lomnikelo waho
wokunathwayo; **10** kungumnikelo wokutshiswa wamasabatha
wonke, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke,
lomnikelo waho wokunathwayo. **11** Ekuqaleni kwenyanga
zenu lizanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, amajongosi
amabili amathole enkomo, lenqama eyodwa, lamawundlu
ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **12** lengxenyenye
ezintathu zetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo
wokudla, ixubene lamafutha, ngejongosi elilodwa; lokibili
kwetshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla,
ixubene lamafutha, ngenqama eyodwa, **13** njalo yilokho
lalokho okwetshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo kuxubene lamafutha
kube ngumnikelo wokudla ngewundlu elilodwa; ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa oloqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo. **14** Lemnikelo yayo yokunathwayo izakuba
yingxenyenye yehini lewayini ngejongosi, lengxenyenye yesithathu
yehini ngenqama, lengxenyenye yesine yehini ngewundlu. Lokhu
kungumnikelo wokutshiswa wezinyanga zonke ngezinyanga
zomnyaka. **15** Futhi kuzalungiswa izinyane lembuzi elilodwa
libe ngumnikelo wesono eNkosini, ngaphandle komnikelo
wokutshiswa ngezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo waho wokunathwayo.
16 Futhi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku Iwetshumi lane Iwenyanga
kuliphasika leNkosi. **17** Langosuku Iwetshumi lanhlana Iwenyanga

le kuzakuba khona umkhosi; kuzadliwa isinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **18** Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba khona inhlango ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi, **19** kodwa lizanikela umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, amajongosi amabili amathole enkomo, lenqama eyodwa, lamawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa; kuzakuba ngokungelasici kini. **20** Lomnikelo wakho wokudla kuzakuba yimpuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha; okuthathu kwetshumi lizakulungisa ngejongosi, lokubili kwetshumi ngenqama, **21** yilokho lalokho okwetshumi uzakulungiselela iwundlu eliodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa; **22** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **23** Lizationalgisa lokho ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni, ongowomnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke. **24** Ngalindlela lizationalgisa insuku zonke, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, ukudla komnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini; kuzanikelwa ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **25** Langosuku lwasikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **26** Langosuku lwezithelo zokuqala, lapho liletha umnikelo wokudla omutsha eNkosini, emavikini enu, lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **27** Kodwa lizanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini; amajongosi amabili amathole enkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa. **28** Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi eliodwa, lokubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa, **29** yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu eliodwa, kumawundlu

ayisikhombisa; **30** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **31** Lizalungisa lokho ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa ngezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wakho wokudla (kube ngokungelasici kini) leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo.

29 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku lokuqala Iwenyanga, lizakuba-ke lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. Kuzakuba lusuku lokutshaywa kwempondo kini.
2 Njalo lizalungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici. **3** Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama, **4** lokwetshumi okukodwa kumawundlu ayisikhombisa; **5** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula; **6** ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wenyanga, lomnikelo waho wokudla, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo waho wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo, ngokwesimiso sayo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo.
7 Ngosuku Iwetshumi Iwale inyanga yesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele, njalo lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu; lingenzi lamsebenzi, **8** kodwa linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa; azakuba ngangelasici kini. **9** Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa, **10** yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa; **11** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo

wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wesono wenhlawulo yokuthula, lomnikelo wokuthiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo. **12** Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi, liyginele iNkosi umkhosi insuku eziyisikhombisa, **13** linikele umnikelo wokuthiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, ube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, amajongosi alitshumi lantathu amathole enkomo, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, azakuba ngangelasici. **14** Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi elilodwa, kumajongosi alitshumi lantathu, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa, kunqama ezimbili, **15** njalo yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu alitshumi lane; **16** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokuthiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **17** Langosuku lwesibili: Amajongosi alitshumi lambili amathole enkomo, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **18** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezingama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **19** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokuthiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo. **20** Langosuku lwesithathu: Amajongosi alitshumi lanye, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **21** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezingama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso,

22 lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokuthiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **23** Langosuku lwesine: Amajongosi alitshumi, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **24** umnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezingama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **25** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokuthiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **26** Langosuku lwesihlanu: Amajongosi ayisificamunwemunye, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **27** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezingama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **28** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokuthiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **29** Langosuku lwesithupha: Amajongosi ayisificaminwembili, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **30** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngamajongosi, ngezingama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **31** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokuthiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **32** Langosuku lwesikhombisa: Amajongosi ayisikhombisa, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **33** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngamajongosi, ngezingama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **34** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo

wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **35**
Ngosuku Iwesificaminwembili lizakuba lomhlangano omkhulu; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi, **36** kodwa linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini: Ijongosi elilodwa, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **37** umnikelo wakho wokudla, leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngejongosi, ngenqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **38** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **39** Lezizinto lizazenzela iNkosi emikhosini yenu emisiweyo, ngaphandle kwezithembiso zenu, leminikelo yenu yesihle, leminikelo yenu yokutshiswa, leminikelo yenu yokudla, leminikelo yenu yokunathwayo, leminikelo yenu yokuthula. **40** UMozisi wasekhuluma ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli njengakho konke iNkosi emlaye ngakho uMozisi.

30 UMozisi wasekhuluma kunhloko zezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli esithi: Yile into iNkosi elaye ngayo: **2** Nxa indoda ithembisa isithembiso eNkosini, loba ifunga isifungo, ukubopha umphefumulo wayo ngesibopho, kayingephuli ilizwi layo; izakwenza njengakho konke okuphuma emlonyeni wayo. **3** Futhi nxa owesifazana ethembisa isithembiso eNkosini, azibophe ngesibopho, esesemzini kayise ebutsheni bakhe, **4** loyise esizwa isithembiso sakhe lesibopho sakhe abophe ngaso umphefumulo wakhe, loyise athule kuye, khona zonke izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, laso sonke isibopho abopha ngaso umphefumulo wakhe sizakuma. **5** Kodwa uba uyise emenqabela, ngosuku ezwa ngalo, kakuyikuma lesisodwa sezithembiso

zakhe lezibopho zakhe abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe; leNkosi izamthethelala, ngoba uyise emnqabele. **6** Uba-ke elendoda sibili, lezithembiso zakhe ziphezu kwakhe, kumbe ilizwi lokungananjeleli lomlomo wakhe, abophe ngalo umphefumulo wakhe, **7** lendoda yakhe ikuzwa, yathula kuye ngosuku ezwa ngalo, khona izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, lezibopho abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe zizakuma. **8** Kodwa uba indoda yakhe imenqabela ngosuku ekuzwa ngalo, iyasenza ize isithembiso esiphezu kwakhe, lelizwi lokungananjeleli lomlomo wakhe, abophe ngalo umphefumulo wakhe; leNkosi izamthethelala. **9** Kodwa isithembiso somfelokazi loba esolahliwego, konke abophe ngakho umphefumulo wakhe, kuzakuma phezu kwakhe. **10** Uba-ke ethembisile endlini yendoda yakhe, loba ebophe umphefumulo wakhe ngesibopho ngesifungo, **11** lendoda yakhe izwile, yathula kuye, ingamenqabelanga, khona zonke izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, laso sonke isibopho abophe ngaso umphefumulo wakhe sizakuma. **12** Kodwa uba indoda yakhe izenza ize sibili ngosuku izizwa, konke okuphuma endebeni zakhe mayelana lezithembiso zakhe lamayelana lesibopho sompheyfumulo wakhe kakuyikuma; indoda yakhe izenze ize; leNkosi izamthethelala. **13** Sonke isithembiso laso sonke isifungo sesibopho ukuthobisa umphefumulo, indoda yakhe ingasiqinisa loba indoda yakhe isenze ize. **14** Kodwa uba indoda yakhe ithula lokumthulela insuku ngensuku, abeseqinisa zonke izithembiso zakhe kumbe zonke izibopho zakhe eziphezu kwakhe; iyaziqinisa, ngoba yathula kuye ngosuku lokuzwa kwayo. **15** Kodwa uba izenza ize sibili emva kokuzwa kwayo, izathwala ububi bakhe. **16** Lezi yizimiso iNkosi eyamlaya zona uMozisi, phakathi kwendoda

lomkayo, phakathi kukayise lendodakazi yakhe ebutsheni bayo emzini kayise.

31 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Phindisela impindiselo yabantwana bakolsrayeli kumaMidiyani; emva kwalokho ubuthelwe ebantwini bakini. **3** UMozi wakhuluma ebantwini esithi: Abanye benu kabahlomele impi ukuze bamelane lamaMidiyani, benze impindiselo yeNkosi kumaMidiyani. **4** Thumelani empini abayinkulungwane kuleso lalesosizwe, kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli. **5** Kwasekunikelwa kuvela ezinkulungwaneni zakolsrayeli inkulungwane ngesizwe, inkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili zihlomele impi. **6** UMozi wasezithumela empini, inkulungwane ngesizwe, zona loPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi, ukuya empini, belempahla ezingcwele lempondo zokuhlabu umkhosi esandleni sakhe. **7** Basebesilwa bemelene lamaMidiyani, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi, babulala bonke abesilisa. **8** Babulala njalo amakhosi eMidiyani, ngaphandle kwababulewyo, oEvi loRekemi loZuri loHuri loReba, amakhosi amahlanu eMidiyani; loBalami indodana kaBeyori bambulala ngenkemba. **9** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebethumba abesifazana bamaMidiyani labantwanyana babo, baphanga inkomo zawo zonke, lezimvu zawo zonke, layo yonke inotho yawo. **10** Batshisa ngomlilo yonke imizi ayehlala kiyo, lazo zonke izinqaba zawo. **11** Bathatha yonke impango lakho konke okuthunjiwewyo, kwabantu lokwezfuyo, **12** baletha abathunjiwewyo lempango lokuthunjiwewyo kuMozisi lakuEleyazare umpristi, lakuLangano yabantwana bakolsrayeli, enkambeni emagcekeni akoMowabi, aseJordan eJeriko. **13** UMozi loEleyazare umpristi leziphatthamandla zonke zenhlangano basebephuma ukubahlangabeza ngaphandle

kwenkamba. **14** UMozi wasethukuthelela induna zebutho, induna zezinkulungwane lenduna zamakhulu ezazivela ebuthweni lempi. **15** UMozi wasesithi kuzo: Liyekel yini abesifazana bonke ukuthi baphile? **16** Khangelani, yilaba abenza abantwana bakolsrayeli, ngeseluleko sikaBalami, ukuthi benze isiphambeko eNkosini endaben iyePeyori, kwaze kwaba lenhlupheko phakathi kwenhlangano yeNkosi. **17** Ngakho-ke bulalani wonke owesilisa ebantwanyaneni, libulale wonke owesifazana owazi indoda ngokulala lendoda; **18** kodwa bonke abantwanyana abesifazana abangazanga indoda ngokulala layo, libayekel baphile, babe ngabenu. **19** Lina-ke, misani inkamba ngaphandle kwenkamba insuku eziyisikhombisa, loba ngubani obulele umuntu, laloba ngubani othinte obuleweyo, lizihlambulule lina labathunjweyo benu ngosuku lwasithathu langosuku lwasikhombisa, **20** lihlambulule sonke isembatho, layo yonke into eyenziweyo ngesikhumba, lakho konke okwenziweyo ngoboya bembizi, layo yonke into eyenziweyo ngesihlahla. **21** UEleyazare umpristi wasesithi kumadoda empi ayephume impi: Lesi yisimiso somlayo iNkosi emlage ngaso uMozi: **22** Kuphela igolide, lesiliva, ithusi, insimbi, ithini, lomnuso, **23** yonke into engahlala emlilweni lizayidlulisa emlilweni, ihlambuluke; loba kunjalo izahlanjululwa ngamanzi okwehlukanisa. Lakho konke okungahlali emlilweni lizakudlulisa emanzini. **24** Njalo lizahlamba izembatho zenu ngosuku lwasikhombisa, lihlambuluke, lemva kwalokho lingene enkambeni. **25** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozi isithi: **26** Thatha inani lonke lempango lokuthunjweyo, okwabantu lokwezfuyo, wena, loEleyazare umpristi, lenhloko zaboyise zenhlangano; **27** yehlukanisa impango ibe zingxenye ezimbili, phakathi kwabahlanganyela empini baphuma impi lenhlangano yonke. **28**

Njalo thelisela iNkosi umthelo emadoden i empi ayephumele
impi, umphefumulo owodwa phakathi kwamakhulu amahlanu,
owabantu, lowenkomo, lowabobabhem, lowezimvu, **29** likuthathe
kungxene yawo eyodwa kwezimbili, njalo ukunike uEleyazare
umpristi kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi. **30**
Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yabantwana bakolsrayeli
thatha isabelo esisodwa kwezingamatshumi amahlanu,
esabantu, eseziinkomo, esabobabhem, lesezimvu, kuso sonke
isifuyo, ukunike amaLevi alondoloza imfanelo yethabhanekel
leNkosi. **31** UMozi loEleyazare umpristi basebesenza
njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozi. **32** Lempango eyayisele
lokuthunjiveyo abantu bemi abakuthumbayo yayiyizimvu
ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lanhlau, **33** lenkomo ezizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **34** labobabhem
abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye, **35**
lemphefumulo yabantu besifazana abangazanga ukulala
lendoda, bonke abantu babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lambili. **36** Lengxene, isabelo sababephumele
impi, ngenani, yayiyizimvu ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu
amahlanu; **37** lomthelo eNkosini wezimvu wawungamatshumi
ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlau. **38** Lenkomo
zazizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha;
lomthelo wazo eNkosini wawungamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lambili. **39** Labobabhem babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu; lomthelo wabo eNkosini
wawungamatshumi ayisithupha lanye. **40** Lemiphefumulo
yabantu yayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha; lomthelo wayo

eNkosini wawungabantu abangamatshumi amathathu lambili. 41
UMozisi wasenika umthelo, umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi,
kuEleyazare umpristi, njengalokho iNkosi yamlaya uMozisi. 42
Lokwengxene yeabantsana bakolsrayeli, uMozisi ayehlukanise
ivela emadodeni ayelwe impi. 43 Lengxene engeyenhlanguano,
eyezimvu, yayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu
lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu,
44 lenkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu
lesithupha, 45 labobabhemu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu, 46 lempiphefumulo yabantu
abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha. 47 Lakuyo ingxene
yabantsana bakolsrayeli uMozisi wathatha isabelo esisodwa
kwezingatshumini amahlanu, esabantu lesezifuyo, wakunika
amaLevi ayelondoloza imfanelo yethabhanekelle leNkosi,
njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. 48 Iziphathamandla ezaziphezu
kwezinkulungwane zebutho, izinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna
zamakhulu, zasezisondela kuMozisi, 49 zathi kuMozisi:
Izinceku zakho sezithethe inani lonke lamadoda empi
ayengaphansi kwesandla sethu; njalo kakulamuntu ongekho
kithi. 50 Ngakho silethile umnikelo weNkosi, ngulowo lalovo
awutholileyo, izinto zegolide, iziggizo, lamasongo, izindandatho,
amacici, leziggizo zentanyeni, ukwenzela imiphefumulo yethu
inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. 51 UMozi loEleyazare
umpristi basebesemukela igolide kuzo, zonke izinto ezenziwe
ngobungcitshi. 52 Lalo lonke igolide lomnikelo abalinikela
eNkosini, livela ezinduneni zezinkulungwane lezinduneni
zamakhulu lalingamashekeli azinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lesithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amahlanu. 53
Amadoda empi ayethethe impango, yileyo laleyo engeyayo. 54

UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi basebesemukela igolide enduneni
zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu, baliletha ethenteni lenhlangano,
kube yisikhumbuzo kubantwana bakolsrayeli phambi kweNkosi.

32 Mayelana labantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi,
babelenkomo ezinengi, ezinengi kakhulu. Sebebone ilizwe
leJazeri lelizwe leGileyadi, khangela-ke, indawo yayiyindawo
yenkomo. **2** Ngakho abantwana bakoGadi labantwana
bakoRubeni beza bakhulumu kuMozisi lakuEleyazare umpristi
lakuziphathamandla zenhlangano, besithi: **3** IAtarothi leDiboni
leJazeri leNimra leHeshiboni leEleyale leSebamu leNebo
leBeyoni, **4** ilizwe iNkosi eyalitshayayo phambi kwenhlangano
yakolsrayeli, liyilizwe lezinkomo; futhi izinceku zenu zilezinkomo.
5 Basebesithi: Nxa sithole umusa emehlwani akho, ilizwe leli
kaliphiwe inceku zakho libe yimfuyo; ungasichaphisi iJordani.
6 UMOzisi wasesithi ebantwaneni bakoGadi lebantwaneni
bakoRubeni: Abafowenu bazakuya empini, lina-ke lihlale lapha
yini? **7** Njalo lizadaniselani inhliziyo yabantwana bakolsrayeli
ukuze bangachaphi ukuya elizweni iNkosi ebanike lona? **8**
Benza njalo oyihlo mhla ngibathuma besuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya
ukubona ilizwe. **9** Ekuhambeni kwabo ukuya esihotsheni
seEshikoli, balibona ilizwe, badanisa inhliziyo yabantwana
bakolsrayeli ukuze bangangeni elizweni iNkosi eyayibanike
lona. **10** Ulaka lweNkosi lwaseluvutha ngololusuku, yasifunga
isithi: **11** Isibili kakho kumadoda enyuka esuka eGibhithe,
kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu
ozalibona ilizwe engalifungela uAbrahama, ulsaka loJakobe,
ngoba kabangilandelanga ngokupheleleyo; **12** ngaphandle
kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune umKenizi, loJoshua indodana
kaNuni, ngoba balandele iNkosi ngokupheleleyo. **13** Lolaka

IweNkosi lwamvuthela ulsrayeli, yasibazulisa enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwaze kwaphela isizukulwana sonke esasenze okubi emehlwani eNkosi. **14** Khangelani-ke, selivukile esikhundleni saboyihlo, inzalo yabantu abonayo, ukwandisa futhi intukuthelo yeNkosi evuthela ulsrayeli. **15** Uba liphenduka ekuyilandeleni, izaphinda njalo ibatshiye enkangala; njalo lizabhubhisa bonke lababantu. **16** Basebesondela kuye bathi: Sizakwakha lapha izibaya zezifuyo zethu, lemizi yabantwanyana bethu; **17** kodwa thina sizahloma silungile phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, size sibafikise endaweni yabo, labantwanyana bethu bazahlala emizini evikelekileyo, ngenxa yabahlali belizwe. **18** Kasiyikubuyela emizini yethu, abantwana bakolsrayeli baze badle, ngulowo lalowo ilifa lakhe. **19** Ngoba kasiyikudla ilifa kanye labo ngaphetsheya kweJordani langaphambili, ngoba ilifa lethu selehlele kithi nganeno kweJordani empumalanga. **20** UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Nxa lisenza linto, nxa lizahamba lihlomele impi phambi kweNkosi, **21** beselichapha iJordani, wonke ohlomileyo kini, phambi kweNkosi, ize ixotshe izitha zayo phambi kwayo, **22** lelizwe lehliselwe phansi phambi kweNkosi, khona emva kwalokho lizabuya, lingabi lacala eNkosini lakulsrayeli; lalelilizwe lizakuba yilifa lenu phambi kweNkosi. **23** Kodwa nxa lingenzi njalo, khangelani lizabe ionile eNkosini; ngakho yazini ukuthi isono senu sizalithola. **24** Zakheleni imizi yabantwanyana benu lezibaya zezimvu zenu, njalo yenzani lokho okuphume emlonyeni wenu. **25** Abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni basebekhuluma kuMozisi besithi: Izinceku zakho zizakwenza njengalokho inkosi yami ilaya. **26** Abantwanyana bethu, omkethu, izimvu zethu, lazo zonke izifuyo zethu kuzakuba lapho emizini yeGileyadi; **27** kodwa

inceku zakho zizachapha, ngulowo lalowo ehlomele impi, phambi kukaJehova empini, njengokutsho kwenkosi yami. **28** UMozisi waselayezela ngabo kuEleyazare umpristi, loJoshua indodana kaNuni, lenhloko zaboyise zezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli. **29** UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Nxa abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni bechapha lani iJordani, wonke ehlomele impi, phambi kweNkosi, lelizwe lisehliselwa phansi phambi kwenu, khona lizabanika ilizwe leGileyadi libe yimfuyo. **30** Kodwa uba bengachaphi lani behlomile, bazakuba lemfuyo phakathi kwenu elizweni leKhanani. **31** Abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni basebephendula besithi: Lokhu iNkosi esikutshilo kunceku zakho - sizakwenza njalo. **32** Thina sizachapha sihlomile phambi kweNkosi siye elizweni leKhanani, ukuze imfuyo yelifa lethu ibe ngeyethu nganeno kweJordani. **33** Njalo uMozisi wabanika, kubantwana bakoGadi lakubantwana bakoRubeni lakungxene yesizwe sakoManase, indodana kaJosefa, umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, lombuso kaOgi inkosi yeBashani, ilizwe lemizi yalo emingceleni, imizi yelizwe inhlangothi zonke. **34** Labantwana bakoGadi bakha iDiboni leAtarothi leAroweri **35** leAtirothi-Shofani leJazeri leJogibeha, **36** leBeti-Nimra leBeti-Harani, imizi evikelweyo, lezibaya zezimvu. **37** Labantwana bakoRubeni bakha iHeshiboni leEleyale leKiriyathayimi **38** leNebo leBhali-Meyoni (sekuguqulwe amabizo) leSibima; basebebiza amabizo emizi abayakhayo ngamanye amabizo. **39** Labantwana bakoMakiri indodana kaManase baya eGileyadi, bayithumba, bawakhupha amaAmori emfuyweni yawo ayekuyo. **40** UMozisi wasenika uMakiri indodana kaManase iGileyadi, wasehlala kiyo. **41** LoJayiri indodana kaManase wayathumba imizana yayo, wayibiza ngokuthi yiHavothi-Jayiri. **42** LoNoba wayathumba

iKenathi, lemizana yayo, wayibiza ngokuthi yiNoba ngebizo lakhe.

33 Lezi zinhambo zabantwana bakolsrayeli abaphuma elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho abo, ngesandla sikaMozisi loAroni. **2** UMozisi wasebhala ukuphuma kwabo ngezinhambo zabo ngokomlayo weNkosi. Lalezi zinhambo zabo njengokuphuma kwabo. **3** Basebesuka eRamesesi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yokuqala; ngakusisa kwephasika abantwana bakolsrayeli baphuma ngesandla esiphakemeyo phambi kwamehlo awo wonke amaGibhithe, **4** lapho amaGibhithe engcwaba labo iNkosi eyabatshayayo phakathi kwawo, wonke amazibulo; laphezu kwabonkulunkulu bawo iNkosi yenza isigwebo. **5** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesuka eRamesesi, bamisa inkamba eSukothi. **6** Basuka eSukothi, bamisa inkamba eEthama elisekucineni kwenkangala. **7** Basuka eEthama, babuyela ePi-Hahirothi ephambi kweBhali-Zefoni, bamisa inkamba phambi kweMigidoli. **8** Basuka ePi-Hahirothi, badabula phakathi kolwandle besiya enkangala; bahamba uhambo lwensuku ezintathu enkangala yeEthama, bamisa inkamba eMara. **9** Basuka eMara, bayafika eElimi; njalo eElimi kwakukhona imithombo yamanzi elitshumi lambili lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa; basebemisa inkamba lapho. **10** Basuka eElimi, bamisa inkamba eLwandle oluBomvu. **11** Basuka eLwandle oluBomvu, bamisa inkamba enkangala yeSini. **12** Basuka enkangala yeSini, bamisa inkamba eDofika. **13** Basuka eDofika, bamisa inkamba eAlushi. **14** Basuka eAlushi, bamisa inkamba eRefidimi lapho okwakungelamanzi khona okuthi abantu banathe. **15** Basebesuka eRefidimi, bamisa inkamba enkangala yeSinayi. **16** Basuka enkangala

yeSinayi, bamisa inkamba eKibirothi-Hathava. **17** Basuka eKibirothi-Hathava, bamisa inkamba eHazerothi. **18** Basuka eHazerothi, bamisa inkamba eRithima. **19** Basuka eRithima, bamisa inkamba eRimoni-Perezi. **20** Basuka eRimoni-Perezi, bamisa inkamba eLibhina. **21** Basuka eLibhina, bamisa inkamba eRisa. **22** Basuka eRisa, bamisa inkamba eKehelatha. **23** Basuka eKehelatha, bamisa inkamba entabeni yeSheferi. **24** Basuka entabeni yeSheferi, bamisa inkamba eHarada. **25** Basuka eHarada, bamisa inkamba eMakelothi. **26** Basuka eMakelothi, bamisa inkamba eTahathi. **27** Basuka eTahathi, bamisa inkamba eTera. **28** Basuka eTera, bamisa inkamba eMithika. **29** Basuka eMithika, bamisa inkamba eHashimona. **30** Basuka eHashimona, bamisa inkamba eMoserothi. **31** Basuka eMoserothi, bamisa inkamba eBene-Jakani. **32** Basuka eBene-Jakani, bamisa inkamba eHori-Hagidigadi. **33** Basuka eHori-Hagidigadi, bamisa inkamba eJotibatha. **34** Basuka eJotibatha, bamisa inkamba eArona. **35** Basuka eArona, bamisa inkamba eEziyoni-Geberi. **36** Basuka eEziyoni-Geberi, bamisa inkamba enkangala yeZini, eyiKadeshi. **37** Basuka eKadeshi, bamisa inkamba entabeni yeHori ekucineni kwelizwe leEdoma. **38** uAroni umpristi wasesenyukela entabeni yeHori ngokomlayo weNkosi, wafela khona, ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga. **39** Njalo uAroni wayeleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu ekufeni kwakhe entabeni yeHori. **40** UmKhanani, inkosi yeAradi, owayehlala eningizimu elizweni leKhanani, wasesizwa ngokuza kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **41** Basebesuka entabeni yeHori, bamisa inkamba eZalimona. **42** Basuka eZalimona, bamisa

inkamba ePunoni. **43** Basuka ePunoni, bamisa inkamba eObothi.
44 Basuka eObothi, bamisa inkamba elye-Abarimi, emngceleni wakoMowabi. **45** Basuka elyimi, bamisa inkamba eDiboni-Gadi.
46 Basuka eDiboni-Gadi, bamisa inkamba eAlimoni-Dibilathayimi.
47 Basuka eAlimoni-Dibilathayimi, bamisa inkamba entabeni zeAbarimi, phambi kweNebo. **48** Basuka entabeni zeAbarimi, bamisa inkamba emagcekeni akoMowabi eJordani eJeriko; **49** bamisa inkamba eJordani kusukela eBeti-Jeshimothi kusiya eAbeli-Shithimi, emagcekeni akoMowabi. **50** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi, eJordani eJeriko, isithi: **51** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho selichaphe iJordani laya elizweni leKhanani, **52** lizaxotsha bonke abakhileyo belizwe libakhuphe emfuyweni yabo phambi kwenu, lichithe yonke imifanekiso yabo, lichithe zonke izithombe zabo ezibunjwe ngokuncibiliisa, liqede zonke indawo zabo eziphakemeyo, **53** lidle ilifa lelizwe, lihlale kilo, ngoba ngilinike ilizwe ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo. **54** Njalo lizakudla ilifa lelizwe ngenkatho ngensendo zenu; kwabanengi lizakwengeza ilifa labo, lakwabalutshwana lizanciphisa ilifa labo. Lapho inkatho ezamphumela khona umuntu, kuzakuba ngokwakhe. Njengezizwe zaboyihlo lizakudla ilifa. **55** Kodwa nxa lingabakhuphi abakhileyo elizweni emfuyweni yabo phambi kwenu, khona kuzakuthi elibatshiyayo babo bazakuba zimvava emehlwensi enu babe ngameva ezinhlangothini zenu, balihluphe elizweni elihlala kilo. **56** Kuzakuthi-ke, ngizakwenza kini njengalokhu ebengicabanga ukukwenza kubo.

34 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Laya abantwana bakolsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho lingena elizweni leKhanani, leli lizakuba yilizwe elizawela kini libe yilifa, ilizwe leKhanani, ngokwemingcele yalo. **3** Legumbi lenu leningizimu lizakuba

kusukela enkangala yeZini, enhlangothini zeEdoma. Njalo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu weningizimu kusukela ekucineni kolwandle lwetshwayi empumalanga. 4 Umngcele wenu uzajika uvela eningizimu usiya emqansweni weAkirabimi, wedlulele eZini; lokuphuma kwano kuzavela eningizimu kuye eKadeshi-Bhaneya; uzaphuma uye eHazari-Adari, wedlulele eAzimoni. 5 Lomngcele uzajika uvela eAzimoni uye esifuleni seGibhithe; lokuphuma kwano kuzakuba selwandle. 6 Mayelana lomngcele wentshonalanga, ulwandle olukhulu luzakuba ngumngcele wenu; lona luzakuba ngumngcele wenu ngentshonalanga. 7 Lalokhu kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu wenyakatho: Kusukela elwandle olukhulu lizazidwebela intaba yeHori; 8 kusukela entabeni yeHori lizadweba umngcele oya ekungeneni kweHamathi, lokuphuma komngcele kuye eZedadi. 9 Lomngcele uzaphuma uye eZifroni, lokuphuma kwano kuzakuba eHazari-Enani. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu wenyakatho. 10 Njalo lizazidwebela umngcele wenu wempumalanga kusukela eHazari-Enani kusiya eShefamu; 11 lomngcele uzakwehla uvela eShefamu uye eRibila empumalanga kweAyini, lomngcele wehle ufile eceleni kolwandle lweKinerethi ngempumalanga. 12 Umngcele uzakwehlela-ke eJordani, lokuphuma kwano kuzakuba solwandle lwetshwayi. Leli lizakuba yilizwe lenu ngemingcele yalo inhlangothi zonke. 13 UMozi waselaya abantwana bakolsrayeli esithi: Leli yilizwe elizakudla ilifa lalo ngenkatho, iNkosi elaye ngalo ukulinika izizwe eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwe. 14 Ngoba isizwe sabantwana bakoRubeni ngezindlu zaboyise, lesizwe sabantwana bakoGadi ngezindlu zaboyise zemukele, lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase yemukele ilifa layo. 15 Izizwe ezimbili lengxenye yesizwe zemukele ilifa lazo nganeno kweJordani,

eJeriko, empumalanga, lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. **16**
INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **17** La ngamabizo amadoda
azalabela ilizwe libe yilifa: UEleyazare umpristi loJoshua
indodana kaNuni. **18** Njalo lizathatha isiphathamandla kuleso
lalesosizwe ukwehlukanisa ilizwe libe yilifa. **19** Lala ngamabizo
amadoda: Esizweni sakoJuda, uKalebi indodana kaJefune. **20**
Lesizweni sabantwana bakoSimeyoni, uShemuwel i indodana
kaAmihudi. **21** Esizweni sakoBhenjamini, uElidadi indodana
kaKisiloni. **22** Lesizweni sabantwana bakoDani, isiphathamandla
uBuki indodana kaJogili. **23** Ebantwaneni bakoJosefa, esizweni
sabantwana bakoManase, isiphathamandla uHaniyeli indodana
kaEfodi. **24** Lesizweni sabantwana bakoEfrayimi, isiphathamandla
uKemuwel i indodana kaShifitani. **25** Lesizweni sabantwana
bakoZebuluni, isiphathamandla uElizafani indodana kaParinaki.
26 Lesizweni sabantwana bakolsakari, isiphathamandla uPalitiyeli
indodana kaAzani. **27** Lesizweni sabantwana bakoAsheri,
isiphathamandla uAhiyudi indodana kaShelomi. **28** Lesizweni
sabantwana bakoNafithali, isiphathamandla uPedaheli indodana
kaAmihudi. **29** Yibo labo iNkosi eyabalaya ukwehlukanisela
abantwana bakolsrayeli ilifa elizweni leKhanani.

35 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi,
eJordani eJeriko, isithi: **2** Laya abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuthi
banike amaLevi okwelifa lemfuyo yabo imizi yokuhlala; futhi
linike amaLevi amadlelo emizi inhlangothi zonke zawo. **3** Njalo
azakuba lemizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo awo abe ngawenkom o zawo
lawempahla zawo lawezifuyo zawo zonke. **4** Lamadlelo emizi
elizawanika amaLevi azakuba kusukela emthangalen i womuzi
langaphandle izingalo eziyinkulungwane inhlangothi zonke. **5**
Njalo lizalinganisa ngaphandle komuzi ingalo ezizinkulungwane

ezimbili ehlangothini lwempumalanga, lengalo ezizinkulungwane
ezimbili ehlangothini lweningizimu, lengalo ezizinkulungwane
ezimbili ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, lengalo ezizinkulungwane
ezimbili ehlangothini lwenyakatho, lomuzi ube phakathi. Lokho
kuzakuba ngamatdleo awo emizi. **6** Lemizi elizayinika amaLevi
izakuba yimizi eyisithupha yokuphephela elizayinika, ukuze
umbulali abalekele khona; langaphezu kwayo linike imizi
engamatshumi amane lambili. **7** Yonke imizi elizayinika amaLevi
izakuba ngamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili, yile lamadleo
ayo. **8** Lemizi elizayinika emfuyweni yabantwana bakolsrayeli;
koleminengi lithathe eminengi, lakolemilutshwana lithathe
emilutshwana; ngulowo lalowo njengokwelifa lakhe azalidla,
uzanika okwemizi yakhe kumaLevi. **9** INkosi yasikhuluma
kuMozisi isithi: **10** Tshono ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uthi kibo:
Lapho lichapha iJordani lingene elizweni leKhanani, **11** zimiseleni
imizi ezakuba yimizi yenu yokuphephela, ukuze umbulali
abalekele khona, otshaye umuntu kungeyisikho ngabomo.
12 Njalo izakuba yimizi yenu yokuphephela kumphindiseli,
ukuthi umbulali angafi azeeme phambi kwenhlangano
ukuthi ahlulelwe. **13** Lemizi elizayinika izakuba yimizi yenu
eyisithupha yokuphephela. **14** Lizanika imizi emithathu nganeno
kweJordani, linike imizi emithathu elizweni leKhanani, ibe yimizi
yokuphephela. **15** Limizi eyisithupha izakuba ngeyokuphephela
kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, lakowemzini lakowezizweni phakathi
kwabo, ukuze loba ngubani otshaya umuntu kungeyisikho
ngabomo abalekele khona. **16** Njalo nxa emtshaya ngesikhali
sensimbi afe, ungumbulali; umbulali kabulawekubulawa.
17 Njalo nxa emtshaya ngelitshe elisesandleni angafa ngalo,
abesesifa, ungumbulali; umbulali kabulawekubulawa. **18**

Kumbe uba emtshaya ngesikhali sesigodo esisesandleni angafa ngaso, abesesifa, ungumbulali; umbulali kabulawe lokubulawa. **19** Umphindiseli wegazi, yena uzabulala umbulali; lapho ehlangana laye, yena uzambulala. **20** Njalo nxa emsunduza ngokuzonda, loba emjikijela ngokucathama, afe, **21** loba ngobutha emtshaya ngesandla sakhe, afe, lowo otshayayo kabulawe lokubulawa, ungumbulali; umphindiseli wegazi uzabulala umbulali lapho ehlangana laye. **22** Kodwa uba emsunduzile masinyane engelabutha, loba emjikijela loba ngasiphi isikhali engacathamanga, **23** kumbe loba ngaliphi ilitshe, angafa ngalo, engamboni, aliwisele kuye, afe, lanxa engeyisiso isitha sakhe, futhi engadingi ububi bakhe, **24** inhlanguano izakwahlulela phakathi komtshayi lomphindiseli wegazi ngokwezahlulelo lezi. **25** Lenhlangano izamophula umbulali esandleni somphindiseli wegazi; lenhlangano imbuyisele emzini wokuphephela kwakhe, lapho abebalekele khona, ahlale kuwo, aze afe umpristi omkhulu owagcotshwa ngamacfutha angcwele. **26** Kodwa uba umbulali ephuma nje umngcele womuzi wokuphephela kwakhe, abebalekele khona, **27** umphindiseli wegazi emfica ngaphandle komngcele womuzi wokuphephela kwakhe, umphindiseli wegazi uzabulala umbulali; kayikuba lecalal legazi. **28** Ngoba ngabe uhlale emzini wokuphephela kwakhe, aze afe umpristi omkhulu; kodwa emva kokufa kompristi omkhulu umbulali uzabuyela elizweni lemfuyo yakhe. **29** Njalo lezizinto zizakuba ngumthetho wesahlulelo kini, ezizukulwaneni zenu, kuyo yonke imizi yenu. **30** Loba ngubani otshaya umuntu, ngomlomo wabafakazi umbulali uzabulawa; kodwa umfakazi oyedwa kayikufakaza ngomuntu ukuthi afe. **31** Futhi kaliyikuthatha inhlawulo ngempilo yombulali ocaleke ngokufa; ngoba uzabulawa

lokubulawa. **32** Njalo kaliyikuthatha inhlawulo ngobalekele emzini wokuphephela kwakhe, ukuze abuye le ukuyahlala elizweni, aze afe umpristi. **33** Ngakho kaliyikungcolisa ilizwe elikilo; ngoba ligazi elingcolisa ilizwe; njalo kakuyikwenzelwa ilizwe ukubuyisana ngegazi elichithwe kulo, ngaphandle kwangegazi lolichithileyo. **34** Ngakho lingangcolisi ilizwe elihlala kilo, engihlala phakathi kwalo; ngoba mina iNkosi ngihlala phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli.

36 Kwasekusondela inhloko zaboyise zensendo zabantwana bakoGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase, abosendo lwabantwana bakoJosefa, zakhulumpha phambi kukaMozisi laphambi kweziphathamandla, inhloko zaboyise babantwana bakolsrayeli, **2** zathi: INkosi yalaya inkosi yami ukuthi iphe abantwana bakolsrayeli ilizwe njengelifa ngenkatho; futhi inkosi yami yalaywa yiNkosi ukuthi inike ilifa likaZelofehadi umfowethu kumadodakazi akhe. **3** Uba esendela kwenye yamadodana ezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli, ilifa lawo lizasuswa elifeni labobaba, lengezelelwe elifeni lalesosizwe azakuba ngawaso; ngalokho lizasuswa kunkatho yelifa lethu. **4** Lalapho kuzakuba lijubili labantwana bakolsrayeli, ilifa lawo lizakwengezelelwa elifeni lalesosizwe azakuba ngawaso; ngalokho ilifa lawo lizasuswa elifeni lesizwe sabobaba. **5** UMOzisi waselaya abantwana bakolsrayeli ngokomlomo weNkosi esithi: Isizwe sabantwana bakoJosefa sikhulume kuhle. **6** Le yinto iNkosi eyilayileyo mayelana lamadodakazi kaZelofehadi isithi: Kawendele kulabo abahle emehlwani awo, kodwa kawendele osendweni lwasizwe sikayise. **7** Ngalokho ilifa labantwana bakolsrayeli kalingabhodi lisuke esizweni liye esizweni, ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli bazanamatela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lesizwe saboyise. **8** Layileyo laleyo indodakazi edla ilifa esizweni sabantwana

bakolsrayeli izakwendela komunye wosendo wesizwe sikayise, ukuze abantwana bakolsrayeli badle ilifa, omunye lomunye ilifa laboyise. **9** Ngalokho ilifa kaliyikubhoda lisuke esizweni liye kwesinye isizwe, ngoba izizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli zizanamathela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe. **10** Njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi enza njalo amadodakazi kaZelofehadi; **11** ngoba uMahla, uTiriza, loHogila, loMilka, loNowa, amadodakazi kaZelofehadi, endela emadodaneni abafowabobo bakayise. **12** Endela kunsendo zabantwana bakoManase indodana kaJosefa, lelifa lawo lahlala esizweni sosendo lukayise. **13** Le yimilayo lezahlulelo iNkosi eyazilaya abantwana bakolsrayeli ngesandla sikaMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi eJordani eJeriko.

UDutheronomi

1 La ngamazwi uMozisi awakhuluma kulsrayeli wonke nganeno kweJordani enkangala, egcekeni eliqondene leSufi, phakathi kweParani leTofeli leLabani leHazerothi leDizahabi.

2 Kulensuku ezilitshumi lanye kusukela eHorebe ngendlela yentaba yeSeyiri kusiya eKadeshi-Bhaneya. **3** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane, ngenyanga yetshumi lanye, ngolokuqala Iwenyanga, uMozisi wakhuluma kubantwana bakolsrayeli njengakho konke iNkosi eyamlaya ngakho kubo, **4** esemtshayile uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni, loOgi inkosi yeBashani owayehlala eAshitarothi eEdreyi. **5** Nganeno kweJordani, elizweni lakoMowabi, uMozisi waqala ukuchasisa lumlayo esithi: **6** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yakhuluma kithi eHorebe isithi: Selihlale isikhathhi eseneleyo kulintaba.

7 Phendukani lisuke, liye entaben i yamaAmori, lendaweni ezakhelene lawo, egcekeni, entaben, lesihotsheni, leningizimu, lekhunjini lolwandle, ilizwe lamaKhanani, leLebhanoni, kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi. **8** Bonani, ngibeke ilizwe phambi kwenu. Ngenani, lidle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo, oAbrahama, ulsaka, loJakobe, ukubanika lona lenzalo yabo emva kwabo. **9** Njalo ngakhuluma kini ngalesosikhathhi ngisithi: Kangilakulithwala ngingedwa. **10** INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ilandisile, khangelani-ke, lamuhla linjengenkanyezi zamazulu ngobunengi. **11** INkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, kayandise kini, njengoba linjalo, ngokuphindwe kankulungwane, ilibusise, njengokukhuluma kwayo kini. **12** Ngingedwa ngingathwala njani ubunzima benu lomthwalo wenu lenkani yenu? **13** Zithatheleni amadoda ahlakaniphileyo, azwisisayo, laziwayo eziwensi zenu, ngiwabeke-ke abe zinhloko

zenu. **14** Laselingiphendula lisithi: Ilizwi olkhulumileyo lilungile ukulenza. **15** Ngasengithatha inhloko zezizwe zenu, amadoda ahlakaniphileyo, aziwayo, ngawabeka aba zinhloko phezu kwenu, induna zezinkulungwane, lenduna zamakhulu, lenduna zamatshumi amahlanu, lenduna zamatshumi, leziphathamandla zezizwe zenu. **16** Ngasengilaya abahluleli benu ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: Zwanini okuphakathi kwabafowenu, lahlulele ngokulunga phakathi komuntu lomfowabo lowezizweni okuye. **17** Lingakhangeli ubuso ekwahluleleni, zwanini omncinyane njengomkhulu; lingesabi ubuso bomuntu, ngoba ukwahlulela kungokukaNkulunkulu. Lendaba elukhuni kini lizayiletha kimi, besengiyizwa. **18** Langalesosikhathi ngalilaya zonke izinto elifanele ukuzenza. **19** Sasesisuka eHorebe, sahamba kuyo yonke leyonkangala enkuI leyesabekayo elayibonayo ngendlela yentaba yamaAmori, njengokusilaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, saze safika eKadeshi-Bhaneya. **20** Ngasengisithi kini: Selifikile entabenI yamaAmori iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezasinika yona. **21** Bona, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ilinikile ilizwe phambi kwakho; yenyuka udle ilifa lalo, njengokutsho kweNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo kuwe; ungesabi, ungadideki. **22** Laselisondela kimi lonke lathi: Asithume amadoda phambi kwethu ukuze asihlolele ilizwe, abuyise ilizwi kithi, indlela esizakwenyuka ngayo, lemizi esizangena kuyo. **23** Lendaba yayinhle emehlweli ami; ngakho ngathatha kini amadoda alitshumi lambili, indodanye ngesizwe. **24** Wona aphenduka, enyukela entabenI aze afika esihotsheni seEshikoli, asihlolA. **25** Asethatha okwezithelo zelizwe esandleni sabo, azehlisela kithi; abuyisa ilizwi kithi athi: Ilizwe lihle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu esinika lona. **26** Kanti kalifunanga ukwenyuka, kodwa lavukela

umlomo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, **27** langunguna emathenteni
enu lathi: Ngoba iNkosi yayisizonda, yasikhupha elizweni
leGibhithe ukusinikela esandleni samaAmori ukusibhubhisa. **28**
Sizakwenyukela ngaphi? Abafowethu benze inhliziyo yethu iphele
amandla besithi: Abantu bakhulu bade kulathi; imizi mikhulu,
ibiyelwe ngemithangala efika emazulwini; futhi-ke sibonile khona
amadodana amaAnaki. **29** Ngasengisithi kini: Lingatshaywa
luvalo, libesabe. **30** INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ehamba phambi
kwenu, yona izalilwela njengakho konke eyalenzela khona
eGibhithe phambi kwamehlo enu, **31** lenkangala, lapho obone
khona ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakuthwala njengendoda
ithwala indodana yayo, endleleni yonke elahamba ngayo laze
lafika kulindawo. **32** Kodwa ngalelilizwi kalikholwanga iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu **33** eyahamba phambi kwenu endleleni,
ukulidingela indawo ukuze limise inkamba, ngomlilo ebusuku,
ukulitshengisa indlela elizahamba ngayo, langeyezi emini.
34 Kwathi iNkosi isizwile ilizwi lamazwi enu, yathukuthela
yafunga yathi: **35** Isibili kakho kulamadoda alesisizukulwana
esibi ozabona ilizwe elihle engafunga ukulinika oyihlo, **36**
ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune; yena uzalibona.
Njalo ngizanika kuye ilizwe anyathela kulo, lakubantwana
bakhe, ngoba ulandele iNkosi ngokupheleleyo. **37** Lami iNkosi
yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, isithi: Lawe kawuyikungena
khona. **38** UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni oma phambi kwakho,
yena uzangena khona; mqinise, ngoba yena uzakwenza ulsrayeli
adle ilifa lalo. **39** Labantwanyana benu elalisithi bazakuba
yimpango, labantwana benu, abangaziyo lamuhla okuhle lokubi,
bona bazangena khona; lakubo ngizalinika, bona-ke bazakudla
ilifa lalo. **40** Kodwa lina ziphendukeleni, lisuke liye enkangala,

indlela yoLwandle oluBomvu. **41** Laseliphendula lisithi kimi: Sonile eNkosini; thina sizakwenyuka siyekulwa, njengakho konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu eyasilaya khona. Selihlomile, ngulowo lalowo isikhali sakhe sempi, lacabanga ukuthi kulula ukwenyukela entaben. **42** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Tshono kubo: Lingenyuki, lingalwi, ngoba kangikho phakathi kwenu, hlezi litshaywe phambi kwezitha zenu. **43** Ngasengikhulumu kini, kodwa kalilalelanga, lavukela umlomo weNkosi, laqholoza lenyukela entaben. **44** Kwathi amaAmori ayeahlala entaben leyo aphuma ukumelana lani, alixotsha njengokwenziwa zinyosi, alihlkaza eSeyiri, kwaze kwaba seHorma. **45** Laselibuya, lakhala inyembezi phambi kweNkosi, kodwa iNkosi kayilizwanga ilizwi lenu, kayibekanga indlebe kini. **46** Laselihlala eKadeshi insuku ezinengi, njengensuku elahlala ngazo.

2 Sasesiphenduka, sasuka saya enkangala, indlela yoLwandle oluBomvu, njengokutsho kweNkosi kimi; njalo sayibhoda intaba yeSeyiri insuku ezinengi. **2** INkosi yasikhulumu kimi isithi: **3** Selibhode intaba le okweneleyo; phendukelani lina enyakatho. **4** Balaye-ke abantu usithi: Lidabula umngcele wabafowenu, abantwana bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri. Njalo bazalesaba, ngakho lizinanjele kakhulu, **5** lingalwi labo; ngoba kangiyikulinika okwelizwe labo, lelingangokunyathela kwangaphansi konyawo, ngoba ngimnikile uEsawu intaba yeSeyiri ibe yilifa. **6** Lizathenga ukudla kubo ngemali ukuze lidle, lithenge kubo lamanzi ngemali ukuze linathe. **7** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusisile emsebenzini wonke wesandla sakho; iyazi ukuhamba kwakho kulinkangala enkulu. Le iminyaka engamatshumi amane iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ibilawe, kawuswelanga lutho. **8** Uba sisedlula sisuka kubafowethu,

abantwana bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri, ngendlela yegceke sisuke eElathi njalo sisuka eEziyoni-Geberi, saphenduka, sadlula ngendlela yenkangala yakoMowabi. **9** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ungahlukuluzi uMowabi, ungalwi labo empini; ngoba kangiyikukunika okwelizwe labo kube yilifa, ngoba ngibanikile abantwana bakaLothi iAri ibe yilifa. **10** Kwakuhlala khona endulo amaEmi, abantu abakhulu, labanengi, labade, njengamaAnaki; **11** babebalwa njengezihwaga labo njengamaAnaki, kodwa amaMowabi ababiza ngokuthi ngamaEmi. **12** LamaHori ayehlala eSeyiri endulo, kodwa abantwana bakaEsawu bawakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bawachitha phambi kwabo, bahlala endaweni yawo, njengokwenza kukalsrayeli elizweni lelifa lakhe, iNkosi eyabanika lona. **13** Khathesi, sukumanि lina lichaphe isifula iZeredi. Ngakho sachapha isifula iZeredi. **14** Lensuku esahamba ngazo sisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya saze sachapha isifula iZeredi zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili, kwaze kwaphela isizukulwana sonke samadoda empi sisuka phakathi kwenkamba, njengokufunga kweNkosi kuwo. **15** Ngoba isibili isandla seNkosi sasimelene lawo, ukuwachitha esuka phakathi kwenkamba, aze aphela. **16** Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amadoda empi esephelile esifa esuka phakathi kwabantu, **17** INkosi yasikhuluma kimi isithi: **18** Lamuhla uzakwedlula iAri, umngcele wakoMowabi, **19** lapho ususondele maqondana labantwana bakoAmoni, ungabahlukuluzi, ungalwi labo, ngoba kangiyikukunika okwelizwe labantwana bakoAmoni kube yilifa, ngoba ngilinike abantwana bakaLothi libe yilifa. **20** Lalelo labalwa njengelizwe leziqhwaga. Iziqhwaga Zahlala kulo endulo, kodwa amaAmoni bazibiza ngokuthi ngamaZamuzumu; **21** abantu abakhulu, labanengi, labade, njengamaAnaki; kodwa

iNkosi yabachitha phambi kwabo, babakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bahlala endaweni yabo, **22** njengalokho eyakwenzela abantwana bakaEsawu, ababehlala eSeyiri, lapho yawachitha amaHori esuka phambi kwabo, bawakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bahlala endaweni yaho kuze cube lamuhla. **23** LamaAvi, ayehlala eHazerimi kuze cube seGaza; amaKafitor, aphuma eKafitor, awachitha, ahlala endaweni yaho. **24** Sukuman, lisuke lichaphe isifula iArinoni. Bona, nginikele esandleni sakho uSihoni, inkosi yeHeshiboni, umAmori, lelizwe lakhe; qala ukudla ilifa lalo, ulwe laye empini. **25** Lamuhla ngizaqalisa ukufaka uvalo ngawe lokwesabeka kwakho phezu kobuso bezizwe, ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke, ezizakuzwa umbiko ngawe, zithuthumele, ziqaqhazele ngenxa yakho. **26** Ngasengithuma izithunywa zisuka enkangala yeKedemothi kuSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, zilamazwi okuthula, zisithi: **27** Ake ngidabule elizweni lakho; ngizahamba ngomgwaqo kuphela, ngingaphambukeli ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo. **28** Uzangithengisela ukudla ngemali ukuze ngidle, ungiphe amanzi ngemali ukuze nginathe; kuphela ngizadabula ngenyawo zami, **29** njengalokhu abantwana bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri lamaMowabi ahlala eAri benza kimi, ngize ngichaphe iJordani, ngingene elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu esinika lona. **30** Kodwa uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni kasivumelanga ukuthi sidlule kuye; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yenza umoya wakhe waba lukhuni, yenza lenhliziyo yakhe yaba lenkani, ukuze imnikele esandleni sakho, njengalamuhla. **31** INkosi yathi kimi: Bona, sengiqalisile ukunikela phambi kwakho uSihoni lelizwe lakhe; qalisa ukudla ilifa, ukuze udle ilifa lelizwe lakhe. **32** Kwasekuphuma uSihoni ukumelana lathi, yena labantu bakhe bonke, ukulwa eJahazi. **33** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu

yasimnikela phambi kwethu; sasesimtshaya lamadodana akhe labantu bakhe bonke. **34** Ngalesosikhathi sasesithumba yonke imizi yakhe, satshabalalisa wonke umuzi, abesilisa labesifazana labantwanyana; kositshiyanga insali; **35** sazithumbela izifuyo kuphela, lempango yemizi esayithumbayo. **36** Kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini Iwesifula iArinoni, lomuzi osesifuleni, kuze kube seGileyadi kwakungekho muzi owawuphakeme kakhulu kithi. INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yayinikela yonke phambi kwethu. **37** Kuphela kawusondelanga elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni, endaweni yonke yesifula iJaboki, lemizini esezintabeni, lakukuphi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu esenqabela khona.

3 Sasesiphenduka sisenyuka ngendlela yeBashani. UOgi inkosi yeBashani wasephuma ukumelana lathi, yena labantu bakhe bonke, ukulwa eEdreyi. **2** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kimi: Ungamesabi, ngoba ngizamnikela labantu bakhe bonke lelizwe lakhe esandleni sakho; njalo uzakwenza kuye njengokwenza kwakho kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni. **3** Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yanikela esandleni sethu IoOgi inkosi yeBashani labo bonke abantu bakhe; sasesimtshaya, kakwaze kwasala lansali kuye. **4** Sasesithumba yonke imizi yakhe ngalesosikhathi; kwakungelamu esingawuthathanga kibo; imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha, isabelo sonke seArigobi, umbuso kaOgi eBashani. **5** Yonke limizi yayivikelwe ngemithangala ephakemeyo, amasango lemigoqo, ngaphandle kwemizana eminengi kakhulu engelamithangala. **6** Sasesiyitshabalalisa, njengokwenza kwethu kuSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, satshabalalisa yonke imizi, abesilisa labesifazana labantwanyana. **7** Kodwa zonke izifuyo lempango yemizi, saziphangela. **8** Ngalesosikhathi

sasesithatha esandleni samakhosi amabili amaAmori ilizwe,
elalinganeno kweJordan, kusukela esifuleni iArinoni kuze
kube sentabenye Hermoni. 9 (AmaSidoni ayibiza iHermoni
ngokuthi yiSiriyon, lamaAmori ayibiza ngokuthi yiSeniri.)

10 Yonke imizi yemagcekeni, leGileyadi yonke, leBashani
yonke, kuze cube seSaleka leEdreyi, imizi yombuso kaOgi
eBashani. 11 Ngoba nguOgi kuphela, inkosi yeBashani,
owasalayo kunsali yeziqhwaga; khangela, umbheda wakhe
wawungumbheda wensimbi; kawukho yini eRaba yabantwana
bakoAmoni? Ubude bawo babuzingalo eziyisificamunwemunye,
lobubanzi bawo babuzingalo ezine, ngokwengalo yomuntu. 12
Lalelilizwe sadla ilifa lalo ngalesosikhathi; kusukela eAroweri,
elisesifuleni seArinoni, lengxenye yentaba yeGileyadi lemizi
yayo ngayipha abakoRubeni labakoGadi. 13 Lokuseleyo
kweGileyadi leBashani yonke, umbuso kaOgi, ngakunika
kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase; isabelo sonke seArigobi,
layo yonke iBashani, eyayithwa yilizwe leziqhwaga. 14
UJayiri indodana kaManase wathatha isabelo sonke seArigobi,
kuze cube semngceleni wamaGeshuri lowamaMahakathi;
wayibiza imizi ngebizo lakhe wathi yiBashani-Havothi-Jayiri,
kuze cube yilolusuku. 15 Ngasengimnika uMakiri iGileyadi. 16
LakwabakoRubeni lakwabakoGadi nganika kusukela eGileyadi
ngitsho kuze kufike esifuleni seArinoni, phakathi laphakathi
kwesifula, lomngcele, njalo kuze cube sesifuleni iJaboki,
umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni. 17 Lamagceke, leJordan,
lomngcele, kusukela eKinerethi njalo kuze kufike elwandle
lwemagcekeni, ulwandle lwetshwayi, ngaphansi kweAshidodi-
Pisiga ngasempumalanga. 18 Ngasengililaya ngalesosikhathi
ngisithi: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ilinikile lelilizwe libe yilifa

lenu. Lizachapha lihlomile phambi kwabafowenu, abantwana bakolsrayeli, wonke amadodana angamaqhawe. **19** Kuphela omkenu labantwanyana benu lezifuyo zenu - ngyiasi ukuthi lilezifuyo ezinengi - kuzahlala emizini yenu engilinike yona, **20** iNkosi ize ibanike ukuphumula abafowenu njengani, baze bathi labo badle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ebaphe lona, ngaphetsheya kweJordani; beselibuyela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe, engilinike lona. **21** Njalo ngamlaya uJoshua ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: Amehlo akho abonile konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ekwenze kulawomakhosi amabili; izakwenza njalo iNkosi kuyo yonke imibuso ozakwedlulela kuyo. **22** Lingabesabi, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, yona izalilwela. **23** Ngasengiyincenga iNkosi ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: **24** Nkosi Jehova, wena usuqalile ukutshengisa inceku yakho ubukhulu bakho lesandla sakho esilamandla; ngoba nguuphi unkulunkulu emazulwini lemhlabeni ongenza njengemisebenzi yakho lanjengamandla akho? **25** Ngicela ngichaphe, ngibone ilizwe elihle elingaphetsheya kweJordani, leyontaba enhle, leLebhano. **26** Kodwa iNkosi yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, kayingizwanga; iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Kwenele kuwe; ungabe usaphinda ukukhuluma kimi ngaloludaba. **27** Yenyukela engqongeni yePisiga, uphakamisele amehlo akho ngentshonalanga langenayakatho langeningizimu langempumalanga, ukhangele ngamehlo akho; ngoba kawuyikuchapha le iJordani. **28** Kodwa laya uJoshua, umkhuthaze, umqinise; ngoba yena uzachapha phambi kwalabantu, laye abenze badle ilifa lelizwe ozalibona. **29** Sasesihlala esigodini maqondana leBeti-Peyori.

4 Khathesi-ke, Israyeli, zwana izimiso lezahlulelo engilifundisa zona, ukuzenza, ukuze liphile, lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi

uNkulunkulu waboyihlo elinika lona. **2** Kaliyikwengezelela elizwini engililaya lona, lingaphunguli lutho kulo, ukuze ligcine imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu engililaya yona. **3** Amehlo enu abonile iNkosi eyakwenzayo ngenxa kaBhali-Peyori; ngoba wonke umuntu owalandela uBhali-Peyori, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yambhubhisa phakathi kwenu; **4** kodwa lina elanamathela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu liyaphila lonke lamuhla. **5** Bonani, ngilifundisile izimiso lezahlulelo, njengokungilaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wami, ukuthi lenze njalo phakathi kwelizwe eliya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **6** Ngakho zigcineni, lizenze; ngoba lokhu kuyinhlaniphlo yenu lokuqedisisa kwenu emehlwani ezizwe ezizakuzwa zonke lezizimiso zithi: Isibili lesisizwe esikhulu singabantu abahlakaniphileyo labaqedisisayo. **7** Ngoba yisiphi isizwe esikhulu esilabonkulunkulu abaseduze laso njengeNkosi uNkulunkulu ekumbizeni kwethu konke? **8** Futhi yisiphi isizwe esikhulu esilezimiso lezahlulelo ezelungileyo njengalumayo wonke engiwubeka phambi kwenu lamuhla? **9** Kuphela ziqaphele, ugcine kakhulu umphefumulo wakho, hlezi ukhohlwe izinto amehlo akho azibonileyo, njalo hlezi zisuke enhliziyweni yakho, zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho. Njalo uzazise abantwana bakho labantwana babantwana bakho, **10** ukuthi ngosuku owema ngalo phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eHorebe, lapho iNkosi yathi kimi: Ngibuthanisela abantu ngibe sengibazwisa amazwi ami, ukuze bafunde ukungesaba zonke izinsuku abazaziphila emhlabeni, bafundise njalo abantwana babo. **11** Laselisondela, lema ngaphansi kwentaba, lentaba yayivutha umlilo kwaze kwaba phakathi kwamazulu, lomnyama, amayezi, lomnyama onzima. **12** INkosi yasikhuluma kini iphakathi komlilo; lezwa ilizwi lamazwi, kodwa kalibonanga simo; ilizwi

kuphela. **13** Yamemezela kini isivumelwano sayo, eyalilaya ukuthi lisenze, imilayo elitshumi; njalo yayibhala ezibhebheni zamatshe ezimbili. **14** INkosi yasingilaya ngalesosikhathi ukuthi ngilifundise izimiso lezahlulelo, ukuze lizenze elizweni elidlulela kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **15** Ngakho-ke qaphelani kakhulu ngenxa yemiphefumulo yenu. Ngoba kalibonanga lasimo ngosuku iNkosi ikhulumu kini eHorebe iphakathi komlilo, **16** hlezi lizone, lizenzele isithombe esibaziweyo, isimo saloba yiuphi umfanekiso, isifanekiso sowesilisa loba sowesifazana, **17** isifanekiso saloba yiyiphi inyamazana esemhlabeni, isifanekiso saloba yiyiphi inyoni elempiko ephapha emazulwini, **18** isifanekiso saloba yikuphi okuhuquzelayo emhlabeni, isifanekiso saloba yiyiphi inhlanzi esemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba. **19** Futhi hlezi uphakamisele amehlo akho emazulwini, lapho ubona ilanga lenyanga lezinkanyezi, ibutho lonke lamazulu, uyengwe, ukukhethamele, ukukhonze, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekwabele izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke. **20** Kodwa lina iNkosi yalithatha, yalikhupha esithandweni sensimbi, eGibhithe, ukuze libe kuyo ngabantu belifa, njengalamuhla. **21** Futhi iNkosi yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, yafunga ukuthi kangiyikuchapha iJordani, lokuthi kangiyikungena kulelolizwe elihle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona libe yilifa. **22** Ngoba ngizafela kulelilizwe, ngingachaphi iJordani; kodwa lina lizachapha, lidle ilifa lalelolizwe elihle. **23** Ziqapheleni hlezi likhohlwe isivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu eyasenza lani, lizenzele isithombe esibaziweyo, umfanekiso waloba yikuphi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekwenqabele khona. **24** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ingumlilo oqothulayo, uNkulunkulu olobukhwele. **25** Lapho uzala abantwana labantwana

babantwana, njalo selihlale elizweni isikhathi eside, uba lisonakala, lenze isithombe esibaziweyo, umfanekiso waloba yikuphi, lenze okubi emehlwani eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ukuze liyithukuthelise, **26** ngibiza amazulu lomhlaba lamuhla ukuze kufakaze kumelene lani ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha masinyane lisuka elizweni elichapha iJordani ukuya kilo ukuze libe yilifa lenu; kalyikwelula insuku zenu phezu kwalo, ngoba lizabujiswa lokubujiswa. **27** Njalo iNkosi izalichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe, lisale libalutshwana ngenani phakathi kwezizwe, lapho iNkosi ezalixotshela khona. **28** Lapho lizakhonza onkulunkulu, umsebenzi wezandla zabantu, izigodo lamatshe, abangaboniyo, abangezwayo, abangadliyo, labanganukiyo. **29** Kodwa lilapho liyidinge iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uzayithola uba uyidinga ngenhlizyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke. **30** Lapho usekuhluphekeni, lezizinto zonke zikwehlela, ekupheleni kwezinsuku, uzaphendukela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ulalele ilizwi layo; **31** ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu olomusa, kayiyikukutshiya, kayiyikukubhubhisa, kayiyikukhohlwa isivumelwano saboyihlo, eyasifunga kubo. **32** Ngoba buza-ke ngensuku zamandulo ezazingaphambi kwakho, kusukela osukwini uNkulunkulu adala ngalo umuntu emhlabeni, kusukela komunye umkhawulo wamazulu kuze kube komunye umkhawulo wamazulu, ukuthi kwake kwaba khona yini into enje njengale into enkulu, kumbe kwezwakala enjengayo yini? **33** Abantu bake bezwa yini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu likhuluma livela phakathi komlilo, njengalokhu ulizwile wena, waphila? **34** Futhi uNkulunkulu wake wazama yini ukuyazithathela isizwe phakathi kwesizwe, ngezilingo, ngezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso, langempi, langesandla

esilamandla, langengalo eyeluliweyo, langezesabiso ezinkulu, njengakho konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu eyalenzela khona eGibhithe phambi kwamehlo akho? **35** Wena wakutshengiswa, ukuze wazi ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu; kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakhe. **36** Esemazulwini wakuzwisa ilizwi lakhe ukukufundisa; lemhlabeni wakutshengisa umlilo wakhe omkhulu, lamazwi akhe wawezwa evela phakathi komlilo. **37** Njalo ngoba wabathanda oyihlo, wakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo, wakukhupha eGibhithe ebusweni bakhe ngamandla akhe amakhulu, **38** ukuxotsha elifeni izizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla kulawe phambi kwakho, ukukungenisa, ukukupha ilizwe lazo, libe yilifa, njengalamuhla. **39** Ngakho yazi lamuhla, ukukhumbule enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi iNkosi inguNkulunkulu emazulwini phezulu, lemhlabeni phansi; kakho omunye. **40** Ngakho uzagcina izimiso zakhe lemilayo yakhe engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuze kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho, lokuze welule izinsuku phezu kwelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, zonke izinsuku. **41** Khona uMozisi wehlukanisa imizi emithathu nganeno kweJordani ngasempumalanga, **42** ukuthi abalekele kuyo umbulali obulele umakhelwane wakhe kungeyisikho ngabomo, obengamzondi mandulo, ukuze abalekele komunye waleyomizi aphile; **43** iBezeri enkangala elizweni lamagceke, elabakoRubeni; leRamothi eGileyadi, elabakoGadi; leGolani eBashani, elabakoManase. **44** Njalo yilo umlayo uMozisi awubeka phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **45** Lobu yibufakazi lezimiso lezahlulelo uMozisi akukhuluma ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe, **46** nganeno kweJordani, esigodini maqondana leBeti-Peyori, elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, owayehlala eHeshiboni, uMozisi labantwana bakolsrayeli

abamtshayayo ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe. **47** Basebesidla ilifa lelizwe lakhe lelizwe likaOgi inkosi yeBashani, amakhosi amabili amaAmori, ayenganeno kweJordani ngasempumalanga, **48** kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwasifula seArinoni, kuze kufike entabeni yeSiyoni, eyiHermoni, **49** lamagceke wonke nganeno kweJordani ngasempumalanga, kuze kube selwandle lwamagceke, ngaphansi kweAshidodi-Pisiga.

5 UMozisi wasebiza ulsrayeli wonke, wathi kubo: Zwana, Israyeli, izimiso lezahlulelo engizikhuluma endlebeni zenu lamuhla, ukuze lizifunde, linanjelele ukuzenza. **2** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yenza isivumelwano lathi eHorebe. **3** INkosi kayisenzanga lesisivumelwano labobaba, kodwa lathi, thina sonke esilapha siphila lamuhla. **4** INkosi yakhuluma lani ubuso lobuso entabeni, iphakathi komlilo, **5** (ngema phakathi kweNkosi lani ngalesosikhathi, ukulazisa ilizwi leNkosi; ngoba lesaba ngenxa yomlilo, kalenyukelanga entabeni) isithi: **6** NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobuggili. **7** Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu phambi kwami. **8** Ungazenzeli isithombe esibaziweyo, loba yiwuphi umfanekiso wokusemazulwini phezulu loba wokusemhlabeni phansi, loba wokusemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba. **9** Ungakukhothameli, ungakukhonzi; ngoba mina iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ngiphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana, kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine sabangizondayo, **10** njalo ngibenzela umusa abayizinkulungwane zabangithandayo lezabagcina imilayo yami. **11** Ungaliphathi ngeze ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba iNkosi kayiyikumyekela engelacala ophatha ibizo layo ngeze. **12** Gcina usuku lwasabatha,

ukulungcwelisa, njengokukulaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.

13 Insuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza, uwenze wonke umsebenzi wakho; **14** kodwa usuku Iwesikhombisa lulisabatha leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalo, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho lenkabi yakho lobabhemi wakho loba yisiphi sezifuyo zakho, lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho, ukuze iphumule inceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, njengawe.

15 Njalo ukhumbule ukuthi wawuyinceku elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakukhupha khona ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliwego. Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakulaya ukuthi ugcine usuku Iwesabatha. **16** Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, njengokukulaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe, lokuthi kukulungele elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. **17** Ungabulali. **18** Njalo ungafebi. **19** Njalo ungebi. **20** Njalo unganiki ubufakazi bamanga ngomakhelwane wakho. **21** Njalo ungafisi umkamakhelwane wakho; ungahawukeli indlu kamakhelwane wakho, insimu yakhe, lenceku yakhe, lencekukazi yakhe, inkabi yakhe, lobabhemi wakhe, njalo loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho. **22** Amazwi la iNkosi yawakhulum aebandleni lenu lonke entaben, iphakathi komlilo, eyezini, lemnyameni onzima, ngelizwi elikhulu; njalo kayengezelelanga. Yawabhala ezibhebheni ezimbili zamatshe, yanginika zona. **23** Kwasekusithi lilizwa ilizwi livela phakathi komnyama, lentaba ivutha umlilo, lasondela kimi, zonke inhloko zezizwe zenu, labadala benu, **24** lathi: Khangela, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu isitshengisile inkazimulo yayo lobukhulu bayo, lelizwi layo silizwile livela phakathi komlilo; lamuhla sibonile ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakhulum aomuntu aphile. **25** Ngakho-ke

sizafelani? Ngoba lumlilo omkhulu uzasiqothula. Uba siphinda silizwa ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu futhi, sizakufa-ke. **26**
Ngoba ngubani enyameni yonke ovezwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ophilayo likhuluma livela phakathi komlilo, njengathi, waphila? **27**
Sondela wena, uzwe konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezakutsho, usitshele wena konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezakutsho kuwe, sizakuzwa, sikwenze. **28** INkosi yasisizwa ilizwi lamazwi enu ekukhulumeni kwenu kimi; iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Ngizwile ilizwi lamazwi alababantu abawakhulume kuwe; kulungile konke abakukhulumileyo. **29** O kungathi bangaba lenhliziyo enjalo yokungesaba, bagcine yonke imilayo yami, insuku zonke, ukuze kabalungele labantwana babo kuze kube nininini! **30**
Hamba uthi kibo: Zibuyeleleni emathenteni enu. **31** Kodwa wena, mana lapha phansi kwami, ke ngikhulume kuwe yonke imilayo lezimiso lezahlulelo ozabafundisa zona, ukuze bazenze elizweni engibanika lona ukuthi badle ilifa lalo. **32** Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi lenze njengokulilaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; lingaphambukeli ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo. **33**
Lizahamba endleleni yonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elilaye yona, ukuze liphile, njalo kulilungele, libe seliselula izinsuku elizweni elizakudla ilifa lalo.

6 Lale yimilayo, izimiso, lezahlulelo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elaya ukulifundisa, ukuthi lizenze elizweni elichaphela kulo ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo, **2** ukuze uyesabe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina zonke izimiso zayo lemithetho yayo engikulaya yona, wena lendodana yakho lendodana yendodana yakho, zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe. **3** Ngakho zwana, Israyeli, unanzelele ukuzenza, ukuze kukulungele, ukuze wande kakhulu, njengokuthembisa kweNkosi uNkulunkulu

waboyihlo kuwe, elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju. 4 Zwana, Israyeli, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, yiNkosi yinye. 5 Njalo wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke langamandla akho wonke.

6 Njalo amazwi la engikulaya ngawo lamuhla azakuba senhliziweni yakho; 7 njalo uzawafundisa abantwana bakho ngokukhuthala, uzakhulumu ngawo lapho uhlezi endlini yakho, lalapho uhamba endleleni, lalapho ulala, lalapho uvuka. 8 Uzawabophela esandleni sakho abe luphawu, njalo abe ngamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo akho. 9 Njalo uzawabhala emigubazini yendlu yakho, lemasangweni akho.

10 Kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikungenisa elizweni eyafunga kuboyihlo, kuAbrahama, kulsaka lakuJakobe, ukukunika imizi emikhulu lemihle, ongayakhanga, 11 lezindlu ezigcwele zonke izinto ezinhle, ongazigcwalisanga, lemithombo eyagejwayo ongayigebhanga, izivini lezihlahla zemihlwathi ongazihlanyelanga, lapho udlide wasutha, 12 ziqaphele, hlezi uyikhohlwe iNkosi eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili. 13 Uzayesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uyikhonze, ufunge ngebizo layo. 14 Lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu, babonkulunkulu bezizwe ezilizungelezeleyo. 15 Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele phakathi kwakho, hlezi ulaka lweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho lukuvuthele, ikuchithe usuke ebusweni bomhlaba. 16 Lingayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu layilinga eMasa. 17 Ligcine lokugcina imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lobufakazi bayo, lezimiso zayo, ekulaye zona. 18 Njalo wenze okuqondileyo lokulungileyo emehlwensi eNkosi, ukuze kukulungele, lokuthi ungene udle ilifa lelizwe elihle, iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo, 19

ukuxotsha zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho, njengalokhu iNkosi ikhulumile. **20** Lapho indodana yakho ikubuza esikhathini esizayo isithi: Buyini ubufakazi lezimiso lezahlulelo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu elilaye zona? **21** Khona uzakuthi endodaneni yakho: Sasiyizigqili zikaFaro eGibhithe, leNkosi yasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla. **22** Njalo iNkosi yenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu lezimbi eGibhithe, phezu kukaFaro laphezu kwendlu yakhe yonke, phambi kwamehlo ethu. **23** Yasikhupha khona ukuze isingenise, ukusinika ilizwe eyalifungela obaba. **24** INkosi yasisilaya ukwenza zonke lezizimiso, ukwesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze kusilungele insuku zonke, ukusilondoloza siphila njengalamuhla. **25** Kuzakuba yikulunga kithi, uba sinanzelela ukwenza limilayo yonke phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokusilaya kwayo.

7 Lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isikungenisa elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo, ixotshe izizwe ezinengi phambi kwakho, amaHethi lamaGirigashi lamaAmori lamaKhanani lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi, izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu lezilamandla kulawe, **2** lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izinikela phambi kwakho, uzazitshaya, uztshabalalise lokuzitshabalilisa. Ungenzi isivumelwano lazo, ungabi lashawu kuzo. **3** Ungathathani lazo, unganiki indodakazi yakho kundodana yakhe, njalo indodakazi yakhe ungayithatheli indodana yakho. **4** Ngoba izaphambula indodana yakho ekungilandeleni, ukuze bakhonze abanye onkulunkulu; ngakho ulaka lweNkosi luzalivuthela, lukubhubhise masinyane. **5** Kodwa-ke lizakwenza njalo kuzo; lizadiliza amalathi azo, liphahlaze insika zazo eziyizithombe, ligamule izixuku zabo, litshise ngomlilo izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo. **6** Ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNkosini

uNkulunkulu wakho; iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikukhethile ukuthi ube yisizwe sayo kanye, kuzo zonke izizwe ezisebusweni bomhlaba. **7** iNkosi kayehliselanga uthando lwayo phezu kwenu, kumbe ilikhethi, ngenxa yokuthi lalibane ngenxa kulaziph iizizwe; ngoba lalibalutshwana kulazo zonke izizwe; **8** kodwa kungenxa yokuthi iNkosi yalithanda, langenxa yokuthi yayizagcina isifungo eyasifunga kuboyihlo, iNkosi yalikhupha ngesandla esilamandla, yakuhlenga endlini yobugqili, esandleni sikaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe. **9** Ngakho yazi ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kubo abamthandayo labagcina imilayo yakhe, kuze kube sezizukulwaneni eziyinkulungwane, **10** lophindisela abamzondayo ebusweni babo, ukubabhubhisa. Kayikuphuza komzondayo, uzamphindisela ebusweni bakhe. **11** Ngakho uzagcina imilayo lezimiso lezahlulelo engikulaya zona lamuhla ukuzenza. **12** Kuzakuthi ngoba lisizwa lezizahlulelo, lizigcine, lizenze, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakugcinela isivumelwano lomusa eyakufungela oyihlo. **13** Njalo izakuthanda, ikubusise, ikwandise. Futhi izabusisa isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo selizwe lakho, amabele akho, lewayini lakho elitsha, lamafutha akho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lemihlambi yezimvu zakho, elizweni alifungela oyihlo ukukunika lona. **14** Uzabusisa kulazo zonke izizwe; kakuyikuba khona phakathi kwakho owesilisa ongazaliyo lowesifazana oyinyumba, loba phakathi kwezfuyo zakho. **15** LeNkosi izasusa kuwe wonke umkhuhlane; kayiyikukwehlisela lasinye sezifo ezimbi zeGibhithe ozaziyo, kodwa izazehlisela phezu kwabo bonke abakuzondayo. **16** Njalo uzabaqothula bonke abantu ezabanikela kuwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; ilihlo lakho lingabazweli, ungakhonzi

onkulunkulu babo, ngoba lokhu kuzakuba ngumjibila kuwe. **17**
Nxa uzakuthi enhliziyweni yakho: Izizwe lezi zinengi kulami;
ngingazixotsha njani elifeni lazo? **18** Ungazesabi, khumbula
kuhle lokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakwenza kuFaro
lakuGibhithe lonke, **19** izilingo ezinkulu ilihlo lakho elazibonayo,
lezibonakaliso, lezimangaliso, lesandla esilamandla, lengalo
eyeluliweyo, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha ngakho.
INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakwenza njalo kuzo zonke izizwe
ozesabayo. **20** Futhi-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izathumela
olonyovu phakathi kwazo, zize zibhujiswe eziseleyo lezicatshela
ubuso bakho. **21** Kaliyikutshaywa luvalo ngazo, ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho iphakathi kwakho, uNkulunkulu omkhulu
lowesabekayo. **22** INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izazingcothula
lezizizwe phambi kwakho kancinyane kancinyane; ungeziqede
masinyane, hlezi izilo zeganga zikwandele. **23** Kodwa iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho izazinikela phambi kwakho, iziphazamise
ngokuphazamiseka okukhulu, zize zichithwe. **24** Izanikela
ezandleni zakho amakhosi azo, njalo uzacitsha ibizo lawo lisuke
ngaphansi kwamazulu; kakulamuntu ozakuma phambi kwakho
uze uzibhubhise. **25** Izithombe ezibaziweyo zabonkulunkulu
bazo lizazitshisa ngomlilo. Ungafisi isiliva legolide elikuzo,
ungazithatheli lona, hlezi ubanjwe emjibileni ngalo, ngoba
liyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. **26** Njalo ungasingenisi
isinengiso endlini yakho, hlezi ube yinto eqalekisiweyo njengaso;
usenyanye lokusenyanya, unengwe lokunengwa yiso, ngoba
siyinto eqalekisiweyo.

8 Yonke imithetho engikulaya yona lamuhla lizanenzelela
ukuyenza, ukuze liphile, lande, lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe,
iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo. **2** Njalo uzakhumbula indlela yonke

iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekukhokhele ngayo liminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala, ukuze ikuthobise, ikuhlole, ukwazi okusenhliziyweni yakho, uba uzagcina imithetho yayo, loba hatshi. **3** Yasikuthobisa, yakulambisa, yakudlisa imana owawungayazi, laboyihlo babengayazi, ukuze ikwazise ukuthi umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa ngakho konke okuphuma emlonyeni weNkosi umuntu uyaphila. **4** Izembatho zakho kaziguganga phezu kwakho, lonyawo lwakho kaluvuvukanga, le iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **5** Ngakho yazi enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi njengendoda ilaya indodana yayo, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iyakulaya. **6** Ngakho uzagcina imithetho yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba endleleni zayo, lokuyesaba. **7** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikungenisa elizweni elihle, ilizwe lezifula zamanzi, lemithombo lokujula okugobhoza ezihotsheni lezintabeni; **8** ilizwe lengqoloyi, lebhali, lezivini, lemikhwa, lezithelo zepomegranati, ilizwe lezihlahla zemihlwathi zamafutha, loluju, **9** ilizwe ozakudla kulo isinkwa kungekho ukusilela, ongayikuswela lutho kulo; ilizwe elilamatshe ayinsimbi, lelilezintaba elingagebha kuzo ithusi. **10** Usudlile wasutha, uzabusisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngelizwe elihle ekunike lona. **11** Ziqaphele hlezi ukhohlwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngokungagcini imilayo yayo lezahlulelo zayo lezimiso zayo, engikulaya zona lamuhla. **12** Hlezi lapho usudlile wasutha, usuwakhe izindlu ezinhle wahlala kuzo, **13** sekwandile inkomo zakho lezimvu zakho, lesiliva legolide kwakho sekwandile, lakho konke olakho sekwandile, **14** inhlizyo yakho ibisiziphakamisa, ubusukhohlwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili, **15** eyakukhokhela enkangala enkululu leyesabekayo,

okwakulenyoka ezilokutshisa lezinkume lomhlabathi owomileyo, lapho okwakungelmanzi khona, eyakuvezela amanzi edwaleni lelitshe elilukhuni, **16** eyakudlisa imana enkangala, oyihlo ababengayazi, ukuze ikuthobise, lokuze ikuhlole, ikwenzele okuhle ekucineni kwakho, **17** ubususithi enhliziyweni yakho: Amandla ami lokuqina kwesandla sami kungizuzele linotho. **18** Kodwa uzakhumbula iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba yiyo ekunika amandla okuzuza inotho, ukuze iqinise isivumelwano sayo eyasifungela oyihlo njengalamuhla. **19** Kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ukhohlwa lokukhohlwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ulandele abanye onkulunkulu, ubakhonze, ubakhothamele, ngijalifakazela lamuhla ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha. **20** Njengezizwe iNkosi ezichithileyo phambi kwenu, ngokunjalo lizabhubha, ngoba lingalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

9 Zwana, Israyeli; uzachapha iJordani lamuhla, ukungenela ukudla ilifa lezizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla kulawe, imizi emikhulu ebiyelwe ngemithangala efika emazulwini. **2** Abantu abakhulu labade, abantwana bamaAnaki wena obaziyo, wena osuzwile ngabo kuthiwa: Ngubani ongema phambi kwabantwana bakaAnaki? **3** Ngakho yazi lamuhla ukuthi yiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho echapha phambi kwakho, engumlilo oqothulayo; yona izabachitha, njalo yona izabehlisela phansi phambi kwakho; njalo lizabaxotsha basuke elifeni labo, libabhubhise masinyane, njengokutsho kweNkosi kuwe. **4** Ungakhulumi enhliziyweni yakho, lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isibaxotshile phambi kwakho, usithi: Ngenxa yokulunga kwami iNkosi ingingenise ukudla ilifa lelizwe leli. Kodwa ngenxa yobubi balezizizwe iNkosi izixotsha zisuke elifeni lazo phambi kwakho. **5** Kakungenxa yokulunga kwakho kumbe ngenxa yobuqotho benhliziyen yakho ukuthi ungene

ukudla ilifa lelizwe lazo; kodwa ngenxa yobubi balezizizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izixotsha zisuke elifeni lazo phambi kwakho, lokuthi iqinise ilizwi iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo, uAbrahama, utsaka loJakobe. **6** Yazi-ke ukuthi kakungenxa yokulunga kwakho ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikunika lelilizwe elihle ukuthi udle ilifa lalo; ngoba uyisizwe esilentamo elukhuni. **7** Khumbula, ungakhohlwa, ukuthi wayithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho enkangala; kusukela osukwini owaphuma ngalo elizweni leGibhithe laze latika kulindawo, beliyivukela iNkosi. **8** LeHorebe layithukuthelisa iNkosi, yaze yalithukuthelela iNkosi ukulichitha. **9** Sengenyukele entabeni ukwemukela izibhebhe zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano iNkosi eyasenza lani, ngasengahlala entabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, angidlanga sinkwa, anginathanga manzi. **10** INkosi yasinginika lezozibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe zilotshwe ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, laphezu kwazo kulotshiwe ngokwamazwi wonke iNkosi eyayiwakhulume lani entabeni, iphakathi komlilo ngosuku lokuhlangana. **11** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, iNkosi yangipha izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano. **12** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma wehle ngokuphangisa usuke lapha, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe bonakalisile, baphambukile ngokuphangisa endleleni engabalaya yona, bazenzela isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **13** INkosi yasikhuluma kimi isithi: Ngibabonile lababantu, khangelake, bangabantu abantamo zilukhuni. **14** Ngiyekela ukuze ngibabhubhise, ngesule ibizo labo lisuke ngaphansi kwamazulu; njalo ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esilamandla lesikhulu kulabo.

15 Ngasengiphenduka ngisehla entaben, lenta ba yayivutha umlilo; lezibhebhe zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami zombili. **16** Ngasengibona, khangelani-ke, lalonile eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu, lalizenzele ithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, laliphambukile ngokuphangisa endleleni iNkosi eyayililayile. **17** Ngasengibamba izibhebhe zombili, ngazilahla ezandleni zami zombili, ngazibulala phambi kwamehlo enu.

18 Ngasengiziwisela phansi phambi kweNkosi njengakuqala, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ngingadli sinkwa, nginganathi manzi, ngenxa yaso sonke isono senu elisonileyo, lisenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, liyithukuthelisa. **19** Ngoba ngangisesaba ukuthukuthela lolaka iNkosi eyayilithukuthelela ngakho ukulibhubhisa; kodwa iNkosi yangizwa langalesosikhathi. **20** INkosi yasimthukuthelela kakhulu uAroni ukuze imbhubbise; kodwa ngamkhulekela loAroni ngalesosikhathi. **21** Ngasengithatha isono senu, ithole elalilenzile, ngalitshisa ngomlilo, ngalichoboza, ngalicholisia laze laba lincinyane njengothuli; ngaphosa uthuli lwalo esifuleni esasisehla entaben. **22** LeTabera, leMasa, leKiribothi-Hathava liiyithukuthelisa iNkosi. **23** Lalapho iNkosi yalithuma lisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya isithi: Yenyukani, lidle ilifa lelizwe engilinike lona, laselihlamukela umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, kalyikholwanga, kalilalelanga ilizwi layo. **24** Lalivele liyivukele iNkosi kusukela osukwini engalazi ngalo. **25** Ngasengiziwisela phansi phambi kweNkosi insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, engaziwisela phansi ngazo, ngoba iNkosi yayithe izalichitha. **26** Ngasengikhuleka eNkosini ngathi: Nkosi Jehova, ungabachithi abantu bakho lelifa lakho, obahlenge ngobukhulu bakho, owabakhupha eGibhithe

ngesandla esilamandla. **27** Khumbula inceku zakho, uAbrahama, ulsaka, loJakobe; ungakhangeli inkani yalababantu lobubi babo lesono sabo, **28** hlezi ilizwe owasikhupha kilo lithi: Ngenxa yokuthi iNkosi yayingelamandla okubangenisa elizweni eyabathembisa lona, langenxa yokuthi ibazonda, yabakhupha ukuze ibabulalele enkangala. **29** Kube kanti bangabantu bakho lelifa lakho, owabakhupha ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliwego.

10 Ngalesosikhathi iNkosi yathi kimi: Zibazele izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala, wenyukele kimi entaben, uzenzele umtshokotsho wezigodo. **2** Ngizabhala-ke phezu kwezibhebhe amazwi ayesezibhebheni zakuqala owazibulalayo, uzibeke emtshokotshweni. **3** Ngasengisenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga, ngabaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala, ngenyukela entaben, lezibhebhe ezimbili zisesandleni sami. **4** Yasibhala ezibhebheni njengokubhala kwakuqala, imilayo elitshumi iNkosi eyayikhuluma kini entaben iphakathi komlilo ngosuku lokuhlangana; njalo iNkosi yanginika zona. **5** Ngasengiphenduka ngisehla entaben, ngazifaka izibhebhe emtshokotshweni engangiwenzile. Njalo zikhona lapho, njengokungilaya kweNkosi. **6** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesuka eBeyerothi-Bene-Jakani, baya eMosera; uAroni wafela lapho, wangcwatshwa khona; indodana yakhe uEleyazare wasebenza njengompristi esikhundleni sakhe. **7** Besuka lapho, baya eGudigoda; basuka eGudigoda, baya eJotibatha, ilizwe lezifula zamanzi. **8** Ngalesosikhathi iNkosi yehlukanisa isizwe sakoLevi ukuthi sithwale umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, ukuthi sime phambi kweNkosi, siyikhonze, sibusise ebizweni layo, kuze kube lamuhla. **9** Ngalokhu uLevi

kalasabelo lelifa kanye labafowabo; iNkosi iyilifa lakhe, njengokuthembisa kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kuye. **10**
Mina ngasengihlala entabeni njengensuku zendulo, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; leNkosi yangizwa langalesosikhathi; iNkosi kayithandanga ukukubhubhisa. **11** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uhambe phambi kwabantu, ukuze bangene badle ilifa lelizwe engafunga kuboyise ukubanika lona. **12** Khathesi-ke, Israyeli, kuyini iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekufuna kuwe, ngaphandle kokuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba ngendlela zayo zonke, lokuyithanda, lokuyikhonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhlizyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke, **13** ukugcina imilayo yeNkosi lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla, ukuthi kukulungele? **14** Khangela, amazulu, lezulu lamazulu ngaweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo. **15** Kuphela iNkosi yehlisela uthando lwayo phezu kwaboyihlo, ukubathanda, yakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo, ngitsho lina phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe, njengalamuhla. **16** Ngakho sokani ijwabu laphambili lenhlizyo yenu, lingabe lisazenza lukhuni intamo zenu. **17** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu inguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, leNkosi yamakhosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla, lowesabekayo, ongemukeli ubuso bomuntu, ongemukeli umvuzo. **18** Eyenza isahlulelo sentandane lomfelokazi, njalo ethanda ovezizweni ngokumnika ukudla lezembatho. **19** Ngakho lizamthanda ovezizweni, ngoba lalingabezizweni elizweni leGibhithe. **20** Uzayesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uyikhonze, unamathele kuyo, ufunge ngebizo layo. **21** Iludumo lwakho, njalo inguNkulunkulu wakho, okwenzele lezizinto ezinkulu lezesabekayo, amehlo

akho azibonileyo. **22** Oyhlo behlela eGibhithe belabantu abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa; khathesi-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikwenzile waba njengenkanyezi zamazulu ngobunengi.

11 Ngakho wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ugcine umlayo wayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo lemithetho yayo insuku zonke. **2** Yazini lamuhla, ngoba kangikhulumi ebantwaneni benu abangakwaziyo labangakubonanga ukulaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ubukhulu bayo, isandla sayo esilamandla, lengalo yayo eyeluliweyo, **3** lezibonakaliso zayo lezenzo zayo eyazenza phakathi kweGibhithe kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, lelizweni lakhe lonke, **4** lalokho eyakwenza ebuthweni leGibhithe, emabhizeni ayo lenqoleni zayo, lokuthi yenza amanzi oLwandle oluBomvu abakhukhule lapho bexotshana lani, lokuthi iNkosi yababhubhisa, kuze kube lamuhla, **5** lalokho eyakwenza kini enkangala laze lafika kuliindawo, **6** lalokho eyakwenza kuDathani lakuAbiramu amadodana kaEliyabi indodana kaRubeni, ukuthi umhlaba wakhamisa umlomo wawo wabaginya bona labezindlu zabo, lamathente abo, lakho konke okwakungokwabo, phakathi kukalsrayeli wonke. **7** Kodwa amehlo enu abonile zonke izenzo ezinkulu zeNkosi eyazenzayo. **8** Ngakho lizagcina yonke imithetho engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuze libe lamandla lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe, elichaphela kulo ukuyakudla ilifa lalo, **9** lokuthi lelule izinsuku elizweni iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo ukubanika lona lenzalo yabo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **10** Ngoba ilizwe ongena kilo ukudla ilifa lalo kalinjengelizwe leGibhithe eliphuma kilo, lapho owahlanyela khona inhlanyelo yakho, wayithelela ngonyawo lwakho, njengesivande semibhida; **11** kodwa ilizwe elichaphela kilo ukudla ilifa lalo liyilizwe lamaqqaq lezigodi, linatha amanzi ngezulu lamazulu; **12** ilizwe iNkosi

uNkulunkulu wakho elikhathalelayo; amehlo eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho aphezu kwalo njalo, kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka kuze kube sekupheleni komnyaka. **13** Kuzakuthi-ke, uba lilalela lokulalela imithetho yami engililaya yona lamuhla, ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lokuyikhonza ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke, **14** ngizanika izulu lelizwe lenu ngesikhathi salo, izulu elokuqala lezulu lokucina, ukuze ubuthe amabele akho lewayini lakho elitsha lamafutha akho. **15** Ngizanika izifuyo zakho utshani edlelweni lakho, njalo uzakudla, usuthe. **16** Ziqapheleni, hlezi inhliziyo yenu ikhohliseke, liphambuke, likhonze abanye onkulunkulu, libakhothamele, **17** ukuze ulaka lweNkosi lulivuthele, njalo ivale amazulu, ukuze kungabi khona izulu, lelizwe lingatheli isivuno salo, libhubhe masinyane lisuke elizweni elihle iNkosi elinika lona. **18** Ngakho lizabeka lamazwi ami enhliziyweni yenu lemphefumulweni wenu, liwabophele esandleni senu abe lumphawu, ukuze abe ngamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo enu. **19** Lizawafundisa abantwana benu, ukhulume ngawo lapho uhlezi endlini yakho, lalapho uhamba endleleni, lalapho ulala, lalapho uvuka. **20** Liwabhale emigubazini yendlu yakho lemasangweni akho, **21** ukuze zande insuku zenu lensuku zabantwana benu, elizweni iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo ukubanika lona, njengensuku zamazulu phezu komhlaba. **22** Ngoba uba ligcina lokugcina yonke imithetho le engililaya ukuthi liyenze, ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ngendlela zayo zonke, lokunamatela kuyo, **23** khona iNkosi izaxotsha elifeni zonke lezizizwe zisuke phambi kwenu, lidle ilifa lezizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla kulani. **24** Yonke indawo lapho ingaphansi yonyawo lwenu ezanyathela khona izakuba ngeyenu; kusukela enkangala, leLebhano, kusukela

emfuleni, umfula iYufrathi, kuze kufike elwandle lokucina, kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu. **25** Kakulamuntu ozakuma phambi kwenu; iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izabeka ukwesabeka kwenu lokutshaywa luvalo ngani phezu kwalo lonke ilizwe elizanyathela kulo, njengalokhu etshilo kini. **26** Khangelani, lamuhla ngiyabeka phambi kwenu isibusiso lesiqalekiso; **27** isibusiso, uba lilalela imithetho yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu engililaya yona lamuhla; **28** lesiqalekiso, uba lingalaleli imithetho yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, kodwa liphambuka endleleni engililaya yona lamuhla, ukulandela abanye onkulunkulu elingabazanga. **29** Kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho esekungenisile elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo, uzabeka isibusiso phezu kwentaba yeGerizimi, lesiqalekiso phezu kwentaba yeEbhali. **30** Angithi zona ziphetsheya kweJordani emva kwendlela yekutshoneni kwelanga, elizweni lamaKhanani ahlala emagcekeni maqondana leGiligali, eduze lezihlahla zama-okhi zeMore? **31** Ngoba lizachapha iJordani ukuze lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinika lona. Lizakudla ilifa lalo, lihlale kilo, **32** linanzelele ukwenza zonke izimiso lezahlulelo engizibeka phambi kwenu lamuhla.

12 Lezi yizimiso lezahlulelo elizanenzelela ukuzenza elizweni iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, ekunika lona ukuthi udle ilifa lalo, zonke izinsuku eliphila ngazo emhlabeni. **2** Lizadiliza lokudiliza zonke indawo lapho izizwe elizazixotsha elifeni lazo ezazikhonzela khona onkulunkulu bazo, entabenzi eziphakemeyo lemaqaqeni langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza; **3** lizadiliza amalathi azo, libulale insika zazo eziyizithombe, litshise izixuku zazo ngomlilo, liqumele phansi izithombe ezibaziweyo zabonkulunkulu bazo, lichithe ibizo lazo kuleyondawo. **4** Lingenzi

njalo eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Kodwa endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ezayikhetha phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe zenu ukubeka ibizo layo khona, lizadinga kundawo yayo yokuhlala; njalo uzakuya khona, **6** lilethe khona iminikelo yenu yokutshisa, lemihlatshelo yenu, lokwetshumi kwenu, lomnikelo wokuphakanyisa wesandla senu, lezithembiso zenu, leminikelo yenu yesihle, lamazibulo enkomo zenu lawezimvu zenu; **7** lidle khona phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lithokoze ngakho konke elibeke isandla senu kukho, lina labendlu yenu, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekibusise ngakho. **8** Kaliyikwenza njengakho konke esikwenzayo lapha lamuhla, ngulowo lalowo loba yikuphi okulungileyo emehlwani akhe. **9** Ngoba kalikafiki ekuphumuleni lelifeni, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. **10** Lapho selichaphile iJordan, selihlezi elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinika lona libe yilifa lenu, isiliphumuzile ezitheni zenu zonke inhlangothi zonke, selihlezi livikelekile, **11** khona kuzakuba lendawo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ezayikhetha ukwenza ibizo layo lihlale lapho; lizaletha lapho konke engililaya khona, iminikelo yenu yokutshisa, lemihlatshelo yenu, lokwetshumi kwenu, lomnikelo wokuphakanyisa wesandla senu, lezithembiso zenu zonke ezikhethekileyo elizazithembisa eNkosini. **12** Njalo lizathaba phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lina lamadodana enu lamadodakazi enu, lenceku zenu lencekukazi zenu, lomLevi ophakathi kwamasango enu, ngoba engelasabelo lelifa lani. **13** Ziqaphele ukuthi unganikeli iminikelo yakho yokutshisa kuyo yonke indawo oyibonayo; **14** kodwa endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha kwesinye sezizwe zakho, lapho uzanikela iminikelo yakho yokutshisa, lalapho uzakwenza konke engikulaya khona. **15** Kanti ungahlaba udle inyama, phakathi kwawo wonke

amasango akho, njengaso sonke isifiso sompheyfumulo wakho, njengokwesibusiso seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ekunike sona; ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo angakudla, njengomziki lanjengendluzele. **16** Kuphela lingadli igazi; lizalichithela emhlabathini njengamanzi. **17** Awulakudlela emasangweni akho okwetshumi kwamabele akho leyewayini lakho elitsha, leyamafutha akho, loba amazibulo enkomo zakho lawezimvu zakho, loba yikuphi kwestithembiso sakho osithembisileyo, loba iminikelo yakho yesihle, loba umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesandla sakho. **18** Kodwa phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho uzadlela lokho endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, lomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho; njalo uzathaba phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kukho konke obeka isandla sakho kukho. **19** Ziqaphele ukuthi ungamkhohlwa umLevi zonke izinsuku zakho elizweni lakho. **20** Lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iqhelisa umngcele wakho, njengokukhuluma kwayo kuwe, njalo uzakuthi: Ngizakudla inyama, ngoba umphefumulo wakho ukhanuka ukudla inyama; njengokwesifiso sonke sompheyfumulo wakho uzakudla inyama. **21** Uba indawo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukubeka ibizo layo khona ikhatshana lawe, uzahlaba enkomeni zakho loba ezimvini zakho iNkosi ekunike zona, njengokukulaya kwami, uzakudlela phakathi kwamasango akho, njengokwesifiso sonke sompheyfumulo wakho. **22** Ngitsho, njengalokhu kudliwa umziki lendluzele, ngokunjalo uzazidla; ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo angazidla ngokufananayo. **23** Kuphela qaphela ukuthi ungaridli igazi, ngoba igazi liyimpilo; ngakho kawuyikudla impilo kanye lenyama. **24** Ungalidli, uzalichithela emhlabathini

njengamanzi. **25** Ungalidli, ukuze kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho, lapho usenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi. **26** Kuphela izinto ezingcwele olazo, lezithembiso zakho, uzazithatha, uye endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha. **27** Ulungise iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa, inyama legazi, phezu kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. Legazi lemihlatshelo yakho lizathululelwa phezu kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, lenyama ungayidla. **28** Qaphela uzwe wonke amazwi la engikulaya wona, ukuze kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho kuze kube nininini, lapho usenza okulungileyo lokuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **29** Lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izaquma izizwe zisuke phambi kwakho lapho oya khona ukudla ilifa lazo, lapho usudle ilifa lazo wahlala elizweni lazo, **30** ziqaphele ukuthi ungathiywa uzilandele, emva kokuchithwa kwazo phambi kwakho, lokuthi ungabuzi ngonkulunkulu bazo usithi: Izizwe lezi zazikhonza njani onkulunkulu bazo? Lami ngizakwenza njalo. **31** Kawuyikwenza njalo eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba konke okunengekayo eNkosini, ekuzondayo, zikwenzile kubonkulunkulu bazo; ngoba ngitsho amadodana azo lamadodakazi azo zibatshisile ngomlilo kubonkulunkulu bazo. **32** Yonke into engililaya ngayo, qaphelani ukuyenza; ungengezeleli kuyo, futhi ungaphunguli kuyo.

13 Uba kuvela phakathi kwakho umprofethi kumbe umphuphi wamaphupho, akunike isibonakaliso loba isimangaliso, **2** lesibonakaliso loba isimangaliso akhulume ngaso kuwe senzakale, esithi: Asilandele abanye onkulunkulu ongabazanga, sibakhonze; **3** ungalaleli amazwi alowomprofethi loba lowomphuphi wamaphupho; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu iyalilinga ukuze yazi ukuthi liyayithanda yini iNkosi uNkulunkulu

wenu ngenhlizyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke. 4
INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu lizayilandela, yona liyesabe, imithetho
yayo liyigcine, ilizwi layo lililalele, yona liyikhonze, kuyo
linamathele. 5 Lalowomprofethi loba lowomphuphi wamaphupho
kabulawe, ngoba ukhulume ukuhlamukela iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu, eyalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe, yakuhlenga endlini
yobugqili, ukukufuqa uphambuke endleleni iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho eyakulaya ukuhamba ngayo. Ngalokhu uzakhupha
ububi phakathi kwakho. 6 Uba umfowenu, indodana kanyoko,
loba indodana yakho, loba indodakazi yakho, loba umfazi
wesifuba sakho, kumbe umngane wakho onjengomphefumulo
wakho, ekuyenga ensitha esithi: Asihambe, siyekhonza abanye
onkulunkulu, ongabazanga, wena laboyihlo, 7 babonkulunkulu
abantu abalizingelezeleyo, abaseduze lawe loba abakhatshana
lawe, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kufike
komunye umkhawulo womhlaba, 8 ungamvumeli, ungamlaleli,
futhi ilihlo lakho lingamhawukeli, njalo ungamyekeli, ungamfihli,
9 kodwa umbulale lokumbulala; isandla sakho sizakuba
ngesokuqala phezu kwakhe ukumbulala, lemva kwalokho isandla
sabantu bonke. 10 Njalo mkhande ngamatshe aze afe, ngoba
ubedinga ukukufuqa uphambuke eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho,
eyakukupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili. 11 Lolsrayeli
wonke uzakuzwa, esabe, angabe esenza ububi obunjengalobo
phakathi kwakho. 12 Uba usizwa komunye wemizi yakho, iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika yona, ukuthi uhlale khona, kuthiwa:
13 Kuphumile amadoda, abantwana bakaBheliyali, phakathi
kwakho, afuqa aphambula abakhileyo bomuzi wawo esithi:
Asihambe siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu elingabazanga; 14
khona uzabuza, uhlolisise, udingjisise; khangela, uba kuliqiniso,

leyonto iqinisekile, lesisinengiso senziwe phakathi kwakho, **15**
uzatshaya lokubatshaya abakhileyo balowomuzi ngobukhali
benkemba, uwutshabalalise, lakho konke okukuwo lezifuyo
zawo, ngobukhali benkemba. **16** Uzabuthela yonke impango
yawo phakathi komdanga wawo, utshise ngomlilo umuzi
lempango yawo yonke uphele du, eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho;
njalo uzakuba yinqumbi phakade, awuyikwakhiwa futhi. **17**
Kunganamatheli lutho kwalokho okuqalekisiweyo esandleni
sakho, ukuze iNkosi iphenduke ekuvutheni kwentukuthelo yayo,
ikuphe umusa, ibe lobubele kuwe, ikwandise, njengalokhu
yafunga kuboyihlo, **18** uba ulalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho, ukugcina yonke imithetho yayo engikulaya yona lamuhla,
ukwenza okulungileyo emehlwени eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.

14 Lingabantwana beNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. Kaliyikuziska,
lingenzi impabanga phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo enu ngenxa
yabafileyo. **2** Ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wakho; leNkosi ikukhethile ukuthi ube yisizwe esikhethekileyo
kuyo, ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke ezisebusweni bomhlaba.
3 Ungadli loba yikuphi okunengekayo. **4** Yilezi inyamazana
elingazidla: Inkabi, imvu, lembizi, **5** indluzele, lomziki,
lomziki olempondo ezilembaxambaxa, lembizi yeganga,
lomtshwayeli, lenkabi yeganga, legogo, **6** layo yonke inyamazana
edabula isondo, edabula okudabukileyo kube zinklagu ezimbili,
eyetshisayo phakathi kwezinyamazana; leyo lingayidla. **7** Kodwa
lezi kaliyikuzidla kuzo ezetshisayo, lakuzo ezidabula isondo
elidabukileyo: Ikamela lomvundla lembila, ngoba ziyetshisa
kodwa kazidabulanga isondo; zingcolile kini. **8** Lengulube,
ngoba idabula isondo kodwa kayetshisi; ingcolile kini. Lingadli
okwenyama yazo, lingathinti izidumbu zazo. **9** Lezi lingazidla

kuzo zonke ezisemanzini: Zonke ezilempiko lamaxolo lingazidla.

10 Kodwa loba yikuphi okungelampiko lamaxolo lingakudli; kungcolile kini. **11** Zonke inyoni ezihlambulukileyo lingazidla. **12** Kodwa yilezi elingayikudla kuzo: Ukhozi lelinqe lengqungqulu edla inhlanzi, **13** lomzwazwa, lohelwane, lelinqe ngohlobo lwalo, **14** lalo lonke iwabayi ngohlobo lwalo, **15** lesikhova, lomandukulo, lenkanku, lokhozi ngohlobo lwalo, **16** isikhova esincinyane, lesikhova esikhulu, lesikhova esimhlophe, **17** lewunkwe, lelinqe elikhulu, letshayamanzi, **18** lengabuzane, lehemu ngohlobo lwalo, lemwenduna, lolulwane. **19** Lazo zonke izibungu ezilempiko zingcolile kini; kazingadliwa. **20** Zonke izinyoni ezihlambulukileyo lingazidla. **21** Lingabokudla langcuba; ungayinika owemzini ophakathi kwamasango akho ukuthi ayidle, loba uyithengise kowezizwe; ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. Ungapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina. **22** Uzanikela ngoqotho okwetshumi kwesithelo sonke senhlanyelo yakho, insimu ekuthelayo iminyaka ngeminyaka. **23** Njalo uzakudla phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, endaweni ezayikhetha ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona, okwetshumi kwamabele akho, okwewayini lakho elitsha, lokwamafutha akho, lamazibulo enkomo zakho lawezimvu zakho, ukuze ufunde ukuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho insuku zonke. **24** Uba-ke indlela inde kakhulu kuwe, uze wehluleke ukukuthwala, ngoba ikhatshana kakhulu lawe indawo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona, lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusisile, **25** uzakuguqula-ke kube yimali, ubophele imali esandleni sakho, uye endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha, **26** uthenge ngaleyomali loba kuyini umphefumulo wakho okufisayo, izinkabi loba

izimvu loba iwayini loba okunathwayo okulamandla, loba kuyini umphefumulo wakho okufisayo; udle khona phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uthabe wena lendlu yakho.

27 LomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho, ungamdeli, ngoba kalasabelo lelifa kanye lawe. **28** Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu uzakhupha konke okwetshumi kwezithelo zakho ngalowomnyaka, ukugcine phakathi kwamasango akho. **29** LomLevi, lokhu engelasabelo lelifa kanye lawe, lowemzini, lentandane, lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwamasango akho, bazakuza, badle, basuthe, ukuze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusise emsebenzini wonke wesandla sakho owenzayo.

15 Ekupheleni kweminyaka yonke eyisikhombisa uzakwenza inkululeko. **2** Njalo le yindlela yenkululeko: Wonke umkweledisi oweboleka umakhelwane wakhe uzakhulula isikwelede; kayikusibamba ngamandla kumakhelwane wakhe kumbe kumfowabo, ngoba kumenyezelwe inkululeko eNkosini. **3** Kowezizweni uzasibamba ngamandla; kodwa lokho okwakho okukumfowenu isandla sakho sizakukhulula; **4** ukuze kungabi lomyanga phakathi kwakho; ngoba iNkosi izakubusisa lokukubusisa elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuthi libe yilifa ukudla ilifa lalo, **5** kuphela uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ugcine ukuyenza limithetho yonke engikulaya yona lamuhla. **6** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa njengokuthembisa kwayo kuwe. Njalo uzakweboleka izizwe ezinengi, kodwa wena kawuyikweboleka kuzo; uzabusa izizwe ezinengi, kodwa wena kaziyikukubusa. **7** Uba kukhona phakathi kwakho umyanga ongomunye wabafowenu, kwelinye lamasango akho, elizweni lakho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ungenzi lukhuni inhliziyo

yakho, ungamvaleli umfowenu ongumyanga isandla sakho,
8 kodwa uzamvulela lokumvulela isandla sakho, umeboleke
lokumeboleka okwanelo ukuswela kwakhe, lokho akuswelayo.
9 Ziqaphele hlezi kube khona ilizwi enhliziyyeni yakho embi
lisithi: Umnyaka wesikhombisa, umnyaka wenkululeko useduze;
lelihlo lakho libe libi limelane lomfowenu ongumyanga, ukuze
ungamniki, abesekhala ngawe eNkosini, njalo kube yisono kuwe.
10 Umnike lokumnika, lenhlizyo yakho ingadani nxa umnika;
ngoba ngenxa yalinto iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa
emsebenzini wonke wakho lakukho konke obeka kukho isandla
sakho. **11** Ngoba umyanga kayikuphela phakathi kwelizwe.
Ngakho ngiyakulaya ngithi: Uzamvulela kakhulu isandla sakho
umfowenu, umyanga wakho, loswelayo wakho, elizweni lakho.
12 Uba umfowenu, umHebheru loba umHebherukazi, ethengiswa
kuwe, akusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, ngakho ngomnyaka
wesikhombisa uzamyekela ukuthi ahambe ekhululekile asuke
kuwe. **13** Lalapho umyekela ukuthi ahambe ekhululekile esuka
kuwe, ungamyekeli ukuthi ahambe engaphathanga lutho;
14 uzamnakekela lokumnakekela ezimvini zakho, lokwebala
lokubhulela lakho, lokwesikhambelo sakho sewayini; kulokho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekibusise ngakho uzamupha. **15**
Njalo uzakhumbula ukuthi wawuyisiggili elizweni leGibhithe,
lokuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakuhlenga. Ngalokho
ngiyakulaya linto lamuhla. **16** Kodwa kuzakuthi, uba esithi
kuwe: Kangiyikusuka kuwe, ngoba ethanda wena lendlu
yakho, ngoba kulungile kuye elawe, **17** uzathatha usungulo,
ubhobozele indlebe yakhe ngalo esivalweni, ukuze abe
yisiggili sakho laphakade. Lakuso isigqilikazi sakho wenze
njalo. **18** Kakungabi lukhuni emehlwani akho nxa umyekela

ehamba ekhululekile kuwe; ngoba ngokuphindwe kabili kweholo lesiqatshwa ukusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha. Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa kukho konke okwenzayo.

19 Wonke amazibulo azazalwa enkomeni zakho lezimvini zakho, amaduna, uzawangcwelisela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; kawuyikusebenza ngezibulo lejongosi lakho, futhi kawuyikugunda izibulo lezimvu zakho. **20** Phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho uzalidla, umnyaka ngomnyaka, endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha, wena lendlu yakho. **21** Kodwa uba kulesici kulo, liqhula, loba liyisiphofu, loba lisiphi isici esibi, ungalihlabeli iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **22** Uzalidla phakathi kwamasango akho, ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo bazalidla bendawonye, njengomziki lanjengendluzele. **23** Kuphela igazi lalo ungalidli; ulichithele emhlabathini njengamanzi.

16 Gcina inyanga kaAbhibhi, wenzele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iphasika, ngoba ngenyanga kaAbhibhi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakukhupha eGibhithe ebusuku. **2** Ngakho uzahlabela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iphasika, lezimvu lenkomo, endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona. **3** Ungadli lalo isinkwa esilemvubelo. Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzakudla lalo isinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa senhlupheko, ngoba waphuma elizweni leGibhithe ngokuphangisa, ukuze ukhumbule usuku lokuphuma kwakho elizweni leGibhithe zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho. **4** Njalo kakungabonwa kuwe imvubelo emingceleni yonke yakho insuku eziyisikhombisa; futhi okwenyama oyihlaba kusihlwa ngosuku lokuqala kakungalali ubusuku bonke kuze kuse. **5** Awulakuhlaba iphasika phakathi kwaloba yiliphi lamasango akho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika wona, **6** kodwa endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha

ukuhlalisa ibizo layo khona, lapho uzahlabela iphasika kusihlwa, ekutshoneni kwelanga, ngesikhathi esimisiwego sokuphuma kwakho eGibhithe. 7 Njalo uzalipheka, ulidlele endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha. Lekuseni uzaphenduka uye emathenteni akho. 8 Insuku eziyisithupha uzakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo; langosuku lwasikhombisa kube lomhlangano onzulu eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi umsebenzi. 9 Uzazibalela amaviki ayisikhombisa. Kusukela beqalisa ngesikela emabeleni amileyo uzaqala ukubala amaviki ayisikhombisa.

10 Khona uzagcinela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho umkhosi wamaviki, umnikelo wesihle wesandla sakho, ozawunikela, njengalokhu iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusisile. 11 Njalo uzathokoza phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, lomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho, lowezizweni, lentandane, lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwakho, endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuhlalisa ibizo layo khona.

12 Uzakhumbula-ke ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe. Njalo uzacina njalo wenze lezizimiso. 13 Umkhosi wamadumba uzazigcinela wona insuku eziyisikhombisa, ekubutheleni kwakho ebaleni lakho lokubhulela lesikhamelweni sakho sewayini. 14 Njalo uzathaba emkhosini wakho, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho, lomLevi, lowezizweni, lentandane, lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwamasango akho. 15 Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzayigcinela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho umkhosi, endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa kuzo zonke izithelo zakho lemsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho. Ngakho uzathokoza ngoqotho. 16 Kathathu ngomnyaka wonke owesilisa

wakho uzabonakala phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho endaweni ezayikhetha, ngomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, langomkhosi wamaviki, langomkhosi wamadumba. Njalo kayikubonakala phambi kweNkosi engaphathanga lutho; **17** ngulowo lalowo ngokwesipho sesandla sakhe, njengesibusiso seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ekunike sona. **18** Abahluleli lezinduna uzazibekela bona emasangweni akho wonke, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika wona, phakathi kwezizwe zakho, ukuthi bahlulele abantu ngesahlulelo esilungileyo. **19** Ungaphambuli isahlulelo, ungakhangeli ubuso, ungemukeli isipho, ngoba isipho siphumputhekisa amehlo abahlakaniphileyo, siphambula amazwi abalungileyo. **20** Ukulunga, ukulunga uzakunxwanelu, ukuze uphile, udle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. **21** Ungazihlanyeleti isixuku saloba yisiphi isihlahla eduze kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ozazenzela lona. **22** Njalo ungazimiseli insika eyisithombe, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyizondayo.

17 Ungahlabeli iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inkabi kumbe imvu okukuyo isici, loba yiyiphi into embi, ngoba kuyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. **2** Uba kutholakala phakathi kwakho, loba phakathi kwaliphi lamasango akho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika wona, owesilisa loba owesifazana owenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngokweqa isivumelwano sayo, **3** abesesiyakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, abakhothamele, loba ilanga kumbe inyanga, kumbe enye yebutho lamazulu, engingakulayanga, **4** ube usukubikelwa, ukuzwe, uzakubuzisisa, khangel-a-ke, kuliqiniso, indaba iqinisekile, lesosinengiso senziwe kolsrayeli, **5** uzayikhupha leyondoda kumbe lowo owesifazana, abenze leyonto embi,

emasangweni akho, leyondoda kumbe lowo owesifazana, ubakhande ngamatshe baze bafe. **6** Ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili loba wabafakazi abathathu ofanele ukufa uzabulawa; kayikubulawa ngomlomo womfakazi oyedwa. **7** Isandla sabafakazi sizakuba ngesokuqala phezu kwakhe ukumbulala, lemva kwalokho isandla sabo bonkeabantu. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho. **8** Uba kulodaba olulukhuni kakhlulu kuwe ekwahluleleni, phakathi kwegazi legazi, phakathi kwesahlulelo lesahlulelo, laphakathi kokutshaya lokutshaya, indaba zokuphikisana emasangweni akho, khona uzasukuma uye endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha, **9** uze kubapristi abangamaLevi lakumahluleli ozakuba ekhona ngalezonsuku, uzabuza; babesebekutshela isinqumo sesahlulelo. **10** Njalo uzakwenza njengokwesinqumo abazakutshela sona kuleyondawo iNkosi ezayikhetha; njalo unanzelele ukwenza njengakho konke abazakufundisa khona. **11** Njengokomthetho abazakufundisa wona, lanjengokwesahlulelo abazakutshela sona, uzakwenza. Kawuyikuphambuka kusinqumo abazakutshela sona, uye ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo. **12** Lendoda eyenza ngokuziqhenya ukuze ingalaleli umpristi omi ukukhonza khona iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, kumbe umahluleli, leyondoda izakufa. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi kolsrayeli. **13** Njalo bonkeabantu bazakuzwa, besabe, bangaphindi ukuziqhenya. **14** Lapho usufikile elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuthi udle ilifa lalo, uhlale kilo, ubususithi: Ngizazimisela inkosi njengazo zonke izizwe ezingizingelezeleyo; **15** umbeke lokumbeka abe yinkosi phezu kwakho, yena iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezamkhetha. Evela phakathi kwabafowenu umbeke abe yinkosi phezu kwakho; kawulakumbeka ovezizweni phezu

kwakho ongesumfowenu. **16** Kodwa angazandiseli amabhiza, njalo angababuyiseli abantu eGibhithe ukuze andise amabhiza, ngoba iNkosi ithe kini: Kalisayikubuyela futhi ngaleyondlela. **17** Futhi angazandiseli abafazi, ukuze inhliziyo yakhe ingaphambuki; njalo angazandiseli kakhulu isiliva legolide. **18** Kuzakuthi esehlala esihhlalweni sobukhosи sombuso wakhe, uzazibhalela impinda yalumlayo egwalweni, okuvela kulokho okuphambi kwabapristi abangamaLevi. **19** Njalo luzakuba laye, njalo abale kulo insuku zonke zempilo yakhe, ukuze afunde ukuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, agcine wonke amazwi alumlayo lezimiso lezi, akwenze, **20** ukuze inhliziyo yakhe ingaziphakamisi phezu kwabafowabo, lokuze angaphambuki emthethweni aye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze elule izinsuku embusweni wakhe, yena labantwana bakhe, phakathi kukalsrayeli.

18 Abapristi, amaLevi, isizwe sonke sakoLevi, kasiyikuba lesabelo lelifa kanye lolsrayeli; bazakudla iminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, lelifa layo. **2** Ngakho kabayikuba lelifa phakathi kwabafowabo; iNkosi iyilifa labo, njengokukhulumka wayo kibo. **3** Lalokhu kuzakuba lilungelo labapristi elivelababantwini, kulabo abahlaba umhlatshelo, loba inkabi loba imvu; njalo bazanika umpristi umkhono lemihlathi yomibili lolusu. **4** Okokuqala kwamabele akho, yewayini lakho elitsha, leyamafutha akho, lengqabutho yoboya bezimvu zakho, uzamupha yona. **5** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho imkhethile kuzo zonke izizwe zakho, ukuthi eme akhonze ebizweni leNkosi, yena lamadodana akhe, zonke izinsuku. **6** Uba-ke umLevi esiza evela loba kukuliphi lamasango akho kulsrayeli wonke lapho ahlala khona njengowezizwe, eze ngesifiso

sonke sompheyfumulo wakhe endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha,
7 khona ezakhonza ebizweni leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe
njengabo bonke abafowabo amaLevi, emijo khona phambi
kweNkosi. 8 Azakudla izabelo ezilinganayo, ngaphandle
kwezinto zakhe ezathengiswayo zaboyise. 9 Lapho usufikile
elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ungafundi
ukwenza ngokwezinengiso zalezozizwe. 10 Kakuyikutholakala
phakathi kwakho owenza indodana yakhe lendodakazi yakhe
idabule emlilweni, owenza ukuvumisa, ochasisa ngemibono,
lowenza imilingo, lomthakathi, 11 lophosayo, lolamadlozi,
lolumbayo, lobuza kwabafileyo. 12 Ngoba wonke owenza
lezizinto uyisinengiso eNkosini. Langenxa yalezizinengiso iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho iyabaxotsha elifeni phambi kwakho. 13
Uzakuba ngopheleleyo eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. 14
Ngoba izizwe lezi, ozakudla ilifa lazo, zalalela abachasisa
ngemibono labavumisi; kodwa wena, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
kayikuvumelanga okunjalo. 15 INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
izakuvusela uMprofethi ophuma phakathi kwakho kubafowenu
onjengami; yena limlalele. 16 Njengakho konke owakucelayo
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho eHorebe ngosuku lokuhlangana,
usithi: Kangingaphindi ngilizwe ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami,
ngingabe ngisawubona lumlilo omkhulu, ukuze ngingafi. 17
INkosi yasisithi kimi: Benze kuhle kwabakukhulumileyo. 18
Ngizabavusela uMprofethi ophuma phakathi kwabafowabo
onjengawe; ngizabeka amazwi ami emlonyeni wakhe, njalo
akhulume kibo konke engizamlaya khona. 19 Kuzakuthi-ke loba
ngubani ongayikulalela amazwi ami azawakhuluma ebizweni
lami, ngizakubuza kuye. 20 Kodwa umprofethi oziqhenya
ekhuluma ilizwi ebizweni lami engingamlayanga ukulikhuluma,

loba ekhuluma ebizweni labanye onkulunkulu, lowomprofethi uzakufa. **21** Njalo uba usithi enhliziyweni yakho: Sizakwazi njani ilizwi iNkosi engalikhulumanga? **22** Lapho umprofethi ekhuluma ebizweni leNkosi, uba leyonto ingenzeki kumbe ingafiki, lelo yilizwi iNkosi engalikhulumanga; umprofethi ulikhulume ngokuziqhenya; ungamesabi.

19 Lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isiqumile izizwe, olizwe lazo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike lona, osusidla ilifa lazo, osuhlala emizini yazo lezindlini zazo, **2** imizi emithathu uzazehlukanisela yona phakathi kwelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo. **3** Uzazilungisela indlela, wehlukanise umngcele welizwe lakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo, ube lezigaba ezintathu, ukuze wonke umbulali abalekele khona. **4** Lalolu ludaba lombulali ongabalekela khona ukuze aphile: Lowo otshaya umakhelwane wakhe kungeyisikho ngabomo, obengamzondi mandulo, **5** njengongena egangeni lomakhelwane wakhe ukuyagamula izihlahla, lesandla sakhe sitshaya ngehloka ukugamula isihlahla, lensimbi ikhumuke emphinini, imtshaye umakhelwane wakhe aze afe, yena uzabalekela komunye waleyomizi ukuze aphile. **6** Hlezi umphindiseli wegazi axotshane lombulali, inhliziyoyakhe isatshisa, amfice ngoba indlela inde, amtshaye ambulale, lanxa bekungelasigwebo sokufa kuye, ngoba ebengamzondi mandulo. **7** Ngalokhu ngiyalilaya ngisithi: Uzazehlukanisela imizi emithathu. **8** Uba-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iqhelisa umngcele wakho, njengokufunga kwayo kuboyihlo, ikunika ilizwe lonke eyakhuluma ngalo ukubanika oyihlo, **9** uba ugcina yonke limithetho ukuyenza engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuhamba endleleni zayo izinsuku zonke,

khona uzazengezelelela eminye imizi emithathu ngaphandle kwaleyemithathu. **10** Ukuze kungachithwa igazi elingelacala phakathi kwelizwe lakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuba yilifa, ube lecalalagazi phezu kwakho. **11** Kodwa uba umuntu elenzondo kumakhelwane wakhe, amcathamele, amvukele, amtshaye okokufa aze afe, abalekele komunye walimizi, **12** khona abadala bomuzi wakhe bazathumela bamthathe lapho, bamnikele esandleni somphindiseli wegazi ukuthi afe. **13** Ilihlo lakho lingamhawukeli, kodwa uzakhupha igazi elingelacala kolsrayeli, ukuze kukulungele. **14** Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane somngcele womakhelwane wakho abendulo abasibethelayo elifeni lakho, ozakudla ilifa lalo elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo. **15** Umfakazi oyedwa kayikusukumela umuntu loba ngabuphi ububi loba ngasiphi isono, loba kusiphi isono one ngaso. Ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe ngomlomo wabafakazi abathathu udaba lungaqiniswa. **16** Uba kusukuma umfakazi wamanga amelane lomuntu emfakazela ngokubi, **17** khona abantu bobabili, abalokuxabana, bazakuma phambi kweNkosi, phambi kwabapristi labahluleli abazakuba behkona ngalezonsuku. **18** Labahluleli bazachwayisa; khangela-ke umfakazi ngumfakazi wamanga, ufakaze amanga ngomfowabo, **19** khona lizakwenza kuye lokho abehlose ukukwenza kumfowabo; ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho. **20** Lalabo abaseleyo bazakuzwa, besabe, kusukela lapho bangabe besenza ububi obunjengalobu phakathi kwakho. **21** Lelihlo lakho lingabi lesihawu; impilo ngempilo, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo.

20 Lapho uphuma impi ukumelana lezitha zakho, ube usubona amabhiza lezinqola, labantu abanengi kulawe, ungabesabi;

ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ilawe, eyakukhupha elizweni
leGibhithe. **2** Njalo kuzakuthi, nxa selisondela empini, umpristi
asondele akhulume labantu, **3** athi kubo: Zwana, Israyeli!
Selisondela empini lamuhla limelana lezitha zenu; inhliziyo yenu
kayingapheli amandla; lingesabi, lingathuthumeli, lingatshaywa
luvalo ngenxa yobukhona babo; **4** ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu nguye ohamba lani, ukulilwela ezitheni zenu, ukulisindisa.
5 Lenduna zizakhuluma labantu zithi: Ngubani umuntu owakhe
indlu entsha ongazanga ayivule? Kahambe abuyelete endlini
yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye umuntu ayivule. **6** Ngubani-
ke umuntu ohlanyelete isivini, ongadlanga okwaso? Kahambe
abuyelete endlini yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye umuntu adle
okwaso. **7** Ngubani-ke umuntu ogane umfazi, engakamthathi?
Kahambe abuyelete endlini yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye
umuntu amthathe. **8** Lezinduna zizakhuluma futhi labantu, zithi:
Ngubani umuntu owesabayo ophelelwa ngamandla enhliziyweni?
Kahambe abuyelete endlini yakhe, ukuze inhliziyo zabafowabo
zingaphelelwa ngamandla njengenhliziyo yakhe. **9** Kuzakuthi-
ke lapho izinduna sezigedile ukukhuluma labantu, bazabeka
izinduna zebutho ephondo lwabantu. **10** Ekusondeleni kwakho
emzini ukulwa umelene lawo, uzamemezelu ukuthula kuwo. **11**
Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ukuphendula ngokuthula, ukuvulela, khona
bonke abantu abaficwa kuwo bazakuba yizibhalwa kuwe,
bakusebenzele. **12** Kodwa uba ungenzi ukuthula lawe, kodwa
usilwa lawe, uzawuvimbezela. **13** Nxa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
iwunikela esandleni sakho, uzatshaya wonke owesilisa waho
ngobukhali benkemba. **14** Kodwa abesifazana labantwanyana,
lezifuyo, lakho konke okusemzini, impango yonke yaho,
uzaziphangela yona; uzakudla impango yezitha zakho iNkosi

uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike yona. **15** Uzakwenza njalo kuyo yonke imizi ekhatshana kakhulu lawe, engeyisiyo yemizi yalezizizwe. **16** Kodwa emizini yalababantu iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika yona ukuba yilifa, kawuyikutshiya lutho lughila oluphefumulayo; **17** kodwa uzabatshabalalisa lokubatshabalalisa: AmaHethi lamaAmori, amaKhanani lamaPerizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, njengokukulaya kwayo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **18** Ukuze bangalifundisi ukwenza njengazo zonke izinengiso zabo, abazenze kubonkulunkulu babo, ukuthi lone eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu. **19** Lapho uvimbezela umuzi isikhathi eside, usilwa lawo ukuwuthumba, ungoni izihlahla zaho ngokuzigamula ngehloka, ngoba ungadla okwazo, kodwa ungazigamuli (ngoba isihlahla seganga singesabantu) ukuza phambi kwakho ekuvimbezeleni. **20** Kuphela izihlahla elizaziyo ukuthi kayisizo izihlahla zokudla, yilezo ongazichitha lokuzigamula ukuze wakhe inqaba yokuvimbezela maqondana lomuzi olwa impi lawe, uze wehlele phansi.

21 Uba kutholakala obuleweyo elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo, elele egangeni, kungaziwa ukuthi ngubani omtshayileyo, **2** abadala bakho labahluleli bakho bazaphuma, balinganise ukuya emizini ezingelezele obuleweyo. **3** Kuzakuthi-ke umuzi oseduze lobuleweyo, abadala balowomuzi bazathatha ithokazi enkomeni, okungasetshenzwanga ngalo, elingadonsanga ejogweni. **4** Labadala balowomuzi balehlisele ithokazi esigodini esilamanzi angacitshiyo, esingalinywanga lesingahlanyelwanga, bephule intamo yethokazi lapho esigodini. **5** Abapristi, amadodana kaLevi, bazasondela-ke; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ibakhethile ukuyikhonza lokubusisa ebizweni leNkosi, langomlomo wabo kuzaqunywa konke ukuxabana

lakho konke ukutshaya. **6** Labo bonke abadala balowomuzi oseduze lobulewego bazagezela izandla zabo phezu kwethokazi elephulwe intamo esigodini, **7** baphendule bathi: Izandla zethu kazichithanga leligazi, lamehlo ethu kawakubonanga.

8 Benzele inhlawulo yokuthula abantu bakho ulsrayeli owamhlengayo, Nkosi, ungabeki igazi elingelacala phakathi kwesizwe sakho ulsrayeli. Legazi basalithethelelwa. **9** Ngalokhu wena uzakhupha igazi elingelacala phakathi kwakho nxa usenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi. **10** Lapho uphuma impi ukumelana lezitha zakho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isizinikele esandleni sakho, usuthumbe abathunjwa bazo, **11** ubusubona phakathi kwabathunjiveyo owesifazana omuhle, umfise, ukuthi ungamthatha abe ngumkakho, **12** uzamngenisa phakathi komuzi wakho, njalo aphuce ikhanda lakhe, aqume inzipho zakhe, **13** akhulule izembatho zokuthunjwa kwakhe, ahlale emzini wakho abeselilela uyise lonina inyanga yonke. Emva kwalokho ubusungena kuye, ube yindoda yakhe, laye abe ngumkakho.

14 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ungathokozi ngaye, uzamyekela ahambe njengokuthanda kwakhe; kodwa ungamthengisi lokumthengisa ngemali, ungamphathi njengesiggili, ngoba usumthobisile.

15 Uba indoda ilabafazi ababili, omunye eyintandokazi lomunye eyisaliwakazi, njalo bamzalele abantwana, intandokazi lesaliwakazi, uba izibulo libe yindodana yesaliwakazi, **16** kuzakuthi, mhla esenza amadodana akhe ukuthi adle ilifa lalokho alakho, kangayenzi indodana yentandokazi ibe lizibulo phambi kwendodana yesaliwakazi, elizibulo. **17** Kodwa izibulo indodana yesaliwakazi uzalivuma ngokulinika isabelo esiphindwe kibili sakho konke okuficwayo kuye, ngoba liyikuqala kwamandla akhe; ilungelo lobuzibulo ngelalo. **18** Uba indoda ilendodana

elenkani lengezwayo, engalaleli ilizwi likayise kumbe ilizwi likanina, sebeyijezisile, njalo ingabalaleli, **19** khona uyise lonina bazayibamba, bayikhuphele ebadaleni bomuzi wayo, lesangweni lendawo yayo, **20** bathi ebadaleni bomuzi wayo: Lindodana yethu ilenkani, kayizwa, kayilaleli ilizwi lethu; iyisiminzi lesidakwa. **21** Khona wonke amadoda omuzi wayo azayikhanda ngamatshe ize ife; ngalokho uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho; njalo ulsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa, esabe. **22** Njalo uba kuzakuba lesono emuntwini esifanele ukufa, abulawe, uzamphanyeka esihlahleni. **23** Isidumbu sakhe singahlali esihlahleni ubusuku bonke, kodwa lizamngcwaba lokumngcwaba ngalolosuku (ngoba ophanyekiweyo uqalekisiwe nguNkulunkulu), ukuze lingangcoliswa ilizwe lakho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuba yilifa.

22 Awuyikubona inkabi yomfowenu loba imvu yakhe iduha, uzicatsheli. Uzazibuyisela lokuzibuyisela kumfowenu. **2** Njalo uba umfowenu engekho eduze lawe, loba ungamazi, uzayilethake phakathi komuzi wakho; njalo izakuba kuwe, umfowenu aze ayidinge, ubusuyibuyisela kuye. **3** Wenze njalo langobabhem i wakhe, wenze njalo langesembatho sakhe, wenze njalo langayo yonke into elahlekileyo yomfowenu, ayilahlileyo, oyitholileyo; awulakuyicatshela. **4** Awuyikubona ubabhemi womfowenu loba inkabi yakhe kusiwa endleleni, ukucatsheli; uzakuphakamisa lokukuphakamisa kanye laye. **5** Owesifazana angaggoki okwendoda, lendoda ingaggoki isigqoko sowsifazana; ngoba wonke owenza lezizinto uyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. **6** Uba kungaba lesidleke senyoni phambi kwakho endleleni loba kusiphi isihlahla loba phansi, amaphuphu kumbe amaqanda, unina efukamele amaphuphu loba amaqanda,

ungathathi unina lamaphuphu; **7** uzayekela lokuyekela unina ukuze ahambe, uzithathele amaphuphu, ukuze kukulungele, njalo welule insuku. **8** Nxa usakha indlu entsha, uzakwenzela uphahla lwakho uthango, ukuze ungayehliseli indlu yakho icala legazi, uba umuntu esiwa awe kulo. **9** Ungahlanyeli inhlobo ezimbili esivinini sakho, hlezi isivuno esigcweleyo senhlanyelo yakho oyihlanyeleyo lesithelo sesivini singcoliswe. **10** Ungalimi ngenkabi lobabhemu ndawonye. **11** Ungaggqoko isigqoko esixubene, uboya bezimvu lelembu elicolekileyo ndawonye. **12** Uzazenzela intshaka emiphethweni yomine yesembatho sakho ozembesa ngaso. **13** Uba indoda ithatha umfazi, ingene kuye, ibisimzonda, **14** imbeke icala elilehlazo, imgcone ngebizo elibi, ithi: Ngathatha lowesifazana; lapho ngisondela kuye kangitholanga ubuntombi kuye. **15** Uyise wentombi lonina bazathatha baveze ubufakazi bobuntombi bentombi ebadaleni bomuzi esangweni. **16** Loyise wentombi uzakuthi ebadaleni: Ngendisela indodakazi yami kulindoda; yasiyizonda; **17** khangelani-ke, ibeke icala elilehlazo, isithi: Kangitholanga ubuntombi endodakazini yakho. Kanti lobu yibufakazi bobuntombi bendodakazi yami. Besebesendlala ilembu phambi kwabadala bomuzi. **18** Abadala balowomuzi babesebethatha leyondoda bayijezise; **19** bamhlawulise inhlamvu zesiliva ezilikhulu, bazinike uyise wentombi, ngoba iveze ibizo elibi phezu kwentombi emsulwa yakolsrayeli. Njalo izakuba ngumkayo; kayilakuyilahla zonke izinsuku zayo. **20** Kodwa uba linto iliqiniso; ubufakazi bobuntombi kabutholakalanga entombini, **21** intombi bazayikhuphela emnyango wendlu kayise, lamadoda omuzi wayo ayikhande ngamatshe ize ife; ngoba yenzile ubuphukuphuku kolsrayeli ngokwenza ubuwule endlini kayise. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho. **22** Uba indoda

ificwa ilele lomfazi owendele endodeni, labo bobabili bazakufake, indoda ebilele lomfazi, lalowomfazi. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi kolsrayeli. **23** Uba kulentombazana eyintombi emsulwa egane indoda, njalo indoda iyithole phakathi komuzi, ilale layo, **24** lizabakhuphela esangweni lalowomuzi bobabili, libakhande ngamatshe baze bafe; intombi ngoba ingahlabanga umkhosi phakathi komuzi, lendoda ngoba ithobise umkamakhelwane wakhe. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho. **25** Kodwa uba indoda ifica intombi eganileyo egangeni, indoda iyibambe, ilale layo, ngakho indoda kuphela elele layo izakufa. **26** Kodwa lingenzi lutho entombini; kakulasono sokufa entombini; ngoba njengendoda evukela umakhelwane wakhe imbulale, injalo lindaba. **27** Ngoba iyifice egangeni; intombi eganileyo ibihlabi umkhosi, njalo bekungelamuntu wokuyisindisa. **28** Uba indoda ifice intombazana eyintombi emsulwa engagananga, iyibambe, ilale layo, babesebeficwa, **29** khona indoda ebilele layo izanika uyise wentombi inhlamu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amahlanu, njalo ibe ngumkayo, ngoba eyithobisile; kayilakuyilahla zonke izinsuku zayo. **30** Indoda kayingathathi umkayise, kayingembuli umphetho wesembatho sikayise.

23 Olimele emasendeni, loba oqunywe amaphambili, angangeni ebandleni leNkosi. **2** Ozelwe ngobufebe angangeni ebandleni leNkosi; ngitsho isizukulwana sakhe setshumi kasiyikungena ebandleni leNkosi. **3** UmAmoni IomMowabi kangangeni ebandleni leNkosi; ngitsho isizukulwana sabo setshumi kasiyikungena ebandleni leNkosi, kuze kube laphakade; **4** ngenxa yokuthi kabalihangabezanga endleleni ngesinkwa langamanzi ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe; futhi ngoba baqhatsha ukumelana lawe uBalami indodana kaBeyori owePethori oweMesopotamiya

ukuze akuqalekise. **5** Kodwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kayifunanga ukuzwa uBalami; kodwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yaphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso kuwe, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakuthanda. **6** Kawuyikudinga ukuthula kwabo lokuhle kwabo zonke izinsuku zakho, kuze kube laphakade. **7** Uganengwa ngumEdoma, ngoba ungumfowenu; unganengwa ngumGibhithe, ngoba wawungowemzini elizweni lakhe. **8** Abantwana abazalwa yibo, besizukulwana sesithathu sabo, bangangena ebandleni leNkosi. **9** Lapho inkamba iphuma ukuyamelana lezitha zakho, uzazigcina kuyo yonke into embi. **10** Uba ekhona phakathi kwenu umuntu ongahlambulukanga ngenxa yokungcola okwehla ebusuku, uzaphumela ngaphandle kwenkamba, angangeni phakathi kwenkamba. **11** Kodwa kuzakuthi sekuzakuhlwa usageza ngamanzi, lalapho ilanga selitshonile angene aye phakathi kwenkamba. **12** Njalo uzakuba lendawo ngaphandle kwenkamba lapho ozaphumela khona ukuya ngaphandle, **13** ube lesikhonkwane ezikhaliyi zakho; njalo kuzakuthi usuye ngaphandle, ugebhe ngaso, uphenduke ugqibebe okuphume kuwe. **14** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iyahamba phakathi kwenkamba yakho, ukukukhulula, lokunikela izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Ngakho inkamba yakho izakuba ngcwele, ukuze ingaboni lutho oluyangisayo phakathi kwakho, ikufulathele. **15** Uganikeli enkosini yaso isiggili esibalekele kuwe sisuka enkosini yaso; **16** sizahlala lawe phakathi kwakho, endaweni esizayikhetha, kwelinje lamasango akho, lapho okusilungele khona; ungasicindezeli. **17** Kakungabi khona iwule elethempeli phakathi kwamadodakazi akolsrayeli, njalo kakungabi khona inkotshana phakathi kwamadodana akolsrayeli. **18** Ungalethi iholo lewule lemali yenja endlini

yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngokwaloba yisiphi isithembiso; ngoba lokho kokubili kuyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. **19** Ungeboleki umfowenu ngenzalo, inzalo yemali, inzalo yokudla, inzalo yaloba yiyiphi into ebolkwa ngenzalo. **20** Ungeboleka ovezizweni ngenzalo, kodwa ungeboleki umfowenu ngenzalo, ukuze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusise kukho konke ofaka isandla sakho kukho elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **21** Nxa uthembisa isithembiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ungaphuzi ukusikhokha; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izasibiza lokusibiza kuwe; njalo kuzakuba yisono kuwe. **22** Kodwa uba uyekela ukuthembisa, kakuyikuba yisono kuwe. **23** Lokho okuphuma endebeni zakho uzakugcina ukwenze; njengokuthembisa kwakho eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, umnikelo wesihle owukhulume ngomlomo wakho. **24** Nxa ungena esivinini somakhelwane wakho, ungadla izithelo zevini njengokuthanda kwakho usuthe; kodwa ungafaki lutho esitsheni sakho. **25** Nxa ungena emabeleni amileyo kamakhelwane wakho, ungakha izikhwebu ngesandla sakho; kodwa unganganisi isikela emabeleni amileyo kamakhelwane wakho.

24 Uba indoda ithatha umfazi, imgane, kuzakuthi nxa engatholi umusa emehlwani ayo, ngoba ifice kuye into elihlazo, kayimbhalele incwadi yesehlukaniso, ifake esandleni sakhe, imkhuphe endlini yayo. **2** Nxa esephumile endlini yayo, angahamba, ayekuba ngowenye indoda. **3** Uba lindoda elandelayo imzonda, imbhalele incwadi yesehlukaniso, iyifake esandleni sakhe, imkhiphe endlini yayo; loba lindoda elandelayo isifa ebimthethe waba ngumkayo, **4** indoda yakhe yokuqala eyamkhiphayo ingemthathe futhi abe ngumkayo, emva kokuba esengcolisiwe; ngoba kuyisinengiso phambi kweNkosi. Ngakho

kawuyikwenza ilizwe lone iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuba yilifa. **5** Nxa indoda ithethe umfazi omutsha kayiyikuphuma impi, futhi kayiyikuphathiswa laloba yiuphi umsebenzi; izakuba sekhaya ikhululekile umnyaka owodwa ukuze ithokozise umkayo emthetheyo. **6** Kakungabi khona ozathatha ilitshe lokucholela loba imbokodo ukuze kube yisibambiso; ngoba uthatha impilo ibe yisibambiso. **7** Uba umuntu eficwa eseba umuntu kubafowabo ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, amphathe njengesigqili kumbe amthengise, lelosela lizakufa. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi kwakho. **8** Qaphela esifeni sobulephero, ukunanelelisa wenze njengakho konke abapristi abangamaLevi abakufundisa khona; njengalokhu ngabalaya, nanzelelani ukukwenza. **9** Khumbula lokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakwenza kuMiriyamu endleleni ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe. **10** Nxa useboleka umakhelwane wakho ulutho, ungangeni endlini yakhe ukuthi uthathe isibambiso sakhe. **11** Uzakuma phandle, lomuntu omebolekayo akukhuphele isibambiso phandle. **12** Njalo uba umuntu engumyanga, ungalali lesibambiso sakhe; **13** uzabuyisela lokubuyisela isibambiso kuye lapho ilanga litshona, ukuze alale ngesembatho sakhe, akubusise; lalokho kuzakuba yikulunga kuwe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **14** Ungacindezeli inceku eqhatshiweyo engumyanga leswelayo, ingowabafowenu loba ingowezizweni oselizweni lakini phakathi kwamasango akho. **15** Uzanika iholo layo ngosuku Iwayo, lelanga kalingatshoni phezu kwalo, ngoba ingumyanga, ibeke inhlizyo yayo kulo; ukuze ingakhali eNkosini ngawe, njalo kube yisono kuwe. **16** Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, labantwana kabayikubulawa ngenxa yaboyise; ngulowo lalowo uzabulawa ngenxa yesakhe isono.

17 Ungaphambuli isahlulelo sowemzini lentandane; ungathathi isembatho somfelokazi sibe yisibambiso; **18** kodwa ukhumbule ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe, leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakuhlenga khona; ngakho ngiyakulaya ukuthi wenze lolulutho.

19 Nxa uvuna isivuno sakho ensimini yakho, ukhohlwe isithungo ensimini, ungabuyeli ukusithatha; sizakuba ngesowemzini, esentandane lesomfelokazi; ukuze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusise emsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho. **20** Nxa uvuthuza isihlahla sakho somhlwathi, ungayihlola izingatsha emva kwakho; kuzakuba ngokowemzini lokwentandane lokomfelokazi. **21** Nxa usuvunile izithelo zesivini sakho, ungakhothozi emva kwakho; kuzakuba ngokowemzini lokwentandane lokomfelokazi. **22** Uzakhumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili elizweni leGibhithe; ngakho ngiyakulaya ukwenza lolulutho.

25 Uba kukhona ukuxabana phakathi kwabantu, baye esahlulelweni, ukuthi babahlulele, bazalungisisa olungileyo, balahle olecalia. **2** Kuzakuthi-ke uba olecalia efanele ukutshaywa, umahluleli uzamlalisa phansi, atshaywe phambi kwakhe, njengokulingene icala lakhe, ngokwenani. **3** Angatshaywa imivimvinya engamatshumi amane, angengezeleli, hlezi nxa esedlule ukumtshaya okwedlula le ngemivimvinya eminengi, kuze kuthi umfowenu ayangeke emehlwani akho. **4** Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi nxa ibhula. **5** Uba izelamani zihlala ndawonye, lomunye wazo esifa, engelandodana, umfazi wofileyo kangendeli kowemzini ongaphandle; umfowabo wendoda yakhe uzangena kuye, amthathe abe ngumkakhe, enze kuye imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda. **6** Kuzakuthi-ke izibulo alizalayo lizakuma ebizweni lomfowabo ofileyo, ukuze ibizo lakhe lingacitshwa kolsrayeli. **7** Uba umuntu engathandi ukuthatha umkamfowabo, umkamfowabo

uzakwenyukela esangweni kubadala athi: Umfowabo wendoda yami uyala ukuvusela umfowabo ibizo kolsrayeli; kafuni ukwenza kimi imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda. **8** Abadala bomuzi wakhe bazambiza-ke, bakhulume laye. Uba eqinisa esithi: Kangithandi ukumthatha; **9** umkamfowabo uzasondela-ke kuye phambi kwamehlo abadala, akhuphe inyathela lakhe enyaweni lwakhe, amkhafulele ebusweni, aphendule, athi: Kuzakwenziwa njalo kulowomuntu ongayakhiyo indlu yomfowabo. **10** Lebizo lakhe lizakuthiwa kolsrayeli: Indlu yolenyathela elakhutshwayo. **11** Nxa amadoda esilwa, omunye lomunye, kusondele umfazi wenyen ukuthi ayikhulule indoda yakhe esandleni soyitshayayo, elule isandla sakhe ayibambe ngamaphambili, **12** usiqume isandla sakhe, ilihlo lakho lingabi lasihawu. **13** Ungabi lamatshe okulinganisa ehlukaneyo esikhwameni sakho, elikhulu lelincinyane. **14** Ungabi lama-efa ehlukaneyo endlini yakho, esikhulu lesincinyane. **15** Woba lelitshe lokulinganisa elipheleleyo lelilungileyo, woba le-efa epheleleyo lelilungileyo, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. **16** Ngoba wonke owenza izinto ezinje, wonke owenza ukungalungi, uyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. **17** Khumbula lokho uAmaleki akwenza kuwe endleleni ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, **18** ukuthi wakuhlangabeza endleleni, watshaya phakathi kwakho ababebuthakathaka emva kwakho, usudiniwe usuphele amandla; kanti kamesabanga uNkulunkulu. **19** Ngakho kuzakuthi, nxa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isikuphumuzile kuzo zonke izitha zakho inhlangothi zonke, elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona libe yilifa ukudla ilifa lalo, uzakwesula ukukhunjulwa kukaAmaleki ngaphansi kwamazulu; ungakhohlwa.

26 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho usufikile elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona libe yilifa, udle ilifa lalo, uhlale kulo, 2 uthathe okokuqala kwezithelo zonke zomhlabathi ozakuletha kuvela elizweni lakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ukufake esitsheni, uye endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuhlalisa ibizo layo khona. 3 Uzakuya kumpristi ozakuba ekhona ngalezonsuku uthi kuye: Ngiyabika lamuhla eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho ukuthi sengifikile elizweni iNkosi eyalifungela obaba ukusinika lona. 4 Njalo umpristi uzathatha isitsha esandleni sakho, asibeke phambi kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 5 Khona uzaphendula uthi phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho: Ubaba wayengumSiriya obhubhayo, wehlela eGibhithe, wahlala khona njengowezizwe labantu abalutshwana; kodwa lapho waba yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla lesilabanengi. 6 Kodwa amaGibhithe asiphatha kubi, asihlupha, asethwesa ubugqili obunzima. 7 Sasesikhala eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabobaba; iNkosi yalizwa ilizwi lethu, yabona inhlupheko yethu, lokutshikatshika kwethu, locindezelo lwethu; 8 iNkosi yasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, langokwesabeka okukhulu, langezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso; 9 yasiletha kulindawo, yasinika lelilizwe, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. 10 Khathesi-ke, khangela, ngilethile ukuqala kwezithelo zomhlabathi, Nkosi, onginike khona. Njalo uzakubeka phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukhonze phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; 11 uthokoze ngakho konke okuhle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike khona labendlu yakho, wena lomLevi lowemzini ophakathi kwakho. 12 Lapho usuqedile ukunika okwetshumi, konke okwetshumi kwezithelo zakho ngomnyaka wesithathu, umnyaka wokunika okwetshumi,

usukunike umLevi, owemzini, intandane lomfelokazi ukuze badle phakathi kwamasango akho basuthe, **13** uzakuthi phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho: Sengikhuphile endlini yami into engcwele, lami njalo ngakunika umLevi, lowemzini, intandane, lomfelokazi, njengayo yonke imilayo yakho ongilaye yona; kangeqanga okwemilayo yakho, futhi kangiyikhohlwanga. **14** Kangidlanga kukho ekulileni kwami, kangisuselanga kukho ukungcola, kangikunikelanga okwakho kofileyo; ngililalele ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami, ngenzile njengakho konke ongilaye khona. **15** Khangela phansi usendaweni yakho yokuhlala engcwele usemazulwini, ubusise abantu bakho ulsrayeli lomhlaba osinike wona, njengokufunga kwakho kubobaba, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **16** Lamuhla iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iyakulaya ukuthi wenze lezizimiso lezahlulelo; ngakho uzazigcina uzenze ngenhlizyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke. **17** Lamuhla uvumile obala ukuthi iNkosi inguNkulunkulu wakho, lokuthi uzahamba endleleni zayo, ugcine izimiso zayo lemilayo yayo lezahlulelo zayo, ulalele ilizwi layo. **18** Futhi iNkosi ivumile obala lamuhla ukuthi uzakuba yisizwe sayo esikhethekileyo njengokukuthembisa kwayo, lokuthi ugcine yonke imilayo yayo, **19** ukuze ikuphakamise phezu kwezizwe zonke ezenzileyo, ekubongweni, lebizweni, lenhlonipheni, lokuthi ube yisizwe esingcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho njengokutsho kwayo.

27 UMozisi labadala bakolsrayeli basebelaya abantu besithi: Gcina yonke imithetho engililaya yona lamuhla. **2** Kuzakuthi-ke mhla lichapha iJordanli lisiya elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, uzazimisela amatshe amakhulu, uwahuqe ngekalaga, **3** ubhale kuwo wonke amazwi alumlayo nxa usuchaphile, ukuze ungene elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho

ekunika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo ikhulumile kuwe. **4** Kuzakuthi-ke selichaphile iJordani, limise lamatshe engililaya ngawo lamuhla, entabenи yeEbhali, liwahuqe ngekalaga. **5** Wakhele khona iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ilathi, ilathi lamatshe. Ungasebenzisi insimbi phezu kwavo. **6** Wakhele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ilathi ngamatshe apheleleyo. Unikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, **7** uhlabe iminikelo yokuthula, udle lapho, uthokoze phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **8** Futhi ubhale phezu kwamatshe wonke amazwi alumlayo, kukhanye kuhle. **9** UMozisi labapristi abangamaLevi basebekhuluma kulsrayeli wonke besithi: Thula ulalele, Israyeli; lamuhla usuyisizwe seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **10** Ngakho uzalalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, wenze imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla. **11** UMozisi wasebalaya abantu ngalolosuku esithi: **12** Laba bazakuma entabenи yeGerizimi ukubusisa abantu nxo selichaphe iJordani: OSimeyoni, loLevi, loJuda, loSakari, loJosefa, loBhenjamini. **13** Lalaba bazakuma entabenи yeEbhali phezu kwesiqalekiso: ORubeni, uGadi, loAsheri, loZebuluni, uDani, loNafithali. **14** LamaLevi azaphendula athi kuwo wonke amadoda akolsrayeli ngelizwi eliphakemeyo: **15** Kaqalekiswe umuntu owenza isithombe esibaziweyo lesibunjwe ngokuncibilika, isinengiso eNkosini, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu oyincitshi, asibeke ensitha. Labo bonke abantu bazaphendula bathi: Ameni. **16** Kaqalekiswe odelela uyise lonina. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **17** Kaqalekiswe otshedisa isikhonkwane somngcele kamakhelwane wakhe. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **18** Kaqalekiswe oduhisa isiphofu endleleni. Labo bonke

abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **19** Kaqalekiswe ophambula isahlulelo sowemzini, intandane, lomfelokazi. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **20** Kaqalekiswe olala lomkayise, ngoba embule umphetho wesembatho sikayise. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **21** Kaqalekiswe olala laloba yiypipi inyamazana. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **22** Kaqalekiswe olala lodadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **23** Kaqalekiswe olala loninazala. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **24** Kaqalekiswe otshaya umakhelwane wakhe ensitha. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **25** Kaqalekiswe owemukela isivalamlomo sokutshaya umuntu, igazi elingelacala. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. **26** Kaqalekiswe ongaqinisi amazwi alumlayo ukuwenza. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

28 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina ukwenza yonke imilayo yayo engikulaya yona lamuhla, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakumisa phezulu phezu kwazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba. **2** Lalezibusiso zonke zizakuza phezu kwakho, zikufice, nxa ulalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **3** Uzabusiswa emzini, ubusiswe futhi ensimini. **4** Sizabusiswa isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo somhlaba wakho, lenzalo yezifuyo zakho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu zakho. **5** Kuzabusiswa isitsha sakho, lomganu wakho wokuxovela izinkwa. **6** Uzabusiswa ekungeneni kwakho, ubusiswe ekuphumeni kwakho. **7** INkosi izakwenza izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zitshaywe phambi kwakho; zizaphuma ukumelana lawe ngandlelanye, zibaleke phambi kwakho ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa. **8** INkosi izalaya isibusiso phezu kwakho, eziphaleni zakho lakukho konke obeka kukho isandla

sakho, ikubusise elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona.

9 INkosi izazimisela wena ube yisizwe esingcwele, njengokufunga kwayo kuwe, uba ugcina imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uhambe endleleni zayo. **10** Labo bonke abantu basemhlabeni bazabona ukuthi ibizo leNkosi libizwa phezu kwakho, bakwesabe.

11 LeNkosi izakwandisela okuhle, esithelweni sesizalo sakho, lenzalweni yezifuyo zakho, lesithelweni somhlaba wakho, elizweni iNkosi eyafungela oyihlo ukukunika lona. **12** INkosi izakuvulela okuligugu kwayo okulungileyo, amazulu, ukunika izulu elizweni lakho ngesikhathi salo, lokubusisa umsebenzi wonke wesandla sakho; njalo uzakweboleka izizwe ezinengi, kodwa wena ungeboleki kuzo. **13** INkosi izakwenza ube yinhloko, ungabi ngumsila; uzakuba ngaphezulu kuphela, ungabi ngaphansi, uba ulalela imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho engikulaya yona lamuhla ukuyigcina lokuyenza.

14 Ungaphambuki lakwelilodwa lamazwi engililaya wona lamuhla, ukuya ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo, ukulandela abanye onkulunkulu ukubakhonza. **15** Kodwa kuzakuthi, uba ungalaleli ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina ukwenza yonke imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla, leziziqalekiso zonke zize phezu kwakho zikufice. **16** Uzaqalekiswa emzini, uqalekiswe futhi ensimini. **17** Kuzaqalekiswa isitsha sakho lomganu wakho wokuxovela izinkwa. **18** Kuzaqalekiswa isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo somhlaba wakho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu zakho. **19** Uzaqalekiswa ekungeneni kwakho, uqalekiswe ekuphumeni kwakho. **20** INkosi izathumela phakathi kwakho isiqalekiso, inhlupheko, lokukhuza, kukho konke obeka isandla sakho kukho ukukwenza, uze uchiithwe, njalo uze ubhubhe masinyane,

ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zakho, ongidele ngazo. **21** INkosi izanamathelisa kuwe umatshayabhuqe wesifo, aze akuqede usuke elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **22** INkosi izakutshaya ngesifo esicakisayo, langoqhuqho, langokuvuvuka komzimba, langokutshisa okukhulukazi, langenkemba, langokuhanguka, langengumane; njalo kuzakuxotsha uze ubhubhe. **23** Lesibhakabhaka sakho esiphezu kwekhanda lakho sizakuba lithusi, lomhlaba ongaphansi kwakho ube yinsimbi. **24** INkosi izakwenza izulu lelizwe lakho libe lubhuqu lothuli, kwehlele phezu kwakho kuvela emazulwini, uze ubhujiswe. **25** INkosi izakwenza utshaywe phambi kwezitha zakho; uzaphuma umelane lazo ngandlelanye, njalo uzabaleka phambi kwazo ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa; uzakuba yinto eyesabekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. **26** Lesidumbu sakho sizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zonke zamazulu lokwezinyamazana zomhlaba, njalo kungabi khona ozethusayo. **27** INkosi izakutshaya ngamathumba eGibhithe, lamaqhubu, loqweqwé, lenkomo, ongelakwelatshwa kukho. **28** INkosi izakutshaya ngobuhlanya langobuphofu langokudideka kwenhliziyo. **29** Njalo uzaphumputha emini njengesiphofu siphumputha emnyameni, ungenzi indlela zakho ziphumelele; ucindzelwe kuphela, uphangwe insuku zonke, kungabi khona osindisayo. **30** Uzagana umfazi, kodwa enye indoda ilale laye; uzakwakha indlu, kodwa ungahlali kuyo; uhlanyele isivini, kodwa ungakhi izithelo zaso. **31** Inkabi yakho izahlatshwa phambi kwamehlo akho, ungdli okwayo; ubabhemí wakho athathwe ngodlakela phambi kobuso bakho, angabuyiselwa kuwe; izimvu zakho zizanikwa izitha zakho, kungabi khona okusindiselayo. **32** Amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho azanikelwa kwesinye isizwe, lamehlo akho azakhangelā abalangathe usuku lonke;

kodwa kungabi lamandla esandleni sakho. **33** Isithelo somhlaba wakho, lomsebenzi wakho wonke, isizwe ongasaziyo sizakudla. Uzacindezelwa kuphela, uchotshozwe insuku zonke, **34** uze uhlanye ngenxa yokubona kwamehlo akho ozakubona. **35** INkosi izakutshaya emadolweni lemilenzeni ngamathumba amabi angelakwelatshwa, kusukela kungaphansi yonyawo lwakho kuze kube senkanda yakho. **36** INkosi izakusa wena lenkosi yakho owayibeka phezu kwakho esizweni ongasaziyo wena laboyihlo, ukhonze lapho abanye onkulunkulu, isigodo lelitshe. **37** Uzakuba yinto eyesabekayo, isaga, lenhlekisa phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe, lapho iNkosi ezakusa khona. **38** Uzaphuma lenhlanyelo enengi uye ensimini, kodwa ubuthelele okulutshwana, ngoba isikhonyane sizakudla. **39** Uzahlanyela izivini, uzisebenze, kodwa kawuyikunatha iwayini, kawuyikubutha lutho, ngoba imihogoyi izazidla. **40** Uzakuba lezihlahla zemihlwathi phakathi kwemingcele yakho yonke, kodwa kawuyikugcoba ngamafutha, ngoba imihlwathi izawohloka. **41** Uzazala amadodana lamadodakazi, kodwa kawayikuba ngawakho, ngoba azakuya ekuthunjweni. **42** Zonke izihlahla zakho lezithelo zomhlaba wakho zizakuba ngezesikhonyane. **43** Owemzini ophakathi kwakho uzaphakama phezu kwakho aqonge phezulu, wena-ke uzakwehlela phansi phansi. **44** Yena uzakweboleka, kodwa wena ungameboleki; yena uzakuba yinhloko, kodwa wena ube ngumsila. **45** Lazo zonke leziziqalekiso zizakwehlela, zixotshane lawe, zikufice, uze ubhujiswe, ngoba ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo eyakulaya zona. **46** Njalo zizakuba phezu kwakho ukuba yisibonaliso lokuba yisimangaliso, laphezu kwenzalo yakho kuze kube nininini. **47** Njengoba ungayikhonzanga iNkosi

uNkulunkulu wakho ngentokozo langokuhle kwenhlizyo, ngenxa yobunengi bakho konke, **48** ngakho uzakhonza izitha zakho iNkosi ezazithuma ukumelana lawe, endlaleni, lekomeni, lekuhambenize, lekusweleni konke. Njalo izabeka ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni yakho, ize ikubhubhise. **49** INkosi izakuvusela isizwe esivela khatshana, emkhawulweni womhlaba, njengokuphapha kokhozi, isizwe olimi lwaso ongayikuluzwa, **50** isizwe esilobuso obesabekayo, esingemukeli ubuso bomdala, esingelamusa komutsha. **51** Sizakudla isithelo sezifuyo zakho lesithelo somhlaba wakho, uze ubhujiswe; okungayikukutshiyela amabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu zakho, size sikuchithe. **52** Sizakuvimbezela emasangweni akho wonke, ize idili like imiduli yakho ephakemeyo lebiyelwe ngemithangala obuthembela kuyo, elizweni lonke lakho; njalo sizakuvimbezela emasangweni akho wonke elizweni lonke lakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike lona. **53** Njalo uzakudla isithelo sesizalo sakho, inyama yamadodana leyamadodakazi akho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike wona, ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, izitha zakho ezizakucindezelala ngakho. **54** Indoda ebuthakathaka phakathi kwakho letotoziweyo kakhulu, ilihlo layo lizakuba libi kumfowabo, lakumkayo wesifuba sayo, lakunsali yabantwana bayo ezabatshiya; **55** ukuze inganiki lamunye wabo okwenyama yabantwana bayo ebadlayo, ngoba ingasalelwanga lutho ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, izitha zakho ezizakucindezelala ngakho emasangweni akho wonke. **56** Owesifazana obuthakathaka lototoziweyo phakathi kwakho ongazamanga ukubeka ingaphansi yonyawo lwakhe emhlabathini ngenxa yokutotozwa lobuthakathaka, ilihlo lakhe lizakuba libi endoden'i yesifuba sakhe, lasendodaneni yakhe, lasendodakazini

yakhe, **57** lakumnakwabo ophuma phakathi kwenyawo zakhe, lebantwaneni azabazala; ngoba uzabadla ensitha ngenxa yokuswela konke, ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, isitha sakho esizakucindezela ngakho emasangweni akho. **58** Uba ungayikugcina ukwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo abhaliweyo egwalweni lolu, ukwesaba lelibizo elilodumo lelesabekayo, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, **59** iNkosi izakwenza-ke inhlupheko zakho zimangalise, lenhlupheko zenzalo yakho, inhlupheko ezinkulu leziqhubekayo, lemikhuhlane emibi leqhubekayo. **60** Njalo izabuyisela kuwe zonke izifo zeGibhithe owawuzesaba, zizanamathela kuwe, **61** lawo wonke umkhuhlane layo yonke inhlupheko engabhalwanga egwalweni lwalumlayo, iNkosi izakwehlisela zona uze ubhujiswe. **62** Njalo lizasala lilabantu abalutshwana, endaweni yokuthi lalinjengenkanyezi zamazulu ngobunengi, ngoba kawulalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **63** Kuzakuthi-ke, njengalokhu iNkosi yathokoza ngani ukulenzela okuhle lokulandisa, ngokunjalo iNkosi izajabula ngani ukulichitha lokuliqeda, lihluthunwe elizweni ongena kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **64** INkosi izakuhlakazela-ke phakathi kwezizwe zonke, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kube komunye umkhawulo womhlaba, ukhonze lapho abanye onkulunkulu, wena laboyihlo elingabazanga, isigodo lelitshe. **65** Laphakathi kwalezozizwe kawuyikuphumula, lengaphansi yonyawo lwakho kayiyikuba lendawo yokuphumula; kodwa lapho iNkosi izakupha inhliziyo ethuthumelayo, lokufiphala kwamehlo, lokudangala komphefumulo. **66** Lempilo yakho izahlala isevalweni phambi kwakho; uzatshaywa luvalo ebusuku lemini, ungabi lethemba lempilo yakho. **67** Ekuseni uzakuthi: Kungathi kungahlwa! Lakusihlwu uzakuthi: Kungathi kungasa!

ngenxa yokwesaba kwenhlizyo ozakwesaba ngakho, langenxa yokubona kwamehlo akho ozakubona. **68** LeNkosi izakubuyisela eGibhithe ngemikhumbi, ngendlela engatsho ngayo kuwe ukuthi: Kawusayikuyibona futhi. Lapho lizazithengisa ezitheni zakho libe yizigqili lezigqilikazi, kodwa kakuyikuba lomthengi.

29 La ngamazwi esivumelwano iNkosi eyamlaya uMozisi ukusenza labantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni lakoMowabi, ngaphandle kwesivumelwano eyayisenze labo eHorebe. **2** UMozi wasebiza ulsrayeli wonke, wathi kubo: Lina libonile konke iNkosi eyakwenza phambi kwamehlo enu elizweni leGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe, **3** izilingo ezinkulu amehlo akho azibonileyo, izibonakaliso lalezozimangaliso ezinkulu. **4** Kodwa iNkosi kayilinikanga inhliyi yokuqediswa lamehlo okubona lendlebe zokuzwa kuze kube lamuhla. **5** Ngilihambise iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. Izembatho zenu kaziguganga phezu kwenu, lenyathela lakho kaliguganga enyaweni lwakho; **6** kalidlanga sinkwa, kalinathanga iwayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **7** Ekufikeni kwenu kulindawo, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni loOgi inkosi yeBashani baphuma ukumelana lathi empini, kodwa sabatshaya, **8** sathatha ilizwe labo, salinika laba yilifa kwabakoRubeni lakwabakoGadi lakungxene yesizwe sakoManase. **9** Ngakho gcinani amazwi alesisivumelwano liwenze, ukuze liphumelele kukho konke elikwenzayo. **10** Lina lonke limi phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu lamuhla, inhloko zenu, izizwe zenu, abadala benu, lezinduna zenu, wonke amadoda akolsrayeli, **11** abantwanyana benu, omkenu, lowemzini ophakathi kwenkamba yakho, kusukela kumgamuli wenkuni zakho kuze kube kumukhi wamanzi

akho, **12** ukwedlulela esivumelwaneni seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho lesifungweni sayo, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho esenza lawe lamuhla, **13** ukuze ikumise lamuhla ube yisizwe sayo, lokuthi yona ibe nguNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwayo kuwe lanjengokufunga kwayo kuboyihlo, kuAbrahama, kulsaka lakuJakobe. **14** Njalo kangisenzi lani lodwa lesisivumelwano lalesisifungo, **15** kodwa lalowo olapha lathi, omiyo lamuhla phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo lalowo ongekho lapha lathi lamuhla. **16** Ngoba lina liyazi ukuthi sahlala njani elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi sadabula njani phakathi kwezizwe eladabula kuzo; **17** njalo libonile izinengiso zazo, lezithombe zazo, isigodo lelitshe, isiliva legolide, ezazilazo. **18** Hlezi kube khona phakathi kwenu indoda kumbe owesifazana kumbe usapho kumbe isizwe, onhliziyoyakhe iphambuka lamuhla isuka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu ukuyakhonza onkulunkulu balezizizwe. Hlezi kube khona phakathi kwenu impande ethela izithelo ezilobuhlungu lezibabay. **19** Njalo kuzakuthi nxa esizwa amazwi alesisiqalekiso, azibusise enhliziyweni yakhe esithi: Ngizakuba lokuthula lanxa ngihamba ebuqholtweni benhliziyoyami; ukuze kuqedwe okumanzi kanye lokomileyo. **20** INkosi kayiyikuvuma ukumthethel, kodwa khona intukuthelo yeNkosi lobukhwele bayo kuzathunqela leyondoda, njalo sonke isiqalekiso esibhaliweyo egwalweni lolu sizalala phezu kwayo, leNkosi icitshe ibizo layo lisuke ngaphansi kwamazulu. **21** LeNkosi izayehlukanisela ububi iyikhuphe kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli, njengazo zonke iziqalekiso zesivumelwano ezibhaliweyo egwalweni lwalumlayo. **22** Khona sizakuthi isizukulwana esizayo, abantwana benu, abazavela emva kwenu, lowezizwe ovela elizweni elikhhatshana, lapho bebona inhlupheko zalelilizwe lezifo

iNkosi eligulise ngazo, **23** ilizwe lonke lalo lizakuba yisibabule letshwayi lokutshiswa, alihlanyelwanga, kalimilisi, kakulalatshani obumila kulo, njengokubhujiswa kweSodoma leGomora, iAdima leZeboyimi, iNkosi eyayibhubhisa entukuthelweni yayo lelakeni lwayo, **24** lazo zonke izizwe zizakuthi: Kungani iNkosi yenze kanje kulelilizwe? Kuyini ukuvutha kwalolulaka olukhulu? **25** Khona bazakuthi: Ngoba batshiyile isivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise, eyasenza labo ekubakhupheni kwayo elizweni leGibhithe. **26** Bahamba bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu babakhothamela, onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, eyayingababelanga. **27** Lentukuthelo yeNkosi yalivuthela lelilizwe, ukwehlisela kulo zonke iziqalekiso ezibhaliwego egwalweni lolu. **28** Njalo iNkosi yabasiphuna elizweni labo ngentukuthelo langolaka langenzondo enku, yabaphosela kwelinye ilizwe njengalamuhla. **29** Imfhlo ngezeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa izinto ezembuliwego zingezethu lezabantwana bethu kuze kuge nininini, ukwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo.

30 Kuzakuthi-ke, zonke izinto lezi sezikwehlele, isibusiso lesiqalekiso, engizibekileyo phambi kwakho, uzivuselele enhliziyweni yakho phakathi kwezizwe zonke lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekuxotshele khona, **2** uzabuyela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ulalele ilizwi layo, njengakho konke engikulaya khona lamuhla, wena labantwana bakho, ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke, **3** khona iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwakho, ikuhawukele, ibuye, ikubuthe ezizweni zonke lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekuhlakazele khona. **4** Lanxa abaxotshiweyo bakho besemkhawulweni wamazulu, ulapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubutha, ulapho-ke ikuthathe. **5** LeNkosi uNkulunkulu

wakho izakungenisa elizweni oyihlo abalifuyayo, njalo uzalifuya, ikwenzele okuhle, ikwandise kulaboyihlo. **6** LeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izasoka inhliziyo yakho lenhliziyo yenzalo yakho, ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke, ukuze uphile. **7** LeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakwehlisela zonke leziziqalekiso ezitheni zakho lakwabakuzondayo ababekuzingela. **8** Wena-ke uzabuya ulalele ilizwi leNkosi, wenze yonke imilayo yayo engikulaya yona lamuhla. **9** Njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakwandisa kuwo wonke umsebenzi wesandla sakho, esithelweni sesizalo sakho, lesithelweni sezifuyo zakho, lesithelweni somhlaba wakho, ukuthi kulunge; ngoba iNkosi izabuya ukukuthabela kube kuhle, njengalokhu yathabela oyihlo, **10** uba uzalalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo ezibhalwe kulolugwalo lomlayo, uba uphendukela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke. **11** Ngoba lumlayo engikulaya wona lamuhla kawufihlwanga kuwe, futhi kawukhatshana lawe. **12** Kawukho emazulwini ukuthi uthi: Ngubani ozasenyukelela emazulwini, asithathele wona ukuze siwuzwe siwenze? **13** Futhi kawungaphetsheya kolwandle ukuthi uthi: Ngubani ozasichaphela aye ngaphetsheya kolwandle, asithathele wona ukuze siwuzwe siwenze? **14** Kodwa ilizwi liseduze kakhulu lawe, emlonyeni wakho lenhliziyeni yakho ukulenza. **15** Bona, ngibekile phambi kwakho lamuhla impilo lokulunga, lokufa lobubi. **16** Ngoba ngiyakulaya lamuhla ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuhamba endleleni zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo, ukuze uphile wande; leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa

elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **17** Kodwa uba inhliziyo yakho iphenduka ukuze ungalaleli, uduhiswe, ukhothamele abanye onkulunkulu, ubakhonze, **18** ngiyalitshela lamuhla ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha; kalyikwelula izinsuku elizweni lapho ochaphela iJordani khona ukungena kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **19** Lamuhla ngiyabiza amazulu lomhlaba ukufakaza ngani. Impilo lokufa ngikubekile phambi kwakho, isibusiso lesiqalekiso. Ngakho khetha impilo ukuze uphile wena lenzalo yakho, **20** ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukulalela ilizwi layo, lokunamathela kuyo. Ngoba iyimpilo yakho lobude bensuku zakho, ukuze uhlale elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyafungela oyihlo, uAbrahama, ulsaka, loJakobe, ukubanika lona.

31 UMozi si wasehamba wakhulumu lamazwi kulsrayeli wonke, **2** wathi kubo: Ngileminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lamuhla; kangiselamandla okuphuma lokungena. LeNkosi yathi kimi: Kawuyikuyichapha le iJordani. **3** INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, yona izachapha phambi kwakho, yona izachitha lezizizwe zisuke phambi kwakho, ukuze udle ilifa lazo. UJoshua, yena uzachapha phambi kwakho, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **4** LeNkosi izakwenza kuzo njengokwenza kwayo kuSihoni lakuOgi, amakhosi amaAmori, lelizweni lawo, ewachithileyo. **5** INkosi izazinikelake phambi kwenu, ukuze lenze kuzo njengokwemilayo yonke engililaye yona. **6** Qinani, lime isibindi, lingesabi, lingatshaywa luvalo ngenxa yazo; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, yiyo ehamba lawe; kayiyikukulahla, kayiyikukudela. **7** UMozi si wasembiza uJoshua, wathi kuye phambi kwamehlo kalsrayeli wonke: Qina, ume isibindi; ngoba wena uzangena lalababantu elizweni iNkosi eyalifungela oyise ukubanika lona; uzabenza badle ilifa lalo. **8** Njalo iNkosi, yiyo ehamba phambi kwakho; yona

izakuba lawe, ingakulahli, ingakudeli; ungesabi, ungakhathazeki.

9 UMozi wasewubhala lumlayo, wawunika abapristi, amadodana kaLevi, ababethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, lakubo bonke abadala bakolsrayeli. 10 UMozi wasebalaya esithi: Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo somnyaka wenkululeko, emkhosini wamadumba,

11 lapho ulsrayeli wonke esefike ukubonakala phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho endaweni ezayikhetha, uwubale lumlayo phambi kukalsrayeli wonke endlebeni zabo. 12 Buthanisa abantu, abesilisa labesifazana labantwana, lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho, ukuze bezwe, lokuze bafunde, bayesabe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, bagcine ukwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo. 13 Labantwana babo abangaziyo bezwe, bafunde ukuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwenu, elizweni elichapha iJordani lisiya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. 14 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, insuku zakho zokufa sezisondele; biza uJoshua, zimiseni ethenteni lenhlangano ukuze ngimlaye. UMozi loJoshua bahambake, bazimisa ethenteni lenhlangano. 15 INkosi yasibonakala ethenteni ensikeni yeyezi; lensika yeyezi yema phezu komnyango wethente. 16 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, uzalala laboyihlo; lalabantu bazasukuma baphinge ngokulandela onkulunkulu bezizweni belizwe, lapho abaya khona phakathi kwabo, bangitshiye, bephule isivumelwano sami engisenze labo.

17 Lentukuthelo yami izabavuthela ngalolosuku, ngibatshiye, ngibafihlele ubuso bami, ukuze babe yikudla, behlelwe ngokubi okunengi lezinhlupheko, baze bathi ngalolosuku: Angithi lobububi busehlele ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu kakho phakathi kwethu?

18 Lami ngizafihla lokufihla ubuso bami ngalolosuku ngenxa

yobubi bonke ababenzileyo, ngoba bephendukele kwabanye onkulunkulu. **19** Ngakho-ke zibhaleleni lingoma, uyifundise abantwana bakolsrayeli; uyifake emlonyeni wabo ukuze lingoma ibe yibufakazi kimi obumelene labantwana bakolsrayeli. **20** Lapho sengibangenisile elizweni engalifungela oyise, eligeleza uchago loluju, sebedlile basutha, bazimuka, bazaphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonze, bangidelele, bephule isivumelwano sami. **21** Kuzakuthi-ke, nxa sebehlelwé ngokubi okunengi lezinhlupheko, lingoma izaphendula phambi kobuso babo ibe yibufakazi; ngoba kayiyikukhohlakala emlonyeni wenzalo yabo. Ngoba ngiyawazi amacebo abo abawenzayo lamuhla, ngingakabangenisi elizweni engifunge ngalo. **22** uMozisi wasebhala lingoma ngalolosuku, wayifundisa abantwana bakolsrayeli. **23** Yasilaya uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni yathi: Qina, ume isibindi, ngoba wena uzabangenisa abantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni engabafungela lona; lami ngizakuba lawe. **24** Kwasekusithi uMozisi eseqedile ukubhala amazwi alumlayo egwalweni, aze aphela, **25** uMozisi walaya amaLevi ayethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi esithi: **26** Thathani lolugwalo lomlayo, lilubeke eceleni komtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze lube khona, kube yibufakazi obumelene lawe. **27** Ngoba mina ngiyazi umvukela wakho, lentamo yakho elukhuni; khangelani, ngisaphila lani lamuhla, belingabavukeli beNkosi; pho, kangakanani emva kokufa kwami? **28** Buthanisani kimi bonke abadala bezizwe zenu lenduna zenu ukuze ngikhulume lamazwi endlebeni zabo, ngibize amazulu lomhlaba ukuba ngabafakazi bamelane labo. **29** Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi emva kokufa kwami lizakona lokona, liphambuke endleleni engililaye yona; lizakwehlelwá

ngokubi ngensuku ezizayo, ngoba lizakwenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, liyithukuthelise ngomsebenzi wezandla zenu. **30** UMozi si wasekhuluma amazwi alingoma endlebeni zebandla lonke lakolsrayeli, aze aphela.

32 Bekani indlebe, mazulu, njizakhuluma, njalo zwana, mhlabu, amazwi omlomo wami. **2** Imfundiso yami izathonta njengezulu, inkulomo yami izathonta njengamazolo, njengomkhizo phezu kohlaza, lanjengemifefeo emibhideni. **3** Ngoba ngizamemezela ibizo leNkosi. Mnikeni ubukhulu uNkulunkulu wethu. **4** UliDwala, umsebenzi wakhe uphelele, ngoba zonke indlela zakhe ziyizahlulelo. UNkulunkulu weqiniso, ongelabubi, ulungile, uqondile. **5** Bonile kuye, kabasibo abantwana bakhe, isici ngesabo, bayisizukulwana esigobileyo lesiphambeneyo. **6** Lingahlawula lokho eNkosini yini, bantu abayizithutha labangahlakaniphanga? Kayisuye yini uyihlo owakuthengayo, wakwenza, wakumisa? **7** Khumbula insuku zendulo, unakane iminyaka yesizukulwana ngesizukulwana. Buza uyihlo, uzakulandisela, abadala bakho, bazakutshela. **8** Lapho oPhezukonke enika izizwe ilifa, lapho esehlukanisa amadodana kaAdamu, wamisa imingcele yezizwe njengenani labantwana bakolsrayeli. **9** Ngoba isabelo seNkosi ngabantu bayo, uJakobe uyinkatho yelifa layo. **10** Wamfica elizweni eliyinkangala, lenkangala engelalutho ebhongayo. Wamkhokhela wambhodisa, wamfundisa, wamgcina njengenhlamu yelihlo lakhe. **11** Njengokhozi olunyakazisa isidleke salo, lundiza phezu kwamaphuphu alo, luselula impiko zalo, luwathatha, luwathwale ngezimpaphe zalo, **12** iNkosi yodwa yamkhokhela, njalo kwakungekho layo unkulunkulu wabezizwe. **13** Yamgadisa endaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, ukuze adle izithelo zensimu.

Yamondla ngoluju oluvela edwaleni, lamafutha aphuma elitsheni elilukhuni ledwala, **14** izankefu zenkomo, lochago lwembuzi, kanye lamafutha amawundlu, lezingama zohlobo lweBashani, lezimpongo, kanye lamahwahwa ezinso zengqoloyi; wena wasunatha igazi lezithelo zesivini, iwayini. **15** Kodwa uJeshuruni wazimuka wakhaba. Usuzimukile, wakhuluphala, wembeswa ngamahwahwa. Yena wadela uNkulunkulu owamenzayo, wadelela iDwala losindiso lwakhe. **16** Bambangela ubukhwele ngokwezizwe, bamthukuthelisa ngezinengiso. **17** Bahlabela amadimoni, hatshi uNkulunkulu, onkulunkulu ababengabazi, abatsha abavela eduze, oyihlo abangabesabanga. **18** IDwala elakuzalayo ulikhohliwe, wamkhohlwa uNkulunkulu owakuzalayo. **19** Kwathi iNkosi ikubona, yanengwa yibo, ngenxa yentukuthelo yamadodana ayo lamadodakazi ayo. **20** Yasisithi: Ngizabafihlela ubuso bami, ngibone ukuthi ukuphela kwabo kuzakuba yini; ngoba bayisizukulwana esiphambeneyo, abantwana okungelakuthembeka kibo. **21** Bona bangenze ngaba lobukhwele ngokungesuye uNkulunkulu; bangithukuthelisile ngezinto zabo eziyize. Ngakho ngizabenza babe lobukhwele ngabangeyisibo abantu; ngibathukuthelise ngesizwe esiyisithutha. **22** Ngoba umlilo usubasiwe entukuthelweni yami, uyavutha kuze kube sesihogweni esingaphansi kakhulu; uzaqeda umhlaba lezithelo zawo, ulumathise izisekelo zezintaba. (**Sheol h7585**) **23** Ngizabuthelela ububi phezu kwabo, ngiqedele imitshoko yami kubo. **24** Bazamunywa yndlala, baqedwe yikutshisa lencithakalo ebabay; njalo ngizathumela phakathi kwabo amazinyo ezilo, lobuhlunu bezihuquzelayo zothuli. **25** Ngaphandle inkemba izabenza bafelwe, ngokunjalo uvalo ezindlini ezingaphakathi, ijaha lalo lentombi emsulwa, omunyayo kanye lendoda eyimpunga. **26**

Ngathi: Ngizabahlakaza, ngenze ukukhunjulwa kwabo kuphele phakathi kwabantu; **27** uba bengingesabi intukuthelo yesitha, hlezi abazondi babo bahlanekele, hlezi bathi: Isandla sethu siphakeme; leNkosi kakusiyo eyenze konke lokhu. **28** Ngoba bayisisizwe esingelakwelulekwa, njalo kakukho ukuqedisisa kubo. **29** Kwangathi ngabe bebehlakaniphile, bebengaqedisisa lokhu, bazwisise isiphetho sabo! **30** Oyedwa angaxotsha njani abayinkulungwane, lababili babalekise abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, ngaphandle kokuthi iDwala labo libathengisile, leNkosi ibanikele? **31** Ngoba idwala labo kalinjengeDwala lethu; njengoba izitha zethu zingabahluleli. **32** Ngoba ivini labo livela evinini leSodoma, lemasimini eGomora; izithelo zabo zesivini ziyyithelo zesivini zenyongo; zilamahlukuzo ababayo. **33** Iwayini labo liyibuhlungu bemigobho, lobuhlungu obulesihluku bamabululu. **34** Lokho kakubekiwe kimi yini, kunanyekiwe emagugwini ami? **35** Ngeyami impindiselo lokubuyisela, ngesikhathi sokutshelela konyawo lwabo; ngoba usuku lwengozi yabo selusondele, lezinto abazilungiselweyo ziyaphangisa. **36** Ngoba iNkosi izabahlulela abantu bayo, izisole ngenceku zayo, lapho ibona ukuthi amandla asehambile, lokuthi kakho ovalelwego lokhululekileyo. **37** Khona izakuthi: Bangaphi onkulunkulu babo, idwala ababephephela kulo, **38** abadla amafutha emihlatshelo yabo, banatha iwayini lomnikelo wabo wokuthululwa? Kabavuke, balisize, babe yisivikelo senu. **39** Bonani khathesi ukuthi mina, nginguye, njalo kakho unkulunkulu olami; mina ngiyabulala, njalo ngiphilise; ngiyatshaya, njalo mina ngelaphe; njalo kakho ongahluthuna esandleni sami. **40** Ngoba ngiphakamisela isandla sami emazulwini, ngithi: Ngiyaphila kuze kube phakade, **41** nxa ngilola inkemba yami ephazimayo, lesandla sami sibambelela ekwahluleleni, ngizabuyisela impindiselo

ezitheni zami, ngibavuze abangizondayo. **42** Ngizadakisa imitshoko yami ngegazi, lenkemba yami izakudla inyama, ngegazi labagwaziweyo labathunjiweyo, ekuqaliseni kwezimpindiselo ngimelene lesitha. **43** Thokozani zizwe, bantu bayo; ngoba izaphindisela igazi lenceku zayo, ibuyisele impindiselo kuzitha zayo, yenzele ilizwe layo, abantu bayo, inhlawulo yokuthula. **44** UMozisi wasesiza, wakhulumu wonke amazwi alingoma endlebeni zabantu, yena loHoseya indodana kaNuni. **45** UMozisi eseqedile ukukhulumu wonke lamazwi kulsrayeli wonke, **46** wathi kubo: Bekani inhlizyo yenu kuwo wonke amazwi engiwafakaza phakathi kwenu lamuhla, ukuthi libalaye abantwana benu bagcine ukuwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo. **47** Ngoba kakusyo into eyize kini, ngoba kuyimpilo yenu; ngalinto lizakwelula izinsuku elizweni elichapha iJordani ukuya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **48** INkosi yasikhulumu kuMozisi ngalona lolosuku isithi: **49** Yenyukela kule intaba yeAbarimi, intaba yeNebo, eselizweni lakoMowabi emaqondana leJeriko, ubone ilizwe leKhanani engilinika abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuba yilifa, **50** ufele entabeni owenyukela kuyo, ubuthelwe ebantwini bakini, njengoAroni umnewenu efela entabeni yeHori, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo. **51** Ngenxa yokuthi laphambana lami phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli emanzini eMeriba-Kadeshi enkangala yeZini; ngoba kalingingcwelisanga phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **52** Ngoba unganeno uzalibona ilizwe, kodwa kawuyikungena khona, elizweni engilinika abantwana bakolsrayeli.

33 Lalesi yisibusiso uMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu abusisa ngaso abantwana bakolsrayeli engakafi. **2** Wasesithi: INkosi yavela eSinayi, yenyukela kubo ivela eSeyiri, yakhanya isentabeni yeParani, yabuya lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zabangcwele;

ngakwesokunene sayo kwakulomlayo ovuthayo kibo. **3** Yebo, yathanda abantu. Bonke abangcwele bayo babesesandleni sakho; labo bahlala enyaweni zakho, ngamunye emukele okwamazwi akho. **4** UMozi wasilaya umlayo, ilifa lebandla likaJakobe. **5** Yaba yinkosi eJeshuruni, lapho inhloko zabantu zibuthene, ndawonye lezizwe zakolsrayeli. **6** URubeni kaphile, angafi, lamadoda akhe abe linani. **7** Lalokhu ngokukaJuda, wasesithi: Zwana, Nkosi, ilizwi likaJuda, umlethe kubantu bakhe, izandla zakhe kazimlweli, njalo kawube ngumsizi ezitheni zakhe. **8** LakuLevi wathi: IThumimi yakho leUrimi yakho ngokwendoda, eyingcwele yakho, owayilinga eMasa, waphikisana layo emanzini eMeriba; **9** eyathi kuyise lakunina: Kangimbonanga; kabananzanga abafowabo, kabazanga abantwana bakhe. Ngoba balalela ilizwi lakho, bagcina isivumelwano sakho. **10** Bazamfundisa uJakobe izahlulelo zakho, lolrayeli umlayo wakho; bazabeka impepha phambi kwamakhala akho, lomnikelo wonke phezu kwelathi lakho. **11** Busisa, Nkosi, amandla akhe, wemukele umsebenzi wezandla zakhe; tshaya inkalo zalabo abamvukelayo lezabamzondayo, ukuze bangasukumi. **12** KuBhenjamini wathi: Othandwayo weNkosi uzahlala evikelekile ngakiyo; izamsibekela usuku lonke, uzahlala phakathi kwamahlombe ayo. **13** LakuJosefa wathi: Ilizwe lakhe kalibusiswe yiNkosi, ngokuhlekazi kwamazulu, ngamazolo, langokujula okulele ngaphansi, **14** langokuhlekazi kwezithelo zelanga, langokuhlekazi kwezinto ezivezwa zinyanga, **15** langekhethelo lentaba ezindala, langokuhlekazi kwamaqaqa aphakade, **16** langokuhlekazi komhlaba lokugcwala kwawo, lomusa walowo owahlala esihlahleni. Izinto lezi kazize ekhanda likaJosefa, lenkanda yalowo owehlukaniswa labafowabo. **17** Ulobukhosibezibulo

benkunzi yakhe, lempondo zakhe zimpondo zenyathi; uzahlaba ngazo izizwe ndawonye zize zifike emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Lezi zinkulungwane ezilitshumi zakoEfrayimi, lalezi zinkulungwane zakoManase. **18** LakuZebuluni wathi: Thokoza, Zebuluni, ekuphumeni kwakho, lawe Isakari, emathenteni akho. **19** Bazabizela izizwe entabeni, lapho bahlabe iminikelo yokulunga. Ngoba bazamunya inala yezinlwandle, lamagugu afihlwe etshebetshebeni. **20** LakuGadi wathi: Kabusiswe owandisa uGadi. Uhlala njengesilwane, uklebhula ingalo, yebo inkanda. **21** Wazinakekela ngekhethelo, ngoba lapho isabelo somnikumthetho salondolozwa; weza lenhloko zabantu, wenza ukulunga kweNkosi, lezahlulelo zayo lolsrayeli. **22** LakuDani wathi: UDani ngumdlwane wesilwane; uzakweqa evela eBashani. **23** LakuNafithali wathi: Nafithali, eneliswa ngomusa, ugcwele isibusiso seNkosi, dlana ilifa lentshonalanga leningizimu. **24** LakuAsheri wathi: UAsheri kabusiswe ngabantwana, abe ngowemukelekayo kubafowabo, agxamuze unyawo lwakhe emafutheni. **25** Insimbi lethusi kuzakuba yizicathulo zakho, lanjengensuku zakho azakuba njalo amandla akho. **26** Kakho onjengoNkulunkulu, Jeshuruni, ogade amazulu kusizo lwakho, lomkhathi ngobukhosи bakhe. **27** UNkulunkulu waphakade uyisiphephelo, langaphansi kulengalo ezingelakuphela. Uxotsha isitha phambi kwakho, athi: Bhubbisa. **28** Ngakho ulsrayeli uzahlala evikelekile eyedwa; ilihlo likaJakobe lizakuba elizweni lamabele lewayini elitsha; yebo, amazulu akhe azathontisa amazolo. **29** Ubusisiwe wena, Israyeli! Ngubani onjengawe, isizwe esisindiswe yiNkosi, isihlangu sosizo lwakho, loyinkemba yobukhosи bakho? Lezitha zakho zizakuthobela ngokuzenzisa, lawe unyatthele endaweni zazo eziphakemeyo.

34 uMozisi wasesenyuka esuka emagcekeni akoMowabi, esiya entaben iyeNebo, engqongeni yePisiga, emaqondana leJeriko. INkosi yasimtshengisa ilizwe lonke, iGileyadi kuze kube koDani, **2** layo yonke iNafithali, lelizwe lakoEfrayimi, leManase, lelizwe lonke lakoJuda, kwaze kwaba selwandle lokucina, **3** leningizimu, legceke lesigodi seJeriko, umuzi wamalala, kwaze kwaba seZowari. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Leli yilizwe engalifungela uAbrahama, ulsaka, loJakobe ngisithi: Ngizalinika inzalo yakho. Sengikwenze walibona ngamehlo akho, kodwa kawuyikuchaphela kilo. **5** uMozisi inceku yeNkosi wasefela khona elizweni lakoMowabi njengokomlayo weNkosi. **6** Yasimngcwaba esigodini elizweni lakoMowabi maqondana leBeti-Peyori; kodwa kakulamuntu olaziyo ingcwaba lakhe kuze kube lamuhla. **7** Njalo uMozisi wayeleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili ekufeni kwakhe. Amehlo akhe ayengafiphalanga, lamandla akhe ayenganyamalalanga. **8** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebemlilela uMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu; zaphela-ke insuku zokukhala zokumlilela uMozisi. **9** Njalo uJoshua indodana kaNuni wayegcwele umoya wokuhlakanipha, ngoba uMozisi wayebekile izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe. Ngakho abantwana bakolsrayeli bamlalela, benza njengalokhu iNkosi imlayile uMozisi. **10** Kakusavelanga-ke umprofethi kolsrayeli onjengoMozisi, iNkosi eyamazi ubuso ngobuso, **11** ngazo zonke izibonakaliso lezimangaliso iNkosi eyamthuma ukuthi azenze elizweni leGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lelizweni lakhe lonke, **12** langaso sonke lesosandla esilamandla langakho konke okwesabekayo okukhulu uMozisi akwenzayo phambi kwamehlo kalsrayeli wonke.

UJoshua

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaMozisi inceku yeNkosi, iNkosi yakhuluma kuJoshua indodana kaNuni, inceku kaMozisi, isithi: **2** uMozisi inceku yami usefile; ngakho-ke sukuma uchaphe le iJordan, wena labo bonke lababantu, liye elizweni engibanika lona, ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli. **3** Yonke indawo lapho ingaphansi yonyawo lwenu ezanyathela khona ngilinike yona, njengokutsho kwami kuMozisi. **4** Kusukela enkangala lale iLebanoni kuze kufike emfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi, ilizwe lonke lamaHethi, njalo kufike elwandle olukhulu lapho okutshona khona ilanga, kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu. **5** Kakulamuntu ozakuma phambi kwakho zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho. Njengalokhu ngangiloMozisi, ngizakuba lawe; kangiyikukutshiya, kangiyikukulahla. **6** Qina, ume isibindi, ngoba wena uzakwenza lababantu badle ilifa lelizwe engalifungela oyise ukubanika lona. **7** Kuphela qina, ube lesibindi esikhulu, ukugcina ukwenza ngokomlayo wonke uMozisi inceku yami akulaya wona; ungaphambuki kuwo uye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze uphumelele loba ngaphi lapho oya khona. **8** Ugwalo lwalumlayo lungasuki emlonyeni wakho, kodwa uzindle kuwo emini lebusuku, ukuze uqaphele ukwenza njengakho konke okubhaliwego kulo, ngoba khona uzakwenza indlela yakho iphumelele, ubusuphumelela. **9** Kangikulayanga yini? Qina, ume isibindi; ungesabi, uncatshaywa luvalo, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ilawe loba ngaphi lapho oya khona. **10** UJoshua waselaya izinduna zabantu, esithi: **11** Dabulani phakathi kwenkamba lilaye abantu lithi: Zilungiseleni umphako, ngoba kusesezinsuku ezintathu lizachapha le iJordan, ukuze lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu

elinika lona ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo. **12** UJoshua wasekhuluma kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase esithi: **13** Khumbulani ilizwi uMozisi inceku yeNkosi alilaya ngalo esithi: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu iyaliphumuza, ilinika lelilizwe. **14** Omkenu, abantwanyana benu, lezifuyo zenu kuzahlala elizweni uMozisi alinika lona nganeno kweJordani; kodwa lina lizachapha lihlomile phambi kwabafowenu, wonke amaqhawe alamandla, libasize, **15** iNkosi ize iphumuze abafowenu njengani, labo njalo badle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ebanika lona. Lizabuyela-ke elizweni lelifa lenu, lidle ilifa lalo, uMozisi inceku yeNkosi alinika lona, nganeno kweJordani, empumalanga. **16** Basebemphendula uJoshua besithi: Konke osilaya khona sizakwenza, laloba ngaphi lapho ozasithuma khona sizahamba. **17** Njengakho konke esamlalela uMozisi ngakho, ngokunjalo sizakulalela. Kuphela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ibe lawe njengoba yayiloMozisi. **18** Wonke umuntu ozavukela umlomo wakho, angalaleli amazwi akho, kukho konke omlaya khona, uzabulawa. Kuphela qina, ume isibindi.

2 UJoshua indodana kaNuni wasethuma eseShithimi amadoda amabili aba zinhlolli ensitha, esithi: Hambani libone ilizwe, leJeriko. Asehamba, ayafikela endlini yomfazi, iwule, obizo lakhe lalinguRahabi, alala khona. **2** Kwatshelwa inkosi yeJeriko kwathiwa: Khangela, kufike lapha ebusuku amadoda abantwana bakolsrayeli ukuhlola ilizwe. **3** Inkosi yeJeriko yasithumela kuRahabi isithi: Khupha lawo amadoda afikele kuwe, angena endlini yakho, ngoba azechlolka ilizwe lonke. **4** Kodwa owesifazana wayethethe lawomadoda amabili, wawafihla, wakhuluma kanje: Afikile kimi amadoda, kodwa bengingazi lapha avela khona. **5** Kwasekusithi sekuzavalwa isango

lapho sekumnyama amadoda aphuma. Kangikwazi lapho amadoda aye khona; axhumeni ngokuphangisa liwalandele, ngoba lizawafica. **6** Kodwa yena wayewenyusele ephahleni, wawafihla phakathi kwamahlanga efilakisi ayechayelwe yena ephahleni. **7** Amadoda asewaxhuma ngendlela yeJordani aze afika emazibukweni; bavala amasango emva kokuphuma kwabawaxhumayo bewalandela. **8** Kwathi wona engakalali, yena wenyukela kuwo ephahleni; **9** wasesithi emadoden: Ngiyazi ukuthi iNkosi ilinikile ilizwe, lokuthi ukwesabeka kwenu kuwele phezu kwethu, lokuthi bonke abakhileyo elizweni bayancibilika ngenxa yobukhona benu. **10** Ngoba sizwile ukuthi iNkosi yomisa amanzi oLwandle oluBomvu phambi kwenu ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, lalokho elakwenza emakhosini amabili amaAmori ayengaphetsheya kweJordani, uSihoni loOgi elabatshabalalisayo. **11** Sathi sikuzwa lokho inhlizyo yethu yancibilika, kakusekho isibindi emuntwini ngenxa yenu. Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, nguye uNkulunkulu emazulwini phezulu lemhlabeni phansi. **12** Ngakho-ke ake lifunge kimi ngeNkosi, ngoba ngilenzele umusa, lani-ke lizayenzela umusa indlu kababa, linginike isiboniso esiqinileyo, **13** ukuthi ligcine bephila ubaba lomama, labanewethu labodadewethu, lakho konke abalakho, likhulule impilo yethu ekufeni. **14** Lamadoda athi kuye: Umphefumulo wethu ufe esikhundleni senu, uba ungavezi obala loludaba lwethu. Njalo kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi isisinkile ilizwe, sizakwenzela umusa leqiniso. **15** Wasesehlisa ngentambo ewindini, ngoba indlu yakhe yayisem dulini womuzi, wayehlala phezu komduli. **16** Wasesithi kuwo: Yanini entaben, hlezibahlangane lani, licatshe khona insuku ezintathu, baze babuye abaxumi, lemva kwalokho lihambe ngendlela yenu. **17** Amadoda asesithi kuye:

Thina sizakhululeka esifungweni sakho lesi osifungise sona.

18 Khangela, ekufikeni kwethu elizweni uzabophela lintambo yomnxeba obomvu ewindini osehlise ngalo, njalo uzibuthanisele endlini yakho oyihlo lonyoko labanewenu lendlu yonke kayihlo.

19 Kuzakuthi-ke, loba ngubani ophumela phandle kweminyango yendlu yakho, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe, thina-ke sizakuba singelacala. Njalo loba ngubani ozakuba lawe endlini, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda lethu, uba isandla sisiba phezu kwakhe. **20** Kodwa uba uluveza obala loludaba lwethu, sizakhululeka esifungweni sakho osifungise sona. **21** Wasesithi: Njengamazwi enu, kakube njalo. Wasewayekela ehamba, ahamba, wabophela intambo ebomvu ewindini. **22** Asehamba afika entaben, ahlala khona insuku ezintathu, baze babuya abaxumi, ngoba abaxumi bawadinga endleleni yonke, kodwa kabawatholanga. **23** Ngakho amadoda womabili aphenduka asesehla entaben, achapha, afika kuJoshua indodana kaNuni, amtshela konke okuwehleleyo. **24** Athi kuJoshua: Isibili iNkosi ilinikele esandleni sethu ilizwe lonke, futhi-ke bonke abakhileyo belizwe bancibilikile ngenxa yobukhona bethu.

3 UJoshua wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, basuka eShithimi, bafika eJordan, yena labo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli; basebelala khona bengakachaphi. **2** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezintathu induna zadabula phakathi kwenkamba; **3** zalaya abantu zisithi: Nxa libona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, labapristi, amaLevi, bewuthwele, lina-ke lisuke endaweni yenu liwulandele. **4** Kodwa kuzakuba khona ibanga phakathi kwenu lawo, phose ingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngesilinganiso; lingasondeli kuwo; ukuze lazi indlela elizahamba ngayo, ngoba kalidlulanga ngalindlela mandulo. **5**

UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini: Zingcweliseni, ngoba kusasa iNkosi izakwenza izimangaliso phakathi kwenu. **6** UJoshuwa wasekhulumu kubapristi esithi: Phakamisani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, ledlule phambi kwabantu. Basebewuphakamisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, bahamba phambi kwabantu. **7** INkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Lamuhla ngizaqala ukukukhulisa emehlweli kalsrayeli wonke ukuze bazi ukuthi njengalokho ngangiloMozisi, ngizakuba lawe. **8** Wena-ke uzalaya abapristi abathwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano uthi: Nxa selifikile ekhunjini lwamanzi eJordani, lizakuma eJordani. **9** UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli: Sondelani lapha, lizwe amazwi eNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** UJoshuwa wasesithi: Ngalokhu lizakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ophilayo uphakathi kwenu, lokuthi uzawaxotsha lokuwaxotsha elifeni amaKhanani lamaHethi lamaHivi lamaPerizi lamaGirigashi lamaAmori lamaJebusi asuke ngaphambi kwenu. **11** Khangelani, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi yomhlaba wonke uzachapha phambi kwenu eJordani. **12** Ngakho-ke zithatheleni amadoda alitshumi lambili ezizweni zakolsrayeli, indoda ibenye kuleso lalesosizwe. **13** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho ingaphansi yenyawo zabapristi abathwele umtshokotsho weNkosi, iNkosi yomhlaba wonke, zizakuma emanzini eJordani, amanzi eJordani azaqunywa, amanzi ehlayo evela phezulu; azakuma abe yinqwaba eyodwa. **14** Kwasekusithi abantu besuka emathenteni abo ukuchapha iJordani, abapristi bathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano phambi kwabantu. **15** Lalapho abathwele umtshokotsho befika eJordani, lenyawo zabapristi abathwele umtshokotsho zigxanyuzwa ephethelweni lamanzi (ngoba iJordani liyagcwala enkunjini zonke zalo zonke izinsuku zokuvuna), **16** amanzi ehlayo evela phezulu ema, aphakama aba

yinqwaba eyodwa, khatshana kakhulu lomuzi iAdamu, oseceleni kweZarethani; lalawo ehlela elwandle lwamagceke, ulwandle lweTshwayi, aphela aqunywa. Labantu bachapha maqondana leJeriko. **17** Labapristi abathwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi bema emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi kweJordani beginile, lolssrayeli wonke wachapha emhlabathini owomileyo, isizwe sonke saze saqeda ukuchapha iJordani.

4 Kwasekusithi lapho isizwe sonke sesiqede ukuchapha iJordani, iNkosi yakhuluma kuJoshiwa isithi: **2** Zithathele amadoda alitshumi lambili ebantwini, indoda ibenye kuleso lalesosizwe, **3** uwalaye uthi: Zithatheleni okuvela lapha phakathi kweJordani kuleyondawo, lapho obekumi khona inyawo zabapristi ziqinile, amatshe alitshumi lambili, liwathwale lichaphe lawo, liwabeke endaweni yokulala lapho elizalala khona ebusuku. **4** UJoshiwa wasebiza amadoda alitshumi lambili ayewalungisile ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, indoda yabanye kuleso lalesosizwe. **5** UJoshiwa wasesithi kuwo: Dlulani phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lingene phakathi kweJordani, lizithathele, lowo lalowo, ilitshe elilodwa, aletshate ehlombe, njengokwenani lezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli, **6** ukuze lokhu kube yisiboniso phakathi kwenu. Nxa abantwana benu bebuza kusasa besithi: Ayini lamatshe kini? **7** Lizabatshela-ke: Ngoba amanzi eJordani aqunywa phambi komtshotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi. Lapho uchapha iJordani, amanzi eJordani aqunywa. Ngakho lamatshe azakuba yisikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli kuze kube nininini. **8** Labantwana bakolsrayeli benza njalo njengokulaya kukaJoshiwa, bathatha amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi kweJordani, njengokutsho kweNkosi kuJoshiwa, ngokwenani lezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli; bawathwala bachapha lawo,

baya endaweni lapho abalala khona, bawabeka khona. **9**
UJoshuwa wasemisa amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi
kweJordani endaweni lapho inyawo zabapristi ababethwele
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano ezazimi khona. Njalo asekhona
lapho kuze kube lamuhla. **10** Ngoba abapristi ababethwele
umtshokotsho bema phakathi kweJordani kwaze kwaphela
yonke into iNkosi eyayimlaye yona uJoshuwa ukuyitshela
abantu, njengakho konke uMozisi ayekulaye uJoshuwa. Labantu
baphangisa bachapha. **11** Kwasekusithi bonke abantu sebeqedile
ukuchapha, umtshokotsho weNkosi wachapha, labapristi phambi
kwabantu. **12** Njalo abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi
lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bachapha behlomile phambi
kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, njengokubatshela kukaMozisi. **13**
Phose izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane behlomele impi,
bachapha phambi kweNkosi ukuya empini, emagcekeni eJeriko.
14 Ngololosuku iNkosi yamkhulisa uJoshuwa emehlwani kalsrayeli
wonke, njalo bamesaba njengalokhu babemesaba uMozisi
insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. **15** INkosi yasikhulumu kuJoshuwa
isithi: **16** Laya abapristi abathwala umtshokotsho wobufakazi
ukuthi bakhuphuke eJordani. **17** UJoshuwa wasebalaya
abapristi esithi: Khuphukani eJordani. **18** Kwasekusithi lapho
abapristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi
sebekhuphukile phakathi kweJordani, lengaphansi yenyawo
zabapristi isiphakanyiselwe emhlabathini owomileyo, amanzi
eJordani abuyela endaweni yawo, ahamba njengamandulo
aphuphuma enkunjini zonke zayo. **19** Labantu bakhuphuka
besuka eJordani ngolwetshumi lwenyanga yokuqala, bamisa
inkamba eGiligali ephethelweni lempumalanga yeJeriko. **20**
Lalawomatshe alitshumi lambili abawathatha eJordani uJoshuwa

wawamisa eGiligali. **21** Wakhulumu kubantwana bakolsrayeli esithi: Nxa abantwana benu bebuza kusasa kuboyise besithi: Ayini lamatshe? **22** Lizabazisa-ke abantwana benu lisithi: Ulrsayeli wayichapha le iJordani emhlabathini owomileyo. **23** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yenza amanzi eJordani atsha phambi kwenu laze lachapha, njengokwenza kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu kuLwandle oluBomvu eyalomisa phambi kwethu saze sachapha, **24** ukuze zonke izizwe zomhlaba zazi isandla seNkosi, ukuthi silamandla, ukuze liyesabe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu zonke izinsuku.

5 Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amakhosi amaAmori ayenganeno kweJordani ngentshonalanga lawo wonke amakhosi amaKhanani ayengaselwandle esizwa ukuthi iNkosi yenza amanzi eJordani atsha ngaphambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli saze sachapha, inhliziyo yawo yancibilika, kakusabanga khona moyo kiwo, ngenxa yabantwana bakolsrayeli. **2** Ngalesosikhathi iNkosi yathi kuJoshua: Zenzele ingqamu zensengetshe, ubasoke futhi abantwana bakolsrayeli okwesibili. **3** UJoshua wasezenzela ingqamu zensengetshe, wabasoka abantwana bakolsrayeli oqaqeni lwamajwabu aphambili. **4** Njalo yilesizatho uJoshua abasokela sona; bonke abantu abaphuma eGibhithe, abesilisa, amadoda wonke empi, afela enkangala endleleni esephumile eGibhithe. **5** Ngoba bonke abantu abaphumayo babesokiwe, kodwa bonke abantu ababezalelwelwe enkangala endleleni sebephumile eGibhithe babengabasokanga. **6** Ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli bahamba enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane saze sabhubha isizwe sonke samadoda empi ayephume eGibhithe, ngoba engalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi; iNkosi eyayifungile kuwo ukuthi kayiyikuwatshengisa ilizwe

iNkosi eyayifungele oyise ukusinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **7** Labantwana bawo yabavusa esikhundleni sawo; bona uJoshua wabasoka, ngoba babengasokwanga, ngoba babengabasokanga endleleni. **8** Kwasekusithi sebeqedile ukusoka isizwe sonke, bahlala endaweni yabo enkambeni baze baphola. **9** INkosi yasisithi kuJoshua: Lamuhla ngigiqile ngasusa kini ihlazo leGibhithe. Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo lathiwa yiGiligali kuze kube lamuhla. **10** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebemisa inkamba eGiligali, bagcina iphasika ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga kusihlwa emagcekeni eJeriko. **11** Basebesidla izithelo zelizwe, ngekuseni eyalandela iphasika, izinkwa ezingelamvubelo lamabele akhanzingiwego, ngalona lolosuku. **12** Imana yacina ngelanga elalandela abadla ngalo izithelo zelizwe; labantwana bakolsrayeli kabasabanga lemana, kodwa badla izithelo zelizwe leKhanani ngalowomnyaka. **13** Kwasekusithi uJoshua eseJeriko, waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke, indoda imi maqondana laye ilenkemba yayo ewhatshiweyo isesandleni sayo. UJoshua wasesiya kuyo wathi kuyo: Ungowakithi yini, kumbe ungowezitha zethu? **14** Wasesithi: Hatshi; kodwa ngiyinduna yebutho leNkosi; sengibuyile. UJoshua wasesithi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, wakhonza esithi kuye: INkosi yami ithini encekwini yayo? **15** Induna yebutho leNkosi yasisithi kuJoshua: Khulula inyathela lakho enyaweni lwakho, ngoba indawo omi kiyo ingcwele. UJoshua wasesenza njalo.

6 IJeriko yayivaliwe-ke ngci ngenxa yabantwana bakolsrayeli. Kakho owaphumayo, njalo kakho owangenayo. **2** INkosi yasisithi kuJoshua: Bona, nginikele esandleni sakho iJeriko lenkosi yayo lamaqhawe alamandla. **3** Lizawubhoda-ke umuzi, wonke

amadoda empi, awubhode umuzi kanye. Uzakwenza njalo insuku eziyisithupha. 4 Labapristi abayisikhombisa bazathwala impondo zenqama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho; kuthi ngosuku lwasikhombisa lizawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa, labapristi bevuthela impondo. 5 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bekhalisa uphondo lwenqama isikhathi eside, nxa lisizwa ukukhala kophondo, abantu bonke bazamemeza ngokuklabalala okukhulu, lomduli womuzi uzadilikela phansi; labantu bazakwenyuka, ngulowo lajolo maqondana laye. 6 Ngakho uJoshua indodana kaNuni wabiza abapristi wathi kibo: Thwalani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, labapristi abayisikhombisa bathwale impondo zezingama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi. 7 Wasesithi ebantwini: Dlulani liwizingelezele umuzi, lohlomileyo kadlule phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi. 8 Kwasekusithi uJoshua esekhulume ebantwini, abapristi abayisikhombisa bethwele impondo eziyisikhombisa zenqama bakhokhela phambi kweNkosi, bavuthela impondo, lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi wabalandela. 9 Abahlomileyo basebehamba phambi kwabapristi ababevuthela izimpondo, lesigaba sasemuva salandela umtshokotsho, bahamba bevuthela izimpondo. 10 UJoshua wayelaye-ke abantu esithi: Lingamemezi, lobalizwakalise ilizwi lenu; kungaphumi lizwi emlonyeni wenu kuze kube lusuku engizalitshela ngalo ukuthi limemeze; beselimemeza. 11 Ngakho umtshokotsho weNkosi wawubhoda umuzi, uzingelezel kanye; basebesiza enkambeni, balala enkambeni ebusuku. 12 UJoshua wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, labapristi bathwala umtshokotsho weNkosi. 13 Labapristi abayisikhombisa bephethe impondo zezingama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi baqhube ka

behamba, bevuthela izimpondo, labahlomileyo bahamba phambi kwabo, lesigaba sasemuva salandela umtshokotsho weNkosi, bahamba bevuthela izimpondo. **14** Langosuku lwasibili bawuzingelezela umuzi kanye, babuyela enkambeni. Benza njalo insuku eziyisithupha. **15** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasikhombisa bavuka ngovivi emadabukakusa, bawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa ngendlela efananayo. Kuphela ngalolosuku bawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa. **16** Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sesikhombisa, abapristi bavuthela impondo, uJoshua wasesithi ebantwini: Memezani, ngoba iNkosi ilinikile umuzi. **17** Kodwa umuzi wona lakho konke okukuwo kuzakwehlukaniselwa eNkosini; nguRahabi iwule kuphela ozaphila, yena labo bonke alabo endlini yakhe, ngoba wafihla izithunywa esazithumayo. **18** Kodwa lina sibili zigcineni kokuqalekisiweyo, hlezi lizenze abaqalekisiweyo nxa lithatha kokuqalekisiweyo, lenze inkamba yakolsrayeli ibe yinto eqalekisiweyo, liyihluphe. **19** Kodwa sonke isiliva legolide, lezitsha zethusi lezensimbi, kungcwele eNkosini. Kuzakuza endlini yokuligugu kweNkosi. **20** Abantu basebememeza, kwavuthelwa izimpondo. Kwasekusithi abantu besizwa ukukhala kwempondo, abantu bamemeza ngokuklabalala okukhulu, umduli wadilikela phansi, labantu benyukela emzini, ngulowo lalowo maqondana laye, bawuthumba umuzi. **21** Batshabalalisa konke okusemzini, kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana, kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala, kuze kube senkabini lemvini lobabhemi, ngobukhali benkemba. **22** Lakulawomadoda amabili ayeyehlolila ilizwe uJoshua wathi: Ngenani endlini yowesifazana oliwule, likhuphe kuyo owesifazana lakho konke alakho, njengokufunga kwenu kuye. **23** Lamajaha izinhloli angena akhupha uRahabi loyise lonina labanewabo lakho konke ayelakho; akhupha zonke

izihlobo zakhe, azibeka ngaphandle kwenkamba yakolsrayeli.

24 Basebewutshisa umuzi ngomlilo lakho konke okwakukiwo; kuphela isiliva legolide lezitsha zethusi lezensimbi bakufaka kokuligugu kwendlu yeNkosi. **25** Ngakho uRahabi iwule, lendlu kayise, labo bonke ayelabo, uJoshua wabayekela bephila; wahlala phakathi kolsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wafihla izithunywa uJoshua ayezithume ukuhlola iJeriko. **26** UJoshua wabafungisa esithi: Uqalekisiwe umuntu phambi kweNkosi osukuma akhe lumuzi iJeriko. Uzawusekela ngezibulo lakhe, amise amasango awo ngecinathunjana lakhe. **27** Ngokunjalo iNkosi yaba loJoshua, lodumo lwakhe lwaba selizweni lonke.

7 Kodwa abantwana bakolsrayeli baphambuka ngesiphambeko ngokuqalekisiweyo. Ngoba uAkani indodana kaKarmi indodana kaZabidi indodana kaZera owesizwe sakoJuda wathatha kokuqalekisiweyo; ulaka lweNkosi lwaselubavuthela abantwana bakolsrayeli. **2** UJoshua wasethuma abantu besuka eJeriko besiya eAyi eliseduze leBeti-Aveni empumalanga kweBhetheli, wakhulumka kibo esithi: Yenyukani liyehlolila ilizwe. Abantu basebesenyuka bayihlolila iAyi. **3** Basebebuya kuJoshua bathi kuye: Kakungenyuki bonke abantu; kakwenyuke phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezimbili loba phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezintathu ukutshaya iAyi. Ungadinisi bonke abantu ngokuya khona, ngoba balutshwana. **4** Kwasekusenyukela khona abavela ebantwini amadoda aphosa abe zinkulungwane ezintathu; abaleka phambi kwamadoda eAyi. **5** Lamadoda eAyi atshaya phose amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lesithupha, axotshana lawo phambi kwasango aze afika eShebarimi, awatshayela ekwehleni. Ngakho inhliziyo yabantu yancibilika yaba ngamanzi. **6** UJoshua wasedabula izigqoko zakhe,

wathi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho
weNkosi kwaze kwahlwa, yena labadala bakolsrayeli, bathela
uthuli emakhanda abo. **7** UJoshuwa wasesithi: Maye Nkosi
Jehova! Ubachaphiseleni lokubachaphisa lababantu iJordani
ukusinikela esandleni samaAmori ukusibhubhisa? Kungathi
ngabe seneliswa sahlala ngaphetsheya kweJordani! **8** O Nkosi,
ngizakuthini, emva kokuthi ulsrayeli esephendule intamo ezitheni
zakhe? **9** Ngoba amakhanani labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni
bazakuzwa, basihanqe, baliqume ibizo lethu lisuke emhlabeni.
Pho, uzalenzelani ibizo lakho elikhulu? **10** INkosi yasisithi
kuJoshuwa: Sukuma wena, uweleni kanje ngobuso bakho? **11**
Ulsrayeli wonile; njalo baseqile isivumelwano sami engabalaya
sona, bathethe futhi kokuqalekisiweyo, njalo bebole, baqamba
amanga futhi, yebo bakubekile empahleni zabo. **12** Ngalokho
abantwana bakolsrayeli babengelakuma phambi kwezitha zabo,
baphendula umhlana phambi kwezitha zabo, ngoba begalekisiwe.
Kangisayikuba lani uba lingabhubhisi okuqalekisiweyo phakathi
kwenu. **13** Sukuma, ngcwelisa abantu, uthi: Zingcweliseleleni
ikusasa; ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli:
Kukhona okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwakho, Israyeli; ungeke ume
phambi kwezitha zakho lize likhuphe okuqalekisiweyo phakathi
kwenu. **14** Ngakho ekuseni lizasondezwa ngezizwe zenu;
kuzakuthi-ke isizwe iNkosi ezasibamba sizasondela ngensendo,
losendo iNkosi ezalubamba luzasondela ngezindlu, lendlu
iNkosi ezayibamba izasondela ngabantu. **15** Kuzakuthi-ke lowo
ozabanjwa lokuqalekisiweyo uzatshiswa ngomlilo, yena lakho
konke alakho, ngoba eqe isivumelwano seNkosi, langoba enze
ubuphukuphuku kolsrayeli. **16** UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni
kakhulu, wenza ulsrayeli wasondela ngezizwe zakhe; lesizwe

sakoJuda sabanjwa; **17** wasesenza usendo lwakoJuda lusondele, wabamba usendo lwakoZera; wenza usendo lwakoZera lusondele ngabantu; uZabidi wasebanjwa; **18** wasesenza indlu yakhe isondele ngabantu; uAkani, indodana kaKarmi, indodana kaZabidi, indodana kaZera, owesizwe sakoJuda, wasebanjwa. **19** UJoshua wasesithi kuAkani: Ndodana yami, ake unike iNkosi udumo, uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli, uvume kuye; ake ungitsheli lokho okwenzileyo, ungangifihleli. **20** UAkani wasephendula uJoshua wathi: Isibili mina ngonile eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli. Ngokunje langokunje ngikwenzile. **21** Kwathi ngibona phakathi kwempango isembatho seBhabhiloni esihle esisodwa, lamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amabili, lolimi Iwegolide olulodwa osisindo salo singamashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu, ngakuhawukela, ngakuthatha, khangela-ke, kuthukuziwe emhlabathini phakathi kwethente lami, lesiliva singaphansi kwakho. **22** UJoshua wasethuma izithunywa, zagijima zaya ethenteni, khangela-ke, kwakufihliwe ethenteni lakhe, lesiliva singaphansi kwakho. **23** Bakukhupha phakathi kwethente, bakuletha kuJoshua lebantwaneni bonke bakolsrayeli, bakuthululela phambi kweNkosi. **24** UJoshua lolsrayeli wonke ekanye laye basebemthatha uAkani indodana kaZera, lesiliva, lesembatho, lolimi Iwegolide, lamadodana akhe, lamadodakazi akhe, lenkabi zakhe, labobabhemi bakhe, lezimvu zakhe, lethente lakhe, lakho konke ayelakho, bakwenyusela esihotsheni seAkori. **25** UJoshua wasesithi: Usihlupheleni? INkosi izakuhlupha lamuhla. Lolsrayeli wonke wamkhanda ngamatshe; babatshisa ngomlilo, babakhanda ngamatshe. **26** Bamisa phezu kwakhe inqwaba enkulu yamatshe kuze kube lamuhla. Ngalokho iNkosi yaphenduka ekuvutheni kolaka lwayo.

Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo labizwa ngokuthi yisihotsha seAkori,
kuze kube lamuhla.

8 iNkosi yasisithi kuJoshua: Ungesabi, ungarshaywa luvalo;
thatha kanye lawe bonke abantu bemp, usukume wenyukele
eAyi; bona, ngingikele esandleni sakho inkosi yeAyi, labantu bayo,
lomuzi wayo, lelizwe layo. **2** Uzakwenza-ke eAyi lenkosini yayo
njengokwenza kwakho eJeriko lenkosini yayo. Kuphela impango
yayo lezifuyo zayo lizaziphangela. Uzibekele abacathameli
ngasemzini emva kwawo. **3** UJoshua wasesukuma labo
bonke abantu bemp ukwenyukela eAyi; uJoshua wasekhetha
amaqhawe alamandla ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu, wawathuma ebusuku. **4** Wawalaya esithi: Bonani,
lizawucathamela umuzi ngemva komuzi. Lingabi khatshana
kakhulu lomuzi, kodwa lungani lonke. **5** Mina-ke labo bonke
abantu abalami sizasondela emzini. Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bephuma
ukumelana lathi njengakuqala sibaleke phambi kwabo. **6** Njalo
bazaphuma emva kwethu size sibadonse basuke emzini. Ngoba
bazakuthi: Bayabaleka phambi kwethu njengakuqala. Ngakho
sizabaleka phambi kwabo. **7** Lina-ke lizasukuma ekucathameni,
liwuthumbe umuzi; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izawunikela
esandleni senu. **8** Kuzakuthi-ke seliwuthumbile umuzi, liwutshise
umuzi ngomlilo, lizakwenza njengokwelizwi leNkosi. Bonani,
ngililayile. **9** UJoshua wasebathuma, baya ekucathameni,
bahllala phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi, entshonalanga kweAyi,
kodwa uJoshua walala phakathi kwabantu ngalobobusuku.
10 UJoshua wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabala abantu,
wenyuka, yena labadala bakolsrayeli, phambi kwabantu, waya
eAyi. **11** Labo bonke abantu bemp ababelaye benyuka,
basondela, beza maqondana lomuzi, bamisa inkamba enyakatho

kweAyi. Njalo kwakulesihotsha phakathi kwabo leAyi. **12**
Wasethatha phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu,
wawacathamisa phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi entshonalanga
komuzi. **13** Lapho sebemisa abantu, lonke ibutho elalisenyakatho
komuzi, labacathami ngasentshonalanga komuzi, uJoshua
waya phakathi kwesihotsha ngalobobusuku. **14** Kwasekusithi
inkosi yeAyi ikubona, aphangisa avuka ngovivi; lamadoda omuzi
aphuma impi emelane lolsrayeli, yona labantu bayo bonke,
ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, phambi kwamagceke; kodwa yona
yayingazi ukuthi kukhona abayicathameleyo emva komuzi. **15**
UJoshua lolsrayeli basebetshaywa phambi kwawo, babaleka
ngendlela yenkangala. **16** Kwasekubizwa bonke abantu
ababesemzini ukuxotshana labo. Nxa bexotshana loJoshua
badonswa basuka emzini. **17** Njalo kakusalanga muntu eAyi
kumbe eBhetheli, abangaphumanga ukulandela ulsrayeli;
bawutshiya umuzi ukhamisile, baxotshana lolsrayeli. **18** INkosi
yasisithi kuJoshua: Yelulela umkhonto osesandleni sakho eAyi,
ngoba ngizayinikela esandleni sakho. UJoshua waseselulela
umkhonto osesandleni sakhe emzini. **19** Abacathemeyo
basebesukuma masinyane endaweni yabo; bagijima esanda
ukwelula isandla sakhe, bangena emzini, bawuthumba,
baphangisa, bawutshisa umuzi ngomlilo. **20** Kwathi lapho
amadoda eAyi enyemukula abona, khangela-ke, intuthu yomuzi
yenyukela emazulwini, njalo ayengelandawo yokubalekela
ngapha langapha, ngoba abantu ababebalekele enkangala
baphendukela ababaxotshayo. **21** Kwathi uJoshua lolsrayeli
wonke bebona ukuthi abacathemeyo sebewuthumbile umuzi
lokuthi intuthu yomuzi yenyuka, baphenduka batshaya amadoda
eAyi. **22** Lalaba baphuma emzini ukumelana lawo, aze

aba phakathi kukalsrayeli, abanye ngapha labanye ngale; basebewatshaya, kakwaze kwasala muntu kuwo, owasilayo kumbe owaphunyukayo. **23** Kodwa inkosi yeAyi bayibamba iphila, bayisondeza kuJoshua. **24** Kwasekusithi lapho ulsrayeli eseqedile ukubulala bonke abahlali beAyi egangeni, enkangala lapho ababebaxotshele khona, babewile bonke ngobukhali benkemba, baze baqedwa, ulsrayeli wonke wabuyela eAyi, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba. **25** Kwasekusithi, bonke abawayo mhlalokho, kusukela kwabesilisa kusiya kwabesifazana, babeyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, bonke abantu beAyi. **26** Njalo uJoshua kasifinyezanga isandla sakhe ayelule umkhonto ngaso baze batshabalalisa bonke abahlali beAyi. **27** Kuphela izifuyo lempango yallowomuzi ulsrayeli waziphangela, njengelizwi leNkosi eyalilaya uJoshua. **28** UJoshua waseytshisa iAyi, wayimisa yaba yinqwaba phakade, unxiwa, kuze kube lamuhla. **29** Lenkosi yeAyi wayiphanyeka esihlahleni kwaze kwaba yisikhathi santambama. Lekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshua walaya ukuthi bethule isidumbu sayo esihlahleni, basiphosele emnyango wesango lomuzi, bamisa phezu kwaso inqwaba enkulu yamatshe, ekhona kuze kube lamuhla. **30** Khona uJoshua wayakhela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ilathi entabenye Ebhali. **31** Njengokulaya kukaMozisi inceku yeNkosi kubantwana bakolsrayeli, njengalokhu kubhalwe egwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi, ilathi lamatshe apheleleyo, okungazange kusetshenziswe nsimbi phezu kwalo. Basebenikela phezu kwalo eNkosini iminikelo yokutshiswa, bahlaba iminikelo yokuthula. **32** Wasebhala lapho ematsheni impinda yomlayo kaMozisi, ayibhala phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **33** Ulsrayeli wonke-ke, labadala babo, lezinduna, labahluleli babo,

bema ngapha langapha komtshokotsho, beqondene labapristi, amaLevi, abathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, owezizwe njengowokuzalwa. Ingxenyenye yabo imaqondana lentaba yeGerizimi, lengxenyenye yabo maqondana lentaba yeEbhali, njengokulaya kukaMozisi inceku yeNkosi, ukubusisa abantu bakolsrayeli kuqala. **34** Langemva kwalokho wamemezelala wonke amazwi omlayo, isibusiso lesiqalekiso, njengakho konke okubhaliwego egwalweni lomlayo. **35** Akwabakho ilizwi kukho konke uMozisi akulayayo uJoshua angalimemezelanga phambi kwebandla lonke lakolsrayeli labesifazana labantwanyana labezizweni ababehamba phakathi kwabo.

9 Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amakhosi ayenganeno kweJordani, entaben, lesihotsheni, lekhunjini lolwandle olukhulu, maqondana leLebanoni, amaHethi lamaAmori, amaKhanani, amaPerizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi ezwa, **2** abuthana ndawonye ukulwa loJoshua lolsrayeli nganhliziyonye. **3** Kwathi abahlali beGibeyoni sebezwile lokho uJoshua ayekwenzile eJeriko laseAyi, **4** labo basebesenza ngobuqili; bahamba bazaiza izithunywa, bathwala obabhemi babo amasaka agugileyo lemigodla yewayini egugileyo ledabukileyo lebekelwego, **5** lamanyathela agugileyo labekelwego enyaweni zabo, lezigqoko ezigugileyo bezigqokile, lezinkwa zonke zomphako wabo sezomile zikhuntile. **6** Basebesiya kuJoshua enkambeni eGiligali, bathi kuye lemadoden akolsrayeli: Sivela elizweni elikhhatshana, ngakho-ke yenzani isivumelwano lathi. **7** Kodwa amadoda akolsrayeli athi kumaHivi: Mhlawumbe lihlala phakathi kwethu; pho, singenza njanji isivumelwano lenu? **8** Asesithi kuJoshua: Sizinceku zakho. UJoshua wasesithi kiwo: Lingobani? Njalo livela ngaphi? **9** Asesithi kuye:

Izinceku zakho zivela elizweni elikhatsana kakhulu, ngenxa yebizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba sizwile indumela yayo lakho konke eyakwenza eGibhithe, **10** lakho konke eyakwenza emakhosini amabili amaAmori ayengaphetsheya kweJordani, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, loOgi inkosi yeBashani, eyayiseAshitarothi. **11** Ngakho abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni lakithi bakhuluma kithi besithi: Thathani umphako wendlela esandleni senu, lihambe liyehlangana labo, lithi kibo: Sizinceku zenu; ngakho-ke yenzani isivumelwano lathi. **12** Lesisinkwa sethu sasithatha sitshisa singumphako wethu ezindlini zethu mhla siphumayo sisiza kini; kodwa khathesi, khangela, sesomile sakhunta. **13** Lalimigodla yewayini esayigcwalisayo yayimitsha; kodwa khangela, isidabukile. Lalezizigqoko zethu lamanyathela ethu sekugugiswe luhambo olude kakhulu. **14** Ngakho amadoda athatha kokomphako wabo, engabuzanga umlomo weNkosi. **15** UJoshua wasesenza ukuthula labo, wenza isivumelwano labo sokubayekela baphile, lezinduna zenhlangano zafunga kibo. **16** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezintathu emva kokuthi sebenzile isivumelwano labo, bezwa ukuthi bangomakhelwane babo, lokuthi babehlala phakathi kwabo. **17** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesuka bafika emizini yabo ngosuku Iwesithathu. Njalo imizi yabo yayiyiGibeyoni leKefira leBherothi leKiriyathi-Jeyarimi. **18** Njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli kababatshayanga ngoba izinduna zebandla zazibafungele ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli; inhlangano yonke yasingungunela izinduna. **19** Kodwa zonke izinduna zathi enhlanganweni yonke: Thina sifungile kibo ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ngakho-ke kasilakubathinta. **20** Sizakwenza lokhu kibo, sibayekele baphile, ukuze kungabi

khona ulaka phezu kwethu ngenxa yesifungo esasifunga kibo.

21 Lezinduna zathi kubo: Bayekeleni baphile, kodwa kababe ngabagamuli benkuni labakhi bamanzi enhlanganweni yonke, njengokutsho kwezinduna kubo. **22** UJoshua wasebabiza, wakhulumu labo esithi: Lisikhohliseleni, lisithi: Sikhatshana kakhulu lani; kanti lina lihlala phakathi kwethu? **23** Ngakho-ke liqalekisiwe, njalo kakuyikuqunywa phakathi kwenu izigqili labagamuli benkuni labakhi bamanzi bendlu kaNkulunkulu wami. **24** Basebephendula uJoshua bathi: Ngoba k watshelwa lokutshelwa ezincekwini zakho ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yalaya uMozisi inceku yayo ukulinika ilizwe lonke lokuchitha bonke abakhileyo belizwe phambi kwenu. Ngakho sesaba kakhulu ngempilo yethu ngenxa yenu. Yikho senze le into. **25** Khathesi-ke, khangela, sesisesandleni sakho; yenza njengokulungileyo lanjengokuqondileyo emehlwani akho ukukwenza kithi. **26** Ngakho wenza njalo kubo, wabophula esandleni sabantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuze bangababulali. **27** UJoshua wasebenza ngalolosuku baba ngabagamuli benkuni labakhi bamanzi benhlangano, labelathi leNkosi, kuze kube lamuhla, endaweni ezayikhetha.

10 Kwasekusithi lapho uAdonizedeki inkosi yeJerusalema esezwile ukuthi uJoshua uyithumbile iAyi, wayitshabalalisa, njengalokho akwenza eJeriko lenkosini yayo, wenze njalo eAyi lenkosini yayo, lokuthi abahlali beGibeyoni benza ukuthula lolsrayeli, babephakathi kwabo, **2** besaba kakhulu, ngoba iGibeyoni yayingumuzi omkhulu njengomunye wemizi yenkosi, langoba yayinkulu kuleAyi, lamadoda ayo wonke engamaqhawe. **3** Ngakho uAdonizedeki inkosi yeJerusalema yathumela kuHohamu inkosi yeHebroni, lakuPiramu inkosi

yeJarimuthi, IakuJafiya inkosi yeLakishi, IakuDebiri inkosi yeEgiloni, esithi: **4** Yenyukelani kimi lingisize, ukuze siyitshaye iGibeyoni; ngoba yenzile ukuthula loJoshua labantwana bakolsrayeli. **5** Ngakho amakhosi amahlanu amaAmori, inkosi yeJerusalem, inkosi yeHebron, inkosi yeJarimuthi, inkosi yeLakishi, inkosi yeEgiloni, ahlangana enyuka, wona lamabutho awo wonke, amisa inkamba maqondana leGibeyoni, alwa layo. **6** Amadoda eGibeyoni asethumela kuJoshua enkambeni yeGiligali esithi: Isandla sakho singatshiyi izinceku zakho; yenyukela kithi masinyane usisindise usisize, ngoba amakhosi wonke amaAmori ahlala ezintabeni asesihlanganyele. **7** Ngakho uJoshua wenyuka esuka eGiligali, yena labo bonke abantu bempu kanye laye, lawo wonke amaqhawe alamandla. **8** INkosi yasisithi kuJoshua: Ungabesabi, ngoba ngibanikele esandleni sakho; kakulamuntu wabo ozakuma phambi kwakho. **9** UJoshua wasebajuma, enyuke ubusuku bonke esuka eGiligali. **10** INkosi yabasanganisa phambi kukalsrayeli, yabatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu eGibeyoni, yaxotshana labo endleleni enyukela eBhethi-Horoni, yabatshaya kwaze kwaba seAseka kwaze kwaba seMakeda. **11** Kwasekusithi besabaleka phambi kukalsrayeli ekwehleni kweBhethi-Horoni, iNkosi yaphosela phezu kwabo amatshe amakhulu evela emazulwini, kwaze kwaba seAzeka, njalo bafa. Babebanengi abafa ngesiqhotho okwedlula labo abantwana bakolsrayeli abababulala ngenkemba. **12** Ngalesosikhathi uJoshua wakhulumu eNkosini mhla iNkosi inikela amaAmori phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, wathi phambi kwamehlo kalsrayeli: Langa, mana eGibeyoni, lawe nyanga, esihotsheni seAjalon. **13** Lelanga lathi mpo lenyanga yema, abantu baze baziphindisela ezitheni zabo.

Lokhu kakubhaliwe yini egwalweni lukaJashari? Ngakho ilanga lema phakathi komkhathi, kalaze laphangisa ukutshona phose okosuku olupheleleyo. **14** Kaluzanga lube khona usuku olunjalo ngaphambi kwalo loba emva kwalo lapho iNkosi eyalizwa khona ilizwi lomuntu, ngoba iNkosi yamlwela ulsrayeli. **15** UJoshuwa wasebuyela enkambeni eGiligali lolrayeli wonke kanye laye. **16** Kodwa lawomakhosi amahlanu abaleka, acatsha ebhalwini eMakeda. **17** Kwasekubikwa kuJoshuwa ukuthi: Amakhosi amahlanu atholwe ecatsophile ebhalwini eMakeda. **18** UJoshuwa wasesithi: Giqelani amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni wobhalu, limise amadoda kulo ukuwalinda. **19** Kodwa lina lingami; xotshanani lezitha zenu, lizitshaye ngemuva kwazo, lingaziyekeli zingene emizini yazo, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izinikele esandleni senu. **20** Kwasekusithi lapho uJoshuwa labantwana bakolsrayeli sebeqedile ukuzitshaya ngokutshaya okukhulukazi zaze zaqedwa, insali eyasalayo yazo yangena emizini evikelweyo. **21** Labantu bonke babuyela enkambeni kuJoshuwa eMakeda ngokuthula; kakho owanyikinya ulimi lwakhe emelana labantwana bakolsrayeli. **22** UJoshuwa wasesithi: Vulani umlomo wobhalu, likhuphele kimi lawomakhosi amahlanu evela ebhalwini. **23** Basebesenza njalo, bawakhuphela kuye lawomakhosi amahlanu evela ebhalwini: Inkosi yeJerusalema, inkosi yeHebron, inkosi yeJarimuthi, inkosi yeLakishi, inkosi yeEgiloni. **24** Kwasekusithi sebewakhuphele kuJoshuwa lawomakhosi, uJoshuwa wabiza wonke amadoda akolsrayeli, wathi ezinduneni zamadoda empi ezazihambe laye: Sondelani, libeke inyawo zenu entanyeni zalamakhosi. Zasezisondela, zabeka inyawo zazo entanyeni zaho. **25** UJoshuwa wasesithi kuzo: Lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo; qinani lime isibindi, ngoba

iNkosi izakwenza njalo kuzo zonke izitha zenu elilwa limelene lazo. **26** Emva kwalokho uJoshua wasewatshaya wawabulala, wawalengisa ezihlahleni ezinhlanu; njalo ayelenga ezihlahleni kwaze kwahlwa. **27** Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sokutshona kwelanga uJoshua walaya ukuthi bawethule ezihlahleni, bawaphosele ebhalwini ayecatshe khona; basebefaka amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni wobhalu, akhona kuze kube yilona lolusuku. **28** UJoshua wathumba layo iMakeda ngalolosuku, wayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, watshabalalisa lenkosi yayo, bona, layo yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo, katshiyanga insali. Wasesenza enkosini yeMakeda njengalokho akwenza enkosini yeJeriko. **29** UJoshua, lolsrayeli wonke laye, wasedlula esuka eMakeda waya eLibhina, walwa emelene leLibhina. **30** INkosi yasiyinikela layo lenkosi yayo esandleni sikalsrayeli; waseyitshaya ngobukhali benkemba lemiphefumulo yonke eyayikiyo; katshiyanga insali kiyo; wenza enkosini yayo njengalokho akwenza enkosini yeJeriko. **31** UJoshua wasesedlula esuka eLibhina, lolsrayeli wonke kanye laye, waya eLakishi, wamisa inkamba maqondana layo, walwa emelene layo. **32** INkosi yasiyinikela iLakishi esandleni sikalsrayeli; waseyithumba ngosuku lwasibili, wayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba layo yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo, njengakho konke akwenza eLibhina. **33** Ngalesosikhathi uHoramu inkosi yeGezeri wenyuka ukusiza iLakishi; kodwa uJoshua wamtshaya labantu bakhe, kwaze kwathi kamtshiyelanga insali. **34** UJoshua wasesedlula esuka eLakishi, lolsrayeli wonke kanye laye, baya eEgiloni, bamisa inkamba maqondana layo, balwa bemelene layo. **35** Bayithumba ngalolosuku, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, lemiphefumulo yonke eyayikiyo bayitshabalalisa ngalolosuku,

njengakho konke akwenza eLakishi. **36** UJoshua wasesenyuka esuka eEgiloni lolsrayeli wonke kanye laye, baya eHebron, balwa bemelene layo, **37** bayithumba, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, lenkosi yayo lemizi yayo yonke lawo wonke umphefumulo owawukiyo; katshiyanga insali, njengakho konke akwenza eEgiloni, wawutshabalalisa lawo wonke umphefumulo owawukiyo. **38** UJoshua wasebuyela eDebiri lolsrayeli wonke kanye laye, balwa bemelene layo, **39** bayithumba lenkosi yayo layo yonke imizi yayo, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, batshabalalisa wonke umphefumulo owawukiyo; katshiyanga insali. Njengokwenza kwakhe eHebron wenza njalo eDebiri lenkosini yayo, lanjengokwenza kwakhe eLibhina lenkosini yayo. **40** Ngakho uJoshua walitshaya ilizwe lonke lezintaba leleningizimu lelesihotsha lelamawatha lawo wonke amakhosi abo; katshiyanga insali, kodwa watshabalalisa konke okuphefumulayo, njengokulaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **41** UJoshua wasebatshaya kusukela eKadeshi-Bhaneya kwaze kwaba seGaza, lelizwe lonke leGosheni, kwaze kwaba seGibeyoni. **42** UJoshua wasethumba wonke lamakhosi lelizwe lawo ngasikhathi sinye, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yamlwela ulsrayeli. **43** UJoshua wasebuyela, lolsrayeli wonke kanye laye, enkambeni eGiligali.

11 Kwasekusithi lapho uJabini inkosi yeHazor ekuzwa, wathumela kuJobabi inkosi yeMadoni, lenkosini yeShimironi, lenkosini yeAkishafi, **2** lemakhosini ayengenyakatho ezintabeni, lemagcekeni, eningizimu kweKinerothi, lesihotsheni, lemaqaqeni eDori entshonalanga, **3** amaKhanani empumalanga lentshonalanga, lamaAmori lamaHethi lamaPerizi lamaJebusi entabeni, lamaHivi ngaphansi kweHermoni elizweni leMizipa.

4 Asephuma, wona lawo wonke amabutho awo kanye lawo, abantu abanengi, njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi, lamabhiza lenqola okunengi kakhulu. 5 Wonke lamakhosi asehlangana, eza amisa inkamba ndawonye emanzini eMeroma, ukulwa emelene lolsrayeli. 6 INkosi yasisithi kuJoshua: Un gesabi ngenxa yabo, ngoba kusasa phose ngalesisikhathi ngizawanikela wonke ese bulewe phambi kukalsrayeli; uzaquma imisipha yamabhiza awo, utshise inqola zaho ngomlilo. 7 UJoshua wasesiza, labo bonke abantu bempa kanye laye, bemelene lawo emanzini eMeroma bawajuma, bawadumela. 8 INkosi yasiwanikela esandleni sikalsrayeli, owawatshaya waxotshana lawo kwaze kwaba se Sidoni enkulu, kwaze kwaba se Misirefathi-Mayimi, kwaze kwaba sesihotsheni se Mizi pa empumalanga. Bawatshaya, kabaze batshiya insali kubo. 9 UJoshua wasesenza kiwo njengokutsho kwe Nkosi kuye; waquma imisipha yamabhiza awo, watshisa inqola zaho ngomlilo. 10 UJoshua wasebuya ngalesosikhathi, wathumba i Hazori, watshaya inkosi yayo ngenkemba. Ngoba kuqala i Hazori yayiyinhloko yayo yonke leyomibuso. 11 Batshaya yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo ngobukhali benkemba, bayitshabalalisa; kakusalanga lokukodwa okuphefumulayo; wasetshisa i Hazori ngomlilo. 12 Yonke-ke imizi yalawomakhosi lamakhosi ayo wonke uJoshua wakuthumba, wakutshaya ngobukhali benkemba, wakutshabalalisa, njengokulaya kuka Mozisi inceku ye Nkosi. 13 Kuphela imizi yonke eyayimi emadundulwini ayo ulsrayeli kayitshisanga, ngaphandle kwe Hazori kuphela uJoshua ayitshisayo. 14 Layo yonke impango yalimizi lezifuyo abantwana bakolsrayeli baziphangela. Kuphela bonke abantu babatshaya ngobukhali benkemba baze babachitha; kabatshiyanga loyedwa

ophefumulayo. **15** Njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi inceku yayo, ngokunjalo uMozisi wamlaya uJoshua, langokunjalo uJoshua wakwenza; kasusanga lutho kukho konke iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi. **16** Ngakho uJoshua walithatha lelolizwe lonke, izintaba, leningizimu yonke, lelizwe lonke leGosheni, lesihotsha, lamagceke, lentaba zakolsrayeli, lesigodi sakhe, **17** kusukela entabeni yeHalaki eyenyukela eSeyiri, kuze kube seBhali-Gadi esihotsheni seLebhanoni ngaphansi kwentaba yeHermoni. Wawathumba wonke amakhosi abo, wawatshaya wawabulala. **18** UJoshua wayilwa-ke impi insuku ezinengi lawo wonke lawomakhosi. **19** Kakubanga lamuzi owenza ukuthula labantwana bakolsrayeli ngaphandle kwamaHivi abahlali beGibeyoni; bayithatha yonke ngempi. **20** Ngoba kwakuvela eNkosini ukwenza luhkuni inhliziyo zabo ukuze bahlangabezane lolrayeli empini, ukuze abatshabalalise, ukuze bangazazi umusa, kodwa ukuze ababhubhise, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **21** UJoshua wasesiza ngalesosikhathi, waquma amaAnaki asuke ezintabeni, eHebron, eDebiri, eAnabi, lentabeni zonke zakoJuda, lakuzo zonke intaba zakolsrayeli; uJoshua wawatshabalalisa lemizi yawo. **22** Kakusalanga amaAnaki elizweni labantwana bakolsrayeli; kuphela eGaza, eGathi, leAshidodi, asala. **23** UJoshua wasethatha ilizwe lonke njengakho konke iNkosi eyakukhuluma kuMozisi. UJoshua waselinika laba yilifa kulsrayeli, njengokwehlukaniswa kwabo ngezizwe zabo. Ilizwe laseliphumula empini.

12 Lala ngamakhosi elizwe abantwana bakolsrayeli abawatshayayo, badla ilifa lelizwe lawo ngaphetsheya kweJordani ngempumalanga, kusukela esifuleni seArinoni kusiya entabeni yeHermoni, lamagceke wonke ngempumalanga: **2** USihoni inkosi

yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni, ebusa kusukela eAroweri esekunjini lвесifula seArinoni laphakathi kвесifula, lengxenye yeGileyadi kuze kufike esifuleni iJaboki, umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni, 3 lamagceke kuze kufike elwandle lweKinerothi, kuze kube selwandle lвamagceke, uLwandle lweTshwayi, empumalanga, indlela yeBeti-Jeshimothi, njalo kusukela eningizimu ngaphansi kweAshidodi-Pisiga; 4 lomngcele kaOgi inkosi yeBashani owensali zeziqhwa owayehlala eAshitarothi leEdreyi, 5 wabusa entabenи yeHermoni leSaleka leBashani lonke, kuze kube semngceleni wamaGeshuri lamaMahakathi, lengxenye yeGileyadi, umngcele kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni. 6 UMozi inceku yeNkosi labantwana bakolsrayeli babatshaya. UMozi inceku yeNkosi waselinika abakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakоManase ukuba yilifa. 7 Lala ngamakhosi elizwe uJoshua labantwana bakolsrayeli abawatshayayo nganeno kweJordani entshonalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi esihotsheni seLebhanoni kusiya entabenи yeHalaki eyenyukela eSeyiri. UJoshua walnika-ke izizwe zakolsrayeli laba yilifa njengokwehlukanisa kwazo: 8 Ezintabenи, lezihotsheni, lemagcekeni, lemawatheni, lenkangala, leningizimu: AmaHethi, amaAmori, lamaKhanani, amaPerizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi. 9 Inkosi yeJeriko, eyodwa; inkosi yeAyi, eseceleni kweBhetheli, eyodwa; 10 inkosi yeJerusalema, eyodwa; inkosi yeHebron, eyodwa; 11 inkosi yeJarimuthi, eyodwa; inkosi yeLakishi, eyodwa; 12 inkosi yeEgiloni, eyodwa; inkosi yeGezeri, eyodwa; 13 inkosi yeDebiri, eyodwa; inkosi yeGederi, eyodwa; 14 inkosi yeHorma, eyodwa; inkosi yeAradi, eyodwa; 15 inkosi yeLibhina, eyodwa; inkosi yeAdulamu, eyodwa; 16 inkosi yeMakeda, eyodwa; inkosi yeBhetheli, eyodwa; 17 inkosi yeTapuwa, eyodwa; inkosi

yeHeferi, eyodwa; **18** inkosi yeAfeki, eyodwa; inkosi yeLasharoni, eyodwa; **19** inkosi yeMadoni, eyodwa; inkosi yeHazori, eyodwa; **20** inkosi yeShimironi-Meroni, eyodwa; inkosi yeAkishafi, eyodwa; **21** inkosi yeThahanakhi, eyodwa; inkosi yeMegido, eyodwa; **22** inkosi yeKedeshi, eyodwa; inkosi yeJokineyamu eKharmeli, eyodwa; **23** inkosi yeDori emngceleni weDori, eyodwa; inkosi yezizwe zeGiligali, eyodwa; **24** inkosi yeTiriza, eyodwa; wonke amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lanye.

13 UJoshua wayesemdala eleminyaka eminengi. INkosi yasisithi kuye: Usumdala, uleminyaka eminengi, kusasele ilizwe elikhulu kakhlulu ukudla ilifa lalo. **2** Yileli ilizwe eliseleyo: Yonke imingcele yamaFilisti, leGeshuri yonke, **3** kusukela eShihori eliphambi kweGibhithe, kusiya emngceleni weEkhironi enyakatho, elibalelwa kumaKhanani; ababusi abahlanu bamaFilisti, abeGaza, labeAshidodi, abeAshikeloni, abeGathi, labeEkhironi, labeAvi, **4** kusukela eningizimu, ilizwe lonke lamaKhanani, leMeyara elingelamaSidoni, kuze kufike eAfeki, kuze kube semngceleni wamaAmori, **5** lelizwe lamaGebali, leLebhanoni lonke, kusiya empumalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi ngaphansi kwentaba yeHermoni, kusiya ekungeneni kweHamathi. **6** Bonke abakhileyo ezintabeni, kusukela eLebhanoni kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi, wonke amaSidoni, mina ngizabaxotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. Kuphela ulabele ulsrayeli ngenkatho libe yilifa, njengoba ngikulayile. **7** Ngakho-ke yehlukanisa ilizwe leli libe yilifa eziweni eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase. **8** Kanye labo abakoRubeni labakoGadi bemukela ilifa labo, uMozisi owabanika lona, ngaphetsheya kweJordani ngempumalanga, njengalokho uMozisi inceku yeNkosi wabanika: **9** Kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini Iwesifula seArinoni, lomuzi

ophakathi kwesifula, lamagceke wonke eMedeba kuze kube seDiboni, **10** lemizi yonke kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owabusa eHeshiboni, kuze kube semngceleni wabantwana bakoAmoni, **11** leGileyadi lomngcele wamaGeshuri lamaMahakathi lentaba yonke yeHermoni leBashani lonke kuze kube seSaleka, **12** umbuso wonke kaOgi eBashani owabusa eAshitarothi leEdreyi. Nguye owasala kunsali yeziqhwaga. UMozisi wayebatshaye-ke wabaxotsha elifeni labo. **13** Kodwa abantwana bakolsrayeli kabawaxotshanga elifeni amaGeshuri lamaMahakathi; kodwa amaGeshuri lamaMahakathi ahlala phakathi kukalsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla. **14** Kuphela esizweni sakoLevi kanikanga ilifa; iminikelo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli eyenziwe ngomlilo iyilifa laso, njengokutsho kwayo kuso. **15** UMozisi wasenika isizwe sabantwana bakoRubeni ngokwensendo zabo. **16** Lomngcele waso wasukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwasifula seArinoni, lomuzi ophakathi kwesifula, lamagceke wonke eMedeba, **17** iHeshiboni, lemizi yayo yonke esemagekeni, iDiboni leBamothi-Bhali leBeti-Bhali-Meyoni, **18** leJahaza leKedemothi leMefahathi, **19** leKiriyathayimi leSibima leZerethi-Shahari entaben yesigodi, **20** leBeti-Peyori leAshidodi-Pisiga leBeti-Jeshimothi, **21** lemizi yonke yamagceke, lombuso wonke kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, owayebusa eHeshiboni, uMozisi amtshaya leziphathamandla zeMidiyani, oEvi loRekemi loZuri loHuri loReba, amakhosana kaSihoni, abakhileyo belizwe. **22** LoBalami indodana kaPeyori, ovumisayo, abantwana bakolsrayeli bambulala ngenkemba phakathi kwababulewego babo. **23** Lomngcele wabantwana bakoRubeni wawuyiJordani lomngcele wayo. Lokhu kwakuyilifa labantwana bakoRubeni ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yayo. **24** UMozisi wasenika isizwe sakoGadi,

kubantwana bakoGadi ngokwensendo zabo. **25** Lomngcele wabo wawuyiJazeri layo yonke imizi yeGileyadi lengxenye yelizwe labantwana bakoAmoni, kusiya eAroweri, ephambi kweRaba, **26** njalo kusukela eHeshiboni kusiya eRamathi-Mizipa leBetonimi, njalo kusukela eMahanayimi kuze kube semngceleni weDebhiri; **27** lesigodini, iBeti-Harama leBeti-Nimira leSukothi leZafoni, insali yombuso kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, iJordani lomngcele, kuze kube sekupheleni kolwandle lweKinerethi ngaphetsheya kweJordani empumalanga. **28** Leli yilifa labantwana bakoGadi ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yabo. **29** UMozi wasenika ingxenye yesizwe sakoManase ilifa; njalo yayingeyengxenye yesizwe sabantwana bakoManase ngokwensendo zabo. **30** Lomngcele wabo wasukela eMahanayimi, iBashani lonke, umbuso wonke kaOgi inkosi yeBashani, layo yonke imizana yeJayiri eseBashani, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha. **31** Lengxenye yeGileyadi, leAshitarothi, leEdreyi, imizi yombuso kaOgi eBashani, yayingeyabantwana bakoMakiri indodana kaManase, ngitsho eyengxenye yabantwana bakoMakiri ngokwensendo zabo. **32** La yiwo uMozisi awanika aba yilifa emagcekeni akoMowabi ngaphetsheya kweJordani eJeriko empumalanga. **33** Kodwa esizweni sakoLevi uMozisi kanikanga ilifa; iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, iyilifa labo, njengokutsho kwayo kubo.

14 Lala ngamazwe abantwana bakolsrayeli abawadla abe yilifa elizweni leKhanani, uEleyazare umpristi loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lenhloko zaboyise bezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli ababanika wona aba yilifa, **2** ngenkatho yelifa labo, njengokulaya kweNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi, ngezizwe eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwe. **3** Ngoba uMozisi

wayesenike ilifa izizwe ezimbili lengxenye yesizwe ngaphetsheya kweJordani; kodwa kumaLevi kanikanga ilifa phakathi kwazo. 4 Ngoba abantwana bakoJosefa babeyizizwe ezimbili, uManase loEfrayimi. Njalo kabawanikanga amaLevi isabelo elizweni, ngaphandle kwemizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo ayo ezifuyo zabo lempahla zabo. 5 Njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi, abantwana bakolsrayeli benza njalo, balaba ilizwe. 6 Khona abantwana bakoJuda basondela kuJoshua eGiligali; uKalebi indodana kaJefune umKenizi wasesithi kuye: Wena uyalazi ilizwi iNkosi eyalikhuluma kuMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu mayelana lawe lamayelana lami eKadeshi-Bhaneya. 7 Ngangileminyaka engamatshumi amane lapho uMozisi inceku yeNkosi ingithuma ngisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya ukuhlola ilizwe. Ngasengibuyisela kuye umbiko njengokusenhliziyweni yami. 8 Kodwa abazalwane bami ababenyuke lami benza inhliziyo zabantu zancibilika; kodwa mina ngayilandela ngokupheleleyo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wami. 9 UMozisi wasefunga mhlalokho esithi: Isibili umhlaba olunyathetele kuwo unyawo lwakho uzakuba ngowakho ube yilifa, lebantwaneni bakho kuze kube nininini, ngoba uyilandele ngokupheleleyo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wami. 10 Khathesi-ke khangela, iNkosi ingilondoloze ngiphila njengokutsho kwayo okwale iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanhlanu, kusukela esikhathini iNkosi eyakhuluma ngaso lelilizwi kuMozisi, ulsrayeli esahamba enkangala. Khathesi-ke khangela, lamuhla ngileminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu. 11 Ngisaqinile lalamuhla njengasosukwini uMozisi angithuma ngalo. Njengamandla ami ngalesosikhathi, asenjalo amandla ami khathesi, awempi lawokuphuma lawokungena. 12 Ngakho-ke nginika lintaba iNkosi eyakhuluma ngayo ngalolosuku, ngoba

wena wezwa mhlalokho ukuthi amaAnaki ayekhona lapho lemizi emikhulu ebiyelwe ngemithangala. Aluba iNkosi ilami, ngizawaxotsha elifeni, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **13** UJoshuwa wasembusisa wanika uKalebi indodana kaJefune iHebron ibe yilifa. **14** Ngalokho-ke iHebron yaba ngekaKalebi indodana kaJefune umKenizi yaba yilifa kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wayilandela ngokupheleleyo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **15** Lebizo leHebron kuqala laliyiKiriyathi-Arba, owayengumuntu omkhulu phakathi kwamaAnaki. Ilizwe laseliphumula empini.

15 Lenkatho yesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda ngokwensendo zabo yayisemngceleni weEdoma, inkangala yeZini ngeningizimu ephethelweni eningizimu. **2** Lomngcele wabo weningizimu wawusuka ephethelweni loLwandle lweTshwayi, kusukela ethekwini elikhanga la eningizimu. **3** Waphuma waya eningizimu emqansweni weAkirabimi, wedlulela eZini, wenyuka usuka eningizimu kusiya eKadeshi-Bhaneya, wedlulele eHezironi, wenyukele eAdari, uphendukele eKarika, **4** wedlulele eAzimoni, uphumele esifuleni seGibhithe; lokuphuma komngcele kwakuselwandle. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu eningizimu. **5** Njalo umngcele wempumalanga wawuluLwandle lweTshwayi, kusiya ephethelweni leJordani. Lomngcele ehlangothini lwenyakatho wasukela ethekwini lolwandle, kusukela ephethelweni leJordani. **6** Lomngcele wenyukela eBeti-Hogila, wedlula kusuka enyakatho kusiya eBeti-Araba; lomngcele wenyukela elitsheni likaBohani indodana kaRubeni. **7** Lomngcele wenyukela eDebiri kusuka esihotsheni seAkori, usiya enyakatho ukhangale eGiligali, omaqondana lomqanso weAdumimi, ongeningizimu kwesifula. Lomngcele wedlula usiya emanzini eEni-Shemeshi, lokuphuma kwavo

kwakuseEni-Rogeli. **8** Lomngcele wenyuka ngesihotsha sendodana kaHinomu usiya ehlangothini IwamaJebusi eningizimu, okuyiJerusalema. Lomngcele wenyukela engqongeni yentaba ephambi kwesihotsha seHinomu entshonalanga, elisephethelweni lesihotsha seziqhwa ga enyakatho. **9** Lomngcele wagoba usuka engqongeni yentaba kuze kube semthonjeni wamanzi eNefitowa, waphumela emizini yentaba yeEfroni. Lomngcele wagoba usiya eBhahala, okuyiKiryathi-Jeyarimi. **10** Lomngcele wabhoda usuka eBhahala ngentshonalanga waya entaben i yeSeyiri, wedlulele eceleni kwentaba yeJeyarimi, eyiKesaloni, wehlele eBeti-Shemeshi, wedlule eThiminathi. **11** Lomngcele waphuma uye eceleni kweEkhironi enyakatho; lomngcele wagoba uye eShikeroni, wedlula intaba yeBhahala, waphumela eJabineli; lokuphuma komngcele kwakuselwandle. **12** Lomngcele wentshonalanga wawululwandle olukhulu lokhumbi. Lo ngumngcele wabantwana bakoJuda inhlangothi zonke ngokwensendo zabo. **13** Wasemupha uKalebi indodana kaJefune isabelo phakathi kwabantwana bakoJuda, ngokomlayo weNkosi kuJoshua, iKiryathi-Arba, uyise kaAnaki, eyiHebroni. **14** UKalebi wasexotsha elifeni amadodana amathathu kaAnaki asuke lapho, uSheshayi loAhimani loTalimayi, abantwana bakaAnaki. **15** Wasesenyuka esuka lapho waya kwabahlali beDebiri. Lebizo leDebiri kuqala laliyiKiryathi-Seferi. **16** UKalebi wasesithi: Lowo otshaya iKiryathi-Seferi, ayithumbe, ngizamupha uAkisa indodakazi yami abe ngumkakhe. **17** UOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi, umnawakhe kaKalebi, waseyithumba; wasemnika uAkisa indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe. **18** Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele kuyise insimu; wasesehla kubabhem, uKalebi wasesithi kuye:

Ukhala ngani? **19** Wasesithi: Ngipha isibusiso. Njengoba ungiphe ilizwe elomileyo, ngipha njalo imithombo yamanzi. Wasemnika imithombo engaphezulu lemithombo engaphansi. **20** Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda ngokwensendo zabo. **21** Lemizi esukela ekucineni kwesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda kusiya emngceleni weEdoma yile: IKabhisayeli leEderi leJaguri **22** leKina leDimona leAdada **23** leKedeshi leHazori lelthinani, **24** iZifi leTelema leBeyalothi **25** leHazori-Hadatha leKeriyothi, iHezironi okuyiHazori, **26** iAmama leShema leMolada **27** leHazari-Gada leHeshimoni leBeti-Peleti **28** leHazari-Shuwali leBherishebha leBiziyothiya, **29** iBhahala lelyimi leEzema **30** leElitoladi leKesili leHorma **31** leZikilagi leMadimana leSansana **32** leLebayothi leShilihimi leEni leRimoni. Yonke imizi ingamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lemizana yayo. **33** Eshitsheni: IEshitawoli leZora leAshina **34** leZanowa leEni-Ganimi, iTapuwa leEnama, **35** iJarimuthi leAdulamu, iSoko leAzeka **36** leShaharayimi leAdithayimi leGedera leGederothayimi; imizi elitshumi lane lemizana yayo. **37** IZenani leHadasha leMigidali-Gadi **38** leDileyani leMizipa leJokhitheyeli, **39** iLakishi leBhozikkhathi leEgiloni **40** leKhabhoni leLahimasa leKitilishi **41** leGederothi, iBeti-Dagoni, leNahama, leMakeda; imizi elitshumi lesithupha lemizana yayo. **42** ILibhina leEtheri leAshani **43** leJifitha leAshina leNezibhi **44** leKeyila leAkizibi leMaresha; imizi eyisificamunwemunye lemizana yayo. **45** IEkhironi lemizi yayo lemizana yayo. **46** Kusukela eEkhironi kusiya elwandle, yonke eseceleni kweAshidodi lemizana yayo: **47** IAshidodi, imizi yayo lemizana yayo; iGaza, imizi yayo lemizana yayo; kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe, lolwandle olukhulu, lomngcele. **48** Lezintabeni: IShamiri leJatiri leSoko **49** leDana leKiriyathi-Sana okuyiDebiri,

50 leAnabi leEshithemo leAnimi **51** leGosheri leHoloni leGilo; imizi elitshumi lanye lemizana yayo. **52** lArabi leDuma leEshani **53** leJanimi leBeti-Tapuwa leAfeka **54** leHumta leKiryathi-Arba, okuyiHebron, leZiyori; imizi eyisificamunwemunye lemizana yayo. **55** lMayoni, iKharmeli leZifi leJuta **56** leJizereyeli leJokideyama leZanoya, **57** iKayini, iGibeya leTimina; imizi elitshumi lemizana yayo. **58** lHalihuli, iBeti-Zuri leGedor **59** leMarathi leBeti-Anothi leElitekoni; imizi eyisithupha lemizana yayo. **60** lKiryathi-Bhali, okuyiKiryathi-Jeyarimi, leRaba; imizi emibili lemizana yayo. **61** Enkangala: lBeti-Araba, iMidini leSekaka **62** leNibishani, lomuzi wetshwayi, leEngedi; imizi eyisithupha lemizana yayo. **63** Kodwa amaJebusi, abahlali beJerusalema, abantwana bakoJuda babengelakho ukuwaxotsha elifeni; ngakho amaJebusi ahlala labantwana bakoJuda eJerusalema kuze kube lamuhla.

16 Kwasekuphuma inkatho yabantwana bakoJosefa kusukela eJordani eJeriko, kusiya emanzini eJeriko ngempumalanga, inkangala isenyuka isuka eJeriko entaben yeBhetheli; **2** yasiphuma eBhetheli isiya eLuzi, yadlulela emngceleni wamaAriki eAtarothi, **3** yehlela entshonalanga emngceleni wamaJafilethi, isiya emngceleni weBhethi-Horoni ngaphansi, kwaze kwaba seGezeri; lokuphuma kwayo kwakuselwandle. **4** Ngakho abantwana bakoJosefa, uManase loEfrayimi, balidla ilifa. **5** Lomngcele wabantwana bakoEfrayimi ngokwensendo zabo wawunje: Ngitsho umngcele welifa labo empumalanga wawuyiAtarothi-Adari kuze kufike eBhethi-Horoni ngaphezulu. **6** Umngcele wasuphumela elwandle, eMikimethathi enyakatho; lomngcele waphendukela empumalanga eTanathi-Shilo, wedlula empumalanga usiya eJanowa; **7** wasusehla usuka eJanowa usiya eAtarothi leNahara, wagudla iJeriko, waphumela eJordani.

8 Kusukela eTapuwa umngcele waya entshonalanga esifuleni iKana, lokuphuma kwavo kwaba selwandle. Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoEfrayimi ngokwensendo zabo. 9 Lemizi eyayehlukaniselwe abantwana bakoEfrayimi yayiphakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoManase, yonke imizi lemizana yayo. 10 Kodwa kabawaxotshanga elifeni amaKhanani ayehlala eGezeri. Ngakho amaKhanani ahlala phakathi kwabakoEfrayimi kuze kube lamuhla, ayesebenza njengezibhalwa.

17 Kwasekusiba lenkatho yesizwe sakoManase, ngoba wayelizibulo likaJosefa, engekaMakiri izibulo likaManase uyise kaGileyadi; ngoba yena wayengumuntu wempi; ngakho waba leGileyadi leBashani. 2 Yayikhona njalo eyabaseleyo babantwana bakoManase ngokwensendo zabo, eyabantwana bakoAbiyezeri, leyabantwana bakoHeleki, leyabantwana bakoAsiriyeli, leyabantwana bakoShekema, leyabantwana bakoHeferi, leyabantwana bakoShemida. Laba ngabantwana besilisa bakaManase indodana kaJosefa ngokwensendo zabo. 3 Kodwa uZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi indodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi. Lala ngamabizo amadodakazi akhe: OMahla IoNowa, uHogila, uMilka loTiriza. 4 Asesondela phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi kukaJoshua indodana kaNuni laphambi kweziphathamandla, esithi: INkosi yalaya uMozisi ukusinika ilifa phakathi kwabafowethu. Ngakho wawanika ngokomlayo weNkosi ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise. 5 Ngakho kwawela inkatho ezilitshumi kuManase, ngaphandle kwelizwe leGileyadi leBashani, elingaphetsheya kweJordani. 6 Ngoba amadodakazi kaManase adla ilifa phakathi kwamadodana akhe. Lelizwe leGileyadi laba ngelabaseleyo bamadodana

akoManase. **7** Umngcele wakoManase wasusukela eAsheri usiya eMikimethathi ephambi kweShekema; lomngcele waya ngakwesokunene kubahlali beEni-Tapuwa. **8** UManase waba lelizwe leTapuwa, kodwa iTapuwa emngceleni kaManase yayingeyabantwana bakoEfrayimi. **9** Lomngcele wehlela esifuleni iKana eningizimu kwesifula. Imizi le ngeyakoEfrayimi phakathi kwemizi yakoManase. Lomngcele wakoManase usenyakatho kwesifula, lokuphuma kwawo kuselwandle. **10** Eningizimu lalingelakoEfrayimi, lenyakatho lalingelakoManase, lolwandle lungumngcele wakhe. LeAsheri bahlangana enyakatho, lelsakari empumalanga. **11** Ngoba kolsakari loAsheri uManase wayeleBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, lelbileyamu lemizana yayo, labahlali beDori lemizana yayo, labahlali beEni-Dori lemizana yayo, labahlali beThahanakhi lemizana yayo, labahlali beMegido lemizana yayo: Amadundulu amathathu. **12** Kodwa abantwana bakoManase babengelakho ukuxotsha elifeni leyomizi, kodwa amaKhanani ayefuna ukuhlala kulelolizwe. **13** Kodwa kwathi lapho abantwana bakolsrayeli sebelamandla bawasebenzisa amaKhanani njengezibhalwa, kodwa kabawaxotshanga lokuwaxotsha elifeni. **14** Abantwana bakoJosefa basebekhuluma kuJoshua besithi: Unginikeleni inkatho eyodwa lesabelo esisodwa ukuba yilifa, kube kanti ngiyisizwe esikhulu, njengoba iNkosi ingibusisile kuze kube lapha? **15** UJoshua wasesithi kubo: Uba uyisizwe esikhulu, wena yenyukela eguswini, uzigentele khona elizweni lamaPerizi leleziqhwaga, nxa intaba yakoEfrayimi iminyene kuwe. **16** Abantwana bakoJosefa basebesithi: Intaba kayisanelanga, njalo kulenqola zensimbi lamaKhanani wonke ahlala elizweni lesihotsha, lawaseBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, lawasesigodini

seJizereyeli. 17 UJoshua wasekhuluma kundlu kaJosefa, kuEfrayimi lakuManase esithi: Uyisizwe esikhulu, futhi ulamandla amakhulu; kawuyikuba lenkatho eyodwa, 18 kodwa intaba izakuba ngeyakho; ngoba iligusu, uzalicenta, lokuphuma kwalo kube ngokwakho, ngoba uzawaxotsha elifeni amaKhanani, lanxa elenqola zensimbi, lanxa elamandla.

18 Inhlango yonke-ke yabantwana bakolsrayeli yabuthana eShilo, yamisa khona ithente lenhlangano. Lelizwe lalehliselwe phansi phambi kwabo. 2 Kwasekusele phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezazingabelwanga ilifa lazo. 3 UJoshua wasesithi kubantwana bakolsrayeli: Koze kube nini lidonda ukuyakudla ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo elinike Iona? 4 Zinikeni amadoda amathathu ngesizwe, ngiwathume, asukume ahambe adabule ilizwe, alibhale ngokwelifa lazo, abuye kimi. 5 Azalehlukanisa libe yizabelo eziyisikhombisa; uJuda uzahlala emngceleni wakhe eningizimu, labendlu kaJosefa bahlale emngceleni wabo enyakatho. 6 Lani lizabhalo ilizwe ngezigaba eziyisikhombisa, beseliletha kimi lapha, ukuthi ngiliphosele inkatho lapha phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. 7 Ngoba amaLevi kawalasabelo phakathi kwenu, ngoba ubupristi beNkosi buyilifa labo. LoGadi loRubeni lengxene ye sizwe sakoManase sebethethe ilifa labo ngaphetsheya kweJordani empumalanga, uMozisi inceku yeNkosi eyabanika Iona. 8 Asesuka amadoda ahamba. UJoshua wawalaya ahambayo ukubhala ilizwe esithi: Hambani lidabule ilizwe libhale, libuyele kimi, ukuze ngiliphosele inkatho lapha phambi kweNkosi eShilo. 9 Ngakho amadoda ahamba adabula phakathi kwelizwe, alibhala ngemizi ngezigaba eziyisikhombisa egwalweni; asebuya kuJoshua

enkambeni eShilo. **10** UJoshua wasebaphosela inkatho eShilo phambi kweNkosi; uJoshua wasebabela lapho ilizwe abantwana bakolsrayeli ngokwezigaba zabo. **11** Inkatho yesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini yavela ngokwensendo zabo. Lomngcele wenkatho yabo waphuma phakathi kwabantwana bakoJuda labantwana bakoJosefa. **12** Lomngcele wabo ngenyakatho wasukela eJordani, lomngcele wenyuka ewatheni leJeriko enyakatho, wasusenyuka udabula entabeni usiya entshonalanga, lokuphuma kwabo kwaba senkangala yeBeti-Aveni. **13** Lomngcele wedlula usuka lapho waya eLuzi, ewatheni leLuzi, eyiBhetheli, ngeningizimu; lomngcele wehlela eAtarothi-Adari, eduze lentaba engeningizimu kweBhethi-Horoni engaphansi. **14** Umngcele wagoba-ke, waphenduka waya eceleni lentshonalanga ngeningizimu, kusukela entabeni emaqondana leBhethi-Horoni eningizimu; lokuphuma kwabo kwaba eKiriyathi-Bhali, eyiKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, umuzi wabantwana bakoJuda. Lolu luhlangothi lwentshonalanga. **15** Lohlangothi lweningizimu lusephethelweni leKiriyathi-Jeyarimi; lomngcele waphuma waya entshonalanga, waphuma waya emthonjeni wamanzi weNefitowa. **16** Umngcele wasusehla usiya ephethelweni lentaba emaqondana lesihotsha sendodana kaHinomu esisesihotsheni seziqhaga enyakatho, wasusehlela esihotsheni seHinomu ewatheni lamaJebusi eningizimu, wehlela eEni-Rogeli; **17** wagoba usukela enyakatho waphuma eEni-Shemeshi, waphumela eGelilothi emaqondana lomqanso weAdumimi, wehlela elitsheni likaBohani indodana kaRubeni; **18** wadlulela ewatheni maqondana leAraba enyakatho, wehlela eAraba. **19** Umngcele wasusedlulela ewatheni leBeti-Hogila enyakatho, lokuphuma komngcele kwakusethekwni loLwandle lweTshwayi enyakatho, ephethelweni leJordani

ngeningizimu. Lo ngumngcele weningizimu. **20** LeJordani ingumngcele walo ehlangothini lwempumalanga. Leli yilifa labantwana bakoBhenjamini ngemingcele yalo inhlangothi zonke, ngokwensendo zabo. **21** Lemizi yesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini ngokwensendo zabo yile: IJeriko leBeti-Hogila leEmeki-Kezizi **22** leBeti-Araba leZemarayimi leBhetheli **23** leAvimi lePara leOfira **24** leKefari-Amoni leOfini leGeba; imizi elitshumi lambili lemizana yayo. **25** IGibeyoni leRama leBeyerothi **26** leMizipa leKefira leMoza **27** leRekemi leIripheyeli leTarala **28** leZela, iElefi, leJebusi, okuyiJerusalema, iGibeyathi, iKiriyathi; imizi elitshumi lane lemizana yayo. Leli yilifa labantwana bakoBhenjamini ngokwensendo zabo.

19 Inkatho yesibili yasivela yaya kuSimeyoni, eyesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni, ngokwensendo zabo. Lelifa labo laliphakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoJuda. **2** Elifeni laboke babeleBherishebha leShebha leMolada **3** leHazari-Shuwali leBala leEzema **4** leElitoladi leBethuli leHorma **5** leZikilagi leBeti-Marikabothi leHazari-Susa **6** leBeti-Lebawothi leSharuheni; imizi elitshumi lantathu lemizana yayo. **7** IEni, iRimoni leEtheri leAshani; imizi emine lemizana yayo. **8** Layo yonke imizana ezingelezele imizi le, kuze kufike eBahalathi-Beri, iRama yeningizimu. Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni ngokwensendo zabo. **9** Ilifa labantwana bakoSimeyoni lavela enkathweni yabantwana bakoJuda; ngoba isigaba sabantwana bakoJuda sasisikhulu kakhulu kibo; ngakho abantwana bakoSimeyoni badla ilifa phakathi kwelifa labo. **10** Inkatho yesithathu yasivela yaya kubantwana bakoZebuluni ngokwensendo zabo. Lomngcele welifa labo wafika eSaridi. **11** Umngcele wabo-ke wenyukela

entshonalanga leMarala, wafinyelela eDabeshethi wafinyelela esifuleni esiphambi kweJokineyamu; **12** waphenduka uvela eSaridi usiya empumalanga lapho okuphuma khona ilanga emngceleni weKisilothi-Thabbori, waphuma waya eDaberathi, wenyukela eJafiya; **13** ususuka lapho wedlulela empumalanga, endaweni yokuphuma kwelanga, usiya eGitha-Heferi leltha-Kazini, waphumela eRimoni, uphendukela eNeya. **14** Lomngcele wayizingelezela enyakatho eHanathoni; lokuphuma kwabo kwaba sesihotsheni seJifitaheli. **15** LeKatathi leNahalali leShimironi leJidala leBhethelohema, imizi elitshumi lambili lemizana yayo. **16** Leli yilifa labantwana bakoZebuluni ngokwensendo zabo: Imizi le lemizana yayo. **17** Inkatho yesine yavela yaya kubantwana bakolsakari ngokwensendo zabo. **18** Umngcele wabo-ke wawuyiJizereyeli leKesulothi leShunemi **19** leHafarayimi leShiyoni leAnaharathi **20** leRabithi leKishiyoni leAbezi **21** leRemethi leEni-Ganimi leEni-Hada leBeti-Pazezi. **22** Lomngcele wafinyelela eThabbori leShahazima leBeti-Shemeshi; lokuphuma komngcele wabo kwakuseJordani; imizi elitshumi lesithupha lemizana yayo. **23** Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakolsakari ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yayo. **24** Inkatho yesihlanu yasivela yaya esizweni sabantwana bakoAsheri ngokwensendo zabo. **25** Umngcele wabo-ke wawuyiHelkathi leHali leBeteni leAkishafi **26** leAlameleki leAmadi leMishali; wasufinyelela eKharmeli entshonalanga leShihori-Libhinathi, **27** waphendukela lapho okuphuma khona ilanga usiya eBeti-Dagoni, wafinyelela eZebuluni lesihotsha seJifitaheli enyakatho waya eBeti-Emeki leNeyiyeli, waphumela eKabuli kwesokhohlo, **28** leEbron leRehobi leHamoni leKana, kwaze kwaba seSidoni enku. **29** Umngcele wasuphendukela eRama, waya emzini obiyelweyo

weTire; lomngcele waphendukela eHosa; lokuphuma kwawo kwakuselwandle, uvela esigabeni usiya eAkizibi **30** leUma leAfeki leRehobi; imizi engamatshumi amabili lambili lemizana yayo.

31 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoAsheri ngokwensendo zabo, imizi le lemizana yayo. **32** Inkatho yesithupha yavela yaya kubantwana bakoNafithali, eyabantwana bakoNafithali ngokwensendo zabo. **33** Umngcele wabo wasusuka eHelefi, esihlahleni se-okhi eZahananimi leAdami-Nekebi leJabineli, kwaze kwaba seLakumi; lokuphuma kwawo kwakuseJordani.

34 Umngcele wasuphendukela entshonalanga usiya eAzinothi-Thabbori, waphuma lapho waya eHukoki, wafinyelela eZebuluni ngeningizimu, leAsheri wafinyelela entshonalanga, leJuda eJordani lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. **35** Njalo imizi ebiyelweyo yile: IZidimi, iZeri, leHamathi, iRakathi, leKinerethi, **36** leAdama, leRama, leHazori, **37** leKedeshi, leEdreyi, leEni-Hazori, **38** leYironi, leMigidali-Eli, iHorema, leBeti-Anathi, leBeti-Shemeshi; imizi elitshumi lesificamunwemunye lemizana yayo. **39** Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoNafithali ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yayo. **40** Inkatho yesikhombisa yavela yaya esizweni sabantwana bakoDani ngokwensendo zabo. **41** Lomngcele welifa labo wawuyiZora leEshitawoli leIri-Shemeshi **42** leShahalabini leAjaloni leJithila **43** leEloni leTiminatha leEkhironi **44** leEliteke leGibethoni leBahalathi **45** leJehudi leBene-Beraki leGathi-Rimoni **46** leMe-Jarkoni leRakoni kanye lomngcele oqondene leJafo. **47** Lomngcele wabantwana bakoDani wavela umncinyane kakhulu kubo. Ngakho abantwana bakoDani benyuka ukuyakulwa bemelene leLeshema; sebeyithumbile bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, badla ilifa layo, bahlala kiyo, bayibiza iLeshema ngokuthi yiDani, ngebizo likaDani uyise.

48 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoDani ngokwensendo zabo, imizi le lemizana yayo. **49** Kwathi sebeqedile ukwaba ilizwe libe yilifa ngokwemingcele yalo, abantwana bakolsrayeli bamnika uJoshua indodana kaNuni ilifa phakathi kwabo. **50** Ngokomlayo weNkosi bamnika umuzi awucelayo, iThiminathi-Sera entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wasesakha umuzi, wahlala kuwo. **51** La ngamafa uEleyazare umpristi loJoshua indodana kaNuni lenhloko zaboyise zezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli abawaba aba yilifa ngenkatho eShilo phambi kweNkosi, emnyango wethente lenhlangano. Baqeda-ke ukulaba ilizwe.

20 INkosi yasikhuluma kuJoshua isithi: **2** Khuluma kubantwana bakolsrayeli uthi: Zikhetheleni imizi yokuphephela engakhuluma ngayo kini ngesandla sikaMozisi, **3** ukuze umbulali obulala umuntu kungeyisikho ngabomo engazi abalekele khona. Njalo izakuba yisiphephelo kini kumphindiseli wegazi. **4** Nxa ebalekela komunye walimizi uzakuma emnyango wesango lomuzi, akhulume udaba lwakhe ezindlebeni zabadala balowomuzi; babesebememukela kubo emzini, bamnike indawo ukuthi ahlale labo. **5** Uba-ke umphindiseli wegazi exotshana laye, kabayikunikela umbulali esandleni sakhe, ngoba utshaye umakhelwane wakhe engazi, ebengamzondi mandulo. **6** Uzahlala kulowomuzi aze eme phambi kwenhlangano kusenzelwa ukwahlulelwa, kuze kube lokufa kompristi omkhulu oyabe ekhona ngalezonsuku. Umbulali usengabuyela eze emzini wakibo lendlini yakhe, aye emzini abaleke khona. **7** Basebengcwelisa iKedeshi eGalili entabeni yakoNafithali, leShekema entabeni yakoEfrayimi, leKiriyathi-Arba okuyiHebron entabeni yakoJuda. **8** Langaphetsheya kweJordani eJeriko empumalanga banika iBezeri enkangala emagcekeni esizweni sakoRubeni, leRamothi eGileyadi esizweni

sakoGadi, leGolani eBashani esizweni sakoManase. **9** Le yimizi eyayimiselwe bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli lowezizwe ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, ukuze loba ngubani obulala umuntu kungeyisikho ngabomo abalekele khona, ukuze angafi ngesandla somphindiseli wegazi, azeeme phambi kwenhlangano.

21 Kwasekusondela inhloko zaboyise bamaLevi kuEleyazare umpristi lakuJoshua indodana kaNuni lakuzo inhloko zaboyise bezizwe zabantwana bakolsrayeli, **2** bakhuluma kubo eShilo elizweni leKhanani, besithi: INkosi yalaya ngesandla sikaMozisi ukusinika imizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo ayo ezifuyo zethu. **3** Ngakho abantwana bakolsrayeli banika amaLevi okwelifa labo ngokomlayo weNkosi, limizi lamadlelo ayo. **4** Kwasekuvela inkatho yensendo zamaKohathi. Abantwana bakoAroni umpristi, abavela kumaLevi, ngenkatho esizweni sakoJuda lesizweni sakoSimeyoni lesizweni sakoBhenjamini, basebesiba lemizi elitshumi lantathu. **5** Labaseleyo kubantwana bakaKohathi, ngenkatho ensendweni zesizwe sakoEfrayimi lesizweni sakoDani lengxenyeneyi eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, baba lemizi elitshumi. **6** Labantwana bakoGerishoni, ngenkatho ensendweni zesizwe sakolsakari lesizweni sakoAsheri lesizweni sakoNafithali lengxenyeneyi eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase eBashani, baba lemizi elitshumi lantathu. **7** Abantwana bakoMerari ngokwensendo zabo, esizweni sakoRubeni lesizweni sakoGadi lesizweni sakoZebuluni, baba lemizi elitshumi lambili. **8** Labantwana bakolsrayeli banika amaLevi le imizi lamadlelo ayo ngenkatho, njengokulaya kweNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **9** Basebenika esizweni sabantwana bakoJuda lesizweni sabantwana bakoSimeyoni le imizi, eqanjwa ngebizo, **10**

eyayingeyabantwana bakoAroni, bevela kunsendo zamaKohathi ebantwaneni bakoLevi, ngoba baba lenkatho yokuqala. **11**
Basebebanika iKiryathi-Arba, uyise kaAnoki, okuyiHebron, ezintabeni zakoJuda lamadlelo inhlangothi zayo zonke. **12**
Kodwa insimu yomuzi lemizana yawo bakunika uKalebi indodana kaJefune ukuba ngeyakhe. **13** Ngakho banika abantwana bakoAroni umpristi umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, iHebron, lamadlelo ayo, leLibhina lamadlelo ayo, **14** leJatiri lamadlelo ayo, leEshithemowa lamadlelo ayo, **15** leHoloni lamadlelo ayo, leDebiri lamadlelo ayo, **16** leAyini lamadlelo ayo, leJuta lamadlelo ayo, leBeti-Shemeshi lamadlelo ayo; imizi eyisificamunwemunye kulezizizwe ezimbili. **17** Lesizweni sakoBhenjamini: IGibeyoni lamadlelo ayo, iGeba lamadlelo ayo, **18** iAnathothi lamadlelo ayo, leAlimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **19** Yonke imizi yabantwana bakoAroni, abapristi, yayilemizi elitshumi lantathu lamadlelo ayo. **20** Lensendo zabantwana bakoKohathi, amaLevi, asalayo ebantwaneni bakoKohathi, baba lemizi yenkatho yabo esizweni sakoEfrayimi. **21** Basebebanika umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, iShekema lamadlelo ayo entabeni yakoEfrayimi, leGezeri lamadlelo ayo, **22** leKibizayimi lamadlelo ayo, leBhethi-Horoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **23** Lesizweni sakoDani iEliteke lamadlelo ayo, iGibethoni lamadlelo ayo, **24** iAjalonI lamadlelo ayo, iGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **25** Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, iThahanakhi lamadlelo ayo, leGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emibili. **26** Yonke imizi yensendo zabantwana bakoKohathi abaseleyo yayilitshumi lamadlelo ayo. **27** Lakubantwana bakoGerishoni, bensendo zamaLevi, kungxene yesizwe sakoManase, iGolani eBashani, umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leBheyeshithera

lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emibili. **28** Lesizweni sakolsakari, iKishiyoni lamadlelo ayo, iDaberathi lamadlelo ayo, **29** iJarimuthi lamadlelo ayo, iEni-Ganimi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **30** Lesizweni sakoAsheri, iMishali lamadlelo ayo, iAbidoni lamadlelo ayo, **31** iHelkathi lamadlelo ayo, leRehobi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **32** Lesizweni sakoNafithali, iKedeshi eGalili, umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leHamothi-Dori lamadlelo ayo, leKaritani lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emithathu. **33** Yonke imizi yamaGerishoni ngokwensendo zawo yayiyimizi elitshumi lantathu lamadlelo ayo. **34** Lensendo zabantwana bakoMerari, amaLevi aseleyo, zaba leJokineyamu esizweni sakoZebuluni lamadlelo ayo, leKarita lamadlelo ayo, **35** iDimina lamadlelo ayo, iNahalali lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **36** Lesizweni sakoRubeni, iBezeri lamadlelo ayo, leJahaza lamadlelo ayo, **37** iKedemothi lamadlelo ayo, leMefahathi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **38** Lesizweni sakoGadi, iRamothi eGileyadi, umuzi wokuphephela umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leMahanayimi lamadlelo ayo, **39** iHeshiboni lamadlelo ayo, iJazeri lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine isiyonke. **40** Yonke imizi yayingeyabantwana bakoMerari, ngokwensendo zabo, abaseleyo ensendweni zamaLevi. Lenkatho yabo yayiyimizi elitshumi lambili. **41** Yonke imizi yamaLevi phakathi kwelifa labantwana bakolsrayeli yayiyimizi engamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili lamadlelo ayo. **42** Le imizi, lowo lalowo wawulamadlelo awo inhlangothi zawo zonke. Kwakunjalo kuleyo yonke imizi. **43** INkosi yasinika ulsrayeli ilizwe lonke eyafunga ukubanika lona oyise; basebesidla ilifa lalo bahlala kulo. **44** INkosi yasibanika ukuphumula inhlangothi zonke njengokufunga kwayo konke kuboyise. Kakumanga muntu phambi kwabo kuzo zonke izitha zabo. INkosi yazinikela izitha zonke zabo esandleni sabo.

45 Kakwehlulekanga lalutho lwayo yonke into enhle iNkosi eyayikhuluma kuyo indlu kalsrayeli; konke kwenzeka.

22 Ngalesosikhathi uJoshua wabiza abakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sabakoManase, **2** wathi kubo: Lina ligcinile konke uMozisi inceku yeNkosi eyalilaya khona, laalalela ilizwi lami kukho konke engalilaya khona. **3** Kalibatshiyanga abafowenu kulezinsuku ezinengi, kuze kube lamuhla; kodwa ligcinile imfanelo yomlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **4** Khathesi-ke, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ibanikile abafowenu ukuphumula, njengalokho akukhuluma kubo. Ngakho-ke buyelani lina liye emathenteni enu elizweni lelifa lenu, alinika lona uMozisi inceku yeNkosi ngaphetsheya kweJordani. **5** Kuphela liqaphelisise ukwenza umlayo lomthetho uMozisi inceku yeNkosi alilaya wona, ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lokuhamba endleleni zayo zonke, lokugcina imilayo yayo, lokunamathela kuyo, lokuyikhonza ngenhlizyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke. **6** Wasebabusa uJoshua ebayekela behamba, baya emathenteni abo. **7** Njalo kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase uMozisi wayenike indawo eBashani; kodwa kungxenye yayo uJoshua wayinika indawo labafowabo nganeno kweJordani entshonalanga. Njalo-ke nxo uJoshua ebayekela behamba besiya emathenteni abo, wababusisa. **8** Wakhuluma labo esithi: Buyelani emathenteni enu lilenotho enengi lezifuyo eginengi kakhulu lilesiliva legolide lethusi lensimbi lezigqoko eginengi kakhulu; lehlukaniselane impango yezitha zenu labafowenu. **9** Abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase basebebuya, besuka ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli bephuma eShilo eselizweni leKhanani, ukuya elizweni leGileyadi, elizweni lelifa labo ababelizuzile, ngokomlayo

weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **10** Kwathi sebefikile emingceleni yeJordani eselizweni leKhanani, abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bakha khona ilathi ngaseJordani, ilathi elikhulu ngokubonakala. **11** Kwathi abantwana bakolsrayeli besizwa kuthiwa: Khangelani, abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bakhile ilathi maqondana lelizwe leKhanani emingceleni eJordani ehlangothini lwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **12** Kwathi abantwana bakolsrayeli bekuzwa, inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakolsrayeli yabuthana eShilo ukwenyukela kubo empini. **13** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebethuma kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase elizweni leGileyadi uPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi, **14** lezinduna ezilitshumi laye, induna eyodwa ngendlu ngayinye yaboyise ivela kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli; ngayinye yayiyinhloko yendlu yaboyise, kunkulungwane zakolsrayeli. **15** Basebefika kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase elizweni leGileyadi, bakhulumo labo besithi: **16** Itsho njalo inhlangano yonke yeNkosi: Kuyisiphambeko bani eseliphambike ngaso limelane loNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, liphambuka lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, ekuzakheleni ilathi, ukuze lihlamuukele iNkosi lamuhla? **17** Ngabe isiphambeko sePeyori sincinyane kakhulu kithi yini, esingahlanjululwanga kuso kuze kube lamuhla, lanxa inhlupheko yayiphakathi kwenhlangano yeNkosi, **18** ukuze lina liphenduke lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNkosi? Kuzakuthi uba lina liyihlamuka iNkosi lamuhla, kusasa izayithukuthelela inhlangano yonke yakolsrayeli. **19** Kodwa ngeqjiniso, uba

ilizwe lemfuyo yenu lingcolile, chaphelani lina elizweni lemfuyo
yeNkosi lapho ithabhanekele leNkosi elihlala khona, lizzuzele
imfuyo phakathi kwethu; kodwa lingayihlamukeli iNkosi njalo
lingasihlamukeli ekuzakheleni kwenu ilathi ngaphandle kwelathi
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **20** UAkani indodana kaZera
kaphambekanga yini ngesiphambeko entweni eqalekisiweyo,
kwasekusiba lolaka phezu kwenhlangano yonke yakolsrayeli?
Leyondoda kayibhubhanga-ke yodwa esiphambekweni sayo. **21**
Abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe
sakoManase basebephendula bathi kunhloko zezinkulungwane
zakolsrayeli: **22** UNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, iNkosi, uyazi, lolsrayeli kakwazi;
uba bekungokuhlamuka kumbe uba ngokuphambuka eNkosini,
lingasisindisi lamuhla, **23** ukuthi sizakhele ilathi ukuphambuka
ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, loba sinikelele phezu kwalo umnikelo
wokutshiswa loba umnikelo wokudla, loba ukwenza phezu
kwalo iminikelo yokuthula, iNkosi uqobo kayikudinge. **24** Kodwa
ngeqiniso sikwenze ngokunqineka ngaloludaba sisithi: Kusasa
abantwana benu bazakhulumu kubantwana bethu bathi: Lilani
leNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli? **25** Ngoba iNkosi iyenzile
iJordani yaba ngumngcele phakathi kwethu lani, lina bantwana
bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi, kalilasabelo eNkosini.
Ngalokho abantwana benu benze abantwana bethu ukuthi
bayekele ukuyesaba iNkosi. **26** Ngakho sathi: Kasizilungiseleni
khathesi ukwakha ilathi, lingabi ngelomnikelo wokutshiswa,
njalo lingabi ngelomhlatshe, **27** kodwa libe yibufakazi
phakathi kwethu lani lezizukulwana zethu emva kwethu,
ukuthi sikhonze inkonzo yeNkosi phambi kwayo ngeminikelo
yethu yokutshiswa langemihlatshelo yethu langeminikelo yethu

yokuthula, ukuze abantwana benu bangathi ebantwaneni bethu kusasa: Kalilasabelo eNkosini. **28** Sasesisithi: Kuzakuthi-ke, nxa bekhuluma lokhu kithi lesizukulwaneni sethu kusasa, sizakuthi: Bonani umfanekiso welathi leNkosi obaba abalakhayo, kungeyisilo lomnikelo wokutshiswa lingeyisilo lomhlatsihelo, kodwa liyibufakazi phakathi kwethu lani. **29** Kakube khatshana lathi ukuthi siyihlamuke iNkosi, lokuthi siphenduke lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, ukwakha ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lelomnikelo wokudla lelomhlatsihelo, ngaphandle kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu eliphambi kwethabhanekele layo. **30** Kwathi uPhinehasi umpristi lenduna zenhlangano lenhloko zezinkulungwane zakolsrayeli ezazilaye bewezwa amazwi abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoManase abawakhulumayo, kwakukuhle emehlwani abo. **31** UPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi wasesithi kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi lakubantwana bakoManase: Lamuhla siyazi ukuthi iNkosi iphakathi kwethu, ngoba kaliphambekanga lesisiphambeko eNkosini; khathesi likhulule abantwana bakolsrayeli esandleni seNkosi. **32** UPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi lezinduna basebebuya bevela ebantwaneni bakoRubeni lebantwaneni bakoGadi elizweni leGileyadi, besiya elizweni leKhanani ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, babuyisela ilizwi kubo. **33** Lodaba lwaluluhle emehlwani abantwana bakolsrayeli; abantwana bakolsrayeli bambusisa uNkulunkulu, kabasakhulumanga ngokwenyukela kubo empini ukuchitha ilizwe abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi ababehlala kulo. **34** Abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi balibiza ilathi ngokuthi: Liyibufakazi phakathi kwethu bokuthi iNkosi inguNkulunkulu.

23 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezinengi emva kokuthi iNkosi isimphumuzile ulsrayeli ezitheni zonke zabo inhlangothi zonke, loJoshua wayesemdala elensuku ezinengi, **2** uJoshua wabiza ulsrayeli wonke, abadala babo, lenhloko zabo, labahluleli babo, lenduna zabo, wathi kubo: Mina sengimdala ngilensuku ezinengi.

3 Lina selibonile konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ekwenzileyo kulezizizwe zonke ngenxa yenu, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yiyo elilweleyo. **4** Bonani, ngilabele ngenkatho lezizizwe eziseleyo zibe yilifa lezizwe zenu, kusukela eJordani, lazo zonke izizwe engiziqumileyo, ngitsho kuze kube selwandle olukhulu lapho okutshona khona ilanga. **5** INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izazixotsha-ke phambi kwenu, izixotshe elifeni phambi kwenu, njalo lizakudla ilifa lelizwe, njengalokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ikhulumile kini.

6 Ngakho qinani kakhulu ukugcina lokwenza konke okubhaliweyo egwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi, ukuze lingaphambuki kuwo liye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, **7** ukuze lingangeni kulezi izizwe, lezi ezisele lani, lingaphathi ibizo labonkulunkulu bazo, lingafungisi ngabo, lingabakhonzi, lingakhothami kubo, **8** kodwa linamathele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu njengoba lenzile kuze kube lamuhla. **9** Ngoba iNkosi ixotshile elifeni phambi kwenu izizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla; lina-ke kakulamuntu ome phambi kwenu kuze kube lamuhla. **10** Umuntu oyedwa kini uzaxotsha inkulungwane, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yiyo elilwelayo, njengalokho ikhulumile kini. **11** Ngakho ziqaphelisiseni ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **12** Ngoba uba libuyela lokubuyela, linamathele kunsali yalezizizwe, lezi ezisele lani, lithathane lazo, lingene kuzo, lazo kini, **13** yazini lokwazi ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu kayiyikuqhubeka ngokuzixotsha elifeni lezizizwe phambi kwenu; kodwa zizakuba yisifu lomjibila kini, zibe

luswazi enhlangothini zenu, lameva emehlwani enu, lize libhubhe
liphele kulelilizwe elihle, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinike lona. **14**
Khangelani-ke, ngijamba lamuhla ngendlela yomhlaba wonke.
Njalo liyazi enhliziyweni yenu yonke lemphefumulweni wenu
wonke ukuthi akukho lelizwi elilodwa elehlulekayo kuwo wonke
amazwi amahle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ewakhulumileyo phezu
kwenu; wonke ezile kini, akukho lelizwi elilodwa elehlulekayo
kuwo. **15** Kuzakuthi-ke, njengalokhu zonke izinto ezinhle iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu eyazikhuluma kini sezilehlele, ngokunjalo
iNkosi izalehlisela zonke izinto ezimbi, ize ilibhubhise liphele
kulelilizwe elihle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinike lona. **16**
Uba liseqa isivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu eyalilaya
sona, lisuke liyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, likhothame kibo,
khona ulaka lweNkosi luzalivuthela, libhubhe masinyane liphele
kulelilizwe elihle elinike lona.

24 UJoshua wasebuthanisa zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli
eShekema, wabiza abadala bakolsrayeli lenhloko zabo
labahluleli babo lenduna zabo, bazimisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
2 UJoshua wasesithi kubo bonke abantu: Itsho njalo
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Endulo oyihlo babehlala
ngaphetsheya komfula, uTera uyise kaAbrahama loyise kaNahori,
babekhonza abanye onkulunkulu. **3** Ngasengimthatha uyihlo
uAbrahama ngimsusa ngaphetsheya komfula, ngamhambisa
wadabula elizweni lonke leKhanani, ngayandisa inzalo
yakhe, ngamnika ulsaka. **4** Lakulsaka nganika uJakobe
loEsawu. LakuEsawu nganika intaba yeSeyiri ukudla ilifa
layo, kodwa uJakobe labantwana bakhe behlela eGibhithe.
5 Ngasengithuma uMozisi loAroni, ngatshaya iGibhithe,
njengalokho engakwenzayo phakathi kwayo; lemva kwalokho

ngalikhupha. **6** Ngasengibakhupha oyihlo eGibhithe, lafika elwandle, amaGibhithe asexotshana lani ngenqola langamabhiza aze afika eLwandle oluBomvu. **7** Kwathi bekhala eNkosini, yabeka umnyama phakathi kwenu lamaGibhithe, yaletha ulwandle phezu kwabo, yabasibekela. Lamehlo enu abona engakwenza eGibhithe. Lahlala enkangala insuku ezinengi. **8** Ngasengililetha elizweni lamaAmori ayehlala ngaphetsheya kweJordani, asesilwa lani, ngawanikela esandleni senu, lalidla ilifa lelizwe lawo, ngawachitha phambi kwenu. **9** UBalaki indodana kaZipori inkosi yakoMowabi wasesukuma walwa lolrayeli, wathuma wabiza uBalami indodana kaBeyori ukuthi aliqalekise. **10** Kodwa kangithandanga ukulalela uBalami; ngakho walibusisa lokulibusisa, ngasengilikhulula esandleni sakhe. **11** Lachapha iJordani, lafika eJeriko, izakhamizi zeJeriko zalwa zimelene lani, amaAmori, lamaPerizi, lamaKhanani, lamaHethi, lamaGirigashi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi; ngawanikela esandleni senu. **12** Ngathuma olonyovu phambi kwenu abawaxotsha phambi kwenu, amakhosi amabili amaAmori; hatshi ngenkemba yakho njalo hatshi ngedandili lakho. **13** Ngasengilinika ilizwe elingalisebenzelanga, lemizi elingayakhanga, lihlala kiyo. Lidla okwezivini lezivande zemihlwathi elingakuhlanyelanga. **14** Khathesi-ke yesaben iNkosi, liyikhonze ngobuqotho langeqiniso, lisuse onkulunkulu oyihlo ababakhonza ngaphetsheya komfula leGibhithe, njalo likhonze iNkosi. **15** Uba-ke kukubi emehlwani enu ukuyikhonza iNkosi, zikhetheleni lamuhla lowo elizamkhonza; kumbe onkulunkulu ababakhonzayo oyihlo ababengaphetsheya komfula, loba onkulunkulu bamaAmori elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa mina lendlu yami sizayikhonza iNkosi. **16** Basebephendula abantu besithi: Kakube khatshana lathi ukuthi sitshiye iNkosi,

sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu. **17** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu iyiyo eyasenysayo labobaba sivela elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili, eyenza phambi kwamehlo ethu lezizibonakaliso ezinkulu, yasilondoloza endleleni yonke esahamba kiyo, laphakathi kwabo bonke abantu esedlule phakathi kwabo. **18** INkosi yasixotsha phambi kwethu zonke izizwe, lamaAmori ayehlala elizweni. Thina lathi sizayikhonza iNkosi, ngoba inguNkulunkulu wethu. **19** UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini: Kalilakuyikhonza iNkosi, ngoba inguNkulunkulu ongcwele, inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. Kayiyikuthethelela iziphambeko zenu lezono zenu. **20** Uba liyitshiya iNkosi likhonze onkulunkulu abezizwe, izaphenduka yenze okubi kini, iliqede, emva kokuthi ilenzele okuhle. **21** Abantu basebesithi kuJoshuwa: Hatshi, kodwa sizayikhonza iNkosi. **22** UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini: Lingabafakazi ngani ukuthi lina lizikhethelle iNkosi ukuyikhonza. Basebesithi: Singabafakazi. **23** Khathesi-ke, susani onkulunkulu abezizwe abaphakathi kwenu, lithobele inhliziyo yenu eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **24** Abantu basebesithi kuJoshuwa: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu sizayikhonza, lelizwi layo sililalele. **25** Ngakho uJoshuwa wasebenzela abantu isivumelwano ngalolosuku, wababekela isimiso lesimiselo eShekema. **26** UJoshuwa wasebhala lawomazwi egwalweni lomlayo kaNkulunkulu; wathatha ilitshe elikhulu, walimisa lapho ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi elingasendlini engcwele yeNkosi. **27** UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini bonke: Khangelani, lelilitshe lizakuba yibufakazi ngathi, ngoba liwezwile wonke amazwi eNkosi eyawakhulumma kithi; ngakho lizakuba yibufakazi ngani, hlezi lenze inkohliso kuNkulunkulu wenu. **28** UJoshuwa wasebayekela abantu ukuthi bahambe, ngulowo lalowo waya

elifeni lakhe. **29** Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uJoshua indodana kaNuni, inceku yeNkosi, wafa eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. **30** Basebemngcwabela emngceleni welifa lakhe eThiminathi-Sera esentabeni yakoEfrayimi enyakatho kwentaba iGahashi. **31** Njalo ulsrayeli wayikhonza iNkosi zonke izinsuku zikaJoshua lazo zonke izinsuku zabadala abelula insuku emva kukaJoshua, njalo ababewazi wonke umsebenzi weNkosi eyawenzela ulsrayeli. **32** Lamathambo kaJosefa abantwana bakolsrayeli ababenyuke lawo bevela eGibhithe bawangcwaba eShekema, esiqintini sensimu uJakobe asithenga kubantwana bakaHamori uyise kaShekema ngenhlamu zesiliva ezilikhulu; saba-ke yilifa labantwana bakoJosefa. **33** UEleyazare indodana kaAroni wasesifa, bamngcwaba eqaqeni lukaPhinehasi indodana yakhe, ayeluphiwe entabeni yakoEfrayimi.

Abahluleli

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaJoshuwa abantwana bakolsrayeli babuza iNkosi besithi: Ngubani ozasenyukelela ukuyamelana lamaKhanani kuqala ukulwa emelene labo? **2** iNkosi yasisithi: UJuda uzakwenyuka; khangelani, ngilinikele ilizwe esandleni sakhe. **3** UJuda wasesithi kuSimeyoni umfowabo: Yenyuka lami enkathweni yami ukuze silwe simelene lamaKhanani; lami-ke ngizahamba lawe enkathweni yakho. USimeyoni wasehamba laye. **4** UJuda wasesenyuka, njalo iNkosi yanikela amaKhanani lamaPerizi esandleni sabo; bawatshaya eBezeki, amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **5** Basebefica uAdoni-Bezeki eBezeki, balwa bemelene laye, bawatshaya amaKhanani lamaPerizi. **6** Kodwa uAdoni-Bezeki wabaleka, baxotshana laye, bambamba, baquma izithupha vezandla zakhe lamazwane akhe amakhulu. **7** UAdoni-Bezeki wasesithi: Amakhosi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa aqunywe izithupha vezandla zaho lezenyawo zaho ayedobha ngaphansi kwetafula lami. Njengokwenza kwami, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu ungiphindisele. Basebemusa eJerusalema, wafela khona. **8** Abantwana bakoJuda balwa-ke bemelene leJerusalema, bayithumba, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, lomuzi bawuthungela ngomlilo. **9** Emva kwalokho-ke abantwana bakoJuda behla ukuyakulwa bemelene lamaKhanani ayehlala entabeni leningizimu lesihotsheni. **10** UJuda wasehamba wamelana lamaKhanani ayehlala eHebron; lebizo leHebron kuqala kwakuyiKiriyathi-Arba; batshaya uSheshayi loAhimani loTalimayi. **11** Basuka lapho baya bamelana labahlali beDebiri. Lebizo leDebiri kuqala kwakuyiKiriyathi-Seferi. **12** UKalebi wasesithi: Ozatshaya iKiriyathi-Seferi,

ayithumbe, ngizamnika uAkisa indodakazi yami ibe ngumkakhe.

13 UOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi umfowabo kaKalebi, owayemncane kulaye, waseyithumba; wasemnika uAkisa indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe. **14** Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele kuyise insimu; wasesehla kubabhem, uKalebi wasesithi kuye: Ulani? **15** Wasesithi kuye: Ngipha isibusiso. Njengoba ungiphe ilizwe leningizimu, ngipha njalo imithombo yamanzi. UKalebi wasemnika imithombo engaphezulu lemithombo engaphansi. **16** Abantwana bomKeni, uyisezala kaMozisi, basebesenyuka besuka emzini wamalala, belabantwana bakoJuda, baya enkangala yakoJuda, eseningizimu kweAradi; baya bahlala phakathi kwabantu. **17** UJuda wasehamba loSimeyoni umfowabo, bawatshaya amaKhanani ayehlala eZefathi, bayitshabalalisa. Ngakho ibizo lomuzi lathiwa yiHorma. **18** UJuda wasethumba iGaza lomngcele wayo, leAshikeloni lomngcele wayo, leEkhironi lomngcele wayo. **19** INkosi yasisiba loJuda, wadla ilifa lezintaba, kodwa wayengelakubaxotsha elifeni abahlali besigodi, ngoba babelezinqola zensimbi. **20** Basebenika uKalebi iHebron, njengokutsho kukaMozisi; wasexotsha elifeni esuka lapho amadodana amathathu kaAnaki. **21** Kodwa abantwana bakoBhenjamini kabawaxotshanga elifeni amaJebusi ayehlala eJerusalema; ngakho amaJebusi ahlala labantwana bakoBhenjamini eJerusalema kuze kube lamuhla. **22** Lendlu kaJosefa, labo benyukela eBhetheli; njalo iNkosi yayilabo. **23** Indlu kaJosefa yasithuma inhloli eBhetheli; lebizo lomuzi kuqala laliyiLuzi. **24** Abalindi basebebona umuntu ephuma emzini, bathi kuye: Akusitshengise indlela yokungena emzini, besesikwenzela umusa. **25** Esebatshengise indlela yokungena

emzini, bawutshaya umuzi ngobukhali benkemba, kodwa lowomuntu losapho lwakhe lonke babayekela bahamba. **26**
Lowomuntu wasesiya elizweni lamaHethi, wakha umuzi, wabiza ibizo lawo ngokuthi yiLuzi; yilelo ibizo lawo kuze kube lamuhla. **27** UManase kaxotshanga-ke iBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, leThahanakhi lemizana yayo, labahlali beDori lemizana yayo, labahlali belbileyamu lemizana yayo, labahlali beMegido lemizana yayo; kodwa amaKhanani afuna ukuhlala kulelolizwe. **28** Kwasekusithi ulsrayeli eselamandla wawamisa amaKhanani kusibhalo, kodwa kawaxotshanga lokuwaxotsha elifeni. **29** UEfrayimi kawaxotshanga-ke elifeni amaKhanani ayehlala eGezeri, kodwa amaKhanani ahlala eGezeri phakathi kwabo. **30** UZebuluni kabaxotshanga elifeni abahlali beKitroni labahlali beNahaloli, kodwa amaKhanani ahlala phakathi kwabo, aba yizibhalwa. **31** UAsherি kabaxotshanga elifeni abahlali beAko labahlali beSidoni leAhilabi leAkizibi leHeliba leAfiki leRehobi; **32** kodwa abakoAsheri bahlala phakathi kwamaKhanani abahlali belizwe, ngoba kabawaxotshanga elifeni. **33** UNafithali kabaxotshanga elifeni abahlali beBeti-Shemeshi labahlali beBeti-Anathi, kodwa wahlala phakathi kwamaKhanani, abahlali belizwe; kodwa abahlali beBeti-Shemeshi labeBeti-Anathi baba yizibhalwa kubo. **34** AmaAmori asebafuqela abantwana bakoDani entaben, ngoba kawabavumelanga ukwehlela esigodini. **35** Kodwa amaAmori ayefuna ukuhlala entaben yeHeresi eAjalon leShahalibimi, kodwa isandla sendlu kaJosefa saba nzima, aba yizibhalwa. **36** Umngcele wamaAmori wawusukela emqansweni weAkirabimi, uvela edwaleni usiya phezulu.

2 Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisenyuka isuka eGiligali isiya eBokimi, yathi:
Ngalenyusa lisuka eGibhithe, ngaliletha elizweni engalifungela

oyihlo, njalo ngathi: Kangiyikwephula isivumelwano sami lani
kuze kube sephakadeni. 2 Lani-ke kalyikwenza isivumelwano
labahlali balelilizwe, lizadiliza amalathi abo. Kodwa kalililalelanga
ilizwi lami. Kuyini lokhu elikwenzileyo? 3 Ngakho lami ngathi:
Kangiyikuzixotsha elifeni phambi kwenu, kodwa zizakuba
njengameva enhlangothini zenu, labonkulunkulu bazo babe
ngumjibila kini. 4 Kwasekusithi lapho ingilos iyeNkosi
isikhulume lamazwi kubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli, abantu
baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi. 5 Basebebiza ibizo
laleyondawo ngokuthi yiBokimi, bayihlabela iNkosi lapho. 6
Kwathi uJoshua esebayekele abantu bahamba, abantwana
bakolsrayeli bahamba, ngulowo lalowo waya elifeni lakhe ukudla
ilifa lelizwe. 7 Abantu basebeyikhonza iNkosi kuzo zonke
izinsuku zikaJoshua, lazo zonke izinsuku zabadala abasala
bephila emva kukaJoshua, ababewubonile wonke umsebenzi
omkhulu weNkosi eyayiwenzele ulsrayeli. 8 UJoshua indodana
kaNuni, inceku yeNkosi, wafa-ke, eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi.
9 Basebemngcwabela emngceleni welifa lakhe eThiminathi-
Heresi entaben yakoEfrayimi, enyakatho kwentaba iGahashi. 10
Njalo lalesosizukulwana sabuthelwa kuboyise. Kwasekusukuma
esinye isizukulwana emva kwabo esasingayazi iNkosi njalo
lomsebenzi eyayiwenzele ulsrayeli. 11 Abantwana bakolsrayeli
basebesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, bakhonza oBhali. 12
Batshiya iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise, eyabakhupha elizweni
leGibhithe, balandela abanye onkulunkulu, kubonkulunkulu
bezizwe ezazibazingelezele, bakhothama kibo, bayithukuthelisa
iNkosi. 13 Bayidela iNkosi, bakhonza uBhali laboAshitarothi.
14 Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi lwavutha kulsrayeli, yabanikela
esandleni sabaphangi ababaphangayo; yabathengisa esandleni

sezitha zabo inhlangothi zonke, ukuze bangabe besaba lakho ukuma phambi kwazo. **15** Loba bephuma besiya ngaphi, isandla seNkosi samelana labo ngokubi, njengokutsho kweNkosi lanjengokufunga kweNkosi kibo, njalo bacindezeleka kakhulu.

16 iNkosi yasimisa abahluleli ababophula esandleni salabo ababaphangayo. **17** Kanti kababalalelanga labahluleli babo, kodwa baphinga ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu, bakhothama kibo; baphambuka masinyane endleleni oyise ababehamba kuyo, belalela imilayo yeNkosi. Bona kabenzanga njalo. **18** Lalapho iNkosi ibamisela abahluleli, iNkosi yayilomahluleli, yabophula esandleni sezitha zabo zonke izinsuku zikamahluleli; ngoba iNkosi yasisola ngenxa yokububula kwabo ngenxa yalabo ababacindezelayo lababahlukuluzayo. **19** Kwasekusithi ekufeni kukamahluleli, babuyela emuva baxhwala okwedlula oyise, ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu, ngokubakhonza langokubakhothamela; kabalahlanga okwemisebenzi yabo lokwendlela yabo yenkan. **20** Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi lwavutha kulsrayeli, yathi: Ngoba lesizizwe seqe isivumelwano sami engasilaya oyise, kasilalelanga ilizwi lami, **21** lami kangisayikuxotsha loba ngubani elifeni phambi kwabo ezizweni uJoshua azitshiya ekufeni kwakhe, **22** ukuze ngihhole ngazo ulsrayeli ukuthi bazagcina yini indlela yeNkosi ukuhamba kuyo njengaboyise bayigcina, kumbe hatshi. **23** Ngakho iNkosi yaziyekela lezozizwe, ukuze ingazixotshi elifeni masinyane, njalo kayizinikelanga esandleni sikaJoshua.

3 Lalezi yizizwe iNkosi eyazitshiyayo ukuze ihlole ulsrayeli ngazo, bonke abangazazanga zonke izimpi zeKhanani; **2** kuphela ukuze izizukulwana zabantwana bakolsrayeli zazi, ukuzifundisa impi, kuphela abangazazanga phambili: **3** Amakhosi

amahlanu amaFilisti, lawo wonke amakhanani, lamaSidoni,
lamaHivi ayehlala entaben iyeLebhanoni, kusukela entaben
yeBhali-Hermoni kuze kube sekungeneni kweHamathi. 4
Zazingezokuhlol uksrayeli ngazo ukwazi ukuthi bazayilalela yini
imilayo yeNkosi eyabalaya yona oyise ngesandla sikaMozisi. 5
Abantwana bakolsrayeli bahlala-ke phakathi kwamaKhanani,
amaHethi, lamaAmori, lamaPerizi, lamaHivi, lamaJebusi. 6
Basebethatha amadodakazi awo ukuba ngomkabo, lamadodakazi
abo bawanika amadodana awo, bakhonza onkulunkulu bawo. 7
Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi,
bayikhohlwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, bakhonza oBhali lezixuku.
8 Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi lwavutha kulsrayeli, yabathengisa
esandleni sikaKushani-Rishathayimi inkosi yeMesopotamiya.
Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebeyisebenzela inkosi uKushani-
Rishathayimi iminyaka eyisificaminwembili. 9 Kwathi abantwana
bakolsrayeli bekhala eNkosini, iNkosi yabavusela abantwana
bakolsrayeli umkhululi owabakhululayo, uOthiniyeli indodana
kaKenazi umfowabo kaKalebi ongumnawakhe. 10 Njalo
uMoya weNkosi wayephezu kwakhe, wahlulela uksrayeli,
waphuma impi, iNkosi yanikela esandleni sakhe uKushani-
Rishathayimi inkosi yeSiriya, lesandla sakhe saba lamandla phezu
kukaKushani-Rishathayimi. 11 Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka
engamatshumi amane. UOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi wasesifa.
12 Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebebuya besenza okubi emehlwani
eNkosi. INkosi yasimqinisa uEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi
ukumelana lolksrayeli, ngenxa yokuthi babenzile okubi emehlwani
eNkosi. 13 Wasezibuthela abantwana bakoAmoni loAmaleki,
waya wamtshaya uksrayeli, badla ilifa lomuzi wamalala. 14
Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesebenzela uEgiloni inkosi

yakoMowabi iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili. **15** Kwathi abantwana bakolsrayeli bekhala eNkosini, iNkosi yabavusela umkhululi, uEhudi indodana kaGera, umBhenjamini owayelinxele. Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebethumela ngesandla sakhe isipho kuEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi. **16** UEhudi wasezenzelza inkemba ebukhali inhlangothi ezimbili, ubude bayo buyingalo, wayibophela ngaphansi kwezigqoko zakhe ethangazini lakhe lokunene. **17** Wasondeza isipho kuEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi. Njalo uEgiloni wayengumuntu okhulupheleyo kakhulu. **18** Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukusondeza isipho, wasephelekezelza abantu ababethwele isipho. **19** Kodwa yena wabuyela emuva ezithombeni ezibaziweyo ezaziseGiligali, wathi: Nkosi, ngilendaba eyimfihlo kuwe. Yasisithi: Thula. Bonke ababemi laye basebephuma. **20** UEhudi wasesiza kuye ehlezi endlini ephenzulu epholileyo eyayingeyakhe yedwa. UEhudi wathi: Ngilendaba kaNkulunkulu kuwe. Wasesukuma esihlalweni. **21** UEhudi waseselula isandla sakhe sokhohlo, wathatha inkemba ethangazini lakhe lokunene, wayithela esiswini sakhe, **22** kwaze kwangena lesilanda emva kobukhali, amahwahwa agubuzela ubukhali, ngoba kayingcothulanga inkemba esiswini sakhe, kwasekuphuma umswane. **23** UEhudi wasephuma ekhulusini, wavala iminyango yendlu ephenzulu emva kwakhe, wayikhiya. **24** Yena esephumile, kwafika izinceku zakhe; kwathi zibona, khangela-ke, iminyango yendlu ephezulu yayikhiyiwe, zathi: Sibili wembese inyawo zakhe endlini epholileyo. **25** Njalo zalinda zaze zaba lenhloni; khangela-ke kavulanga iminyango yendlu ephezulu; ngakho zathatha isihluthulelo zavula, khangela-ke, inkosi yazo yayiwele phansi ifile. **26** UEhudi wasephunyuka zisalibe, yena wedlula ezithombeni

ezibaziweyo, waphunyuka waya eSeyira. **27** Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wavuthela uphondo entaben i yakoEfrayimi. Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebese hla laye ezintaben i, yena ephambi kwabo. **28** Wasesithi kibo: Landelani emva kwami, ngoba iNkosi inikele izitha zenu amaMowabi esandleni senu. Ngakho behla bamlandela, bathumba amazibuko eJordani aye koMowabi, kabavumelanga muntu ukuchapha. **29** Basebebulala amaMowabi ngalesosikhathi angaba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi, amadoda wonke aqatha lawo wonke amadoda alamandla, njalo kakuphunyukanga muntu. **30** Ngalokho uMowabi wehliselwa phansi mhlalokho ngaphansi kwesandla sikalsrayeli. Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **31** Lemva kwakhe kwaba loShamigari indodana kaAnathi, owatshaya amaFilisti amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ngocijo lwenkabi; laye wasemkhulula ulsrayeli.

4 Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebebuya besenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi esefile uEhudi. **2** INkosi yasibathengisa esandleni sikaJabini inkosi yeKhanani owayebusa eHazori. Lenduna yebutho lakhe yayinguSisera, owayehlala eHaroshethi labezizwe. **3** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebekhala eNkosini, ngoba wayelezinqola zensimbi ezingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye, wabacindezela ngamandla abantwana bakolsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili. **4** UDebora umfazi owayengumprofethikazi umkaLapidothi yena wahlulela ulsrayeli ngalesosikhathi. **5** Wayehlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla selala sikaDebora phakathi kweRama leBhetheli entaben i yakoEfrayimi. Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenyukela kuye ukwahlulelw. **6** Wasethuma wabiza uBaraki indodana kaAbinowama eKedeshi koNafithali, wathi kuye: INkosi uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli

kayilayanga yini isithi: Hamba usondele entabeni yeThabbori, uzithathelle amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ebantwaneni bakoNafithali lebantwaneni bakoZebuluni? 7 Njalo ngizadonsela kuwe esifuleni iKishoni uSisera induna yebutho likaJabini lengola zakhe lexuku lakhe, ngimnikele esandleni sakho.

8 UBaraki wasesithi kuye: Uba uhamba lami, ngizahamba; kodwa uba ungahambi lami, kangiyikuhamba. 9 Wasesithi: Ngizahamba lokuhamba lawe, kodwa udumo kaluyikuba ngolwakho ngendlela ohamba ngayo, ngoba iNkosi izathengisa uSisera esandleni sowesifazana. Wasesukuma uDebora, wahamba loBaraki waya eKedeshi. 10 UBaraki wasebizela oZebuluni loNafithali eKedeshi. Kwasekusenyuka amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi amlandela, loDebora wenyuka laye.

11 UHeberi umKeni wazehlukanisa-ke lamaKeni, abantwana bakaHobabi uyisezala kaMozisi, wamisa ithente lakhe kwaze kwaba sesihlahleni se-okhi eZahananimi eseduze leKedeshi. 12 Basebebikela uSisera ukuthi uBaraki indodana kaAbinowama usenylukele entabeni yeThabbori. 13 USisera wasebiza zonke izinqola zakhe, inqola ezingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye zensimbi, labo bonke abantu ababelaye, kusukela eHaroshethi labezizwe kuze kufike esifuleni iKishoni. 14 UDebora wasesithi kuBaraki: Vuka! Ngoba yilo lolusuku iNkosi enikele ngalo uSisera esandleni sakho. Kayihambanga yini iNkosi phambi kwakho? Ngakho uBaraki wehla entabeni iThabbori lamadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngemva kwakhe. 15 INkosi yasimsanganisa uSisera lazo zonke izinqola lebutho lonke ngobukhali benkemba phambi kukaBaraki, kwaze kwathi uSisera wehla enqoleni wabaleka ngenyawo zakhe. 16 UBaraki wasexotshana lezinqlola lebutho, waze wafika eHaroshethi

labezizwe; ibutho lonke likaSisera laselisiwa ngobukhali benkemba; kakusalanga loyedwa. **17** Kodwa uSisera wabaleka ngenyawo zakhe waya ethenteni likaJayeli umkaHeberi umKeni, ngoba kwakulokuthula phakathi kukaJabini inkosi yeHazori lendlu kaHeberi umKeni. **18** UJayeli wasephuma ukuhlangabeza uSisera, wathi kuye: Phambuka, nkosi yami, phambukela kimi, ungesabi. Wasephambukela kuye ethenteni, wamembesa ngengubo. **19** Wasesithi kuye: Akunginathise amanzi amalutshwana ngoba ngomile. Wasesibukula igula lochago, wamnathisa, wamembesa. **20** Wasesithi kuye: Mana emnyango wethente; kuzakuthi-ke, uba kufika umuntu kuwe ekubuza esithi: Kulomuntu lapha yini? Uzakuthi: Kakulamuntu. **21** Kodwa uJayeli umkaHeberi wathatha isikhonkwane sethente, wafaka isando esandleni sakhe, wamnyenyela, wabethela isikhonkwane enhlafunweni yakhe sangena emhlabathini, ngoba yena wayelele ubuthongo obukhulu, ediniwe, wasesifa. **22** Khangela-ke, uBaraki waxotsha uSisera; uJayeli wasephuma ukumhlangabeza wathi kuye: Woza, ngizakutshengisa umuntu omdingayo. Wasengena ethenteni lakhe, khangela-ke, uSisera wayelele efile, lesikhonkwane sasisenhlafunweni yakhe. **23** Ngakho ngalolosuku uNkulunkulu wamehlisela phansi uJabini inkosi yeKhanani phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **24** Isandla sabantwana bakolsrayeli saqhubeka-ke saba nzima phezu kukaJabini inkosi yeKhanani, baze bamchitha uJabini inkosi yeKhanani.

5 UDebora loBaraki indodana kaAbinowama basebehlabela ngalolosuku besithi: **2** Ngenxa yokuphindisela kwezimpindiselo kolsrayeli, nxa abantu bezinikela ngokuzithandela, busisan iNkosi! **3** Zwanini makhosi, libeke indlebe ziphathamandla, mina,

mina ngizahlabela eNkosini, ngihubele iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **4** Nkosi, ekuphumeni kwakho eSeyiri, ekunyatheleni kwakho usuka ensimini yeEdoma, umhlaba wazamazama, lamazulu athonta, lamayezi athontisa amanzi. **5** Izintaba zageleza phambi kweNkosi, iSinayi le phambi kweNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **6** Ensukwini zikaShamigari indodana kaAnathi, ensukwini zikaJayeli, izindlela zaphela, lababehamba ezindledlaneni bahamba ngezindlela ezimazombazombe. **7** Izakhamizi zemakhaya zaphela kolsrayeli, zaphela, ngaze ngasukuma mina Debora, ngasukuma, unina kolsrayeli. **8** Wakhetha onkulunkulu abatsha, khona kwaba lempi emasangweni. Sabonwa yini isihlangu lomkhonto phakathi kwabazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane kolsrayeli? **9** Inhlizyo yami ikubanikimithetho bakolsrayeli, abazinikela ngokuzithandela phakathi kwabantu. Busani iNkosi! **10** Bagadi babobabhemi abamhlophe, bahlali besigcabha, labahambi endleleni, khulumani. **11** Elizwini labatshoki, phakathi kwezindawo zokukha amanzi, lapho bayalandisa ngemisebenzi elungileyo yeNkosi, imisebenzi elungileyo yezakhamizi zemakhaya zakolsrayeli. Ngalesosikhathi abantu beNkosi behlela emasangweni. **12** Vuka, vuka, Debora! Vuka, vuka, khuluma ingoma! Sukuma Baraki, uthumbe abathunjiveyo bakho, ndodana kaAbinowama. **13** Khona yayenza insali yabusa phezu kwezinduna ebantwini; iNkosi yangenza ngabusa phezu kwabalamanila. **14** Kuvela koEfrayimi impande yabo yayimelene loAmaleki; emva kwakho, Bhenjamini, phakathi kwabantu bakho; kuvela kuMakiri kwehla abanikumthetho, lakoZebuluni abadonsa ngentonga yombhali. **15** Leziphatmandla zakolsakari zaziloDebora; lanjengolsakari, waba njalo uBaraki; wathunjwa

esigodini ngenyawo zakhe. Ekwehlukaneni kukaRubeni izinqumo zenhliziyozazizinkulu. **16** Wahlalelani phakathi kwezibaya ukuzwa umhlanga wokukhaliselwa izimvu? Izifunda zakoRubeni zaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwenhliziy. **17** UGileyadi wahlala ngaphetsheya kweJordani. LoDani wahlalelani emikhunjini? UAsherihahlala ekhunjini lolwandle, wahlala ethekwini. **18** UZebuluni uysisizwe esadela umphefumulo waso kwaze kwaba sekufeni, loNafithali, emiqolweni yensimu. **19** Amakhosi afika alwa; khona amakhosi eKhanani alwa eThahanakhi ngasemanzini eMegido; kawathathanga impango yesiliva. **20** Zisemazulwini zalwa, inkanyezi zisendleleni zazo zalwa loSisera. **21** Isifula iKishoni sabakhukhula, isifula sendulo, isifula iKishoni. Mphefumulo wami, unyathela ngamandla! **22** Khona atshaya phansi amasondo amabhiza, ngokumatha, ukumatha kwabalamandla bakhe. **23** Qalekisanani iMerozi, kutsho ingilosiyenkosi, qalekisanani ngokuqalekisa abakhileyo kuyo, ngoba kabezanga kuncedo lwenkosi, kuncedo lwenkosi, lamaqhawe. **24** Uzabusiswa phezu kwabesifazana uJayeli umkaHeberi umKeni; ubusisiwe phezu kwabesifazana ethenteni. **25** Wacela amanzi, wamnika uchago, waletha amasi ngomganu wobukhos. **26** Welulela isandla sakhe esikhonkwaneni, lesandla sakhe sokunene esandweni sezisebenzi, wamtshaya uSisera, wachoboza ikhanda lakhe, wahlaba wabhoboza inhlafuno yakhe. **27** Phakathi laphakathi kwenyawo zakhe wakhothama wawa walala; phakathi laphakathi kwenyawo zakhe wakhothama wawa, lapho akhothamela khona, wawa lapho efile echithekile. **28** Unina kaSisera walunguza ngewindi, wanqolonga ngeminxibo yewindi wathi: Kungani inqola yakhe iphuza ukuza? Kungani ephuzile amavili ezinqola zakhe? **29** Izihlakaniphi

zamakhosazana akhe zaphendula, yebo yena wazibuyisela
impendulo yakhe wathi: **30** Kabatholanga yini bayaba impango,
intombazana, amantombazana amabili kuleyo laleyondoda,
impango yamalembu aconjiweyo kaSisera, impango yamalembu
aconjiweyo afekethisisiveyo ngenalithi, amalembu amabili
aconjiweyo afekethisisiveyo ngenalithi, awentamo zomphangi?
31 Ngokunjalo kazibhubhe zonke izitha zakho, Nkosi. Kodwa
abayithandayo kababe njengokuphuma kwelanga ngamandla
alo. Lelizwe lathula iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

6 Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenza okubi emehlwani
eNkosi; iNkosi yasibanikela esandleni sikaMidiyani iminyaka
eyisikhombisa. **2** Lesandla sikaMidiyani saba lamandla phezu
kukalsrayeli. Ngenxa kaMidiyani abantwana bakolsrayeli
bazenzela imihume esezitabeni, lembalu, lezingaba. **3**
Kwasekusithi ulsrayeli esehlanyele, enyuka amaMidiyani
lamaAmaleki labantwana bempumalanga, benyuka bamelana
labo, **4** bamisa inkamba maqondana labo, bachitha izithelo
zelizwe, uze ufile eGaza, njalo kabatshiyanga okondlayo
kolsrayeli loba imvu loba inkabi loba ubabhemi. **5** Ngoba bona
benyuka lezifuyo zabo lamathente abo, bafika njengokugwala
kwentethe ngobunengi, okokuthi bona lamakamela abo
babengelanani; basebengena elizweni ukulichitha. **6** Ulsrayeli
wasesiba ngumyanga kakhulu ngenxa yamaMidiyani, labantwana
bakolsrayeli bakhala eNkosini. **7** Kwasekusithi lapho abantwana
bakolsrayeli behkala eNkosini ngenxa yamaMidiyani, **8** iNkosi
yathuma umprofethi kubantwana bakolsrayeli, owathi kibo:
Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli: Mina ngalenyusa
lisuka eGibhithe ngalikhupha endlini yobugqili, **9** ngalihluthuna
esandleni samaGibhithe, lesandleni sabo bonke abalicindezelayo,

ngabaxotsha phambi kwenu, ngalinika ilizwe labo, **10** ngathi kini:
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; lingesabi onkulunkulu bamaAmori
elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa kalililalelanga ilizwi lami. **11**
Kwasekufika ingilosи yeNkosi, yahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-
okhi esiseOfira, esasingesikaJowashi umAbiyezeri, lendodana
yakhe uGidiyoni yayibhula ingqoloyi esikhamelweni sewayini,
ukuze iyifihlele amaMidiyani. **12** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasibonakala
kuye, yathi kuye: INkosi ilawe, qhawe elilamandla. **13**
UGidiyoni wasesithi kuyo: Hawu Nkosi yami, uba iNkosi
ilathi, kungani konke lokhu kusehlele? Kanti zingaphi zonke
izimangaliso zayo abasitshela zona obaba besithi: INkosi
kayisenyusanga siphuma eGibhithe yini? Kodwa khathesi
iNkosi isidelile, yasinikela esandleni samaMidiyani. **14** INkosi
yasiphendukela kuye yathi: Hamba ngalamandla akho, ukhulule
ulsrayeli esandleni samaMidiyani. Kangikuthumanga yini?
15 Wasesithi kuyo: Hawu Nkosi yami, ngizamkhulula ngani
ulsrayeli? Khangela, usendo lwami lungumyanga koManase,
njalo ngingomncinyane endlini kababa. **16** INkosi yasisithi
kuye: Ngoba ngizakuba lawe, uzawatshaya-ke amaMidiyani
njengendodanye. **17** Wasesithi kuyo: Uba khathesi ngithole
umusa emehlwani akho, ngenzela isibonakaliso sokuthi nguwe
okhulumu lami. **18** Ake ungasuki lapha, ngize ngibuye kuwe,
ngikhuphe isipho sami, ngisibeke phambi kwakho. Yasisithi:
Mina ngizahlala uze uphenduke. **19** UGidiyoni wasengena,
walungisa izinyane lembuzi, lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo nge-
efa lempuphu, inyama wayifaka esitsheni, lomhluzi wawufaka
embizeni, wakukhuphela kuyo ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi,
wakusondeza. **20** Ingilosи kaNkulunkulu yasisithi kuye: Thatha
inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo, ukubeke phezu kwalelidwala,

ubusuthela umhluzi. Wasesenza njalo. **21** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasiselula isihloko somqwayi owawusesandleni sayo, yathinta inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo; kwasekusenyuka umlilo uphuma edwaleni, wadla inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo. Lengilosи yeNkosi yasuka emehlweni akhe. **22** UGidiyonи wasebona ukuthi yayiyingilosи yeNkosi. UGidiyonи wathi: Maye, Nkosi Jehova! Ngenxa yokuthi ngibone ingilosи yeNkosi ubuso ngobuso. **23** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuye: Ukuthula kakube kuwe, ungesabi, kawuyikufa. **24** UGidiyonи waseyakhela iNkosi ilathi lapho, walibiza ngokuthi uJehova-shalomи. Kuze kube lamuhla lisesekhona eOfira lamaAbiyezeri. **25** Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku iNkosi yathi kuye: Thatha ijongosi lenkunzi engekayihlo, ngitsho ijongosi lesibili elileminyaka eyisikhombisa, udilize ilathi likaBhali elingelikayihlo, lesixuku esiphansi kwalo usigamule; **26** wakhele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ilathi phezu kwengqonga yalinqaba, njengokwejwayelekileyo; ubusuthatha ijongosi lesibili, unikele umnikelo wokutshiswa ngenkuni zesixuku ozasigamula. **27** UGidiyonи wasethatha amadoda alitshumi ezincekwini zakhe, wenza njengokutsho kweNkosi kuye; kodwa kwathi ngenxa yokuthi wayesesaba indlu kayise lamadoda omazi ukukwenza emini, wakwenza ebusuku. **28** Lapho amadoda omazi evuka ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, ilathi likaBhali lalidiliziwe, lesixuku esasiphansi kwalo sesiganyuliwe, lejongosi lesibili lanikelwa phezu kwelathi elaselakhiwe. **29** Basebesithi omunye komunye: Ngubani owenze loludaba? Nxa sebedingile bebuza bathi: UGidiyonи indodana kajowashi wenze loludaba. **30** Amadoda omazi asesithi kuJowashi: Khupha indodana yakho ukuze ife, ngoba idilizile ilathi likaBhali, langoba igamule isixuku esasiphansi kwalo. **31** Kodwa uJowashi wathi kubo

bonke ababemi ngakuye: Lina lizamlwela uBhali yini, kumbe lina limsindise? Omlwelayo uzabulawa kusesekuseni. Uba engunkulunkulu, kazilwele, ngoba ilathi lakhe lidiliziwe. **32** Ngakho ngalolosuku wambiza ngokuthi nguJerubali, esithi: UBhali kalwe laye, ngoba ulidilizile ilathi lakhe. **33** Lawo wonke amaMidiyani lamaAmaleki labantwana bempumalanga babuthana ndawonye, bachapha, bamisa inkamba esigodini seJizereyeli. **34** LoMoya weNkosi wembesa uGidiyoni; wavuthela uphondo, lamaAbiyezeri abizwa emva kwakhe. **35** Wasethuma izithunywa kuye wonke uManase, labo futhi babizwa emva kwakhe. Wasethuma izithunywa koAsheri lakoZebuluni lakoNafithali; basebesiza ukubahlangabeza. **36** UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Uba uzasindisa ulsrayeli ngesandla sami njengokutsho kwakho, **37** khangela, ngizabeka uboya bezimvu obugundiweyo ebaleni lokubhulela; uba amazolo ezakuba phezu koboya obugundiweyo kuphela, lokoma emhlabathini wonke, ngizakwazi-ke ukuthi uzamsindisa ulsrayeli ngesandla sami, njengokutsho kwakho. **38** Kwasekusiba njalo. Lapho evuka ngovivi kusisa, wacindezela uboya obugundiweyo, wakhama amazolo eboyeni obugundiweyo, umganu ogcwele amanzi. **39** UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Ulaka lwakho lungangivutheli, ngizakhulumu khathesi kuphela; ake ngihlole khathesi kuphela ngoboya obugundiweyo; ake kube lokoma eboyeni obugundiweyo kuphela, lemhlabathini wonke kakube lamazolo. **40** UNkulunkulu wasesenza njalo ngalobobusuku; ngoba kwaba lokoma eboyeni obugundiweyo kuphela, kodwa emhlabathini wonke kwaba lamazolo.

7 UJerubali, onguGidiyoni, labo bonke abantu ababelaye basebevuka ngovivi, bamisa inkamba ngasemthonjeni weHarodi, okokuthi waba lenkamba yamaMidiyani enyakatho, ngaseqaqeni

IweMore esigodini. **2** INkosi yasisithi kuGidiyon: Abantu abalawe banengi kakhulu ukuthi nginikele amaMidiyani esandleni sabo, hlezi ulsrayeli azidumise emelene lami, esithi: Isandla sami singisindisile. **3** Ngakho khathesi memezela-ke endlebeni zabantu usithi: Loba ngubani owesabayo lothuthumelayo kaphenduke asuke masinyane entabeni yeGileyadi. Ngakho kwaphenduka ebantwini abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zasala. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuGidiyon: Abantu basesebanengi kakhulu; behlisele emanzini, ngizakuhloela bona khona; kuzakuthi-ke lowo engizakuthi ngaye kuwe: Lo uzahamba lawe, yena uzahamba lawe; kodwa loba ngubani engizakuthi ngaye kuwe: Lo kayikuhamba lawe, yena kayikuhamba. **5** Wasebehlisela abantu emanzini. INkosi yasisithi kuGidiyon: Wonke oxapha emanzini ngolimi lwakhe njengenja ixapha, uzambeka yedwa, laye wonke oguqa ngamadolo akhe ukunatha. **6** Lenani lalabo abaxhaphayo ngesandla sabo besisa emlonyeni wabo babengamadoda angamakhulu amathathu, kodwa bonke abaseleyo babantu baguqa ngamadolo abo ukunatha amanzi. **7** INkosi yasisithi kuGidiyon: Ngamadoda angamakhulu amathathu axhaphileyo ngizalisindisa, nginikele amaMidiyani esandleni sakho; bayekele-ke bonke abantu bahambe, ngulowo lalovo endaweni yakhe. **8** Ngakho abantu bathatha umphako esandleni sabo, lempondo zabo. Wasewayekela wonke amadoda akolsrayeli ahamba, ngulowo ethenteni lakhe, kodwa wagcina amadoda angamakhulu amathathu. Lenkamba yamaMidiyani yaba ngaphansi kwakhe esigodini. **9** Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku iINkosi yathi kuye: Sukuma, wehlele enkambeni, ngoba ngiyinikele esandleni sakho. **10** Kodwa uba usesaba ukwehla, yehla wena loPura inceku

yakho uye enkambeni. **11** Uzakuzwa abakukhulumayo; lemva kwalokho izandla zakho zizaqinisa ukuze wehlele enkambeni. Wasesehla yena loPura ijaha lakhe, baya ephethelweni labangamatshumi amahlanu ababesenkambeni. **12** Njalo amaMidiyani lamaAmaleki labo bonke abantwana bempumalanga babelele esigodini njengentethe ngobunengi, lamakamela abo ayengelanani, njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi. **13** Kwathi uGidiyoni efika, khangela umuntu elandisela umngane wakhe iphupho, wathi: Khangela, ngiphuphe iphupho, khangela-ke, iqebelewana lesinkwa sebhali ligiqikela enkambeni yamaMidiyani, lafika ethenteni, lalitshaya lawa laligenqula lakhangela phezulu, okokuthi ithente lawa. **14** Umngane wakhe wasephendula wathi: Lokhu kakusilutho ngaphandle kwenkemba kaGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi, indoda yakolsrayeli. UNkulunkulu unikele esandleni sakhe iMidiyani lenkamba yonke. **15** Kwasekusithi uGidiyoni eseze ukulandiswa kwephupho lengcazel yalo, wakhonza, wabuyela enkambeni yakolsrayeli, wathi: Vukani, ngoba iNkosi inikele esandleni senu inkamba yamaMidiyani. **16** Wasesehlukanisa amadoda angamakhulu amathathu, aba yizigaba ezintathu, wanika imondo esandleni sawo wonke, lenqayi ezingelalutho, lezhhlanti phakathi kwezingayi. **17** Wasesithi kuwo: Ngikhangelani, lenze njalo. Khangelani-ke, nxa ngifika ephethelweni lenkamba, kuzakuthi njengokwenza kwami lenze njalo. **18** Nxa ngivuthela imondo, mina labo bonke abalami, lapho lani lizavuthela izimondo, lihanqe inkamba yonke, lithi: OweNkosi lokaGidiyoni! **19** Ngakho uGidiyoni lamadoda alikhulu ayelaye bafika ephethelweni lenkamba ekuqaleni komlindo wobusuku waphakathi, besanda kumisa nje abalindi; basebevuthela imondo, babulala izinqayi

ezazisesandleni sabo. **20** Lezigaba ezintathu zavuthela izimpondo, zabulala izinqayi, zaphatha esandleni sazo sekohlo izihlanti lesandleni sazo sokunene impondo zokuvuthelwa, zamemeza zisithi: Inkemba yeNkosi lekaGidion! **21** Zasezisima, ngulowo endaweni yakhe, behanqe inkamba, lenkamba yonke yagijima yamemeza yabaleka. **22** Lapho abangamakhulu amathathu bevuthela impondo, iNkosi yamisa inkemba yomunye komunye, lenkambeni yonke; lenkamba yabaleka kwaze kwaba seBeti-Shita eZerera, kwaze kwaba semngceleni weAbeli-Mehola eduze kweTabathi. **23** Lamadoda akolsrayeli abizelwa ndawonye evela koNafithali lakoAsheri lakoManase wonke, axotshana lamaMidiyani. **24** UGidionyi wasethuma izithunuya kuyo yonke intaba yakoEfrayimi esithi: Yehlani lihlangabeze amaMidiyani, lithumbe amanzi phambi kwavo kuze kube seBeti-Bara leJordani. Ngakho wonke amadoda akoEfrayimi abizelwa ndawonye, athumba amanzi kuze kube seBeti-Bara leJordani. **25** Athumba iziphathamandla ezimbili eMidiyani, uOrebi loZebi; abulala uOrebi edwaleni leOrebi, loZebi ambulala esikhamelweni sewayini seZebi, axotshana lamaMidiyani; aletha amakhanda aboOrebi loZebi kuGidionyi ngaphetsheya kweJordani.

8 Amadoda akoEfrayimi asesithi kuye: lyini linto oyenze kithi ukuthi awusibizanga nxa usiyakulwa lamaMidiyani? Amsola ngamandla. **2** Wasesithi kiwo: Ngenzeni khathesi uba kulinganiswa lokwenu? Ukukhothozwa kwezithelo zevini koEfrayimi kakukuhle yini kulesivuno sevini sakoAbiyezeri? **3** UNkulunkulu unikele esandleni senu iziphathamandla zeMidiyani, uOrebi loZebi; ngangingenzani njengani? Kwasekudedda kuye ukuthukuthela kwabo lapho ekhulumpha lelilizwi. **4** Lapho uGidionyi efika eJordani wachapha, yena lamadoda angamakhulu

amathathu ayelaye, bediniwe kodwa bexotsha. **5** Wasesithi emadodeni eSukothi: Ake liphe abantu abangilandelayo amaqebelengwana ezinkwa, ngoba badiniwe, ngixotshana loZeba loZalimuna amakhosi eMidiyani. **6** Lenduna zeSukothi zathi: Intende yesandla sikaZeba loZalimuna isisesandleni sakho yini, ukuthi siphe ibutho lakho isinkwa? **7** UGidiyoni wasesithi: Ngakho nxa iNkosi isinikele uZeba loZalimuna esandleni sami, ngizabhula inyama yenu ngameva enkangala langokhula oluhlabayo. **8** Wasesenyuka lapho waya ePenuweli, wakhulum labo ngokufananayo; lamadoda ePenuweli amphendula njengamadoda eSukothi emphendulile. **9** Wasekhulum futhi emadodeni ePenuweli esithi: Ekubuyeni kwami ngokuthula ngizadiliza lo umphotshongo. **10** Njalo uZeba loZalimuna babeseKarikori lenkamba yabo ilabo, phose inkulungwane ezilitshumi lanhlanu, bonke ababesele ebuthweni lonke labantwana bempumalanga, ngoba ababewile babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili abahwatsha inkemba. **11** UGidiyoni wasesenyuka ngendlela yabahlala emathenteni empumalanga kweNoba leJogibeha, wayitshaya inkamba, ngoba inkamba yayilibele. **12** UZeba loZalimuna basebebaleka, wasexotshana labo, wathumba amakhosi amabili eMidiyani, uZeba loZalimuna, wethusa inkamba yonke. **13** Lapho uGidiyoni indodana kajowashi esebuya evela empini phambi kokuphuma kwelanga, **14** wabamba ijaha emadodeni eSukothi, walibuza; laselimbhalela iziphathamandla zeSukothi labadala bayo, amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa. **15** Wasefika emadodeni eSukothi, wathi: Khangelani oZeba loZalimuna elalingiklolodela ngabo lisithi: Intende yesandla sikaZeba loZalimuna isisesandleni sakho

yini, ukuthi siphe amadoda akho asediniwe isinkwa? **16**
Wasethatha abadala bomuzi, lameva enkangala lokhula
oluhabayo, wenza amadoda eSukothi aqedisise ngawo. **17**
Lomphotshongo wePenuweli wawudiliza, wabulala amadoda
omuzi. **18** Wasesithi kuZeba lakuZalimuna: Ngamadoda anjani
elawabulala eThabbori? Basebesithi: Njengawe babenjalo,
ngulowo njengesimo sendodana yenkos. **19** Wasesithi:
Babengabafowethu, abantwana bakamama. Kuphila kukaJehova,
uba belibayekele baphila, bengingayikulibulala. **20** Wasesithi
kuJetheri izibulo lakhe: Sukuma ubabulale. Kodwa umfana
kayihwatshanga inkemba yakhe, ngoba wayesesaba ngoba
esesengumfana. **21** uZeba loZalimuna basebesithi: Sukuma
wena uwele phezu kwethu, ngoba njengoba injalo indoda,
anjalo amandla ayo. Wasesukuma uGidiyoni wabulala
uZeba loZalimuna. Wasethatha izinyangana ezazisentanyeni
zamakamela abo. **22** Amadoda akolsrayeli asesithi kuGidiyoni:
Sibuse, wena-ke, lendodana yakho, lendodana yendodana
yakho, ngoba usisindisile esandleni samaMidiyani. **23** Kodwa
uGidiyoni wathi kibo: Mina kangiyikulibusa, lendodana yami
kayiyikulibusa; iNkosi izalibus. **24** uGidiyoni wasesithi kibo: Ake
ngicele isicelo kini; nginikani ngamunye icici lempango yakhe.
Ngoba babelamacici egolide, ngoba babengamalshmayeli. **25**
Basebesithi: Sizanika lokunka. Basebesendlala isembatho,
baphosela lapho ngamunye icici lempango yakhe. **26**
Lesisindo samacici egolide ayewacelile sasingamashekeli
egolide ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, ngaphandle
kwezinyangana, leziceciso ezilengayo, lezembaatho eziyibubende
ezazisemakhosini eMidiyani, langaphandle kwamaketane
ayesezintanyeni zamakamela awo. **27** uGidiyoni wasesenza

i-efodi ngakho, wayibeka emzini wakhe, eOfira. Lolsrayeli wonke waphinga lapho ngokuyilandela; yasisiba ngumjibila kuGidiyoni lendlu yakhe. **28** Ngokunjalo amaMidiyani ehliselwa phansi phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, kawaphindanga aphakamisa ikhanda lawo. Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane ensukwini zikaGidiyoni. **29** UJerubali indodana kaJowashi wayahlala-ke endlini yakhe. **30** Njalo uGidiyoni wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa aphuma okhalweni lwakhe, ngoba wayelabafazi abanengi. **31** Lomfazi wakhe omncane owayeseShekema laye wamzalela indodana, wayitha ibizo lokuthi nguAbhimeleki. **32** UGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wasesifa eseluphele kuhle, wangcwatshelwa engcwabeni likaJowashi uyise, eOfira yamaAbiyezeri. **33** Kwasekusithi lapho uGidiyoni esefile, abantwana bakolsrayeli baphenduka, baphinga ngokulandela oBhali, bazimisela uBhali-Berithi waba ngunkulunkulu. **34** Njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli kabayikhumbulanga iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo eyabophula esandleni sezitha zabo zonke inhlangothi zonke. **35** Kabenzanga umusa endlini kaJerubali, onguGidiyoni, njengakho konke okuhle akwenza kulsrayeli.

9 UAbhimeleki indodana kaJerubali wasesiya eShekema kubafowabo bakanina, wakhulumo kibo lakusendo lonke lwendlu kayise kanina, esithi: **2** Ake likhulume endlebeni zabo bonke abahlali beShekemalithi: Yikuphi okungcono kini ukuthi wonke amadodana kaJerubali amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa alibuse, kumbe indoda eyodwa ilibuse? Khumbulani futhi ukuthi ngilithambo lenu lenyama yenu. **3** Labafowabo bakanina bamkhulumela ezindlebeni zabo bonke abahlali beShekema wonke la amazwi. Inhliziyo yabo yejamela ukumlandela

uAbhimeleki, ngoba bathi: Ungumfowethu. **4** Bamnika inhlamu zesiliva ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ezavela endlini kaBhaliberithi; uAbhimeleki waseqhatsha ngazo abantu abayize labangakhathaliyo abamlandelayo. **5** Wasesiya endlini kayise eOfira, wabulala abafowabo amadodana kaJerubali, amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, phezu kwedwala elilodwa; kodwa uJothamu indodana elicinathunjana kaJerubali wasala, ngoba wacatsha. **6** Labo bonke abahlali beShekema labo bonke abeBeti-Milo babuthana, bahamba bamenza wabusa uAbhimeleki abe yinkosi, esihlahleni se-okhi esamiswa siseShekema. **7** Lapho bemtshela uJothamu, wayakuma phezu kwengqonga yentaba yeGerizimi, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wamemeza wathi kibo: Ngizwani bahlali beShekema ukuze uNkulunkulu alizwe. **8** Izihlahla zahamba lokuhamba ukuzigcobia inkosi. Zathi esihlahleni somhlwathi: Sibuse. **9** Kodwa isihlahla somhlwathi sathi kuzo: Kambe ngizatshiya amafutha ami abadumisa ngawo uNkulunkulu labantu ngami, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla? **10** Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni somkhiwa: Woza wena usibuse. **11** Kodwa isihlahla somkhiwa sathi kuzo: Kambe ngizatshiya ubumnandi bami lezithelo zami ezinhle, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla? **12** Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni sevini: Woza wena usibuse. **13** Kodwa isihlahla sevini sathi kuzo: Kambe ngizatshiya iwayini lami elitsha elithokozisa uNkulunkulu labantu, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla? **14** Izihlahla zonke zasezisithi embabazaneni: Woza wena usibuse. **15** Imbabazane yasisithi ezihlahleni: Uba ngeqjiniso lingigcoba ngibe yinkosi phezu kwenu, wozani lidinge ukuvikelwa emthunzini wami; uba kungenjalo-ke, umlilo uzaphuma embabazaneni udle izihlahla zemisedari zeLebhanoni.

16 Ngakho khathesi, uba likwenzile ngeqiniso langokuthembeka ukuthi libekile uAbhimeleki abe yinkosi, lokuthi uba lenzile okuhle ngoJerubali langendlu yakhe, lokuthi uba lenze kuye ngokufanele izandla zakhe; **17** ngoba ubaba walilwela, walahlela khatshana impilo yakhe, walophula esandleni samaMidiyani; **18** kodwa lina seliyivukele indlu kababa lamuhla, labulala amadodana akhe, amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, phezu kwedwala elilodwa, labeka uAbhimeleki indodana yencekukazi yakhe ukuthi abe yinkosi yabahlali beShekema, ngoba engumfowenu; **19** uba-ke ngeqiniso langokuthembeka lenzile ngoJerubali langendlu yakhe ngalolusuku, thokozani ngoAbhimeleki, laye athokoze ngani. **20** Kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakuphume umlilo kuAbhimeleki udle abahlali beShekema leBeti-Milo, njalo kakuphume umlilo kubahlali beShekema leBeti-Milo udle uAbhimeleki. **21** UJothamu wasephunyuka wabaleka, waya eBeri, wahlala khona, ngenxa kaAbhimeleki umfowabo. **22** Kwathi uAbhimeleki esebose ulsrayeli iminyaka emithathu, **23** uNkulunkulu wathuma umoya omubi phakathi kukaAbhimeleki labahlali beShekema, njalo abahlali beShekema baziphatha ngokungathembeki kuAbhimeleki, **24** ukuze udlakela olwenziwa kumadodana kaJerubali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lubuyele, legazi libekwe phezu kukaAbhimeleki umfowabo owawabulalayo, laphezu kwabahlali beShekema ababeqinise izandla zakhe ukubulala abafowabo. **25** Abahlali beShekema basebembekela abacathamel ezingqongeni zezintaba, baphanga bonke ababebedlula ngaleyondlela; uAbhimeleki wasekubikelwa. **26** UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasesiza labafowabo, bedlulela eShekema; njalo abahlali beShekema bamthemba. **27** Basebephuma baya emasimini,

bakha izithelo zamavini ezivinini zabo, bazinyathela, benza indumiso, bangena endlini kankulunkulu wabo, badla banatha, bamthuka uAbhimeleki. **28** UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasesithi: Ungubani uAbhimeleki njalo unguhani uShekema ukuthi simsebenzele? Kasindodana kaJerubali yini, loZebuli induna yayo? Sebenzelani amadoda kaHamori uyise kaShekema. Ngoba thina sizamsebenzelelani? **29** Sengathi ngabe lababantu bebesesandleni sami, bengizamkhupha-ke uAbhimeleki. Wasesithi kuAbhimeleki: Yandisa ibutho lakho, uphume. **30** Kwathi uZebuli umbusi womuzi esizwa amazwi kaGahali indodana kaEbedi, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha. **31** Wathuma izithunywa kuAbhimeleki ngobuqili, esithi: Khangela, uGahali indodana kaEbedi labafowabo bafikile eShekema, khangela-ke, sebeqinisa umuzi ukumelana lawe. **32** Khathesi-ke sukuma ebusuku wena labantu abalawe, uyecathama egangeni. **33** Kuzakuthi-ke ekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, uvuke ngovivi uwuhlasele umuzi; khangela, lapho yena labantu abalaye bephuma ukumelana lawe, uzakwenza kuye njengalokho isandla sakho esikutholayo. **34** UAbhimeleki wasesukuma labo bonke abantu ababelaye, ebusuku, basebeyicathamela iShekema ngezigaba ezine. **35** UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasephuma wema esikhaleni sesango lomuzi. UAbhimeleki wasesukuma labantu ababelaye ekucathameni. **36** Kwathi uGahali ebona abantu, wathi kuZebuli: Khangela, abantu bayehla ezingqongeni zezintaba. Kodwa uZebuli wathi kuye: Ubona amathunzi ezintaba kungathi ngabantu. **37** UGahali waqhubeka futhi ekhulumwa wathi: Khangela, abantu bayehla bevela phakathi kwelizwe, lelinye ixuku livela endleleni yamagceke abavumisi. **38** UZebuli wasesithi kuye: Usungaphi umlomo wakho owathi ngawo: Ungubani uAbhimeleki

ukuthi simkhonze? Laba kayisibo abantu obadeleleyo yini?
Ake uphume khathesi uyekulwa labo. **39** UGahali wasephuma
phambi kwabahlali beShekema, walwa loAbhimeleki. **40**
UAbhimeleki wamxotsha, wasebaleka phambi kwakhe; abanengi
bawa belimele kwaze kwaba sekungeneni kwesango. **41**
UAbhimeleki wasehlala eAruma. UZebuli wasemxotsha uGahali
labafowabo, ukuze bangahlali eShekema. **42** Kwasekusithi kusisa
abantu baphuma bayo egangeni; bamtshela uAbhimeleki. **43**
Wasethatha abantu, wabehlukanisa baba ngamaxuku amathathu,
wacathama egangeni, wabona, khangela-ke, abantu bephuma
emzini, wabasukela wabatshaya. **44** UAbhimeleki lexuku
elalilaye basebebahlasela bema ekungeneni kwesango lomuzi,
lamaxuku amabili ahlasela bonke ababesegangeni, abatshaya.
45 UAbhimeleki wasesilwa emelene lomuzi lolosuku lonke,
wawuthumba umuzi, wabulala abantu ababekiwo, wadilizela
phansi umuzi, wawuhlanyela ngetshwayi. **46** Lapho bonke abahlali
bomphotshongo weShekema bekuzwa, bangena enqabeni
yendlu kaEli-Berithi. **47** Kwabikelwa uAbhimeleki ukuthi bonke
abahlali bemphotshongweni weShekema babuthene ndawonye.
48 UAbhimeleki wasesenyukela entaben iyeZalimoni, yena
labo bonke abantu ababelaye; uAbhimeleki wathatha ihloka
esandleni sakhe, wagamula ugatsha lwezihlahla, waluthatha
walwetshata ehlombe lakhe, wathi ebantwini ababelaye:
Lokhu elibona ngikwenza, phangisani likwenze njengami.
49 Ngakho bonke abantu labo bagamula, ngulowo ugatsha
lwakhe, bamlandela uAbhimeleki bazibeka enqabeni, bathungela
inqaba ngomlilo phezu kwabo, kwaze kwathi bonke abantu
bomphotshongo weShekema labo bafa, phose abesilisa
labesifazana abayinkulungwane. **50** UAbhimeleki wasesiya

eThebezi, wamisa inkamba maqondana leThebezi wayithumba.

51 Kodwa kwakulomphotshongo oqinileyo phakathi komuzi, labo bonke abesilisa labesifazana babalekela kuyo, labo bonke abahlali bomuzi, babavalela phakathi; benyukela ephahleni lomphotshongo. **52** UAbhimeleki wasefika emphotshongweni, walwa lawo, wasondela emnyango womphotshongo ukuze awutshise ngomlilo. **53** Owesifazana othile wasephosa ucezu lwelitshe lokuchola ekhanda likaAbhimeleki, wadabula ukhakhayi lwakhe. **54** Wasebiza masinyane ijaha elalithwala izikhali zakhe, wathi kilo: Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungibulale, hlezi bathi ngami: Owesifazana wambulala. Ijaha lakhe laselimgwaza, wafake. **55** Kwathi amadoda akolsrayeli ebona ukuthi uAbhimeleki usefile, ahamba, ngulowo waya endaweni yakhe. **56** Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu wabuyisela ububi bukaAbhimeleki ayebenze kuyise, ngokubulala abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **57** Labo bonke ububi bamadoda eShekema uNkulunkulu wabubuyisela phezu kwamakhanda awo; kwasekusehlela phezu kwabo isiqalekiso sikaJothamu indodana kaJerubali.

10 Emva kukaAbhimeleki kwasekuvela uThola indodana kaPhuwa indodana kaDodo, indoda yakolsakari ukukhulula ulsrayeli; wayehlala eShamiri entabeni yakoEfrayimi. **2** Wasesahlulela ulsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu. Wafa, wangcwatshelwa eShamiri. **3** Lemva kwakhe kwavela uJayiri umGileyadi, wahlulela ulsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili. **4** Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu agada amathole abobabhemi angamatshumi amathathu, elemizi engamatshumi amathathu, abayithi yiHavothi-Jayiri kuze kube lamuhla, eselizweni leGileyadi. **5** UJayiri wasesifa, wangcwatshelwa eKamoni. **6** Abantwana bakolsrayeli

basebebuya besenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, bakhonza oBhali laboAshitarothi, labonkulunkulu beSiriya labonkulunkulu beSidoni labonkulunkulu bakoMowabi labonkulunkulu babantwana bakoAmoni labonkulunkulu bamaFilisti; bayitshiya iNkosi, kabaze bayikhonza. **7** Ulaka IweNkosi Iwaselumvuthela ulsrayeli, yabathengisa ezandleni zamaFilisti lezandleni zabantwana bakoAmoni. **8** Asebachitha abacindezela abantwana bakolsrayeli ngalowomnyaka - iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili, bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli ababengaphetsheya kweJordani elizweni lamaAmori eliseGileyadi. **9** Njalo abantwana bakoAmoni bachapha iJordani ukuze balwe ngitsho bemelene loJuda njalo bemelene loBhenjamini bemelene lendlu kaEfrayimi; ngalokho ulsrayeli wacindezeleka kakhulu. **10** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebekhala eNkosini besithi: Sonile kuwe, njalo ngoba sitshiyile uNkulunkulu wethu, sasesikhonza oBhali. **11** INkosi yasisithi ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli: Kangilikhululanga yini kumaGibhithe lakumaAmori lakubantwana bakoAmoni lakumaFilisti? **12** AmaSidoni lawo lamaAmaleki lamaMahoni alicindezela, laselikhala kimi, ngalikhulula esandleni sawo. **13** Kanti lina lingitshiyile lakhonza abanye onkulunkulu; ngakho kangisayikulikhulula. **14** Hambani liyekhala kubonkulunkulu elibakhethileyo; kabalikhulule bona ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwenu. **15** Abantwana bakolsrayeli-ke bathi eNkosini: Sonile; yenza wena kithi njengakho konke okuhle emehlwani akho; kuphela sikhulule, siyakuncenga, lamuhla. **16** Basebesusa onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwabo, bakhonza iNkosi; umphefumulo wayo wasudabuka ngohlupho lukalsrayeli. **17** Kwasekubizelwa ndawonye abantwana bakoAmoni, bamisa inkamba eGileyadi, labantwana bakolsrayeli babuthana bamisa

inkamba eMizipa. **18** Labantu, iziphathamandla zeGileyadi, bathi omunye komunye: Ngubani umuntu ozaqala ukulwa emelene labantwana bakoAmoni? Uzakuba yinhloko phezu kwabo bonke abahlali beGileyadi.

11 Njalo uJefitha umGileyadi wayeliqhawe elilamandla, wayeyindodana yewule; uGileyadi wasezala uJefitha. **2** UmkaGileyadi wasemzalela amadodana; kwathi amadodana omkakhe esekhulile amxotsha uJefitha, athi kuye: Kawuyikudla ilifa endlini kababa, ngoba uyindodana yomunye umfazi. **3** UJefitha wasebalekela abafowabo, wahlala elizweni leTobi. Amadoda ayize asebuthana kuJefitha, aphuma laye. **4** Kwasekusithi emva kwezinsuku abantwana bakoAmoni balwa lolsrayeli. **5** Kwasekusithi lapho abantwana bakoAmoni besilwa lolsrayeli, abadala beGileyadi bahamba ukuyathatha uJefitha elizweni leTobi, **6** bathi kuJefitha: Woza ube ngumkhokheli wethu ukuze silwe labantwana bakoAmoni. **7** Kodwa uJefitha wathi kubadala beGileyadi: Lina kalingizondanga yini, langixotsha endlini kababa? Pho, lizelani kimi khathesi nxax selisenhluphekweni? **8** Abadala beGileyadi basebesithi kuJefitha: Ngakho khathesi siyabuyela kuwe ukuze uhambe lathi uyekulwa umelene labantwana bakoAmoni, ube yinhloko yethu phezu kwabo bonke abakhi beGileyadi. **9** UJefitha wasesithi kubadala beGileyadi: Uba lingibuyisa ukulwa njimelene labantwana bakoAmoni, iNkosi ibanikele phambi kwami, mina njizakuba yinhloko yenu yini? **10** Abadala beGileyadi basebesithi kuJefitha: INkosi iyezwa phakathi kwethu, uba singenzi njalo njengokwamazwi akho. **11** UJefitha wasehamba labadala beGileyadi, abantu basebemenza waba yinhloko lomkhokheli phezu kwabo. UJefitha wasekhuluma wonke amazwi akhe

phambi kweNkosi eMizipa. **12** UJefitha wasethuma izithunywa enkosini yabantwana bakoAmoni esithi: Ngilani lawe ukuthi uze kimi ukulwa elizweni lami? **13** Inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni yasisithi kuzithunywa zikaJefitha: Ngoba ulsrayeli wathatha ilizwe lami ekwenyukeni kwakhe eGibhithe kusukela eArinoni kuze kube seJaboki kuze kube seJordani; ngakho-ke libuyiseni ngokuthula. **14** UJefitha wasephinda ethuma izithunywa futhi enkosini yabantwana bakoAmoni, **15** wathi kuye: Utsho njalo uJefitha: Ulrsrayeli kalithathanga ilizwe lakoMowabi lelizwe labantwana bakoAmoni, **16** kodwa ekwenyukeni kwabo besuka eGibhithe ulsrayeli wahamba edabula enkangala waya eLwandle oluBomvu, wafika eKadeshi. **17** Ulrsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa enkosini yeEdoma esithi: Ake sedlule sidabule elizweni lakho; kodwa inkosi yeEdoma kayilalelanga. Wathumela njalo enkosini yakoMowabi, kodwa kayivumanga. Ngakho ulsrayeli wahlala eKadeshi. **18** Basebedabula enkangala, balibhoda ilizwe leEdoma lelizwe lakoMowabi, bafika lapho eliphuma khona ilanga kwelizwe lakoMowabi. Bamisa inkamba ngaphetsheya kweArinoni, kodwa kabangenanga emngceleni wakoMowabi, ngoba iArinoni yayingumngcele wakoMowabi. **19** Ulrsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, inkosi yeHeshiboni; ulsrayeli wathi kuye: Ake sedlule elizweni lakho siye endaweni yami. **20** Kodwa uSihoni kamthembanga ulsrayeli ukuthi adlule emngceleni wakhe; kodwa uSihoni wabutha bonke abantu bakhe, wamisa inkamba ejahazi, walwa lolrsrayeli. **21** Kodwa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, yanikela uSihoni labo bonke abantu bakhe esandleni sikalsrayeli, babatshaya. Ngakho ulsrayeli wadla ilifa lelizwe lonke lamaAmori, abahlali balelolizwe. **22** Badla ilifa layo yonke imingcele yamaAmori kusukela eArinoni

kuze kube seJaboki, njalo kusukela enkangala kuze kube seJordani. **23** Khathesi-ke iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, yawaxotsha elifeni amaAmori phambi kwabantu bayo ulsrayeli; kanti wena uzakudla ilifa lalo yini? **24** Kawuyikudla yini ilifa lalokhu uKemoshi unkulunkulu wakho akunika ukudla ilifa lakho? Ngakho loba ngubani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezamxotsha elifeni phambi kwethu, lokhu sizakudla ilifa lakho. **25** Pho-ke wena ungcono yini okwedlula uBalaki indodana kaZipori inkosi yakoMowabi? Wake waxabana lolsrayeli; kumbe wake walwa labo yini; **26** lapho ulsrayeli esehlala eHeshiboni lemizaneni yayo, leAroweri lemizaneni yayo, lakuyo yonke imizi esekhunjini lweArinoni, iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu? Kungani-ke ungayophulanga ngalesosikhathi? **27** Ngakho mina kangonanga kuwe, kodwa wena wenza okubi kimi ngokulwa lami; iNkosi uMahluleli kahlulele lamuhla phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli labantwana bakoAmoni. **28** Kodwa inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni kayilalelanga amazwi kaJefitha awathomela kuyo. **29** UMoya weNkosi wasesiza phezu kukaJefitha, wedlula eGileyadi leManase, wedlula eMizipa yeGileyadi; esuka eMizipa wedlulela kubantwana bakoAmoni. **30** UJefitha wafunga isifungo eNkosini wathi: Uba uzanikela lokunikela abantwana bakoAmoni esandleni sami, **31** kuzakuthi loba yikuphi okuphuma eminyango yendlu yami ukungihlangabeza ekubuyeni kwami ngokuthula ngivela kubantwana bakoAmoni, kuzakuba ngokweNkosi, ngizakunikela kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **32** Ngakho uJefitha wasesedlulela ebantwaneni bakoAmoni ukulwa emelene labo; iNkosi yasibanikela esandleni sakhe. **33** Wasebatshaya kusukela eAroweri uze ufile eMinithi, imizi engamatshumi amabili, kuze kube seAbeli-Keramimi, ukutshaya okukhulukazi. Ngokunjalo

abantwana bakoAmoni behliselwa phansi phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **34** UJefitha wasefika eMizipa endlini yakhe. Khangela-ke, indodakazi yakhe yaphuma ukumhlangabeza, ilezigujana, lemigido; yayiyiyo yodwa eyakhe; ngaphandle kwayo wayengelandodana lendodakazi. **35** Kwasekusithi lapho eyibona wadabula iziggoko zakhe wathi: Maye ndodakazi yami! Ungithobisile kakhulu, njalo wena uphakathi kwabangihluphayo, ngoba mina ngivule umlomo wami eNkosini, ngingeke ngibuyele emuva. **36** Yasisithi kuye: Baba, uvulile umlomo wakho eNkosini, yenza kimi njengalokho okuphume emlonyeni wakho, lokhu iNkosi ikuphindisele ezitheni zakho, ebantwaneni bakoAmoni. **37** Yasisithi kuyise: Akungenzele linto: Ngiyekela inyanga ezimbili, ngiye ngehle ezintabeni, ngililele ubuntombi bami, mina labangane bami. **38** Wasesithi: Hamba. Waseiyekela ihamba inyanga ezimbili. Yasihamba, yona labangane bayo, yalilela ubuntombi bayo ezintabeni. **39** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwenyanga ezimbili yabuyela kuyise, owenza kuyo isifungo sakhe asifungayo; yona kayiyazanga indoda. Kwasekusiba ngumkhuba kolsrayeli: **40** Iminyaka ngeminyaka amadodakazi akolsrayeli ayehamba ukuyakhumbula indodakazi kaJefitha umGileyadi insuku ezine ngomnyaka.

12 Abantu bakoEfrayimi basebebizelwa ndawonye, bachaphela enyakatho, bathi kuJefitha: Wachaphelani ukuyakulwa umelene labantwana bakoAmoni, lathi ungasibizanga ukuthi sihambe lawe? Sizatshisa ngomlilo indlu yakho phezu kwakho. **2** UJefitha wathi kibo: Mina labantu bami sasilengxabano enkululu labantwana bakoAmoni; sathi silibiza, kalingikhululanga esandleni sabo. **3** Kwathi lapho ngibona ukuthi kalisizanga, ngabeka impilo yami esandleni sami, ngachaphela ebantwaneni bakoAmoni, iNkosi

yabanikela esandleni sami. Pho, lenyukeleleni kimi lamuhla ukulwa limelene lami? 4 UJefitha wasebutha wonke amadoda eGileyadi walwa loEfrayimi; amadoda eGileyadi asemtshaya uEfrayimi, ngoba athi: Lingababalekileyo bakoEfrayimi, lina beGileyadi, phakathi kukaEfrayimi loManase. 5 AbeGileyadi basebethumba amazibuko eJordani aya koEfrayimi. Kwakusithi lapho iziphepheli zakoEfrayimi zisithi: Ake ngichaphe; amadoda eGileyadi athi kuye: UngumEfrayimi yini? Lapho esithi: Hatshi; 6 basebesithi kuye: Ake uthi: Shibolethi. Athi: Sibolethi; ngoba engelakulikhuluma kuhle. Basebembamba, bemhlaba emazibukweni eJordani. Kwasekusiwa ngalesosikhathi kwabakoEfrayimi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili. 7 UJefitha wasesahlulela ulsrayeli iminyaka eyisithupha. Wasesifa uJefitha umGileyadi, wangcwatshelwa komunye wemizi yeGileyadi. 8 Emva kwakhe-ke ulbizani weBhethelohema wahlulela ulsrayeli. 9 Njalo wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu, wathumela ngaphandle amadodakazi angamatshumi amathathu, wangenisela amadodana akhe amadodakazi angamatshumi amathathu evela ngaphandle; wahlulela ulsrayeli iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 10 Wasesifa ulbizani, wangcwatshelwa eBhethelohema. 11 Njalo emva kwakhe uEloni umZebuloni wahlulela ulsrayeli; wahlulela ulsrayeli iminyaka elitshumi. 12 Wasesifa uEloni umZebuloni, wangcwatshelwa eAjalon, elizweni lakoZebuluni. 13 Emva kwakhe-ke uAbidoni indodana kaHileli umPirathon wahlulela ulsrayeli. 14 Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amane, lamadodana amadodana angamatshumi amathathu, ayegada amathole abobabhem angamatshumi ayisikhombisa; wahlulela ulsrayeli iminyaka eyisificaminwembili. 15 Wasesifa uAbidoni indodana

kaHileli umPirathoni, wangcwatshelwa ePirathoni elizweni lakoEfrayimi entabenzi zamaAmaleki.

13 Abantwana bakolsrayeli babuya-ke benza okubi emehlwani eNkosi. INkosi yasibanikela esandleni samaFilisti iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **2** Kwakukhona-ke umuntu othile weZora, owosendo IwakoDani, obizo lakhe lalinguManowa; lomkakhe wayeyinyumba engazali. **3** Ingilosu yeNkosi yasibonakala kowesifazana yathi kuye: Khangela-ke, uyinyumba, kawuzali, kodwa uzathatha isisu uzale indodana. **4** Ngakho-ke ake uqaphelise, unganathi wayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, ungadli lalutho olungcolileyo, **5** ngoba khangela, uzathatha isisu uzale indodana. Impuco kayiyikudlula ekhanda layo, ngoba umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni; yena uzaqala ukusindisa ulsrayeli esandleni samaFilisti. **6** Owesifazana wasesiza wabikela indoda yakhe esithi: Kufikile kimi umuntu kaNkulunkulu, ukubonakala kwakhe kwakunjengokubonakala kwengilosi kaNkulunkulu, kusesabeka kakhulu; kodwa kangimbuzanga ukuthi uvela ngaphi, futhi kangitshelanga ibizo lakhe. **7** Kodwa uthe kimi: Khangela, uzathatha isisu, uzale indodana; khathesi-ke unganathi wayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, ungadli lalutho olungcolileyo, ngoba umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni kuze kube sosukwini lokufa kwakhe. **8** UManowa waseyincenga iNkosi wathi: Hawu Nkosi yami, umuntu kaNkulunkulu omthumileyo ake abuye futhi kithi, asifundise ukuthi sizakwenza njani emfaneni ozazalwa. **9** UNkulunkulu waselizwa ilizwi likaManowa, lengilosi kaNkulunkulu yafika futhi kowesifazana ehlezi egangeni; kodwa uManowa umkakhe wayengelaye. **10** Owesifazana wasehaluzela wagijima wabikela

umkakhe wathi: Khangela, lowomuntu ubonakele kimi owafika kimi mhlalokhuyana. **11** UManowa wasesukuma walandela umkakhe, wafika kulowomuntu wathi kuye: Unguye yini lowomuntu owakhulumu kulowesifazana? Wasesithi: Nginguye. **12** UManowa wasesithi: Kaweze-ke amazwi akho; izakuba yini indlela yomfana, lomsebenzi wakhe? **13** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuManowa: Kukho konke engakutshoyo kowesifazana akuqaphelise; **14** angadli okolutho oluphuma evinini lewayini, anganathi wayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, angadli lutho olungcolileyo; konke engamlaya khona akugcine. **15** UManowa wasesithi engilosini yeNkosi: Ake sikubambelele, silungise phambi kwakho izinyane lembuzi. **16** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuManowa: Uba ungibambelela, kangiyikudla okwesinkwa sakho; njalo uba ulungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa, unikele eNkosini. Ngoba uManowa wayengazi ukuthi yayiyingilosи yeNkosi. **17** UManowa wasesithi kuyo ingilosи yeNkosi: Ungubani ibizo lakho, ukuze kuthi lapho amazwi akho esiza sikuholoniphe. **18** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuye: Ubuzelani kanje ngebizo lami lokhu liyamangalisa? **19** UManowa wasethatha izinyane lembuzi lomnikelo wokudla, wakunikela eNkosini phezu kwedwala, yasisenza ngokumangalisayo, njalo uManowa lomkakhe bekhangele. **20** Kwasekusithi lapho ilangabi lisenyuka elathini liqonde emazulwini, ingilosи yeNkosi yenyuka ngelangabi lelathi, uManowa lomkakhe bekhangele, bathi mbo ngobuso babo emhlabathini. **21** Kodwa ingilosи yeNkosi kayiphindanga isabonakala kuManowa lomkakhe. Khona uManowa wazi ukuthi kwakuyingilosи yeNkosi. **22** UManowa wasesithi kumkakhe: Sizakufa lokufa ngoba sibone uNkulunkulu. **23** Kodwa umkakhe wathi kuye: Uba iNkosi ibithanda ukusibulala, ibingayikwemukela

esandleni sethu umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, njalo ibingayikusitshengisa zonke lezizinto, njalo ibingayikusizwisa ngalesikhathi izinto ezinjengalezi. **24** Owesifazana wasebeletha indodana, wayitha ibizo layo wathi nguSamsoni; umfana wasekhula, leNkosi yambusisa. **25** UMoya weNkosi waseqala ukumvusa enkambeni kaDani phakathi kweZora leEshitawoli.

14 USamsoni wasesehlela eThiminathi, wabona owesifazana eThiminathi wamadodakazi amaFilisti. **2** Wenyuka wabatshela oyise lonina wathi: Ngibone owesifazana eThiminathi wamadodakazi amaFilisti. Ngakho-ke ngithatheleni yena abe ngumkami. **3** Kodwa uyise lonina bathi kuye: Kakula owesifazana yini phakathi kwamadodakazi abafowenu loba phakathi kwabo bonke abantu bakithi ukuthi uyethatha umfazi kumaFilisti angasokanga? USamsoni wasesithi kuyise: Ngithathele yena ngoba yena uyathandeka emehlwani ami. **4** Kodwa uyise lonina babengazi ukuthi lokho kuvela eNkosini, ukuthi wayedinga ithuba lokumelana lamaFilisti; ngoba ngalesosikhathi amaFilisti ayebusa phezu kukalsrayeli. **5** USamsoni wasesehla loyise lonina esiya eThiminathi, bafika ezivinini eThiminathi, khangela-ke, ibhongo lesilwane lambhongela. **6** UMoya weNkosi wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe; walidabula njengodabula izinyane; njalo kwakungelalutho esandleni sakhe; kodwa kabatshelanga oyise lonina lokho akwenzileyo. **7** Wasesehla, wakhulumia lowesifazana, njalo wayethandeka emehlwani kaSamsoni. **8** Lemva kwezinsuku wabuyela ukuyamthatha; waphambuka ukuthi abone isidumbu sesilwane, khangela-ke, kwakulomtshitshi wenyosi loluju esidunjini sesilwane. **9** Wazithapha ngezandla zakhe, wahamba, ehamba esidla, wafika kuyise lakunina, wabanika, badla. Kodwa kabatshelanga ukuthi wayethaphe uluju esidunjini sesilwane.

10 Uyise wasesehla waya kowesifazana, loSamsoni wenza idili khona, ngoba ayesenza njalo amajaha. **11** Kwasekusithi lapho bembona bathatha abanakwabo abangamatshumi amathathu ukuze babe laye. **12** USamsoni wasesithi kibo: Ake ngililibhe ngelibho; uba lingangitshela lona kuhle ensukwini eziyisikhombisa zedili, lilithole, ngizalinika izembatho zelembu elihle ezingamatshumi amathathu lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezingamatshumi amathathu. **13** Kodwa uba lingelakho ukungitshela, khona lina lizanginika izembatho zelembu elihle ezingamatshumi amathathu lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezingamatshumi amathathu. Basebesithi kuye: Libha ilibho lakho ukuze silizwe. **14** Wasesithi kubo: Kodlayo kwaphuma ukudla, lakolamandla kwaphuma okumnandi. Kodwa babengelakulichasisa ilibho ensukwini ezintathu. **15** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasikhombisa bathi kumkaSamsoni: Huga umkakho ukuthi asichasisele ilibho, hlezi sikutshise lendlu kayihlo ngomlilo. Lisinxusele ukuthi lisithathele esilakho yini? Akunjalo yini? **16** UmkaSamsoni wasekhala inyembezi phambi kwakhe wathi: Uyangizonda nje, kawungithandi; uwalibhile ilibho amadodana abantu bakithi, kodwa mina kawungitshelanga. Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ubaba lomama kangibatshelanga, wena-ke ngizakutshela yini? **17** Wakhala inyembezi phambi kwakhe insuku eziyisikhombisa beseledili. Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasikhombisa wamtshela ngoba wamcindezela kakhulu. Wasewatshela amadodana abantu bakibo. **18** Amadoda omuzi asesithi kuye ngosuku lwasikhombisa ilanga lingakatshoni: Kuyini okumnandi okwedlula uluju? Njalo kuyini okulamandla kulesilwane? Wasesithi kiwo: Uba belingalimanga ngethokazi lami, belingayikulithola ilibho lami. **19** UMoya weNkosi wasefika

ngamandla phezu kwakhe, wehlela eAshikeloni, watshaya kuwo amadoda angamatshumi amathathu, wathatha izembatho zawo, wanika izembatho zokuntshintsha labo ababechasise ilibho. Intukuthelo yakhe yasivutha wasesenyukela endlini kayise. **20** Kodwa umkaSamsoni waba ngowomnakwabo, owayengumngane wakhe.

15 Kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezithile, ngesikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi, uSamsoni wethekelela umkakhe elezinyane lembuzi. Wathi: Kangingene kumkami endlini. Kodwa uyise kamvumelanga ukungena. **2** Uyise wasesithi: Isibili ngakhulumu ukuthi usumzonda lokumzonda; ngakho ngamnika umkhaphi wakho. Umnawakhe kamuhle kulaye yini? Ngiyacela, kabe ngowakho esikhundleni sakhe. **3** USamsoni wasesithi kubo: Khathesi angilacala mayelana lamaFilisti nxo ngiwenzela okubi. **4** Ngakho uSamsoni wahamba, wabamba amakhanka angamakhulu amathathu, wathatha izihlanti, wafulathelisa umsila uqondana lomsila, wafaka isihlanti phakathi kwemisila emibili phakathi laphakathi. **5** Kwathi esethungele umlilo ezihlantini, wawayekela ahamba emabeleni emiyo amaFilisti, watshisa kusukela ezinqunjini zamabele kusiya emabeleni emiyo kusiya lezivinini lezihlahla zemihlwathi. **6** AmaFilisti asesithi: Ngubani owenze lokhu? Bathi: USamsoni, umkhwenyana womThimina; ngoba uthethe umkakhe, wamnika umkhaphi wakhe. AmaFilisti asesenyuka, amtshisa yena loyise ngomlilo. **7** USamsoni wasesithi kuwo: Lanxa lenze njalo, kanti ngizaphindisela kini, emva kwalokho ngiyekele. **8** Wasebatshaya, umlenze phezu kwethangazi, ukubulala okukhulu. Wasesehla wahlala ebhalwini lwedwala leEtamu. **9** AmaFilisti asesenyuka amisa inkamba koJuda, asabalala eLehi. **10** Amadoda akoJuda asesithi:

Lenyukeleleni ukumelana lathi? Athi: Senyukelele ukubopha uSamsoni, ukuze senze kuye njengalokho akwenze kithi. **11**
Kwasekusehla amadoda azinkulungwane ezintathu akoJuda
aya ebhalwini lwedwala leEtamu, athi kuSamsoni: Kawazi
yini ukuthi amaFilisti ayasibusa? Pho, kuyini lokhu okwenze
kithi? Wasesithi kibo: Njengokwenza kwawo kimi ngenze
njalo kuwo. **12** Basebesithi kuye: Sehlele ukukubopha ukuze
sikunikele esandleni samaFilisti. USamsoni wasesithi kibo:
Fungani kimi ukuthi lina kaliyikungihlasela. **13** Basebekhuluma
kuye bathi: Hatshi, kodwa sizakubopha lokukubopha, sikunikele
esandleni sawo, kodwa oqotho kasiyikukubulala. Basebembopha
ngamagoda amabili amatsha, bamenyusa edwaleni. **14**
Kwathi esefikile eLehi, amaFilisti aklabalala emhlangabeza.
UMoya weNkosi wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe, lamagoda
ayesengalweni zakhe aba njengethakisi etshiswe ngomlilo,
lezibopho zakhe zancibilika zasuka ezandleni zakhe. **15**
Wasethola umhlathi omutsha kababhemi, welula isandla sakhe
wawuthatha, watshaya ngawo amadoda ayinkulungwane. **16**
USamsoni wasesithi: Ngomhlathi kababhemi, inqumbi phezu
kwezingumbi, ngomhlathi kababhemi ngitshaye amadoda
ayinkulungwane. **17** Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma
wawulahla umhlathi esandleni sakhe, wayibiza leyondawo
ngokuthi iRamathi-Lehi. **18** Wayesomile kakhulu, wakhala
eNkosini wathi: Wena unikile lokhukukhululwa okukhulu
ngesandla senceku yakho; khathesi-ke sengizakufa ngokoma,
ngiwele esandleni sabangasokanga yini? **19** UNkulunkulu
waseqhekeza igodi elaliseLehi, kwaphuma amanzi kilo. Kwathi
esenathile, umoya wakhe wabuya waqaqabuka. Ngalokho
wabiza ibizo lawo ngokuthi yiEni-Hakore, oseLehi kuze kube

lamuhla. **20** Wasesahlulela ulsrayeli ensukwini zamaFilisti iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

16 USamsoni wasesiya eGaza, wabona khona umfazi, iwule, wangena kulo. **2** Kwabikwa kwabeGaza kuthiwa: USamsoni ufikile lapha. Bamzingelezela, bamcathamela ubusuku bonke esangweni lomuzi; bathula ubusuku bonke besithi: Kuze kukhanye ekuseni, khona sizambulala. **3** USamsoni waselala kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku; wavuka phakathi kobusuku, wabamba izivalo zesango lomuzi, lensika zombili, wazisiphuna lomgoqo, wakwetshata emahlombe akhe, wakwenyusela engqongeni yentaba ephambi kweHebron. **4** Kwathi emva kwalokho wathanda owesifazana esihotsheni seSoreki, obizo lakhe linguDelila. **5** Njalo iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zenyukela kuye zathi kuye: Myenge ubone ukuthi akukuphi amandla akhe amakhulu, lokuthi singamehlula ngani, ukuthi simbophe ukuze simnqobe. Thina-ke sizakunika ngamunye izinhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane lekhulu. **6** UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni: Ake ungitshele ukuthi akukuphi amandla akho amakhulu, lokuthi ungabotshwa ngani ukukunqoba. **7** USamsoni wasesithi kuye: Uba bengibopha ngentambo eziyisikhombisa ezintsha ezingomanga, ngizakuba buthakathaka ngibe njengomunye umuntu. **8** Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zasezisenyusela kuye intambo eziyisikhombisa ezintsha ezingomanga; wasembopha ngazo. **9** Abacathemeyo-ke bahlala laye endlini engaphakathi; wasesithi kuye: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samson! Waziqamula intambo njengentambo yefilakisi iqamuka nxa isizwa umlilo. Ngakho amandla akhe kawaziwanga. **10** UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni: Khangela, udlale ngami wangitshela amanga. Khathesi ake ungitshele ukuthi ungabotshwa ngani. **11** Wasesithi

kuye: Uba bengangibopha lokungibopha ngamagoda amatsha okungenziwanga msebenzi ngawo, ngizakuba buthakathaka ngibe njengomunye umuntu. **12** Ngakho uDelila wathatha amagoda amatsha, wambopha ngawo, wathi kuye: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Abacathemeyo babehlezi endlini engaphakathi. Kodwa wawaqamula asuka engalweni zakhe njengomnxeba. **13** UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni: Kuze kube khathesi udlale ngami, wangitshela amanga; ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa ngani. Wasesithi kuye: Uba useluka amaxha enwele zekhanda lami ayisikhombisa ngezintambo ezelukiwego. **14** Wasewaqinisa ngesikhonkwane; wathi kuye: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Wasevuka ebuthongweni bakhe, wasusa isikhonkwane seselukiso lentambo ezelukiwego. **15** Wasesithi kuye: Ungatsho njani ukuthi: Ngiyakuthanda; nxaihliziyo yakho ingelami? Lezizikhathi ezintathu udlale ngami, kawungitshelanga ukuthi akukuphi amandla akho amakhulu. **16** Kwasekusithi lapho emcindezela ngamazwi akhe insuku zonke, wamkhathaza, kwaze kwathi umphefumulo wakhe wadabuka kwaze kwaba sekufeni. **17** Ngakho wamtshela inhliziyo yakhe yonke wathi kuye: Impuco kayizanga ize phezu kwekhanda lami, ngoba ngingumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni sikamama. Uba ngiphucwa, amandla ami azasuka kimi, ngibe buthakathaka ngibe njengaye wonke umuntu. **18** Lapho uDelila ebona ukuthi umtshela inhliziyo yakhe yonke, wathuma wabiza iziphathamandla zamaFilisti esithi: Yenyukani ngalesisikhathi, ngoba ungtshela inhliziyo yakhe yonke. Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zasezisenyukela kuye, zaletsha imali esandleni sazo. **19** Wasemlalisa ubuthongo emadolweni akhe, wabiza umuntu, wamgelisa amaxha ayisikhombisa

enwele zekhanda lakhe. Waseqala ukumhlupha, lamandla akhe asuka kuye. **20** Wasesithi: AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Wasevuka ebuthongweni bakhe wathi: Ngizaphuma njengakwezinye izikhathi, ngizinyikinye. Kodwa yena wayengazi ukuthi iNkosi isukile kuye. **21** Khona amaFilisti ambamba, amkopola amehlo, amehlisela eGaza, ambopha ngezibopho zethusi; njalo wayechola entolongweni. **22** Kodwa inwele zekhanda lakhe zaqala ukukhula emva kokuphucwa kwakhe. **23** Khona iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zabuthana ukuze zihlabele uDagoni unkulunkulu wazo umhlatshelo omkhulu, zithokoze, zathi: Unkulunkulu wethu unikele uSamsoni isitha sethu esandleni sethu. **24** Lapho abantu bembona badumisa unkulunkulu wabo, ngoba bathi: Unkulunkulu wethu unikele esandleni sethu isitha sethu, ngitsho umchithi welizwe lakithi, njalo owenza baba banengi ababulewego bethu. **25** Kwasekusithi lapho inhliziyo zabo zithokoza bathi: Bizani uSamsoni ukuze azesidlalela. Basebembiza uSamsoni evela entolongweni, wadlala phambi kwabo. Basebemmisa phakathi kwezinsika. **26** USamsoni wasesithi emfaneni owayembambe ngesandla: Ngiyekela ngithinte izinsika indlu emi phezu kwazo ukuze ngeyame kuzo. **27** Indlu yayigcwele-ke abesilisa labesifazana; lazo zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zazikhona, laphezulu ephahleni kwakukhona abesilisa labesifazana abangaba zinkulungwane ezintathu ababebukele uSamsoni edlala. **28** USamsoni wasekhala eNkosini wathi: Nkosi Jehova, ngikhumbule ngiyakuncenga, ungiqinise ngiyakuncenga, kuphela ngalesisikhathi, Nkulunkulu, ukuze ngiziphindisele ngokuphindisela okukodwa kumaFilisti ngenxa yamehlo ami amabili. **29** USamsoni wasebamba insika ezimbili eziphakathi, indlu eyayimi kuzo, waqina ngazo, enye

ngesandla sakhe sokunene lenye ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo. 30
USamsoni wasesithi: Mina kangife lamaFilisti. Wasekhothama
ngamandla; njalo indlu yawela phezu kweziphathamandla
laphezu kwabo bonke abantu ababekuyo. Ngakho abafayo
ababulala ekufeni kwakhe babe banengi okwedlula labo ababulala
empilweni yakhe. 31 Kwasekusehla abafowabo labendlu yonke
kayise, bamthatha, bamenyusa, bayamngcwabela phakathi
kweZora leEshitawoli engcwabeni likaManowa uyise. Yena
wahlulela ulsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

17 Kwakukhona-ke umuntu wentabeni yakoEfrayimi, obizo
lakhe lalinguMika. 2 Wasesithi kunina: Izinhlamvu zesiliva
eziyinkulungwane lekhulu ezathathwa kuwe, owaqalekisa
ngazo, njalo wakhuluma endlebeni zami, khangela, leyomali
ikimi, mina ngayithatha. Unina wasesithi: Kawubusiswe
eNkosini, ndodana yami. 3 Wathi esezibuyisele kunina
izinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane lekhulu zesiliva, unina wathi:
Ngasengisehlukanisile lokusehlukanisela iNkosi isiliva sami sivela
esandleni sami sibe ngesendodana yami, ukuze ngenze isithombe
esibaziwego lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. Khathesi-ke
ngizasibuyisela kuwe. 4 Kodwa wayibuyisela imali kunina. Unina
wasethatha izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amabili, wazinika
umkhandi, owenza ngazo isithombe esibaziwego lesithombe
esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa; zasezisiba sendlini kaMika. 5 Njalo
lowomuntu uMika wayelendlu yabonkulunkulu, wenza i-efodi
lamatherafi, wehlukanisa omunye wamadodana akhe, ukuze abe
ngumpristi wakhe. 6 Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi kolsrayeli;
wonke umuntu wayesenzo okwakulungile emehlwani akhe.
7 Njalo kwakukhona ijaha leBhethelohema-Juda, elosendo
lukaJuda, elalingumLevi, njalo lahlala njengowezizwe khona. 8

Lowomuntu wasesuka emzini, eBhethelohema-Juda, ukuyahlala njengowezizwe lapho ayengathola khona indawo. Wafika entaben i yakoEfrayimi, endlini kaMika, ehamba ngendlela yakhe. **9** UMika wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi kuye: NgingumLevi weBhethelohema-Juda, ngiya ukuyahlala njengowezizwe lapho engingathola khona indawo. **10** UMika wasesithi kuye: Hlala lami, ube kimi ngubaba lompristi, mina ngizakunika izinhlamvu zesiliva ezilitshumi ngomnyaka, lezigqoko zokuggoka, lokudla kwakho. UmLevi wasengena. **11** UmLevi wavuma ukuhlala lalowomuntu; njalo ijaha laba kuye njengomunye wamadodana akhe. **12** UMika wamehlukanisa umLevi, ijaha laselisiba ngumpristi wakhe, laba sendlini kaMika. **13** UMika wasesithi: Khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi iNkosi izangenzela okuhle, ngoba ngilomLevi ongumpristi.

18 Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi kolsrayeli; langalezonsuku isizwe sakoDani sazidingela ilifa lokuhlala, ngoba kuze kube ngalolosuku babengawewanga yilifa phakathi kwezizwe zakolsrayeli. **2** Abantwana bakoDani basebethuma amadoda amahlanu avela kusendo lwabo esuka emaphethelweni abo, amaqhawe, evela eZora leEshitawoli, ukuhlola ilizwe lokuliphenya. Basebesithi kuwo: Hambani liphenye ilizwe. Asefika entaben i yakoEfrayimi, endlini kaMika, alala khona. **3** Esendlini kaMika wona alazi ilizwi lejaha umLevi; asephendukela khona athi kuye: Ngubani owakuletha lapha? Njalo wenzani lapha? Njalo ulani lapha? **4** Wasesithi kiwo: UMika ungenzele kanje lakanje; ungiqhatshile, sengingumpristi wakhe. **5** Asesithi kuye: Ake ubuze uNkulunkulu ukuze sazi ukuthi indlela yethu esihamba ngayo izaphumelela yini. **6** Umpristi wasesithi kibo: Hambani ngokuthula. Indlela yenu elihamba ngayo

iphambi kweNkosi. **7** Asehamba lawomadoda amahlanu, ayafika eLayishi, abona abantu abaphakathi kwayo, behlezi bonwabile, ngokwendlela yamaSidoni, belokuthula, bengethuki lutho, kwakungelamahluleli elizweni ukubathiba, babekhatshana lamaSidoni, bengasebenzelani lamuntu. **8** Asefika kubafowabo eZora leEshitawoli, abafowabo basebesithi kuwo: Lithini? **9** Asesithi: Sukumani asenyuke simelane labo, ngoba sibonile ilizwe, khangelani-ke, lihle kakhulu; pho lina lithule? Lingavilaphi ukuyangena ukudla ilifa lelizwe. **10** Ekufikeni kwenu khona lizafika ebantwini abonwabileyo lelizweni elibanzi inhlangothi zombili, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulinikele esandleni senu; indawo lapho okungasweleki lutho khona elizweni. **11** Asesuka lapho evela kusendo IwabakoDani eZora leEshitawoli amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ehlomile izikhali zempi, **12** enyuka amisa inkamba eKiryathi-Jeyarimi koJuda. Ngenxa yalokho ayibiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiMahane-Dani kuze kube lamuhla; khangela isemuva kweKiryathi-Jeyarimi. **13** Asesedlula esuka lapho, aya entaben yakoEfrayimi, afika endlini kaMika. **14** Khona amadoda amahlanu ayehambile ukuhlola ilizwe iLayishi aphendula athi kubafowabo: Liyazi yini ukuthi kulezizindlu kukhona i-efodi lamatherafi lesithombe esibaziweyo lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa? Ngakho-ke cabangani elizakwenza. **15** Asephambukela khona, aya endlini yejaha umLevi endlini kaMika, ambuza impilo. **16** Amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ayehlomile ngezikhali zempi, ayengabantwana bakoDani, asesima ekungeneni kwesango. **17** Lawomadoda amahlanu ayehambile ukuhlola ilizwe enyuka angena lapho athatha isithombe esibaziweyo, iefodi, lamatherafi, lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, umpristi esemi ekungeneni kwesango lamadoda angamakhulu

ayisithupha ayebhince izikhali zempi. **18** La-ke esengenile endlini kaMika athatha isithombe esibaziweyo, i-efodi, lamatherafi, lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, umpristi wathi kiwo: Lenzani? **19** Asesithi kuye: Thula, bamba umlomo wakho, uhambe lathi, ube ngubaba kithi lompristi. Kungcono yini ukuthi ube ngumpristi wendlu yomuntu oyedwa kumbe ukuthi ube ngumpristi wesizwe losendo lwakolsrayeli? **20** Lenhliziyo yompristi yathokoza, wasethatha i-efodi lamatherafi lesithombe esibaziweyo, wangena phakathi kwabantu. **21** Basebephenduka behamba, babeka abantwanyana lezifuyo lempahla phambi kwabo. **22** Sebekhatshana lomuzi kaMika, amadoda ayesezindlini ezaziseduze lendlu kaMika abizelwa ndawonye abafica abantwana bakoDani. **23** Amemeza abantwana bakoDani. Basebephendula ubuso babo bathi kuMika: Ulani ukuze libuthane? **24** Wasesithi: Lithethe onkulunkulu bami engabenzayo, lompristi, lahamba; pho ngiseselani? Kuyini lokho elikutsho kimi: Uhlutshwa yini? **25** Abantwana bakoDani basebesithi kuye: Ilizwi lakho kalingezwakali phakathi kwethu, hlezi amadoda alolaka akuhlasele, ulahlekelwe yimpilo yakho lempilo yabendlu yakho. **26** Basebezihambelo ngendlela yabo abantwana bakoDani. Lapho uMika esebonile ukuthi balamandla kulaye, waphenduka wabuyela endlini yakhe. **27** Bona basebethatha lokho uMika ayekwenzile lompristi owayelaye, bafika eLayishi ebantwini ababelokuthula bengethuki lutho, babatshaya ngobukhali benkemba, batshisa umuzi ngomlilo. **28** Njalo kwakungekho umkhululi, ngoba wawukhatshana leSidoni, bengasebenzelani lamuntu. Wawusesihotsheni esasingaseBeti-Rehobi. Basebesakha umuzi, bahlala kiwo. **29** Basebebiza ibizo lomuzi ngokuthi yiDani ngebizo likaDani uyise owazalelwia

ulsrayeli. Kodwa ibizo lomuzi laliyiLayishi kuqala. 30
Abantwana bakoDani basebezemisela isithombe esibaziweyo.
Njalo uJonathani indodana kaGereshoma, indodana kaManase,
yena lamadodana akhe babengabapristi besizwe sakoDani
kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuthunjwa kwelizwe. 31 Basebezemisela
isithombe esibaziweyo sikaMika ayesenzile, zonke izinsuku indlu
kaNkulunkulu iseShilo.

19 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, kungelankosi kolsrayeli,
kwakulomLevi othile owayehlala njengowezizwe eceleni
elikhatshana lentaba yakoEfrayimi, owazithathela umfazi,
umfazi omncinyane eBhethelohema-Juda. 2 Lowomfazi wakhe
omncinyane waphinga emelene laye, wasuka kuye waya
endlini kayise eBhethelohema-Juda, waba lapho izinyanga
ezine ezigcweleyo. 3 Umkakhe wasesukuma wamlandela
ukuyakhulumahnhliziweni yakhe ukuthi ambuyise, lejaha lakhe
lilaye labobabhemi ababili. Umfazi wasemngenisa endlini kayise;
kwathi uyise wentombi embona wathokoza ukuhlangana laye.
4 Uyisezala, uyise wentombazana, wamlibazisa; wasehlala
laye insuku ezintathu; basebesidla banatha balala khona
ubusuku. 5 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwsine, lapho bevuka
ekuseni kakhulu, wasukuma ukuthi ahambe; kodwa uyise
wentombazana wathi kumkhwenyana wakhe: Qinisa inhliziyo
yakho ngocezu lwsinkwa; langemva kwalokho lizahamba.
6 Ngakho bahlala badla banatha bobabili ndawonye. Uyise
wentombazana wasesithi endoden: Ake wanele ulale ubusuku
uthokozise inhliziyo yakho. 7 Indoda isisukuma ukuthi ihambe,
kodwa uyisezala wayicindezela yaze yabuya yalala lapho
ubusuku. 8 Yasivuka ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lwsihlanu ukuze
ihambe. Uyise wentombazana wasesithi: Ake uqinise inhliziyo

yakho. Basebelibala ilanga laze lakhothama, badla bobabili.

9 Lapho indoda isukuma ukuthi ihambe, yona lomfazi wayo omncinyane lejaha layo, uyisezala, uyise wentombazana, wathi kuyo: Khangela, khathesi ilanga selitshona, sekuzakuhlwa; ake ulale ubusuku; khangela, ilanga selikhotheme, lala ubusuku lapha, ukuze inhlizyo yakho ithokoze. Kusasa-ke lizavuka ngovivi ngohambo lwenu, uye ethenteni lakho. **10** Kodwa indoda kayithandanga ukulala ubusuku, kodwa yasukuma yahamba, yafika maqondana leJebusi eyiJerusalema. Yayilabobabhem i ababili ababotshelwe izihlalo; lomfazi wayo omncinyane wayelayo. **11** Sebeseduze leJebusi ilanga laselitshonile kakhulu, ijaha laselisithi enkosini yalo: Ake uhambe, siphambukele kulo umuzi wamaJebusi, silale khona ubusuku. **12** Inkosi yayo yasisithi kuyo: Kasiyikuphambukela emzini wesizwe ongeyisiwo wabantwana bakolsrayeli, kodwa sizadlulela eGibeya. **13** Yasisithi encekwini yayo: Woza sisondele kwenye yalezozindawo, siyelala ubusuku eGibeya kumbe eRama. **14** Basebesedlula behamba; ilanga labatshonela eduze leGibeya eyakoBhenjamini. **15** Basebephambuka lapho ukuze bangene balale ubusuku eGibeya. Esengenile wahlala phansi emdangeni womuzi, ngoba kwakungekho muntu owabemukela endlini yakhe ukuze balale ubusuku. **16** Khangela-ke, kwafika ixhegu livela emsebenzini walo ensimini kusihlwa. Lowomuntu laye wayevela entaben yakoEfrayimi; yena-ke wahlala njengowezizwe eGibeya. Kodwa abantu baleyondawo babengabakoBhenjamini. **17** Esephakamise amehlo akhe wabona lowomuntu, isihambi, emdangeni womuzi, njalo ixhegu lathi: Uya ngaphi, njalo uvela ngaphi? **18** Wasesithi kulo: Siyedlula sivela eBhethelohema-Juda, siya eceleni elikhatshana lentaba yakoEfrayimi; ngivelalapho.

Bengiye eBhethelohema-Juda, kodwa sengisiya endlini yeNkosi; kodwa kakulamuntu ongemukela endlini. **19** Kube kanti kulamahlanga lokudla kwabobabhemi bethu, njalo kulesinkwa futhi lewayini lami lokwencekukazi yakho lokwejaha elilenceku zakho; kakuswelekanga lutho. **20** Leloxhegu laselisithi: Ukuthula kakube kuwe. Kodwa zonke inswelo zakho ziphezu kwami. Kuphela ungalali emdangeni. **21** Ngakho laselimngenisa endlini yalo, lanika obabhemi ukudla. Basebegeza inyawo zabo, badla banatha. **22** Besathokozisa inhliziyo yabo, khangela, amadoda omuzi, abantwana abathile bakaBheliyali, ayizingelezela indlu, etshaya esivalweni, akhuluma kumninindlu, ixhegu, esithi: Khupha lowomuntu ongene endlini yakho, ukuze simazi. **23** Umuntu, umninindlu, wasephuma waya kiwo, wathi kiwo: Hatshi, bafowethu, ngiyalicela, lingenzi okubi; lokhu lumuntu engenile endlini yami, lingenzi lobubuthutha. **24** Khangelani, indodakazi yami eyintombi emsulwa, lomfazi wakhe omncane. Ake ngibakhuphele kini. Libathobise, lenze kibo okulungileyo emehlwani enu; kodwa kulumuntu lingenzi linto yobuthutha. **25** Kodwa lawomadoda kawathandanga ukumlalela. Ngakho lowomuntu wasebamba umfazi wakhe omncane, wamkhuphela kibo phandle. Njalo amazi amdlova ubusuku bonke kwaze kwasa. Kwathi emadabukakusa amyekela wahamba. **26** Ngovivi lokusa owesifazana weza wawela phansi emnyango wendlu yomuntu lapho okwakukhona inkosi yakhe, kwaze kwakhanya. **27** Inkosi yakhe yasivuka ekuseni, yavula iminyango yendlu, yaphuma ukuze ihambe ngendlela yayo; khangela-ke, umfazi, umfazi wakhe omncane wayewe emnyango wendlu, lezandla zakhe ziphezu kombundu. **28** Yasisithi kuye: Sukuma, sihambe. Kodwa kakuphendulanga muntu. Yasimkhweza kubabhemi;

indoda yasuka yaya endaweni yayo. **29** Lapho isifikile endlini yayo yathatha ingqamu, yambamba umfazi wayo omncane yamqumaquma lamathambo akhe iziqa ezilitshumi lambili; yamthumela kuyo yonke imingcele yakolsrayeli. **30** Kwasekusithi bonke abakubonayo bathi: Kakukaze kwenzeke njalo kakukaze kubonwe okunje kusukela ngosuku abantwana bakolsrayeli abenyuka ngalo elizweni leGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla. Nakanani ngalokho, leluleke, likhulume.

20 Khona bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli baphuma, inhlango yonke yabuthana njengamuntu munye, kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebha lelizwe leGileyadi, eNkosini eMizipa. **2** Njalo induna zabo bonke abantu, zazo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli, zazimisa ebandleni labantu bakaNkulunkulu, izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane zamadoda ahamba ngenyawo, ahwatsha inkemba. **3** (Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebesizwa ukuthi abantwana bakolsrayeli babenyukele eMizipa.) Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesithi: Tshono, lobububi benziwa njani? **4** Indoda engumLevi, indoda yalowo owesifazana owayebulewe, yasiphendula yathi: Ngafika eGibeya engeyakoBhenjamini, mina lomfazi wami omncane, ukuze silale khona. **5** Abahlali beGibeya basebengivukela, bazingelezela indlu bemelene lami ebusuku, befuna ukungibulala, bamdlova umfazi wami omncane, waze wafa. **6** Ngasengimbamba umfazi wami omncane, ngamquma iziqa, ngamthumela elizweni lonke lelifa lakolsrayeli, ngoba benza amanyala lobuwula kolsrayeli. **7** Khangelani, lina lonke lingabantwana bakolsrayeli, phanini ilizwi leseluleko senu lapha. **8** Abantu bonke basebesukuma njengamuntu munye besithi: Asiyikuya, ngulowo ethenteni lakhe, njalo asiyikuphambukela, ngulowo endlini yakhe. **9** Kodwa khathesi, nansi into esizayenza

kuyo iGibeya. Sizamelana layo ngenkatho, **10** sithathe abantu abalitshumi phakathi kwekhulu ezizweni zonke zakolsrayeli, lekhulu phakathi kwenkulungwane, lenkulungwane phakathi kwenkulungwane ezilitshumi, ukuze bathathele abantu umphako, ukuze, nxa sebefike eGibeya koBhenjamini, benze ngokobuwula bonke ababenze kolsrayeli. **11** Ngakho wonke amadoda akolsrayeli ahlanganyela umuzi, njengamuntu munye emoya munye. **12** Izizwe zakolsrayeli zasezithuma amadoda esizweni sonke sakoBhenjamini zisithi: Yibubi bani lobu obenzeke phakathi kwenu? **13** Ngakho-ke anikeleni lawomadoda, abantwana bakaBheliyali, abaseGibeya ukuze siwabulale, sisuse ububi kolsrayeli. Kodwa abakoBhenjamini kabafunanga ukulalela ilizwi labafowabo, abantwana bakolsrayeli. **14** Kodwa abantwana bakoBhenjamini babuthana bevela emizini baye eGibeya, ukuze baphume ukuya empini labantwana bakolsrayeli. **15** Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebalwa ngalolosuku bevela emizini, amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha ahwatsha inkemba, ngaphandle kwabahlali beGibeya, ababalwa baba ngamadoda angamakhulu ayisikhombisa akhethiweyo. **16** Phakathi kwabo bonke lababantu kwakulamadoda akhethiweyo angamakhulu ayisikhombisa angamanxele; wonke la ayejikijela ilitshe ngesavutha enweleni engakhuthi. **17** Amadoda akolsrayeli asebalwa, ngaphandle kukaBhenjamini, amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane ahwatsha inkemba; wonke la ayengamadoda empi. **18** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesukuma benyukela eBhetheli, babuza uNkulunkulu bathi: Ngubani phakathi kwethu ozakwenyukela kuqala empini labantwana bakoBhenjamini? INkosi yasisithi: NguJuda kuqala. **19** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebevuka ekuseni, bamisa inkamba

maqondana leGibeya. **20** Amadoda akolsrayeli asephuma ukuya empini loBhenjamini; amadoda akolsrayeli azihlelela ukumelana labo empini eGibeya. **21** Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebephuma eGibeya, babhubhisela emhlabathini kolsrayeli ngalolosuku amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili. **22** Abantu, amadoda akolsrayeli, basebeziqinisa bahlela futhi impi kuleyondawo ababezihlelele khona ngosuku lokuqala. **23** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenyuka bakhala inyembezi phambi kweNkosi kwaze kwahlwa. Babuza eNkosini bathi: Ngisondele yini futhi empini ngimelane labantwana bakoBhenjamini umfowethu? INkosi yasisithi: Yenukani limelane laye. **24** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesondela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini ngosuku lwasibili. **25** UBhenjamini wasephuma eGibeya emelene labo ngosuku lwasibili, babuya babhubhisela emhlabathini ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi leziyisificaminwembili; bonke labo bawhatsha inkemba. **26** Ngakho bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli labo bonke abantu benyuka bafika eBhetheli, bakhala inyembezi bahlala lapho phambi kweNkosi, bazila ukudla ngalolosuku kwaze kwahlwa, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. **27** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebebuza eNkosini (ngoba umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wawulapho ngalezonsuku, **28** loPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare indodana kaAroni wema phambi kwawo ngalezonsuku) besithi: Ngibuye ngiphinde yini ukuphuma impi ngimelene labantwana bakoBhenjamini umfowethu, loba ngiyekele? INkosi yasisithi: Yenukani, ngoba kusasa ngizabanikela esandleni sakho. **29** Ngakho ulsrayeli wamisa abacathami maqondana leGibeya inhlangothi zonke. **30** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesenyuka

ukumelana labantwana bakoBhenjamini ngosuku Iwesithathu,
bazihlelela ukumelana leGibeya njengakwezinye izikhathi. **31**
Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebephuma ukumelana labantu,
badonswa besuka emzini, baqala ukutshaya ebantwini, ukubulala
njengakwezinye izikhathi, emigwaqweni emikhulu, enye yazo
eyenyukela eBhetheli lenye eya eGibeya emagcekeni, phose
amadoda angamatshumi amathathu akolsrayeli. **32** Abantwana
bakoBhenjamini basebesithi: Sebetshayiwe phambi kwethu
njengakuqala. Kodwa abantwana bakolsrayeli bathi: Asibalekeni,
sibadonse besuka emzini baye emigwaqweni emikhulu.
33 Wonke amadoda akolsrayeli asevuka endaweni zawo,
azihlela eBhali-Tamari, labacathami bakolsrayeli bavumbuluka
endaweni yabo emadlelweni eGibeya. **34** Kwasekusiza kuvela
maqondana leGibeya amadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi evela kulsrayeli wonke; lempi yaba nzima. Kodwa
bona babengazi ukuthi ububi buzatshaya phezu kwabo.
35 INkosi yasimtshaya uBhenjamini phambi kukalsrayeli.
Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebebhuhisa koBhenjamini amadoda
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lekhulu
elilodwa ngalolosuku; bonke laba bahwatsha inkemba. **36**
Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebbona ukuthi sebetshayiwe,
ngoba amadoda akolsrayeli amdedela uBhenjamini, ngoba
bethembe abacathami ababebbamise maqondana leGibeya. **37**
Labacathami baphangisa bahlasela iGibeya baqhubeka batshaya
umuzi wonke ngobukhali benkemba. **38** Kwasekusiba lesiboniso
esimisiweyo phakathi kwamadoda akolsrayeli labacathami
sokuthunqisa insika yentuthu enkulu evela emzini. **39**
Kwathi amadoda akolsrayeli aphenduka empini, uBhenjamini
waqalisa ukuwatshaya ukubulala emadoden i akolsrayeli phose

amadoda angamatshumi amathathu, ngoba bathi: Isibili atshayiwe lokutshaywa phambi kwethu njengempini yakuqala.

40 Kwathi iyezi liqalisa ukuthunqa liphuma emzini, insika yentuthu, uBhenjamini enyemukula, khangela-ke ilangabi lomuzi lenyukela emazulwini. **41** Lapho amadoda akolsrayeli etshibilika, amadodaakoBhenjamini atshaywa luvalo, ngoba abona ukuthi ububi sebuwehlele. **42** Ngakho afulathela phambi kwamadoda akolsrayeli esiya endleleni yenkangala; kodwa impi yawanamathela, lalabo abaphuma emizini bawabhubhisa phakathi kwabo. **43** Bamhanqa uBhenjamini, baxotshana labo, babanyathelela phansi lula, kwaze kwaba maqondana leGibeya lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. **44** Kwasekusiwa koBhenjamini amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi leziyisificaminwembili; wonke la ayengamaqhawe. **45** Basebephenduka babalekela enkangala edwaleni leRimoni. Bakhothoza kibo emigwaqweni emikhulu abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu, babanamathela kwaze kwaba seGideyomu, batshaya futhi kibo abantu abazinkulungwane ezimbili. **46** Ngakho bonke abawayo koBhenjamini mhlalokho babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, amadoda ahwatsha inkemba; bonke labo babengamaqhawe. **47** Kodwa amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha aphenduka abalekela enkangala edwaleni leRimoni; ahlala edwaleni leRimoni inyanga ezine. **48** Amadoda akolsrayeli asebuyela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini, abatshaya ngobukhali benkemba, kusukela emzini wonke kusiya ezinyamazaneni, njalo kusiya kukho konke okwaficwayo. Layo yonke imizi abayificayo bayithungela ngomlilo.

21 Amadoda akolsrayeli ayefungile-ke eMizipa esithi: Kakukho lamunye wethu ozanika indodakazi yakhe kuBhenjamini ibe

ngumkakhe. **2** Abantu basebesiza eBhetheli, bahlala lapho phambi kukaNkulunkulu kwaze kwahlwa, baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu. **3** Basebesithi: Kungani, O Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kwenzeke lokhu kolsrayeli ukuthi kusilele lamuhla isizwe esisodwa kolsrayeli? **4** Kwasekusithi kusisa abantu bavuka ngovivi, bakha ilathi lapho, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. **5** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesithi: Ngubani ezizweni zonke zakolsrayeli ongenyukelanga ebandleni eNkosini? Ngoba kwenziwa isifungo esikhulu ngalowo ongenyukelanga eNkosini eMizipa kuthiwa: Uzabulawa lokubulawa. **6** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebejisola ngenxa kaBhenjamini umfowabo, bathi: Kuqunyiwe lamuhla isizwe esisodwa sisuke kolsrayeli. **7** Sizabenzelani abaseleyo ngabafazi, ngoba thina sifungile ngeNkosi ukuthi kasiyikubanika emadodakazini ethu abe ngomkabo? **8** Basebesithi: Yisiphi ezizweni zakolsrayeli esingenyukelanga eNkosini eMizipa? Khangela-ke kakuzanga loyedwa enkambeni ovela eJabeshi-Gileyadi ukuya ebandleni. **9** Ngoba abantu babebaliwe, khangela-ke, kwakungekho muntu kubahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi lapho. **10** Ngakho inhlango yathuma khona amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili awamaqhawe amakhulu, bawalaya bathi: Hambani liyetshaya abahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi ngobukhali benkemba, labesifazana labantwanyana. **11** Yile into elizayenza: Lizatshabalalisa wonke owesilisa laye wonke owesifazana owazi ukulala lowesilisa. **12** Basebethola phakathi kwabahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi amankazana angamakhulu amane izintombi ezimsulwa ezingayazanga indoda ngokulala lowesilisa; basebewaletha enkambeni eShilo, eselizweni leKhanani. **13** Inhlango yonke yasithumela yakhuluma labantwana

bakoBhenjmini ababesedwale ni leRimoni; bamemezela ukuthula kibo. **14** UBhenjmini wasebuya ngalesosikhathi, babanika abesifazana ababebagcine bephila kwabesifazana beJabeshi Gileyadi, kodwa ngokunjalo kababanelanga. **15** Abantu basebezinola ngenxa kaBhenjmini ngoba iNkosi yayenze ukwehlukana ezizweni zakolsrayeli. **16** Abadala benhlangano basebesithi: Sizabenzelani abaseleyo ngabafazi, ngoba abesifazana bachithiwe koBhenjmini? **17** Basebesithi: Kumele kube lelifa labaphunyukileyo bakoBhenjmini, ukuze isizwe singatshabalalisa kolsrayeli. **18** Kodwa thina kasilakho ukubanika abafazi emadodakazini ethu, ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli bafungile besithi: Kaqalekiswe lowo onika uBhenjmini umfazi. **19** Basebesithi: Khangelani, kulomkhosi weNkosi eShilo iminyaka ngeminyaka engenyakatho kweBhetheli, lapho okuphuma khona ilanga komgwaqo omkhulu owenyuka usuka eBhetheli kusiya eShekema, langeningizimu kweLebona. **20** Ngakho balaya abantwana bakoBhenjmini besithi: Hambani liyecathama ezivinini, **21** libone, njalo khangelani, nxamadodakazi eShilo esephuma ukugida imigido, khona lizaphuma ezivinini lizibambele ngulowo lalowo umfazi wakhe emadodakazini eShilo, liye elizweni lakoBhenjmini. **22** Kuzakuthi nxoyise loba abanewabo befika besola kithi, sizakuthi kibo: Senzeleni umusa ngenxa yabo, ngoba kasibathathelanga ngulowo lalowo umfazi wakhe empini, ngoba lina kalibankanga wona ngalesisikhathi ukuthi licaleke. **23** Ngakho abantwana bakoBhenjmini benza njalo, bathumba abafazi ngokwenani labo kwabagidayo ababahlwithayo; bahamba babuyela elifeni labo, bakha imizi, bahlala kiyo. **24** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebechithea besuka lapho ngalesosikhathi, ngulowo lalowo

waya esizweni sakhe lakusendo lwakhe; basebephuma
besuka lapho, ngulowo lalowo waya elifeni lakhe. 25
Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi kolsrayeli. Wonke umuntu
wayesenzo okwakulungile emehlwani akhe.

URuthe

1 Kwasekusithi ensukwini abahluleli abahlulela ngazo kwaba khona indlala elizweni. Umuntu weBhethelohema-Juda wasehamba ukuyahlala njengowezizwe elizweni lakoMowabi, yena lomkakhe lamadodana akhe amabili. **2** Njalo ibizo lalowomuntu lalinguElimeleki, lebizo lomkakhe lalinguNawomi, lebizo lamadodana akhe amabili lalinguMaheloni IoKiliyon, amaEfratha eBhethelohema-Juda. Basebesiza elizweni lakoMowabi, baba khona. **3** UElimeleki umkaNawomi wasesifa, wasetshiywa yena lamadodana akhe womabili. **4** Asezithathela abafazi amaMowabikazi, ibizo lomunye lalinguOpha, lebizo lomunye lalinguRuthe. Basebehlala khona phose iminyaka elitshumi. **5** Basebesifa labo bobabili oMaheloni IoKiliyon; owesifazana wasetshiywa ngabantwana bakhe bobabili layindoda yakhe. **6** Wasesukuma yena labomalokazana bakhe wabuyela esuka eselizweni lakoMowabi, ngoba wayesezwile elizweni lakoMowabi ukuthi iNkosi ihambele abantu bayo ngokubanika ukudla. **7** Ngakho waphuma endaweni lapho ayekhona labomalokazana bakhe bobabili kanye laye, bahamba endleleni ukubuyela elizweni lakoJuda. **8** UNawomi wasesithi kubomalokazana bakhe bobabili: Hambani libuyele ngulowo lalovo endlini kanina; iNkosi kayilenzele umusa njengoba lenza kwabafleyo lakimi. **9** INkosi kayilinike ukuthi lithole ukuphumula, ngulowo lalovo endlini yomkakhe. Wasebanga, basebephakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi. **10** Basebesithi kuye: Isibili, sizabuyela lawe ebantwini bakini. **11** Kodwa uNawomi wathi: Buyelani, madodakazi ami, lizahambeleni lami? Kambe ngiselamadodana esiswini sami ukuthi abe ngomkenu? **12** Buyelani, madodakazi ami, zihambeleni, ngoba sengimdal

kakhulu ukuthi ngibe lendoda. Loba ngingathi ngilethemba lokuthi lami ngalobubusuku ngibe lendoda, njalo ngizale amadodana, **13** belingawalindela yini aze akhule? Belingazivimbela lingabi lendoda yini? Hatshi, madodakazi ami, ngoba kuyababa kakhulu kimi kulakini ukuthi isandla seNkosi siphume ukumelana lami. **14** Basebephakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi futhi. UOpha wasemanga uninazala, kodwa uRuthe wanamathele kuye. **15** Wasesithi: Khangela, umkamfowenu usebuyele ebantwini bakibo lakubonkulunkulu bakhe; buyela umlandele umkamfowenu. **16** Kodwa uRuthe wathi: Ungangincengi ukuthi ngikutshiye, ngibuyelete ngiyekele ukukulandela; ngoba lapho oya khona, ngizakuya khona, lalapho olala khona, ngizalala khona. Abantu bakho bangabantu bami, loNkulunkulu wakho unguNkulunkulu wami; **17** lapho ozafela khona, ngizafela khona, ngingcwatshelwe lapho. INkosi kayenze njalo kimi ngokunjalo yengezelele, ngoba yikufa kuphela okuzakwehlukanisa phakathi kwami lawe. **18** Kwathi esebonile ukuthi uzimisele ukuhamba laye waseyekela ukukhuluma kuye. **19** Basebehamba bobabili baze bafika eBhethelohema. Kwasekusithi sebefikile eBhethelohema umuzi wonke wayaluzela ngenxa yabo, bathi: Lo nguNawomi yini? **20** Wasesithi kibo: Lingangibizi ngokuthi Nawomi, lingibize ngokuthi Mara; ngoba uSomandla ungiphethe ngokubaba okukhulu. **21** Mina ngasuka ngigcwele, njalo iNkosi ingibuyise ngingelalutho. Lingibizelani ngokuthi Nawomi lokhu iNkosi ifakaze imelane lami, loSomandla ungihluphile? **22** Wabuyela ngokunjalo uNawomi loRuthe umMowabikazi umalokazana wakhe kanye laye, owabuyela evela elizweni lakoMowabi. Bona-ke bafika eBhethelohema ekuqaliseni kwesivuno sebhali.

2 Njalo uNawomi wayelesihlobo somkakhe, umuntu oliqhawe onothileyo owosendo lukaElimeleki, lebizo lakhe lalinguBhowazi.

2 URuthe umMowabikazi wasesithi kuNawomi: Ake ngiye emasimini, ngiyekhohoza okwezikhwебу ngemva kwalowo engizathola umusa emehlwени akhe. Wasesithi kuye: Hamba, ndodakazi yami. **3** Wasehamba wafika wakhohoza ensimini ngemva kwabavuni. Waqabuka efika kungxenyе yensimu kaBhowazi owayengowosendo lukaElimeleki. **4** Khangela-ke, uBhowazi wafika evela eBhethelohema, wasesithi kubavuni: INkosi ibe lani. Basebesithi kuye: INkosi ikubusise. **5** UBhowazi wasesithi encekwini yakhe eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni: Le yintombi kabani? **6** Inceku eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni yasiphendula yathi: Yintombi umMowabikazi eyabuya loNawomi evela elizweni lakoMowabi. **7** Yasisithi: Ake ngikhohoze ngibuthe phakathi kwezithungo ngemva kwabavuni. Ngakho ifikile, iqhubekile kusukela ekuseni kuze kube khathesi; lokuhlala kwayo endlini kuncinyane. **8** UBhowazi wasesithi kuRuthe: Kawuzwa yini, ndodakazi yami? Ungayikhohoza kwenye insimu, futhi ungedluli usuke lapha, kodwa unamathele lapha emantombazaneni ami.

9 Amehlo akho kawabe sensimini ayivunayo, uwalandele. Angithi ngiwalayile amajaha ukuthi angakuthinti. Nxax usuwomile uye ezimbizeni, unathe kulokhu amajaha akukhileyo. **10** Khona wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe wakhothamela emhlabathini, wathi kuye: Ngitholelani umusa emehlwени akho ukuthi unginanze lokhu ngingowezizweni? **11** UBhowazi wasephendula wathi kuye: Kutshengisiwe lokutshengiswa kimi konke owakwenzela unyokozala emva kokufa kwendoda yakho, ukuthi utshiye uyihi lonyoko lelizwe lokuzalwa kwakho, weza ebantwini owawungabazi ngaphambili. **12** INkosi kayiwuvuze umsebenzi

wakho, sengathi umvuzo wakho opheleleyo kawuvele eNkosini uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, oze ngaphansi kwempiko zayo ukuphephela. **13** Wasesithi: Ake ngithole umusa emehlwani akho, nkosi yami, ngoba ungiduduzile, njalo ngoba ukhulume enhliziyweni yencekukazi yakho, lanxa mina ngingenjengenye yencekukazi zakho. **14** UBhowazi wathi kuye: Ngesikhathi sokudla sondela lapha, udle okwesinkwa, utshebe ucezu lwakho kuviniga. Ngakho wahlala eceleni kwabavuni, wasemkhangeza amabele akhanzingiweyo; wadla wasutha watshiya. **15** Kwathi esukuma ukukhethoza, uBhowazi walaya amajaha akhe esithi: Myekeleni ukuthi akhethoze laphakathi kwezithungo, lingamyangisi, **16** laye limhwatshela-ke ngabomu okunye ezinyanden, likutshiye ukuze akukhethoze, lingamkhuzi. **17** Wakhethoza-ke ensimini kwaze kwahlwa. Wabhula lokho ayekukhethozile, kwaba phose yi-efa yebhali. **18** Wakuthwala wangena emzini, loninazala wabona akukhethozileyo; wakhupha wamnika akutshiya esesuthi. **19** Uninazala wasesithi kuye: Ubukhethoza ngaphi lamuhla? Usebenze ngaphi? Kabusiswe lowo okunanzeleleyo. Wasemtshela uninazala ukuthi usebenze kobani, wathi: Ibizo lalowomuntu engisebenze kuye lamuhla nguBhowazi. **20** UNawomi wasesithi kumalokazana wakhe: Kabusiswe yiNkosi engayekelanga umusa wayo kwabaphilayo lakwabafileyo. UNawomi wathi kuye: Lowomuntu uyisihlobo sethu esiseduze kithi, ongomunye wabahlengi bethu. **21** URuthe umMowabikazi wasesithi: Ngoba laye uthe kimi: Uzanamathele emajaheni engilawo aze aqede sonke isivuno engilaso. **22** UNawomi wasesithi kuRuthe umalokazana wakhe: Kuhle, ndodakazi yami, ukuthi uphume lamantombazana akhe, hlezi bakuhlangabeze kwenye insimu. **23** Wasenamathele

emantombazaneni kaBhowazi, ekhohoza kwaze kwaphela
isivuno sebhali lesivuno sengqoloyi. Wasehlala loninazala.

3 UNawomi uninazala wasesithi kuye: Ndodakazi yami,
ngingakudingeli ukuphumula yini ukuze kube kuhle kuwe?
2 Ngakho-ke uBhowazi ayisuye wezihlobo zethu yini,
obulamantombazana akhe? Khangela, wela ibhali ebaleni
lokubhulela ngalobibusuku. **3** Ngakho geza uzigcobe, ugqoke
isembatho sakho, wehlele ebaleni lokubhulela; ungazinezi
endodeni ize iqede ukudla lokunatha. **4** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho
eselala, uqaphelise indawo alala kiyo, ungene, ubususembula
inyawo zakhe, ulale phansi; yena-ke uzakutshela ozakwenza.
5 Wasesithi kuye: Konke okutshoyo kimi ngizakwenza. **6**
Wasesehlela ebaleni lokubhulela, wenza njengakho konke
ayemlaye khona uninazala. **7** Kwathi uBhowazi esedlile
wanatha, lenhlizyo yakhe yathokoza, wayalala phansi ekucineni
kwenqumbi yamabele. URuthe wasenyenya, wembula inyawo
zakhe, walala phansi. **8** Kwasekusithi phakathi kobusuku
indoda yethuka, yaphenduka, khangela-ke owesifazana elele
enyaweni zayo. **9** Yathi: Ungubani? Wasesithi: NginguRuthe
incekukazi yakho; ngakho yendlala umphetho wesembatho
sakho phezu kwencekukazi yakho, ngoba ungumhlengi. **10**
Yasisithi: Kawubusiswe yiNkosi, ndodakazi yami, usuwenze
umusa wakho ube mkhulu ekucineni kulowokuqala, njengoba
ungalandelanga amajaha loba angabayanga loba anothileyo.
11 Ngakho-ke, ndodakazi yami, ungesabi, ngizakwenzela
konke okutshoyo, ngoba umuzi wonke wabantu bakithi uyazi
ukuthi ungowesifazana oqotho. **12** Yebo-ke, sibili, kuliqiniso
ukuthi ngiyishlobo esingumhlengi, kanti-ke kukhona isihlobo
esingumhlengi esiseduze kulami. **13** Hlala lobibusuku;

kuzakuthi-ke ekuseni uba ezakwenza imfanelo yesihlobo esingumhlengi, kulungile, kakuhlenge; kodwa uba engathandi ukukuhlenga, mina-ke ngizakuhlenga, kuphila kukaJehova. Lala kuze kuse. **14** Waselala enyaweni zayo kwaze kwasa; wavuka omunye engakananeleli omunye. Yasisithi: Kakungaziwa ukuthi owesifazana ufikile ebaleni lokubhulela. **15** Yasisithi: Letha isembatho osiggokileyo, usibambe; wasesibamba, yasilinganisa izilinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali, yamethesa; wasengena emzini. **16** Kwathi esefike kuninazala, wathi: Ungubani, ndodakazi yami? Wasemtshela konke indoda eyayimenzele khona. **17** Wathi: Ingiphe lezizinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali, ngoba ithe kimi: Ungayi kunyokozala ungelalutho. **18** Wasesithi: Hlala, ndodakazi yami, uze wazi ukuthi udaba luzaphetha njani, ngoba indoda kayiyikuphumula ize iluqede udaba lamuhla.

4 UBhowazi wasesenyukela esangweni, wahlala phansi lapho. Khangela-ke, kwedlula isihlobo esingumhlengi leso uBhowazi ayekhulume ngaso. Wasesithi: Phambuka uhlale phansi lapha, we zibanibani. Wasephambuka, wahlala phansi. **2** Wasethatha amadoda alitshumi ebadaleni bomuzi, wathi: Hlalani phansi lapha. Asehlala phansi. **3** Wasesithi kulesosihlobo esingumhlengi: Isiqinti sensimu esasingesomfowethu uElimeleki, uyasithengisa uNawomi, osebuyile evela elizweni lakoMowabi. **4** Ngakho mina ngithe: Ngikwembule endlebeni yakho ngisithi: Sithenge phambi kwabahlali laphambi kwabadala babantu bakithi. Uba uzasihlenga, sihlenge. Kodwa uba engekho ongasihlenga, ungitshele, ukuze ngazi; ngoba engekho ngaphandle kwakho ongasihlenga, mina-ke ngilandela wena. Wasesithi: Mina ngizasihlenga. **5** UBhowazi wasesithi: Mhla uthenga insimu esandleni sikaNawomi, uzayithenga lakuRuthe umMowabikazi,

umfazi womuyi, ukuze umise ibizo lomuyi elifeni lakhe. **6**
Lesosihlobo esingumhlengi sasesisithi: Ngingeke ngazihlengela
sona, hlezi ngone ilifa lami. Zihlengele wena ilungelo lami
lokuhlenga, ngoba kangilamandla okuhlenga. **7** Lokhu-
ke kwakukhonona mandulo kolsrayeli mayelana lokuhlenga
lokuntshintsha, ukuqinisa lonke udaba: umuntu akhiphe inyathela
lakhe, alinike umakhelwane wakhe; lokhu-ke kwakuyibufakazi
kolsrayeli. **8** Ngakho isihlobo esingumhlengi sathi kuBhowazi:
Zithengele yona; sasesikhipha inyathela laso. **9** UBhowazi
wasesithi kubadala lakubo bonke abantu: Lingabafakazi lamuhla
bokuthi ngithengile konke okwakungokukaElimeleki lakho konke
okwakungokukaKiliyonI lokukaMaheloni esandleni sikaNawomi.
10 LoRuthe laye umMowabikazi, umkaMaheloni, ngizithengele
ukuze abe ngumkami, ukuze ngimise ibizo likamuyi elifeni lakhe,
ukuze ibizo lomuyi lingaqunywa lisuke phakathi kwabafowabo
lesangweni lendawo yakhe. Lingabafakazi lamuhla. **11** Bonke
abantu ababesesangweni labadala basebesithi: Singabafakazi;
kungathi iNkosi ingamenza lo owesifazana ongena endlini yakho
abe njengoRasheli lanjengoLeya abakha bobabili indlu kalsrayeli.
Njalo wenze ngamandla eEfratha, uzenzele ibizo eBhethelohema,
12 lendlu yakho ibe njengendlu kaPerezi uTamari amzalela uJuda,
ngenzalo iNkosi ezakunika yona ngalo owesifazana omutsha.
13 Ngakho uBhowazi wamthatha uRuthe, waba ngumkakhe;
wasengena kuye, iNkosi yamnika ukuthi athathe isisu, wazala
indodana. **14** Abesifazana basebesithi kuNawomi: Kayibusiswe
iNkosi engakutshiyanga ungelaso isihlobo esingumhlengi
lamuhla, ukuthi ibizo laso limenyezelwe kolsrayeli! **15** Uzakuba
kuwe ngumbuyisi wempilo lomondli wobudala bakho, ngoba
umzele umalokazana wakho okuthandayo, ongcono kuwe

kulamadodana ayisikhombisa. **16** UNawomi wasemthatha umntwana, wamfaka esifubeni sakhe, waba ngumlizane wakhe. **17** Omakhelwanekazi basebemutha ibizo besithi: Kulendodana ezalelwé uNawomi. Babiza ibizo layo uObedi; nguyise kaJese, uyise kaDavida. **18** Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaPerezi. UPerezi wazala uHezironi, **19** uHezironi wasezala uRamu, uRamu wasezala uAminadaba, **20** uAminadaba wasezala uNashoni, uNashoni wasezala uSalimoni, **21** uSalimoni wasezala uBhowazi, uBhowazi wasezala uObedi, **22** uObedi wasezala uJese, uJese wasezala uDavida.

1 USamuyeli

1 Kwakukhona-ke indoda ethile yeRamathayimi-Zofimu entaben
yakoEfrayimi; lebizo layo lalinguElkana indodana kaJerohamu,
indodana kaElihu, indodana kaTohu, indodana kaZufi umEfrayimi.
2 Njalo yayilabafazi ababili; ibizo lomunye lalinguHana, lebizo
lomunye lalinguPenina. Njalo uPenina wayelabantwana, kodwa
uHana wayengelabantwana. **3** Leyondoda yenyuka-ke isuka
emzini wayo iminyaka ngeminyaka ukuyakhonza lokuhlabela
iNkosi yamabandla eShilo, njalo kwakukhona lapho amadodana
amabili kaEli, uHofini loPhinehasi, abapristi beNkosi. **4** Kwakusithi
mhla uElkana ehlaba, wanika uPenina umkakhe lawo wonke
amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe izabelo; **5** kodwa uHana
wamnika isabelo esiphindwe kibili, ngoba wayemthanda uHana;
kodwa iNkosi yayisivalile isizalo sakhe. **6** Lesitha sakhe laso
samcaphula ngentukuthelo ukuze simkhathaze, ngoba iNkosi
yayisivalile isizalo sakhe. **7** Wayesenzo njalo-ke iminyaka
ngeminyaka; kusukela lapho esenyukela endlini yeNkosi,
ngokunjalo samcaphula. Ngakho walila, kadlanga. **8** UElkana
umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Hana, ulilaneli? Njalo kawudli ngani?
Kungani-ke inhliziyo yakho idabukile? Mina kangingcono kuwe
kulamadodana alitshumi yini? **9** Ngakho uHana wasukuma
emva kokudla eShilo langemva kokunatha. UEli umpristi
wayehlezi-ke esihlalweni phansi kwensika yethempeli leNkosi. **10**
Njalo wayelobuhluntu emphefumulweni, wasekhuleka eNkosini
ekhala lokukhala inyembezi. **11** Wasefunga isifungo wathi:
Nkosi yamabandla, uba ungabona lokubona ukuhlupheka
kwencekukazi yakho, ungikhumbule, ungakhohlwa incekukazi
yakho, kodwa unike incekukazi yakho inzalo yesilisa, ngizamnika
iNkosi insuku zonke zempilo yakhe, lempuco kayiyikwedlula

ekhanda lakhe. **12** Kwasekusithi esaqhube ka ukukhuleka phambi kweNkosi, uEli waqaphelisa umlomo wakhe. **13** UHana wayekhulumela-ke enhliziyweni yakhe, kwanyikinyeka indebe zakhe kuphela, kodwa ilizwi lakhe lalingezwakali; ngakho uEli wacabanga ukuthi udakiwe. **14** UEli wasesithi kuye: Koze kube nini udakwa? Susa iwayini lakho kuwe. **15** UHana wasephendula wathi: Hatshi, nkosi yami, ngingowesifazana odabukileyo emoyeni; kanginathanga wayini loba okunathwayo okulamandla, kodwa bengithulula umphefumulo wami phambi kweNkosi. **16** Ungayithathi incekukazi yakho njengendodakazi kaBheliyali, ngoba e bunengini bosizi lwami lenkathazo yami sengikhulume kwaze kwaba khathesi. **17** UEli wasephendula wathi: Hamba ngokuthula; uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli akuniike isicelo sakho osicelo kuye. **18** Wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho kayithole umusa emehlwani akho. Ngakho owesifazana wahamba ngendlela yakhe, wadla; lobuso bakhe abaze busanyukumala ngakho. **19** Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, bakhonza phambi kweNkosi, basebebuya bafika emzini wabo eRama. UElkana wasemazi uHana umkakhe, leNkosi yamkhumbula. **20** Kwasekusithi ekuquhubekeni kwesikhathi uHana wakhulelwa, wabeletha indodana, wayitha ibizo layo uSamuweli; ngoba wathi: Ngimcelile eNkosini. **21** Lendoda uElkana lendlu yakhe yonke benyukela ukuyahlabela iNkosi umhlatshelo weminyaka ngeminyaka, lesifungo sakhe. **22** Kodwa uHana kenyukanga, ngoba wathi kumkakhe: Kangiyikuhamba aze alunyulwe umfana; khona ngizamletha ukuze abonakale phambi kweNkosi, abesehlala khona kuze kube nininini. **23** UElkana umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Yenza okulungileyo emehlwani akho; hlala uze umlumule; kuphela, iNkosi kayiqinise ilizwi lakho. Ngokunjalo owesifazana

wahlala, wayimunyisa indodana yakhe waze wayilumula. 24
Wasesenyuka layo eseyilumule, elamajongosi amathathu, le-
efa elilodwa lempuphu, lembollela yewayini, wayiletha endlini
yeNkosi eShilo; lomfana wayemncinyane. 25 Balihlaba ijongosi,
bamletha umntwana kuEli. 26 Wasesithi: Hawu nkosi yami,
kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yami, yimi owesifazana
owayemi lawe lapha, ekhuleka eNkosini. 27 Ngakhulekela lo
umfana, njalo iNkosi inginikile isicelo sami engasicela kuyo.
28 Ngakho lami ngimnikele eNkosini, zonke izinsuku ekhona;
wacelwa eNkosini. Wasekhonza iNkosi lapho.

2 UHana wasekhuleka esithi: Inhlizyo yami iyathokoza eNkosini.
Uphondo Iwami lumphakanyisiwe eNkosini. Umlomo wami
wenziwe banzi phezu kwezitha zami, ngoba ngiyajabula
ngosindiso lwakho. 2 Kakho ongcwele njengeNkosi, ngoba kakho
ngaphandle kwakho; futhi kalikho idwala elinjengoNkulunkulu
wethu. 3 Lingabe lisakhulumu ngokuzigqaja lokuzigqaja,
kungaphumi ukuziqakisa emlonyeni wenu; ngoba iNkosi
inguNkulunkulu wolwazi, lezenzo zilinganiswa yiyo. 4
Idandili lamaqhawe lephukile, kodwa abakhubekileyo babhince
amandla. 5 Ababesuthi baziqhatshisile ngesinkwa, lababelambile
kabasenjalo, kwaze kwathi oyinyumba uzele abayisikhombisa,
lolabantwana abanengi uphele amandla. 6 INkosi iyabulala
njalo iyaphilisa, iyehlisela engcwabenijalo yenuse. (**Sheol**
h7585) 7 INkosi ipha ubuyanga, njalo iyanothisa; iyehlisela
phansi, njalo iphakamise. 8 lyamphakamisa umyanga ethulini,
imphakamisa oswelayo enqunjini yomquba, ukuze ibahlalise
leziphathamandla, ibadlise ilifa lesihlalo sobukhosipodumo;
ngoba insika zomhlabza zingezeNkosi, ibekile ilizwe phezu kwazo.
9 Izagcina inyawo zabangcwele bayo, kodwa ababi bazathuliswa

emnyameni; ngoba umuntu kayikunqoba ngamandla. **10** Abalwa leNkosi bazaphahlazwa; izaduma phezu kwabo isemazulwini; iNkosi izakwahlulela imikhawulo yomhlaba, inike inkosi yayo amandla, iphakamise uphondo logcotshiwego wayo. **11** UElkana waya eRama endlini yakhe. Lomfana wayekhonza iNkosi phambi kukaEli umpristi. **12** Amadodana kaEli ayengabantwana bakaBheliyali; kawayazanga-ke iNkosi. **13** Njalo umkhuba wabapristi labantu wawunje; wonke umuntu ohlaba umhlatshelo, kube sekufika inceku yompristi, inyama isaphekiwe, ilefologwe elencijo ezintathu esandleni sayo, **14** ihlabe ngayo edengezini, loba egedleleni, loba ebhodweni, loba embizeni; konke ifologwe ekukhuphayo umpristi wayezithathela khona. Benze njalo kulsrayeli wonke ofika lapho eShilo. **15** Njalo engakatshisi amahwahwa, inceku yompristi ifike ithi emuntwini ohlabayo: Letha inyama yokosela umpristi, ngoba kayikuthatha kuwe inyama ephekiweyo, kodwa eluhlaza. **16** Uba lowomuntu esithi kuyo: Kabatshise lokutshisa amahwahwa khathesi, ubusuzithathela njengokuthanda komphefumulo wakho; ibisisithi kuye: Hatshi, nginika khathesi; uba kungenjalo, ngizayithatha ngamandla. **17** Ngakho isono samajaha saba sikhulu kakhulu phambi kweNkosi; ngoba abantu badelela umnikelo weNkosi. **18** Kodwa uSamuweli wayekhonza phambi kweNkosi engumfana ebhince i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo. **19** Futhi unina wayemenzela ijjazana, amphathele lona umnyaka ngomnyaka ekwenyukeni kwakhe lomkakhe ukuyahlaba umhlatshelo womnyaka. **20** Ueli wasebabusisa oElkana lomkakhe, wathi: INkosi ikunike inzalo ngalowesifazana endaweni yesicelo esicelwe eNkosini. Basebesiya endaweni yabo. **21** INkosi isimhambele uHana, wasethatha isisu, wazala amadodana amathathu lamadodakazi

amabili. Umfana uSamuweli wasekhula eleNkosi. **22** Kodwa uEli wayesemdala kakhulu; wakuzwa konke amadodana akhe akwenza kulsrayeli wonke, lokuthi ayelala labesifazana ababuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **23** Wasesithi kuwo: Lenzelani izinto ezinje? Ngoba ngiyewza ngabo bonkeabantu ngezenzo zenu ezimbi. **24** Hatshi, madodana ami; ngoba kakusumbiko omuhle engiwuzwayo ukuthi lenza abantu beNkosi baphambuke. **25** Uba umuntu esona komunye, abahluleli bazamahlulela; kodwa uba umuntu esona eNkosini, ngubani ozamlamulela? Kodwa kawalalelanga ilizwi likayise; ngoba iNkosi yayifuna ukuwabulala. **26** Umfana uSamuweli waseqhubeka ekhula, ethandeka kubo bobabili iNkosi labantu. **27** Kwasekufika umuntu kaNkulunkulu kuEli, wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngabonakaliswa lokubonakaliswa yini kuyo indlu kayihlo beseGibhithe endlini kaFaro? **28** Ngamkhetha yini kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli ukuthi abe ngumpristi wami, anikele elathini lami, atshise impepha, agqoke i-efodi phambi kwami? Ngayinika yini indlu kayihlo yonke iminikelo yabantwana bakolsrayeli eyenziwe ngomlilo? **29** Kungani likhahlela imihlatshelo yami leminikelo yami engiyilayileyo endlini yami, njalo uhlonipha amadodana akho okwedlula mina, ngokuzikhuluphalisa ngekhethelo leminikelo yonke kalsrayeli, abantu bami? **30** Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ithi: Ngathi lokuthi: Indlu yakho lendlu kayihlo zizahamba phambi kwami kuze kube nininini; kodwa khathesi ithi iNkosi: Kakube khatshana lami; ngoba abangihloniphayo ngizabahlonipha, labangideleyo bazakweyiswa. **31** Khangela, insuku ziyeza engizaquma ngazo ingalo yakho lengalo yendlu kayihlo, kungabi khona ixhegu endlini yakho. **32** Njalo uzabona

ukuhlupheka kwendlu yami, kuyo yonke impumelelo ezayenzela ulsrayeli; njalo kakuyikuba lexhegu endlini yakho zonke izinsuku. **33** Lowo-ke owakho engingayikumquma asuke elathini lami uzakuba ngowokuqedo amehlo akho, lokudabula umphefumulo wakho; lakho konke ukwanda kwendlu yakho kuzakufa kusebudodeni. **34** Lalokhu kuzakuba yisiboniso kuwe okuzakwhehlela amadodana akho womabili, kuHofini loPhinehasi; bobabili bazakufa ngasuku lunye. **35** Ngizazimisela umpristi othembekileyo; uzakwenza njengokusenhлизиyени yami lemphefumulweni wami. Njalo ngizamakhela indlu eqinileyo; uzahamba-ke phambi kogcotshiwego wami zonke izinsuku. **36** Kuzakuthi-ke wonke oseleyo endlini yakho uzakuza akhothame kuye ngenxa yembañalo yesiliwa leqebelewana lesinkwa, athi: Ake ungibeke kwesinye sezikhundla zompristi ukuze ngidle ucezu lwesinkwa.

3 Umfana uSamuweli wayesebenzela iNkosi phambi kukaEli. Lelizwi leNkosi laliligugu ngalezonsuku; kwakungekho lombono osabaleleyo. **2** Kwasekusithi ngalolosuku uEli elele endaweni yakhe, lamehlo akhe eseqala ukufiphala engelakubona, **3** lesibane sikaNkulunkulu sasingakacitshwa, njalo uSamuweli wayelele ethempelini leNkosi, lapho okwakukhona umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, **4** iNkosi yambiza uSamuweli, owathi: Khangela ngilapha. **5** Wasegijimela kuEli, wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile. Wasesithi: Kangibizanga, buyela ulale. Wasesiyalala. **6** INkosi yasibuya imbiza uSamuweli futhi. USamuweli wasevuka waya kuEli, wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile. Kodwa wathi: Kangibizanga, ndodana yami; buyela ulale. **7** Kodwa uSamuweli wayengakayazi iNkosi, lelizwi leNkosi lalingakembulwa kuye. **8** INkosi yasimbiza

futhi uSamuweli ngokwesithathu. Wasevuka waya kuEli wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile. UEli waseqedisisa ukuthi iNkosi imbizile umfana. **9** Ngakho uEli wathi kuSamuweli: Hamba uyalala; kuzakuthi-ke nxa ikubiza uzakuthi: Khuluma Nkosi, ngoba inceku yakho iyezwa. Wasehamba uSamuweli, walala endaweni yakhe. **10** INkosi yasisiza, yema, yabiza njengakwezinye izikhathi: Samuweli, Samuweli! Wasesithi uSamuweli: Khuluma, ngoba inceku yakho iyezwa. **11** INkosi yasisithi kuSamuweli: Khangela, ngizakwenza into kolsrayeli ezakhenceza indlebe zombili zalowo wonke oyizwayo. **12** Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza ngimelene loEli konke engakukhuluma ngendlu yakhe; ngiqalise ngiqede. **13** Ngoba ngimtshelile ukuthi ngizagweba indlu yakhe kuze kube nininini ngesiphambeko asaziyo, ngoba amadodana akhe azenza aqalekiswa, kodwa kawakhuzanga. **14** Ngakho-ke ngifungile kuyo indlu kaEli ukuthi ububi bendlu kaEli kabuyikuhlangulwa ngomhlatshelo langomnikelo kuze kube phakade. **15** USamuweli waselala kwaze kwasa; wavula iminyango yendlu yeNkosi, kodwa uSamuweli wesaba ukumtshela uEli umbono. **16** UEli wasembiza uSamuweli, wathi: Samuweli, ndodana yami. Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha. **17** Wasesithi: Yinto bani eyikhulume kuwe? Ake ungangifihleli; kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kuwe, ngokunjalo engezelele, uba ungifihlela ulutho lwazo zonke izinto akutshele zona. **18** Ngakho uSamuweli wasemtshela zonke izinto, kamfihlelanga lutho. Wasesithi: YiNkosi, kayenze lokho okulungileyo emehlwani ayo. **19** Wakhula-ke uSamuweli, leNkosi yayilaye, kayiyekelanga lelilodwa lamazwi ayo liwele emhlabathini. **20** Ulsrayeli wonke-ke kusukela koDani kuze kube seBherishebha wazi ukuthi uSamuweli uqinisiwe ukuthi abe ngumprofethi weNkosi. **21**

INkosi yaphinda yabonakala eShilo, ngoba iNkosi yazibonakalisa
kuSamuweli eShilo ngelizwi leNkosi.

4 Ilizwi likaSamuweli lafika kulsrayeli wonke. Ulsrayeli wasephuma ukuyamelana lamaFilisti empini, bamisa inkamba ngaseEbeni-Ezeri, lamaFilisti amisa inkamba eAfeki. **2** AmaFilisti asezihlela ukumelana lolsrayeli; kwathi impi isabalala, ulsrayeli watshaywa phambi kwamaFilisti; njalo atshaya emaviyweni egangeni phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezine. **3** Kwathi abantu befika enkambeni, abadala bakolsrayeli bathi: INkosi isitshayeleni lamuhla phambi kwamaFilisti? Asizithatheleni eShilo umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi; nxa usiza phakathi kwethu uzasisindisa esandleni sezitha zethu. **4** Ngakho abantu bathumela eShilo, ukuthi bathathe khona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi yamabandla, ehlala phakathi kwamakherubhi; lamadodana amabili kaEli, uHofini loPhinehasi, ayelapho lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi ufika enkambeni, ulsrayeli wonke wahlokoma ngokuhlokomu okukhulu kwaze kwaduma umhlabu. **6** Lapho amaFilisti esizwa umsindo wokuhlokomu athi: Utshoni umsindo walokhukuhlokomu okukhulu enkambeni yamaHebheru? Asesazi ukuthi umtshokotsho weNkosi ufikile enkambeni. **7** AmaFilisti asesesaba, ngoba athi: UNkulunkulu ufikile enkambeni. Athi-ke: Maye kithi! Ngoba kakuzanga kwenzeke okunje mandulo. **8** Maye kithi! Ngubani ozasophula esandleni salaba onkulunkulu abalamandla? Laba ngonkulunkulu abatshaya amaGibhithe ngazo zonke inhlupheko enkangala. **9** Qinani, libe ngamadoda, maFilisti, hlezi lisebenzele amaHebheru njengoba alisebenzela. Ngakho banini ngamadoda, lilwe. **10** Ngakho amaFilisti alwa, lolsrayeli

watshaywa, babalekela, ngulowo lalowo ethenteni lakhe. Njalo kwaba lokubulawa okukhulu kakhulu, ngoba kwawa kolsrayeli abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu abahamba ngenyawo. **11** Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wasuthathwa, lamadodana womabili kaEli, uHofini loPhinehasi, abulawa. **12** Kwasekugijima umuntu wakoBhenjamini evela emaviyweni, wafika eShilo ngalolosuku, leziggoko zakhe zidatshuliwe elenhlabathi ekhanda lakhe. **13** Ekufikeni kwakhe, khangela-ke, uEli wayehlezi esihlalweni eceleni kwendlela elindile, ngoba inhliyo yakhe yayithuthumelela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. Kwathi lowomuntu esengenile emzini ukubika, kwakhala umizi wonke. **14** Lapho uEli esizwa umsindo wokukhala wathi: Uyini umsindo wale inhlokom? Lowomuntu wasephangisa weza wamtshela uEli. **15** Njalo uEli wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye leyisificaminwembili, lamehlo akhe ema ukuthi ayengelakho ukubona. **16** Lowomuntu wasesithi kuEli: Nginguje ovela emaviyweni; ngibaleke emaviyweni lamuhla. Wasesithi: Kwenziweni, ndodana yami? **17** Owaletha umbiko wasephendula wathi: Ulgrayeli ubalekile phambi kwamaFilisti, futhi kube lokubulawa okukhulu ebantwini, njalo lamadodana akho womabili, uHofini loPhinehasi, afile, lomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe. **18** Kwasekusithi esekhulume ngomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, wawa nyovane esihlalweni eceleni kwesango, kwephuka intamo yakhe, wafa, ngoba lowomuntu wayemdala, enzima. Njalo wayahlulele ulgrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **19** Lomalokazana wakhe, umkaPhinehasi, wayekhulelw, esezaeletha; esezwile umbiko wokuthi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe, lokuthi uyisezala lomkakhe bafile, wakhothama wabeletha, ngoba

wafikelwa yimihelo. **20** Njalo phose ngesikhathi sokufa kwakhe abesifazana ababemi belaye bathi: Un gesabi, ngoba ubelethe indodana. Kodwa kaphendulanga njalo kazange akunanze.

21 Wambiza umfana ngokuthi ngulkabodi, esithi: Inkazimulo isukile kolsrayeli; ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe, langenxa kayisezala lomkakhe. **22** Wasesithi: Inkazimulo isukile kolsrayeli ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe.

5 AmaFilisti asewuthatha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu awususa eEbeni-Ezeri awusa eAshidodi. **2** AmaFilisti asethatha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, awungenisa endlini kaDagoni, awubeka ngakuDagoni. **3** Kwathi abeAshidodi bevuka kusisa ngovivi, khangela, uDagoni esewile ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi. Basebemthatha uDagoni, bambuyisela endaweni yakhe. **4** Sebevukile kusisa ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, uDagoni wayesewile ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi, lekhanda likaDagoni lempama zombili vezandla zakhe kwakuqunyiwe embundwini; kwasala kuye isithombo kuphela. **5** Ngakho abapristi bakaDagoni labo bonke abangena endlini kaDagoni kabanyatheli embundwini kaDagoni eAshidodi kuze kube lamuhla. **6** Kodwa isandla seNkosi saba nzima phezu kwabeAshidodi, yabachitha, yabatshaya ngamathumba ophayo, iAshidodi lemingcele yayo. **7** Kwathi abantu beAshidodi sebebona ukuthi kunjalo, bathi: Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli kawungahlali kithi, ngoba isandla sakhe sinzima phezu kwethu laphezu kukaDagoni unkulunkulu wethu. **8** Ngakho bathuma babuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti kibo, bathi: Sizakwenzani ngomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli? Zasezisithi: Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli

kawubhode uye eGathi. Basebewubhodisa bewusa khona umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **9** Kwasekusithi sebewubhodise bewuthwele, isandla seNkosi sasimelene lomuzi ngomonakalo omkhulu kakhulu, yatshaya abantu bomuzi, kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu; kwasekuqhamuka amathumba ophayo kubo. **10** Basebewuthumela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu eEkhironi. Kwasekusithi ekufikeni komtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu eEkhironi, abeEkhironi bakhala besithi: Babhodise baletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli kithi ukusibulala labantu bakithi. **11** Ngakho bathuma babuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti, bathi: Thumanि lisuse umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli ukuthi ubuyele endaweni yawo, ukuze ungasibulali labantu bakithi, ngoba kwakulomonakalo wokufa emzini wonke, lesandla sikaNkulunkulu sasinzima kakhulu khona. **12** Labantu abangafanga batshaywa ngamathumba ophayo; lokukhala komuzi kwenyukela emazulwini.

6 Lomtshokotsho weNkosi wawuselizweni lamaFilisti inyanga eziyisikhombisa. **2** AmaFilisti asebiza abapristi labavumisi, esithi: Sizawenzelani umtshokotsho weNkosi? Saziseni ukuthi singawuthumeza lani endaweni yawo. **3** Basebesithi: Uba lingawuthumeza umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli, lingawuthumezi uze, kodwa libuyisele lokubuyisela kuye umnikelo wecala. Khona-ke lizasiliswa, njalo kuzakwaziwa kini ukuthi kungani isandla sakhe singasuki kini. **4** Basebesithi: Uzakuba yini umnikelo wecala esizawubuyisela kuye? Basebesithi: Amathumba ophayo egolide amahlanu lamagundwane amahlanu egolide, njengokwenani leziphathamandla zamaFilisti; ngoba bekulenhlupheko eyodwa kini lonke lakuziphathamandla zenu. **5** Ngakho lizakwenza imifanekiso yamathumba enu

ophayo lemifanekiso yamagundwane enu alonayo ilizwe,
limnike udumo uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli; mhlawumbe angenza
lula isandla sakhe sisuke phezu kwenu sisuke laphezu
kwabonkulunkulu benu sisuke laphezu kwelizwe lenu. **6**
Lenzelani-ke inhliziyo zenu zibe luhkuni njengamaGibhithe
loFaro benza inhliziyo zabo zaba luhkuni? Emva kokuthi
esenze kabuhlungu kubo kabavumelanga yini ukuthi bahambe,
basebehamba? **7** Ngakho-ke thathani lilungise inqola entsha
lamankomokazi amabili amunyisayo okungezanga jogwe phezu
kwawo, liwabophele amankomokazi enqoleni, liwabuyisele
ekhaya amankonyana awo asuke emva kwawo. **8** Lithathe
umtshokotsho weNkosi, liwubeke enqoleni, lempahla zegolide
elizibuyisela kuye zibe ngumnikelo wecala, lizifake ebhokisini
eceleni kwawo; liyithumeze ihambe. **9** Libone aluba isenyuka
ngendlela yomngcele wawo eya eBeti-Shemeshi, yiyo esenzele
lobububi obukhulu; kodwa uba kungenjalo, sizakwazi ukuthi
kakusiso isandla sayo esisitshayileyo, sehlelwe yingozi
nje. **10** Abantu basebesenza njalo, bathatha amankomokazi
amabili amunyisayo, bawabophela enqoleni, bawavalela
amankonyana awo ekhaya. **11** Bawubeka umtshokotsho
weNkosi enqoleni lebhokisi elilamagundwane egolide lezithombe
zamathumba abo ophayo. **12** Amankomokazi aseqonda endleleni,
ngendlela eya eBeti-Shemeshi, ahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu
ehamba ebhonsa, engaphambukeli ngakwesokunene loba
ngakwesokhohlo, leziphathamandla zamaFilisti zawalandela
kwaze kwaba semngceleni weBeti-Shemeshi. **13** AbeBeti-
Shemeshi babevuna isivuno sengqoloyi esigodini; lapho
bephakamisa amehlo abo, bawubona umtshokotsho, bathokoza
ukuwubona. **14** Inqola yasingena ensimini kaJoshua weBeti-

Shemeshi, yema khona, lapho okwakulelitshe elikhulu khona; basebebanda izigodo zenqola, basebenikela amankomokazi aba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini. **15** AmaLevi asewethula umtshokotsho weNkosi lebhokisi elalilawo, okwakukulo impahla zegolide, akubeka phezu kwelitshe elikhulu. Labantu beBeti-Shemeshi banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, bayihlabela iNkosi imihlatshelo ngalolosuku. **16** Iziphathamandla ezinhlanu zamaFilisti sezikubonile, zabuyela eEkhironi ngalolosuku. **17** Lala ngamathumba ophayo egolide amaFilisti awabuyisela abe ngumnikelo wecala eNkosini, eleAshidodi elilodwa, eleGaza elilodwa, eleAshikeloni elilodwa, eleGathi elilodwa, eleEkhironi elilodwa. **18** Lamagundwane egolide njengokwenani lemizi yonke yamaFilisti yeziphathamandla ezinhlanu, kusukela emizini ebiyelweyo kuze kube semizaneni yemaphandleni kuze kube selitsheni elikhulu likaAbeli, lapho ababeka khona umtshokotsho weNkosi, elisensimini kaJoshua umBeti-Shemeshi kuze kube lamuhla. **19** Yositshaya amadoda eBeti-Shemeshi ngoba ayekhangele phakathi komtshokotsho weNkosi; yebo, yatshaya phakathi kwabantu amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlalu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Abantu basebelila ngoba iNkosi yayitshaye ngokutshaya okukhulu phakathi kwabantu. **20** Ngakho abantu beBeti-Shemeshi bathi: Ngubani olakho ukuma phambi kweNkosi, lo uNkulunkulu ongcwele? Uzakwenyukela kubani esuka kithi? **21** Basebethuma izithunywa kubahlali beKiriyathi-Jeyarimi besithi: AmaFilisti asewubuyisile umtshokotsho weNkosi; yehlani liwenyusele kini.

7 Njalo abantu beKiriyathi-Jeyarimi beza, benyusa umtshokotsho weNkosi, bawungenisa endlini kaAbinadaba phezu kwaloloqaqa, bangcwelisa uEleyazare indodana yakhe ukuthi agcine

umtshokotsho weNkosi. **2** Kwasekusithi kusukela ngosuku umtshokotsho uhlala eKiryathi-Jeyarimi, insuku zanda; ngoba kwaba yiminyaka engamatshumi amabili; lendlu yonke yakolsrayeli yakhala ilandela iNkosi. **3** USamuweli wasekhuluma endlini yonke kalsrayeli esithi: Uba libuyela eNkosini ngenhlizyo yenu yonke, susani onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwenu laboAshitarothi, liqondise inhлизио yenu eNkosini, likhonze yona yodwa, ngakho izalophula esandleni samaFilisti. **4** Ngakho abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesusa oBhali laboAshitarothi, bakhonza iNkosi yodwa. **5** USamuweli wasesithi: Buthanisani ulsrayeli wonke eMizipa; njalo ngizalikhulekela eNkosini. **6** Basebebuthana eMizipa, bakha amanzi, bawathela phambi kweNkosi, bazila ukudla mhlalokho, bathi lapho: Sonile eNkosini. USamuweli wasesahlulela abantwana bakolsrayeli eMizipa. **7** Kwathi amaFilisti esezwile ukuthi abantwana bakolsrayeli babuthene eMizipa, iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zenyuka zamela lolsrayeli. Abantwana bakolsrayeli sebekuzwile bawesaba amaFilisti. **8** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebesithi kuSamuweli: Ungathuli ukusikhalela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu ukuze asisindise esandleni samaFilisti. **9** USamuweli wasethatha iwundlu elimunyayo, walnikela lonke eNkosini laba ngumnikelo otthiswayo. USamuweli wakhalela ulsrayeli eNkosini, iNkosi yasimphendula. **10** Kwathi uSamuweli esanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, amaFilisti asondela empini lolsrayeli; kodwa iNkosi yaduma ngelizwi elikhulu phezu kwamaFilisti ngalolosuku, yawachithachitha, asetshaywa phambi kukalsrayeli. **11** Amadoda akolsrayeli asephuma eMizipa axotshana lamaFilisti, awatshaya, kwaze kwaba ngaphansi kweBetikari. **12** USamuweli wasethatha ilitshe, walimisa phakathi kweMizipa leSheni, wabiza ibizo

lalo iEbeni-Ezeri, wathi: Kuze kube khathesi iNkosi isisizile.

13 Ngakho amaFilisti ehliselwa phansi, kawabe esaphinda ukungena emngceleni wakolsrayeli. Njalo isandla seNkosi samelana lamaFilisti zonke izinsuku zikaSamuweli. **14** Imizi amaFilisti ayeyithethe-ke kolsrayeli yabuyiselwa kulsrayeli kusukela eEkhironi kuze kufike eGathi; lomngcele wayo ulsrayeli wawukhulula esandleni samaFilisti. Njalo kwaba lokuthula phakathi kukalsrayeli lamaAmori. **15** USamuweli wasesahlulela ulsrayeli insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. **16** Wahamba iminyaka ngeminyaka wabhoda eBhetheli, leGiligali, leMizipa; wahlulela ulsrayeli kuzo zonke lezozindawo. **17** Lokubuyela kwakhe kwakuyikuya eRama, ngoba indlu yakhe yayilapho; wahlulela ulsrayeli khona, wayakhela lapho iNkosi ilathi.

8 Kwasekusithi uSamuweli esemdala wabeka amadodana akhe ukuze abe ngabahluleli kolsrayeli. **2** Lebizo lendodana yakhe elizibulo lalinguJoweli, lebizo leyesibili yakhe linguAbhiya; ayengabahluleli eBherishebha. **3** Kodwa amadodana akhe ayengahambi ngendlela zakhe, kodwa aphambukela enzuzweni embi, emukela isivalamlomo, aphambula isahlulelo. **4** Kwasekubuthana abadala bonke bakolsrayeli, beza kuSamuweli eRama, **5** bathi kuye: Khangela, wena usumdala, lamadodana akho kawahambi ngendlela zakho; ngakho sibekele inkosi ukuze isahlulele njengazo zonke izizwe. **6** Kodwa leyonto yayimbi emehlweni kaSamuweli lapho besithi: Sinike inkosi ukusahlulela. USamuweli wasekhuleka eNkosini. **7** INkosi yasisithi kuSamuweli: Lalela ilizwi labantu kukho konke abakutshoyo kuwe, ngoba kakusuwe abakwalayo, kodwa bala mina ukuze ngingabusi phezu kwabo. **8** Ngokwezenzo zonke abazenzileyo kusukela ngosuku engabenusa ngalo eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla, bangitshiylle

bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu; benza njalo lakuwe. **9** Ngakho khathesi, lalela ilizwi labo; kodwa nxa ubafakazele kakhulu, ubazise indlela yenkosи ezabusa phezu kwabo. **10** USamuweli wasetshela abantu abacela kuye inkosi wonke amazwi eNkosi.

11 Wasesithi: Le izakuba yindlela yenkosи ezabusa phezu kwenu; izathatha amadodana enu izibekele wona enqoleni zayo lakubagadi bamabhiza ayo, agijime phambi kwezinqola zayo. **12** Izazibekela wona abe yizinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamatsumi amahlanu, lokulima amasimu ayo, lokuvuna isivuno sayo, lokwenza izikhali zayo zempi, lezikhalı zezinqola zayo. **13** Izathatha amadodakazi enu iwenze abe ngabenzi bamakha, labapheki, labaphekizinkwa. **14** Izathatha amasimu enu, lezivini zenu lezivande zenu zemihlwathi, ezinhle, ikunikeinceku zayo. **15** Izathatha okwetshumi yenhlaneyo yenu leyezivini zenu, iyinike induna zayo lenceku zayo. **16** Izathatha inceku zenu lencekukazi zenu lamajaha enu angcono labobabhemи benu, ikusebenzise emsebenzini wayo. **17** Izathatha okwetshumi kwemihlambi yenu; lina-ke libe yizinceku zayo. **18** Njalo lizakhala ngalolosuku ngenxa yenkosи yenu elizikhethelle yona; kodwa iNkosi kayiyikuliphendula mhhlalokho. **19** Kodwa abantu bala ukulilalela ilizwi likaSamuweli, bathi: Hatshi, kodwa kuzakuba lenkosi phezu kwethu, **20** ukuze lathi sibe njengezizwe zonke, lenkosi yethu isahlulele, iphume phambi kwethu, ilwe izimpi zethu. **21** USamuweli esewazwile wonke amazwi abantu, wawalandisa endlebeni zeNkosi. **22** INkosi yasisithi kuSamuweli: Lalela ilizwi labo, ubabekele inkosi. USamuweli wasesithi emadodenı akolsrayeli: Hambani liye ngulowo lalowo emzini wakhe.

9 Kwakukhona-ke indoda yakoBhenjamini obizo layo linguKishi, indodana kaAbiyeli, indodana kaZerori, indodana kaBekorathi,

indodana kaAfiya, umBhenjamini, iqhawe elilamandla. 2
Njalo yayilendodana, obizo layo lalinguSawuli, ijaha elihle;
kwakungelamuntu omuhle kulalo phakathi kwabantwana
bakolsrayeli; kusukela emahlombe alo kusiya phezulu lalilide
kulabo bonke abantu. 3 Obabhemikazi bakaKishi, uyise kaSawuli,
balahleka-ke. Ngakho uKishi wathi kuSawuli indodana yakhe:
Ake uthathe enye yezinceku lawe, usukume uhambe uyedinga
obabhemikazi. 4 Wasedabula intaba zakoEfrayimi, wadabula
ilizwe leShalisha, kodwa kababatholanga. Basebedabula
ilizwe leShalima, kodwa babengekho. Basebedabula ilizwe
lakoBhenjamini, kodwa kababatholanga. 5 Bona sebefikile
elizweni leZufi, uSawuli wathi encekwini yakhe eyayilaye: Woza
sibuye, hlezzi ubaba ayekele obabhemikazi abesenqinekela
thina. 6 Yasisithi kuye: Khangela-ke, kulomuntu kaNkulunkulu
kulomuntu, ungumuntu ohloniphekayo; konke akutshoyo
kuyenzeka sibili. Khathesi asiyekhona; mhlawumbe angasitshela
indlela esizahamba ngayo. 7 USawuli wasesithi encekwini yakhe:
Kodwa khangela, uba sisiya, sizamphathelani lowomuntu?
Ngoba isinkwa kasisekho ezitsheni zethu; futhi kakulasipho
sokusa emuntwini kaNkulunkulu. Silani? 8 Inceku yasibuya
yamphendula uSawuli yathi: Khangela, kutholakala esandleni
sami ingxene yesine yeshekeli lesiliva; ngizamnika yona
lowomuntu kaNkulunkulu ukuze asitshele indlela yethu. 9 (Endulo
kolsrayeli lapho umuntu esiyabuza kuNkulunkulu, wayesitsho
kanje: Woza siye kumboni; ngoba lo ongumprofethi lamuhla
kuqala wayebizwa ngokuthi ngumboni.) 10 USawuli wasesithi
encekwini yakhe: Lihle ilizwi lakho; woza sihambe. Basebesiya
emzini lapho okwakukhona lowomuntu kaNkulunkulu. 11
Besenyuka ngomqanso womuzi, bona bafica amantombazana

ephuma ukuyakukha amanzi, bathi kuwo: Umboni ulapha yini? **12** Asebaphendula athi: Ukhona; khangelani, uphambi kwenu. Phangisani khathesi; ngoba ufile lamuhla emzini, ngoba abantu balomhlatshelo lamuhla endaweni ephakemeyo.

13 Ekungeneni kwenu emzini, lizahle limthole engakenyukeli endaweni ephakemeyo ukuyakudla; ngoba abantu kabayikudla aze afike, ngoba nguye obusisa umhlatshelo, emva kwalokho abanxusiweyo badle. Ngakho-ke yenyukani, ngoba yena, phose ngalesisikhathi, lizamthola. **14** Basebesenyukela emzini; besangena phakathi komuzi, khangela, uSamuweli waphuma ukubahlangabeza ukwenyukela endaweni ephakemeyo. **15** INkosi yasibonakalisa endlebeni kaSamuweli ngosuku phambi kokufika kukaSawuli, isithi: **16** Kusasa phose ngalesisikhathi ngizathuma kuwe umuntu ovela elizweni lakoBhenjamini; futhi umgcobe abe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli, ukuze asindise abantu bami esandleni samaFilisti, ngoba ngibonile abantu bami, ngoba ukukhala kwabo kufikile kimi.

17 Kwathi uSamuweli ebona uSawuli, iNkosi yamphendula: Khangela, umuntu ebengikhuluma ngaye kuwe. Lo uzabusa phezu kwabantu bami. **18** USawuli wasesondela kuSamuweli phakathi kwesango wathi: Akungitshele, ingaphi lapha indlu yomboni? **19** USamuwei wasemphendula uSawuli wathi: Yimi umboni; yenyuka phambi kwami uye endaweni ephakemeyo, ngoba lamuhla uzakudla lami; lekuseni ngizakuyekela uhambe, ngikutshele konke okusenhliziyeni yakho. **20** Lamayelana labobabhemikazi bakho asebelensuku ezintathu belahlekile, ungfaki inhliziyi yakho kubo, ngoba sebetholiwe. Kodwa zikubani iziloyiso zonke zikalsrayeli? Kazikho kuwe yini lendlini yonke kayihlo? **21** USawuli wasephendula wathi: Kangisuye

umBhenjamini yini, owesincinyane sezizwe zakolsrayeli,
losendo lwethu luncinyane kulazo zonke insendo zesizwe
sakoBhenjamini? Pho-ke, ukhulumelani kimi ngalindlela? **22**
USamuweli wasethatha uSawuli lenceku yakhe, wabangenisa
ekamelweni lokudlela, wabahlalisa endaweni engaphezulu
yabanxusiweyo, ababengaphose babe ngamatshumi amathathu.
23 USamuweli wasesithi kumpheki: Letha isabelo engikunike
sona, engithe kuwe ngaso: Sibeke ngakuwe. **24** Umpheki
wasephakamisa umlenze lokwakuphezu kwavo, wakubeka
phambi kukaSawuli. USamuweli wasesithi: Khangela, okuseleyo;
kubeke phambi kwakho, dlana; ngoba bekubekelwe wena kuze
kufike lesisikhathi esimisiweyo, njengoba ngitshilo: Nginxuse
abantu. USawuli wasesidla loSamuweli ngalolosuku. **25**
Sebehlide endaweni ephakemeyo baya emzini, wakhulumu
loSawuli ephahleni. **26** Basebevuka ngovivi; kwasekusithi
phose emadabukakusa, uSamuweli wambiza uSawuli ephahleni
esithi: Sukuma ukuze ngikuyekele uhambe. Wasesukuma
uSawuli, baphuma bobabili, yena loSamuweli, baya phandle.
27 Sebesehlala ekucineni komuzi, uSamuweli wathi kuSawuli:
Tshela inceku ukuthi yedlule phambi kwethu (yasisedlula),
kodwa wena mana okwakhathesi, ukuthi ngikuzwise ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu.

10 USamuweli wasethatha umfuma wamafutha, wawathela
ekhanda lakhe, wamanga, wathi: Angithi kungoba iNkosi
ikugcobele ukuthi ube ngumbusi phezu kwelifa layo? **2** Ekusukeni
kwakho kimi lamuhla uzafica abantu ababili engcwabeni
likaRasheli emngceleni wakoBhenjamini eZeliza; njalo bazakuthi
kuwe: Obabhemikazi obuyebadinga sebetholiwe, khangela-ke,
uyihlo useyekele udaba labobabhemikazi, usenqinekela lina

esithi: Ngizayenzelani indodana yami? **3** Nxa usudlule lapho waya phambili, uzafika esihlahleni se-okhi seThabbori; lalapho uzahlangana labantu abathathu besenyuka besiya kuNkulunkulu eBhetheli, omunye ephethe amazinyane amathathu, lomunye ephethe amaqebelengwana ezinkwa amathathu, lomunye ephethe imboldela yewayini. **4** Bazakubuza ngempilo, bakunike izinkwa ezimbili, ozazithatha esandleni sabo. **5** Emva kwalokho uzafika eqaqeni lukaNkulunkulu lapho okuhlala khona ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti; kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ufika lapho emzini uzahlangana lexuku labaprofethi besehla endaweni ephakemeyo, laphambi kwabo kulgubhu lwezintambo, lesigubhu, lomhlanga, lechacho, beprofetha. **6** LoMoya kaNkulunkulu uzafika ngamandla phezu kwakho, uprofethe kanye labo, uphendulwe ube ngomunye umuntu. **7** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lezibonakaliso zikufikela, wena wenze lokho isandla sakho esizakuthola, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe. **8** Uzakwehla phambi kwami uye eGiligali; khangela-ke, ngizakwehlela kuwe ukuze nginikele iminikelo yokutshiswa, ngihlabe imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula. Uzalinda insuku eziyisikhombisa ngize ngifike kuwe, ngikutshele lokho ozakwenza. **9** Kwasekusithi lapho esefulathele ukuthi asuke kuSamuweli, uNkulunkulu wamnika enye inhlizyo; lazo zonke lezibonakaliso zeza mhlalokho. **10** Lapho sebefikile khona eqaqeni, khangela, ixuku labaprofethi lamhlangabeza; uMoya kaNkulunkulu wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe, waprofetha phakathi kwabo. **11** Kwasekusithi bonke ababemazi mandulo bebona ukuthi, khangela, uprofetha labaprofethi, abantu bathi, omunye komunye: Kuyini lokhu okwehlele indodana kaKishi? Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi? **12** Kwasekuphendula umuntu owakhona wathi: Kanti ngubani uyise wabo? Ngakho kwasekusiba

yisaga ukuthi: Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi?

13 Eseqedile ukuprofetha wafika endaweni ephakemeyo. **14**

Uyise omncinyane kaSawuli wathi kuye lencekwini yakhe:

Beliye ngaphi? Wasesithi: Ukuyadinga obabhemikazi; lapho sesibona ukuthi kabakho sasesifika kuSamuweli. **15** Uyise omncinyane kaSawuli wathi: Ake ungitshela ukuthi utheni kini uSamuweli? **16** USawuli wasesithi kuyise omncinyane:

Usitshelile sibili ukuthi obabhemikazi sebetholakele. Kodwa udaba lombuso akhulumu ngalo uSamuweli kamtshelanga. **17**

USamuweli wasebizela abantu ndawonye eNkosini eMizipa; **18**

wathi kubantwana bakolsrayeli: Itshe njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Mina ngamenyusa ulsrayeli eGibhithe, ngalikhulula esandleni samaGibhithe lesandleni sayo yonke imibuso eyalicindezelayo. **19** Kodwa lamuhla lina limalile uNkulunkulu wenu, yena ngokwakhe owalisindisayo engozini zonke zenu lensizini zenu; laselisithi kuye: Hatshi, beka inkosi phezu kwethu. Ngakho-ke manini phambi kweNkosi ngezizwe zenu langezinkulungwane zenu. **20** USamuweli wasesondeza zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli; njalo isizwe sakoBhenjamini sabanjwa. **21**

Wasesondeza isizwe sakoBhenjamini ngensendo zaso, losendo IwakoMatiri Iwabanjwa, loSawuli indodana kaKishi wabanjwa.

Kuthe bemdinga katholakalanga. **22** Ngakho babuya babuza

eNkosini ukuthi lowomuntu usezafika lapha yini? INkosi yasisithi: Khangelani, ucatshile empahleni. **23** Basebegijima bamlanda khona; lapho esemi phakathi kwabantu, wayemude kulabo bonke abantu kusukela ehlombe lakhe kusiya phezulu. **24**

USamuweli wasesithi kubo bonke abantu: Liyambona yini lowo iNkosi emkhethileyo, ukuthi kakho loyedwa onjengaye kubo bonke abantu? Bonke abantu basebememeza bathi:

Kayiphile inkosi! **25** USamuweli wasebatshela abantu indlela yombuso, wawubhala egwalweni, walubeka phambi kweNkosi. USamuweli wasebayekela bonke abantu bahamba, wonke waya endlini yakhe. **26** USawuli laye wasesiya endlini yakhe eGibeya; kwasekuhamba laye amaqhawe onhliziyo zawo uNkulunkulu wayezithintile. **27** Kodwa abantwana bakaBheliyali bathi: Uzasisindisa njani lo? Basebemdelela, kabamphathelanga sipho; kodwa wazithulela.

11 Kwasekusenyuka uNahashi umAmoni, wamisa inkamba maqondana leJabeshi-Gileyadi; wonke amadoda eJabeshi asesithi kuNahashi: Yenza isivumelwano lathi, sizakusebenzela. **2** Kodwa uNahashi umAmoni wathi kibo: Ngizasenza phezu kwalokhu isivumelwano lani, ukuze ngilikopole wonke amehlo awesokunene njalo ngehlisele ulsrayeli wonke ihlazo. **3** Abadala beJabeshi basebesithi kuye: Siyekele okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ukuze sithume izithunywa kuwo wonke umngcele wakolsrayeli. Uba-ke kungekho ongasisindisa, sizaphuma size kuwe. **4** Izithunywa zasezifika eGibeya kaSawuli, zalandisa amazwi endlebeni zabantu, labantu bonke baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi. **5** Khangela-ke, uSawuli weza emva kwezinkabi evela emasimini, uSawuli wathi: Kwenze njani ebantwini ukuthi bakhale? Basebemtshela amazwi amadoda eJabeshi. **6** UMoya kaNkulunkulu wafika ngamandla phezu kukaSawuli lapho esizwa lawomazwi, lolaka lwakhe lwavutha kakhulu. **7** Wasethatha inkabi ezimbili, waziquma zaba yiziqa, wazithumela kuwo wonke umngcele wakolsrayeli ngesandla sezithunywa esithi: Ongaphumi alandele uSawuli alandele loSamuweli, kuzakwenziwanje enkabini zakhe. Ukwesaba iNkosi kwasekusehlela phezu kwabantu, baphuma njengamuntu

munye. **8** Lapho ebabala eBezeki, abantwana bakolsrayeli babe yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, lamadoda akoJuda eyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **9** Basebesithi kuzo izithunywa ezazifikile: Lizawatshela njalo amadoda eJabeshi-Gileyadi lithi: Kusasa lizakuba losindiso nxa ilanga selitshisa. Lapho izithunywa zifika zawatshela amadoda eJabeshi, athokoza. **10** Ngakho amadoda eJabeshi athi: Kusasa sizaphumela kini, lenze kithi njengakho konke okulungileyo emehlwani enu. **11** Kwasekusithi kusisa, uSawuli wamisa abantu ngezigaba ezintathu; bafika phakathi kwenkamba ngomlindo wekuseni; bamtshaya uAmoni Iwaze Iwatshisa usuku; kwasekusithi abaseleyo bahlakazeka, kwaze kwathi kakusalanga kibo abibili bendawonye. **12** Abantu basebesithi kuSamuweli: Ngubani othe: USawuli uzabusa yini phezu kwethu? Baletheni labobantu ukuze sibabulale. **13** Kodwa uSawuli wathi: Kakuyikubulawa muntu ngalolusuku, ngoba lamuhla iNkosi yenze inkululeko kolsrayeli. **14** USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: Wozani siye eGiligali, sivuselele umbuso khona. **15** Bonke abantu basebesiya eGiligali, bambeka khona uSawuli waba yinkosi phambi kweNkosi eGiligali. Bahlaba khona imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi, lalapho uSawuli lawo wonke amadoda akolsrayeli bathokoza kakhulukazi.

12 USamuweli wasesithi kulsrayeli wonke: Khangelani, ngililalele ilizwi lenu kukho konke elakutsho kimi, sengibeke inkosi phezu kwenu. **2** Khathesi-ke, khangelani, inkosi iyahamba phambi kwenu; mina sengimdala, sengiyimpunga, khangelani, lamadodana ami akini; mina-ke ngihambile phambi kwenu kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube lamuhla. **3** Khangelani, ngilapha; fakazani limelane lami phambi kweNkosi laphambi

kogcotshiweyo wayo: Ngithethe inkabi kabani? Loba ngithethe ubabhemni kabani? Ngiqilibezele bani? Ngicindezele bani? Ngemukele kubani isivalamlomo ukuze ngiphofuze amehlo ami ngawo? Njalo ngizakubuyisela kini. **4** Basebesithi: Kawusiqilibezelanga, kawusicindezelanga, njalo kawemukelanga lalutho esandleni samuntu. **5** Wasesithi kibo: INkosi ingumfakazi imelene lani logcotshiweyo wayo ungumfakazi lamuhla ukuthi kalitholanga lutho esandleni sami. Bathi: Ingumfazaki. **6** USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: KuyiINkosi eyenza uMozisi loAroni, eyenyusa oyihlo elizweni leGibhithe. **7** Khathesi-ke, manini njalo ngahlulelane lani phambi kweNkosi ngezenzo zonke ezilungileyo zeNkosi eyazenza kini lakuboyihlo. **8** Lapho uJakobe esefikile eGibhithe, oyihlo bakhala eNkosini, iNkosi yasithuma oMozisi loAroni, abakhupha oyihlo eGibhithe, babenza bahlala kulindawo. **9** Sebeyikhohliwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, yabathengisa esandleni sikaSisera induna yebutho leHazor, lesandleni samaFilisti, lesandleni senkosi yakoMowabi; basebesilwa bermelene labo. **10** Basebekhala eNkosini bathi: Sonile, ngoba siyilahlide iNkosi, sakhonza oBhali laboAshitarothi. Kodwa khathesi sophule esandleni sezitha zethu, sizakukhonza. **11** INkosi yasithuma uJerubali, loBhedani, loJefitha, loSamuweli, yalikhulula esandleni sezitha zenu inhlangothi zonke, laselihlala livikelekile. **12** Lapho libona ukuthi uNahashi inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni yeza ukumelana lani, lathi kimi: Hatshi, kodwa inkosi izasibusi; kanti iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yayiyinkosi yenu. **13** Khathesi-ke, khangelani, inkosi elayikhethayo, elayicelayo; khangelani-ke, iNkosi imisile inkosi phezu kwenu. **14** Uba liyesaba iNkosi liyikhonza lilalela ilizwi layo, lingawuvukeli umlomo weNkosi, khona lina, lani kanye lenkosi ezabusa phezu kwenu

lizalandela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **15** Kodwa uba lingalilaleli ilizwi leNkosi, kodwa livukela umlomo weNkosi, isandla seNkosi sizamelana lani, njengoba samelana laboyihlo. **16** Lakhathesi manini, libone linto enku lu iNkosi ezayenza phambi kwamehlo enu. **17** Angithi lamuhla kuyisivuno sengqoloyi? Ngizakhala eNkosini njalo izanika umdumo lezulu, ukuze lazi libone ukuthi ububi benu bukhulu elibenze emehlweni eNkosi ngokuzicelela inkosi. **18** USamuweli wasekhala eNkosini, iNkosi yasinika umdumo lezulu mhlanokho; ngakho bonke abantu bayesaba kakhulu iNkosi loSamuweli. **19** Bonke abantu basebesithi kuSamuweli: Khulekela izinceku zakho eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze singafi; ngoba sengezelele ezonweni zethu zonke lobububi bokuzicelela inkosi. **20** USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi; lina lenze bonke lobububi, kodwa lingaphambuki ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, kodwa likhonze iNkosi ngenhliziyo yenu yonke. **21** Njalo lingaphambuki ngoba lingalandela izinto eziyize ezingasizi lutho ezingakhululiyo, ngoba ziyize. **22** Ngoba iNkosi kayiyikubatshiya abantu bayo ngenxa yebizo layo elikhulu, ngoba iNkosi yathokoza ukulenza libe ngabantu bayo. **23** Mina-ke kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngone eNkosini ngokuyekela ukulikhulekela; kodwa ngizalfundisa indlela enhle lelungileyo. **24** Kuphela yesabani iNkosi, liyikhonze ngeqiniso ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, ngoba bonani okukhulu elenzele khona. **25** Kodwa uba liphikelela lisenza okubi, lina kanye lenkosi yenu lizachithwa.

13 USawuli wayelomnyaka embusweni wakhe. Esebuse ulsrayeli okweminyaka emibili, **2** uSawuli wasezikhetela abayizinkulungwane ezintathu kwamalsrayeli; njalo abayizinkulungwane ezimbili babeloSawuli eMikimashi lentaben iyeBhetheli, lenkulungwane yaba loJonathani eGibeya

yakoBhenjamini; labaseleyo babantu wabayekela bahamba, ngulowo lalowo ethenteni lakhe. **3** UJonathani wasetshaya ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti eyayiseGeba, lamaFilisti akuzwa. USawuli wasevuthela uphondo elizweni lonke esithi: AmaHebheru kawezwe. **4** Ulrayeli wonke wezwa kuthiwa uSawuli utshayile ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti lokuthi ulrayeli laye waba levumba kumaFilisti. Abantu basebebizelwa ndawonye ukulandela uSawuli baye eGiligali. **5** AmaFilisti asebuthana ukuthi alwe lolrayeli, inqola eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, labagadi bamabhiza abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha, labantu abalingana letshebetshabe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi; enyuka amisa inkamba eMikimashi, empumalanga kweBeti-Aveni. **6** Kwathi amadoda akolsrayeli ebona ukuthi asekuminyezelweni, ngoba abantu bacindezelwa, abantu bacatsha embalwini lezixukwini zameva, lemadwaleni, lezinqabeni, lemigodini. **7** LamaHebheru achapha iJordani, aya elizweni leGadi leGileyadi. Kodwa uSawuli wayelokhu eseGiligali, labantu bonke bathuthumela bemlandela. **8** Waselinda insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengesikhathi esamiswa nguSamuweli; kodwa uSamuweli kafikanga eGiligali, labantu bahlakazeka besuka kuye. **9** USawuli wasesithi: Sondezani kimi umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. Wasenikela umnikelo wokutshiswa. **10** Kwasekusithi eseqedede ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, khangela, uSamuweli wafika; uSawuli wasephuma ukumhlangabeza ukuze ambingelele. **11** USamuwei wasesithi: Wenzeni? USawuli wasesithi: Ngoba ngibone ukuthi abantu babehlakazeka besuka kimi, lawe ungafikanga ngesikhathi esimisiweyo sezinsuku, lokuthi amaFilisti asebuthene eMikimashi. **12** Ngakho ngathi: Khathesi amaFilisti azangehlela

eGiligali, ngingancenganga ubuso beNkosi. Ngasengizibamba ngamandla, nganikela umnikelo wokutshiswa. **13** USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Wenze ngobuwula; kawuwugcinanga umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakulaya wona; ngoba khathesi iNkosi ibizawumisa umbuso wakho kolsrayeli kuze kube nininini. **14** Kodwa khathesi umbuso wakho kawuyikuma. INkosi isizidingele umuntu ngokwenhliziyo yayo, njalo iNkosi isimlayile ukuthi abe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bayo, ngoba kawugcinanga lokho iNkosi ekulaye khona. **15** USamuweli wasesukuma wenyuka esuka eGiligali waya eGibeya yakoBhenjamini. USawuli wasebala abantu abaficwa belaye, phose abangamakhulu ayisithupha. **16** Njalo uSawuli loJonathanini indodana yakhe labantu abaficwa belabo bahlala eGibeya yakoBhenjamini, kodwa amaFilisti amisa inkamba eMikimashi. **17** Abachithi basebephuma enkambeni yamaFilisti ngezigaba ezintathu; esinye isigaba saphendukela endleleni yeOfira, saya elizweni leShuwali; **18** lesinye isigaba saphendukela endleleni yeBhethi-Horoni; lesinye isigaba saphendukela endleleni yomngcele okhangele esihotsheni seZeboyimi ngasenkangala. **19** Njalo kwakungatholakali mkhandi elizweni lonke lakolsrayeli, ngoba amaFilisti athi: Hlezi amaHebheru enze izinkemba loba imikhonto. **20** Ulsrayeli wonke-ke wehlela kumaFilisti ukulola, ngulowo lalowo isikali sakhe sekhuba, lemataka yakhe, lehloka lakhe, lesikela yakhe. **21** Imbadalo yezikali zekhuba lamamatata lamafologwe alencijo ezintathu lamahloka lokulungisa izincijo yayiyipimi. **22** Ngakho kwathi ngosuku lwempi kakutholakalanga inkemba loba umkhonto esandleni saloba ngubani wabantu ababeloSawuli lababeloJonathanini; kodwa kwatholakala kuSawuli

loJonathani indodana yakhe. **23** Lebutho lenqaba yamaFilisti laphuma laya emkhandlweni weMikimashi.

14 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku, uJonathani indodana kaSawuli wathi emfaneni othwala izikhali zakhe: Woza sichaphele ebuthweni lenqaba yamaFilisti elingaphetsheya ngale. Kodwa kamtshelanga uyise. **2** USawuli wayehlala-ke ephethelweni leGibeya ngaphansi kwesihlahla sepomegranati esiseMigironi; labantu ababelaye babengaphose babe ngamadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha; **3** loAhiya, indodana kaAhitubi, umfowabo kalkabodi, indodana kaPhinehasi, indodana kaEli, umpristi weNkosi eShilo, wayembethe i-efodi. Kodwa abantu babengazi ukuthi uJonathani uhambile. **4** Laphakathi kwemikhandlo, lapho uJonathani ayezama ukuchapha khona ukuya ebuthweni lenqaba yamaFilisti, kwakuledwala elicijileyo nganeno, ledwala elicijileyo ngaphetsheya; njalo ibizo lelinye laliyiBozezi, lebizo lelinye laliyiSene. **5** Elinye iliwa laligxile enyakatho maqondana leMikimashi, lelinye ngeningizimu maqondana leGeba. **6** UJonathani wasesithi emfaneni othwala izikhali zakhe: Woza sichaphele ebuthweni lenqaba elalaba abangasokanga; mhlawumbe iNkosi izasisebenzela, ngoba kakulasenqabelo eNkosini ukusindisa ngabanengi loba ngabalutshwana. **7** Umthwali wezikhali zakhe wasesithi kuye: Yenza konke okusenhliziyeni yakho; phambuka, khangela ngilawe njengokwenhliziyo yakho. **8** UJonathani wasesithi: Khangela, sizachaphela kulabobantu sizibonakalise kibo. **9** Uba bekhuluma njalo kithi besithi: Manini mpo, size sifike kini; sizakuma-ke endaweni yethu, singenyukeli kibo. **10** Kodwa uba bekhuluma njalo kithi besithi: Yenyukelani kithi; sizakwenyuka-ke, ngoba iNkosi ibanikele esandleni sethu;

lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kithi. **11** Ngakho bobabili bazibonakalisa ebuthweni lenqaba yamaFilisti; amaFilisti asesithi: Khangelani, amaHebheru asephuma emilindini abecatshe kiyo.

12 Amadoda ebutho lenqaba asephendula oJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe athi: Yenyukelani kithi, sizalitshengisa ulutho. UJonathani wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe: Yenyuka ungilandele, ngoba iNkosi iwanikele esandleni sikalsrayeli. **13** UJonathani wasekhwela ngezandla zakhe langenyawo zakhe, lomthwali wezikhali zakhe emva kwakhe. Asesiwa phambi kukaJonathani, lomthwali wezikhali zakhe wawabulala emva kwakhe. **14** Uktutshaya kokuqala atshaya ngakho uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe kwakungaba phose ngamadoda angamatshumi amabili, ensimini elingana lengxenye yendima yesipani. **15** Kwasekusiba khona ukuthuthumela enkambeni, egangeni, laphakathi kwabantu bonke; ibutho lenqaba labachithi labo bathuthumela, lomhlaba wanyikinyeka, kwasekusiba yikuthuthumela okukhulu. **16** Abalindi bakaSawuli eGibeya yakoBhenjamini basebebona ukuthi, khangela, ixuku lancibilika lihamba litshayelana phansi. **17** USawuli wasesithi ebantwini ababelaye: Ake libale, libone ukuthi ngubani osuke kithi. Kwathi sebebalile, khangela, uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe babengekho. **18** USawuli wasesithi kuAhiya: Letha lapha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. Ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ngalolosuku wawukubantwana bakolsrayeli. **19** Kwasekusithi uSawuli esakhulumma lompristi, umsindo owawusenkambeni yamaFilisti waqhubeka wanda. USawuli wasesithi kumpristi: Buyisela isandla sakho. **20** USawuli labo bonke abantu ababelaye basebebizelwa ndawonye bafika empini, khangela-ke, inkemba yalowo lalowo yayimelene lomakhelwane wakhe, isiyaluyalu

esikhulu kakhulu. **21** LamaHebheru ayelamaFilisti njengakuqala, enyukela lawo enkambeni inhlangothi zonke, ngitsho lawo aphenduka ukuthi abe lolsrayeli owayeloSawuli loJonathani. **22** Kwathi amadoda wonke akolsrayeli ayecatshe entabeni yakoEfrayimi esezwile ukuthi amaFilisti ayabaleka, ngitsho lawo awanamathela ewalandela empini. **23** Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa ulsrayeli ngalolosuku; lempi yedlulela eBeti-Aveni. **24** Amadoda akolsrayeli asekhhathala ngalolosuku, ngoba uSawuli wafungisa abantu esithi: Kaqalekiswe umuntu odla ukudla kuze kube ntambama, ukuze ngiziphindiselele ezitheni zami. Ngakho kakho ebantwini owanambitha ukudla. **25** Bonke abelizwe basebefika ehlathini; njalo kwakuloluju phezu kobuso bomhlabathi. **26** Lapho abantu bengena ehlathini, khangela, uluju lwathonta; kodwa kakho loyedwa owasa isandla sakhe emlonyeni wakhe, ngoba abantu besaba isifungo. **27** Kodwa uJonathani wayengezwanga lapho uyise efungisa abantu; ngakho welula isihloko somqwayi owawusesandleni sakhe, wasigxamuza ehlangeni lwenyosi, wasesisa isandla sakhe emlonyeni wakhe, lamehlo akhe aqaqabuka. **28** Omunye wabantu wasephendula wathi: Uyihlo ubafungisile lokubafungisa abantu esithi: Uqalekisiwe umuntu odla ukudla lamuhla. Abantu basebephele amandla. **29** UJonathani wasesithi: Ubaba ulihluphile ilizwe; ake libone ukuthi amehlo ami aseqaqabuke njani, ngoba nginambithe ingcosana yaloluluju. **30** Kudlula kangakanani aluba abantu bebedlile lokudla lamuhla okwempango yezitha zabo abayitholayo? Ngoba khathesi ukubulala kakubanga kukhulu phakathi kwamaFilisti. **31** Basebetshaya amaFilisti ngalolosuku kusukela eMikimashi kuze kube seAjalon. Abantu basebephele amandla kakhulu. **32**

Abantu basebetheleka empangweni; bathatha izimvu, lezinkabi, lamathole enkomo, bakuhlabela emhlabathini; abantu bakudla kanye legazi. **33** Basebemtshela uSawuli besithi: Khangela, abantu bayona eNkosini ngokudla kanye legazi. Wasesithi: Lenze ngokungathembeki; gqelani kimi ilitshe elikhulu lamuhla.

34 USawuli wasesithi: Zihlakazeni phakathi kwabantu lithi kibo: Sondezani kimi, ngulowo lalowo inkabi yakhe, langulowo lalowo imvu yakhe, lizihlabele lapha, lidle; njalo lingoni eNkosini ngokudla kanye legazi. Ngakho bonke abantu basondeza, ngulowo lalowo inkabi yakhe ngesandla sakhe ngalobobusuku, bazihlaba khona. **35** USawuli waseyakhela iNkosi ilathi; kwakulilathi lokuqala alakhela iNkosi. **36** USawuli wasesithi: Asehleni silandele amaFilisti ebusuku, siwaphange kuze kube yikukhanya kokusa, singatshiyi lamuntu kiwo. Basebesithi: Yenza konke okuhle emehlwani akho. Kodwa umpristi wathi: Asisondeleni lapha kuNkulunkulu. **37** USawuli wasebuza kuNkulunkulu wathi: Ngehle ngilandele amaFilisti yini? Uzawanikela esandleni sikalsrayeli yini? Kodwa kamphendulanga ngalolosuku. **38** USawuli wasesithi: Sondelani lapha lonke bakhokheli babantu, lazi libone ukuthi lesisono sikukuphi lamuhla. **39** Ngoba kuphila kukaJehova owasindisa ulsrayeli, lanxa kungaba kuJonathani indodana yami, isibili uzakufa lokufa. Kodwa kakho loyedwa owamphendulayo ebantwini bonke. **40** Wasesithi kulsrayeli wonke: Banini nganxanye lina, mina-ke loJonathani indodana yami sizakuba nganxanye. Abantu basebesithi kuSawuli: Yenza okuhle emehlwani akho. **41** Ngakho uSawuli wathi eNkosini uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Phana opheleleyo. UJonathani loSawuli basebebanjwa, kodwa abantu baphunyuka.

42 USawuli wasesithi: Yenzani inkatho yokuphosa phakathi

kwami loJonathani indodana yami. UJonathani wasebanjwa.

43 USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani: Ngitshela okwenzileyo.

UJonathani wasemtshela wathi: Oqotho nginambithe ngesihloko somqwayi obusesandleni sami imbijana yoluju; khangela ngilapha, sengizakufa! **44** USawuli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu kenze njalo langokunjalo engezelele; ngoba uzakufa lokufa, Jonathani.

45 Kodwa abantu bathi kuSawuli: Uzakufa yini uJonathani, owenze lolusindiso olukhulu kolsrayeli? Kakube khatshana! Kuphila kukaJehova, kakuyikuwela emhlabathini lolulodwa unwele lwekhanda lakhe, ngoba usebenze loNkulunkulu lamuhla.

Ngakho abantu bamhlenga uJonathani ukuthi angafi. **46** USawuli wasesenyuka esuka ekulandeleni amaFilisti; amaFilisti asesiya endaweni yawo. **47** USawuli wasethatha ubukhosи phezu kukalsrayeli, walwa emelene lezitha zakhe zonke inhlangothi zonke, emelene loMowabi, njalo emelene labantwana bakoAmoni, njalo emelene loEdoma, njalo emelene lamakhosi eZoba, njalo emelene lamaFilisti; laloba ngaphi lapho aphendukela khona wayejezisa. **48** Wenza ngobuqhawe wasetshaya amaAmaleki, wakhulula ulsrayeli esandleni somphangi wakhe.

49 Lamadodana kaSawuli ayengoJonathani lolshivi, loMaliki-Shuwa; lamabizo amadodakazi akhe amabili yila: Ibizo lezibulo lalinguMerabi, lebizo lencinyane linguMikhali. **50** Lebizo lomkaSawuli lalinguAhinowama indodakazi kaAhimahazi; lebizo lenduna yebutho lakhe lalinguAbhineri indodana kaNeri, uyise omncinyane kaSawuli. **51** Njalo uKishi wayenguyise kaSawuli, loNeri uyise kaAbhineri wayeyindodana kaAbiyeli.

52 Njalo kwakukhona impi enzima lamaFilisti zonke izinsuku zikaSawuli; lapho uSawuli ebona indoda elamandla loba iqhawe, wayezibuthela yona.

15 USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: INkosi yangithuma ukuthi ngikugcobe ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu bayo, phezu kukalsrayeli; ngakho-ke lalela ilizwi lamazwi eNkosi. **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla ithi: Ngizananzelela lokho uAmaleki akwenza kulsrayeli, ukuthi wema njani emelene laye endleleni ekwenyukeni kwakhe eGibhithe. **3** Hamba-ke uyetshaya uAmaleki, utshabalalise konke alakho; ungamyekeli, kodwa ubulale kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana, kusukela kusane kusiya komunyayo, kusukela enkabini kusiya emvini, kusukela ekamelweni kusiya kubabhemi. **4** USawuli wasebiza abantu, wababala eTelayimi, izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili abahamba ngenyawo, lamadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi akoJuda. **5** USawuli wasefika emzini kaAmaleki, wacathama esigodini. **6** USawuli wasesithi kumaKeni: Hambani, lisuke, lehle liphume phakathi kwamaAmaleki, hlezi ngilibhubhise kanye lawo; ngoba lina lenza umusa kubo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli ekwenyukeni kwabo bephuma eGibhithe. Ngakho amaKeni asuka aphuma phakathi kwamaAmaleki. **7** USawuli wasetshaya amaAmaleki, kusukela eHavila uze uyefika eShuri ephambi kweGibhithe. **8** Wambamba uAgagi inkosi yamaAmaleki ephila; labo bonke abantu wabatshabalalisa ngobukhali benkemba. **9** Kodwa uSawuli labantu bamyekela uAgagi, lokuhle kakhulu kwezimvu lokwenkomo, lokunonisiweyo, lamawundlu, lakho konke okuhle; kabathandanga ukukutshabalalisa, kodwa yonke into edelelekayo lecakileyo bayitshabalalisa. **10** Kwasekufika ilizwi leNkosi kuSamuweli lisithi: **11** Sengizisola ngokuthi ngambeka uSawuli waba yinkosi; ngoba ubuyele emuva ekungilandeleni, kaqinisanga amazwi ami. USamuweli wasethukuthela, wakhala eNkosini ubusuku bonke. **12** USamuweli wasevuka ekuseni

kakhulu ukuhlangabeza uSawuli; kwasekutshelwa uSamuweli kuthiwa: USawuli usefikile eKharmeli; khangela-ke, uzimisele insika, wabhoda, wedlula, wehlela eGiligali. **13** USamuweli wasefika kuSawuli; uSawuli wathi kuye: Kawubusiswe yiNkosi; ngiliqinisisile ilizwi leNkosi. **14** USamuweli wasesithi: Kuyini pho lokhukukhala kwezimvu endlebeni zami, lokubhonsa kwenkomo engikuzwayo? **15** USawuli wasesithi: Babuye lazo kumaAmaleki; ngoba abantu bayekele okuhle kakhulu kwezimvu lokwenkomo ukuze bahlabele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; kodwa okuseleyo sikutshabalalisile. **16** USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Yekela, ngikutshele ukuthi iNkosi itheni kimi kulobubusuku. Wasesithi kuye: Khuluma. **17** USamuweli wasesithi: Angithi, lapho usemncinyane emehlwani akho, waba yinhloko yezizwe zakolsrayeli, leNkosi yakugcoba waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli? **18** INkosi ikuthumile-ke ngendlela yathi: Hamba uyetshabalalisa izoni, amaAmaleki, ulwe lawo aze aphele. **19** Pho, kungani ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi, kodwa waphaphela impango, wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi? **20** USawuli wasesithi kuSamuweli: Isibili ngililalele ilizwi leNkosi, ngihambile ngendlela iNkosi ebingithume ngayo, ngibuyile loAgagi inkosi yakoAmaleki, njalo ngitshabalalisile amaAmaleki. **21** Kodwa abantu bathethe okwempango, izimvu lenkomo, okuhle kwezinto ebezizatshabalalisa, ukuze bahlabele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eGiligali. **22** Kodwa uSamuweli wathi: Kambe iNkosi iyathokoza ngeminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, njengekulaleleni ilizwi leNkosi? Khangela, ukulalela kungcono kulomhlatshelo, lokuqaphelisa kulamahwahwa ezinqama. **23** Ngoba umvukela unjengesono sokuvumisa, lobuqholo buyisiphambeko lokukhonza izithombe.

Ngoba ulalile ilizwi leNkosi, layo ikwalile ukuthi ungabi yinkosi.

24 USawuli wasesithi kuSamuweli: Ngonile; ngoba ngeqile umlayo weNkosi lamazwi akho; ngoba ngesaba abantu, ngakho ngalalela ilizwi labo. **25** Ngakho-ke ake uthethelele isono sami, ubuyele lami, ukuze ngikhonze iNkosi. **26** Kodwa uSamuweli wathi kuSawuli: Kangiyikubuyela lawe ngoba ulalile ilizwi leNkosi, layo iNkosi ikwalile ukuthi ungabi yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli. **27** Kuthe uSamuweli etshibilika ukuthi ahambe, wabamba umphetho wesembatho sakhe, sasesidabuka. **28** USamuwei wasesithi kuye: INkosi iwudabule kuwe lamuhla umbuso wakolsrayeli, yawunika umakhelwane wakho ongcono kulawe. **29** Futhi-ke aMandla kalsrayeli kawaqambi manga, kawazisoli, ngoba kawasimuntu ukuthi azisole. **30** Wasesithi: Ngonile, ake unghloniphe khathesi phambi kwabadala babantu bakithi laphambi kukalsrayeli, ubuyele lami, ukuthi ngikhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **31** Ngakho uSamuweli wabuyela elandela uSawuli; uSawuli wayikhonza-ke iNkosi. **32** USamuwei wasesithi: Msondezeni kimi uAgagi inkosi yakoAmaleki. UAgagi wasesiya kuye ethokozile; uAgagi wathi: Isibili ukubaba kokufa sekudlulile. **33** USamuwei wasesithi: Njengoba inkemba yakho yemuke abesifazana abantwana, ngokunjalo unyoko uzakwemukwa abantwana phakathi kwabesifazana. USamuwei wasemhlahlela uAgagi phambi kweNkosi eGiligali. **34** USamuwei wasesiya eRama, loSawuli wenyukela endlini yakhe eGibeya kaSawuli. **35** USamuwei kaphindanga wambona uSawuli kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe, kodwa uSamuweli wamlilela uSawuli; leNkosi yazisola ngokuthi yayimbekile uSawuli abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli.

16 INkosi yasisithi kuSamuweli: Koze kube nini umlilela uSawuli lokhu mina ngimalile ekubeni yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli? Gcwalisa uphondo lwakho ngamafutha, uhambe; ngizakuthuma kuJese umBhethelihema, ngoba ngizibonele emadodaneni akhe inkosi. **2** USamuweli wasesithi: Ngizahamba njani? Uba uSawuli ekuzwa, uzangibulala. INkosi yasisithi: Thatha ithokazi lenkomo esandleni sakho uthi: Ngizehlabela iNkosi. **3** Ubizele uJese emhlatshelweni; mina ngizakwazisa ozakwenza; uzangigcobela lowo engizamutsho kuwe. **4** USamuweli wasesenza lokho iNkosi ekutshiloyo, wafika eBhethelihema. Abadala bomuzi basebethuthumela ukumhlangabeza bathi: Ukufika kwakho kulokuthula yini? **5** Wasesithi: Ukuthula; ngize ukuhlabela iNkosi; zingcweliseni, lize lami emhlatshelweni. Wasengcwelisa uJese lamadodana akhe, wababizela emhlatshelweni. **6** Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwabo, wakhangela uEliyabi wathi: Isibili ogcotshiweyo wayo uphambi kweNkosi. **7** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuSamuweli: Ungakhangeli isimo sakhe lobude besithombo sakhe, ngoba ngimalile, ngoba kakunjengokubona komuntu, ngoba umuntu ubona okuphambi kwamehlo, kodwa iNkosi ibona enhliziyeni. **8** UJese wasebiza uAbinadaba, wamedlulisa phambi kukaSamuweli, kodwa wathi: Laye lo iNkosi kayimkhethanga. **9** UJese wasedlulisa uShama, kodwa wathi: Laye lo iNkosi kayimkhethanga. **10** UJese wasedlulisa amadodana akhe ayisikhombisa phambi kukaSamuweli. Kodwa uSamuweli wathi kuJese: INkosi kayibakhethanga laba. **11** USamuweli wasesithi kuJese: Abafana sebephelile yini? Wasesithi: Kusasele icinathunjana; khangela-ke, liyelusa izimvu. USamuweli wasesithi kuJese: Thuma ulithathe, ngoba kasiyikuhlala phansi lize lifike lapha. **12** Wasethuma walingenisa. Lona-ke lalibomvana lilamehlo

amahle lokukhangeleka okuhle. INkosi yasisithi: Sukuma, uligcobe, ngoba yilo leli. **13** USamuweli wasethatha uphondo lwamafutha, waligcoba phakathi kwabafowabo; uMoya weNkosi wasefika ngamandla phezu kukaDavida kusukela kulolosuku kusiya phambili. USamuweli wasesukuma waya eRama. **14** Kodwa uMoya weNkosi wasuka kuSawuli, lomoya omubi ovela eNkosini wamhlukuluza. **15** Izinceku zikaSawuli zasezisithi kuye: Ake ukhangele, umoya omubi kaNkulunkulu uyakwesabisa. **16** Ake itsho inkosi yethu kunceku zakho eziphambi kwakho ukuthi zidinge umuntu okwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho; kuzakuthi-ke lapho umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu uphezu kwakho, uzatshaya ngesandla sakhe ukuze kube kuhle kuwe. **17** Ngakho uSawuli wathi ezinckwini zakhe: Ake lingibonele umuntu otshaya kuhle, limlethe kimi. **18** Omunye wamajaha wasephendula wathi: Khangela, ngibone indodana kaJese umBhethelohema, ekwaziyo ukutshaya, futhi eliqhawe elilamandla, lendoda yempi, lehlakaniphileyo endaben, futhi indoda ebukekayo, leNkosi ilayo. **19** Ngakho uSawuli wathuma izithunywa kuJese, wathi: Thuma kimi uDavida indodana yakho osezimvini. **20** UJese wasethatha ubabhemi, ethwele isinkwa, lembotlela yewayini, lezinyane lembuzi eliodwa, wakuthumela ngesandla sikaDavida indodana yakhe kuSawuli. **21** UDavida wasefika kuSawuli, wema phambi kwakhe; wasemthanda kakhulu, wasesiba ngumthwali wezikhalizakhe. **22** USawuli wasethumela kuJese esithi: UDavida ake eme phambi kwami, ngoba uthole umusa emehlwani ami. **23** Kwakusithi-ke lapho umoya ovela kuNkulunkulu uphezu kukaSawuli, uDavida athathe ichacho atshaye ngesandla sakhe, ukuze uSawuli avuseleleke abe ngcono, lomoya omubi usuke kuye.

17 AmaFilisti asebuthela amabutho awo impi; abuthana eSoko engeyakoJuda, amisa inkamba phakathi kweSoko leAzeka, eEfesi-Damimi. **2** USawuli lamadoda akolsrayeli babuthana, bamisa inkamba esigodini seEla, bahlela impi ukumelana lamaFilisti. **3** AmaFilisti asesima entabeni ngapha, lolsrayeli wema entabeni ngale, lesigodi sasiphakathi kwabo. **4** Kwasekuphuma enkambeni yamaFilisti iqhawe; ibizo lalo lalinguGoliyathi weGathi; ubude balo babuyizingalo eziyisithupha lokwelulwa kweminwe. **5** Kwakulekhowa lethusi ekhanda lalo; laligqoke ibhatshi lensimbi elilamaxolo; njalo isisindo sebhatsi lensimbi sasingamashekeli ethusi ayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu. **6** Njalo kwakulemwamazi yethusi emibaleni yalo, lomkhonto wethusi phakathi laphakathi kwamahlombe alo. **7** Loluthi lomkhonto walo lwalunjengogodo lomaluki, lengqamu yomkhonto walo yayingamashekeli ensimbi angamakhulu ayisithupha; lophatha isihlangu esikhulu wayehamba phambi kwalo. **8** Lema, lamemeza emaviyeni akolsrayeli lathi kuwo: Liphumelani ukuzahlela impi? Kangisuye umFilisti yini, lani izinceku zikaSawuli? Zikhetheleni umuntu ehlele kimi. **9** Uba elakho ukulwa lami angibulale, sizakuba yiziggili zenu; kodwa uba mina ngimehlula ngimbula, lizakuba yiziggili zethu, lisisebenzele. **10** UmFilisti wasesithi: Mina ngiyaweyisa amaviyo akolsrayeli lamuhla; nginikani indoda ukuze silwisane. **11** Lapho uSawuli lolsrayeli wonke besizwa lamazwi omFilisti, batshaywa luvalo, besaba kakhulu. **12** UDavida wayeyindodana yallowomEfrathi weBhethelohema-Juda, obizo lakhe lalinguJese; wayelamadodana ayisificaminwembili. Njalo lowomuntu wahamba njengomuntu omdala phakathi kwamadoda ensukwini zikaSawuli. **13** Asehamba amadodana amathathu kaJese amadala, amlandela uSawuli empini. Lamabizo

amadodana akhe amathathu ayeyile empini ayenguEliyabi izibulo, lowesibili wakhe uAbinadaba, lowesithathu uShama.

14 Njalo uDavida nguye owayelicinathunjana; lamathathu amadala alandela uSawuli. **15** Kodwa uDavida wahamba wabuyela esuka kuSawuli ukuyakwelusa izimvu zikayise eBhethelohema. **16** UmFilisti wayesondela-ke ekuseni kakhulu lantambama ezimisa okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane. **17** UJese wasesithi kuDavida indodana yakhe: Ake uthathele abafowenu i-efa lamabele akhanzingiweyo, lalezizinkwa ezilitshumi, ugijimele enkambeni kubafowenu. **18** Laleziziqa zetshizi ezilitshumi uziphathele induna yenkulungwane; ubone impilakahle yabafowenu, uthathe isibambiso kibo. **19** Njalo uSawuli, labo, lawo wonke amadoda akolsrayeli babesesigodini seEla besilwa lamaFilisti. **20** UDavida wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, watshiya izimvu kumlindi, wakuthatha wahamba njengokulaywa kwakhe nguJese. Wafika enqabeni yezinqola lapho ibutho liphuma ngamaviyo, bememezelia impi. **21** Njalo ulsrayeli lamaFilisti bahlela iviyo laqondana leviyo. **22** UDavida wasetshiya impahla ezsuka kuye ngaphansi kwesandla somlindi wempahla, wagijimela eviyweni wafika wabuza abafowabo impilakahle. **23** Esakhuluma labo, khangela, iqhawe lenyuka, ibizo lalo lalinguGoliyathi, umFilisti weGathi, laphuma emaviyweni amaFilisti, lakhuluma njengokwalawomazwi; loDavida wavezwa.

24 Njalo wonke amadoda akolsrayeli athi embona lowomuntu ambalekela, esaba kakhulu. **25** Amadoda akolsrayeli athi-ke: Limbonile lowana umuntu owenyukileyo yini? Ngoba wenyukele ukweyisa ulsrayeli. Kuzakuthi-ke indoda ezambulala, inkosi izayinothisa ngenotho enkulu, iyinike lendodakazi yayo, lendlu kayise izayenza ikhululeke kolsrayeli. **26** UDavida wasekhuluma

emadoden'i ayemi laye esithi: Kuzakwenziwani endoden'i
ebulala lumFilisti, isuse ihlazo kolsrayeli? Ngoba ungubani
lumFilisti ongasokanga ukuthi aveyise amaviyo kaNkulunkulu
ophilayo? **27** Abantu basebempfendula njengalelolizwi besithi:
Kuzakwenziwa njalo endoden'i embulalayo. **28** UEliyabi
umnewabo omdala wezwa-ke lapho ekhuluma lamadoda;
lentukuthelo kaEliyabi yavuthela uDavida, wathi: Wehleleleni
lapha? Izimvu leziyana ezinlutshwana uztshiye lobani egangeni?
Mina ngiyakwazi ukuziqhenya kwakho lobubi benhliziyo yakho;
ngoba wehlele ukubona impi. **29** Kodwa uDavida wathi:
Sengenzeni? Bekungasilizwi nje yini? **30** Wasemfulathela,
waya komunye, wakhuluma laye njengokwalelolizwi; abantu
basebebuyisela impendulo kuye njengelizwi lakuqala. **31** Lapho
sebewezwile amazwi uDavida awakhulumayo, bawakhuluma
phambi kukaSawuli; wasememukela. **32** UDavida wasesithi
kuSawuli: Kakungehluleki inhliziyo yomuntu ngenxa yakhe;
inceku yakho izahamba iyekulwa lalowomFilisti. **33** Kodwa
uSawuli wathi kuDavida: Ungeke waya kulumFilisti ukulwa
laye; ngoba wena ungumfana, yena-ke uyindoda yempi
kusukela ebutsheni bakhe. **34** Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli:
Inceku yakho yayiselusa izimvu zikayise; lapho kwafika
isilwane lebhore, kwathatha imvu emhlanjini, **35** ngaphuma
ngakulandela, ngakutshaya, ngayikhulula emlonyeni wakho;
lapho kungivukela, ngakubamba ngendevu, ngakutshaya,
ngakubulala. **36** Inceku yakho yabulala kokubili isilwane lebhore;
lalo umFilisti ongasokanga uzakuba njengokunye kwakho, lokhu
eyise amaviyo kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **37** UDavida wathi futhi:
INkosi eyangophula kuziph'o lwasilwane lakuziph'o lwebhere,
yona izangophula esandleni salo umFilisti. USawuli wasesithi

kuDavida: Hamba, leNkosi kayibe lawe. **38** USawuli wasegqokisa uDavida iziggoko zakhe, wafaka ikhowa lethusi ekhanda lakhe, wamggokisa ibhatshi lensimbi. **39** UDavida wasebhinca inkemba yakhe phezu kwezigqoko zakhe, walinga ukuhamba, ngoba wayengakuzamanga. UDavida wasesithi kuSawuli: Kangilakho ukuhamba ngilalezizinto ngoba kangizizamanga. UDavida wasezikhumula kuye. **40** Wasethatha umqwayi wakhe esandleni sakhe, wazikhethela amatshe amahlanu abutshelezi esifuleni, wawafaka esikhwameni sikamelusi ayelaso, ngitsho emxhakeni, lesavutha sakhe sasisesandleni sakhe, wasesondela kumFilisti. **41** UmFilisti wasehamba waya wasondela kuDavida; lomuntu ophethe isihlangu esikhulu wayephambi kwakhe. **42** Kwathi umFilisti ekhangela ebona uDavida, wameyisa; ngoba wayengumfana njalo ebomvana elobuso obubukekayo. **43** UmFilisti wasesithi kuDavida: Ngiyinja yini ukuthi wena uze kimi ulezinduku? UmFilisti wasemqalekisa uDavida ngabonkulunkulu bakhe. **44** UmFilisti wasesithi kuDavida: Woza kimi, ngizanika inyoni zamazulu lenyamazana zeganga inyama yakho. **45** UDavida wasesithi kumFilisti: Wena uza kimi ulenkemba, lomkhonto, lomdikadika; kodwa mina ngiza kuwe ngebizo leNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wamaviyo akolsrayeli omeyisileyo. **46** Lamuhla iNkosi izakuvalela esandleni sami, ngizakutshaya, ngisuse ikhanda lakho kuwe; nginiike lamuhla inyoni zamazulu lenyamazana zomhlaba izidumbu zebutho lamaFilisti, ukuze umhlaba wonke wazi ukuthi kukhona uNkulunkulu kolsrayeli. **47** Lalelibandla lonke lizakwazi ukuthi iNkosi kayisindisi ngenkemba langomkhonto; ngoba impi ngeyeNkosi, njalo izalinikela esandleni sethu. **48** Kwasekusithi lapho umFilisti esukuma ehamba esondela ukuhlangabeza uDavida, uDavida

wasephangisa wagijimela ngaseviyweni ukuhlangana lomFilisti.

49 UDavida wasefaka isandla sakhe esikhwameni, wakhupha khona ilitshe, walijikijela, wamtshaya umFilisti ebunzini lakhe ilitshe laze latshona ebunzini lakhe, wawela emhlabathini ngobuso bakhe. **50** Ngalokho uDavida wamehlula umFilisti ngesavutha langelitshe, wamtshaya umFilisti, wambulala; kodwa kwakungelankemba esandleni sikaDavida. **51** Ngakho uDavida wagijima wema phezu komFilisti, wathatha inkemba yakhe, wayihwatsha esikhwameni sayo, wambulala, waquma ikhanda lakhe ngayo. Lapho amaFilisti ebona ukuthi iqhawe lawo selifile, abaleka. **52** Lamadoda akolsrayeli lawakoJuda asukuma amemeza, axotshana lamaFilisti uze uyefika esigodini lemasangweni eEkhironi. Labalimeleyo bamaFilisti bawela endleleni yeShaharayimi kuze kube seGathi njalo kuze kube seEkhironi. **53** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebephenduka ekuxotshaneni ngamandla lamaFilisti, baphanga inkamba zawo. **54** UDavida wasethatha ikhanda lomFilisti, waliletha eJerusalema; kodwa wabeka izikhali zakhe ethenteni lakhe. **55** Lapho uSawuli ebona uDavida ephuma ukuyahlangabeza umFilisti, wathi kuAbhineri induna yebutho: Uyindodana kabani lumfana Abhineri? UAbhineri wasesithi: Kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi, kangazi. **56** Inkosi yasisithi: Buza wena ukuthi liyindodana kabani lelijaha. **57** Lapho uDavida esephendukile ekubulaleni umFilisti, uAbhineri wamthatha, wamuswa phambi kukaSawuli elekhanda lomFilisti esandleni sakhe. **58** USawuli wasesithi kuye: Uyindodana kabani, jaha? UDavida wasesithi: Ngiyindodana yenceku yakho uJese umBhethelohema.

18 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma loSawuli, umphefumulo kaJonathani wabotshelwa emphefumulweni kaDavida;

uJonathani wasemthanda njengomphefumulo wakhe. **2** USawuli wasemthatha ngalolosuku, kaze amvumela ukubuyela endlini kayise. **3** UJonathani loDavida basebesenza isivumelwano ngoba wamthanda njengomphefumulo wakhe. **4** UJonathani wasezikhulula ibhatshi ayeligqokile, walinika uDavida, lezembatho zakhe, kuze kube senkembeni yakhe, kuze kube sedandilini lakhe, njalo kuze kube sebhantini lakhe. **5** UDavida wasephuma waya loba ngaphi lapho uSawuli amthuma khona, waziphatha ngenhlakanipho, uSawuli waze wambeka phezu kwamadoda empi. Njalo wayelungile emehlwani abantu bonke njalo lemehlwani ezinceku zikaSawuli. **6** Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwabo, uDavida esebuye ekubulaleni umFilisti, abesifazana baphuma emizini yonke yakolsrayeli, behlabela, begida, ukuhlangabeza uSawuli inkosi ngezigubhu, ngentokozo, langamachacho. **7** Abesifazana basebevumelana bedlala bathi: USawuli utshayile izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida izinkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi. **8** USawuli wasethukuthela kakhulu, lalelolizwi lalilibi emehlwani akhe, wathi: Banike uDavida izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi, kodwa mina banginika izinkulungwane; usesalelwé ngumbuso kuphela. **9** USawuli wasemqaphela uDavida kusukela kulolosuku kusiya phambili. **10** Kwasekusithi kusisa umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu wafika ngamandla phezu kukaSawuli, waprofetha phakathi kwendlu; uDavida wasetshaya ichacho ngesandla sakhe njengensuku ngensuku; njalo kwakulomkhonto esandleni sikaSawuli. **11** USawuli wasewuphosa umkhonto wathi: Ngizammbandakanya uDavida ngitsho emdulini. Kodwa uDavida wavika kibili esuka phambi kwakhe. **12** USawuli wayemesaba-ke uDavida ngoba iNkosi yayilaye, kodwa yayisisukile kuSawuli. **13** Ngakho uSawuli wasemsusa kuye,

wambeka waba yinduna yakhe yabayizinkulungwane; njalo wayephuma engena phambi kwabantu. **14** UDavida waseziphatha ngenhlakanipho endleleni zakhe zonke, leNkosi yayilaye. **15** Lapho uSawuli ebona ukuthi waziphatha ngenhlakanipho enkulu, wamesaba. **16** Kodwa ulsrayeli wonke loJuda bamthanda uDavida, ngoba wayephuma engena phambi kwabo. **17** USawuli wasesithi kuDavida: Khangela, indodakazi yami endala uMerabi, ngizakunika yona ibe ngumkakho; kuphela bana liqhawe kimi, ulwe izimpi zeNkosi. Ngoba uSawuli wathi: Isandla sami kasingabi phezu kwakhe, kodwa isandla samaFilisti kasibe phezu kwakhe. **18** Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli: Ngingubani mina? Lempilo yami iyini, losendo lukababa kolsrayeli, ukuthi ngibe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi? **19** Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi uMerabi indodakazi kaSawuli ayezanikwa ngaso uDavida, wayesenikwe uAdriyeli umMehola ukuba ngumkakhe. **20** UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wamthanda-ke uDavida; basebemtshela uSawuli, lalolodaba lwaluqondile emehlwani akhe. **21** USawuli wasesithi: Ngizamnika yena ukuze abe ngumjibila kuye, lokuze isandla samaFilisti simelane laye. Ngakho uSawuli wathi kuDavida: Ngokwesibili uzakuba ngumkhwenyana wami lamuhla. **22** USawuli waselaya inceku zakhe wathi: Khulumani loDavida ngensitha lithi: Khangela, inkosi iyathokoza ngawe, lazo zonke inceku zayo ziyakuthanda; ngakho-ke woba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. **23** Izinceku zikaSawuli zasezikulumu lawomazwi endlebeni zikaDavida. UDavida wasesithi: Kuyinto elula yini emehlwani enu ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi, lokhu mina ngingumuntu ongumyanga lodelelekayo? **24** Lenceku zikaSawuli zamtshele zisithi: UDavida wakhulumu ngalindlela. **25** USawuli wasesithi: Lizakutsho njalo kuDavida lithi: Inkosi kayiloyisi

lobolo, kodwa amajwabu aphambili alikhulu amaFilisti, ukuze kuhindiselwe ezitheni zenkosi. Kodwa uSawuli wacabanga ukwenza uDavida awe ngesandla samaFilisti. **26** Lapho inceku zakhe zimtshela uDavida lawomazwi, udaba lwalulungile emehlwani kaDavida ukuthi abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. Kodwa insuku zazingakagcwaliseki. **27** Ngakho uDavida wasukuma wahamba, yena labantu bakhe, basebetshaya phakathi kwamaFilisti amadoda angamakhulu amabili; uDavida waseletha amajwabu awo aphambili, wawasa enkosini ephelele ukuze abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. USawuli wasemnika uMikhali indodakazi yakhe ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. **28** USawuli wasebona wazi ukuthi iNkosi iloDavida, loMikhali indodakazi yakhe yamthanda. **29** Njalo uSawuli waya lokhu emesaba kakhulu uDavida; njalo uSawuli waba yisitha sikaDavida zonke izinsuku. **30** Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zaseziphuma; kwasekusithi seziphumile uDavida waziphatha ngenhlakanipho okwedlula zonke izinceku zikaSawuli, laze laduma kakhulu ibizo lakhe.

19 USawuli wasekhuluma kuJonathani indodana yakhe lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe ukuthi babulale uDavida. Kodwa uJonathani indodana kaSawuli wayemthanda kakhulukazi uDavida. **2** UJonathani wasemtshela uDavida esithi: USawuli ubaba udinga ukukubulala; ngakho-ke ake uzinanzelele ekuseni, uhlale ekusithekeni, ucatshe. **3** Mina-ke ngizaphuma ngime eceleni kukababa emmangweni lapho okhona, mina ngizakhuluma ngawe kubaba; lengikubonayo ngizakutshela. **4** UJonathani wasekhuluma okuhle ngoDavida kuSawuli uyise, wathi kuye: Inkosi kayingayoni inceku yayo, imelane loDavida, ngoba kakonanga wena, langokunjalo imisebenzi yakhe ilungile kakhulu kuwe. **5** Ngoba wafaka impilo yakhe esandleni

sakhe watshaya umFilisti; leNkosi yenzela ulsrayeli wonke usindiso olukhulu. Wakubona, wathokoza. Pho, uzalonelani igazi elingelacala ngokubulala uDavida kungelasizatho? **6**
USawuli waselilalela ilizwi likaJonathani, uSawuli wafunga wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, kayikubulawa. **7** UJonathani wasembiza uDavida, uJonathani wamtshela wonke lawomazwi.
UJonathani wasemletha uDavida kuSawuli, njalo wayephambi kwakhe njengakuqala. **8** Kwabuya kwaba khona impi; uDavida wasephuma walwa lamaFilisti, wawatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu aze ambalekela. **9** Njalo umoya omubi ovela eNkosini wawuphezu kukaSawuli ehlodzi endlini yakhe, lomkhonto usesandleni sakhe; loDavida wayetshaya ichacho ngesandla sakhe. **10** USawuli wasedinga ukummbandakanya uDavida ngitsho emdulini ngomkhonto; kodwa waphunyuka ebukhoneni bukaSawuli, owahlaba umkhonto emdulini. UDavida wabaleka waphepha ngalobobusuku. **11** USawuli wasethuma izithunywa endlini kaDavida ukuze zimqaphele zimbulale ekuseni. UMikhali umkakhe wasemtshela uDavida esithi: Uba ungasindisi impilo yakho ngalobobusuku, kusasa uzabulawa. **12** Ngakho uMikhali wasemehlisa uDavida ngewindi, wasehamba wabaleka waphepha. **13** UMikhali wasethatha isithombe, wasifaka embhedeni, wabeka umqamelo woboya bembizi endaweni yekhanda laso, wasembesa ngelembu. **14** Lapho uSawuli ethuma izithunywa ukuthatha uDavida, wathi: Uyagula. **15** USawuli wasethuma izithunywa ukumbona uDavida esithi: Menyuseleni kimi ngombheda ukuze ngimbulale. **16** Lapho izithunywa zingena, khangela-ke, kwakulesithombe embhedeni, lomqamelo woboya bembizi endaweni yekhanda laso. **17** USawuli wasesithi kuMikhali: Ungikholiseleni kanje, wayekela

isitha sami sahamba saphepha? UMikhali wasesithi kuSawuli:
Yena uthe kimi: Ngiyekela ngihambe; ngizakubulalelani? **18**
Ngokunjalo uDavida wabaleka waphunyuka, wafika kuSamuweli
eRama; wamtshela konke uSawuli ayekwenze kuye. Yena
loSamuweli basebesiyahlala eNayothi. **19** USawuli wasebikelwa
kwathiwa: Khangela, uDavida useNayothi eRama. **20** USawuli
wasethuma izithunywa ukumthatha uDavida; lapho zibona
ixuku labaprofethi beprofetha, loSamuweli emi engumkhokheli
phezu kwabo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwezithunywa
zikaSawuli, lazo zaseziprofetha. **21** Lapho ebikelwa uSawuli,
wathuma ezinye izithunywa, zona lazo zaprofetha. USawuli
wasephinda ethuma izithunywa ngokwesithathu, zona lazo
zaprofetha. **22** Laye wasesiya eRama, wafika emthonjeni
omkhulu oseSeku, wabuza wathi: Bangaphi oSamuweli loDavida?
Kwathiwa: Khangela, eNayothi eRama. **23** Wasesiya khona
eNayothi eRama; loMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe
laye; wahamba ehamba eprofetha waze wafika eNayothi eRama.
24 Laye wasekhulula izigqoko zakhe, laye waprofetha phambi
kukaSamuweli, walala phansi enquunu lonke lolosuku labo bonke
lobobusuku. Yikho besithi: USawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi
yini?

20 uDavida wasebaleka esuka eNayothi eRama, wafika
wathi phambi kukaJonathani: Ngenzeni? Isiphambeko sami
siyini? Lesono sami siyini phambi kukayihlo ukuze adinge
umphefumulo wami? **2** Wasesithi kuye: Kakube khatshana!
Kawusoze ufe; khangela, ubaba kenzi ulutho olukhulu loba
ulutho oluncinyane engakuvezi endlebeni yami. Pho, ubaba
uzayifihlelani kimi linto? Kayisikho. **3** uDavida wasefunga
futhi wathi: Uyihlo uyakwazi lokwazi ukuthi ngithole umusa

emehlweni akho; ngakho uthi: UJonathani kangakwazi hlezi abe losizi. Kodwa ngeqiniso, kuphila kukaJehova njalo kuphila komphefumulo wakho, kukhona inyathelo nje phakathi kwami lokufa. **4** UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: Lokho umphefumulo wakho okuloyisayo, ngizakwenzela khona. **5** UDavida wasesithi kuJonathani: Khangela, kusasa yikuthwasa kwenyanga; minake ngifanele ukuhlala lokuhlala ukuthi ngidle lenkosi; kodwa ngiyekela ngihambe ngiyecatsha egangeni kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu kusihlwa. **6** Uba uyihi engiswela lokungiswela, uzakuthi: UDavida ungcilile lokungicela ukuthi agijimele eBhethelihema umuzi wakibo; ngoba kukhona lapho umhlatshelo weminyaka ngeminyaka owenzelwe usendo lonke. **7** Uba esitsho njalo: Kulungile; inceku yakho izakuba lokuthula. Kodwa uba ethukuthela lokuthukuthela, yazi ukuthi ububi buqondwe nguye. **8** Ngakho yenzela inceku yakho umusa, ngoba ulethe inceku yakho esivumelwaneni seNkosi lawe. Kodwa uba kulesiphambeko kimi, ngibulala wena; ngoba uzangiselani kuyihlo? **9** UJonathani wasesithi: Kakube khatshana lami! Ngoba uba bengisazi lokwazi ukuthi ububi buqondwe ngubaba ukuthi bukwehlele, mina bengingayikukutshela yini? **10** UDavida wasesithi kuJonathani: Ngubani ozangitshela uba uyihi ekuphendula ngolaka? **11** UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: Woza siphume siye emmangweni. Basebephuma bobabili besiya emmangweni. **12** UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: INkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, lapho sengimhlolile ubaba phose ngalesikhathi kusasa loba ngomhlomunye, uba, khangela, kukuhle kuDavida, uba ngingathumeli kuwe ngalesosikhathi ngikuze endlebeni yakho, **13** kayenze njalo iNkosi kuJonathani, langokunjalo yengezelele. Uba ububi phezu kwakho bulungile

kubaba, ngizakuveza endlebeni yakho, ngikuyekele uhambe ukuze uhambe ngokuthula. Njalo iNkosi ibe lawe njengoba yayilobaba. **14** Kawuyikungenzela yini umusa weNkosi, ngitsho, nxa ngisaphila, ukuze ngingafi, **15** kodwa kawuyikuquma umusa wakho usuke endlini yami kuze kube phakade, njalo hatshi lapho iNkosi isiziqumile izitha zikaDavida, zisuke ngulowo lalowo ebusweni bomhlaba. **16** Ngokunjalo uJonathani wenza isivumelwano lendlu kaDavida, esithi: INkosi kayikubize esandleni sezitha zikaDavida. **17** UJonathani wasephinda wamfungisa uDavida ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe; ngoba wayemthanda njengoba ethanda umphefumulo wakhe. **18** UJonathani wasesithi kuye: Kusasa yikuthwasa kwenyanga, njalo uzaswelwa ngoba isihlalo sakho sizakuba size. **19** Usuhlale insuku ezintathu uzakwehla masinyane, uze endaweni owacatsha khona ngosuku lwendaba leyo, uzahlala eduze lamatshe e-Ezeli. **20** Mina-ke ngizatshoka imitshoko emithathu eceleni, kungathi ngitshoka ibala. **21** Khangela-ke, ngizathuma umfana ngithi: Hamba uyeyidinga imitshoko. Uba ngisithi lokuthi emfaneni: Khangela, imitshoko inganeno kwakho, ithathe, ubuye; ngoba kulokuthula kuwe, njalo kakulandaba, kuphila kukaJehova! **22** Kodwa uba ngisitsho njalo ejaheni: Khangela, imitshoko ingale kwakho; hamba ngoba iNkosi ikuyekele uhambe. **23** Mayelana lendaba esikhulume ngayo mina lawe, khangela, iNkosi iphakathi kwami lawe kuze kube nininini. **24** Ngakho uDavida wasecatsha emmangweni. Isithwasile inyanga, inkosi yahlala ekudleni ukuze idle. **25** Inkosi yasihlala esihlalweni sayo njengezikathhi ngezikathhi, esihlalweni eduze lomduli; uJonathani wasesukuma, loAbhineri wahlala eceleni kukaSawuli; kodwa indawo kaDavida yayize. **26** Kodwa uSawuli katshongo lutho

ngalolosuku; ngoba wathi: Okuthile kumehlele; kahlambulukanga, isibili kahlambulukanga. **27** Kwasekusithi kusisa, ngolwesibili lokuthwasa kwenyanga, indawo kaDavida yayize. USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani indodana yakhe: Kungani indodana kaJese ingezanga ekudleni ngitsho izolo lalamuhla? **28** UJonathani wasephendula uSawuli wathi: UDavida wangicela lokungicela ukuthi aye eBhethelohema. **29** Wasesithi: Akungivumele ukuthi ngihambe; ngoba usendo Iwakwethu lulomhlatshelo emzini, lomfowethu ungilayile. Khathesi-ke uba ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ake ngikhululeke ukuthi ngiyebona abafowethu. Ngenxa yalokho kezanga etafuleni lenkosi. **30** Khona intukuthelo kaSawuli yamvuthela uJonathani, wathi kuye: Ndodana yomfazi owonakeleyo lovukelayo! Kangazi yini ukuthi uyikhethile indodana kaJese, kube lihlazo lakho, njalo kube lihlazo lobunqunu bukanyoko? **31** Ngoba zonke izinsuku indodana kaJese iphila emhlabeni, kawuyikuma wena lombuso wakho. Ngakho-ke thuma umlethe kimi, ngoba uyindodana yokufa. **32** UJonathani wasephendula uSawuli uyise wathi kuye: Uzabulawelwani? Wenzeni? **33** USawuli wasephosa umkhonto kuye ukumtshaya. Ngalokho uJonathani wakwazi ukuthi kwakuqondwe nguyise ukumbulala uDavida. **34** Ngakho uJonathani wasuka etafuleni ekuvutheni kwentukuthelo, njalo kadlanga ukudla ngosuku lwesibili lokuthwasa kwenyanga, ngoba wayedabukile ngoDavida, ngoba uyise emyangisile. **35** Kwasekusithi ekuseni uJonathani waphuma waya emmangweni ngesikhathi esimisiweyo loDavida, lomfanyana elaye. **36** Wasesithi emfaneni wakhe: Gijima, ake udinge imitshoko engiyitshokayo. Umfana wagijima, yena wasetshoka umtshoko ukuze umedlule. **37** Lapho umfana esefikile endaweni yomtshoko uJonathani awutshokileyo, uJonathani

wamemeza emva komfana wathi: Umtshoko kawuphambi kwakho yini? **38** Njalo uJonathani wamemeza emva komfana wathi: Phangisa, ukhawuleze, ungemi. Umfana kaJonathani waseyiqoqa imitshoko, wabuya enkosini yakhe. **39** Kodwa umfana wayengazi lutho, kuperha uJonathani loDavida babelwazi udaba. **40** UJonathani wasenika umfana owayelaye izikhali zakhe, wathi kuye: Hamba, uzise emzini. **41** Esehambile umfana, uDavida wasukuma ngaseningizimu, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, wakhothama kathathu; basebesangana, bakhala inyembezi omunye lomunye, uDavida waze wedlulisa. **42** UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: Hamba ngokuthula; lokhu esikufunge sobabili ngebizo leNkosi, sisithi: INkosi ibe phakathi kwami lawe, laphakathi kwenzalo yami lenzalo yakho, kakube kuze kube nininini. Wasesukuma wahamba, loJonathani waya emzini.

21 UDavida wasesiza eNobi kuAhimeleki umpristi; uAhimeleki wasesesaba ukuhlangabeza uDavida, wathi kuye: Kungani wena uwedwa, njalo kungelamuntu olawe? **2** UDavida wasesithi kuAhimeleki umpristi: Inkosi ingilaye udaba, yathi kimi: Kakungabi lamuntu owazi lalutho ngaloludaba engikuthuma lona, lengikulaya khona; lamajaha ngiwazisile ngendawo enje lenje. **3** Khathesike kuyini okungaphansi kwesandla sakho? Nika esandleni sami izinkwa ezinhlanu loba okungatholakala. **4** Umpristi wasephendula uDavida wathi: Kakulasinkwa esejwayelekileyo ngaphansi kwesandla sami, kodwa kulesinkwa esingcwele, nxa amajaha ezigcinile esifazaneni kuperha. **5** UDavida wasemphendula umpristi wathi kuye: Isibili abesifazana bavinjelwe kithi phose lezinsuku ezintathu ekuphumeni kwami; lezitsha zamajaha zingcwele; kodwa ngandlela thize

sejwayelekile, laphezu kwalokho, ngoba lamuhla singcweliswe ezitsheni. **6** Ngakho umpristi wamnika esingcwele; ngoba kwakungelasinkwa lapho, ngaphandle kwesinkwa sokubukiswa, ebisisuswe phambi kweNkosi ukuthi kubekwe isinkwa esitshisayo mhla sithathwa. **7** Njalo kwakulomuntu lapho owenceku zikaSawuli mhlalokho, ebambekile phambi kweNkosi, lebizo lakhe lalinguDowegi umEdoma, induna yabelusi uSawuli ayelabo.

8 UDavida wasesithi kuAhimeleki: Kanti kakulamkhonto loba inkemba lapha ngaphansi kwesandla sakho? Ngoba kokubili inkemba yami lezikhali zami kangikuthathanga esandleni sami, ngoba udaba Iwenkosi Iwalungoluphuthunywayo. **9** Umpristi wasesithi: Inkemba kaGoliyathi umFilisti, owambulala esigodini seEla, njalo khangela, igoqelwe ngelembu ngemva kwe-efodi; uba uzithathela yona, ithathe, ngoba kayikho enye lapha ngaphandle kwayo. UDavida wasesithi: Kayikho enjengayo; nginika yona. **10** Wasesukuma uDavida wabaleka ngalolosuku esuka ebusweni bukaSawuli, waya kuAkishi inkosi yeGathi.

11 Izinceku zikaAkishi zasezisithi kuye: Lo kayisuye uDavida yini inkosi yelizwe? Kabahlabelanga yini ngaye emigidweni besithi: USawuli utshayile izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida inkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi? **12** UDavida wasewafaka lamazwi enhliziyweni yakhe, wamesaba kakhulu uAkishi inkosi yeGathi. **13** Ngakho waguqula ukuziphatha kwakhe emehlwani abo, wazitshaya uhlanya ezandleni zabo, wadweba ezivalweni zamasango, wagxozisela indenda esilevini sakhe. **14** UAkishi wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Khangelani, liyabona ukuthi lumuntu uyahlanya; limletheleni kimi? **15** Ngiswele inhlanya yini ukuthi lilethe lo ukuthi ahlanye phambi kwami? Lo uzangena endlini yami yini?

22 uDavida wasesuka lapho, waphephela ebhalwini
lweAdulamu. Lapho abafowabo lendlu yonke kayise bekuzwa
lokho, behlela kuye lapho. **2** Kwasekubuthana kuye wonke
umuntu ocindezelweyo, laye wonke umuntu owayelesikwelede,
laye wonke umuntu owayebuhlungu emphefumulweni, wasesiba
yinduna phezu kwabo, kwaze kwaba laye phose abantu
abangamakhulu amane. **3** uDavida wasesuka lapho waya
eMizipa yakoMowabi, wathi enkosini yakoMowabi: Ngiyacela
ukuthi ubaba lomama baphume lani, ngize ngazi ukuthi
uNkulunkulu uzangenzelani. **4** Wasebaletha phambi kwenkosi
yakoMowabi, basebehlala layo insuku zonke uDavida
esenqabeni. **5** Umprofethi uGadi wasesithi kuDavida: Ungahlali
enqabeni; hamba wena ngena elizweni lakoJuda. uDavida
wasehamba wangena eguswini leHerethi. **6** USawuli wasesizwa
ukuthi uDavida uyaziwa labantu ababelaye. USawuli wayehlezi
eGibeya ngaphansi kwesihlahla setamarisiki eRama, elomkhonto
esandleni sakhe, lazo zonke inceku zakhe zazimi laye. **7**
USawuli wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe ezazimi laye: Ake lizwe,
bakoBhenjamini: Kambe indodana kaJese izalinika lonke
amasimu lezivini, ilibeke lonke libe zinduna zezinkulungwane
lezinduna zamakhulu, **8** ngokuthi lonke lingenzele ugobe,
njalo kakho owembule endlebeni yami ukuthi indodana yami
yenza isivumelwano lendodana kaJese; kakho loyedwa kini
ongizweleyo, lowembula endlebeni yami, ukuthi indodana
yami ingivusela inceku yami ukuthi icathame njengalamuhla?
9 Kwasekuphendula uDowegi umEdoma owayemi lenceku
zikaSawuli, wathi: Ngayibona indodana kaJese isiza eNobi
kuAhimeleki indodana kaAhitubi. **10** Wasembuzela eNkosini,
wamnika umphako, lenkemba kaGoliyathi umFilisti wamnika

yon. **11** Inkosi uSawuli yasithuma ukubiza uAhimeleki umpristi, indodana kaAhitubi, lendlu yonke kayise, abapristi ababeseNobi; bonke basebesiza enkosini. **12** USawuli wasesithi: Ake ulalele, ndodana kaAhitubi. Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, nkosi yami. **13** USawuli wasesithi kuye: Kungani lingenzela ugobe, wena lendodana kaJese, njengoba wayinika isinkwa lenkemba, wayibuzela kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi ingivukele icathame njengalamuhla? **14** UAhimeleki waseyiphendula inkosi wathi: Pho, ngubani kuzo zonke inceku zakho othembekileyo njengoDavida, ongumkhwenyana wenkosi, oqhubeka ekukulaleleni, lohloniphekayo endlini yakho? **15** Ngijaqalisa lamuhla yini ukumbuzela kuNkulunkulu? Kakube khatshana lami! Inkosi kayingabeki udaba encekwini yayo lendlini yonke kababa; ngoba inceku yakho yayingazi lutho ngaloludaba, oluncinyane kumbe olukhulu. **16** Inkosi yasisithi: Ahimeleki, uzakufa lokufa, wena lendlu yonke kayihlo. **17** Inkosi yasisithi kuzigijimi ezazimi layo: Phendukani, libulale abapristi beNkosi; ngoba isandla sabo laso siloDavida, futhi ngoba babesazi ukuthi ubalekile, kodwa kabembulanga endlebeni yami. Kodwa inceku zenkosi kazithandanga ukwelula isandla sazo ukuthi zihlasele abapristi beNkosi. **18** Inkosi yasisithi kuDowegi: Phenduka wena, uhlasele abapristi. UDowegi umEdoma wasephenduka, yena wahlasela abapristi, wabulala ngalolosuku abantu abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhanu ababegqoke i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo. **19** LeNobi, umuzi wabapristi, wayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, kusukela endoden'i kusiya kowesifazana, kusukela emntwaneni kusiya komunyayo, lezinkabi labobabhemu lezimvu, ngobukhali benkemba. **20** Kodwa omunye wamadodana kaAhimeleki indodana kaAhitubi waphepha,

obizo lakhe lalinguAbhiyatha, wabaleka walandela uDavida.

21 UAbhiyatha wasetshela uDavida ukuthi uSawuli ubulele abapristi beNkosi. **22** UDavida wasesithi kuAbhiyatha: Ngakwazi ngalolosuku lapho uDowegi umEdoma elapho ukuthi uzamtshela lokumtshela uSawuli. Yimi engibangele ukufa kwavo wonke umphefumulo wendlu kayihlo. **23** Hlala lami, ungesabi, ngoba lowo odinga umphefumulo wami udinga umphefumulo wakho; kodwa uzalondolozeka ulami.

23 Basebebika kuDavida besithi: Khangela, amaFilisti alwa emelene leKeyila, aphanga amabala okubhulela. **2** UDavida wasebuza eNkosini esithi: Ngihambe yini ngitshaye lamaFilisti? INkosi yasisithi kuDavida: Hamba uyetshaya amaFilisti, usindise iKeyila. **3** Kodwa abantu bakaDavida bathi kuye: Khangela, siyesaba khonapha koJuda; pho, kangakanani uba sisiya eKeyila emavyweni amaFilisti? **4** UDavida wasephinda futhi ukubuza eNkosini. INkosi yasimphendula yathi: Sukuma wehlele eKeyila, ngoba ngizanikela amaFilisti esandleni sakho. **5** Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe baye eKeyila, balwa lamaFilisti, baqhuba inkomo zawo, bawatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu. Ngalokho uDavida wasindisa abahlali beKeyila. **6** Kwasekusithi lapho uAbhiyatha indodana kaAhimeleki ebalekela kuDavida eKeyila, wehla ele-efodi esandleni sakhe. **7** Kwasekubikwa kuSawuli ukuthi uDavida ungenile eKeyila. USawuli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu umnikele esandleni sami, ngoba uvalelwwe ngokungena emzini olamasango lemigoqo. **8** USawuli wasebizela bonke abantu empini ukwehlela eKeyila, ukuvimbezela uDavida labantu bakhe. **9** UDavida wasesazi ukuthi uSawuli wenza iqhinga elibi ngasese ngaye, wathi kuAbhiyatha umpristi: Letha lapha i-efodi. **10** UDavida wasesithi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, inceku

yakho izwile lokuzwa ukuthi uSawuli udinga ukuza eKeyila ukuchitha umuzi ngenxa yami. **11** Abahlali beKeyila bazanginikela esandleni sakhe yini? USawuli uzakwehla yini njengokuzwa kwenceku yakho? Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, akuyitshela inceku yakho. INkosi yasisithi: Uzakwehla. **12** UDavida wasesithi: Abahlali beKeyila bazanginikela mina labantu bami esandleni sikaSawuli yini? INkosi yasisithi: Bazalinikela. **13** Wasesukuma uDavida labantu bakhe, phose abangamakhulu ayisithupha, baphuma eKeyila, baya lapho ababengaya khona. Lapho uSawuli esetshelwa ukuthi uDavida usephephile eKeyila, wayekela ukuphuma. **14** UDavida wasehlala enkangala ezingabeni, wahlala ezintabeni enkangala yeZifi. LoSawuli wayemdinga insuku zonke, kodwa uNkulunkulu kamnikelanga esandleni sakhe. **15** UDavida wasebona ukuthi uSawuli wayephumele ukudinga impilo yakhe. UDavida wayesenkangala yeZifi eguswini. **16** UJonathani, indodana kaSawuli, wasesukuma waya kuDavida eguswini, waqinisa isandla sakhe kuNkulunkulu. **17** Wathi kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba isandla sikaSawuli ubaba kasiyikukuthola, njalo uzakuba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli, mina-ke ngibe ngowesibili kuwe, loSawuli laye ubaba ukwazi kunjalo. **18** Basebesenza isivumelwano bobabili phambi kweNkosi; uDavida wasehlala eguswini, loJonathani waya endlini yakhe. **19** AbeZifi basebesenyukela kuSawuli eGibeya bathi: UDavida kacatshanga lathi yini ezingabeni eguswini, eqaqeni lweHakila engeningizimu kweJeshimoni? **20** Ngakho-ke, ngokwesifiso sonke sompheyfumulo wakho sokwehla, nkosi, yehla; njalo kungokwethu ukumnikela esandleni senkosi. **21** USawuli wasesithi: Libusisiwe yiNkosi ngoba liyangizwela. **22** Ake lihambe, libe lilungisa, lazi libone indawo yakhe lapho unyawo lwakhe lukhona, ngubani

ombone lapho, ngoba ngitshehiwe ukuthi wenza ngobuqili isibili.

23 Bonani-ke, lizazi zonke indawo zokucatsha lapho acatsha khona, libuye kimi lileqiniso, ngizahamba-ke lani; kuzakuthi-ke nxa ekhona elizweni, ngizamdinga phakathi kwazo zonke inkulungwane zakoJuda. **24** Basebesukuma bay aZifi phambi kukaSawuli; kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe babesenkangala yeMahoni, emagcekeni, ngeningizimu kweJeshimoni. **25** USawuli labantu bakhe basebesiyamdinga. Basebemtshela uDavida, wasesehla edwaleni, wahlala enkangala yeMahoni. Kwathi uSawuli esekuzwile, waxotshana loDavida enkangala yeMahoni.

26 USawuli wasehamba nganeno kuloluhlangothi lwentaba, loDavida labantu bakhe bahamba ngakolunye uhlangothi lwentaba. Kwasekusithi uDavida waphangisa ukusuka ebusweni bukaSawuli, ngoba uSawuli labantu bakhe bahanqa uDavida labantu bakhe ukubabamba. **27** Kodwa kwafika isithunuya kuSawuli sisithi: Phangisa ubuye, ngoba amaFilisti asehlasele ilizwe. **28** Ngakho uSawuli waphenduka ekuxotshaneni loDavida, wayamelana lamaFilisti. Ngakho bayibiza leyondawo bathi yiSela-Hamalekoti. **29** UDavida wasesenyuka esuka lapho, wahlala ezinqabeni zeEngedi.

24 Kwasekusithi uSawuli esebuyile ekulandeleni amaFilisti, bambikela besithi: Khangela, uDavida usenkangala yeEngedi.

2 USawuli wasethatha amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezintathu akhethiweyo kulsrayeli wonke, wayadinga uDavida labantu bakhe phezu kwamadwala amagoggo. **3** Wasefika ezibayeni zezimvu endleleni, lapho okwakulobhalu khona; uSawuli wasengena ukwembesa inyawo zakhe; uDavida labantu bakhe babelezi-ke enhlangothini zobhalu. **4** Abantu bakaDavida basebesithi kuye: Khangela, usuku iNkosi ethi ngalo kuwe:

Khangela, ngizanikela isitha sakho esandleni sakho, ukuthi wenze kuso njengokuhle emehlwani akho. UDavida wasesukuma, wasika ensitha umphetho wesembatho uSawuli ayelaso. 5 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho inhliziyo kaDavida yamtshaya, ngenxa yokuthi wayesike umphetho wesembatho uSawuli ayelaso. 6 Wasesithi ebantwini bakhe: Kakube khatshana lami ngeNkosi ukuthi ngenze linto enkosini yami, ogcotshiweyo weNkosi, ukwelulela isandla sami kuye, ngoba engogcotshiweyo weNkosi. 7 UDavida wabanqanda abantu bakhe ngalawomazwi, kabavumelanga ukuthi bamvukele uSawuli. USawuli wasesukuma waphuma ebhalwini, wahamba endleleni. 8 Emva kwalokho uDavida laye wasukuma waphuma ebhalwini, wamemeza emva kukaSawuli esithi: Nkosi yami nkosi! Lapho uSawuli enyemukula, uDavida wakhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhonza. 9 UDavida wasesithi kuSawuli: Ulalelani amazwi abantu besithi: Khangela, uDavida udinga ukulinyazwa kwakho? 10 Khangela, lamuhla amehlo akho abonile ukuthi iNkosi ibikunikele lamuhla esandleni sami ebhalwini; njalo besithi kangikubulale, kodwa ngakuhawukela, ngathi: Kangiyikwelulela isandla sami enkosini yami, ngoba ingogcotshiweyo weNkosi. 11 Futhi-ke, baba, bona, yebo bona umphetho wesembatho sakho esandleni sami; ngoba ekusikeni kwami umphetho wesembatho sakho, lokuthi kangikubulalanga, yazi ubone ukuthi kakukho ububi lesiphambeko esandleni sami, njalo kangonanga kuwe, kanti wena uzingela umphefumulo wami ukuwuthatha. 12 INkosi kayahlulele phakathi kwami lawe, njalo iNkosi ingiphindiselele kuwe, kodwa isandla sami kasiyikumelana lawe. 13 Njengokutsho kwesaga sabendulo esithi: Kwababi kuvela okubi; kodwa isandla sami kasiyikumelana lawe. 14 Inkosi yakolsrayeli iphume

ukulandela bani? Uxotshana lobani? Emva kwenja efileyo, emva kwendwebundwebu eyodwa! **15** Ngakho iNkosi kayibe ngumahluleli, yahlulele phakathi kwami lawe, ibone, ilumele udaba lwami, ingikhulule esandleni sakho. **16** Kwasekusithi uDavida eseqedile ukukhuluma lamazwi kuSawuli, uSawuli wathi: Yilizwi lakho lelo yini, ndodana yami, Davida? USawuli wasephakamisa ilizwi lakhe, wakhala inyembezi. **17** Wasesithi kuDavida: Ulungile kulami, ngoba wena ungiyuze ngokuhle, kodwa mina ngikuvuze ngokubi. **18** Wena-ke utshengisile lamuhla ukuthi wenze okuhle ngami, ngoba lapho iNkosi ibinginikele esandleni sakho, kawungibulalanga. **19** Ngoba nxa umuntu efica isitha sakhe, uzasiyekela sihambe ngendlela enhle yini? Ngakho iNkosi ikuvuze ngokuhle ngokwenze kimi lamuhla. **20** Manje-ke, khangela, ngiyazi ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi isibili, lokuthi umbuso wakolsrayeli uzaqjiniswa esandleni sakho. **21** Ngakho khathesi funga kimi ngeNkosi ukuthi kawuyikuyiquma inzalo yami emva kwami, lokuthi kawuyikulicitsha ibizo lami endlini kababa. **22** UDavida wasefunga kuSawuli, loSawuli waya endlini yakhe, kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe benyukela enqabeni.

25 USamuweli wasesifa; lolsrayeli wonke wahlangana, bamlilela, bamngcwabela endlini yakhe eRama. UDavida wasesukuma wehlela enkangala yeParani. **2** Kwakukhona-ke indoda eMahoni, lomsebenzi wayo wawuseKharmeli; lindoda-ke yayiyisikhulu esikhulu, yayilezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu lembuzi eziyinkulungwane, yayigunda izimvu zayo eKharmeli. **3** Njalo ibizo laleyondoda lalinguNabali, lebizo lomkayo lalinguAbigayili. Njalo owesifazana wayelokuqedisisa okuhle, elesimo esihle, kodwa indoda yayilukhuni ilezenzo ezimbi; yayingeyakoKalebi. **4** UDavida wasesizwa esenkangala

ukuthi uNabali ugunda izimvu zakhe. **5** UDavida wasethuma amajaha alitshumi, uDavida wathi emajaheni: Yenyukelani eKharmeli, liye kuNabali, limbuze impilo ebizweni lami, **6** lizakutsho njalo: Impilakahle kayibe kuwe, ukuthula kakube kuwe, lokuthula kakube sendlini yakho, lokuthula kakube kukho konke olakho! **7** Sengizwile-ke ukuthi ulabagundi; abelusi olabo-ke babelathi, kasibalimazanga, futhi kabaswelanga lutho zonke izinsuku beseKharmeli. **8** Buza amajaha akho, azakutshela. Ngakho amajaha kawathole umusa emehlwani akho, ngoba sifike ngosuku oluhle. Akunike inceku zakho lendodana yakho uDavida lokho isandla sakho esizakuthola. **9** Kwathi amajaha kaDavida esefikile, akhulumu kuNabali ngokwalawomazwi wonke ebizweni likaDavida, aselinda. **10** UNabali waseziphendula izinceku zikaDavida, wathi: Ngubani uDavida? Njalo ngubani indodana kaJese? Lamuhla zinengi inceku ezibalekayo, ileyo laleyo enkosini yayo. **11** Pho, ngithathe isinkwa sami, lamanzi ami, lenyama yami engiyihlabele abagundi bami, ngikuphe abantu engingazi ukuthi bavela ngaphi? **12** Amajaha kaDavida asephendukela endleleni yawo, abuyela, eza, ambikela njengawo wonke lamazwi. **13** UDavida wasesithi ebantwini bakhe: Bhincani, ngulowo lalowo inkemba yakhe! Babhinca, ngulowo lalowo inkemba yakhe, loDavida laye wabhinca inkemba yakhe; kwasekusenyuka emva kukaDavida phose amadoda angamakhulu amane, kodwa angamakhulu amabili ahlala empahleni. **14** Kodwa elinye ijaha lamajaha lamtshela uAbigayili umkaNabali lathi: Khangela, uDavida uthume izithunywa zivela enkangala ukubingelela inkosi yethu, kodwa yazithethisa. **15** Kanti labobantu basiphatha kuhle kakhulu, kasilimalanga, kasiswelanga lutho zonke izinsuku sihambisana

labo, sisemangweni. **16** Babengumduli kithi ebusuku kanye lemini, zonke izinsuku silabo seluse izimvu. **17** Khathesi-ke, yazi ubone ukuthi uzakwenzani; ngoba ububi buqunyelwe inkosi yethu lendlu yayo yonke; ngoba uyindodana kaBheliyali okungangokuthi kakho ongakhuluma laye. **18** UAbigayili wasephangisa wathatha izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, lembodlela ezimbili zewayini, lezimu ezinhlanu ezilungisiweyo, lamaseya amane amabele akhanzingiwego, lamahlukozo alikhulu ezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo, lezinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili zomkhiwa, wakuthwalisa obabhemi. **19** Wasesithi emajaheni akhe: Dlulani phambi kwami; khangelani, ngiyalilandela. Kodwa kamtshelanga umkakhe uNabali. **20** Kwasekusithi esagade ubabhemi esehlela endaweni esithekileyo yentaba, khangelake, uDavid a labantu bakhe behla behlangabezana laye; wasehlangana labo. **21** Njalo uDavid wayethe: Isibili ngigcine ngeze konke lo ayelakho enkangala, kakwaze kwasweleka lutho kukho konke ayelakho. Usengibuyisele okubi ngokuhle. **22** UNkulunkulu akenze njalo ezitheni zikaDavid, engezelele ngokunjalo, uba ngitshiya loyedwa kubo bonke alabo kuze kube sekuseni abachamela emdulini. **23** Lapho uAbigayili ebona uDavid, waphangisa wehla kubabhemi, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi phambi kukaDavid, wakhothamela emhlabathini. **24** Wawela enyaweni zakhe wathi: Lobububi kabube phezu kwami mina, nkosi yami; incekukazi yakho ake ikhulume endlebeni zakho, uzwe amazwi encekukazi yakho. **25** Inkosi yami ake inganaki lowomuntu kaBheliyali, uNabali; ngoba njengebizo lakhe unjalo; uNabali libizo lakhe, lobuthutha bukuye. Kodwa mina, incekukazi yakho, kangiwananga amajaha enkosi yami owawathumayo. **26** Ngakho-ke, nkosi yami, kuphila kukaJehova,

lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, njengoba iNkosi ikunqandile ukungena ngokuchitha igazi, lokuziphindisela ngesandla sakho, ngalokho-ke kazibe njengoNabali izitha zakho lalabo abadinga ububi enkosini yami. **27** Manje-ke, lesisibusiso incekukazi yakho esilethe enkosini yami kasinikwe amajaha ahamba esiya le lale emanyathelweni enkosi yami. **28** Akuthethelele isiphambeko sencekukazi yakho; ngoba iNkosi izakwenzela lokwenzela inkosi yami indlu eqinileyo, ngoba inkosi yami ilwa izimpi zeNkosi, lobubi kabutholwanga kuwe kusukela ensukwini zakho. **29** Loba kusukuma umuntu ukukuxotsha lokudinga impilo yakho, kodwa umphefumulo wenkosi yami uzabotshelwa emqulwini wabaphilayo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; kodwa umphefumulo wezitha zakho izawujikijela kungathi uphume phakathi kwesavutha. **30** Kwasekusithi, lapho iNkosi isikwenzile enkosini yami njengakho konke okuhle ekukhulume ngawe, isikumisile waba ngumbusi phezu kukalsrayeli, **31** kakungabi yisikhubelekuwe lokukhubekiswa kwenhliziyo enkosini yami, ngokuthi uchithe igazi ngeze, lokuthi inkosi yami iziphindisele. Lapho iNkosi isiyenzele okuhle inkosi yami, khumbula incekukazi yakho. **32** UDavida wasesithi kuAbigayili: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ekuthumileyo lamuhla ukungihlangabeza. **33** Futhi kakubasiswe ukuqedisa kwakho, ubasiswe lawe ongingandileyo lamuhla ukuze ngingangeni ekuchitheni igazi lokuziphindisela ngesandla sami. **34** Ngoba ngeqiniso, kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ongingandileyo ukuze ngingenzi ububi kuwe, ngoba uba ubungaphangisanga weza ukungihlangabeza, sibili, bekungayikusala loyedwa kuNabali kuze kube sekukhanyeni kwekuseni ochamela emdulini. **35** UDavida wasesemukela esandleni sakhe lokho amlethele

khona. Wasesithi kuye: Yenyukela ngokuthula endlini yakho; bona, ngililalele ilizwi lakho, ngibemukele ubuso bakho. **36**
UAbigayili wasefika kuNabali, khangela-ke, wayeledili endlini yakhe, njengedili lenkosi. Lenhlizyo kaNabali yathokoza phakathi kwakhe, njalo wayedakwe kwedlulisa; ngakho kamtshelanga lutho, oluncinyane loba olukhulu, kwaze kwaba sekukhanyeni kwekuseni. **37** Kwasekusithi ekuseni lapho iwayini seliphumile kuNabali, lomkakhe esemtshelle lezizinto, inhlizyo yakhe yafa phakathi kwakhe, wasesiba njengelitshe. **38** Kwasekusithi phose emva kwensuku ezilitshumi iNkosi yamtshaya uNabali, wasesifa. **39** UDavida esezwile ukuthi uNabali usefile wathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi emele udaba Iwehlazo lami esandleni sikaNabali, yavimbela inceku yayo ebubini; iNkosi yabuyisela-ke ububi bukaNabali ekhanda lakhe. UDavida wasethuma, wakhulumo loAbigayili ukuthi amthathe abe ngumkakhe. **40** Lapho izinceku zikaDavida zifika kuAbigayili eKharmeli, zakhulumo laye zisithi: UDavida usithumile kuwe ukukuthatha ube ngumkakhe. **41** Wasesukuma, wakhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, wathi: Khangela, incekukazi yakho kayibe yisiggili sokugezisa inyawo zenceku zenkosi yami. **42** UAbigayili wasephangisa esukuma, wagada ubabhemi, lentombi zakhe ezinhlanu ezazimphelekezela, walandela izithunywa zikaDavida, waba ngumkakhe. **43** UDavida wathatha loAhinowama weJizereyeli, labo bobabili baba ngomkakhe. **44** Ngoba uSawuli wayenike uMikhali indodakazi yakhe, umkaDavida, kuPaliti indodana kaLayishi owayengoweGalimi.

26 AbeZifi basebesiza kuSawuli eGibeya besithi: UDavida kacatshi yini oqaqeni IweHakila phambi kweJeshimoni? **2**
USawuli wasesukuma wehlela enkangala yeZifi elabantu

abakhethiweyo bakolsrayeli abayizinkulungwane ezintathu,
ukuze adinge uDavida enkangala yeZifi. **3** USawuli wasemisa
inkamba oqaqeni IweHakila oluphambi kweJeshimoni endleleni,
kodwa uDavida wahlala enkangala. Kwathi esebonile ukuthi
uSawuli uyamlandela enkangala, **4** uDavida wasethuma
izinhlolli ukuze azi ukuthi uSawuli ufikile isibili. **5** UDavid
wasesukuma wayafika endaweni lapho uSawuli amise khona
inkamba; uDavida wayibona indawo lapho uSawuli alala khona,
loAbhineri indodana kaNeri, induna yebutho lakhe. Njalo uSawuli
wayelele enqabeni yezinqola, lesizwe sasimise amathente
simhanqile. **6** UDavid wasephendula wakhuluma kuAhimeleki
umHethi, lakuAbishayi indodana kaZeruya, umfowabo kaJowabi,
esithi: Ngubani ozakwehlela lami kuSawuli enkambeni?
UAbishayi wasesithi: Mina ngizakwehla lawe. **7** Ngakho
uDavida loAbishayi bafika ebantwini ebusuku; khangela-ke,
uSawuli wayelele ubuthongo enqabeni yezinqola, lomkhonto
wakhe wawugxunyekiwe emhlabathini ngasekhanda lakhe,
loAbhineri labantu babelele bemhanqile. **8** UAbishayi wasesithi
kuDavid: UNkulunkulu uvalele isitha sakho esandleni sakho
lamuhla; ngakho-ke ake ngimtshayele ngitsho emhlabathini
kanye ngomkhonto, ngingakuphindi kuye. **9** Kodwa uDavida
wathi kuAbishayi: Ungamchithi; ngoba ngubani ongelulela
isandla sakhe kogcotshiweyo weNkosi angabi lacala? **10**
UDavida wathi futhi: Kuphila kukaJehova, kodwa iNkosi
izamtshaya, loba kufike usuku lwakhe ukuthi afe, kumbe
ehlele empini abhujiswe. **11** Kakube khatshana lami ngeNkosi
ukwelulela isandla sami kogcotshiweyo weNkosi; kodwa khathesi
ake uthathe umkhonto osemqamelweni wakhe, lesigxingi
samanzi, sihambe. **12** UDavid wasethatha umkhonto lesigxingi

samanzi ekususa emqamelweni kaSawuli, bahamba. Njalo kakho owakubonayo, kakho owakwaziyo, kakho owavukayo, ngoba bonke babelele, ngoba ubuthongo obunzima beNkosi babubehlele. **13** Lapho uDavida esechaphelle ngaphetsheya, wema engqongeni yentaba khatshana; kwakukhona ummango omkhulu phakathi kwabo. **14** UDavida wasememeza ebantwini lakuAbhineri indodana kaNeri, esithi: Kawuphenduli yini, Abhineri? UAbhineri wasephendula esithi: Ungubani okhala enkosini? **15** UDavida wasesithi kuAbhineri: Kawusindoda yini? Njalo ngubani onjengawe kolsrayeli? Kungani-ke ungayilindanga inkosi yakho inkosi? Ngoba kufike omunye wabantu ukuchitha inkosi, inkosi yakho. **16** Kayinhle into oyenzileyo. Kuphila kukaJehova, lingabantwana bokufa, ngoba kaliyilindanga inkosi yenu, ogcotshiwego weNkosi. Khathesi-ke bona ukuthi ungaphi umkhonto wenkosi lesigxingi samanzi ebasingasemqamelweni wayo. **17** USawuli waselinanzelela ilizwi likaDavida wathi: Yilizwi lakho lelo yini, ndodana yami, Davida? UDavida wasesithi: Yilizwi lami, nkosi yami, nkosi. **18** Wathi njalo: Inkosi yami ixotshanelani lenceku yayo? Ngoba ngenzeni? Kulobubi bani esandleni sami? **19** Ngakho-ke, ake izwe inkosi yami, inkosi, amazwi enceku yayo. Uba iNkosi ikuqubula ukumelana lami, kayemukele umnikelo; kodwa uba kungabantwana babantu, kabaqalekiswe phambi kweNkosi; ngoba bangixotshile lamuhla ukuthi ngingazihlanganisi lelifa leNkosi, besithi: Hamba, ukhonze abanye onkulunkulu. **20** Ngakho-ke igazi lami kalingaweli emhlabathini lisuke phambi kobuso beNkosi; ngoba inkosi yakolsrayeli iphumele ukudinga indwebundwebu eyodwa, njengozingela ithendele ezintabeni. **21** USawuli wasesithi: Ngonile; buya, ndodana yami Davida, ngoba kangisayikwenza

ububi kuwe, ngenxa yokuthi umphefumulo wami ubuligugu emehlweni akho lamuhla. Khangela, ngenze ngobuphukuphuku, ngaduha kakhulu sibili. **22** UDavida wasephendula wathi: Khangela, umkhonto wenkosi! Kalichaphe elinye lamajaha, liwuthathe. **23** INkosi kayibuyisele kulowo lalowo ukulunga kwakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe; ngoba iNkosi ibikunikele esandleni sami lamuhla, kodwa kangithandanga ukwelulela isandla sami kogcotshiwego weNkosi. **24** Khangela-ke, njengoba impilo yakho ibinkulu emehlweni ami lamuhla, ngokunjalo impilo yami ayibe nkulu emehlweni eNkosi, kayingophule ekuhluphekeni konke. **25** USawuli wasesithi kuDavida: Kawubusiswe wena, ndodana yami Davida. Lawe uzakwenza isibili, lawe uzanqoba lokunqoba. UDavida wasehamba ngendlela yakhe, loSawuli wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

27 UDavida wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Sengizabhubha ngolunye usuku ngesandla sikaSawuli. Kakulalutho olungcono kimi ngaphandle kokuphepha lokuphepha ngiye elizweni lamaFilisti, loSawuli uzadela ngami ukungidinga futhi kuwo wonke umngcele wakolsrayeli; ngokunjalo ngiphephe esandleni sakhe. **2** Wasesukuma uDavida wachapha, yena labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ayelabo, waya kuAkishi indodana kaMahoki, inkosi yeGathi. **3** UDavida wasehlala loAkishi eGathi, yena labantu bakhe, ngulowo lalowo lendlu yakhe; uDavida labomkakhe bobabili, uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi loAbigayili umKharmelikazi umkaNabali. **4** Kwathi kubikwa kuSawuli ukuthi uDavida ubalekele eGathi, kabe esamdinga futhi. **5** UDavida wasesithi kuAkishi: Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, kabangiphe indawo komunye wemizi emaphandleni ukuthi ngihlale khona; ngoba inceku yakho

izahlalelani lawe emzini wenkosi? **6** UAkishi wasemnika iZikilagi ngalolosuku. Ngakho iZikilagi ingeyamakhosi akoJuda kuze kube lamuhla. **7** Lenani lensuku uDavida azihlala elizweni lamaFilisti lalingumnyaka lenyanga ezine. **8** UDavida labantu bakhe basebesenyuka bahlasela amaGeshuri lamaGirizi, lamaAmaleki, ngoba lawo ayengabahlali balelolizwe kwasendulo, lapho usiya eShuri, njalo kuze kube selizweni leGibhithe. **9** UDavida waselitshaya ilizwe, kazatshiya ophilayo, owesilisa lowesifazana, wathatha izimvu lenkomo labobabhemu lamakamela leziggoko, wabuyela wafika kuAkishi. **10** Lapho uAkishi esithi: Belihlasela ngaphi lamuhla? UDavida wayesithi: Ngaseningizimu yakoJuda, langaseningizimu yamaJerameli, langaseningizimu yamaKeni. **11** UDavida katshiyanga owesilisa kumbe owesifazana ophilayo, ukuletha ilizwi eGathi, esithi: Hlezi bakhulume ngathi, besithi: Wenze njalo uDavida. Wawunjalo-ke umkhuba wakhe zonke izinsuku azihlala elizweni lamaFilisti. **12** UAkishi wasemkholwa uDavida esithi: Uzenze waba levumba kakhulu ebantwini bakibo kolsrayeli. Ngakho uzakuba yinceku yami kuze kube nininini.

28 Kwasekusithi ngalezonuku amaFilisti abuthanisela impi amabutho awo ukuze alwe lolrayeli. UAkishi wasesithi kuDavida: Yazi lokwazi ukuthi uzaphuma impi lami, wena labantu bakho. **2** UDavida wasesithi kuAkishi: Sibili, wena uzakwazi ukuthi inceku yakho ingenzani. UAkishi wasesithi kuDavida: Ngakho, ngizakubeka ube ngumlindi wekhanda lami zonke izinsuku. **3** USamuwel iwayesefile, lolrayeli wonke wayemlilele, bamngcwabela eRama, ngitsho emzini wakibo. USawuli wayebasusile-ke elizweni abalamadlozi labalumbayo. **4** AmaFilisti asebuthana afika amisa inkamba eShunemi. USawuli wasebuthanisa ulsrayeli wonke, bamisa inkamba

eGilibowa. **5** Lapho uSawuli ebona inkamba yamaFilisti, wesaba, lenhlizyo yakhe yathuthumela kakhulu. **6** Lapho uSawuli ebuza eNkosini, iNkosi kayimphendulanga langamaphupho langeUrimi langabaprofethi. **7** USawuli wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Ngidingelani owesifazana oledlozi ukuze ngiye kuye, ngibuze kuye. Inceku zakhe zasezisithi kuye: Khangela, kulowesifazana oledlozi eEndori. **8** USawuli wasezifihla isimo, wagqoka ezinye izigqoko, wahamba, yena lamadoda amabili laye; basebefika kowesifazana ebusuku. Wathi: Akungivumisele ngedlozi, ungenyusele engizamutsho kuwe. **9** Kodwa owesifazana wathi kuye: Khangela, wena uyazi ukuthi uSawuli wenzeni, ukuthi ubaqumile elizweni abalamadlozi labalumbayo. Pho, uwuthiyelani umphefumulo wami ukungibulala? **10** Kodwa uSawuli wafunga kuye ngeNkosi, esithi: Kuphila kukaJehova, isijeziso kasiyikuza kuwe ngaloludaba. **11** Owesifazana wasesithi: Ngikwenyusele bani? Wasesithi: Ngenyusela uSamuweli. **12** Lapho owesifazana ebona uSamuweli, wakhala ngelizwi elikhulu; owesifazana wasekhulumu kuSawuli esithi: Ungikhohliseleni? Ngoba unguSawuli. **13** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Un gesabi; kodwa ubonani? Owesifazana wasesithi kuSawuli: Ngibona onkulunkulu besenyuka emhlabathini. **14** Wasesithi kuye: Sinjani isimo sakhe? Wasesithi: Kwenyuka ixhegu elembethe isembatho. Lapho uSawuli esesazi ukuthi nguSamuweli, wakhotthama ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhonza. **15** USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Ungikhathazeleni ngokungenyusa? USawuli wasephendula wathi: Ngibandezelekile kakhulu, ngoba amaFilisti alwa lami, loNkulunkulu usukile kimi, kasangiphenduli, langesandla sabaprofethi langamaphupho. Ngakho ngikubizile ukuthi ungazise ukuthi ngenzeni. **16** USamuweli wasesithi: Pho, ubuzelani

kimi, lokhu iNkosi isisukile kuwe, yaba yisitha sakho? **17**
INkosi isizenzele njengokukhuluma kwayo ngesandla sami;
iNkosi isidabule umbuso usuka esandleni sakho, yawunika
umakhelwane wakho, uDavida. **18** Njengoba ungalilalelanga ilizwi
leNkosi, futhi ungenzanga ukuvutha kolaka lwayo kumaAmaleki,
ngakho iNkosi yenzile linto kuwe lamuhla. **19** Futhi iNkosi
izanikela ulsrayeli laye kanye lawe esandleni samaFilisti; kusasa-
ke wena lamadodana akho lizakuba lami. Lenkamba yakolsrayeli
iNkosi izayinikela esandleni samaFilisti. **20** USawuli wasehle
edilikela emhlabathini, ngokuphelela kobude bakhe, wesaba
kakhulu ngenxa yamazwi kaSamuweli, njalo kwakungelamandla
kuye, ngoba wayengadlanya kudla usuku lonke lobusuku bonke.
21 Owesifazana wasesiza kuSawuli, wabona ukuthi wethukile
kakhulu, wathi kuye: Khangela, incekukazi yakho ililalele ilizwi
lakho, ngifikile umphemfumulo wami esandleni sami, ngalalela
amazwi owakhulume kimi. **22** Ngakho-ke lawe akulalele ilizwi
lencekukazi yakho, ngifake phambi kwakho ucezwana lwasinkwa
ukuze udle, ukuze amandla abe kuwe nxu uhamba indlela yakho.
23 Kodwa wala wathi: Kangiyikudla. Kodwa inceku zakhe kanye
lowesifazana bamcindezela; waselalela ilizwi labo. Wasesukuma
emhlabathini, wahlala embhedeni. **24** Njalo owesifazana
wayelethole elinonileyo endlini; waphangisa walihlaba; wathatha
impuphu, wayixova, wabhaka isinkwa esingelamvubelo ngayo;
25 wasisondeza phambi kukaSawuli laphambi kwenceku zakhe;
badla. Basukuma bahamba ngalobobusuku.

29 AmaFilisti ayebuthanise-ke wonke amabutho awo eAfeki;
lamalsrayeli ayemise inkamba ngasemthonjeni oseJizereyeli.
2 Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zasezidlula ngamakhulu
langezinkulungwane, kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe bedlula

emuva loAkishi. **3** Induna zamaFilisti zasezisithi: Ayini lamaHebheru? UAkishi wasesithi kuzo induna zamaFilisti: Lo kayisuye uDavida yini, inceku kaSawuli inkosi yakolsrayeli, obelami lezinsuku kumbe liminyaka? Njalo kangitholanga lutho kuye kusukela kusuku lokuwa kwakhe kuze kube lamuhla. **4** Kodwa induna zamaFilisti zamthukuthelela; izinduna zamaFilisti zathi kuye: Mbuyisele lumuntu ukuthi abuyele endaweni yakhe owambeka khona. Njalo kangehleli empini lathi, ukuze angabi yisitha sethu empini. Ngoba lo angazenza athandeke ngani enkosini yakhe? Hatshi ngamakhanda alamadoda yini? **5** Lo kayisuye uDavida yini ababevumelana ngaye emigidweni besithi: USawuli utshaye izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida inkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi? **6** UAkishi wasebiza uDavida wathi kuye: Kuphila kukaJehova, isibili wena uqondile, lokuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho lami enkambeni kuhle emehlwani ami; ngoba kangitholanga ububi kuwe kusukela osukwini lokufika kwakho kimi kuze kube lamuhla; kodwa emehlwani eziphathamandla kawumuhle. **7** Ngakho-ke buyela uhambe ngokuthula, ukuze ungenzi ububi emehlwani eziphathamandla zamaFilisti. **8** UDavida wasesithi kuAkishi: Kodwa ngenzeni? Uficieni encekwini yakho, kusukela osukwini engangiphambi kwakho ngalo kuze kube lamuhla, ukuthi ngingayikulwa lezitha zenkosi yami, inkosi? **9** UAkishi wasephendula wathi kuDavida: Ngiyazi ukuthi ulungile emehlwani ami njengengilosи kaNkulunkulu; kodwa izinduna zamaFilisti zithe: Kayikwenyukela empini lathi. **10** Ngakho-ke ubovuka ekuseni kakhulu kanye lenceku zenkosi yakho ezifike lawe; selivuke ekuseni kakhulu sekukhanya kini, lihambe. **11** Ngakho uDavida wavuka ngovivi, yena labantu bakhe, ukuhamba ekuseni,

ukuthi babuyele elizweni lamaFilisti. AmaFilisti asesenyukela ejizereyeli.

30 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lvesithathu, lapho uDavida labantu bakhe befika eZikilagi, amaAmaleki ayehlasele iningizimu, leZikilagi, ayitshaya iZikilagi, ayitshisa ngomlilo, **2** athumba abesifazana ababephakathi kwayo; kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu kawabulalanga muntu, kodwa abaqhuba, ahamba ngendlela yawo. **3** Lapho uDavida labantu bakhe befika emzini, khangela, wawutshisiwe ngomlilo, labomkabo, lamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo sebethunjiwe. **4** UDavida labantu ababelaye basebephakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi akaze aba khona kubo amandla okukhala. **5** OmkaDavida bobabili labo babethunjiwe, uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi loAbigayili umkaNabali weKharmeli. **6** UDavida wasecindezeleka kakhulu, ngoba abantu babekhuluma ngokumkhanda ngamatshe, ngoba umphefumulo wabantu bonke wawubuhlungu, ngulowo lalowo ngenxa yamadodana langenxa yamadodakazi akhe. Kodwa uDavida waziqinisa ngeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. **7** UDavida wasesithi kuAbhiyatha umpristi indodana kaAhimeleki: Akungilethele lapha i-efodi. UAbhiyatha waseyiletha i-efodi kuDavida. **8** UDavida wasebuza eNkosini esithi: Ngixotshane laleliviyo yini? Ngizalifica yini? Yasisithi kuye: Xotshana lalo, ngoba uzalifica lokulifica, ubakhulule lokubakhulula. **9** Ngakho uDavida wahamba, yena labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ababelaye, bafika esifuleni iBesori lapho abasalayo bahlala khona. **10** Kodwa uDavida waxotshana labo, yena labantu abangamakhulu amane; ngoba abangamakhulu amabili basala, ababekhathele kakhulu ukuthi babengelakuchapha isifula iBesori. **11** Basebefica umGibhithe emmangweni,

bamletha kuDavida, bamnika ukudla, wadla, bamnathisa amanzi; **12** bamnika ucezu lwesinkwa somkhiwa lamahlukuzo amabili ezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo. Kwathi esedlile umoya wabuyela kuye, ngoba wayengadlanga kudla, enganathanga manzi, insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu. **13** UDavida wasesithi kuye: Ungokabani? Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi: Ngilijaha leGibhithe, inceku yomAmaleki, lenkosi yami ingitshiyile ngoba bengigula okwensuku ezintathu. **14** Thina besihlasela iningizimu yamaKerethi, lakwelakoJuda, leningizimu yakoKalebi, leZikilagi sayitshisa ngomlilo. **15** UDavida wasesithi kulo: Ungangehlisela kuleloviyo yini? Laselisithi: Funga kimi ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungibulala, njalo kawuyikunginikela esandleni senkosi yami, besengikwehlisela kuleloviyo. **16** Selimehlisile, khangela, babehlakazekile ebusweni bomhlaba wonke, besidla, benatha, begidela impango enkulu ababeyithethe elizweni lamaFilisti lelizweni lakoJuda. **17** UDavida wasebatshaya kusukela libantubahle kwaze kwaba kusihlwa kosuku olulandelayo lwabo. Njalo kakuphunyukanga muntu kubo, ngaphandle kwamajaha angamakhulu amane, agada amakamela, abaleka. **18** UDavida wasekhulula konke amaAmaleki ayekuthethe, labomkakhe bobabili uDavida wabakhulula. **19** Njalo kakusilelanga lutho kubo kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu, kuze kube semadodaneni lemadodakazini, lempangweni, ngitsho lakuphi ababezithathele khona; uDavida wakubuyisa konke. **20** UDavida wasethatha zonke izimvu lenkomo. Baziqhuba phambi kwenkomo lezo, bathi: Le yimpango kaDavida. **21** UDavida wasefika kulababantu abangamakhulu amabili ababekhathele kakhulu ukuthi babengelakulandela uDavida, abathi kabahlale esifuleni seBesori; basebephuma ukumhlangabeza uDavida

lokuhlangabeza abantu ababelaye. Lapho uDavida esondela kubantu, wababuza impilakahle. **22** Basebephendula bonke abantu ababi labakaBheliyali phakathi kwabantu ababehambe loDavida bathi: Njengoba bengahambanga lathi, kasiyikubanika empangweni esiyikhululileyo, ngaphandle kwakuleyo laleyondoda umkayo labantwana bayo, ukuthi babakhokhele bahambe. **23** Kodwa uDavida wathi: Kaliyikwenza njalo, bafowethu, ngalokho iNkosi esiphe khona, esilondolozileyo, yanikela esandleni sethu iviyo eleza lamelana lathi. **24** Pho, ngubani ozalilalela kuloludaba? Ngoba njengesabelo salowo owehlala empini sinjalo isabelo salowo ohlala lempahla; bazakwabelana ngokulinganayo. **25** Kwasekusiba njalo kusukela mhlalokho kusiya phambili, ukuthi wakwenza kwaba yisimiso lesimiselo kolsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla. **26** UDavida esefikile eZikilagi, wathumela okwempango kubadala bakoJuda, kubo abangane bakhe, esithi: Khangela, isibusiso senu esivela empangweni yezitha zeNkosi. **27** KwabeseBhetheli, lakwabaseRamothi yeningizimu, lakwabaseJatiri, **28** lakwabaseAroweri, lakwabaseSifimothi, lakwabaseEshithemowa, **29** lakwabaseRakali, lakwabasemizini yamaJerameli, lakwabasemizini yamaKeni, **30** lakwabaseHorma, lakwabaseBorashani, lakwabaseAthaki, **31** lakwabaseHebron, lendaweni zonke lapho uDavida ahamba khona besiya le lale, yena labantu bakhe.

31 AmaFilisti alwa-ke lolsrayeli; lamadoda akolsrayeli abaleka phambi kwamaFilisti, awa efile entabenyeGilibowa. **2** AmaFilisti asenamathele kuSawuli lamadodana akhe; amaFilisti abulala uJonathan, loAbinadaba, loMaliki-Shuwa, amadodana kaSawuli. **3** Lempi yaba nzima kuSawuli, abatshoki bamfica, amadoda edandili; wasesiba lobuhlungu kakhulu ngabatshoki. **4** USawuli

wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe: Hwatsha inkemba yakho, unggigwaze ngayo, hlezi laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze, badlale kubi ngami. Kodwa umthwali wezikhali zakhe kavumanga, ngoba wesaba kakhulu. Ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba, waziwisela phezu kwayo. **5** Lapho umthwali wezikhali zakhe ebona ukuthi uSawuli usefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe, wafa kanye laye. **6** Wafa-ke uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu lomthwali wezikhali zakhe labo bonke abantu bakhe ngalolosuku ndawonye. **7** Lapho amadoda akolsrayeli ayengaphetsheya kwesigodi layengaphetsheya kweJordani ebona ukuthi amadoda akolsrayeli abalekile, lokuthi uSawuli lamadodana akhe sebefile, atshiya imizi, abaleka; amaFilisti asefika, ahlala kiyo. **8** Kwasekusithi kusisa lapho amaFilisti efika ukuhlubula ababuleweyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu bewile entabenye yeGilibowa. **9** Asequma ikhanda lakhe, ahlubula izikhali zakhe, athumela elizweni lamaFilisti inhlangothi zonke ukumemezela imibiko endlini yezithombe zabo lebantwini. **10** Abeka izikhali zakhe endlini kaAshitarothi. Abophela isidumbu sakhe emdulini weBeti-Shani. **11** Kwathi abahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi sebezwile ngalokho amaFilisti akwenze kuSawuli, **12** asukuma wonke amaqhawe, ahamba ubusuku bonke, athatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezidumbu zamadodana akhe emdulini weBeti-Shani, eza eJabeshi, azitshisa khona. **13** Asethatha amathambo abo, awangcwaba ngaphansi kwesihlahla setamarisiki eJabeshi, azila ukudla insuku eziyisikhombisa.

2 USamuyeli

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaSawuli, uDavida esephendukile ekutshayeni amaAmaleki, uDavida wahlala insuku ezimbili eZikilagi. **2** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasithathu, khangela, kwafika umuntu evela enkambeni evela kuSawuli, ozigqoko zakhe zazidatshuliwe, elenhlabathi ekhanda lakhe. Kwasekusithi efika kuDavida wawela emhlabathini, wakhonza. **3** UDavida wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi kuye: Ngiphephile enkambeni yakolsrayeli. **4** UDavida wasesithi kuye: Lunjani udaba? Akungitshele. Wasesithi: Abantu babalekile empini, labanengi babantu labo bawile njalo bafile, uSawuli laye loJonathani indodana yakhe labo bafile. **5** UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elalimbikela: Wazi njani ukuthi uSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe bafile? **6** Lelojaha elalimbikela laselisithi: Kuthe ngisithi thutshu entabenye yeGilibowa, khangela, uSawuli eyeme emkhontweni wakhe, khangela-ke, inqola labagadi bamabhiza kwakumnamathole. **7** Lapho enyemukula, wasengibona, wangibiza; ngasengisithi: Khangela ngilapha. **8** Wasesithi kimi: Ungubani? Ngasengisithi kuye: NgjingumAmaleki. **9** Wasesithi kimi: Ake ume phezu kwami ungibulale; ngoba ubuhlungu obukhulu bungehlele, ngoba impilo yami isaphelele kimi. **10** Ngakho ngema phezu kwakhe ngambulala, ngoba ngazi ukuthi angeke aphile emva kokuwa kwakhe. Ngasengithatha umqhele owawusekhanda lakhe, lesongo elalisengalweni yakhe, ngikulethile lapha enkosini yami. **11** UDavida wasebamba iziggoko zakhe wazidabula, njalo lawo wonke amadoda ayelaye. **12** Basebelila, bakhala inyembezi, bazila ukudla kwaze kwahlwa ngenxa kaSawuli, langenxa kaJonathani indodana yakhe, langenxa yabantu beNkosi, langenxa yendlu

kalsrayeli, ngoba babewe ngenkemba. **13** UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elalimbikele: Uvela ngaphi? Laselisithi: Ngiyindodana yomuntu wezizweni, umAmaleki. **14** UDavida wasesithi kulo: Kawesabanga njani ukwelula isandla sakho ukubhubhisa ogcotshiweyo weNkosi? **15** UDavida wasebiza elinye lamajaha, wathi: Sondela ulidumele. Laselilitshaya laze lafa. **16** UDavida wasesithi kulo: Igazi lakho kalibe phezu kwekhanda lakho; ngoba umlomo wakho ufakaze umelene lawe, usithi: Mina ngimbulele ogcotshiweyo weNkosi. **17** UDavida waselila lesisililo ngenxa kaSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe **18** (lapho wathi kufundiswe abantwana bakoJuda "IDandili"; khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lukaJashari): **19** Ubuhle bukalsrayeli bubulewe ezindaweni zakho eziphakemeyo. Awe njani amaqhawe! **20** Lingakukhulumi eGathi, lingakumemezeli ezitaladeni zeAshikeloni, hlezi athokoze amadodakazi amaFilisti, hlezi ajabule amadodakazi abangasokwanga. **21** Zintaba zeGilibowa, kakungabi khona amazolo kumbe izulu phezu kwenu, kumbe amasimu eminikelo. Ngoba izihlangu zamaqhawe zangcoliswa khona; isihlangu sikaSawuli singagcotshwanga ngamafutha. **22** Egazini lababuleweyo, emahwahweni amaqhawe idandili likaJonathani kaliphendukanga, lenkemba kaSawuli kayibuyelanga ize. **23** USawuli loJonathani babethandeka bebahle empilweni zabo, lekufeni kwabo kabehlukaniswanga; babelesiqubu kulezinkozi, belamandla kulezilwane. **24** Madodakazi akolsrayeli, mkhaleleni inyembezi uSawuli, owaligqokisa ngokubomvu lentokozo, owafaka imiceciso yegolide phezu kwezigqoko zenu. **25** Awe njani amaqhawe phakathi kwempi! Jonathani, ubulewe endaweni zakho eziphakemeyo! **26** Ngidabukile ngawe, mfowethu Jonathani; ubumnandi kakhulu kimi, uthando lwakho belumangalisa kimi

lusedlula uthando lwabesifazana. 27 Awe njani amaqhawe,
zabhubha lezikhali zempi!

2 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida wabuza eNkosini
esithi: Ngenyukele yini komunye wemizi yakoJuda? INkosi
yasisithi kuye: Yenyuka. uDavida wasesithi: Ngiye ngaphi?
Yasisithi: EHebron. 2 Ngakho uDavida wenyukela lapho,
kanye labafazi bakhe bobabili, uAhinowama umJizereyelkazi
loAbigayili umkaNabali umKharmeli. 3 uDavida wasesenyusa
abantu bakhe ababelaye, ngulowo lalowo labendlu yakhe;
basebehlala emizini yeHebron. 4 Kwasekufika abantu bakoJuda,
bamgcoba khona uDavida waba yinkosi phezu kwendlu yakoJuda.
Basebemtshela uDavida besithi: Abantu beJabeshi-Gileyadi
yibo abangcwaba uSawuli. 5 uDavida wasethumela izithunywa
ebantwini beJabeshi-Gileyadi, wathi kibo: Kalibusiswe yiNkosi,
ngoba lenze lumusa enkosini yenu, kuSawuli, lamngcwaba.
6 Khathesi-ke, iNkosi kayilenzele umusa leqiniso; mina lami
ngizalenzela lokhu okuhle, ngoba lenze loludaba. 7 Khathesi-ke
kaziqine izandla zenu libe ngamadodana amaqhawe; ngoba
inkosi yenu uSawuli ifile; njalo lendlu yakoJuda ingicobile mina
ukuba yinkosi phezu kwabo. 8 Kodwa uAbhineri indodana
kaNeri, induna yebutho uSawuli ayelalo, wathatha ulshiboshethi
indodana kaSawuli, wamchaphisela eMahanayimi, 9 wambeka
waba yinkosi phezu kweGileyadi, laphezu kwamaAshuri, laphezu
kweJizereyeli, laphezu kukaEfrayimi, laphezu kukaBhenjamini,
laphezu kukalsrayeli wonke. 10 Ulshiboshethi, indodana
kaSawuli, wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane esiba yinkosi
phezu kukalsrayeli, wabusa iminyaka emibili. Kodwa indlu
yakoJuda yalandela uDavida. 11 Lenani lensuku uDavida owaba
yinkosi ngazo eHebron phezu kwendlu yakoJuda laliyiminyaka

eyisikhombisa lenyanga eziyisithupha. **12** UAbhineri indodana kaNeri wasephuma, lenceku zikalshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, basuka eMahanayimi baya eGibeyoni. **13** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya lenceku zikaDavida basebephuma bahlangana ndawonye echibini leGibeyoni; bahlala, abanye ngapha kwechibi labanye ngale kwechibi. **14** UAbhineri wasesithi kuJowabi: Amajaha ake asukume adlale phambi kwethu. UJowabi wasesithi: Kawasukume. **15** Kwasekusukuma kwedlula ngenani abalitshumi lambili koBhenjamini lakolshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, letshumi lambili lenceku zikaDavida. **16** Basebebamba ngulowo lalowo ikhanda lomunye, wagwazangenkemba yakhe ehlangothini lomunye; ngokunjalo bawa ndawonye. Ngakho leyondawo bayibiza ngokuthi yiHelekat-Hasurimi eseGibeyoni. **17** Njalo kwaba lempi enzima kakhulu ngalolosuku, loAbhineri wehlulwa lamadoda akolsrayeli phambi kwenceku zikaDavida. **18** Ayekhona-ke lapho amadodana amathathu kaZeruya, oJowabi, loAbishayi loAsaheli. Njalo uAsaheli wayelesiqubu ezinyaweni njengomunye wemiziki yeganga. **19** UAsaheli wasexotshana loAbhineri; njalo ekuhambeni kwakhe kaphambukelanga ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo ekulandeleni uAbhineri. **20** UAbhineri wasenyemukula, wathi: Nguwe uAsaheli yini? Wasesithi: Yimi. **21** UAbhineri wasesithi kuye: Phambukela wena ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, uzibambele elinye lamajaha, uzithatthele izikhali zalo. Kodwa uAsaheli kavumanga ukuphambuka ekumlandeleni. **22** UAbhineri wasebuya futhi esithi kuAsaheli: Phambuka wena ekungilandeleni; ngizakutshayevelani emhlabathini? Pho, ngingaphakamisa njani ubuso bami kuJowabi umfowenu? **23** Kodwa wala ukuphambuka; ngakho uAbhineri wamtshaya ngesidindi somkhonto kubambo lwesthlanu,

umkhonto waze waphuma emuva kwakhe; wasewela phansi lapho, wafela kuleyondawo. Kwasekusithi bonke abafika endaweni lapho uAsaheli awela wafa khona, bema. **24** UJowabi laye loAbishayi baxotshana loAbhineri; ilanga laselitshona, bona befika eqaqeni lweAma, olungaphambi kweGiya endleleni yenkangala yeGibeyoni. **25** Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebuthana ngemva kukaAbhineri, baba lixuku linye, bema phezu koqaqa oluthile. **26** UAbhineri wasememeza kuJowabi wathi: Inkemba izakudla njalonjalo yini? Kawazi yini ukuthi kuzakuba yikubaba ekucineni? Koze kube nini ungabatsheli abantu ukuthi babuye ekulandeleni abafowabo? **27** UJowabi wasesithi: Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu, ngaphandle kokuthi ubukhulumile, isibili ngalesosikhathi kusukela ekuseni abantu ngabe benyukile, ngulowo lalowo esuka ekulandeleni umfowabo. **28** UJowabi wasevuthela uphondo, bonke abantu basebesima, kababe besaxotshana lolsrayeli, futhi kababe besalwa njalo. **29** UAbhineri labantu bakhe bahamba bedabula amagceke bonke lobobusuku, bachapha iJordani, badabula iBhithironi yonke, bafika eMahanayimi. **30** UJowabi wasebuya ekulandeleni uAbhineri; ese buthanisile bonke abantu, encekwini zikaDavida kwasilela abalitshumi labayisificamunwemunye, loAsaheli. **31** Kodwa izinceku zikaDavida zazitshayile koBhenjamini lemadoden iakaAbhineri; amadoda angamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha afa. **32** Basebemthatha uAsaheli, bamngcwaba engcwabeni likayise elaliseBhethelohema. UJowabi labantu bakhe basebehamba ubusuku bonke, kwasa beseHebroni.

3 Kwakukhona-ke impi isikhathi eside phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida; kodwa uDavida waya eqina,

kodwa indlu kaSawuli yaya isiba buthakathaka. 2
Kwasekuzalewa uDavida amadodana eHebron; lezibulo lakhe
lalinguAmnoni kaAhinowama umJizereyelikazi; 3 leyesibili
yakhe yayinguKileyabi kaAbigayili umkaNabali umKharmeli;
eyesithathu yayinguAbisalomu indodana kaMahaka indodakazi
kaTalimayi, inkosi yeGeshuri; 4 leyesine yayinguAdonija indodana
kaHagithi; leyesihlanu yayinguShefathiya indodana kaAbithali; 5
leyesithupha yayingulthereyamu kaEgila, umkaDavida. Laba
bazalelwa uDavida eHebron. 6 Kwasekusithi kuselempi phakathi
kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida, uAbhineri waziqinisa endlini
kaSawuli. 7 Njalo uSawuli wayelomfazi omncane, obizo
lakhe lalinguRizipha indodakazi kaAya; ulshiboshethi wasesithi
kuAbhineri: Ugeneleni emfazini omncane kababa? 8 UAbhineri
wasethukuthela kakhulu ngenxa yamazwi kalshiboshethi, wathi:
Ngilikhanda lenja yini mina ongokaJuda? Lamuhla ngenzela
indlu kaSawuli uyihlo umusa, kubafowabo, lakubangane bakhe,
kangikunikelanga esandleni sikaDavida, ukuthi ungibeka icala
ngowesifazana lamuhla? 9 UNkulunkulu enze njalo kuAbhineri,
engezelele ngokunjalo kuye, ngeqiniso, njengoba iNkosi ifungile
kuDavida, qotho, ngizakwenza njalo kuye, 10 ukudlulisa umbuso
usuka endlini kaSawuli, lokumisa isihlalo sobukhos*i*sikaDavida
phezu kukalsrayeli laphezu kukaJuda, kusukela koDani kuze
kufike eBherishebba. 11 Njalo wayengelakumphendula uAbhineri
ngalizwi futhi, ngoba wayemesaba. 12 UAbhineri wasethuma
izithunywa kuDavida esikhundleni sakhe, esithi: Ngelikabani
ilizwe? Esithi: Yenza isivumelwano sakho lami; khangela-ke,
isandla sami sizakuba lawe ukuphendulela ulsrayeli wonke kuwe.
13 Wasesithi: Kulungile; mina ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe,
kodwa yinye into engiyifuna kuwe, ngeyokuthi kawuyikubona

ubuso bami, ngaphandle kokuthi ulethe kuqala uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli, lapho usizabona ubuso bami. **14** UDavida wasethuma izithunywa kulshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, esithi: Nginika umkami uMikhali engamgana ngamajwabu aphambili alikhulu amaFilisti. **15** Ulshiboshethi wasethumela, wamthatha endodeniyakhe, kuPalitiyeli indodana kaLayishi. **16** Kodwa indoda yakhe yahamba laye, ihamba ikhala inyembezi ngemva kwakhe kwaze kwaba seBahrumi. UAbhineri wasesithi kuyo: Hamba, buyela. Yasibuyela. **17** UAbhineri wasesiba lenkulomo labadala bakolsrayeli esithi: Ngezikhathi ezidlulileyo lalifuna uDavida ukuthi abeyinkosi phezu kwenu. **18** Khathesi-ke, kwenzeni, ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile ngoDavida ukuthi: Ngesandla senceku yami uDavida ngizakhulula abantu bami ulsrayeli esandleni samaFilisti lesandleni sazo zonke izitha zabo. **19** UAbhineri wasekhuluma futhi endlebeni zakoBhenjamini; uAbhineri njalo wasesiyakhuluma endlebeni zikaDavida eHebronikonke okwakukuhle emehlwani akolsrayeli lemehlwani endlu yonke yakoBhenjamini. **20** Ngakho uAbhineri wafika kuDavida eHebronielamadoda angamatshumi amabili; uDavida wasesenzela uAbhineri lamadoda ayelaye idili. **21** UAbhineri wasesithi kuDavida: Ngizasukuma ngijhambe, ngibuthanise ulsrayeli wonke enkosini yami, inkosi, ukuze benze isivumelwano lawe, lokuthi ubuse kukho konke umphefumulo wakho okufisayo. UDavida waseyekela uAbhineri ukuthi ahambe, wasehamba ngokuthula. **22** Khangela-ke, izinceku zikaDavida loJowabi bafika bevela ekuhlaseleni beza belempango enkulu. Kodwa uAbhineri wayengekho kuDavida eHebronii, ngoba wayemyekelo ukuthi ahambe, wahamba ngokuthula. **23** Esefikile uJowabi lebutho lonke elalilaye, bamtshela uJowabi besithi: UAbhineri indodana kaNeri ubefikile enkosini, imyekele wahamba;

wahamba ngokuthula. **24** UJowabi wasesiya enkosini, wathi: Wenzeni? Khangela, uAbhineri ubefikile kuwe; pho, umyekeleleni ukuthi ahambe, wahamba lokuhamba? **25** Uyamazi uAbhineri indodana kaNeri ukuthi ulande ukukukhohlisa, lokwazi ukuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho, lokwazi konke okwenzayo. **26** Esephumile uJowabi kuDavida wathuma izithunywa ukulandela uAbhineri, ezambuyisa emthonjeni weSira; kodwa uDavida wayengakwazi lokho. **27** UAbhineri esebuyle eHebron, uJowabi wamphambulela eceleni phakathi kwesango ukuze akhulume laye ngasese; wasemtshaya lapho kubambo lwestihlanu waze wafa, ngenxa yegazi likaAsaheli umfowabo. **28** Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile emva kwalokho wathi: Mina lombuso wami kasilacala phambi kweNkosi kuze kube nininini ngegazi likaAbhineri indodana kaNeri. **29** Kalihlale phezu kwekhanda likaJowabi lendlini yonke kayise. Kakungaqunywa endlini kaJowabi ogobhozayo, kumbe umlephero, kumbe odondolozelayo, kumbe owa ngenkemba, kumbe oswela ukudla. **30** Ngokunjalo uJowabi loAbishayi umfowabo bambulala uAbhineri, ngoba wayebulele umfowabo uAsaheli eGibeyoni empini. **31** UDavida wasesithi kuJowabi lakubo bonke abantu ababelaye: Dabulani izigqoko zenu, libhince amasaka, lilile phambi kukaAbhineri. Inkosi uDavida yasilandela ithala. **32** UAbhineri basebemngcwabela eHebron; inkosi yasiphakamisa ilizwi layo yakhala inyembezi engcwabeni likaAbhineri, labantu bonke bakhala inyembezi. **33** Inkosi yamenzelu uAbhineri isililo yathi: Afe uAbhineri njengokufa kwesithutha yini? **34** Izandla zakho bezingabotshwanga, lenyawo zakho bezingafakwanga emaketaneni; njengowela phambi kwabantu ababi uwile. Bonke abantu basebephinda bemkhalela inyembezi. **35** Bonke abantu basebesiza ukumenza uDavida

ukuthi adle ukudla kusesemini; kodwa uDavida wafunga esithi:
Kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kimi engezelele ngokunjalo, uba
nginambitha ukudla loba okunye nje lingakatshoni ilanga. **36**
Kwathi bonke abantu bekunanzelela, kwaba kuhle emehlwani
abo; njengakho konke eyakwenzayo inkosi, kwaba kuhle
emehlwani abo bonke abantu. **37** Ngoba bonke abantu lolsrayeli
wonke bazi ngalolosuku ukuthi kwakungeyisikho okwenkosi
ukubulala uAbhineri indodana kaNeri. **38** Inkosi yasisithi encekwini
zayo: Kalazi yini ukuthi kuwe induna lomkhulu kolsrayeli lamuhla?
39 Lami lamuhla ngibuthakathaka, njalo ngigcotshwe ngaba
yinkosi; lalamadoda, amadodana kaZeruya, alukhuni kulami.
INkosi izavuza umenzi wobubi njengobubi bakhe.

4 Lapho isizwile indodana kaSawuli ukuthi uAbhineri ufele
eHebroni, izandla zakhe zaba buthakathaka, lolsrayeli wonke
wakhathazeka. **2** Njalo indodana kaSawuli yayilamadoda
amabili ayeyizinduna zamaviyo; ibizo lenye lalinguBahana,
lebizo lenye linguRekabi, amadodana kaRimoni, umBherothi,
wabantwana bakoBhenjamini. Ngoba iBherothi layo yayibalelwa
koBhenjamini; **3** lamaBherothi abalekela eGithayimi, aba
ngabahlali njengabezizwe khona kuze kube lamuhla. **4**
UJonathani indodana kaSawuli wayelendodana eyayiysilima
enyaweni. Yayileminyaka emihlanu ekufikeni kombiko ngoSawuli
loJonathani uvela eJizereyeli; lomlizane wayo wayithatha,
wabaleka; kwasekusithi ekuphangiseni kwakhe ukubaleka,
yawa yaba yisilima. Lebizo layo lalinguMefiboshethi. **5**
Lamadodana kaRimoni, umBherothi, uRekabi loBahana,
ahamba, ekutshiseni kwelanga afika endlini kalshiboshethi,
owayelete embhedeni emini enkuIu. **6** Bona bangena endlini
phakathi kungathi bathatha ingqoloyi, bamtshaya kubambo

Iwesihsanu; uRekabi loBahana umfowabo basebebaleka. 7
Ngoba bengena endlini, wayelele embhedeni wakhe endlini
yakhe yokulala, bamtshaya, bambulala, bamquma ikhanda;
bathatha ikhanda lakhe, bahamba ngendlela yamagceke ubusuku
bonke. 8 Basebelisa ikhanda likalshiboshethi kuDavida eHebron.
Bathi enkosini: Khangela, ikhanda likalshiboshethi indodana
kaSawuli, isitha sakho ebesidinga impilo yakho; iNkosi inike
impindiselo lamuhla enkosini yami, inkosi, kuSawuli lakuyo inzalo
yakhe. 9 Kodwa uDavida wabaphendula uRekabi loBahana
umfowabo, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi, wathi kubo:
Kuphila kukaJehova, ohlenge umphefumulo wami kuyo yonke
inhlupheko, 10 lapho owangibikelayo esithi: Khangela, uSawuli
ufile; njalo enjengomthwali wendaba ezinhle emehlwani akhe,
ngamxhakalaza, ngambulala eZikilagi, kulokuthi ngimvuzele
indaba ezinhle. 11 Pho kangakanani, lapho abantu ababi
bebulele umuntu olungileyo endlini yakhe esembhedeni wakhe;
ngakho-ke angiyikubiza yini igazi lakhe esandleni senu, ngilisuse
emhlabeni? 12 UDavida waselaya amajaha, ababulala, aquma
izandla zabo lenyawo zabo, abaphanyeka echibini leHebron.
Kodwa athatha ikhanda likalshiboshethi, alingcwaba engcwaben
likaAbhineri eHebron.

5 Khona zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli zeza kuDavida eHebron,
zakhulumza zisithi: Khangela, thina silithambo lakho lenyama
yakho. 2 Lesikhathini esidlulileyo, uSawuli eseeyinkosi phezu
kwethu, nguwe owakhupha lowangenisa ulsrayeli, leNkosi
yathi kuwe: Wena uzakwelusa abantu bami ulsrayeli, lawe
uzakuba ngumbusi phezu kukalsrayeli. 3 Ngakho kwafika bonke
abadala bakolsrayeli enkosini uDavida eHebron; inkosi uDavida
yasisenza isivumelwano labo eHebron phambi kweNkosi;

basebemgcoba uDavida, waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli. 4
UDavida wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu ekubeni
kwakhe yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 5
EHebron i wabusa phezu kukaJuda iminyaka eyisikhombisa
lenyanga eziyisithupha; leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lantathu phezu kukalsrayeli wonke
loJuda. 6 Inkosi labantu bayo basebesiya eJerusalema
kumaJebusi, abahlali belizwe; akhuluma kuDavida athi:
Kawuyikungena lapha, ngaphandle kokuthi ususe iziphofu
labaqhulayo; besithi uDavida kayikungena lapho. 7 Kodwa
uDavida wayithumba inqaba yeZiyoni; le ngumuzi kaDavida.
8 UDavida wasesithi ngalolosuku: Ngulowo lalowo otshaya
umJebusi, katshaye emgelweni wamanzi abaqhulayo leziphofu,
abazondwa ngumphefumulo kaDavida. Ngakho bathi: Isiphofu
loqhulayo kabayikungena endlini. 9 Ngakho uDavida wahlala
enqabeni, wayibiza ngokuthi ngumuzi kaDavida. UDavida wakha
inhlangothi zonke, kusukela eMilo kusiya phakathi. 10 UDavida
waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla, njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wamabandla, yayilaye. 11 UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma
izithunywa kuDavida, lezigodo zemisedari, lababazi bezigodo
lababazi bamatshe; basebemakhela uDavida indlu. 12 UDavida
wasekwazi ukuthi iNkosi yayimmisile ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu
kukalsrayeli, lokuthi iwuphakamisile umbuso wakhe ngenxa
yabantu bayo ulsrayeli. 13 UDavida wasethatha abanye abafazi
abancane labafazi bevela eJerusalema, esevela eHebron, njalo
kwakulamanye amadodana lamadodakazi azalelw uDavida.
14 Njalo la ngamabizo alabo abazalelw yena eJerusalema:
OShamuwa, loShobabi, loNathani, loSolomoni, 15 lolbihari,
loElishuwa, loNefegi, loJafiya, 16 loElishama, loEliyada, loElifeleti.

17 Kwathi amaFilisti esezwile ukuthi bamgcobile uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli, wonke amaFilisti enyuka ukuyamdinga uDavida; uDavida wakuzwa, wehlela enqabeni. **18** AmaFilisti esefikile asabalala esihotsheni seRefayimi. **19** UDavida wasebuza eNkosini esithi: Ngingenyukela yini kumaFilisti? Uzawanikela esandleni sami yini? INkosi yasisithi kuDavida: Yenyuka, ngoba isibili ngizawanikela amaFilisti esandleni sakho. **20** UDavida wasefika eBhali-Perazimi, uDavida wawatshaya khona, wathi: INkosi izifohlele izitha zami phambi kwami njengokufohla kwamanzi. Ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yiBhali-Perazimi. **21** Asethiya izithombe zawo lapho, loDavida labantu bakhe bazisusa. **22** AmaFilisti asebuya enyuka futhi, asabalala esihotsheni seRefayimi. **23** Lapho uDavida ebuza iNkosi, yathi: Ungenyuki; bhoda ngemuva kwawo, uwasukele usuka maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu. **24** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho usizwa isisinde sokuhamba ezihlkwani zezihlahla zebhalisamu, lapho uphangise, ngoba ngalesosikhathi iNkosi izaphuma phambi kwakho ukutshaya ibutho lamaFilisti. **25** UDavida wasesenza njalo, njengokumlaya kwayo iNkosi, wawatshaya amaFilisti kusukela eGeba uze urike eGezeri.

6 UDavida wabuya wabuthanisa bonke abakhethiweyo kolsrayeli, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **2** UDavida wasesukuma wahamba labo bonke abantu ababelaye, besuka eBahala-Juda ukuze benyuse umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu usuka lapho, obizo lawo libizwa ngebizo leNkosi yamabandla, ehlala phakathi kwamakherubhi phezu kwawo. **3** Basebewukhweza umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu enqoleni entsha, bewukhupha endlini kaAbinadaba eyayiseqaqeni; njalo uUza loAhiyo amadodana kaAbinadaba batshayela leyonqola entsha. **4** Bayikhipha-

ke endlini kaAbinadaba eyayiseqaqeni kanye lomtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu, njalo uAhiyo ehamba phambi komtshokotsho.
5 UDavida lendlu yonke yakolsrayeli basebetshaya phambi
kweNkosi ngazo zonke izinto zokutshaya zesihlahla sefiri,
langamachacho, langezigubhu zezintambo, langezigujana,
langamahlwayi, langezinsimbi ezincencethayo. **6** Bathi befika
esizeni sikaNakoni, uUza welulelaisandla sakhe emtshokotshweni
kaNkulunkulu, wawubamba, ngoba inkabi zakhubeka. **7**
Intukuthelo yeNkosi yasimvuthela uUza; uNkulunkulu wamtshaya
khonapho ngenxa yalesisiphambeko; wasefela khonapho phansi
komtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. **8** UDavida wasethukuthela
ngoba iNkosi imfohlele uUza ngesikhala; waseyibiza leyondawo
ngokuthi yiPerezi-Uza, kuze kube lamuhla. **9** UDavida
waseyesaba iNkosi ngalolosuku, wathi: Umtshokotsho weNkosi
uzakuza njani kimi? **10** Ngakho uDavida kavumanga
ukuwudlulisela kuye umtshokotsho weNkosi emzini kaDavida;
kodwa uDavida wawuphambulela endlini kaObedi-Edoma
umGithi. **11** Umtshokotsho weNkosi wasuhlala endlini kaObedi-
Edoma umGithi inyanga ezintathu. INkosi yasimbusa uObedi-
Edoma lendlu yakhe yonke. **12** Kwasekubikelwa inkosi
uDavida kwathiwa: INkosi ibusisile indlu kaObedi-Edoma lakho
konke okwakhe ngenxa yomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho
uDavida wasehamba wenyusa umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
ewususa endlini kaObedi-Edoma, ewusa emzini kaDavida
ngentokozo. **13** Kwasekusithi lapho labo abathwеле umtshokotsho
weNkosi sebehambé izinyathelo eziyisithupha, wahlaba inkabi
lokunonisiweyo. **14** UDavida wasegida ngamandla wonke phambi
kweNkosi; uDavida wayebhince i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo.
15 Ngokunjalo uDavida lendlu yonke yakolsrayeli bawenyusa

umtshokotsho weNkosi ngokumemeza langokukhala kophondo.

16 Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho weNkosi ungena emzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli walunguza ngewindi, wabona inkosi uDavida eseqa egida phambi kweNkosi; wameyisa enhliziyweni yakhe. **17** Basebewungenisa umtshokotsho weNkosi, bawubeka endaweni yawo phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele wona; uDavida wasenikela iminikelo yokutshiswa phambi kweNkosi leminikelo yokuthula. **18** Kwathi uDavida eseqedile ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula, wabusisa abantu ebizweni leNkosi yamabandla. **19** Wababela bonke abantu, ixuku lonke lakolsrayeli, kusukela kwabesilisa kusiya kwabesifazana, ngulowo lalowo iqebechengwana lesinkwa, leqatha lenyama, lesinkwa sezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo.

Basebehamba abantu bonke, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakhe.

20 UDavida wasebuyela ukubusisa indlu yakhe. UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wasephuma ukuhlangabeza uDavida, wathi: Idunyiswe kangakanani inkosi yakolsrayeli lamuhla, ezembule lamuhla phambi kwamehlo encekukazi zenceku zayo njengomunye wabayize ezembula lokuzembula! **21** UDavida wasesithi kuMikhali: Ngaphambi kweNkosi, eyangikhetha phambi kukayihlo laphambi kwendlu yakhe yonke, yangimisa ukuthi ngibe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu beNkosi, phezu kukalsrayeli; ngakho ngizadlala phambi kweNkosi. **22** Ngisazadeleka-ke kakhulu kulalokhu, ngehliselwe phansi emehlwani ami; kodwa ngezincekukazi okhulume ngazo, ngizadunyiswa yizo. **23** Njalo uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli kabanga lamntwana kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe.

7 Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi yayihlezi endlini yayo, leNkosi isiyiphumuzile inhlangothi zonke ezitheni zayo zonke, **2** inkosi

yathi kuNathani umprofethi: Akubone, mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kodwa umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwamakhetheni. **3** UNathani wasesithi enkosini: Hamba wenze konke okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngoba iNkosi ilawe. **4** Kodwa kwathi ngalobobusuku, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuNathani lisithi: **5** Hamba uthi encekwini yami, kuDavida: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Wena uzangakhela yini indlu ukuze ngihlale kiyo? **6** Ngoba kangizange ngihlale endlini kusukela osukwini engenyusa ngalo abantwana bakolsrayeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa bengihamba ethenteni lethabhanekeleni. **7** Kuzo zonke izindawo engihamble kuzo labo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli, ngake ngakhulumia ilizwi yini kwesinye sezizwe zakolsrayeli, engasilaya ukwelusa abantu bami ulsrayeli ngisithi: Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari? **8** Ngakho-ke uzakutsho njalo encekwini yami, kuDavida, uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Mina ngakuthatha esibayeni sezimvu, ekulandeleni izimvu, ukuba ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami, phezu kukalsrayeli; **9** ngangilawe loba ngaphi lapho oya khona, ngaquma zonke izitha zakho ngaphambi kwakho; ngakwenzela ibizo elikhulu njengebizo labakhulu abasemhlabeni. **10** Njalo ngizabamisela indawo abantu bami ulsrayeli, ngibagxumeke ukuze bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe besanyikinyeka; labantwana benkohlakalo kabasayikubahlupha, njengakuqala, **11** njalo kusukela osukwini engalaya ngalo abahluleli phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli; ngikuphumuze ezitheni zakho zonke. Futhi iNkosi iyakutshela ukuthi iNkosi izakwenzela indlu. **12** Lapho insuku zakho sezigcwaisekile, usulele laboyihlo, ngizamisa inzalo yakho emva kwakho, ezaphuma emibilini yakho, ngiqinise umbuso wayo. **13** Yona izakwakhela ibizo lami indlu; njalo ngizaqjinisa isihlalo sobukhosu sombuso wayo

kuze kube nininini. **14** Mina ngizakuba nguyise, layo ibe yindodana yami; ezakuthi uba isenza okubi, ngizayijezisa ngentonga yabantu, langemivimvinya yabantwana babantu. **15** Kodwa umusa wami kawuyikusuka kiyo njengalokho ngawususa kuSawuli engamsusa ngaphambi kwakho. **16** Lendlu yakho lombuso wakho kuzaqiniswa kuze kube nininini phambi kwami; isihlalo sakho sobukhosи sizaqiniswa kuze kube nininini. **17** Njengokwalamazwi wonke lanjengokwalo wonke lo umbono, ngokunjalo uNathani wakhulumu kuDavida. **18** Yasingena inkosi uDavida, yahlala phambi kweNkosi, yathi: Ngingubani mina, Nkosi Jehova, lendlu yami iyini, ukuthi ungifikasi ke kuze kube lapha? **19** Kanti lokhu kusekuncinyane emehlwani akho, Nkosi Jehova; usukhulumile futhi ngendlu yenceku yakho ngokwesikhathi esikhathshana; lalokhu yindlela yabantu, Nkosi Jehova. **20** Pho, uDavida angabe esengezelela ngokuthini kuwe? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, Nkosi Jehova. **21** Ngenxa yelizwi lakho lanjengokwenhliyo yakho wenzile zonke lezizinto ezinkulu ukuze uzazise inceku yakho. **22** Ngakho umkhulu, Nkosi Jehova; ngoba kakho onjengawe, njalo kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho, njengakho konke esikuzwileyo ngendalebe zethu. **23** Yisiphi-ke isizwe esisodwa emhlabeni esinjengabantu bakho, njengolsrayeli, uNkulunkulu owaya ukuzihlengela sona ukuba ngabantu, njalo wazenzela ibizo, walenzela izinto ezinkulu lezesabekayo, kusenzelwa ilizwe lakho, phambi kwabantu bakho, owazihlengela bona eGibhithe, ezizweni lakubonkulunkulu bazo? **24** Wasuziqinisela abantu bakho ulsrayeli ukuze babe ngabantu kuwe kuze kube nininini; lawe Nkosi usube nguNkulunkulu wabo. **25** Khathesi-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, ilizwi olkhulume ngenceku yakho langendlu yayo

liqinise kuze kube nininini, wenze njengokukhuluma kwakho. **26**
Njalo kalibe likhulu ibizo lakho kuze kube nininini, kuthiwe: INkosi
yamabandla inguNkulunkulu phezu kukalsrayeli; lendlu yenceku
yakho uDavida imiswe phambi kwakho. **27** Ngoba wena, Nkosi
yamabandla, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, wembule endlebeni yenceku
yakho, usithi: Ngizakwakhela indlu. Ngakho inceku yakho ithole
enhлизијени yayo ukuthi ikhuleke lumkhuleko kuwe. **28** Khathesi-
ke, Nkosi Jehova, wena unguIowoNkulunkulu, lamazwi akho
aliqiniso; ukhulume encekwini yakho lokhu okuhle. **29** Ngakho-ke
akuvume ubusise indlu yenceku yakho ukuze ibe phambi kwakho
kuze kube nininini; ngoba wena, Nkosi Jehova, ukhulumile;
langesibusiso sakho indlu yenceku yakho izabusiswa kuze kube
nininini.

8 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida watshaya amaFilisti,
wawehlisela phansi; uDavida wasethatha iMethegama esandleni
samaFilisti. **2** Wasetshaya amaMowabi, wawalinganisa
ngentambo, ewalalisa emhlabathini; walinganisa intambo ezimbili
ukubulala, lentambo epheleleyo ukuwayekela ephila. Ngokunjalo
amaMowabi aba zinceku zikaDavida, eletha izipho. **3** UDavida
wasethaya uHadadezeri indodana kaRehobi inkosi yeZoba,
ekuhambeni kwakhe ukubuyisela amandla akhe emfuleni
iYufrathi. **4** UDavida wasethumba kuye inqola eziyinkulungwane,
labagadi bamabhiza abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa, lamadoda
ahamba ngenyawo ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili;
waquma imisipha yawo wonke amabhiza enqola, kodwa watshiya
kuwo izinqola ezilikhulu. **5** Lapho amaSiriya aweDamaseko efika
ukusiza uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba, uDavida watshaya amadoda
ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili kumaSiriya. **6**
UDavida wasebeka amabutho enqaba eSiriya yeDamaseko;

njalo amaSiriya aba zinceku zikaDavida, eletha izipho. INkosi yasimlondoloza uDavida loba ngaphi lapho aya khona. 7 UDavida wasethatha izihlangu zegolide ezazisezincekwini zikaHadadezeri, waziletha eJerusalema. 8 Inkosi uDavida yasithatha ithusi elinengi kakhulu eBeta leBerothayi, imizi kaHadadezeri. 9 Lapho uToyi inkosi yeHamathi esizwa ukuthi uDavida wayetshaye ibutho lonke likaHadadezeri, 10 uToyi wasethuma uJoram indodana yakhe enkosini uDavida ukuyibusa impilo lokuyibusisa, ngoba yayilwe loHadadezeri yamtshaya (ngoba uHadadezeri waba lezimpi loToyi); njalo esandleni sakhe kwakulezitsha zesiliwa lezitsha zegolide lezitsha zethusi. 11 Lazo inkosi uDavida yazehlukanisela iNkosi kanye lesiliwa legolide eyayilehlukanisile livela ezizweni zonke eyayizehlisele phansi, 12 eSiriya, lakoMowabi, lakubantwana bakoAmoni, lakumaFilisti, leAmaleki, lempangweni kaHadadezeri indodana kaRehobi, inkosi yeZoba. 13 UDavida wasezenzela ibizo ekubuyeni kwakhe ekutshayeni amaSiriya, esihotsheni seTshwayi, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili. 14 Wasebeka inqaba zamabutho eEdoma; kuyo yonke iEdoma wabeka inqaba zamabutho, labo bonke abeEdoma baba zinceku zikaDavida. INkosi yasimlondoloza uDavida loba ngaphi lapho aya khona. 15 UDavida wabusa-ke phezu kukalsrayeli wonke; uDavida wayesenza ukwahlulela lokulunga kubo bonke abantu bakhe. 16 Njalo uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephezu kwebutho; loJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane; 17 loZadoki indodana kaAhitubi loAhimeleki indodana kaAbhiyatha babengabapristi; loSeraya wayengumbhali; 18 loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyadawayephezu kwamaKerethi lamaPelethi; lamadodana kaDavida ayeyiziphathamandla.

9 UDavida wasesithi: Kusekhona yini oseleyo endlini kaSawuli ukuze ngimenzele umusa ngenxa kaJonathani? **2** Njalo indlu kaSawuli yayilenceku obizo layo lalinguZiba. Sebembizele kuDavida, inkosi yathi kuye: UnguZiba yini? Wasesithi: Ngiyinceku yakho. **3** Inkosi yasisithi: Kakuselamuntu yini wendlu kaSawuli, engingamenzela umusa kaNkulunkulu? UZiba wasesithi enkosini: UJonathani uselendodana eyisilima inyawo zombili. **4** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ingaphi? UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, isendlini kaMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli eLodebari. **5** Inkosi uDavida yasithuma yamlanda endlini kaMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli eLodebari. **6** Lapho uMefiboshethi indodana kaJonathani indodana kaSawuli esefika kuDavida, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe, wakhothama. UDavida wasesithi: Mefiboshethi! Wasesithi: Khangela, inceku yakho. **7** UDavida wasesithi kuye: UngeSabi, ngoba ngizakwenzela lokukwenzela umusa ngenxa kaJonathani uyihlo; ngizakubuyisela ilizwe lonke likaSawuli uyihlo, wena-ke uzakudla isinkwa etafuleni lami njalonjalo. **8** Wasekhothama, wathi: lyini inceku yakho ukuthi ukhangele inji efileyo enjengami? **9** Inkosi yasibiza uZiba, inceku kaSawuli, yathi kuye: Konke okwakungokukaSawuli, lendlu yakhe yonke ngikunike indodana yenkosи yakho. **10** Uzayilimela-ke umhlaba, wena lamadodana akho lenceku zakho, lilethe izithelo ukuze indodana yenkosи yakho ibe lesinkwa engasidla; kodwa uMefiboshethi indodana yenkosи yakho uzakudla isinkwa etafuleni lami njalonjalo. Njalo uZiba wayelamadodana alitshumi lanhlanu, lenceku ezingamatshumi amabili. **11** UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Njengakho konke inkosi yami, inkosi, ekulaya inceku yayo, izakwenza njalo inceku yakho. NgoMefiboshethi, uzakudla etafuleni lami, njengomunye wamadodana enkosи. **12** Njalo uMefiboshethi wayelendodana

encinyane, obizo layo lalinguMika. Labo bonke ababehlala endlini kaZiba baba zinceku zikaMefiboshethi. **13** UMefiboshethi wasehlala eJerusalema, ngoba wadla etafuleni lenkosi njalonjalo. Wayeyisilima inyawo zakhe zombili.

10 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni yafa, uHanuni indodana yayo wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo. **2** UDavida wasesithi: Ngizamenzela umusa uHanuni indodana kaNahashi njengoba uyise wangenzela umusa. UDavida wasethuma ngesandla senceku zakhe ukuyamduduza ngoyise. Zafika-ke izinceku zikaDavida elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni. **3** Iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoAmoni zasezisithi kuHanuni inkosi yazo: Kambe uDavida uyamhlonipha uyhlo emehlwani akho ngoba ethume abaduduzi kuwe? UDavida kazithumanga yini inceku zakhe kuwe ukuze ziphenye umuzi, ziwholle, ziwichithe? **4** UHanuni wasebamba izinceku zikaDavida, wagela ingxenye yendevu zazo, waquma izembatho zazo phakathi kuze kube sezibunu zazo, waziyekela zahamba. **5** Sebembikele uDavida wathumela ukuzihlangabeza ngoba amadoda ayelenhloni kakhulu; inkosi yasisithi: Hlalani eJeriko zize zihlume indevu zenu, beselibuya. **6** Lapho abantwana bakoAmoni sebebonile ukuthi baba levumba kuDavida, abantwana bakoAmoni bathumela baqhatsha kumaSiriya eBeti-Rehobi lakumaSiriya eZoba, amadoda ahamba ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lenkosini yeMahaka, amadoda ayinkulungwane, lebantwini beTobi, amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. **7** Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile wathuma uJowabi lebutho lonke lamaqhawe. **8** Abantwana bakoAmoni basebephuma bahlela impi emnyango wesango; lamaSiriya eZoba leRehobi, labantu beTobi leMahaka babevodwa egangeni. **9** Lapho uJowabi

ebona ukuthi impi ikhangele kuye ngaphambili langemuva, wakhetha kubo bonke abakhethiweyo kolsrayeli, wabahlela ukuthi bamelane lamaSiriya. **10** Abaseleyo babantu wasebanikela esandleni sikaAbishayi umfowabo, owabahlela ukuthi bamelane labantwana bakoAmoni. **11** Wasesithi: Uba amaSiriya elamandla kakhulu kulami, khona uzakuba lusizo kimi; kodwa uba abantwana bakoAmoni belamandla kakhulu kulawe, khona ngizakuza ukukusiza. **12** Qina, asiziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi, langenxa yemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu; iNkosi kayenze okuhle emehlweni ayo. **13** UJowabi wasesondela, labantu ababelaye, empini lamaSiriya; asebaleka phambi kwakhe. **14** Lapho abantwana bakoAmoni bebona ukuthi amaSiriya ayabaleka, labo babaleka phambi kukaAbishayi, bangena emzini. UJowabi wasebuyela esuka ebantwaneni bakoAmoni, weza eJerusalem. **15** AmaSiriya esebonile ukuthi atshayiwe phambi kukalsrayeli, abuthana ndawonye. **16** UHadadezeri wasethumela, wakhupha amaSiriya ayengaphetsheya komfula, afika eHelamu, loShobaki induna yebutho likaHadadezeri phambi kwavo. **17** Lapho kubikelwa uDavida, wabuthanisa ulsrayeli wonke, wachapha iJordan, wafika eHelamu. AmaSiriya asezhlelela ukumelana loDavida, alwa laye. **18** AmaSiriya asebaleka phambi kukalsrayeli; uDavida wasetshaya kumaSiriya izinqola ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane, watshaya uShobaki induna yebutho, owafela lapho. **19** Lapho wonke amakhosi, izinceku zikaHadadezeri, ebona ukuthi atshaywa phambi kukalsrayeli, enza ukuthula lolrayeli, abakhonza. Ngakho amaSiriya esaba ukusiza abantwana bakoAmoni futhi.

11 Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka ngesikhathi amakhosi aphuma ngaso impi, uDavida wathuma uJowabi lenceku zakhe kanye laye lolsrayeli wonke; basebechitha abantwana bakoAmoni, bavimbezela iRaba. Kodwa uDavida wahlala eJerusalema. **2** Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sakusihlwa uDavida wavuka embhedeni wakhe, wahambahamba phezu kophahla lwendlu yenkosи; esephahleni wasebona owesifazana egeza; njalo owesifazana wayemuhle kakhulu, ebukeka. **3** UDavid wasethuma wabuza ngalowowesifazana. Kwasekuthiwa: Lo kakusuye uBathisheba yini, indodakazi kaEliyamu, umkaUriya umHethi? **4** UDavid wasethuma izithunywa wamthatha, owesifazana weza kuye, walala laye (ngoba wayehlanjululiwe ekungcoleni kwakhe), wasebuyela endlini yakhe. **5** Owesifazana wasethatha isisu, wathumela watshela uDavida wathi: Sengilesisu. **6** UDavid wasethumela kuJowabi wathi: Thumela kimi uUriya umHethi. UJowabi wasethumela uUriya kuDavid. **7** Esefikile kuye uUriya, uDavida wambuza ngempilakahle kaJowabi langempilakahle yabantu langempumelelo yempi. **8** UDavid wasesithi kuUriya: Yehlela endlini yakho, ugeze inyawo zakho. U-Uriya wasephuma endlini yenkosи; kwasekulandela emva kwakhe isipho esivela enkosini. **9** Kodwa uUriya walala emnyango wendlu yenkosи kanye lenceku zonke zenkosи yakhe, kehlelanga endlini yakhe. **10** Kwathi sebemtshelile uDavida besithi: U-Uriya kehlelanga endlini yakhe, uDavida wathi kuUriya: Kawuveli ekuhambeni yini? Kungani ungehlelanga endlini yakho? **11** U-Uriya wasesithi kuDavid: Umtshokotsho, lolsrayeli, loJuda kuhlala emathenteni; lenkosи yami uJowabi lenceku zenkosи yami bamisile inkamba endle; mina-ke ngizangena endlini yami yini ukuyakudla lokuyanatha lokuyalala lomkami? Kuphila

kwakho lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangisoze ngiyenze leyonto. **12** UDavida wasesithi kuUriya: Hlala lapha lalamuhla, kusasa-ke ngizakuvumela ukuthi uhambe. U-Uriya wasehlala eJerusalema ngalolosuku langosuku olulandelayo. **13** UDavida wasembiza ukuthi adle anathe phambi kwakhe, wamdakisa; njalo kusihlwaphuma ukuyalala embhedeni wakhe kanye lenceku zenkosiyakhe, kodwa kehlelanga endlini yakhe. **14** Kwasekusithi ekuseni uDavida wabhalela uJowabi incwadi, wayithumela ngesandla sikaUriya. **15** Wasebhala encwadini esithi: Misani uUriya phambili eqondene lokulwa okutshisayo kakhulu, beselihlehlela nyovane lisuka kuye, ukuze atshaywe afe. **16** Kwasekusithi lapho uJowabi esewukhangelisisile umuzi, wamisa uUriya endaweni azi ukuthi kulamaqhawe khona. **17** Amadoda omuzi asephuma alwa loJowabi; kwawa abanye babantu, benceku zikaDavida; wafa laye uUriya umHethi. **18** UJowabi wasethuma wambikela uDavida zonke indaba zempi; **19** wasilaya isithunywa esithi: Lapho usuqedile ukuyibikela inkosi zonke izindaba zempi, **20** kuzakuthi-ke uba ulaka lwenkosi luvuka, isithi kuwe: Belisondelelani kangaka emzini ukulwa? Belingazi yini ukuthi bebezaciba besemdulini? **21** Ngubani owatshaya uAbhimeleki indodana kaJerubeshethi? Angithi owesifazana wamwisela ngocezu lwelitshe lokuchola ephezu komduli, waze wafa eThebezi? Lisondeleleni eduze lomduli? Ubususithi: Inceku yakho uUriya umHethi laye ufile. **22** Sasesihamba isithunywa, safika sambikela uDavida konke uJowabi ayesithume khona. **23** Isithunywa sasesisithi kuDavida: Isibili, abantu basehlula, basiphumela egangeni; kodwa saba phezu kwabo kwaze kwaba semnyango wesango. **24** Abatshoki basebetshoka ezincekwini zakho bephezu komduli; zifile lezinye zenceku zenkosiyakhe; lenceku

yakho uUriya umHethi ifile layo. **25** UDavida wasesithi kuso isithunywa: Uzakutsho njalo kuJowabi uthi: Le into kayingabimbi emehlwani akho, ngoba inkemba idla omunye njengomunye; qinisa impi yakho imelane lomuzi, uwuchithe; ubusumqinisa. **26** Lapho umkaUriya esezwile ukuthi uUriya indoda yakhe ufile, wayililela indoda yakhe. **27** Sekwedlulile ukulila, uDavida wathuma, wamletha endlini yakhe; wasesiba ngumkakhe, wamzalela indodana. Kodwa leyonto uDavida ayenzayo yayimbi emehlwani eNkosi.

12 INkosi yasithuma uNathani kuDavida. Wasefika kuye wathi kuye: Kwakukhona amadoda amabili emzini owodwa; enye inothile, lenye ingumyanga. **2** Enothileyo yayilezimvu lenkomo ezinengi kakhulu. **3** Kodwa engumyanga yayingelalutho ngaphandle kwewundlu elincinyane elilodwa elisikazi eyayilithengile, yalondla; lakhula layo, njalo labantwana bayo ndawonye. Ladla okocezu lwayo, lanatha okwenkezo yayo; lalala esifubeni sayo, lalinjengendodakazi kiyo. **4** Kwasekufika isihambi endodeni enothileyo; yasiyekela ukuthatha ezimvini zayo lenkomeni zayo ukulungisela isihambi esasifike kiyo, kodwa yathatha iwundlu elisikazi lendoda engumyanga, yalilungisela umuntu owayefike kiyo. **5** Ulaka lukaDavida Iwaseluvuthela lowomuntu kakhulu, wathi kuNathani: Kuphila kukaJehova, isibili umuntu owenze lokho uyindodana yokufa. **6** Njalo uzalibuyisela iwundlu elisikazi liphindwe kane, ngenxa yokuthi enze le into langenxa yokuthi engabanga lozwelo. **7** UNathani wasesithi kuDavida: Nguwe lowomuntu! Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Ngakugcoba waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli, ngakukhulula esandleni sikaSawuli. **8** Ngakunika indlu yenkosi yakho labafazi benkosi yakho esifubeni sakho,

ngakunika indlu kalsrayeli lekaJuda; uba-ke bekukuncinyane, bengingakwengezelela okunje lokunje. **9** Udeleleleni ilizwi leNkosi ukuthi wenze okubi emehlwani ayo? U-Uriya umHethi umtshayile ngenkemba, lomkakhe wamthatha waba ngumkakho, laye umbulele ngenkemba yabantwana bakoAmoni. **10** Ngakho-ke inkemba kayiyikusuka endlini yakho kuze kube nininini, ngenxa yokuthi ungidelele, wathatha umkaUriya umHethi ukuthi abe ngumkakho. **11** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakuvusela okubi kuvela endlini yakho, ngithathe omkakho phambi kwamehlo akho, ngibanike umakhelwane wakho, alale labomkakho phambi kwalelilanga. **12** Ngoba wena wakwenza ensitha, kodwa mina ngizakwenza le into phambi kukalsrayeli wonke laphambi kwelanga. **13** UDavida wasesithi kuNathani: Ngonile eNkosini. UNathani wasesithi kuDavida: LeNkosi isusile isono sakho; kawuyikufa. **14** Loba kunjalo, ngoba wenze izitha zeNkosi zidelele lokudelela ngalindaba, laye umntwana ozalelwé wena uzakufa lokufa. **15** UNathani wasesiya endlini yakhe. INkosi yasimtshaya umntwana umkaUriya amzalela uDavida, wagula kakhulu. **16** Ngakho uDavida wamncengela umntwana kuNkulunkulu; uDavida wasezila izilo lokudla, wangena, walala emhlabathini ubusuku bonke. **17** Abadala bendlu yakhe basebesukuma bay a kuye ukumvusa emhlabathini; kodwa kafunanga, futhi kadlanga ukudla labo. **18** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasikhombisa umntwana wafa. Izinceku zikaDavida zasezesaba ukumtshela ukuthi umntwana ufile; ngoba zathi: Khangela, umntwana esaphila sakhulumha laye, kalalelanga ilizwi lethu; pho, singamtshela njani ukuthi umntwana ufile? Angazilimaza. **19** Kodwa uDavida ebona ukuthi inceku zakhe ziyanyenyezelana, uDavida waqedisisa ukuthi umntwana usefile; ngakho uDavida wathi ezincekwini zakhe:

Umntwana usefile yini? Zasezisithi: Usefile. **20** UDavida wasevuka emhlabathini, wageza, wagcoba, wantshintsha izigqoko zakhe, wangena endlini yeNkosi, wakhonza; wasesiya endlini yakhe, wacela, babeka ukudla phambi kwakhe, wadla. **21** Inceku zakhe zasezisithi kuye: lyini le into oyenzileyo? Ngenxa yomntwana ophilayo uzile ukudla wakhala inyembezi; kodwa lapho umntwana esefile, uvukile wadla isinkwa. **22** Wasesithi: Umntwana esaphila, ngizile ukudla, ngakhala inyembezi, ngoba ngathi: Ngubani owaziyo iNkosi ingangihawukela ukuthi umntwana aphile. **23** Kodwa khathesi usefile, ngizazilelani? Ngilakho ukumbuyisa yini futhi? Ngizakuya kuye, kodwa yena kayikubuyela kimi. **24** UDavida wasemduzu uBathisheba umkakhe, wangena kuye, walala laye; wazala indodana, wabiza ibizo layo wathi nguSolomoni. UJehova wasemthanda. **25** Wasethuma ngesandla sikaNathani umprofethi, wabiza ibizo layo wathi nguJedidiya, ngenxa kaJehova. **26** UJowabi walwa-ke leRaba eyabantwana bakoAmoni, wathumba umuzi wobukhos. **27** UJowabi wasethuma izithunywa kuDavida wathi: Ngilwe leRaba, njalo ngathumba umuzi wamanzi. **28** Ngakho-ke buthanisa abantu abaseleyo, umise inkamba maqondana lomuzi, uwuthumbe, hlezi mina ngiwuthumbe umuzi, lebizo lami libizwe phezu kwavo. **29** UDavida wasebuthanisa bonke abantu, waya eRaba, walwa layo, wayithumba. **30** Wasethatha umqhele wenkosi ekhanda lakhe, osisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide lelitshe eliligugu, waba sekhanda likaDavida. Wasekhipha impango yomuzi enengi kakhulu. **31** Wakhupha labantu ababephakathi kwavo, wababeka emasaheni, lezikhalini ezicijileyo zensimbi, lemahlokeni ensimbi, wabadlulisa emahondweni ezitina; wenza njalo kuyo yonke

imizi yabantwana bakoAmoni. UDavida labo bonke abantu basebebuyela eJerusalema.

13 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uAbisalomu indodana kaDavida wayelodadewabo omuhle, obizo lakhe lalinguTamari; uAmnoni indodana kaDavida wasemthanda. **2** UAmnoni wasehlupheka kakhulu waze wagula ngenxa kaTamari udadewabo; ngoba wayeyintombi emsulwa, kwasekusiba nzima emehlwani kaAmnoni ukwenza ulutho kuye. **3** Kodwa uAmnoni wayelomngane, obizo lakhe lalinguJonadabi indodana kaShimeya umfowabo kaDavida; njalo uJonadabi wayengumuntu olobuqili kakhulu. **4** Wasesithi kuye: Kungani wena, indodana yenkos, ucaka kangaka ukusa ngokusa? Ungengitshele yini? UAmnoni wasesithi kuye: Ngijamthanda uTamari udadewabo kaAbisalomu umfowethu. **5** UJonadabi wasesithi kuye: Lala embhedeni wakho, uziitshaye ogulayo; lapho uyihlo efika ukukubona, uzakuthi kuye: Ake kuze uTamari udadewethu, anginike ukudla, akulungise ukudla phambi kwamehlo ami, ukuze ngikubone, ngidle esandleni sakhe. **6** Waselala phansi uAmnoni, wazitshaya ogulayo; lapho inkosi ifika ukuzambona, uAmnoni wathi enkosini: Ake kuze uTamari udadewethu, enze amaqebelengwana amabili phambi kwamehlo ami ukuthi ngidle esandleni sakhe. **7** UDavida wasethumela endlini kuTamari esithi: Yana khathesi endlini yomfowenu uAmnoni, umenzele ukudla. **8** Ngakho uTamari waya endlini kaAmnoni umfowabo, owayelele phansi. Wathatha inhlama, wayixova, wenza amaqebelengwana phambi kwamehlo akhe, wapheka amaqebelengwana. **9** Wasethatha ipani, wawathulula phambi kwakhe, kodwa wala ukudla; uAmnoni wasesithi: Khupha wonke umuntu kimi. Basebephuma, wonke umuntu kuye. **10** UAmnoni wasesithi kuTamari: Letha ukudla

ekamelweni ukuze ngidle esandleni sakho. UTamari wasethatha amaqebelengwana ayewenzile, wawangenisa ekamelweni kuAmnoni umnewabo. **11** Lapho ewasondeza kuye ukuthi adle, wambamba, wathi kuye: Woza ulale lami, dadewethu. **12** Wasesithi kuye: Hatshi mnewethu, ungangibhinyi, ngoba okunje kakwenziwa kolsrayeli, ungenzi lobubuwula. **13** Mina-ke ngingalisa ngaphi ihlazo lami? Lawe uzakuba njengomunye weziphukuphuku kolsrayeli. Ngalokho-ke, ake ukhulume lenkosi, ngoba kayiyikungigodla kuwe. **14** Kodwa kafunanga ukulalela ilizwi lakhe; kodwa elamandla kulaye, wambhinya walala laye. **15** UAmnoni wasemzonda ngenzondo enkulu kakhulu; ngoba inzondo amzonda ngayo yayinkulu kulothando ayemthande ngalo. UAmnoni wasesithi kuye: Vuka uhambe. **16** Yena wasesithi kuye: Kakulazizatho; lobububi bokungixotsha bukhulu okwedlula obunye obenze kimi. Kodwa kafunanga ukumlalela. **17** Wasebiza inceku yakhe eyayisebenza kuye, wathi: Umkhuphele phandle lo khathesi asuke kimi, unxibe umnyango emva kwakhe. **18** Njalo wayegqoke isiggoko esilemibalabala, ngoba amadodakazi enkosi ayizintombi ezimsulwa ayeggoka iziggoko ezinjalo. Inceku yasimkhuphela phandle, yanxiba umnyango emva kwakhe. **19** UTamari wasezithela ngomlotha ekhanda, wadabula isiggoko sakhe esilemibalabala ayesiggokile, wathwala imikhono ekhanda, wahamba, ehamba ekhala. **20** UAbisalomu umnewabo wasesithi kuye: UAmnoni umnewenu kade elawe yini? Ngakho-ke, thula, dadewethu, ungumnewenu; ungabeki inhliziyo yakho kulindaba. Ngakho uTamari wahlala eyedwa endlini kaAbisalomu umnewabo. **21** Inkosi uDavida isizwile zonke lezizinto yathukuthela kakhulu. **22** UAbisalomu kakhulumanga loAmnoni okuhle kumbe okubi, ngoba uAbisalomu wamzonda

uAmnoni, ngenxa yokuthi wayebhinye uTamari udadewabo. **23**
Kwasekusithi emva kweminyaka emibili epeheleleyo uAbisalomu
wayelabagundi bezimvu eBhali-Hazori eliseceleni kweEfrayimi;
uAbisalomu wasenxusa wonke amadodana enkosi. **24**
UAbisalomu wasesiza enkosini wathi: Khangela khathesi, inceku
yakho ilabagundi; inkosi ake ihambe lenceku zayo lenceku yakho.
25 Kodwa inkosi yathi kuAbisalomu: Hatshi, ndodana yami, ake
singahambi sonke, hlezi sibe ngumthwalo kuwe. Wayibamba
ngamandla kodwa kayivumanga ukuhamba, kodwa yambusisa.
26 UAbisalomu wasesithi: Uba kungenjalo, ake ahambe lathi
uAmnoni umfowethu. Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Uzahambelani lawe?
27 UAbisalomu eseyicindezele, yabayekela oAmnoni lawo wonke
amadodana enkosi ahamba laye. **28** UAbisalomu waselaya
inceku zakhe esithi: Khangelani-ke, nxa inhliziyo kaAmnoni
isithokoza ngewayini, lapho ngisithi kini: Tshayani uAmnoni,
beselimbulala; lingesabi; angithi ngoba mina ngililayile? Qinani,
libe ngamaqhawe. **29** Izinceku zikaAbisalomu zasezisenza
kuAmnoni njengokulaya kukaAbisalomu. Amadodana wonke
enkosi asesukuma, agada, ngulowo lalowo imbongolo yakhe,
abaleka. **30** Kwasekusithi besesendleleni, kwafika umbiko
kuDavida usithi: UAbisalomu utshaye wonke amadodana enkosi,
kakusalanga leyodwa yawo. **31** Inkosi yasisukuma yadabula
iziggoko zayo, yalala emhlabathini; lazo zonke inceku zayo
zazimi iziggoko zidatshuliwe. **32** UJonadabi indodana kaShimeya,
umfowabo kaDavida, wasephendula wathi: Inkosi yami kayingathi
babulele wonke amajaha, amadodana enkosi, ngoba nguAmnoni
yedwa ofileyo; ngoba ngomlomo kaAbisalomu kwanqunywa
kusukela osukwini abhinya ngalo udadewabo uTamari. **33**
Ngakho-ke inkosi yami, inkosi, kayingayibeki indaba enhliziyweni

yayo, ukuthi wonke amadodana enkosi afile, ngoba nguAmnoni yedwa ofileyo. **34** Kodwa uAbisalomu wabaleka. Ijaha elilindayo laseliphakamisa amehlo alo, labona, khangela-ke, abantu abanengi babesiza ngendlela emva kwalo ehlangothini lwentaba. **35** UJonadabi wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, amadodana enkosi ayeza; njengokwelizwi lenceku yakho, kunjalo. **36** Kwasekusithi ekuqedeni kwakhe ukukhuluma, khangela, afika amadodana enkosi, aphakamisa ilizwi lawo, akhala inyembezi; lenkosi layo lazo zonke inceku zayo bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulukazi. **37** Kodwa uAbisalomu wabaleka waya kuTalimayi indodana kaAmihudi inkosi yeGeshuri. UDavida waselilela indodana yakhe insuku zonke. **38** Wabaleka-ke uAbisalomu, waya eGeshuri, waba lapho iminyaka emithathu. **39** Inhliziyo kaDavida inkosi yasikhanuka kakhulu ukuphuma iye kuAbisalomu, ngoba wayeseduduzekile ngoAmnoni ukuthi ufile.

14 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wasenanzelela ukuthi inhliziyo yenkosи ikuAbisalomu. **2** UJowabi wasethumela eThekhowa ukuthi alande khona owesifazana ohlakaniphileyo, wathi kuye: Ake uxitshaye olilayo, ake ugqoke izigqoko zokulila, ungazigcobi ngamafutha, kodwa ube njengowesifazana oselilele ofileyo insuku ezinengi. **3** Ungene enkosini, ukhulumе kuyo ngalindlela. UJowabi wasefaka amazwi emlonyeni wakhe. **4** Lapho owesifazana umThekhowa ekhuluma enkosini, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, wakhothama, wathi: Siza, nkosi! **5** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ulani? Yena wasesithi: Sibili, ngingumfazi ongumfelokazi, lendoda yami yafa. **6** Njalo incekukazi yakho yayilamadodana amabili, alwa womabili egangeni; kwakungelamlamuli phakathi kwawo; enye yasitshaya enye, yayibulala. **7** Khangela-ke, usendo lonke seluvukele incekukazi yakho, bathi: Nikela lowo

owatshaya umfowabو wambulala, ukuthi simbulale ngenxa
yempilo yomfowabو ambulalayo, sicheithe lendlalifa. Ngalokho
bacitshe ilahle lami eliseleyo, ukuze bangatshiyeli indoda yami
ibizo lensali ebusweni bomhlaba. **8** Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazana:
Yana endlini yakho; mina-ke ngizalaya ngawe. **9** Owesifazana
umThekhowa wasesithi enkosini: Nkosi yami, nkosi, icala
kalibe phezu kwami laphezu kwendlu kababa; kodwa inkosi
lesihlalo sayo sobukhosи cube msulwa. **10** Inkosi yasisithi:
Okhuluma ulutho kuwe, umlethe kimi, njalo kayikuphinda
akuthinte futhi. **11** Wasesithi: Inkosi ake ikhumbule iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wayo ukuthi umphindiseli wegazi angabe esachitha,
hlezi bachithe indodana yami. Yasisithi: Kuphila kukaJehova,
kakuyikuwela emhlabathini olulodwa unwele lwendodana yakho.
12 Owesifazana wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho ake ikhulume
ilizwi enkosini yami inkosi. Yasisithi: Khuluma. **13** Owesifazana
wasesithi: Pho, unakaneleni okunje ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu?
Ngokukhuluma lindaba inkosi injengolecalा, ngokuthi inkosi
kayibuyisanga oxotshiweyo wayo. **14** Ngoba kumele sife,
sinjengamanzi achithekele emhlabathini angabuthwanga; kodwa
uNkulunkulu kayikususa impilo, kodwa uzacabanga amacebo
ukuthi angalahli kuye oxotshiweyo. **15** Ngakho-ke, njengoba
ngizile ukukhuluma linto enkosini, inkosi yami, kungoba abantu
bangesabisile; incekukazi yakho yasisithi: Khathesi ngizakhuluma
lenkosi; mhlawumbe inkosi izakwenza ilizwi lencekukazi yayo.
16 Ngoba inkosi izakuzwa, ukukhulula incekukazi yayo esandleni
somuntu ofuna ukuchitha mina kanye lendodana yami elifeni
likaNkulunkulu. **17** Incekukazi yakho yasisithi: Akuthi ilizwi
lenkosi yami, inkosi, libe ngelokuthula, ngoba njengengilosи
kaNkulunkulu, injalo inkosi yami, inkosi, ukuzwa okubi lokuhle.

Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kayibe lawe. **18** Inkosi yasiphendula yathi kowesifazana: Ake ungangifihleli indaba engizayibuza kuwe. Owesifazana wasesithi: Ake ikhulume inkosi yami, inkosi. **19** Inkosi yasisithi: Isandla sikaJowabi silawe yini kukho konke lokhu? Owesifazana wasephendula wathi: Kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yami, nkosi, isibili kakho ongaya ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo asuke lakuyiphi into inkosi yami, inkosi, eyikhulumileyo; ngoba inceku yakho uJowabi, yona yangilaya, yiyo eyafunza incekukazi yakho wonke lamazwi. **20** Inceku yakho uJowabi iyenzile linto ukuthi iphendule ukuma kwendaba. Njalo inkosi yami ihlakaniphile njengenhlakaniph yengilos kaNkulunkulu, ukwazi konke okusemhlabeni. **21** Inkosi yasisithi kuJowabi: Khangela khathesi, ngenzile lindaba; ngakho hamba ubuyise umfana uAbisalomu. **22** UJowabi wasesithi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhothama, wayibusisa inkosi; uJowabi wasesithi: Lamuhla inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlwani akho, nkosi yami, nkosi, ngokuthi inkosi yenzile indaba yenceku yayo. **23** Wasesuka uJowabi, waya eGeshuri, wamletha uAbisalomu eJerusalema. **24** Inkosi yasisithi: Kaphendukele endlini yakhe, angaboni ubuso bami. Ngakho uAbisalomu waphendukela endlini yakhe, kabonanga ubuso benkosi. **25** Kolsrayeli wonke-ke kwakungelamuntu onjengoAbisalomu ukudunyiswa kakhulu ngobuhle; kwakungelasici kuye kusukela kungaphansi yonyawo lwakhe kuze kufike enkanda yakhe. **26** Nxa ephuca ikhanda lakhe - ngoba kwakusithi ekupheleni kwawo wonke umnyaka aliphuce, ngoba zazinzima kuye, ngakho waliphuca - walinganisa inwele zekhanda lakhe, amashekeli angamakhulu amabili ngesilinganiso senkosi. **27** Kwasekuzalelw uAbisalomu amadodana amathathu lendodakazi eyodwa, obizo

layo lalingu Tamari; wayengowesifazana omuhle ebukeka. **28**
UAbisalomu wasehlala eJerusalema iminyaka emibili epheleleyo,
kabonanga ubuso benkosi. **29** UAbisalomu wasethumela
kuJowabi ukuthi amthume enkosini; kodwa kavumanga ukuza
kuye. Waphinda wathumela ngokwesibili, kodwa kavumanga
ukuza. **30** Wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Bonani, isabelo
sikaJowabi siseceleni kwesami, njalo ulebhali lapho; hambani
lisithungele ngomlilo. Izinceku zikaAbisalomu zasezithungela
isabelo ngomlilo. **31** Wasesuka uJowabi weza kuAbisalomu
endlini, wathi kuye: Izinceku zakho zithungeleleni isabelo
esingesami ngomlilo? **32** UAbisalomu wasesithi kuJowabi:
Khangel, ngithumele kuwe ngisithi: Woza lapha, ukuze
ngikuthume enkosini, ukuthi: Ngibuyeleni ngisuka eGeshuri?
Bekukuhle kimi ukuthi ngabe ngilokhu ngikhonale. Ngakho-ke
kangibone ubuso benkosi; njalo uba kulecal kimi, kayingibulale.
33 Ngakho uJowabi weza enkosini, wayitshela; isimbizile
uAbisalomu weza enkosini, wayikhothamela ngobuso bakhe
emhlabathini, phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yasimanga uAbisalomu.

15 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokhu uAbisalomu wazilungisela
izinqola lamabhiza, labantu abangamatshumi amahlanu begijima
phambi kwakhe. **2** UAbisalomu wayesevuka ekuseni kakhulu
eme eceleni kwendlela yesango; kwakusithi wonke umuntu
olecalal lomthetho eliya enkosini ukwahlulelwa, uAbisalomu
ambize athi: Ungowawuphi umuzi? Lapho esithi: Inceku yakho
ingowesinye sezizwe zakolsrayeli; **3** uAbisalomu abesesithi kuye:
Bona, indaba zakho zinhle zilungile, kodwa kakho owenkosi
ukuthi akuzwe. **4** UAbisalomu abesesithi: Kungathi ngabe
ngibekwe umahluleli elizweni, ukuthi wonke umuntu olecalal
lomthetho lodaba angeza kimi, njalo bengizamlungisela. **5**

Kwakusithi lapho kusondela umuntu ukumkothamela, elule isandla sakhe, ambambe, amange. **6** UAbisalomu wasesenza ngalindlela kulsrayeli wonke, bona abeza enkosini ukwahlulelwa; ngalokho uAbisalomu wathumba inhlizyo yamadoda akolsrayeli.

7 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amane uAbisalomu wathi enkosini: Ake ngiyekhokha isithembiso sami engasithembisa eNkosini eHebron. **8** Ngoba inceku yakho yathembisa isithembiso ngisahlala eGeshuri eSiriya ngisithi: Uba iNkosi ingibuyisela lokungibuyisela eJerusalem, ngizayikhonza iNkosi. **9** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Hamba ngokuthula. Wasesukuma waya eHebron. **10** Kodwa uAbisalomu wathuma izinhlolli ezizweni zonke zakolsrayeli esithi: Lapho lisizwa ukukhala kophondo, lizakuthi: UAbisalomu uyinkosi eHebron! **11** Kwasekuhamba loAbisalomu amadoda angamakhulu amabili esuka eJerusalem, anxusiweyo, ahamba ebuqothweni bawo, njalo engazi lutho. **12** UAbisalomu wasethumela wabiza uAhithofeli weGilo, umeluleki kaDavida, esuka emzini wakhe, eGilo, esahlaba imihlatshelo. Njalo ugobe Iwaqina, labantu bahamba banda kuAbisalomu.

13 Kwasekufika isithunywa kuDavida, sisithi: Inhlizyo yabantu bakolsrayeli ilandela uAbisalomu. **14** Wasesithi uDavida ezincekwini zakhe zonke ezazilaye eJerusalem: Sukumani, sibaleke, ngoba kasilakuphepha ebusweni bukaAbisalomu. Phangisani ukuhamba, hlezi aphangise asifice, asehlisele okubi, atshaye umuzi ngobukhali benkemba. **15** Izinceku zenkosи zasezisithi enkosini: Njengakho konke inkosi, inkosi yami, ekukhethayo, khangela, nanzi inceku zakho. **16** Yasiphuma inkosi, layo yonke indlu yayo iyilandela. Inkosi yasitshiya abafazi abalitshumi, abafazi abancane, ukuze balinde indlu. **17** Yasiphuma inkosi, labo bonke abantu beyilandela; bema endlini

ekhatshana. **18** Lazo zonke inceku zayo zedlula eceleni kwayo, njalo wonke amaKerethi lawo wonke amaPelethi lawo wonke amaGiti, amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha, eza amlandela evela eGati, edlula phambi kwenkosi. **19** Inkosi yasisithi kulthayi umGiti: Lawe uhambelani lathi? Buyela uhlale lenkosi, ngoba ungowejzweni njalo unggumxotshwa endaweni yakho. **20** Ufike izolo; pho, lamuhla ngikuzulazulise ngokuhamba lathi, njengoba njiya lapho engiya khona? Buyela ubuyisele abafowenu. Umusa leqiniso kakube lawe. **21** Kodwa ulthayi wayiphendula inkosi wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, njalo kuphila kwenkosi yami, inkosi, isibili kuleyondawo lapho inkosi yami, inkosi, ezakuba kiyo, loba kusekufeni loba kusekuphileni, lalapho izakuba khona inceku yakho. **22** UDavida wasesithi kulthayi: Hamba, uchaphe. Ulthayi umGiti wasechapha kanye labantu bakhe bonke labantwanyana ababelaye. **23** Ilizwe lonke lakhala inyembezi ngelizwi elikhulu, njalo abantu bonke bachapha. Inkosi yasichapha isifula iKidroni, labantu bonke bachapha, ngasendleleni yenkangala. **24** Njalo khangela, uZadoki laye lawo wonke amaLevi elaye, bethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, bawubeka phansi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu; uAbhiyatha wasesenyuka, abantu bonke baze baphela ukudlula bephuma emzini. **25** Inkosi yasisithi kuZadoki: Buyisela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu emzini. Uba ngizathola umusa emehlwani eNkosi, izangibuyisa ingitshengise wona kanye lendawo yayo yokuhlala. **26** Kodwa uba isitsho njalo, ithi: Kangithokozi ngawe; khangela ngilapha, kayenze kimi njengokuhle emehlwani ayo. **27** Inkosi yasisithi kuZadoki umpristi: Ungumboni yini? Buyela emzini ngokuthula, loAhimahazi indodana yakho loJonathani indodana kaAbhiyatha, amadodana enu womabili elani. **28** Bona,

ngizalinda emazibukweni enkangala, kuze kufike ilizwi elivelā
kini lokungibikela. **29** Ngakho uZadoki loAbhiyatha bawubuyisela
umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, bahlala khona. **30**
UDavida wasesenyuka ngomqanso wemihlwathi, esenyuka
ekhala inyembezi, embomboze ikhanda lakhe, wahamba
engelamanyathela; labo bonke abantu ababelaye bambomboza,
ngulowo lalowo ikhanda lakhe, benyuka, besenyuka behkala
inyembezi. **31** Kwasekubikwa kuDavida kwathiwa: UAhithofeli
uphakathi kwabakugobe loAbisalomu. UDavida wasesithi:
Nkosi, ake enze icebo likaAhithofeli libe yibuthutha. **32**
Kwasekusithi uDavida esefike engqongeni lapho ayekhonza
khona uNkulunkulu, khangela, uHushayi umArki wamhlangabeza,
isembatho sakhe sidatshuliwe, lenhlabathi isekhanda lakhe.
33 UDavida wasesithi kuye: Uba usedlula lami, uzakuba
ngumthwalo kimi. **34** Kodwa uba ubuyela emzini uthi kuAbisalomu:
Ngizakuba yinceku yakho, nkosi; kade ngiyinceku kayihlo, kodwa
khathesi sengizakuba yinceku yakho; khona uzangichithela
icebo likaAhithofeli. **35** Njalo kabakho yini kanye lawe lapho
oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi? Ngakho kuzakuthi yonke indaba
oyizwayo endlini yenkosи, uyitshele oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi.
36 Khangela, kukhona lapho kanye labo amadodana abo
amabili, uAhimahazi okaZadoki, loJonathani okaAbhiyatha; njalo
uzathumela ngesandla sabo kimi yonke into ozayizwa. **37**
UHushayi umngane kaDavida wasefika emzini, loAbisalomu
wafika eJerusalema.

16 Kwathi uDavida esedlule kancinyane engqongeni, khangela,
uZiba inceku kaMefiboshethi wamhlangabeza elabobabhemi
ababili belezihlalo, bethwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili,
lamahlukozo alikhulu ezithelo ezonyisiweyo zevini, lezithelo

zehlobo ezilikhulu, lomgodla wewayini. **2** Inkosi yasisithi kuZiba: Uthini ngalezizinto? UZiba wasesithi: Obabhemi ngabendlu yenkosi ukuthi bagade, lezinkwa lezithelo zehlobo ngezamajaha ukuthi adle, lewayini ngelabaphelelwa ngamandla enkangala ukuthi banathe. **3** Inkosi yasisithi: Pho, ingaphi indodana yenkosi yakho? UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, uhlezi eJerusalema, ngoba uthethi: Lamuhla ulsrayeli uzabuyisela kimi umbuso kababa. **4** Inkosi yasisithi kuZiba: Khangela, ngokwakho konke okukaMefiboshethi. UZiba wasesithi: Ngiyakhothama; kangithole umusa emehlwani akho, nkosi yami, nkosi. **5** Kwathi inkosi uDavida ifika eBahrими, khangela, kwaphuma khona umuntu wosendo lwendlu kaSawuli, obizo lakhe linguShimeyi indodana kaGera; waphuma, ehamba ethuka. **6** Wasejikijela uDavida ngamatshe kanye lenceku zonke zenkosi uDavida, labo bonke abantu lamaqhawe wonke ngakwesokunene sakhe langakwesokhohlo sakhe. **7** Wasesitsho njalo uShimeyi ekuthukeni kwakhe: Phuma, phuma, muntu wegazi, muntu kaBheliyal! **8** INkosi ibuyisele phezu kwakho lonke igazi lendlu kaSawuli obubusa esikhundleni sakhe; iNkosi inikele umbuso esandleni sikaAbisalomu indodana yakho. Khangela, usebubini bakho, ngoba ungumuntu omele igazi. **9** UAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wasesithi enkosini: Linja efileyo iyithukelani inkosi yami, inkosi? Ake ngedlule ngisuse ikhanda layo. **10** Kodwa inkosi yathi: Ngilani lani, madodana kaZeruya? Ngakho kathuke, ngoba iNkosi ithe kuye: Thuka uDavida; pho, ngubani ozakuthi: Wenzeleni njalo? **11** UDavida wasesithi kuAbishayi lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe: Khangela, indodana yami, ephume emibilini yami, idinga impilo yami; kangakanani-ke lumBhenjamini? Myekeleni, athuke, ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile kuye. **12** Mhlawumbe iNkosi izabona

usizi lwami, iNkosi ingibuyisele okuhle esikhundleni sokuthuka kwakhe lamuhla. **13** UDavida labantu bakhe basebehamba ngendlela; loShimeyi ehamba eceleni kwentaba maqondana laye, ehamba ethuka, emjikijela ngamatshe, emthela ngothuli. **14** Inkosi labo bonke abantu ababelayo bafika sebekhathele; yasihlumelela khona. **15** UAbisalomu labantu bonke, amadoda akolsrayeli, basebefika eJerusalema, loAhithofeli elaye. **16** Kwasekusithi lapho uHushayi umArki, umngane kaDavida, esefike kuAbisalomu, uHushayi wathi kuAbisalomu: Kayiphile inkosi! Kayiphile inkosi! **17** UAbisalomu wasesithi kuHushayi: Yiwo umusa wakho kumngane wakho yini? Kungani ungahambanga lomngane wakho? **18** UHushayi wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Hatshi, kodwa lowo emkhethayo iNkosi, lalabantu, lawo wonke amadoda akolsrayeli, ngizakuba ngowakhe, njalo ngihlale laye. **19** Ngokwesibili, mina ngizakhonza bani? Kungabi phambi kobuso bendodana yakhe na? Njengoba ngakhonza phambi kukayihlo, ngokunjalo ngizakuba phambi kwakho. **20** UAbisalomu wasesithi kuAhithofeli: Phanini iseluleko senu ukuthi sizakwenza njani? **21** UAhithofeli wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Ngena kubafazi abancane bakayihlo abatshiye ukulinda indlu; lolsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa ukuthi ulevumba kuyihlo; khona izandla zabo bonke abalawe zizaqina. **22** Basebemendlalela uAbisalomu ithente phezu kophahla; uAbisalomu wasengena kubafazi abancane bakayise phambi kwamehlo kalsrayeli wonke. **23** Iseluleko sikaAhithofeli aseluleka ngalezonsuku sasinjengomuntu ebuza ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; sasinjalo sonke iseluleko sikaAhithofeli kubo bobabili uDavida loAbisalomu.

17 UAhithofeli wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Ake ngikhethe amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, ngisukume ngixotshane

loDavida ngalobubusuku. **2** Ngizamehlela esakhathelle ebuthakathaka ezandleni, ngimethuse; labo bonke abantu abalaye bazabaleka; ngizatshaya inkosi kuphela. **3** Ngizabuyisela abantu bonke kuwe. Umuntu omdingayo ufanana lokubuya kwabo bonke. Bonke abantu bazakuba sekuthuleni. **4** Lalelilizwi lalilungile emehlwani kaAbisalomu lemehlwani abo bonke abadala bakolsrayeli. **5** UAbisalomu wasesithi: Bizani-ke loHushayi umArki, sizwe ukuthi laye uthini ngomlomo. **6** UHushayi esefikile kuAbisalomu, uAbisalomu wakhuluma kuye esithi: UAhitofeli ukhulume ngalindlela: Senze ilizwi lakhe yini? Uba kungenjalo, khuluma wena. **7** UHushayi wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Iseluleko uAhithofeli aselulekileyo ngalesisikhathi kasisihle. **8** UHushayi wathi futhi: Wena uyamazi uyihlo labantu bakhe ukuthi bangamaqhawe, ukuthi bathukuthele enhliziyweni, njengebhore elithathelwe imidlwane egangeni. Futhi uyihlo yindoda yempi; kayikulala labantu ebusuku. **9** Khangela, khathesinje ucatshile komunye wemigodi, loba kwenye yezindawo. Kuzakuthi lapho abanye babo bewile ekuqaleni, kuthi loba ngubani ozwayo athi: Bekulokubulawa ebantwini abalandela uAbisalomu. **10** Kuthi laye ollobuqhawe, onhlizyo yakhe injengenhlizyo yesilwane, ancibilike lokuncibili; ngoba ulsrayeli wonke uyazi ukuthi uyihlo uliqhawe, lalabo abalaye balobuqhawe. **11** Ngakho ngiyeluleka ukuthi ulsrayeli wonke abuthane, abuthane kuwe kusukela koDani kuze kufike eBherishebha, ngangetshebetshebe eliselwandle ngobunengi, wena ngokwakho ubususiya empini. **12** Ngakho sizamehlela kwenye yezindawo lapho angatholakala khona, simehlele njengamazolo ewela emhlabathini; njalo kungasali kuye lebantwini bonke abalaye loyedwa. **13** Uba-ke engena emzini, ulsrayeli wonke uzaletha amagoda kulowomuzi, siwuhudulele

esifuleni, kungabe kusatholwa lalitshana khona. **14** UAbisalomu lawo wonke amadoda akolsrayeli basebesithi: Iseluleko sikaHushayi umArki singcono kuleseluleko sikaAhithofeli. Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu yayilayile ukuthi kufutshiswe iseluleko esihle sikaAhithofeli ukuze iNkosi imehliseli okubi uAbisalomu. **15** UHushayi wasesithi kuZadoki lakuAbhiyatha abapristi: UAhithofeli weluleke uAbisalomu labadala bakolsrayeli kanje lakanje; mina-ke ngeluleka kanje lakanje. **16** Ngakho-ke thuman masinyane litshele uDavida lithi: Ungalali emagcekeni enkangala kulobubusuku, futhi chapha lokuchapha, hlezi inkosi iginywe labantu bonke abalayo. **17** OJonathani loAhimahazi babemile-ke eEnirogeli; incekukazi yeza yabatshela, bona-ke bahamba babikela inkosi uDavida; ngoba babengelakubonwa bengena emzini. **18** Kodwa umfana othile wababona, wabikela uAbisalomu; kodwa bahamba masinyane bobibili, bayafika endlini yomuntu eBahurimi, owayelomthombo egumeni lakhe; behlela khona. **19** Owesifazana wasethatha wendlala isimbombozo phezu komlomo womthombo, wachaya amabele agigiweyo phezu kwaso; ngakho linto kayaziwanga. **20** Lapho zifika izinceku zikaAbisalomu kowesifazana endlini, zathi: Bangaphi oAhimahazi loJonathani? Owesifazana wasesithi kizo: Bachaphe isifula samanzi. Sezidingile, zingabatholanga, zabuyela eJerusalema. **21** Kwasekusithi sezihambile, benyuka emthonjeni baya bayitshela inkosi uDavida, bathi kuDavida: Sukani lichaphe amanzi masinyane, ngoba uAhithofeli weluleke njalo emelene lani. **22** UDavida wasesuka, labo bonke abantu ababelaye, bachapha iJordani; kuze kube sekukhanyeni kokusa kwakungasalanga loyedwa, ongayichaphanga iJordani. **23** Lapho uAhithofeli ebona ukuthi iseluleko sakhe asilandelwanga, wabophela isihlalo

kubabhem, wasuka waya endlini yakhe emzini wakhe, walaya indlu yakhe, waziphanyeka, wafa, wangcwatshelwa engcwabeni likayise. **24** UDavida wasefika eMahanayimi; uAbisalomu wasechapha iJordani, yena lamadoda wonke akolsrayeli kanye laye. **25** UAbisalomu wayebeke-ke uAmasa phezu kwebutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi. Njalo uAmasa wayeyindodana yomuntu obizo lakhe lalingulthira umlsrayeli, owangena kuAbigali indodakazi kaNahashi, udadewabo kaZeruya, unakaJowabi. **26** Ngakho ulsrayeli loAbisalomu bamisa inkamba elizweni leGileyadi. **27** Kwasekusithi uDavida esefikile eMahanayimi, uShobi indodana kaNahashi weRaba yabantwana bakoAmoni, loMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli weLodebari, loBarizilayi umGileyadi weRogelimi, **28** balettha amacansi, lemiganu, lendiwo zebumba, lengqoloyi, lebhali, lempuphu, lamabele akhanzingiwego, lendumba, lamalentili, lokunye okukhanzingiwego, **29** lenyosi, lamasi, lezimvu, letshizi yenkomu, kusenzelwa uDavida labantu ababelaye ukuze badle; ngoba bathi: Abantu balambile badiniwe bomile enkangala.

18 UDavida wasebala abantu ababelaye, wabeka phezu kwabo izinduna zezinkulungwane lenduna zamakhulu. **2** UDavida wasethuma ingxeny yeirthathu yabantu ngaphansi kwesandla sikaJowabi, lengxeny yeirthathu ngaphansi kwesandla sikaAbishayi indodana kaZeruya, umfowabo kaJowabi, lengxeny yeirthathu ngaphansi kwesandla sikalthayi umGiti. Inkosi yasisithi ebantwini: Lami ngizaphuma lokuphuma kanye lani. **3** Kodwa abantu bathi: Kawuyikuphuma. Ngoba uba sibaleka lokubaleka, kabayikusinaka; kumbe uba kusifa ingxeny yeethu, kabayikuba landaba lathi. Kanti khathesi wena ulingana lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zethu; ngakho-ke kungcono ukuthi

ube lusizo lwethu usemzini. **4** Inkosi yasisithi kibo: Lokho okulungileyo emehlwani enu ngizakwenza. Inkosi yasisima eceleni kwesango; bonke abantu basebephuma ngamakhulu langezinkulungwane. **5** Inkosi yasibalaya oJowabi loAbishayi lolthayi, isithi: Liliphathe kahle ijaha, uAbisalomu, ngenxa yami. Njalo bonke abantu bezwa lapho inkosi ilaya zonke izinduna indaba kaAbisalomu. **6** Abantu basebephumela egangeni ukuyakulwa bemelene lolsrayeli; njalo impi yayiseguswini lakoEfrayimi. **7** Abantu bakolsrayeli basebetshaywa lapho phambi kwenceku zikaDavida, kwasekusiba khona ukubulala okukhulu ngalolosuku - abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. **8** Ngoba impi yahlakazeka khona ebusweni belizwe lonke, njalo igusu ladla abantu abanengi ngalolosuku okwedlula labo inkemba eyabadlayo. **9** UAbisalomu wasehlangana lenceku zikaDavida. Njalo uAbisalomu wayegade imbongolo; kwathi imbongolo ifika ngaphansi kwengatsha ezihlangeneyo zesihlahla se-okhi elikhulu, ikhanda lakhe laselibambelela esihlahleni se-okhi; waselenga phakathi kwamazulu lomhlaba, njalo imbongolo engaphansi kwakhe yedlula. **10** Umuntu othile wasebona, watshela uJowabi wathi: Khangela, ngibone uAbisalomu elenga esihlahleni se-okhi. **11** UJowabi wasesithi kulowomuntu omtshelayo: Khangela-ke, umbonile, kungani-ke ungamtshayelanga emhlabathini khonapho? Bengizakunika inhlamu ezilitshumi zesiliva lebhanti elilodwa. **12** Kodwa lowomuntu wathi kuJowabi: Loba bengingemukela ezandleni zami inhlamu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva, bengingayikwelulela isandla sami endodaneni yenkosi, ngoba ezindlebeni zethu inkosi yakulaya wena loAbishayi lolthayi isithi: Nanzelelani, loba ngubani, angathinti ijaha uAbisalomu. **13** Uba bengenze inkohliso

ngempilo yami, ngoba kakulalutho olucatshela inkosi, lawe ubuzazimisa umelene lami. **14** UJowabi wasesithi: Kangiyikulibala ngokunjalo lawe. Wasethatha imikhonto emithathu esandleni sakhe, wamgwaza uAbisalomu enhliziyweni esaphila, phakathi kwesihlahla se-okhi. **15** Njalo amajaha alitshumi ayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi, amzingelezela amtshaya uAbisalomu ambulala. **16** UJowabi wasevuthela uphondo, abantu basebebuya ekuxotshaneni lolsrayeli, ngoba uJowabi wabamisa abantu. **17** Basebemthatha uAbisalomu, bamphosela emgodini omkhulu eguswini, babeka phezu kwakhe inqwaba enkulu kakhulu yamatshe; ulsrayeli wonke wasebaleka, ngulowo lalowo waya ethenteni lakhe. **18** UAbisalomu esaphila wayethethe wazimisela insika esesigodini senkosi, ngoba wathi: Angilandodana yokwenza ukuthi ibizo lami likhunjulwe. Wabiza leyonsika ngebizo lakhe. Yabizwa ngokuthi, isikhumbuzo sikaAbisalomu, kuze kube lamuhla. **19** UAhimahazi indodana kaZadoki wasesithi: Ake ngigijime, ngiyibikele inkosi ukuthi iNkosi iyiphindisele esandleni sezitha zayo. **20** Kodwa uJowabi wathi kuye: Kawusumbiki wendaba lamuhla, kodwa uzazibika izindaba ngolunye usuku; lamuhla kawuyikubika izindaba, ngenxa yokuthi indodana yenkoski ifile. **21** UJowabi wasesithi kumKhushi: Hamba uyebikela inkosi okubonileyo. UmKhushi wamkhothamela uJowabi, wagijima. **22** UAhimahazi indodana kaZadoki wabuya wasephinda wathi kuJowabi: Loba kunjani, ake ngigijime lami ngimlandele umKhushi. Kodwa uJowabi wathi: Uzagijimelani, mntanami, lokhu ungelambiko ongawuletha? **23** Kodwa loba kunjani, kangigijime. Wasesithi kuye: Gijima. Wasegijima uAhimahazi ngendlela yemagcekeni, wamdlula umKhushi. **24** UDavida wayehlezi-ke phakathi kwamasango womabili; umlindi wasesiya

ephahleni Iwesango emdulini, waphakamisa amehlo akhe,
wabona, khangela-ke, umuntu egijima yedwa. **25** Umlindi
wasememeza watshela inkosi. Yasisithi inkosi: Uba eyedwa
ulombiko emlonyeni wakhe. Wasehamba weza esondela. **26**
Umlindi wasebona omunye umuntu egijima; umlindi wabiza
umlindisango wathi: Khangela, omunye umuntu ugijima yedwa.
Inkosi yasisithi: Laye lo uletha izindaba. **27** Umlindi wasesithi:
Ngibona ukugijima kowokuqala kunjengokugijima kukaAhimahazi
indodana kaZadoki. Inkosi yasisithi: Lo ngumuntu olungileyo, uza
lendaba ezinhle. **28** UAhimahazi wasememeza wathi enkosini:
Ukuthula! Wasekhothamela inkosi ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini
wathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, enikele abantu
abaphakamisa isandla sabo enkosini yami, inkosi. **29** Inkosi
yasisithi: Kuhle yini ngejaha, ngoAbisalomu? UAhimahazi
wasesithi: Ngibone isiphithiphithi esikhulu lapho uJowabi ethuma
inceku yenkosi lenceku yakho, kodwa kangazanga ukuthi kuyini.
30 Inkosi yasisithi: Buyela eceleni, ume lapho. Wasebuyela
eceleni wema. **31** Khangela-ke, umKhushi wafika, umKhushi
wathi: Yemukela imibiko, nkosi yami, nkosi! Ngoba iNkosi
ikuphindisele lamuhla esandleni salabo bonke abakuvukelayo.
32 Inkosi yasisithi kumKhushi: Kuhle yini ngejaha, ngoAbisalomu?
UmKhushi wasesithi: Kungathi izitha zenkosi yami, inkosi, labo
bonke abakuvukelayo ngobubi bangaba njengalelojaha. **33**
Yasikhathazeka kakhulu inkosi, yenyukela endlini ephezulu
yesango, yakhala inyembezi, isahamba yakhulumu kanje:
Ndodana yami Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami,
Abisalomu! Kungathi ngabe kufe mina endaweni yakho,
Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!

19 Kwasekubikwa kuJowabi kwathiwa: Khangela, inkosi uDavida iyakhala inyembezi, ililela uAbisalomu. **2** Ukunqoba ngalolosuku kwasekusiba yisililo ebantwini bonke, ngoba abantu bezwa ngalolosuku kuthiwa: Inkosi idabukile ngenxa yendodana yayo. **3** Abantu basebengena ngokunyenza emzini ngalolosuku njengabantu benyenya belenhloni bebaleka empini. **4** Kodwa inkosi yagubuzela ubuso bayo, inkosi yakhala ngelizwi elikhulu yathi: Ndodana yami Abisalomu, Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami! **5** UJowabi wasengena endlini enkosini wathi: Lamuhla uyangisile ubuso benceku zakho zonke ezisindise impilo yakho lamuhla lempilo yamadodana akho leyamadodakazi akho lempilo yabomkakho lempilo yabafazi bakho abancane. **6** Uyabathanda abakuzondayo, uzonde abakuthandayo. Ngoba ukuveze obala lamuhla ukuthi izinduna lezinceku kazisilutho kuwe; ngoba ngiyananzelela lamuhla ukuthi uba uAbisalomu ubephila, njalo thina sonke besifile lamuhla, ukuthi bekungabe kulungile emehlwani akho. **7** Ngakho-ke sukuma, uphume uyekhuluma enhliziyweni yezinceku zakho; ngoba ngifunga ngeNkosi, uba ungaphumi, sibili kakulamuntu ozahlala lawe ngalobubusuku. Lalokhu kuzakuba kubi kuwe kulakho konke okubi okukwehlele kusukela ebutsheni bakho kuze kube khathesi. **8** Inkosi yasisukuma, yahlala esangweni. Batshela bonke abantu bathi: Khangela, inkosi ihlezi esangweni; basebesiza abantu bonke phambi kwenkosi. Ulrayeli wayebaleke-ke, ngulowo lalowo waya emathenteni akhe. **9** Njalo abantu bonke babephikisana ezizweni zonke zakolsrayeli besithi: Inkosi yasikhulula esandleni sezitha zethu, njalo yona yasophula esandleni samaFilisti; kodwa khathesi isibalekile elizweni ngenxa kaAbisalomu. **10** Kodwa uAbisalomu

esamgcoba ukuthi abe phezu kwethu ufele empini. Pho-ke, lithuleleni ngokubuyisa inkosi? **11** Inkosi uDavida yasithuma kuZadoki lakuAbhiyatha abapristi, isithi: Khulumani labadala bakoJuda lithi: Kungani lingabokucina ukubuyisela inkosi endlini yayo? (Ngoba inkulomo kalsrayeli wonke ifike enkosini endlini yayo.) **12** Lingabafowethu, lilithambo lami lenyama yami; ngakho kungani lingabokucina ukubuyisa inkosi? **13** Lithi-ke kuAmasa: Angithi ulithambo lami lenyama yami? UNkulunkulu kenze njalo kimi engezelele ngokunjalo, uba ungayikuba yinduna yebutho phambi kwami zonke izinsuku esikhundleni sikaJowabi. **14** Wasethobisa inhliziyo yabantu bonke bakoJuda, njengamuntu munye; basebethuma enkosini besithi: Buyela wena lazo zonke inceku zakho. **15** Inkosi yasibuyela yafika eJordan; uJuda wasesiza eGiligali ukuyahlangabeza inkosi, ukuchaphisa inkosi iJordan. **16** UShimeyi indodana kaGera umBhenjamini, owaseBahurimi, wasephangisa wehla labantu bakoJuda ukuhlangabeza inkosi uDavida, **17** labantu abayinkulungwane bakoBhenjamini belaye, loZiba inceku yendlu kaSawuli, lamadodana akhe alitshumi lanhlanu, lenceku zakhe ezingamatshumi amabili belaye. Basebephangisa bay a Jordani phambi kwenkosi. **18** Kwasekuchapha isikepe sokuchapha ukuchaphisa abendlu yenkosi lokwenza okulungileyo emehlwani ayo. UShimeyi indodana kaGera wasewela phansi phambi kwenkosi ekuchapheni kwayo iJordan. **19** Wasesithi enkosini: Inkosi yami ingangibaleli isiphambeko, futhi ungakhumbuli lokho inceku yakho eyaphambeka ngakho mhla inkosi yami, inkosi, iphuma eJerusalema, ukuthi inkosi ikubeke enhliziyweni yayo. **20** Ngoba inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi mina ngonile; khangela-ke, ngifikile lamuhla ngingowokuqala wendlu yonke

kaJosefa ukwehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi yami, inkosi. **21** Kodwa uAbishayi indodana kaZeruya waphendula wathi: UShimeyi kayikubulawa yini ngalokhu, ngoba wathuka ogcotshiweyo weNkosi? **22** UDavida wasesithi: Ngilani lani, madodana kaZeruya, ukuthi libe yisitha kimi lamuhla? Kuzabulawa umuntu lamuhla kolsrayeli yini? Ngoba kangazi yini ukuthi lamuhla ngiyinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli? **23** Inkosi yasisithi kuShimeyi: Kawuyikufa. Inkosi yasifunga kuye. **24** UMefiboshethi indodana kaSawuli wasesehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi. Wayengalungisanga inyawo zakhe, engalungisanga lendevu zakhe, engawatshanga leziggoko zakhe, kusukela mhla inkosi ihamba kwaze kwaba mhla ibuya ngokuthula. **25** Kwasekusithi esefikile eJerusalema ukuhlangabeza inkosi, inkosi yathi kuye: Kungani unghambanga lami, Mefiboshethi? **26** Wasesithi: Nkosi yami, nkosi, inceku yami yangikhohlisa; ngoba inceku yakho yathi: Ngizazibophelela isihlalo kubabhemi ukuze ngimgade, ngihambe lenkosi, ngoba inceku yakho iyaqhula. **27** Njalo iyihlebile inceku yakho enkosini yami, inkosi; kodwa inkosi yami, inkosi, injengengilos kaNkulunkulu; ngakho yenza okulungileyo emehlweni akho. **28** Ngoba yonke indlu kababa ibingesilutho ngaphandle kokuba ngabantu bokufa phambi kwenkosi yami, inkosi; loba kunjalo wayibeka inceku yakho phakathi kwabadla etafuleni lakho. Pho, ngiselalungelo bani ukuthi ngibuye ngikhale enkosini? **29** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Usakhulumelani ngendaba zakho? Ngithe: Wena loZiba lizakwehlukaniselana insimu. **30** UMefiboshethi wasesithi enkosini: Yebo, kayithathe yonke, lokhu inkosi yami, inkosi, isibuyile endlini yayo ngokuthula. **31** UBarizilayi umGileyadi wasesehla evela eRogelimi, wachapha iJordani kanye lenkosi ukuyiphelekezela phetsheya kweJordani. **32**

UBarizilayi wayesemdala kakhulu, eleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; yena wayisekela inkosi ekuhlaleni kwayo eMahanayimi, ngoba wayengumuntu omkhulu kakhulu. **33** Inkosi yasisithi kuBarizilayi: Chapha kanye lami wena, ngizakusekela lami eJerusalema. **34** Kodwa uBarizilayi wasesithi enkosini: Zingaki insuku zeminyaka yempilo yami ukuthi ngenyukele eJerusalema lenkosi? **35** Lamuhla ngileminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; ngingehlukanisa phakathi kokuhle lokubi yini? Inceku yakho inganambitha engikudlayo lengikunathayo yini? Ngingabe ngisawezwa yini amazwi amadoda ahlabelayo lawabesifazana abahlabelayo? Kungani-ke inceku yakho isizakuba ngumthwalo enkosini yami, inkosi? **36** Inceku yakho izake ichaphe iJordani ingcosana nje kanye lenkosi; kungani-ke inkosi izangenanisa ngomvuzo ongaka? **37** Ngiyakuncenga, yekela inceku yakho ibuyele, ukuze ngifele emzini wami eduze lengcwaba likababa lelikamama. Kodwa khangela, inceku yakho uKhimihamu, kayichaphe lenkosi yami, inkosi, uyenzele okulungileyo emehlwani akho. **38** Inkosi yasisithi: UKhimihamu uzachapha lami; njalo mina ngizamenzela okulungileyo emehlwani ami, lakho konke okufunayo kimi ngizakwenzela khona. **39** Bonke abantu basebechapha iJordani, lenkosi yachapha, inkosi yamanga uBarizilayi, yambusisa, wasebuyela endaweni yakhe. **40** Inkosi yasisedlulela eGiligali, loKhimihamu wedlula layo; labo bonke abantu bakoJuda bayidlulisela phambili inkosi, futhi lengxenye yesizwe sakolsrayeli. **41** Khangela-ke, bonke abantu bakolsrayeli beza enkosini bathi enkosini: Abafowethu, abantu bakoJuda, bakuntshontsheleni, bachaphisa inkosi lendlu yayo iJordani labo bonke abantu bakaDavida belaye? **42** Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebephendula

amadoda akolsrayeli bathi: Ngoba inkosi iyisihlobo sethu; pho-
ke, lithukuthelelani ngalindaba? Sike sadlani okwenkosi? Kumbe
isinike isipho yini? **43** Njalo amadoda akolsrayeli aphendula
amadoda akoJuda, athi: Silengxene ezilitshumi enkosini,
futhi lakuDavida silelungelo okwedlula lina. Pho, lasidelelani
ukuthi ilizwi lethu lingabi ngelokuqala ukubuyisa inkosi yethu?
Kodwa ilizwi lamadoda akoJuda lalilukhuni kulelizwi lamadoda
akolsrayeli.

20 Kwasekuzenzakala ukuthi kube khona lapho umuntu
kaBheliyali, obizo lakhe linguShebha indodana kaBikiri
umBhenjamini; wasevuthela uphondo wathi: Kasilasabelo
kuDavida, kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese; wonke umuntu
emathenteni akhe, Israyeli! **2** Ngakho wonke umuntu wakolsrayeli
wenyuka wasuka emva kukaDavida, elandela uShebha indodana
kaBikiri; kodwa abantu bakoJuda banamathela enkosini yabo,
kusukela eJordani kwaze kwaba seJerusalema. **3** UDavida
wasefika endlini yakhe eJerusalema; inkosi yathatha abafazi
abalitshumi, abafazi abancane, eyayibatshiye ukuze balinde
indlu, yababeka endlini elindiweyo, yabanika ukudla, kodwa
kayingenanga kubo. Basebevalelw kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa
kwabo, bephila ebufelokazini. **4** Inkosi yasisithi kuAmasa: Biza
abantu bakoJuda babuthane kimi ngensuku ezintathu, lawe
ube khona lapha. **5** UAmasa wasehamba ukubuthanisa uJuda,
kodwa waphuza phezu kwesikhathi esimisiweyo ayemmisele
sona. **6** UDavida wasesithi kuAbishayi: Khathesi uShebha
indodana kaBikiri uzasenzela okubi okwedlula uAbisalomu;
wena thatha inceku zenkosi yakho, uxotshane laye, hlezi
azitholele imizi ebiyelwe ngemithangala, asiphunyuke. **7**
Kwasekuphuma emva kwakhe amadoda kaJowabi lamaKerethi

lamaPelethi lamaqhawe wonke, basebephuma eJerusalema ukuxotshana loShebha indodana kaBikiri. **8** Sebeselitsheni elikhulu eliseGibeyoni, uAmasa weza phambi kwabo. UJowabi wayebhince isigqoko ayesigqokile, laphezu kwaso kulebhanti elilenkemba ebotshelwe ekhalweni lwakhe isesikhwameni sayo; esaqhubeka inkemba yawa. **9** UJowabi wasesithi kuAmasa: Uyaphila yini, mfowethu? UJowabi wasebamba uAmasa ngesilevu ngesandla sokunene ukuze amange. **10** Kodwa uAmasa wayengayinanzelili inkemba eyayisesandleni sikaJowabi; wasemtshaya ngayo kubambo lwesihlanu, wathululela imibilini yakhe emhlabathini, kamphindanga, wafa. UJowabi loAbishayi umfowabobo basebexotshana loShebha indodana kaBikiri. **11** Omunye wamajaha kaJowabi wema phansi kwakhe, wathi: Omthandayo uJowabi, longokaDavida, landela uJowabi. **12** UAmasa wasegiqika egazini phakathi komgwaqo omkhulu. Lapho lowomuntu ebona ukuthi bonke abantu bayema, wamsusa uAmasa emgwaqweni omkhulu wamuswa egangeni, waphosela isembatho phezu kwakhe, lapho ebona ukuthi wonke ofika ngakuye wema. **13** Esesusiwe emgwaqweni omkhulu, bonke abantu badlula bamlandela uJowabi ukuze baxotshane loShebha indodana kaBikiri. **14** Wasedabula kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli, waya eAbeli ngitsho iBeti-Mahaka, lawo wonke amaBer; basebebuthana bamlandela labo. **15** Basebefika, bamgombolozela eAbeli-Beti-Mahaka; babuthelela idundulu maqondana lomuzi, lema emthangaleni; bonke abantu ababeloJowabi basebewona umduli ukuuwiselā phansi. **16** Kwasekumemeza owesifazana ohlakaniphileyo phakathi komuzi wathi: Zwanini, zwanini! Ake lithi kuJowabi: Sondela lapha, ukuze ngikhulume lawe. **17** Esesondele kuye, owesifazana

wathi: Nguwe uJowabi yini? Yena wathi: Nginguye. Wasesithi kuye: Zwana amazwi encekukazi yakho. Wasesithi: Ngiyezwa.

18 Wasekhuluma esithi: Endulo babejwayele ukukhuluma besithi: Kababuze lokubuza eAbeli; basebeqeda ngokunjalo. **19** Ngingowabokuthula, owabathembekileyo bakolsrayeli; udinga ukuchitha umuzi lonina kolsrayeli. Uginyelani ilifa leNkosi?
20 UJowabi wasephendula wathi: Kakube khatshana, kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngiginye loba ngichithe. **21** Udaba kalunjalo; kodwa umuntu wasentabeni yakoEfrayimi, nguShebha indodana kaBikiri ibizo lakhe, uphakamisile isandla sakhe emelene lenkosi, emelene loDavida; nikelani yena kuphela, ngizasuka emzini. Owesifazana wasesithi kuJowabi: Khangela, ikhanda lakhe lizaphoselwa kuwe ngaphezu komduli. **22** Owesifazana wasesiya ngenhlakanipho yakhe ebantwini bonke. Basebequma ikhanda likaShebha indodana kaBikiri, baliphosela kuJowabi. Wasevuthela uphondo, bahlakazeka besuka kulowomuzi, ngulowo lalowo waya emathenteni akhe. UJowabi wasebuyela eJerusalema enkosini.
23 Njalo uJowabi wayephezu kwebutho lonke lakolsrayeli; loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKerethi laphezu kwamaPelethi; **24** loAdoniram wayephezu kwezibhalwa; loJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane; **25** loSheva wayengumbhali; loZadoki loAbhiyatha babengabapristi;
26 lolra laye umJayiri wayengumpristi kaDavida.

21 Kwasekusiba khona indlala ensukwini zikaDavida iminyaka emithathu, umnyaka ngomnyaka ilandelana; uDavida wadinga ubuso beNkosi. INkosi yasisithi: Kungenxa kaSawuli langenxa yendlu yakhe yegazi, ngoba wabulala amaGibeyoni. **2** Ngakho inkosi yabiza amaGibeyoni yathi kuwo: (AmaGibeyoni-ke ayengeyisiwo awabantwana bakolsrayeli, kodwa ayengawensali

yamaAmori; njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli babefungile kuwo; uSawuli wasedinga ukuwatshaya ekutshisekeleni kwakhe abantwana bakolsrayeli loJuda.) 3 Ngakho uDavida wathi kumaGibeyoni: Ngingalenzelani? Ngingayenza ngani inhlawulo yokuthula ukuze libusise ilifa leNkosi? 4 AmaGibeyoni asesithi kuye: Kayisindaba yesiliva kumbe igolide loSawuli lendlu yakhe; futhi kakusikwethu ukubulala umuntu kolsrayeli. Wasesithi: Lokho elikutshoyo ngizalenzela khona. 5 Basebesithi enkosini: Umuntu owasiqedayo, owaceba emelene lathi ukuthi sichithwe singasali lakuwuphi umngcele wakolsrayeli, 6 kasinikwe amadoda ayisikhombisa emadodaneni akhe, njalo siwaphanyekele iNkosi eGibeya kaSawuli, okhethiwego weNkosi. Inkosi yasisithi: Mina ngizalipha. 7 Kodwa inkosi yamyekela uMefiboshethi indodana kaJonathani indodana kaSawuli ngenxa yesifungo seNkosi esasiphakathi kwabo, phakathi kukaDavida loJonathani indodana kaSawuli. 8 Kodwa inkosi yathatha amadodana amabili kaRizipa indodakazi kaAya ayewazalele uSawuli, uArmoni loMefiboshethi, lamadodana amahlanu kadadewabo kaMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli ayewazalele uAdriyeli indodana kaBarizilayi umMehola, 9 yabanikela esandleni samaGibeyoni, asebaphanyeka entabeniphambi kweNkosi, njalo abayisikhombisa bawa kanyekanye. Babulawa ensukwini zokuvuna, ensukwini zakuqala ekuqalenikokuvunwa kwebhali. 10 URizipa indodakazi kaAya wasethatha isaka, wazendlalela lona phezu kwedwala, kusukela ekuqalenikokuvuna kwaze kwathonta amanzi phezu kwabo evela emazulwini; kavumelanga inyonizamazulu ukuthi zihlale phezu kwabo emini, lezilo zeganga ebusuku. 11 Kwasekubikelwa uDavida lokho uRizipa indodakazi kaAya, umfazi omncane kaSawuli,

ayekwenzile. **12** uDavida wasehamba wayathatha amathambo kaSawuli lamathambo kaJonathani indodana yakhe kubahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi ababewebile emdangeni weBeti-Shani, lapho amaFilisti ayebaphanyeke khona mhla amaFilisti etshaya uSawuli eGilibowa. **13** Wasesenyusa esuka lapho amathambo kaSawuli lamathambo kaJonathani indodana yakhe; basebeqoqa amathambo awababephanyekiwe. **14** Basebewangcwaba amathambo kaSawuli lakaJonathani indodana yakhe elizweni lakoBhenjamini eZela, engcwabeni likaKishi uyise. Benza konke inkosi eyayibalaye khona. Njalo emva kwalokho uNkulunkulu wancengeka ngenxa yelizwe. **15** AmaFilisti abuye aba lempi futhi lolsrayeli; uDavida wasesehla lenceku zakhe kanye laye, njalo balwa lamaFilisti; uDavida wasedinwa. **16** Ulshibi-Benobi owayengowabantwana besiqhwaga, osisindo somkhonto wakhe sasingamashekeli angamakhulu amathathu ethusi, wayebhince inkemba entsha, wathi uzamtshaya uDavida. **17** Kodwa uAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wamsiza, wamtshaya umFilisti wambulala. Khona abantu bakaDavida bafunga kuye besithi: Kawusayikuphuma impi lathi, hlezi ucitshe isibane sikalsrayeli. **18** Kwasekusithi emva kwalokhu kwaba lempi futhi lamaFilisti eGobi; khona uSibekayi umHusha watshaya uSafi, owayengowabantwana besiqhwaga. **19** Kwasekusiba lempi futhi lamaFilisti eGobi; uElihanani indodana kaJahari-Oregimi umBhethelehema, watshaya umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGiti, oluthi lomkhonto wakhe Iwalunjengogodo lomaluki. **20** Njalo kwabuye kwaba lempi eGathi, lapho okwakulomuntu omude, owayeleminwe eyisithupha ezandleni zakhe, lamazwane ayisithupha ezinyaweni zakhe, kungamatshumi amabili lane ngenani; laye-ke wayezalelwwe isiqhwaga. **21** Lapho eseyisa

ulsrayeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wamtshaya. **22** Laba abane babezalelw eisqhwaga eGathi; njalo bawa ngesandla sikaDavida langesandla senceku zakhe.

22 UDavida wasekhuluma eNkosini amazwi alelihubo mhla iNkosi imkhulula esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lesandleni sikaSawuli. **2** Wasesithi: INkosi ilidwala lami, lenqaba yami, lomkhululi wami; **3** uNkulunkulu wedwala lami, ngizaphephela kuye, isihlangu sami, lophondo losindiso lwami, inqaba yami ephakemeyo, lesiphephelo sami, umsindisi wami; ungisindisile odlakeleni. **4** Ngizabiza iNkosi edumisekayo, ngakho ngizasindiswa ezitheni zami. **5** Ngoba izinsizi zokufa zingizingelezele, lezikhukhula zobubi zangethusa. **6** Izibopho zesihogo zangigombolozela, imijibila yokufa yayiphambi kwami. (Sheol h7585) **7** Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngayibiza iNkosi, ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami; waselizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe, lokukhala kwami kwafinyelela endlebeni zakhe. **8** Khona umhlaba wazamazama, wanyikinyeka, izisekelo zamazulu zaqhaqhazela, zazamazama, ngoba wayethukuthele. **9** Kwenyuka intuthu emakhaleni akhe, lomlilo ophuma emlonyeni wakhe waqothula; amalahle avuthiswa yiwo. **10** Wasekhothamisa amazulu, wehlela phansi; lomnyama onzima wawungaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. **11** Wasegada ikherubhi, waphapha, wabonakala phezu kwempiko zomoya. **12** Wasemisa umnyama waba ngamadumba inhlangothi zonke zakhe, lokuqoqana kwamanzi, amayezi amnyama omkhathi. **13** Ekukhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe kwavuthiswa amalahle omlilo. **14** INkosi yaduma isemazulwini, loPhezukonke walikhupha ilizwi lakhe. **15** Yathuma imitshoko, yabachitha; imibane, yabaphaphathekisa. **16** Khona kwabonakala imisele yolwandle, kwembulwa izisekelo zomhlaba, ekusoleni

kweNkosi, ekuvutheleni komoya wamakhala ayo. **17** Iphezulu yathuma, yangibamba, yangenyula emanzini amanengi. **18** Yangophula esitheni sami esilamandla, kwabangizondayo, ngoba babelamandla kulami. **19** Babephambi kwami osukwini lwenhlupheko yami, kodwa iNkosi yaba yisisekelo sami. **20** Yangikhuphela endaweni ebanzi, yangikhulula, ngoba yayithokoza ngami. **21** INkosi yangivuza njengokulunga kwami, yangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami. **22** Ngoba ngizilondolozile indlela zeNkosi, kangisukanga kuNkulunkulu wami ngenkohlakalo. **23** Ngoba zonke izahlulelo zayo zaziphambi kwami, lezimiso zayo, kangiphambukanga kuzo. **24** Njalo ngangiqondile phambi kwayo, ngizinqandile ebubini bami. **25** Ngakho iNkosi ingibuyisele njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlanzeka kwami phambi kwamehlo ayo. **26** Kolesihawu uzaverseza ulesihawu; koqotho uzaverseza uqotho; **27** kohlanzekileyo uzaverseza uhlanzekile; lakophambukileyo uzaverseza uphambukile. **28** Labantu abahlutshwayo uzabasindisa, kodwa amehlo akho aphezu kwabaziphakamisayo, uzabehlisela phansi. **29** Ngoba uysibane sami, Nkosi, iNkosi izakhanyiske ubumnyama bami. **30** Ngoba ngawe ngigijimile ngadabula phakathi kwebutho, ngoNkulunkulu wami ngeqe umthangala. **31** UNkulunkulu; indlela yakhe iphelele; ilizwi leNkosi lihloliwe; uvisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye. **32** Ngoba ngubani onguNkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNkosi? Njalo ngubani olidwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu? **33** UNkulunkulu uyingqaba yami lamandla, owenza indlela yami iphelele. **34** Owenza inyawo zami zibe njengezezimpala, wangimisa ezingqongeni zami. **35** Ofundisela izandla zami impi, ukuze idandili lethusi ligotshiswe zingalo zami. **36** Unginikile lesihlangu sosindiso lwakho,

lokuzithoba kwakho kungikhulisile. **37** Wenze laba banzi inyathelo lami ngaphansi kwami, ukuze inqagala zami zingatsheleli. **38** Ngixotshene lezitha zami ngazibhubhisa, kangibuyanga ngaze ngaziqeda. **39** Ngaziqeda, ngazigwaza, ukuze zingavuki; kodwa zawa ngaphansi kwenyawo zami. **40** Ngoba ungibhincise amandla kusenzelwa impi, wabakhothamisela phansi kwami abangivukelayo. **41** Unginike intamo yezitha zami, labo abangizondayo ngababhubhisa. **42** Bakhangela, kodwa engekho umsindisi; eNkosini, kodwa kayibaphendulanga. **43** Ngasengibacholisia njengothuli lomhlaba, ngabagxoba njengodaka Iwezitalada, ngabatsahaza. **44** Wasungikhulula ekuphikiseni kwabantu bami, wangicina ngiyinhloko yezizwe;abantu engangingabazi bangisebenzela. **45** Abezizweni bazazehlisela phansi kimi; bangenela ukuzwa ngendlebe bazangilalela. **46** Abezizweni bazabuna, baphume ezinqabeni zabo bethuthumela. **47** Inkosi iyaphila; njalo kalibusiswe idwala lami, kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu, idwala losindiso Iwami; **48** uNkulunkulu onginika impindiselo, lowehlisela izizwe ngaphansi kwami; **49** longikhupha ezitheni zami; laphezu kwabangivukelayo wena wangiphakamisa; lemuntwini wodlakela wangikhulula. **50** Ngenxa yalokhu ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, phakathi kwezizwe, ngihubele ibizo lakho indumiso. **51** Ingumphotshongo wosindiso kuyo inkosi yayo, isenzela ogcotshiweyo wayo umusa, kuDavida, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini.

23 La-ke ngamazwi okucina kaDavida. UDavida indodana kaJese wathi, lomuntu ophakanyiselwe phezulu, ogcotshiweyo kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, lomhlabeleli omnandi wakolsrayeli, wathi: **2** UMoya weNkosi wakhulumma ngami, lelizwi lakhe lisolimini Iwami. **3** UNkulunkulu kalsrayeli wathi, iDwala

likalsrayeli lakhuluma kimi lathi: Obusa abantu uzakuba ngolungileyo, ebusa ngokumesaba uNkulunkulu. **4** Njalo uzakuba njengokukhanya kwekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, ikuseni engelamayezi, njengohlaza emhlabathini ngokukhanya emva kwezulu. **5** Lanxa indlu yami ingenjalo kuNkulunkulu, kube kanti wenzile lami isivumelwano esilaphakade, esimiswe kuhle ezintweni zonke, lesigcinekileyo, ngoba lonke usindiso lwami lesiloyiso sikuso, lanxa engasikhulisi. **6** Kodwa abakaBheliyali bonke banjengameva alahliweyo, ngoba engelakuthathwa ngesandla; **7** kodwa umuntu owathintayo uzazihlomisa ngensimbi langoluthi lomkhonto, azatshiswa lokutshiswa ngomlilo kuleyondawo. **8** La ngamabizo amaqhawe uDavida ayelawo: UJoshebi-Bashebeti umTahekemoni, inhloko yezinduna; nguye uAdino umEzini, ngenxa yabangamakhulu ayisificaminwembili ababulawa ngasikhathi sinye. **9** Lemva kwakhe kwakuloEleyazare indodana kaDodo indodana kaAhohi, owamaqhawe amathathu ayeloDavida, ekudeleleni kwabo amaFilisti ayebuthanele khona impi, lapho amadoda akolsrayeli esenyukile, **10** yena wasukuma watshaya amaFilisti saze sadinwa isandla sakhe, lesandla sakhe sanamathela enkembeni. INkosi yasisenza usindiso olukhulu ngalolosuku; abantu basebebuya emva kwakhe ukuzaphanga kuphela. **11** Lemva kwakhe kwakuloShama indodana kaAge umHarari. AmaFilisti ayebuthene aba lixuku, lapho okwakukhona isiqinti sensimu sigcwele amalentili; njalo abantu babaleka ebusweni bamaFilisti, **12** kodwa wajama phakathi kwesiqinti, wasivikela, wawatshaya amaFilisti. INkosi yenza-ke usindiso olukhulu. **13** Abathathu ezinhlokweni ezingamatshumi amathathu basebesehla, bafika kuDavida ebhalwini lweAdulamu ngesikhathi sokuvuna; lexuku

lamaFilisti lalimise inkamba esihotsheni seRefayimi. **14**
Langalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, lebutho lenqaba
lamaFilisti laliseBhethelohema ngalesosikhathi. **15** UDavida
wasenxwanelo, wathi: Hawu, kungathi omunye ubenganginathisa
amanzi omthombo weBhethelohema ongasesangweni! **16**
Lawomaqhawe amathathu asefohla adabula enkambeni
yamaFilisti, akha amanzi emthonjeni weBhethelohema
owawungasesangweni, awathatha awaletha kuDavida. Kube
kanti kathandanga ukuwanatha, kodwa wawathululela iNkosi.
17 Wasesithi: Kakube khatshana lami, Nkosi, ukuthi ngenze
lokho; kakusigazi yini labantu abahambe lempilo yabo
engozini? Ngalokho kathandanga ukuwanatha. Lezizinto
azenza lamaqhawe amathathu. **18** Njalo uAbishayi, umfowab
kaJowabi indodana kaZeruya, wayeyinhloko yabathathu. Yena
wasegiyela abangamakhulu amathathu ngomkhonto wakhe,
ababulewyo, wasesiba lebizo phakathi kwabathathu. **19**
Kahlonitshwanga kakhulu yini kulabathathu? Ngakho waba
yinduna yabo; kodwa kafikanga kwabathathu abokuqala. **20**
UBhenaya-ke, indodana kaJehoyada, indodana yeqhawe,
omkhulu ngezenzo, weKabhiseyeli. Yena watshaya ababili
abanjengezilwane bakoMowabi; futhi wehla watshaya isilwane
phakathi komgodi mhla weliqhwa elikhithikileyo. **21** Yena
wasetshaya indoda engumGibhithe, umuntu obukekayo; njalo
umGibhithe wayelomkhonto esandleni sakhe; kodwa wehlela
kuye elenduku, wawuhluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe,
wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe. **22** Lezizinto wazenza uBhenaya
indodana kaJehoyada, waba lebizo phakathi kwamaghewe
amathathu. **23** Wayehlonipheka kulabangamatshumi amathathu,
kodwa kafikanga kwabathathu. UDavida wasembeka phezu

kwabalindi bakhe. **24** UAsaheli umfowabو kaJowabi wayephakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathу, uElihanani indodana kaDodo weBhethelhema, **25** uShama umHarodi, uElika umHarodi, **26** uHelezi umPaliti, ulra indodana kalkhesи umThekhowa, **27** uAbiyezeri umAnethothi, uMebunayi umHusha, **28** uZalimoni umAhohi, uMaharayi umNetofa, **29** uHelebi indodana kaBahana umNetofa, ulthayi indodana kaRibayi weGibeya wabantwana bakoBhenjamini, **30** uBhenaya umPirathoni, uHidayi wezifuleni zeGahashi, **31** uAbi-Aliboni umAraba, uAzimavethi umBahurimi, **32** uEliyabha umShahaliboni, wamadodana kaJasheni, uJonathani, **33** uShama umHarari, uAhiyamu indodana kaSharari umHarari, **34** uElifeleti indodana kaAhasibayi indodana yomMahaka, uEliyamu indodana kaAhithofeli umGilo, **35** uHezirayi umKharmeli, uPaharayi umArabi, **36** ulgali indodana kaNathani weZoba, uBani umGadi, **37** uZeleki umAmoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, umthwali wezikhalı zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya, **38** ulra umlthiri, uGarebi umlthiri, **39** uUriya umHethi; bebonke babengamatshumi amathathу lesikhombisa.

24 Lwaselubuya Iwamvuthela ulsrayeli ulaka lukaJehova, wabavusela uDavida, esithi: Hamba ubale ulsrayeli loJuda. **2** Ngakho inkosi yathi kuJowabi induna yebutho eyayilaye: Hamba khathesi ubhode ezizweni zonke zakolsrayeli, kusukela koDani kuze kube seBherishebha, libale abantu ukuze ngazi inani labantu. **3** UJowabi wasesithi enkosini: Aluba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ingandisa ebantwini, loba bebanengi kangakanani, kuphindwe ngokulikhulu, ukuthi amehlo enkosи yami, inkosi, akubone. Kodwa inkosi yami, inkosi, ithokozelani kulinto? **4** Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi lalilamandla phezu kukaJowabi laphezu kwezinduna zebutho. Ngakho uJowabi lenduna

zebutho baphuma phambi kwenkosi ukuze babale abantu,
ulsrayeli. **5** Basebechapha iJordani, bamisa inkamba
eAroweri, ngakwesokunene komuzi ophakathi kwesifula seGadi,
lamaqondana leJazeri. **6** Basebefika eGileyadi lelizweni
leTahetimi-Hodishi; bafika eDani-Jahani, babhoda ngaseSidoni, **7**
bafika enqabeni yeTire lemizini yonke yamaHivi leyamaKhanani;
baphuma bay aeningizimu yakoJuda, eBherishebha. **8**
Sebebhone badabula ilizwe lonke, bafika eJerusalema ekupheleni
kwenyanga eziyisificamunwemunye lensuku ezingamatshumi
amabili. **9** UJowabi waseyinika inkosi inani lokubalwa kwabantu;
njalo kwakukhona kolsrayeli amaqhawe ayizinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu ayisificaminwembili ahwatsha inkemba; lamadoda
akoJuda ayengamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amahlanu. **10** Inhlizyo kaDavida yasimtshaya emva kokuthi
esebale abantu. UDavida wasesithi eNkosini: Ngonile kakhulu
ngalokho engikwenzileyo. Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, ngiyakuncenga,
susu ububi benceku yakho, ngoba ngenze ngobuthutha
obukhulu. **11** Kwathi uDavida esevukile ekuseni, kwafika
ilizwi leNkosi kuGadi umprofethi, umboni kaDavida, lisithi: **12**
Hamba uthi kuDavida: Itsho njalo iNkosi ithi: Ngikubekela
okuthathu; zikhethelo okukodwa kukho, ukuthi ngikwenze
kuwe. **13** UGadi wasefika kuDavida, wamtshela wathi
kuye: Kufike kuwe yini iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala
elizweni lakini? Loba ubalekele izitha zakho inyanga ezintathu
zixotshana lawe? Ingabe kube khona umatshayabhuqe wesifo
okwensuku ezintathu elizweni lakini? Khathesi cabanga, ubone
ukuthi yimpendulo bani engizayibuyisela kongithumileyo. **14**
UDavida wasesithi kuGadi: Ngicindezelekile kakhulu; ake
siwele esandleni seNkosi, ngoba izisa zayo zinkulu, kodwa

kangingaweli esandleni somuntu. **15** Ngakho iNkosi yasibeka umatshayabhuqe wesifo kulsrayeli, kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba sesikhathini esimisiweyo; kwasekusifa ebantwini abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kusukela koDani kwaze kwaba seBherishebha. **16** Lapho ingilos i selulela isandla sayo eJerusalem ukuyibhubhisa, iNkosi yasisola ngalobobubi, yathi engilosini eyayibhubhisa abantu: Sekwanele. Khathesi finyeza isandla sakho. Ingilos yeNkosi yayisebaleni lokubhulela likaArawuna umJebusi. **17** UDavida wasekhulum eNkosini lapho ebona ingilos eyayitshaya abantu, wathi: Khangela, mina ngonile, njalo mina ngenze okubi; pho, lezizimvu zenzeni? Isandla sakho ake simelane lami njalo simelane lendlu kababa. **18** UGadi wasefika kuDavida ngalolosuku, wathi kuye: Yenyuka, umisele iNkosi ilathi ebaleni lokubhulela likaArawuna umJebusi. **19** UDavida wasesenyuka njengokutsho kukaGadi, njengokulaya kweNkosi. **20** UArawuna waselunguza, wabona inkosi lenceku zayo beqhubeka besiza kuye; uArawuna wasephuma wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini. **21** UArawuna wasesithi: Kungani inkosi yami, inkosi, ize encekwini yayo? UDavida wasesithi: Ukuthi ngithenge kuwe ibala lokubhulela, ukuthi ngakhele iNkosi ilathi, ukuze inhlupheko ithintekingafiki ebantwini. **22** UArawuna wasesithi kuDavida: Inkosi yami, inkosi, kayithathe inikele lokho okuhle emehlwani ayo; bona, nanzi inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, lezimbulo lezinto zenkabi kube zinkuni. **23** Konke lokhu, nkosi, uArawuna wakunika inkosi; uArawuna wasesithi enkosini: INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kayikwemukele. **24** Inkosi yasisithi kuArawuna: Hatshi, kodwa ngizakuthenga lokukuthenga kuwe ngentengo; njalo kangiyikunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa

engangibizanga lutho eNkosini uNkulunkulu wami. UDavida waselithenga ibala lokubhulela lezinkabi ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu. 25 UDavida wasesakhela khona iNkosi ilathi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. Ngakho iNkosi yancengeka ngelizwe, inhlupheko yasithinteka phezu kukalsrayeli.

1 Amakhosi

1 Inkosi uDavida yayisindala ilensuku ezinengi; basebeyembesa ngezembatho, kodwa kayikhudumalanga. **2** Inceku zayo zasezisithi kuyo: Inkosi yami, inkosi, kayidingelwe intombazana emsulwa, ukuthi ime phambi kwenkosi, iyonge, ilale esifubeni sakho, ukuze inkosi yami, inkosi, ikhudumale. **3** Zasezidinga intombazana enhle emingceleni yonke yakolsrayeli, zathola uAbishagi umShunami, zamletha enkosini. **4** Intombazana yayinhle kakhulu sibili, yaba ngumongi wenkosi, yayisebenzela; kodwa inkosi kayiyazanga. **5** UAdonija indodana kaHagithi waseziphakamisa esithi: Mina ngizakuba yinkosi. Wasezilungisela inqola labagadi bamabhiza, lamadoda angamatshumi amahlau ukugijima phambi kwakhe. **6** Uyise wayengazanga amdanise lakanye esithi: Wenzeleni kanje? Laye futhi wayelesimo esihle kakhulu, lonina wamzala emva kukaAbisalomu. **7** Lamazwi akhe ayeloJowabi indodana kaZeruya njalo loAbhiyatha umpristi, basebencedisa, bamlandela uAdonija. **8** Kodwa uZadoki umpristi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, loNathani umprofethi, loShimeyi, loReyi, lamaqhawe uDavida ayelawo, babengekho kuAdonija. **9** UAdonija wahlaba izimvu lezinkabi lokunonisiweyo elitsheni leZohelethi eliseceleni kweEni-Rogeli, wanxusa bonke abafowabo, amadodana enkosi, lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda, inceku zenkosi; **10** kodwa oNathani umprofethi loBhenaya lamaqhawe loSolomoni umfowabo kabanzusanga. **11** Ngakho uNathani wakhulumu kuBathisheba unina kaSolomoni esithi: Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi uAdonija indodana kaHagithi uyabusa, lenkosi yethu uDavida kayikwazi? **12** Ngakho-ke woza, ake ngikuphe iseluleko, ukuze usindise impilo yakho lempilo yendodana yakho uSolomoni. **13** Hamba ungene enkosini

uDavida uthi kuyo: Wena nkosi yami, nkosi, kawufunganga
yini kuncekukazi yakho usithi: Qotho, uSolomoni indodana
yami uzabusa emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni
sami sobukhos? Pho, kungani kubusa uAdonija? **14** Khangela,
ulokhu usakhulum lapho lenkosi, ngingene lami emva
kwakho, ngiqinise amazwi akho. **15** UBathisheba wasengena
enkosini ekamelweni. Inkosi yayisindala kakhulu, loAbishagi
umShunami wayeyisebenzela inkosi. **16** UBathisheba waseguqa
wakhothamela inkosi; inkosi yasisithi: Ulani? **17** Wasesithi kuyo:
Nkosi yami, wena wafunga ngoJehova uNkulunkulu wakho
kuncekukazi yakho usithi: Qotho uSolomoni indodana yakho
uzabusa emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami
sobukhos. **18** Kodwa khathesi khangela, uAdonija uyabusa,
khathesi-ke, nkosi yami, nkosi, kawukwazi. **19** Usehlabe izinkabi
lokunonisiweyo lezimvu ezinengi, wanxusa wonke amadodana
enkosi loAbhiyatha umpristi loJowabi induna yebutho; kodwa
uSolomoni inceku yakho kamnxusanga. **20** Wena-ke, nkosi yami,
nkosi, amehlo kalsrayeli wonke aphezu kwakho ukuthi ubatsheli
ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhos senkosi yami,
inkosi, emva kwayo, **21** hlezi kuzakuthi lapho inkosi yami, inkosi,
izalala laboyise, mina lendodana yami uSolomoni sizakuba yizoni.
22 Khangela-ke, elokhu esakhulum lenkosi, loNathani umprofethi
wangena. **23** Basebeyibikela inkosi besithi: Khangela uNathani
umprofethi. Esengene phambi kwenkosi wakhothama phambi
kwenkosi ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini. **24** UNathani wasesithi:
Nkosi yami, nkosi, wena utshilo yini ukuthi: UAdonija uzabusa
emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhos?
25 Ngoba wehlile lamuhla, uhlabile izinkabi lokunonisiweyo
lezimvu ezinengi, wanxusa wonke amadodana enkosi, lenduna

zebutho, loAbhiyatha umpristi; khangela-ke, bayadla bayanatha phambi kwakhe, njalo bathi: Kayiphile inkosi uAdonija! **26** Kodwa mina, mina inceku yakho loZadoki umpristi loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada loSolomoni inceku yakho, kasinxusanga. **27** Lindaba yenziwe yinkosi yami, inkosi, yini? Njalo kawazisanga inceku yakho ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosи senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo? **28** Inkosi uDavida yasiphendula yathi: Ngibizelani uBathisheba. Wasengena phambi kobuso benkosi, wema phambi kwenkosi. **29** Inkosi yasifunga yathi: Kuphila kukaJehova ohlenge umphefumulo wami kuzo zonke inhlupheko, **30** ngitsho, njengoba ngafunga kuwe ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ngisithi: Qotho, uSolomoni indodana yakho uzabusa emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosи esikhundleni sami; qotho ngizakwenza njalo lamuhla. **31** UBathisheba wasekhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, waguqela inkosi wathi: Kayiphile inkosi yami, inkosi uDavida kuze kube nininini! **32** Inkosi uDavida yasisithi: Ngibizelani uZadoki umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada. Basebengena phambi kwenkosi. **33** Inkosi yasisithi kibo: Thathani kanye lani inceku zenkosi yenu, ligadise uSolomoni indodana yami imbongolo engeyami, limehlisele eGihoni. **34** Kakuthi-ke uZadoki umpristi loNathani umprofethi bamgcobe khona abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli; beselivuthela uphondo lithi: Kayiphile inkosi uSolomon! **35** Beselisenyuka emva kwakhe, njalo uzakuza ahiale esihlalweni sami sobukhosи, ngoba uzakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sami, njalo yena ngimbekile ukuthi abe ngumbusi phezu kukalsrayeli laphezu kukaJuda. **36** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada waseyiphendula inkosi wathi: Ameni. Kayitsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wenkosi

yami, inkosi! **37** Njengoba uJehova ubelenkosi yami, inkosi, kabe njalo loSolomoni, asenze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosib e sikhulu kulesihlalo sobukhosib senkosi yami, inkosi uDavida. **38** Ngakho uZadoki umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, lamaKerethi, lamaPelethi behla bamgadisa uSolomoni imbongolo yenkosib uDavida, bamusa eGihoni. **39** UZadoki umpristi wasethatha uphondo lwamafutha ethenteni, wamgcoba uSolomoni. Basebevuthela uphondo, bonke abantu bathi: Kayiphile inkosi uSolomoni! **40** Bonke abantu basebesenyuka emva kwakhe, bonke abantu basebevuthela imihlanga bethokoza ngentokozo enkulib waze waqhekezeke umhlaba ngomsindo wabo. **41** UAdonija labo bonke abanxusiweyo ababelaye basebewuzwa sebeqede ukudla. Lapho uJowabi esizwa ukukhala kophondo wathi: Ngowani umsindo womuzi oxokozelayo? **42** Lapho esakhulum, khangela, kwafika uJonathani indodana kaAbhiyatha umpristi; uAdonija wathi: Ngena, ngoba uliqhawe, uletha imibiko emihle. **43** UJonathani wasephendula wathi kuAdonija: Qotho, inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavida, imbekile uSolomoni waba yinkosi; **44** njalo inkosi ithume kanye laye uZadoki umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, lamaKerethi, lamaPelethi, bamgadisa imbongolo yenkosib. **45** Njalo uZadoki umpristi loNathani umprofethi bamgcobile waba yinkosi eGihoni, benyuka khona bethokoza; yikho umuzi uxokozela. Yiwo lowomsindo eliwuzwileyo. **46** Futhi uSolomoni usehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosib sombuso. **47** Futhi lenceku zenkosi zifikile ukubusisa inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavida, zisithi: UNkulunkulu wakho kalenze ibizo likaSolomoni libe ngcono kulebizo lakho, enze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosib sibe sikhulu kulesihlalo sakho sobukhosib. Inkosi

yasikhothama embhedeni. **48** Futhi-ke yatsho njalo inkosi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, enike lamuhla ohlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, amehlo ami ekubona. **49** Bonke abanxusiweyo ababelo Adonija basebethuthumela, basukuma, bahamba ngulowo lalowo ngendlela yakhe. **50** UAdonija wasesesaba ngenxa kaSolomoni, wasukuma wahamba, wabamba impondo zelathi. **51** Wasebikelwa uSolomoni ukuthi: Khangela, uAdonija uyayesaba inkosi uSolomoni; ngoba khangela, usebambe impondo zelathi esithi: Inkosi uSolomoni kayifunge kimi lamuhla ukuthi kayiyikuyibulala inceku yayo ngenkemba. **52** USolomoni wasesithi: Uba eyindoda uqobo, kakuyikuwa okonwele lwakhe emhlabathini. Kodwa uba ububi butholakala kuye, uzakufa. **53** Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma, bamehlisa elathini. Wasesiza wakhothama enkosini uSolomoni; uSolomoni wasesithi kuye: Yana endlini yakho.

2 Insuku zikaDavida zokuthi afe zasezison dela, waselaya uSolomoni indodana yakhe esithi: **2** Sengihamba indlela yomhlaba wonke. Ngakho qina, ube yindoda, **3** ugcine imfanelo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba ngezindlela zayo, ukugcina izimiso zayo, imithetho yayo, lezahlulelo zayo, lobufakazi bayo, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaMozisi, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo, laloba ngaphi lapho ophendukela khona, **4** ukuze iNkosi iqinise ilizwi layo eyalikhulumu mayelana lami isithi: Uba amadodana akho eqaphelisa indlela yawo, ukuhamba ngobuqotho phambi kwami ngenhliziyo yonke yawo langomphefumulo wonke wawo, (isithi) kakuyikusweleka kuwe indoda esihlalweni sobukhosi sikalsrayeli. **5** Futhi-ke wena uyakwazi ukuthi uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wenzani kimi, ukuthi wenzani

kuzinduna ezimbili zamabutho akolsrayeli, kuAbhineri indodana kaNeri, lakuAmasa indodana kaJetheri, owababulala wachitha igazi lempi ekuthuleni, wafaka igazi lempi ebbantini lakhe elalisekhalweni lwakhe lemanyathelweni asenyaweni zakhe. **6**

Ngakho yenza njengenhlakanipho yakho, ungayekeli ikhanda lakhe elilezimvu lehlele engcwabeni ngokuthula. (**Sheol h7585**) **7**

Kodwa kumadodana kaBarizilayi umGileyadi wenze umusa, njalo kawabe phakathi kwabadla etafuleni lakho, ngoba ngokunjalo asondela kimi ekubalekeleni kwami ubuso bukaAbisalomu umfowenu. **8** Futhi khangela, kukhona kuwe uShimeyi indodana kaGera umBhenjamini weBahurimi, owangithuka ngesethuko esibuhlungu mhla ngisiya eMahanayimi; kodwa wehla ukungihlangabeza eJordani, ngasengifunga kuye ngeNkosi ngathi: Kangiyikukubulala ngenkemba. **9** Ngakho-ke ungamyekeli abe ngongelacala, ngoba ungumuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngoba uyakwazi ozakwenza kuye, njalo uzakwehlisela ikhanda lakhe eliyimpunga lilegazi engcwabeni. (**Sheol h7585**) **10**

UDavida waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini kaDavida.

11 Njalo insuku uDavida abusa ngazo phezu kukalsrayeli zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amane; eHebron wabusa iminyaka eyisikhombisa, leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **12** USolomoni wasehlala esihhlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavida uyise, lombuso wakhe waqiniswa kakhulu.

13 UAdonija indodana kaHagithi wasesiza kuBathisheba unina kaSolomoni; wasesithi: Ukuza kwakho kuyikuthula yini? Wasesithi: Ukuthula. **14** Wathi: Ngilelizwi kuwe. Wasesithi: Khuluma. **15** Wasesithi: Wena uyakwazi ukuthi umbuso wawungowami, lokuthi ulsrayeli wonke babebeke ubuso babo kimi ukuthi ngizabusa; kodwa umbuso waphendulwa, waba

ngowomfowethu, ngoba waba ngowakhe uvela eNkosini. **16**
Khathesi-ke, ngicela isicelo esisodwa kuwe, ungafulathelisi ubuso
bami. Wasesithi kuye: Khuluma. **17** Wasesithi: Ake ukhulume
loSolomoni inkosi (ngoba kayikufulathelisa ubuso bakho) ukuthi
anginike uAbishagi umShunami abe ngumkami. **18** UBathisheba
wasesithi: Kulungile; mina ngizakukhulumela enkosini. **19**
Ngakho uBathisheba wasesiya enkosini uSolomoni ukukhulumela
uAdonija kuyo. Inkosi yasisukuma ukumhlangabeza, yakhothama
kuye, yahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhos, yathi kubekelwe
unina wenkosi isihlalo sobukhos; wasehlala ngakwesokunene
sayo. **20** Wasesithi: Ngicela isicelo esisodwa esincinyane
kuwe, ungafulathelisi ubuso bami. Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Cela,
mama, ngoba kangiyikufulathelisa ubuso bakho. **21** Wasesithi:
UAbishagi umShunami kanikwe uAdonija umfowenu abe
ngumkakhe. **22** Inkosi uSolomoni yasiphendula yathi kunina:
Usumcelelani uAdonija uAbishagi umShunami? Umcelele
lombuso, ngoba ungumfowethu omdala kulami, yebo yena
loAbhiyatha umpristi loJowabi indodana kaZeruya. **23** Inkosi
uSolomoni yasifunga ngeNkosi isithi: Kenze njalo uNkulunkulu
kimi lokunjalo engezelele, uba uAdonija engakhulumanga lelilizwi
emelene lempilo yakhe. **24** Ngakho-ke, kuphila kukaJehova
ongimisileyo wangibeka esihlalweni sobukhos sikaDavida
ubaba, wangenzela indlu njengokukhuluma kwakhe, isibili
lamuhla uAdonija uzabulawa. **25** Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma
ngesandla sikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, owamsukelayo,
wasesifa. **26** LakuAbhiyatha umpristi inkosi yathi: Yana eAnathothi
emasimini akho, ngoba ungumuntu wokufa; kodwa lamuhla
kangiyikukubulala ngoba wawuthwala umtshokotsho weNkosi
uJehova phambi kukaDavida ubaba, langoba wahlupheka

kukho konke ubaba ahlupheka ngakho. **27** Ngakho uSolomoni wamxotsha uAbhiyatha ekubeni ngumpristi weNkosi, ukugcwalisa ilizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma mayelana lendlu kaEli eShilo. **28** Kwathi umbiko ufika kuJowabi, ngoba uJowabi wayephenduke walandela uAdonija lanxa wayengaphendukanga walandela uAbisalomu, uJowabi wabalekela ethenteni leNkosi, wabamba impondo zelathi. **29** Kwasekubikelwa inkosi uSolomoni ukuthi uJowabi usebalekele ethenteni leNkosi, khangela-ke, useceleni kwelathi. USolomoni wasethuma uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada esithi: Hamba umsukele. **30** Ngakho uBhenaya waya ethenteni leNkosi, wathi kuye: Itsho njalo inkosi: Phuma! Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, kodwa ngizafela lapha. UBhenaya wasebuyisela ilizwi enkosini, esithi: Utsho njalo uJowabi, ungiphendule njalo. **31** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Yenza njengokutsho kwakhe, umsukele, umngcwabe; ukuze ususe kimi lendlini kababa igazi elingelacala uJowabi alichithayo. **32** Njalo iNkosi izabuyisela igazi lakhe ekhanda lakhe, owasukela amadoda amabili ayelungile engcono kulaye, wawabulala ngenkemba, ubaba uDavida engazi: UAbhineri indodana kaNeri induna yebutho lakolsrayeli, loAmasa indodana kaJetheri induna yebutho lakoJuda. **33** Ngakho igazi labo lizabuyela ekhanda likaJowabi lekhanda lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini; kodwa kuDavida lenzalweni yakhe, lendlini yakhe, lembusweni wakhe, kuzakuba lokuthula kuze kube nininini okuvela eNkosini. **34** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wasesenyuka, wamsukela wambulala; wasengcwatshelwa endlini yakhe enkangala. **35** Inkosi yasibeka uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada esikhundleni sakhe phezu kwebutho, loZadoki umpristi inkosi yambeka esikhundleni sikaAbhiyatha. **36** Inkosi yasithuma yabiza uShimeyi, yathi kuye:

Zakhele indlu eJerusalema, uhlale khona, ungaphumi lapho
uye ngaphi langaphi. **37** Ngoba kuzakuthi mhla uphumayo,
uchaphe isifula iKidroni, yazi lokwazi ukuthi uzakufa lokufa; igazi
lakho lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakho. **38** UShimeyi wasesithi
enkosini: Lelolizwi lihle; njengokutsho kwenkosi yami, inkosi,
inceku yakho izakwenza njalo. UShimeyi wasehlala eJerusalema
insuku ezinengi. **39** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka
emithathu inceku ezimbili zikaShimeyi zabalekela kuAkishi
indodana kaMahaka inkosi yeGathi. Basebebikela uShimeyi
besithi: Khangela, inceku zakho ziseGathi. **40** Wasesukuma
uShimeyi, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe, waya eGathi
kuAkishi ukudinga inceku zakhe; uShimeyi wahamba waletha
inceku zakhe zivela eGathi. **41** Kwasekubikelwa uSolomoni
ukuthi uShimeyi wayesukile eJerusalema waya eGathi, njalo
wabuyela. **42** Inkosi yasithuma yabiza uShimeyi yathi kuye:
Kangikufungisanga yini ngeNkosi, ngafakaza kuwe ngathi: Mhla
uphumayo ukuya ngaphi langaphi yazi lokwazi ukuthi uzakufa
lokufa? Wasusithi kimi: Lihle ilizwi engilizwileyo. **43** Pho, kungani
ungasigcinanga isifungo seNkosi lomlayo engakulaya ngawo?
44 Inkosi yasisithi kuShimeyi: Wena uyazi bonke ububi inhliziyo
yakho ebaziyo owabenza kuDavida ubaba; ngakho iNkosi
izabuyisela ububi bakho phezu kwekhanda lakho. **45** Kodwa
inkosi uSolomoni ibusisiwe, lesihlalo sobukhosи sikaDavida
sizaqinisa phambi kweNkosi kuze kube nininini. **46** Ngakho
inkosi yalaya uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, owaphuma
wamsukela waze wafa. Ngakho umbuso waqinisa esandleni
sikaSolomoni.

3 USolomoni wasehlangana ngomtshado IoFaro inkosi
yeGibhithe, wathatha indodakazi kaFaro, wayiletha emzini

kaDavida waze waqeda ukwakha indlu yakhe lendlu yeNkosi lomduli weJerusalema ozingelezeleyo. **2** Kube kanti abantu babenikela umhlatshelo endaweni eziphakemeyo, ngoba kwakungakhelwanga ibizo leNkosi indlu kwaze kwaba yilezonsuku. **3** uSolomoni wayithanda-ke iNkosi, ehamba ezimisweni zikaDavida uyise; kube kanti wanikela umhlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. **4** Inkosi yasisiya eGibeyoni ukuhlaba khona, ngoba leyo yayiyindawo ephakemeyo enkulu. Iminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane uSolomoni wayinikela phezu kwalelolathi. **5** EGibeyoni iNkosi yabonakala kuSolomoni ephutsheni ebusuku. UNkulunkulu wathi: Cela engingakunika khona. **6** uSolomoni wasesithi: Wena wenzele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba umusa omkhulu, njengokuhamba kwakhe phambi kwakho eqinisweni lekulungeni lebuqothweni benhliziyu kuwe; wamgcinela lo umusa omkhulu ukuthi wamnika indodana ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosи njengalamuhla. **7** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, wena wenzile inceku yakho yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikaDavida ubaba; ngingumntwanyana nje, angikwazi ukuphuma lokungena. **8** Lenceku yakho iphakathi kwabantu bakho obakhethileyo, abantu abanengi, abangelakubalwa labangelakunaniswa ngobunengi. **9** Ngakho nika inceku yakho inhliziyu eqedisayo ukwahlulela abantu bakho, ukuze ngehlukanise phakathi kokuhle lokubi; ngoba ngubani olamandla ukwahlulela lesizizwe sakho esikhulu? **10** Laloludaba lwaba luhle emehlwani eNkosi ukuthi uSolomoni ucele lolulutho. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yokuthi ucele lolulutho, ungazicelelanga insuku ezinengi, ungazicelelanga inotho, ungacelanga umphefumulo wezitha zakho, kodwa uzicelele ukujedisa ukuzwa ukwahlulela, **12** khangela,

sengenze njengamazwi akho. Khangela, ngikunike inhliziyo ehlakaniphileyo leqedisisayo, ukuthi kungabi khona onjengawe ngaphambi kwakho, lemva kwakho kungaveli onjengawe. **13** Futhi longakucelanga ngikunikile, ngitsho inotho lodumo, ukuze kungabi khona umuntu onjengawe emakhosini zonke izinsuku zakho. **14** Njalo uba uzahamba endleleni zami, ukugcina izimiso zami lemilayo yami njengoDavida uyihiло wahamba, ngizakwelula insuku zakho. **15** USolomoni wasephaphama; khangela-ke kwakuliphupho. Wasesiza eJerusalema, wema phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, wanikela iminikelo yokuthula, wenzela inceku zakhe zonke idili. **16** Ngalesosikhathi kwafika abesifazana ababili, amawule, enkosini, bema phambi kwayo. **17** Omunye owesifazana wasesithi: Hawu nkosi yami, mina lalumfazi sihlala ndlunye; ngasengibeletha ngilaye endlini. **18** Kwasekusithi ngosuku Iwesithathu ngibelethile, laye lumfazi wabeletha; njalo sasindawonye, kungekho owemzini kanye lathi endlini, ngaphandle kwethu sobabili endlini. **19** Umntwana walumfazi wasesifa ebusuku, ngoba walala phezu kwakhe. **20** Wasevuka phakathi kobusuku, wathatha indodana yami eceleni kwami, incekukazi yakho isalele, wayilalisa esifubeni sakhe, lomntanakhe ofileyo wamlalisa esifubeni sami. **21** Lapho ngivuka ekuseni ukumunyisa umntanami, khangela-ke wayesefile; sengimkhangelisa ekuseni, khangela-ke, kwakungeyisuye umntanami engamzalayo. **22** Kodwa lowo omunye owesifazana wathi: Hatshi, kodwa indodana yami ngephilayo, lendodana yakho ngefileyo. Lalowo wathi: Hatshi, kodwa indodana yakho ngefileyo, lendodana yami ngephilayo. Batsho njalo phambi kwenkosi. **23** Inkosi yasisithi: Lo uthi: Le yindodana yami

ephilayo, lendodana yakho ngefileyo; lomunye uthi: Hatshi, kodwa indodana yakho ngefileyo, lendodana yami ngephilayo. **24** Inkosi yasisithi: Ngithathelani inkemba. Basebeyiletha inkemba phambi kwenkosi. **25** Inkosi yasisithi: Dabulani kabili umntwana ophilayo, linike omunye ingxenye, lomunye ingxenye. **26** Owesifazana okwakungowakhe umntwana ophilayo wakhuluma enkosini, ngoba imibilini yakhe yavutha ngendodana yakhe, wathi: Hawu nkosi yami, mnikeni yena umntwana ophilayo, lingambulali loba kunjani. Kodwa omunye wathi: Kangabi ngowami kumbe ngowakho, dabulani. **27** Inkosi yasiphendula yathi: Nikani yena umntwana ophilayo, lingambulali loba kunjani; nguye unina. **28** Ulsrayeli wonke wasesizwa isahlulelo inkosi eyayisahlulele, besaba phambi kwenkosi, ngoba babona ukuthi inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu yayikuye ukwenza isahlulelo.

4 Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yaba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli wonke. **2** Lalezi yiziphathamandla ayelazo: UAzariya indodana kaZadoki wayengumpristi; **3** uElihorefi loAhiya amadodana kaShisha babengababhalu; uJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane; **4** loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwebutho; loZadoki loAbhiyatha babengabapristi; **5** loAzariya indodana kaNathani wayephezu kwabaphathi; uZabudi indodana kaNathani wayengumphathi omkhulu, umngane wenkosi; **6** loAhishari wayengumlawuli wendlu; loAdoniramu indodana kaAbida wayephezu kwemithelo. **7** USolomoni wayelabaphathi abalitshumi lambili phezu kukalsrayeli wonke, ababedingela inkosi lendlu yayo ukudla, ngulowo lalovo ngenyanga yakhe ngomnyaka wadinga ukudla. **8** Lala ngamabizo abo: UBeni-Huri entabenizakoEfrayimi. **9** UBeni-Dekeri eMakazi leShahalibimi leBeti-Shemeshi leEloni-

Beti-Hanani. **10** UBeni-Hesedi eArubothi, eleSoko lelizwe lonke leHeferi. **11** UBeni-Abinadaba wayelelizwe lonke leDori; uTafathi indodakazi kaSolomoni wayengumkakhe. **12** UBahana indodana kaAhiludi wayeleThahanakhi leMegido layo yonke iBeti-Sheyani, eseceleni kweZarethani ngaphansi kweJizereyeli, kusukela eBeti-Sheyani kuze kube seAbeli-Mehola, kuze kube ngaphetsheya kweJokimeyama. **13** UBeni-Geberi eRamothi-Gileyadi wayelemizi kaJayiri indodana kaManase, eseGileyadi, wayelelizwe leArigobi, eliseBashani, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha emikhulu elemiduli lemigoqo yethusi. **14** UAhinadaba indodana kaldo eMahanayimi. **15** UAhimahazi wayekoNafithali; laye wathatha uBasemathi indodakazi kaSolomoni abe ngumkakhe. **16** UBahana indodana kaHushayi wayekoAsheri leAlothi. **17** UJehoshafathi indodana kaParuwa wayekolsakari. **18** UShimeyi indodana kaEla wayekoBhenjamini. **19** UGeberi indodana kaUri wayeselizweni leGileyadi, ilizwe likaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, lelikaOgi inkosi yeBashani. Njalo wayenguye yedwa umphathi kulelolizwe. **20** UJuda lolrrayeli babebanengi njengetshebetshebe elingaselwandle ngobunengi, besidla, benatha, bethokoza. **21** USolomoni wayesebusa phezu kwayo yonke imibuso kusukela emfuleni kuze kufike elizweni lamaFilisti kuze kufike emngceleni weGibhithe; babeletha izipho, babemsebenzela uSolomoni zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe. **22** Njalo ukudla kukaSolomoni ngosuku olulodwa kwakungamakhori angamatshumi amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, lamakori angamatshumi ayisithupha empuphu, **23** inkabi ezilitshumi ezinonisiweyo, lenkabi ezingamatshumi amabili zemadlelwani, lezimvu ezilikhulu, ngaphandle kwendluzele, lemiziki, lemiziki elempondo ezilembaxambaxa, lenyoni ezinonisiweyo. **24**

Ngoba wayebusa phezu kwalo lonke nganeno komfula, kusukela eTifisa kusiya eGaza, laphezu kwawo wonke amakhosi nganeno komfula, njalo wayelokuthula kuzo zonke inhlangothi zakhe ezizingelezeleyo. **25** UJuda lolsrayeli bahlala-ke bevikelekile, ngulowo lalowo ngaphansi kwesivini sakhe langaphansi komkhiwa wakhe, kusukela koDani kuze kufike eBherishebha, zonke izinsuku zikaSolomoni. **26** Njalo uSolomoni wayelezindlwana zamabhiza enqola zakhe ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. **27** Lalabobaphathi badingela inkosi uSolomoni ukudla, laye wonke osondela etafuleni lenkosi uSolomoni, ngulowo lalowo ngenyanga yakhe; kabatshiyanga kusweleke lutho. **28** Lebhali lamahlanga awamabhiza lawamabhiza alejubane bakuletha endaweni lapho eyayifanele kube khona, ngulowo lalowo njengemfanelo yakhe. **29** UNkulunkulu wasemnika uSolomoni inhlakaniphlo lokuqedisisa okukhulu kakhu, lobubanzi benhliziyi, njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle. **30** Lenhlakaniphlo kaSolomoni yayinkulu kulenhlakaniphlo yawo wonke amadodana empumalanga, lakulenhlakaniphlo yonke yeGibhithe. **31** Ngoba wayehlakaniphile kulabo bonke abantu, okwedlula uEthani umEzira loHemani loKalikoli loDarida amadodana kaMaholi; lebizo lakhe lalisezizweni zonke inhlangothi zonke. **32** Waseqamba izaga ezizinkulungwane ezintathu, lengoma zakhe zaziyinkulungwane lanhlanu. **33** Wasekhulumma ngezihlahla, kusukela esihlahleni somsedari oseLeghanoni kuze kufike kuhisope emila iphuma emdulini; wakhulumma langezinyamazana langezinyoni langezihuquzelayo langezinhlanzi. **34** Kwasekufika abavela ezizweni zonke ukuzwa

inhlaniphiko kaSolomoni, bevela emakhosini wonke omhlaba
ayezwe ngenhlakaniphiko yakhe.

5 UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma inceku zakhe kuSolomoni,
ngoba wayezwile ukuthi bamgcobile ukuthi abe yinkosi
esikhundleni sikayise, ngoba uHiramu wayemthanda uDavida
insuku zonke. **2** USolomoni wasethumela kuHiramu esithi: **3** Wena
uyazi ukuthi uDavida ubaba wayengelakwakhela ibizo leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakhe indlu ngenxa yezimpi ezazimzingelezele,
iNkosi yaze yazifaka ngaphansi kwengaphansi yenyawo zakhe.
4 Kodwa khathesi iNkosi uNkulunkulu inginikile ukuphumula
inhlangothi zonke; kakulasitha, njalo kakulabubi obenzakalayo.
5 Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wami indlu njengokutsho kweNkosi kuDavida ubaba isithi:
Indodana yakho engizayibeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhos
esikhundleni sakho, yona izakwakhela ibizo lami indlu. **6**
Ngakho-ke laya ukuthi bangigamulele imisedari eLebhanoni,
lenceku zami zizakuba lenceku zakho; leholo lenceku zakho
ngizakunika njengakho konke okutshoyo. Ngoba wena uyakwazi
ukuthi kakho phakathi kwethu okwaziyo ukugamula izihlahla
njengabeSidoni. **7** Kwasekusithi uHiramu esizwa amazwi
kaSolomoni wathokoza kakhulu wathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi
lamuhla emnikileyo uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo phezu
kwalesisizwe esikhulu. **8** UHiramu wasethumela kuSolomoni
esithi: Ngizwile lokho ongithumele ngakho; mina ngizakwenza
zonke iziloyiso zakho mayelana lezigodo zemisedari lamayelana
lezigodo zamafiri. **9** Inceku zami zizazehlisa zisuka eLebhanoni
zisiya elwandle; mina-ke ngizazenza okundendayo olwandle
ukuya endaweni ozayiqamba kimi, ngizithukulule lapho; wena-ke
uzazithathela khona, wena uzakwenza isifiso sami ngokupha

abendlu yami ukudla. **10** Ngakho uHiramu wamnika uSolomoni izigodo zemisedari lezigodo zamafiri njengokwezifiso zakhe zonke. **11** LoSolomoni wanika uHiramu amakhori engqoloyi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, ukudla kwabendlu yakhe, lamakhori angamatshumi amabili amafutha akhanyiwego. Ngokunjalo uSolomoni wamupha uHiramu iminyaka ngeminyaka. **12** INkosi yasimnika uSolomoni inhlakanipho njengokutsho kwayo kuye. Kwasekusiba khona ukuthula phakathi kukaHiramu loSolomoni; benza isivumelwano bobabili. **13** Inkosi uSolomoni yabutha izibhalwa kulsrayeli wonke; lezibhalwa zazingabantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **14** Yasibathuma eLebhanoni, abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngenyanga ngamazopho, inyanga beseLebhanoni, inyanga ezimbili besekhaya. LoAdoniramu wayephezu kwezibhalwa. **15** Futhi uSolomoni wayelabayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa abathwala imithwalo, lababazi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ezintabeni, **16** ngaphandle kwezinduna zabaphathi bakaSolomoni, ababephethemsebenzi, izinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu amathathu, ezazibusa abantu ababesenza umsebenzi. **17** Inkosi yasilaya, baletsha amatshe amakhulu, amatshe aligugu, okubeka isisekelo sendlu, amatshe abaziwego. **18** Abakhi bakaSolomoni labakhi bakaHiramu lamaGebhali basebebaza, balungisa izigodo lamatshe ukwakha indlu.

6 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kukaSolomoni kolsrayeli, ngenyanga kaZivi, eyinyanga yesibili, waqala ukwakha indlu yeNkosi. **2** Njalo indlu inkosi uSolomoni eyayakhela

uJehova, ubude bayo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, lobubanzi bayo babungamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwayo kwakuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu. **3** Lekhulusi phambi kwethempeli lendlu, ubude balo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, njengobubanzi bendlu, ububanzi balo babuzingalo ezilitshumi phambi kwendlu. **4** Njalo wayenzela indlu amawindi abanzi ngaphandle kulangaphakathi. **5** Futhi emdulini wendlu wakha amakamelo inhlangothi zonke, imiduli yendlu inhlangothi zonke, esenzela ithempeli lendawo yelizwi. Wenza lezindlwana eziseceleni inhlangothi zonke. **6** Ikamelo elingaphansi kwavo wonke, ububanzi balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, leliphakathi, ububanzi balo buzingalo eziyisithupha, lelesithathu, ububanzi balo buzingalo eziyisikhombisa. Ngoba ngaphandle kwendlu wenza izinciphiso inhlangothi zonke, ukuze imijabo ingagxunyekwa emidulwini yendlu. **7** Njalo indlu, isakhiwa, yakhiwa ngamatshe ayepheleliswe enkwalini, ukuze kungezwakali isando lehloka, loba yisiphi isikhali sensimbi endlini nxa isakhiwa. **8** Umnyango wendlwana eseceleni ephakathi wawusehlangothini lwesokunene lwendlu; njalo bakhwela ngesikhwelo esibhodayo ukuya kwengaphakathi, lokusuka kwengaphakathi kusiya kweyesithathu. **9** Wayakha-ke indlu, wayiqeda; wagubuzela indlu ngentungo lamapulanka emisedari. **10** Wasesakha izindlwana eceleni kwendlu yonke, ubude bazo buzingalo ezinhlanu, wakux huma endlini ngezigodo zemisedari. **11** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuSolomoni lathi: **12** Mayelana lale indlu oyakhayo, uba uhamba ngezimiso zami, usenza izahlulelo zami, njalo ugcina yonke imilayo yami ukuhamba ngayo, ngizakwenza ilizwi lami kuwe engalikhuluma kuDavida uyihlo; **13** ngizahlala phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, ngingabatshiyi abantu

bami ulsrayeli. **14** Wayakha-ke uSolomoni indlu, wayiqeda. **15** Wasesakha imiduli yendlu ngaphakathi ngamapulanka emisedari, kusukela kuphansi lendlu kuze kufike emidulwini yophahla, wayembesa ngaphakathi ngezigodo, wendlala iphansi lendlu ngamapulanka amafiri. **16** Wasesakha izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili emaceleni endlu, ngamapulanka emisedari, kusukela kuphansi kwaze kwafika emidulwini; wayakhela ngaphakathi, esenzela indawo yelizwi, esenzela ingcwele yezingcwele. **17** Lendlu, elithempeli, ngaphambili, yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane. **18** Njalo umsedari wendlu ngaphakathi wawubazwe waba zinduku lamaluba avulekileyo; konke kwakungumsedari, kungabonakali litshe. **19** Waselungisa indawo yelizwi phakathi endlini ukubeka khona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi. **20** Lendawo yelizwi ephambili, ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwayo kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; wayihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo; wasesembesa ilathi ngomsedari. **21** USolomoni waseyihuqa indlu ngaphakathi ngegolide elicwengekileyo, wenza isehlukaniso ngamaketane egolide phambi kwendawo yelizwi, wasesihuqa ngegolide. **22** Lendlu yonke wayihuqa ngegolide yaze yaphelela yonke indlu; lelathi lonke elisendaweni yelizwi walihuqa ngegolide. **23** Endaweni yelizwi wasesenza amakherubhi amabili ngesihlahla somhlwathi, ukuphakama kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi ngalinye. **24** Olunye uphiko Iwekherubhi Iwaluzingalo ezinhlanu, lolunye uphiko Iwekherubhi Iwaluzingalo ezinhlanu; kusukela ekucineni kolunye uphiko kusiya ekucineni kolunye uphiko kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi. **25** Lelinye ikherubhi Ializingalo ezilitshumi; womabili amakherubhi ayeyisilinganiso sinye lesimo sinye. **26** Ukuphakama

kwelinye ikherubhi kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi, lelinye ikherubhi lalinjalo. **27** Wasewabeka amakherubhi phakathi kwendlu engaphakathi; njalo amakherubhi elula impiko, kuze kuthi olunye uphiko lwathinta umduli, lophiko lwelinye ikherubhi lwathinta omunye umduli, lempiko zawo zathintana uphiko lophiko ngaphakathi kwendlu. **28** Wasewahuqa amakherubhi ngegolide. **29** Wabaza imiduli yonke yendlu inhlangothi zonke ngemifanekiso ebaziwego yamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo ngaphakathi langaphandle. **30** Iphansi lendlu waselihuqa ngegolide ngaphakathi langaphandle. **31** Emnyango wendawo yelizwi wenza izivalo zesihlahla somhlwathi, ikhethamo lemigubazi kulezinhlangothi ezinhlanu. **32** Lezivalo zombili zazingezesihlahla somhlwathi, wabaza kuzo imibazo yamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo, wazihuqa ngegolide, wakhandela igolide phezu kwamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala. **33** Ngokunjalo wasesenzela umnyango wethempeli imigubazi yesihlahla somhlwathi, ezinhlangothini ezine. **34** Lezivalo ezimbili zazingezesihlahla zamafiri; impiko zombili zesivalo esisodwa zazigoqeka, lezilenge ezimbili zesivalo sesibili zazigoqeka. **35** Wasebaza kuzo amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo, wakuhuqa ngegolide elendlala kuhle phezu kokubaziwego. **36** Wasesakha iguma elingaphakathi ngemizila emithathu yamatshe abaziwego, lomzila wemijabo yemisedari. **37** Ngomnyaka wesine isisekelo sendlu yeNkosi sabekwa, ngenyanga kaZivi. **38** Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, enyangeni kabuli, okuyinyanga yesificaminwembili, yaphela indlu ezintweni zayo zonke lanjengakho konke ukumiswa kwayo. Ngakho wayakha iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

7 Kodwa indlu yakhe uSolomoni wayakha iminyaka elitshumi lantathu, wayiqeda yonke indlu yakhe. **2** Wasesakha indlu yegusu leLebhanoni; ubude bayo babuzingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lokuphakama kwayo kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu, phezu kwemizila emine yensika zemisedari, lemijabo yemisedari phezu kwezinsika. **3** Yayifulelwe ngemisedari phezulu, phezu kwemijabo, eyayiphezu kwensika ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, ezilitshumi lanhlanu emzileni. **4** Njalo kwakulemizila emithathu yamawindi, ukukhanya kuqondene lokukhanya, kathathu. **5** Layo yonke iminyango lemigubazi yayilingana inhlangothi zozine, lamawindi, njalo ukukhanya kuqondene lokukhanya, kathathu. **6** Wasesenza ikhulusi lezinsika, ubude balo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi balo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu; lekhulusi laliphambi kwazo, lezinsika lombundu phambi kwazo. **7** Wasesenza ikhulusi elesihlalo sobukhosи lapho ahlulela khona, ikhulusi lesahlulelo, lalembeswe ngemisedari kusukela kuphansi kusiya kuphansi. **8** Lendlu yakhe lapho ayejhala khona yayilelinye iguma ngaphakathi kwekhulusi, esetshenzwe ngokufananayo. Wenzela njalo indodakazi kaFaro, uSolomoni ayeyithethe, indlu, njengalelikhulusi. **9** Zonke lezi zazingezamatshe aligugu abazwe ngokwesilinganiso, asahwe ngesaha ngaphakathi langaphandle, ngitsho kusukela esisekelweni kusiya ematsheni aphezulu, njalo ngaphandle kuze kube segumeni elikhulu. **10** Njalo yayisekelwe ngamatshe aligugu, amatshe amakhulu, amatshe engalo ezilitshumi, lamatshe engalo eziyisificaminwembili; **11** langaphezulu kwakulamatshe aligugu, abazwe ngokwesilinganiso, lemisedari. **12** Leguma elikhulu inhlangothi zonke lalilemizila emithathu yamatshe

abaziweyo, lomzila wemijabo yemisedari. Kwakunjalo ngeguma elingaphakathi lendlu yeNkosi, langekhulusi lendlu. **13** Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma yathatha uHiramu evela eTire. **14** Yena wayeyindodana yowesifazana umfelokazi, wesizwe sakoNafithali, loyise wayengumuntu weTire, ingcitshi ekubazeni ithusi; njalo wayegcwele inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa elolwazi ukwenza wonke umsebenzi ngethusi; weza enkosini uSolomoni, wenza wonke umsebenzi wakhe. **15** Wasebumba insika ezimbili zethusi; ubude benye insika babuzingalo ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lentambo ezingalo ezilitshumi lambili yagombolozela insika yesibili. **16** Wenza futhi iziduku ezimbili zethusi elincibilikisiweyo ukubeka phezu kwezihloko zezinsika; ukuphakama kwesiduku esisodwa kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu, lokuphakama kwesinye isiduku kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu. **17** Amambule angumsebenzi oyisixhobexhobe, intambo eziphothiweyo zazingumsebenzi wamaketane, kusenzela iziduku eziphezu kwezihloko zezinsika; eziyisikhombisa esidukwini esisodwa, leziyisikhombisa kwesinye isiduku. **18** Wenza-ke insika zombili, imizila emibili izingelezelala phezu kwembule eyodwa, ukwembesa iziduku ezisesihlokweni samapomegranati; wenza njalo lakwesinye isiduku. **19** Leziduku ezazisesihlokweni sensika zazingumsebenzi womduze ekhulusini, ingalo ezine. **20** Njalo iziduku zazisezinsikeni ezimbili, langaphezulu maqondana lesisu, esingasemambuleni; lamapomegranati angamakhulu amabili ayesemizileni ezingelezeleyo, phezu kwesinye isiduku. **21** Wasemisa izinsika ekhulusini lethempeli; esemise insika yangakwesokunene wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi nguJakini; esemise insika yangakwesokhohlo wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi nguBhowazi. **22** Laphezu kwesihloko sezinsika kwakulomsebenzi

womduze. Waphela-ke umsebenzi wezinsika. **23** Wasesenza ulwandle oluncibilikisiweyo, luzingalo ezilitshumi kusukela emphethweni kusiya emphethweni, luzingeletele luyisigombolozi, lokuphakama kwalo luzingalo ezinhlanu, lomzila ozingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu waluzingeletele ulugombolozela.

24 Ngaphansi komphetho walo kwakukhona amaqhaga eluzingeletele alugombolozela, alitshumi engalweni, ezingeletele ulwandle alugombolozela; imizila emibili yamaqhaga yabunjwa ngokuncibilikisa ekubunjweni kwalo ngokuncibilikisa. **25** Lwema phezu kwenkabi ezilitshumi lambili; ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, lezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, lezintathu zikhangele eningizimu, lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga, lolwandle lwaluphezu kwazo phezulu, lazo zonke ingemuva zazo zazingaphakathi. **26** Njalo ububanzi balo babuyibubanzi besandla, lomphetho walo wawunjengomphetho wenkezo, njengeluba lomduze; lwalumumethe amabhathi azinkulungwane ezimbili.

27 Wenza lezisekelo ezilitshumi zethusi; ubude besisekelo esisodwa babuzingalo ezine, lobubanzi baso buzingalo ezine, lokuphakama kwaso kuzingalo ezintathu. **28** Lalokhu kwakungumsebenzi wesisekelo: Zazilemiphetho, njalo imiphetho yayiphakathi kwezinhlanganiso; **29** lemiphethweni ephakathi kwezinhlanganiso kwakulezilwane, izinkabi, lamakherubhi. Laphezu kwezinhlanganiso kwakulesisekelo ngaphezulu, njalo ngaphansi kwezilwane lezinkabi kwakulezinkatha zomsebenzi okhandiweyo. **30** Lesisekelo sinye sasilamavili ethusi amane lamaphini ethusi; lamagumbi aso amane ayelamahlombe; ngaphansi kwenditshi yokugezelu kwakulamahlombe abunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, eceleni kwaleyo laleyo inkatha. **31** Lomlomo waso phakathi kwesiduku langaphezulu wawuyingalo, lomlomo

wawo wawuyisigombolozi, njengomsebenzi wesisekelo, uyingalo lengxenye; futhi laphezu komlomo wawo kwakulokubaziwego; njalo imiphetho yayo yayizinhlangothi ezine ezilinganayo, hatshi isigombolozi. **32** Lamavili amane ayengaphansi kwemiphetho, lama-ekseli amavili ayesesisekelweni; lokuphakama kwevili elilodwa kwakuyingalo lengxenye yengalo. **33** Njalo umsebenzi wamavili wawunjengomsebenzi wevili lenqola: Ama-ekseli awo lamasongo awo lezipokisi zawo lamahabha awo kwakubunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **34** Njalo kwakulamahlombe amane emagumbini womane esisekelo esisodwa; amahlombe aso avela esisekelweni. **35** Laphezu kwesihloko sesisekelo kwakulokuphakama okuyisigombolozi okuyingxenye yengalo inhlangothi zonke; laphezu kwesihloko sesisekelo kwakulezisekelo zaso lemiphetho yaso, kuvela kuso. **36** Laphezu kwezibhebhe zezisekelo zaso laphezu kwemiphetho yaso wabaza amakherubhi lezilwane lezihlahla zamalala, njengendawo yakho yonke engelalutho, lezinkatha inhlangothi zonke. **37** Wazenza ngokunjalo izisekelo ezilitshumi; zonke zazilokubunjwa kunye, isilinganiso sinye, isimo sinye. **38** Wasesenza inditshi zokugezelza zethusi ezilitshumi; inditshi yokugezelza eyodwa yayimumethe amabhathi angamatshumi amane; inditshi yokugezelza eyodwa yayizingalo ezine; inditshi yokugezelza eyodwa yayiphezu kwesisekelo ngasinye sezisekelo ezilitshumi. **39** Wasebeka izisekelo ezinhlanu eceleni lokunene lendlu, lezinhanu eceleni lokhohlo lendlu; lolwandle walubeka eceleni lokunene lendlu, ngasempumalanga maqondana leningizimu. **40** UHiramu wasesenza inditshi zokugezelza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza. UHiramu waseqedza ukwenza umsebenzi wonke ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaJehova: **41** Insika zombili, lenditshi

zeziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika zombili, lamambule amabili okwembesa inditshi ezimbili zeziduku eziphezu kwezinsika, **42** lamapomegranati angamakhulu amane awamambule womabili, imizila emibili yamapomegranati yembule elilodwa, okwembesa inditshi ezimbili zeziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika, **43** lezisekelo ezilitshumi, lenditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi phezu kwezisekelo, **44** lolwandle olulodwa, lenkabi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kolwandle; **45** lezimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza, lazo zonke lezizitsha uHiramu azenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaJehova, zazingezethusi elikhazimulisiweyo. **46** Inkosi yazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa emagcekeni eJordani, emhlabathini webumba phakathi kweSukothi leZarethani. **47** USolomoni wasetshiya zonke lezizitsha zingalinganiswanga, ngenxa yobunengi obukhulukazi; isisindo sethusi kasihlolwanga. **48** USolomoni wenza-ke zonke izitsha ezazingezendlu yeNkosi; ilathi legolide, letafula legolide, okwakuphezu kwalo izinkwa zokubukiswa, **49** lezinti zezibane zegolide elicwengekileyo, ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhanu ngakwesokhohlo, phambi kwendawo yelizwi, lamaluba, lezibane, lezindlawu, kwegolide; **50** lemiganu, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo, kwegolide elicwengekileyo; lamabhanti egolide ezivalo zendlu engaphakathi, zengcwele yezingcwele, ezivalo zendlu yethempeli. **51** Waphela njalo umsebenzi wonke inkosi uSolomoni eyawenza endlini yeNkosi. USolomoni wasengenisa izinto ezingcwelisiweyo zikaDavida uyise; isiliva legolide lezitsha wakubeka enothweni yendlu yeNkosi.

8 Khona uSolomoni wabuthanisa abadala bakolsrayeli, zonke inhloko zezizwe, iziphathamandla zaboyise babantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuya enkosini uSolomoni eJerusalema, ukuze

benyuse umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaJehova bewukhupha emzini kaDavida, oyiziyoni. **2** Wonke amadoda akolsrayeli asebuthana enkosini uSolomoni emkhosini enyangeni kaEthanimi eyinyanga yesikhombisa. **3** Labo bonke abadala bakolsrayeli beza, abapristi bawuphakamisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, **4** bawenusa umtshokotsho weNkosi lethente lenhlangano, lazo zonke izitsha ezingcwele ezazisethenteni; abapristi lamaLevi bakwenyusa-ke. **5** Njalo inkosi uSolomoni lenhlangano yonke yakolsrayeli eyayibuthene babelayo phambi komtshokotsho behlaba izimvu lezinkabi ezingelanani lezingelakubalwa ngobunengi. **6** Abapristi basebewungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi endaweni yawo endaweni yelizwi yendlu, engcweleni yezingcwele, ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi. **7** Ngoba amakherubhi elulela impiko zawo phezu kwendawo yomtshokotsho, amakherubhi embesa umtshokotsho lemijabo yawo, kuvela phezulu. **8** Basebeselula imijabo ukuze izihloko zemijabo zibonakale endaweni engcwele phambi kwendawo yelizwi, kodwa yayingabonakali ngaphandle; njalo ikhona lapho kuze kube lamuhla. **9** Kwakungelalutho emtshokotshweni, ngaphandle kwezibhebhe zamatshe ezimbili uMozisi azifaka khona eHorebe mhla iNkosi isenza khona isivumelwano labantwana bakolsrayeli ekuphumeni kwabo elizweni leGibhithe. **10** Kwasekusithi ekuphumeni kwabapristi endaweni engcwele iyezi layigcwalisa indlu yeNkosi; **11** ngakho abapristi babengelakho ukuma ukuthi bakhonze ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo yeNkosi yayigcwalise indlu yeNkosi. **12** Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wathi: INkosi yathi izahlala emnyameni onzima. **13** Ngikwakhele lokukwakhela indlu, indawo yokuhlala, indawo emisiwego yokuhlala kwakho laphakade.

14 Inkosi yasitshibilika ubuso bayo, yalibusisa ibandla lonke lakolsrayeli; lebandla lonke lakolsrayeli lalimi. **15** Yasisithi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, eyakhuluma ngomlomo wayo kuDavida ubaba, njalo yagcwalisa ngesandla sayo, isithi: **16** Kusukela ngosuku engakhupha ngalo abantu bami ulsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe kangikhethanga muzi ezizweni zonke zakolsrayeli ukwakha indlu, ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho, kodwa ngakhetha uDavida ukuthi abe phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli.

17 Njalo kwakusenhliziyweni kaDavida ubaba ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli indlu. **18** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuDavida ubaba: Njengoba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho ukwakhela ibizo lami indlu, wenze kuhle ukuthi kwakusenhliziyweni yakho;

19 loba kunjalo kawuyikuyakha indlu wena, kodwa indodana yakho ezaphuma ekhalweni lwakho, yona izalakhela ibizo lami indlu. **20** INkosi isiqinisiile ilizwi layo eyalikhulumayo, ngoba ngivukile esikhundleni sikaDavida ubaba, ngihlala esihlalweni sobukhosikalsrayeli njengokuba iNkosi ikhulumile, sengilakhele ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli indlu. **21** Njalo ngimisile lapho indawo yomtshokotsho, lapho okulesivumelwano seNkosi khona, eyasenza labobaba ekubakhupheni kwayo elizweni leGibhithe. **22** USolomoni wasesima phambi kwelathi leNkosi maqondana lebandla lonke lakolsrayeli, welulela izandla zakhe emazulwini, **23** wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kakho unkulunkulu onjengawe emazulwini phezulu lemhlabeni phansi ogcina isivumelwano lomusa ezincekwini zakho ezhamba phambi kwakho ngenhlizyo yazo yonke. **24** Ogcinele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lokho owakutsho kuye; njalo wakhuluma ngomlomo wakho, wakugcwalisa ngesandla sakho, njengalamuhla. **25** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu

kalsrayeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba owakukhuluma kuye, usithi: Kakuyikusweleka muntu kuwe phambi kwami ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosikalsrayeli, kuphela uba amadodana akho egcina indlela yawo ukuhamba phambi kwami njengoba uhambile phambi kwami. **26** Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ake liqiniseke ilizwi lakho ovalikhuluma encekwini yakho uDavida ubaba. **27** Kodwa isibili uNkulunkulu uzahlala yini emhlabeni? Khangela, amazulu, lamazulu amazulu angekwanele; incinyane kangakanani-ke lindlu engiyakhileyo? **28** Kube kanti phendukela emkhulekweni wenceku yakho lekuncengeni kwayo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ukuze uzwe ukukhala lomkhuleko inceku yakho ewukhulekayo phambi kwakho lamuhla. **29** Ukuthi amehlo akho avulekele lindlu ebusuku lemini, indawo owatsho ngayo ukuthi: Ibizo lami lizakuba lapho; ukuze uzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho ezawukhuleka kulindawo. **30** Zwana-ke ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho ulsrayeli lapho bezakhuleka kulindawo; yebo, uzwe wena, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala emazulwini; lapho usizwa, uthethelele. **31** Uba loba nguuphi umuntu one umakhelwane wakhe, abeke phezu kwakhe isifungo, amenze afunge, lesifungo size phambi kwelathi lakho kulindlu, **32** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, wenze wahlulele inceku zakho, ulahle omubi, ukunikela indlela yakhe ekhanda lakhe, ukulungisisa olungileyo, ukumnika njengokulunga kwakhe. **33** Lapho abantu bakho ulsrayeli betshaywe phambi kwasitha ngoba bonile kuwe, babesebephendukela kuwe, balivume ibizo lakho, bakhuleke bancenge kuwe kulindlu, **34** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho ulsrayeli, ubabuyisele elizweni ovalinika oyise. **35** Lapho amazulu evaliwe, kungelazulu ngoba bonile kuwe, uba

bekhuleka kulindawo belivuma ibizo lakho, baphenduke esonweni
sabo lapho ubahluphile, **36** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini,
uthethelele isono senceku zakho lesabantu bakho ulsrayeli,
lapho usubafundisile indlela elungileyo abangahamba ngayo,
unike izulu elizweni lakho owalinika abantu bakho libe yilifa. **37**
Uba kukhona indlala elizweni, uba kukhona umatshayabhuqe
wesifo, ukutshisa, ingumane, isikhonyane, uba kulemihogoyi;
uba isitha sabo sibavimbezele elizweni lemizi yabo, loba yiyiphi
inhlupheko, loba yiwuphi umkhuhlane, **38** wonke umkhuleko,
konke ukuncenga, okwensiwa yiloba nguuphi umuntu, ngabantu
bakho bonke bakolsrayeli, abazakwazi ngulowo inhlupheko
yenhliziyoyakhe, eselula izandla zakhe kulindlu, **39** zwana-
ke wena usemazulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala emisiweyo,
uthethelele, wenze, unike ngulowo njengezindlela zakhe zonke,
onhliziyoyakhe uyayazi, ngoba nguwe wedwa owaziyo inhliziyoy
yabo bonke abantwana babantu, **40** ukuze bakwesabe zonke
izinsuku abaziphila ebusweni belizwe owalinika obaba. **41**
Futhi-ke mayelana lowezizweni ongesuye wabantu bakho
ulsrayeli kodwa evela elizweni elikhatshana ngenxa yebizo
lakho, **42** (ngoba bazakuzwa ngebizo lakho elikhulu langesandla
sakho esilamandla langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo) uba esiza
akhuleke kulindlu, **43** zwana wena usemazulwini, indawo yakho
yokuhlala emisiweyo, wenze njengakho konke owezizweni
akubizela khona, ukuze izizwe zonke zomhlaba zazi ibizo lakho,
zikwesabe, njengabantu bakho ulsrayeli, ukuze zazi ukuthi
ibizo lakho libiziwe phezu kwale indlu engiyakhileyo. **44** Uba
abantu bakho bephuma impi bemelene lesitha sabo ngendlela
obathuma ngayo, babesebekhuleka eNkosini bekhangele emzini
owukhethileyo lendlini engiyakhele ibizo lakho, **45** zwana-ke

usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, wenze udaba lwabo. **46** Uba besona kuwe, ngoba kakulamuntu ongoniyo, ubusubathukuthelela, ubanikele esitheni, ukuze abathumbi babo babathumbele elizweni lesitha, khatshana kumbe eduze, **47** kodwa babuye enhliziyweni yabo elizweni abathunjelwe kilo, baphenduke, bencenge kuwe elizweni lababathumbleyo, besithi: Sonile, saphambeka, senza okubi; **48** babuyele kuwe ngenhlizyo yonke yabo langomphefumulo wonke wabo elizweni lezitha zabo ezibathumbleyo, bakhuleke kuwe bekhangeli elizweni labo owalinika oyise, umuzi owawukhethayo, lendlu engiyakhele ibizo lakho, **49** zwana-ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, endaweni yakho yokuhlala, ubamele. **50** Uthethelele abantu bakho abone kuwe, leziphambeko zabo zonke, abaphambeke ngazo kuwe, ubaphe isihawu phambi kwababathumbleyo, ukuthi babe lesihawu kibo, **51** ngoba bayisizwe sakho, lelifa lakho owabakhupha eGibhithe, phakathi kwesthando sensimbi. **52** Ukuze amehlo akho avulekele ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokuncenga kwabantu bakho ulsrayeli, ukubezwa kukho konke ukukhala kwabo kuwe. **53** Ngoba wena wazehlukanisela bona babe yilifa bevela kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba, njengokukhulumwa kwakho ngesandla sikaMozisi, inceku yakho, ekukhupheni kwakho obaba eGibhithe, Nkosi Jehova. **54** Kwasekusithi eseqedile uSolomoni ukukhuleka wonke lo umkhuleko lokuncenga eNkosini, wasukuma esuka ngaphambi kwelathi leNkosi ekuguqeni ngamadolo akhe lezandla zakhe zelulekele emazulwini, **55** wasesima wabusisa ibandla lonke lakolsrayeli ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: **56** Kayibusiswe iNkosi enike abantu bayo ulsrayeli ukuphumula njengakho konke eyakukhulumayo; kakuwanga lelilodwa ilizwi kuwo

wonke amazwi ayo eyawakhuluma ngesandla sikaMozisi inceku yayo. **57** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu kayibe lathi njengalokhu yayilabobaba, ingasitshiyi ingasideli, **58** ukuze ithobele inhliziyo yethu kuyo, ukuhamba ngazo zonke indlela zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo, eyakulaya obaba. **59** Lala amazwi ami, engincenga ngawo phambi kweNkosi, abe seduzane leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku, ukuze imele udaba lwenceku yayo lodaba lwabantu bayo ulsrayeli, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo, **60** ukuze izizwe zonke zomhlaba zazi ukuthi iNkosi inguNkulunkulu, kakho omunye. **61** Ngakho inhliziyo yenu kayibe ngepheleleyo kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuhamba ezimisweni zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo njengalamuhla. **62** Inkosi lolrayeli wonke elayo basebehlaba umhlatshelo phambi kukaJehova. **63** USolomoni wasehlaba umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula awuhlabela uJehova, inkabi ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili, lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli bayehlukanisa indlu kaJehova. **64** Ngalona lolosuku inkosi yangcwela iphakathi leguma elalingaphambi kwendlu kaJehova, ngoba lapho yanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula, ngoba ilathi lethusi elaliphambi kukaJehova lalilincinyane kakhulu ukwanela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula. **65** Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wasesenza idili, lolrayeli wonke laye, ibandla elikhulu, kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe, phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, insuku eziyisikhombisa lensuku eziyisikhombisa, insuku ezilitshumi lane. **66** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili wabayekela abantu bahamba; bayibusisa

inkosi, bayo emathenteni abo bethokoza bejabula enhliziyweni
ngakho konke okuhle iNkosi eyayikwenzele uDavida inceku yayo
lolsrayeli abantu bayo.

9 Kwasekusithi uSolomoni eseqedile ukwakha indlu kaJehova
lendlu yenkoski laso sonke isifiso sikaSolomoni ayethokoza
ukusenza, **2** iNkosi yabonakala kuSolomoni ngokwesibili
njengokubonakala kwayo kuye eGibeyoni. **3** INkosi yathi kuye:
Ngizwile umkhuleko wakho lokuncenga kwakho okuncenge
phambi kwami. Ngiyingcwelisile lindlu oyakhileyo ukubeka ibizo
lamu lapho kuze kube nininini; lamehlo ami lenhliziyo yami
kuzakuba lapho zonke izinsuku. **4** Wena-ke, uba uhamba phambi
kwami, njengoDavida uyihlo wahamba, ngokuphelela kwenhliziyo
langokuqonda, ukwenza njengakho konke engikulaye khona,
ugcine izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami, **5** khona ngizamisa
isihlalo sobukhoski sombuso wakho phezu kukalsrayeli kuze
kube nininini, njengokukhuluma kwami kuDavida uyihlo, ngisithi:
Kakuyikusweleka kuwe umuntu phezu kwesihlalo sobukhoski
sikalsrayeli. **6** Uba lizaphenduka lokuphenduka, lina labantwana
benu, ekungilandeleni, lingayigcini imilayo yami, izimiso
zami, engikubeke phambi kwenu, kodwa liyekhonza abanye
onkulunkulu, libakhothamele, **7** khona ngizaquma ulsrayeli
ebusweni belizwe engibanike lona, lendlu engiyingcwelisele
ibizo lami ngizayilahla phambi kwami; lolsrayeli uzakuba
yisaga lento yokuhozwa phakathi kwezizwe zonke. **8** Lalindlu,
ephakemeyo, wonke oyedlulayo uzamangala kakhulu ancife,
bathi: INkosi ikwenzeleni okunje kulelilizwe lakulindlu? **9** Njalo
bazakuthi: Ngenxa yokuthi bayitshiyile iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo eyakhupha oyise elizweni leGibhithe, babambelela
kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza babasebenzela; ngalokho

iNkosi ibehlisele bonke lobububi. **10** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili uSolomoni esakhile izindlu zombili, indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosи, **11** (uHiram inkosi yeTire wayemsekele uSolomoni ngezigodo zemisedari langezigodo zamafiri langegolide, njengesiloyiso sakhe sonke) ngalesosikhathi inkosi uSolomoni yamnika uHiram imizi engamatshumi amabili elizweni leGalili. **12** UHiram wasephuma eTire ukubona imizi uSolomoni ayemnike yona, kodwa yayingalunganga emehlweni akhe. **13** Wasesithi: Yimizi bani le onginike yona, mfowethu? Waseyibiza ngokuthi ilizwe leKabuli, kuze kube lamuhla. **14** UHiram wayethumele enkosini amathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili egolide. **15** Nantu-ke udaba lwezibhalwa inkosi uSolomoni eyazibuthela ukwakha indlu yeNkosi, lendlu yayo, leMilo, lomduli weJerusalema, leHazori, leMegido, leGezeri: **16** UFaro inkosi yeGibhithe wayenyukile wathumba iGezeri wayitshisa ngomlilo, wabulala amaKhanani ayehlala emzini, wakhunga ngayo indodakazi yakhe, umkaSolomoni. **17** USolomoni wasesakha iGezeri, leBhethi-Horoni engaphansi, **18** leBahalathi, leTamari enkangala elizweni, **19** lemizi yonke yokugcinela impahla uSolomoni ayelayo, lemizi yezinqola, lemizi yabagadi bamabhiza, lesiloyiso sikaSolomoni ayeloyisa ngaso ukwakha eJerusalema leLebhanoni lelizweni lonke lombuso wakhe. **20** Bonke abantu ababesele kumaAmori, amaHethi, amaPerizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi, ababengeyisibo babantwana bakolsrayeli, **21** abantwana babo ababesele emva kwabo elizweni, abantwana bakolsrayeli abangenelisanga ukubatshabalalisa, uSolomoni wababutha izibhalwa eziyizigqili, kuze kube lamuhla. **22** Kodwa ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uSolomoni kenzanga sigqili, kodwa babengamadoda empi,

lenceku zakhe, leziphathamandla zakhe, lezinduna zakhe, labaphathi bezingqola zakhe, labagadi bakhe bamabhiza. **23** Laba babezinduna zabaphathi abaphezu komsebenzi kaSolomoni, amakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu, ababebusa abantu ababesebenza emsebenzini. **24** Kodwa indodakazi kaFaro yenyuka iphuma emzini kaDavida isiya endlini yayo ayeyakhele yona. Ngalesosikhathi wakha iMilo. **25** Njalo kathathu ngomnyaka uSolomoni wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula phezu kwelathi ayelakhеле iNkosi, watshisa impepha kulelo elaliphambi kweNkosi. Waqedo njalo indlu. **26** Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza imikhumbi eEziyoni-Geberi eseElothi ekhunjini loLwandle oluBomvu elizweni leEdoma. **27** UHiramu wasethuma emikhunjini inceku zakhe, amadoda emikhumbi, abazi ulwandle, kanye lenceku zikaSolomoni. **28** Bafika eOfiri, bathatha khona igolide, amathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amabili, baliletha enkosini uSolomoni.

10 Kwathi indlovukazi yeShebha isizwile udumo lukaSolomoni ngebizo leNkosi yeza ukumhlola ngemibuzo enzima. **2** Yasifika eJerusalema lodwendwe olukhulu kakhulu, lamakamela ethwele amakha legolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu; isifikile kuSolomoni yamtshela konke okwakusenhliziyweni yayo. **3** USolomoni waseyichasisela zonke indaba zayo; kwakungelalutho olwayicatshelayo inkosi engayichasiselanga lona. **4** Indlovukazi yeShebha isibonile yonke inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, lendlu ayeyakhile, **5** lokudla kwetafula lakhe, lokuhlala kwezincke zakhe, lokuma kwezisebenzi zakhe, lezigqoko zazo, labaphathinkezo bakhe, lokwenyuka kwakhe enyuka ngakho endlini yeNkosi, kakusabanga lamoya kuyo. **6** Yasisithi enkosini: Umbiko wawulinqiniso engawuzwa elizweni

lami ngamazwi akho langenhlakanipho yakho. **7** Kodwa kangiyikholwanga leyomibiko ngaze ngafika lamehlo ami abona. Khangela, bengingatshelwanga ingxenye; wengezelele inhlakanipho lokulunga embikweni engiwuzwileyo. **8** Bayathokoza abantu bakho, ziyathokoza lezizincke zakho ezimi njalo phambi kwakho zisizwa inhlakanipho yakho! **9** Kayibusiswe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyathokoza ngawe, ukukubeka phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosikalsrayeli. Ngoba iNkosi yamthanda ulsrayeli kuze kube phakade, ngakho ikubekile waba yinkosi ukuze wenze isahlulelo lokulunga. **10** Yasinika inkosi amathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili egolide, lamakha amanengi kakhulu, lamatshe aligugu. Kakuzange kusabuya amakha ngobunengi njengalawo indlovukazi yeShebha eyawanika inkosi uSolomoni. **11** Futhi lemikhumbi kaHiramu eyayithwala igolide livela eOfiri yaletha izigodo ezinengi kakhulu zomkampa, lamatshe aligugu, kuvela eOfiri. **12** Ngezigodo zomkampa inkosi yasisenza insika zendlu kaJehova lezendlu yenkosi, lamachacho lezigubhu zezintambo kwabahlabelei; kakuzanga kulethwe kumbe kubonwe ngokunjalo izigodo zomkampa kuze kube lamuhla. **13** Inkosi uSolomoni yasinika indlovukazi yeShebha sonke isiloyiso sayo, eyakucelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho eyayinika khona njengokuphana kwenkosi uSolomoni. Yasiphenduka yaya elizweni layo, yona lenceku zayo. **14** Njalo isisindo segolide elalifika kuSolomoni ngomnyaka owodwa sasingamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha, **15** ngaphandle kokuvela kubathengisi, lempahleni zabathengisi bezinongo, lemakhosini wonke eArabhiya, lakubabusi belizwe. **16** Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza izihlangu ezinkulu ezingamakhulu amabili ngegolide

elikhandiwego, amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide esihlangwini esisodwa esikhulu. **17** Lamahawu angamakhulu amathathu egolide elikhandiwego; amamane amathathu egolide ehawini elilodwa. Inkosi yasiwafaka endlini yegusu leLebhanoni.

18 Inkosi yenza lesihlalo sobukhosи esikhulu ngempondo zendlovu, yasihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **19** Isihlalo sobukhosи sasilezikhwelo eziyisithupha, lesihloko sesihlalo sobukhosи sasiyisigombolozi emuva, lezeyamelo zengalo ngapha langapha kuze kube sendaweni yokuhlala, lezilwane ezimbili zimi eceleni kwezeyamelo zezingalo. **20** Lezilwane ezilitshumi lambili zazimi lapho ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha, ngapha langapha. Kakwenziwanga okunjalo kuwo wonke umbuso. **21** Lazo zonke inkezo zokunatha zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazo zonke izitsha zendlu yegusu leLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicwengekileyo; kwakungelasiliva, lalingabalwa santo ensukwini zikaSolomoni. **22** Ngoba inkosi yayilemikhumbi yeThashishi olwandle kanye lemikhumbi kaHiramu; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu limikhumbi yeThashishi yeza ithwele igolide lesiliva, impondo zezindlovu lezinkawu lamaphigaga. **23** Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yaba nkulu kulawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba enothweni lenhlakanipheni. **24** Umhlaba wonke wasudinga ubuso bukaSolomoni ukuzwa inhlakanipho yakhe uNkulunkulu ayeyinike enhliziyweni yakhe. **25** Basebeletha, ngulowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva, lezitsha zegolide, lezemba, lezikhalu, lamakha, amabhiza, lezimbongolo; into yomnyaka ngomnyaka wayo. **26** USolomoni wasebuthanisa izinqola labagadi bamabhiza; wayelezinqola ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; wakubeka emizini yezinqola njalo kulenkosi

eJerusalema. 27 Inkosi yasisenza isiliva eJerusalema laba njengamatshe, lemisedari wayenza yaba njengemikhiwa yesikh amore esesihotsheni, ngobunengi. 28 Wasengenisa ngokuthenga amabhiza avela eGibhithe, ayengekaSolomoni, lelembu elicolekileyo; labathengi benkosi babelithatha ilembu elicolekileyo ngentengo. 29 Inqola yasisenyuka yaphuma eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha, lebhiza ngekhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. Langokunjalo bawakhuphela wonke amakhosi amaHethi lamakhosi eSiriya ngesandla sabo.

11 Inkosi uSolomoni yayithanda-ke abafazi abanengi bezizweni, kanye lendodakazi kaFaro, amaMowabikazi, amaAmonikazi, amaEdomikazi, amaSidonikazi, amaHethikazi, 2 ababevela ezizweni iNkosi eyayithe ngazo kubantwana bakolsrayeli: Kaliyikungena kibo, labo kabayikungena kini; isibili bazaphendula inhlizyo yenu ilandele onkulunkulu babo. Bona uSolomoni wabanamathela ngothando. 3 Wayelabafazi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa, amakhosazana, labafazi abancane abangamakhulu amathathu; abafazi bakhe basebephambula inhlizyo yakhe. 4 Ngoba kwathi esikhathini sokuluphala kukaSolomoni, abafazi bakhe baphambulela inhlizyo yakhe ekulandeleni abanye onkulunkulu, lenhlizyo yakhe yayingaphelelanga kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengenhliziyo kaDavida uyise. 5 Ngoba uSolomoni wahamba emva kukaAshitarothi unkulunkulu wamaSidoni lemva kukaMilkomu isinengiso samaAmoni. 6 USolomoni wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi, kayilandelanga ngokupheleleyo iNkosi njengoDavida uyise. 7 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wakhela uKemoshi isinengiso sakoMowabi indawo ephakemeyo entabeni ephambi kweJerusalema, IoMoleki isinengiso sabantwana

bakoAmoni. **8** Langokunjalo wabenzela bonke abafazi bakhe bezizweni abatshisa impepha bahlabela onkulunkulu babo. **9** INkosi yasimthukuthelela uSolomoni, ngoba inhлизио yakhe yayiphambukile eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, eyayibonakele kuye kibili, **10** yamlaya mayelana lalinto, ukuthi angalandeli abanye onkulunkulu; kodwa kagcinanga lokho iNkosi eyamlaya khona. **11** Ngakho iNkosi yathi kuSolomoni: Ngenxa yokuthi lokhu kwensiwe nguwe, ungagcinanga isivumelwano sami lezimiso zami, engakulaya khona, ngizawudabula lokuwudabula umbuso kuwe, ngiwuniike inceku yakho. **12** Kanti kangiyikukwenza ensukwini zakho ngenxa kaDavida uyihi; ngizawudabula usuke esandleni sendodana yakho. **13** Loba kunjalo kangiyikudabula wonke umbuso; ngizanika indodana yakho isizwe esisodwa ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami langenxa yeJerusalema engiyikhethileyo. **14** INkosi yasimvusela uSolomoni isitha, uHadadi umEdoma; wayengowenzalo yenkosi eEdoma. **15** Ngoba kwathi uDavida eseEdoma, uJowabi induna yebutho wayenyukele ukungcwaba ababulewego, watshaya wonke owesilisa eEdoma. **16** Ngoba uJowabi wahlala lapho inyanga eziyisithupha, lolrayeli wonke, waze waquma wonke owesilisa eEdoma. **17** Kodwa uHadadi wabaleka, yena lamaEdoma athile avela enekwini zikayise kanye laye, ukungena eGibhithe; njalo uHadadi wayengumfanyana. **18** Basebesuka eMidiyani, bafika eParani, bathatha amadoda labo eParani, bafika eGibhithe, kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, owamnika indlu, wammisela ukudla, wamnika umhlabathi. **19** UHadadi wasethola umusa omkhulu emehlweni kaFaro, waze wamendisela udadewabo womkakhe, udadewabo kaTapenesi indlovukazi. **20** Udadewabo kaTapenesi wasemzalela uGenubathi indodana yakhe, uTapenesi amlumulela

phakathi kwendlu kaFaro; njalo uGenubathi wayesendlini kaFaro phakathi kwabantwana bakaFaro. **21** Kwathi uHadadi esezwile eseGibhithe ukuthi uDavida ulele laboyise lokuthi uJowabi induna yebutho usefile, uHadadi wathi kuFaro: Ngivumela ngisuke ukuthi njiye elizweni lakithi. **22** UFaro wasesithi kuye: Kodwa usweleni ulami ukuthi, khangela, udinge ukuya elizweni lakini? Wasesithi: Akulalutho, loba kunjalo ngivumela lokungivumela ngihambe. **23** UNkulunkulu wasemvusela isitha, uRezoni indodana kaEliyada owayebalekile enkosini yakhe uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba. **24** Wasezibuthela amadoda, waba ngumkhokheli weviyo, lapho uDavida ebabulala; basebesiya eDamaseko, bahlala kuyo, babusa eDamaseko. **25** Wasesiba yisitha kulsrayeli insuku zonke zikaSolomoni, phezu kobubi uHadadi abenzayo; njalo wanengwa ngulsrayeli, wabusa phezu kukaSiriya. **26** LoJerobhowamu, indodana kaNebati, umEfrayimi weZereda, inceku kaSolomoni, obizo likanina lalinguZeruwa, owesifazana ongumfelokazi, laye waphakamisa isandla emelene lenkosi. **27** Yilolu-ke udaba lokuthi aphakamise isandla emelene lenkosi. USolomoni wakha iMilo, wava la isikhala somuzi kaDavida uyise. **28** UJerobhowamu wayeliqhawe elilamandla. Kwathi uSolomoni ebona lelijaha ukuthi likhuthele emsebenzini, walibeka phezu kwawo wonke umthwalo wendlu kaJosefa. **29** Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi lapho uJerobhowamu ephuma eJerusalema, uAhiya umShilo umprofethi wamfica endleleni. Njalo wayezigqokise isiggoko esitsha; bobabili babevodwa egangeni. **30** UAhiya wasesibamba isiggoko esitsha esasikuye, wasidabula iziqa ezilitshumi lambili, **31** wathi kuJerobhowamu: Zithathele iziqa ezilitshumi, ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangela, ngizadabula umbuso usuke esandleni sikaSolomoni,

ngikunike izizwe ezilitshumi. **32** Kodwa yena uzakuba lesizwe esisodwa ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida langenxa yeJerusalema, umuzi engiwukhethileyo ezipeweni zonke zakolsrayeli. **33** Ngenxa yokuthi bangitshiyle, bakhonza uAshitarothi unkulunkulu wamaSidoni, uKemoshi unkulunkulu wamaMowabi, loMilkomu unkulunkulu wabantwana bakoAmoni, kabahambanga ngendlela zami, ukwenza okulungileyo emehlweni ami, lokulondoloza izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami, njengoDavida uyise. **34** Loba kunjalo kangiyikuwususa umbuso wonke esandleni sakhe; kodwa ngizamenza abe ngumbusi zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami, engamkhethayo, owagcina imilayo yami lezimiso zami. **35** Kodwa ngizawususa umbuso esandleni sendodana yakhe, ngiwunike wena, izizwe ezilitshumi. **36** Lendodana yakhe ngizayinika isizwe sibe sinye ukuze uDavida inceku yami abe lesibane zonke izinsuku phambi kwami eJerusalema, umuzi engizikhethelo wona ukuze ngibeke ibizo lami khona. **37** Wena-ke ngizakuthatha, uzabusa phezu kwakho konke umphefumulo wakho okuloyisayo, ubo yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli. **38** Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ulalela konke engikulaya khona, uhambe ngezindlela zami, wenze okulungileyo emehlweni ami, ukugcina izimiso zami lemilayo yami, njengokwenza kukaDavida inceku yami, ngizakuba lawe, ngikwakhele indlu eqinileyo, njengengayakhela uDavida, ngizakunika ulsrayeli, **39** njalo ngihluphe inzalo kaDavida ngenxa yalokhu, kodwa kungabi kokuphela. **40** Ngakho uSolomoni wadinga ukumbulala uJerobhowamu, kodwa uJerobhowamu wasuka wabalekela eGibhithe, kuShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe, wayeseGibhithe waze wafa uSolomoni. **41** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaSolomoni, lakho konke akwenzayo, lenhlakanipho yakhe, kakubhalwanga

yini egwalweni lwendaba zikaSolomoni? 42 Isikhathi-ke uSolomoni abusa ngaso eJerusalema phezu kukalsrayeli wonke saba yiminyaka engamatshumi amane. 43 USolomoni waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

12 URehobhowamu wasesiya eShekema ngoba ulsrayeli wonke wayefike eShekema ukumbeka abe yinkosi. 2 Kwasekusithi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati, owayelokhu eseGibhithe, ekuzwa lokhu (ngoba wayebaleke esuka phambi kukaSolomoni inkosi, uJerobhowamu wahlala eGibhithe), 3 bathuma bambiza. UJerobhowamu lebandla lonke lakolsrayeli basebesiza bakhulumma loRehobhowamu besithi: 4 Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba luhkuni; ngakho-ke wena yenza kube lula umsebenzi olukhuni kayihlo, lejogwe lakhe elinzima abesithwalise lona, njalo sizakukhonza. 5 Wasesithi kibo: Hambani futhi okwensuku ezintathu, libe selibuya kimi. Basebehamba abantu. 6 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasicebisana labadala ababesima phambi kukaSolomoni uyise esaphila, isithi: Licebisa njani ukubuyisela impendulo kulababantu? 7 Basebekhulumma kuyo besithi: Uba uzakuba yinceku yalababantu lamuhla ubasebenzele, ubaphendule, ukhulume kibo amazwi amahle, khona bezakuba zinceku zakho zonke izinsuku. 8 Kodwa wasitshiya iseluleko sabadala ababemeluleke ngaso, wacebisana lamajaha ayeyintanga yakhe, ayemi phambi kwakhe. 9 Wasesithi kuwo: Lipha seluleko bani ukuthi sibuyisele impendulo kulababantu abakhulume lami besithi: Yenza libe lulanyana ijogwe uyihlo alibeka phezu kwethu? 10 Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe asekhluma kuye esithi: Uzakutsho njalo kulababantu

abakhuluma kuwe besithi: Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba nzima, kodwa wena yenza libe lulanyana kithi; uzakutsho njalo kibo: Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. **11** Uba-ke ubaba walethwesa ijogwe elinzima, mina-ke ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu. Ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngizalijezisa ngabofezela. **12** Ngakho uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu beza kuRehobhowamu ngosuku lwesthathu njengokutsho kwenkosi isithi: Libuye kimi futhi ngosuku lwesthathu. **13** Inkosi yasibaphendula abantu kalukhuni, yatshiya iseluleko sabadala ababeyeluleke ngaso. **14** Yakhuluma kubo njengokweseluleko samajaha isithi: Ubaba wenza ijogwe lenu laba nzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu; ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngizalijezisa ngabofezela. **15** Ngalokho inkosi kayibalalelanga abantu; ngoba inguquko yayivela eNkosini ukuze iqinise ilizwi layo, iNkosi eyayilikhulume ngesandla sikaAhiya umShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati. **16** Lapho ulsrayeli wonke ebona ukuthi inkosi kayibalalelanga, abantu babuyisela impendulo enkosini besithi: Silesabelo bani kuDavida? Yebo, kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese. Emathenteni akho, Israyeli! Khathesi, zibonele indlu yakho, Davida. Ngakho ulsrayeli waya emathenteni akhe. **17** Mayelana labantwana bakolsrayeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda, uRehobhowamu wabusa phezu kwabo. **18** Khona inkosi uRehobhowamu yathuma uAdoniram owayephezu kwezibhalwa; ulsrayeli wonke wasemkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa. Ngakho inkosi uRehobhowamu yakhwela masinyane inqola yayo, ukubalekela eJerusalema. **19** Ngokunjalo ulsrayeli wayihlamukela indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla. **20** Kwasekusithi ulsrayeli wonke esezwile ukuthi uJerobhowamu ubuyile, bathuma

bambizela enhlanganweni, bamentza inkosi phezu kukalsrayeli wonke; kakubanga khona olandela indlu kaDavida ngaphandle kwesizwe sakoJuda sodwa. **21** Kwathi uRehobhowamu esefikile eJerusalema wabuthanisa yonke indlu yakoJuda lesizwe sakoBhenjamini, abakhethiweyo abayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abalwa impi, ukulwa lendlu yakolsrayeli, ukubuyisela umbuso kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni. **22** Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi: **23** Khuluma kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni, inkosi yakoJuda, lakuyo yonke indlu yakoJuda leyakoBhenjamini, lensali yabantu, uthi: **24** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Lingenyuki njalo lingalwi labafowenu, abantwana bakolsrayeli. Buyelani, ngulowo lalovo endlini yakhe; ngoba linto ivela kimi. Basebelilalela ilizwi leNkosi, babuyela ukuhamba, njengokwelizwi leNkosi. **25** UJerobhowamu wasesakha iShekema entabenji yakoEfrayimi, wahlala kuyo; wasephuma lapho wakha iPenuweli. **26** UJerobhowamu wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Khathesi umbuso uzabuyela endlini kaDavida. **27** Uba lesizwe sisenyukela ukwenza imihlatshelo endlini yeNkosi eJerusalema, khona inhlizyo yalesisizwe izabuyela enkosini yabo, kuRehobhowamu inkosi yakoJuda, njalo bazangibulala babuyele kuRehobhowamu inkosi yakoJuda. **28** Ngakho inkosi yathatha icebo, yenza amathole amabili egolide, yathi kubo: Kunzima kakhulu kini ukwenyukela eJerusalema; khangela, onkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphula elizweni leGibhithe. **29** Wasemisa elinye eBhetheli, lelinye walifaka eDani. **30** Loludaba Iwaselusiba yisono; ngoba abantu baya phambi kwelinje kuze kube seDani ukuyakhonza. **31** Wasesenza indlu yezindawo eziphakemeyo, wenza abapristi ngabaphansi kakhulu babantu,

ababengeyisiwo bamadodana amaLevi. **32** UJerobhowamu wasesenza umkhosi ngenyanga yesificaminwembili ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga njengomkhosi owawukoJuda, wanikela phezu kwelathi. Wenza njalo eBhetheli, ehlabela amathole ayewenzile. Wabeka eBhetheli abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ayezenzile. **33** Wasenikela phezu kwelathi ayelenzile eBhetheli ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu enyangeni yesificaminwembili, enyangeni ayeyiqambile evela enhliziyweni yakhe. Wenzela abantwana bakolsrayeli umkhosi, wanikela phezu kwelathi etshisa impepha.

13 Khangela-ke, kwafika umuntu kaNkulunkulu evela koJuda ngelizwi leNkosi waya eBhetheli, njalo uJerobhowamu wayemi eduze lelathi ukutshisa impepha. **2** Wasememeza emelene lelathi ngelizwi leNkosi wathi: Lathi, lathi, itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, indodana izazalelwia indlu kaDavida, nguJosiya ibizo layo; izahlabela phezu kwakho abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo abatshisa impepha phezu kwakho, lamathambo abantu azatshiselwa phezu kwakho. **3** Wasenika isibonakaliso ngalolosuku esithi: Lesi yisibonakaliso iNkosi esikhulumileyo yathi: Khangela, ilathi lizadatshulwa lomlotha ophezu kwalo uzachithwa. **4** Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile ilizwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu owamemeza emelene lelathi eBhetheli, uJerobhowamu welula isandla sakhe wasisusa elathini, esithi: Mbambeni! Isandla sakhe-ke ayeselulele kuye soma, waze wehluleka ukusibuyisela kuye. **5** Lelathi ladatshulwa, lomlotha wachitheka elathini, njengokwesibonakaliso umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayesinikile ngelizwi leNkosi. **6** Inkosi yasiphendula yathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Ake uncenge ubuso bukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, ungikhulekele, ukuthi isandla sami sibuyele

kimi. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasencenga ubuso bukaJehova, lesandla senkosi sabuyela kuyo, saba njengakuqala. **7** Inkosi yasisithi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Woza lami siye ekhaya, uzivuselele, ngizakunika umvuzo. **8** Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi enkosini: Loba unganginika ingxenye yendlu yakho, kangiyikuhamba lawe; kangiyikudla isinkwa, njalo kangiyikunatha amanzi kulindawo; **9** ngoba ngokunjalo yangilaya ngelizwi leNkosi isithi: Ungadli isinkwa, njalo unganathi amanzi, njalo ungabuyeli ngendalela oze ngayo. **10** Ngakho wahamba ngenye indlela, kabuyelanga ngendalela oweza ngayo eBhetheli. **11** Kwakuhlala-ke umprofethi othile omdala eBhetheli. Amadodana akhe eza amtshela sonke isenzo umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayesenzile mhlalokho eBhetheli; amazwi ayewakhulume enkosini, lawo awatshela uyise. **12** Uyise wasesithi kiwo: Uhambe ngayiphi indlela? Ngoba amadodana akhe ayebonile indlela umuntu kaNkulunkulu owayevele koJuda ahambe ngayo. **13** Wasesithi emadodaneni akhe: Ngibophelelani isihlalo kubabhemi. Basebembophelela isihlalo kubabhemi, wasegada kuye. **14** Wasemlandela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamfica ehlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, wathi kuye: Nguwe umuntu kaNkulunkulu ovele koJuda yini? Wasesithi: Yimi. **15** Wasesithi kuye: Woza lami siye ekhaya, udle isinkwa. **16** Wasesithi: Ngingeke ngibuye le lawe, kumbe ngingene lawe, angiyikudla isinkwa, njalo angiyikunatha lawe amanzi kulindawo, **17** ngoba ilizwi lathi kimi ngelizwi leNkosi: Kawuyikudla isinkwa, unganathi amanzi khona, ungabuyeli uhambe ngendalela oze ngayo. **18** Wasesithi kuye: Lami ngingumprofethi njengawe, njalo ingilos ikhulume kimi ngelizwi leNkosi isithi: Umbuyise endlini yakho lawe ukuze adle isinkwa anathe amanzi. Kodwa waqamba

amanga kuye. **19** Wasebuyela laye, wadla isinkwa endlini yakhe, wanatha amanzi. **20** Kwasekusithi behlezi etafuleni, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kumprofethi owayembuyisile; **21** wasememeza kulowomuntu kaNkulunkulu owayevela koJuda, esithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yokuthi kawulalelanga umlomo weNkosi, ungagcinanga umlayo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakulaya wona, **22** kodwa ubuyile, wadla isinkwa, wanatha amanzi endaweni eyathi ngayo kuwe: Ungadli isinkwa, njalo unganathi amanzi; isidumbu sakho kasiyikuya engcwabeni laboyihlo. **23** Kwasekusithi emva kokudla kwakhe isinkwa lemva kokunatha kwakhe, wasembophelela isihlalo kubabhemi lowomprofethi ayembuyisile. **24** Kwathi esehambile, isilwane samfica endleleni, sambulala; isidumbu sakhe sasesiphoselwa endleleni, ubabhemti wema eceleni kwaso, isilwane laso sema eceleni kwesidumbu. **25** Khangela-ke, abantu bedlula babona isidumbu siphoselwe endleleni lesilwane simi eceleni kwesidumbu; bafika bakubika emzini lapho lowomprofethi omdala ayehlala khona. **26** Kwathi lowomprofethi owayembuyisile esizwa wathi: Ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ongalalelanga umlomo weNkosi; ngakho iNkosi imnikele esilwaneni esimphoqoze sambulala, njengokwelizwi leNkosi elakhulumka kuye. **27** Wasekhulumka emadodaneni akhe esithi: Ngibophelelani isihlalo kubabhemi. Basebebophela isihlalo. **28** Wasehamba wathola isidumbu sakhe siphoselwe endleleni, lobabhemi lesilwane kumi eceleni kwesidumbu. Isilwane sasingasidlanga isidumbu, singephulanga ubabhemti. **29** Umprofethi wasesiphakamisa isidumbu somuntu kaNkulunkulu, wasiphanyeka kubabhemi, wasibusisa; umprofethi omdala wafika emzini ukulila lokumngcwaba. **30** Wasilalisa isidumbu engcwabeni lakhe, bamlilela bathi: Maye mfowethu! **31** Kwasekusithi emva

kokumngcwaba kwakhe wakhulumu emadodaneni akhe esithi:
Ekufeni kwami lingingcwabe engcwabeni okungcwatshelwe
khona umuntu kaNkulunkulu; lilalise amathambo ami eceleni
kwamathambo akhe. **32** Ngoba udaba luzakwenzeka sibili,
alumemeza ngelizwi leNkosi emelene lelathi eliseBhetheli,
njalo emelene lezindlu zonke zezindawo eziphakemeyo
ezisemizini yeSamariya. **33** Emva kwaloludaba uJerobhowamu
kaphendukanga endleleni yakhe embi, kodwa wabuya wenza
abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ebantwini abaphansi
kakhulu; ofunayo wamehlukanisa waba ngowabapristi bendawo
eziphakemeyo. **34** Langale into kwaba lesono kuyo indlu
kaJerobhowamu, ngitsho ukuyiquma lokuyichitha isuke ebusweni
bomhlaba.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uAbhiya indodana kaJerobhowamu wagula.
2 UJerobhowamu wasesithi kumkakhe: Akusuke uzifihle isimo
ukuze bangawkazi ukuthi unguNkosiJerobhowamu, uye eShilo;
khangela, kukhona lapho uAhiya umprofethi owangitshela ukuthi
ngizakuba yinkosi phezu kwalababantu. **3** Uthathe izinkwa
ezilitshumi esandleni sakho lamaqebelengwana alukhuni lodiwo
loluju, uye kuye, yena uzakutshela okuzakwenzeka kulumntwana.
4 UmkaJerobhowamu wasesenza njalo, wasuka waya eShilo,
wafika emzini kaAhiya. Kodwa uAhiya wayengelakubona ngoba
amehlo akhe ayesenqundekile ngenxa yobudala bakhe. **5** INkosi
yasisithi kuAhiya: Khangela, umkaJerobhowamu uyeza ukubuza
ulutho kuwe ngendodana yakhe, ngoba iyagula. Uzamtshela
ukuthi lokuthi. Ngoba kuzakuthi ekungeneni kwakhe, uzazitshaya
omunye. **6** Kwasekusithi uAhiya esizwa izisinde zenyawo zakhe
lapho engena emnyango wathi: Ngena mkaJerobhowamu;
uzitshayelani omunye? Ngoba ngithunywe kuwe ngento enzima.

7 Hamba uthi kuJerobhowamu: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ithi: Njengoba ngakuphakamisa uphakathi kwabantu, ngakwenza umbusi phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli, 8 ngadabula umbuso ngawususa endlini kaDavida, ngawunika wena; kodwa kawubanga njengenceku yami uDavida, owagcina imilayo yami, lowangilandela ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke, ukwenza okuhle kuphela emehlwani ami; 9 kodwa wenzile ububi okwedlula bonke ababekhona phambi kwakho, kodwa uhambe wazenzela abanye onkulunkulu lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, ukuze ungithukuthelise, wangilahla emva komhlana wakho. 10 Ngakho, khangela, ngizakwehlisela ububi endlini kaJerobhowamu, ngiqume asuke kuJerobhowamu ochamela emdulini, ovalelwego lokhululekileyo kolsrayeli, ngihugule okulandelayo kwendlu kaJerobhowamu, njengomuntu ehugula umquba uze uphele. 11 OkaJerobhowamu ofela phakathi komuzi zizamudla izinja, lofela egangeni zizamudla inyoni zamazulu; ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile. 12 Ngakho wena suka, uye endlini yakho; ekungeneni kwenyawo zakho emzini umntwana uzakufa. 13 Njalo ulsrayeli wonke uzamlilela amngcwabe; ngoba nguye kuphela koJerobhowamu ozakuza engcwaben, ngoba kutholakala kuye into elungileyo ngaseNkosini uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli endlini kaJerobhowamu. 14 Futhi uJehova uzazivusela inkosi phezu kukalsrayeli, ezaquma indlu kaJerobhowamu ngalolosuku. Kodwa kuyini? Lakhathesi. 15 Njalo iNkosi izamtshaya ulsrayeli njengomhlanga uzunguzeka emanzini, iquphule ulsrayeli elizweni leli elihle, eyalinika oyise, ibachithachithe ngaphetsheya komfula, ngenxa yokuthi bazenzela izixuku, bayithukuthelisa iNkosi. 16 Njalo izanikela ulsrayeli ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu, owonayo, wenza ulsrayeli one. 17 UmkaJerobhowamu wasesuka wahamba,

wafika eTiriza. Lapho efika embundwini wendlu, umfana wafa. **18** Basebemngcwaba; lolsrayeli wonke wamlilela, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uAhiya umprofethi. **19** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJerobhowamu, ukuthi walwa njani, lokuthi wabusa njani, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli. **20** Lensuku uJerobhowamu abusa ngazo zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili, walala laboyise, njalo uNadabi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **21** URehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni wabusa-ke koJuda. URehobhowamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema, umuzi iNkosi eyayiwukhethile kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli, ukubeka khona ibizo layo. Lebizo likanina lalinguNahama umAmonikazi. **22** UJuda wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi; bayivusa ubukhwele, ngezono zabo abazonayo, okwedlula konke oyise ababekwenzile, ngezono zabo abazonayo. **23** Ngoba labo bazakhela izindawo eziphakemeyo, lezinsika eziyizithombe, lezixuku, phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo, langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. **24** Kwakukhona-ke elizweni lezinkotshana. Benza njengokwezinengiso zezizwe iNkosi eyayizixotshile elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **25** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi uRehobhowamu uShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana leJerusalema. **26** Wathatha amagugu endlu kajehova lamagugu endlu yenkosi, yebo wakuthatha konke, wathatha zonke izihlangu zegolide uSolomoni ayezenzile. **27** Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasisenza endaweni yazo izihlangu zethusi, yazinikela esandleni senduna yabalindi ababegcina umnyango wendlu yenkosi. **28** Njalo kwakusithi lapho inkosi

ingena endlini kaJehova abalindi babezithwala, bazibuyisele endlini yabalindi. **29** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaRehobhowamu, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **30** Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu zonke izinsuku. **31** URehobhowamu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. Lebizo likanina lalinguNahama umAmonikazi. UAbhiyamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

15 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati uAbhiyamu wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaJuda. **2** Wabusa iminyaka emithathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMahaka indodakazi kaAbishalomu. **3** Wasehamba ezonweni zonke zikayise ayezenze phambi kwakhe, lenhliziyi yakhe yayingaphelelanga kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengenhliziyi kaDavida uyise. **4** Kodwa ngenxa kaDavida iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yamnika isibane eJerusalema, ngokubeka indodana yakhe emva kwakhe, langokuqinisa iJerusalema. **5** Ngoba uDavida wenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi, kaphambukanga kukho konke eyamlaya khona insuku zonke zempilo yakhe, ngaphandle kwedabeni lukaUriya umHethi. **6** Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe. **7** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAbhiyamu, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? Njalo kwaba lempi phakathi kukaAbhiyamu loJerobhowamu. **8** UAbhiyamu waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela emzini kaDavida. UAsa indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **9** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kaJerobhowamu inkosi

yakolsrayeli uAsa wasesiba yinkosi yakoJuda. **10** Wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMahaka indodakazi kaAbishalomu. **11** UAsa wasesenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi njengoDavida uyise. **12** Wasusa izinkotshana elizweni, wasusa zonke izithombe oyise ababezenzile. **13** Laye-ke uMahaka unina wamsusa ekubeni yindlovukazi, ngoba wayenze into enengekayo ibe yiAshera; uAsa waseyigamula into yakhe enengekayo, wayitshisela esifuleni iKidroni. **14** Kanti indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; lanxa kunjalo inhliziyo kaAsa yayiphelele kuJehova insuku zakhe zonke. **15** Wasengenisa izinto ezehlukanisiweyo zikayise kanye lezakhe izinto ezehlukanisiweyo endlini yeNkosi, isiliva legolide lezitsha. **16** Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaAsa loBahasha inkosi yakolsrayeli zonke izinsuku zabo. **17** UBahasha inkosi yakolsrayeli wasesenyuka wamelana loJuda, wakha iRama, ukuze angavumeli muntu ukuphuma lokungena kuAsa inkosi yakoJuda. **18** UAsa wasethatha sonke isiliva legolide okwakusele emagugwini endlu kajehova lamagugu endlu yenkosi, wakunikela esandleni senceku zakhe; inkosi uAsa yakuthumela kuBenihadadi indodana kaTabirimoni indodana kaHeziyon, inkosi yeSiriya, owayehlala eDamaseko, esithi: **19** Kulesivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe, phakathi kukababa loyihlo; khangela, ngikuthumezelu isipho, isiliva legolide. Hamba, yephula isivumelwano sakho loBahasha inkosi yakolsrayeli, ukuze enyuke asuke kimi. **20** UBenihadadi waseyilalela inkosi uAsa, wathuma induna zamabutho ayelawo emelene lemizi yakolsrayeli, watshaya iljoni leDani leAbeli-Beti-Mahaka layo yonke iKinerothi lelizwe lonke lakoNafithali. **21** Kwasekusithi uBahasha ekuzwa wayekela ukwakha iRama, wahlala eTiriza.

22 Inkosi uAsa yasisenza isimemezelo kuyo yonke iJuda; kakho owayetshiywe ngaphandle; ukuze basuse amatshe eRama lezigodo zayo, uBahasha ayesakha ngakho. Inkosi uAsa wasesakha ngakho iGeba yakoBhenjamini leMizipa. **23** Ezinye-ke zazo zonke indaba zikaAsa, lawo wonke amandla akhe, lakho konke akwenzayo, lemizi ayakhayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? Kodwa esikhathini sobudala bakhe wayelomkhuhlane ezinyaweni. **24** UAsa waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida uyise. UJehoshafathi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **25** UNadabi indodana kaJerobhowamu wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli ngomnyaka wesibili kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa phezu kukalsrayeli iminyaka emibili. **26** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, wahamba ngendlela kayise, lessonweni sakhe, enza ulsrayeli one ngaso. **27** UBahasha indodana kaAhiya, owendlu kalsakari, wasemenzela ugobe; uBahasha wamtshaya eGibethoni engeyamaFilisti, lapho uNadabi lolsrayeli wonke bevimbezele iGibethoni. **28** UBahasha wambulalake ngomnyaka wesithathu kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda, wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **29** Kwasekusithi ekubuseni kwakhe watshaya yonke indlu kaJerobhowamu, katshiyanga loyedwa ophefumulayo kuJerobhowamu, waze wamqeda, njengelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uAhiya umShilo. **30** Ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu azonayo, lowenza ulsrayeli azone, ngentukuthelo yakhe athukuthelisa ngayo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **31** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaNadabi, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **32** Njalo kwakulempi phakathi kukaAsa loBahasha inkosi yakolsrayeli insuku zabo zonke. **33** Ngomnyaka

wesithathu kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uBahasha indodana kaAhiya waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli wonke eTiriza; iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lane. **34** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, wahamba ngendlela kaJerobhowamu, lesonweni sakhe, enza ulsrayeli one ngaso.

16 Iлизви leNkosi laselifika kuJehu indodana kaHanani limelene loBahasha lisithi: **2** Ngenxa yokuthi ngakuphakamisa ethulini, ngakwenza umphathi phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli, kodwa uhambe ngendlela zikaJerobhowamu, wenza ukuthi abantu bami ulsrayeli bone, ukungithukuthelisa ngezono zabo; **3** khangela, ngizaqothula inzalo kaBahasha lenzalo yendlu yakhe, ngenze indlu yakho njengendlu kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati. **4** Ofayo kaBahasha phakathi komuzi izinja zizamudla, lowakhe ofela egangeni inyoni zamazulu zizamudla. **5** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaBahasha lakwenzayo lamandla akhe, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **6** UBahasha waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eTiriza. UEla indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **7** Njalo ngesandla sikaJehu umprofethi indodana kaHanani ilizwi leNkosi lafika limelene loBahasha njalo limelelene lendlu yakhe, langenxa yabo bonke ububi abenza emehlwani eNkosi, ukuyithukuthelisa ngomsebenzi wezandla zakhe, ukuba njengendlu kaJerobhowamu, langenxa yokuthi wambulala. **8** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesithupha kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uEla indodana kaBahasha waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eTiriza, iminyaka emibili. **9** Kodwa inceku yakhe uZimri, induna yengxenyeye yezinqola, yamenzela ugobe, eseTiriza enathe wadakwa endlini kaAriza, umphathi wendlu eTiriza. **10** UZimri wasengena wamtshaya wambulala ngomnyaka

wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **11** Kwasekusithi esebe yinkosi ekuhlaleni kwakhe esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosи wayitshaya indlu yonke kaBahasha; kamtshiyelanga ochamela emdulini, loba izihlobo zakhe, kumbe abangane bakhe. **12** Ngakho uZimri wayichitha indlu yonke kaBahasha, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma imelene loBahasha ngesandla sikaJehu umprofethi, **13** ngenxa yazo zonke izono zikaBahasha lezono zikaEla indodana yakhe, abona ngazo, labenza ngazo ulsrayeli ukuthi one, ukuthukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ngezinto zabo eziyize. **14** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaEla, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **15** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uZimri wabusa insuku eziyisikhombisa eTiriza. Abantu babemise-ke inkamba bemelele leGibethoni eyayingeyamaFilisti. **16** Abantu-ke ababemise inkamba bezwa ukuthi: UZimri wenzile ugobe futhi watshaya inkosi. Ngakho ulsrayeli wonke wabeka uOmri induna yebutho ukuba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli mhlalokho enkambeni. **17** U-Omri lolrsayeli wonke kanye laye basebesenyuka besuka eGibethoni, bavimbezela iTiriza. **18** Kwasekusithi uZimri esebonile ukuthi umuzi usuthunjiwe, wangena esigodlwani sendlu yenkosи, watshisa indlu yenkosи phezu kwakhe ngomlilo, wafa. **19** Ngenxa yezono zakhe azonayo, ngokwenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, ngokuhamba ngendlela kaJerobhowamu lessonweni sakhe asenzayo, ukwenza ulsrayeli ukuthi one. **20** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaZimri, logobe lwakhe alwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **21** Khona abantu bakolsrayeli badabukana baba zingxenye ezimbili;

ingxene ye yabantu yalandela uTibini indodana kaGinathi
ukuze bamenze inkosi, lengxene ye yalandela uOmri. **22**
Kodwa abantu abalandela uOmri babehlula abantu abalandela
uTibini indodana kaGinathi; ngakho uTibini wafa, uOmri
wasebusa. **23** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanye
kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uOmri wabusa phezu kukalsrayeli,
iminyaka elitshumi lambili; eTiriza wabusa iminyaka eyisithupha.
24 Wathenga intaba yeSamariya kuShemeri ngamathalenta
esiliva amabili, wakha entaben, wabiza ibizo lomuzi awakhayo
ngebizo likaShemeri umnikazi wentaba, wathi yiSamariya.
25 Kodwa uOmri wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, wenza
okubi okwedlula bonke ababengaphambi kwakhe. **26** Ngoba
wahamba ngayo yonke indlela kaJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati, lesongweni sakhe, enza ngaso ukuthi ulsrayeli
one, ukuyithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ngezinto
zabo eziyize. **27** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaOmri azenzayo
lamandla akhe awenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **28** U-Omri waselala laboyise,
wangcwatshelwa eSamariya. UAhabi indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **29** UAhabi indodana kaOmri
wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amathathu lesificaminwembili kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda; UAhabi
indodana kaOmri wabusa phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya
iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili. **30** UAhabi indodana
kaOmri wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi okwedlula bonke
ababekhona phambi kwakhe. **31** Kwasekusithi, njengokungathi
kuyinto elula ukuhamba ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati, wathatha uJezebeli indodakazi kaEthibali inkosi
yamaSidoni waba ngumkakhe. Wasehamba wakhonza uBhali,

wamkhothamela. **32** Wasemisela uBhali ilathi endlini kaBhali ayeyakhile eSamariya. **33** UAhabi wasesenza isixuku. UAhabi wenza okwengezelelweyo ukuyithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kulawo wonke amakhosi akolsrayeli ayengaphambi kwakhe. **34** Ensukwini zakhe uHiyeli umBhetheli wakha iJeriko; wabeka isisekelo sayo ngoAbiramu izibulo lakhe, wamisa amasango ayo ngoSegubi icinathunjana lakhe, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla sikaJoshua indodana kaNuni.

17 UElija umTishibi wabahlali beGileyadi wasesithi kuAhabi: Kuphila kukaJehova, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, engimi phambi kwakhe, kakuyikuba khona lamazolo lezulu kuliminyaka, kuphela njengokwelizwi lami. **2** llizwi leNkosi laselifika kuye lisithi: **3** Suka lapha, wena uphendukele empumalanga, uzicatshise esifuleni iKerithi, esiphambi kweJordani. **4** Kuzakuthi-ke unathe esifuleni; sengilaye amawabayi ukuthi akondle khona. **5** Wasehamba wenza njengokwelizwi leNkosi, ngoba wayahlala esifuleni iKerithi esiphambi kweJordani. **6** Amawabayi asemlethela isinkwa lenyama ekuseni, lesinkwa lenyama ntambama; wanatha esifuleni. **7** Kwasekusithi emva kwesikhathi isifula satsha, ngoba kwakungelazulu elizweni. **8** llizwi leNkosi laselifika kuye lisithi: **9** Sukuma uye eZarefathi engeyeSidoni, uhlale khona. Khangela, ngilayile owesifazana ongumfelokazi khona ukuthi akondle. **10** Wasukuma-ke waya eZarefathi. Lapho efika esangweni lomuzi, khangela, owesifazana ongumfelokazi wayelapho etheza inkuni; wasembiza wathi: Ake ungikhele amanzi amalutshwana ngenkezo ukuze nginathe. **11** Kwathi esahamba ukuyawathatha, wambiza wathi: Ake ungiphathele ucezu lwasinkwa esandleni sakho. **12** Wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, kangilaqebelengwana, kuphela

impuphu egcwala isandla embizeni lamafutha ayingcosana esiphisweni; khangela-ke ngitheza izinkuni ezimbili ukuze ngingene ngizilungisele khona mina lendodana yami, ukuze sidle sife. **13** UElija wasesithi kuye: Ungesabi; hamba wenze njengokwelizwi lakho, kodwa ngenzela kuqala iqebelewana elincinyane ngakho, ulilethe lapha kimi, ngemva kwalokho-ke wenzele wena lendodana yakho. **14** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli: Imbiza yempuphu kayiyikuphela, lesiphiso samafutha kasiyikuswela, kuze kube lusuku iNkosi ezanisa ngalo izulu ebusweni bomhlaba. **15** Wasehamba wenza njengokwelizwi likaElija. Njalo yena kanye laye lendlu yakhe badla okwensuku ezinengi. **16** Imbiza yempuphu kayiphelanga lesiphiso samafutha kasiswelanga, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla sikaElija. **17** Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto, indodana yowesifazana, inkosikazi yendlu, yagula; lomkhuhlane wayo wawulamandla kangangokuthi akwaze kwasala umphefumulo kuyo. **18** Wasesithi kuElija: Ngilani lawe, muntu kaNkulunkulu? Uze kimi ukuze kukhumbuleke isono sami lokubulala indodana yami na? **19** Wasesithi kuye: Nginika indodana yakho. Waseyithatha esifubeni sakhe, wayenyusela endlini ephezulu lapho ayehlala khona, wayilalisa embhedeni wakhe. **20** Wasekhala eNkosini wathi: Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, umehliselie ububi lalo umfelokazi engingenise kwakhe ngokubulala indodana yakhe na? **21** Wasezelulela phezu komntwana kathathu, wakhala eNkosini wathi: Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ake ubuyele umphefumulo walumntwana phakathi kwakhe. **22** INkosi yasilizwa ilizwi likaElija, umphefumulo womntwana wasubuyela phakathi kwakhe, wasebuya ephila. **23** UElija wasemthatha umntwana, wamehlisa esuka endlini ephezulu

waya endlini, wamnika unina; uElija wasesithi: Bona, indodana yakho iyaphila. **24** Owesifazana wasesithi kuElija: Khathesi sengisazi lokhu, ukuthi ungumuntu kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi ilizwi leNkosi elisemlonyeni wakho liliqiniso.

18 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezinengi ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuElija ngomnyaka wesithathu lisithi: Hamba, uhiveze kuAhabi, sengizanisa izulu ebusweni bomhlaba. **2** UElija wasesiya ukuziveza kuAhabi. Njalo indlala yayilamandla eSamariya. **3** UAhabi wasebiza uObhadiya owayephezu kwendlu yakhe. UObhadiya wayeyesaba-ke kakhulu iNkosi. **4** Ngoba kwathi lapho uJezebeli ebhubhisa abaprofethi beNkosi, uObhadiya wathatha abaprofethi abalikhulu, wabafihla ngamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu ebhalwini, wabondla ngesinkwa langamanzi. **5** UAhabi wasesithi kuObhadiya: Hamba elizweni uye emithonjeni yonke yamanzi lezifuleni zonke; mhlawumbe singathola utshani, silondoloze amabhiza lezimbongolo kuphila, ukuze singabhubhisi okwezfuyo. **6** Basebesehlukaniselana ilizwe ukuthi badabule phakathi kwalo; uAhabi wahamba ngenye indlela yedwa, uObhadiya laye wahamba ngenye indlela yedwa. **7** Kwasekusithi uObhadiya esendleleni, khangela-ke, uElija wamhlangabeza; wamnanzelela, wawa ngobuso bakhe wathi: Nguwe yini, nkosi yami, Elija? **8** Wasesithi kuye: Yimi. Hamba uyetshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela, uElija ulapha. **9** Wasesithi: Ngoneni ukuthi unikele inceku yakho esandleni sikaAhabi ukuthi angibulale? **10** Kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, kakulasizwe lombuso inkosi yami engathumelanga kukho ukukudinga. Lapho besithi: Kakho; yafungisa lowombuso lalesosizwe ukuthi kabakutholanga. **11** Khathesi-ke uthi: Hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela, uElija ulapha. **12** Kuzakuthi-ke sengisukile kuwe, uMoya

weNkosi akuthwale akuse lapho engingazi khona; lapho sengifike ngatshela uAhabi, angakutholi, uzangibulala; kodwa mina inceku yakho ngiyayesaba iNkosi kusukela ebutsheni bami. **13** Kakutshelwanga inkosi yami yini engakwenzayo lapho uJezebeli ebulala abaprofethi beNkosi, ukuthi ngafihla amadoda alikhulu kubaprofethi beNkosi, ngamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu ebhalwini, ngabondla ngesinkwa langamanzi? **14** Khathesi-ke uthi: Hamba uyetshela inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela uElija ulapha. Abesengibulala. **15** UElija wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova wamabandla engimi phambi kwakhe, oqotho lamuhla ngizaziveza kuye. **16** Ngakho uObhadiya wahamba ukuhlangabeza uAhabi, wamtshela; loAhabi wayahlangabeza uElija. **17** Kwasekusithi uAhabi ebona uElija, uAhabi wathi kuye: Nguwe yini ongumhluphi kalsrayeli? **18** Wasesithi: Kangimhluphanga ulsrayeli, kodwa nguwe lendlu kayihlo, ngokuyitshiya kwenu imilayo yeNkosi, lalandela oBhali. **19** Ngakho-ke thuma, ubuthanisele kimi ulsrayeli wonke entaben iKharmeli, labaprofethi bakaBhali abangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu labaprofethi bezixuku abangamakhulu amane abadla etafuleni likaJezebeli. **20** Ngakho uAhabi wathuma phakathi kwabo bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli, wabuthanisa abaprofethi entaben iKharmeli. **21** UElija wasesondela ebantwini bonke wathi: Koze kube nini liqhula emicabangweni emibili? Uba iNkosi inguNkulunkulu, landelani yona; kodwa uba kunguBhali, mlandeleni. Kodwa abantu kabamphendulanga ngalizwi. **22** UElija wasesithi ebantwini: Mina ngedwa ngingumpfethi weNkosi oseleyo; kodwa abaprofethi bakaBhali ngamadoda angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu. **23** Ngakho kabasinike amajongosi amabili, bazikhethole ijongosi elilodwa, baliqume iziqa, bazibeke phezu

kwenkuni, bangafaki mlilo; lami ngizalungisa elinye ijongosi, ngilibeke phezu kwenkuni, ngingafaki mlilo. **24** Njalo bizani ibizo likankulunkulu wenu, lami ngizabiza ibizo leNkosi; uNkulunkulu ozaphendula ngomlilo nguye uNkulunkulu. Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Lelilizwi lilungile. **25** UElija wasesithi kubaprofethi bakaBhali: Zikhetheleni ijongosi elilodwa, lilungise kuqala, ngoba libanengi, libize ibizo likankulunkulu wenu, kodwa lingafaki mlilo. **26** Basebethatha ijongosi ababelinikiwe, balilungisa, babiza ibizo likaBhali kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba semini, besithi: Bhali, siphendule! Kodwa kakubanga lalizwi, kakubanga lophendulayo. Basebeseqa phezu kwelathi elalensiwe. **27** Kwasekusithi emini uElija wadlala ngabo wathi: Memezani ngelizwi elikhulu, ngoba ungunkulunkulu; ngoba uyanakana, loba umonyukile, kumbe usekuhambeni, mhlawumbe ulele, njalo kudingeka ukuthi avuswe. **28** Basebememeza ngelizwi elikhulu, bazisika njengokomkhuba wabo ngezinkemba langemikhonto, kwaze kwantshaza igazi kubo. **29** Kwasekusithi sekwedlulile imini, baprofetha kwaze kwaba sekunikelweni komnikelo, kakubanga lelizwi, njalo kakubanga lophendulayo, njalo kakubanga lonakekelayo. **30** UElija wasesithi ebantwini bonke: Sondelani kimi. Bonke abantu basebesondela kuye. Waselungisa ilathi leNkosi elaselidilikile. **31** UElija wasethatha amatshe alitshumi lambili, ngokwenani lezizwe zamadodana kaJakobe, okwafika kuye ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: Ibizo lakho lizakuba ngulsrayeli. **32** Ngalawomatshe wasesakha ilathi ebizweni leNkosi, wenza umgelo ozingelezela ilathi, ngokwesilinganiso samaseya amabili enhlanyelo. **33** Waselungisa inkuni, waliquuma iziqa ijongosi, walibeka phezu kwenkuni, wasesithi: Gcwalisani izimbiza ezine ngamanzi, liwathele phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa

laphezu kwenkuni. **34** Wasesithi: Kwenzeni okwesibili. Bakwenza okwesibili. Wathi: Kwenzeni okwesithathu. Basebekwenza okwesithathu. **35** Amanzi asehamba azingelezela ilathi, lomgelo lawo wawugcwalisa ngamanzi. **36** Kwasekusithi ekunikelweni komnikelo uElija umprofethi wasondela wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaAbrahama, ulsaka, lolsrayeli, kakwaziwe lamuhla ukuthi unguNkulunkulu kolsrayeli, lami ngiyinceku yakho, lokuthi ngizenzile zonke lezizinto njengokwelizwi lakho. **37** Ngiphendule, Nkosi, ungiphendule, ukuze lababantu bazi ukuthi wena uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu, lokuthi uyiphendulile futhi inhliyo yabo. **38** Wasusehla umlilo weNkosi, waqothula umnikelo wokutshiswa lenkuni lamatshe lothuli, wakhatha lamanzi asemgelweni. **39** Kwathi abantu bonke bekubona bathi mbo ngobuso babo, bathi: UJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu; uJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu. **40** UElija wasesithi kibo: Babambeni abaprofethi bakaBhali, kungaphunyuki lamunye wabo. Basebebabbamba. UElija wasebehlisela esifuleni iKishoni, wababulalela khona. **41** UElija wasesithi kuAhabi: Yenyuka, udle unathe, ngoba kulomsindo wobunengi bezulu. **42** UAhabi wasesenyuka ukuyakudla lokunatha. UElija wasesenyukela engqongeni yeKharmeli; wakhothamela phansi emhlabathini, wafaka ubuso bakhe phakathi kwamadolo akhe. **43** Wasesithi encekwini yakhe: Yenyuka khathesi, ukhangele ngaselwandle. Yasisenyuka, yakhangela, yathi: Kakulalutho. Wasesithi: Buyela, kasikhombisa. **44** Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sesikhombisa yathi: Khangela, iyezana elingangesandla somuntu lisenyuka olwandle. Wasesithi: Yenyuka uyetshela uAhabi: Bophela inqola, wehle, hlezi izulu likuvalele. **45** Kwasekusithi kungakafiki lesosikhathi isibhakabhaka sasesisiba mnyama ngamayezi langomoya,

kwaba lezulu elikhulu. UAhabi wasegada, waya eJizereyeli. 46

Lesandla seNkosi sasiphezu kukaElijah; wabopha ukhalo Iwakhe,
wagijima phambi kukaAhabi, uze ufile eJizereyeli.

19 UAhabi wasetshela uJezebeli konke uElijah ayekwenzile,
labo bonke ababulalayo, bonke abaprofethi, ngenkemba. 2
Khona uJezebeli wathuma isithunywa kuElijah esithi: Kabenze
njalo onkulunkulu, bengezelele njalo, uba ngalesisikhathi kusasa
ngingenzi impilo yakho ibe njengempilo yomunye wabo. 3
Esekubonile, wasukuma, wahamba ngenxa yempilo yakhe, wafika
eBherishebha engeyakoJuda, watshiya khona inceku yakhe. 4
Kodwa yena wahamba uhambo losuku enkangala, wafika wahlala
ngaphansi kwestihlahla serotemu, wacela ukuthi umphefumulo
wakhe ufe, wathi: Kwanele, khathezi, Nkosi, thatha impilo yami,
ngoba kagingcono kulabobaba. 5 Esecambalele elele ngaphansi
kwestihlahla esithile serotemu, khangela-ke, khonokho ingilos
yamthinta, yathi kuye: Vuka udle. 6 Wasethalaza, khangela-
ke, ekhanda lakhe iqebelengwana losiwe emalahleni, lesigxingi
samanzi; wasesidla wanatha, waphinda walala. 7 Ingilos yeNkosi
yasifika ngokwesibili, yamthinta yathi: Vuka udle; ngoba uhambo
Iwakho luhulu kakhulu kuwe. 8 Wasevuka wadla wanatha,
wahamba ngamandla alokhokudla insuku ezingamatshumi
amanie lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, waze wafika eHorebe
intaba kaNkulunkulu. 9 Wasengena lapho ebhalwini, walala
khona ubusuku. Khangela-ke, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuye lathi kuye:
Wenzani lapha, Elijah? 10 Wathi: Bengitshiseka lokutshisekela
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli
basitshiyile isivumelwano sakho, badiliza amalathi akho, babulala
abaprofethi bakho ngenkemba; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo
badinga impilo yami ukuyisusa. 11 Wasesithi: Phuma ume

entabeni phambi kweNkosi. Khangela-ke, iNkosi yadlula. Umoya omkhulu olamandla wasudabula izintaba, waqhekeza amadwala phambi kweNkosi; kodwa iNkosi yayingekho emoyeni. Lemva komoya ukunyikinyeka komhlaba; kodwa iNkosi yayingekho ekunyikinyekeni komhlaba. **12** Lemva kokunyikinyeka komhlaba umlilo; kodwa iNkosi yayingekho emlilweni. Njalo emva komlilo ilizwi elincinyane elinyenyezayo. **13** Kwasekuthi uElija elizwa, wathandela ubuso bakhe ngesembatho sakhe, waphuma wema emlonyeni wobhalu. Khangela-ke, leza kuye ilizwi lathi: Wenzani lapha, Elija? **14** Wathi: Bengitshisekela lokutshisekela iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli basitshiyile isivumelwano sakho, badiliza amalathi akho, babulala abaprofethi bakho ngenkemba; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo badinga impilo yami ukuyisusa. **15** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Hamba, ubuyele ngendlela yakho uye enkangala yeDamaseko; lapho usufikile ugcobe uHazayeli abe yinkosi phezu kweSiriya, **16** loJehu indodana kaNimshi umgcobe abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli, loElisha indodana kaShafati weAbeli-Mehola umgcobe abe ngumprofethi esikhundleni sakho. **17** Kuzakuthike ozaphepha enkembeni kaHazayeli uJehu uzambulala, lozaphepha enkembeni kaJehu uElisha uzambulala. **18** Kodwa ngitshiyile kolsrayeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, wonke amadolo angazanga aguqe kuBhali, lawo wonke umlomo ongazanga umange. **19** Wasesuka lapho, wafica uElisha indodana kaShafati; wayelima ngezipani zenkabi zamajogwe alitshumi lambili phambi kwakhe, yena wayelesetshumi lambili. UElija wesedesdlula eceleni kwakhe, waphosela isembatho sakhe phezu kwakhe. **20** Wasetshiya izinkabi, wagijima elandela uElija, wathi: Ake ngange ubaba lomama, besengikulandela.

Wasesithi kuye: Hamba ubuyele, ngoba ngenzeni kuwe? **21**

Wasebuyela ekumlandeleni, wathatha isipani senkabi, wasihlaba, langezikhali zenkabi wapheka inyama yazo, wayinika abantu, bayidla. Wasesuka elandela uElija, wamsebenzela.

20 UBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wasebutha ibutho lakhe lonke, elamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lambili, lamabhiza lezinqola. Wenyuka wayavimbezela iSamariya, walwa layo. **2**
Wathuma izithunywa kuAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli, emzini, wathi kuye: Utsho njalo uBenihadadi: **3** Isiliva sakho legolide lakho ngokwami, labafazi bakho labantwana bakho abahle ngabami. **4**
Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Njengokwelizwi lakho, nkosi yami, nkosi, ngingowakho, lakho konke engilakho. **5**
Izithunywa zasezibuyela zathi: Utsho njalo uBenihadadi uthi:
Lanxa ngithumele kuwe ngisithi: Isiliva sakho legolide lakho labafazi bakho labantwana bakho, kunike mina; **6** kube kanti phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngizathuma kuwe izinceku zami, zizaguduza indlu yakho lezindlu zezinceu zakho; kuzakuthi-ke, yonke into ethandekayo emehlwani akho, zizayifaka esandleni sazo ziyyithathe. **7** Ngakho inkosi yakolsrayeli yabiza bonke abadala belizwe yathi: Ake linanjelele libone ukuthi lo udinga ububi, ngoba uthumele kimi ngabafazi bami langabantwana bami langesiliva sami langegolide lami, njalo kangimalelanga. **8** Bonke abadala labo bonke abantu basebesithi kuyo: Ungalaleli, njalo ungavumi. **9** Wasesithi kuzo izithunywa zikaBenihadadi: Tshelani inkosi yami, inkosi ukuthi: Konke eyakuthumela encekwini yayo kuqala ngizakwenza; kodwa linto kangilamandla okuyenza. Izithunywa zasezihamba, zayibuyisela ilizwi. **10** UBenihadadi wasethumela kuye wathi: Kabenze njalo onkulunkulu kimi, bengezelele njalo, uba ubhuqu lweSamariya lungenela izandla

ezigcweleyo zabo bonke abantu abangilandelayo. **11** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Mtsheleni: Lowo obhinca izikhali kangaziqakisi njengozikhululayo. **12** Kwasekusithi esizwa lelilizwi esanatha, yena lamakhosi emadumbeni, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Zimiseni! Zasezizimisa ukumelana lomuzi. **13** Khangela-ke, umprofethi othile wasondela kuAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli, wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uyalibona lelixuku lonke elikhulu yini? Khangela, ngizalinikela esandleni sakho lamuhla, njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina ngiyiNkosi. **14** UAhabi wasesithi: Ngobani? Wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngamajaha abaphathi bezabelo. Wasesithi: Ngubani ozaqalisa impi? Wasesithi: Wena. **15** Wasebala amajaha abaphathi bezabelo, ayengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amathathu lambili; lemva kwawo wabala bonke abantu, bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli, izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa. **16** Basebephuma emini, uBenihadadi esenathe wadakwa emadumbeni, yena lamakhosi, amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lambili ayemsiza. **17** Amajaha abaphathi bezabelo asephuma kuqala. UBenihadadi wasethuma, basebemtshela besithi: Kuphume amadoda eSamariya. **18** Wasesithi: Loba ephumele ukuthula, abambeni ephila; loba-ke ephumele impi, abambeni ephila. **19** Lala aphuma emzini, amajaha abaphathi bezabelo, lebutho elawalandelayo. **20** Babulala, ngulowo lalowo umuntu wakhe. AmaSamariya asebaleka, ulsrayeli wasexotshana lawo, kodwa uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya waphunyuka ngebhiza kanye labagadi bamabhiza. **21** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasiphuma, yatshaya amabhiza lenqola, yatshaya phakathi kwamaSiriya ngokubulala okukhulu. **22** Lowomprofethi wasesondela enkosini yakolsrayeli wathi kuyo: Hamba, uziqinise, unanzelele njalo ubone okwenzayo; ngoba ekuthwaseni komnyaka inkosi yeSiriya

izakwenyuka imelane lawe. **23** Lezinceku zenkosi yeSiriya zathi kuyo: Onkulunkulu babo bangonkulunkulu bezintaba, yikho belamandla kulathi; kube kanti asilwe labo emagcekeni, sibili sizabehlula. **24** Ngakho yenza linto: Susa amakhosi, ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe, ubeke izinduna esikhundleni sawo; **25** njalo wena zibalele ibutho njengebutho eliwileyo kuwe, lebhiza njengebhiza, lengola njengengola; njalo sizakulwa labo emagcekeni, isibili sizabehlula. Yasilalela ilizwi labo, yenza njalo. **26** Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka uBenihadadi wabala amaSiriya, wenyukela eAfeki ekulweni lolsrayeli. **27** Abantwana bakolsrayeli babalwa-ke, banikwa imiphako, basebephuma ukumelana lawo; abantwana bakolsrayeli bamisa inkamba phambi kwawo njengemihlanjana yembuzi emibili, kodwa amaSiriya agcwala ilizwe. **28** Kwasekusondela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, wakhulumma enkosini yakolsrayeli wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yokuthi amaSiriya athe: INkosi inguNkulunkulu wezintaba, kodwa kayisuye uNkulunkulu wezihotsha, ngakho ngizanikela esandleni sakho lelixuku lonke elikhulu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina ngiyiNkosi. **29** Basebemisa inkamba, enye iqondene lenye, insuku eziyisikhombisa. Kwasekusithi ngosuku lvesikhombisa impi yadibana; abantwana bakolsrayeli basebetshaya ngosuku lunye amaSiriya azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ahamba ngenyawo. **30** Labaseleyo babalekela eAfeki emzini; lomduli wawela phezu kwamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa ayesele. UBenihadadi laye wabaleka, wangena emzini ekamelweni elingaphakathi. **31** Lezinceku zakhe zathi kuye: Khangela-ke, sizwile ukuthi amakhosi endlu yakolsrayeli angamakhosi alesihawu; ake sifake amasaka enkalweni zethu, lamagoda emakhanda

ethu, siphumele enkosini yakolsrayeli; mhlawumbe izagcina umphefumulo wakho uphile. **32** Basebethandela amasaka enkalweni zabo, lamagoda emakhanda abo, bafika enkosini yakolsrayeli, bathi: Inceku yakho uBenihadadi ithi: Ake ungiyekelo ngiphile. Yasisithi: Usaphila yini? Ungumfowethu. **33** Lamadoda aqaphela ngokukhuthala aphangisa ukukuhluthuna kuyo, athi: Umfowenu uBenihadadi. Yasisithi: Hambani liyemthatha. UBenihadadi wasephumela kuyo, yamkhweza enqoleni. **34** Wasesithi kuyo: Imizi ubaba ayithatha kuyihlo ngizayibuyisela; futhi ungazenzela izitalada eDamaseko njengokwenza kukababa eSamariya. Khona uAhabi wathi: Mina ngizakuyekela uhambe ngalesisivumelwano. Yasisenza laye isivumelwano yamyekela ehamba. **35** Umuntu othile wamadodana abaprofethi wasesithi kumakhelwane wakhe ngelizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu: Ake ungitshaye. Kodwa lowomuntu wala ukumtshaya. **36** Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yokuthi ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi, khangela, ekusukeni kwakho kimi isilwane sizakutshaya. Wasesuka kuye, lesilwane samfica, sambulala. **37** Wasethola omunye umuntu wathi: Ake ungitshaye. Lalowomuntu wamtshaya lokumtshaya emlimaza. **38** Ngakho umprofethi wasuka, wamelela inkosi endleleni, ezifihle isimo ngelembu emehlweni. **39** Kwasekusithi inkosi idlula, yena wamemeza enkosini wathi: Inceku yakho yaphuma phakathi kwempi; khangela-ke, umuntu waphambuka, waletha umuntu kimi, wathi: Londoloza lumuntu; uba elahleka lokulahleka, khona impilo yakho izakuba sesikhundleni sempilo yakhe, kumbe uhlawule ngethalenta lesiliva. **40** Kwasekusithi inceku yakho isaphathekile lapha lalaphaya, yena wayengekho. Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuye: Sinjalo isahlulelo sakho, ususiqumile wena. **41** Wasephangisa walisausa ilembu emehlweni

akhe. Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasimazi ukuthi ungowabaprofethi.

42 Wasesithi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngoba umyekele ukuthi aphume esandleni umuntu engimmisele ukumtshabalalisa, ngakho impilo yakho izakuba sesikhundleni sempilo yakhe, labantu bakho esikhundleni sabantu bakhe. **43** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisiya endlini yayo inyukumele, ithukuthele, yafika eSamariya.

21 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uNabothi umJizereyeli wayelesivini esasiseJizereyeli phansi kwesigodlo sikaAhabi inkosi yeSamariya. **2** UAhabi wasekhulumo loNabothi esithi: Ngipha isivini sakho ukuze sibe kimi yisivande semibhida, ngoba siseduze phansi kwendlu yami; ngizakunika isivini esingcono kulaso esikhundleni saso; uba kukuhle emehlwani akho, ngizakunika imali ngentengo yaso. **3** Kodwa uNabothi wathi kuAhabi: Kakube khatshana lami ngeNkosi ukuthi ngikunike ilifa labobaba. **4** UAhabi wasengena endlini yakhe enyukumele ethukuthele ngenxa yelizwi uNabothi umJizereyeli ayelikhulume kuye, ngoba wayethe: Kangiyikukunika ilifa labobaba. Wasecambalala embhedeni wakhe, waphendula ubuso bakhe, kadlanga ukudla. **5** UJezebeli umkakhe wasesiza kuye wathi kuye: Kungani umoya wakho usineme ukuze ungdli ukudla? **6** Wasesithi kuye: Ngoba ngikhulume loNabothi umJizereyeli ngithe kuye: Nginike isivini sakho ngemali, loba uba uthanda ngizakunika isivini esikhundleni saso; wasesithi: Kangiyikukunika isivini sami. **7** UJezebeli umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Khathesi nguwe obusa umbuso wakolsrayeli? Vuka udle isinkwa, lenhliziyo yakho ithokoze; ngizakunika mina isivini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli. **8** Wasebhala izincwadi ngebizo likaAhabi, wazidinda ngophawu lwakhe, wazithumela izincwadi ebadaleni lakuzikhulu, ababesemzini wakhe, behlala loNabothi. **9** Wasebhala ezincwadini esithi:

Memezelani izilo lokudla, limhlalise uNabothi ngaphezulu kwabantu; **10** beselihlalisa amadoda amabili, amadodana kaBheliyali, maqondana laye ukuthi afakaze emelene laye esithi: Uthuke uNkulunkulu lenkosi. Beselimkhuphela phandle limkhande ngamatshe aze afe. **11** Lamadoda alumuzi wakhe, abadala lezikhulu ababehlala emzini wakhe, benza njengokuthumela kukaJezebeli kuwo, njengokubhalwe ezincwadini ayewathumele zona. **12** Amemezelana izilo lokudla, ahlalisa uNabothi phezulu kwabantu. **13** Asengena amadoda amabili, amadodana kaBheliyali, ahlala maqondana laye; lamadoda kaBheliyali afakaza emelene laye, emelene loNabothi, phambi kwabantu, esithi: UNabothi uthuke uNkulunkulu lenkosi. Basebemkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa. **14** Basebethumela kuJezebeli besithi: UNabothi usekhandwe ngamatshe wafa. **15** Kwasekusithi uJezebeli esezwile ukuthi uNabothi usekhandwe ngamatshe wafa, uJezebeli wathi kuAhabi: Vuka uthathe isivini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli sibe ngesakho, ala ukukunika sona ngemali, ngoba uNabothi kaphili, kodwa ufile. **16** Kwasekusithi uAhabi esezwile ukuthi uNabothi ufile, uAhabi wasukuma ukwehlela esivinini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli, ukusithatha sibe ngesakhe. **17** Kwasekufika ilizwi leNkosi kuElija umTishibi lisithi: **18** Sukuma wehle ukuhlangabeza uAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli, oseSamariya; khangela, usesivinini sikaNabothi, ehlele khona ukuze asithathe sibe ngesakhe. **19** Uzakhulumka kuye uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ubulele futhi wathatha yini kwaba ngokwakho? Njalo uzakhulumka kuye uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Endaweni lapho izinja ezikhetho khona igazi likaNabothi, izinja zizakhetha igazi lakho, ngitsho elakho. **20** UAhabi wasesithi kuElija: Ungificile yini, sitha sami? Wasesithi:

Ngikutholile, ngoba uzithengisile ukwenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi. **21** Khangela, ngizakwehlisela ububi, ngiqothule inzalo yakho, ngiqume asuke kuAhabi ochamela emdulini, lovalelwego lokhululekileyo kolsrayeli. **22** Njalo ngizakwenza indlu yakho ibe njengendlu kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati lanjengendlu kaBahasha indodana kaAhiya, ngenxa yesicunulo ongicunule ngaso, wenza ulsrayeli one. **23** LangoJezebeli laye iNkosi yakhuluma isithi: Izinja zizamudla uJezebeli emthangaleni weJizereyeli. **24** OkaAhabi ofela phakathi komuzi zizamudla izinja, lofela egangeni zizamudla inyonu zamazulu. **25** Kodwa kakubanga khona onjengoAhabi owazithengisa ukwenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, uJezebeli umkakhe amkhuthazayo. **26** Wenza amanyala kakhulu ngokulandela izithombe, njengakho konke amaAmori akwenzayo, iNkosi eyawaxotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **27** Kwasekusithi uAhabi esizwa lamazwi wadabula izigqoko zakhe, wafaka isaka phezu komzimba wakhe, wazila ukudla, walala ngesaka, wahamba buthakathaka. **28** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuElija umTishibi lisithi: **29** Ubonile yini ukuthi uAhabi uzithobe phambi kwami? Ngenxa yokuthi ezithobile phambi kwami kangiyikuletha ububi ensukwini zakhe; ensukwini zendodana yakhe ngizaletha lobububi endlini yakhe.

22 Bahlala-ke iminyaka emithathu kungekho impi phakathi kweSiriya lolsrayeli. **2** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithathu uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wehlela enkosini yakolsrayeli. **3** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi encekwini zayo: Liyazi yini ukuthi iRamothi-Gileyadi ingeyethu? Kodwa sithule, singayithathi esandleni senkosi yeSiriya. **4** Yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Uzahamba lami empini eRamothi-Gileyadi yini? UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakolsrayeli: Nginqengawe, njengabantu bami banjalo

abantu bakho, njengamabhiza ami anjalo amabhiza akho.

5 UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakolsrayeli: Akubuze lamuhla ilizwi leNkosi. **6** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasibuthanisa abaprofethi abangaba ngamadoda angamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: Ngihambe yini ukuyamelana leRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele? Basebesithi: Yenyuka, ngoba iNkosi izayinikela esandleni senkosi. **7** UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Kakusekho yini lapha umprofethi weNkosi esingambuza? **8** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kusekhona indoda eyodwa, uMikhaya indodana kalmla, esingabuza ngaye eNkosini, kodwa mina ngiyamzonda, ngoba kaprofethi okuhle ngami, kodwa okubi. UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Inkosi ingatsho njalo.

9 Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasibiza induna yathi: Landa masinyane uMikhaya indodana kalmla. **10** Inkosi yakolsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi, ngulowo lalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos, begqoke izembatho zabo, besebaleni lokubhulela ekungeneni kwesango leSamariya, njalo bonke abaprofethi babeprofetha phambi kwabo. **11** UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasezenzelia izimpondo zensimbi, wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngalezi uzahlaba amaSiriya uze uwaqede. **12** Labo bonke abaprofethi baprofetha njalo, besithi: Yenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi, uphumelele; ngoba uJehova uzayinikela esandleni senkosi. **13** Isithunywa esasiyebiza uMikhaya sakhulum laye sathi: Khangela-ke, amazwi abaprofethi ngamlomo munye mahle enkosini; ake ilizwi lakho lifanane lelizwi lomunye wabo, ukhulume okuhle. **14** Kodwa uMikhaya wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, lokho iNkosi ekutshoyo kimi lokho ngizakukhuluma.

15 Esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: Mikhaya, siye eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe siyekele? Wasesithi kuyo: Yenyuka,

uphumelele; ngoba uJehova uzayinikela esandleni senkosi.

16 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngizakufungisa kuze kube kangaki ukuthi ungangitsheli lutho ngaphandle kweqiniso ebizweni leNkosi? **17** Wasesithi: Ngabona ulsrayeli wonke ehlakazekile phezu kwezintaba njengezimvu ezingelamelusi; uJehova wathi: Laba kabalankosi, kababuye, ngulowo lalowo endlini yakhe ngokuthula. **18** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kangikutshelanga yini ukuthi kayikuprefetha okuhle ngami kodwa okubi? **19** Wasesithi: Ngakho zwana ilizwi leNkosi: Ngibone iNkosi ihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhos, lamabutho wonke amazulu emi phansi kwayo ngakwesokunene sayo langakwesokhohlo sayo. **20** INkosi yasisithi: Ngubani ozahuga uAhabi ukuthi enyuke ayewela eRamothi-Gileyadi? Omunye-ke watsho njalo, lomunye watsho njalo. **21** Kwasekuphuma umoya, wema phambi kweNkosi wathi: Mina ngizamhuga. **22** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngani? Wasesithi: Ngizaphuma ngibe ngumoya wamanga emlonyeni wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe. Yasisithi: Uzamhuga, njalo uzaphumelela; phuma wenze njalo. **23** Ngakho-ke, khangela, iNkosi ifake umoya wamanga emlonyeni walababaprofethi bakho bonke, njalo iNkosi ikhulume okubi ngawe. **24** UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasesondela, watshaya uMikhaya esihlathini, wathi: UMoya weNkosi wedlula ngani esuka kimi ukuyakhulum lawe? **25** UMikhaya wasesithi: Khangela, uzakubona mhlalokho lapho uzangena ekamelweni elingaphakathi ukuyacatsha. **26** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi: Thatha uMikhaya, mbuyisele kuAmoni umbusi womuzi lakuJowashi indodana yenkosi, **27** uthi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Fakani lo entolongweni, limdlise isinkwa sohlupho lamanzi ohlupho ngize ngibuye ngokuthula. **28** UMikhaya wasesithi: Uba uphenduka

isibili ngokuthula, iNkosi kayikhulumanga ngami. Wasesithi:
Zwanini, bantu, lina lonke. **29** Inkosi yakolsrayeli loJehoshafathi
inkosi yakoJuda basebesenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi. **30**
Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Ngizazifihla isimo,
ngingene empini, kodwa wena gqoka izembatho zakho.
Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasizifihla isimo, yangena empini. **31**
Inkosi yeSiriya yayilaye induna zezingola ezingamatshumi
amathathu lambili ayelazo, esithi: Lingalwi lomncinyane loba
lomkhulu, kodwa lenkosi yakolsrayeli kuphela. **32** Kwasekusithi
induna zezingola zibona uJehoshafathi zona zathi: Isibili
yiyo inkosi yakolsrayeli. Zaseziphambuka ukulwa zimelene
layo; uJehoshafathi waseklabalala. **33** Kwasekusithi induna
zezingola zibona ukuthi kwakungeyisiyo inkosi yakolsrayeli,
zaphenduka ekuyilandeleni. **34** Umuntu othile wasedonsa
idandili lakhe enganenzeleli, wahlaba inkosi yakolsrayeli phakathi
kwenhlangano lebhatshi lensimbi; yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola
yayo: Phendula isandla sakho, ungikhuphe phakathi kwebutho,
ngoba ngilimele kakhulu. **35** Impi yasikhula mhlalokho; njalo
inkosi yayisekelwe enqoleni yayo iqondene lamaSiriya, yafa
ntambama; igazi lenxeba lagelezela ngaphansi kwenqola. **36**
Ekutshoneni kwelanga kwadabula isimeremezelo ebuthweni sisithi:
Wonke kaye emzini wakibo, laye wonke elizweni lakibo. **37**
Ngakho inkosi yafa, yaletwa eSamariya; basebeyingcwaba
inkosi eSamariya. **38** Omunye wasegezisa inqola echibini
leSamariya, lezinja zakhatha igazi layo, lapho amawule ayegeza
khona, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhulumayo. **39** Ezinye-ke
zezindaba zikaAhabi, lakho konke akwenzayo, lendlu yempondo
zendlovu ayakhayo, lemizi yonke ayakhayo, kakubhalwanga
yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **40** UAhabi

waselala laboyise. UAhaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **41** UJehoshafathi indodana kaAsa wabake yinkosi phezu kukaJuda ngomnyaka wesine kaAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli. **42** Njalo uJehoshafathi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa eJerusalema iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Lebizo likanina lalinguAzuba indodakazi kaShilehi. **43** Njalo wahamba ngayo yonke indlela kaAsa uyise, kaphambukanga kuyo, ukwenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi. Loba kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo, betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. **44** UJehoshafathi wasesenza ukuthula lenkosi yakolsrayeli. **45** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoshafathi, lobuqhawe abenzayo, lokuthi walwa njani, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **46** Lensali yezinkotshana ezazisele ensukwini zikaAsa uyise wayikhupha elizweni. **47** Njalo eEdoma kwakungelankosi, umbambeli wayeyinkosi. **48** UJehoshafathi wenza imikhumbi yeThashishi ukuya eOfiri ukulanda igolide; kodwa kayiyanga, ngoba imikhumbi yephukela eEziyonigeberi. **49** Ngalesosikhathi uAhaziya indodana kaAhabi wathi kuJehoshafathi: Inceku zami kazihambe lenceku zakho emikhunjini. Kodwa uJehoshafathi kafunanga. **50** UJehoshafathi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida uyise. UJoram indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **51** UAhaziya indodana kaAhabi waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa phezu kukalsrayeli iminyaka emibili. **52** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, wahamba ngendlela kayise, langendlela kanina, langendlela

kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one.

53 Wasekhonza uBhali, wakhothamela kuye, wayithukuthelisa
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, njengakho konke ayekwenzile
uyise.

2 Amakhosi

1 UMowabi wasevukela ulsrayeli emva kokufa kukaAhabi.
2 UAhaziya wasesiwa eminxibeni yewindi ekamelweni lakhe eliphezulu eliseSamariya, wagula. Wathuma izithunywa, wathi kuzo: Hambani liyeba za kuBhali-Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi ukuthi ngizasila yini emkhuhlaneni lo. 3 Kodwa ingilosu yeNkosi yathi kuElija umTishibi: Sukuma, wenyuke ukuhlangabeza izithunywa zenkosi yeSamariya, uthi kizo: Kungenxa yokuthi kakulaNkulunkulu yini kolsrayeli ukuthi lihambe liyeba za kuBhali-Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi? 4 Ngakho-ke itsho njalo iNkosi: Umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla kuwo, ngoba uzakufa lokufa. UElija wasehamba. 5 Lapho izithunywa sezibuye kuyo, wathi kuzo: Kungani selibuyile? 6 Zasezisithi kuyo: Umuntu wenyukile ukusihlangabeza, wathi kithi: Hambani libuye enkosini elithumileyo, lithi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Kungenxa yokuthi kakulaNkulunkulu kolsrayeli yini ukuthi uthumele ukuba za kuBhali-Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi? Ngakho umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla kuwo, ngoba sibili uzakufa. 7 Yasisithi kuzo: Besinjani isimo salowomuntu owenyukele ukulihlangabeza, wakhuluma kini lamazwi? 8 Basebesithi kuyo: Ubeyindoda eloboya, ebophe ngozwezwe lwasikhumba ekhalweni lwayo. Yasisithi: NguElija umTishibi. 9 Inkosi yasithuma kuye induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. Yasisenyukela kuye; khangela-ke, wayehlezi engqongeni yentaba; yathi kuye: Muntu kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ithe: Yehla. 10 UElija wasephendula wathi enduneni yabangamatshumi amahlanu: Uba-ke ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovula emazulwini uqothule wena labangamatshumi amahlanu bakho. Wasusehla umlilo uvela emazulwini, wayiqothula yona

labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. **11** Yasibuya ithuma kuye enye induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. Yasiphendula yathi kuye: Muntu kaNkulunkulu, itsho njalo inkosi: Yehla masinyane. **12** UElija wasephendula wathi kubo: Uba ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela emazulwini uqothule wena labangamatshumi amahlanu bakho. Wasusehla umlilo kaNkulunkulu uvela emazulwini, wayiqothula yona labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. **13** Yasithuma futhi induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu besithathu labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. Leyonduna yesithathu yabangamatshumi amahlanu yasisenyuka yeza yawa ngamadolo ayo phambi kukaElija, yamncenga yathi kuye: Muntu kaNkulunkulu, ake ibe ligugu impilo yami lempilo yalezi inceku zakho ezingamatshumi amahlanu emehlwani akho. **14** Khangela, wehla umlilo uvela emazulwini, waqothula induna ezimbili zabangamatshumi amahlanu zokuqala labangamatshumi amahlanu azo; ngakho-ke kayibe ligugu impilo yami emehlwani akho. **15** IngilosieNkosi yasisithi kuElija: Yehla laye, ungamesabi. Wasesukuma, wehla laye waya enkosini; **16** wathi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yokuthi uthume izithunywa ukuyabuza kuBhali-Zebhubi, unkulunkulu weEkhironi, kungenxa yokuthi kakulaNkulunkulu kolsrayeli yini, ukubuza ilizwi lakhe? Ngakho-ke umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla kuwo, ngoba uzakufa lokufa. **17** Wasesifa njengokwelizwi leNkosi uElija ayelikhulumile. UJehoram wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe, ngomnyaka wesibili kaJoram indodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, ngoba wayengelandodana. **18** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAhaziya, azenzayo, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli?

2 Kwasekusithi iNkosi isizamenyusela uElija emazulwini ngesivunguzane, uElija wahamba loElisha bevela eGiligali.

2 UElija wasesithi kuElisha: Akuhlale lapha, ngoba iNkosi ingithumile eBhetheli. Kodwa uElisha wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebeselela eBhetheli. **3** Lamadodana abaprofethi ayeSeBhetheli aphuma eza kuElisha, athi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi iNkosi izayisusa inkosi yakho lamuhla ekhanda lakho? Wasesithi: Yebo, mina ngiyazi; thulani. **4** UElija wasesithi kuye: Elisha, akuhlale lapha, ngoba iNkosi ingithumile eJeriko. Kodwa wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebefika eJeriko. **5** Amadodana abaprofethi aseJeriko asesondela kuElisha, athi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi lamuhla iNkosi izasusa inkosi yakho ekhanda lakho? Wasesithi: Yebo, mina ngiyazi; thulani. **6** UElija wasesithi kuye: Akuhlale lapha, ngoba iNkosi ingithumile eJordani. Kodwa wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebehamba bobabili. **7** Amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu awamadodana abaprofethi asesiakuma khatshana maqondana labo; bona bobabili basebesima eJordani. **8** UElija wasethatha isembatho sakhe, wasigoqa, watshaya amanzi, asedabuka ngapha langapha; bobabili basebechapha emhlabathini owomileyo. **9** Kwasekusithi sebechaphile uElija wathi kuElisha: Cela engizakwenzela khona ngingakasuswa kuwe. UElisha wathi: Ake kuthi isabelo esiphindwe kibili somoya wakho sibe phezu kwami. **10** Wasesithi: Ucele ulutho olulukhuni; uba ungibona lapha ngisuswa kuwe, kuzakuba njalo kuwe; kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakuyikuba njalo. **11** Kwasekusithi besahamba, behamba bekhulumwa, khangela-ke, kwaba lenqola yomlilo lamabhiza omlilo,

kwabehlukanisa bobabili. UElijia wasesenyukela emazulwini ngesivunguzane. **12** UElisha wasekubona wamemeza wathi: Baba wami! Baba wami! Inqola yakolsrayeli labamabhiza ayo! Njalo kazabe esambona. Wasebamba izigqoko zakhe, wazidabula zaba yiziqa ezimbili. **13** Wasedobha isembatho sikaElijah esawa kuye, wabuyela, wema ekhunjini lweJordani. **14** Wasethatha isembatho sikaElijah esawa kuye, watshaya amanzi esithi: Ingaphi iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaElijah? Yena-ke esewatshayile amanzi, ehlukana ngapha langapha; uElisha wasechapha. **15** Kwathi amadodana abaprofethi ayesejeriko maqondana laye embona athi: Umoya kaElijah uhlezi phezu kukaElisha. Asesiza ukumhlangabeza, akhothamela emhlabathini phambi kwakhe. **16** Asesithi kuye: Khangela khathesi, kulamadoda aqinileyo angamatshumi amahlanu kanye lenceku zakho; akuwayekele ahambe adinge inkosi yakho; mhlawumbe uMoya weNkosi uyenyusile wayiphosela kwenye yezintaba, loba kwesinye sezihotsha. Wasesithi: Lingathumi. **17** Sebemphikelele waze waba lenhloni, wathi: Thuman. Basebethuma amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu; adinga insuku ezintathu, kodwa awamtholanga. **18** Asebuyela kuye ehlezi ejeriko, wathi kuwo: Kangitshongo yini kini ukuthi: Lingahambi? **19** Amadoda omuzi asesithi kuElisha: Ake ukhangele, indawo yalumuzi inhle njengoba inkosi yami ibona; kodwa amanzi mabi, lomhlabathi kawuvundanga. **20** Wasesithi: Ngilethelani umganu omutsha, lifake itshwayi kuwo. Basebewuletha kuye. **21** Wasephuma waya emthonjeni wamanzi, waphosela itshwayi kuwo, wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngiwelaphile amanzi la; kakusayikuba khona ukufa lokungatheli okuvela lapho. **22** Amanzi aseselatshwa kuze kube lamuhla, njengelizwi likaElisha alikhulumayo. **23**

Wasesenyuka esuka lapho waya eBhetheli; kwathi esenyuka endleleni kwaphuma abantwanyana emzini, bamklolodela bathi kuye: Yenyuka, mpabanga ndini! Yenyuka, mpabanga ndini! **24** Wasenyemukula, wababona wabaqalekisa ngebizo leNkosi. Kwaphuma amabhore amabili amasikazi ehlathini, adabula abafana abangamatshumi amane lambili kubo. **25** Wasesuka lapho, waya entaben iKharmeli, esuka lapho wabuyela eSamariya.

3 UJehoram indodana kaAhabi waba-ke yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lambili. **2** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, kodwa kungenjengoyise lanjengonina, ngoba wasusa insika kaBhali eyisithombe uyise ayeyenzile. **3** Loba kunjalo wanamathela ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one, kasukanga kukho. **4** Njalo uMesha inkosi yakoMowabi wayengumfuyi wezimvu, wayethela enkosini yakolsrayeli amawundlu azinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lezingama ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu, loboya bezimvu. **5** Kodwa kwathi uAhabi esefile, inkosi yakoMowabi yavukela inkosi yakolsrayeli. **6** Inkosi uJehoram yasiphuma ngalesosikhathi eSamariya, yabala ulsrayeli wonke. **7** Yasihamba yathumela kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda isithi: Inkosi yakoMowabi isingivukele; uzahamba lami yini siye koMowabi empini? Wasesithi: Ngizakwenyuka. Nginjengawe, njengabantu bami banjalo abantu bakho, njengamabhiza ami anjalo amabhiza akho. **8** Yasisithi: Sizakwenyuka ngayiphi indlela? Wasesithi: Ngendlela yenkangala yeEdoma. **9** Yasihamba inkosi yakolsrayeli, lenkosi yakoJuda, lenkosi yeEdoma; sebebhode uhambo

Iwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kwakungelamanzi ebutho lawezifuyo ezibalandelayo. **10** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi: Maye, ngoba uJehova ubize la amakhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sikaMowabi! **11** Kodwa uJehoshafathi wathi: Kakulampfethi weNkosi lapha yini esingabuza ngaye iNkosi? Enye yenceku zenkosi yakolsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Kukhona lapha uElisha indodana kaShafati owathela amanzi ezandleni zikaElja. **12** UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Ilizwi leNkosi likuye. Ngakho inkosi yakolsrayeli loJehoshafathi lenkosi yeEdoma behlela kuye. **13** UElisha wasesithi enkosini yakolsrayeli: Ngilani lawe? Hamba kubaprofethi bakayihlo lakubaprofethi bakanyoko. Kodwa inkosi yakolsrayeli yathi kuye: Hatshi, ngoba iNkosi ibize lamakhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sikaMowabi. **14** UElisha wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova wamabandla engimi phambi kwakhe, sibili, uba bengingaphakamisi ubukhona bukaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, bengingayikukukhangela njalo ngingakuboni. **15** Ngakho-ke ngilethelani umtshayi wechacho. Kwathi umtshayi wechacho eselitshaya, isandla seNkosi saba phezu kwakhe. **16** Wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yenzani lesishotsha sibe yimigelogelo. **17** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Kaliyikubona umoya njalo kaliyikubona izulu, kodwa lesishotsha sizagcwaliswa ngamanzi, ukuze linathe lina, lenkomo zenu lezifuyo zenu. **18** Kodwa lokhu kulula emehlwani eNkosi: Izanikela lamaMowabi esandleni senu. **19** Njalo lizatshaya wonke umuzi obiyelweyo, lawo wonke umuzi okhethekileyo, ligamule sonke isihlahla esihle, ligqibele yonke imithombo yamanzi, lone yonke insimu enhle ngamatshe. **20** Kwasekusithi ekuseni ekunikelweni komnikelo wokudla, khangela-ke, kwafika amanzi evelela endleleni yeEdoma, ilizwe laseligcwaliswa ngamanzi. **21**

Wonke amaMowabi esezwile ukuthi amakhosi enyukile ukulwa emelene lawo, abizelwa ndawonye, kusukela kuye wonke obhinca izikhali kusiya phezulu, asesima emngceleni. **22** Asevuka ekuseni kakhulu; ilanga selikhanya phezu kwamanzi, amaMowabi abona amanzi emaqondana lawo ebomvu njengegazi. **23** Asesithi: Ligazi leli; amakhosi achithiwe lokuchithwa, asetshayene. Ngakho-ke, empangweni, Mowabi! **24** Kwathi efika enkambeni yakolsrayeli, amalsrayeli asukuma atshaya amaMowabi, aze abaleka esuka phambi kwavo; kodwa angena elizweni atshaya amaMowabi. **25** Asediliza imizi; ngulowo wasephosa ilitshe lakhe kuyo yonke insimu enhle, ayigcwalisa, aggibela yonke imithombo yamanzi, agamula zonke izihlahla ezinhle, kwaze kwasala amatshe ayo eKiri-Haresethi kuphela; kodwa abaphosa ngezavutha bayigombolozela, bayitshaya. **26** Inkosi yakoMowabi isibonile ukuthi impi ilukhuni kakhulu kuyo, yathatha abantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abahwatsha inkemba kanye layo, ukuze ifohlele enkosini yeEdoma, kodwa behluleka. **27** Yasithatha indodana yayo elizibulo eyayizakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo, yayinikela yaba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu komduli. Kwasekusiba lolaka olukhulu olumelene lolsrayeli; basebesuka kuyo babuyela elizweni lakibo.

4 Kwasekukhala kuElisha umfazi othile wabafazi bamadodana abaprofethi esithi: Inceku yakho umkami sewafa; lawe uyazi ukuthi inceku yakho yayiyesaba iNkosi; sekufikile umkweledisi ukuzithathela abantwana bami ababili babe yizigqili. **2** UElisha wasesithi kuye: Ngingakwenzelani? Ngitshela, ulani endlini? Wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho kayilalutho endlini, ngaphandle kwesiphiso samafutha. **3** Wasesithi: Hamba uyezebolekela izitsha ezivela phandle, kubomakhelwane bakho bonke,

izitsha ezingelalutho, zingabi nlutshwana. 4 Nxa usungenile uzivalele wena lamadodana akho umnyango, utheli kulezizitsha zonke; lokugcweleyo ukubeke eceleni. 5 Wasesuka-ke kuye wazivalela yena lamadodana akhe umnyango; bazisondeza kuye, wathulula. 6 Kwasekusithi izitsha sezigcwele wathi endodaneni yakhe: Ngilethela njalo isitsha. Yasisithi kuye: Kakuselasitsha. Amafutha asesima. 7 Wasesiza wamazisa umuntu kaNkulunkulu; wasesithi: Hamba uyethengisa amafutha, uhlawule isikwelede sakho; wena-ke lamadodana akho liphile ngaseleyo. 8 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku uElisha wedlulela eShunemi lapho okwakulowesifazana oyisikhulu owamcindezela ukuthi adle isinkwa. Kwakusithi-ke lanini esedlula, aphambukele khona ukuthi adle isinkwa. 9 Wasesithi kumkakhe: Khangela-ke, ngyiayi ukuthi lo ungumuntu ongcwele kaNkulunkulu, owedlula kithi njalonjalo. 10 Ake senze ikamelo elincinyane eliphezulu emdulini, simfakele lapho umbheda letafula lesihlalo lesiqobane sesibane; kuzakuthi-ke lapho efika kithi aphambukele khona. 11 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku wafika khona, waphambukela ekamelweni eliphezulu, walala khona. 12 Wasesithi kuGehazi inceku yakhe: Biza lo umShunamikazi. Esembizile, wema phambi kwakhe. 13 Wasesithi kuyo: Tshono kuye-ke uthi: Khangela, usinakekele ngakho konke lokhukunaka; kuyini ongakwenzelwa? Kukhona ongakukhulunyelwa enkosini kumbe enduneni yebutho yini? Wasesithi: Ngihlala phakathi kwabantu bakithi. 14 Wasesithi: Kuyini-ke angakwenzelwa? UGehazi wasesithi: Qiniso, kalamntwana, lomkakhe usemdala. 15 Wasesithi: Mbize. Esembizile, wema emnyango. 16 Wasesithi: Ngalesiskhathi esimisiweyo njengokwesikhathi sempilo uzagona umntwana. Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, nkosi yami, muntu kaNkulunkulu,

ungayiqambeli amanga incekukazi yakho. **17** Owesifazana wasekhulelwa, wabeletha umntwana ngalesosikhathi esimisiweyo njengokwesikhathi sempilo uElisha ayesitshilo kuye. **18** Esekhlile umntwana, kwathi ngosuku oluthile waphuma waya kuyise kubavuni. **19** Wasesithi kuyise: Ikhanda lami! Ikhanda lami! Wasesithi encekwini: Mthwale umuse kunina. **20** Isimthwele yamuska kunina, wahlala emadolweni akhe kwaze kwaba semini, wasesifa. **21** Wasesenyuka, wamlalisa embhedeni womuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamvalela, waphuma. **22** Wasememeza umkakhe wathi: Ake uthume kimi enye yezinceku lomunye wabobabhemi, ukuze ngigijime ngiye emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, ngibuye futhi. **23** Wasesithi. Uyelani kuye lamuhla? Kakusikuthwasa kwenyanga njalo kakusisabatha. Owesifazana wasesithi: Kulungile. **24** Esembophelele isihlalo ubabhem, wathi encekwini yakhe: Tshaya uhambe, ungangibambeleli ekuhambeni, ngaphandle ngikutshele. **25** Wahamba-ke, weza emuntwini kaNkulunkulu entaben iKharmeli. Kwasekusithi umuntu kaNkulunkulu embona esiza, wathi kuGehazi inceku yakhe: Khangela, nanguyanu umShunamikazi. **26** Khathesi akugijime umhlangabeze, uthi kuye: Kulungile yini kuwe? Kulungile yini ngomkakho? Kulungile yini ngomntwana? Wasesithi: Kulungile. **27** Esefikile entaben kumuntu kaNkulunkulu wabamba inyawo zakhe. Kodwa uGehazi wasondela ukumsunduza asuke. Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi: Myekele, ngoba umphefumulo wakhe umunyu kuye, leNkosi ingifihlele lokhu, kayingitshelanga. **28** Wasesithi: Ngangicelile indodana enkosini yami yini? Kangitshongo yini ukuthi: Ungangikhohlisi? **29** UElisha wasesithi kuGehazi: Bopha ukhalo lwakho, uthathe udondolo lwami esandleni sakho, uhambe. Uba uhlangana lomuntu ungambingeleli, njalo uba umuntu

ekubingelela ungamphenduli; ubeke udondolo Iwami ebusweni bomntwana. **30** Unina womntwana wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Wasesukuma wamlandela. **31** UGehazi wedlulela phambi kwabo, walubeka udondolo ebusweni bomntwana, kodwa kakubanga khona ilizwi njalo kwakungelakunaka. Wasebuyela ukumhlangabeza, wamtshela esithi: Umntwana kavukanga. **32** UElisha esengenile endlini, khangela, umntwana wayefile, elaliswe embhedeni wakhe. **33** Wasengena, wavala umnyango emva kwabo bobabili, wakhuleka eNkosini. **34** Wenyuka walala phezu komntwana, wabeka umlomo wakhe phezu komlomo wakhe lamehlo akhe phezu kwamehlo akhe lezandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zakhe, wacambalala phezu kwakhe; inyama yomntwana yasikhudumala. **35** Wasebuyela, wahambahamba endlini waya kanye ngapha lakanye le, wasesenyuka wacambalala phezu kwakhe; umntwana wasethimula kwaze kwaba kasikhombisa, umntwana wasevula amehlo akhe. **36** Wasebiza uGehazi wathi: Mbize lo umShunamikazi. Wasembiza. Esefikile kuye, wathi kuye: Thatha umntanakho. **37** Wasengena, wawela ezinyaweni zakhe, wakhothamela emhlabathini, waphakamisa umntanakhe, waphuma. **38** UElisha wasebuyela eGiligali, njalo kwakukhona indlala elizweni, amadodana abaprofethi ayehlezi-ke phambi kwakhe, wathi encekwini yakhe: Beka imbiza enkulu eziko, uphekele abaprofethi ukudla okuphekiweyo. **39** Omunye wasephuma waya egangeni ukukha imibhida, wathola intandela yeganga, wakha amajodwana ayo eganga, isembatho sakhe sagcwala, weza wawaqobelela embizeni yokudla okuphekiweyo, ngoba ayengawazi. **40** Basebethululela abantu ukuze badle; kwasekusithi besadla okokudla okuphekiweyo

bona bamemeza bathi: Ukufa embizeni, muntu kaNkulunkulu!
Njalo babengelakukudla. **41** Wasesithi: Lethani-ke impuphu.
Waseyithela embizeni wathi: Thululela abantu, ukuze badle.
Kwakungaselalutho oluyingozi embizeni. **42** Kwasekufika umuntu
evela eBhali-Shalisha, waletshela umuntu kaNkulunkulu ukudla
kwezithelo zokuqala, izinkwa zebhali ezingamatshumi amabili,
lezikhwebu zamabele amatsha emgodleni wakhe. Wasesithi:
Banike abantu ukuze badle. **43** Kodwa inceku yakhe yathi:
Ini, ngibeke lokhu phambi kwabantu abalikhulu? Wasesithi:
Banike abantu ukuze badle, ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Bazakudla,
batshiye. **44** Yasikubeka phambi kwabo, badla, batshiya,
njengokwelizwi leNkosi.

5 Njalo uNamani induna yebutho lenkosi yeSiriya wayengumuntu
omkhulu phambi kwenkosi yakhe, lohloniphekayo, ngoba
ngaye uJehova wayenikile iSiriya ukukhululwa. Njalo lindoda
yayiliqhawe elilamandla, kodwayayingumlephero. **2** Njalo
amaSiriya ayephumile ngamaviyo athumba intombazana
elizweni lakolsrayeli, eyayisima phambi komkaNamani. **3**
Yasisithi enkosikazini yayo: Sengathi inkosi yami ingaba
phambi komprofethi oseSamariya; khona ubezayiphilisa
kubulephero bayo. **4** Wasengena watshela inkosi yakhe
esithi: Intombazana evela elizweni lakolsrayeli itsho ukuthi
lokuthi. **5** Inkosi yeSiriya yasisithi: Suka, uhambe, ngizathumela
incwadi enkosini yakolsrayeli. Wasehamba wathatha esandleni
sakhe amathalenta esiliva alitshumi lenhlamvu zegolide
ezizinkulungwane eziyisithupha lezigqoko zokuntshintsha
ezilitshumi. **6** Waseletha incwadi enkosini yakolsrayeli isithi:
Khathesi-ke, lapho le incwadi isifikile kuwe, khangela, ngithume
kuwe uNamani inceku yami ukuze umphilise kubulephero

bakhe. **7** Kwasekusithi inkosi yakolsrayeli isiyibalile leyoncwadi yadabula izigqoko zayo yathi: NginguNkulunkulu yini ukuthi ngibulale loba ngiphilise, ukuthi lo athumele kimi ukuthi ngiphilise umuntu kubulephero bakhe? Ngakho-ke, ake linanzelele libone ukuthi udinga ithuba lokumelana lami. **8** Kwasekusithi lapho uElisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu esizwa ukuthi inkosi yakolsrayeli idabule izigqoko zayo, wathumela enkosini esithi: Udabuleleni izigqoko zakho? Akeze kimi ukuze azi ukuthi kukhona umprofethi kolsrayeli. **9** Ngakho uNamani weza lamabhiza akhe lenqola yakhe, wema emnyango wendlu kaElisha. **10** UElisha wasethuma isithunywa kuye esithi: Hamba uyegeza kasikhombisa eJordani, inyama yakho izabuyela kuwe, uhlambuluke. **11** Kodwa uNamani wathukuthela, wahamba, wathi: Khangela, bengisithi uzaphuma sibili eze kimi,eme, abize ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, ahambahambise isandla sakhe phezu kwendawo, aphilise umlephero. **12** IAbana leFaripari imifula yeDamaseko kayingcono yini kulawo wonke amanzi akolsrayeli? Beningegeze kiyo niglihlambuluke yini? Wasetshibiliwa wahamba ngolaka oluvuthayo. **13** Kodwa inceku zakhe zasondela zakhuluma laye zathi: Baba, aluba umprofethi ubekhulume lawe ulutho olukhulu, ubungayikulwenza yini? Pho, kakhulu kangakanani uba ethe kuwe: Geza uhlambuluke? **14** Wasesehla, wazigxamuza eJordani kasikhombisa njengokwelizwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu, lenyama yakhe yabuyela yafanana lenyama yomntwana omncinyane, wahlambuluka-ke. **15** Wasebuyela kumuntu kaNkulunkulu, yena lalo lonke ixuku lakhe, wafika wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: Khangela sengisazi ukuthi kakulaNkulunkulu emhlabeni wonke, ngaphandle kwakolsrayeli; khathesi-ke ake wemukele isipho encekwini yakho. **16** Kodwa wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova

engimi phambi kwakhe, kangiyikuthatha lutho. Wasemncenga ukuthi athathe, kodwa wala. **17** UNamani wasesithi: Uba kungenjalo, akunikwe inceku yakho umthwalo wembongolo ezimbili wenhlabathi. Ngoba inceku yakho kayisayikwenza umnikelo wokutshiswa lomhlatshelo kwabanye onkulunkulu, kodwa eNkosini. **18** Kulinto iNkosi kayithethelele inceku yakho: Nxu inkosi yami ingena endlini kaRimoni ukukhonza lapho, ye yame esandleni sami, lami ngikhonze endlini kaRimoni, lapho ngikhonza endlini kaRimoni, iNkosi ake ithethelele inceku yakho kulinto. **19** Wasesithi kuye: Hamba ngokuthula. Wasesuka kuye ummango omfitshane. **20** Kodwa uGehazi inceku kaElisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi: Khangela, inkosi yami imyekel uNamani umSiriya lo ngokungemukeli esandleni sakhe lokho akulethileyo. Kuphila kukaJehova, ngizagijima ngimlandele, ngithathe kuye okuthile. **21** UGehazi wasegijima wamlandela uNamani. Kwathi uNamani ebona ogijimayo emva kwakhe, wehla enqoleni ukuze amhlangabeze, wathi: Kulungile yini? **22** Wasesithi: Kulungile. Inkosi yami ingithumile, isithi: Khangela, ngitsho khathesi kufikile kimi amajaha amabili evela entaben yakoEfrayimi awamadodana abaprofethi; ake uwanike ithalenta lesiliva leziggoko ezimbili zokuntshintsha. **23** UNamani wasesithi: Vuma, uthathe amathalenta amabili. Wasemcindezela, wabophela amathalenta amabili emigodleni emibili, lezemba batho zokuntshintsha ezimbili, wakunika ababili benceku zakhe, bakuthwala phambi kwakhe. **24** Esefike oqaqeni, wakuthatha esandleni sazo, wakubeka endlini; waseyekela amadoda ahamba, asesuka. **25** Yena wasengena wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe; uElisha wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi, Gehazi? Wasesithi: Inceku yakho ibingayanga le lale. **26** Wasesithi kuye: Inhliziyo

yami ayihambanga yini lapho lowomuntu etshibilika enqoleni
yakhe ukukuhlangabeza? Kuyisikhathi sokwemukela imali yini,
lokwemukela iziggoko, lezivande zemihlwathi, lezivini, lezimvu,
lezinkabi, lezinceu, lezincekukazi? 27 Ngakho ubulephero
bukaNamani buzanamathela kuwe lenzalweni yakho kuze
kube nininini. Wasephuma ebukhoneni bakhe engumlephero
emhlophe njengeliqwa elikhithikileyo.

6 Amadodana abaprofethi asesithi kuElisha: Khangela-ke,
indawo esihlala kiyo lawe iminyene kakhulu kithi. 2 Akusiyekel
sihambe siye eJordani, sithathe khona, ngulowo lalowo isigodo
esisodwa, sizenzele khona indawo yokuhlala kiyo. Wasesithi:
Hambani. 3 Omunye wasesithi: Akuvume, uhambe lenceku
zakho. Wasesithi: Mina ngizahamba. 4 Wasehamba labo;
sebefikile eJordani bagamula izihlahla. 5 Kodwa omunye
esagamula ugodo, insimbi yawela emanzini. Wasememeza
esithi: Maye, nkosi yami! Ngoba belebolekiwe. 6 Umuntu
kaNkulunkulu wasesithi: Iwele ngaphi? Wasemtshengisa indawo.
Wasegamula uswazi, waluphosela khona, wenza insimbi
yandenda. 7 Wasesithi: Zenyulele yona. Waseselula isandla
sakhe, wayithatha. 8 Kwathi inkosi yeSiriya isilwa lolsrayeli
yacebisana lenceku zayo isithi: Ekuthanathaneni izakuba
yinkamba yami. 9 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasethumela enkosini
yakolsrayeli esithi: Qaphela ungedluli kulindawo, ngoba amaSiriya
ehlele khona. 10 Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasithumela kuleyondawo
umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayitshela yona wayixwayisa ngayo.
Yasizilondoloza khona, kungekanye, njalo kungekabili. 11
Inhlizyo yenkosи yeSiriya yasikhathazeka kakhulu ngenxa yalinto.
Yasibiza inceku zayo yathi kuzo: Kaliyikungitshela yini ukuthi
ngubani kithi ongowenkosi yakolsrayeli? 12 Omunye wenceku

zakhe wasesithi: Hatshi, nkosi yami, nkosi; kodwa uElisha umprofethi okolsrayeli uyayitshela inkosi yakolsrayeli amazwi owakhuluma phakathi kwekamelo lakho lokulala. **13** Yasisithi: Hambani liyebona lapho akhona, ukuze ngithume ngimthathe. Wasetshelwa kwathiwa: Khangela, useDothani. **14** Yasithuma khona amabhiza lezinqola lebutho elinzima; basebefika ebusuku, bawuzingelezela umuzi. **15** Kwathi inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu isivukile ngovivi yaphuma, khangela-ke, ibutho lizingelezele umuzi kanye lamabhiza lezinqola. Inceku yakhe yasisithi kuye: Maye, nkosi yami! Sizakwenza njani? **16** Wasesithi: UngeSabi, ngoba labo abalathi banengi okwedlula labo abalabo. **17** UElisha wasekhuleka wathi: Nkosi, akuvule amehlo ayo ukuze ibone. INkosi yasiwavula amehlo alelojaha, laselibona, khangela-ke, intaba igcwele amabhiza lenqola zomlilo zihanqe uElisha. **18** Sebehlele kuye, uElisha wakhuleka eNkosini wathi: Akutshaye lababantu ngobuphofu. Yasibatshaya ngobuphofu njengokwelizwi likaElisha. **19** UElisha wasesithi kibo: Kayisiyo le indlela, futhi kayisiwo lo umuzi; ngilandelani, ngizalisa kulowomuntu elimdingayo. Kodwa wabasa eSamariya. **20** Kwasekusithi sebengene eSamariya, uElisha wathi: Nkosi, vula amehlo alaba ukuze babone. INkosi yasivula amehlo abo, basebebona; khangela-ke, babephakathi kweSamariya. **21** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuElisha ibabona: Baba, ngibatshaye, ngibatshaye yini? **22** Wasesithi: Ungatshayi. Ungatshaya yini labo obathumbe ngenkemba yakho langedandili lakho? Beka isinkwa lamanzi phambi kwabo ukuze badle banathe, baye enkosini yabo. **23** Yasibalungisela idili elikhulu; sebedlile banatha, yabayekela bahamba, baye enkosini yabo. Ngakho amaviyo amaSiriya kawabesaphinda ukubuya elizweni lakolsrayeli. **24** Kwasekusithi

emva kwalokho uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wabutha ibutho
lakhe lonke, wenyuka wavimbezela iSamariya. **25** Kwasekusiba
lendlala enkulu eSamariya; khangela-ke, bayivimbela, kwaze
kwathi inhloko kababhemi yathengiswa ngenhlamvu zesiliva
ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lengxenyeyodwa kwezine
yegajana lobudolilo bejuba ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezinhlanu.

26 Kwasekusithi inkosi yakolsrayeli idlula phezu komduli,
owesifazana wamemeza kiyo esithi: Siza, nkosi yami, nkosi! **27**
Yasisithi: Uba iNkosi ingakusizi, ngikusize ngokuvela ngaphi?
Ebaleni lokubhulela kumbe esikhamelweni sewayini yini? **28**
Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ulani? Wasesithi: Lo owesifazana uthe:
Letha indodana yakho ukuze siyidle lamuhla; kusasa-ke sizakudla
indodana yami. **29** Sasesiyipheka indodana yami, sayidla.
Ngasengisithi kuye ngosuku olulandelayo: Letha indodana
yakho ukuze siyidle. Kodwa wayifihla indodana yakhe. **30**
Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwa amazwi alowo owesifazana yadabula
iziggoko zayo. Yedlula phezu komduli; abantu basebebona,
khangela-ke, kwakulesaka emzimbeni wayo, ngaphakathi. **31**
Yasisithi: UNkulunkulu kenze njalo kimi langokunjalo engezelele,
uba ikhanda likaElisha indodana kaShafati lizahlala kuye
lamuhla. **32** Kodwa uElisha wayehlezi endlini yakhe labadala
babehlezi laye. Inkosi yasithuma umuntu esuka phambi kwayo;
isithunywa singakafiki kuye, yena wathi kubadala: Liyabona yini
ukuthi indodana le yombulali ithume ukususa ikhanda lami?
Bonani, lapho isithunywa sifika, livale umnyango, lisibandezele
emnyango. Kakusizisinde zenkosi yaso yini emva kwaso? **33**
Kwathi esakhulumalabo, khangela-ke, inkosi yehlela kuye, yathi:
Khangelalobububi buvela eNkosini. Ngingabe ngisayilindelelani
iNkosi?

7 UElisha wasesithi: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi; itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngalesisikhathi kusasa iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo lizathengiswa
ngeshekeli, lamaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli, esangweni
leSamariya. **2** Induna inkosi eyayeyeme esandleni sayo
yasiphendula umuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi: Khangela, uba iNkosi
ibingenza amawindi emazulwini, kungenzeka linto yini? Wasesithi:
Khangela, uzakubona ngamehlo akho, kodwa kawuyikudla
okwakho. **3** Njalo kwakulamadoda amane ayengamalephero
ekungeneni kwesango, athi omunye komunye: Sihlaleleni lapha
size sife? **4** Uba sisithi: Sizangena emzini, lendlala isemzini,
sizafela khona. Njalo uba sihlala lapha, sizakufa futhi. Ngakho-
ke, wozani, siywewela enkambeni yamaSiriya; uba esiyekela
siphile, sizaphila; uba-ke esibulala, sizakufa nje. **5** Asesukuma
kusahwalala ukuya enkambeni yamaSiriya; esefike ekucineni
kwenkamba yamaSiriya, khangela-ke, kwakungelamuntu khona.
6 Ngoba iNkosi yenza ibutho lamaSiriya lizwe umsindo wezingola,
umsindo wamabhiza, umsindo webutho elikhulu; athi omunye
komunye: Khangela, inkosi yakolsrayeli isisiqhatshole amakhosi
amaHethi lamakhosi amaGibhithe ukuzamelana lathi. **7**
Asesukuma abaleka kusahwalala, atshiya amathente awo
lamabhiza awo labobabhemi bawo, inkamba njengoba injalo,
abaleka ngenxa yempilo yawo. **8** Amalephero la esefike ekucineni
kwenkamba, angena kwelinYE ithente, adla anatha, athatha
lapho isiliva legolide lezigqoko, ayakufihla; abuyela angena
kwelinYE ithente, athatha lapho, ayakufihla. **9** Asesithi omunye
komunye: Kasenzi kuhle. Lolusuku lusuku lwemibiko emihle,
kodwa sizithulele thina. Uba silinda kuze kube yikukhanya
kwekuseni, isijeziso sizasifica. Khathesi-ke, wozani siyebikela
indlu yenkosи. **10** Asesiza, amemeza kumlindi wesango womuzi,

abatshela esithi: Sifike enkambeni yamaSiriya, khangela-ke, bekungelamuntu khona kumbe ilizwi lomuntu, kodwa amabhiza ebotshelwe labobabhembe bebotshele, lamathente enjengoba enjalo. **11** Wasebiza abalindi bamasango, basebebikela indlu yenkosi phakathi. **12** Inkosi yasivuka ebusuku, yathi encekwini zayo: Sengizalitshela ukuthi amaSiriya enzeni kithi. Ayazi ukuthi silambile, ngakho aphumile enkambeni ukuyacatsha egangeni esithi: Nxa bephuma emzini, sizababamba bephila, besesingena emzini. **13** Enye yenceku zayo yasiphendula yathi: Ake bathathe amahlanu emabhizeni aseleyo, aseleyo phakathi komuzi, (khangela, afanana lexuku lonke lakolsrayeli elitshiywe kuwo, khangela, afanana lexuku lonke lakolsrayeli elioothuliweyo), kasithume, sibone. **14** Basebethatha amabhiza amabili enqola; inkosi yasithuma emva kwebutho lamaSiriya isithi: Hambani, libone. **15** Basebewalandela kwaze kwaba seJordani; khangela-ke, indlela yonke yayigcwele izembatho lempahla amaSiriya ayekulahlile ekuphangiseni kwawo. Izithunuya zasezibuyela, zayibikela inkosi. **16** Abantu basebephuma bayiphanga inkamba yamaSiriya. Ngakho iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo laselithengiswa ngeshekeli, lamaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli, njengokwelizwi leNkosi. **17** Inkosi yasibeka induna eyayeyeme esandleni sayo ukuba ngumlindi phezu kwesango. Abantu bayinyathela esangweni yaze yafa, njengokutsho komuntu kaNkulunkulu owakhulumka ekufikeni kwenkosi kuye. **18** Kwasekusithi njengokutsho komuntu kaNkulunkulu enkosini esithi: Amaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli, leseya lempuphu ecolekileyo ngeshekeli phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa azakuba sesangweni leSamariya. **19** Induna yasimphendula umuntu kaNkulunkulu yathi: Khangela-ke, uba iNkosi ibingenza amawindi

emazulwini, kungenzeka linto yini? Kodwa wathi: Khangela,
uzakubona ngamehlo akho, kodwa kawuyikudla okwakho. 20
Kwaba njalo-ke kuye, ngoba abantu bamnyathela esangweni
waze wafa.

8 UElisha wasekhuluma kowesifazana ondodana yakhe
ayeyenze yaphila, esithi: Sukuma, uhambe wena lendlu
yakho, uehlala njengowezizwe lapho ongahlala khona
njengowezizwe, ngoba iNkosi ibize indlala, ezafika njalo
elizweni iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 2 Owesifazana wasukuma-
ke, wenza njengokutsho komuntu kaNkulunkulu; wahamba
yena lendlu yakhe, wahlala njengowezizwe elizweni lamaFilisti
iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 3 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka
eyisikhombisa, owesifazana waphenduka evela elizweni
lamaFilisti; waphuma ukuyakhala enkosini ngendlu yakhe
langensimu yakhe. 4 Inkosi yayikhuluma-ke loGehazi inceku
yomuntu kaNkulunkulu isithi: Akungilandisele izinto zonke
ezinkulu uElisha asezenzile. 5 Kwasekusithi esatshela inkosi
ukuthi wavusa njani ofileyo, khangela-ke, owesifazana ondodana
yakhe ayeyivuse ekufeni wakhala enkosini ngendlu yakhe
langensimu yakhe. UGehazi wasesithi: Nkosi yami, nkosi,
nguye lo owesifazana, njalo yiyo le indodana yakhe uElisha
ayiphilisayo. 6 Lapho inkosi ibuza owesifazana, wayilandisela.
Inkosi yasimmisela induna ethile, isithi: Buyisela konke
okwakungokwakhe, laso sonke isivuno sensimu kusukela
mhla esuka elizweni kuze kube lamuhl. 7 UElisha wasefika
eDamaseko, njalo uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wayegula.
Wasetshelwa kwathiwa: Umuntu kaNkulunkulu ufikile lapha.
8 Inkosi yasisithi kuHazayeli: Thatha esandleni sakho isipho,
uehlangabeza umuntu kaNkulunkulu, ubusubuza eNkosini

ngaye usithi: Ngizasila yini kulumkhuhlane? **9** UHazayeli wasesiyamhlangabeza, wathatha isipho esandleni sakhe, ngitsho esakho konke okuhle kweDamaseko, imithwalo yamakamela engamatshumi amane, weza wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: Indodana yakho uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya ingithumile kuwe isithi: Ngizasila yini kulumkhuhlane? **10** UElisha wasesithi kuye: Hamba uthi kuye: Ungasila lokusila, kodwa iNkosi ingibonisile ukuthi uzakufa lokufa. **11** Wasemjolozela waze waba lenhloni. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waselila. **12** UHazayeli wasesithi: Inkosi yami illelani? Wasesithi: Ngoba ngiyazi ububi ozabenza ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli; uzathungela inqaba zabo ngomlilo, ubulale amajaha abo ngenkemba, uphahlaze abantwanyana babo, uqhaqhe abesifazana babo abakhulelweyo. **13** Kodwa uHazayeli wathi: Kodwa iyini inceku yakho eyinja nje, ukuthi yenze linto enkulu? UElisha wasesithi: INkosi ingibonisile ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi phezu kweSiriya. **14** Wasesuka kuElisha weza enkosini yakhe eyathi kuye: UElisha utheni kuwe? Wasesithi: Ungitshele ukuthi uzasila lokusila. **15** Kwasekusithi kusisa wathatha ingubo, wayigxamuza emanzini, wayendlala phezu kobuso bakhe waze wafa. UHazayeli wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **16** Njalo ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaJoram indodana kaAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli, lapho uJehoshafathi eyinkosi yakoJuda, uJehoram indodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. **17** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka eyisificaminwembili eJerusalema. **18** Wasehamba ezindleleni zamakhosi akolsrayeli njengokwenza kwendlu kaAhabi, ngoba indodakazi kaAhabi yayingumkakhe; wenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi. **19** Kodwa iNkosi kayithandanga ukuchitha uJuda

ngenxa kaDavida inceku yayo, njengokuthembisa kwayo kuye ukuthi izanika isibane kuye zonke izinsuku, lemadodaneni akhe. **20** Ensukwini zakhe iEdoma yahlamuka isuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda, yabeka inkosi phezu kwayo. **21** UJoram waseweleta eZayiri lazo zonke inqola zilaye; yena wavuka ebusuku watshaya amaEdoma ayemzingelezele, lenduna zezinqola; labantu babalekela emathenteni abo. **22** Ngakho iEdoma yahlamuka isuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda kuze kube lamuhla. Khona iLibhina yahlamuka ngalesosikhathi. **23** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJoram, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **24** UJoram waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UAhaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **25** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kaJoram indodana kaAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli uAhaziya indodana kaJehoram, inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi. **26** UAhaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa umnyaka owodwa eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAthaliya, indodakazi kaOmri inkosi yakolsrayeli. **27** Wasehamba ngendlela yendlu kaAhabi, wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, njengendlu kaAhabi, ngoba wayengumkhwenyana wendlu kaAhabi. **28** Wasehamba loJoram indodana kaAhabi ukulwa loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya eRamothi-Gileyadi; amaSiriya aselimaza uJoram. **29** UJoram inkosi wabuyela ukwelatshwa eJizereyeli amanxeba amaSiriya ayemtshaye wona eRama ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. UAhaziya indodana kaJehoram inkosi yakoJuda wasesehla ukubona uJoram indodana kaAhabi eJizereyeli, ngoba wayegula.

9 UElisha umprofethi wasebiza omunye wamadodana abaprofethi wathi kuye: Bopha ukhalo lwakho, uthathe lumfuma wamafutha esandleni sakho, uye eRamothi-Gileyadi. **2** Nxa ufika khona udinge lapho uJehu indodana kaJehoshafathi indodana kaNimshi, ungene, umsukumise phakathi kwabafowabo, umngenise ekamelweni elingaphakathi. **3** Ubusuthatha umfuma wamafutha, uwathele ekhanda lakhe uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli. Ubusuvula umnyango, ubaleke, ungaphuzi. **4** Lahamba-ke ijaha lelo, ijaha umprofethi, laya eRamothi-Gileyadi. **5** Ekufikeni kwalo, khangela, induna zebutho zazihlezi, lathi: Ngilombiko kuwe, nduna. UJehu wasesithi: Kubani phakathi kwethu sonke? Laselisithi: Kuwe, nduna. **6** Wasesukuma, wangena endlini; laselithela amafutha ekhanda lakhe, lathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Ngikugcobile ukuthi ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu beNkosi, phezu kukalsrayeli. **7** Njalo uzatshaya indlu kaAhabi inkosi yakho, ukuze ngiphindisele igazi lenceku zami abaprofethi, legazi lazo zonke inceku zeNkosi, esandleni sikaJezebeli. **8** Yonke-ke indlu kaAhabi izabhubha; njalo ngizaquma asuke kuAhabi ochamela emdulini, lovalelweyo lokhululekileyo kolsrayeli. **9** Njalo ngizakwenza indlu kaAhabi njengendlu kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati lanjengendlu kaBahasha indodana kaAhiya. **10** Lezinja zizakudla uJezebeli esabelweni seJizereyeli, njalo kakuyikuba lomngcwabayo. Laselivula umnyango, labaleka. **11** Kwathi uJehu esephumele encekwini zenkosi yakhe, omunye wathi kuye: Kulungile yini? Luzeleni loluhlanya kuwe? Wasesithi kuzo: Liyamazi lumuntu lenkulomo yakhe. **12** Zasezisithi: Manga! Sitshele khathesi. Wasesithi: Ukhulume ukuthi lokuthi kimi esithi: Itsho njalo

iNkosi: Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli. **13**
Zaseziphangisa, zathatha, ngulowo lalowo isembatho sakhe,
zazibeka ngaphansi kwakhe engqongeni yezikhwelo, zavuthela
uphondo, zathi: UJehu uyinkosi! **14** Ngokunjalo uJehu indodana
kaJehoshafathi indodana kaNimshi wamenzela ugobe uJoram.
(UJoram wagcina-ke iRamothi-Gileyadi, yena lolsrayeli wonke,
ngenxa kaHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya; **15** kodwa uJehoram
inkosi wayesebuyelete ukwelatshwa eJizereyeli ngamanxeba
amaSiriya ayemtshaye wona ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli
inkosi yeSiriya.) UJehu wasesithi: Aluba kuyintando yenu,
kakungaphumi ophunyukileyo emzini ukuyabika lokhu eJizereyeli.
16 UJehu wasekhwela inqola, waya eJizereyeli, ngoba uJoram
wayelele khona, loAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda wayehle ukuthi
abone uJoram. **17** Umlindi wayemi-ke emphotshongweni
eJizereyeli, wabona ixuku likaJehu, yena esiza, wathi: Ngibona
ixuku. UJehoram wathi: Thatha umgadi webhiza umthume
ukubahlangabeza, athi: Yikuthula yini? **18** Wasehamba umgadi
webhiza ukumhlangabeza, wathi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Yikuthula
yini? UJehu wasesithi: Ulani lokuthula? Phendukela ngemva
kwami. Umlindi wasebika esithi: Isithunywa sesifikile kibo, kodwa
kasiphenduki. **19** Yasithuma umgadi webhiza wesibili, wafika
kibo wathi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Yikuthula yini? UJehu wasesithi:
Ulani lokuthula? Phendukela ngemva kwami. **20** Umlindi
wasebika wathi: Usefikile kibo, kodwa kaphenduki. Lokutshayela
kufanana lokutshayela kukaJehu indodana kaNimshi, ngoba
utshayela okohlanya. **21** UJehoram wasesithi: Bophelani.
Basebebophela inqola yakhe. UJehoram inkosi yakolsrayeli
loAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda basebephuma, ngulowo lalowo
enqoleni yakhe, baphuma ukuhlangabeza uJehu, bamthola

esiqintini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli. **22** Kwasekusithi uJehoramu ebona uJehu wathi: Yikuthula yini, Jehu? Wasesithi: Ukuthula bani, selokhu ukuwula kukaJezebeli unyoko lokuthakatha kwakhe kukunengi kangaka? **23** UJehoramu wasephendula izandla zakhe wabaleka, wathi kuAhaziya: Yinkohliso, Ahaziya! **24** UJehu wasedonsiswa idandili, watshaya uJehoramu phakathi kweziphangza zakhe, lomtshoko waphuma enhliziyweni yakhe, wasekhothama enqoleni yakhe. **25** Wasesithi kuBidikari induna yakhe: Mphakamise, umphosele esiqintini sensimu kaNabothi umJizereyeli; ngoba khumbula mina lawe sigade sobabili ngemva kukaAhabi uyise, iNkosi yamethesa lumthwalo: **26** Ngibonile isibili izolo igazi likaNabothi legazi lamadodana akhe, itsho iNkosi, ngizaphindisela kuwe kulesisiqinti, itsho iNkosi. Ngakho-ke mphakamise umphosele kulesisiqinti, njengokwelizwi leNkosi. **27** UAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda esebonile lokhu wabaleka, ngendlela yendlu yesivande. UJehu wasexotshana laye, wathi: Mtshayeni laye enqoleni, emqansweni weGuri elingaselbileyamu. Wasebalekela eMegido, wafela khona. **28** Inceku zakhe zasezimthwala zamusa eJerusalema, zamngcwaba engcwabeni lakhe kuboyise emzini kaDavida. **29** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye kajoramu indodana kaAhabi, uAhaziya waba yinkosi phezu kukaJuda. **30** UJehu esefikile eJizereyeli, uJezebeli wakuzwa. Wasecomba amehlo akhe, wacecisa ikhanda lakhe, walunguza ngewindi. **31** Lapho-ke uJehu engena esangweni, wasesithi: Yikuthula yini, Zimri, mbulali wenkosi yakho? **32** Wasephakamisela ubuso bakhe ewindini, wathi: Ngubani ongakimi? Ngubani? Kwasekulunguza kuye abathenwa ababili, abathathu. **33** Wasesithi: Mphoseleni phansi. Basebemphosela phansi; lelinye legazi lakhe lachaphakela emdulini lemabhizeni;

wasemnyathelela phansi. 34 Wasengena wadla wanatha, wathi: Ake libone lo umqalekiswakazi limngcwabe, ngoba uyindodakazi yenkos. 35 Basebesiyamngcwaba, kodwa kabaficanga lutho olwakhe ngaphandle kokhakhayi lenyawo lempama zezandla. 36 Ngakho babuyela bamtshela; wasesithi: Leli yilizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uElija umTishibi lisithi: Esiqintini seJizereyeli izinja zizakudla inyama kaJezebeli; 37 lesidumbu sikaJezebeli sizakuba njengomquba ebusweni bomhlabathi esiqintini seJizereyeli, ukuze bangathi: Lo nguJezebeli.

10 Njalo uAhabi wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa eSamariya. UJehu wasebhala izincwadi, wazithumela eSamariya kubabusi beJizereyeli, abadala, lakubondli bamadodana kaAhabi, esithi: 2 Ngakho-ke nxalincwadi ifika kini, lokhu amadodana enkosi yenu akini, futhi izinqola lamabhiza kukini, lomuzi obiyelweyo, lezikhali, 3 ziboneleni-ke ongcono kakhulu lofaneleyo kulabo bonke ebantwaneni benkosi yenu, limbeke esihlalweni sobukhosikayise, lilwele indlu yenkos yenu. 4 Kodwa besaba kakhulukazi bathi: Khangelani, amakhosi amabili kawemanga phambi kwakhe; thina-ke sizakuma njani? 5 Umphathi wendlu lomphathi womuzi labadala labondli babantwana bathumela kuJehu besithi: Siyizincke zakho, sizakwenza konke okutshoyo kithi. Kasiyikubeka muntu abe yinkosi. Yenza okuhle emehlwani akho. 6 Wasebabhalela incwadi okwesibili esithi: Uba lingabami, lilalela ilizwi lami, thathani amakhanda alawomadoda, amadodana enkosi yenu, lize kimi eJizereyeli ngalesisikhathi kusasa. Lamadodana enkosi, abantu abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ayelezikhulu zomuzi ezaziwakhulisa. 7 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni

kwencwadi kubo, bathatha amadodana enkosi, babulala abantu abangamatshumi aysiskhombisa, bafaka amakhanda awo ezitsheni, bawesa kuye eJizereyeli. **8** Kwasekusiza isithunuya sambikela sisithi: Sebewalethile amakhanda amadodana enkosi. Wasesithi: Abekeni abe zinqumbi ezimbili ekungeneni kwesango kuze kube sekuseni. **9** Kwasekusithi ekuseni waphuma wema wathi ebantwini bonke: Lina lilungile. Khangelani, mina ngenzela inkosi yami ugobe, ngayibulala; pho, ngubani obulele bonke laba? **10** Yazini khathesi ukuthi kakuyikuwela lutho emhlabathini okwelizwi leNkosi, iNkosi eyalikhuluma ngendlu kaAhabi, ngoba iNkosi yenzile eyakukhulumayo ngesandla senceku yayo uElija. **11** UJehu wasetshaya bonke ababesele endlini kaAhabi eJizereyeli, lazo zonke izikhulu zakhe, labazana laye, labapristi bakhe, akaze amtshiyela oseleyo. **12** Wasesukuma wahamba waya eSamariya. Endlini yokugunda yabelusi endleleni, **13** uJehu wahlangana labafowabo bakaAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda, wathi: Lingobani? Basebesithi: Singabafowabo bakaAhaziya, sehlela ukubingelela abantwana benkosi, labantwana bendlovukazi. **14** Wasesithi: Babambeni bephila, Basebebabbamba bephila, bababulalela emgodini weBeti-Ekedi, amadoda angamatshumi amane lambili, katshiyanga loyedwa wabo. **15** Esesukile lapho wahlangana loJehonadabi indodana kaRekabi ezemhlangabeza; wambingelela wathi kuye: Inhliziyoyakho iqondile yini, njengoba inhliziyoyami ikanye lenhliziyoyakho? UJehonadabi wasesithi: Injalo. Uba kunjalo, ngipha isandla sakho. Wasemnika isandla sakhe; wasemkhweza enqoleni kuye. **16** Wasesithi: Hamba lami, ubone ukuyitshisekela kwami iNkosi. Basebemgadisa enqoleni yakhe. **17** Ekufikeni kwakhe eSamariya wabatshaya bonke ababesele kuAhabi

eSamariya waze wamqeda, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma kuElija. **18** UJehu wasebuthanisa bonke abantu, wathi kibo: UAhabi wakhonza kancinyane uBhali: UJehu uzamkhonza kakhulu. **19** Ngakho-ke ngibizelani abaprofethi bakaBhali bonke, izinceku zakhe zonke labo bonke abapristi bakhe, kungabi lamuntu ongekho, ngoba ngilomhlatselo omkhulu kuBhali; loba ngubani ongayikuba khona kayikuphila. Kodwa uJehu wakwenza ngobuqili ukuze abulale izinceku zikaBhali. **20** UJehu wasesithi: Mehlukaniseleni umhlangano onzulu uBhali. Basebewumemezela. **21** UJehu wasethumela kuye wonke ulsrayeli; zonke izinceku zikaBhali zasezisiza, kakwaze kwasala loyedwa ongabuyanga. Bangena endlini kaBhali, yaze yagcwala indlu kaBhali kusukela emsamo kusiya emnyango. **22** Wasesithi kulowo owayephethe indlu yezembatho: Khuphela bonke abakhonzi bakaBhali izembatho. Wasebakuphela izembatho. **23** Wasengena uJehu eloJehonadabi indodana kaRekabi endlini kaBhali, wathi kuzinceku zikaBhali: Hlolani libone ukuthi kakukho kini abezinceku zeNkosi lapha, kodwa izinceku zikaBhali kuphela. **24** Sebengene ukwenza imihlatshelo leminikelo yokuthiswa, uJehu wazimisela amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ngaphandle, wasesithi: Umuntu oyekela enye kumadoda engiwabeka ezandleni zenu iphunyuke, impilo yakhe izakuba sendaweni yempilo yayo. **25** Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukwenza iminikelo yokuthiswa, uJehu wasesithi kubalindi lezinduneni: Ngenani libatshaye, kungaphumi muntu. Basebebatsuya ngobukhali benkemba; abalindi lezinduna basebebaphosela phandle, baya emzini wendlu kaBhali. **26** Bakhupha endlini kaBhali insika eziyizithombe, baziitshisa. **27** Badiliza insika kaBhali eyisithombe, badiliza indlu kaBhali,

bayenza yaba yindlu yokuyela ngaphandle kuze kube lamuhla.

28 Ngokunjalo uJehu wachitha uBhali wamkhupha kolsrayeli. **29**

Kodwa ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one, uJehu kasukanga ekuzilandeleni, amathole egolide ayesebhetheli lawayekoDani. **30** INkosi yasisithi kuJehu: Ngoba wenze kuhle ngokwenza okulungileyo emehlwani ami, wenza endlini kaAhabi njengakho konke okwakusenhliziyweni yami, amadodana akho kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesine azahlala esihlalweni sobukhos sakolsrayeli. **31** Kodwa uJehu kaqaphelisanga ukuhamba emlayweni weNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu owenza ulsrayeli one. **32** Ngalezonsuku iNkosi yaqala ukuquuma isusa kolsrayeli. UHazayeli wasebatshaya kuyo yonke imingcele yakolsrayeli, **33** kusukela eJordani empumalanga, ilizwe lonke leGileyadi, abakoGadi labakoRubeni labakoManase, kusukela eAroweri engasesifuleni seArinoni, leGileyadi leBashani. **34** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehu, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe wonke, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **35** UJehu waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela eSamariya. UJehowahazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **36** Lesikhathi uJehu abusa ngaso phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya sasiyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.

11 UAthaliya unina kaAhaziya esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe ifile, wasukuma wachitha yonke inzalo yesikhosini. **2** Kodwa uJehosheba indodakazi yenkosu uJoram, udadewabo kaAhaziya, wathatha uJowashi indodana kaAhaziya, wameba phakathi kwamadodana enkosi abulawayo, yena lomlizane wakhe ekamelweni lokulala. Basebemfihla ebusweni bukaAthaliya ukuze

angabulawa. **3** Wayelaye-ke efihiwi endlini yeNkosi iminyaka eyisithupha; uAthaliya wasebusa phezu kwelizwe. **4** Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada wasethuma wathatha izinduna zamakhulu, lamaKariti kanye labalindi, wabaletha kuye endlini yeNkosi. Wenza isivumelwano labo, wabafungisa endlini yeNkosi, wabatshengisa indodana yenkosи. **5** Wasebalaya esithi: Nansi into elizayenza: Ingxenye eyodwa kwezintathu yenu elingena ngesabatha izakuba ngabalindi bomlindo wendlu yenkosи, **6** lengxenye eyodwa kwezintathu izakuba sesangweni leSuri, lengxenye eyodwa kwezintathu esangweni ngemva kwabalindi; ngokunjalo lizalinda umlindo wendlu, ingafohlelwa. **7** Lengxenye ezimbili zenu lonke eliphuma ngesabatha, bona bazagcina umlindo wendlu yeNkosi mayelana lenkosи. **8** Lizazingelezela inkosi inhlangothi zonke, ngulowo lalowo elezikhali esandleni sakhe; lozangena kokuhleliweyo uzabulawa. Libe lenkosи ekuphumeni kwayo lekungeneni kwayo. **9** Induna zamakhulu zasezisenza njengakho konke uJehoyada umpristi akulayayo; zathatha, yileyo laleyo abantu bayo abangena ngesabatha lalabo abaphuma ngesabatha, zafika kuJehoyada umpristi. **10** Umpristi wasenika izinduna zamakhulu imikhonto lezhilangu ezazingezenkosи uDavida ezazisendlini yeNkosi. **11** Abalindi basebesima, ngulowo lalowo elezikhali esandleni sakhe, kusukela kwesokunene sendlu kusiya kwesokhohlo sendlu, ngaselathini langasendlini, enkosini inhlangothi zonke. **12** Waseyikhupha indodana yenkosи, wayethesa umqhele, wayinika ubufakazi; bayibeka yaba yinkosi, bayigcoba, batshaya izandla, basebesithi: Kayiphile inkosi! **13** UAthaliya esizwa umsindo wabalindi lowabantu waya ebantwini endlini yeNkosi; **14** wabona, khangela-ke, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni njengomkhuba, lezinduna

labavutheli bezimpondo bengasenkosini, labantu bonke belizwe bethokoza bavuthela izimpondo. UAthaliya wasedabula izigqoko zakhe, wamemeza wathi: Ugobe! Ugobe! **15** UJehoyada umpristi waselaya induna zamakhulu, abaphathi bebutho, wathi kubo: Mkhupheleni ngaphandle kokuhleliweyo, lomlandelayo limbulale ngenkemba. Ngoba umpristi wathi: Kangabulawelwa endlini kaJehova. **16** Basebembamba ngezandla, wasehamba ngendlela yokungena kwamabhiza endlini yenkosi, wabulawelwa khonapho. **17** UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi kukaJehova lenkosi labantu ukuthi babe ngabantu bakaJehova; laphakathi kwenkosi labantu. **18** Bonke abantu belizwe basebengena endlini kaBhali, bayidilizela phansi; amalathi akhe lezithombe zakhe bazipahlaza ngokupheleleyo, loMathani umpristi kaBhali bambulala phambi kwamalathi. Umpristi wasebeka abaphathi phezu kwendlu yeNkosi. **19** Wasethatha izinduna zamakhulu lamaKariti labalindi labo bonke abantu belizwe, bayehlisa inkosi isuka endlini kaJehova, beza ngendlela yesango labalindi endlini yenkosi. Yasihlala esihlalweni sobukhosи samakhosi. **20** Bonke abantu belizwe basebethokoza. Umuzi wasusiba lokuthula, sebembulele uAthaliya ngenkemba ngasendlini yenkosi. **21** UJehowashi wayeleminyaka eyisikhombisa lapho esiba yinkosi.

12 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaJehu uJehowashi waba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZibya weBherishebha. **2** UJehowashi wasesenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi zonke izinsuku zakhe uJehoyada umpristi amfundisa ngazo. **3** Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. **4** UJehowashi wasesithi kubapristi: Yonke imali yezinto

ezehlukanisiwego elethwa endlini kaJehova, imali yalowo lalowo odlulayo kwababaliwego, imali yalowo lalowo umuntu ayilinganisileyo, yonke imali, okuvela enhliziyweni yaloba nguwuphi umuntu ukuyiletha endlini yeNkosi; **5** abapristi kabayithathe kubo, ngulowo lalowo komejwayeleyo, balungise izikhala zendlu, loba kungaphi lapho okutholwa khona izikhala. **6** Kodwa kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu wenkosi uJehowashi abapristi babengakalungisi izikhala zendlu. **7** Inkosi uJehowashi yasibiza uJehoyada umpristi labapristi, yathi kibo: Kungani lingalungisi izikhala zendlu? Ngakho-ke lingathathi imali kwelibejwayeleyo kodwa liyinikele izikhala zendlu. **8** Abapristi basebevuma ukuthi kabasayikuthatha imali ebantwini lokuthi kabayikulungisa izikhala zendlu. **9** UJehoyada umpristi wasethatha ibhokisi elilodwa, wabhoboza isikhala esivalweni salo, walibeka eceleni kwelathi ngakwesokunene nxa umuntu engena endlini yeNkosi. Abapristi-ke abalinda umbundu bafaka kulo yonke imali eyalethwa endlini yeNkosi. **10** Kwakusithi sebebona ukuthi imali isinengi ebhokisini, umabhalane wenkosi, lompristi omkhulu benyuke, bayibophe bayibale imali eyatholwa endlini yeNkosi. **11** Basebenikela imali elinganisiwego ezandleni zabenzi bomsebenzi, zababonisi bendlu yeNkosi, bayikhuphela kubabazi bezigodo lakubakhi ababesebenza endlini yeNkosi, **12** lakwabakha ngamatshe lakubabazi bamatshe, lokuthenga izigodo lamatshe abaziwego ukulungisa izikhala zendlu yeNkosi, lakukho konke okwakhutshelwa indlu ukuyilungisa. **13** Kodwa kayenzelwanga indlu yeNkosi imiganu yesiliva, izindlawu, imiganu yokufafaza, izimpondo zokukhaliswa, laziphi izitsha zegolide lezitsha zesiliva zemali eyalethwa endlini yeNkosi, **14** kodwa bayinika abenzi bomsebenzi, basebelungisa ngayo indlu yeNkosi.

15 Njalo kababalelananga labantu abanikela imali esandleni sabo, ukupha abenzi bomsebenzi, ngoba benza ngokuthembeka. **16** Imali yomnikelo wecala lemali yeminikelo yesono kayilethwanga endlini yeNkosi; yayingeyabapristi. **17** Ngalesosikhathi uHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya wenyuka walwa emelene leGathi, wayithumba. UHazayeli wasekhangelisa ubuso bakhe ukwenyuka amelane leJerusalema. **18** Kodwa uJehowashi inkosi yakoJuda wathatha zonke izinto ezingcwelisiweyo uJehoshafathi loJoram loAhaziya oyise, amakhosi akoJuda, ababezingcwelisile, lezakhe izinto ezingcwelisiweyo, legolide lonke elatholwa enothweni yendlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosи, wakuthumela kuHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. Wasesenyuka wasuka eJerusalema. **19** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **20** Inceku zakhe zasezisukuma zenza ugobe, zamtshaya uJowashi endlini yeMilo eyehlela eSila. **21** Ngoba oJozakari indodana kaShimeyathi loJehozabadi indodana kaShomeri, inceku zakhe, bamtshaya, wafa; basebemngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UAmaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

13 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu kaJowashi indodana kaAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda uJehovahazi indodana kaJehu waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa. **2** Wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, walandela izono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one, kasukanga kuzo. **3** Ulaka IweNkosi Iwaselumvuthela ulsrayeli, yabanikela esandleni sikaHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya lesandleni sikaBenihadadi indodana kaHazayeli, zonke lezonsuku. **4** UJehovahazi wasencenga ubuso beNkosi, iNkosi yamuzwa, ngoba yabona incindezelо kalsrayeli,

ngoba inkosi yeSiriya yabacindezela. **5** (INkosi yasisipha ulsrayeli umsindisi ukuze baphume ngaphansi kwesandla samaSiriya; abantwana bakolsrayeli basebehlala emathenteni abo njengakuqala. **6** Loba kunjalo kabasukanga ezonweni zendlu kaJerobhowamu owenza ulsrayeli one, bahamba kuzo; lesixuku laso sasilokhu siseSamariya.) **7** Ngoba kayimtshiyelanga uJehowahazi abantu, kuphela abagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi amahlanu, lenqola ezilitshumi, labahamba ngenyawo abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi; ngoba inkosi yeSiriya yayibabhubhisile, yabenza baba njengothuli ngokubhula. **8** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehowahazi, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **9** UJehowahazi waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela eSamariya; uJowashi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **10** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda uJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. **11** Laye wenza okubi emehlwani enkosi, kasukanga ezonweni zonke zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one; wahamba kuzo. **12** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe alwa ngawo loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **13** UJowashi waselala laboyise, uJerobhowamu wasehlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos. UJowashi wangcwatshelwa eSamariya lamakhosi akolsrayeli. **14** UElisha wasegula umkhuhlane wakhe afa ngawo; uJowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli wasesehlela kuye, wakhala inyembezi phezu kobuso bakhe, wathi: Baba wami! Baba wami! Nqola yakolsrayeli

lamabhiza ayo! **15** UElisha wasesithi kuye: Thatha idandili lemitshoko. Wasezithathela idandili lemitshoko. **16** Wasesithi enkosini yakolsrayeli: Beka isandla sakho edandilini. Wasesibeka isandla sakhe. UElisha wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zenkosi. **17** Wasesithi: Vula iwindi ngempumalanga. Yasilivula. UElisha wasesithi: Tshoka! Yositshoka. Wasesithi: Umtshoko wenkululeko yeNkosi, lomtshoko wenkululeko kuSiriya. Ngoba uzatshaya amaSiriya eAfeki uze uwaqede. **18** Wasesithi: Thatha imitshoko. Yasiyithatha. Wasesithi enkosini yakolsrayeli: Tshaya emhlabathini. Yositshaya kathathu, yasisima. **19** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waseyithukuthelela, wathi: Ngabe utshaye kahlanu kumbe kasithupha, ngakho ubuzayitshaya iSiriya uze uyiqede; khathesi-ke uzatshaya iSiriya kathathu kuphela. **20** UElisha wasesifa, basebemngcwaba. Amaviyo amaMowabi asengena elizweni ekuthwaseni komnyaka. **21** Kwasekusithi bengcwaba umuntu, khangela-ke, babona iviyo, baphosela lowomuntu engcwabeni likaElisha. Kwathi umuntu esiyathinta amathambo kaElisha waphila, wasukuma wema ngenyawo. **22** UHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya wasecindezela ulsrayeli insuku zonke zikaJehovahazi. **23** INkosi yasisiba lomusa kibo, yaba lesihawu kubo, yaphendukela kibo ngenxa yesivumelwano sayo loAbrahama, ulsaka, loJakobe, kayithandanga ukubabhubhisa, kayibaxotshanga ebusweni bayo kuze kube khathesi. **24** UHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya wasesifa; uBenihadadi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **25** UJehowashi indodana kaJehovahazi wasebuya wathatha imizi esandleni sikaBenihadadi indodana kaHazayeli owayeyithethe esandleni sikaJehovahazi uyise ngempi. UJowashi wamtshaya kathathu, waseyibuyisela imizi yakolsrayeli.

14 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaJowashi indodana kaJehowazi, inkosi yakolsrayeli, uAmaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. **2** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJehowadani weJerusalema. **3** Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweli eNkosi, kodwa kungenjengoDavida uyise; wenza njengakho konke uJowashi uyise akwenzayo. **4** Loba kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. **5** Kwasekusithi umbuso wakhe usuqinisiwe esandleni sakhe, watshaya inceku zakhe ezazitshaye inkosi uyise. **6** Kodwa abantwana bababulali kababulalanga, njengokubhaliweyo ogwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi lapho iNkosi eyalaya khona isithi: Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, labantwana kabayikubulawa ngenxa yaboyise, kodwa wonke umuntu uzabulawelwa isono sakhe. **7** Yena wasetshaya amaEdoma azinkulungwane ezilitshumi esihotsheni setshwayi, wathumba iSela ngempi, wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi yiJokhitheyeli, kuze kube lamuhla. **8** Khona uAmaziya wathuma izithunywa kuJehowashi indodana kaJehovahazi indodana kaJehu, inkosi yakolsrayeli, esithi: Woza sikhangelane ubuso ngobuso. **9** UJehowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli wasethumela kuAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda esithi: Ukhula oluhlabayo oluseLebhanoni lwathumela emsedarini oseLebhanoni lusithi: Nika indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami ibe ngumkayo; kwasekusedlula isilo seganga esiseLebhanoni, salugxoba ukhula oluhlabayo. **10** Uytshayile lokuyitshaya iEdoma, inhliziyu yakho isikuphakamisile; dumiseka, uhlale endlini yakho; ngoba kungani uzivusela ububi ukuze uwe wena loJuda

kanye lawe? **11** Kodwa uAmaziya kezwanga. Ngakho uJehowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli wenyuka, yena-ke loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda bakhangelana ubuso ngobuso eBeti-Shemeshi eyakoJuda.

12 UJuda wasetshaywa phambi kukalsrayeli; basebebaleka, ngulowo lalowo waya ethenteni lakhe. **13** UJehowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli wasembamba uAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJehowashi indodana kaAhaziya, eBeti-Shemeshi; wafika eJerusalema, wadilizela phansi umduli weJerusalema, kusukela esangweni lakoEfrayimi kusiya esangweni lengonsi, ingalo ezingamakhulu amane. **14** Wasethatha lonke igolide lesiliva, lezitsha zonke ezatholakala endlini kaJehova lezendlini zenotho zendlu yenkosи, kanye labayisibambiso, wasebuyela eSamariya.

15 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehowashi azenzayo, lamandla akhe, lokuthi walwa njani loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **16** UJehowashi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eSamariya emakhosini akolsrayeli. UJerobhowamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **17** UAmaziya indodana kaJowashi, inkosi yakoJuda, wasephila iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu emva kokufa kukaJehowashi indodana kaJehovahazi inkosi yakolsrayeli. **18** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmaziya, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

19 Basebemenzela ugobe eJerusalema, wabalekela eLakishi; kodwa bathuma bamlandela eLakishi, bambulalela khona. **20** Basebemthwala ngamabhiza, wangcwatshelwa eJerusalema kuboyise emzini kaDavida. **21** Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebethatha uAzariya, owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise uAmaziya. **22** Yena wakha iElathi, wayibuyisela koJuda emva kokulala kwenkosи

laboyise. **23** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu kaAmaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda uJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli waba yinkosi eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye. **24** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi; kasukanga ezonweni zonke zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one. **25** Yena wabuyisela umngcele wakolsrayeli kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kuze kufike elwandle Iwamagceke, njengokwelizwi leNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uJona indodana kaAmithayi umprofethi, owayevela eGathi-Heferi. **26** Ngoba iNkosi yabona ukuhlupheka kukalsrayeli, kwakubaba kakhulu, ngoba kwakungekho ovalelweyo, njalo engekho okhululekileyo, njalo kungelamsizi kalsrayeli. **27** INkosi yayingatshongo-ke ukuthi izalesula ibizo likalsrayeli ngaphansi kwamazulu; kodwa yabasindisa ngesandla sikaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi. **28** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJerobhowamu, lakho konke akwenzayo, lamandla akhe, ukuthi walwa njani, lokuthi wayibuyisela njani kolsrayeli iDamaseko leHamathi, engeyeJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni Iwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **29** UJerobhowamu waselala laboyise, emakhosini akolsrayeli. UZekhariya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

15 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kaJerobhowamu, inkosi yakolsrayeli, uAzariya indodana kaAmaziya, inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi. **2** Wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha lapho esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJekoliya weJerusalema. **3** Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi njengakho konke uAmaziya uyise akwenzayo.

4 Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. 5 UJehova wayitshaya inkosi, yasisiba ngumlephero kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwayo. Yahlala endlini eyehlukanisiweyo. UJothamu indodana yenkosi wasephatha indlu, esahlulela abantu belizwe. 6 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAzariya, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? 7 UAzariya waselala laboyise, bamngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UJothamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 8 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uZekhariya indodana kaJerobhowamu wabusa phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya inyanga eziyiisithupha. 9 Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi njengokwenza kwaboyise; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one. 10 UShaluma indodana kaJabeshi wasemenzela ugobe, wamtshaya phambi kwabantu wambulala, wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. 11 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaZekhariya, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli. 12 Leli yilizwi leNkosi eyalikhulumu kuJehu isithi: Amadodana akho azahlala esihhlweni sobukhosikalsrayeli kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesine. Kwaba njalo-ke. 13 UShaluma indodana kaJabeshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye kaUziya inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa inyanga egcweleyo eSamariya. 14 Ngoba uMenahema indodana kaGadi wenyuka esuka eTiriza, weza eSamariya, wamtshaya uShaluma indodana kaJabeshi eSamariya wambulala; wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. 15 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaShaluma, logobe lwakhe

alwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli. **16** Khona uMenahema wasetshaya iThifisa, lakho konke okwakukiyo, lemingcele yayo kusukela eTiriza, ngoba bengamvulelanga. Ngakho wayitshaya; bonke abesifazana bayo abakhulelwego wabaqhaqha. **17** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uMenahema indodana kaGadi waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi eSamariya. **18** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one, insuku zakhe zonke. **19** UPhuli inkosi yeAsiriya weza wamelana lelizwe; uMenahema wasenika uPhuli amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuze isandla sakhe sibe laye ukuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe. **20** UMenahema wasekhuphisa ulsrayeli imali, yabo bonke abantu abalamandla enothweni, ukupha inkosi yeAsiriya; amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu kuleyo laleyondoda. Inkosi yeAsiriya yasibuyela, kayaze yahlala lapho elizweni. **21** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaMenahema, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli? **22** UMenahema waselala laboyise; uPhekahiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **23** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uPhekahiya indodana kaMenahema waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka emibili. **24** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one. **25** Kodwa uPheka indodana kaRemaliya, induna yakhe, wamenzela ugobe wamtshaya eSamariya enqabeni yendlu yenkoski, kanye loArigobi loAriye, njalo kanye laye

abantu abangamatshumi amahlanu bamaGileyadi. Wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **26** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaPhekahiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli. **27** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu lambili kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uPheka indodana kaRemaliya waba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili. **28** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli one. **29** Ensukwini zikaPheka inkosi yakolsrayeli kwafika uTigilathi Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya, wathatha iljoni, leAbeli-Beti-Mahaka, leJanowa, leKedeshi, leHazori, leGileyadi, leGalili, ilizwe lonke lakoNafithali; wabathumbela eAsiriya. **30** UHosheya indodana kaEla wasesenza ugobe emelene loPheka indodana kaRemaliya, wamtshaya wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kaJothamu, indodana kaUziya. **31** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaPheka, lakho konke akwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akolsrayeli. **32** Ngomnyaka wesibili kaPheka indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yakolsrayeli uJothamu indodana kaUziya inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. **33** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJerusha indodakazi kaZadoki. **34** Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi; wenza njengakho konke uUziya uyise ayekwenzile. **35** Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. Yena wakha isango elingaphezulu endlini yeNkosi. **36** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJothamu, azenzayo,

kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?

37 Ngalezonsuku iNkosi yaqala ukuthumela koJuda uRezini inkosi yeSiriya loPheka indodana kaRemaliya. 38 UJothamu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida uyise. UAhazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

16 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaPheka indodana kaRemaliya uAhazi indodana kaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. 2 UAhazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Kenzanga-ke okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengoDavida uyise. 3 Kodwa wahamba ngendlela yamakhosi akolsrayeli, yebo, futhi wenza indodana yakhe idabule emlilweni, njengezinengiso zezizwe iNkosi eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. 4 Wanikela imihlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo laphezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. 5 Khona uRezini inkosi yeSiriya loPheka indodana kaRemaliya, inkosi yakolsrayeli, benyukela eJerusalema ukulwa, bamvimbezela uAhazi kodwa kababanga lakho ukunqoba. 6 Ngalesosikhathi uRezini inkosi yeSiriya wabuyisela iElathi eSiriya, waxotsha amaJuda eElathi; amaSiriya asesiza eElathi ahlala khona kuze kube lamuhla. 7 UAhazi wasethuma izithunywa kuTigilathi Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya esithi: Ngiyinceku yakho lendodana yakho; yenyuka ungisindise esandleni senkosi yeSiriya lesandleni senkosi yakolsrayeli abangivukelayo. 8 UAhazi wasethatha isiiva legolide okwakutholwa endlini kaJehova lenothweni yendlu yenkosi, wathumela isipho enkosini yeAsiriya. 9 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasimlalela, ngoba inkosi yeAsiriya yenyuka imelene

leDamaseko yayithumba, yabathumbela eKiri abantu bayo, yabulala uRezini. **10** Inkosi uAhazi yasisiya eDamaseko ukuhlangana loTigilathi Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya, yabona ilathi elaliseDamaseko. Inkosi uAhazi yasithumela kuUriya umpristi isimo selathi lomfanekiso walo njengokwensiwa kwalo konke.

11 U-Uriya umpristi wasesakha ilathi njengakho konke uAhazi akuthumela kuvela eDamaseko; uUriya umpristi wenza njalo, yaze yafika inkosi uAhazi ivela eDamaseko. **12** Inkosi isibuyile eDamaseko inkosi yalibona ilathi. Inkosi yasondela elathini, yanikela phezu kwalo. **13** Yasitshisa umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wayo wokudla, yathela umnikelo wayo wokunathwayo, yafafaza igazi leminikelo yokuthula eyayilayo phezu kwelathi.

14 Kodwa ilathi lethusi elaliphambi kweNkosi yaliletha lisuka phambi kwendlu, lisuka phakathi kwelathi lendlu yeNkosi, yalifaka ehlangothini lwenyakatho lwelathi. **15** Inkosi uAhazi yasimlaya uUriya umpristi isithi: Phezu kwelathi elikhulu tshisa umnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni, lomnikelo wokudla wantambama, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wenkosi, lomnikelo wayo wokudla, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wabo bonke abantu belizwe, lomnikelo wabo wokudla, leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo; ufafaze phezu kwalo lonke igazi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lalo lonke igazi lomhlatshe. Kodwa ilathi lethusi lizakuba ngelami ukubuza ngalo. **16** U-Uriya umpristi wasesenza njengakho konke inkosi uAhazi eyayikulayile. **17** Inkosi uAhazi yasiquma imiphetho yezisekelo, yasusa inditshi yokugezel a kuzo, yethula ulwandle phezu kwenkabi zethusi ezazingaphansi kwalo, yalubeka phezu kokugandelwe ngamatshe. **18** Lokwembesiweyo kwesabatha ababekwakhe endlini, lentuba yenkos i phandle, yakususa endlini yeNkosi, ngenxa yenkos i yeAsiriya. **19** Ezinye-ke

zezindaba zikaAhazi azenzayo, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? 20 UAhazi waselala laboyise,
wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UHezekhiya
indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

17 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kaAhazi inkosi yakoJuda
uHosheya indodana kaEla waba yinkosi eSamariya
phezu kukalsrayeli; wabusa iminyaka eyisificamunwemunye.
2 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi, loba kunjalo
kungenjengamakhosi akolsrayeli ayengaphambi kwakhe. 3
UShalimanесeri inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana laye;
uHosheya wasesiba yinceku yakhe, wathela umthelo kuye.
4 Kodwa inkosi yeAsiriya yafica ugobe kuHosheya, ngoba
wayethume izithunywa kuSo inkosi yeGibhithe, kazabe esenyusa
umthelo enkosini yeAsiriya umnyaka ngomnyaka. Ngakho
inkosi yeAsiriya yamvalela yambopha entolongweni. 5
Inkosi yeAsiriya yasisenyukela kulo lonke ilizwe, yenyukela
eSamariya, yayivimbezela iminyaka emithathu. 6 Ngomnyaka
wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya, inkosi yeAsiriya yathumba
iSamariya yathumbela ulsrayeli eAsiriya, yabahlalisa eHala
leHabori, umfula weGozani, lemizini yamaMede. 7 Lokhu-ke
kwenzeka ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli babonile eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wabo eyayibenuse elizweni leGibhithe ibasusa
ngaphansi kwesandla sikaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, babesabe
abanye onkulunkulu, 8 bahamba ezimisweni zezizwe iNkosi
eyayizixotshe elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli,
lezamakhosi akolsrayeli, ayeenzile. 9 Abantwana bakolsrayeli
benza ensitha izinto ezingalunganga bemelene leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wabo. Babezakhele indawo eziphakemeyo kuyo
yonke imizi yabo, kusukela enqabeni yabalindi kuze kube semzini

obiwelwego. **10** Basebezimisela insika eziyizithombe lezixuku phezu kwawo wonke amaqaqa aphakemeyo langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. **11** Basebetshisa lapho impepha endaweni zonke eziphakemeyo, njengezizwe iNkosi eyazikhokhelela ekuthunjweni phambi kwabo; benza izinto ezimbi ukuyithukuthelisa iNkosi. **12** Ngoba bakhonza izithombe, iNkosi eyayithe ngazo kubo: Kaliyikuyenza linto. **13** Kanti iNkosi yafakaza imelene lolsrayeli njalo imelene loJuda ngesandla sabo bonke abaprofethi lababoni bonke isithi: Phendukani endleleni zenu ezimbi, ligcine imithetho yami, izimiso zami, njengokomlayo wonke engawulaya oyihlo lengawuthumela kini ngesandla senceku zami abaprofethi. **14** Loba kunjalo kabalalelanga, kodwa benza lukhuni intamo yabo, njengentamo yaboyise, abangakholwanga eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. **15** Njalo bala izimiso zayo lesivumelwano sayo eyasenza laboyise lezifakazelo zayo eyazifikaza imelene labo, balandela ize, baba yize, balandela izizwe ezazibahanqile, iNkosi eyayibalaye ngazo ukuthi bangenzi njengazo. **16** Bayitshiya yonke imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, bazenzela izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilika, amathole amabili, benza isixuku, bakhothamela lonke ibutho lamazulu, bakhonza uBhali. **17** Benza amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo adabule emlilweni, benza ukuvumisa, benza imilingo, bazithengisela ukwenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi ukuyithukuthelisa. **18** Ngakho iNkosi yamthukuthelela kakhulu ulsrayeli, yabasusa ebusweni bayo; kakusalanga loyedwa ngaphandle kwesizwe sakoJuda kuphela. **19** Laye uJuda kayigcinanga imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, kodwa bahamba ngezimiso zikalsrayeli abazenzayo. **20** INkosi yasiyala yonke inzalo yakolsrayeli, yayihlupha,

yayinikela esandleni sabaphangi, yaze yabalahlala yabasusa phambi kwayo. **21** Ngoba yAMDabula ulsrAYeli imsUSA endlini kaDavida, basebebeka uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati ukuthi abe yinkosi. UJerobhowamu wamqhuba wamphambula ulsrAYeli ekulandeleni iNkosi, wabenza bona isono esikhulu.

22 Ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli bahamba ngazo zonke izono zikaJerobhowamu azenzayo, kabasukanga kuzo, **23** iNkosi yaze yamsusa ulsrAYeli phambi kwayo njengokutsho kwayo ngesandla sazo zonke inceku zayo abaprofethi. Ngakho ulsrAYeli wathunjwa wasuswa elizweni lakhe wasiwa eAsiriya kuze kube lamuhla. **24** Inkosi yeAsiriya yasiletha abantu abavela eBhabhiloni labavela eKutha labavela eAva labavela eHamathi labavela eSefavayimi, yabahlalisa emizini yeSamariya esikhundleni sabantwana bakolsrayeli, badla ilifa leSamariya, bahlala emizini yayo. **25** Kwasekusithi ekuqaleni kokuhlala kwabo khona kabayesabanga iNkosi; ngakho iNkosi yathumela izilwane phakathi kwabo ezabulala abanye babo. **26** Ngakho bakhulumu enkosini yeAsiriya besithi: Izizwe owazisusayo wazihlalisa emizini yeSamariya kaziwazi umkhuba kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe; ngakho uthumele izilwane phakathi kwazo, khangela-ke ziyazibulala, ngoba kaziwazi umkhuba kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe. **27** Inkosi yeAsiriya yasilaya isithi: Yisanzi khona omunye wabapristi elabathumbayo besuka lapho; kabayehlala khona, kabafundise umkhuba kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe. **28** Ngakho omunye wabapristi ababebathumbe besuka eSamariya weza wahlala eBhetheli, wabafundisa ukuthi bangayesaba njani iNkosi. **29** Loba kunjalo zonke izizwe zenza onkulunkulu bazo, zabafaka ezindlini zezindawo eziphakemeyo amaSamariya azenzayo, yileso laleso isizwe emizini yazo ezihlala kuyo.

30 Labantu beBhabhiloni benza uSukothi-Benothi, labantu beKuthi benza uNerigali, labantu beHamathi benza uAshima,
31 lamaAvi enza uNibazi loTaritaki, lamaSefavayimi ayetshisa abantwana bawo emlilweni esenzela uAdrameleki loAnameleki onkulunkulu beSefavayimi. **32** Babeyesaba leNkosi, bazenzela abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo kwabaphansi kakhulu babo, ababebasebenzela ezindlini zezindawo eziphakemeyo. **33** Babeyesaba iNkosi, njalo babekhonza onkulunkulu babo njengomkhuba wezizwe ezabathumbayo besuka lapho. **34** Kuze kube lamuhla benza njengemikhuba yakuqala. Kabayesabi iNkosi, kabenzi njengezimiso zabo lanjengezimiselo zabo lanjengomlayo lanjengomthetho iNkosi eyakulaya abantwana bakaJakobe, owamutha ibizo elithi ulsrayeli. **35** INkosi eyenza isivumelwano labo, yabalaya isithi: Kaliyikwesaba abanye onkulunkulu, lingabakhothameli, lingabasebenzeli, lingabahlabeli. **36** Kodwa iNkosi eyalenyusa elizweni leGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langengalo eyeluliweyo, yona lizayesaba njalo yona lizayikhothamela njalo yona lizayihlabela. **37** Lezimiso lezimiselo lomlayo lomthetho eyalibhalela khona, lizaqaphelisa ukukwenza zonke izinsuku, lingesabi abanye onkulunkulu. **38** Lesivumelwano engasenza lani lingasikhohlwa, lingesabi abanye onkulunkulu. **39** Kodwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu lizayesaba; yona-ke izalikhulula esandleni sezitha zenu zonke. **40** Loba kunjalo kabalalelanga, kodwa benza njengomkhuba wabo wakuqala. **41** Lezizizwe zayesaba-ke iNkosi, kodwa zakhonza izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo; bobabili abantwana bazo labantwana babantwana bazo, njengokwenza kwaboyise benza labo kuze kube lamuhla.

18 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithathu kaHosheya indodana kaEla, inkosi yakolsrayeli, uHezekhiya indodana kaAhazi inkosi

yakoJuda waba yinkosi. **2** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAbhi indodakazi kaZekhariya. **3** Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi njengakho konke uDavida uyise akwenzayo. **4** Yena wasusa indawo eziphakemeyo, wabhidliza insika eziyizithombe, wagamula izixuku, wachoboza inyoka yethusi uMozisi ayeyenzile, ngoba kuze kube yilezonsuku abantwana bakolsrayeli babeyitshisela impepha; wayibiza ngokuthi nguNehushitani. **5** Wathembela eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli; okwathi emva kwakhe kakubanga khona onjengaye emakhosini wonke akoJuda, loba ayengaphambi kwakhe. **6** Ngoba wanamathela eNkosini, kaphambukanga ekuyilandeleni, kodwa wagcina imilayo yayo iNkosi eyayilaya uMozisi. **7** LeNkosi yaba laye; loba ngaphi lapho aphumela khona waphumelela. Wavukela inkosi yeAsiriya, kayisebenzelanga. **8** Yena watshaya amaFilisti waze wafika eGaza lemingcele yayo, kusukela emphotshongweni wabalindi kuze kube semzini obiyelweyo. **9** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uHezekhiya, owawungumnyaka wesikhombisa kaHosheya indodana kaEla, inkosi yakolsrayeli, uShalimaneseri inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana leSamariya, wayivimbezela. **10** Basebeyithumba ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu. Ngomnyaka wesithupha kaHezekhiya, owawungumnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya inkosi yakolsrayeli, iSamariya yathunjwa. **11** Inkosi yeAsiriya yathumbela ulsrayeli eAsiriya, yababeka eHala leHabori umfula weGozani, lemizini yamaMede. **12** Ngoba bengalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, kodwa baseqa isivumelwano sayo, konke uMozisi inceku yeNkosi

eyayikulayile; kabalalelanga, kabenzanga. **13** Langomnyaka wetshumi lane wenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana layo yonke imizi yakoJuda ebiyelweyo, wayithumba. **14** UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wasethumela enkosini yeAsiriya eLakishi esithi: Ngonile; buyela usuke kimi; okubeka phezu kwami ngizakuthwala. Inkosi yeAsiriya yasibeka phezu kukaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu amathathu, lamathalenta angamatshumi amathathu egolide. **15** UHezekhiya wasemnika sonke isiliva esatholakala endlini kaJehova lenothweni yendlu yenkoski. **16** Ngalesosikhathi uHezekhiya waquma igolide ezivalweni zethempeli leNkosi, lemigubazini uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ayekunamathisele, walinika inkosi yeAsiriya. **17** Inkosi yeAsiriya yasithuma uTharithani loRabi-Sarisi loRabi-Shake besuka eLakishi besiya enkosini uHezekhiya belebutho elinzima eJerusalema. Benyuka-ke bafika eJerusalema. Sebenyuke bafika bema emgelweni wechibi eliphezulu, elisemgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu yomwatshi. **18** Sebebize inkosi, kwaphumela kibo uEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya owayengumphathi wendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi umabhalane. **19** URabi-Shake wasesithi kibo: Khulumani khathesi kuHezekhiya: Itsho njalo inkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya ithi: Yisibindi bani lesi, othembela kuso? **20** Uthi, kodwa yilizwi lendebe nje: Kulecebo lamandla empi. Usuthembe bani ukuthi ungiukele? **21** Khangela-ke, wena uthembele odondolweni lomhlanga owephukileyo, oluyiGibhithe, uba umuntu eseysama phezu kwalo, luzangena esandleni sakhe lusihlabe. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yeGibhithe kubo bonke abathembela kuye. **22** Kodwa uba lisithi kimi: ENkosini uNkulunkulu wethu siyathemba; angithi

yiyo elezindawo zayo eziphakemeyo lamalathi ayo uHezekhiya awasusileyo, wathi kuJuda leJerusalema: Phambi kwalelilathi lizakhonza eJerusalema? **23** Ngakho-ke, akunike isibambiso enkosini yami, inkosi yeAsiriya, njalo ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili, uba wena ulakho ukunika abagadi bawo. **24** Pho, uzabuyisela emuva njani ubuso benduna eyodwa yabancinyane nje benceku zenkosi yami; wena-ke uthembele eGibhithe ngezingola labagadi bamabhiza? **25** Kambe ngenyukile yini ukumelana lalindawo ngingelaJehova ukuyichitha? UJehova uthé kimi: Yenyuka umelane lalelilizwe, ulichithe. **26** UEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya loShebina loJowa basebesithi kuRabi-Shake: Akukhulume lenceku zakho ngesiSiriya, ngoba siyasizwa; ungakhulumi lathi ngesiJuda endlebeni zabantu abasemdlini. **27** Kodwa uRabi-Shake wathi kubo: Inkosi yami ingithumile yini enkosini yakho lakuwe ukukhuluma lamazwi? Kakusebantwini yini abahlezi phezu komduli ukuze badle ubulongwe babo, banathe umchamo wabo kanye lani? **28** URabi-Shake wasesima wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda, wakhuluma esithi: Zwanini ilizwi lenkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya. **29** Itsho njalo inkosi: UHezekhiya kanganikhohli, ngoba kayikuba lakho ukulikhulula esandleni sayo. **30** Njalo uHezekhiya angalenzi lithembele eNkosini esithi: INkosi izasikhulula lokusikhulula, lalumuzi kawuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya. **31** Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya, ngoba itsho njalo inkosi yeAsiriya: Yenzani isivumelwano sokuthula lami, liphume lize kimi; dlanini-ke, ngulowo lalowo okwevini lakhe langulowo lalowo okomkhiwa wakhe, linathe, ngulowo lalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe; **32** ngize ngifike ngilithathe ngilise elizweni elifanana lelizwe lakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini

elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini, ilizwe lamafutha emihlwathi loluju, ukuze liphile lingafi. Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya ngoba eliyenga esithi: INkosi izasikhulula. **33** Onkulunkulu bezizwe sebake bawakhulula yini ngulowo lalowo ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya? **34** Bangaphi onkulunkulu beHamathi leArpadi? Bangaphi onkulunkulu beSefavayimi, beHena, lelva? Kambe bayikhulule yini iSamariya esandleni sami? **35** Ngobani kubo bonke onkulunkulu balawomazwe abakhulule ilizwe labo esandleni sami, ukuthi iNkosi ikhulule iJerusalema esandleni sami? **36** Kodwa abantu bathula, kabaze bamphendula lalizwi, ngoba umlayo wenkosi wawuyikuthi: Lingamphenduli. **37** UEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya owayengumphathi wendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi umabhalane, basebesiza kuHezekhiya izigqoko zidatshuliwe, bamtshela amazwi kaRabi-Shake.

19 Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi uHezekhiya isizwile, yadabula izigqoko zayo, yazembesa ngesaka, yangena endlini yeNkosi. **2** Yasithuma uEliyakhimi owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umabhalane, labadala babapristi, bembeswe ngamasaka kulsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi. **3** Basebesithi kuye: Utsho njalo uHezekhiya: Lolosuku lusuku lohlupho lolokusolwa lolokweyiswa; ngoba abantwana sebefikile emlonyeni wesizalo, kanti kakulamandla okubeletha. **4** Mhlawumbe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakuzwa wonke amazwi kaRabi-Shake, inkosi yeAsiriya inkosi yakhe eyamthumayo, ukuthi aklolodele uNkulunkulu ophilayo; njalo izasola amazwi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ewezwileyo: Ngakho phakamiselani insali etholakeleyo umkhuleko. **5** Izinceku zenkosi uHezekhiya zasezifika kulsaya. **6** Ulsaya wasesithi kuzo: Lizakutsho njalo enkosini yenu:

Utsho njalo uJehova: Un gesabi amazwi owezwileyo inceku zenkosi yeAsiriya ezingithuke ngawo. **7** Khangela, ngizafaka umoya kuyo, njalo izakuzwa ihungahunga, ibuye lelizweni layo; ngizayenza ukuthi iwe ngenkemba elizweni layo. **8** URabi-Shake wasebuyela, wafica inkosi yeAsiriya isilwa imelene leLibhina; ngoba wayezwile ukuthi isisukile eLakishi. **9** Kwathi isizwa ngoTirihaka inkosi yeEthiyophiya kuthiwa: Khangela, uphumile ukuyakulwa emelene lawe, yabuya yathuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya, isithi: **10** Lizakhulumu kanje kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lithi: UNkulunkulu wakho omthembileyo kangakukhohlisi esithi: IJerusalema kayiyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya. **11** Khangela, wena usuzwile ukuthi amakhosi eAsiriya enzeni kuwo wonke amazwe, ngokuwatshabalalisa. Wena-ke uzakhululwa yini? **12** Onkulunkulu bezizwe bazikhululile yini, obaba abazichithayo, iGozani leHarani leRezefi labantwana bakaEdeni ababeseTelasari? **13** Ingaphi inkosi yeHamathi, lenkosi yeArpadi, lenkosi yomuzi weSefavayimi, iHena, lelva? **14** UHezekhiya waseyemukela incwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wayibala, wasesenyukela endlini yeNkosi, uHezekhiya wayichaya phambi kweNkosi. **15** UHezekhiya wasekhuleka phambi kweNkosi, wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ohlala phakathi kwamakherubhi, wena unguNkulunkulu, wena wedwa, wayo yonke imibuso yomhlaba; wena wenze amazulu lomhlaba. **16** Nkosi, thoba indlebe yakho, uzwe, Nkosi, vula amehlo akho, ubone; uzwe amazwi kaSenakheribi amthume ngawo ukuklolodela uNkulunkulu ophilayo. **17** Qiniso, Nkosi, amakhosi eAsiriya azichithile izizwe lelizwe lazo, **18** aphosela onkulunkulu bazo emlilweni; ngoba babengeyisibo onkulunkulu, kodwa umsebenzi wezandla zabantu, izigodo lamatshe; ngakho

bababhubhisa. **19** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, ngicela usisindise esandleni sakhe, ukuze yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu, wena wedwa. **20** Ulsaya indodana kaAmozi wasethumela kuHezekhiya esithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli: Lokho okukhuleke kimi mayelana loSenakheribi inkosi yeAsirya ngikuzwile. **21** Yileli ilizwi iNkosi elikhulume mayelana laye: Intombi emsulwa, indodakazi yeZiyoni, iyakudelela, iyakuklolodela; indodakazi yeJerusalema inikina ikhanda ngemva kwakho. **22** Ngubani omeysisileyo wamhlambaza? Njalo uphakamisele bani ilizwi, waphakamisela amehlo akho phezulu? Umelene loNgcwele kalsrayeli. **23** Ngesandla sezithunywa zakho uyeyisile iNkosi, wathi: Ngobunengi bezinqola zami ngenyuke indawo ephezulu yezintaba, inhlangothi zeLebhanoni. Ngizagamula imisedari yayo emide, lamafiri ayo akhethekileyo. Ngizangena endaweni yokuhlala yamaphethelo ayo, igusu eliminyeneyo. **24** Mina ngagebha nganatha amanzi angaziwayo, langengaphansi yenyawo zami ngomisa yonke imifula yezindawo ezivinjelweyo. **25** Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi ngakwenza endulo, ngakubumba ensukwini zendulo. Khathesi ngikufikisile, ukuthi ube ngowokudiliza imizi evikelweyo ibe zinqumbi zamanxiwa. **26** Ngakho abahlali bayo babelesandla esifitshane, besaba babe lenhloni, baba njengotshani beganga lemibhida eluhlaza, utshani bempahla, lamabele ahanguliweyo engakami. **27** Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuhlala kwakho lokuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho lokungithukuthelela kwakho. **28** Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho, lokuthi umsindo wakho wenyukele endlebeni zami, ngizafaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho, letomu lami endebeni zakho, ngikwenze ubuyele ngendlela oweza

ngayo. **29** Lokhu-ke kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe; lonyaka uzakudla okuzikhulelalo, langomnyaka wesibili umkhukhuzela, kuthi ngomnyaka wesithathu lihlanyele livune, lihlanyele izivini lidle izithelo zazo. **30** Lokuphephileyo kwendlu yakoJuda okuseleyo kuzaphinda kugxumeke impande phansi, kuthele izithelo ngaphezelu. **31** Ngoba kuzaphuma eJerusalema insali, lokuphephileyo entaben yeZiyoni. Uku^tshiseka kweNkosi yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu. **32** Ngakho utsho njalo uJehova ngenkosi yeAsiriya: Kayiyikungena kulumuzi, kayiyikutshoka umtshoko khona, kayiyikuza phambi kwawo ilesihlangu, kayiyikubuthelela idundulu maqondana lawo. **33** Ngendlela eyeza ngayo, ngayo izabuyela, kayiyikungena kulo umuzi, itsho iNkosi. **34** Ngoba ngizawuvikela lumuzi ukuwusindisa, ngenxa yami, langenxa kaDavida inceku yami. **35** Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku ingilosyeNkosi yaphuma yatshaya enkambeni yamaAsiriya izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu. Lapho bevuka ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, bonke babeyizidumbu ezifileyo. **36** Ngakho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wasuka wahamba wabuyela, wahlala eNineve. **37** Kwasekusithi ekhonza endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, oAdrameleki loSharezeri amadodana akhe bamtshaya ngenkemba, bona baphephela elizweni leArarathi. UEsarihadoni indodana yakhe wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

20 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula okokufa. Ulsaya indodana kaAmozi umprofethi wasefika kuye wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Laya indlu yakho, ngoba uzakufa, kawuyikuphila. **2** Wasephendulela ubuso bakhe emdulini, wakhuleka eNkosini esithi: **3** Ngiyakuncenga Nkosi, ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngobuqotho langenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenza

okulungileyo emehlwani akho. UHezekhiya wasekhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu. **4** Kwasekusithi ulsaya engakaphumi egumeni elingaphakathi, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuye lisithi: **5** Buyela uthi kuHezekhiya umbusi wabantu bami: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyihi: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, ngabona inyembezi zakho; khangela, ngizakusilisa; ngosuku lwesthathu uzakwenyukela endlini yeNkosi. **6** Njalo ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ensukwini zakho; ngikukhulule wena lalumuzi esandleni senkosi yeAsirya; ngiwuvikele lumuzi ngenxa yami langenxa yenceku yami uDavida. **7** Ulsaya wasesithi: Thathani isigaqa somkhiwa. Basebesithatha, basifaka phezu kwethumba, yasisila. **8** UHezekhiya wasesithi kulsaya: Yisiphi isibonakaliso sokuthi iNkosi izangisilisa, lokuthi ngizakwenyukela endlini yeNkosi ngosuku lwesthathu? **9** Ulsaya wasesithi: Lesi yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela eNkosini esokuthi iNkosi izayenza into eyikhulumileyo: Isithunzi sizakuya phambili izinyathelo ezilitshumi, loba siye emuva izinyathelo ezilitshumi yini? **10** UHezekhiya wasesithi: Kulula esithunzini ukuthi selule izinyathelo ezilitshumi; hatshi, kodwa isithunzi kasibuyele emuva izinyathelo ezilitshumi. **11** Ulsaya umprofethi wasekhala eNkosini, yasibuyisela emuva isithunzi, ngezinyathelo esasehle ngazo esikhwelweni sikaAhazi, izinyathelo ezilitshumi emuva. **12** Ngalesosikhathi uMerodaki-Balandani indodana kaBaladani, inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi uHezekhiya ubekade egula. **13** UHezekhiya wabalalela, wabatshengisa yonke indlu yakhe yezinto eziligugu, isiliva legolide lamakha lamafutha amahle lendlu yezikhali zakhe, lakho konke okwakutholakala endlini yakhe yokuligugu; kakulalutho endlini yakhe lembusweni

wonke wakhe uHezekhiya angabatshengisanga lona. **14** Ulsaya umprofethi wasesiza enkosini uHezekhiya wathi kiyo: Batheni lababantu? Futhi bebevela ngaphi besiza kuwe? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Bebevela elizweni elikhathshana, eBhabhiloni. **15** Wasesithi: Baboneni endlini yakho? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Babone konke okusendlini yami; kakulalutho phakathi kokuligugu kwami engingabatshengisanga khona. **16** Ulsaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya: Zwana ilizwi leNkosi. **17** Khangela, insuku ziyenza lapho konke okusendlini yakho lalokho oyihlo abakubekelelayo kuze kube lamuhla kuzathwalelwu eBhabhiloni; kakuyikusala lutho, itsho iNkosi. **18** Njalo bazathatha emadodaneni akho azaphuma kuwe, ozawazala, abe ngabathenwa esigodlwensi senkosi yeBhabhiloni. **19** UHezekhiya wasesithi kulsaya: Lihle ilizwi leNkosi olkhulumileyo. Wasesithi: Kakunjalo yini, uba kuzakuba khona ukuthula lokuvikeleka ensukwini zami? **20** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaHezekhiya, lawo wonke amandla akhe, lokuthi wenza ichibi, lomgelo, wangenisa amanzi phakathi komuzi, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **21** UHezekhiya waselala laboyise. UManase indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

21 UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHefiziba. **2** Wasesenza okubi emehlwensi eNkosi njengokwamanya la ezizwe iNkosi eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **3** Ngoba wabuya wakha indawo eziphakemeyo uyise uHezekhiya ayezichithile, wamisela uBhali amalathi, wenza isixuku, njengokwenza kukaAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli, wakhothamela ibutho lonke lamazulu, walikhonza. **4** Wasesakha amalathi endlini yeNkosi,

iNkosi eyathi ngayo: EJerusalema ngizabeka ibizo lami. **5**
Wasesakhela ibutho lonke lamazulu amalathi emagumeni
womabili endlini yeNkosi. **6** Wasedabulisa indodana yakhe
emlilweni, wachasisa ngemibono, wenza imilingo, wasebenza
labalamadlozi labalumbayo. Wenza okubi kakhulu emehlwani
eNkosi ukuyithukuthelisa. **7** Wasemisa isithombe esibaziweyo
sesixuku ayesenzile endlini, iNkosi eyakhulumu ngayo kuDavida
lakuSolomoni indodana yakhe yathi: Kulindlu, leJerusalema
engiyikhetho kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli, ngizabeka
ibizo lami kuze kube nininini. **8** Kangisayikuzulisa unyawo
lukalsrayeli lumphume futhi elizweni engalinika oyise, kuphela uba
bezananzelela ukwenza njengakho konke engabalaya khona
langokomlayo wonke inceku yami uMozisi eyabalaya wona. **9**
Kodwa kabalalelanga; uManase wasebaphambukisa ukuthi benze
okubi okwedlula izizwe iNkosi eyazichitha phambi kwabantwana
bakolsrayeli. **10** INkosi yasikhulumu ngezincku zayo abaprofethi
isithi: **11** Ngenxa yokuthi uManase inkosi yakoJuda wenzile
lamanya, wenze okubi okwedlula konke amaAmori akwenzayo,
ayephambi kwakhe, wonisa loJuda ngezithombe zakhe. **12**
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangela,
ngiletha okubi phezu kweJerusalema loJuda kuthi laye wonke
ozwayo indlebe zakhe zombili zizakhenceza ngakho. **13**
Ngizakwelula phezu kweJerusalema intambo yeSamariya,
lentambo yokulinganisa yendlu kaAhabi, ngiyesule iJerusalema
njengowesula umganu, awesule awumbokothe. **14** Njalo
ngizatshiya insali yelifa lami, ngibanikele esandleni sezitha zabo,
babe ngokubanjiveyo lempango kwezitha zabo zonke, **15** ngenxa
yokuthi benzile okubi emehlwani ami, bayangithukuthelisa,
kusukela osukwini oyise abaphuma ngalo eGibhithe ngitsho

kuze kube lamuhla. **16** Futhi-ke uManase uchithile igazi elinengi kakhulu elingelacala waze wayigcwalisa iJerusalema kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni, ngaphandle kwesono sakhe enza ngaso uJuda ukuthi one, ukwenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi. **17** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaManase, lakho konke akwenzayo, lesono sakhe asonayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **18** UManase waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa esivandeni sendlu yakhe, esivandeni sikaUza. UAmori indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **19** UAmori wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka emibili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMeshulemethi indodakazi kaHaruzi weJotiba. **20** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi njengokwenza kukaManase uyise. **21** Wahamba ngendlela yonke uyise ahamba ngayo, wakhonza izithombe uyise azikhonzayo, wakhothama kuzo. **22** Wayidela iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise, kahambanga ngendlela yeNkosi. **23** Izinceku zikaAmoni zasezimenzela ugobe, zabulala inkosi endlini yayo. **24** Kodwa abantu belizwe babatshaya bonke labo ababenzele inkosi uAmori ugobe; abantu belizwe basebebeka uJosiya indodana yakhe ukuba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **25** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmoni azenzayo kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **26** Wasengcwatshelwa engcwabeni lakhe esivandeni sikaUza. UJosiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

22 UJosiya wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJedida indodakazi kaAdaya weBhozikath. **2** Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlwani

eNkosi, wahamba ngayo yonke indlela kaDavida uyise,
kaze aphambukela ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo. 3
Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi
uJosiya, inkosi yathuma uShafani indodana kaAzaliya indodana
kaMeshulamu, umabhalane, endlini yeNkosi, esithi: 4
Yenyukela kuHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu ukuthi ahlanganise
imali elethwe endlini yeNkosi, abalindi bombundu womnyango
ababeyiqoqe ebantwini. 5 Kabayinikele esandleni sabenzi
bomsebenzi abamiswe phezu kwendlu yeNkosi, kabayinike
abenzi bomsebenzi osendlini yeNkosi, ukulungisa izikhala
zendlu, 6 kubabazi, lakubakhi, lakubabazi bamatshe, lokuthenga
amapulanka lamatshe abaziwego ukulungisa indlu. 7 Kodwa
akubalelwananga labo imali eyayinkelwe esandleni sabo ngoba
benza ngokuthembeka. 8 UHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu wasesithi
kuShafani umabhalane: Sengifice ugwalo lomlayo endlini
yeNkosi. UHilikhiya wasenika uShafani ugwalo, waselufunda.
9 UShafani umabhalane wasefika enkosini, wabuyisela ilizwi
enkosini wathi: Izinceku zakho seziyithulule imali eficwe
endlini, zayinikela esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi abamiswe
phezu kwendlu yeNkosi. 10 UShafani umabhalane wasebika
enkosini esithi: UHilikhiya umpristi unginike ugwalo. UShafani
waselufunda phambi kwenkosi. 11 Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile
amazwi ogwalo lomlayo, yadabula izigqoko zayo. 12 Inkosi
yasilaya uHilikhiya umpristi loAhikhamu indodana kaShafani
loAkhibbori indodana kaMikhaya loShafani umabhalane loAsaya
inceku yenkosi, isithi: 13 Hambani liyengibuzela eNkosini
mina labantu loJuda wonke mayelana lamazwi alolugwalo
oluficiwego; ngoba yinkulu intukuthelo yeNkosi esesiyyibaselwe,
ngoba obaba kabawalalelanga amazwi alolugwalo, ukwenza

konke okubhaliweyo mayelana lathi. **14** Ngakho uHilikhiya umpristi loAhikhamu loAkhibhori loShafani loAsaya baya kuHulida umprofethikazi umkaShaluma indodana kaTikiva indodana kaHarihasi, umgcini weziggoko. Wayehlala-ke eJerusalema esiGabeni seSibili. Basebekhuluma laye. **15** Wasesithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Mtsheleni lowomuntu olithume kimi: **16** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakwehlisela okubi kulindawo laphezu kwabakhileyo bayo, wonke amazwi ogwalo inkosi yakoJuda elufundileyo. **17** Ngenxa yokuthi bangidelile, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, ukuze bangithukuthelise ngawo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zabo. Ngakho intukuthelo yami izavutha imelene lale indawo, ingacitshwa. **18** Kodwa enkosini yakoJuda elithumileyo ukuba za eNkosini, lizakutsho njalo kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Mayelana lamazwi eliwezwileyo: **19** Ngoba inhliziyo yakho ibithambile, wazithoba phambi kweNkosi, lapho usizwa engikukhulume ngimelene lalindawo labakhileyo bayo, ukuthi bazakuba yincithakalo lesiqalekiso, wadabula iziggoko zakho, wakhala inyembezi phambi kwami, lami-ke ngizwile, kutsho iNkosi. **20** Ngakho, khangela, ngizakubuthela kuboyihlo, njalo uzabuthelwa engcwabeni lakho ngokuthula, lamehlo akho kawayikubona bonke ububi engizabehlisela phezu kwalindawo. Basebebuiyisela ilizwi enkosini.

23 Inkosi yasithumela, basebebuthanisa kuye bonke abadala bakoJuda labeJerusalema. **2** Inkosi yasisenyukela endlini kaJehova, lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema kanye laye, labapristi labaprofethi, labo bonke abantu kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, yasifunda endlebeni zabo wonke amazwi ogwalo Iwesivumelwano

olwaficwa endlini yeNkosi. **3** Inkosi yema-ke ngasensikeni, yenza isivumelwano phambi kweNkosi, sokuhamba emva kweNkosi, lokugcina imilayo yayo lemithetho yayo lezimiso zayo ngenhlizyo yonke langomphefumulo wonke, ukuqinisa amazwi alesisivumelwano abhaliweyo kulolugwalo. Bonke abantu basebesima esivumelwaneni. **4** Inkosi yasilaya uHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu labapristi besigaba sesibili labalindi bombundu womnyango ukuthi bakhuphe ethempelini leNkosi zonke izitsha ezazenzelwe uBhali lesixuku lebutho lonke lamazulu, wazitshisela ngaphandle kweJerusalema eziqintini zeKidroni, wathwalela umlotha wazo eBhetheli. **5** Wasesusa abapristi bezithombe amakhosi akoJuda ayebabekile ukuthi batshise impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo, emizini yakoJuda, lendawo ezizingelezele iJerusalema, lalabo ababetshisa impepha kuBhali, elangeni, lenyangeni, lezinkanyezini, lebuthweni lonke lamazulu. **6** Wakhupha isixuku endlini yeNkosi, ngaphandle kweJerusalema, wasisa esifuleni iKidroni, wasitshisa esifuleni iKidroni, wasichola saba luthuli, waphosela uthuli lwaso emangcwabenaiabantwana babantu. **7** Wadiliza izindlu zezinkotshana ezazingasendlini yeNkosi lapho abesifazana ababeselukela khona amaveyili esixuku. **8** Wakhupha bonke abapristi emizini yakoJuda, wangcolisa indawo eziphakemeyo lapho abapristi ababetshisela khona impepha, kusukela eGeba kusiya eBherishebha. Wadiliza indawo eziphakemeyo zamasango ezisekungeneni kwesango likaJoshua umbusi womuzi, ezazingakwesokhohlo somuntu esangweni lomuzi. **9** Loba kunjalo abapristi bendawo eziphakemeyo kabenyukelanga elathini leNkosi eJerusalema, kodwa badla izinkwa ezingelamvubelo phakathi kwabafowabo. **10** Wasengcolisa iTofethi elisesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu

ukuze kungabi khona umuntu odabulisa indodana yakhe kumbe indodakazi yakhe emlilweni kuMoleki. **11** Wasesusa amabhiza amakhosi akoJuda ayewanikele elangeni ekungeneni kwendlu yeNkosi, ngasekamelweni likaNathani-Meleki umthenwa elalisekhulusini, wazitshisa inqola zelanga ngomlilo. **12** Lamalathi ayesephahleni Iwendlu kaAhazi engaphezulu awenzayo amakhosi akaJuda, lamalathi uManase ayewenzile emagumeni womibili endlu yeNkosi, inkosi yawadiliza yawachoboza iwasusa lapho, yaluphosela uthuli Iwawo esifuleni iKidroni. **13** Lendawo eziphakemeyo, ezaziphambi kweJerusalema, ezazingakwesokunene sentaba yokubola, uSolomoni inkosi yakolsrayeli eyayizakhele uAshitarothi isinengiso samaSidoni, loKemoshi isinengiso samaMowabi, loMilkomu isinengiso sabantwana bakoAmoni, inkosi yazingcolisa. **14** Wasephahlaza insika eziyizithombe, wagamula izixuku, wagcwalisa izindawo zazo ngamathambo abantu. **15** Lelathi lalo elaliseBhetheli, lendawo ephakemeyo, ayenzayo uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza ulsrayeli ukuthi one, kokubili lelolathi lendawo ephakemeyo wakudiliza, watshisa indawo ephakemeyo, wayichoboza yaba luthuli, watshisa isixuku. **16** Lapho uJosiya ephenduka wabona amangcwaba ayelapho entaben, wathuma wasekhupha amathambo emangcwaben, wawatshisela phezu kwelathi, walingcolisa, njengelizwi leNkosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayelimemezele, owamemezelamazwi. **17** Wasesithi: Yisikhumbuzo sani lesiyana engisibonayo? Abantu bomuzi basebesithi kuye: Lingcwaba lomuntu kaNkulunkulu owavela koJuda wamemezelalezizinto ozenzileyo umelene lelathi leBhetheli. **18** Wasesithi: Myekeleni, kakungabi lamuntu othinta amathambo akhe. Basebewayekela amathambo akhe

kanye lamathambo omprofethi owavela eSamariya. **19** Njalo lazo zonke izindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezisemizini yeSamariya, amakhosi akolsrayeli ayezenzile ukuthukuthelisa, uJosiya wazisusa, wenza kizo njengayo yonke imisebenzi ayezenze eBhetheli. **20** Wasebulala bonke abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo, ababekhonapho, phezu kwamalathi, watshisa amathambo abantu phezu kwawo. Wasebuyela eJerusalema. **21** Inkosi yasilaya bonke abantu isithi: Gcinani iphasika eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu, njengalokhu kubhaliwe kulolugwalo lwesivumelwano. **22** Ngoba kwakungagcinwanga elinjengaleli iphasika kusukela ensukwini zabehluleli abehlulela ulsrayeli, kumbe kuzo zonke izinsuku zamakhosi akolsrayeli, kumbe zamakhosi akoJuda. **23** Kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi uJosiya lagcinwa leliphasika eNkosini eJerusalema. **24** Ngaphezu kwalokho-ke abalamadlozi, labalumbayo, lamatherafi, lezithombe, lawo wonke amanyala abonakala elizweni lakoJuda leJerusalema, uJosiya wakususa, ukuze aqinise amazwi omlayo ayebhalwe ogwalweni uHilikhiya umpristi alufica endlini yeNkosi. **25** Langaphambi kwakhe kakubanga khona inkosi eyafanana laye eyaphendukela eNkosini ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomphefumulo wayo wonke langamandla ayo wonke, njengokomlayo wonke kaMozisi. Futhi emva kwakhe kakuvvelanga eyafanana laye. **26** Kanti iNkosi kayiphendukanga ekuvutheni kolaka lwayo olukhulu, olaka lwayo eyavuthela ngalo uJuda, ngenxa yazo zonke intukutheliso uManase ayithukuthelisa ngazo. **27** INkosi yasisithi: Ngizamsusa loJuda phambi kwami, njengoba ngasusa ulsrayeli, ngiwlahle lumuzi weJerusalema engawukhethayo, lendlu engathi ngayo: Ibizo lami lizakuba lapho. **28** Ezinye-ke zezindaba

zikaJosiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **29** Ensukwini zakhe uFaro Neko inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana lenkosi yeAsiriya emfuleni iYufrathi. Inkosi uJosiya yasisiyahlangabezana laye; wayibulalela eMegido eseyibonile. **30** Inceku zakhe zasezimthwala efile ngenqola, zisuka eMegido, zamusa eJerusalema, zamngcwaba engcwabeni lakhe. Abantu belizwe basebethatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya, bamgcoba, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise. **31** UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa inyanga ezintathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya weLibhina. **32** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi njengakho konke oyise abakwenzayo. **33** UFaro Neko wasembopha eRibila elizweni leHamathi ukuthi angabusi eJerusalema, wahlawulisa ilizwe amathalenta esiliva alikhulu lethalenta legolide. **34** UFaro Neko wasebeka uEliyakhimi indodana kaJosiya ukuthi abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, waphendula ibizo lakhe wathi nguJehoyakhimi. Wasethatha uJehowahazi; wasesiza eGibhithe, wafela khona. **35** UJehoyakhimi wasemnika uFaro isiliva legolide, kodwa wathelisa ilizwe ukuze anike leyomali njengokomlayo kaFaro. Wakhuphisa abantu belizwe isiliva legolide, ngulowo lalovo ngokomthelo wakhe, yokunika uFaro Neko. **36** UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlalu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZebida indodakazi kaPhedaya weRuma. **37** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi njengakho konke oyise abakwenzayo.

24 Ngensuku zakhe uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wenyuka, njalo uJehoyakhimi waba yisikhonzi sakhe iminyaka emithathu; wasephenduka wamvukela. **2** Inkosi yasithuma ukumelana laye amaviyo amaKhaladiya lamaviyo amaSiriya lamaviyo amaMowabi lamaviyo abantwana bakoAmoni, yasiwathuma ukumelana loJuda ukumchitha, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla sezinceku zayo abaprofethi. **3** Sibili ngokomlayo weNkosi lokho kwehlela koJuda ukubasusa ebusweni bayo ngenxa yezono zikaManase, njengakho konke akwenzayo, **4** njalo langegazi elingelacala alichithayo; ngoba wagcwalisa iJerusalema ngegazi elingelacala, iNkosi engavumanga ukulithethelela. **5** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoyakhimi, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **6** UJehoyakhimi waselala laboyise. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **7** Inkosi yeGibhithe kayisaphindanga futhi ukuphuma elizweni layo, ngoba inkosi yeBhabhiloni yayithethe kusukela emfuleni weGibhithe kusiya emfuleni iYufrathi, konke okwakungokwenkosi yeGibhithe. **8** UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesificaminwembili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa inyanga ezintathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguNehushita indodakazi kaElinathani weJerusalema. **9** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukayise. **10** Ngalesosikhathi izincku zikaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni zenyukela eJerusalema, umuzi wasungena ekuvinjezelweni. **11** UNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wasefika wamelana lomuzi, izincku zakhe zisawuvimbezela. **12** UJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda wasephuma waya enkosini yeBhabhiloni, yena lonina lenceku zakhe lenduna zakhe

labathenwa bakhe. Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasimthatha ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe. **13** Yasikhupha lapho wonke amagugu endlu kaJehova lamagugu endlu yenkosi; yaquma zonke izitsha zegolide uSolomoni inkosi yakolsrayeli ayezenzile ethempelini likaJehova, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **14** Yasithumba iJerusalema yonke, leziphathamandla zonke, lawo wonke amaqhawe alamandla, abathunjwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lazo zonke ingcitshi zemisebenzi labakhandi; kakusalanga loyedwa ngaphandle kwabantukazana ebantwini belizwe. **15** Yasimthumbela uJehoyakhini eBhabhiloni; lonina wenkosi, lamakhosikazi enkosi, labathenwa bakhe, lamaqhawe elizwe, yabathumbela eBhabhiloni besuka eJerusalema. **16** Lawo wonke amadoda angamaqhawe, azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lezingcitshi zemisebenzi labakhandi, abayinkulungwane, bonke abaqinileyo abangaphuma impi, inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibaletha bengabathunjwa eBhabhiloni. **17** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibeka uMathaniya uyise omncinyane ukuba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe, yaguqula ibizo lakhe yathi nguZedekhiya. **18** UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHamutali indodakazi kaJeremiya weLibhina. **19** Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukaJehoyakhimi. **20** Ngoba ngenxa yentukuthelo yeNkosi lokhu kwenzeka eJerusalema lakoJuda yaze yabaxotsha phambi kwayo. UZedekhiya waseyivukela inkosi yeBhabhiloni.

25 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wafika, yena lebutho

lakhe lonke emelene leJerusalema, wamisa inkamba maqondana
layo; bayakhela imiduli yokuvimbezela emelene layo inhlangothi
zonke. **2** Umuzi wangena ekuvinjezelweni kwaze kwaba
ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye wenkosi uZedekhiya. **3**
Ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga yesine indlala yasisiba
lamandla phakathi komuzi, njalo kwakungelakudla kwabantu
belizwe. **4** Umuzi wasufohlelwa. Wonke amadoda empi
asebaleka ebusuku ngendlela yesango phakathi kwemiduli emibili
eyayiseduze lesivande senkosi, (amaKhaladiya ayemelene-
ke lomuzi inhlangothi zonke); inkosi yasihamba ngendlela
yamagceke. **5** Ibutho lamaKhaladiya laselixotshana lenkosi,
layifica emagcekeni eJeriko; ibutho layo lonke laselihlakazeka
lisuka kuyo. **6** Aseyibamba inkosi, ayeniyusela enkosini
yeBhabhiloni eRibila, akhuluma ukwahlulela kwayo. **7** Abulala
amadodana kaZedekhiya phambi kwamehlo akhe, akhupha
amehlo kaZedekhiya, ambopha ngamaketane ethusi amabili,
amusu eBhabhiloni. **8** Langenyanga yesihlanu ngolwesikhombisa
lwenyanga (okungumnyaka wetshumi lesificamunwemunye
wenkosi uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni) kwafika
uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, inceku yenkosi yeBhabhiloni,
eJerusalema. **9** Wasetshisa indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi lazo
zonke izindlu zeJerusalema; layo yonke indlu yesikhulu wayitshisa
ngomlilo. **10** Lebutho lonke lamaKhaladiya elalilenduna yabalindi
ladilizela phansi imiduli yeJerusalema inhlangothi zonke. **11** Njalo
insali yabantu ababesele emzini, labahlamuki ababehlamukele
enkosini yeBhabhiloni, lensali yexuku, uNebuzaradani induna
yabalindi yabathumba. **12** Kodwa induna yabalindi yatshiya
ebayangeni belizwe ukuba ngabaphathi bezivini labalimi. **13**
Lensika zethusi ezazisendlini yeNkosi, lezisekelo, lolwandle

Iwethusi olwalusendlini yeNkosi, amaKhaladiya akuphahlaza, athwalela ithusi lakho eBhabhiloni. **14** Lezimbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lenkezo, lezitsha zonke zethusi, abasebenza ngazo, akuthatha. **15** Lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo lemiganu yokufafaza, okwakuligolide golide lokwakuyisiliva siliva, induna yabalindi yakuthatha. **16** Insika zombili, ulwandle olulodwa, lezisekelo, uSolomoni ayekwenzele indlu yeNkosi, ithusi lazo zonke lezizitsha lalingelakulinganisa ngesisindo. **17** Ubude bensika eyodwa babuzingalo ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lesiduku phezu kwayo sasilithusi, lokuphakama kwesiduku kuzingalo ezintathu, lomsebenzi ophothiweyo, lamapomegranati phezu kwesiduku inhlangothi zonke, konke kungokwethusi. Lensika yesibili yayilokunje, ilomsebenzi ophothiweyo. **18** Induna yabalindi yasithatha uSeraya umpristi oyinhloko loZefaniya umpristi wesibili, labalindi bombundu womnyango abathathu. **19** Lemzini yasithatha induna eyayimiswe phezu kwamadoda empi, lamadoda amahlanu ayesebusweni benkosi ayeficwe emzini, lomabhalane omkhulu webutho eyayibuthela abantu belizwe emabuthweni, lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha abantu belizwe ayeficwe phakathi komuzi. **20** UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasebathatha laba wabasa enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila. **21** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibatshaya yababulalela eRibila elizweni leHamathi. Ngokunjalo uJuda wathunjwa esuswa elizweni lakhe. **22** Abantu abasalake elizweni lakoJuda, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni owayebatshiyle, wabeka phezu kwabo uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani. **23** Kwathi zonke induna zamabutho, zona labantu bazo, sezizwile ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni ibeke uGedaliya abe ngumbusi, zeza kuGedaliya eMizipa: Ngitsho olshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya loJohanani

indodana kaKareya loSeraya indodana kaTanihumethi umNetofa
loJahazaniya indodana yomMahakathi, zona labantu bazo.

24 UGedaliya wasefunga kuzo lakubantu bazo wathi kuzo:
Lingesabi ukuba zinceku zamaKhaladiya; hlalani elizweni,
likhonze inkosi yeBhabhiloni, njalo kuzakuba kuhle kini. **25** Kodwa
kwathi ngenyanga yesikhombisa, kwafika ulshmayeli indodana
kaNethaniya indodana kaElishama, owenzalo yesikhosini,
lamadoda alitshumi elaye, basebemtshaya uGedaliya waze wafa,
lamaJuda lamaKhaladiya ayelaye eMizipa. **26** Abantu bonke-ke,
kusukela komncinyane kuze kuye komkhulu, lenduna zamabutho,
basebesuka baya eGibhithe, ngoba besaba amaKhaladiya. **27**
Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa
wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga
yetshumi lambili, ngolwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa
lwenyanga, uEvili Merodaki inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka aba
yinkosi ngawo, waphakamisa ikhanda likaJehoyakhini inkosi
yakoJuda emkhupha entolongweni. **28** Wasekhulumka kuhle laye,
wamisa isihlalo sakhe sobukhosiphezu kwesihlalo sobukhosiphezu
samakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. **29** Wasentshintsha izigqoko
zokubotshwa kwakhe; wasesidla isinkwa njalonjalo phambi
kwakhe insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. **30** Lesabelo esimiyo,
isabelo esimiyo esiqhubekayo sanikwa yena yinkosi, into yosuku
ngosuku lwayo, zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe.

1 Imilando

1 UAdamu, uSeti, uEnosi, **2** uKenani, uMahalaleli, uJaredi,
3 uEnoki, uMethusela, uLameki, **4** uNowa, uShemu, uHamu,
loJafethi. **5** Amadodana kaJafethi: OGomeri loMagogi loMadayi
loJavani loThubhali loMesheki loTirasi. **6** Lamadodana kaGomeri:
OAshikenazi loRifathi loTogarma. **7** Lamadodana kaJavani:
OElisha loTarshishi, amaKiti lamaDodani. **8** Amadodana kaHamu:
OKushi loMizirayimi, uPuti loKhanani. **9** Lamadodana kaKushi:
OSeba loHavila loSabitha loRahama loSabitheka. Lamadodana
kaRahama: OShebha loDedani. **10** UKushi wasezala uNimrodi;
yena waqala ukuba liqhawe emhlabeni. **11** UMizirayimi wasezala
amaLudi lamaAnami lamaLehabi lamaNafethuhi **12** lamaPatrusi
lamaKaseluhu (okwaphuma kiwo amaFilisti), lamaKafitori. **13**
UKhanani wasezala uSidoni izibulo lakhe, loHethi, **14** lomJebusi
lomAmori lomGirigashi **15** lomHivi lomArki lomSini **16** lomArvadi
lomZemari lomHamathi. **17** Amadodana kaShemu: OElamu
loAshuri loArpakishadi loLudi loAramu loUzi loHuli loGetheri
loMesheki. **18** UArpakishadi wasezala uShela; uShela wasezala
uEberi. **19** UEberi wasezalelw amadodana amabili. Ibizo lenye
lalinguPelegi, ngoba ensukwini zayo umhlaba wadatshulwa;
lebizo lomfowabo lalinguJokithani. **20** UJokithani wasezala
oAlimodadi loShelefhi loHazamavethi loJera **21** loHadoramu
loUzali loDikila **22** loEbhali loAbhimayeli loShebha **23** loOfiri
loHavila loJobabi. Bonke labo babengamadodana kaJokithani.
24 UShemu, uArpakishadi, uShela, **25** uEberi, uPelegi, uRewu,
26 uSerugi, uNahori, uTera, **27** uAbrama; onguAbrahama.
28 Amadodana kaAbrahama: Olsaka lolshmayeli. **29** Laba
yizizukulwana zabo: Izibulo likalshmayeli, uNebayothi, loKedari,
loAdibeli, loMibisama, **30** uMishima, loDuma, uMasa, uHadadi,

IoTema, **31** uJeturi, uNafishi, IoKedema; la ngamadodana kalshmayeli. **32** Njalo amadodana kaKetura, umfazi omncinyane kaAbrahama: Wazala oZimrani loJokishani loMedani loMidiyani lolshibaki IoShuwa. Amadodana-ke kaJokishani: OShebha IoDedani. **33** Lamadodana kaMidiyani: OEfa IoEferi IoHanoki loAbida IoElidaha. Bonke laba ngamadodana kaKetura. **34** UAbrahama wasezala ulsaka. Amadodana kalsaka: OEsawu lolsrayeli. **35** Amadodana kaEsawu: OElifazi, uRehuweli, loJewushi, loJalamu, loKora. **36** Amadodana kaElifazi: OThemani, loOmari, uZefi, loGatama, uKenazi, loTimina, loAmaleki. **37** Amadodana kaRehuweli: ONahathi, uZera, uShama, IoMiza. **38** Lamadodana kaSeyiri: OLotani IoShobhali IoZibeyoni loAna loDishoni loEzeri loDishani. **39** Lamadodana kaLotani: OHori IoHomama; Iodadewabo kaLotani wayenguTimina. **40** Amadodana kaShobhali: OAliyani, IoManahathi, IoEbhali, uShefi, loOnama. Lamadodana kaZibeyoni: OAya IoAna. **41** Amadodana kaAna: UDishoni. Lamadodana kaDishoni: OHamrani IoEshibhani IoJitirani IoKerani. **42** Amadodana kaEzeri: OBilihani IoZahavana, uJahakhani. Amadodana kaDishani: OUzi IoArani. **43** Njalo la ngamakhosi abusa elizweni leEdoma, kungakabusi inkosi phezu kwabantwana bakolsrayeli: UBhela indodana kaBeyori; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiDinihaba. **44** UBhela wasesifa, uJobabi indodana kaZera weBhozira wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **45** UJobabi wasesifa, uHushama owelizweni lamaThemani wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **46** UHushama wasesifa, uHadadi indodana kaBedadi, owatshaya amaMidiyani emagcekeni akoMowabi, wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiAvithi. **47** UHadadi wasesifa, uSamila weMasireka wasesiba

yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **48** USamila wasesifa, uShawuli weRehobothi emfuleni wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

49 UShawuli wasesifa, uBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhibhori wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **50** UBhali-Hanani wasesifa, uHadadi wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiPhayi; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabbeli indodakazi kaMatiredi indodakazi kaMezahabhi. **51** UHadadi wasesifa. Lezinduna zeEdoma zaziylezi: Induna uTimina, induna uAliya, induna uJethethi, **52** induna uAholibama, induna uEla, induna uPinoni, **53** induna uKenazi, induna uThemani, induna uMibhizari, **54** induna uMagidiyeli, induna ulrama; lezi yizinduna zeEdoma.

2 La ngamadodana kalsrayeli: ORubeni, uSimeyoni, uLevi, loJuda, ulsakari, loZebuluni, **2** uDani, uJosefa, loBhenjamini, uNafithali, uGadi, loAsheri. **3** Amadodana kaJuda: OEri loOnani loShela; amathathu wawazalelw yindodakazi kaShuwa umKhananikazi. Kodwa uEri izibulo likaJuda wayemubi emehlweni eNkosi; yasimbulala. **4** UTamari, umalokozana wakhe, wasemzalela uPerezi loZera. Wonke amadodana kaJuda ayemahlanu. **5** Amadodana kaPerezi: OHezironi loHamulii. **6** Njalo amadodana kaZera: OZimri loEthani loHemani loKalikoli loDara; wonke ayemahlanu. **7** Njalo amadodana kaKarimi: UAkari, umhluphi kalsrayeli, owenza isiphambeko ngokuqalekisiweyo. **8** Njalo amadodana kaEthani: UAzariya. **9** Njalo amadodana kaHezironi awazalelwayo: OJerameli loRamu loKalebi. **10** URamu wasezala uAminadaba; uAminadaba wasezala uNahishoni induna yabantwana bakoJuda. **11** UNahishoni wasezala uSalima; uSalima wasezala uBhowazi; **12** uBhowazi wasezala uObedi; uObedi wasezala uJese.

13 UJese wasezala izibulo lakhe uEliyabi, loAbinadaba owesibili, loShimeya owesithathu, **14** uNethaneli owesine, uRadayi owesihlanu, **15** uOzema owesithupha, uDavida owesikhombisa. **16** Odadewabo babengoZeruya loAbigayili. Lamadodana kaZeruya: OAbishayi loJowabi loAsaheli; abathathu. **17** UAbigayili wasezala uAmasa; loyise kaAmasa wayenguJetheri umIshmayeli. **18** UKalebi indodana kaHezironi wasezala kuAzuba umkakhe lakuJeriyothi; lala ngamadodana akhe: OJesheri loShobabi loAridoni. **19** UAzuba esefile uKalebi wazithathela uEfrathi owamzalela uHuri. **20** UHuri wasezala uUri; uUri wasezala uBhezaleli. **21** Emva kwalokho uHezironi wasengena kundodakazi kaMakiri uyise kaGileyadi; wayithatha eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha. Yasimzalela uSegubi. **22** USegubi wasezala uJayiri owayelemizi engamatshumi amabili lantathu elizweni leGileyadi. **23** Wasethatha kibo iGeshuri leAramu kanye lemizana yeJayiri, kanye leKenathi lemizana yayo; imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha. Bonke labo babengamadodana kaMakiri uyise kaGileyadi. **24** Lemva kokufa kukaHezironi eKalebi-Efratha, uAbhiya umkaHezironi wamzalela uAshuri uyise kaThekhowa. **25** Njalo amadodana kaJerameli izibulo likaHezironi ayengoRamu izibulo, loBuna, loOreni, loOzema, uAhiya. **26** UJerameli laye wayelomunye umfazi obizo lakhe lalinguAthara; wayengunina kaOnama. **27** Njalo amadodana kaRamu izibulo likaJerameli ayengoMahazi loJamini loEkeri. **28** Lamadodana kaOnama ayengoShamayi loJada. Lamadodana kaShamayi: ONadabi loAbhishuri. **29** Lebizo lomkaAbhishuri lalinguAbihayili, owamzalela oAhibani loMolidi. **30** Njalo amadodana kaNadabi: OSeledi loAphayimi; kodwa uSeledi wafa engelabantwana. **31** Njalo amadodana

kaAphayimi: Ulshi. Lamadodana kalshi: USheshani. Lamadodana kaSheshani: UAhilayi. **32** Njalo amadodana kaJada umfowabo kaShamayi: OJetheri loJonathani; kodwa uJetheri wafa engelabantwana. **33** Njalo amadodana kaJonathani: OPelethi loZaza. Laba babengabantwana bakaJerameli. **34** Njalo uSheshani wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi; njalo uSheshani wayelenceku, umGibhithe, obizo layo lalinguJariha. **35** USheshani wasenika uJariha inceku yakhe indodakazi yakhe yaba ngumkakhe; yasimzalela uAthayi. **36** UAthayi wasezala uNathani, uNathani wasezala uZabadi, **37** uZabadi wasezala uEfilali, uEfilali wasezala uObedi, **38** uObedi wasezala uJehu, uJehu wasezala uAzariya, **39** uAzariya wasezala uHelezi, uHelezi wasezala uEleyasa, **40** uEleyasa wasezala uSisimayi, uSisimayi wasezala uShaluma, **41** uShaluma wasezala uJekamiya, uJekamiya wasezala uElishama. **42** Njalo amadodana kaKalebi umfowabo kaJerameli: OMesha, izibulo lakhe, onguyise kaZifi, lamadodana kaMaresha uyise kaHebron. **43** Njalo amadodana kaHebron: OKora loTapuwa loRekemi loShema. **44** UShema wasezala uRahama uyise kaJoriskeyamu; uRekemi wasezala uShamayi. **45** Lendodana kaShamayi: UMawoni; loMawoni wayenguyise kaBeti-Zuri. **46** UEfa umfazi omncinyane kaKalebi wasezala oHarani loMoza loGazezi; uHarani wasezala uGazezi. **47** Njalo amadodana kaJahidayi: ORegema loJothamu loGeshani loPeleti loEfa loShahafi. **48** UMahaka umfazi omncinyane kaKalebi wazala oSheberi loTirihana. **49** Wasezala uShahafi uyise kaMadimana, uSheva uyise kaMakibena, loyise kaGibeya. Lendodakazi kaKalebi yayinguAkisa. **50** Laba babengabantwana bakaKalebi, indodana kaHuri, izibulo likaEfratha: OShobhali, uyise kaKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, **51** uSalima uyise kaBhethelohema,

uHarefi uyise kaBeti-Gaderi. **52** UShobhali uyise kaKiryathi-Jeyarimi wayelamadodana: UHarowe, ingxenye yamaMenuhothi.

53 Njalo insendo zikakiryathi-Jeyarimi: Amalthiri lamaPuti lamaShumathi lamaMishrayi; kwaphuma kuwo amaZorathi lamaEshitawoli. **54** Amadodana kaSalima: OBhethelohema, lamaNetofa, uAtarothi, uBeti-Jowabi, lengxenye yamaManahethi, amaZori. **55** Lensendo zababhalil ababehlala eJabezi, amaTirathi, amaShimeyathi, amaSukathi. Labo babengamaKeni avela kuHamathi uyise wendlu kaRekabi.

3 Njalo la ayengamadodana kaDavida awazalelw eHebron: Izibulo nguAmnoni kuAhinowama umJizereyelikazi; eyesibili nguDaniyeli kuAbigayili umKharmelikazi; **2** eyesithathu nguAbisalomu indodana kaMahaka indodakazi kaTalimayi inkosi yeGeshuri; eyesine nguAdonija indodana kaHagithi; **3** eyesihlanu nguShefathiya kuAbithali; eyesithupha ngulthereyamu kuEgila umkakhe. **4** Abayisithupha bazalelw yena eHebron, lapho abusa khona iminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinya eziyisithupha; leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **5** Lalaba bazalelw yena eJerusalema: OShimeya loShobabi loNathani loSolomoni, bobane, kuBathishuwa indodakazi kaAmiyeli; **6** lolbihari loElishama loElifelethi **7** loNoga loNefegi loJafiya **8** loElishama loEliyada loElifelethi, abayisificamunwemunye. **9** Bonke babengamadodana kaDavida, ngaphandle kwamadodana abafazi abancane, loTamari udadewabo. **10** Lendodana kaSolomoni yayinguRehobhowamu, uAbhiya indodana yakhe, uAsa indodana yakhe, uJehoshafathi indodana yakhe, **11** uJoram indodana yakhe, uAhaziya indodana yakhe, uJowashi indodana yakhe, **12** uAmaziya indodana yakhe, uAzariya indodana yakhe, uJothamu indodana yakhe, **13**

uAhazi indodana yakhe, uHezekhiya indodana yakhe, uManase indodana yakhe, **14** uAmoni indodana yakhe, uJosiya indodana yakhe. **15** Njalo amadodana kaJosiya: Izibulo uJohanani, eyesibili uJehoyakhimi, eyesithathu uZedekhiya, eyesine uShaluma. **16** Lamadodana kaJehoyakhimi: UJekoniya indodana yakhe, uZedekhiya indodana yakhe. **17** Njalo amadodana kaJekoniya: UAsiri, uSheyalitiyeli indodana yakhe, **18** loMalikiramu, loPhedaya, loShenazari, uJekamiya, uHoshama, loNedabiya. **19** Njalo amadodana kaPhedaya: OZerubhabheli loShimeyi. Lamadodana kaZerubhabheli: OMeshulamu, loHananiya, loShelomithi udadewabo; **20** loHashuba, loOheli, loBerekiya, loHasadiya, uJushabi-Hesedi, amahlanu. **21** Lamadodana kaHananiya: OPelatiya loJeshaya; amadodana kaRefaya, amadodana kaArinani, amadodana kaObhadiya, amadodana kaShekaniya. **22** Lamadodana kaShekaniya: UShemaya. Lamadodana kaShemaya: OHathushi lolgali loBariya loNeyariya loShafati, ayisithupha. **23** Njalo amadodana kaNeyariya: OEliyohenayi loHizikiya loAzirikamu, amathathu. **24** Njalo amadodana kaEliyohenayi: OHodaviya loEliyashibi loPelaya loAkubi loJohanani loDelaya loAnani, ayisikhombisa.

4 Amadodana kaJuda: OPerezi, uHezironi, loKarmi, loHuri, loShobhali. **2** UReyaya indodana kaShobhali wasezala uJahathi; uJahathi wasezala uAhumayi loLahadi. Laba babezinsendo zamaZorathi. **3** Laba babengabakayise kaEtamu: OJizereyeli lolshma loldibhashi; lebizo likadadewabo lalinguHazeleliponi. **4** LoPenuweli uyise kaGedor, loEzeri uyise kaHusha. Laba babengamadodana kaHuri, izibulo likaEfratha, uyise kaBhethelohema. **5** Njalo uAshuri uyise kaThekhowa wayelabafazi ababili, oHela loNahara. **6** UNahara

wasemzalela uAhuzama loHeferi loTemeni loHahashitari. Laba babengamadodana kaNahara. **7** Lamadodana kaHela: OZerothi lolzohari loEthinani. **8** UKhozi wasezala uAnubi loZobeba, lensendo zikaAhariheli indodana kaHarumi. **9** Njalo uJabezi wayelodumo kulabafowabo; unina wasemutha ibizo wathi nguJabezi, esithi: Ngoba ngamzala ngisosizini. **10** UJabezi wasebiza uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli esithi: Kungathi ungangibusisa lokungibusisa, uqhelise umngcele wami, lesandla sakho sibe lami, ungivikele ebubini ukuze bungangidabuli! UNkulunkulu wenza kwenzakala lokho akucelayo. **11** UKelubi umfowabo kaShuha wasezala uMehiri, onguyise kaEshitoni. **12** UEshitoni wasezala uBeti-Rafa loPhaseya loTehina uyise kalri-Nahashi. Laba babengabantu bakaReka. **13** Lamadodana kaKenazi: O-Othiniyeli loSeraya. Lamadodana kaOthiniyeli: UHathathi. **14** UMeyonothayi wasezala uOfira. USeraya wasezala uJowabi uyise wesigodi seHarashi, ngoba babezingcitshi. **15** Lamadodana kaKalebi indodana kaJefune: Olru, uEla, loNahamu; lamadodana kaEla, ngitsho uKenazi. **16** Lamadodana kaJehaleleli: OZifi, loZifa, uTiriy, loAsareli. **17** Lamadodana kaEzra: OJetheri loMeredi loEferi loJaloni. Wasezala oMiriyamu loShamayi lolshiba uyise kaEshithemowa. **18** Umkkhe umJudakazi wasezala uJeredi uyise kaGedori, loHeberi uyise kaSoko, loJekuthiyeli uyise kaZanowa. Lalabo babengamadodana kaBithiya indodakazi kaFaro, uMeredi amthathayo. **19** Lamadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo kaNahama, uyise kaKeyila umGarmi, loEshithemowa umMahakathi. **20** Njalo amadodana kaShimon: OAmnoni, loRina, uBheni-Hanani, loThiloni. Lamadodana kalshi: OZohethi loBheni-Zohethi. **21** Amadodana kaShele indodana kaJuda: OEri uyise kaLeka, loLahada uyise kaMaresha, lensendo

zendlu yabbenzi belembu elicolekileyo bendlu kaAshibeya, **22**
loJokimi, lamadoda akoKhozeba, loJowashi, loSarafi ababebusa
amaMowabi, loJashubi-Lehema. Lalezizindaba zindala. **23**
Labo babengababumbi, labakhileyo ezilimeni lezintangweni;
bahlala lapho lenkosi emsebenzini wayo. **24** Amadodana
kaSimeyoni: ONemuwel, loJamini, loJaribi, uZera, uShawuli,
25 uShaluma indodana yakhe, uMibhisamu indodana yakhe,
uMishima indodana yakhe. **26** Lamadodana kaMishima:
UHamuweli indodana yakhe, uZakuri indodana yakhe, uShimeyi
indodana yakhe. **27** Njalo uShimeyi wayelamadodana alitshumi
lesithupha lamadodakazi ayisithupha; kodwa abafowabo
babengelabantwana abanengi, losendo lonke lwabo kalwandanga
njengabantwana bakoJuda. **28** Basebehlala eBherishebha
leMolada leHazari-Shuwali **29** leBiliha leEzema leToladi **30**
leBethuweli leHorma leZikilagi **31** leBeti-Marikabothi leHazari-
Susimi leBeti-Biri leShaharayimi. Le yayiyimizi yabo kwaze
kwaba sekubuseni kukaDavida. **32** Lemizana yabo: IIetamu,
leAyini, iRimoni, leTokeni, leAshani, imizi emihlanu, **33** layo
yonke imizana yayo, eyayiyizingelezele leyomizi, kuze kube
seBahali. Lezi zindawo zabo zokuhlala, njalo baba lombhalo
wosendo lwabo. **34** LoMeshobabi loJamileki loJoshua indodana
kaAmaziya, **35** loJoweli loJehu indodana kaJoshibhiya indodana
kaSeraya indodana kaAsiyeli, **36** loEliyohenayi loJahakoba
loJeshohaya loAsaya loAdiyeli loJesimiyeli loBhenaya, **37** loZiza
indodana kaShifi indodana kaAloni indodana kaJedaya indodana
kaShimiri indodana kaShemaya. **38** Laba abaqanjwe ngamabizo
babeyizikhulu ensendweni zabo, lezindlu zaboyise zanda kakhulu
ngobunengi. **39** Basebesiya ekungeneni kweGedor, baya
ngempumalanga kwesihotsha, ukudingela imihlambi yabo idlelo.

40 Bafica idlelo elivundileyo lelihle, lommango obanzi emaceleni, lolokuzola, lolokuthula; ngoba abakoHamu babehlala khona endulo. **41** Lalabo ababebhalwe ngamabizo bafika ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, batshaya amathente lendawo zokuhlala ezazitholakala khona, babatshabalalisa kuze kube lamuhla; bahlala endaweni zabo, ngoba kwakukhona lapho idlelo lezimvu zabo. **42** Kwasekuphuma kubo, ebantwaneni bakoSimeyoni, amadoda angamakhulu amahlanu, aya entabeni yeSeyiri. LoPelatiya loNeyariya loRefaya loUziyeli amadodana kalshi babezinhlоко zabo. **43** Basebetshaya insali yabaphephayo bamaAmaleki, bahlala khona kuze kube lamuhla.

5 Njalo amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likalsrayeli (ngoba wayelizibulo, kodwa njengoba wayengcolise umbheda kayise, ubuzibulo bakhe banikwa amadodana kaJosefa indodana kalsrayeli; futhi wayengabhalwanga njengezibulo; **2** ngoba uJuda wayelamandla kulabafowabo, lowayengumbusi wavela kuye, kodwa ubuzibulo babungobukaJosefa). **3** Amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likalsrayeli: OHanoki, loPalu, uHezironi, loKarmi. **4** Amadodana kaJoweli: UShemaya indodana yakhe, uGogi indodana yakhe, uShimeyi indodana yakhe, **5** uMika indodana yakhe, uReyaya indodana yakhe, uBhali indodana yakhe, **6** uBehera indodana yakhe, uTiligathi-Pilineseri inkosi yeAsiriya eyamthumbayo; wayeyisiphathamandla sabakoRubeni. **7** Njalo abafowabo ngensendo zabo, lapho bebhalwa ngokwezizukulwana zabo, bayizinhloko: OJeyiyeli, loZekhariya, **8** loBhela indodana kaAzazi indodana kaShema indodana kaJoweli, owayehlala eAroweri, njalo kwaze kwaba seNebo leBhali-Meyoni. **9** Langempumalanga wahlala kwaze kwaba sekungeneni kwenkangala kusukela emfuleni iYufrathi,

ngoba izifuyo zabo zasezandile elizweni leGileyadi. **10** Ensukwini zikaSawuli balawula-ke impi lamaHagari, awa ngesandla sabo; bahlala emathenteni awo elizweni lonke lempumalanga yeGileyadi. **11** Labantwana bakoGadi bahlala maqondana labo elizweni leBashani kwaze kwaba seSaleka. **12** UJoweli inhloko, loShafamu owesibili, loJanayi loShafati eBashani. **13** Labafowabo ngendlu yaboyise: OMikayeli loMeshulamu loShebha loJorayi loJakani loZiya loEberi, beyisikhombisa. **14** Laba babengamadodana kaAbihayili indodana kaHuri indodana kaJarowa indodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMikayeli indodana kaJeshishayi indodana kaJahido indodana kaBuzi. **15** UAh indodana kaAbidiyeli indodana kaGuni wayeyinhloko yendlu yaboyise. **16** Basebehlala eGileyadi, eBashani, lemizaneni yayo, lakuwo wonke amadlelo eSharoni, kwaze kwaba sekuphumeni kwawo. **17** Bonke laba babhalwa ngezizukulwana zabo ezinsukwini zikaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu inkosi yakolsrayeli. **18** Amadodana kaRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase, emadodeni angamaqhawe, athwala isihlangu lenkemba, anyathela idandili, lezingcitshi empini, ayeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha, ephumela ebuthweni. **19** Basebelawula impi lamaHagari loJeturi loNafishi loNodabi. **20** Bancediswa bemelene labo, amaHagari asenikelwa esandleni sabo, labo bonke ababelawo; ngoba bakhala kuNkulunkulu besempini, wasencengeka ngabo, ngoba bamthemba. **21** Bathumba izifuyo zabo, amakamel azzinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, labobabhem abazinkulungwane ezimbili, lemiphefumulo yabantu

ezinkulungwane ezilikhulu. **22** Ngoba kwawa abanengi ababuleweyo, ngoba impi yayingekaNkulunkulu. Basebehlala ezindaweni zabo kwaze kwafika ukuthunjwa. **23** Abantwana bengxene ye sizwe sakoManase basebehlala elizweni; kusukela eBashani kusya eBhali-Hermoni leSeniri lentabeni yeHermoni bona banda. **24** Lalezi zinhloko zendlu yaboyise, ngitsho oEferi lolshi loEliyeli loAziriyeli loJeremiya loHodaviya loJahidiyeli, amadoda angamaqhawe alamandla, amadoda alamabizo, inhloko zendlu yaboyise. **25** Kodwa bona kuNkulunkulu waboyise, baphinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu babantu balelolizwe, uNkulunkulu abachithayo phambi kwabo. **26** Ngakho uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli wavusa umoya kaPhuli inkosi yeAsiriya, lomoya kaTiligathi-Pilineseri inkosi yeAsiriya, wabathumba, ngitsho abakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxene ye sizwe sakoManase, wabasa eHala leHabori leHara lemfuleni iGozani, kuze kube lamuhla.

6 Amadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari. **2** Lamadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu, ulzihari, loHebron, loUziyeli. **3** Labantwana bakaAmramu: OArni loMozisi loMiriyamu. Lamadodana kaAroni: ONadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, lolthamari. **4** UEleyazare wazala uPhinehasi; uPhinehasi wazala uAbishuwa; **5** uAbishuwa wasezala uBuki; uBuki wasezala uUzi; **6** uUzi wasezala uZerahiya; uZerahiya wasezala uMerayothi; **7** uMerayothi wazala uAmariya; uAmariya wasezala uAhitubi; **8** uAhitubi wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uAhimahazi; **9** uAhimahazi wasezala uAzariya; uAzariya wasezala uJohanani; **10** uJohanani wasezala uAzariya (nguye owasebenza njengompristi endlini uSolomoni ayakha eJerusalema); **11** uAzariya wasezala uAmariya; uAmariya wasezala uAhitubi; **12** uAhitubi wasezala

uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uShaluma; **13** uShaluma wasezala uHilikhiya; uHilikhiya wasezala uAzariya; **14** uAzariya wasezala uSeraya; uSeraya wasezala uJehozadaki. **15** UJehozadaki laye wahamba lapho iNkosi yathumba uJuda leJerusalema ngesandla sikaNebhukadinezari. **16** Amadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari. **17** Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaGerishoni: OLibini loShimeyi. **18** Njalo amadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu lolzihari loHebronli loUziyeli. **19** Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Lalezi zinsendo zamaLevi njengokwaboyise. **20** KoGerishoni: ULibini indodana yakhe, uJahathi indodana yakhe, uZima indodana yakhe, **21** uJowa indodana yakhe, uldo indodana yakhe, uZera indodana yakhe, uJeyatherayi indodana yakhe. **22** Amadodana kaKohathi: UAminadaba indodana yakhe, uKora indodana yakhe, uAsiri indodana yakhe, **23** uElkana indodana yakhe, loEbiyasafi indodana yakhe, loAsiri indodana yakhe, **24** uTahathi indodana yakhe, uUriyeli indodana yakhe, uUziya indodana yakhe, loShawuli indodana yakhe. **25** Njalo amadodana kaElkana: OAmasayi loAhimothi. **26** UElkana; amadodana kaElkana: UZofayi indodana yakhe, loNahathi indodana yakhe, **27** uEliyabi indodana yakhe, uJerohamu indodana yakhe, uElkana indodana yakhe. **28** Amadodana kaSamuweli: Izibulo uVashini, loAbhiya. **29** Amadodana kaMerari: UMahlili, uLibini indodana yakhe, uShimeyi indodana yakhe, uUza indodana yakhe, **30** uShimeya indodana yakhe, uHagiya indodana yakhe, uAsaya indodana yakhe. **31** Lalaba yibo uDavida abamisayo phezu kwenkonzo yengoma endlini yeNkosi umtshokotsho usuphumule. **32** Njalo babekhonza phambi kwethabhanekel lethente lenhlangano ngengoma, uSolomoni waze wakha indlu yeNkosi eJerusalema.

Bema ngokwesimiso sabo enkonzweni yabo. **33** Lalaba yibo abema lamadodana abo: Kumadodana amaKohathi: UHemani umhlabeleli indodana kaJoweli indodana kaSamuweli **34** indodana kaElkana indodana kaJerohamu indodana kaEliyeli indodana kaTowa **35** indodana kaZufi indodana kaElkana indodana kaMahathi indodana kaAmasayi **36** indodana kaElkana indodana kaJoweli indodana kaAzariya indodana kaZefaniya **37** indodana kaTahathi indodana kaAsiri indodana kaEbhiyasafi indodana kakora **38** indodana kalzihari indodana kakohathi indodana kaLevi indodana kalsrayeli. **39** Lomfowabo uAsafi owema ngakwesokunene sakhe: UAsafi indodana kaberekiya indodana kaShimeya **40** indodana kaMikayeli indodana kabahaseya indodana kaMalikiya **41** indodana kaEthini indodana kaZera indodana kaAdaya **42** indodana kaEthani indodana kaZima indodana kaShimeyi **43** indodana kaJahathi indodana kaGerishoni indodana kaLevi. **44** Lamadodana kaMerari, abafowabo, ema ngakwesokhohlo: UEthani indodana kaKishi indodana kaAbidi indodana kaMaluki **45** indodana kaHashabhiya indodana kaAmaziya indodana kaHilikhiya **46** indodana kaAmizi indodana kabani indodana kaShemer **47** indodana kaMahli indodana kaMushi indodana kaMerari indodana kaLevi. **48** Labafowabo, amaLevi, bamiswa kuyo yonke inkonzo yethabhanekele lendlu kaNkulunkulu. **49** Kodwa uAroni lamadodana akhe banikela phezu kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa laphezu kwelathi lempepha, kusenzelwa wonke umsebenzi wengcwele yezingcwele, lokwenzela ulsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, njengakho konke uMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu eyakulayayo. **50** Lala ngamadodana kaAroni: OEleyazare indodana yakhe, uPhinehasi indodana yakhe, uAbishuwa indodana yakhe, **51** uBuki indodana

yakhe, uUzi indodana yakhe, uZerahiya indodana yakhe, **52**
uMerayothi indodana yakhe, uAmariya indodana yakhe, uAhitubi
indodana yakhe, **53** uZadoki indodana yakhe, uAhimahazi
indodana yakhe. **54** Lezi-ke zindawo zawo zokuhlala ezinqabeni
zawo emingceleni yawo, zamadodana kaAroni, zezinsendo
zamaKohathi; ngoba inkatho yayingeyawo. **55** Basebewanika
iHebronni elizweni lakoJuda, lamadlelo ayo ayizingelezeleyo.
56 Kodwa amasimu omuzi lemizana yawo bakunika uKalebi
indodana kaJefune. **57** Basebenika amadodana kaAroni imizi
yokuphephela: IHebronni, leLibhina lamadlelo ayo, leJathiri,
leEshithemowa lamadlelo ayo, **58** leHileni lamadlelo ayo, iDebiri
lamadlelo ayo, **59** leAshani lamadlelo ayo, leBeti-Shemeshi
lamadlelo ayo. **60** Lesizweni sakoBhenjamini: IGeba lamadlelo
ayo, leAlemethi lamadlelo ayo, leAnathothi lamadlelo ayo. Yonke
imizi yawo, ngensendo zawo, yayiyimizi elitshumi lantathu.
61 Lamadodana kaKohathi, aseleyo kusendo Iwesizwe, avela
kungxenyenye yesizwe, ingxenyenye yakoManase, aba lemizi elitshumi,
ngenkatho. **62** Njalo amadodana kaGerishoni, ngensendo zawo,
esizweni sakolsakari lesizweni sakoAsheri lesizweni sakoNafithali
lesizweni sakoManase eBashani, aba lemizi elitshumi lantathu.
63 Amadodana kaMerari, ngensendo zawo, esizweni sakoRubeni
lesizweni sakoGadi lesizweni sakoZebuluni, aba lemizi elitshumi
lambilii, ngenkatho. **64** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebenika
amaLevi limizi kanye lamadlelo ayo. **65** Basebenika le imizi
ngenkatho esizweni sabantwana bakoJuda lesizweni sabantwana
bakoSimeyoni lesizweni sabantwana bakoBhenjamini, abayibiza
ngamabizo. **66** Lezinye zensendo zamadodana kaKohathi
zaba lemizi yemingcele yazo esizweni sakoEfrayimi. **67**
Basebewanika imizi yokuphephela, iShekema lamadlelo ayo

entaben i yakoEfrayimi, leGezeri lamadlelo ayo, **68** leJokimeyamu lamadlelo ayo, leBhethi-Horoni lamadlelo ayo, **69** leAjaloni lamadlelo ayo, leGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo. **70** Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase: IAneri lamadlelo ayo, leBileyamu lamadlelo ayo, yosendo Iwamadodana kaKohathi aseleyo. **71** Amadodana kaGerishoni ensendweni zengxenye yesizwe sakoManase aba leGolani eBashani lamadlelo ayo, leAshitarothi lamadlelo ayo. **72** Lesizweni sakolsakari: IKedeshi lamadlelo ayo, leDaberathi lamadlelo ayo, **73** leRamothi lamadlelo ayo, leAnema lamadlelo ayo. **74** Lesizweni sakoAsheri: IMashali lamadlelo ayo, leAbidoni lamadlelo ayo, **75** leHukoki lamadlelo ayo, leRehobi lamadlelo ayo. **76** Lesizweni sakoNafithali: IKedeshi eGalili lamadlelo ayo, leHamoni lamadlelo ayo, leKiryathayimi lamadlelo ayo. **77** Njalo amadodana kaMerari aseleyo, esizweni sakoZebuluni, aba leRimono lamadlelo ayo, leThabbori lamadlelo ayo; **78** langaphetsheya kweJordani, eJeriko, ngempumalanga kweJordani, esizweni sakoRubeni: IBezeri enkangala lamadlelo ayo, leJahaza lamadlelo ayo, **79** leKedemothi lamadlelo ayo, leMefahathi lamadlelo ayo; **80** lesizweni sakoGadi: IRamothi eGileyadi lamadlelo ayo, leMahanayimi lamadlelo ayo, **81** leHeshiboni lamadlelo ayo, leJazeri lamadlelo ayo.

7 Lemadodaneni kalsakari: OThola, IoPhuwa, uJashubi, IoShimroni; bebane. **2** Njalo amadodana kaThola: OUzi, IoRefaya, IoJeriyeli, IoJahimayi, lolbisamu, IoShemuweli, izinhloko zendlu yaboyise, abakoThola, amaqhawe alamandla ezizukulwaneni zabo; inani labo ensukwini zikaDavida laliyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu ayisithupha. **3** Lamadodana kaUzi: Ulzrahiya. Lamadodana kalzrahiya: OMikayeli, IoObhadiya, IoJoweli, ulshiya, bebahlanu;

beyizinhloko bonke. **4** Kanye labo-ke, ngensendo zabo, ngendlu zaboyise, kwakukhona amaviyo ebutho lempi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha, ngoba babelabafazi labantwana abanengi. **5** Labafowabo, phakathi kwensendo zonke zakolsakari, amaqhawe alamandla, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa, bebhawwe bonke ngezizukulwana. **6** Amadodana kaBhenjamini: OBhela, loBekeri loJediyayeli, bebathathu. **7** Lamadodana kaBhela: OEziboni, loUzi, loUziyeli, loJerimothi, lolri, bebahlanu; izinhloko zendlu zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla; bebhawwe ngezizukulwana, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamatshumi amathathu lane. **8** Njalo amadodana kaBekeri: OZemira, loJowashi, loEliyezeri, loEliyohenayi, loOmri, loJeremothi, loAbhiya, loAnathothi, loAlemethi; bonke laba babengamadodana kaBekeri. **9** Bebhawwe ngensendo ngezizukulwana zabo, izinhloko zezindlu zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla, babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu amabili. **10** Njalo amadodana kaJediyayeli: UBilihani. Lamadodana kaBilihani: OJewushi, loBhenjamini, loEhudi, loKenahana, loZethani, loTarshishi, loAhishahari. **11** Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJediyayeli, ngezinhloko zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla; babeyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesikhombisa lamakhulu amabili, angaphuma ebuthweni ukuya empini. **12** LoShupimi loHupimi babengamadodana kalri, loHushimi amadodana kaAheri. **13** Amadodana kaNafithali: OJahaziyeli, loGuni, loJezeri, loShaluma, amadodana kaBilisha. **14** Amadodana kaManase: UAsiriyeli umkakhe amzalayo. (Umfazi wakhe omncinyane umAramukazi wazala uMakiri uyise kaGileyadi. **15** UMakiri wathatha udadewabo kaHupimi

loShupimi, waba ngumkakhe, obizo lakhe nguMahaka.) Lebizo
leyesibili lalinguZelofehadi; njalo uZelofehadi wayelamadodakazi.
16 UMahaka umkaMakiri wasezala indodana, wayitha ibizo wathi
nguPereshi; lebizo lomfowabo lalinguShereshi, lamadodana
akhe ayengoUlamu loRakema. **17** Njalo amadodana kaUlamu:
UBedani. La ayengamadodana kaGileyadi indodana kaMakiri
indodana kaManase. **18** Udadewabo uHamolekethi wasezala
olshodi loAbiyezeri loMahla. **19** Lamadodana kaShemida
ayengoAhiyani loShekema loLikhi loAniyamu. **20** Njalo
amadodana kaEfrayimi: OShuthela, loBeredi indodana yakhe,
loTahathi indodana yakhe, loEleyada indodana yakhe, loTahathi
indodana yakhe, **21** loZabadi indodana yakhe, loShuthela
indodana yakhe, loEzeri loEleyadi, amadoda eGathi azalelwa
kulelolizwe abababulalayo, ngoba behlela ukuthatha izifuyo
zabo. **22** UEfrayimi uyise walila insuku ezinengi; abafowabo
basebesiza ukuzamduza. **23** Wasengena kumkakhe; wathatha
isisu, wazala indodana; waseyitha ibizo wathi nguBeriya,
ngoba wayesebebini endlini yakhe. **24** Lendodakazi yakhe
yayinguShera, owakha iBethi-Horoni engaphansi lengaphezulu,
leUzeni-Shera. **25** Njalo uRefa wayeyindodana yakhe, loReshefi,
loTela indodana yakhe, loTahani indodana yakhe, **26** uLadani
indodana yakhe, uAmihudi indodana yakhe, uElishama indodana
yakhe, **27** uNoni indodana yakhe, uJoshuwa indodana yakhe.
28 Lemfuyo yawo lendawo zawo zokuhlala kwakuyiBhetheli
lemizana yayo, langempumalanga iNaharani, langentshonalanga
iGezeri lemizana yayo, leShekema lemizana yayo, kwaze
kwaba seAya lemizana yayo. **29** Lasemingceleni yabantwana
bakoManase, iBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, iThahanakhi lemizana
yayo, iMegido lemizana yayo, iDori lemizana yayo. Kule

kwahlala abantwana bakoJosefa indodana kalsrayeli. **30**
Abantwana bakaAsheri: Olmina, lolshiva, lolshivi, loBeriya, loSera
udadewabo. **31** Njalo amadodana kaBeriya: OHeberi, loMalikiyeli
onguyise kaBirizayithi. **32** UHeberi wasezala oJafilethi loShomeri
loHothamu loShuwa udadewabo. **33** Lamadodana kaJafilethi:
OPasaki loBimihali loAshivathi; la ngamadodana kaJafilethi. **34**
Lamadodana kaShemer: OAhi, loRohiga, uJehuba, loAramu. **35**
Njalo amadodana kaHelemu umfowabo: OZofa lolmina loSheleshi
loAmali. **36** Njalo amadodana kaZofa: OSuwa, loHarineferi,
loShuwali, loBeri, lolmra, **37** uBezeri, loHodi, loShama,
loShilisha, lolthirani, loBehera. **38** Njalo amadodana kaJetheri:
OJefune loPisipa loAra. **39** Njalo amadodana kaUla: OAra
loHaniyeli loRiziya. **40** Bonke laba babengabantwana bakaAsheri,
izinhloko zendlu zaboyise, abakhethiweyo, amaqhawe alamandla,
izinhloko zeziphatmandla. Basebethalwa ngezizukulwana
ebuthweni empini; inani labo lalingamadoda azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha.

8 UBhenjamini wasezala uBhela izibulo lakhe, uAshibeli
owesibili, loAhara owesithathu, **2** uNoha owesine, loRafa
owesihlanu. **3** Njalo uBhela wayelamadodana: OAdari loGera
loAbhihudi **4** loAbishuwa loNamani loAhowa **5** loGera loShefufani
loHuramu. **6** Lala ngamadodana kaEhudi; lezi zinhloko
zaboyise zabahlali beGeba; wasebathumbela eManahathi;
7 loNamani, loAhiya, loGera; yena wabathumba; wasezala
oUza loAhihud. **8** UShaharayimi wasezala abantwana
elizweni lakoMowabi, esejaxotshile; oHushimi loBahara
babengomkakhe. **9** Wasezala kuHodeshi umkakhe oJobabi
loZibiya loMesha loMalikamu **10** loJewuzi loSakiya loMirima.
Laba babengamadodana akhe, izinhloko zaboyise. **11** KuHushimi

wasezala oAbitubi loEliphahali. **12** Amadodana kaEliphahali:
OEberi, loMishamu, loShemedi owakha iOno leLodi lemizana
yayo, **13** loBeriya, loShema, ababezinhloko zaboyise zabahlali
beAjalon, ababexotshe abahlali beGathi, **14** loAhiyo, uShashaki,
loJeremothi, **15** loZebhadiya, loAradi, loEderi, **16** loMikayeli,
lolshipa, loJoha, amadodana kaBeriya. **17** LoZebhadiya,
loMeshulamu, loHiziki, loHeberi, **18** lolshmerayi, lolziliya,
loJobabi, amadodana kaEliphahali. **19** LoJakimi, loZikiri, loZabidi,
20 loEliyenayi, loZilethayi, loEliyeli, **21** loAdaya, loBeraya,
loShimirathi, amadodana kaShimeyi. **22** Lolshipani, loEberi,
loEliyeli, **23** loAbidoni, loZikiri, loHanani, **24** loHananiya,
loElamu, loAnithothiya, **25** lolfideya, loPenuweli, amadodana
kaShashaki. **26** LoShamisherayi, loShekariya, loAthaliya, **27**
loJahareshiya, loEliya, loZikiri, amadodana kaJerohamu. **28**
Laba babezinhloko zaboyise, izinhloko ngezizukulwana zabo;
laba bahlala eJerusalema. **29** EGibeyoni kwasekuhlala uyise
kaGibeyoni; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMahaka. **30** Lendodana
yakhe, izibulo lakhe, nguAbhidoni, loZuri, loKishi, loBhali,
loNadabi, **31** loGedor, loAhiyo, loZekeri. **32** UMikilothi
wasezala uShimeya. Lalaba babehlala maqondana labafowabo
eJerusalema, kanye labafowabo. **33** UNeri wasezala uKishi;
uKishi wasezala uSawuli; uSawuli wasezala oJonathani loMaliki-
Shuwa loAbinadaba loEshibhali. **34** Njalo indodana kaJonathani
yayinguMeribi-Bhali; uMeribi-Bhali wasezala uMika. **35** Njalo
amadodana kaMika: OPithoni loMeleki loTareya loAhazi. **36**
UAhazi wasezala uJehoyada; uJehoyada wasezala oAlemethi
loAzimavethi loZimri; uZimri wasezala uMoza; **37** uMoza
wasezala uBineya; uRafa wayeyindodana yakhe, uEleyasa
indodana yakhe, uAzeli indodana yakhe. **38** Njalo uAzeli

wayelamadodana ayisithupha; lala ngamabizo awo: OAzirikamu, uBhokeru, lolshmayeli, IoSheyariya, IoObhadiya, IoHanani. Wonke la ngamadodana kaAzeli. **39** Njalo amadodana kaEsheki umfowabo: OUlamu izibulo lakhe, uJewushi eyesibili, IoElifeleti eyesithathu. **40** Njalo amadodana kaUlamu ayengamadoda, amaqhawe alamandla, anyathela idandili, elamadodana amanengi lamadodana amadodana, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. Bonke laba babengabantwana bakoBhenjamini.

9 Ulsrayeli wonke wasebalwa ngezizukulwana; khangela-ke, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akolsrayeli; kodwa abakoJuda bathunjelwa eBhabhiloni ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo. **2** Njalo abahlali bokuqala ababeselizweni labo emizini yabo kwakungulsrayeli, abapristi, amaLevi, lamaNethini. **3** Njalo eJerusalema kwahlala ababantwana bakoJuda lababantwana bakoBhenjamini lababantwana bakoEfrayimi loManase: **4** U-Uthayi indodana kaAmihudi indodana kaOmri indodana kalmri indodana kaBani, wabantwana bakaPerezi indodana kaJuda. **5** LakumaShiloni: UAsaya izibulo, lamadodana akhe. **6** Lakumadodana kaZera: UJeyuweli labafowabo, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **7** Lakumadodana akoBhenjamini: USalu indodana kaMeshulamu indodana kaHodaviya indodana kaHasenuwa; **8** lolbineya indodana kaJerohamu, IoEla indodana kaUzi indodana kaMikiri, IoMeshulamu indodana kaShefathiya indodana kaRehuwelci indodana kalbiniya; **9** labafowabo ngezizukulwana zabo, amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. Wonke lamadoda ayeyizinhloko zaboyise endlini yaboyise. **10** Lakubapristi: OJedaya, IoJehoyaribi, IoJakini, **11** IoAzariya indodana kaHilikhiya indodana kaMeshulamu indodana

kaZadoki indodana kaMerayothi indodana kaAhitubi, umphathi wendlu kaNkulunkulu, **12** loAdaya indodana kaJerohamu indodana kaPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, loMahasayi indodana kaAdiyeli indodana kaJahizera indodana kaMeshulamu indodana kaMeshilemithi indodana kalmeri, **13** labafowabo, izinhloko zendlu yaboyise, inkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha, abalamandla ngobungcwethi emsebenzini wenkonzo yendlu kaNkulunkulu. **14** LakumaLevi: UShemaya indodana kaHashubi indodana kaAzirikamu indodana kaHashabhiya, owamadodana kaMerari, **15** loBakibakari, uHereshi, loGalali, loMathaniya indodana kaMika indodana kaZikiri indodana kaAsafi, **16** loObhadiya indodana kaShemaya indodana kaGalali indodana kaJeduthuni, loBerekoya indodana kaAsa indodana kaElkana owahlala emizini yamaNetofa. **17** Labagcini bamasango oShaluma loAkubi loTalimoni loAhimani; lomfowabo uShaluma wayeyinhloko; **18** njalo kuze kube yilesisikhathi, babesesangweni lenkosi ngempumalanga, laba babengabagcini bamasango enkambeni yabantwana bakoLevi. **19** UShaluma indodana kaKore indodana kaEbiyasafi indodana kaKora, labafowabo, abendlu kayise, amaKora, basebephatha umsebenzi wenkonzo, abalindi beminyango yethente; laboyise baphatha ibandla leNkosi, abalindi bentuba. **20** UPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare wayengumbusi phezu kwabo ngaphambili; iNkosi yayilaye. **21** UZekhariya indodana kaMeshelemya wayengumgcinisango emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **22** Bonke labo abakhethwayo babangabagcinimasango emibundwini, babengamakhulu amabili letshumi lambili; babhalwa ngezizukulwana zabo emizini yabo; oDavida loSamuweli umboni ababamisa esikhundleni sabo. **23** Ngakho bona lamadodana abo baphatha amasango endlini

yeNkosi, indlu yethente, ngemilindo. **24** Abalindi bamasango babekhona emimoyeni yomine, empumalanga, entshonalanga, enyakatho, leningizimu. **25** Labafowabo ababesemizini yabo babefanele beze okwensuku eziyisikhombisa izikhathi ngezikhathi kanye labo. **26** Ngoba amaLevi la, abagcini bamasango abakhulu bobane, babeseskundleni, babephethemakamelo bephezu kwezindlu zenotho zendlu kaNkulunkulu. **27** Njalo babehlala ebusuku bezingezele indlu kaNkulunkulu, ngoba umlindo wawuphezu kwabo, njalo bephethe ukuvulwa kwayo, ngitsho ikuseni ngekuseni. **28** Njalo abanye babo babephethemakamelo bephezu kwezitsha zenkonzo, ngoba ngenani bazingenisa, langenani bazikhupha. **29** Labanye babo babemiswe phezu kwezitsha, laphezu kwazo zonke izitsha ezingcwelle, laphezu kwempuphu ecolekileyo lewayini lamafutha lempepha lamakha. **30** Abanye emadodaneni abapristi babehlanganisa-ke amafutha amakha. **31** LoMathithiya kumaLevi, owayelizibulo likaShaluma umKora, wayephathiswe umsebenzi wamaqebelengwana abhakwe emapanini. **32** Labanye babantwana bamaKohathi kubafowabo babephethemakamelo bephezu kwezitsha isinkwa sokubukiswa ukusilungisa isabatha ngesabatha. **33** Lalaba ngabahlabeleli, izinhloko zaboyise bamaLevi, emakamelweni, bekhululekile, ngoba emini lebusuku kwakuphezu kwabo ukuba semsebenzini. **34** Laba bazinhloko zaboyise bamaLevi, izinhloko ngezizukulwana zabo; laba bahlala eJerusalem. **35** EGibeyoni kwakuhlala-ke uyise kaGibeyoni, uJehiyeli; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMahaka. **36** Lendodana yakhe elizibulo uAbidoni, loZuri loKishi loBhali loNeri loNadabi **37** loGedor loAhiyo loZekhariya loMikilothi. **38** UMikilothi wasezala uShimeyamu; laba labo bahlala eJerusalem maqondana labafowabo kanye labafowabo. **39** UNeri wasezala uKishi; uKishi wasezala uSawuli; uSawuli

wasezala oJonathani loMaliki-Shuwa loAbinadaba loEshibhali.
40 Njalo indodana kaJonathani yayinguMeribi-Bhali; uMeribi-Bhali wasezala uMika. **41** Njalo amadodana kaMika: OPithoni loMeleki loTareya. **42** UAhazi wasezala uJara; uJara wasezala oAlemethi loAzimavethi loZimri. UZimri wasezala uMoza. **43** UMoza wasezala uBineya, loRefaya indodana yakhe, uEleyasa indodana yakhe, uAzeli indodana yakhe. **44** Njalo uAzeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha; lala ngamabizo awo: OAzirikamu, uBhokeru, lolshmayeli, loSheyariya, loObhadiya, loHanani. La ayengamadodana kaAzeli.

10 AmaFilisti asesilwa emelene lolsrayeli; lamadoda akolsrayeli abaleka phambi kwamaFilisti, awa abulawa entabenyeGilibowa.
2 AmaFilisti asenamatheka ngemva kukaSawuli langemva kwamadodana akhe; amaFilisti atshaya uJonathani loAbinadaba loMaliki-Shuwa, amadodana kaSawuli. **3** Impi yasisiba nzima imelene loSawuli; abatshoka ngamadandili basebemfica; waselinyazwa ngabatshoki. **4** USawuli wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe: Hwatsha inkemba yakho, ungigwaze ngayo, hlezzi laba abangasokanga bafike, badlale kubi ngami. Kodwa umthwali wezikhali zakhe kavumanga, ngoba wesaba kakhulu. USawuli wasethatha inkemba, waziwisela phezu kwayo.
5 Lapho umthwali wezikhali zakhe ebona ukuthi uSawuli usefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba, wafa. **6** Wafake uSawuli, lamadodana akhe amathathu, lendlu yakhe yonke; bafa ndawonye. **7** Kwathi wonke amadoda akolsrayeli ayesesigodini ebona ukuthi abalekile, lokuthi uSawuli lamadodana akhe bafile, atshiya imizi yaho, abaleka; amaFilisti asefika, ahlala kiyo. **8** Kwasekusithi kusisa lapho amaFilisti efika ukuhlubula ababuleweyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe

bewile entaben iyeGilibowa. **9** Amhlubula, athatha ikhanda lakhe lezikhali zakhe, athumela elizweni lamaFilisti inhlangothi zonke, ukumemezela imibiko ezithombeni zaho lebantwini. **10** Asebeka izikhali zakhe endlini yabonkulunkulu bawo, abethela ukhakhayi lwakhe endlini kaDagoni. **11** Kwathi iJabeshi-Gileyadi yonke isizwile konke amaFilisti akwenze kuSawuli, **12** wonke amaqhawe asuka, athatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezidumbu zamadodana akhe, aziletha eJabeshi, angcwaba amathambo abo ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi eJabeshi, azila ukudla insuku eziyisikhombisa. **13** Ngakho uSawuli wafa ngenxa yesiphambeko sakhe aphambuka ngaso emelene leNkosi, emelene lelizwi leNkosi ayengaligcinanga, njalo langokubuza koledlozi ukudinga kuye, **14** njalo kakudinganga eNkosini. Ngakho yambulala, yaguqulela umbuso kuDavida indodana kaJese.

11 Ulsrayeli wonke wasebuthana kuDavida eHebron esithi: Khangela, thina silithambo lakho lenyama yakho. **2** Ngitsho mandulo, ngitsho uSawuli eyinkosi, nguwe owakhupha lowangenisa ulsrayeli; iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yasisithi kuwe: Wena uzakwelusa abantu bami ulsrayeli, njalo wena uzakuba ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli. **3** Kwasekufika bonke abadala bakolsrayeli enkosini eHebron. UDavida wasesenza isivumelwano labo eHebron phambi kweNkosi. Basebemgcoba uDavida ukuba yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli, njengelizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaSamuweli. **4** UDavida lolrayeli wonke basebesiya eJerusalema, eyiJebusi, ngoba lapho kwakulamaJebusi, abahlali balelolizwe. **5** Abahlali beJebusi basebesithi kuDavida: Kawuyikungena lapha. Kodwa uDavida wayithumba inqaba yeZiyoni, engumuzi kaDavida. **6** UDavida wasesithi: Loba ngubani ozatshaya amaJebusi kuqala uzakuba yinhloko lenduna. Ngakho

uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wenyuka kuqala, waba yinhloko. 7
UDavida wasehlala enqabeni; ngalokho-ke bayibiza ngokuthi
ngumuzi kaDavida. 8 Wasewakha umuzi inhlangothi zonke,
kusukela eMilo waze wawuhlanganisa. UJowabi wasevuselela
okuseleyo komuzi. 9 UDavida wasesiya eqhubeka esiba
mkhulu, ngoba iNkosi yamabandla yayilaye. 10 Lalezi zinhloko
zamaqhawe uDavida ayelazo, ezaziqinisa kanye laye embusweni
wakhe, lolsrayeli wonke, ukumenza inkosi, njengelizwi leNkosi
mayelana lolsrayeli. 11 Laleli linani lamaqhawe uDavida ayelawo:
UJashobeyamu indodana yomHakimoni inhloko yamatshumi
amathathu; yena waphakamisa umkhonto wakhe emelene
labangamakhulu amathathu, wababulala ngasikhathi sinye. 12
Lemva kwakhe kwakuloEleyazare indodana kaDodo umAhohi;
wayephakathi kwamaqhawe amathathu. 13 Yena wayeloDavida
ePasi-Damimi lapho amaFilisti ayebuthanele impi khona.
Lesiqinti sensimu sasicwele ibhali; abantu basebebaleka
phambi kwamaFilisti. 14 Bona bazimisa phakathi kwesiqinti,
basikhulula, batshaya amaFilisti, iNkosi yasisindisa ngokukhulula
okukhulu. 15 Abathathu ezinduneni ezingamatshumi amathathu
basebesehlela edwaleni kuDavida, ebhalwini IweAdulamu;
lebutho lamaFilisti lalimise inkamba esihotsheni seRefayimi.
16 UDavida ngalesosikhathi wayesenqabeni, lebutho lenqaba
lamaFilisti ngalesosikhathi laliseBhethelohema. 17 UDavida
waselangatha wathi: Hawu, kungathi omunye ubenganginathisa
amanzi omthombo weBhethelohema osesangweni! 18 Labo
abathathu bafohlela enkambeni yamaFilisti, bakha amanzi
emthonjeni weBhethelohema owawusesangweni, bawathwala
bawaletha kuDavida; kodwa uDavida kafunanga ukuwanatha,
kodwa wawathululela iNkosi. 19 Wasesithi: Kakube khatshana

lami, ngoNkulunkulu wami, ukwenza lokho. Nginganatha yini igazi lalamadoda abeke impilo yawo engozini? Ngoba ngokubeka impilo yawo engozini, awalethile. Ngakho kafunanga ukuwanatha. Lezizinto azenza lawomaqhawe amathathu. **20** UAbishayi umfowaboo kaJowabi, yena-ke wayeyinhloko yabathathu. Yena ephakamisa umkhonto wakhe emelene labangamakhulu amathathu wababulala; wasesiba lebizo phakathi kwabathathu. **21** Kwabathathu wayehlonitshwa kulababili, wasesiba yinduna yabo; kodwa kafinyelelanga kwabathathu abokuqala. **22** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, indodana yeqhawe leKabhiseyeli, wayemkhulu ngezenzo: Nguye owatshaya abakoMowabi ababili ababenjengezilwane; futhi yena wehla wabulala isilwane phakathi komgodi mhla weliqhwa elikhithikileyo. **23** Yena wasetshaya indoda engumGibhithe, umuntu omude, ozingalo ezinhlanu. Lesandleni somGibhithe kwakulomkhonto onjengogodo lomeluki; kodwa wehlela kuye ngenduku, wahluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe, wambulala ngowakhe umkhonto. **24** Lezizinto wazenza uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, waba lebizo phakathi kwamaqhawe amathathu. **25** Khangela, wahlonitshwa phakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa kafinyelelanga kwabathathu. UDavida wasembeka phezu kwabalindi bakhe. **26** Lamaqhawe amabutho: OAsaheli umfowaboo kaJowabi, uElihanani indodana kaDodo weBhethelohema, **27** uShamothi umHarodi, uHelezi umPheloni, **28** ulra indodana kalkheshi umThekhowa, uAbiyezeri umAnathothi, **29** uSibekayi umHushathi, ullayi umAhohi, **30** uMaharayi umNetofa, uHelebi indodana kaBahana umNetofa, **31** ulthayi indodana kaRibayi weGibeya yabantwana bakoBhenjamini, uBhenaya umPirathoni, **32** uHurayi wezifula zeGahashi, uAbiyeli umArba, **33** uAzimavethi

umBaharumi, uEliyabha umShahaliboni, **34** amadodana kaHashema umGizoni, uJonathani indodana kaShage umHarari, **35** uAhiyamu indodana kaSakari umHarari, uElifali indodana kaUri, **36** uHeferi umMekera, uAhiya umPheloni, **37** uHeziro umKharmeli, uNaharayi indodana kaEzibayi, **38** uJoweli umfowabo kaNathani, uMibhari indodana kaHagiri, **39** uZeleki umAmoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, umthwali wezikhalu zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya, **40** ulra umlthiri, uGarebi umlthiri, **41** uUriya umHethi, uZabadi indodana kaAhilayi, **42** uAdina indodana kaShiza umRubeni, inhloko kwabakoRubeni, labangamatshumi amathathu belaye, **43** uHanani indodana kaMahaka, loJoshafati umMithini, **44** uUziya umAshiterathi, uShama loJehiyeli amadodana kaHothamu umAroweri, **45** uJediyayeli indodana kaShimri, loJoha umfowabo umTizi, **46** uEliyeli umMahavi, loJeribayi loJoshaviya amadodana kaElinahamu, lolthima umMowabi, **47** loEliyeli, loObedi, loJahasiyeli umMezobaya.

12 Laba-ke yilabo abeza kuDavida eZikilagi, lapho esavalelw
ngenxa kaSawuli indodana kaKishi; njalo babephakathi
kwamaqhawe, abasizi bemp. **2** Behlomile ngamadandili,
besebenzisa isandla sokunene lesokhohlo ngamatshe,
langemitshoko ngedandili; babengababafowabo bakaSawuli
koBhenjamini. **3** Inhloko yayinguAhiyezeri, loJowashi,
amadodana kaShemaha umGibeya; loJeziyeli loPeleti
amadodana kaAzimavethi, loBeraka, loJehu umAnathothi, **4**
lolshmaya umGibeyoni, iqhawe phakathi kwabangamatshumi
amathathu njalo ephezu kwabangamatshumi amathathu;
loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli, loJohanani, loJozabadi umGedera,
5 uEluzayi, loJerimothi, loBeyaliya, loShemariya, loShefathiya
umHarufi, **6** uElkana, lolshiya, loAzareli, loJowezeri,

loJashobeyamu, amakora, **7** loJowela, loZebhadiya, amadodana kaJehoramu weGedori. **8** LakwabakoGadi bazehlukanisela kuDavida enqabeni enkangala, amaqhawe alamandla, amadoda ebutho empi, ephatha isihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto, obuso bawo babuyibuso bezilwane, enjengemiziki ezintabeni ngesiqubu. **9** UEzeri wayeyinhloko, uObhadiya owesibili, uEliyabi owesithathu, **10** uMishimana owesine, uJeremiya owesihlanu, **11** uAthayi owesithupha, uEliyeli owesikhombisa, **12** uJohanani owesificaminwembili, uElizabadi owesificamunwemunye, **13** uJeremiya owetshumi, uMakibanayi owetshumi lanye. **14** Laba babengabamadodana akoGadi, izinhloko zebutho; omunye wabancinyane wayephetha ikhulu, lomkhulu wayephetha inkulungwane. **15** Laba yibo abachapha iJordani ngenyanga yokuqala lapho yayigcwele iphuphuma inkumbi zonke zayo, baxotsha bonke ababesezigodini ngempumalanga langentshonalanga. **16** Basebefika bevela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini labakoJuda enqabeni kuDavida. **17** UDavida wasephuma ukubahlangabeza, waphendula wathi kibo: Uba lisiza kimi ngokuthula ukungisiza, ngilenhliziyo ehlangene lani; kodwa uba kuyikunginikela ngenkohliso ezitheni zami, kungelabubi ezandleni zami, uNkulunkulu wabobaba kakubone, ajezise. **18** UMoya wasesehlela kuAmasayi inhloko yezinduna, wasesithi: Singabakho, Davida, silawe, ndodana kaJese! Ukuthula, ukuthula kube kuwe, lokuthula kube kubasizi bakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho uyakusiza! UDavida wasebemukela, wabenza induna zeviyo. **19** Abavela koManase bahlamukela kuDavida ekufikeni kwakhe lamaFilisti emelene loSawuli empini. Kodwa kababasizanga, ngoba ababusi bamaFilisti bamxotsha ngecebo besithi: Ngamakhanda ethu

uzahlamukela enkosini yakhe uSawuli. **20** Ekuyeni kwakhe eZikilagi kwabalekela kuye abavela koManase: OAdina loJozabadi loJediyayeli loMikhayeli loJozabadi loElihu loZilethayi, inhloko zezinkulungwane ababengabakoManase. **21** Bona basebesiza kanye loDavida bemelene leviyo elihlaselayo, ngoba bonke babengamaqhawe alamandla, bezinduna ebuthweni. **22** Ngoba ngesikhathi insuku ngensuku beza kuDavida ukumnceda baze babe libutho elikhulu njengebutho likaNkulunkulu. **23** Lala ngamanani ezinhloko ezazihlomele impi; zeza kuDavida eHebronI ukuphendulela umbuso kaSawuli kuye, ngokomlomo weNkosi. **24** Abantwana bakoJuda bethwele isihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto babeyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, behlomele impi. **25** Ebantwaneni bakoSimeyonI, amaqhawe alamandla empi, izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lekhulu. **26** Ebantwaneni bakoLevi, izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha. **27** LoJehoyada wayeyisiphathamandla sabakoAronI; kanye laye kwakulezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **28** LoZadoki ijaha, iqhawe elilamandla; lendlini kayise izinduna ezingamatshumi amabili. **29** Lebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini, abafowabo bakaSawuli, izinkulungwane ezintathu; ngoba kuze kube khathesi ubunengi babo bagcina uthembeko endlini kaSawuli. **30** Lebantwaneni bakoEfrayimi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, amaqhawe alamandla, amadoda alamabizo endlini yaboyise. **31** Lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi leyisificaminwembili, ababeqanjwe ngamabizo ukuthi beze babeke uDavida abe yinkosi. **32** Lebantwaneni bakolsakari, ababelokwazi beqedisisa izikhathi

ukwazi ukuthi ulsrayeli ufanele enzeni, izinhloko zabo zazingamakhulu amabili, labafowabo bonke babesemlayweni wazo. **33** KoZebuluni, abaphuma impi, behlela impi ngazo zonke izikhali zempi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, ukugcina iviyo kungengenhliziyombili. **34** LakoNafithali, izinduna eziyinkulungwane, labayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa kanye lazo, belesihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto. **35** LakwabakoDani, abahlela impi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha. **36** LakoAsheri, abaphuma ebuthweni, ukuhlela impi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane. **37** Lababevela ngaphetsheya kweJordani, kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxene ye sizwe sakoManase, belezikhalu zonke zempi ukuyakulwa, izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. **38** Wonke lamadoda empi, angagcina iviyo, afika eHebron ngenhliziyepheleleyo ukubeka uDavida abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli wonke; njalo lolsrayeli wonke oseleyo wayenhlizyonye ukubeka uDavida abe yinkosi. **39** Njalo baba lapho loDavida insuku ezintathu besidla benatha, ngoba abafowabo babebalungisele. **40** Futhi lababeseduze labo kuze kube kolsakari lakoZebuluni lakoNafithali balettha isinkwa ngabobabhem langamakamela langezimbongolo langezinkabi, ukudla, impuphu, izinkwa zomkhiwa, lamahlukuzo ezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo, lewayini, lamafutha, lezinkabi, lezimvu, ngobunengi, ngoba kwakulentokozo kolsrayeli.

13 UDavida wasecebisan lezinduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu laye wonke umphathi. **2** UDavida wasesithi ebandleni lonke lakolsrayeli: Uba kulungile kini, njalo kuvela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu, kasisabalale sithumele kubafowethu

abaseleyo emazweni wonke akolsrayeli lakubapristi lamaLevi
alabo emizini, emadlelweni, ukuze babuthane kithi. **3**
Besesibuyisa kithi umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu
wethu, ngoba kasiwudinganga ensukwini zikaSawuli. **4** Ibandla
lonke laselisithi kwensiwe njalo, ngoba udaba lwalulungile
emehlweni abo bonke abantu. **5** UDavida wasebuthanisa ulsrayeli
wonke kusukela eShihori yeGibhithe kuze kube sekungeneni
kweHamathi ukuletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu usuka
eKiryathi-Jeyarimi. **6** UDavida lolsrayeli wonke basebesenyukela
eBhahala, eKiryathi-Jeyarimi eyakoJuda, ukuze benyuse
lapho umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu iNkosi, ehlala phakathi
kwamakherubhi phezu kwawo, lapho ibizo elibizwa khona.
7 Basebewuthwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ngenqola
entsha bewususa endlini kaAbinadaba; njalo oUza loAhiyo
babetshayela leyongola. **8** UDavida lolsrayeli wonke babedlala-
ke phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngamandla wonke, langengoma,
langamachacho, langezigubhu zezintambo, langezingungu,
langezinsimbi ezincencethayo, langezimpondo. **9** Lapho befika
ebaleni lokubhulela likaKidoni, uUza welula isandla sakhe
ukubamba umtshokotsho, ngoba inkabi zakhubeka. **10** Ulaka
lweNkosi Iwaselumvuthela uUza, yamtshaya, ngenxa yokuthi
welulela isandla sakhe emtshokotshweni; wasefela khonapho
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **11** UDavida wasethukuthela ngoba
iNkosi imfohlele ngokufohla uUza; waseyibiza leyondawo
ngokuthi yiPerezi-Uza, kuze kube lamuhla. **12** UDavida
wasemesaba uNkulunkulu ngalolosuku, esithi: Ngizawuletha
njani kimi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu? **13** Ngakho uDavida
kawulethanga umtshokotsho kuye emzini kaDavida, kodwa
wawuphambulela endlini kaObedi-Edoma umGithi. **14** Ngakho

umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wahlala kwabendlu kaObedi-Edoma endlini yakhe inyanga ezintathu. INkosi yasibusisa indlu kaObedi-Edoma lakho konke ayelakho.

14 UHiram inkosi yeTire wasethuma izithunywa kuDavida, lezigodo zemisedari lababazi bamatshe lababazi bezigodo ukumakhela indlu. **2** UDavida wasesazi ukuthi iNkosi yayimmisile ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli, ngoba umbuso wakhe wawuphakanyiselwe phezulu ngenxa yabantu bayo ulsrayeli. **3** UDavida wasethatha abanye abafazi eJerusalema; uDavida wasezala amanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **4** Lala ngamabizo abantwana aba labo eJerusalema: OShamuwa, loShobabi, uNathani, loSolomoni, **5** lolbihari, loElishuwa, loEliphetai, **6** loNoga, loNefegi, loJafiya, **7** loElishama, loBeyeliyada, loElifaleti. **8** AmaFilisti esezwile ukuthi uDavida ugcotshiwe ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli wonke, wonke amaFilisti enyuka ukudinga uDavida; uDavida ekuzwa waphuma ukuyamelana lawo. **9** AmaFilisti asefika azisabalalisa esihotsheni seRefayimi. **10** UDavida wasebuza kuNkulunkulu esithi: Ngenyukele yini kumaFilisti? Uzawanikela esandleni sami yini? INkosi yasisithi kuye: Yenyuka, ngoba ngizawanikela esandleni sakho. **11** Basebesenyukela eBhali-Perazimi, uDavida wawatshaya lapho; uDavida wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ufohlele ezitheni zami ngesandla sami njengokufohla kwamanzi. Ngenxa yalokhu babiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiBhali-Perazimi. **12** Asetshiya onkulunkulu bawo lapho, uDavida wasesithi kabatshiswe ngomlilo. **13** AmaFilisti asebuya ezisabalalisa esihotsheni futhi. **14** Lapho uDavida ebuza futhi kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wathi kuye: Ungenyukeli ngemva kwawo, agombolozele usuka kiwo, uze kuwo maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu. **15** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho

usizwa umsindo wokuhamba ezihlakweni zezihlahla zebhalisamu, ubusuphumela empini, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzabe esephume phambi kwakho ukutshaya ibutho lamaFilisti. **16** Ngakho uDavida wenza njengoba uNkulunkulu emlayile; basebetshaya ibutho lamaFilisti kusukela eGibeyoni kwaze kwaba seGezeri. **17** Njalo ibizo likaDavida laphumela kuwo wonke amazwe; iNkosi yasibeka ukwesabeka kwakhe phezu kwazo zonke izizwe.

15 Wasezenzela izindlu emzini kaDavida, walungisela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu indawo, wawumisela ithente. **2** Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wathi: Kakho ongathwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwamaLevi, ngoba yiwo iNkosi eyawakhethela ukuthwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, lokuyikhonza kuze kube nininini. **3** UDavida wasebuthanisa ulsrayeli wonke eJerusalema ukuze benyuse umtshokotsho weNkosi endaweni yawo ayeyilungisele wona. **4** UDavida wasebuthanisa amadodana kaAroni lamaLevi. **5** Kumadodana kaKohathi, uUriyeli induna, labafowabo, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili. **6** Kumadodana kaMerari, uAsaya induna, labafowabo, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili. **7** Kumadodana kaGerishoni, uJoweli induna, labafowabo, ikhulu lamatshumi amathathu. **8** Kumadodana kaElizafani, uShemaya induna, labafowabo, amakhulu amabili. **9** Kumadodana kaHebroni, uEliyeli induna, labafowabo, amatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **10** Kumadodana kaUziyeli, uAminadaba induna, labafowabo, ikhulu letshumi lambili. **11** UDavida wasebiza oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi, lamaLevi, oUriyeli, uAsaya, loJoweli, uShemaya, loEliyeli, loAminadaba. **12** Wasesithi kubo: Lizinhloko zaboyise bamaLevi; zingcweliseni lina labafowenu ukuze lenyuse umtshokotsho weNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli endaweni

engiyilungisele wona. **13** Ngoba lina lalingekho kuqala, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yafohlela kithi, ngoba singayidinganga ngokwesimiso. **14** Ngakho abapristi lamaLevi bazingcwelisa ukwenyusa umtshokotsho weNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **15** Abantwana bamaLevi basebethwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, njengokulaya kukaMozisi ngokwelizwi leNkosi, emahlombe abo ngemijabo phezu kwabo. **16** UDavida wasesithi ezinduneni zamaLevi zimise abafowabo, abahlabeleli, lezinto zokuhlabelela lezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho lezinsimbi ezincencethayo, bazizwakalise, ngokuphakamisa ilizwi ngentokozo. **17** AmaLevi asemisa uHemani indodana kaJoweli, lakubafowabo uAsafi indodana kaBerekiya, lemadodaneni kaMerari abafowabo uEthani indodana kaKushaya. **18** Njalo kanye labo abafowabo besigaba sesibili: OZekhariya, uBeni, loJahaziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loUni, uEliyabi, loBhenaya, loMahaseya, loMathithiya, loElifelehu, loMikineya, loObedi-Edoma, loJeyiyeli, abalindi bamasango. **19** Abahlabeleli oHemani, uAsafi, loEthani bazizwakalisa-ke ngensimbi ezincencethayo zethusi. **20** LoZekhariya loAziyeli loShemiramothi loJehiyeli loUni loEliyabi loMahaseya loBhenaya belezigubhu zezintambo ngeAlamothi. **21** LoMathithiya loElifelehu loMikineya loObedi-Edoma loJeyiyeli loAzaziya belamachacho ngeSheminithi ukukhokhela. **22** LoKenaniya induna yamaLevi emthwalweni, wafundisa ngokuhlabelela ngoba wayeyingcitsi. **23** LoBerekiya loElkana babengabagcini bamasango omtshokotsho. **24** LoShebaniya loJoshafati loNethaneli loAmasayi loZekhariya loBhenaya loEliyezeri abapristi bakhala izimpondo phambi komtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. LoObedi-Edoma loJehiya babengabagcinimasango bomtshokotsho. **25** Kwasekusithi

uDavida labadala bakolsrayeli lenduna zezinkulungwane bahamba ukwenyusa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi uvela endlini kaObedi-Edoma ngentokozo. **26** Kwasekusithi uNkulunkulu ewasiza amaLevi ayewuthwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, banikela umhlatshelo wamajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa. **27** Njalo uDavida wayegqoke isembatho selembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lawo wonke amaLevi ayewuthwele umtshokotsho labahlabeleli loKenaniya induna yomthwalo wabahlabeleli; uDavida-ke wayegqoke i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo. **28** Ngakho ulsrayeli wonke wawenyusa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi ngokumemeza langokukhala kophondo lwenqama, langezimpondo, langezinsimbi ezincencethayo, besenza umsindo ngezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho. **29** Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi ufika emzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli walunguza ngewindi wabona inkosi uDavida esina edlala, wamdelela enhliziyweni yakhe.

16 Basebewuletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, bawumisa phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele wona; basebenikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **2** UDavida eseqedile ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula wababusisa abantu ebizweni leNkosi. **3** Wasesabela wonke umuntu wakolsrayeli kusukela kowesilisa kuze kube kowesifazana, kwaba ngulowo lalowo isinkwa esisodwa, leqatha lenyama, lesinkwa sezithelo zevini ezonyisiwego. **4** Wasemisa izikhonzi kumaLevi phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi, ngitsho ukukhumbula lokubonga lokudumisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **5** UAsafi inhloko, lowesibili kuye uZekhariya, uJeyiyeli, loShemiramothi,

loJehiyeli, loMathithiya, loEliyabi, loBhenaya, loObedi-Edoma,
loJeyiyeli belezinto zezigubhu zezintambo njalo lamachacho;
uAsafi wasezizwakalisa ngezinsimbi ezincencethayo; **6**
loBhenaya loJahaziyeli abapristi ngezimpondo njalonjalo
phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.
7 Ngalesosikhathi ngalolosuku uDavida wanika kuqala
lesisihlabelelo ukudumisa iNkosi ngesandla sikaAsafi
labafowabo: **8** Bongani iNkosi, libize ibizo layo, lazise phakathi
kwabantu izenzo zayo. **9** Hlabelelani kuyo, liyihubele amahubo,
lilandise ngezenzo zayo ezimangalisayo. **10** Zincomeni ebizweni
layo elingcwele, kayithokoze inhliziyo yabo abadinga iNkosi. **11**
Dingani iNkosi lamandla ayo, lidinge ubuso bayo njalonjalo.
12 Khumbulani izimangaliso zayo eyazenzayo, izibonakaliso
zayo, lezahlulelo zomlomo wayo, **13** nzalo kalsrayeli inceku
yayo, bantwana bakaJakobe, abakhethiweyo bayo. **14** lyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo zayo zisemhlabeni wonke.
15 Khumbulani isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini, ilizwi
eyalilaya kuzinkulungwane zezizukulwana, **16** eyasenza
loAbrahama, lesifungo sakhe kulsaka, **17** eyasiqinisa lakuJakobe
saba yisimiso, kulsrayeli saba yisivumelwano esilaphakade,
18 isithi: Ngizakunika ilizwe leKhanani, inkatho yelifa lakho.
19 Lapho lalibalutshwana ngenani, yebo libalutshwana, njalo
liyizihambi kulo. **20** Basebezula besuka esizweni besiya
esizweni, besuka embusweni besiya kwabanye abantu. **21**
Kayivumelanga muntu ukubacindezela; yebo yakuza amakhosi
ngenza yabo: **22** Lingathinti abagcotshiweyo bami, lingoni
abaprofethi bami. **23** Hlabelelani eNkosini, mhlaba wonke,
litshumayele insuku ngensuku usindiso Iwayo. **24** Landisani
udumo Iwayo phakathi kwezizwe, izimangaliso zayo phakathi

kwabantu bonke. **25** Ngoba yinkulu iNkosi, ifanele ukudunyiswa kakhulu, iyesabeka phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **26** Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe; kodwa iNkosi yenza amazulu. **27** Uduomo lenkazimulo kuphambi kwayo, amandla lentokozo kusendaweni yayo. **28** Inikeni iNkosi, zizukulwana zezizwe, inikeni iNkosi udumo lamandla. **29** Inikeni iNkosi udumo lwebizo layo, lethani umnikelo lize phambi kwayo. Ikhonzeni iNkosi ebuhleni bobungcwele. **30** Lithuthumele phambi kwayo, mhlabo wonke; njalo umhlabo uzaqjiniswa, kawuyikunyikinyeka. **31** Kawathokoze amazulu, lomhlabo ujabule, kabatsho phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi: INkosi iyabusa. **32** Kaluhlokombe ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo, iganga kalithabe lakho konke okukulo. **33** Khona zizahlabelela ngentokozo izihlahla zehlathi phambi kweNkosi, ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlabo. **34** Bongani iNkosi ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade. **35** Lithi futhi: Sisindise, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, usibuthe usikhulule ezizweni, ukuze sibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele, sizincome kudumo lwakho. **36** Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. Bonke abantu basebesithi: Ameni. Basebeyidumisa iNkosi. **37** Wasetshiya lapho phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi oAsafi labafowabo ukukhonza phambi komtshokotsho njalonjalo njengodaba losuku ngosuku lwalo. **38** LoObedi-Edoma kanye labafowabo, abangamatshumi ayisithupha lesificaminwembili; uObedi-Edoma indodana kaJeduthuni loHosa babengabagcini bamasango. **39** LoZadoki umpristi labafowabo abapristi phambi kwethabhanekele leNkosi endaweni ephakemeyo eyayiseGibeyoni, **40** ukuze banikele iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini phezu kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo

ekuseni lakusihlwa, lanjengakho konke okubhaliwego emlayweni weNkosi, eyawulaya ulsrayeli. **41** Njalo kanye labo oHemani loJeduthuni labanye ababekhethiwe abamiswa ngamabizo ukubonga iNkosi, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade. **42** Njalo kanye labo oHemani loJeduthuni babelezimpondo lezinsimbi ezincencethayo zalabo abazizwakalisayo, lezinto zokuhlabela zikaNkulunkulu. Lamadodana kaJeduthuni ayesesangweni. **43** Basebehamba bonke abantu, ngulowo lalowo waya endlini yakhe. uDavida wasebuyela ukubusisa indlu yakhe.

17 Kwasekusithi uDavida esehlezi endlini yakhe, uDavida wathi kuNathani umprofethi: Khangela, mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kodwa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi ungaphansi kwamakhetheni. **2** UNathani wasesithi kuDavida: Yenza konke okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe. **3** Kodwa kwathi ngabona lobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lafika kuNathani, lisithi: **4** Hamba utshele uDavida inceku yami: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Wena kawuyikungakhela indlu yokuhlala. **5** Ngoba kangihlalanga endlini kusukela osukwini engenysa ngalo ulsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa ngasuka ethenteni ngaya ethenteni njalo ngasuka ethabhanekeleni ngaya kwelinye. **6** Loba ngaphi engihambe khona lolsrayeli wonke ngake ngakhulumia ilizwi yini komunye wabahluleli bakolsrayeli, engabalaya ukwelusa abantu bami ngisithi: Yini lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari? **7** Ngakho-ke uzakutsho njalo encekwini yami uDavida uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Mina ngakuthatha esibayeni sezimvu ekulandeleni izimvu ukuze ube ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli. **8** Njalo ngaba lawe loba ngaphi oya khona, ngaquma zonke izitha zakho zasuka phambi kwakho,

ngakwenzela ibizo njengebizo labakhulu abasemhlabeni. **9** Njalo ngizabamisela indawo abantu bami ulsrayeli, ngibagxumeke ukuze bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe besanyikinywa; labantwana bobubi kabasayikubamotsha njengakuqala, **10** njalo kusukela kulezonsuku engalaya abahluleli ukuthi babe phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli; ngazehlisela phansi zonke izitha zakho; njalo ngyakutshela ukuthi iNKOSI izakwakhela indlu. **11** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho insuku zakho sezigcwalisekile ukuthi uhambe laboyihlo, ngizavusa inzalo yakho emva kwakho, ezavela emadodaneni akho, ngiqinise umbuso wayo. **12** Yena uzangakhela indlu, ngizaqinisa isihlalo sakhe sobukhosu kuze kube nininini. **13** Mina ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami; njalo kangiyikususa uthandolomusa wami kuye njengalokho ngalususa kulowo owayengaphambi kwakho. **14** Kodwa ngizamqinisa endlini yami lembusweni wami kuze kube nininini, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosu sizaqiniswa kuze kube nininini. **15** Njengawo wonke lamazwi lanjengawo wonke lumbono, ngokunjalo uNathani wakhulumu kuDavida. **16** Inkosi uDavida yasingena yahlala phambi kweNkosi, yathi: Mina ngingubani, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, lendlu yami iyini, ukuthi ungilethe kuze kube lapha? **17** Lokhu bekukuncinyane emehlwani akho, Nkulunkulu; usukhulumile ngendlu yenceku yakho kusesekhatshana, wangibona ngokwesikhundla somuntu ophakemeyo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu. **18** UDavida angenzani okunye kuwe ngodumo lwenceku yakho? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho. **19** Nkosi, ngenxa yenceku yakho langokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile zonke lezizinto ezinkulu ukwazisa zonke lezizinto ezinkulu. **20** Nkosi, kakho onjengawe, njalo kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho, njengakho konke esikuzwileyo ngendlebe

zethu. **21** Njalo ngubani onjengabantu bakho ulsrayeli, isizwe esisodwa emhlabeni, uNkulunkulu owayazihlengela sona sibe ngabantu, ukuzenzela ibizo ngezenzo ezinkulu lezesabekayo, ngokuxotsha elifeni izizwe ukuzisusa phambi kwabantu bakho owabahlenga eGibhithe? **22** Ngoba wenza abantu bakho ulsrayeli ukuthi babe ngabantu bakho kuze kube nininini; lawe Nkosi waba nguNkulunkulu wabo. **23** Khathesi-ke, Nkosi, ilizwi ovalikhulumu ngenceku yakho langendlu yayo kалиqiniswe kuze kube nininini, wenze njengokukhuluma kwakho. **24** Yebo kалиqiniswe, lebizo lakho kalibe likhulu kuze kube nininini, kuthiya: INkosi yamabandla inguNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, nguNkulunkulu kolsrayeli; lendlu kaDavida inceku yakho kayimiswe phambi kwakho. **25** Ngoba wena, Nkulunkulu wami, wembule endlebeni yenceku yakho ukuthi uzayakhela indlu; ngenxa yalokho inceku yakho ithole enhliziweni ukukhuleka phambi kwakho. **26** Khathesi-ke, Nkosi, wena unguye uNkulunkulu, ukhulume lokhu okuhle ngenceku yakho. **27** Khathesi-ke, kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho ukuze ibe phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini; ngoba, wena Nkosi, uyabusisa, njalo izabusiswa kuze kube nini lanini.

18 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida watshaya amaFilisti, wawehlisela phansi, wathatha iGathi lemizana yayo ekususa esandleni samaFilisti. **2** Watshaya IoMowabi; amaMowabi asesiba zinceku zikaDavida, aletha umthelo. **3** UDavida watshaya loHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba kuze kube seHamathi lapho esiyamisa amandla akhe emfuleni iYufrahi. **4** UDavida wasethumba kuye inqola eziyinkulungwane, labamabhiza abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili; uDavida

wasequma imisipha yawo wonke amabhiza enqola, kodwa watshiya kuwo amabhiza enqola alikhulu. **5** Lapho amaSiriya eDamaseko eza ukusiza uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba, uDavida watshaya kumaSiriya amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili. **6** UDavida wasebekwa amabutho enqaba eSiriya yeDamaseko; amaSiriya asesiba zinceku zikaDavida, aletha umthelo. Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa uDavida loba ngaphi aya khona. **7** UDavida wasethatha izihlangu zegolide ezaziphezu kwenceku zikaHadadezeri, waziletha eJerusalema. **8** Njalo eTibhathi leKuni, imizi kaHadadezeri, uDavida wathatha ithusi elinengi kakhulu; uSolomoni enza ngalo ulwandle lwethusi, lezinsika, lezitsha zethusi. **9** UTowu inkosi yeHamathi esizwa ukuthi uDavida utshayile ibutho lonke likaHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba, **10** wathuma uHadoramu indodana yakhe enkosini uDavida ukuyibuza impilakahle lokuyibusisa, ngenxa yokuthi ilwe loHadadezeri yamtshaya, (ngoba uHadadezeri wayengumuntu wezimpi esilwa loTowu), elezitsha zonke zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi. **11** Lalezo inkosi uDavida yazehlukanisela uJehova kanye lesiliva legolide eyakuletha kuvela ezipheni zonke, eEdoma, lakoMowabi, lebantwaneni bakoAmoni, lakumaFilisti, lakumaAmaleki. **12** UAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wasetshaya amaEdoma esihotsheni setshwayi, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili. **13** Wasebeka amabutho enqaba eEdoma; wonke amaEdoma asesiba zinceku zikaDavida. Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa uDavida loba ngaphi aya khona. **14** UDavida wabusa-ke phezu kukalsrayeli wonke, wayesenzo isahlulelo lokulunga kubo bonke abantu bakhe. **15** Njalo uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephezu kwebutho; loJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane; **16** loZadoki indodana kaAhitubi

loAbhimeleki indodana kaAbhiyatha babengabapristi; loShavisha wayengumbhali; **17** loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKerethi lamaPelethi; lamadodana kaDavida ayezinhloko eceleni kwenkosi.

19 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uNahashi inkosi yamaAmoni wafa, indodana yakhe yasisiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **2** UDavida wasesithi: Ngizamenzela umusa uHanuni indodana kaNahashi, ngoba uyise wangenzela umusa. UDavida wasethuma izithunywa ukuyamduduza ngoyise. Izinceku zikaDavida zasezifika elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni kuHanuni ukumduduza. **3** Kodwa iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoAmoni zathi kuHanuni: Kambe uDavida uyamhlonipha uyihlo emehlwani akho, ngoba ethume abaduduzi kuwe? Izinceku zakhe kazizanga kuwe yini ukuphenya lokuchitha lokuhlola ilizwe? **4** Ngakho uHanuni wathatha izinceku zikaDavida wazigela waquma izembatho zazo kungxenyе kuze kube sezibunu zazo, waziyekela zahamba. **5** Basebehamba bamtshela uDavida ngalawomadoda; wasethuma ukuwahlangabeza, ngoba amadoda ayelenhloni kakhulu; inkosi yasisithi: Hhalani eJeriko zize zihlume izindevu zenu, beselibuya. **6** Abantwana bakoAmoni sebebonile ukuthi sebelevumba kuDavida, uHanuni labantwana bakoAmoni bathumela amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuziqhatshela izinqola labagadi bamabhiza eMesopotamiya leSiriya-Mahaka leZoba. **7** Basebeziqhatshela inqola ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili lenkosi yeMahaka labantu bayo; basebesiza bamisa inkamba phambi kweMedeba; abantwana bakoAmoni basebebuthana bevela emizini yabo, beza empini. **8** UDavida esezwile wathuma uJowabi lebutho lonke lamaqhawe. **9** Abantwana bakoAmoni basebephuma

bahlela impi esangweni lomuzi, lamakhosi ayezile ayewodwa egangeni. **10** UJowabi esebonile ukuthi impondo zebutho zimelene laye ngaphambili langemuva, wakhetha kuwo wonke umkhethwa kolsrayeli, wabahlela ukumelana lamaSiriya.

11 Labaseleyo babantu wabanikela esandleni sikaAbishayi umfowabo; basebezihlela ukumelana labantwana bakoAmoni.

12 Wasesithi: Uba amaSiriya engikhulela, uzakuba lusizo lwami; kodwa uba abantwana bakoAmoni bekukhulela, ngizakusiza.

13 Bana lesibindi, siziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi langenxa yemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu; leNkosi kayenze okuhle emehlwani ayo. **14** UJowabi labantu ababelaye basebesondela phambi kwamaSiriya ukuya empini; asebaleka phambi kwakhe. **15** Abantwana bakoAmoni sebebona ukuthi amaSiriya ayabaleka, babaleka labo phambi kukaAbishayi umfowabo, bangena emzini. UJowabi wasengena eJerusalema. **16** AmaSiriya esebonile ukuthi atshayiwe phambi kukalsrayeli athuma izithunywa akhupha amaSiriya ayengaphetsheya komfula. LoShofaki induna yebutho likaHadadezeri wayephambi kwavo. **17** Esetsheliwe uDavida, wabuthanisa ulsrayeli wonke, wachapha iJordani, wafika kibo, wahlela ibutho limelene lawo. UDavida esehlele impi ukumelana lamaSiriya, alwa laye. **18** Kodwa amaSiriya abaleka phambi kukalsrayeli; uDavida wasebulala kumaSiriya abezinqola abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane, wabulala loShofaki induna yebutho. **19** Izinceku zikaHadadezeri sezibonile ukuthi zitshayiwe phambi kukalsrayeli, zenza ukuthula loDavida, zamsebenzela. Ngakho amaSiriya kawafunanga ukusiza abantwana bakoAmoni futhi.

20 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sokuthwasa komnyaka, ngesikhathi amakhosi aphuma ngaso, uJowabi wakhokhela amaqhawe ebutho, wachitha ilizwe labantwana bakoAmoni, weza wavimbezela iRaba. Kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema. UJowabi waseytshaya iRaba, wayichitha. 2 UDavida wathatha umqhele wenkosi yabo wawususa ekhanda layo, wawuthola ulesisindo sethalenta legolide, laphakathi kwavo kulelitshe eliligugu, wasubekwa ekhanda likaDavida. Wasekhupha impango enengi kakhulu emzini. 3 Wakhupha abantu ababephakathi kwavo, wabaquma ngesaha, langamapiki ensimbi, langamahloka. Wenza njalo-ke uDavida kuyo yonke imizi yabantwana bakoAmoni; uDavida wasebuyela eJerusalema labo bonke abantu. 4 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho kwavuka impi lamaFilisti eGezeri; ngalesosikhathi uSibekayi umHushathi watshaya uSiphayi owabantwana besiqhwaga; asesehliselwa phansi. 5 Kwasekusiba khona impi futhi lamaFilisti; uElihanani indodana kaJayiri wasetshaya uLahimi umfowabobo kaGoliyathi umGithi, oluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalungangogodo lwabeluki. 6 Kwabuye kwaba khona futhi impi eGathi lapho okwakukhona umuntu omude owayeleinwe lamazwane kuyisithupha lesithupha, amatshumi amabili lane; laye futhi wazalwa yisiqhwaga. 7 Eseyisa ulsrayeli, uJonathan indodana kaShimeya, umfowabobo kaDavida, wamtshaya. 8 Laba bazalelwisa qhwaga eGathi; basebesiwa ngesandla sikaDavida langesandla sezinceku zakhe.

21 USathane wasesukuma emelana lolsrayeli, wavusa uDavida ukuthi abale ulsrayeli. 2 Ngakho uDavida wathi kuJowabi lakubabusi babantu: Hambani libale ulsrayeli kusukela eBherishebha kuze kufike koDani, lilethe kimi ukuze ngazi

inani labo. **3** UJowabi wasesithi: INkosi kayandise ebantwini bayo njengoba benjalo ngokulikhulu. Nkosi yami, nkosi, abasizo bonke yini izinceku zenkosi yami? Inkosi yami ikufunelani lokhu? Izakuba licala ngani kulsrayeli? **4** Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi laba lamandla phezu kukaJowabi. Ngakho uJowabi waphuma, wahambahamba phakathi kukalsrayeli wonke; wafika eJerusalema. **5** UJowabi wasenika uDavida inani lokubalwa kwabantu. Njalo wonke ulsrayeli wayengamadoda azinkulungwane ezizinkulungwane lezinkulungwane ezilikhulu ahwatsha inkemba; loJuda wayengamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamatshumi ayisikhombisa ahwatsha inkemba. **6** Kodwa uLevi loBhenjamini kababalanga phakathi kwabo, ngoba ilizwi lenkosi lalinengeka kuJowabi. **7** Njalo kwaba kubi emehlwani kaNkulunkulu mayelana lalindaba; ngakho wamtshaya ulsrayeli. **8** UDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Ngonile kakhulu ngoba ngenze linto. Kodwa khathesi, ake wedlulise ububi benceku yakho, ngoba ngenze ngobuthutha obukhulu. **9** INkosi yasikhuluma kuGadi umboni kaDavida isithi: **10** Hamba ukhulume kuDavida uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Mina ngikubekela okuthathu; zikhethelo okunye kukho engizakwenza kuwe. **11** UGadi wasefika kuDavida wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Zikhethelo: **12** Kumbe iminyaka emithathu yendlala; loba inyanga ezintathu uqedwa ebusweni bezitha zakho lenkemba yezitha zakho ikufice; kumbe insuku ezintathu inkemba yeNkosi, ngitsho umatshayabhuqe wesifo, elizweni, lengilosieNkosi ichitha kuwo wonke umngcele wakolsrayeli. Ngakho-ke bona ukuthi yimpendulo bani engizayibuyisela kongithumileyo. **13** UDavida wasesithi kuGadi: Ngicindezelwe kakhulu; ake ngiwele esandleni seNkosi, ngoba izisa zayo zinengi kakhulu;

kodwa kangingaweli esandleni somuntu. **14** Ngakho iNkosi yathuma umatshayabhuqe wesifo kolsrayeli; kwasekusiwa abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **15** UNkulunkulu wasethuma ingilosи eJerusalema ukuyibhubhisa; njalo isayibhubhisa, iNkosi yabona yazisola ngalobobubi, yasisithi kuyo ingilosи ebhubhisayo: Kwanele, khathesi buyisa isandla sakho. Ingilosи yeNkosi yayimi-ke ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi. **16** uDAvida wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona ingilosи yeNkosi imi phakathi komhlaba lamazulu lenkemba yayo ewhatshiwego esandleni sayo iyelulele phezu kweJerusalema. uDAvida labadala begqoke-ke amasaka bathi mbo ngobuso babo. **17** uDAvida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Kakusimi yini othe kababale abantu? Yebo yimi owonileyo owenze okubi sibili. Kodwa lezizimvu zenzeni? Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, isandla sakho ake sibe phezu kwami laphezu kwendlu kababa, kodwa hatshi phezu kwabantu bakho ukuthi bahlutshwe. **18** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasisithi kuGadi katshele uDAvida ukuthi uDAvida kenyuke ayekwakhela iNkosi ilathi ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi. **19** uDAvida wasesenyuka ngelizwi likaGadi alikhuluma ngebizo leNkosi. **20** uOrinani enyemukula wabona ingilosи; lamadodana akhe amane ayelaye acatsha. uOrinani wayebhula-ke ingqoloyi. **21** uDAvida esefika kuOrinani, uOrinani wakhangela wambona uDAvida, waphuma ebaleni lokubhulela, wakhothamela uDAvida ngobuso emhlabathini. **22** uDAvida wasesithi kuOrinani: Nginika indawo yebala lokubhulela ukuze ngakhele iNkosi ilathi kuyo; nginike yona ngemali egcweleyo, ukuze inhlupheko imiswe ebantwini. **23** uOrinani wasesithi kuDAvida: Zithathele, inkosi yami inkosi kayenze okuhle emehlwani ayo; khangela, ngiyanika inkabi zibe yiminikelo yokutshiswa, lezimbulo

zibe zinkuni, lengqoloyi ibe ngumnikelo wokudla. Ngiyanika konke. **24** Kodwa inkosi uDavida yathi kuOrinani: Hatshi, kodwa ngizathenga lokuthenga ngemali egcweleyo; ngoba kangiyikuthathela iNkosi okwakho, loba ngnikele iminikelo yokutshiswa ngaphandle kwentengo. **25** UDavida wasemnika uOrinani ngaleyondawo amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide ngesisindo. **26** UDavida waseyakhela khona iNkosi ilathi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula, wayibiza iNkosi; yasimphendula ngomlilo ovela emazulwini phezu kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **27** INkosi yasilaya ingilos; yasibuyisela inkemba yayo esikhwameni sayo. **28** Ngalesosikhathi uDavida esebonile ukuthi iNkosi imphendule ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi, wanikela khona imihlatshelo. **29** Ngoba ithabhanekele leNkosi uMozisi ayelenze enkangala lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngalesosikhathi kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibeyoni. **30** Kodwa uDavida wayengelakho ukuhamba phambi kwalo ukudinga uNkulunkulu, ngoba wethuswa yinkemba yengilos; yeNkosi.

22 UDavida wasesithi: Le yindlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu, laleli lilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa kalsrayeli. **2** UDavida waselaya ukubuthanisa abezizweni ababeselizweni lakolsrayeli; wamisa ababazi bamatshe ukuthi babaze amatshe alungisiweyo okwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. **3** UDavida waselungisa insimbi enengi kakhulu yezipikili zezivalo zamasango leyokuhlanganisa; lethusi elinengi kakhulu elalingelakulinganiswa ngesisindo; **4** lezigodo zemisedari ezingelakubalwa; ngoba amaSidoni lamaTire amlethela uDavida izigodo zemisedari ezinengi kakhulu. **5** UDavida wasesithi: USolomoni indodana yami ungumfana, ubuthakathaka, lendlu ezakwakhelwa iNkosi kumele yenziwe

ibe nkulu kakhulu, ibe lebizo ibe lodumo emazweni wonke. Ngakho ngizayilungiselela. UDavida waselungiselela kakhulu phambi kokufa kwakhe. **6** Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, wamlaya ukuthi akhele iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli indlu. **7** UDavida wasesithi kuSolomoni: Ndodana yami, mina-ke, kwakusenhliziyweni yami ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami indlu. **8** Kodwa ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: Uchithe igazi elinengi, walawula izimpi ezinkulu; kawuyikwakhela ibizo lami indlu, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi emhlabeni phambi kwami. **9** Khangela, uzazalelwa indodana ezakuba ngumuntu wokuphumula; njalo ngizayipumuza ezitheni zayo zonke inhlangothi zonke: Ngoba ibizo layo lizakuba nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika ukuthula lokuphumula phezu kukalsrayeli ensukwini zakhe. **10** Yena uzakwakhela ibizo lami indlu. Yena-ke uzakuba yindodana yami, lami ngibe nguyise; ngiqinise isihlalo sakhe sobukhosи phezu kukalsrayeli kuze kube nininini. **11** Khathesi, ndodana yami, iNkosi ibe lawe, njalo uphumelele wakhe indlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwayo ngawe. **12** Kuphela iNkosi ikunike inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, ikulaye ngolsrayeli, ukuze ulondoloze umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **13** Khona uzaphumelela, uba unanzelela ukwenza izimiso lezahlulelo iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi ngolsrayeli; qina, ube lesibindi; ungesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo. **14** Khangela-ke, ekuhluphekeni kwami ngilungisele indlu yeNkosi amathalenta egolide ayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayizinkulungwane eziyinkulungwane, lethusi lensimbi okungelakulinganiswa ngesisindo, ngoba kunengi kakhulu; ngilungise lezigodo lamatshe. Uzakwengezelela-ke kukho. **15** Njalo ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi bamatshe, lezingcitsihi

zamatshe lezezigodo, layo yonke indoda ehlakaniphileyo kuwo wonke umsebenzi. **16** Kakulanani legolide, lelesiliva, lelethusi, lelensimbi. Sukuma usebenze; njalo iNkosi ibe lawe! **17** UDavida waselaya zonke izinduna zakolsrayeli ukusiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, esithi: **18** INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu kayilani yini? Kambe kayilinikanga yini ukuphumula inhlangothi zonke? Ngoba inikele abahlali belizwe esandleni sami, lelizwe lehliselwe phansi phambi kweNkosi laphambi kwabantu bayo. **19** Khathesi misani inhlizyo yenu lomphefumulo wenu ukudinga iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. Sukuman-ke lakhe indawo engcwele yeNkosi uNkulunkulu, ukungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi lezitsha ezingcwele zikaNkulunkulu endlini eyakhelwe ibizo leNkosi.

23 UDavida esemdala esanele ngensuku wamisa uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli. **2** Wasebuthanisa zonke induna zakolsrayeli labapristi lamaLevi. **3** AmaLevi asebalwa kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya phezulu; lenani lawo, ngamakhanda awo, ngamadoda, laba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili. **4** Kula kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane okuqondisa umsebenzi wendlu yeNkosi; lezinduna labahluleli abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha; **5** labagcini bamasango abayizinkulungwane ezine; labadumisi beNkosi abayizinkulungwane ezine ngezinto engizenzele ukudumisa, watsho uDavida. **6** UDavida wasewehlukanisa ngezigaba, ngokwamadodana kaLevi, oGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari. **7** KumaGerishoni kwakungoLadani loShimeyi. **8** Amadodana kaLadani: OJehiyeli inhloko, loZethamu, loJoweli, emathathu. **9** Amadodana kaShimeyi: OShelomithi loHaziyeli

loHarani, emathathu. La ayezinhloko zaboyise koLadani.

10 Lamadodana kaShimeyi: OJahathi, uZiza, loJewushi, loBeriya. La ayengamadodana kaShimeyi, emane. **11** LoJahathi wayeyinhloko, loZiza engowesibili; kodwa uJewushi loBeriya babengelabantwana abanengi, ngakho babesendlini yaboyise ngokubalwa kanye. **12** Amadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu, ulzihari, uHebron, loUziyeli, emane. **13** Amadodana kaAmramu: OAróni loMozisi. UAróni wehlukaniselwa-ke ukungcwela izinto ezingcwelengcwele, yena lamadodana akhe, kuze kube nininini, ukutshisa impepha phambi kweNkosi, ukuyikhonza, lokubusisa ngebizo layo kuze kube nininini. **14** NgoMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu, amadodana akhe abizwa ngaphansi kwesizwe sakoLevi. **15** Amadodana kaMozisi: OGereshoma loEliyezeri. **16** Amadodana kaGereshoma: UShebuweli inhloko. **17** Lamadodana kaEliyezeri ayenguRehabhiya inhloko; uEliyezeri wayengelawo-ke amanye amadodana, kodwa amadodana kaRehabhiya ayemanengi okwedlulisayo. **18** Amadodana kalzihari: UShelomithi inhloko. **19** Amadodana kaHebron: OJeriya inhloko, uAmariya owesibili, uJahaziyeli owesithathu, uJekameyamu owesine. **20** Amadodana kaUziyeli: OMika inhloko, lolshiya owesibili. **21** Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Amadodana kaMahli: OEleyazare loKishi. **22** UEleyazare wasesifa, wayengelamadodana kodwa amadodakazi; amadodana kaKishi, abafowabo, asewathatha. **23** Amadodana kaMushi: OMahli loEderi loJeremothi, emathathu. **24** La ngamadodana kaLevi ngendlu yaboyise, inhloko zaboyise, ngokubalwa kwawo, ngenani lamabizo, ngamakhanda awo, esenza umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu yeNkosi, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusija phezulu. **25**

Ngoba uDavida wathi: INkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ibanikile abantu bayo ukuphumula, bazahlala eJerusalema kuze kube sephakadeni. **26** Ngokunjalo-ke kumaLevi; kakulamuntu ozathwala ithabhanekele laloba yiziphi izitsha zalo zenkonzo yalo. **27** Ngoba ngamazwi kaDavida okucina amadodana kaLevi abhalwa kusukela kwalemintyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu. **28** Ngoba indawo yaho yayingasesandleni samadodana kaAroni enkonzweni yendlu yeNkosi, phezu kwamaguma, laphezu kwamakamelo, laphezu kokuhlambulula zonke izinto ezingcwele, lomsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu kaNkulunkulu, **29** lowezinkwa zokubukiswa, lowempuphu ecolekileyo yomnikelo wokudla, lowezinkwana eziyipatalala ezingelamvubelo, lowokubhakwe ngepani, lowokukhanzingiweyo, lowesilinganiso sonke lobukhulu; **30** lokuma ukusa ngokusa ukubonga lokudumisa iNkosi, kanjalo lantambama, **31** lokunikela konke kweminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini ngamasabatha, ngokuthwasa kwenyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo, ngenani, ngokwesimiso kukho, njalonjalo phambi kweNkosi. **32** Njalo azagcina umlindo wethente lenhlangano, lomlindo wendlu engcwele, lomlindo wamadodana kaAroni, abafowabo, enkonzweni yendlu yeNkosi.

24 Njalo izigaba zamadodana kaAroni. Amadodana kaAroni: ONadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, lolthamari. **2** Kodwa oNadabi loAbihu bafa mandulo kuloyise, njalo bengelabantwana; ngakho oEleyazare lolthamari basebenza njengabapristi. **3** UDavida wasebehlukanisa, loZadoki emadodaneni kaEleyazare, loAhimeleki emadodaneni kalthamari, ngokwesikhundla sabo enkonzweni yabo. **4** Kwatholakala emadodaneni kaEleyazare inhloko zamaqhawe amanengi okwedlula emadodaneni kalthamari mhla bewehlukanisa;

emadodaneni kaEleyazare kwakulenhloko ezilitshumi lesithupha
zendlu yaboyise, lemadodaneni kalthamari ngokwendlu
yaboyise, eziyisificaminwembili. **5** Basebezehlukanisa
ngezinkatho, lezi laleziyana, ngoba izinduna zendlu engcwele
lezinduna zikaNkulunkulu zazivela emadodaneni kaEleyazare
lemadodaneni kalthamari. **6** UShemaya indodana kaNethaneli
umbhali, ovela kumaLevi, wasezibhala phambi kwenkosi
leziphathamandla loZadoki umpristi loAhimeleki indodana
kaAbhiyatha, lenhloko zaboyise zabapristi lezamaLevi; indlu
kayise eyodwa yathathelwa uEleyazare, leyodwa yathathelwa
ulthamari. **7** Inkatho yokuqala yasiphumela uJehoyaribi, eyesibili
uJedaya, **8** eyesithathu uHarimi, eyesine uSeworimi, **9** eyesihlanu
uMalikiya, eyesithupha uMijamini, **10** eyesikhombisa uHakhozi,
eyesificaminwembili uAbhiya, **11** eyesificamunwemunye
uJeshuwa, eyetshumi uShekaniya, **12** eyetshumi lanye
uEliyashibi, eyetshumi lambili uJakimi, **13** eyetshumi lantathu
uHupha, eyetshumi lane uJeshebeyabi, **14** eyetshumi lanhlanu
uBiliga, eyetshumi lesithupha ulmeri, **15** eyetshumi lesikhombisa
uHeziri, eyetshumi lesificaminwembili uHaphizezi, **16** eyetshumi
lesificamunwemunye uPhethahiya, eyamatshumi amabili
uJehezekeli, **17** eyamatshumi amabili lanye uJakini, eyamatshumi
amabili lambili uGamuli, **18** eyamatshumi amabili lantathu
uDelaya, eyamatshumi amabili lane uMahaziya. **19** Isikhundla
salaba enkonzwensi yabo sasiykungena endlini yeNkosi
ngokwesimiso sabo ngesandla sikaAroni uyise, njengalokho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yayimlayile. **20** Labaseleyo
emadodaneni kaLevi: Emadodaneni kaAmramu: NguShubayeli;
emadodaneni kaShubayeli: NguJehideya. **21** NgoRehabhiya:
Emadodaneni kaRehabhiya, inhloko kwakungulshiya; **22**

kwabakolzihari, uShelomothi; emadodaneni kaShelomothi, uJahathi. **23** Lamadodana kaHebron, uJeriya owokuqala, uAmariya owesibili, uJahaziyeli owesithathu, uJekameyamu owesine. **24** Amadodana kaUziyeli, uMika; emadodaneni kaMika, uShamiri. **25** Umfowabo kaMika ngulshiya; emadodaneni kalshiya, uZekhariya. **26** Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi; amadodana kaJahaziya: UBheno. **27** Amadodana kaMerari: KuJahaziya: OBheno loShohama loZakuri lolbiri. **28** KuMahli: UEleyazare, owayengelamadodana. **29** NgoKishi: Amadodana kaKishi: UJerameli. **30** Lamadodana kaMushi: OMahli loEderi loJerimothi. La ngamadodana amaLevi ngokwendlu yaboyise. **31** Lalaba labo benza inkatho yokuphosa njengabafowabo, amadodana kaAroni, phambi kukaDavida inkosi loZadoki loAhimeleki lenhloko zaboyise babapristi labamaLevi, inhloko yaboyise njengomfowabo omnciyane.

25 UDavida lenduna zebutho behlukanisela-ke inkonzo emadodaneni kaAsafi lakaHemani lakaJeduthuni, abaprofetha ngamachacho, ngezigubhu zezintambo, langensimbi ezincencethayo. Lenani lamadoda omsebenzi lalinjengokwenkonzo yawo: **2** Emadodaneni kaAsafi: OZakuri loJosefa loNethaniya loAsarela, amadodana kaAsafi, phansi kwesandla sikaAsafi, owaprofetha ngokwesandla senkosi. **3** NgoJeduthuni: Amadodana kaJeduthuni: OGedaliya, loZeri, loJeshaya, uHashabhiya, loMathithiya, beyisithupha, ezandleni zikayise uJeduthuni, owayeprofetha ngechacho, ukubonga lokudumisa iNkosi. **4** NgoHemani: Amadodana kaHemani: OBukhiya, uMathaniya, uUziyeli, uShebuweli, loJerimothi, uHananiya, uHanani, uEliyatha, uGidaliti, loRomamiti-Ezeri, uJoshibekasha, uMaloti, uHothiri, uMahaziyothi. **5** Bonke

laba babengamadodana kaHemani umboni wenkosi emazwini
kaNkulunkulu ukuphakamisa uphondo. Njalo uNkulunkulu
wamnika uHemani amadodana alitshumi lane lamadodakazi
amathathu. **6** Bonke laba babesezandleni zikayise ekuhlabeleleni
endlini yeNkosi ngensimbi ezincencethayo, izigubhu zezintambo,
lamachacho enkonzweni yendlu kaNkulunkulu, phansi
kwesandla senkosi, oAsafi loJeduthuni loHemani. **7** Lenani
labo kanye labafowabo ababefundiswe ngezingoma zeNkosi,
bonke ababelolwazi, lalingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lesificaminwembili. **8** Basebesenza inkatho
yokuphosa ngomlindo, omncinyane njengomkhulu, ofundisayo
lofundayo. **9** Inkatho yokuqala yasiphumela uAsafi kuJosefa;
eyesibili kuGedaliya, yena labafowabo lamadodana akhe,
belitshumi lambili; **10** eyesithathu kuZakuri, amadodana
akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **11** eyesine kulziri,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **12** eyesihlanu
kuNethaniya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;
13 eyesithupha kuBukhiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo,
belitshumi lambili; **14** eyesikhombisa kuAsarela, amadodana
akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **15** eyesificaminwembili
kuJeshaya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;
16 eyesificamunwemunye kuMathaniya, amadodana akhe
labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **17** eyetshumi kuShimeyi,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **18** eyetshumi
lanye kuAzareli, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi
lambili; **19** eyetshumi lambili kuHashabhiya, amadodana
akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **20** eyetshumi lantathu
kuShebuwel, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;
21 eyetshumi lane kuMathithiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo,

belitshumi lambili; **22** eyetshumi lanhlanu kuJeremothi, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **23** eyetshumi lesithupha kuHananiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **24** eyetshumi lesikhombisa kuJoshibekasha, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **25** eyetshumi lesificaminwembili kuHanani, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **26** eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye kuMalothi, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **27** eyamatshumi amabili kuEliyatha, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **28** eyamatshumi amabili lanye kuHothiri, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **29** eyamatshumi amabili lambili kuGidaliti, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **30** eyamatshumi amabili lantathu kuMahaziyothi, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **31** eyamatshumi amabili lane kuRomamiti-Ezeri, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili.

26 Ngezigaba zabalindi bamasango. KwabakoKora kwakunguMeshelemya indodana kaKore wamadodana kaAsafi. **2** LoMeshelemya wayelamadodana, uZekhariya izibulo, uJediyayeli owesibili, uZebhadiya owesithathu, uJathiniyeli owesine, **3** uElamu owesihlanu, uJehohanani owesithupha, uEliyohenayi owesikhombisa. **4** UObedi-Edoma laye wayelamadodana, uShemaya izibulo, uJehozabadi owesibili, uJowa owesithathu, uSakari owesine, loNethaneli owesihlanu, **5** uAmiyeli owesithupha, ulsakari owesikhombisa, uPhewulethayi owesificaminwembili; ngoba uNkulunkulu wayembusisile. **6** LakuShemaya indodana yakhe kwazalwa amadodana abusa jikelele endlini kayise, ngoba ayengamaqhawe alamandla. **7** Amadodana kaShemaya: O-Othini, loRefayeli, loObedi,

uElizabadi, abafowabo, amadodana alamandla, oElihu
loSemakhiya. **8** Bonke laba babengabamadodana kaObedi-
Edoma, bona lamadodana abo labafowabo, amadoda enelisayo
ngamandla omsebenzi, bengamatshumi ayisithupha lambili
bakoObedi-Edoma. **9** Njalo uMeshelemya wayelamadodana
labafowabo, amadodana alamandla, elitshumi lesificaminwembili.
10 UHosha laye emadodaneni kaMerari wayelamadodana,
uShimiri inhloko (lanxa wayengeyisilo izibulo, kodwa uyise
wamenza waba yinhloko); **11** uHilikhiya owesibili, uTebaliya
owesithathu, uZekhariya owesine; wonke amadodana
labafowabo bakaHosa babelitshumi lantathu. **12** Phakathi
kwalabo kwakulezigaba zabalindi bamasango; izinhloko
zamadoda zilemilandu njengabafowabo, ukukhonza endlini
yeNkosi. **13** Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa, omncinyane
laye njengomkhulu, ngokwendlu yaboyise, besenzela isango
lesango. **14** Inkatho yempumalanga yawela-ke phezu
kukaShelemya; basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa ngoZekhariya
indodana yakhe, umeluleki ohlakaniphileyo; inkatho yakhe
yasiphuma ngenyakatho. **15** KuObedi-Edoma ngeningizimu;
lakumadodana akhe, indlu yokulondoloza. **16** KuShupimi
lakuHosa ngentshonalanga, lesango iShalekethi elisemgwaqweni
omkhulu oya phezulu, umlindi ngomlindi. **17** Ngempumalanga
kwakulamaLevi ayisithupha, ngenyakatho abane ngosuku,
ngeningizimu abane ngosuku, leziphaleni ababili ngababili;
18 eParibari ngentshonalanga, abane emgwaqweni omkhulu,
ababili eParibari. **19** Lezi yizigaba zabalindi bamasango
bamadodana amaKora labamadodana kaMerari. **20** LakumaLevi,
uAhiya wayephethe izinto eziligu zendlu kaNkulunkulu, njalo
wayephethe izinto eziliguzezinto ezingcwele. **21** Amadodana

kaLadani, abantwana bomGerishoni uLadani, kaLadani umGerishoni, inhloko zaboyise zazingoJehiyeli. **22** Amadodana kaJehiyeli: UZethamu, loJoweli umfowabo, babephethe izinto eziligu gu zendlu yeNkosi. **23** KumaAmramu, kumalzihari, kumaHebron, kumaUziyeli. **24** LoShebuweli indodana kaGereshoma indodana kaMozisi wayeyisiphathamandla phezu kwezinto eziligu gu. **25** Labafowabo abakaEliyezeri: ORehabhiya indodana yakhe, loJeshaya indodana yakhe, loJoram indodana yakhe, loZikiri indodana yakhe, loShelomithi indodana yakhe. **26** UShelomithi lo labafowabo babephethe zonke izinto eziligu gu zezinto ezingcwele uDavida inkosi ayezingcwelisile, lenhloko zaboyise, lenduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu, labalawulimabutho. **27** Kokwempi lokwempangweni bakungcwelisela ukulungisa indlu yeNkosi. **28** Lakho konke uSamuweli umboni ayekungcwelisile, loSawuli indodana kaKishi loAbhineri indodana kaNeri loJowabi indodana kaZeruya; konke okwakungcwelisiwe kwakungaphansi kwesandla sikaShelomithi labafowabo. **29** Kumalzihari uKenaniya lamadodana akhe babengabomsebenzi wangaphandle phezu kukalsrayeli, beyizinduna bengabahluleli. **30** KumaHebron uHashabhiya labafowabo, amadoda alamandla, ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, babephethe iziphathamandla zakolsrayeli nganeno kweJordani ngentshonalanga, emsebenzini wonke kaJehova lenkonzweni yenkosi. **31** KumaHebron uJeriya wayeyinhloko, kumaHebron, ngokwezizukulwana zaboyise. Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane wokubusa kukaDavida adingwa, kwasekutholwa phakathi kwavo amaghawé alamandla eJazere yeGileyadi. **32** Labafowabo amadoda alamandla ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, inhloko

zezindlu. UDavida inkosi wasebenza abaphathi phezu kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase ezintweni zonke zikaNkulunkulu lezinto zenkosi.

27 Njalo abantwana bakolsrayeli ngenani labo, inhloko zaboyise, lezinduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu, leziphathamandla zabo ezazisebenzela inkosi ezindabeni zonke zezigaba, ezazingena ziphuma inyanga ngenyanga enyangeni zonke zomnyaka; leso lalesosigaba sasilezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 2 Phezu kwesigaba sokuqala ngenyanga yokuqala kwakunguJashobeyamu indodana kaZabidiyeli; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 3 Wayengowamadodana kaPerezi, inhloko yabo bonke abaphathi bebutho ngenyanga yokuqala.
4 Laphezu kwesigaba senyanga yesibili kwakunguDodayi umAhoi; lesigabeni sakhe uMiklothi laye wayeyinduna; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 5 Induna yesithathu yebutho ngenyanga yesithathu yayinguBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umpristi omkhulu; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 6 UBhenaya lo wayeliqhawe labangamatshumi amathathu, laphezu kwabangamatshumi amathathu. Lakusigaba sakhe kwakuloAmizabadi indodana yakhe. 7 Eyesine ngenyanga yesine yayinguAsaheli umfowabo kajowabi, loZebhadiya indodana yakhe emva kwakhe; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 8 Eyesihlanu ngenyanga yesihlanu yayitungumphathi uShamihuthi umIzira; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 9 Eyesithupha ngenyanga yesithupha yayingulra indodana kalkheshi umThekhowa;

lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **10** Eyesikhombisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa yayinguHelezi umPheloni wamadodana akoEfrayimi; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **11** Eyesificaminwembili ngenyanga yesificaminwembili yayinguSibekayi umHushathi wabakoZera; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **12** Eyesificamunwemunye ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye yayinguAbiyezeri umAnathothi wabakoBhenjamini; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **13** Eyetshumi ngenyanga yetshumi yayinguMaharayi umNetofa wabakoZera; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **14** Eyetshumi lanye ngenyanga yetshumi lanye yayinguBhenaya umPirathoni wabantwana bakoEfrayimi; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **15** Eyetshumi lambili ngenyanga yetshumi lambili yayinguHelidayi umNetofa wakoOthiniyeli; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **16** Laphezu kwezizwe zakolsrayeli: Umbusi wabakoRubeni kwakunguEliyezeri indodana kaZikiri. KwabakoSimeyoni, uShefethiya indodana kaMahaka. **17** KwabakoLevi, uHashabhiya indodana kaKemuwel; kwabakoAroni, uZadoki. **18** KoJuda, uElihu wabafowabo bakaDavida. Kolsakari, uOmri indodana kaMikayeli. **19** KoZebuluni, ulshmaya indodana kaObhadiya. KoNafithali, uJerimothi indodana kaAziriyeli. **20** Ebantwaneni bakoEfrayimi, uHosheya indodana kaAzaziya. Engxenyeneyi eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, uJoweli indodana kaPhedaya. **21** Engxenyeneyi eyodwa kwezimbili yakoManase eGileyadi, uldo indodana kaZekhariya. KoBhenjamini, uJahasiyeli

indodana kaAbhineri. **22** KoDani, uAzareli indodana kaJerohamu. Laba babeyiziphathamandla zezizwe zakolsrayeli. **23** Kodwa uDavida kathathanga inani lalabo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphansi, ngoba iNkosi yayithe izakwengeza ulsrayeli njengezinkanyezi zamazulu. **24** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya waqalisa ukubala, kodwa kaqedanga; ngoba kwaba khona ulaka phezu kukalsrayeli ngenxa yalokho; ngakho inani kalifakwanga ekulandiseni kwemilando yenkosи uDavida. **25** Laphezu kwezinto eziligugu zenkosи kwakuloAzimavethi indodana kaAdiyeli; laphezu kwezinto eziligugu ensimini, emizini, lemizaneni, lezingabeni kwakuloJonathani indodana kaUziya. **26** Laphezu kwabenza umsebenzi wensimu, wokulinywa komhlabathi, kwakuloEziri indodana kaKelubi. **27** Laphezu kwezivini kwakuloShimeyi umRama. Laphezu kokwezivini eziphaleni zewayini kwakuloZabidi umShefama. **28** Laphezu kwezihlahla zemihlwathi lemikhiwa yesikhamore ezisesihotsheni kwakuloBhali-Hanani umGederi. Laphezu kweziphala zamafutha kwakuloJowashi. **29** Laphezu kwezinkomo ezazisidla eSharoni kwakuloShitirayi umSharoni. Laphezu kwezinkomo ezazisezigodini kwakuloShafati indodana kaAdilayi. **30** Laphezu kwamakamela kwakuloObili umlshmayeli. Laphezu kwabobabhemikazi kwakuloJehideya umMeronothi. **31** Laphezu kwemihlambi kwakuloJaziri umHagiri. Bonke labo babengabaphathi bempahla inkosi uDavida ayelayo. **32** UJonathani, uyise omdala kaDavida, wayengumeluleki, indoda ehlakaniphileyo, njalo wayengumbhali; loJehiyeli indodana kaHakimoni wayelabantwana benkosi. **33** Njalo uAhithofeli wayengumeluleki wenkosi, loHushayi umArki wayengumngane wenkosi. **34** Lemva kukaAhithofeli kwakuloJehoyada

indodana kaBhenaya loAbhiyatha. Lomphathi webutho lenkosi kwakunguJowabi.

28 UDavida wasebuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zakolsrayeli, iziphathamandla zezizwe, leziphathamandla zezigaba ezazisebenzela inkosi, labaphathi bezinkulungwane, labaphathi bamakhulu, labaphathi bempahla yonke labezifuyo zenkosi labezamadodana ayo, lezinduna, lamaqhawe, lawo wonke amaqhawe alamandla, eJerusalema. **2** UDavida inkosi wasesima ngenyawo zakhe wathi: Ngilalelani, bafowethu labantu bami. Mina, kwakusenhliziyweni yami ukwakhela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi indlu yokuphumula, leyisigcabha senyawo zikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngenza amalungiselelo okwakha. **3** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kimi: Kawuyikulakhela ibizo lami indlu, ngoba wena ungumuntu wempi, uchithe igazi elinengi. **4** Kanti iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yangikhetha kuyo yonke indlu kababa ukuthi ngibe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli kuze kube nininini; ngoba yakhetha uJuda ukuba ngumbusi, lendlini yakoJuda indlu kababa; laphakathi kwamadodana kababa yangithanda ukungenza ngibe yinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli wonke. **5** Lakuwo wonke amadodana ami (ngoba iNkosi yanginika amadodana amanengi) yakhetha uSolomoni indodana yami ukuthi ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso weNkosi phezu kukalsrayeli. **6** Yasisithi kimi: USolomoni indodana yakho nguye ozakwakha indlu yami lamaguma ami, ngoba ngimkhethile ukuba yindodana yami, lami ngizakuba nguyise. **7** Njalo ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze kube nininini uba eqina ukwenza imilayo yami lezahlulelo zami njengalamuhla. **8** Ngakho-ke phambi kwamehlo kalsrayeli wonke, ibandla leNkosi, lendlebeni zikaNkulunkulu wethu, gcinani lidinge yonke imilayo

yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze lidle ilifa lalelilizwe elihle, lenze abantwana benu badle ilifa lalo emva kwenu kuze kube nininini. **9** Wena-ke, Solomoni ndodana yami, mazi uNkulunkulu kayihlo, umkhonze ngenhlizyo epheleleyo langengqondo evumayo; ngoba iNkosi iyazihlola zonke inhлизио, iqedisise konke ukuzindla kwemicabango. Uba uyidinga, izatholwa nguwe; kodwa uba uytshiya, izakulahla kokuphela. **10** Bona-ke, ngoba iNkosi ikukhethile ukuthi wakhe indlu ibe yindlu engcwele; qina, ukwenze. **11** UDavida wasenika uSolomoni indodana yakhe umdwebo wekhulusi, lowezindlu zalo, loweziphala zezinto eziligu, lowamakamelo aphezulu, lowamakamelo aphakathi, lowendlu yesihlalo somusa. **12** Lomdwebo wakho konke ayelakho ngoMoya, lowamaguma endlu yeNkosi, lowamakamelo wonke azingezeleyo, loweziphala zezinto eziligu zendlu kaNkulunkulu, loweziphala zokuligu zezinto ezingcwele, **13** lowezigaba zabapristi lezamaLevi, lowomsebenzi wonke wenkonzo yendlu yeNkosi, lowezitsha zonke zenkonzo yendlu yeNkosi. **14** Wapha igolide ngesisindo ngezinto zegolide, ngempahla yonke yenkonzo ngenkonzo, ngempahla yonke yesiliva ngesisindo, ngempahla yonke yenkonzo ngenkonzo, **15** lesisindo sezinti zesibane zegolide, lezibane zazo zegolide, ngesisindo soluthi Iwesibane ngalunye lezibane zalo, langezinti zesibane zesiliva, ngesisindo soluthi Iwesibane lezibane zalo, njengomsebenzi woluthi Iwesibane ngalunye. **16** Wasenika igolide ngesisindo lamatafula ezinkwa zokubukiswa, ngalelo lalelotafula, lesiliva samatafula esiliva. **17** Lاماfologwe lemiganu yokufafaza lezinkezo zegolide elicwengekileyo, langezitsha zegolide ngesisindo saleso lalesositsha, langezitsha zesiliva ngesisindo saleso lalesositsha. **18** Langelathi lempepha

igolide elicwengenkileyo ngesisindo, langomdwebo wenqola yamakherubhi egolide elule impiko agubuzela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi. **19** UDavida wathi: Konke lokhu iNkosi yenza ngikuqedisise ngombhalo ngesandla sayo phezu kwami, yonke imisebenzi yomdwebo. **20** UDavida wasesithi kuSolomoni indodana yakhe: Qina, ube lesibindi, usebenze; ungesabi, ungarshaywa luvalo; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wami, ilawe. Kayisoze yakulahla, kayisoze yakutshiya, uze uqede umsebenzi wonke wenkonzo yendlu yeNkosi. **21** Khangela-ke, izigaba zabapristi lezamaLevi, zenkonzo yonke yendlu kaNkulunkulu; njalo kuzakuba lawe kuwo wonke umsebenzi, wonke oyincitshi ovumayo kuyo yonke inkonzo, labaphathi labo bonke abantu bazakuba njengokulaya kwakho konke.

29 UDavida inkosi wasesithi ebandleni lonke: USolomoni indodana yami, yena yedwa uNkulunkulu amkhethileyo, usengumfana ubuthakathaka, lomsebenzi mkhulu; ngoba isigodlo kayisiso somuntu, kodwa ngeseNkosi uNkulunkulu. **2** Ngakho ngiyilungisele indlu kaNkulunkulu wami ngamandla ami wonke, igolide lokwegolide, lesiliwa lokwesiliwa, lethusi lokwethusi, insimbi lokwensimbi, lezigodo lokwezigodo, amatshe e-onikse lawokubekwa, amatshe akhazimulayo lalemibala, lenhlobo zonke zamatshe aligugu, lamatshe e-alibasta ngobunengi. **3** Laphezu kwakho, ngenxa yokuthanda kwami indlu kaNkulunkulu wami, nganikela indlu kaNkulunkulu wami inotho yegolide leyesiliwa, engilakho, phezu kwakho konke engikulungisele indlu yendawo engcwele, **4** amathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezintathu egolideni leOfiri, lamathalenta esiliwa elicwengenkileyo azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, ukuhuqa imiduli yezindlu. **5** Igolide kusenzelwa okwegolide, lesiliwa

kusenzelwa okwesiliva, langawo wonke umsebenzi ngesandla sezingcitshi. Ngubani-ke ovumayo ukuzehlukanisela iNkosi lamuhla? **6** Inhloko zaboyise zasezinikela ngesihle, lezinduna zezizwe zakolsrayeli, labaphathi bezinkulungwane labamakhulu, labaphathi bomsebenzi wenkosi. **7** Basebenikela emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu amathalenta azinkulungwane ezinhlanu egolide, lenhlamvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta ethusi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lamathalenta ensimbi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu. **8** Lalabo okwatholwa kibo amatshe aligugu bawanika indlu yokuligugu yendlu yeNkosi ngaphansi kwesandla sikaJehiyeli umGerishoni. **9** Basebethokoza abantu ngokunikela kwabo ngesihle, ngoba ngenhlizyo epheleleyo babenikele ngothando kuNkulunkulu; loDavida inkosi laye wathokoza ngentokozo enkulu. **10** UDavida waseyibusisa iNkosi phambi kwamehlo ebandla lonke; uDavida wathi: Kawubusiswe wena Nkosi Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli ubaba, kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube sephakadeni. **11** Kungokwakho, Nkosi, ubukhulu lamandla lodumo lokunqoba lobukhos; ngoba konke okusemazulwini lokusemhlabeni kungokwakho; umbuso ungowakho, Nkosi; wena uziphakamisile waba yinhloko phezu kwakho konke. **12** Lenotho lodumo kuvela phambi kwakho, wena-ke ubusa phezu kwakho konke; lesandleni sakho kukhona ukuqina lamandla, lesandleni sakho kukhona ukukhulisa lokupha amandla kubo bonke. **13** Ngakho-ke Nkulunkulu wethu, siyakubonga, silidumise ibizo lakho elilodumo. **14** Ngoba minake ngingubani, labantu bami bangobani, ukuthi sithole amandla okunika ngothando ngokunj? Ngoba konke kuvela kuwe, sinikele kuwe okuvela esandleni sakho. **15** Ngoba singabemzini

phambi kwakho labahlala njengabezizwe njengabo bonke obaba; insuku zethu emhlabeni zinjengesithunzi, njalo kalikho ithemba.

16 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, konke lokhu okunengi, esikulungisele ukwakhela wena indlu, kusenzelwa ibizo lakho elingcwele, kuvela esandleni sakho, njalo konke kungokwakho. **17** Ngiyazike, Nkulunkulu wami, ukuthi wena uhlola inhliziyo, uyabuthanda ubuqotho. Mina, ebuqothweni benhliziyo yami nginikele ngesihle zonke lezizinto; khathesi sengibonile ngentokozo abantu bakho abatholakala lapha ukuthi banikela kuwe ngesihle. **18** Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaAbrahama, ulsaka, lolsrayeli, obaba, gcina lokho laphakade ekuzindleni kweminakano yenhliziyo yabantu bakho, ulungise inhliziyo yabo kuwe. **19** Njalo unike uSolomoni indodana yami inhliziyo epheleleyo ukugcina imilayo yakho, ubufakazi bakho, lezimiso zakho, lokwenza konke, lokwakha isigodlo engisilungiseleleyo. **20** UDavida wasesithi kulo lonke ibandla: Khathesi busisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. Ibandla lonke laselibusisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise; bakhothama bamkhonza uJehova, lenkosi. **21** Basebehlabela imihlatshelo eNkosini, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini, ngokusa kwalolosuku, amajongosi azinkulungwane, izinqama eziyinkulungwane, amawundlu ayinkulungwane, kanye leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo, lemihlatshelo ngobunengi kusenzelwa ulsrayeli wonke. **22** Basebesidla banatha phambi kweNkosi ngalolosuku ngentokozo enku. Basebembeka okwesibili uSolomoni indodana kaDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi, bamgcobel aNkosi waba ngumkhokheli, loZadoki waba ngumpristi. **23** USolomoni wasehlala esihlalweni sobukhosikajehova njengenkosi esikhundleni sikaDavida uyise, waphumelela; lolsrayeli wonke wamlalela. **24** Lazo zonke izinduna lamaghawe

kanye lawo wonke amadodana enkosi uDavida bazehlisela ngaphansi kukaSolomoni inkosi. **25** INkosi yasimphakamisa uSolomoni kakhulu phambi kwamehlo kalsrayeli wonke, yamnika ubukhosibombuso obungazanga bube khona lakuyiphi inkosi ngaphambi kwakhe kolsrayeli. **26** Ngokunjalo uDavida indodana kaJese wayebuse phezu kukalsrayeli wonke. **27** Njalo insuku abusa ngazo phezu kukalsrayeli zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amane; eHebron wabusa iminyaka eyisikhombisa, leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **28** Wasesifa eseluphele kuhle, enele ngezinsuku, inotho lodumo; uSolomoni indodana yakhe wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **29** Njalo izindaba zikaDavida inkosi, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwezindaba zikaSamuweli umboni legwalweni lwezindaba zikaNathani umprofethi legwalweni lwezindaba zikaGadi umboni, **30** kanye lakho konke ukubusa kwakhe lamandla akhe, lezikhathi ezedlula phezu kwakhe laphezu kukalsrayeli laphezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe.

2 Imilando

1 USolomoni indodana kaDavida waseqina embusweni wakhe, leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yayilaye, yamenza waba mkhulu kakhulu. **2** USolomoni wasekhulumu kulsrayeli wonke, kubaphathi bezinkulungwane labamakhulu, lakubahluleli, lakuzo zonke induna kulsrayeli wonke, inhloko zaboyise. **3** USolomoni lebandla lonke laye basebesiya endaweni ephakemeyo eyayiseGibeyoni; ngoba kwakukhona lapho ithente lenhlangano kaNkulunkulu uMozisi inceku yeNkosi alenzayo enkangala. **4** Kodwa uDavida wayewenyusile umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uvela eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, wawusa lapho uDavida ayewulungisele khona, ngoba wayewumisele ithente eJerusalema. **5** Lelathi lethusi, uBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana kaHuri ayelenzile, walibeka phambi kwethabhanekele leNkosi; uSolomoni lebandla badinga-ke kulo. **6** USolomoni wasesenyukela lapho elathini lethusi phambi kweNkosi elalisethenteni lenhlangano, wanikela phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane. **7** Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuSolomoni, wathi kuye: Cela engingakupha khona. **8** USolomoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Wena wenzele uDavida ubaba umusa omkhulu, wangenza ngaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **9** Khathesi, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, kaliqiniswe ilizwi lakho kuDavida ubaba, ngoba wena ungenze ngaba yinkosi phezu kwabantu abanengi ngangothuli lomhlabathi. **10** Khathesi ngipha inhlakaniphlo lolwazi ukuze ngiphume ngingene phambi kwalababantu; ngoba ngubani ongehlulela lababantu bakho abakhulu kangaka? **11** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuSolomoni: Ngenxa yokuthi lokhu bekusenhliziyweni yakho, njalo ungacelanga inotho, ingcebo, lodumo, lempilo yezitha zakho, futhi ungacelanga insuku

ezinengi, kodwa uzicelele inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze wahlulele abantu bami engikwenze waba yinkosi phezu kwabo: **12** Inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuphiwe; ngizakunika futhi inotho lengcebo lodumo, angazange abe lakho okunjalo amakhosi ayengaphambi kwakho, langemva kwakho kakuyikuba khona okunjalo. **13** Wasebuya uSolomoni evela endaweni ephakemeyo eseGibeyoni waya eJerusalema, evela phambi kwethente lenhlangano; wasebusa phezu kukalsrayeli. **14** USolomoni wasebuthanisa izinqola labagadi bamabhiza; wayelezinqola ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; wasekubeka emizini yezinqola, njalo kanye lenkosi eJerusalema. **15** Inkosi yasisenza isiliva legolide eJerusalema kwaba njengamatshe, njalo wenza imisedari yaba njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni, ngobunengi. **16** Wasengenisa ngokuthenga amabhiza avela eGibhithe, ayengekaSolomoni, lelembu elicolekileyo; labathengi benkosi babelithatha ilembu elicolekileyo ngentengo. **17** Basebesenyusa bekhupha inqola eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha, lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. Ngokunjalo bakukhuphela wonke amakhosi amaHethi lamakhosi eSiriya ngesandla sabo.

2 USolomoni wasezimisela ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi indlu, lendlu yombuso wakhe. **2** USolomoni wasebala amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ukuthwala imithwalo, lamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ukubaza entabeni, lababonisi abayizinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha phezu kwavo. **3** USolomoni wasethumela kuHuramu inkosi yeTire esithi: Njengokwenza kwakho kuDavida ubaba umthumela

imisedari ukumakhela indlu yokuhlala kuyo, yenza njalo lakimi. **4** Khangela, mina ngakhela ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami indlu, ukuyehlukanisela yona, ukutshisa phambi kwayo impepha elephunga eliminandi, lezinkwa zokubukiswa njalonjalo, leminikelo yokutshiswa ekuseni lantambama, ngamasabatha, lekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. Lesi yisimiso saphakade kulsrayeli.

5 Lendlu engiyakhayo inkulu, ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu mkhulu kulabonkulunkulu bonke. **6** Kodwa ngubani ongaba lamandla okumakhela indlu, ngoba amazulu, yebo, amazulu amazulu, angemanale? Mina-ke ngingubani ukuthi ngimakhele indlu, ngaphandle kokutshisa impepha phambi kwakhe? **7** Ngakho-ke thuma kimi umuntu oyingcitshi ekusebenzeni ngegolide langesiliva lanethusi langensimbi langokuyibubende langokubomvu langokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokwaziyo ukubaza okubazwe ngokugujwa, labazingcitshi abalami koJuda leJerusalema, uDavida ubaba abamisayo. **8** Ngithumela njalo izigodo zemisedari, amafiri, lama-aligumi ezivela eLebhanoni; ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi inceku zakho ziyakwazi ukugamula izihlahla zeLebhanoni; khangela-ke, inceku zami zizakuba lenceku zakho; **9** ngitsho ukungilungisela izigodo ezinengi, ngoba indlu engiyakhayo izakuba nkulu imangalise. **10** Khangela-ke, inceku zakho, abagamuli abagamula izihlahla, ngizazinika amakhori engqoloyi echoliweyo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lamakhori ebhali azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lamabhathi ewayini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lamabhathi amafutha azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. **11** UHuramu inkosi yeTire wasephendula ngokubhala akuthumela kuSolomoni: Ngoba uJehova uthanda abantu bakhe,

ukubeke waba yinkosi phezu kwabo. **12** UHuramu wabuya wathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli eyenza amazulu lomhlaba, enike uDavida inkosi indodana ehlakaniphileyo, eyazi inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, ezayakhela iNkosi indlu, lendlu yombuso wayo. **13** Khathesi sengithuma indoda eyingcitshi eyazi ukuqedisisa, uHuramu Abhi, **14** indodana yowesifazana emadodakazini akoDani, oyise wayeyindoda yeTire; uyakwazi ukusebenza ngegolide, langesiliva, ngethusi, ngensimbi, ngamatshe, langezigodo, ngokuyibubende, ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, langamalembu acolekileyo kakhulu, langokubomvu, lokubaza lakuphi okubaziweyo ngokugubha, lokuqamba lakuphi okuqanjiweyo angakunikwa, kanye lezingcitshi zakho lezingcitshi zenkosi yami uDavida uyhlo. **15** Ngakho-ke ingqoloyi, lebhali, amafutha, lewayini, inkosi yami ekhulume ngakho, kayikuthumele ezincekwini zayo. **16** Thina-ke sizagamula izihlahla eLebhanoni, njengokuswela kwakho konke, sizilethe kuwe ngokundendayo phezu kolwandle eJopha, njalo wena uzazenyusela eJerusalem. **17** USolomoni wasebala wonke amadoda ezizweni ayeselizweni lakolsrayeli emva kokubalwa uDavida uyise ayewabale ngakho; asetholakala ezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu ayisithupha. **18** Wasesenza kuwo abathwali bemithwalo abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, lababazi entabenzi abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lababoni abayizinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha bokwenza abantu basebenze.

3 USolomoni waseqala ukwakha indlu yeNkosi eJerusalem entabenzi yeMoriya lapho eyabonakala khona kuDavida uyise, endaweni uDavida ayilungisayo ebeleni lokubhulela

likaOrinani umJebusi. **2** Waseqlisa ukwakha ngenyanga yesibili ngolwesibili ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. **3** Lalezi yizisekelo zikaSolomoni zokwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. Ubude ngezingalo ngesilinganiso esidala babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. **4** Lekhulusi elaliphambili, ubude njengobubanzi bendlu babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Wayihuqa ngaphakathi ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **5** Lendlu enkulu wayembesa ngezigodo zefiri, wayihuqa ngegolide elihle, wamisa phezu kwayo amalala lamaketane. **6** Wayembesela ubuhle indlu ngamatshe aligugu; njalo igolide lalilolide leParivayimi. **7** Waseyihuqa indlu, imijabo, imigubazi, lemiduli yayo, leminyango yayo ngegolide, wabaza ngokugubha amakherubhi emidulwini. **8** Wasesenza indlu yengcwele yezingcwele; ubude bayo njengobubanzi bendlu babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; wayihuqa ngegolide elihle kwaze kwaba ngamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha. **9** Lesisindo sezipikili saze saba ngamashekeli egolide angamatshumi amahlanu. Wawahuqa amakamelo aphezulu ngegolide. **10** Wasesenza endlini yengcwele yezingcwele amakherubhi amabili ngomsebenzi obaziweyo, wawahuqa ngegolide. **11** Lempiko zamakherubhi, ubude bazo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. Uphiko Iwelilodwa Iwalizingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela emdulini wendlu, lolunye uphiko Iwalizingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela ophikweni Iwelinye ikherubhi. **12** Ngokunjalo uphiko Iwelinye ikherubhi Iwalizingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela emdulini wendlu; lolunye uphiko Iwalizingalo ezinhlanu lunamathele ephikweni Iwelinye ikherubhi. **13** Impiko zalamakkherubhi zeluleka

ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; njalo ema ngenyawo zawo, lobuso bawo bukhangele ngasendlini. **14** Wasesenza iveyili ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, wabeka kulo amakherubhi.

15 Wasesenza phambi kwendlu insika ezimbili, ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, lesiduku phezu kwengqonga yayo buzingalo ezinhlanu. **16** Wasesenza amaketane njengendaweni yelizwi, wawafaka esihlokweni sezinsika; wenza lama pomegranati alikhulu, wawafaka emaketaneni. **17** Wasemisa izinsika ngaphambi kwethempeli, enye ngakwesokunene, lenye ngakwesokhohlo; wasebiza ibizo lengakwesokunene uJakini, lebizo lengakwesokhohlo uBhowazi.

4 Wasesenza ilathi lethusi, ubude balo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi balo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwalo kuzingalo ezilitshumi. **2** Wasesenza ulwandle olubunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, luzingalo ezilitshumi kusukela okhunjini lwalo kusiya okhunjini lwalo, lwalugombolozele inhlangothi zonke, lokuphakama kwalo kuzingalo ezinhlanu, lomzila wezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ulugombolozele inhlangothi zonke. **3** Lokufanana kwenkabi kwakungaphansi kwalo, kubhodabhoda inhlangothi zonke zalo, ezilitshumi engalweni, lugombolozela ulwandle inhlangothi zonke; imizila emibili yenkabi yabunjwa ngokuncibilikisa ekubunjweni kwalo. **4** Lwalumi phezu kwenkabi ezilitshumi lambili; ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, lezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, lezintathu zikhangele eningizimu, lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga; lolwandle lwaluphezu kwazo phezulu, lazo zonke ingemuva zazo zazingaphakathi. **5** Uhlonzi lwalo lwaluyibubanzi

besandla, lomphetho walo wawunjengomsebenzi womphetho wenkezo, njengeluba lomduze, lwalumumethe amabhathi, lumumethe azinkulungwane ezintathu. **6** Wasesenza inditshi zokugezelza ezilitshumi, wabeka ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu ngakwesokhohlo, ukugezisela kizo; babegezisela kizo okomnikelo wokutshiswa; kodwa ulwandle lwalungolwabapristi ukugezelza kulo. **7** Wasesenza izinti zezibane zegolide ezilitshumi njengokumiswa kwazo, wazibeka ethempelini, ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu ngakwesokhohlo. **8** Wenza lamatafula alitshumi, wawabeka ethempelini, amahlanu ngakwesokunene, lamahlanu ngakwesokhohlo. Wenza lemiganu elikhulu yegolide. **9** Wenza leguma labapristi leguma elikhulu, lezivalo zeguma, wazihuqa izivalo zalo ngethusi. **10** Wasebeka ulwandle ehlangothini lokunene ngasempumalanga maqondana leningizimu. **11** UHuramu wasesenza izimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza. UHuramu waqedza ukwenza umsebenzi ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaNkulunkulu. **12** Insika ezimbili, lemiganu, leziduku phezu kwengqonga yezinsika ezimbili, lamambule amabili okwembesa imiganu emibili yeziduku ezaziphezu kwengqonga yezinsika, **13** lamapomegranati angamakhulu amane emambuleni womabili, imizila emibili yamapomegranati kulelo lalelombule, okwembesa imiganu emibili yeziduku ezaziphezu kwengqonga yezinsika. **14** Wenza lezisekelo, wenza lezinditshi zokugezelza phezu kwezisekelo; **15** ulwandle olulodwa, lezinkabi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kwalo. **16** Lezimbiza, lamafotsholo, lamafologwe, lazo zonke izitsha zakho uHuramu Abhi wazenzela inkosi uSolomoni esenzela indlu yeNkosi ngethusi elikhazimulayo. **17** Inkosi yazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa emagecekeni eJordani emhlabathini

olibumba phakathi kweSukothi leZeredatha. **18** uSolomoni wasezenza zonke lezizitsha ngobunengi obukhulu, ngoba isisindo sethusi sasingehlolwe. **19** uSolomoni wazenza-ke zonke izitsha ezazingezendlu kaNkulunkulu, lelathi legolide, lamatafula okwakukhona kuwo izinkwa zokubukiswa, **20** lezinti zezibane lezibane zazo ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ukuthi zibhebhe ngokwesimiso phambi kwendawo yelizwi; **21** lamaluba lezibane lezindlawu, ngegolide, kwakulolidle elipheleleyo; **22** lezindlawu, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo, ngegolide elicwengekileyo; njalo iminyango yendlu, izivalo zayo ezingaphakathi, ezengcwele yezingcwele, lezivalo zendlu yethempeli zazingezegolide.

5 Usuphelile umsebenzi wonke uSolomoni ayewenzela indlu yeNkosi, wangenisa izinto ezingcwelisiweyo zikaDavida uyise, lesiliya legolide lazo zonke izitsha wazibeka esiphale ni senotho sendlu kaNkulunkulu. **2** Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wabuthanisa eJerusalema abadala bakolsrayeli, lazo zonke inhloko zezi zwe, izinduna zaboyise babantwana bakolsrayeli, ukuthi benyuse umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi usuke emzini kaDavida oyiZiyoni. **3** Wonke amadoda akolsrayeli asebuthana enkosini emkhosini owenyanga yesikhombisa. **4** Labo bonke abadala bakolsrayeli beza, amaLevi asewuthwala umtshokotsho, **5** awuletha umtshokotsho lethente lenhlangano lazo zonke izitsha ezingcwele ezazisethenteni; abapristi lamaLevi basebekwenyusa. **6** Inkosi uSolomoni lenhlangano yonke yakolsrayeli eyayibuthene phambi komtshokotsho basebenikela imihlatshelo yezimvu lezinkabi ezingelakubhalwa lezingelakubalwa ngobunengi. **7** Abapristi basebewungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi endaweni yawo, endaweni yelizwi yendlu, kungcwele

yezingcwele, kwaze kwaba ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi.

8 Ngoba amakherubhi elulela impiko zawo phezu kwendawo yomtshokotsho; amakherubhi awembesa umtshokotsho lemijabo yawo ngaphezulu. **9** Basebeselula imijabo, izihloko zemijabo zaze zabonakala emtshokotshweni phambi kwendawo yelizwi, kodwa zingabonakali ngaphandle; ukhona lapho-ke kuze kube lamuhla. **10** Kwakungelalutho emtshokotshweni, ngaphandle kwezibhebhe ezimbili uMozisi azifaka khona eHorebe lapho iNkosi eyenza khona isivumelwano labantwana bakolsrayeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe. **11** Kwasekusithi abapristi bephuma endaweni engcwele, ngoba bonke abapristi abatholakalayo babezihlambulule bengagcinanga izigaba, **12** lamaLevi angabahlabeleli babo bonke - akoAsafi, akoHemani, akoJeduthuni, lakumadodana abo lakubafowabo - begqoke amalembu acolekileyo amhlophe, belezinsimbi ezincencethayo lezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho, bema ngempumalanga kwelathi; njalo kanye labo kulabapristi abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili behkalisa izimpondo. **13** Kwasekusithi behkalisa izimpondo behlabelela kanyekanye ukuzwakalisa umsindo owodwa, ukudumisa lokubonga iNkosi, lalapho bephakamisa ilizwi ngezimpondo langezinsimbi ezincencethayo lezinto zokuhlabelela, lalapho bedumisa iNkosi ukuthi ilungile lokuthi umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade, indlu yagcwaliswa liyezi, indlu yeNkosi, **14** abapristi kabaze baba lakho ukuma ukukhonza ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa indlu kaNkulunkulu.

6 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wathi: UJehova wathi uzahlala emnyameni onzima. **2** Kodwa mina ngikwakhele indlu yokuhlala, lendawo yokuhlala kwakho kuze kube nini lanini. **3** Inkosi

yasiphendula ubuso bayo, yabusisa ibandla lonke lakolsrayeli; ibandla lonke-ke lakolsrayeli lalimi. **4** Yasisithi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, eyakhuluma ngomlomo wayo kuDavida ubaba yakugcwalisa ngezandla zayo, isithi: **5** Kusukela ngosuku engakhupha ngalo abantu bami elizweni leGibhithe kangikhethanga muzi ezizweni zonke zakolsrayeli ukwakha indlu, ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho, kangikhethanga muntu ukuba ngumkhokheli phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli. **6** Kodwa ngakhetha iJerusalema ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho, ngakhetha uDavida ukuthi abe phezu kwabantu bami ulsrayeli. **7** Njalo kwakusenhliziyweni kaDavida ubaba ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, indlu. **8** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuDavida ubaba: Njengoba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho ukwakhela ibizo lami indlu, wenze kuhle ngokuthi kwakusenhliziyweni yakho. **9** Lanxa kunjalo kawuyikuyakha indlu wena, kodwa indodana yakho ezaphuma ekhalweni lwakho, yiyo ezakwakhela ibizo lami indlu. **10** INkosi isiqinisile ilizwi layo eyalikhulumayo, ngoba ngivelile esikhundleni sikaDavida ubaba, nighlezi esihlalweni sobukhosikalsrayeli, njengokukhuluma kweNkosi; sengilakhele ibizo leNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, indlu. **11** Ngiwubeke khona umtshokotsho lapho okulesivumelwano seNkosi khona eyasenza labantwana bakolsrayeli. **12** Wasesima phambi kwelathi leNkosi maqondana lebandla lonke lakolsrayeli, welula izandla zakhe. **13** Ngoba uSolomoni wayenze isitubhu sethusi, ubude baso buzingalo ezinhlanu, lobubanzi baso buzingalo ezinhlanu, lokuphakama kwaso kuzingalo ezintathu, wasimisa phakathi laphakathi kweguma. Wema phezu kwaso, waguqa ngamadolo akhe phambi kwebandla lonke lakolsrayeli, welulela izandla zakhe emazulwini, **14** wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu

kalsrayeli, kakho uNkulunkulu onjengawe emazulwini lemhlabeni, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa ezincekwini zakho ezihamba phambi kwakho ngayo yonke inhliziyo yazo, **15** ogcinele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lokho owakutsho kuyo; ngoba wakhulumo ngomlomo wakho usukugcwalisile ngesandla sakho njengalamuhla. **16** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lokho owakutsho kuyo usithi: Kakuyikusweleka umuntu kuwe phambi kobuso bami ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosи sikalsrayeli; kuphela uba abantwana bakho beqaphela indlela yabo phambi kwami, ukuthi bahambe ngomlayo wami, njengalokho uhambile phambi kwami. **17** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kaliqiniseke ilizwi lakho owalikhuluma encekwini yakho, kuDavida. **18** Kambe ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu angahlala labantu emhlabeni? Khangela, amazulu, yebo, amazulu amazulu angekwanele; kangakanani-ke lindlu engiyakhileyo? **19** Kodwa phendukela emkhulekweni wenceku yakho lekuncengeni kwayo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ukuzwa ukukhala lomkhuleko inceku yakho ekukhulekayo phambi kwakho. **20** Ukuze amehlo akho avulekele lindlu emini lebusuku, endaweni owatsho ngayo ukuthi uzabeka ibizo lakho khona, ukuthi uwuzwe umkhuleko inceku yakho ewukhulekayo ikhangele kulindawo. **21** Ngakho zwana ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho ulsrayeli abazakukhuleka bekhangele kulindawo; yebo, uzwe wena, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, usemazulwini; lapho usizwa, uthethelele. **22** Uba umuntu esona kumakhelwane wakhe, amethese isifungo ukumenza afunge, njalo isifungo size phambi kwelathi lakho kulindlu, **23** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, njalo yenza wahlulele inceku zakho, ngokuphindisela okhohlakeleyo, ngokunika indlela yakhe ekhanda

lakhe, langokulungisisa olungileyo, ngokumnika njengokulunga kwakhe. **24** Lalapho abantu bakho ulsrayeli betshaywa phambi kwesitha, ngoba bonile kuwe, uba bephenduka, balivume ibizo lakho, bakhuleke bencenga phambi kwakho kulindlu, **25** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho ulsrayeli, ubabuyisele elizweni owalinika bona laboyise. **26** Lapho amazulu evaliwe, njalo kungelazulu, ngoba bonile kuwe, uba bekhuleka bekhangale kulindawo belivuma ibizo lakho, baphenduke esonweni sabo, nxa ubahluphile, **27** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono senceku zakho lesabantu bakho ulsrayeli, usubafundise indlela enhle abazahamba ngayo; unise izulu elizweni lakho owalinika abantu bakho libe yilifa labo. **28** Uba kulendlala elizweni, uba kulomatshayabhuqe wesifo, uba kulokutshisa, lengumane, isikhonyane, lemhogoyi; uba izitha zabo zibavimbezela elizweni lesango labo, loba yiyiphi inhlupheko laloba yiwuphi umkhuhlane; **29** lawuphi umkhuleko, lakuphi ukuncenga, okuzakwenziwa languwuphi umuntu, kumbe yibo bonke abantu bakho ulsrayeli, lapho besazi, ngulowo lalowo inhlupheko yakhe losizi lwakhe, eselulela izandla zakhe kulindlu; **30** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, uthethelele, uphe ngulowo lalowo ngokwezindlela zakhe zonke, onhliziyi yakhe uyayazi, ngoba nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyi yabantwana babantu, **31** ukuze bakwesabe bahambe endleleni zakho insuku zonke abaziphila ebusweni bomhlaba owawupha obaba. **32** Njalo mayelana lowezizweni ongesuye owabantu bakho ulsrayeli, kodwa evela elizweni elikhhatshana ngenxa yebizo lakho elikhulu lesandla sakho esilamandla lengalo yakho eyeluliweyo; lapho besizakhuleka kulindlu, **33** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, wenze njengakho

konke owezizweni akhala ngakho kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu bomhlaba bazi ibizo lakho, bakwesabe, njengabantu bakho ulsrayeli, lokuthi bazi ukuthi ibizo lakho liyabizwa phezu kwalindlu engiyakhileyo. **34** Uba abantu bakho bephuma ukuyakulwa bemelene lezitha zabo ngendlela obathume ngayo, bakhuleke kuwe endleleni yomuzi owukhethileyo lendlu engiyakhele ibizo lakho, **35** zwana-ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, wenze ilungelo labo. **36** Uba besona kuwe, ngoba kakulamuntu ongoniyo, ubusubathukuthelela, ubanikele phambi kwesitha, ukuze ababathumbileyo babathumbele elizweni elikhhatshana kumbe eliseduze, **37** uba benakana ngakho enhliziyweni yabo elizweni abathunjelwe kilo, baphenduke bancege kuwe elizweni lokuthunjwa kwabo bathi: Sonile, senze okubi, senza ngenkohlakalo; **38** uba bephendukela kuwe ngayo yonke inhlizyo yabo langawo wonke umphefumulo wabo elizweni lokuthunjwa kwabo, lapho ababathumbele khona, bakhuleke ngasendleleni yelizwe labo owalinika oyise, lomuzi owukhethileyo, langasendlini engiyakhele ibizo lakho, **39** zwana-ke usemazulwini, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, wenze ilungelo labo, uthethelele abantu bakho abakonileyo. **40** Ngakho, Nkulunkulu wami, ake amehlo akho avuleke lendlebe zakho zilalele umkhuleko walindawo. **41** Khathesi-ke, sukuma, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, uze endaweni yakho yokuphumula, wena lomtshokotsho wamandla akho. Abapristi bakho, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, kabembathe usindiso, labangcwele bakho bathokoze ngokuhle. **42** Nkosi Nkulunkulu, ungafulathelisi ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho. Khumbula izisa zikaDavida inceku yakho.

7 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka, umlilo wehla uvela emazulwini, wadla umnikelo wokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, lenkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa indlu. **2** Njalo abapristi babengelakho ukungena endlini yeNkosi, ngoba inkazimulo yeNkosi yayigcwalise indlu yeNkosi. **3** Lapho bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli bebona ukwehla komlilo lenkazimulo yeNkosi phezu kwendlu, bakhothama ngobuso babo emhlabathini endaweni egandelweyo, bakhonza bedumisa iNkosi, ukuthi ilungile, ukuthi umusa wayo umi phakade. **4** Inkosi labo bonke abantu banikela-ke imihlatshelo phambi kweNkosi. **5** Inkosi uSolomoni yasinikela imihlatshelo yezinkabi ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo bonke abantu bayehlukanisa indlu kaNkulunkulu. **6** Abapristi basebesima ezikhundleni zabo; lamaLevi elezinto zokuhlabelela zikaJehova inkosi uDavida ayezenzele ukudumisa uJehova, ngoba umusa wakhe umi phakade, lapho uDavida edumisa ngenkonzo yabo; labapristi bakhala impondo phambi kwabo, lolsrayeli wonke wema. **7** USolomoni wasengcwela iphakathi leguma elaliphambi kwendlu yeNkosi, ngoba wenza lapho iminikelo yokutshiswa lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula, ngoba ilathi lethusi uSolomoni ayelenzile lalingenele umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo wokudla, lamahwahwa. **8** Langalesosikhathi uSolomoni wenza umkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, lolsrayeli wonke kanye laye, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu, kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe. **9** Langosuku lwesificaminwembili benza umhlangano onzulu, ngoba benza ukwehlukaniswa kwelathi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, lomkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **10** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lantathu

Iwenyanga yesikhombisa waseyekela abantu bahamba baya emathenteni abo, bethokoza bejabula enhliziyweni ngokuhle iNkosi eyayikwenzele uDavida loSolomoni lolsrayeli abantu bayo. **11** Ngokunjalo uSolomoni waqeda indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkos; lakho konke okwakuvela enhliziyweni kaSolomoni ukukwenza endlini yeNkosi lendlini yakhe wakuphumelelisa.

12 INkosi yasibonakala kuSolomoni ebusuku yathi kuye: Ngizwile umkhuleko wakho, sengizikhethelo lindawo ukuba yindlu yomhlatshelo. **13** Uba ngivala amazulu ukuze kungabi lazulu, kumbe uba ngilaya intethe ukuqedu ilizwe, kumbe uba ngithumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo phakathi kwabantu bami, **14** uba abantu bami ibizo lami elibizwa phezu kwabo bezithoba, bakhuleke badinge ubuso bami, baphenduke ezindleleni zabo ezimbi, mina-ke ngizakuzwa ngisemazulwini, ngithethelole isono sabo, ngelaphe ilizwe labo. **15** Khathesi amehlo ami azavuleka, lendlebe zami zilalele umkhuleko walindawo. **16** Ngoba sengiyikhethile ngayingcwelisa lindlu ukuze ibizo lami libe khona kuze kube nininini; lamehlo ami lenhliziyo yami kuzakuba lapho zonke izinsuku. **17** Wena-ke, uba uhamba phambi kwami njengokuhamba kukaDavida uyihlo, wenze njengakho konke engikulaye khona, ugcine izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami, **18** ngizaqinisa-ke isihlalo sobukhosu sombuso wakho, njengokwenza kwami isivumelwano loDavida uyihlo ngisithi: Kakuyikusweleka muntu kuwe obusa kolsrayeli. **19** Kodwa uba libuyela emuva lina, litshiya izimiso zami lemilayo yami engikubeke phambi kwenu, lihambe likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele, **20** ngizabasiphuna-ke elizweni engibanike lona, lalindlu engiyingcwelisele ibizo lami ngizayalahla isuke phambi kwami, ngiyenze ibe yisiga lento yokuhozwa

phakathi kwezizwe zonke. **21** Lalindlu ephakemeyo izakuba yisimangaliso kulowo lalowo odlula kuyo, aze athi: INkosi ikwenzeleni okunje kulelilizwe lakulindlu? **22** Bazakuthi-ke: Kungoba beyidelile iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, babambelela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza babasebenzela; ngenxa yalokho ibehlisele bonke lobububi.

8 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili uSolomoni akha ngayo indlu yeNkosi lendlu yakhe, **2** imizi uHuramu ayeyinike uSolomoni, uSolomoni wayakha, wahlalisa abantwana bakolsrayeli khona. **3** USolomoni wasesiya eHamathi-Zoba, wayinqoba. **4** Wakha iTadimori enkangala layo yonke imizi eyizophala ayakha eHamathi. **5** Wakha leBhethi-Horoni engaphezulu leBhethi-Horoni engaphansi, imizi ebiyelweyo elemithangala, amasango, lemigoqo, **6** leBahalathi, lemizi yonke eyizophala uSolomoni ayelayo, layo yonke imizi yezinqola, lemizi yabagadi bamabhiza, laso sonke isifiso sikaSolomoni ayefisa ngaso ukwakha eJerusalema leLebhanoni lelizweni lonke lombuso wakhe. **7** Abantu bonke ababesele kumaHethi lamaAmori lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi, ababengeyisibo bakolsrayeli, **8** ebantwaneni babo ababesele emva kwabo elizweni abantwana bakolsrayeli abangabaqedanga uSolomoni wabenyusa baba yizibhalwa kuze kube lamuhla. **9** Kodwa ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli uSolomoni kabenzanga izigqili zomsebenzi wakhe, kodwa baba ngamadoda empi, lezinduna zabalawulimabutto akhe, labaphathi bezingqola zakhe labagadi bamabhiza akhe. **10** Lalaba babezinduna zeziphatmandla inkosi uSolomoni ayelazo, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, bebusa abantu. **11** USolomoni wasesenyusa

indodakazi kaFaro emzini kaDavida, wayisa endlini ayeyakhele yona, ngoba wathi: Umkami kayikuhlala endlini kaDavida inkosi yakolsrayeli, ngoba izindawo zingcwele umtshokotsho weNkosi oze kizo. **12** Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wanikela eNkosini iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi leNkosi ayelakhile phambi kwekhulusi. **13** Ngitsho njengokumiselwe usuku ngosuku, enikela njengokomlayo kaMozisi ngamasabatha, langokuthwasa kwezinyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo, kathathu ngomnyaka, ngomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, langomkhosi wamaviki, langomkhosi wamadumba. **14** Njengesimiso sikaDavida uyise wasemisa izigaba zabapristi phezu kwenkonzo yabo, lamaLevi emilindweni yawo ukudumisa lokukhonza phambi kwabapristi njengodaba losuku ngosuku lwalo, labalindimasango ezigabeni zabo kusango ngesango; ngoba wayelaye njalo uDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. **15** Njalo kabaphambukanga emlayweni wenkosi kubapristi lamaLevi mayelana laluphi udaba kumbe mayelana lokuligugu. **16** Walungiswa-ke umsebenzi wonke kaSolomoni kuze kube lusuku lokubekwa kwesisekelo sendlu yeNkosi, njalo yaze yaphela: Indlu yeNkosi yaphelela. **17** Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni waya eEziyoni-Geberi leElohi okhunjini lolwandle elizweni leEdoma. **18** UHuramu wasethumela kuye imikhumbi ngesandla sezinceku zakhe, lenceku ezazi ulwandle, zaya eOfiri kanye lenceku zikaSolomoni, zalanda khona igolide elingamathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, zaliletha enkosini uSolomoni.

9 Indlovukazi yeShebha isizwile udumo lukaSolomoni yeza eJerusalema ukuhlola uSolomoni ngemibuzo enzima, ilexuku elikhulu kakhulu, lamakamela ethwele amakha legolide ngobunengi lamatshe aligugu; isifikile kuSolomoni yakhulum laye

konke okwakusenhliziyweni yayo. **2** USolomoni wayichasisela zonke indaba zayo, njalo kwakungekho lutho olwamcatshelayo uSolomoni angaluchasisanga kuyo. **3** Indlovukazi yeShebha isibonile inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, lendlu ayeyakhile, **4** lokudla kwetafula lakhe, lokuhlala kwenceku zakhe, lokuma kwezikhonzi zakhe, lezigqoko zazo, labaphathinkezo bakhe, lezigqoko zabo, lokwenyuka kwakhe enyuka ngakho endlini yeNkosi, kakusabanga lamoya kuyo. **5** Yasisithi enkosini: Wawuliqjiniso umbiko engawuzwa elizweni lami ngendaba zakho langenhlakaniphо yakho. **6** Kodwa kangiwakholwanga amazwi abo ngaze ngeza lamehlo ami akubona. Khangelake, bengingatshelwanga ingxene yobukhulu benhlakaniphо yakho; uyedlula umbiko engawuzwayo. **7** Ayajabula amadoda akho, njalo ziyajabula lezizinceku zakho ezimi phambi kwakho njalonjalo zisizwa inhlakaniphо yakho. **8** Kabusiswe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho othokoze ngawe ukukubeka esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosи ukuthi ube yinkosi kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho wamthanda ulsrayeli ukumqinisa kuze kube nininini, ngakho ukubekile waba yinkosi phezu kwabo ukuze wenze isahlulelo lokulunga. **9** Yasinika inkosi igolide elingamathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili, lamakha ngobunengi obukhulu, lamatshe aligugu. Kakuzanga kube khona anjengalawo amakha indlovukazi yeShebha eyawanika inkosi uSolomoni. **10** Futhi izinceku zikaHuramu lenceku zikaSolomoni ezaziletha igolide livela eOfiri, zaseziletha izigodo zama-aligumi lamatshe aligugu. **11** Inkosi yasisenza ngezigodo zama-aligumi izikhwelo zendlu kaJehova lezendlu yenkosi, lamachacho lezigubhu zezintambo kwabahlabeleli. Kakuzanga kubonwe futhi okunjengalokho mandulo elizweni lakoJuda. **12** Inkosi uSolomoni

yasini ka indlovukazi yeShebha sonke isifiso sayo eyasicelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ayekulethe enkosini. Yasiphenduka yaya elizweni layo yona lenceku zayo. **13** Isisindo segolide elalifika-ke kuSolomoni ngomnyaka owodwa sasingamathalenta egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha, **14** ngaphandle kwalokho abakuletha kuvela kubathengisi labathengi; lawo wonke amakhosi eArabhiya lababusi belizwe baletha igolide lesiliva kuSolomoni. **15** Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza izihlangu ezinkulu ezingamakhulu amabili ngegolide elikhandiwego; yasebenzisa amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide elikhandiwego esihlangwini esisodwa esikhulu. **16** Lamahawu angamakhulu amathathu egolide elikhandiwego; yasebenzisela ihawu elilodwa amashekeli angamakhulu amathathu. Inkosi yakubeka endlini yegusu leLebhanoni. **17** Inkosi yasisenza isihlalo sobukhosи esikhulu ngempondo zendlovу, yasinateka ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **18** Njalo isihlalo sobukhosи sasilezikhwelo eziyisithupha zesihlalo lesenabelo segolide sasixhunywe esihlalweni sobukhosи, lezeyamelo zengalo ngapha langapha endaweni yokuhlala, lezilwane ezimbili zimi eceleni kwezeyamelo zengalo. **19** Njalo kwakumi izilwane ezilitshumi lambili khona ngapha langapha ezikhelwani eziyisithupha. Kakuzanga kwensiwe okunjalo lakuwuphi umbuso. **20** Lazo zonke izitsha zokunatha zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lezitsha zonke zendlu yegusu leLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicwengekileyo; isiliva sasingabalwa njengolutho ensukwini zikaSolomoni. **21** Ngoba imikhumbi yenkosi yaya eTarshishi lezincke zikaHuramu; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu imikhumbi yeTarshishi yeza ithwele igolide, lesiliva, impondo zezindlovу, lezindwangu, lamaphigaga. **22** Inkosi uSolomoni yaba nkulu

kulawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba ngenotho langenhlakaniph.
23 Lawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba adinga ubuso bukaSolomoni ukuzwa inhlakaniph yakhe uNkulunkulu ayeyifake enhliziyweni yakhe. **24** Aseletha, ngulowo lalowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva, lezitsha zegolide, lezemba^{tho}, izikhali, lamakha, amabhiza, lezimbongolo; into yomnyaka ngomnyaka wayo.
25 Njalo uSolomoni wayelezindlwana zamabhiza lezingola ezizinkulungwane ezine, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; wasekubeka emizini yezinqola, njalo lenkosini eJerusalema. **26** Wasebusa phezu kwawo wonke amakhosi kusukela eMfuleni kuze kube selizweni lamaFilisti, njalo kuze kube semngceleni weGibhithe. **27** Inkosi yasisenza isiliva eJerusalema laba njengamatshe, lemisedari wayenza yaba njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni, ngobunengi. **28** Basebekhuphela uSolomoni amabhiza eGibhithe lemazweni wonke. **29** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaSolomoni, ezokuqala lezokucina, kazibhalwanga yini emazwini kaNathani umprofethi, lakusiprofetho sikaAhiya umShilo, lemibonweni kaYedi umberi mayelana loJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati? **30** USolomoni wasebusa eJerusalema phezu kukalsrayeli wonke iminyaka engamatshumi amane.
31 USolomoni waselala laboyise, basebemngcwaba emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

10 URehobhowamu wasesiya eShekema ngoba ulsrayeli wonke wayeze eShekema ukumbeka abe yinkosi. **2** Kwasekusithi uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati esizwa, owayeseGibhithe lapho ayeualekele khona ubuso bukaSolomoni inkosi, uJerobhowamu wabuya evela eGibhithe. **3** Basebethumela bambiza; uJerobhowamu lolsrayeli wonke basebesiza,

bakhuluma kuRehobhowamu besithi: **4** Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba lukhuni; ngakho-ke yenza ube lulanyana umsebenzi kayihlo olukhuni, lejogwe lakhe elinzima abesithwalise lona, njalo sizakukhonza. **5** Wasesithi kibo: Buyani kimi emva kwensuku ezintathu. Abantu basebehamba. **6** Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasicebisana labadala ababesima phambi kukaSolomoni uyise esaphila, isithi: Licebisa ukubuyisela mpPENDULO bani kulababantu? **7** Basebekhuluma kuye besithi: Uba uzalunga kulababantu, ubathokozise, ukhulume kibo amazwi amahle, bazakuba zinceku zakho insuku zonke. **8** Kodwa wadela iseluleko sabadala abamcebisa ngaso, wacebisana lamajaha ayeyintanga yakhe, ayesima phambi kwakhe. **9** Wasesithi kuwo: Licebisa ukuthi sibuyisele mpPENDULO bani kulababantu, abakhulume kimi besithi: Yenza libe lulanyana ijogwe uyihlo alibeka phezu kwethu? **10** Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe asekhluma laye esithi: Uzakutsho njalo ebantwini abakhuluma kuwe besithi: Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba nzima, kodwa wena lenze libe lulanyana kithi; uzakutsho njalo kubo: Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. **11** Ngakho-ke ubaba walethwesa ijogwe elinzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu. Ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngabofezela. **12** Ngakho uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu beza kuRehobhowamu ngosuku Iwesithathu njengokutsho kwenkosi isithi: Libuye kimi futhi ngosuku Iwesithathu. **13** Inkosi yasibaphendula kalukhuni; inkosi uRehobhowamu yasidela iseluleko sabadala, **14** yakhuluma kubo njengeseluleko samajaha isithi: Ubaba wenza ijogwe lenu laba nzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela kulo; ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngabofezela. **15** Ngokunjalo inkosi kayibalalelanga abantu; ngoba inguquko yayivela

kuNkulunkulu ukuze iNkosi iqinise ilizwi layo eyayilikhulume ngesandla sikaAhiya umShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati. **16** Lapho ulsrayeli wonke ebona ukuthi inkosi kayibalalelanga, abantu bayiphendula inkosi besithi: Silesabelo bani kuDavida? Njalo kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese. Ngulowo emathenteni akho, Israyeli; khathesi, zibonele indlu yakho, Davida. Ngakho ulsrayeli wonke waya emathenteni akhe. **17** Kodwa abantwana bakolsrayeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda, uRehobhowamu wabusa phezu kwabo. **18** Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasithuma uAdoramu owayengumphathi wezibhalwa; abantwana bakolsrayeli basebemkhanda ngamatshe, wasesifa. Inkosi uRehobhowamu yaphangisa ukukhwela enqoleni ukubalekela eJerusalema. **19** Ngalokho ulsrayeli wayihlamuka indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla.

11 URehobhowamu esefikile eJerusalema wabuthanisa indlu yakoJuda leyakoBhenjamini, abakhethiweyo abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abalwa impi, ukuze balwe lolsrayeli ukubuyisela umbuso kuRehobhowamu. **2** Kodwa ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi: **3** Khuluma kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni, inkosi yakoJuda, lakulsrayeli wonke koJuda lakoBhenjamini, uthi: **4** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Kaliyikwenyuka njalo lingalwi labafowenu. Buyelani ngulowo endlini yakhe, ngoba linto yensiwe yimi. Basebelilalela ilizwi leNkosi, baphenduka ekuyenimelana loJerobhowamu. **5** URehobhowamu wasehlala eJerusalema, wakha imizi eyizinqaba koJuda. **6** Wasesakha iBhethelohema leEtamu leThekhowa **7** leBeti-Zuri leSoko leAdulamu **8** leGathi leMaresha leZifi **9** leAdorayimi leLakishi leAzeka **10** leZora leAjalonI leHebroni, eyayikoJuda lakoBhenjamini, imizi

ebiyelweyo. **11** Waseqjnisa izinqaba, wabeka abalawulimabutho kizo, leziphala zokudla lamafutha lewayini. **12** Lakuwo wonke umuzi lomuzi wabeka izihlangu ezinkulu lemiikhonto, wayiqinisa kakhulukazi. Njalo uJuda loBhenjamini babengabakhe.

13 Labapristi lamaLevi ababekolsrayeli wonke bazimisa kuye bevela kuyo yonke imingcele yabo. **14** Ngoba amaLevi atshiya amaddlelo awo lemfuyo yabo, aya koJuda leJerusalema, ngoba uJerobhowamu lamadodana akhe bawala ekusebenzeleni iNkosi njengabapristi; **15** wasezibekela abapristi bendawo eziphakemeyo, labamadimoni, labamathole ayewenzile.

16 Lemva kwawo kweza eJerusalema labo ababenikele inhiliyo yabo ukuyidinga iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, bevela kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli, ukuyahlabela iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **17** Ngokunjalo bawuqinisa umbuso wakoJuda, benza uRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni waba lamandla iminyaka emithathu; ngoba bahamba endleleni kaDavida loSolomoni iminyaka emithathu. **18** URehobhowamu wasezithathela uMahalathi indodakazi kaJerimothi indodana kaDavida waba ngumkakhe, loAbihayili indodakazi kaEliyabi indodana kaJese, **19** owamzalela amadodana, oJewushi loShemariya loZahamu. **20** Langemva kwakhe wathatha uMahaka indodakazi kaAbisalomu, owamzalela oAbhiya loAthayi loZiza loShelomithi. **21** URehobhowamu wasemthanda uMahaka indodakazi kaAbisalomu okwedlula bonke omkakhe labafazi bakhe abancinyane - ngoba wathatha abafazi abalitshumi lesificaminwembili, labafazi abancinyane abangamatshumi ayisithupha, wazala amadodana angamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili lamadodakazi angamatshumi ayisithupha.

22 URehobhowamu wasebeku uAbhiya indodana kaMahaka

waba yinhloko ukubusa phakathi kwabafowabo, ngoba kwakuyikumenza inkosi. **23** Wenza ngokuhlakanipha, wasabalalisa kuwo wonke amadodana akhe emazweni wonke akoJuda lakoBhenjamini, kuwo wonke umuzi obiyelweyo, wawanika ukudla ngobunengi, wadinga inengi labafazi.

12 Kwasekusithi uRehobhowamu eseqinise umbuso, eseziqinisile, watshiya umlayo weNkosi, lolrsrayeli wonke laye. **2** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi uRehobhowamu, uShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana leJerusalema, ngoba babephambukile eNkosini, **3** elezingola ezingamakhulu alitshumi lambili labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha; labantu babengelakubalwa abeza laye bephuma eGibhithe, amaLibiya, amaSukhi, lamaEthiyophiya. **4** Wasethumba imizi ebiyelweyo eyayingeyakoJuda weza eJerusalema. **5** UShemaya umprofethi wasefika kuRehobhowamu lezikhulu zakoJuda ezazibuthene eJerusalema ngenxa kaShishaki, wathi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Lina lingilahlile, ngakho lami ngililahlele esandleni sikaShishaki. **6** Iziphathamandla zakolsrayeli kanye lenkosi basebezithoba bathi: INkosi ilungile. **7** INkosi isibona ukuthi bazithobile, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuShemaya lisithi: Bazithobile; kangiyikubabhubhisa, kodwa ngizabanika isilinganiso sokukhululwa, lolaka Iwami kaluyikuthululelw aJerusalema ngesandla sikaShishaki. **8** Kodwa bazakuba zincuku zakhe ukuze bazi inkonzo yami lenkonzo yemibuso yamazwe. **9** Ngakho uShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe wenyukela eJerusalema, wathatha okuligugu kwendlu kaJehova lokuligugu kwendlu yenkoski, wathatha konke; wathatha lezihlangu zegolide uSolomoni ayezenzile. **10** Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasisenza izihlangu zethusi endaweni yazo,

yazinikela ngaphansi kwesandla senduna zabalindi ababegcina umnyango wendlu yenkosи. **11** Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi ingena endlini kaJehova bafika abalindi bezithwele, bazibuyisela ekamelweni labalindi. **12** Isizithobile, ulaka lweNkosi lwaphenduka lwasuka kuyo ukuze ingayibhubhisi ngokuphelelelyo; futhi lakoJuda kwakulezinto ezinhle. **13** Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasiziqinisa eJerusalema, yabusa. Ngoba uRehobhowamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema, umuzi iNkosi eyayiwukhethile phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli, ukubeka ibizo layo khona. Lebizo likanina lalinguNahama umAmonikazi. **14** Wasesenza okubi ngoba engalungisanga inhliziyi yakhe ukudinga iNkosi. **15** Lendaba zikaRehobhowamu, ezokuqala lezokucina, kazibhalwanga yini ezindabeni zikaShemaya umprofethi lezikaldo umboni mayelana lemibhalo yosendo, lezimpi zikaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu zonke izinsuku? **16** URehobhowamu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini kaDavida. UAbhiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

13 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosи uJerobhowamu uAbhiya wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaJuda. **2** Wabusa iminyaka emithathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMikhaya indodakazi kaUriyeli weGibeya. Kwasekusiba khona impi phakathi kukaAbhiya loJerobhowamu. **3** UAbhiya wasehlela impi elebutho lamaqhawe empi, amadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane. UJerobhowamu wasehlela impi ukumelana laye elamadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, amaqhawe alamandla. **4** UAbhiya wasesima entabenи iZemarayimi

esentabeni yakoEfrayimi wathi: Ngizwa Jerobhowamu, lolsrayeli wonke! **5** Kakusikwenu yini ukwazi ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yanika uDavida umbuso phezu kukalsrayeli phakade, kuye lakumadodana akhe ngesivumelwano setshwayi? **6** Kodwa uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati, inceku kaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, wasukuma wavukela inkosi yakhe. **7** Kwasekubuthana kuye abantu abayize, abantwana bakaBheliyali, baziqinisa ukumelana loRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni, uRehobhowamu esesengumfana njalo ebuthakathaka ngenhliziyo engemelane labo. **8** Khathesi-ke lina lithi lizamelana lombuso weNkosi esandleni samadodana kaDavida; futhi liliuku elikhulu, kodwa lilamathole egolide uJerobhowamu alenzela wona abe ngonkulunkulu. **9** Kalibaxotshanga yini abapristi beNkosi, amadodana kaAroni, lamaLevi, lazenzela abapristi njengezizwe zelizwe? Loba ngubani ozegcwalisa isandla sakhe ngejongosi, ithole lenkomo, lezingama eziyisikhombisa uba ngumpristi wabangeyisibo onkulunkulu. **10** Kodwa thina, iNkosi inguNkulunkulu wethu, kasiyidelanga; labapristi abayikhonzayo iNkosi bangamadodana kaAroni, lamaLevi asemsebenzini. **11** Njalo bayahlabela iNkosi ikuseni ngekuseni lentambama ngentambama iminikelo yokutshiswa lempeha elephunga eliminandi; lokulungisa izinkwa etafuleni elihlambulukileyo, lokulumathisa uluthi lwesibane Iwegolide lezibane zalo kusihlwa ngakusihlwa. Ngoba thina sigcina umlindo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa lina liyidelile. **12** Ngakho khangelani, uNkulunkulu ulathi eyinhloko, labapristi bakhe belempondo zokukhalisa ukuhlaba umkhosi bemelene lani. Bantwana bakolsrayeli, lingalwi leNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, ngoba kaliyikuphumelela.

13 Kodwa uJerobhowamu wayebhodise abacathameli ukuthi
beze bengasemva kwabo. Ngakho babephambi kukaJuda,
labacathameli bengemva kwabo. **14** Lapho uJuda ephenduka,
khangel-a-ke, impi yayimelene labo ngaphambili langemuva;
basebekhala eNkosini, labapristi bakhala izimondo, **15**
abantu bakoJuda bamemeza; kwasekusithi ekumemezeni
kwabantu bakoJuda uNkulunkulu watshaya oJerobhowamu
lolsrayeli wonke phambi kukaAbhiya loJuda. **16** Abantwana
bakolsrayeli basebebaleka phambi kobuso bukaJuda,
uNkulunkulu wasebanikela esandleni sabo. **17** UAbhiya labantu
bakhe basebebatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu; kwasekusiwa
ababulewyo kolsrayeli, amadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu amahlanu. **18** Ngokunjalo abantwana bakolsrayeli
bathotshiswa ngalesosikhathi, labantwana bakoJuda baba
lamandla ngoba beyama eNkosini, uNkulunkulu waboyise.
19 UAbhiya wasexotshana loJerobhowamu, wathumba imizi
kuye, iBhetheli lemizana yayo, leJeshana lemizana yayo,
leEfroni lemizana yayo. **20** UJerobhowamu akabe esaba
lamandla ensukwini zikaAbhiya. INkosi yasimtshaya, wafa. **21**
Kodwa uAbhiya waziqinisa, wazithathela abafazi abalitshumi
lane, wazala amadodana angamatshumi amabili lambili,
lamadodakazi alitshumi lesithupha. **22** Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaAbhiya, lezindlela zakhe, lamazwi akhe, kubhaliwe ezindabeni
zomprofethi uldo.

14 UAbhiya waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela emzini kaDavida.
UAsa indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
Ensukwini zakhe ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka elitshumi.
2 UAsa wasesenza okuhle lokulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakhe. **3** Ngoba wasusa amalathi awemzini

lendawo eziphakemeyo, wadiliza insika eziyizithombe, wagamula izixuku. **4** Wasesithi kuJuda kabayidinge iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise, lokuthi bagcine umthetho lomlayo. **5** Wasesusa kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda indawo eziphakemeyo lamalathi okutshisela impepha. Lombuso waba lokuthula phambi kwakhe. **6** Wasesakha imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda, ngoba ilizwe lalilokuthula, njalo kungelampi laye ngaleyominyaka, ngoba iNkosi yamphumuza. **7** Wasesithi kuJuda: Asiyakheni limizi, siyizingelezele ngemiduli, lemiphotshongo, amasango, lemigoqo, ilizwe lisepahambi kwethu; ngoba siyidingile iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, siyidingile, yasinika ukuthula inhlangothi zonke. Basebesakha, baphumelela. **8** Njalo uAsa wayelebutho labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu abavela koJuda, bethwele ihawu lomkhonto, labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili abavela koBhenjamini bethwele isihlangu esikhulu benyathela idandili; bonke laba babengamaqhawe alamandla. **9** UZera umEthiophiya wasephuma ukumelana labo elebutho eliyinkulungwane yezinkulungwane lezingola ezingamakhulu amathathu, wasefika eMaresha. **10** UAsa wasephuma ukumelana laye, bahlela impi esihotsheni seZefatha eMaresha. **11** UAsa wasekhala eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: Nkosi, kakusilutho kuwe ukunceda, loba kwabanengi loba kwabangelamandla; sisize, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba seyeme kuwe; njalo ngebizo lakho sizemelana lalelixuku; Nkosi, wena unguNkulunkulu wethu; umuntu kangakwehluli. **12** Ngakho iNkosi yawatshaya amaEthiophiya phambi kukaAsa laphambi kukaJuda; amaEthiophiya asebaleka. **13** UAsa labantu ababelaye baxotshana lawo kwaze kwaba seGerari; kwasekusiwa

kumaEthiophiya okokuthi kakwaze kwaba lokuvuseleleka kiwo, ngoba acotshodiswa phambi kweNkosi laphambi kwebutho layo. Basebemuka lempango enengi kakhulu. **14** Basebetshaya yonke imizi ezingelezele iGerari, ngoba uvalo IweNkosi lwaluphezu kwayo. Basebephanga yonke imizi, ngoba kwakulempango enengi kiyo. **15** Basebetshaya lamathente ezifuyo, bathumba izimvu ezinengi lamakamela, babuyela eJerusalema.

15 UMoya kaNkulunkulu wasesehlela phezu kukaAzariya indodana kaOdedi. **2** Wasephuma ukuhlangabezana loAsa, wathi kuye: Ngilalela, Asa loJuda wonke loBhenjamini; iNkosi ilani liselayo. Uba-ke liyidinga, izafunyanwa yini; kodwa uba liyilahla, izalilahla. **3** Okwensuku ezinengi ulsrayeli wayengelaye uNkulunkulu weqiniso, njalo engelaye umpristi ofundisayo, njalo engelawo umlayo. **4** Kodwa ekubandezelweni kwakhe waphendukela eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, basebemdinga, wasefunyanwa yibo. **5** Langalezozikhathi kwakungelakuthula kophumayo lakogenayo, ngoba inhlupheko ezinengi zaziphezu kwabo bonke abakhi bamazwe. **6** Basebephahlazwa, isizwe ngesizwe, lomuzi ngomuzi, ngoba uNkulunkulu wabahlupha ngayo yonke imbandezelo. **7** Ngakho lina qinani, zingadangali izandla zenu, ngoba kulomvuzo ngomsebenzi wenu. **8** Lapho uAsa esizwa lamazwi lesiprofetho sikaOdedi umprofethi, waziqinisa, wasusa izinengiso elizweni lonke lakoJuda loBhenjamini lemizini ayeyithumbile entaben yakoEfrayimi, wavuselela ilathi leNkosi elalingaphambi kwekhulusi leNkosi. **9** Wasebuthanisa wonke uJuda loBhenjamini labemzini labo ababevela koEfrayimi loManase lakoSimeyoni; ngoba bawelela kuye bevela kolsrayeli ngobunengi lapho bebona ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yayilaye. **10** Basebebuthana

eJerusalema ngenyanga yesithathu ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kukaAsa. **11** Basebehlabela iNkosi ngalolosuku okwempango ababeyilethile, inkabi ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lezimvu ezizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa. **12** Basebengena esivumelwaneni sokudinga iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise, ngenhliziyo yabo yonke langomphefumulo wabo wonke. **13** Njalo wonke ongadingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli uzabulawa, kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana. **14** Basebefunga eNkosini ngelizwi elikhulu langokumemeza langezimpondo langempondo zezingama. **15** AbakoJuda bonke bathokoza-ke ngesifungo, ngoba babefungile ngenhliziyo yabo yonke, beyidingile ngaso sonke isifiso sabo, yasifunyanwa yibo; ngakho iNkosi yabaphumuza inhlangothi zonke. **16** Njalo mayelana loMahaka unina kaAsa inkosi, yamsusa ekubeniyindlovukazi, ngoba wayenzele isixuku into enengekayo. UAsa wasegamula into yakhe enengekayo, wayichola, wayitshisela esifuleni iKidroni. **17** Kanti indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga kolsrayeli; lanxa kunjalo inhliziyo kaAsa yayiphelele insuku zakhe zonke. **18** Wasengenisa endlini kaNkulunkulu izinto ezingcwele zikayise, lezinto zakhe ezingcwele, isiliva legolide lezitsha. **19** Kakusabanga khona impi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu wokubusa kukaAsa.

16 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesithupha wokubusa kukaAsa uBahasha inkosi yakolsrayeli wenyuka emelana loJuda, wakha iRama ukuze angavumeli ophumayo longenayo kuAsa inkosi yakoJuda. **2** UAsa wasekhupha isiliva legolide esiphalen senotho sendlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi, wathumela kuBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya owayehlala eDamaseko, esithi: **3**

Kulesivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe laphakathi kukababa loyiHlo; khangela, ngiyakuthumela isiliva legolide; hamba, yephula isivumelwano sakho loBahasha inkosi yakolsrayeli ukuze enyuke asuke kimi. **4** UBenihadadi waseyilalela inkosi uAsa, wathuma induna zamabutho ayelawo ukuyamelana lemizi yakolsrayeli, zasezitshaya iljoni leDani leAbeli-Mayimi, lemizi yonke eyiziphala yakoNafithali. **5** Kwasekusithi uBahasha esizwa wayekela ukwakha iRama, wawumisa umsebenzi wakhe. **6** UAsa inkosi wasethatha uJuda wonke, bathutha amatshe eRama lezigodo zayo uBahasha ayesakha ngakho; wasesakha ngakho iGeba leMizipa. **7** Ngalesosikhathi uHanani umboni wasefika kuAsa inkosi yakoJuda, wathi kuye: Ngoba weyeme enkosini yeSiriya, ungeyamanga eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ngalokho ibutho lenkosi yeSiriya liphunyukile esandleni sakho. **8** AmaEthiophiya lamaLibiya ayengeyisilo ibutho elikhulu, elezingola labagadi bamabhiza abanengi kakhulu yini? Kanti lapho weyeme eNkosini, yawanikela esandleni sakho. **9** Ngoba iNkosi, amehlo ayo agijima aye le lale emhlabeni wonke ukuthi izitshengise ilamandla ngalabo abanhliziyo yabo iphelele kuyo. Wenze ngobuthutha kulokhu, ngoba kusukela khathesi kuzakuba lezimpi kuwe. **10** UAsa wasemcunukela umboni, wamfaka entolongweni, ngoba wamthukuthelela ngalokhu. UAsa wasecindezela abanye ebantwini ngalesosikhathi. **11** Khangela-ke, izindaba zikaAsa, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni Iwamakhosi akoJuda lakolsrayeli. **12** UAsa waba lomkhuhlane enyaweni zakhe, ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe, umkhuhlane wakhe waze wakhula kakhulu; kanti lekuguleni kwakhe kayidinganga iNkosi, kodwa izinyanga. **13** UAsa waselala

laboyise wafa ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane lanye wokubusa kwakhe. **14** Basebemngcwaba emangcwabeni akhe ayezigebhele wona emzini kaDavida; bambeka embhedeni ayewugcwalise amaphunga amnandi lezhinhlobonhlobo zamakha, ayenziwe ngokuhlakanipha kwezingcitshi zamakha; basebembasel a umlilo omkhulu, omkhulukazi.

17 UJehoshafathi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; waziqinisa ukumelana lolsrayeli. **2** Wasebeka amabutho kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo yakoJuda; wabeka lamabutho enqaba elizweni lakoJuda, lemizini yakoEfrayimi uyise uAsa ayeyithumbile. **3** INkosi yasisiba loJehoshafathi, ngoba wahamba ngendlela zakuqala zikaDavida uyise, kabadinganga oBhali; **4** kodwa wadinga kuNkulunkulu kayise, wahamba ngemilayo yakhe, njalo kungenjengokwenza kukalsrayeli. **5** Ngakho iNkosi yawuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe, loJuda wonke waletha izipho kuJehoshafathi; wasesiba lenotho lodumo ngobunengi. **6** Inhliziy o yakhe yasiphakama ezindleleni zeNkosi; futhi-ke wasusa indawo eziphakemeyo lezixuku koJuda. **7** Langomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wathuma kuziphathamandla zakhe, kuBeni-Hayili lakuObhadiya lakuZekhariya lakuNethaneli lakuMikhaya, ukufundisa emizini yakoJuda. **8** Kanye lazo-ke amaLevi, oShemaya loNethaniya loZebhadiya loAsaheli loShemiramothi loJehonathani loAdonija loTobia loTobi-Adonija, amaLevi; kanye labo-ke oElishama loJehoram, abapristi. **9** Basebefundisa koJuda, belogwalo lomlayo weNkosi; babboda kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda, bafundisa abantu. **10** Kwasekusiba lokuyesaba iNkosi phezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe ayehanqe uJuda, okokuthi kayilwanga loJehoshafathi. **11** Labanye bamaFilisti bamlethela

uJehoshafathi izipho, lesiliva lokuthela; amaArabhiya lawo amlethela imihlambi, inqama eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, lezimpongo eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **12** UJehoshafathi wayelokhu ekhula njalo, waze waba sengqongeni. Wasesakha koJuda izinqaba lemizi yeziphala. **13** Wayelomsebenzi omnengi emizini yakoJuda, lamadoda empi, amaqhawe alamandla, eJerusalema. **14** Lala ngamanani awo ngezindlu zaboyise: KoJuda, induna zezinkulungwane, uAdina engumphathi, njalo kanye laye amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu; **15** leceleni kwakhe uJohanani umphathi, njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; **16** leceleni kwakhe uAmasiya indodana kaZikiri, owazinikela ngesihle eNkosini, njalo kanye laye amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili. **17** LakoBhenjamini: UEliyada iqhawe elilamandla, njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili, ezihlome ngedandili langesihlangu; **18** leceleni kwakhe uJehozabadi, njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abahlomele impi. **19** Laba babesebenzela inkosi ngaphandle kwalabo inkosi eyayibabeke emizini ebiyelweyo kuye wonke uJuda.

18 Njalo uJehoshafathi wayelenotho lodumo ngobunengi; wahlangana ngobuhlobo loAhabi. **2** Ekupheleni kweminyaka wasesehlela kuAhabi eSamariya. UAhabi wamhlabela izimvu lenkabi ngobunengi, labantu ababelaye, wamncenga ukuthi enyukele eRamothi-Gileyadi. **3** UAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli wasesithi kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda: Uzahamba lami eRamothi-Gileyadi yini? Wasesithi kuye: Njengamiunjalo wena,

abantu bami banjengabantu bakho. Sizakuba lawe empini.

4 UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakolsrayeli: Akubuze lamuhla ilizwi leNkosi. **5** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasibuthanisa abaprofethi, amadoda angamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: Sihambe yini eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele? Basebesithi: Yenyuka, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayinikela esandleni senkosi.

6 Kodwa uJehoshafathi wathi: Kasekho yini lapha umprofethi weNkosi ukuthi sibuze kuye? **7** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kusekhona indoda eyodwa esingabuza ngayo eNkosini, kodwa mina ngiyamzonda ngoba kaprofethi lutho oluhle ngami, kodwa okubi zonke izinsuku zakhe; lo nguMikhaya indodana kalmla. UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Inkosi ingatsho njalo.

8 Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasibiza umthenwa othile yathi: Landa masinyane uMikhaya indodana kalmla. **9** Njalo inkosi yakolsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi ngulowo lalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos, begqoke izembatho, behlezi ebaleni engenelweni lesango leSamariya, bonke abaprofethi beprofetha-ke phambi kwabo. **10** UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasezenzela imondo zensimbi, wathi: Itshe njalo iNkosi: Ngalezi uzaHLaba amaSiriya uze uwaqede. **11** Labo bonke abaprofethi baprofetha njalo, besithi: Yenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi uphumelele, ngoba iNkosi izayinikela esandleni senkosi.

12 Isithunywa esasiyebiza uMikhaya sakhulumu kuye sisithi: Khangela, amazwi abaprofethi ngamlomo munye mahle enkosini; ngakho ilizwi lakho ake lifanane lelomunye wabo, ukhulume okuhle. **13** Kodwa uMikhaya wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, ngeqiniso lokho uNkulunkulu wami akutshoyo, lokho ngizakukhuluma. **14** Esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: Mikhaya, siye eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele yini? Wasesithi: Yenyukani,

liphumelele, ngoba bazanikelwa esandleni senu. **15** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngizakufungisa kuze kube yizikhathi ezingaki ukuze ungakhulumi kimi ngaphandle kweqiniso ebizweni leNkosi?

16 Wasesithi: Ngabona ulsrayeli wonke echithekile phezu kwezintaba njengezimvu ezingelamelusi; iNkosi yasisithi: Laba kabalamakhosi, kababuyele ngulowo endlini yakhe ngokuthula.

17 Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kangikutshelanga yini: Kayikuprofetha okuhle ngami kodwa okubi kuphela? **18** Wasesithi: Ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. Ngabona iNkosi ihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhos, lexuku lonke lamazulu limi ngakwesokunene sayo langakwesokhohlo sayo. **19** INkosi yasisithi: Ngubani ozahuga uAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli ukuze enyuke awe eRamothi-Gileyadi? Omunye wasekhuluma esitsho ngokunjalo, lomunye esitsho ngokunjalo. **20** Kwasekuphuma umoya, wema phambi kweNkosi wathi: Mina ngizamhuga. INkosi yasisithi kuwo: Ngani? **21** Wasusithi: Ngizaphuma ngibe ngumoya wamanga emlonyeni wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe. Yasisithi: Uzamhuga, njalo uzakuba lamandla; phuma wenze njalo. **22** Ngakho-ke, khangela, iNkosi ifake umoya wamanga emlonyeni walababaprofethi bakho, njalo iNkosi ikhulume okubi ngawe. **23** UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasesondela, watshaya uMikhaya esihlathini, wathi: UMoya weNkosi wedlula ngandlela bani esuka kimi ukuthi akhulume lawe? **24** UMikhaya wasesithi: Khangela, uzabona ngalolosuku mhla uzangena ekamelweni phakathi kwekamelo ukuthi ucatshe. **25** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi: Thathani uMikhaya, limbuyisele kuAmoni umbusi womuzi lakuJowashi indodana yenkos, **26** lithi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Fakani lo entolongweni, limdlise isinkwa senhlupho lamanzi enhlupho ngize ngibuye ngokuthula. **27** UMikhaya wasesithi: Uba

ubuya lokubuya ngokuthula, iNkosi izabe ingakhulumanga ngami. Wathi: Lalelani, bantu lonke. **28** Ngakho inkosi yakolsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda benyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi. **29** Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Ngizazifihla isimo, ngingene empini, kodwa wena gqoka izembatho zakho. Inkosi yakolsrayeli yasizifihla isimo, basebengena empini. **30** Inkosi yeSiriya yayilayile-ke izinduna zenqola eyayilazo isithi: Lingalwi lomncane loba omkhulu, kodwa lenkosi yakolsrayeli kuphela. **31** Kwasekusithi induna zezingola zibona uJehoshafathi zona zathi: Yena uyinkosi yakolsrayeli. Ngakho zamhanqela ukulwa. Kodwa uJehoshafathi wahlaba umkhosi; iNkosi yasimsiza. UNkulunkulu wazihuga zasuka kuye. **32** Ngoba kwathi lapho induna zezingola zibona ukuthi kwakungayisiyo inkosi yakolsrayeli, zaphenduka ekuyilandeleni. **33** Umuntu othile wasedonsa idandili engananzelele, wahlaba inkosi yakolsrayeli phakathi kwenhlangano lebhatsi lensimbi; yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola: Phendula isandla sakho, ungikhuphe ebuthweni, ngoba ngilimele. **34** Impi yasikhula mhlalokho; inkosi yayisekelwe enqoleni iqondene lamaSiriya kwaze kwaba ntambama; yafa ngesikhathi sokutshona kwelanga.

19 UJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wasebuyela endlini yakhe ngokuthula eJerusalema. **2** UJehu indodana kaHanani umboni wasephuma ukumhlangabeza, wathi enkosini uJehoshafathi: Unganceda yini omubi, uthande labo abazonda iNkosi? Ngenxa yalokhu-ke kulolaka phezu kwakho oluvela ebusweni beNkosi. **3** Loba kunjalo izinto ezinhle zitholwe kuwe, ngoba ususile izixuku elizweni, walungisa inhliziyi yakho ukumdinga uNkulunkulu. **4** UJehoshafathi wasehlala eJerusalema; wabuya waphuma wahamba phakathi kwabantu, kusukela eBherishebha kusiya

entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wababuyisela eNkosini, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **5** Wasemisa abahluleli elizweni kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo yakoJuda, kumuzi ngomuzi. **6** Wasesithi kubahluleli: Bonani elikwenzayo, ngoba kalehluleleli umuntu kodwa iNkosi, elani endabeni yokwahlulela. **7** Ngakho-ke uvalo ngeNkosi kalube phezu kwenu, linanzelele likwenze, ngoba eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu kakulabubi lokukhangela ubuso lokwemukela izivalamlomo. **8** Futhi leJerusalema uJehoshafathi wasemisa abanye kumaLevi labapristi lakunhloko zaboyise zakolsrayeli kusahlulelo seNkosi lakumibango, sebebuyele eJerusalema. **9** Wasebalaya esithi: Lizakwenza njalo ekuyesabeni iNkosi, ngobuqotho langenhliziyo epheleleyo. **10** Lawuphi umbango oza kini ovela kubafowenu abahlala emizini yabo, phakathi kwegazi legazi, phakathi komthetho lomlayo, izimiso lezahlulelo, lizabaxwayisa ukuze bangabi lecalal eNkosini, lolaka Iwehlele phezu kwenu laphezu kwabafowenu. Lizakwenza njalo, futhi lingabi lacala. **11** Khangelani-ke, uAmariya umpristi oyinhloko uphezu kwenu kulo lonke udaba lukaJehova, loZebhadiya indodana kalshmayeli, umbusi wendlu yakoJuda, kulo lonke udaba Iwenkosi; labaphathi amaLevi baphambi kwenu. Qinani likwenze; iNkosi-ke izakuba lolungileyo.

20 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho abantwana bakoMowabi labantwana bakoAmoni belabanye ngaphandle kwamaAmoni beza bamelana loJehoshafathi empini. **2** Kwasekusiza abanye babikela uJehoshafathi besithi: Kuyeza ixuku elikhulu ukumelana lawe elivela phetsheya kolwandle, eSiriya; khangela-ke, liseHazazoni-Tamari, eyiEngedi. **3** UJehoshafathi wasesesaba, wamisa ubuso bakhe ukudinga iNkosi, wamemezela ukuzila ukudla kuye wonke uJuda. **4** UJuda wasezibuthanisa ukudinga

eNkosini; lasemizini yonke yakoJuda baphuma beza ukudinga iNkosi. **5** UJehoshafathi wasesima ebandleni lakoJuda leJerusalema endlini yeNkosi phambi kweguma elitsha. **6** Wasesithi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wabobaba, wena kawusuye yini uNkulunkulu emazulwini? Yebo, kawubusi yini kuyo yonke imibuso yezizwe? Lesandleni sakho kukhona amandla lengalo, ukuze kungabi khona ongamelana lawe. **7** KawusiNkulunkulu wethu yini? Uxotshile abahlali balelilizwe elifeni phambi kwabantu bakho ulsrayeli, walinika inzalo kaAbrahama umngane wakho kuze kube phakade. **8** Basebehlala kilo, bakwakhela indawo engcwele kulo eyebizo lakho, besithi: **9** Uba kusehlela phezu kwethu ububi, inkemba, isahlulelo, loba umatshayabhuqe wesifo, loba indlala, sizakuma phambi kwalindlu laphambi kwakho (ngoba ibizo lakho likulindlu), sikhale kuwe ekubandezelekeni kwethu, uzakuzwa-ke usindise. **10** Ngakho-ke, khangela, abantwana bakoAmoni labakoMowabi labentabeni iSeyiri ongavumanga ukuthi ulsrayeli adlule phakathi kwabo lapho besuka elizweni leGibhithe, kodwa babafulathela kabababhubhisanga; **11** khangela-ke, basivuza beza ukuzasixotsha elifeni lakho owenze ukuthi silidle. **12** Nkulunkulu wethu, kawuyikubahlulela yini? Ngoba amandla kawakho kithi okumelana lalelixuku elikhulu elize ukumelana lathi; njalo thina kasikwazi esingakwenza, kodwa amehlo ethu akuwe. **13** UJuda wonke wasesima phambi kweNkosi, lensane zabo, omkabo labantwana babo. **14** Khona uJahaziyeli indodana kaZekhariya indodana kaBhenaya indodana kaJeyiyeli indodana kaMathaniya, umLevi emadodaneni kaAsafi, uMoya weNkosi wafika phezu kwakhe phakathi kwebandla. **15** Wasesithi: Lalelan i onke bakoJuda labahlali beJerusalema, lawe nkosi Jehoshafathi; itsho njalo iNkosi

kini: Lina lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo ngenxa yalelixuku elikhulu, ngoba impi kayisiyo yenu, kodwa ngekaNkulunkulu. **16** Kusasa yehlani limelane labo; khangela, bayenyuka ngomqanso weZizi; lizabathola ekucineni kwesihotsha phambi kwenkangala yeJeweli. **17** Kakusikwenu ukulwa kule impi; zimiseni lime, libone usindiso IweNkosi lani, Juda leJerusalem. Lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo; kusasa phumanि limelene labo, ngoba iNkosi izakuba lani. **18** UJehoshafathi wasekhothamisa ikhanda emhlabathini, laye wonke uJuda labahlali beJerusalem bawa phambi kweNkosi, beyikhonza iNkosi. **19** AmaLevi kubantwana bakoKohathi lakubantwana bakoKora asesukuma ukudumisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ngelizwi elikhulu eliphezulu. **20** Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, baphuma bayo enkangala yeThekhowa; lekuphumeni kwabo uJehoshafathi wema wathi: Ngilalelani Juda labahlali beJerusalem. Kholwani eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu, lizaqinisa; likholwe kubaprofethi bayo, lizaphumelela. **21** Esecebisene labantu wamisela iNkosi abahlabeleli, abazadumisa ubuhle bobungcwele, ekuphumeni phambi kwabahlomileyo, besithi: Dumisani iNkosi, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini. **22** Kwathi lapho beqalisa ukuhlabelela lokudumisa, iNkosi yabeka abacathameli ukumelana labantwana bakoAmoni, uMowabi, lentaba iSeyiri, ababezemelana loJuda; basebetshaywa. **23** Ngoba abantwana bakoAmoni labakoMowabi basukuma bamelana labahlali bentaba yeSeyiri ukutshabalalisa lokuchitha; njalo sebebaqedile abahlali beSeyiri, bancedisa ngulowo umakhelwane wakhe encithakalweni. **24** UJuda esefikile enqabeni yokulinda enkangala bakhangela ngasexukwini, khangela-ke, kwakulezidumbu eziwele emhlabathini; njalo kungekho ophephileyo. **25** UJehoshafathi

abantu bakhe sebefikile ukuphangang impango bathola phakathi kwabo ngobunengi, impahla lazo, lezidumbu, lezinto eziligugu, baziphangela baze behluleka ukuzithwala. Njalo baba lensuku ezintathu bephanga impango ngoba yayinengi. **26** Njalo ngosuku lwasine babuthana esihotsheni seBeraka, ngoba lapho bayibusisa iNkosi; ngenxa yalokho babiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yisihotsha seBeraka kuze kube lamuhla. **27** Basebebuya, wonke umuntu wakoJuda leJerusalema, loJehoshafathi enhlokweni yabo, ukuthi babuye eJerusalema belentokozo, ngoba iNkosi yabathokozisa phezu kwezitha zabo. **28** Basebengena eJerusalema belezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho lezimpondo, baya endlini yeNkosi. **29** Uvalo ngoNkulunkulu lwaselusiba phezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe lapho besizwa ukuthi iNkosi yalwa lezitha zikalsrayeli. **30** Ngakho umbuso kaJehoshafathi waba lokuthula, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe wamphumuza inhlangothi zonke. **31** UJehoshafathi wabusa-ke phezu kukaJuda; wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAzuba indodakazi kaShilehi. **32** Wasehamba ngendlela kayise uAsa, kaphambukanga kuyo, esenza okulungileyo emehlwani eNkosi. **33** Lanxa kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; ngoba abantu babelokhu bengalungisanga inhliziyo yabo kuNkulunkulu waboyise. **34** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoshafathi, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe ezindabeni zikaJehu indodana kaHanani ezagoqelwa egwalweni lwanakhosi akolsrayeli. **35** Lemva kwalokho uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wazihlanganisa loAhaziya inkosi yakolsrayeli owenza ngenkohlkalo ekwenzeni. **36** Wasezihlanganisa laye ukwenza imikhumbi yokuya eTarshishi;

basebeyenza imikhumbi eEziyoni-Geberi. 37 UEliyezeri indodana kaDodavahu weMaresha waseprofetha emelene loJehoshafathi esithi: Ngoba uzihlanganise loAhaziya, iNkosi yephulile imisebenzi yakho. Ngakho imikhumbi yephuka, ayaze yenelisa ukuya eTarshishi.

21 UJehoshafathi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UJoram indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 2 Njalo wayelabafowabo, amadodana kaJehoshafathi, oAzariya, loJehiyeli, loZekhariya, loAzariya, loMikayeli, loShefathiya. Bonke laba babengamadodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakolsrayeli. 3 Uyise wasebanika izipho ezinengi zesiliva lezegolide lezempahla eziligugu kanye lemizi ebiyelweyo koJuda; kodwa umbuso wawunika uJehoram ngoba wayelizibulo. 4 UJehoram esephakeme embusweni kayise waziqinisa, wabulala bonke abafowabo ngenkemba njalo lezinye zeziphatmandla zakolsrayeli. 5 UJehoram wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka eyisificaminwembili eJerusalema. 6 Wasehamba ngendlela yamakhosi akolsrayeli, njengokwenza kwendlu kaAhabi, ngoba indodakazi kaAhabi yayingumkakhe; wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi. 7 Kodwa iNkosi kayithandanga ukuchitha indlu kaDavida ngenxa yesivumelwano eyayisenze loDavida, lanjengoba yayithe izanika yena lamadodana akhe isibane insuku zonke. 8 Ensukwini zakhe uEdoma wahlubuka wasuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda, basebezibekela inkosi. 9 UJehoram wasechapha lenduna zakhe lenqola zonke laye, wavuka ebusuku, wawatshaya amaEdoma ayezingelezele yena lenduna zenqola. 10 UEdoma wahlubuka-ke wasuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda kuze kube lamuhla. Khona iLibhina yahlubuka ngalesosikhathi yasuka phansi kwesandla

sakhe, ngoba wayedelile iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **11**
Futhi yena wenza indawo eziphakemeyo entabenzi zakoJuda,
wenza abahlali beJerusalema baphinge, waduhisa uJuda. **12**
Kwasekufika kuye incwadi ivela kuElija umprofethi isithi: Itsho
njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyihlo: Ngenxa yokuthi
ungahambanga ezindleleni zikaJehoshafathi uyihlo lezindleleni
zikaAsa inkosi yakoJuda, **13** kodwa uhambe ngendlela yamakhosi
akolsrayeli, wenza uJuda labahlali beJerusalema baphinge
njengobuwule bendlu kaAhabi, futhi-ke ubulele abafowenu
bendlu kayihlo ababengcono kulawe, **14** khangela, iNkosi
izatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu ebantwini bakho lebantwaneni
bakho lakubomkakho, lakuyo yonke impahla yakho. **15** Lawe
uzakuba semikhuhlaneni emikhulu ngesifo samathumbu akho,
amathumbu akho aze aphume ngenxa yesifo usuku ngosuku. **16**
INkosi yasimvusela uJehoram umoya wamaFilisti lamaArabhiya
ayeseceleni kwamaEthiyophiya. **17** Asesenyukela koJuda
ayifohlela athumba yonke impahla eyatholakala endlini yenkoski
kanye lamadodana ayo labafazi bayo; kakwaze kwasala indodana
kuyo ngaphandle kukaJehovahazi, icinathunjana lamadodana
ayo. **18** Langemva kwakho konke lokho iNkosi yamtshaya
emathunjini akhe ngomkhuhlane ongelaselapho. **19** Kwasekusithi
umnyaka ngomnyaka, langesikhathi sokuphuma kokucina
kweminyaka emibili, amathumbu akhe aphuma ngomkhuhlane
wakhe; ngakho wafa ngemikhuhlane emibi. Kodwa abantu
bakhe kabambaselanga umlilo njengomlilo waboyise. **20**
Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili esiba yinkosi,
wabusa iminyaka eysisicaminwembili eJerusalema; wahamba
engaloyiseki. Basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida, kodwa
hatshi emangcwabenzi amakhosi.

22 Abahlali beJerusalema basebebeka uAhaziya indodana yakhe elicinathunjana waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; ngoba iviyo elafika lamaArabhiya enkambeni lalibulele bonke abadala. Ngakho uAhaziya indodana kaJehoram inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. **2** UAhaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lambili esiba yinkosi, wabusa umnyaka owodwa eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAthaliya indodakazi kaOmri. **3** Laye wahamba ngezindlela zendlu kaAhabi, ngoba unina wayengumelulekikazi wakhe ukwenza okubi. **4** Ngakho wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi njengendlu kaAhabi, ngoba bona babengabeluleki bakhe emva kokufa kukayise, kwaba yikuchitheka kwakhe. **5** Futhi wahamba ngeseluleko sabo, wahamba loJehoram indodana kaAhabi inkosi yakolsrayeli waya empini emelene loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya eRamothi-Gileyadi. AmaSiriya asemtshaya uJoram. **6** Wasebuyela ukuyakwelatshwa eJizereyeli ngenxa yamanxeba ayewatshaywe eRama, ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. UAzariya indodana kaJehoram inkosi yakoJuda wehlela ukubona uJehoram indodana kaAhabi eJizereyeli, ngoba wayegula. **7** Lokubhujiswa kukaAhaziya kwakuvele kuNkulunkulu ngokuthi eze kuJoram. Ngoba ekufikeni kwakhe waphuma loJehoram esiya kuJehu indodana kaNimshi, iNkosi eyayimgcobele ukuthi aqume indlu kaAhabi. **8** Kwasekusithi lapho uJehu esenza isahlulelo kundlu kaAhabi, wafica iziphathamandla zakoJuda lamadodana abafowabo bakaAhaziya ababesebenzela uAhaziya, wababulala. **9** Wasedinga uAhaziya, basebembamba, ngoba wayecatshile eSamariya, bamletha kuJehu, bambulala, bamngcwaba, ngoba bathi: Uyindodana kaJehoshafathi owadinga iNkosi ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. Ngakho indlu kaAhaziya yayingelamuntu wokugcina amandla ombuso. **10** Kwathi

uAthaliya unina kaAhaziya ebone ukuthi indodana yakhe ifile, wasukuma wabhubhisa yonke inzalo yobukhosy yendlu yakoJuda. **11** Kodwa uJehoshabeyathi indodakazi yenkosy wathatha uJowashi indodana kaAhaziya, wameba emsusa phakathi kwamadodana enkosi ayebulawa, wambeka lomlizane wakhe endlini yokulala. Ngokunjalo uJehoshabeyathi indodakazi yenkosy uJehoramu, umkaJehoyada umpristi, ngoba yena wayengudadewabo kaAhaziya, wamfihla ebusweni bukaAthaliya ukuze angambulali. **12** Wasecatsha labo endlini kaNkulunkulu iminyaka eyisithupha; uAthaliya wabusa-ke phezu kwelizwe.

23 Njalo ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada waziqinisa, wathatha induna zamakhulu ndawonye laye esivumelwaneni, oAzariya indodana kaJerohamu, lolshmayeli indodana kaJehohanani, loAzariya indodana kaObedi, loMahaseya indodana kaAdaya, loElishafati indodana kaZikiri. **2** Basebebhodabhoda koJuda, baqoqa amaLevi kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda lenhloko zaboyise bakolsrayeli, beza eJerusalema. **3** Ibandla lonke laselisenza isivumelwano lenkosi endlini kaNkulunkulu. Wasesithi kubo: Khangelani indodana yenkosy izabusa njengokutsho kweNkosi mayelana lamadodana kaDavida. **4** Yilolu ulutho elizalwenza; ingxenye yesithathu yenu elingena ngesabatha, kubapristi lakumaLevi, bazakuba ngabalindi bemibundu; **5** lengxenye yesithathu izakuba sendlini yenkosy, lengxenye yesithathu esangweni lesisekelo; labo bonke abantu bazakuba semagumeni endlu kaJehova. **6** Kodwa kakungangeni muntu endlini yeNkosi ngaphandle kwabapristi lalabo abasebenzayo bamaLevi; bona bazangena ngoba bengcwele, kodwa bonke abantu bazagcina umlindo weNkosi. **7** LamaLevi azaphahla inkosi inhlangothi zonke,

ngulowo lalovo elezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe; lalovo ongenayo endlini uzabulawa. Kodwa yibani lenkosi ekungeneni kwayo lekuphumeni kwayo. **8** Ngakho amaLevi loJuda wonke benza njengakho konke uJehoyada umpristi ayekulayile. Zasezithatha, yileyo laleyo amadoda ayo angena ngesabatha kanye lalawo aphuma ngesabatha; ngoba uJehoyada umpristi wayengazikhululanga izigaba. **9** UJehoyada umpristi wasenika izinduna zamakhulu imikhonto lezihlangu ezinkulu lezihlangu ezazingezenkosi uDavida ezasisendlini kaNkulunkulu. **10** Wasemisa bonke abantu, langulowo elesikhali sakhe esandleni sakhe, kusukela kucele langakwesokunene lendlu kusiya kucele langakwesokhohlo lendlu, ngaselathini langasendlini, enkosini inhlangothi zonke. **11** Basebekhuphela phandle indodana yenkosi, bayithwalisa umqhele, bayipha ubufakazi, bayibeka yaba yinkosi. UJehoyada lamadodana akhe basebeyigcoba bathi: Kayiphile inkosi! **12** UAthaliya esizwa ilizwi labantu begijima bedumisa inkosi, weza ebantwini endlini kaJehova. **13** Wasebona, khangela-ke, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni yayo engenelweni, lezinduna, lezimondo ngasenkosini; labo bonke abantu belizwe bathokoza bavuthela izimondo, labahlabeleli belezinto zokuhlabelela labafundisa ukudumisa. UAthaliya wasedabula iziggoko zakhe, wathi: Umvukela! Umvukela! **14** UJehoyada umpristi wasekhupha izinduna zamakhulu ezazibekwe phezu kwebutho, wathi kuzo: Mkhupheni limsuse phakathi kwamaviyo; lomlandelayo uzabulawa ngenkemba. Ngoba umpristi wayethe: Lingambulaleli endlini kaJehova. **15** Zasezimbamba ngezandla, wasesiya engenelweni lesango lamabhiza endlini yenkosi, zambulalela khona. **16** UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi kwakhe labantu bonke lenkosi ukuthi babe ngabantu

bakaJehova. **17** Bonke abantu basebesiya endlini kaBhali, bayidiliza, baphahlaza lamalathi akhe lezithombe zakhe, babulala uMathani umpristi kaBhali phambi kwamalathi. **18** UJehoyada wasemisa izikhundla zendlu yeNkosi ngesandla sabapristi, amaLevi, uDavida ayebahlukanisile endlini yeNkosi ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa yeNkosi, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaMozisi, ngenjabulo langokuhlabela, njengokumisa kukaDavida. **19** Wasebekwa abalindi bamasango emasangweni endlu yeNkosi ukuze kungangeni muntu ongcolileyo ngolutho loba luphi. **20** Wasethatha izinduna zamakhulu leziphathamandla lababusi phakathi kwabantu labo bonke abantu belizwe, wayehlisa inkosi isuka endlini kaJehova; basebengena endlini yenkosi ngaphakathi kwesango elingaphezulu, bayihlalisa inkosi esihlalweni sobukhosu sombuso. **21** Labo bonke abantu belizwe bathokoza; lomuzi waba lokuthula sebembulele uAthaliya ngenkemba.

24 UJowashi wayeleminyaka eysiskhombisa esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZibya weBherishebha. **2** UJowashi wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi insuku zonke zikaJehoyada umpristi. **3** UJehoyada wasemthathela abafazi ababili; wasezala amadodana lamadodakazi. **4** Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho kwaba senhliziyweni kaJowashi ukuvuselela indlu yeNkosi. **5** Wasebuthanisa abapristi lamaLevi, wathi kibo: Phumanli liye emizini yakoJuda, liquoq kulsrayeli wonke imali yokulungisa indlu kaNkulunkulu wenu umnyaka ngomnyaka; lina-ke, lumphangiseleni udaba. Kodwa amaLevi kawaphangisanga. **6** Inkosi yasibiza uJehoyada inhloko, yathi kuye: Kungani ungabizanga kumaLevi ukuthi alethe esusa koJuda laseJerusalema umthelo kaMozisi inceku yeNkosi, lowebandla lakolsrayeli okwethente lobufakazi?

7 Ngoba amadodana kaAthaliya okhohlakeleyo afohlela endlini kaNkulunkulu, futhi-ke ayecebenezisele oBhali zonke izinto ezingcwele zendlu yeNkosi. 8 Inkosi yasilaya, asesenza ibhokisi elilodwa, alibeka esangweni lendlu kaJehova phandle. 9 Asesenza isimemezelo koJuda laseJerusalema ukuthi balethe eNkosini umthelo kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu owabekwa phezu kukalsrayeli enkangala. 10 Zonke iziphathamandla labo bonke abantu basebethokoza, baletha baphosela ebhokisini baze baqeda. 11 Kwakusithi-ke ngesikhathi eletha ibhokisi kumhloli wenkosi ngesandla samaLevi, lalapho ebona ukuthi kulemali enengi, umabhalane wenkosi lenduna yompristi oyinhloko beze balithulule ibhokisi, balithathe balibuyisele endaweni yalo. Benza njalo-ke insuku ngensuku, baqoqa imali ngobunengi. 12 Inkosi loJehoyada basebeyinika abenzi bomsebenzi wenkonzo wendlu kaJehova, baqhatsha abakha ngamatshe lababazi ukuvuselela indlu kaJehova, njalo labakhandi bensimbi lethusi ukuqinisa indlu kaJehova. 13 Ngakho abenzi bomsebenzi basebenza, kwaze kwathi ukuvuselelwa komsebenzi kwaqhubeka ngesandla sabo, bayimisa indlu kaNkulunkulu ngesilinganiso sayo, bayiqinisa. 14 Kwathi sebeqedile baletha imali eseleyo phambi kwenkosi loJehoyada, abenza ngayo izitsha zendlu kaJehova, izitsha zenkonzo lezokunikela, lezinkezo, lezitsha zegolide lezesiliva. Basebenikela njalonjalo iminikelo yokutshiswa endlini kaJehova zonke izinsuku zikaJehoyada. 15 UJehoyada waseguga wenela ngezinsuku, wafa; wayeleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu ekufeni kwakhe. 16 Basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavidia lamakhosi, ngoba wayenze okulungileyo kolsrayeli lakuNkulunkulu lendlu yakhe. 17 Emva kokufa kukaJehoyada iziphathamandla zakoJuda zasezisiza zakhothama phambi

kwenkosi; khona inkosi yazilalela. **18** Basebeyitshiya indlu yeNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise, bakhonza izixuku lezithombe. Kwasekusehlela ulaka phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema ngenxa yalelicalab. **19** Kodwa yathuma abaprofethi phakathi kwabo ukubabuyisela eNkosini; basebefakaza bemelene labo, kodwa kababekanga indlebe. **20** UMoya kaNkulunkulu wasesembesa uZekhariya indodana kaJehoyada umpristi owema ngaphezu kwabantu, wathi kibo: Utsho njalo uNkulunkulu: Kungani liseqa imilayo yeNkosi ukuze lingaphumeleli? Ngoba liyitshiyile iNkosi, layo ilitshiyile. **21** Basebemenzela ugobe, bamkhanda ngamatshe ngomlayo wenkosi, egumeni lendlu kaJehova. **22** Ngokunjalo uJowashi inkosi kawukhumbulanga umusa uJehoyada uyise ayemenzele wona, kodwa wabulala indodana yakhe. Lalapho esifa wathi: INkosi kayibone ikufune. **23** Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka ibutho leSiriya lenyuka lamelana laye; basebefika koJuda leJerusalema, babhubhisa zonke iziphathamandla zabantu ebantwini, bathumela yonke impango yazo enkosini yeDamaseko. **24** Lanxa ibutho lamaSiriya leza lilamadoda amalutshwana, kanti iNkosi yanikela esandleni sawo ibutho elikhulu kakhulu, ngoba babeyitshiyile iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise. Ngalokho benza izigwebo kuJowashi. **25** Kwathi sebesukile kuye, ngoba bemtshiye esemikhuhlaneni emikhulu, inceku zakhe zamenzela ugobe ngenxa yegazi lamadodana kaJehoyada umpristi, zambulalela embhedeni wakhe, wasesifa; basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida, kodwa kabamngcwabanga emangcwabeniamakhosi. **26** Lalaba yibo ababemenzele ugobe: OZabadi indodana kaShimeyathi umAmonikazi, loJehozabadi indodana kaShimirithi umMowabikazi. **27** Mayelana lamadodana akhe, lobukhulu

bomthwalo phezu kwakhe, lokumiswa kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, khangela, kubhaliwe endaben'i yogwalo lwamakhosi. UAmaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

25 UAmaziya eseleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlalu waba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJehowadani weJerusalema. **2** Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi, kodwa kungeyisikho ngenhliziyo epheleleyo. **3** Kwasekusithi umbuso usuqinisiwe kuye, wabulala inceku zakhe ezazibulele inkosi uyise. **4** Kodwa kababulalanga abantwana bazo, kodwa wenza njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni wogwalo lukaMozisi lapho iNkosi eyalaya khona isithi: Oyise kabayikufa ngenxa yabantwana, labantwana kabayikufa ngenxa yaboyise, kodwa wonke uzafela isono sakhe. **5** UAmaziya wasebuthanisa uJuda, wabamisa ngokwendlu yaboyise baba zinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamakhulu, kuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini. Wababala kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, wabathola bezinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu zabakhethiweyo, abaphuma impi, ababamba umkhonto lesihlangu esikhulu. **6** Wabuya waqhatsha kolsrayeli amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu. **7** Kodwa kwafika umuntu kaNkulunkulu kuye, esithi: Nkosi, ibutho lakolsrayeli kalingahambi lawe, ngoba iNkosi kayilaye ulsrayeli, kusitsho bonke abantwana bakoEfrayimi. **8** Kodwa uba uhamba, kwenze, qinela impi; uNkulunkulu uzakwenza ukhubeka phambi kwesitha; ngoba kulamandla kuNkulunkulu okusiza lokukhubekisa. **9** UAmaziya wasesithi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Pho, senzeni ngamathalenta alikhulu engiwanike iviyo

lakolsrayeli? Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasesithi: INkosi ilokunengi kulalokhu okokukunika. **10** UAmaziya wasebehlukanisa, kusitsho iviyo elalifike kuye livela koEfrayimi, ukuze baye endaweni yabo. Ngakho ulaka lwabo lwamvuthela kakhulu uJuda, babuyela endaweni yabo bevutha ulaka. **11** UAmaziya waseziqinisa, wakhokhela abantu bakhe, waya esihotsheni setshwayi, watshaya abantwana beSeyiri, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **12** Abantwana bakoJuda basebethumba abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi abaphilayo, babasa engqongeni yeliwa, babaphosa besengqongeni yeliwa, baze baphahlazeka bonke. **13** Kodwa abantu beviyo uAmaziya ayelibuyisele emuva ukuthi bangahambi laye empini, bahlasela imizi yakoJuda, kusukela eSamariya kuze kube seBhethi-Horoni, batshaya abazinkulungwane ezintathu zabo, baphanga impango enengi. **14** Kwasekusithi emva kokubuya kukaAmaziya ekutshayeni amaEdoma, waletha onkulunkulu babantwana beSeyiri, wabamisa baba ngonkulunkulu bakhe, wabakhothamela, wabatshisela impepha. **15** Ngalokhu ulaka lweNkosi lwamvuthela uAmaziya, yathuma kuye umprofethi owathi kuye: Ubadingelani onkulunkulu babantu abangophulanga abantu babo esandleni sakho? **16** Kodwa kwathi ekhulumma laye, wathi kuye: Sikubekile yini ukuthi ube ngumeluleki wenkosi? Ziyekelile! Kungani bezakutshaya? Umprofethi waseyekela wathi: Ngiyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu unqume ukukubhubhisa, ngoba wenze lokhu, kawulalelanga iseluleko sami. **17** UAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda wasethatha iseluleko, wathumela kuJowashi indodana kaJehovahazi indodana kaJehu, inkosi yakolsrayeli, esithi: Woza, sikhangelane ubuso. **18** UJowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli wasethumela kuAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda esithi: Ukhula oluhlabayo oluseLebhanoni

Iwathumela emsedarini oseLebhanoni lusithi: Phana indodana yami indodakazi yakho ibe ngumkayo; kodwa isilo seganga esasiseLebhanoni sedlula, salugxoba ukhula oluhlabayo. **19** Uthi: Khangela, uyitshayile iEdoma; ngakho inhliziyo yakho iyakuphakamisa ukuthi uzincome; khathesi hlala endlini yakho; kungani uzazingenisa ebubini ukuze uwe, wena loJuda elawe? **20** Kodwa uAmaziya kalalelanga; ngoba kwakungokukaNkulunkulu ukuze abanikele esandleni sabo, ngoba babedinge onkulunkulu beEdoma. **21** UJowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli wasesenyuka, bakhangelana ubuso, yena loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, eBeti-Shemeshi engeyakoJuda. **22** UJuda wasetshaywa phambi kukalsrayeli, babaleka, ngulowo waya ethenteni lakhe. **23** UJowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli wasembamba uAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJowashi, indodana kaJehovahazi, eBeti-Shemeshi, wamletha eJerusalema, wadilizela phansi okomduli weJerusalema, kusukela esangweni lakoEfrayimi kuze kube sesangweni lengonsi, izingalo ezingamakhulu amane. **24** Wasethatha lonke igolide lesiliva, lezitsha zonke ezatholakala endlini kaNkulunkulu kuObedi-Edoma, lokuligugu kwendlu yenkosi, labayisibambiso, wabuyela eSamariya. **25** UAmaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda wasephila iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu emva kokufa kukaJowashi indodana kaJehovahazi inkosi yakolsrayeli. **26** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmaziya, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni Iwamakhosi akoJuda lawakolsrayeli? **27** Njalo kusukela esikhathini uAmaziya aphambuka ngaso ekulandeleni iNkosi bamenzela ugobe eJerusalema; wasebalekela eLakishi; kodwa bathumela emva kwakhe eLakishi, bambulalela khona.

28 Basebemthwala ngamabhiza, bamngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaJuda.

26 Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebethatha uUziya owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise uAmaziya. 2 Yena wakha iElohi, wayibuyisela koJuda emva kokulala kwenkosi laboyise. 3 U-Uziya wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJekoliya weJerusalema. 4 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi njengakho konke uAmaziya uyise ayekwenzile. 5 Njalo wayemdinga uNkulunkulu ensukwini zikaZekhariya owayelokuqedisisa emibonweni kaNkulunkulu; langezinsuku zokudinga kwakhe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamphumelelisa. 6 Wasephuma walwa lamaFilisti, wadilizela phansi umduli weGathi lomduli weJabine lomduli weAshidodi, wakha imizi eAshidodi laphakathi kwamaFilisti. 7 UNkulunkulu wasemsiza ukumelana lamaFilisti, lokumelana lamaArabhiya ayehlala eGuri-Bhali, lamaMewuni. 8 AmaAmoni asesipha umthelo kuUziya, lebizo lakhe lahamba laze lafika engenelweni leGibhithe, ngoba waziqinisa waze waba sengqongeni. 9 Futhi uUziya wakha imiphotshongo eJerusalema esangweni lengonsi lesangweni lesigodi lengonsini, wayiqinisa. 10 Wakha lemiphotshongo enkangala, wagebha imithombo eminengi, ngoba wayelenkomo ezinengi esihotsheni kanye lemagcekeni, abalimi lezisebenzi zezivini ezintabeni leKharmeli, ngoba wayengothanda umhlabathi. 11 Futhi uUziya wayelebutho elilwayo eliphuma impi ngamaviyo ngokwenani lokubalwa kwabo ngesandla sikaJeyiyeli umabhalane loMahaseya umbusi phansi kwesandla sikaHananiya, omunye wezinduna zenkosi.

12 Inani lonke lezinhloko zaboyise lamaqhawe alamandla lalizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha. **13** Laphansi kwesandla sazo kwakulamandla ebutho elizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu elalisilwa ngamandla obuqhawe ukusiza inkosi limelene lesitha.

14 U-Uziya wasebalungisela, ibutho lonke, izihlangu lemikhonto lamakhowa lamabhatsi ensimbi lamadandili lamatshe ezavutha. **15** EJerusalem wasesenza imitshina, eyaqanjwa ngohlakaniphileyo, ukuthi ibe phezu kwemiphotoshongo laphezu kwezingonsi ukuphosa ngemitshoko langamatshe amakhulu. Lebizo lakhe laphuma laze laba khatshana, ngoba wasizwa ngokumangalisayo waze waqina. **16** Kodwa esequinile, inhlizyo yakhe yaziphakamisela encithakalweni. Ngoba waphambuka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakhe, wasengena ethempelini leNkosi ukuze atshise impepha phezu kwelathi lempepha. **17** UAzariya umpristi wasengena emva kwakhe elabapristi beNkosi abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, amadoda alamandla. **18** Basebemelana loUziya inkosi, bathi kuye: Kakusikho okwakho, Uziya, ukutshisela iNkosi impepha, kodwa ngokwabapristi, amadodana kaAroni abehlukaniselwe ukutshisa impepha. Phuma endaweni engcwele, ngoba uphambukile; njalo kakusikho kodumo lwakho oluvela eNkosini uNkulunkulu. **19** Wasethukuthela uUziya, njalo kwakulodenjezi esandleni sakhe ukuze atshise impepha; ese bathukuthelile abapristi, kwabonakala ubulephero ebunzini lakhe phambi kwabapristi endlini yeNkosi, ngaphezu kwełathi lempepha. **20** UAzariya umpristi oyinhloko labo bonke abapristi basebemkhangela, khangela-ke, wayelobulephero ebunzini lakhe; basebemkhupha lapho masinyane, yebo laye uqobo

waphangisa ukuphuma, ngoba iNkosi yayimtshayile. **21** U-Uziya inkosi waba ngumlephero kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe; wahlala endlini eyehlukanisiweyo engumlephero, ngoba waqunywa wasuka endlini kaJehova. Njalo uJothamu indodana yakhe wayephezu kwendlu yenkosи, esahlulela abantu belizwe.

22 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaUziya, ezokuqala lezokucina, ulsaya umprofethi, indodana kaAmozi, wazibhala. **23** U-Uziya waselala laboyise; basebemngcwaba kuboyise ensimini yokungcwaba eyayingeyamakhosi, ngoba bathi: Ungumlephero. UJothamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

27 UJothamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJerusha, indodakazi kaZadoki. **2** Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukaUziya uyise; kodwa kangenanga ethempelini leNkosi; labantu babelokhu besenza ngokonakala. **3** Yena wakha isango eliphezulu lendlu yeNkosi, wakha okunengi emdulini weOfeli. **4** Futhi wakha imizi entabenи zakoJuda, lemaguswini wakha izinqaba lemiphotoshongo. **5** Yena wesesiwa lenkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni, wabanqoba; abantwana bakoAmoni basebemnika ngalowomnyaka amathalenta esiliva alikhulu, lamakhori engqoloyi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zebhali. Lokhu abantwana bakoAmoni bakubuyisela kuye, langomnyaka wesibili langowesithathu. **6** Ngokunjalo uJothamu waziqinisa, ngoba walungisa izindlela zakhe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. **7** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJothamu, lazo zonke izimpi zakhe, lezindlela zakhe, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akolsrayeli lawakoJuda. **8** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi

amabili lanhlalu esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. **9** UJothamu waselala laboyise, basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida; uAhazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

28 UAhazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Kodwa kenzanga okuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi, njengoDavida uyise. **2** Ngoba wahamba ezindleleni zamakhosi akolsrayeli, wasesenzela oBhali izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **3** Yena watshisa impepha esihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, watshisa lamadodana akhe emlilweni, njengokwamanya la eziwe iNkosi eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **4** Wanikela imihlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo laphezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. **5** Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yamnikela esandleni senkosi yeSiriya; asemtshaya, athumba kuye abathunjiweyo abanengi, abasa eDamaseko. Futhi wanikelwa esandleni senkosi yakolsrayeli eyamtshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu. **6** Ngoba uPheka indodana kaRemaliya wabulala koJuda abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili ngasuku lunye, bonke bengamadoda alamandla, ngoba babeyidelile iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise. **7** UZikiri iqhawe lakoEfrayimi wasebulala uMahaseya indodana yenkosi loAzirikamu umphathi wendlu loElkana owesibili enkosini. **8** Abantwana bakolsrayeli basebethumba kubafowabo abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili, abesifazana, amadodana, lamadodakazi; baphanga lempango enengi kibo, bayiletha impango eSamariya. **9** Kodwa kwakukhona lapho umprofethi weNkosi obizo lakhe lalinguOdedi; wasephuma phambi kwebutho elalisiza eSamariya,

wathi kibo: Khangelani, ngenxa yolaka IweNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo phezu kukaJuda, ibanikele esandleni senu; libabulele-ke ngolaka olufinyelele emazulwini. **10** Kathesi-ke lina lithi lehlisela ngaphansi kwenu abantwana bakoJuda labeJerusalema babe yizigqili leziggilikazi. Kodwa lina kakulamacala yini kini amelene leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu? **11** Ngakho-ke ngilalelani; libuyisele abathunjiveyo elibathumbe kubafowenu, ngoba ukuvutha kolaka IweNkosi kuphezu kwenu. **12** Kwasekusukuma amadoda kunhloko zabantwana bakoEfrayimi, oAzariya indodana kaJohanani, uBerekiya indodana kaMeshilemothi, loJehizikiya indodana kaShaluma, loAmasa indodana kaHadilayi, bamelana lalabo ababengena bevela ebuthweni. **13** Basebesithi kibo: Kaliyikungenisa abathunjiveyo lapha kube licala eNkosini limelene lathi; ngoba lina lithi lizakwengeza ezonweni zethu lemacaleni ethu, ngoba isiphambeko sethu sikhulu, lokuvutha kolaka kuphezu kukalsrayeli. **14** Ngakho abahlomileyo batshiya abathunjiveyo lempango phambi kweziphamandla lebandla lonke. **15** Lamadoda abizwa ngamabizo asukuma, abamba abathunjiveyo, agqokisa bonke ababenqunu babo ngokuvela empangweni; yebo abaggokisa, abafaka amanyathela, abanika ukudla, abanathisa, abagcoba, athwala bonke ababuthakathaka ngabobabhem, abasa eJeriko, umuzi wamalala, duze labafowabo; basebebuya eSamariya. **16** Ngalesosikhathi inkosi uAhazi yathuma emakhosini eAsiriya ukumncedisa. **17** Ngoba amaEdoma ayesebuye atshaya uJuda, athumba abathunjwa. **18** LamaFilisti ayehlasele imizi yesihotsha leningizimu yakoJuda, athumba iBet-Shemeshi, leAjalon, leGederothi, leSoko lemizana yayo, leTimina lemizana yayo, leGimizo lemizana yayo; ahlala khona. **19** Ngoba iNkosi yamthobisa uJuda ngenxa

kaAhazi inkosi yakolsrayeli, ngoba wamenza ze uJuda, wasephambuka kakhulu eNkosini. **20** Ngakho uTiligathi-Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya wafika kuye, wamhlupha, kodwa kamqinisanga. **21** Ngoba uAhazi wathatha isabelo sendlu kaJehova lesendlu yenkosi leseziphathamandla, wasipha inkosi yeAsiriya; kodwa kayimsizanga. **22** Ngesikhathi sohlupho lwakhe wengeza-ke ekuphambekeni emelene loJehova. Le yinkosi uAhazi. **23** Ngoba wahlabela onkulunkulu beDamaseko ababemtshayile, wathi: Ngoba onkulunkulu bamakhosi eSiriya bayawasiza, ngizahlabela bona ukuze bangisize. Kodwa bona baba yimbangela yokuwa kwakhe, kuye lakulsrayeli wonke. **24** UAhazi waseqoqa izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, waziquma iziqa izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, wavala iminyango yendlu yeNkosi, wazenzela amalathi kuyo yonke ingonsi eJerusalema. **25** Lakuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi wakoJuda wenza indawo eziphakemeyo zokutshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, wayithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise. **26** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zakhe lazo zonke indlela zakhe, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawakolsrayeli. **27** UAhazi waselala laboyise, basebemngcwabela emzini, eJerusalema; kodwa kabamlethanga emangcwabeni amakhosi akolsrayeli. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

29 UHezekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAbhiya indodakazi kaZekhariya. **2** Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukaDavida uyise. **3** Yena, ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe ngenyanga

yokuqala, wavula iminyango yendlu yeNkosi, wayilungisa.

4 Wasengenisa abapristi lamaLevi, wababuthanisa egumeni elingasempumalanga. **5** Wasesithi kubo: Ngilalelani, maLevi; khathesi zingcweliseni, njalo lingcwelise indlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, likhuphe ingcekeza endaweni engcwele.

6 Ngoba obaba babephambukile, benza okubi emehlwani eNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, bayitshiya, baphendula ubuso babo bebususa endaweni yokuhlala yeNkosi, bafulathela. **7** Bavala leminyango yekhulusi, bacitsha izibane, kabatshisanga impepha, kabankelanga umnikelo wokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu kalsrayeli endaweni engcwele. **8** Ngakho ulaka IweNkosi lwaba phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema, yabanikela evalweni, ekuchithekeni, lekuncifelweni, njengoba libona ngamehlo enu.

9 Ngoba khangelani, obaba bawile ngenkemba, lamadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu labomkethu basekuthunjweni ngenxa yalokhu. **10** Khathesi kusenhлизиweni yami ukwenza isivumelwano leNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ukuze ukuvutha kolaka lwayo kuphenduke kusuke kithi. **11** Madodana ami, khathesi lingonwabi, ngoba iNkosi ilikhethile ukuthi lime phambi kwayo, liyikhonze, libe zinceku zayo labatshisi bempepha.

12 Asesukuma amaLevi, oMahathi indodana kaAmasayi loJoweli indodana kaAzariya emadodaneni amaKohathi; lemadodaneni kaMerari oKishi indodana kaAbidi loAzariya indodana kaJehaleleli; lakumaGerishoni oJowa indodana kaZima loEdeni indodana kaJowa; **13** lemadodaneni kaElizafani oShimiri loJehiyeli; lemadodaneni kaAsafi oZekhariya loMathaniya; **14** lemadodaneni kaHemani oJehiyeli loShimeyi; lemadodaneni kaJeduthuni oShemaya loUziyeli. **15** Basebebuthanisa abafowabo, bazingcwelisa, beza njengomlayo wenkosi ngamazwi

kaJehova, ukuhlanza indlu kaJehova. **16** Abapristi basebengena ngaphakathi kwendlu yeNkosi ukuyihlanza, bakhupha konke ukungcola abakuthola ethempelini leNkosi egumeni lendlu yeNkosi; lamaLevi akuthatha, akukhuphela esifuleni iKidroni ngaphandle. **17** Basebeqala ukungcwelisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala, njalo ngosuku Iwesificaminwembili lwenyanga bafika ekhulusini leNkosi; bangcwelisa indlu yeNkosi ngensuku eziyisificaminwembili; kwathi ngosuku Iwetshumi lesithupha lwenyanga yokuqala baqeda. **18** Basebengena phakathi kuHezekhiya inkosi bathi: Sesiyihlanzile yonke indlu yeNkosi, lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, lezitsha zalo zonke, letafula lezinkwa zokubukiswa, lezitsha zalo zonke. **19** Lazo zonke izitsha inkosi uAhazi eyayizilahlile ekubuseni kwayo, esiphambekweni sayo, sizilungisile sazingcwelisa, khangela-ke, ziphambi kwelathi leNkosi. **20** UHezekhiya inkosi wasevuka ngovivi, wabuthanisa izinduna zomuzi, wenyukela endlini kaJehova. **21** Basebeletha amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa lamawundlu ayisikhombisa lempongo eziyisikhombisa, kwaba ngumnikelo wesono sombuso lesendlu engcwele lesakoJuda. Wasesithi emadodaneni kaAroni, abapristi, akunikele phezu kwelathi leNkosi. **22** Basebehlaba izinkabi, labapristi bemukela igazi balifafaza elathini; bahlaba lezingama bafafaza igazi elathini; bahlaba lamawundlu bafafaza igazi elathini. **23** Basebesondeza impongo zomnikelo wesono phambi kwenkosi lebandla, babeka izandla zabo phezu kwazo. **24** Abapristi basebezihlaba, benza ukubuyisana ngegazi lazo phezu kwelathi ukwenzela ulsrayeli wonke inhlawulo yokuthula. Ngoba inkosi yalaya: Umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono ngokalsrayeli wonke. **25** Wasebeka amaLevi endlini

kaJehova elensimbi ezincencethayo, lezigubhu zezintambo, njalo lamachacho, njengomlayo kaDavida lokaGadi umboni wenkosi lokaNathani umprofethi; ngoba lumlayo wawungesandla sikaJehova ngesandla sabaprofethi bakhe. **26** LamaLevi ema elezinto zokuhlabelela zikaDavida labapristi belempondo. **27** UHezekhiya waselaya ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwelathi; kwathi ngesikhathi umnikelo wokutshiswa uqalisa, ingoma yeNkosi yaqalisa kanye lezimpondo, langezandla zezinto zokuhlabelela zikaDavida inkosi yakolsrayeli. **28** Lebandla lonke lakhonza, labahlabeleli bahlabelela, labakhalisi bempondo bakhala; konke lokhu, kwaze kwaphela umnikelo wokutshiswa. **29** Lekupheleleni kokunikela inkosi labo bonke abatholakala layo bakhothama bakhonza. **30** Khona uHezekhiya inkosi leziphathamandla bathi kumaLevi kawayidumise iNkosi ngamazwi kaDavida lakaAsafi umboni. Asedumisa kwaze kwaba yintokozo, akhothama akhonza. **31** UHezekhiya wasephendula wathi: Selizehlukanisele iNkosi; sondelani lilethe imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga endlini yeNkosi. Ibandla laseliletha imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga, laye wonke olenhliziyo ekhululekileyo, iminikelo yokutshiswa. **32** Lenani leminikelo yokutshiswa ibandla elayilethayo lalizinkunzi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, inqama ezilikhulu, amawundlu angamakhulu amabili; konke lokhu kwakungokomnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini. **33** Izinto ezazingcweliweise kwakuzinkunzi ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezintathu. **34** Kodwa abapristi babebalutshwana, okokuthi babengelakho ukuhlinza yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa; ngakho abafowabo amaLevi babancedisa waze waphela umsebenzi, labapristi baze bazingcwelisa, ngoba amaLevi ayeqondile ngenhliziyo kulabapristi ukuzingcwelisa.

35 Leminkelo yokutshisa layo yayiminengi, lamahwahwa eminkelo yokuthula kanye leminikelo yokunathwayo yeminikelo yokutshisa. Ngokunjalo inkonzo yendlu yeNkosi yamiswa. **36** UHezekhiya labantu bonke basebethokoza ngalokho uNkulunkulu ayekulungisele abantu, ngoba into yahle yenzeka.

30 UHezekhiya wasethumela kulsrayeli wonke loJuda, wasebhalela loEfrayimi loManase izincwadi, ukuthi beze endlini yeNkosi eJerusalema ukwenzela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli iphasika. **2** Ngoba inkosi yelulekana lezikhulu zayo lebandla lonke eJerusalema ukwenza iphasika ngenyanga yesibili. **3** Ngoba babengelakukwenza ngalesosikhathi ngoba abapristi babengazingcwelisanga ngokweneleyo, labantu babengabuthananga eJerusalema. **4** Lodaba lwaluqondile emehlwani enkosi lemehlwani ebandla lonke. **5** Basebemisa ilizwi ukwedlulisela isimemezelo kulsrayeli wonke kusukela eBherishebha kusiya koDani, ukuthi bazekwenzela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli iphasika eJerusalema; ngoba okwesikhathi eside babengenzanga njengokubhaliweyo. **6** Ngakho izigijimi zahamba kulsrayeli wonke loJuda zilezincwadi ezivela esandleni senkosi leziphathamandla zayo, langokomlayo wenkosi zisithi: Bantwana bakolsrayeli, buyelani eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, ulsaka, lolksrayeli, njalo izabuyela kwabaphunyukileyo abasele kini esandleni samakhosi eAsiriya. **7** Njalo lingabi njengaboyihlo lanjengabafowenu ababephambuka eNkosini uNkulunkulu waboyise, yaze yabanikela ekuchithweni njengoba libona. **8** Khathesi lingaqinisi intamo yenu njengaboyihlo; zinikeleni eNkosini, lingene endlini yayo engcwele eyingcwelise kuze kube nininini, likhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze ukuvutha kolaka lwayo kubuyele emuva kusuke kini.

9 Ngoba ekubuyeleni kwenu eNkosini, abafowenu labantwana benu bazathola izihawu phambi kwababathumbleyo, ukuze babuye kulelilizwe. Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ilomusa lesihawu, kayiyikuphendula ubuso busuke kini uba libuyela kuyo. **10** Ngokunjalo izigijimi zedlula zisuka emzini zisiya emzini elizweni lakoEfrayimi lelakoManase kuze kube koZebuluni; kodwa bazihleka baziklolodela. **11** Kube kanti abanye bakoAsheri labakoManase labakoZebuluni bazithoba, beza eJerusalema.

12 LakoJuda isandla sikaNkulunkulu sasikhona ukubanika inhliziyonye ukwenza umlayo wenkosi leziphathamandla ngelizwi likaJehova. **13** Kwasekubuthana eJerusalema abantu abanengi ukwenza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo ngenyanga yesibili, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu. **14** Basebesukuma basusa amalathi ayeJerusalema, lawo wonke amalathi okutshisela impepha bawasusa, bawaphosela esihotsheni iKidroni. **15** Basebehlaba iphasika ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga yesibili; abapristi lamaLevi basebeyangeka, bazingcwelisa, balettha iminikelo yokutshiswa endlini yeNkosi. **16** Basebesima endaweni yabo ejwayelekileyo njengendlela yabo ngokomlayo kaMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu; abapristi bafafaza igazi elalivela esandleni samaLevi. **17** Ngoba babebanengi ebandleni ababengazingcwelisanga; ngakho amaLevi ayephezu kokuhlatshwa kwamaphasika kwalowo lalowo owayengahlambulkanga ukubangcwelisela iNkosi. **18** Ngoba ixuku labantu, abanengi bakoEfrayimi, loManase, ulsakari, loZebuluni babengazihlambululanga, kube kanti badla iphasika kungenjengokubhaliweyo. Kodwa uHezekhiya wabakhulekela wathi: INkosi elungileyo kayimenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, **19** wonke olungise inhliziyo yakhe ukudinga uNkulunkulu, iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise, lanxa

kungenjengokuhlanjululwa kwendawo engcwele. **20** INkosi yasimuzwa uHezekhiya, yabelapha abantu. **21** Abantwana bakolsrayeli abatholakala eJerusalema basebesenza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo enkulu; lamaLevi labapristi bayidumisa iNkosi insuku ngensuku, ngezinto zokuhlabelela ngamandla eNkosini. **22** UHezekhiya wasekhulumu ngomusa kumaLevi wonke ayelokuqedisisa elwazini oluhle IweNkosi. Badla-ke okomkhosi omisiweyo insuku eziyisikhombisa benikela iminikelo yokuthula, beyidumisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **23** Ibandla lonke laselicebisana ukwenza ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa; benza ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo. **24** Ngoba uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wanika ibandla amajongosi azinkulungwane lezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, leziphathamandla zanika ibandla amajongosi azinkulungwane lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi; labapristi bazingcwelisa ngobunengi. **25** Ibandla lonke lakoJuda, labapristi lamaLevi, lebandla lonke elivela kolsrayeli, labezizweni abavevela elizweni lakolsrayeli, lababehlala koJuda, basebethokoza. **26** Kwasekusiba khona intokozo enkulu eJerusalema, ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaSolomon indodana kaDavida inkosi yakolsrayeli kakuzanga kube khona okunjalo eJerusalema. **27** Basebesukuma abapristi lamaLevi, babusisa abantu; ilizwi labo laselizwakala, lomkhuleko wabo wafika endaweni yakhe yokuhlala engcwele emazulwini.

31 Kwathi konke lokho sekuphelile, wonke amalsrayeli atholakalayo aphuma aya emizini yakoJuda, adiliza izinsika eziyizithombe, agamulela phansi izixuku, aphosela phansi indawo eziphakemeyo lamalathi, akukhupha kuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini lakoEfrayimi loManase, aze aqeda.

Bonke abantwana bakolsrayeli basebebuya, ngulowo lalowo emfuyweni yakhe, emizini yabo. **2** UHezekhiya wasemisa izigaba zabapristi lamaLevi ngokwezigaba zabo, ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe, abapristi lamaLevi emnikelweni wokutshiswa leminikelweni yokuthula, ukukhonza lokubonga lokudumisa emasangweni ezinkamba zeNkosi. **3** Lesabelo senkosi esivela emfuyweni yayo seminikelo yokutshiswa, seminikelo yokutshiswa yekuseni leyantambama, leminikelo yokutshiswa yamasabatha, leyekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, leyemikhosi emisiwego, njengokubhaliwego emlayweni kaJehova.

4 Wasesithi ebantwini, kubahlali beJerusalema, banike isabelo sabapristi lamaLevi, ukuze baqiniswe emlayweni weNkosi. **5** Lekusatshalalisweni kwelizwi abantwana bakolsrayeli bengeza izithelo zokuqala zamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, loluju, lakuzo zonke izithelo zensimu; lokwetshumi kwakho konke bakuletha ngobunengi. **6** Abantwana bakolsrayeli loJuda ababehlala emizini yakoJuda labo basebeletha okwetshumi kwenkomo lokwezimvu lokwetshumi kwezinto ezingcwele ezazehlukaniselwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, babeka izinqumbinqumbi. **7** Ngenyanga yesithathu baqalisa ukubeka isisekelo sezinqumbi, langenyanga yesikhombisa baqedo. **8** UHezekhiya leziphathamandla sebefika bebona izinqumbi, bayibusisa iNkosi labantu bayo ulsrayeli. **9** UHezekhiya wasebuza abapristi lamaLevi ngalezinqumbi. **10** UAzariya umpristi oyinhloko yendlu kaZadoki wakhulumava laye wathi: Kusukela ekuqaleni kokulethwa kweminikelo endlini yeNkosi, kwakulokokudla lokokusutha lokokutshiya okunenginengi; ngoba iNkosi ibabusisile abantu bayo kuze kusale lokhu okunengi. **11** UHezekhiya wasesithi kulungiswe

amakamelو endlini yeNkosi; basebewalungisa. **12** Basebengenisa iminikelo lezingxenyе zetshumi lezinto ezingcwelisiweyo ngobuqotho. Laphezu kwalokhu uKonaniya umLevi wayeyinduna, loShimeyi umfowabo engowesibili. **13** LoJehiyeli loAzaziya loNahathi loAsaheli loJerimothi loJozabadi loEliyeli lolsimakhiya loMahathi loBhenaya babengababonisi ngaphansi kwesandla sikaKonaniya loShimeyi umfowabo, ngomlayo kaHezekhiya inkosi loAzariya umbusi wendlu kaNkulunkulu. **14** Njalo uKore indodana kalmna umLevi, umgcini wesango ngasempumalanga, wayephezu kweminikelo yesihle kaNkulunkulu ukupha iminikelo yeNkosi lezinto ezingcwelengcwele. **15** Langasesandleni sakhe kwakuloEdeni, loMiniyamini, loJeshuwa, loShemaya, uAmariya, loShekaniya emizini yabapristi ukupha abafowabo ngokuthembeka ezigabenи zabo, njengakwabakhulu kwaba njalo kwabancane. **16** Ngaphandle kwababalwe ngezizukulwana zabesilisa, kusukela koleminyaka emithathу kusiya phezulu, wonke ongena endlini yeNkosi, ngomsebenzi wosuku ngosuku lwawo, enkonzweni yabo, kumfanelo zabo, ngezigaba zabo. **17** Lalabo ababalwa ngezizukulwana zabapristi ngendlu yaboyise, lamaLevi, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, kumfanelo zabo, ngezigaba zabo. **18** Lekubalweni ngezizukulwana, labo bonke abancinyane babo, omkabo, lamadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo, ebandleni lonke, ngoba ekuthembekeni kwabo bazingcwelisa ngobungcwele. **19** Lemadodaneni kaAroni, abapristi, emasimini amadlelo emizi yabo, kuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi, amadoda ayebizwe ngamabizo, ukunika izabelo kubo bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabapristi, labo bonke ababalwe ngezizukulwana phakathi kwamaLevi. **20** Wasesenza njalo uHezekhiya kuJuda wonke;

wenza okuhle lokulungileyo lokuqotho phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. **21** Emsebenzini wonke-ke awuqalisayo enkonzweni yendlu kaNkulunkulu, lemplayweni lemthethweni, ukudinga uNkulunkulu wakhe, wakwenza ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke, waphumelela.

32 Emva kwalezizenzo zobuqotho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wafika wangena koJuda, wamisa inkamba maqondana lemizi ebiyelweyo eqonde ukuzifohlelela yona. **2** UHezekhiya esebonile ukuthi uSenakheribi usefikile lokuthi ubuso bakhe bukhangele impi emelene leJerusalema, **3** wacebisana lezinduna zakhe lamaqhawe akhe ukuvimba amanzi emithombo eyayingaphandle komuzi; basebemsiza. **4** Kwasekubuthaniswa abantu abanengi, abavimba yonke imithombo lesifula esasigeleza phakathi kwelizwe, besithi: Kungani amakhosi eAsiriya ezafika afice amanzi amanengi. **5** Waseziqinisa, wakha umduli wonke owawudilikile, wawukhweza emiphotshongweni, lomunye umduli ngaphandle; waqinisa iMilo emzini kaDavid; wenza lezikhalu lezihlangu ngobunengi. **6** Wasebekela abantu induna zezimpi, wazibuthanisela bona egcekeni lesango lomuzi, wakhulumu kunhlizyo yabo esithi: **7** Qinani lime isibindi; lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo phambi kwenkosi yeAsiriya laphambi kwexuku lonke elilayo; ngoba kukhona kithi omkhulu kulaye. **8** Kuye kulengalo yenyama, kodwa kithi kuleNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ukusisiza lokulwa izimpi zethu. Abantu basebeseyama phezu kwamazwi kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. **9** Emva kwalokho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wathuma inceku zakhe eJerusalema (kodwa yena wayephambi kweLakishi lawo wonke amandla akhe elaye) kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lakuJuda wonke oseJerusalema, esithi: **10** Utsho njalo uSenakheribi

inkosi yeAsiriya: Lithembeni ukuthi lihlale ekuvinjezelweni eJerusalema? **11** UHezekhiya kalikhohlisi yini ukuthi alinikele ukuthi life yindlala langokoma esithi: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu izasikhulula esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya? **12** Kasuye yini lo uHezekhiya owasusa indawo zayo eziphakemeyo lamaLathi ayo, watshela uJuda leJerusalema esithi: Lizakhonza phambi kwelathi elilodwa, litshise impepha kulo? **13** Kalazi yini engakwenzayo mina labobaba kubo bonke abantu bamazwe? Onkulunkulu bezizwe zalawomazwe babelakho lokuba lakho yini ukukhulula amazwe abo esandleni sami? **14** Nguwuphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu balezozizwe obaba abazitshabalalisayo owaba lakho ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wenu abe lakho ukulikhulula esandleni sami? **15** Ngalokho-ke uHezekhiya kanganikhohlisi, kanganiduhisi ngokunjalo, lingamkhola; ngoba kakho unkulunkulu owasiphi isizwe lombuso owaba lakho ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami lesabobaba. Laye sibili uNkulunkulu wenu kayikulikhulula esandleni sami yini? **16** Inceku zakhe zatsho lokunye zimelene leNkosi uNkulunkulu njalo zimelene loHezekhiya inceku yayo. **17** Wabhala lezincwadi zokuthuka iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli lokukhuluma zimelene layo zisithi: Njengabonkulunkulu bezizwe zalawomazwe abangakhululanga abantu babo esandleni sami, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu kaHezekhiya kayikulikhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami. **18** Zasezimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda ebantwini beJerusalema ababephezu komduli ukubethusa lokubahlupha ukuze ziwuthumbe umuzi. **19** Zasezikhuluma ngoNkulunkulu weJerusalema njengabonkulunkulu bezizwe zomhlaba, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu. **20** Kodwa uHezekhiya inkosi lolsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi

bakhuleka ngenxa yalokhu, bakhala emazulwini. **21** INkosi yasithuma ingilosi eyaquma wonke amaqhawe alamandla labaphathi lezinduna enkambeni yenkosи yeAsiriya. Ngakho yabuyela elizweni layo ilobuso obulenhloni. Isingenile endlini kankulunkulu wayo, abaphuma emathunjini ayo bamenza wawa lapho ngenkemba. **22** Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa uHezekhiya labahlali beJerusalema esandleni sikaSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya lesandleni sabo bonke; yasibakhokhela inhlangothi zonke. **23** Abanengi basebeletha izipho eNkosini eJerusalema, lezinto eziligugu kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda; wasephakanyiswa emehlwani eziwe zonke emva kwalokhu. **24** Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagulela ukufa; wasekhuleka eNkosini; yasikhuluma laye yamnika isibonakaliso. **25** Kodwa uHezekhiya kabuyiselanga njengokwenzozo ayeyenzelwe, ngoba inhliziyо yakhe yayiphakeme. Ngakho kwaba lolaka phezu kwakhe laphezu kukaJuda leJerusalema. **26** Kodwa uHezekhiya wazithoba ngenxa yokuphakama kwenhliziyо yakhe, yena labahlali beJerusalema; ngakho ulaka lweNkosi kalwehlelanga phezu kwabo ensukwini zikaHezekhiya. **27** Njalo uHezekhiya wayelenotho lodumo kakhulukazi, wazenzela iziphala zesiliva lezegolide lezamatshe aligugu lezamakha lezezhlangu lezezinto zonke eziloyisekayo. **28** Leziphala zesivuno samabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, lezibaya zenhlobo zonke zezifuyo, lezibaya zemihlambi. **29** Wazenzela lemizi, lemfuyo yezimvu lenkomo ngobunengi, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayemnikile impahla enengi kakhulu. **30** UHezekhiya lo wasevimba umthombo wamanzi angaphezulu eGihoni, wawaqondisa ehla ngentshonalanga komuzi kaDavida. UHezekhiya waphumelela kuyo yonke imisebenzi yakhe. **31** Kodwa kwakunjalo, mayelana lezithunywa

zeziphathamandla zeBhabhiloni, ezathumela kuye ukubuza
ngesibonakaliso esenzakalayo elizweni, uNkulunkulu wamtshiya
ukuze amhlole ukuthi azi konke okusenhliziyweni yakhe. **32**
Ezinye-ke vezindaba zikaHezekhiya lomusa wakhe, khangela,
kubhaliwe embonweni kalsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi,
egwalweni Iwamakhosi akoJuda lawakolsrayeli. **33** UHezekhiya
waselala laboyise; basebemngcwabela kweliphezulu kakhulu
lamangcwaba amadodana kaDavida; uJuda wonke labahlali
beJerusalema basebemenzela inhlonipho ekufeni kwakhe.
UManase indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

33 UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili esiba yinkosi;
wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu
eJerusalema. **2** Kodwa wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi,
njengamanyala ezizwe iNkosi eyazixotsha elifeni phambi
kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **3** Ngoba wabuya wakha indawo
eziphakemeyo uyise uHezekhiya ayezidilizile, wamisela oBhali
amalathi, wenza izixuku, wakhothamela ibutho lonke lamazulu,
walikhonza. **4** Wasesakha amalathi endlini yeNkosi, iNkosi
eyayithe ngayo: EJerusalema ibizo lami lizakuba khona
phakade. **5** Wasesakhela ibutho lonke lamazulu amalathi
emagumeni womabili endlu yeNkosi. **6** Yena wenza abantwana
bakhe badabule emlilweni esihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu;
wasechasisa izibonakaliso, wenza imilingo, wenza ubuthakathi,
wasebenza labalamadlozi labalumbayo. Wenza okubi kakhulu
emehlwani eNkosi, ukuyithukuthelisa. **7** Wasebekwa isifanekiso
esibaziweyo sesithombe ayesenzile endlini kaNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu owayethe ngayo kuDavida lakuSolomoni indodana
yakhe: Kulindlu, leJerusalema engiyikhethi kuzo zonke
izizwe zakolsrayeli, ngizabeka ibizo lami kuze kube nininini.

8 Kangisayikususa unyawo lukalsrayeli lumphume elizweni engalimisela oyihlo, kuphela uba bezanenzelela ukwenza konke engibalaya khona, ngokomlayo wonke lezimiso lezimiselo ngesandla sikaMozisi. **9** Ngakho uManase waduhisa uJuda labahlali beJerusalema, ukwenza okubi okwedlula izizwe iNkosi eyazichitha phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. **10** iNkosi yasikhuluma kuManase lebantwini bakhe, kodwa kabalalelanga. **11** Ngakho iNkosi yabehlisela abaphathi bebutho inkosi yeAsirya eyayilabo; basebethumba uManase ngameva, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi, bamusa eBhabhiloni. **12** Kwathi esecindezelwe wancenga ubuso beNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, wazithoba kakhulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu waboyise.

13 Wasekhuleka kuye, njalo wancengeka ngaye, wezwa ukuncenga kwakhe, wambuyisela eJerusalema embusweni wakhe. Ngakho uManase wazi ukuthi iNkosi yiyo enguNkulunkulu.

14 Lemva kwalokho wakha umduli ongaphandle komuzi kaDavida ngentshonalanga kweGihoni esihotsheni, kwaze kwaba sekungeneni kwesango lenhlanzi, wabhoda iOfeli, wawenza waphakama kakhulu. Wabeka labaphathi bamabutho kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda. **15** Wasesusa onkulunkulu bezizweni lesithombe endlini yeNkosi, lawo wonke amalathi ayewakhile entabenji yendlu yeNkosi, laseJerusalema, wakuphosela ngaphandle komuzi. **16** Wasesakha ilathi leNkosi, wahlabela phezu kwalo iminikelo yokuthula leminikelo yokubonga. Wathi kuJuda kakhonze iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **17** Loba kunjalo abantu babelokhu behlaba endaweni eziphakemeyo, kuphela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. **18** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaManase, lomkhuleko wakhe kuNkulunkulu wakhe, lamazwi ababoni abawakhuluma kuye ngebizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu

kalsrayeli, khangela, kusezindabeni zamakhosi akolsrayeli. **19**
Umkhuleko wakhe-ke, lokuncenga kwakhe kuNkulunkulu, lesono
sakhe sonke, lesiphambeko sakhe, lezindawo akha kuzo indawo
eziphakemeyo, njalo wamisa izixuku lezithombe ezibaziweyo,
engakazithobi, khangela, kubhaliwe emazwini ababoni. **20**
UManase waselala laboyise; basebemngcwaba endlini yakhe.
UAmoni indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
21 UAmoni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili esiba
yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka emibili eJerusalema. **22** Wasesenza
okubi emehlwani eNkosi njengokwenza kukaManase uyise;
ngoba uAmoni wahlabela zonke izithombe ezibaziweyo uManase
uyise ayezenzile, wazikhonza. **23** Kodwa kazithobanga phambi
kweNkosi njengokuzithoba kukaManase uyise, kodwa uAmoni lo
wandisa icala. **24** Inceku zakhe zasezimenzela ugobe, zambulala
endlini yakhe. **25** Kodwa abantu belizwe batshaya bonke labo
ababenzele inkosi uAmoni ugobe; abantu belizwe basebebeka
uJosiya indodana yakhe ukuba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

34 UJosiya wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili esiba yinkosi;
wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanye
eJerusalema. **2** Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlwani eNkosi,
wahamba ngezindlela zikaDavid uyiise, kaphambukelanga
ngakwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo. **3** Ngoba ngomnyaka
wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe esesengumfana waqala
ukumdinga uNkulunkulu kaDavid uyiise; langomnyaka wetshumi
lambili waqala ukuhlambulula uJuda leJerusalema kuzindawo
eziphakemeyo, lezixuku, lezithombe ezibaziweyo, lezithombe
ezibunjwe ngokuncibilika. **4** Basebediliza amalathi aboBhali
phambi kwakhe, lamalathi okutshisela impepha ayengaphezu
kwavo wawagamulela phansi, lezixuku lezithombe ezibaziweyo

lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibiliisa waziphahlaza, wazichola, wazichithela phezu kwamangcwaba alabo ababenikele imihlatshelo kizo. **5** Wasetshisela amathambo abapristi phezu kwamalathi abo, wahlambulula uJuda leJerusalema. **6** Lemizini yakoManase loEfrayimi loSimeyoni kuze kufike koNafithali lemanxiweni ayo inhlangothi zonke **7** wadiliza lamalathi, lezixuku, wachola izithombe ezibaziwego zaze zaba yimpuphu, wagamulela phansi wonke amalathi okutshisela impepha elizweni lonke lakolsrayeli, wasebuyela eJerusalema. **8** Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe, esehlambulule ilizwe lendlu, wathuma uShafani indodana kaAzaliya loMahaseya umbusi womuzi loJowa indodana kaJowahazi umabhalane ukuthi baqinise indlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. **9** Basebefika kuHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu, bapha imali eyayilethwe endlini kaNkulunkulu, amaLevi ayelondoloza umbundu ayeyiqoqe esandleni sakoManase loEfrayimi lakuyo yonke insali kalsrayeli lakuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini; basebebuyela eJerusalema. **10** Basebeyinikela esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi ababekhethelwe indlu yeNkosi abayipha abenzi bomsebenzi ababesebenza endlini yeNkosi ukuthi balungise baqinise indlu. **11** Bayinika ababazi labakhi ukuze bathenge amatshe abaziwego lezigodo zentungo lezokufulela izindlu amakhosi akoJuda ayezidilizile. **12** Amadoda asesebenza ngobuqotho emsebenzini; lababonisi phezu kwawo babengoJahathi loObhadiya amaLevi, ebantwaneni bakoMerari, loZekhariya loMeshulamu, ebantwaneni bamaKohathi, ukuqondisa; lamaLevi, wonke aqedisisa ngezinto zokuhlabela. **13** Njalo ayephezu kwabathwali bemithwalo njalo babengabonisi phezu kwakhe wonke owenza umsebenzi wenkonzo ngenkonzo; lakaLevi kwakulababhalo labaphathi

labagcini bamasango. **14** Kwasekusithi bekhupha imali eyayilethwe endlini yeNkosi, uHilikhiya umpristi wafica ugwalo lomlayo weNkosiowawunikwe ngesandla sikaMozisi. **15** UHilikhiya wasephendula wathi kuShafani umabhalane: Ngifice ugwalo lomlayo endlini yeNkosi. UHilikhiya wasenika uShafani ugwalo. **16** UShafani waseletha ugwalo enkosini, futhi wabuyisela ilizwi enkosini esithi: Konke okwakunikelwe esandleni senceku zakho ziyakwenza. **17** Seziyiqoqile imali eyatholakala endlini yeNkosi, zayinikela esandleni sabaphathi lesandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi. **18** UShafani umabhalane wasetshela inkosi esithi: UHilikhiya umpristi unginike ugwalo. UShafani wasefunda kulo phambi kwenkosi. **19** Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile amazwi omlayo yadabula iziggoko zayo. **20** Inkosi yasilaya oHilikhiya loAhikhamu indodana kaShafani loAbidoni indodana kaMika loShafani umabhalane loAsaya inceku yenkosi, isithi: **21** Hambani liyebuza eNkosini ngenxa yami langenxa yensali ekolsrayeli lakoJuda mayelana lamazwi ogwalo olutholakeleyo; ngoba lukhulu ulaka IweNkosi oluthululelw phezu kwethu, ngenxa yokuthi obaba kabalingcinanga ilizwi leNkosi ukwenza njengakho konke okubhaliweyo kulolugwalo. **22** Ngakho uHilikhiya lalabo ababengabenkosi baya kuHulida umprofethikazi, umkaShaluma indodana kaTokhathi indodana kaHasira, umgcini weziggoko. (Yena-ke wayehlala eJerusalema esiGabeni seSibili.) Basebekhuluma kuye kanje. **23** Wasesithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Tshelani umuntu olithume kimi: **24** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakwehlisela ububi kulindawo laphezu kwabahlali bayo, zonke iziqalekiso ezibhaliweyo egwalweni abalubalileyo phambi kwenkosi yakoJuda. **25** Ngenxa yokuthi bengitshiyile, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, ukuze

bangithukuthelise ngayo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zabo; ngakho ulaka lwami luzathululelwa phezu kwalindawo, kaluyikucitshwa.

26 Kodwa enkosini yakoJuda elithumileyo ukubuza eNkosini, lizakutsho njalo kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Mayelana lamazwi owazwileyo, **27** ngoba inhliziyo yakho ibuthakathaka, wazithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu usuzwe amazwi akhe amelene lalindawo lamelene labahlali bayo, wazithoba phambi kwami, wadabula izigqoko zakho, wakhala inyembezi phambi kwami, ngitscho lami ngizwile, itsho iNkosi.

28 Khangela, ngizakubuthela kuboyihlo, njalo uzabuthelwa emangcwabeni akho ngokuthula, lamehlo akho kawayikubona konke okubi engizakwehlisela kulindawo laphezu kwabahlali bayo. Basebebuisela ilizwi enkosini. **29** Inkosi yasithuma yaqoqa bonke abadala bakoJuda labeJerusalema. **30** Inkosi yasisenyukela endlini kaJehova, kanye labantu bonke bakoJuda labahlali beJerusalema labapristi lamaLevi, labo bonke abantu kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane; yasibala endlebeni zabo wonke amazwi ogwalo lwesivumelwano olwalutholakele endlini kaJehova. **31** Inkosi yasisima endaweni yayo, yenza isivumelwano phambi kukaJehova ukulandela uJehova, lokugcina imilayo yakhe lezifakazelo zakhe lezimiso zakhe ngayo yonke inhliziyo yayo langawo wonke umphefumulo wayo, ukwenza amazwi esivumelwano abhalwe kulolugwalo. **32** Yasibamisa bonke abatholakala eJerusalema loBhenjamini. Labahlali beJerusalema benza njengokwesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **33** UJosiya wasesusa zonke izinengiso kuwo wonke amazwe ayengawabantwana bakolsrayeli, wenza wonke owaficwa kolsrayeli ukuthi akhonze, akhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu

wabo. Insuku zakhe zonke kabaphambukanga ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

35 UJosiya wasesenzela iNkosi iphasika eJerusalema; basebehlabu iphasika ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga yokuqala.
2 Wasemisa abapristi kumfanelo zabo, wabaqinisela inkonzo yendlu yeNkosi. **3** Wasesithi kumaLevi ayefundisa ulsrayeli wonke ayengcwele eNkosini: Fakani umtshokotsho ongcwele endlini uSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yakolsrayeli ayakhayo; kakusengumthwalo kini emahlombe. Khathesi khonzani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu labantu bayo ulsrayeli.
4 Njalo lizilungise ngokwendlu yaboyihlo ngezigaba zenu, njengombhalo kaDavida inkosi yakolsrayeli lanjengombhalo kaSolomoni indodana yakhe. **5** Lime endaweni engcwele ngokwezigaba zendlu yaboyise babafowenu, abantwana besizwe, lesigaba sendlu kayise wamaLevi. **6** Lihlabe iphasika, lizingcwelise, lilungisele abafowenu, ukwenza njengokwelizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **7** UJosiya wasenika abantwana babantu umhlambi wamawundlu lamazinyane embuzi, konke kungokwamaphasika, kwabo bonke abatholakalayo, ngenani eliyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, lenkunzi ezizinkulungwane ezintathu; lokhu kwakuvela empahleni yenkosi. **8** Iziphathamandla zakhe zasezinika abantu, abapristi lamaLevi ngokukhululeka. OHilikhiya loZekhariya loJehiyeli, izinduna zendlu yeNkosi, banikelela amaphasika kubapristi amazinyane azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu aysisithupha, lenkunzi ezingamakhulu amathathu. **9** OKonaniya loShemaya loNethaneli, abafowabo, loHashabhiya loJeyiyeli loJozabadi, izinduna zamaLevi, basebenikelela amaphasika kumaLevi amazinyane azinkulungwane ezinhlanu,

lenkunzi ezingamakhulu amahlanu. **10** Ngokunjalo inkonzo yalungiswa; abapristi basebesima endaweni yabo, lamaLevi ngezigaba zawo, njengokomlayo wenkosi. **11** Basebehlabu iphasika, abapristi bafafaza kuvela ezandleni zabo, lamaLevi ahlinza. **12** Basebesusa iminikelo yokutshiswa ukuyinika njengokwezigaba zendlu yaboyise kubantwana babantu ukuze banikele eNkosini, njengokubhaliwego egwalweni lukaMozisi. Ngokunjalo langezinkunzi. **13** Basebesosa iphasika ngomlilo njengokwesimiso; kodwa izinto ezingcwele bazipheka ngamabhodo langezimbiza langezindengezi, bakusa masinyane kubo bonke abantwana babantu. **14** Lemva kwalokho basebezungisela bona labapristi, ngoba abapristi amadodana kaAroni babesekunikelani iminikelo yokutshiswa lamahwahwa kwaze kwaba sebusuku; ngakho amaLevi azilungisela wona labapristi amadodana kaAroni. **15** Labahlabeleli amadodana kaAsafi babesendaweni yabo njengokomlayo kaDavida, loAsafi, loHemani, loJeduthuni umboni wenkosi; labagcini bamasango babesesangweni lonke; kwakungesikwabo ukusuka enkonzwensi yabo, ngoba abafowabobo amaLevi abalungisela. **16** Yasilungiswa yonke inkonzo yeNkosi ngalolosuku ukwenza iphasika lokunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi leNkosi, njengokomlayo wenkosi uJosiya. **17** Abantwana bakolsrayeli ababekhona basebesenza iphasika ngalesosikhathi, lomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, insuku eziyisikhombisa. **18** Njalo kalenziwanga iphasika elinjengaleli kolsrayeli kusukela ensukwini zikaSamuweli umprofethi; lawo wonke amakhosi akolsrayeli kawenzanga iphasika elinje uJosiya alenzayo, labapristi lamaLevi, loJuda lolssrayeli wonke ababekhona, labahlali beJerusalema. **19** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili

wokubusa kukaJosiya iphasika leli lenziwa. **20** Emva kwakho konke lokho, uJosiya eseyilungisile indlu, uNeko inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka ukuyakulwa leKarikemeshi eYufrathi; loJosiya waphuma ukuyamelana laye. **21** Kodwa wathuma izithunywa kuye esithi: Ngilani lawe, nkosi yakoJuda? Kangenyukelanga ukumelana lawe wena lamuhla, kodwa ngimelene lendlu elwa lami. Ngoba uNkulunkulu uthe ngiphangise; yekela wena ukuphikisana loNkulunkulu, olami, ukuze angakubhubhisi. **22** Kodwa uJosiya kaphendulanga ubuso bakhe kuye, kodwa wazifihla isimo ukuze alwe laye; njalo kawalalelanga amazwi kaNeko avela emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa weza ukulwa esihotsheni seMegido. **23** Abatshoki bemitshoko basebemciba uJosiya; inkosi yasisithi encekwini zayo: Ngisusani ngoba ngizwa ubuhlungu obukhulu. **24** Inceku zakhe zasezimkhupha enqoleni, zamgadisa enqoleni yesibili ayelayo, zamletha eJerusalema. Wasesifa, wangcwatshelwa emangcwabenai aboyise; wonke uJuda leJerusalema basebemlilela uJosiya. **25** LoJeremiya wenza isililo ngoJosiya. Labo bonke abahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi bakhulumu ngoJosiya ezililweni zabo kuze kube lamuhla. Bazenza zaba yisimiso kolsrayeli; khangela-ke, zibhaliwe ezililweni. **26** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJosiya, lezisa zakhe njengokubhaliwego emlayweni weNkosi, **27** izindaba zakhe-ke, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akolsrayeli lawakoJuda.

36 Abantu belizwe basebethatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise eJerusalema. **2** UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu esiba yinkosi; wasebusa inyanga ezintathu eJerusalema. **3** Inkosi yeGibhithe yasimsusa eseJerusalema,

yahlawulisa ilizwe amathalenta esiliva alikhulu lethalenta legolide. **4** Inkosi yeGibhithe yasibeka uEliyakhimi umfowabo abe yinkosi phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema, yaguqla ibizo lakhe yathi nguJehoyakhimi. UNeko wasethatha uJehowahazi umfowabo wamletha eGibhithe. **5** UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlalu esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema. Wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** Kwenyukela kuye uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wambopha ngamaketane ethusi, ukumusa eBhabhiloni. **7** UNebhukadinezari waseletha okwezitsha zendlu yeNkosi eBhabhiloni, wakufaka ethempelini lakhe eBhabhiloni. **8** Ezinike zezindaba zikaJehoyakhimi, lamanya akhe awenzayo, lokwatholakala kuye, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akolsrayeli loJuda. UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **9** UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili esiba yinkosi; wasebusa inyanga ezintathu lensuku ezilitshumi eJerusalema. Wenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi. **10** Lekuthwaseni komnyaka inkosi uNebhukadinezari yathuma yamletha eBhabhiloni, kanye lezitsha eziloyisekayo zendlu yeNkosi; yasibeka uZedekhiya umfowabo abe yinkosi phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema. **11** UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema. **12** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe; kazithobanga phambi kukaJeremiya umprofethi, ekhuluma okomlomo weNkosi. **13** Laye wasevukela inkosi uNebhukadinezari eyayimfungise ngoNkulunkulu, wenza yaba lukhuni intamo yakhe, waqinisa inhliziyo yakhe, okokuthi kaphendukelanga eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **14** Futhi

zonke induna zabapristi labantu banda ekuphambukeni ngeziphambeko njengawo wonke amanyala ezizwe, bayingcolisa indlu yeNkosi eyayiyincwelisile eJerusalema. **15** INkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise, yasithuma kubo ngesandla sezithunywa zayo, ivuka ngovivi ithuma, ngoba yayilesihawu ebantwini bayo lendaweni yayo yokuhlala. **16** Kodwa babezihleka usulu izithunywa zikaNkulunkulu, bedeleta amazwi akhe, beklolodela abaprofethi bakhe, lwaze lwavuka ulaka lweNkosi lwamelana labantu bayo kakwaze kwaba leselapho. **17** Ngakho yabenyusela inkosi yamaKhaladiya eyabulala amajaha abo ngenkemba endlini yendlu yabo engcwele, ingahawukeli ijaha lentombi, omdala lexhegu; yabanikela bonke esandleni sayo. **18** Lazo zonke izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, ezinkulu lezincinyane, lezinto eziligu zendlu kaJehova, lezinto eziligu zenkosi lezeziphamandla zayo, konke lokhu yakuletha eBhabhiloni. **19** Basebetshisa indlu kaNkulunkulu, badiliza umduli weJerusalema, batshisa zonke izigodlo zayo ngomlilo, batshabalalisa zonke izitsha zayo eziloyisekayo. **20** Yasithumbela eBhabhiloni abasele enkembeni; basebesiba zinceku zayo lezabantwana bayo kwaze kwaba yikubusa kombuso wePerisiya; **21** ukugcwalisa ilizwi leNkosi ngomlomo kaJeremiya, ilizwe lize likholise amasabatha alo; lagcina isabatha zonke izinsuku zencithakalo, kwaze kwagcwaliseka iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **22** Kwathi ngomnyaka wokujala kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya, ekugcwalisekeni kwelizwi leNkosi ngomlomo kaJeremiya, iNkosi yavusa umoya kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya ukuthi edlulise isimemezelu embusweni wakhe wonke, njalo langombhalo, esithi: **23** Utsho njalo uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya: INkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, inginikile yonke imibuso yomhlaba; layo ingilayile

ukuyakhela indlu eJerusalema ekoJuda. Ngubani ophakathi
kwenu kubo bonke abantu bayo? INkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe
kayibe laye, enyuke.

U-Ezra

1 Kwathi ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya, ekugcwalisekeni kwelizwi leNkosi ngomlomo kaJeremiya, iNkosi yavusa umoya kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya ukuthi edlulise isimemezelo embusweni wakhe wonke, njalo langombhalo, esithi:
2 Utsho njalo uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya: INkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, ingnikile yonke imibuso yomhlaba; layo ingilayile ukuyakhela indlu eJerusalema ekoJuda. **3** Ngubani ophakathi kwenu kubo bonke abantu bayo? UNkulunkulu wakhe kabe laye, enyukele eJerusalema ekoJuda, akhe indlu yeNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli (unguNkulunkulu) oseJerusalema. **4** Laloba ngubani oseleyo lakuyiphi yezindawo lapho ahlala njengowezizwe khona, kakuthi abantu bendawo yakibo bamsekele ngesiliva, langegolide, langempahla, langezifuyo, kanye lomnikelo wesihle wendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema. **5** Kwasekusukuma inhloko zaboyise bakoJuda loBhenjamini, labapristi lamaLevi, laye wonke uNkulunkulu ayevuse umoya wakhe, ukuthi benyukele ukwakha indlu yeNkosi eseJerusalema. **6** Labo bonke ababebaphahlile baqinisa izandla zabo ngezitsha zesiliva, ngegolide, ngempahla, langezifuyo, langezinto eziligugu, ngaphandle kwakho konke okwakunikelwe ngesihle. **7** UKoresi inkosi laye wakhupha izitsha zendlu yeNkosi, uNebhukadinezari ayezikhuphe eJerusalema wazifaka endlini yabonkulunkulu bakhe. **8** UKoresi inkosi yePerisiya wasezikhupha ngesandla sikaMithiredathi umphathisikhwama owazibalela uSheshibazari isiphathamandla sakoJuda. **9** Leli-ke linani lazo: Imiganu yegolide engamatshumi amathathu, imiganu yesiliva eyinkulungwane, izingqamu ezingamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye, **10** inkezo zegolide ezingamatshumi amathathu, ezinye inkezo

zesiliva ezingamakhulu amane letshumi, ezinye izitsha eziyinkulungwane. **11** Zonke izitsha zegolide lezesiliva zazizinkulungwane ezinhlanu lamakhulu amane. Zonke lezi uSheshibazari wazenusa lalabo ababenkuswe ekuthunjweni bevela eBhabhiloni besiya eJerusalema.

2 Laba-ke ngabantwana besabelo abenuka besuka ekuthunjweni kwalabo ababethunjiwe uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ayebathumbele eBhabhiloni, ababuyela eJerusalema loJuda, ngulowo lalovo emzini wakibo; **2** abafika loZerubhabheli, uJeshuwa, uNehemiya, uSeraya, uRehelaya, uModekhayi, uBilishani, uMisipari, uBigivayi, uRehuma, uBahana. Inani lamadoda esizwe sakolsrayeli: **3** Abantwana bakoParoshi, izinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **4** Abantwana bakoShefathiya, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **5** Abantwana bakoAra, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. **6** Abantwana bakoPahathi-Mowabi, ababantwana bakaJeshuwa-Jowabi, izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lambili. **7** Abantwana bakoElamu, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane. **8** Abantwana bakoZathu, amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **9** Abantwana bakoZakayi, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha. **10** Abantwana bakoBani, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili. **11** Abantwana bakoBebayi, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **12** Abantwana bakoAzigadi, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lambili. **13** Abantwana bakoAdonikamu, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha. **14** Abantwana bakoBigivayi, izinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha.

15 Abantwana bakoAdini, amakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu lane. **16** Abantwana bakoAteri, bakoHezekhiya, amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificaminwembili. **17** Abantwana bakoBezayi, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **18** Abantwana bakoJora, ikhulu letshumi lambili. **19** Abantwana bakoHashuma, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **20** Abantwana bakoGibari, amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu. **21** Abantwana beBhethelohema, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **22** Amadoda eNetofa, amatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. **23** Amadoda eAnathothi, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. **24** Abantwana beAzimavethi, amatshumi amane lambili. **25** Abantwana beKiryatharimi, iKefira, leBherothi, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu. **26** Abantwana beRama leGaba, amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye. **27** Amadoda eMikimasi, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili. **28** Amadoda eBhetheli leAyi, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **29** Abantwana beNebo, amatshumi amahlanu lambili. **30** Abantwana bakoMagibishi, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. **31** Abantwana bomunye uElamu, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane. **32** Abantwana bakoHarimi, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili. **33** Abantwana beLodi, iHadidi, leOno, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **34** Abantwana beJeriko, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **35** Abantwana beSenaha, izinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu. **36** Abapristi: Abantwana bakoJedaya bendlu kaJeshuwa: Amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu. **37** Abantwana bakolmeri: Inkulungwane lamatshumi

amahlanu lambili. **38** Abantwana bakoPashuri: Inkulungwane
lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa. **39** Abantwana bakoHarimi:
Inkulungwane letshumi lesikhombisa. **40** AmaLevi: Abantwana
bakoJeshuwa loKadimiyeli, babantwana bakaHodaviya:
Amatshumi ayisikhombisa lane. **41** Abahlabeleli: Abantwana
bakoAsafi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. **42**
Abantwana babalindi bamasango. Abantwana bakoShaluma,
abantwana bakoAteri, abantwana bakoTalimoni, abantwana
bakoAkubi, abantwana bakoHatita, abantwana bakoShobayi,
bonke babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye.
43 AmaNethini: Abantwana bakoZiha, abantwana bakoHasufa,
abantwana bakoTabhawothi, **44** abantwana bakoKerosi,
abantwana bakoSiyaha, abantwana bakoPadoni, **45** abantwana
bakoLebana, abantwana bakoHagaba, abantwana bakoAkubi, **46**
abantwana bakoHagabi, abantwana bakoShamilayi, abantwana
bakoHanani, **47** abantwana bakoGideli, abantwana bakoGahari,
abantwana bakoReyaya, **48** abantwana bakoRezini, abantwana
bakoNekoda, abantwana bakoGazama, **49** abantwana bakoUza,
abantwana bakoPhaseya, abantwana bakoBhesayi, **50**
abantwana bakoAsina, abantwana bakoMewunimi, abantwana
bakoNefusimi, **51** abantwana bakoBakibuki, abantwana
bakoHakufa, abantwana bakoHarihuri, **52** abantwana
bakoBaziluthi, abantwana bakoMehida, abantwana bakoHarisha,
53 abantwana bakoBarkosi, abantwana bakoSisera, abantwana
bakoThama, **54** abantwana bakoNeziya, abantwana bakoHatifa.
55 Abantwana bezinceku zikaSolomoni: Abantwana bakoSotayi,
abantwana bakoHasoferethi, abantwana bakoPeruda, **56**
abantwana bakoJahala, abantwana bakoDarkoni, abantwana
bakoGideli, **57** abantwana bakoShefathiya, abantwana

bakoHathili, abantwana bakoPokerethi-Hazebayimi, abantwana bakoAmi. **58** Wonke amaNethini labantwana bezinceku zikaSolomoni babengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili. **59** Lalaba yilabo abenyuka bevela eTeli-Mela, iTeli-Harisha, iKerubi, iAdani, ilmeri, kodwa babengelakutsho indlu yaboyise, lenzalo yabo, ukuthi bavela kolsrayeli: **60** Abantwana bakoDelaya, abantwana bakoTobiya, abantwana bakoNekoda: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlalu lambili. **61** Lebantwaneni babapristi, abantwana bakoHabaya, abantwana bakoHakozi, abantwana bakoBarizilayi, owathatha umfazi emadodakazini kaBarizilayi umGileyadi, wasebizwa ngebizo lawo. **62** Laba badinga ukubhalwa kwabo oluhlwini lwababhalweyo ngezizukulwana, kodwa kabatholakalanga; basebekhutshwa ebupristini njengabangcolileyo. **63** Umbusi wasesitsho kubo ukuthi bangadli okwezinto ezingcwelengcwele, kuze kusukume umpristi oleUrimi leThumimi. **64** Ibandla lonke lindawonye lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha, **65** ngaphandle kwenceku zabo lencekukazi zabo; lezi zazizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; babelabahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi abangamakhulu amabili. **66** Amabhiza abo ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lesithupha; imbongolo zabo zingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu; **67** amakamela abo engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu; obabhembezikulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili. **68** Lenhlokweni zaboyise, ekufikeni kwabo endlini yeNkosi eseJerusalema, zanikelela indlu

kaNkulunkulu ngesihle ukuyimisa endaweni yayo. **69** Zanikela ngokwamandla azo esikhwameni somsebenzi inhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye, lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, leziggoko zabapristi ezilikhulu. **70** Abapristi lamaLevi lengxenye yabantu labahlabeleli labalindi bamasango lamaNethini basebehhlala emizini yabo, lolrsayeli wonke emizini yakhe.

3 Isifikile inyanga yesikhombisa, labantwana bakolsrayeli sebesemizini, abantu babuthana njengamuntu munye eJerusalema. **2** Kwasekusukuma uJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labafowabo abapristi, loZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli labafowabo, bakha ilathi likaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ukuze banikele iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwalo, njengokubhaliwego emlayweni kaMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu. **3** Basebemisa ilathi ezisekelweni zalo, ngoba ukwesaba kwakuphezu kwabo ngenxa yabantu belizwe, basebenikela eNkosini iminikelo yokutshiswa phezu kwalo, iminikelo yokutshiswa ekuseni lantambama. **4** Basebesenza umkhosi wamadumba njengokubhaliwego, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa insuku ngensuku ngenani, njengomkhuba, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo. **5** Langemva kwalokho umnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo, lowekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, lowemikhosi yonke emisiwego yeNkosi eyayingcwelisiwe, lowakhe wonke owanikela ngesihle umnikelo wesihle eNkosini. **6** Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa baqalisa ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini, kodwa isisekelo sethempeli leNkosi sasingakabekwa. **7** Basebenika imali kubabazi bamatshe lakubabazi bezigodo, lokudla lokunathwayo lamafutha kumaSidoni lakumaTire ukuze balethe izigodo zemisedari zivela eLebhanoni bezisa elwandle ejophya, ngokwemvumo

kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya kubo. **8** Langomnyaka wesibili wokufika kwabo endlini kaNkulunkulu eJerusalem, ngenyanga yesibili, baqalisa oZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki, lensali yabafowabo, abapristi lamaLevi, labo bonke ababebuyile eJerusalem bevela ekuthunjweni; basebemisa amaLevi kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusija phezulu ukongamela umsebenzi wendlu yeNkosi. **9** Kwasekusukuma oJeshuwa, amadodana akhe, labafowabo, uKadimiyeli lamadodana akhe, abantwana bakoJuda, njengomuntu munye ukongamela abenzi bomsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu, amadodana kaHenadadi, amadodana abo labafowabo amaLevi. **10** Abakhi sebebekile isisekelo sethempeli leNkosi, bamisa abapristi begqokile belezimpondo, lamaLevi, amadodana kaAsafi, elensimbi ezincencethayo, ukudumisa iNkosi, njengokwezandla zikaDavida inkosi yakolsrayeli. **11** Baphendulana ngokuhlabela bedumisa bebonga iNkosi, ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini kulsrayeli. Bonke abantu basebememeza ngokumemeza okukhulu ekuyidumiseni iNkosi, ngoba isisekelo sendlu yeNkosi sasesibekiwe. **12** Kodwa abanengi babapristi lamaLevi lenhloko zaboyise, abadala ababeyibonile indlu yokuqala, isisekelo salindlu sesibekiwe emehlwani abo, bakhala inyembezi ngelizwi elikhulu; kodwa abanengi baphakamisa ilizwi ngokumemeza ngentokozo. **13** Ngokunjalo abantu kabehlukanisanga umsindo wokumemeza kwentokozo lomsindo wokukhala kwabantu, ngoba abantu baklabalala ngokuklabalala okukhulu, umsindo waze wezwakala khatshana.

4 Kwathi izitha zakoJuda loBhenjamini sezizwile ukuthi abantwana bokuthunjwa babesakhela iNkosi uNkulunkulu

kalsrayeli ithempeli, **2** basebesondela kuZerubhabheli lenhlokweni zaboyise bathi kibo: Kasakhe lani, ngoba siyamdinga uNkulunkulu wenu njengani, samhlabela kusukela ensukwini zikaEsarihadi inkosi yeAsiriya owasenyusela lapha. **3** Kodwa uZerubhabheli loJeshuwa lezinye inhloko zaboyise zakolsrayeli bathi kibo: Kayisikho kwenu lathi ukwakhela uNkulunkulu wethu indlu, kodwa yithi sodwa esizakwakhela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli njengokusilaya kwenkosi uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya. **4** Kwasekusithi abantu balelolizwe badondisa izandla zabantu bakoJuda, babesabisa ekwakheni. **5** Basebebaqhatshela abeluleki ukufubisa icebo labo zonke izinsuku zikaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya, kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDariyusi inkosi yePerisiya. **6** Ekubuseni-ke kukaAhasuwerusi, ekuqaleni kokubusa kwakhe, babbala isimangalelo bemelene labahlali bakoJuda leJerusalem. **7** Njalo ensukwini zikaAthakisekisi oBishilamu, uMithiredathi, uTabeyeli labanye abakibo babbalela uAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya; lombhalo wencwadi wawubhalwe ngesiSiriya, uhunyutshwe ngesiSiriya. **8** URe huma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali babbala incwadi bemelene leJerusalem kuAthakisekisi inkosi, ngalindlela: **9** Khonokho uRe huma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali labanye babangane babo, amaDinayi, amaAfarisathiki, amaTharipheli, amaAfarisi, amaArikhevi, amaBhabhiloni, amaShushaniki, amaDehavi, amaElamu, **10** lezinye izizwe uAsinaphari omkhulu lodumileyo azithumbayo wazihlalisa emzini ongoweSamariya, lezinye phetsheya komfula, lakhathesi. **11** Le yikhophi yencwadi abayithumeza kuye, kuAthakisekisi inkosi: Izinceku, amadoda anganeno komfula, langesikhathi esinje. **12** Kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi amaJuda enyuka evela kuwe esiza kithi asefikile eJerusalem, ayawakha

lowomuzi ovukelayo lomubi, aseqedisa imiduli, avuselela izisekelo. **13** Khathesi kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi uba lumuzi usakhiwa lemiduli iphele, kabayikupha umthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela, futhi uzalimaza isikhwama samakhosi. **14** Khathesi njengoba sisidla itswayi etswayini lesigodlo njalo kakusifanelanga ukuthi sibone ihlazo lenkosi, ngakho sithumele sayazisa inkosi; **15** ukuze kuhlolwe egwalweni lwezindaba zaboyihlo. Ngakho uzathola egwalweni lwezindaba, wazi ukuthi lumuzi ungu muzi ovukelayo, olimazayo emakhosi lema zweni, benza ukuhlamuka phakathi kwabo kwasezinsukwini zekadeni. Ngakho lumuzi wachithwa. **16** Siyayazisa inkosi ukuthi uba lumuzi usakhiwa, lemiduli yawo iphele, ngalokho kawuyikuba lesabelo nganeno komfula. **17** Inkosi yathuma impendulo kuRe huma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali labanye babangane babo abahlala eSamariya labanye abaphetsheya komfula: Ukuthula, langesikhathi esinje. **18** Incwadi elayithumela kithi ifundiwe ngokucacileyo phambi kwami. **19** Umlayo wasubekwa yimi, basebedinga bathola ukuthi kusukela ensukwini zendulo lumuzi uziphakamisele amakhosi, lomvukela lokuhlamuka kwenziwe phakathi kwabo. **20** Kwake kwaba khona amakhosi alamandla phezu kweJerusalema ayebusa phezu kwakho konke ngaphetsheya komfula; lomthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela kwaphiwa wona. **21** Khathesi bekani umthetho ukwenza ukuthi lababantu bayekele ukuze lumuzi unga kwi ka kuze kwenziwe umthetho yimi. **22** Njalo qaphelani ukuthi lingayekethisi ekwenzeni lokhu. Kungani ukonakala kuzakhula kukho ukulinyazwa kwamakhosi? **23** Khonokho, kusukela ikhophi yencwadi kaAthakisekisi inkosi isifundiwe phambi kwaboRe huma loShimishayi umbhali labangane babo, baya

masinyane eJerusalema kumaJuda, babenza bayekela ngengalo lamandla. **24** Khonokho wema umsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema; wasusima kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaDariyusi inkosi yePerisiya.

5 Abaprofethi, oHagayi umprofethi loZekhariya indodana kaldo, basebeprofetha kumaJuda ayekoJuda laseJerusalema, ebizweni likaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli phezu kwavo. **2** Khonokho kwasuka oZerubhabbeli indodana kaSalatiyeli loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki, baqala ukwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema, njalo kanye labo abaprofethi bakaNkulunkulu bebasekela. **3** Ngalesosikhathi kwafika kibo oTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula loShethari-Bozenayi, labangane babo, bakhulumma kanje kibo: Ngubani obeke umthetho kini wokwakha lindlu lokuqedisa lumduli? **4** Sasesibatshela ngokunjalo: Ngobani amabizo abantu abakha lesisakhiwo? **5** Kodwa iilihlo likaNkulunkulu wabo laliphezu kwabadala bamaJuda, ukuthi kababenzanga beme, ize ifike leyondaba kuDariyusi, baze babuyisele-ke incwadi ngayo. **6** Ikhophi yencwadi oTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula loShethari-Bozenayi labangane bakhe amaAfarisathiki ayenganeno komfula abayithumela kuDariyusi inkosi; **7** bathumeza incwadi kuye, njalo kwabhalwa kanje kuyo: KuDariyusi inkosi, ukuthula konke. **8** Kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi saya esabelweni sakoJuda, endlini kaNkulunkulu omkhulu, eyakhiwe ngamatshe amakhulu, izigodo sezifakiwe emidulwini; njalo lumsebenzi uyenziwa ngokuphangisa, uphumelela esandleni sabo. **9** Sasesibabuza labobadala sakhulumma kanje kubo: Ngubani obeke umthetho kini wokwakha lindlu lokuqedisa lumduli? **10** Njalo sababuza amabizo abo ukuze sikwazise, ukuze sibhale amabizo abantu abazinhloko zabo. **11** Langokunjalo

babuyisela ilizwi kithi besithi: Thina siyizinceku zikaNkulunkulu wamazulu lomhlaba, sakha indlu eyayakhiwe iminyaka eminengi phambi kwalokhu, inkosi enkulu yakolsrayeli eyayakha yayiqeda.

12 Kodwa emva kwalokho obaba bamthukuthelisa uNkulunkulu wamazulu, wabanikela esandleni sikaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, umKhaladiya, owachitha lindlu, wathumbela abantu eBhabhiloni. **13** Kodwa ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi yeBhabhiloni, uKoresi inkosi wamisa umthetho wokwakha lindlu kaNkulunkulu. **14** Njalo lezitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu ezingezegolide lesiliva uNebhukadinezari ayezithethe wazisusa ethempelini eliseJerusalema waziletha ethempelini leBhabhiloni, lezo uKoresi inkosi wazikhupha ethempelini leBhabhiloni, zanikwa olebizo elinguSheshibazari ayembeke ukuthi abe ngumbusi.

15 Wasesithi kuye: Thatha lezizitsha, uyezibeka ethempelini eliseJerusalema, lendlu kaNkulunkulu kayakhiwe endaweni yayo.

16 Ngakho uSheshibazari lo wafika wabeka izisekelo zendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema; njalo kusukela kulesosikhathi kuze kube khathesi ilokhu isakhiwa, kayikapheli. **17** Ngakho-ke uba kulungile enkosini kakuhlolisiswe endlini yokuligugu kwenkosi ekhona eBhabhiloni ukuthi kungaba yikuthi umthetho wenziwa yini nguKoresi inkosi wokwakha lindlu kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema. Kayithumele-ke intando yenkosи kithi mayelana lalinto.

6 UDariyusi inkosi wasemisa umthetho, basebephena endlini yezingwalo lapho okwakubekwe khona okuligugu eBhabhiloni.

2 Kwasekutholakala eAkimetha, esigodlweni esisesigabeni samaMede, incwadi egoqwayo, okwakubhalwe phakathi kwayo isikhumbuzo ngalindlela: **3** Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi, uKoresi inkosi wamisa umthetho: Indlu

kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema, kayakhiwe lindlu endaweni lapho abanikela khona iminikelo, lezisekelo zayo zizabekwa ngokuqinileyo; ukuphakama kwayo kube zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, ububanzi bayo bube zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha; **4** ibe lemizila emithathu yamatshe amakhulu lomzila wezigodo ezintsha. Izindleko zizaphiwa-ke zivela endlini yenkosи. **5** Futhi lezitsha zegolide lezesiliva zendlu kaNkulunkulu uNebhukadinezari azikhupha ethempelini eliseJerusalema waziletha eBhabhiloni, kazibuyiselwe zisiwe ethempelini eliseJerusalema, endaweni yayo, uzibeke endlini kaNkulunkulu. **6** Khathesi, Tathenayi, mbusi waphetsheya komfula, Shethari-Bozenayi, labangane benu amaAfarisathiki, abaphetsheya komfula, banini khatshana lalapho. **7** Uyekeleni umsebenzi walindlu kaNkulunkulu; umbusi wamaJuda labadala bamaJuda kabakhe lindlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo. **8** Futhi umthetho umiswa yimi ngelizakwenzela abadala balamaJuda ekwakhiweni kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi empahleni zenkosи ezivela emthelweni wangaphetsheya komfula, izindleko ziphiwe lamadoda masinyane ukuze angami. **9** Lokuswelakalayo, kokubili amajongosi lezingama lamawundlu komnikelo wokutshiselwa uNkulunkulu wamazulu, ingqoloyi, itshwayi, iwayini, lamafutha, njengokutsho kwabapristi abaseJerusalema, kabakunikwe insuku ngensuku kungaphuthi, **10** ukuze banikele iminikelo yephunga eliminandi kuNkulunkulu wamazulu, bakhulekele impilo yenkosи leyamadodana ayo. **11** Futhi umthetho umiswe yimi wokuthi loba ngubani oguqula lelilizwi, kakuhwatshwe ugodo endlini yakhe, aphakanyiswe abethelwe phezu kwalo; lendlu yakhe yenziwe inqumbi yomquba ngenxa yalokhu. **12** LoNkulunkulu owenze ibizo lakhe lihlale lapho kachithe loba yiyiphi inkosi

loba abantu abazakwelula isandla sabo ukuguqula lokuchitha lindlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema. Mina Dariyusi ngimise umthetho, kakwenziwe masinyane. **13** Khonokho uTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula, uShethari-Bozenayi, labangane babo benza njalo masinyane njengalokho uDariyusi inkosi ayekuthumele. **14** Abadala bamaJuda basebesakha njalo baphumelela ngesiprofetho sikaHagayi umprofethi loZekhariya indodana kaldo. Bakha baqedo njengokomlayo kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli langokomlayo kaKoresi, loDariyusi, loAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya. **15** Lindlu yasiphela ngosuku Iwesithathu enyangeni kaAdari, okwakungumnyaka wesithupha wokubusa kukaDariyusi inkosi. **16** Abantwana bakolsrayeli, abapristi lamaLevi labanye abantwana bokuthunjwa, basebesenza ukwehlukanisela kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu ngentokozo. **17** Banikelela ukwehlukanisela kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu inkunzi ezilikhulu, inqama ezingamakhulu amabili, amawundlu angamakhulu amane; lezimpongo zezimbuzi ezilitshumi lambili zingumnikelo wesono kalsrayeli wonke, ngokwenani lezizwe zakolsrayeli. **18** Basebemisa abapristi ngezigaba zabo, lamaLevi ngamaqembu awo, enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema, njengokubhaliweyo egwalweni lukaMozisi. **19** Abantwana bokuthunjwa benza lephasika ngolwetshumi lane Iwenyanga yokuqala. **20** Ngoba abapristi lamaLevi babezihlambulule ndawonye, bonke babehlambulukile. Bahlabela bonke abantwana bokuthunjwa iphasika, labafowabo abapristi, labo ngokwabo. **21** Ngokunjalo badla abantwana bakolsrayeli ababebuyile ekuthunjweni, labo bonke ababezelukanisele kubo lokungcolileyo kwezizwe zelizwe, ukudinga iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **22** Benza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku

eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo; ngoba iNkosi yayibenze bathokoza, yaphendulela kibo inhlizyo yenkosи yeAsiriya, ukuqinisa izandla zabo emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli.

7 Njalo emva kwalezizinto, ekubuseni kukaAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya, uEzra indodana kaSeraya, indodana kaAzariya, indodana kaHilikhiya, **2** indodana kaShaluma, indodana kaZadoki, indodana kaAhitubi, **3** indodana kaAmariya, indodana kaAzariya, indodana kaMerayothi, **4** indodana kaZerahiya, indodana kaUzi, indodana kaBuki, **5** indodana kaAbishuwa, indodana kaPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi oyinhloko. **6** UEzra lo wenyuka esuka eBhabhiloni; njalo wayengumbhali oyingcitshi emlayweni kaMozisi, uJehova uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ayewunikile. Inkosi yasimnika sonke isicelo sakhe, njengokwesandla sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe esiphezu kwakhe. **7** Kwasekusenyuka abanye babantwana bakolsrayeli lababapristi lamaLevi labahlabeleli labalindimasango lamaNethini baya eJerusalema ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaAthakisekisi inkosi. **8** Wasefika eJerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu okwakungumnyaka wesikhombisa wenkosi. **9** Ngoba ngolokuqala Iwenyanga yokuqala waqala ukwenyuka esuka eBhabhiloni, langolokuqala Iwenyanga yesihlanu wafika eJerusalema, ngokwesandla esihle sikaNkulunkulu wakhe phezu kwakhe. **10** Ngoba uEzra wayelungise inhlizyo yakhe ukudinga umlayo weNkosi lokuwenza, lokufundisa umthetho lesimiso kolsrayeli. **11** Le-ke yikhophi yencwadi inkosi uAthakisekisi ayinika uEzra umpristi, umbhali, umbhali wamazwi emilayo yeNkosi lowezimiso zayo kulsrayeli. **12** UAthakisekisi inkosi yamakhosi kuEzra umpristi, umbhali womlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu, ukuthula okupheleleyo,

langesikhathi esinje: **13** Umthetho umiswa yimi wokuthi wonke ozithandelayo embusweni wami esizweni sakolsrayeli labapristi baso lamaLevi ukuya eJerusalema angahamba lawe. **14** Ngoba uthunyiwe yinkosi labacebisi bayo abayisikhombisa ukuyahlolisisa ngoJuda langeJerusalema ngokomlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho osesandleni sakho, **15** lokuthwala isiliva legolide inkosi labacebisi bayo abakunikele ngesihle kuNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ondawo yakhe yokuhlala iseJerusalema, **16** lalo lonke isiliva legolide ongakuthola esigabeni sonke seBhabhiloni lomnikelo wesihle wabantu labapristi abanikelela indlu kaNkulunkulu wabo eseJerusalema ngesihle, **17** ukuthi uthenge masinyane ngalimali izinkunzi, izinqama, amawundlu, leminikelo yakho yokudla, leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ukunikele phezu kwelathi lendlu kaNkulunkulu wenu eseJerusalema. **18** Lokukulungeleyo wena labafowenu ukukwenza ngesiliva legolide eliseleyo, kwenzeni lokhu ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu wenu. **19** Lezitsha ezinikelwe kuwe zomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu wakho, zinikele ngokupheleleyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu weJerusalema. **20** Lokunye okuswelekayo endlini kaNkulunkulu wakho okufanele ukuphe, uzakunika kuvela endlini yenotho yenkosи. **21** Mina-ke Athakisekisi inkosi, umlayo umiswe yimi kubo bonke abaphathi bezikhwama abangaphetsheya komfula ukuthi konke uEzra umpristi, umbhali womlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu, azakucela kini, kwenziwe masinyane, **22** kuze kufike kumathalenta esiliva alikhulu, njalo kuze kufike kumakhori engqoloyi alikhulu, njalo kuze kufike kumabhathi alikhulu ewayini, njalo kuze kufike kumabhathi alikhulu amafutha, letshwayi elingelasimiso. **23** Konke okungokomlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu kakwenzelwe indlu kaNkulunkulu wamazulu ngokukhuthala, ngoba kungani

kuzakuba lolaka phezu kombuso wenkosi lamadodana ayo? **24** Futhi siyalazisa mayelana labo bonke abapristi, lamaLevi, abahlabeleli, abalindimasango, amaNethini, lenceku zalindlu kaNkulunkulu, kakulagunya ukubeka phezu kwabo umthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela. **25** Wena-ke Ezra, ngokwenhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu wakho esesandleni sakho, beka omantshi labahluleli abazakwahlulela bonkeabantu abangaphetsheya komfula, bonke abayaziyo imilayo kaNkulunkulu wakho; longayaziyo limfundise. **26** Wonke-ke ongawenziyo umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho lomlayo wenkosi, isigwebo kasenziwe ngokukhuthala phezu kwakhe, kungaba ngokufa, loba ngokuxotshwa, loba ngokuthathelwa impahla, loba ngezibopho. **27** Kayibusiswe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabobaba eyakufaka kanje enhliziyweni yenkosi ukucecisa indlu yeNkosi eseJerusalema, **28** eyelule umusa kimi phambi kwenkosi labacebisi bayo laphambi kwazo zonke izinduna ezilamandla zenkosi. Mina-ke ngaqiniswa ngokwesandla seNkosi uNkulunkulu wami phezu kwami, ngabutha kolsrayeli inhloko ukwenyuka lami.

8 Laba-ke zinhloko zaboyise, lombhalo wosendo lwabo abenyuka lami besuka eBhabhiloni ekubuseni kukaAthakisekisi inkosi. **2** Kumadodana kaPhinehasi: UGerishomu. Kumadodana kalthamari: UDaniyeli. Kumadodana kaDavida: UHathushi. **3** Kumadodana kaShekaniya, kumadodana kaParoshi: UZekhariya, njalo kanye laye kwabhalwa ngombhalo wosendo, kwabesilisa, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. **4** Kumadodana kaPahathi-Mowabi: UEliyowenayi, indodana kaZerahiya, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amabili. **5** Kumadodana kaShekaniya: Indodana kaJahaziyeli, njalo kanye laye

abesilisa abangamakhulu amathathu. **6** Njalo kumadodana kaAdini: UEbedi indodana kaJonathani, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi amahlanu. **7** Lakumadodana kaElamu: UJeshaya indodana kaAthaliya, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **8** Lakumadodana kaShefathiya: UZebhadiya indodana kaMikayeli, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **9** Kumadodana kaJowabi: UObhadiya indodana kaJehiyeli, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amabili letshumi lesificaminwembili. **10** Lakumadodana kaShelomithi: Indodana kaJosifiya, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abalikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha. **11** Lakumadodana kaBebayi: UZekhariya indodana kaBebayi, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. **12** Lakumadodana kaAzigadi: UJohanani indodana kaHakatani, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abalikhulu letshumi. **13** Lakumadodana okucina kaAdonikamu, omabizo abo yila: OElifeleti, uJehiyeli, loShemaya, njalo kanye labo abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisithupha. **14** Lakumadodana kaBigivai: OUthayi loZabudi, njalo kanye labo abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **15** Ngasengibabuthanisa ngasemfuleni oya eAhava, samisa inkamba khona insuku ezintathu. Ngananzelela abantu labapristi, njalo kangitholanga lapho abamadodana kaLevi. **16** Ngasengithuma kuEliyezeri, kuAriyeli, kuShemaya, lakuElinathani, lakuJaribi, lakuElinathani, lakuNathani, lakuZekhariya, lakuMeshulamu, izinhloko, lakuJoyaribi, lakuElinathani, abaqedisisayo, **17** ngasengibalayela kuldo, inhloko endaweni iKasifiya, ngafaka amazwi emlonyeni wabo ukuthi bathi kuldo, labafowabo, amaNethini endaweni iKasifiya, ukuthi basilethele izikhonzi zendlu kaNkulunkulu

wethu. **18** Basebesilethela ngokwesandla esihle sikaNkulunkulu wethu phezu kwethu umuntu oqedisisayo emadodaneni kaMahli indodana kaLevi indodana kalsrayeli; loSherebiya lamadodana akhe labafowabo, itshumi lesificaminwembili; **19** loHashabhiya, njalo kanye laye uJeshaya emadodaneni kaMerari, abafowabo lamadodana abo, amatshumi amabili; **20** lakumaNethini, uDavida leziphathamandla ababewanikele emsebenzini wamaLevi, amaNethini angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili, wonke awo abizwa ngamabizo. **21** Ngasengimemezela ukuzila ukudla khona emfuleni iAhava ukuze sizithobe phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu, sizidingele kuye indlela eqondileyo thina labantwanyana bethu lazo zonke impahla zethu. **22** Ngoba ngaba lenhloni ukucela enkosini ibutho labagadi bamabhiza ukusinceda ezitheni endleleni; ngoba sasiyitshelile inkosi sisithi: Isandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu siphezu kwabo bonke abamdinga kube okuhle, kodwa amandla akhe lolaka lwakhe kuphezu kwabo bonke abamdelayo. **23** Ngakho sazila ukudla sadinga kuNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa yalokhu; wasencengeka ngathi. **24** Ngasengisehlukanisa abalitshumi lambili kunhloko zabapristi, oSherebiya, uHashabhiya, labalitshumi kubafowabo kanye labo. **25** Ngasengibalinganisela isiliva legolide lezitsha, umnikelo wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, inkosi labacebisi bayo leziphathamandla zayo lolsrayeli wonke owayekhona ababekunikele; **26** ngasengilinganisa esandleni sabo amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu, lamathalenta alikhulu ezitsha zesiliva, lamathalenta egolide alikhulu, **27** lemiganu yegolide engamatshumi amabili kuze kube zinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane, lezitsha ezimbili zethusi elikhazimulayo elihle eliloyiseka njengegolide. **28** Ngasengisithi

kibo: Lingcwele eNkosini, lezitsha zingcwele; lesiliva legolide kungumnikelo wesihle eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wabobaba. **29** Kulondolozeni likugcine lize likulinganise phambi kwenduna yabapristi lamaLevi lenhloko zaboyise bakolsrayeli eJerusalema, emakamelweni endlu yeNkosi. **30** Abapristi lamaLevi basebesemukela isisindo sesiliva legolide lezitsha, ukuze bakuse eJerusalema, endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu. **31** Sasuka-ke emfuleni iAhava ngolwetshumi lambili lwenyanga yokuqala ukuya eJerusalema. Lesandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu sasiphezu kwethu, wasikhulula esandleni sesitha lomcathami endleleni. **32** Safika-ke eJerusalema, sahlala khona insuku ezintathu. **33** Kwathi ngosuku lvesine isiliva legolide lezitsha kwalinganiswa endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu ngesandla sikaMeremothi indodana kaUriya umpristi, njalo kanye laye uEleyazare indodana kaPhinehasi, njalo kanye labo oJozabadi indodana kaJeshuwa, loNowadiya indodana kaBinuwi, amaLevi, **34** ngenani ngesisindo sakho konke; laso sonke isisindo sabhalwa ngalesosikhathi. **35** Abantwana bokuthunjwa ababebuyile ekuthunjweni banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, amajongosi alitshumi lambili ngenxa kalsrayeli wonke, izinqama ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha, amawundlu angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa, izimpongo ezilitshumi lambili zaba ngumnikelo wesono; konke kwakungumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini. **36** Basebenika imithetho yenkoski kuziphathamandla zenkoski lakubabusi nganeno komfula; basekela abantu lendlu kaNkulunkulu.

9 Kwathi ekupheleni kwalezizinto, iziphathamandla zasondela kimi zisithi: Abantu bakolsrayeli labapristi lamaLevi kabazehlukanisanga lezizwe zamazwe ngokwezinengiso

zazo, ezamaKhanani, amaHethi, amaPerizi, amaJebusi, amaAmoni, amaMowabi, amaGibhithe, lamaAmori. **2** Ngoba bazithathele emadodakazini azo bona lamadodana abo, yaze yaxubana inzalo engcwele lezizwe zamazwe; yebo, isandla seziphathamandla lababusi sasingesokuqala kulesisiphambeko.

3 Kwathi ngisizwa loludaba ngadabula isembatho sami lebhatsi lami, ngangcothula okwenwele zekhanda lami lendevu zami, ngahlala phansi ngathithibala. **4** Kwasekubuthana kimi wonke othuthumela ngamazwi kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ngenxa yesiphambeko sabathunjwa; ngasengihlala ngithithibele kwaze kwaba ngumnikelo wakusihlwa. **5** Kwathi ngomnikelo wakusihlwa ngasukuma ekuthotshisweni kwami, lekudabuleni kwami isembatho sami lebhatsi lami, ngaguqa ngamadolo ami, ngelulela izandla zami eNkosini uNkulunkulu wami, **6** ngathi: Nkulunkulu wami, ngilenhloni, ngiyangekile ukuphakamisela ubuso bami kuwe, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba ububi bethu bandile ngaphezu kwekhanda, lecalal lethu selikhule kwaze kwaba semazulwini. **7** Kusukela ensukwini zabobaba besiphakathi kwecala elikhulu kuze kube lamuhla, langenxa yobubi bethu thina, amakhosi ethu, abapristi bethu, sinikelwe esandleni samakhosi amazwe, enkembeni, ekuthunjweni, lekuphangweni, lehlazweni lobuso, njengalamuhla. **8** Khathesi-ke ngokwesikhatsana umusa wenzive yiNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, ukusitshiyela ukuphepha, lokusinika isikhonkwane endaweni yayo engcwele, ukuze uNkulunkulu wethu akhanyisele amehlo ethu, njalo asinike imvuselelo encinyane ebugqilini bethu. **9** Ngoba siyizigqili, kanti ebugqilini bethu uNkulunkulu wethu kasitshiyanga, kodwa uselulele umusa phambi kwamakhosi ePerisiya, ukusinika imvuselelo, ukuphakamisa indlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, lokumisa

amanxiwa ayo, lokusinika umduli koJuda laseJerusalema. **10**
Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu, sizakuthini emva kwalokhu?
Ngoba siyitshiyile imilayo yakho, **11** owasilaya yona ngesandla
senceku zakho abaprofethi, usithi: Ilizwe elingena kulo
ukudla ilifa lalo liyilizwe elingcolileyo ngokungcola kwezizwe
zamazwe, ngokunengetkayo kwazo eziligcwalise ngakho kusukela
ephethelweni kusiya ephethelweni, ngokungcola kwazo. **12**
Ngakho-ke linganiki amadodana azo amadodakazi enu, futhi
lingathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi azo, lingadingi
ukuthula kwazo lokuhle kwazo kuze kube phakade ukuze liqine
lidle okuhle kwelizwe, lilitshiyele abantwana benu libe yilifa
kuze kube phakade. **13** Lemva kwakho konke okusehleleyo
ngenxa yezenzo zethu ezimbi langenxa yecala lethu elikhulu,
ngoba wena Nkulunkulu wethu uzibamble ekusijeziseni kancane
kulezono zethu, wasinika ukuphepha okunje; **14** sizayephula
futhi yini imilayo yakho, sithathane lesizwe salezizinengiso?
Kawuyikusithukuthelela yini uze usiqede, kuze kungabi lensali
kumbe ukuphepha? **15** Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ulungile;
ngoba sitshiyelwe ukuphunyuka njengalamuhla. Khangela,
siphambi kwakho ecaleni lethu, ngoba kakho ongema phambi
kwakho ngenxa yalokhu.

10 Kwathi uEzra esakhuleka esavuma, ekhala inyembezi
eziwisela phansi phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, kwabuthana
kuye ibandla elikhulu kakhulu lamadoda labesifazana labantwana,
livela kulsrayeli, ngoba abantu bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala
okukhulu. **2** UShekaniya indodana kaJehiyeli owamadodana
kaElamu wasephendula wathi kuEzra: Thina siphambukile
kuNkulunkulu wethu, sathatha abafazi bezizweni abavela
ezizweni zelizwe; kodwa khathesi kukhona ithemba kolsrayeli

mayelana lalokhu. 3 Ngakho-ke asenze isivumelwano loNkulunkulu wethu ukuze sikhuphe bonke abafazi lokuzelwe yibo ngokweseluleko senkosi yami lesabathuthumela emlayweni kaNkulunkulu wethu; kakwenziwe-ke ngokomlayo. 4 Sukuma, ngoba udaba luphezu kwakho, lathi silawe. Qina, wenze. 5 Wasesukuma uEzra, wafungisa induna zabapristi, amaLevi, lolrayeli wonke, ukuthi benze ngokwalelilizwi. Basebefunga. 6 UEzra wasesukuma esuka phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, waya endlini kaJehohanani indodana kaEliyashibi; wathi efika lapho kadlanga sinkwa kanathanga manzi, ngoba elilela ububi babathunjiveyo. 7 Basebesenza isimemezelo sedlule koJuda leJerusalema kubo bonke abantwana bokuthunjwa ukuthi babuthane eJerusalema, 8 lokuthi loba ngubani ongafikanga ngensuku ezintathu, ngokweseluleko seziphathamandla labadala, impahla yakhe yonke izadliwa, yena ehlukaniswe lebandla labathunjiveyo. 9 Wonke amadoda akoJuda loBhenjamini asebuthana eJerusalema ngensuku ezintathu. Kwakuyinyanga yesificamunwemunye ngolwamatshumi amabili Iwenyanga. Bonke abantu basebehlala egumeni lendlu kaNkulunkulu beqhaqhazela ngenxa yaloludaba langenxa yezulu elikhulu. 10 UEzra umpristi wasukuma wathi kibo: Lina liphambukile lathatha abafazi bezizweni, ukwandisa isiphambeko sikalsrayeli. 11 Ngakho-ke yenzani uvumo eNkosini uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, lenze intando yayo, lizehlukanise lezizwe zelizwe, lakubafazi bezizweni. 12 Ibandla lonke laseliphendula lathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Njengamazwi akho, ngokunjalo kuphezu kwethu ukuthi sikwenze. 13 Kodwa abantu banengi, njalo kuyisikhathi sezulu elinengi, njalo singeme phandle. Futhi kakusimsebenzi wosuku olulodwa njalo hatshi owezimbili, ngoba sibanengi esiphambukileyo kuloludaba.

14 Ake zime iziphathamandla zethu zebandla lonke, labo bonke abasemizini yethu abathethe abafazi bezizweni beze ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo, njalo kanye labo abadala bomuzi ngomuzi labahluleli bawo, size sidedise ukuvutha kolaka lukaNkulunkulu wethu mayelana laloludaba. **15** NgoJonathani indodana kaAsaheli loJahazeya indodana kaTikiva kuphela abamelana lalokho; loMeshulamu loShabesayi umLevi babancedisa. **16** Abantwana bokuthunjwa besebesenza njalo. UEzra umpristi, amadoda, inhloko zaboyise ngendlu yaboyise, labo bonke ngamabizo, basebeshlukaniswa; basebehlala ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi ukuhlola loludaba. **17** Basebeqeda lawo wonke amadoda ayethethe abafazi bezizweni kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala. **18** Kwasekutholakala phakathi kwamadodana abapristi ayethethe abafazi bezizweni: Emadodaneni kaJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labafowabo: OMahaseya loEliyezeri loJaribi loGedaliya. **19** Basebenika isandla sabo ukuthi bazakhupha abafazi babo; ngoba belecalo banikela inqama yomhlambi ngecalo labo. **20** Lemadodaneni kalmeri: OHanani loZebhadiya. **21** Lemadodaneni kaHarimi: OMahaseya loEliya loShemaya loJehiyeli loUziya. **22** Lemadodaneni kaPashuri: OEliyowenayi, uMahaseya, ulshmayeli, uNethaneli, uJozabadi, loEla. **23** LakumaLevi: OJozabadi, loShimeyi, loKelaya onguKelita, uPethahiya, uJuda, loEliyezeri. **24** Lakubahlabeleli: UEliyashibi. Lakubalindimasango: OShaluma loTelema loUri. **25** Lakulsrayeli: Emadodaneni kaParoshi: ORamiya lolziya loMalikiya loMijamini loEleyazare loMalikiya loBhenaya. **26** Lemadodaneni kaElamu: OMATHANIYA, uZekhariya, loJehiyeli, loAbidi, loJeremothi, loEliya. **27** Lemadodaneni kaZathu: OEliyowenayi, uEliyashibi, uMathaniya,

loJeremothi, loZabadi, loAziza. **28** Lemadodaneni kaBebayi:
OJehohanani, uHananiya, uZabayi, uAthilayi. **29** Lemadodaneni
kaBani: OMeshulamu, uMaluki, loAdaya, uJashubi, loSheyali,
loRamothi. **30** Lemadodaneni kaPahathi-Mowabi: OAdina,
loKelali, uBhenaya, uMahaseya, uMathaniya, uBhezaleli,
loBinuwi, loManase. **31** Lamadodana kaHarimi: OEliyezeri,
ulshiya, uMalikiya, uShemaya, uShimeyoni, **32** uBhenjamini,
uMaluki, uShemariya. **33** Emadodaneni kaHashuma: OMathenayi,
uMathatha, uZabadi, uElifeleti, uJeremayi, uManase, uShimeyi.
34 Emadodaneni kaBani: OMahadayi, uAmramu, loUweli,
35 uBhenaya, uBedeya, uKeluhi, **36** uVaniya, uMeremothi,
uEliyashibi, **37** uMathaniya, uMathenayi, loJahasa, **38** loBani,
loBinuwi, uShimeyi, **39** loShelemiya, loNathani, loAdaya, **40**
uMakinadebayi, uShashayi, uSharayi, **41** uAzareli, uShelemiya,
uShemariya, **42** uShaluma, uAmariya, uJosefa. **43** Lemadodaneni
kaNebo: OJeyiyeli, uMathithiya, uZabadi, uZebina, uJadayi,
loJoweli, uBhenaya. **44** Bonke laba babethethe abafazi bezizweni;
njalo kwakukhona phakathi kwabo abafazi ababezele abantwana.

UNehemiya

1 Amazwi kaNehemiya indodana kaHakaliya. Kwasekusithi ngenyanga kaKisilevi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili, lapho mina ngiseShushani isigodlo, **2** uHanani omunye wabafowethu wafika yena lamadoda avela koJuda. Ngasengibabuza mayelana lamaJuda ayephunyukile asala ekuthunjweni, langeJerusalema.

3 Basebesithi kimi: Labo abasalayo abasala ekuthunjweni lapho esabelweni baphakathi kokuhlupheka okukhulu lehlazo, lomduli weJerusalema wadilika, lamasango ayo atshiswa ngomlilo.

4 Kwasekusithi sengizwe lamazwi ngahlala phansi ngakhala inyembezi, ngalila okwezinsuku, ngizila ukudla, ngikhuleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu wamazulu. **5** Ngathi: Ngiyancenga, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wamazulu, Nkulunkulu omkhulu lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kulabo abamthandayo labagcina imilayo yakhe, **6** indlebe yakho ake ilalele, lamehlo akho avuleke, ukuzwa umkhuleko wenceku yakho engiwukhuleka phambi kwakho lamuhla emini lebusuku ngabantwana bakolsrayeli, inceku zakho, njalo ngivuma ngenxa yezono zabantwana bakolsrayeli esizone kuwe. Yebo, mina lendlu kababa sonile; **7** senze kubi lokwenza kubi kuwe, kasigcinanga imilayo lezimiso lezahlulelo ovalaya ngakho uMozisi inceku yakho. **8** Ake ukhumbule ilizwi ovalaya ngalo uMozisi inceku yakho usithi: Uba lina liphambuka, mina ngizalichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe; **9** uba lina liphendukela kimi, lilondoloza imilayo yami, liyenze, lanxa abaxotshiweyo benu besephethelweni lamazulu, ngizababutha besuka lapho ngibaletha endaweni engiyikhethileyo ukubeka ibizo lami khona. **10** Laba-ke bazinceku zakho labantu bakho owabahlenga ngamandla akho amakhulu langesandla sakho esiqinileyo. **11** Ngiyacela, Nkosi, indlebe yakho ake ilalele

umkhuleko wenceku yakho, lomkhuleko wezinceku zakho eziloyisa ukwesaba ibizo lakho, ake uphumelelise inceku yakho lamuhla, uyinike izihawu phambi kwalumuntu. Njalo ngangingumphathi wezitsha zenkosi.

2 Kwasekusithi ngenyanga kaNisani, ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kaAthakisekisi inkosi, iwayini laliphambi kwakhe, ngaphakamisa iwayini nganika inkosi. Njalo ngangingakaze ngidane phambi kwayo. **2** Inkosi yasisithi kimi: Kungani ubuso bakho budanile lokhu ungaguli? Kakusilutho ngaphandle kokudana kwenhliziyo. Ngasengisesaba kakhlukazi, **3** ngathi enkosini: Kayiphile inkosi kuze kube nininini! Ubuso bami bungedane ngani nxa umuzi, indawo yamangcwaba abobaba, ulunxiwa, lamasango awo eqedwe ngomlilo? **4** Inkosi yasisithi kimi: Kuyini okudingayo? Ngasengikhuleka kuNkulunkulu wamazulu. **5** Ngathi enkosini: Uba kukuhle enkosini, njalo uba inceku yakho ithole umusa phambi kwakho, ngicela ukuthi ungitume koJuda emzini wamangcwaba abobaba, ukuze ngiwakhe. **6** Inkosi yasisithi kimi, lendlovukazi ihlezi eceleni kwayo: Uhambo lwakho luzakuba ngolwesikhathi esingakanani, ubuye nini? Ngakho kwaba kuhle phambi kwenkosi ukuthi ingithume; ngasengiyinika isikhathi esimisiweyo. **7** Ngasengisithi enkosini: Uba kulungile enkosini kayinginika izincwadi eziya kubabusi bangaphetsheya komfula ukuze bangivumele ukndlula, ngize ngifike koJuda; **8** lencwadi eya kuAsafi, umphathi wegusu inkosi elalo, ukuthi anginike izigodo zokwenza imigubazi yamasango lesigodlo esiseduze lendlu, lezomduli womuzi, lezendlu engizangena kiyo. Inkosi yanginika njengokwesandla esihle sikaNkulunkulu wami phezu kwami. **9** Ngasengifika kubabusi ngaphetsheya komfula, ngabanika

incwadi zenkosi. Inkosi yayithume-ke lami induna zebutho labagadi bamabhiza. **10** Lapho uSanibhalathi umHoroni loTobiya inceku, umAmoni, besizwa, kwabacunula ngokucunula okukhulu ukuthi umuntu ufikile ukudingela abantwana bakolsrayeli okuhle.

11 Ngafika-ke eJerusalema, ngaba lapho insuku ezintathu.

12 Ngasengisukuma ebusuku, mina lamadoda amalutshwana elami; kangitshelanga muntu lokho uNkulunkulu wami ayekufake enhliziyweni yami ukuthi ngikwenzele iJerusalema. Futhi kwakungelanyamazana kanye lami ngaphandle kwenyamazana engangiyigadile. **13** Ngasengiphuma ebusuku ngesango lesigodi, ngaqonda emthonjeni womgobho lesangweni lomquba, ngihlola imiduli yeJerusalema eyayidilikile lamasango ayo ayeqedwe ngomlilo. **14** Ngasengisedlulela esangweni lomthombo lechibini lenkosi; kodwa kwakungelandawo yenyamazana ukwedlula ngaphansi kwami. **15** Ngasengisenyuka ngesifula ebusuku ngihlola umduli; ngaphenduka, ngangena ngesango lesigodi, ngabuyela. **16** Lababusi babengazi lapho engangiye khona lokuthi ngenzani. Kuze kube khathesi-ke ngangingatshelanga amaJuda labapristi leziphathamandla lezinduna labanye ababesenza umsebenzi. **17** Ngasengisithi kibo: Liyabona inhlupheko esikiyo ukuthi iJerusalema ilunxiwa lamasango ayo atshiswe ngomlilo. Wozani sakhe umduli weJerusalema ukuze singabe sisaba lihlazo. **18** Ngasengibatshela ngesandla sikaNkulunkulu wami esasisihle phezu kwami, futhi lamazwi enkosi eyayiwakhulum kimi. Basebesithi: Asisukumeni, sakhe. Ngakho baqinisa izandla zabo ngokuhle. **19** Lapho uSanibhalathi umHoroni loTobiya inceku, umAmoni, loGeshema umArabhiya besizwa basihleka usulu, baseyisa bathi: Iyini linto eliyenzayo? Liyayivukela inkosi yini? **20** Ngasengibabuyisela impendulo ngathi kibo:

UNkulunkulu wamazulu yena uzasiphumelisa; lathi inceku zakhe sizasukuma sakhe; kodwa lina kalilasabelo lelungelo lesikhumbuzo eJerusalema.

3 Kwasekusukuma eEliyashibi umpristi omkhulu labafowabo abapristi, bakha isango lezimvu, balingcwelisa, bamisa izivalo zalo; ngitsho, kuze kube semphotshongweni weMeya bawungcwelisa, kuze kube semphotshongweni weHananeli. 2 Leceleni kwakhe kwakha amadoda eJeriko; leceleni kwakhe kwakha uZakuri indodana kalmri. 3 Lesango lenhlanzi alakha amadodana kaHasenaya; amisa imigubazi yalo, amisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo. 4 Leceleni kwavo kwalungisa uMeremothi indodana kaUriya indodana kaHakozi; leceleni kwabo kwalungisa uMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya indodana kaMeshezabeli; leceleni kwabo kwalungisa uZadoki indodana kaBahana; 5 leceleni kwabo kwalungisa amaThekhowa; kodwa izikhulu zabo kazilethanga intamo yazo emsebenzini weNkosi yazo. 6 Lesango elidala balilungisa oJoyada indodana kaPhaseya loMeshulamu indodana kaBesodeya; bamisa imigubazi yalo, bamisa izivalo zalo, lamabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo. 7 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uMelatiya umGibeyoni loJadoni umMeronothi, amadoda eGibeyoni laweMizipa, kuze kube sesihlalweni sobukhosи sombusi wanganeno komfula. 8 Eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uUziyeli indodana kaHarihaya, wabakhandi begolide; leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uHananiya, indodana yabensi bamakha; batshiya iJerusalema kwaze kwaba semdulini obanzi. 9 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uRefaya indodana kaHuri, umbusi wengxenyе yesigaba seJerusalema. 10 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uJedaya indodana kaHarumafi lamaqondana lendlu yakhe; leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa

uHathushi indodana kaHashabineya. **11** Isilinganiso sesibili basilungisa oMalikiya indodana kaHarimi loHashubi indodana kaPahathi-Mowabi, kanye lomphotshongo wezithando zomlilo. **12** Leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uShaluma indodana kaHaloheshi, umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seJerusalema, yena lamadodakazi akhe. **13** Isango lesigodi walilungisa uHanuni labahlali beHanowa; balakha, bamisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo, lezingalo eziyinkulungwane emdulini kwaze kwaba sesangweni lomquba. **14** Lesango lomquba walilungisa uMalikiya indodana kaRekabi, umbusi wesabelo seBhethi-Hakerema; walakha, wamisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo. **15** Lesango lomthombo walilungisa uShaluna indodana kaKolihoze, umbusi wesigaba seMizipa; yena walakha, walifulela, wamisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo, lomduli wechibi leShela ngasesivandeni senkosi, njalo kwaze kwaba sezikhwelweni ezechla zisuka emzini kaDavida. **16** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uNehemiya indodana kaAzibuki, umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seBeti-Zuri, kwaze kwaba maqondana lamangcwaba kaDavida, njalo kwaze kwaba sechibini elalenziwe, njalo kwaze kwaba sendlini yamaqhawe. **17** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa amaLevi, uRehuma indodana kaBani; leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uHashabhiya, umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seKeyila, esigabeni sakhe. **18** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa abafowabo, uBavayi indodana kaHenadadi, umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seKeyila. **19** Njalo kwalungisa eceleni kwakhe uEzeri indodana kaJeshuwa, umbusi weMizipa, esinye isilinganiso maqondana lomqanso wendlu yezikhali, engonsini. **20** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa ngesivuvu uBharukhi indodana kaZabayi esinye isilinganiso kusukela engonsini kusiya emnyango wendlu kaEliyashibi

umpristi omkhulu. **21** Ngemva kwakhe uMeremothi indodana kaUriya indodana kaHakozi walungisa esinye isilinganiso kusukela emnyango wendlu kaEliyashibi kuze kube sekucineni kwendlu kaEliyashibi. **22** Langemva kwakhe kwalungisa abapristi, amadoda endawo ezigombolozeleyo. **23** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa oBhenjamini loHashubi maqondana lendlu yabo; ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uAzariya indodana kaMahaseya indodana kaAnaniya duze lendlu yakhe. **24** Ngemva kwakhe uBinuwi indodana kaHenadadi walungisa esinye isilinganiso kusukela endlini kaAzariya kusiya engonsini njalo kuze kube sejikweni. **25** UPalali indodana kaUzayi, maqondana lengonsi lomphotshongo othutsha endlini yenkosi ephezulu esegumeni labalindi. Ngemva kwakhe uPhedaya indodana kaParoshi. **26** AmaNethini ayehlezi eOfeli kwaze kwaba maqondana lesango lamanzi ngasempumalanga lomphotshongo othutshayo. **27** Ngemva kwakhe abeThekhowa balungisa esinye isilinganiso maqondana lomphotshongo omkhulu othutshayo, njalo kwaze kwaba semdulini weOfeli. **28** Kusukela phezu kwesango lamabhiza kwalungisa abapristi, ngulowo maqondana lendlu yakhe. **29** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uZadoki indodana kalmeri maqondana lendlu yakhe. Njalo ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uShemaya indodana kaShekaniya, umgcini wesango lempumalanga. **30** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa oHananiya indodana kaShelemyia loHanuni indodana yesithupha kaZalafi esinye isilinganiso. Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya maqondana lekamelo lakhe. **31** Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uMalikiya indodana yomkhandi wegolide kwaze kwaba sendlini yamaNethini leyabathengi maqondana lesango leMifikhadi, njalo kusiya endlini yengonsi engaphezulu.

32 Njalo phakathi laphakathi kwendlu yengonsi engaphezulu
kuze kube sesangweni lezimvu kwalungisa abakhandi begolide
labathengi.

4 Kwasekusithi uSanibhalathi esezwile ukuthi siyawakha
umduli, wathukuthela wacunuka kakhulu, wawahleka usulu
amaJuda. **2** Wasekhuluma phambi kwabafowabo lebutho
leSamariya wathi: La amaJuda abuthakathaka enzani?
Azaziqinisa yini? Azahlaba yini? Azaqeda ngosuku yini?
Azavuselela amatshe yini ezinqwabeni zengcekeza, eztshileyo?
3 LoTobiya umAmoni wayelaye, wathi: Lalokho akwakhayo,
uba ikhanka likhwela phezulu, lingawudiliza umduli wawo
wamatshe. **4** Zwana, Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba siyeyiswa;
ubuyisele ukukloloda kwabo ekhanda labo, ubanikele babe
yimpango elizweni lokuthunjwa; **5** ungaligubuzeli icala labo,
lesono sabo singacitshwa phambi kwakho, ngoba bathukuthelisile
maqondana labakhi. **6** Sawakha-ke umduli, waze wahlangana
wonke umduli kuze kube yingxene yawo, ngoba abantu
babelenhliziyo yokusebenza. **7** Kodwa kwathi oSanibhalathi
loTobiya lamaArabiya lamaAmoni labeAshidodi sebezwile ukuthi
ukulungiswa kwemiduli yeJerusalema kuyenyuka, ukuthi izikhala
seziqala ukuvaleka, bathukuthela kakhulu. **8** Basebesenza
ugobe bonke ndawonye ukuthi beze balwe leJerusalema, lokuthi
badunge phakathi kwayo. **9** Kodwa sakhluleka kuNkulunkulu
wethu, sabeka abalindi ukumelana labo emini lebusuku,
ngenxa yabo. **10** Kodwa uJuda wathi: Amandla abathwali
bomthwalo adedile, lezibi zinengi, ngakho thina kasilakho
ukwakha umduli. **11** Lezitha zethu zathi: Kabayikwazi,
kabayikubona, size singene phakathi kwabo sibabulale, siwumise
umsebenzi. **12** Kwasekusithi amaJuda ayehlala duze lazo esefika

athi kithi katshumi: Livela endaweni zonke kumele libuyele kithi. **13** Ngasengimisa endaweni eziphansi kakhulu ngemva komduli endaweni ezisobala, ngamisa abantu ngensapho belezinkemba zabo, imikhonto yabo, lamadandili abo. **14** Ngasengikhangela ngasukuma ngathi kuzikhulu lakubabusi lakwabanye abantu: Lingabesabi. Khumbulani iNkosi enkulu leyesabekayo, lilwele abafowenu, amadodana enu, lamadodakazi enu, omkenu, lezindlu zenu. **15** Kwasekusithi izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi sekusaziwa yithi lokuthi uNkulunkulu ufubisile icebo labo, sabuyela sonke emdulini, wonke emsebenzini wakhe. **16** Kwasekusithi kusukela mhlalokho ingxenye yezisebenzi zami yayisebenza emsebenzini, lengxenye yazo yabamba imikhonto, izihlangu, lamadandili, lamabhatshi ensimbi. Lababusi babengemuva kwendlu yonke yakoJuda. **17** Ababesakha emdulini, lababethwala imithwalo, ababelayitshela, ngesinye sezandla zakhe wayesebenza emsebenzini, lesinye sibambelele isikhali. **18** Labakhi, ngulowo wayebhince inkemba yakhe ekhalweni lwakhe, besakha. Lovuthela uphondo wayeseceleni kwami. **19** Ngasengisithi kuzikhulu lakubabusi lakwabanye abantu: Umsebenzi mkhulu futhi ubanzi; lathi sehlukene phezu komduli, omunye ukhatshana lomunye. **20** Endaweni elizakuzwa khona ukukhala kophondo, lizabuthana lapho kithi; uNkulunkulu wethu uzasilwela. **21** Ngokunjalo sasebenza emsebenzini; ingxenye yabo yayibambe imikhonto kusukela emadabukakusa kuze kuphume izinkanyezi. **22** Langalesosikhathi ngathi ebantwini: Ngulowo lenceku yakhe kabalale phakathi kweJerusalema ukuze babe ngabalindi bethu ebusuku, lemini emsebenzini. **23** Ngakho kakho, mina, labafowethu, lenceku zami, lamadoda omlindo

abangemva kwami, kakho kithi owakhulula iziggoko zethu,
ngulowo wazikhululela ukuzihlanza.

5 Kwasekusiba khona ukukhala okukhulu kwabantu labomkabo bemelene labafowabo amaJuda. **2** Ngoba kwaba khona abathi: Thina, amadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu sibanengi; ngakho sithethe amabele ukuze sidle siphile. **3** Njalo kwaba khona abathi: Sibambisa amasimu ethu lezivini zethu lezindlu zethu ukuze sithenge amabele endlaleni. **4** Njalo kwaba khona abathi: Seboleke imali yomthelo wenkosi ngamasimu ethu lezivini zethu. **5** Khathesi-ke, inyama yethu injengenyama yabafowethu, abantwana bethu banjengabantwana babo; khangela-ke sehlisele phansi amadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu abe yizigqili; kukhona-ke emadodakazini ethu asehliselwe phansi, njalo isandla sethu kasilamandla, ngoba abanye balamasimu ethu lezivini zethu. **6** Ngathukuthela kakhulu nxa ngisizwa ukukhala kwabo lalamazwi. **7** Inhlizyo yami isicabangile phakathi kwami, ngasengilwisana lezikhulu lababusi, ngathi kubo: Libhadalisa inzozo, ngulowo kumfowabo. Ngabamisela umhlangano omkhulu. **8** Ngasengisithi kibo: Thina ngamandla akithi sihlenge abafowethu amaJuda ababethengiswe ezizweni; lani selizathengisa abafowethu, kumbe bazathengiswa kithi yini? Basebethula, kabatholanga mpendulo. **9** Ngasengisithi: Into eliyenzayo kayilunganga. Belingehambe yini ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa yehlazo lezizwe, izitha zethu? **10** Ngitsho lami, abafowethu, lenceku zami, besikweledisa imali lamabele. Asiyekeleni inzozo lezi. **11** Ake libabuyisele lalamuhla amasimu abo, izivini zabo, izihlahla zabo zemihlwathi, lezindlu zabo, lokwekhulu kwemali lokwamabele lokwewayini elitsha lokwamafutha elibabhadalisa

khona. **12** Basebesithi: Sizabuyisela, singabizi lutho kubo. Sizakwenza njalo njengokutsho kwakho. Ngasengibiza abapristi, ngabafungisa ukuthi benze njengalelilizwi. **13** Ngasengithintitha ithangazi lami ngathi: Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu kathintithe wonke umuntu asuke endlini yakhe lemsebenzini wakhe ongasoze amise lelilizwi; langokunjalo kathintithwe angabi lalutho. Lebandla lonke lathi: Ameni. Bayidumisa iNkosi. Abantu basebesenza njengalelilizwi. **14** Futhi kusukela ngosuku angilaya ngalo ukuthi ngibe ngumbusi wabo elizweni lakoJuda, kusukela emnyakeni wamatshumi amabili kuze kube semnyakeni wamatshumi amathathu lambili kaAthakisekisi inkosi, iminyaka elitshumi lambili, mina labafowethu kasidlanga isinkwa sombusi. **15** Kodwa ababusu bamandulo ababengaphambi kwami babathwalisa nzima abantu, bethatha kibo isinkwa lewayini, emva kwalokhu amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amane; lenceku zabo zabusa nzima phezu kwabantu; kodwa mina kangenzanga njalo ngenxa yokwesaba uNkulunkulu. **16** Phezu kwalokho-ke ngaqina emsebenzini walumduli, njalo kasithenganga insimu; lenceku zami zonke zabuthana lapho emsebenzini. **17** Lamadoda alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu kumaJuda lakubabusi, lalabo abeza kithi bevela ezizweni ezisihanqileyo, babesetafuleni lami. **18** Lalokhu okwakulungiselwe usuku olulodwa kwakuyinkabi eyodwa, izimvu ezikhethiweyo eziyisithupha, lezinyoni zazilungiselwe mina, njalo phakathi kwensuku ezilitshumi okwalo lonke iwayini ngobunengi. Langalokhu kangizanga ngidinge isinkwa sombusi, ngoba ubugqili babunzima phezu kwalababantu. **19** Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ngokuhle, konke engikwenzele lababantu.

6 Kwasekusithi oSanibhalathi loTobiya loGeshema umArabhiya lezinye izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi ngiwakhile umduli lokuthi

kakusalanga sikhala kuwo, lanxa kuze kube yilesosikhathi ngangingamisanga izivalo emasangweni, **2** oSanibhalathi loGeshema bathuma kimi besithi: Woza sihlangane ndawonye emizini emagcekeni eOno. Kodwa babecabange ukwenza okubi kimi. **3** Ngasengithuma izithunywa kubo ngisithi: Ngenza umsebenzi omkhulu, ngakho kangilakho ukwehla. Kungani umsebenzi uzakuma, ngiwutshiye, ngehlele kini? **4** Basebethuma kimi kane ngaleyondlela, ngabaphendula ngaleyondlela. **5** Ngakho uSanibhalathi wathuma kimi inceku yakhe ngaleyondlela ngokwesihlanu ilencwadi evulekileyo esandleni sayo. **6** Kwakubhalwe kuyo ukuthi: Kuzwakele ezizweni, loGashimu uthi: Wena lamaJuda linakana ukuhlamuka; ngenxa yalokho wakha umduli, ukuze wena ube yinkosi yabo, njengalamazwi. **7** Futhi umisile labaprofethi ukuze bamemezele ngawe eJerusalema, besithi: Kukhona inkosi koJuda. Khathesi-ke kuzazwakala enkosini njengalamazwi. Ngakho-ke woza, sicebisane. **8** Ngasengithuma kuye ngisithi: Kazikho izinto ezinjengalezo ozitshoyo, kodwa uyazibumba zivela enhliziyweni yakho. **9** Ngoba bonke basethusa besithi: Izandla zabo zizadangala emsebenzini, ukuthi ungenziwa. Ngakho-ke qinisa izandla zami. **10** Mina sengingenile endlini kaShemaya indodana kaDelaya indodana kaMehethabheli owavezivalele, wasesithi: Asihlangane endlini kaNkulunkulu phakathi kwethempeli, sivale iminyango yethempeli, ngoba bayeza ukukubulala, yebo, bayeza ebusuku ukukubulala. **11** Kodwa ngathi: Kambe umuntu onjengami angabaleka? Pho, nguwuphi umuntu onjengami ongangena ethempelini aphile? Kangiyikungena. **12** Ngasenginanzelela, khangela-ke, uNkulunkulu wayengamthumanga, kodwa wakhulumo isiprofetho esimelene lami ngoba oTobiya loSanibhalathi babemqhatshile.

13 Ngakho wayeqhatshiwe ukuze ngesabe, ngenze njalo, ngone, ukuze babe lebizo elibi ngami, ukuze bangigcone. **14** Khumbula, Nkulunkulu wami, uTobiya loSanibhalathi njengokwale imisebenzi yakhe, njalo loNowadiya umprofethikazi labanye abaprofethi ababengethusa. **15** Waphela-ke umduli ngolwamatshumi amabili lanhlalu kaEluli ngensuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili. **16** Kwasekusithi zonke izitha zethu zisizwa, lazo zonke izizwe ezisizingelezeleyo zibona, zawa kakhulu emehlwani azo; ngoba zananelela ukuthi lumsebenzi wenziwe nguNkulunkulu wethu. **17** Njalo ngalezonsuku izikhulu zakoJuda zandisa incwadi zazo eziya kuTobiya, IezikaTobiya zeza kuzo. **18** Ngoba abanengi koJuda babefungile kuye ngoba wayengumkhwenyana kaShekaniya indodana kaAra, loJehohanani indodana yakhe wayethethe indodakazi kaMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya. **19** Njalo babekhuluma izenzo zakhe ezinhle phambi kwami, lamazwi ami bewakhuphela kuye. UTobiya wathumela incwadi zokungethusa.

7 Kwasekusithi umduli usuwakhiwe, sengimisile izivalo, abalindi bamasango labahlabeleli lamaLevi sebebekiwe, **2** ngalaya uHanani umfowethu loHananiya umbusi wenqaba mayelana leJerusalema, ngoba wayenjengomuntu othembekileyo lowesaba uNkulunkulu okwedlula abanengi. **3** Ngasengisithi kibo: Amasango eJerusalema kangavulwa lize litshise ilanga; besemi kabavale izivalo banxibe. Njalo umise abalindi kubahlali beJerusalema, ngulowo lalowo emlindweni wakhe, njalo ngulowo maqondana lendlu yakhe. **4** Njalo umuzi wawubanzi inhlangothi zombili, umkhulu, kodwa abantu babebalutshwana phakathi kwawo, izindlu zingakakhwa. **5** UNkulunkulu wami wasenika enhliziyweni yami ukuthi ngibuthanise izikhulu lababusi

abantu ukuthi babhalwe ngezizukulwana. Ngasengithola ugwalo Iwezizukulwana zalabo abenyuka kuqala, ngathola kubhalwe kulo: **6** Laba ngabantwana besabelo abenyuka bevela ekuthunjweni kwabathunjiweyo uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni abathumbayo; basebebuyela eJerusalema lakoJuda, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakibo, **7** abafika loZerubhabheli, uJeshuwa, uNehemiya, uAzariya, uRahamiya, uNahamani, uModekhayi, uBilishani, uMisiperethi, uBigivayi, uNehuma, uBahana. Inani lamadoda esizwe sakolsrayeli: **8** Abantwana bakoParoshi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **9** Abantwana bakoShefathiya: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **10** Abantwana bakoAra: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lambili. **11** Abantwana bakoPahathi-Mowabi, babantwana bakoJeshuwa loJowabi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lesificaminwembili. **12** Abantwana bakoElamu: Inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane. **13** Abantwana bakoZathu: Amakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **14** Abantwana bakoZakayi: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha. **15** Abantwana bakoBinuwi: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili. **16** Abantwana bakoBebayi: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. **17** Abantwana bakoAzigadi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lambili. **18** Abantwana bakoAdonikamu: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa. **19** Abantwana bakoBigivayi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa. **20** Abantwana bakoAdini: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu. **21** Abantwana

bakoAteri, bakoHezekhiya: Amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesificaminwembili. **22** Abantwana bakoHashuma: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. **23** Abantwana bakoBezayi: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lane. **24** Abantwana bakoHarifi: Ikhulu letshumi lambili. **25** Abantwana bakoGibeyoni: Amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu. **26** Amadoda eBhethlehema leNetofa: Ikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesificaminwembili. **27** Amadoda eAnathothi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. **28** Amadoda eBeti-Azimavethi: Amatshumi amane lambili. **29** Amadoda eKiryathi-Jeyarimi, iKefira, leBherothi: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu. **30** Amadoda eRama leGeba: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye. **31** Amadoda eMikimasi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili. **32** Amadoda eBhetheli leAyi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **33** Amadoda enye iNebo: Amatshumi amahlanu lambili. **34** Abantwana benye iElamu: Inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane. **35** Abantwana beHarimi: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili. **36** Abantwana beJeriko: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **37** Abantwana beLodi, iHadidi, leOno: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lanye. **38** Abantwana beSenaha: Izinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu. **39** Abapristi. Abantwana bakoJedaya, bendlu kaJeshuwa: Amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu. **40** Abantwana bakolmeri: Inkulungwane lamatshumi amahlanu lambili. **41** Abantwana bakoPashuri: Inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa. **42** Abantwana bakoHarimi: Inkulungwane

letshumi lesikhombisa. 43 AmaLevi. Abantwana bakoJeshuwa, bakoKadimiyeli, babantwana bakoHodeva: Amatshumi ayisikhombisa lane. 44 Abahlabeleli. Abantwana bakoAsafi: Ihulu lamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili. 45 Abalindimasango. Abantwana bakoShaluma, abantwana bakoAteri, abantwana bakoTalimoni, abantwana bakoAkubi, abantwana bakoHatita, abantwana bakoShobayi: Ihulu lamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili. 46 AmaNethini. Abantwana bakoZiha, abantwana bakoHasufa, abantwana bakoTabhawothi, 47 abantwana bakoKerosi, abantwana bakoSiya, abantwana bakoPadoni, 48 abantwana bakoLebana, abantwana bakoHagaba, abantwana bakoShalimayi, 49 abantwana bakoHanani, abantwana bakoGideli, abantwana bakoGahari, 50 abantwana bakoReyaya, abantwana bakoRezini, abantwana bakoNekoda, 51 abantwana bakoGazama, abantwana bakoUza, abantwana bakoPhaseya, 52 abantwana bakoBhesayi, abantwana bakoMewunimi, abantwana bakoNefushesimi, 53 abantwana abakoBakibuki, abantwana bakoHakufa, abantwana bakoHarihuri, 54 abantwana bakoBazilithi, abantwana bakoMehida, abantwana bakoHarisha, 55 abantwana bakoBarkosi, abantwana bakoSisera, abantwana bakoThama, 56 abantwana bakoNeziya, abantwana bakoHatifa. 57 Abantwana benceku zikaSolomoni. Abantwana bakoSotayi, abantwana bakoSoferethi, abantwana bakoPerida, 58 abantwana bakoJahala, abantwana bakoDarkoni, abantwana bakoGideli, 59 abantwana bakoShefathiya, abantwana bakoHathili, abantwana bakoPokerethi kaHazebayimi, abantwana bakoAmoni. 60 Wonke amaNethini labantwana benceku zikaSolomoni: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili. 61

Laba ngabenyuka bevela eTeli-Mela, iTeli-Harisha, iKerubi, iAdoni, lelmeri, kodwa babengelakutshengisa indlu yaboyise lenzalo yabo, uba bavela kolsrayeli yini. **62** Abantwana bakoDelaya, abantwana bakoTobiya, abantwana bakoNekoda: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili. **63** Lakubapristi: Abantwana bakoHabaya, abantwana bakoHakozi, abantwana bakoBarizilayi, owayethethe emadodakazini kaBarizilayi umGileyadi ukuba ngumkakhe, wasebizwa ngebizo lawo. **64** Laba badinga ukubhalwa kwabo oluhlwini lwababhaliweyo ngezizukulwana, kodwa kakutholakalanga; basebekhutshwa ebupristini njengabangcolileyo. **65** Umbusi wasesithi kubo bangadli okwezingcwelengcwele, kuze kusukume umpristi oleUrimi leThumimi. **66** Ibandla lonke lindawonye lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha, **67** ngaphandle kwenceku zabo lencekukazi zabo; lezi zazizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; njalo babelabahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **68** Amabhiza abo, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lesithupha; imbongolo zabo, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu; **69** amakamela, amakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu; obabhem, inkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili. **70** Ezinye-ke zenhloko zaboyise zanikela emsebenzini. Umbusi wanikela kokuligugu inhlamu zegolide eziyinkulungwane, imiganu yokufafaza engamatshumi amahlanu, iziggoko zabapristi ezingamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amathathu. **71** Lezinye zezinhlоко zaboyise zanikela kokuligugu komsebenzi inhlamu zegolide ezizinkulungwane

ezingamatshumi amabili lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane ezilikulu letshumi. 72 Lalokho abaseleyo babantu abakunikelayo kwakuzinhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane ezilikulu lezigqoko zabapristi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa. 73 Abapristi lamaLevi labalindimasango labahlabeleli labanye babantu lamaNethini lolrsrayeli wonke basebehlala emizini yabo. Kwathi inyanga yesikhombisa isifikile, abantwana bakolsrayeli babesemizini yabo.

8 Bonke abantu basebebuthana njengamuntu munye egcekeni eliphambi kwsango lamanzi; bakhuluma kuEzra umbhali ukuletha ugwalo lomlayo kaMozisi, iNkosi eyayiwulaye ulsrayeli. 2 UEzra umpristi wasewuletha umlayo phambi kwebandla, kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana, laye wonke owaqedisisa ukuzwa, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa. 3 Wasebala kuwo phambi kwegceke eliphambi kwsango lamanzi kusukela emadabukusa kwaze kwaba semini enkulu, phambi kwabesilisa labesifazana labaqedisisayo; lendlebe zabo bonke abantu zazingasewalweni lomlayo. 4 UEzra umbhali wasesima phezu kwendawo ephakemeyo yamapulanka ababeyenzele loludaba. Leceleni kwakhe kwakumi oMathithiya loShema loAnaya loUriya loHilikhiya loMahaseya ngakwesokunene sakhe; langakwesokhohlo sakhe oPhedaya, loMishayeli, loMalikiya, loHashuma, loHashibadana, uZekhariya, uMeshulamu. 5 UEzra wasevula ugwalo phambi kwamehlo abo bonke abantu; ngoba wayengaphezu kwabantu bonke; lapho eluvula, bonke abantu basukuma. 6 UEzra waseyibusisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu. Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Ameni, ameni, ngokuphakamisa izandla zabo; basebekhothama,

bayikhonza iNkosi ngobuso emhlabathini. **7** OJeshuwa, loBani, loSherebiya, uJamini, uAkubi, uShabesayi, uHodiya, uMahaseya, uKelita, uAzariya, uJozabadi, uHanani, uPelaya, lamaLevi basebesenza abantu baqedisise umlayo, abantu besendaweni yabo. **8** Basebebala egwalweni, emlayweni kaNkulunkulu, ngokucacileyo, bechasisa, bebenza bazwisise ekubaleni. **9** UNehemiya owayengumbusi, lompristi uEzra umbhali, lamaLevi ayefundisa abantu, basebesithi ebantwini bonke: Lolusuku lungcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu; lingalili njalo lingakhali inyembezi. Ngoba bonke abantu bakhala inyembezi lapho besizwa amazwi omlayo. **10** Wasesithi kibo: Hambani, lidle okunonileyo, linathe okumnandi, lithumele izabelo kongalungiselwanga lutho; ngoba lolusuku lungcwele eNkosini yethu, njalo lingadabuki, ngoba intokozo yeNkosi ingamandla enu. **11** AmaLevi asebathulisa bonke abantu esithi: Thulani, ngoba lolusuku lungcwele, lingadabuki. **12** Bonke abantu basebehamba ukuyakudla, lokunatha, lokuthumela izabelo, lokwenza intokozo enkulu, ngoba babewaqedisisile amazwi ababebazise wona. **13** Langosuku lwasibili kwabuthana inhloko zaboyise zabo bonke abantu, abapristi, lamaLevi, kuEzra umbhali, ukuze baqedisise amazwi omlayo. **14** Basebethola kubhaliwe emlayweni iNkosi eyayiwulayile ngesandla sikaMozisi ukuthi abantwana bakolsrayeli bahlale emadumbeni ngomkhosi ngenyanga yesikhombisa, **15** lokuthi bazwakalise bedlulise isimemezelo kuyo yonke imizi yabo laseJerusalema besithi: Phumelani entabenitilethe ingatsha zezihlahla zemihlwathi, lengatsha zezihlahla zamafutha, lengatsha zezihlahla zamamiteli, lengatsha zamalala, lengatsha zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu aminyeneyo, ukwenza amadumba, njengokubhaliweyo. **16**

Basebephuma abantu, baziletha, baenzela amadumba, ngulowo lalowo ephahleni lwakhe, lemagumeni abo, lemagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu, legcekeni lesango lamanzi, legcekeni lesango lakoEfrayimi. **17** Ibandla lonke lalabo ababebuyile ekuthunjweni basebesenza amadumba, bahlala emadumbeni. Ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaJeshuwa indodana kaNuni kwaze kwaba yilosuku abantwana bakolsrayeli babengenzanga njalo. Kwasekusiba lentokozo enkulu kakhulu. **18** Njalo usuku ngosuku kusukela osukwini lokuqala kwaze kwaba lusuku lokucina wabala egwalweni lomlayo kaNkulunkulu. Bawenza-ke umkhosi insuku eziyisikhombisa; kwathi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kwaba lenhlangano enzulu, njengesimiso.

9 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwaleyonyanga abantwana bakolsrayeli basebebuthana ngokuzila ukudla, langamasaka, lenhlabathi phezu kwabo. **2** Inzalo yakolsrayeli yasizehlukanisa labo bonke abezizweni; basebesima bavuma izono zabo lobubi baboyise. **3** Basebesukuma endaweni yabo yokuma, bafunda egwalweni lomlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo ingxene ye sine yosuku; njalo ngengxene ye sine bavuma futhi bakhonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo. **4** Lezikhwelweni zamaLevi kwakumi oJeshuwa, loBani, uKadimiyeli, uShebaniya, uBuni, uSherebiya, uBani, uKenani; bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. **5** AmaLevi, oJeshuwa, loKadimiyeli, uBani, uHashabineya, uSherebiya, uHodiya, uShebaniya, uPethahiya basebesithi: Sukumani libusise iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube nininini; kalibusiswe ibizo lakho elilodumo eliphakanyiswe phezu kwaso sonke isibusiso lendumiso. **6** Nguwe oyiNkosi wena wedwa, wena wenza amazulu, izulu lamazulu lalo lonke ibutho lawo, umhlaba

lakho konke okukuwo, izinlwandle lakho konke okukuzo, wena
uyagcina konke kuphila; lebutho lamazulu liyakukhonza. 7
Wena uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu, owakhetha uAbrama wamkhupha
eUri yamaKhaladiya, wenza ibizo lakhe laba nguAbrahama;
8 wafica inhliziyo yakhe ithembekile phambi kwakho, wenza
laye isivumelwano sokunika ilizwe lamaKhanani, amaHethi,
amaAmori, lamaPerizi, lamaJebusi, lamaGirigashi, ukulinika
inzalo yakhe; uwamisile amazwi akho, ngoba ulungile. 9 Wabona
ukuhlupheka kwabobaba eGibhithe, wezwa ukukhala kwabo
ngasoLwandle oluBomvu, 10 wenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso
kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lakubo bonke abantu
belizwe lakhe, ngoba wazi ukuthi baziphatha ngokuziggaja
kubo; njalo wazenzela ibizo njengalamuhla. 11 Wehlukanisa
ulwandle phambi kwabo ukuze bachaphe phakathi kolwandle
emhlabathini owomileyo; wasuphosela ababaxotshayo ezinzikini
njengelitshe emanzini alamandla. 12 Wasubakhokhela ngensika
yeyezi emini langensika yomlilo ebusuku ukubakhanyisela
indlela abazahamba ngayo. 13 Wehlela phezu kwentaba
yeSinayi, wakhulumu labo usemazulwini, wabanika izahlulelo
eziqondileyo, lemilayo eqotho, izimiso lemilayezelo elungileyo,
14 wabazisa isabatha lakho elingcwele, wabalaya imilayo,
lezimiso, lomthetho, ngesandla sikaMozisi inceku yakho. 15
Wabanika isinkwa esivela emazulwini ekulambeni kwabo, lamanzi
edwaleni wabakhuphela wona ekomeni kwabo; wabatshela
ukuthi bazangena badle ilifa lelizwe owaphakamisa isandla
sakho ukubanika lona. 16 Kodwa bona labobaba baziphatha
ngokuziggaja, benza lukhuni intamo yabo, kabayilalelanga
imilayo yakho. 17 Yebo, bala ukulalela, kabakhumbulanga
izimangaliso zakho owazenza kubo; kodwa bazenza lukhuni

intamo yabo, lekuvukeleni kwabo bamisa induna ukuze babuyele
ebuggilini babo. Kodwa wena unguNkulunkulu wezintethelelo,
olomusa, lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela, lowande ngothando,
kawubatshiyanga. **18** Lalapho sebezenzele ithole elibunjwe
ngokuncibilikisa bathi: Lo nguNkulunkulu wakho, owakwenyusa
eGibhithe, benza ukuhlambaza okukhulu, **19** kodwa wena
ngezihawu zakho ezinengi kawubatshiyanga enkangala; insika
yezezi kayisukanga kubo emini, ukubakhokhela endleleni, lensika
yomilo ebusuku, ukubakhanyisela lendlela abazahamba ngayo.
20 Wabanika umoya wakho omuhle ukubafundisa, lemana yakho
kawuyigodlanga emlonyeni wabo, wabanika amanzi ekomeni
kwabo. **21** Yebo, iminyaka engamatshumi amane wabondla
enkangala, kabaswelanga lutho; iziggoko zabo kaziguganga,
lenyawo zabo kazivuvukanga. **22** Wasebanika imibuso lezizwe,
wababela kwaze kwaba semagumbini; njalo badla ilifa lelizwe
likaSihoni lelizwe lenkosi yeHeshiboni lelizwe likaOgi inkosi
yeBashani. **23** Wandisa abantwana babo njengenkanyezi
zamazulu, wabangenisa elizweni owawutshele oyise ukuthi
bazangena badle ilifa lalo. **24** Sebengenile abantwana babo
badla ilifa lelizwe; wehlisela phansi phambi kwabo abahlali
belizwe, amaKhanani, wabanikela esandleni sabo, lamakhosi
abo, labantu belizwe, ukuze benze ngabo ngokwentando yabo.
25 Basebethumba imizi ebiyelweyo, lelizwe elivundileyo, badla
ilifa lezindlu ezicwele konke okuhle, imithombo egejiweyo, izivini,
lezivande zemihlwathi, lezihlahla zezithelo ngobunengi. Badla-ke
basutha, bazimuka, bazithokozisa ngokuhle kwakho okukhulu.
26 Kube kanti kabalalelanga, bakuvukela wena, bawuphosela
umlayo wakho emva komhlana wabo, babulala abaprofethi
bakho abafakaza bemelene labo ukubaphendulela kuwe, benza

ukuhlambaza okukhulu. **27** Ngakho wabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo ezabahluphayo; kwathi ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo bakhala kuwe, wena-ke wezwa usemazulwini; langokwezisa zakho ezinengi wabanika abasindisi ababasindisa esandleni sezitha zabo. **28** Kodwa sebephumulile benza okubi futhi phambi kwakho; ngakho wabatshiya esandleni sezitha zabo zaze zababusa; sebebuyile bakhala kuwe, wena wezwa usemazulwini; wabakhulula ngokwezisa zakho izikhathi ezinengi. **29** Wafakaza umelene labo ukuze ubenze babuyele emlayweni wakho; kube kanti bona baziphatha ngokuzigqaja, kabayilalelanga imilayo yakho, kodwa bemelene lezahlulelo zakho bona bemelene lazo (okuthi umuntu ezenza uzaphila ngazo), banika ihlombe lobuqholo, benza lukhuni intamo yabo, kabaze balalela. **30** Wababekezelela iminyaka eminengi, wafakaza umelene labo ngomoya wakho ngesandla sabaprofethi bakho, kodwa kababekanga indlebe. Ngakho wabanikela esandleni sabantu bezizwe. **31** Kanti ngezisa zakho ezinengi kawubaqedanga, kawubatshiyanga; ngoba unguNkulunkulu olomusa lesihawu. **32** Ngakho khathesi, Nkulunkulu wethu, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa, kakungabi kuncinyane phambi kwakho ukuhlupheka konke, okusificileyo, amakhosi ethu, iziphathamandla zethu, labapristi bethu, labaprofethi bethu, labobaba, labo bonke abantu bakho, kusukela ensukwini zamakhosi eAsiriya kuze kube lamuhla. **33** Kodwa ubulungile mayelana lakho konke okusehleleyo, ngoba wenzile ngokuqonda, kodwa thina senze ngobubi. **34** Lamakhosi ethu, iziphathamandla zethu, abapristi bethu, labobaba bethu kabawenzanga umlayo wakho, kabalalelanga imithetho yakho lezifakazelozakho owazifikaza umelene labo. **35** Ngoba

bona kabakukhonzanga embusweni wabo lekulungeni kwakho
okunengi owabanika khona lemazweni abanzi lavundileyo
owawabeka phambi kwabo; njalo kabaphendukanga ezenzweni
zabo ezimbi. **36** Khangela, siyiziggili lamuhla, yebo, ilizwe
owalinika obaba ukuthi badle isithelo salo lokuhle kwalo,
khangela, siyiziggili kulo. **37** Njalo isivuno salo lisandisela
amakhosi owabeke phezu kwethu ngenxa yezono zethu; njalo
abus a phezu kwemizimba yethu laphezu kwezifuyo zethu
ngokwentando yawo; sesisesizini olukhulu. **38** Langenxa
yakho konke lokhu senza isivumelwano esiqinileyo, sisibhala;
iziphathamandla zethu, amaLevi ethu, abapristi bethu,
basebefaka uphawu phezu kwaso.

10 Ekufakeni-ke uphawu kwakuloNehemiya umbusi indodana
kaHakaliya, loZedekhiya, **2** uSeraya, uAzariya, uJeremiya,
3 uPashuri, uAmariya, uMalikiya, **4** uHathushi, uShebaniya,
uMaluki, **5** uHarimi, uMeremothi, uObhadiya, **6** uDaniyeli,
uGinethoni, uBharukhi, **7** uMeshulamu, uAbhiya, uMijamini,
8 uMahaziya, uBilgayi, uShemaya; laba babengabapristi. **9**
LamaLevi: Ngitsho uJeshuwa indodana kaAzaniya, uBinuwi
wamadodana kaHenadadi, uKadimiyeli, **10** labafowabo,
oShebaniya, uHodiya, uKelita, uPelaya, uHanani, **11** uMika,
uRehobi, uHashabhiya, **12** uZakuri, uSherebiya, uShebaniya,
13 uHodiya, uBani, uBeninu. **14** Inhloko zabantu: OParoshi,
uPahathi-Mowabi, uElamu, uZathu, uBani, **15** uBuni, uAzigadi,
uBebayi, **16** uAdonija, uBigivayi, uAdini, **17** uAteri, uHezekhiya,
uAzuri, **18** uHodiya, uHashuma, uBezayi, **19** uHarafi,
uAnathothi, uNebayi, **20** uMagipiyashi, uMeshulamu, uHeziri, **21**
uMeshezabeli, uZadoki, uJaduwa, **22** uPelatiya, uHanani, uAnaya,
23 uHosheya, uHananiya, uHashubi, **24** uHaloheshi, uPiliha,

uShobeki, **25** uRehuma, uHashabina, uMahaseya, **26** uAhiya, uHanani, uAnani, **27** uMaluki, uHarimi, uBahana. **28** Labantu abaseleyo, abapristi, amaLevi, abalindimasango, abahlabeleli, amaNethini, labo bonke abazehlukanise labantu bamazwe baya emlayweni kaNkulunkulu, omkabo, amadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo, wonke owaziyo, oqedisisayo, **29** babambelela kubafowabo, izikhulu zabo, bangena kusiqalekiso lesifungo sokuhamba emlayweni kaNkulunkulu owanikwa ngesandla sikaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu, lokuyigcina lokuyenza yonke imilayo kaJehova iNkosi yethu, lezahlulelo zayo lezimiso zayo. **30** Lokuthi kasiyikunika amadodakazi ethu ebantwini belizwe loba singathatheli amadodana ethu amadodakazi abo. **31** Uba abantu belizwe beletha izimpahla loba yiwaphi amabele ukukuthengisa ngosuku Iwesabatha, kasiyikuthenga kibo ngesabatha langosuku olungcwele. Njalo sizayekela umnyaka wesikhombisa, lesikwelede sonke. **32** Futhi sizazimisela imilayo yokubeka phezu kwethu ingxenye yesithathu yeshekeli emnyakeni ibe ngeyomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, **33** eyesinkwa sokubukiswa, leyomnikelo wokudla wensuku zonke, leyomnikelo wokutshiswa wensuku zonke, eyamasabatha, eyokuthwasa kwezinyanga, eyemikhosi emisiweyo, leyezinto ezingcwele, leyeminikelo yesono ukwenzela ulsravelyi inhlawulo yokuthula, lomsebenzi wonke wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu. **34** Sasesisensa inkatho yokuphosa mayelana lomnikelo wenkuni, abapristi, amaLevi, labantu, ukuziletha endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu, ngokwendlu yabobaba, ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo umnyaka ngomnyaka, zitshiswe phezu kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni. **35** Lokuletha izithelo zokuqala zomhlabathi wethu lezithelo zokuqala zesithelo

sonke sesihlahla sonke umnyaka ngomnyaka endlini yeNkosi;
36 lokuletha amazibulo amadodana ethu lawezifuyo zethu,
njengokubhalwe emlayweni, lamazibulo ezinkomo zethu
lawezimvu zethu, endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu, kubapristi
abasebenza endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu; **37** lokokuqala
kwenhlama yethu, leminikelo yethu, lezithelo zezihlahla zonke,
iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, sikulethe kubapristi emakamelweni
endlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, lokwetshumi komhlabathi wethu
kumaLevi, ukuze lawomaLevi emukele okwetshumi kuyo
yonke imizi yomsebenzi wethu. **38** Umpristi-ke indodana
kaAroni uzakuba kanye lamaLevi lapho amaLevi esemukela
okwetshumi. LamaLevi azakwenyusa okwetshumi kokwetshumi
endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu emakamelweni endlu yokuligugu.
39 Ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli labantwana bamaLevi
bazaletha umnikelo wamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha,
emakamelweni, ngoba lapho kulezitsha zendawo engcwele
labapristi abasebenzayo labalindimasango labahlabeleli. Njalo
kasiyikuyitshiya indlu kaNkulunkulu wethu.

11 Ngakho ababusi babantu bahlala eJerusalema; abantu
abaseleyo basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa ukuze balethe
oyedwa kwablitshumi ukuhlala eJerusalema umuzi ongcwele,
lengxenye eziyisificamunwemunye kweminye imizi. **2**
abantu basebebusisa wonke amadoda azinikela ngesihle
ukuyahlala eJerusalema. **3** Lezi-ke zinhloko zesabelo
ezahlala eJerusalema. Kodwa emizini yakoJuda bahlala,
ngulowo kumfuyo yakhe, emizini yabo: Ulsrayeli, abapristi,
lamaLevi, lamaNethini, labantwana benceku zikaSolomoni.
4 EJerusalema kwahlala-ke abanye babantwana bakoJuda
lababantwana bakoBhenjamini. Ebantwaneni bakoJuda: OAthaya

indodana kaUziya indodana kaZekhariya indodana kaAmariya
indodana kaShefathiya indodana kaMahalaleli, owabantwana
bakoPerezi, **5** loMahaseya indodana kaBharukhi indodana
kaKolihoze indodana kaHazaya indodana kaAdaya indodana
kaJoyaribi indodana kaZekhariya indodana kaShiloni. **6** Wonke
amadodana kaPerezi ayehlala eJerusalema ayengamakhulu
amanne lamatshumi ayisithupha lesificaminwembili, amadoda
alamandla. **7** Lala ngamadodana kaBhenjamini: USalu indodana
kaMeshulamu indodana kaJowedi indodana kaPhedaya indodana
kaKolaya indodana kaMahaseya indodana kalthiyeli indodana
kaJeshaya, **8** langemva kwakhe oGabayi, uSalayi, amakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.
9 LoJoweli indodana kaZikiri wayengumboni phezu kwabo,
loJuda indodana kaHasenuwa engowesibili phezu komuzi.
10 Kubapristi: OJedaya indodana kaJoyaribi, uJakini, **11**
uSeraya indodana kaHilikhiya indodana kaMeshulamu indodana
kaZadoki indodana kaMerayothi indodana kaAhitubi, umphathi
wendlu kaNkulunkulu, **12** labafowabo ababesenza umsebenzi
wendlu babengamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi
amabili lambili; loAdaya indodana kaJerohamu indodana
kaPelaliya indodana kaAmzi indodana kaZekhariya indodana
kaPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, **13** labafowabo, inhloko
zaboyise, babengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lambili;
loAmashayi indodana kaAzareli indodana kaAhizayi indodana
kaMeshilemothi indodana kalmeri, **14** labafowabo, amaghawe
alamandla, ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili;
lomboni phezu kwabo wayenguZabidiyeli indodana yomunye
wabakhulu. **15** LakumaLevi: OShemaya indodana kaHashubi
indodana kaAzirikamu indodana kaHashabhiya indodana

kaBuni; **16** loShabesayi loJozabadi bezinhloko zamaLevi
babephezu komsebenzi wangaphandle kwendlu kaNkulunkulu;
17 loMathaniya indodana kaMika indodana kaZabidi indodana
kaAsafi owayeyinhloko yokuqalisa ukubonga emkhulekweni;
loBakibukiya owesibili kubafowabo; loAbida indodana
kaShamuwa indodana kaGalali indodana kaJeduthuni. **18**
Wonke amaLevi emzini ongcwele ayengamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane. **19** Labalindimasango,
oAkubi, uTalimoni, labafowabo ababelinda amasango babelikhulu
lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **20** Lensali yakolsrayeli,
ababapristi, amaLevi, babesemizini yonke yakoJuda, ngulowo
elifeni lakhe. **21** LamaNethini ayehlala eOfeli; loZiha
loGishipa babephezu kwamaNethini. **22** Njalo umboni
wamaLevi eJerusalema wayenguUzi indodana kaBani indodana
kaHashabhiya indodana kaMathaniya indodana kaMika.
Owamadodana kaAsafi, abahlabeleli babeqondene lomsebenzi
wendlu kaNkulunkulu. **23** Ngoba kwakungumlayo wenkosi ngabo,
njengokufunekayo kubahlabeleli, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo.
24 Njalo uPethahiya indodana kaMeshezabeli, owabantwana
bakoZera indodana kaJuda, wayesesandleni senkosi kulo
lonke udaba lwabantu. **25** Lemizaneni lamasimu ayo, kwahlala
abanye babantwana bakoJuda eKiryathi-Arba lemizana yayo,
laseDiboni lemizana yayo, laseJekabiseyeli lemizana yayo,
26 laseJeshuwa, laseMolada, laseBeti-Peleti, **27** laseHazari-
Shuwali, laseBherishebha lemizana yayo, **28** laseZikilagi,
laseMekona lemizaneni yayo, **29** laseEni-Rimoni, laseZora,
laseJarimuthi, **30** iZanowa, iAdulamu lemizana yayo, iLakishi
lamasimu ayo, iAzeka lemizana yayo. Basebemisa inkamba
kusukela eBherishebha kusija esihotsheni seHinomu. **31**

Labantwana bakoBhenjamini kusukela eGeba babeseMikimashi,
leAyija, leBhetheli lemizana yayo, **32** iAnathothi, iNobi, iAnaniya,
33 iHazori, iRama, iGithayimi, **34** iHadidi, iZeboyimi, iNebalati, **35**
iLodi, leOno, isigodi sezingcitshi. **36** LakumaLevi kwakulezigaba
zakoJuda loBhenjamini.

12 Lalaba ngabapristi lamaLevi abenyuka loZerubhabheli
indodana kaSalatiyeli, loJeshuwa: OSeraya, uJeremiya,
uEzra, **2** uAmariya, uMaluki, uHathushi, **3** uShekaniya,
uRehuma, uMeremothi, **4** uldo, uGinethoyi, uAbhiya, **5**
uMijamini, uMahadiya, uBiliga, **6** uShemaya, loJoyaribi,
uJedaya, **7** uSalu, uAmoki, uHilikhiya, uJedaya. Laba
babezinhloko zabapristi labafowabo ensukwini zikaJeshuwa.
8 LamaLevi: oJeshuwa, uBinuwi, uKadimiyeli, uSherebiya,
uJuda, uMathaniya, babeqhezu kokubonga, yena labafowabo. **9**
LoBakibukiya loUni, abafowabo, babeqondene labo emilindweni.
10 UJeshuwa wasezala uJoyakimi, uJoyakimi wasezala
uEliyashibi, uEliyashibi wasezala uJoyada, **11** uJoyada
wasezala uJonathani, uJonathani wasezala uJaduwa. **12**
Lensukwini zikaJoyakimi abapristi, inhloko zaboyise, babengo:
OkaSeraya nguMeraya; okaJeremiya nguHananiya; **13**
okaEzra nguMeshulamu; okaAmariya nguJehohanani; **14**
okaMeliku nguJonathani; okaShebaniya nguJosefa; **15**
okaHarimi nguAdina; okaMerayothi nguHelikayi; **16** okaldo
nguZekhariya; okaGinethoni nguMeshulamu; **17** okaAbhiya
nguZikiri; okaMiniyamini, okaMowadiya nguPilitayi; **18** okaBiliga
nguShamuwa; okaShemaya nguJehonathani; **19** lokaJoyaribi
nguMathenayi; okaJedaya nguUzi; **20** okaSalayi nguKalayi;
okaAmoki nguEberi; **21** okaHilikhiya nguHashabhiya; okaJedaya
nguNethaneli. **22** AmaLevi ensukwini zikaEliyashibi, oJoyada

loJohanani loJaduwa, babhalwa baba zinhloko zaboyise,
labapristi kwaze kwaba ngumbuso kaDariyusi umPerisiya. **23**
Amadodana kaLevi, inhloko zaboyise, abhalwa egwalweni
lwemilando, kwaze kwaba sensukwini zikaJohanani indodana
kaEliyashibi. **24** Lenhloko zamaLevi: OHashabhiya, uSherebiya,
loJeshuwa indodana kaKadimiyeli, labafowabo maqondana
labo, ukudumisa lokubonga, njengomlayo kaDavida umuntu
kaNkulunkulu, umlindo maqondana lomlindo. **25** OMathaniya,
loBakibukiya, uObhadiya, uMeshulamu, uTalimoni, uAkubi,
babengabalindimasango belinda umlindo eziphalenzi zamasango.
26 Labo babekhona ensukwini zikaJoyakimi indodana kaJeshuwa
indodana kaJozadaki, lensukwini zikaNehemiya umbusi,
loEzra umpristi, umbhali. **27** Lekwehlukaniselweni komduli
weJerusalema badinga amaLevi evela ezindaweni zavo
zonke ukuwaletha eJerusalema ukwenza ukwehlukaniswa,
langentokozo, langokubonga, langokuhlabela, ngensimbi
ezincencethayo, izigubhu zezintambo, langamachacho. **28**
Amadodana abahlabeleli asebuthana, njalo evela emagcekeni
azingelezele iJerusalema, lemizini yamaNetofa, **29** leBeti-
Giligali, lelizweni leGeba leAzimavethi, ngoba abahlabeleli
babezakhele imizi ezingelezele iJerusalema. **30** Labapristi
lamaLevi bazihlambulula, bahlambulula labantu lamasango
lomduli. **31** Ngasengisenza iziphathamandla zakoJuda zenyukele
emdulini, ngamisa amaxuku amakhulu amabili okubonga
lezindwendwe, elinye kwesokunene phezu komduli kusiya
esangweni lomquba. **32** Lemva kwavo kwahamba oHoshaya,
lengxenye yeziphatmandla zakoJuda, **33** loAzariya, uEzra,
loMeshulamu, **34** uJuda, loBhenjamini, loShemaya, loJeremiya.
35 Lakumadodana abapristi elezimpondo: Ozekhariya indodana

kaJonathani indodana kaShemaya indodana kaMathaniya
indodana kaMikhaya indodana kaZakuri indodana kaAsafi,
36 labafowabo, oShemaya, loAzareli, uMilalayi, uGilalayi,
uMahayi, uNethaneli, loJuda, uHanani, belezinto zokuhlabelela
zikaDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu, loEzra umbhali ephambi
kwabo. **37** Langasesangweni lomthombo, njalo maqondana
labo, benyuka ngezinyathelo zomuzi kaDavida, emqansweni
womduli, ngaphezu kwendlu kaDavida, kusiya esangweni
lamanzi ngempumalanga. **38** Lexuku lesibili lokubonga lahamba
maqondana lalo, lami ngililandela, lengxenyelabantu phezu
komduli, kusukela ngaphezu komphotshongo wesithando kusiya
emdulini obanzi, **39** njalo kusukela ngaphezu kwesango
lakoEfrayimi, langaphezu kwesango elidala, langaphezu
kwesango lenhlanzi, lomphotshongo kaHananeli, lomphotshongo
kaHameha, kusiya esangweni lezimvu; bema-ke esangweni
labalindi. **40** Womabili amaxuku okubonga asesima endlini
kaNkulunkulu, lami, lengxenyelabantu ilami. **41** Labapristi:
OEliyakhimi, uMahaseya, uMiniyamini, uMikhaya, uEliyowenayi,
uZekhariya, uHananiya, belezimpondo, **42** loMahaseya,
loShemaya, loEleyazare, loUzi, loJehohanani, loMalikiya,
loElamu, loEzeri. Abahlabeleli basebezizwakalisa, loJezerahiya
umboni. **43** Basebehlaba mhlalokho imihlatshelo emikhulu,
bathokoza, ngoba uNkulunkulu wabenza bathokoza ngentokozo
enkulu; labesifazana labantwana labo bathokoza; kwazi
kwathi intokozo yeJerusalem yezwakala khatshana. **44**
Ngalolosuku kwamiswa-ke amadoda phezu kwamakamelo
okuligugu, aweminikelo, awezithelo zokuqala, lawokwetshumi,
ukuqoqela kuwo okuvela emasimini emizi izabelo zomlayo
zabapristi lezamaLevi. Ngoba uJuda wathokoza ngabapristi

lamaLevi ayemile. 45 Abahlabeleli labalindimasango basebegcina imfanelo kaNkulunkulu wabo, lemfanelo yokuhlambulula, njengomlayo kaDavida loSolomoni indodana yakhe. 46 Ngoba ensukwini zamandulo zikaDavida loAsafi kwakulezinhloko zabahlabeleli lezingoma zokudumisa lokubonga kuNkulunkulu. 47 Lolsrayeli wonke ensukwini zikaZerubhabheli lensukwini zikaNehemiya banika izabelo zabahlabeleli labalindimasango, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo; basebekungcwelisela amaLevi, lamaLevi akungcwelisela abantwana bakoAroni.

13 Ngalolosuku babala egwalweni lukaMozisi endlebeni zabantu; kwasekutholwa kubhaliwe kulo ukuthi umAmoni lomMowabi kabasoze bangene ebandleni likaNkulunkulu phakade; 2 ngoba bengahlangabezanga abantwana bakolsrayeli ngesinkwa langamanzi, kodwa baqhatsha bemelene labo uBalami, ukubaqalekisa; kodwa uNkulunkulu wethu waphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso. 3 Kwasekusithi sebewuzwile umlayo behlukanisa kolsrayeli yonke ingxube yezizwe. 4 Ngaphambi kwalokho-ke uEliyashibi umpristi owayemiswe phezu kwekamelo likaNkulunkulu wethu, wayeyisihlobo sikaTobiya. 5 Wayemlungisele ikamelo elikhulu lapho ababekade befaka khona umnikelo wokudla, impepha, lezitsha, lokwetshumi kwamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, okwakulayelwe amaLevi labahlabeleli labalindimasango, lomnikelo wabapristi. 6 Kodwa kukho konke lokhu ngangingekho eJerusalema, ngoba ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lambili kaAthakisekisi inkosi yeBhabhiloni ngeza enkosini; lekupheleni kwezinsuku ngacela imvumo enkosini, 7 ngeza eJerusalema, ngaqedisisa ngokubi uEliyashibi ayekwenzele uTobiya ngokumlungisel aikamelo emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu. 8 Kwasekusiba kubi

kakhulu kimi; ngakho ngaphosela phandle zonke impahla zendlu kaTobiya phandle kwekamelo. **9** Ngasengilaya, bahlambulula amakamelo; ngabuyisela khona izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu lomnikelo wokudla lempempha. **10** Ngasengisazi ukuthi izabelo zamaLevi zazinganikwanga, lokuthi amaLevi labahlabeleli ababesenza umsebenzi babalekela ngulowo ensimini yakhe. **11** Ngasengiphikisana lababusi ngathi: Kungani indlu kaNkulunkulu itshiyiwe? Ngababuthanisa, ngabamisa endaweni yabo. **12** Khona wonke uJuda waletha okwetshumi kwamabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha eziphaleni. **13** Ngasengibeka abagciniziphala phezu kweziphala, oShelemiya umpristi, loZadoki umbhali, loPhedaya kumaLevi, leceleni kwabo uHanani indodana kaZakuri indodana kaMathaniya, ngoba kwathiwa bathembekile; njalo kwakuphezu kwabo ukwabela abafowabo. **14** Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, mayelana lalokho, ungayicitshi imisebenzi yami yomusa engiyenzele indlu kaNkulunkulu wami lezinkonzo zayo. **15** Ngalezonuku ngabona koJuda abanyathela izikhamelo zewayini ngesabatha, labangenisa izithungo, abathwalisa obabhemi, lewayini futhi, izithelo zesivini, lemikhwi, lawo wonke umthwalo, abakungenisa eJerusalema ngosuku lwasabatha. Ngafakaza mhla bethengisa ukudla. **16** LabeTire bahlala kuyo, beletha inhlanzi lempahla yonke ethengiswayo, bakuthengisa ngesabatha kubantwana bakoJuda laseJerusalema. **17** Khona ngaphikisana lezikhulu zakoJuda, ngathi kuzo: lyini le into embi eliyenzayo lingcolisa usuku lwasabatha? **18** Kabenzanga njalo yini oyihlo, loNkulunkulu wethu wehlisela phezu kwethu bonke lobububi laphezu kwalumuzi? Kanti lina landisa ulaka phezu kukalsrayeli ngokungcolisa isabatha. **19** Kwasekusithi lapho amasango eJerusalema eseqala ukuba mnyama mandulo

kwesabatha, ngalaya ukuthi iminyango kayivalwe, njalo ngalaya ukuthi bangayivuli kuze kube ngemva kwesabatha. Ngabeka ezinye zenceku zami emasangweni ukuze kungangeni mthwalo ngosuku lwasabatha. **20** Ngakho abathengi labathengisi bempahla yonke balala ngaphandle kweJerusalema kanye loba kibili. **21** Khona ngafakaza ngimelene labo ngathi kibo: Lilalelani maqondana lomduli? Uba likwenza futhi, ngizalidumela ngesandla. Kusukela kulesosikhathi kababuyanga ngesabatha. **22** Ngasengitshela amaLevi ukuthi azihlambulule, eze alinde amasango, ukungcwela usuku lwasabatha. Langalokho ungikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ungihawukele ngokobunengi bomusa wakho. **23** Futhi, ngalezonsuku ngabona amaJuda ayethethe abafazi, abangamaAshidodikazi, amaAmoni, amaMowabi. **24** Labantwana babo, ingxenye babekhuluma isiAshidodi njalo bengelakukhuluma isiJuda, kodwa ngokolimi lwezizwe ngezizwe. **25** Ngasengiphikisana lawo, ngawaqalekisa, ngatshaya amanye awo, ngawangcothula inwele; ngawafungisa ngoNkulunkulu: Kaliyikunika amadodakazi enu kumadodana abo, njalo kaliyikuthathela amadodana enu emadodakazini abo, kumbe lina ngokwenu. **26** USolomoni inkosi yakolsrayeli konanga yini ngalezozinto? Kube kanti phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi kwakungelankosi enjengaye, owayethandeka kuNkulunkulu wakhe, loNkulunkulu wamenza inkosi phezu kukalsrayeli wonke; laye abafazi bezizweni bamenza ukuthi one. **27** Pho, sizalilalela yini ukwenza bonke lobobubi obukhulu, ngokona kuNkulunkulu wethu ngokuthatha abafazi bezizweni? **28** Lenye yamadodana kaJehoyada indodana kaEliyashibi umpristi omkhulu, yayingumkhwenyana kaSanibhalathi umHoroni; ngakho ngayixotsha yasuka kimi. **29** Bakhumbule, Nkulunkulu

wami, ngoba bangcolisile ubupristi lesivumelwano sobupristi
lesamaLevi. **30** Ngokunjalo ngabahlambulula kubo bonke
abezizweni, ngamisa imfanelo kubapristi lakumaLevi, ngulowo
lalowo emsebenzini wakhe, **31** leyomnikelo wenkuni ngezikhathi
ezimisiweyo, leyezithelo zokuqala. Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu
wami, ngokuhle.

U-Esta

1 Kwasekusithi ngensuku zikaAhasuwerusi, uAhasuwerusi lo owabusa kusukela elndiya kuze kube seEthiyophiya, izabelo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, **2** ngalezonsuku lapho inkosi uAhasuwerusi wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosи sombuso wakhe esasiseShushani isigodlo, **3** ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wenzela iziphathamandla zakhe lenceku zakhe zonke idili. Amandla ePerisiya leMede, izinduna lababusi bezabelo babephambi kwakhe, **4** lapho etshengisa inotho yenkaZimulo yombuso wakhe lobugugu bobuhle bobukhulu bakhe insuku ezinengi, insuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili.

5 Kwathi lezonsuku sezicwalisekile, inkosi yenzela bonke abantu abatholakala eShushani isigodlo idili, kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane, insuku eziyisikhombisa, egumeni lesivande sesigodlo senkosi. **6** Kwakulamalembu amhlophe, amalembu acolekileyo, laluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ebotshelwe ngentambo zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu leziyibubende emasongweni esiliva lezinsikeni zelitshe le-alibasta. Imibheda yayingeYegolide lesiliva phezu kwendawo egandelwe ngamatshe abomvu, le-alibasta, lamapharele, lamnyama. **7** Basebenathisa ngezitsha zegolide, lezitsha zaziyizitsha ezechlukeneyo, lewayini lesikhosini laba linengi njengokwesandla senkosi. **8** Lokunatha kwakungokomthetho, kungekho obamba ngamandla; ngoba ngokunjalo inkosi yayilayile kwabakhulu bonke bendlu yayo ukuthi benze njengokufisa komuntu lomuntu. **9** UVashiti indlovukazi laye wenzela abesifazana idili endlini yesikhosini inkosi uAhasuwerusi ayelayo. **10** Ngosuku lwasikhombisa, inhlizyo yenkosi isithokozile ngewayini, yathi kuboMehumani, uBhizitha, uHaribona, uBhigitha, loAbhagitha, uZethari, loKarikasi, abathenwa abayisikhombisa

ababesebenza phambi kwenkosi uAhasuwerusi, **11** ukuthi balethe uVashiti indlovukazi phambi kwenkosi elomqhele wesikhosini, ukutshengisa abantu leziphathamandla ubuhle bakhe, ngoba wayekhangeleka kuhle. **12** Kodwa indlovukazi uVashiti yala ukubuya ngelizwi lenkosi elalingesandla sabathenwa. Ngakho inkosi yathukuthela kakhulu, lolaka lwayo lwavutha phakathi kwayo. **13** Inkosi yasisithi kwabahlakaniphileyo ababesazi izikhathi (ngoba lalinjalo ilizwi lenkosi phambi kwabo bonke abaziyo umthetho lesahlulelo, **14** lalabo ababeseduze layo babengoKarishena, uShethari, uAdimatha, uTarshishi, uMeresi, uMarisena, uMemukani, iziphathamandla eziyisikhombisa zePerisiya leMede, ezazibona ubuso benkosi, ezazihlala phambili embusweni): **15** Ngokomthetho kungenziwani ngendlovukazi uVashiti ngenxa yokuthi kayenzanga ilizwi lenkosi uAhasuwerusi ngesandla sabathenwa? **16** UMemukani wasesithi phambi kwenkosi leziphathamandla: UVashiti indlovukazi wonile kungeyisikho enkosini kuphela, kodwa lakuziphathamandla zonke lebantwini bonke abasezabelweni zonke zenkosi uAhasuwerusi. **17** Ngoba isenzo sendlovukazi sizaphumela kubo bonke abesifazana, kuze kuthi badelele omkabo emehlwani abo, nxa besithi: Inkosi uAhasuwerusi watshela ukuthi kulethwe uVashiti indlovukazi phambi kwayo, kodwa kayizanga. **18** Yebo mhlalokho amakhosikazi ePerisiya leMede ezwe isenzo sendlovukazi azakuthi kuzo zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi, kube khona ukudelela lokuthukuthela okwedlulisayo. **19** Uba kulungile enkosini kakuphume umthetho wesikhosini kuyo, kakubhalwe emithethweni yamaPerisiya lamaMede, ongeguqulwe, ukuthi uVashiti kayikungena phambi kwenkosi uAhasuwerusi; inkosi inike-ke ubukhosikazi bakhe komunye onjengaye ongcono

kulaye. **20** Usuzwakele umthetho wenkosi ezawenza embusweni wayo wonke (ngoba mkhulu) bonke abesifazana bazarika inhlonipho kubomkabo, kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane.

21 Njalo indaba yayilungile emehlwani enkosi leziphathamandla; inkosi yasisenza njengokwelizwi likaMemukani. **22** Yasithumela izincwadi kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi, kusabelo lesabelo njengombhalo waso, lakuboabantu labantu njengokolimi lwabo, ukuthi ileyo laleyondoda ibe ngumbusi endlini yayo, ikhulum njengokolimi lwabantu bakibo.

2 Emva kwalezizinto, ulaka lwenkosi uAhasuwerusi seludedile, wamkhumbula uVashiti, lalokho ayekwenzile, lalokho okwaqunywa ngaye. **2** Izinceku zenkosi ezaziyisebenzela zasezisithi: Kakudingelwe inkosi amantombazana, izintombi ezikhangeleka kuhle. **3** Inkosi imise-ke ababonisi kuzo zonke izabelo zombuso, ukuze babuthanise wonke amantombazana, izintombi ezikhangeleka kuhle, eShushani isigodlo, endlini yabesifazana, esandleni sikaHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi, umlondolozi wabesifazana, lokunika okokuqhola kwavo. **4** Kuthi intombazana enhle emehlwani enkosi ibe yindlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashiti. Indaba yayilungile-ke emehlwani enkosi, yenza njalo. **5** Kwakukhona indoda engumJuda eShushani isigodlo, obizo layo lalinguModekhayi indodana kaJayiri indodana kaShimeyi indodana kaKishi, umBhenjamini, **6** owayethunjwe eJerusalema kanye labathunjwa ababethunjwe loJekoniya inkosi yakoJuda, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni owayebathumbile. **7** Njalo wayesondla uHadasa, onguEsta, umntakalamakhe, ngoba wayengelayise kumbe unina; njalo intombi yayinhle ngesimo njalo ikhangeleka kuhle; ekufeni-ke kukayise lonina uModekhayi wayithatha yaba yindodakazi yakhe.

8 Kwasekusithi sekuzwakele ilizwi lenkosi lomthetho wayo, lapho sekubuthaniswe izintombi ezinengi eShushani isigodlo esandleni sikaHegayi, uEsta laye wathathwa wasiwa endlini yenkosи esandleni sikaHegayi, umlondolozi wabesifazana. **9** Lentombi yayinhle emehlwani akhe, yazuza umusa phambi kwakhe; wasehle eyinika amakha ayo lezabelo zayo, lamantombazana akhethiweyo ayisikhombisa ukuyinika avela endlini yenkosи; wayisusa wayifaka yona lamantombazana ayo endaweni enhle yendlu yabesifazana. **10** UEsta wayengakhulumanga abantu bakwabo lomhlobo wakhe, ngoba uModekhayi wayemlayile ukuthi angakukhulumi. **11** Langalo lonke usuku ngosuku uModekhayi wayehambahamba phambi kweguma lendlu yabesifazana ukwazi impilakahle kaEsta lokuthi kuyini okuzakwenzeka kuye. **12** Lekufikeni kwezophapha lentombi ngentombi ukungena enkosini uAhasuwerusi ekucineni sekwenziwe kuye njengomthetho wabesifazana, inyanga ezilitshumi lambili, ngoba ngokunjalo kwagcwaliyeka insuku zamakha awo, inyanga eziyisithupha ngamafutha emure, lenyanga eziyisithupha ngamakha okuqhola, langamanye amakha abesifazana. **13** Ngalokho-ke intombi yangena enkosini; loba kuyini ekutshoyo izakunikwa ukuthi ihambe lakho isuka endlini yabesifazana isiya endlini yenkosи. **14** Ntambama yangena, lekuseni ibuyele endlini yesibili yabesifazana, esandleni sikaShashigazi umthenwa wenkosi umlondolozi wabafazi abancinyane; kayingenanga futhi enkosini ngaphandle kokuthi inkosi ithokoze ngayo, ibizwe ngebizo. **15** Kwathi selfikile izopho likaEsta, indodakazi kaAbihayili umalumakhe kaModekhayi owayemthetho waba yindodakazi yakhe, lokuthi angene enkosini, kacelanga lutho ngaphandle kwalokho uHegayi umthenwa wenkosi umlondolozi wabesifazana

akutshoyo. UEsta wayesemukela-ke umusa emehlweni abo bonke abambonayo. **16** Ngokunjalo uEsta wasiwa enkosini uAhasuwerusi endlini yayo yesikhosini ngenyanga yetshumi, eyinyanga kaTebethi, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kwayo. **17** Inkosi yasimthanda uEsta okwedlula bonke abesifazana, wemukela umusa lesihe phambi kwayo okwedlula zonke intombi, yasibeka umqhele wobukhosи ekhanda lakhe, yamenza indlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashiti. **18** Inkosi yasisenzela zonke iziphathamandla zayo lenceku zayo idili elikhulu, idili likaEsta. Yenzela izabelo ikhefu, yapha izipho njengokwamandla enkosi. **19** Kwathi intombi sezibuthanisiwe okwesibili, uModekhayi wayehlezi esangweni lenkosi. **20** UEsta wayengakhulumanga umhlobo wakhe labantu bakibo, njengoba uModekhayi wamlaya, ngoba uEsta wenza umlayo kaModekhayi njengalapho esondliwa elaye. **21** Ngalezozinsuku uModekhayi ehlezi esangweni lenkosi, oBigithani loTereshi abathenwa ababili benkosi, abalindi bombundu, bathukuthela, badinga ukuyithela isandla inkosi uAhasuwerusi. **22** Njalo udaba lwaziwa kuModekhayi, waselutshela uEsta indlovukazi; njalo uEsta wayitshela inkosi ebizweni likaModekhayi. **23** Lolodaba seluhlolwa, lwatholakala lunjalo; ngakho bobabili baphanyekwa esihlahleni. Kwasekubhalwa egwalweni lwemilando phambi kwenkosi.

3 Emva kwalezizindaba inkosi uAhasuwerusi yamkhulisa uHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi, yamphakamisa, yabeka isihlalo sakhe phezu kwazo zonke iziphathamandla ezazilaye. **2** Ngakho zonke inceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni lenkosi zakhothama zamkhonza uHamani, ngoba inkosi yayilaye ngokunjalo ngaye. Kodwa uModekhayi kakhothamanga

kakhonzanga. **3** Izinceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni lenkosi zasezisithi kuModekhayi: Kungani useqa umlayo wenkosi? **4** Kwasekusithi zikhulumu laye insuku ngensuku, kodwa engazizwanga, zamtshela uHamani ukuze zibone ukuthi amazwi kaModekhayi azakuma yini; ngoba wayezitshelile ukuthi ungumJuda. **5** UHamani esebonile ukuthi uModekhayi kakhothamanga njalo kakhonzanga kuye, uHamani wagcwala intukuthelo. **6** Wesedelela emehlwani akhe ukumthela isandla uModekhayi yedwa, ngoba babemtshelile abantu bakibo kaModekhayi, ngakho uHamani wadinga ukuchitha wonke amaJuda, ayesembusweni wonke kaAhasuwerusi, abantu bakibo kaModekhayi. **7** Ngenyanga yokuqala, eyinyanga uNisani, ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wenkosi uAhasuwerusi, baphosa iPuri, eliyinkatho, phambi kukaHamani, kusukela osukwini kusiya osukwini, njalo kusukela enyangeni kusiya enyangeni yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari. **8** UHamani wasesithi enkosini uAhasuwerusi: Kukhona abantu abathile abahlakazeke basabalala phakathi kwabantu ezabelweni zonke zombuso wakho; lemilayo yabo yehlukile kweyabo bonke abantu, lemilayo yenkosi kabayenzi; ngakho kakufanelanga enkosini ukuthi ibayekele bahlale. **9** Uba kulungile enkosini, kakubhalwe ukuthi bachithwe, njalo ngizalinganisa amathalenta esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ezandleni zabenzi bomsebenzi, ukuze afakwe kokuligugu kwenkosi. **10** Inkosi yasikhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo esandleni sayo, yayinika uHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi, isitha samaJuda. **11** Inkosi yasisithi kuHamani: Isiliva usinikiwe, labantu, ukwenza ngabo njengokuhle emehlwani akho. **12** Kwasekubizwa ababhalu benkosi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu

Iwayo; kwasekubhalwa njengakho konke uHamani ayekulayile, ezikhulwini zenkosi lakubabusi ababephezu kwesabelo lesabelo, lakuziphathamandla zesizwe lesizwe sesabelo lesabelo, njengokombhalo waso, labantu ngabantu ngokolimi Iwabo; kwabhalwa ebizweni lenkosi uAhasuwerusi, kwananyathiselwa ngendandatho yophawu lwenkosi. **13** Incwadi zathunyelwa ngesandla sezigijimi kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi ukuchitha, ukubulala, lokubhubhisa wonke amajuda, kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala, abantwanyana labesifazana, ngasuku lunye, ngolwetshumi lantathu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari, lokuthi kuphangwe impahla yawo. **14** Ikhophi yombhalo yokuthi umlayo unikwe kuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo yayisobala kubo bonke abantu ukuze balungele lolosuku. **15** Izigijimi zaphuma ziphangisiswa yilizwi lenkosi, lomthetho wanikwa eShushani isigodlo. Inkosi loHamani basebehlalela ukunatha, kodwa umuzi iShushani wawusanganisekile.

4 UModekhayi esekwazile konke okwenziweyo, uModekhayi wadabula iziggoko zakhe, wagqoka isaka lomlotha, waphuma wangena phakathi komuzi, wakhala ukukhala okukhulu lokubabay, **2** weza waze waba phambi kwesango lenkosi, ngoba kwakungekho ongangena esangweni lenkosi egqoke isaka. **3** Lakuso sonke isabelo lesabelo, indawo lapho ilizwi lenkosi lomthetho okwakufika khona, kwaba lokulila okukhulu kumajuda, lokuzila ukudla, lokukhala inyembezi, lokulila; amanengi alala emasakeni lemlotheni. **4** Kwasekufika amantombazana kaEsta labathenwa bakhe bamtshela; indlovukazi yasidabuka kakhulu, yathomela izembatho zokuggokisa uModekhayi, lokususa kuye isaka lakhe, kodwa kazemukelanga. **5** UEsta wasebiza uhathaki omunye wabathenwa benkosi eyayimmisele yena, wamlaya

ngoModekhayi ukuthi azi ukuthi kuyini lokuthi kungani. **6** UHathaki wasephuma waya kuModekhayi egcekeni lomuzi elaliphambi kwesango lenkosi. **7** UModekhayi wamtshela konke okwenzeke kuye, lengcazelo yemali uHamani athi uzayilinganisela kokuligugu kwenkosi ngamaJuda ukuwachitha. **8** Wasemnika ikhophi yombhalo womthetho eyanikwa eShushani ukuwachitha ukuthi ayitshengise uEsta, lokuthi amtshele, lokuthi amlaye ukuthi angene enkosini, ukumncengela, lokucelela abantu bakibo phambi kwakhe. **9** UHathaki wasesiza wamtshela uEsta amazwi kaModekhayi. **10** UEsta wasekhuluma loHathaki, wamnika umlayo usiya kuModekhayi wokuthi: **11** Zonke inceku zenkosi labantu bezabelo zenkosi bayakwazi ukuthi, loba ngubani, owesilisa loba owesifazana, ongena esiya enkosini egumeni elingaphakathi, engabizwanga, kulomthetho owodwa ngaye wokumbulala, ngaphandle kokuthi inkosi imelulele intonga yobukhosy yegolide, ukuze aphile; kodwa mina kangibizwanga ukungena enkosini lezinsuku ezingamatshumi amathathu. **12** Basebemtshela uModekhayi amazwi kaEsta. **13** UModekhayi wasesithi ephendula uEsta: Ungacabangi engqondweni yakho ukuthi uzaphepha endlini yenkosy okwedlula wonke amaJuda. **14** Ngoba uba uthula lokuthula ngalesisikhathi, usizo lenkululeko kuzamela amaJuda kuvela kwenye indawo, kodwa wena lendlu kayihlo lizabhubha. Ngubani kambe owaziyo ukuthi ufkile embusweni ngenxa yesikhathi esinje? **15** UEsta wasesithi ephendula uModekhayi: **16** Hamba ubuthanise wonke amaJuda atholakala eShushani, lingizilele ukudla, lingadli linganathi insuku ezintathu ubusuku lemini; lami lamantombazana ami sizazila ukudla ngokufananayo; ngokunjalo-ke ngizangena enkosini, okunganjengokomthetho; njalo uba ngibhubha, ngizabhubha.

17 UModekhayi waseqhubeka wenza njengakho konke uEsta amlaye khona.

5 Kwasekusithi ngosuku Iwesithathu uEsta wagqoka ezobundlovukazi, wema egumeni elingaphakathi lendlu yenkosi, maqondana lendlu yenkosi. Inkosi yayihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи sombuso wayo endlini yesikhosini iqondene lomnyango wendlu.
2 Kwasekusithi inkosi ibona uEsta indlovukazi emi egumeni, wazuza umusa emehlwani ayo; inkosi yasimelulela uEsta intonga yobukhosи yegolide eyayisesandleni sayo. Wasesondela uEsta wathinta isihloko sentonga yobukhosи. **3** Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ulani, ndlovukazi Esta? Lesicelo sakho siyini? Uzasinikwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxene yombuso. **4** UEsta wasesithi: Uba kukuhle enkosini, kayize inkosi loHamani edilini engiyenzele lona. **5** Inkosi yasisithi: Phangisisani uHamani ukuthi enze ilizwi likaEsta. Ngakho yeza inkosi loHamani edilini uEsta ayelenzile. **6** Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta edilini lewayini: Siyini isicelo sakho? Njalo uzasinikwa. Siyini-ke isifiso sakho? Kuzakwensiwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxene yombuso. **7** UEsta wasephendula wathi: Isicelo sami lesifiso sami yilokhu: **8** Uba ngithole umusa emehlwani enkosi, futhi uba kukuhle enkosini ukupha isicelo sami lokwenza isifiso sami, inkosi loHamani kabeze edilini engizalenzela bona. Kusasa-ke ngizakwenza njengokwelizwi lenkosi. **9** UHamani wasephuma mhhlalokho ethokoza elenhliyo enhle. Kodwa uHamani ebona uModekhayi esangweni lenkosi ukuthi kasukumanga lokuthi kamthuthumelelanga, uHamani wagcwala ulaka ngoModekhayi. **10** Kodwa uHamani wazithinta, wafika endlini yakhe; wasethuma walanda abangane bakhe loZereshi umkakhe. **11** UHamani wasebalandisela udumo lwenotho yakhe, lobunengi bamadodana akhe, lakho konke

inkosi eyayimkhulise ngakho, leyamphakamisa ngakho phezu kweziphathamandla lenceku zenkosi. **12** UHamani wasesithi: Yebo, uEsta indlovukazi kangenisanga muntu kanye lenkosi edilini alenzileyo ngaphandle kwami; njalo lakusasa nginxuselwe kuye lenkosi. **13** Kanti konke lokhu kakungenelisi ngalutho ngaso sonke isikhathi ngibona uModekhayi umJuda ehlezi esangweni lenkosi. **14** UZereshi umkakhe labo bonke abangane bakhe basebesithi kuye: Kakwenziwe ugodo ubude obuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu; kusasa-ke uthi enkosini kabalengise uModekhayi kulo, ubusungena lenkosi edilini uthokozile. Njalo loludaba lwalulungile phambi kukaHamani, waselwenza ugodo.

6 Ngalobobusuku ubuthongo benkosi babaleka; yasisithi kakulethwe uwgalo Iwezikhumbu zo Iwemilando; yasibalwa phambi kwenkosi. **2** Kwasekutholakala kubhaliwe ukuthi uModekhayi wabika ngoBigithana loTereshi, abathenwa ababili benkosi, abalindi bombundu, ababedinge ukwelulela isandla enkosini uAhasuwerusi. **3** Inkosi yasisithi: Dumo lobukhulu bani obenziwa kuModekhayi ngalokhu? Izinceku zenkosi ezaziyikhonza zasezisithi: Kakwenziwanga lutho kuye. **4** Inkosi yasisithi: Ngubani osegumeni? UHamani wayesengene egumeni elingaphandle lendlu yenkosi ukukhulumu enkosini ukuthi ilengise uModekhayi egodweni ayemlungisele lona. **5** Izinceku zenkosi zasezisithi kuyo: Khangela, uHamani umi egumeni. Inkosi yasisithi: Kangene. **6** UHamani wasengena; inkosi yasisithi kuye: Kwenziweni kumuntu inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe? UHamani wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Ngubani inkosi engathokoza ukumnika udumo okwedlula mina? **7** UHamani wasesithi enkosini: Umuntu inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe, **8** kakulethwe isembatho sobukhosи inkosi uqobo

esigqokayo, lebhiza inkosi eligadayo, lokuthi umqhele wobukhos
ubekwe enhlokweni yalo; **9** lesembatho lebhiza kunikwe
esandleni somunye weziphathamandla zenkosi ezihloniphekayo,
lokuthi bagqokise lowomuntu inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe,
bamgadise ibhiza adabule igceke lomuzi, bamemeze phambi
kwakhe bathi: Kwenziwa nje emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngodumo
lwakhe. **10** Inkosi yasisithi kuHamani: Phangisa thatha isembatho
lebhiza njengokutsho kwakho, wenze njalo kuModekhayi
umJuda ohlala esangweni lenkosi; kungawi lalizwi kukho
konke okukhulumileyo. **11** UHamani wasethatha isembatho
lebhiza, wagqokisa uModekhayi, wamgadisa wadabula igceke
lomuzi, wamemeza phambi kwakhe wathi: Kwenziwa nje
emuntwini inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe. **12** Wasebuyela
uModekhayi esangweni lenkosi, kodwa uHamani wahaluzela
waya endlini yakhe elila embomboze ikhanda. **13** UHamani
wasetshela uZereshi umkakhe labo bonke abangane bakhe konke
okumehleleyo. Abahlakaniphileyo bakhe loZereshi umkakhe
basebesithi kuye: Uba uModekhayi engowenzalo yamaJuda,
osuqalise ukuwa phambi kwakhe, kawuyikumelana laye, kodwa
uzakuwa lokuwa phambi kwakhe. **14** Besakhulumu loHamani,
abathenwa benkosi basondela, bahaluzela ukuletha uHamani
edilini uEsta ayelenzile.

7 Bafika-ke inkosi loHamani ukuyakuba ledili loEsta indlovukazi.
2 Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta langosuku lwasibili edilini lewayini: Siyini
isicelo sakho, Esta ndlovukazi? njalo uzasinkwa. Siyini-ke isifiso
sakho? kuzakwenziwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxene yombuso. **3**
UEsta indlovukazi wasephendula wathi: Uba ngithole umusa
emehlweni akho, nkosi, njalo uba kukuhle enkosini, impilo yami
kangiyinikwe ngesicelo sami labantu bakithi ngesifiso sami. **4**

Ngoba sithengisiwe, mina labantu bakithi, ukuthi sibhujiswe sibulawe njalo sichithwe; kodwa uba besithengiswe ukuba yizigqili leziggilikazi ngabe ngithule; lanxa isitha besingelinganise ukoniwa kwenkosi. **5** Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasikhuluma yathi kuEsta indlovukazi: Ngubani lo, futhi ungaphi lo ogcwalise inhliziyo yakhe ukwenza njalo? **6** UEsta wasesithi: Umuntu, umbandezeli lesitha, nguHamani lo okhohlakeleyo. UHamani waseqhaqhzela phambi kwenkosi lendlovukazi. **7** Inkosi yasisukuma edilini lewayini olakeni lwayo, yaya esivandeni sesigodlo; uHamani wasesukuma ukuncengela impilo yakhe kuEsta indlovukazi, ngoba wabona ukuthi okubi sekuronqywe yinkosi ngaye. **8** Inkosi isiphendukile ivela esivandeni sesigodlo isiya endlini yedili lewayini, uHamani wayewe phezu kombheda uEsta ayekuwo. Inkosi yasisithi: Usuzadlova indlovukazi ilami endlini yini? Ilizwi laphuma emlonyeni wenkosi; basebembomboza ubuso bukaHamani. **9** UHaribona omunye wabathenwa wasesithi phambi kwenkosi: Khangela-ke, ugodo uHamani alwenzele uModekhayi, owayeyikhulumele okuhle inkosi, lumi endlini kaHamani, ubude buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. Inkosi yasisithi: Umlengiseni kulo. **10** Basebemlengisa uHamani kulologodo ayelulungisele uModekhayi. Lwaseludedda ulaka lwenkosi.

8 Ngalolosuku inkosi uAhasuwerusi yanika uEsta indlovukazi indlu kaHamani isitha samaJuda. UModekhayi wasesiza phambi kwenkosi ngoba uEsta wayeselandisile ukuthi wayeyini kuye. **2** Inkosi yasikhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo eyayiyithathele uHamani, yayinika uModekhayi. UEsta wasebeku uModekhayi phezu kwendlu kaHamani. **3** UEsta wasebuya ekhuluma phambi kwenkosi, wawa phambi kwenyawo zayo wakhala inyembezi

wayincenga ukuthi isuse ububi bukaHamani umAgagi, logobe
lwakhe ayelucebe ngamaJuda. **4** Inkosi yasiselulela intonga
yobukhosи yegolide kuEsta. UEsta wasesukuma wema phambi
kwenkosi, **5** wasesithi: Uba kukuhle enkosini, uba-ke ngithole
umusa phambi kwayo, lodaba lulungile phambi kwenkosi, lami
ngilungile emehlweni ayo, kakubhalwe ukubuyisela emuva
izincwadi, ugobe lukaHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi,
ayelubhalele ukubhubhisa amaJuda asezabelweni zonke
zenkosi. **6** Ngoba ngingaba lakho njani ukubona ububi
obuzathola isizwe sakithi? Kumbe ngingaba lakho njani ukubona
ukubhujiswa kwezihlolo zami? **7** Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasisithi
kuEsta indlovukazi lakuModekhayi umJuda: Khangelani, indlu
kaHamani ngiyinike uEsta, yena-ke bamenglise egodweni,
ngenxa yokuthi welulela isandla sakhe kumaJuda. **8** Ngakho lina
bhalelani amaJuda ebizweni lenkosi, njengokuhle emehlweni
enu, likunameke ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, ngoba
umbhalo obhalwe ngebizo lenkosi wananyekwa ngophawu
lwendandatho yenkosi, kakho ongawubuyisela emuva. **9**
Kwasekubizwa ababhali benkosi ngalesosikhathi ngenyanga
yesithathu, eyinyanga uSivani, ngolwamatshumi amabili
lantathu Iwayo; kwasekubhalwa njengakho konke uModekhayi
akulaya kumaJuda, lezikhulwini lakubabusi lakuziphathamandla
zezabelo ezsukela elIndiya kuze kufike eEthiyophiya, izabelo
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, isabelo lesabelo
njengokombhalo waso, lesizwe ngesizwe njengokolimi Iwaso,
lakumaJuda njengokombhalo wawo lanjengokolimi Iwawo.
10 Wasebhala ebizweni lenkosi uAhasuwerusi, wanameka
ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, wathumela izincwadi
ngesandla sezigijimi ezigade amabhiza, ezigade amabhiza

alejubane awesikhosini, amabhizakazi amatsha. **11** Ukuthi inkosi yavumela amaJuda ayesemzini ngomuzi wonke ukuthi ahlangane amele impilo yawo ukubhubhisa abulale aqede wonke amandla abantu lesabelo abawahlaseleyo, abantwanyana labesifazana, lokuphangang impango yabo, **12** ngasuku lunye kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi, ngolwetshumi lantathu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari. **13** Ikhophi yombhalo yomthetho ozamiswa kuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo yayisobala kubo bonke abantu, ukuthi amaJuda azilungisele lolusuku ukuziphindiselela ezitheni zaho. **14** Izigijimi zigade amabhiza esikhosini alejubane zaphuma, ziphangisiswa zicindezelwa yilizwi lenkosi, lomthetho wanikwa eShushani isigodlo. **15** UModekhayi wasephuma phambi kwenkosi ekusembatho sobukhosи sobuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lesimhlophe, lomqhele omkhulu wegolide, lesembatho selembu elicolekileyo kakhulu leliyibubende. Umuzi weShushani wasuthokoza wathaba. **16** AmaJuda ayelokukhanya lentokozo lenjabulo lodumo. **17** Lakuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo lakuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi endaweni lapho ilizwi lenkosi lomthetho wayo okwafika khona amaJuda aba lentokozo, lenjabulo, idili, losuku oluhle. Labanengi babantu belizwe baba ngamaJuda, ngoba ukwesaba amaJuda kwabehlela.

9 Kwathi ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari, ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu lwayo, sekusondele ilizwi lenkosi lomlayo wayo ukuthi kwenziwe, ngosuku izitha zamaJuda ezazithemba ukuwabusa ngalo, kwaguquka, ngoba amaJuda ngokwawo abusa kwababewazonda. **2** AmaJuda abuthana emizini yawo kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi ukwelulela isandla kulabo ababedinge ukulinyazwa kwawo;

njalo kakho owayengema phambi kwawo, ngoba ukwesabeka kwawo kwakwehlele bonke abantu. **3** Zonke-ke iziphathamandla zezabelo, lezikhulu, lababusi, labenzi bomsebenzi inkosi eyayilabo, basiza amaJuda, ngoba ukwesabeka kukaModekhayi kwakubehlele. **4** Ngoba uModekhayi wayemkhulu endlini yenkosi, lodumo lwakhe lwahamba kuzo zonke izabelo, ngoba lindoda uModekhayi yaqhube kaikhula. **5** Ngakho amaJuda atshaya phakathi kwezitha zawo zonke ngokutshaya kwenkemba lokubulala lokubhubhisa, enza ngabazondi bawo ngokwentando yawo. **6** EShushani isigodlo amaJuda asebulala abhubhisa abantu abangamakhulu amahlanu, **7** loParishanidatha, loDalifoni, loAsiphatha, **8** loPoratha, loAdaliya, loAridatha, **9** loParimashita, loArisayi, loAridayi, loVayizatha. **10** Amadodana alitshumi kaHamani indodana kaHamedatha, isitha samaJuda, awabulala; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla sawo empangweni. **11** Ngalolosuku inani lababulawayo eShushani isigodlo lafika phambi kwenkosi. **12** Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta indlovukazi: EShushani isigodlo amaJuda abulele abhubhisa abantu abangamakhulu amahlanu lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani. Enzeni kwezinye izabelo zenkosi? Siyini-ke isicelo sakho? Njalo uzasinikwa. Siyini-ke isifiso sakho futhi? Njalo sizakwenziwa. **13** UEsta wasesithi: Uba kulungile enkosini kawavunyelwe amaJuda aseShushani ukwenza lakusasa njengokomthetho walamuhla; lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani kabawalengise egodweni. **14** Inkosi yasisithi kwenziwe njalo; kwasekunikwa umthetho eShushani, lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani bawalengisa. **15** AmaJuda eyeSeShushani asebuthana futhi ngosuku lwetshumi lane Iwenyanga uAdari, abulala abantu abangamakhulu amathathu eShushani; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla sawo empangweni. **16**

Amanye kumaJuda ayesezabelweni zenkosi abuthana-ke amela impilo yabo, aphumula ezitheni zawo, abulala kwabawazondayo izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi aysisikhombisa lanhlanu; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla sawo empangweni. **17** Kwakungosuku lwetshumi lantathu lwenyanga uAdari. Asephumula ngolwetshumi lane Iwayo, alwenza Iwaba Iusuku Iwedili lentokozo. **18** Kodwa amaJuda aseShushani abuthana ngolwetshumi lantathu Iwayo langolwetshumi lane Iwayo; asephumula ngolwetshumi lanhlanu Iwayo, alwenza Iwaba Iusuku Iwedili lentokozo. **19** Ngenxa yalokhu amaJuda emaphandleni ahlala emizini emaphandleni enza usuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga uAdari Iwaba ngolwentokozo ledili, losuku oluhle, lolokuthumelana izabelo. **20** UModekhayi wasezibhala lezizinto, wathumela izincwadi kuwo wonke amaJuda ayekuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi, aseduze lakhatshana, **21** ukumisa phakathi kwabo ukwenza usuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga uAdari losuku lwetshumi lanhlanu Iwayo kuwo wonke umnyaka ngomnyaka, **22** njengokwensuku amaJuda aphumula ngazo ezitheni zawo, lenyanga eyaphendulwa kuwo kusuka osizini kusiya kuntokozo, lekulilene kube Iusuku oluhle, azenze zibe zinsuku zedili lentokozo, lezokuthumelana izabelo, lezipho kubayanga. **23** AmaJuda emukela lokho ayesekualile ukukwenza, lalokho uModekhayi ayewabhalele khona. **24** Ngoba uHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi, isitha sawo wonke amaJuda, wayecebe mayelana lamaJuda ukuwachitha, waphosa iPuri, eyinkatho, ukuwachoboza lokuwabhubhisa. **25** Kodwa lapho uEsta efika phambi kwenkosi, yalaya ngencwadi ukuthi icebo lakhe elibi ayelicebe ngamaJuda libuyele ekhanda lakhe; basebebalengisa yena lamadodana akhe egodweni. **26** Ngenxa yalokhu babiza lezozinsuku

ngokuthi iPurimi ngebizo lePuri. Ngenxa yalokhu, ngenxa yawo wonke amazwi aleyoncwadi, lababekubonile mayelana lalokho, lokwakubehlele, **27** amaJuda amisa azemukelela wona lenzalo yawo labo bonke abazihlanganisa lawo, ukuze bangeqi, ukugcina lezinsuku ezimbili, njengokombhalo wazo, lanjengokwesikhathi sazo esimisiweyo, kuwo wonke umnyaka lomnyaka, **28** ukuthi lezinsuku zikhunjulwe zigcinwe kuso sonke isizukulwana lesizukulwana, usapho losapho, isabelo ngesabelo, lomuzi ngomuzi, ukuthi lezinsuku zePurimi zingeqiwa phakathi kwamaJuda, lesikhumbuzo sazo singapheli enzalweni yawo. **29** UEsta indlovukazi, indodakazi kaAbihayili, loModekhayi umJuda, basebebhala ngamandla wonke ukuqinisa lincwadi yesibili yePurimi. **30** Wasethumela izincwadi kuwo wonke amaJuda ezabelweni ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa zombuso kaAhasuwerusi, amazwi okuthula leqiniso, **31** ukuqinisa lezinsuku zePurimi ngezikhathi zazo ezimisiweyo njengokumisa phezu kwavo kukaModekhayi umJuda loEsta indlovukazi, lanjengokuzimisela kwavo wona lenzalo yawo, indaba zokuzila ukudla lokukhala kwavo. **32** llizwi likaEsta laseliqinisa lezizindaba zePurimi; kwasekubhalwa egwalweni.

10 Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasibeka umthelo elizweni lezihlengeni zolwandle. **2** Zonke-ke izenzo zamandla ayo lawengalo zayo, lomlando wobukhulu bukaModekhayi, inkosi eyamkhulisayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi eMede lePerisiya? **3** Ngoba uModekhayi umJuda wayengowesibili enkosini uAhasuwerusi, emkhulu phakathi kwamaJuda, ethandeka kulo inengi labafowabo, edingela isizwe sakibo okuhle, ekhulumfa ukuthula kuyo yonke inzalo yakhe.

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1 Kwakukhona indoda elizweni leUzi, ibizo layo lalinguJobe. Leyondoda yayiphelele-ke, iqondile, imesaba uNkulunkulu, ixwaya okubi. **2** Yasizalelwa amadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu. **3** Lemfuyo yayo yayiyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamakamela ayizinkulungwane ezintathu, lezipane zenkabi ezingamakhulu amahlanu, labobabhemi abasikazi abangamakhulu amahlanu, lenceku ezinengi kakhulu. Ngakho lowomuntu wayemkhulu okwedlula bonke abantu bempumalanga. **4** Njalo amadodana akhe ahamba enza idili endlini yaleyo laleyo ngosuku lwayo; athuma abiza odadewabo abathathu ukuze badle banathe lawo. **5** Kwakusithi lapho esephelile amazopha ensuku zedili, uJobe athume, awangcwelise, avuke ekuseni kakhulu, anikele iminikelo yokutshiswa ngokwenani lawo wonke, ngoba uJobe wathi: Mhlawumbe amadodana ami onile, amthuka uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni yawo. Wenza njalo uJobe zonke izinsuku. **6** Kwasekusiba losuku lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu eza ukuzimisa phambi kweNkosi, loSathane laye wafika phakathi kwawo. **7** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Uvela ngaphi? USathane wasephendula iNkosi wathi: Ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni lekuhambahambeni kuwo. **8** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Ubekile yini inhliziyo yakho encekwini yami uJobe, ngoba kakho onjengayo emhlabeni, umuntu opheleleyo loqondileyo, owesaba uNkulunkulu loxwaya ububi? **9** USathane wasephendula iNkosi wathi: UJobe umesabela ize uNkulunkulu yini? **10** Kawumbiyelanga yini yena lendlu yakhe lakho konke alakho inhlangothi zonke? Ubusisile umsebenzi wezandla zakhe, lezifuyo zakhe zanda kakhulu elizweni. **11** Kodwa isibili yelula

isandla sakho khathesi, uthinte konke alakho; sibili uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho. **12** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Khangela konke alakho kusesandleni sakho; kuphela kuye ungeluleli isandla sakho. Wasephuma uSathane phambi kweNkosi.

13 Kwasekusiba losuku lapho amadodana lamadodakazi akhe ayesidla enatha iwayini endlini yomfowabo olizibulo.

14 Kwasekufika isithunywa kuJobe sathi: Inkabi bezilima labobabhemu besidla emaceleni azo; **15** kwasekutheleka amaShebha, akuthatha, atshaya izinceku ngobukhali benkemba, njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele. **16** Lesi sisakhulumu, kwafika lesinye, sathi: Umlilo kaNkulunkulu uwile uvela emazulwini, watshisa izimvu lezinceku, waziqeda; njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele.

17 Lesi sisakhulumu, kwafika lesinye, sathi: AmaKhaladiya amise amaxuku amathathu atheleka phezu kwamakamela, awathatha, atshaya izinceku ngobukhali benkemba, njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele.

18 Lesi sisakhulumu, kwafika lesinye, sathi: Amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho bebesidla benatha iwayini endlini yomfowabo, izibulo. **19** Khangela-ke, umoya omkhulu wafika uvela ngaphetsheya kwenkangala, watshaya amagumbi womane endlu, yawela phezu kwamajaha, afa; njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele. **20** UJobe wasesukuma, wadabula ibhatshi lakhe, waphuca ikhanda lakhe, wawa emhlabathini, wakhonza; **21** wasesithi: Ngaphuma ngize esiswini sikamama, njalo ngizabuyela khona ngize; iNkosi yapha, iNkosi ithethe; kalibusiswe ibizo leNkosi. **22** Kukho konke lokhu uJobe konanga, kambalelanga ubuwula uNkulunkulu.

2 Kwakulosuku futhi lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu afika ukuzimisa phambi kweNkosi, uSathane laye wafika phakathi kwawo ukuzimisa phambi kweNkosi. **2** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Uvela ngaphi? USathane wasephendula iNkosi wathi: Ekuzulazulen iemhlaben ikuhambahambeni kuwo.

3 INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Ubekile yini inhliyi yakho enekwini yami uJobe? Ngoba kakho onjengaye emhlaben, umuntu opheleleyo loqondileyo, owesaba uNkulunkulu, loxwaya ububi? Usabambelele kubo ubuqotho bakhe, lanxa ungvuse ukuze ngimchithe kungelasizatho. **4** USathane wasephendula iNkosi wathi: Isikhumba ngesikhumba, yebo, konke umuntu alakho uzakunikelela impilo yakhe. **5** Kodwa khathesi yelula isandla sakho, uthinte ithambo lakhe lenyama yakhe; isibili uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho. **6** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Khangela, usesandleni sakho; kodwa gcina impilo yakhe. **7** USathane wasephuma phambi kweNkosi, wamtshaya uJobe ngamathumba amabi, kusukela ngaphansi konyawo lwakhe kuze kube enkanda yakhe. **8** Wasezithathela udengezi ukuziphala ngalo, wahlala phakathi kwesilotha. **9** Umkkhe wasesithi kuye: Usabambelele yini kubuqotho bakho? Thuka uNkulunkulu, ufe.

10 Kodwa wathi kuye: Ukhulum njengokukhulum komunye wabesifazana abayiziwula. Kambe, sizakwemukela okuhle kuNkulunkulu, singemukeli lokubi yini? Kukho konke lokhu uJobe konanga ngendebe zakhe. **11** Abangane abathathu bakaJobe sebezwile ngakho konke lokhu okubi okumehleleyo, beza, lowo lalowo evela endaweni yakhe, uElifazi umThemani, IoBilidadi umShuhi, loZofari umNahama; bavumelana ndawonye ukuthi beze bamkhalele bamduduze. **12** Lapho bephakamisa amehlo abo behatshana, kabamazanga, baphakamisa ilizwi labo,

bakhala inyembezi, badabula ngulowo ibhatshi lakhe, bavuvuzela uthuli emakhanda abo ngasemazulwini. **13** Basebehlala laye emhlabathini insuku eziyisikhombisa lobusuku obuyisikhombisa, njalo kakho owakhulumu ilizwi kuye, ngoba babona ukuthi ubuhlungu bukhulu kakhulu.

3 Emva kwalokho uJobe wavula umlomo wakhe, waqalekisa usuku lwakhe. **2** UJobe wasephendula wathi: **3** Kalubhubhe usuku engazalwa ngalo, lobusuku okwathiwa ngalo: Kukhulelw umntwana wesilisa. **4** Lulosuku kalube ngumnyama, uNkulunkulu angalunanzi ephezulu, lokukhanya kungalukhanyisi. **5** Umnyama lethunzi lokufa kakuluhlenge, iyezi lihlale phezu kwalo, umnyama welanga ulwesabise. **6** Lobobusuku, umnyama ububambe, lungathokozi ensukwini zomnyaka, lungezi kunani lezinyanga. **7** Khangela, lobobusuku kabube yinyumba, umsindo wentokozo ungangeni kubo. **8** Kababuqalekise abaqalekisi bosuku, abalungele ukuvusa uLeviyathani. **9** Zibe mnyama inkanyezi zokusa kwabo, bulindele ukukhanya, kodwa kungabi khona, bungaboni inkophe zokusa. **10** Ngoba bungavalanga iminyango yesisu sikamama wami, bungafihlanga usizi emehlweni ami. **11** Kungani ngingafanga kusukela esizalweni, ngiphele ekuphumeni kwami esiswini? **12** Kungani amadolo angandulela? Kungani lamabele ukuthi ngimunye? **13** Ngoba khathesi ngabe ngacambalala ngathula, ngalala, khona ngaba lokuphumula, **14** kanye lamakhosi labeluleki bomhlaba abazakhela amanxiwa, **15** kumbe kanye leziphathamandla ezazilegolide ezagcwalisa izindlu zazo ngesiliva. **16** Kumbe njengomphunzo ofihliweyo ngingabi khona, njengensane ezingabonanga ukukhanya. **17** Lapho ababi bayekela ukuhlupha, lapho abakhathele ngamandla bephumula. **18** Izibotshwa ziyaphumula ndawonye, kazizwa ilizwi lomcindezeli.

19 Omncinyane lomkhulu balapho, lesiggili sikhululekile enkosini yaso. **20** Kungani enika ukukhanya kohluphekayo, lempilo kwabalokubaba komphefumulo; **21** abalindele ukufa, kodwa kungekho, bekugebha kuleno tho efihiwego, **22** abathabayo kakhulu ngentokozo, bajabule lapho bethola ingcwaba? **23** Emuntwini yini, ondlela yakhe ifihliwe, uNkulunkulu ambiyeleyo? **24** Ngoba ukububula kwami kuza phambi kokudla kwami, lokubhonga kwami kuthululeka njengamanzi. **25** Ngoba engikwesabayo ngokwesaba sekungehlele, lengilovalo ngakho kufikile kimi. **26** Ngangingahlalisekanga, ngingaphumuli, ngingelakuthula, lohlupho lweza.

4 UElifazi umThemani wasephendula wathi: **2** Uba sizama ilizwi kuwe, uzadabuka yini? Kodwa ngubani ongazibamba emazwini? **3** Khangela, uqondisile abanengi, waqinisa izandla ezibuthakathaka. **4** Amazwi akho amvusile okhubekayo, waqinisa amadolo axegayo. **5** Kodwa khathesi kufikile kuwe, uyadinwa; kuyakuthinta wena, utshaywa luvalo. **6** Ukwesaba kwakho uNkulunkulu kakusiso isibindi sakho yini, lobuqotho bendlela zakho ithemba lakho? **7** Akukhumbule, ngubani owake wachithwa engelacala? Kumbe abalungileyo bake baqunywa ngaphi? **8** Njengengikubonileyo, abalima ububi behlanyela udubo, bavuna khona. **9** Ngokuphephetha kukaNkulunkulu bayabhubha, langokuphefumula kwamakhala akhe bayaphela. **10** Ukubhonga kwesilwane, lelizwi lesilwane esesabekayo, lamazinyo amabhongo esilwane, kwephukile. **11** Isilwane esidala siyabhubha ngokuswela impango, lemidlwane yesilwanekazi isabalale. **12** Ngasenginyenyezelwa ilizwi, lendlebe yami yemukela okuncinyane kwalo. **13** Phakathi kwemicabango yemibono yebusuku, lapho ubuthongo obukhulu busehlela

abantu, **14** ukwesaba kwangifikela lokuthuthumela okwenza ubunengi bamathambo ami baqhaqhazela. **15** Kwasekusedlula umoya ebusweni bami, loboya benyama yami bavuka. **16** Wema, kodwa angikuqondanga ukubonakala kwawo; isimo sasiphambi kwamehlo ami; kwathula, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi: **17** Kambe umuntu angalunga okwedlula uNkulunkulu? Umuntu angahlambuluka okwedlula uMenzi wakhe yini? **18** Khangela, kazithembi inceku zakhe, lengilosи zakhe uthi zingabaphosisi. **19** Kangakanani abahlala endlini zebumba, abasisekelo sabo sisethulini, abachotshozwa phambi kwenundu. **20** Bakhandwa kusukela ekuseni kuze kube kusihlwa, kungelakunanzwa bayabhubha kuze kube nininini. **21** Ubuhle babo kabususwa labo yini? Bayafa kodwa bengalanhlanipho.

5 Ake umemeze, ukhona ongakuphendula yini? Uzaphendukela kuwuphi wabangcwele? **2** Ngoba ulaka luyasibulala isiwula, lomhawu ubulale isiphukuphuku. **3** Mina ngibone isiwula sigxila, kodwa ngahle ngaqalekisa indawo yaso yokuhlala. **4** Abantwana baso bakhatsana losindiso, bachothozwa esangweni, njalo kungekho umkhululi. **5** Osivuno saso olambileyo uyasidla, esithatha lemeveni, lomphangi uginya inotho yaso. **6** Ngoba usizi kaluveli ethulini, lenhlupheko kayihlumi emhlabathini. **7** Kube kanti umuntu uzalelwе inhlupheko njengoba inhlansi ziqhatshela phezulu. **8** Kodwa mina bengizadinga uNkulunkulu, lakuNkulunkulu bengizabeka udaba Iwami. **9** Owenza izinto ezinkulu lezingelakuhlolwa, imimangaliso engelakubalwa. **10** Onika izulu ebusweni bomhlaba, athumele amanzi ebusweni bamaphandle, **11** ukuze abamise phezulu abaphansi, ukuze abalilayo baphakanyiselwe ekuvikelekeni. **12** Uchitha amacebo abalobuqili, ukuze izandla zabo zingenzi cebo. **13** Ubamba

abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo, ukuze icebo labangaqondanga liwiselwe phansi. **14** Bahlangana lomnyama emini, baphumputhe phakathi kwemini njengebusuku. **15** Kodwa ukhulula umyanga enkembeni, emlonyeni wabo, lesandleni solamandla. **16** Ngakho umyanga ulethemba, lobubi buzavala umlomo wabo. **17** Khangela, ubusisiwe lowomuntu uNkulunkulu amlayayo; ngakho ungadeleli ukukhuza kukaSomandla. **18** Ngoba yena uzwisa ubuhlungu, abuye abophe; uyalimaza, lezandla zakhe ziapholisa. **19** Uzakukhulula enhluphekweni eziyisithupha, lakweziyiskhombisa ububi kabuyikukuthinta. **20** Endlaleni uzakuhlenga ekufeni, lempini emandleni enkemba. **21** Uzafihlelwa isiswepu solimi, njalo kawuyikwesaba incithakalo lapho ifika. **22** Uzahleka incithakalo lendlala, njalo kawuyikwesaba izilo zomhlaba. **23** Ngoba uzakuba lesivumelwano lamatshe eganga, lezilo zeganga zizakuba lokuthula lawe. **24** Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi ithente lakho lilokuthula, uzakwethekela indawo yakho yokuhlala ungasweli lutho. **25** Uzakwazi futhi ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba nengi, lembewu yakho njengotshani bomhlaba. **26** Uzafika engcwaben iakho usuluphele, njengenqumbi zamabele zisenyuka ngesikhathi sawo. **27** Khangela lokhu, sesikuhololile; kunjalo. Kuzwe, uzazele wena.

6 UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** Kungathi ukudabuka kwami bekungalinganiswa lokulinganiswa, lenhlupheko yami ibekwe ndawonye esikalini! **3** Ngoba khathesi kungaba nzima kuletshebetshebe lolwandle. Ngenxa yalokho amazwi ami angawamawala. **4** Ngoba imitshoko kaSomandla iphakathi kwami, obuhlungu bayo umoya wami uyabunatha; izesabiso zikaNkulunkulu ziyazihlela zimelene lami. **5** Ubabhemi weganga uyakhala yini esohlazen, kumbe inkabi iyakhonya yini ekudleni

kwayo? **6** Kambe okuduma kungadliwa kungelatshwayi?
Kulokuhlabusa kokumhlophe kweqanda yini? **7** Umphefumulo
wami uyala ukukuthinta, kunjengokudla kwami okunengekayo.
8 Kungathi isicelo sami singafika, njalo uNkulunkulu anginike
ithemba lami, **9** ukuthi kumthokozise uNkulunkulu ukungichoboza,
ayekele isandla sakhe, angiqume. **10** Khona kungahlala kube
yinduduzo yami, bengingajabula ebuhlungwini obungayekeliyo;
ngoba kangiwafihlanga amazwi oNgcwele. **11** Ayini amandla
ami ukuze ngithembe? Lokuphela kwami kuyini ukuze ngelule
impilo yami? **12** Amandla ami angamandla amatshe yini?
Inyama yami ilithusi yini? **13** Usizo lwami kalukimi yini?
Lenhlakanipho iyaxotshwa kimi yini? **14** Ohluphekayo nga
ehawukelwa ngumngane wakhe, kodwa udela ukwesabeka
kukaSomandla. **15** Abafowethu kabenzanga ngokuthembeka
njengesifula, njengempophoma yezifula bayedlula, **16** ezimnyama
ngenxa yongqwaqwane, okucatsha kizo iliqhwa elikhithikileyo.
17 Ngesikhathi sokufudumala kwazo ziyanyamalala, sekutshisa
zicitshe endaweni yazo. **18** Imikhondo yendlela yazo iyajika,
yenyukele enkangala ibhubhe. **19** Izihambi zeTema zakhangela,
indwendwe zezihambi zeShebha zalindela kuyo. **20** Zaba
lenhloni ngoba zazithembile, zafika kuyo zayangeka. **21** Ngoba
khathesi kalisilutho; liyabona isesabiso, liyesaba. **22** Ngitshilo
yini ukuthi: Lethani kimi? Kumbe: Phanini isipho ngenxa yami
empahleni yenu? **23** Kumbe: Ngikhululani esandleni sesitha?
Kumbe: Lingihlenge esandleni sabalesihluku? **24** Ngifundisani,
khona mina ngizathula; lingenze ngiqedisise engiduhe khona. **25**
Alamandla angakanani amazwi aqotho; kodwa ukusola okuvela
kini kusolani? **26** Likhumbula amazwi okusola yini, lezinkulomo
zophelelwe lithemba zingumoya? **27** Yebo, liziwisela phezu

kwentandane, ligebhele umngane wenu umgodi. **28** Ngakho-
ke, vumani lingikhangele, ngoba kuphambi kobuso benu nx
ngiqamba amanga. **29** Ake liphenduke, kungabi lobubi, yebo,
libuye liphenduke, ukulunga kwami kukukho. **30** Kambe kakhona
ububi olimini lwami? Ukunambitha kwami bekungehlukanise yini
izinto ezimbi?

7 Kakukho yini imfazo kumuntu emhlabeni, lensuku zakhe
kazinjengensuku zoqhatshiwego yini? **2** Njengesigqili
sikhefuzelela umthunzi, lanjengesiqtshwa silindele iholo laso,
3 ngokunjalo mina ngidliswe ilifa lenyanga zeze, lobusuku
bezinhlupheko bubalelwwe mina. **4** Lapho ngilala phansi
ngithi: Ngizavuka nini? Ngoba ubusuku bude, njalo ngigcwele
ukutshukuma kuze kuse. **5** Inyama yami yembethe impethu
lamagade othuli; isikhumba sami siyadabuka siyenyaneka.
6 Insuku zami ziyaphangisa kuleselukiso someluki, ziphele
kungelathemba. **7** Khumbula ukuthi impilo yami ingumoya;
ilihlo lami kalyikuphinda libone okuhle. **8** Ilihlo longibonayo
kalyikungibona futhi; amehlo akho aphezu kwami, kodwa
ngizakuba ngingasekho. **9** Iyezi liyaphela linyamalale; ngokunjalo
owehlela engcwaben'i kayikwenyuka. (**Sheol h7585**) **10** Kaphindi
abuyele emzini wakhe, lendawo yakhe kayisayikumazi. **11**
Ngakho mina kangiyikubamba umlomo wami; ngizakhuluma
ekucindezelweni komoya wami, ngisole ekubaben'i komphefumulo
wami. **12** Ngilulwandle yini, kumbe isilo solwandle, ukuze
lingibekel'e abalindi? **13** Lapho ngisithi: Umbheda wami
uzangiduduza, icansi lami liphungule ukusola kwami; **14**
ubusungiqhaqhazelisa ngamaphupho, angethuse ngemibono;
15 ukuze umphefumulo wami ukhethe ukuklinywa, ukufa
kulamathambo ami. **16** Ngijianengwa yikho, kangiyikuphila

njalonjalo; ngiyekele, ngoba insuku zami ziyyize. **17** Uyini umuntu ukuthi umkhulise, lokuthi ubeke inhliziyo yakho kuye, **18** lokuthi umhambele ikuseni yonke, umlinge sonke isikhathi? **19** Koze kube nini ungayekeli ukungiqaphela, ungangiyekeli ngize ngiginye amathe ami yini? **20** Ngonile, ngizakwenzani kuwe, wena mlindi wabantu? Ungimiseleni ngibe yinto yakho yokunenjwa, ngize ngibe ngumthwalo kimi? **21** Njalo kawuthetheleli ngani isiphambeko sami, ususe isono sami? Ngoba sengizalala phansi othulini; uzangidinga ngovivi, kodwa kangiyikuba khona.

8 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi: **2** Koze kube nini ukhulumu lezizinto, lamazwi omlomo wakho abe ngumoya olamandla? **3** UNkulunkulu uyahlanekela isahlulelo yini? Kumbe uSomandla uyahlanekela ukulunga yini? **4** Uba abantwana bakho bonile kuye, yena usebalahlile emandleni esiphambeko sabo; **5** uba wena umdinga uNkulunkulu ngovivi, uncenge kuSomandla; **6** uba uhlambulukile, uqotho; isibili khathesi ubezavuka ngenxa yakho, aphumelelise indawo yokuhlala yokulunga kwakho. **7** Lanxa ukuqala kwakho bekukuncinyane, kube kanti isiphetho sakho sizakwanda kakhulu. **8** Ngoba ake ubuze esizukulwaneni sakuqala, uzungisele isidingo saboyise. **9** Ngoba singabezolo, njalo kasazi, ngoba insuku zethu emhlabeni ziysisithunzi. **10** Kabayikukufundisa yini, bakutshele, bakhuphe amazwi enhliziyweni yabo? **11** Imihlanga ingakhula lapho okungelaxhaphozi khona yini? Ibhuma likhule lapho okungelamanzi khona? **12** Nxa lisebuluhlazeni balo lingakakhiwa, kube kanti libuna kuqala kwazo zonke izihlahlakazana. **13** Zinjalo indlela zabo bonke abamkholwayo uNkulunkulu, lethemba lomzenzisi lizabhubha. **14** Othemba lakhe lizaqunywa, lokuthemba kwakhe kuyibulembu besayobe. **15** Uyeyama

endlini yakhe, kodwa kayimi; ubambelela kiyo, kodwa kayihlali.

16 Uluhlaza phambi kwelanga, lamahlumela akhe aphuma esivandeni sakhe. **17** Impande zakhe zithandele enqunjini; ubona indawo yamatshe. **18** Uba emchitha endaweni yakhe, izamphika ithi: Kangizange ngikubone. **19** Khangela, le yintokozo yendlela yakhe; njalo kuzakhula abanye emhlabathini. **20** Khangela, uNkulunkulu kayikumlahla opheleleyo, kabambi isandla sabenzi bobubi. **21** Aze agcwalise umlomo wakho ngohleko, lezindebe zakho ngokumemeza kwentokozo. **22** Abakuzondayo bazakwembeswa ngenhloni, lethente lababi lingabi khona.

9 UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** Ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi kunjalo. Kodwa umuntu angalunga njani kuNkulunkulu? **3** Uba efisa ukuphikisana laye, kayikumphendula okukodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane. **4** Uhlakaniphile enhliziyweni, uqinile emandleni: Ngubani oziqinisileyo wamelana laye waphumelela? **5** Osusa izintaba njalo zingazi, ozigenqula entukuthelweni yakhe. **6** Onyikinya umhlaba awususe endaweni yawo, lensika zaho zizamazame. **7** Olaya ilanga ukuthi lingaphumi, avalele inkanyezi ngophawu. **8** Owendlala amazulu eyedwa, anyathele phezu kwezingqonga zolwandle. **9** Owenza iBhere, iziNja, lesiLimela, lamakamelo eningizimu. **10** Owenza izinto ezinkulu ezingelakuhlolwa, lezimangalisayo ezingelakubalwa. **11** Khangela, uyedlula phansi kwami ngingamboni, edlulele phambili ngingamuzwa. **12** Khangela, uyahluthuna, ngubani ongamnqanda? Ngubani ongathi kuye: Wenzani? **13** UNkulunkulu kayinqandi intukuthelo yakhe. Abasizi bakaRahabi bayakhothama phansi kwakhe. **14** Pho-ke, mina ngingamphendula ngithini, ngikhetha amazwi ami okuqondana laye? **15** Ebengingeke

ngamphendula loba bengilungile; ngizacela isihawu kumahluleli wami. **16** Uba bengibizile, wangiphendula, bengingayikukholwa ukuthi ubekile indlebe elizwini lami. **17** Ngoba uyangjhlifiza ngesiphepho, andise amanxeba ami kungelasizatho. **18** Kangivumeli ukukhokha umoya, kodwa engicwalisa ngezinto ezibabayo. **19** Uba kungamandla, khangela, ulamandla. Njalo uba kungesahlulelo, ngubani ozangibiza? **20** Aluba ngilungile, umlomo wami uzangilahla; uba ngiphelele, uzakuthi ngonakele. **21** Ngiphelele, angikhathaleli umphefumulo wami, ngidelela impilo yami. **22** Kunye lokho, ngenxa yalokho ngithi: Uyabhubhisa olungileyo lomubi. **23** Lapho isiswepu sibulala ngokujumayo, uzahleka ukudangala kwabangelacala. **24** Umhlaba unikelwe esandleni somubi; wembesa ubuso babehluleli bawo. Uba kungenjalo, pho, ngubani? **25** Njalo insuku zami zilejubane kulesigijimi; ziyabaleka, kaziboni okuhle. **26** Ziyedlula njengezikepe zomhlanga, njengokhozi olutheleka empangweni. **27** Uba ngisithi: Ngizakhohlwa ukusola kwami, ngitshiye ukunyukumala kwami, ngithokoze, **28** ngiyesaba zonke insizi zami, ngiyazi ukuthi kawuyikungiphatha njengongelacala. **29** Ngilecal a mina, pho, ngizatshikatshikelelani ize? **30** Uba ngizigezisa ngamanzi eliqhwa elikhithikileyo, ngihlambulule izandla zami ngesepa, **31** khona uzangiphosela emgodini, besengisenyanywa yizigqoko zami. **32** Ngoba kasuye umuntu njengami ukuze ngimphendule, ukuze siye ndawonye kusahlulelo. **33** Kakukho umqamuli phakathi kwethu ongabeka isandla sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili. **34** Kasuse uswazi lwakhe kimi, njalo uvalo ngaye lunganethusi. **35** Bengingakhulum a ngingamesabi, kodwa anginjalo ngokwami.

10 Umphefumulo wami ukhathele yimpilo yami; ngizatshiya insolo yami phezu kwami; ngizakhulumu ekubabeni komphefumulo wami. **2** Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu: Ungangilahli; ngazisa ukuthi kungani uphikisana lami. **3** Kuhle yini kuwe ukuthi ucindezele, ukuthi udelele umsebenzi wezandla zakho, ukhanye phezu kwecebo lababi? **4** Ulamehlo enyama yini? Ubona njengokubona komuntu? **5** Insuku zakho zinjengensuku zomuntu na? Iminyaka yakho injengensuku zomuntu yini, **6** ukuthi udinge ngobubi bami, uhlolisise ngesono sami? **7** Ngoba usazi ukuthi kangikhohlakalanga, lokuthi kakho ongakhulula esandleni sakho. **8** Izandla zakho zangibumba zangenza kanyekanye inhlangothi zonke, kanti uyangichitha. **9** Ake ukhumbule ukuthi wangenza njengebumba. Pho, uzangibuyisela ethulini? **10** Kawungithululanga njengochago, wangijiyisa njengamasi yini? **11** Ungiggokise isigogo lenyama, wangihlanganisa ndawonye ngamathambo langemisipha. **12** Ungenzele impilo lomusa, lokunakekela kwakho kulondolozile umoya wami. **13** Kanti lezizinto uzifihlile enhliziweni yakho; ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kukuwe. **14** Uba ngisona, ungiqaphele, kawuyikungiyekela ngingelacala esonweni sami. **15** Uba ngimubi, maye kimi! Uba ngilungle, bengingayikuphakamisa ikhanda lami. Ngigcwele ihlazo, ngakho bona inhlupheko yami. **16** Ngoba kuyaziphakamisa; uyangizingela njengesilwane; ubuye uzenze okumangalisayo kimi. **17** Uyavuselela abafakazi bakho abamelene lami, wandise ulaka lwakho kimi; izinguquko lempi kulami. **18** Pho kungani wangikhupha esizalweni? Kungathi ngabe ngaphela, lelihlo lingangibonanga! **19** Ngangizakuba njengokungathi kangikho; ngangizathwalwa ngisuswe esizalweni ngisiwe engcwabeni. **20** Insuku zami kazinlutshwana yini?

Khawula phela, ungiyekele ukuze ngithokoze kancinyane, 21
ngingakayi - ngingabuyi- elizweni lomnyama lethunzi lokufa, 22
ilizwe lomnyama, njengobumnyama, ithunzi lokufa, elingelahlelo,
lokukhanya kunjengobumnyama.

11 Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi: 2 Kambe kabuphendulwa yini ubunengi bamazwi? Njalo isilawuli singalungisiswa yini? 3 Ukulawula kwakho kuzathulisa abantu yini? Lapho ukloloda, kakho ongakuyangisa yini? 4 Ngoba uthe: Imfundiso yami ihlanzekile, njihlambulukile emehlwani akho. 5 Kodwa-ke kungathi uNkulunkulu angakhuluma, avule indebe zakhe kuwe, 6 ukuze akwazise imfihlakalo zenhlakanipho, ukuthi ziphindwe kibili ngenhlakanipho eqotho. Yazi-ke ukuthi uNkulunkulu ubiza kuwe okulutshwana kulecalala. 7 Ungafumana ukujula kukaNkulunkulu na? Ungamfumana yini uSomandla kuze kube sekupheleleni? 8 Kuphakeme njengamazulu, ungenzani? Kutshonile kulesihogo, ungazini?
(Sheol h7585) 9 Isilinganiso sakho side kulomhlaba, sibanzi kulolwandle. 10 Uba esedlula avalele kumbe abuthanise, ngubani-ke ongamnqanda? 11 Ngoba yena uyabazi abantu abayize, uyabona ububi; ngakho kayikukuqaphelisa yini? 12 Ngoba umuntu oyisiphukuphuku angaba lokuqedisisa, lanxa umuntu engazalwa njengethole likababhemi weganga. 13 Uba wena ulungisa inhlizyo yakho, welulele izandla zakho kuye, 14 uba ububi busesandleni sakho, bubeke khatshana, lobubi kabungahlali emathenteni akho. 15 Ngoba lapho uzaphakamisa ubuso bakho ungelasici, njalo uqine, ungesabi. 16 Ngoba wena uzakhohlwa usizi lwakho, ulukhumbule njengamanzi asedlulile. 17 Lobude bempilo yakho buzakhanya kulemini enkulu; loba kulomnyama kuzakuba njengekuseni. 18 Njalo

uzakuba lethemba ngoba kulethemba; uzagebha, uzalala ngokuvikeleka. **19** Uzalala, njalo kakho ozakwethusa, labanengi bazancenga phambi kwakho. **20** Kodwa amehlo ababi azafiphala, lesiphephelo sizachitheka kubo, lethemba labo lizakuba yikuphela komphefumulo.

12 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Ngoba isibili lingabantu, lenhlakanipho izakufa lani. **3** Lami ngilengqondo njengani, kangiphansi kulani. Njalo ngubani ongelazo izinto ezinje? **4** Ngiyinhlekisa kumngane wami, obiza kuNkulunkulu amphendule; olungileyo oqondileyo uyinhlekisa. **5** Uyisibane esidelelekayo emnakanweni wowonwabileyo; ulungele ukutshelela ngonyawo. **6** Amathente abaphangi alokuthula, labamthukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu bavikelekile, kulowo oletha uNkulunkulu esandleni sakhe. **7** Kodwa-ke buza khathesi inyamazana, zizakufundisa, lenyoni zamazulu, zizakutshela. **8** Kumbe khuluma lomhlabo, uzakufundisa, lenhlanzi zolwandle zizakulandisela. **9** Ngubani ongaziyo phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ukuthi isandla sikaJehova sikwenzile lokhu? **10** Okusesandleni sakhe umphefumulo wakho konke okuphilayo, lomoya wayo yonke inyama yomuntu. **11** Indlebe kayihloli yini amazwi, njengolwanga luzinambithela ukudla? **12** Kwabadala kakhulu kulenhlanipho, lebuden bezinsuku kulokuqedisisa. **13** Kuye kukhona inhlakanipho lamandla, uleseluleko lokuqedisisa. **14** Khangela, udiliza, kungabe kusakhiwa; uvalela umuntu, kungabe kusavulwa. **15** Khangela, uvimbela amanzi, atshe; abesewathuma, agenqule umhlabo. **16** Kuye kukhona amandla lenhlakanipho; okhohlisiweyo lomkhohlisi bangabakhe. **17** Ukhupha abeluleki bahambe behlutshulwe, enze abehluleli babe yizithutha. **18** Uthukulula isibopho samakhosi, abophe umbhinco enkalweni

zawo. **19** Ukhupha abapristi bahambe behlutshulwe, awise abalamandla. **20** Uphambula inkulomo yabathembekileyo, asuse ukuqedisisa kwabasebekhulile. **21** Uthela ukudelela phezu kweziphatthamandla, axegise umbhinco wabalamandla. **22** Wembula izinto ezijulileyo ezisemnyameni, akhuphele ekukhanyeni ithunzi lokufa. **23** Enze izizwe zibe zinkulu, abesezichitha; andise izizwe, abesezisusa. **24** Ususa inhlizyo yenholo zabantu bomhlaba, aziduhise enkangala engelandlela. **25** Ziphumputhe emnyameni kungelakukhanya, uzenza zidiyazele njengodakiwego.

13 Khangela, konke ilihlo lami likubonile, indlebe yami izwile yakuqedisisa. **2** Njengokolwazi lwenu lami ngiyakwazi; kangiphansi kulani. **3** Kodwa mina ngizakhulum loSomandla, ngifisa ukuqondisana loNkulunkulu. **4** Kodwa lina-ke ligcona ngamanga, lonke lingabelaphi abangelamsebenzi. **5** Kungathi ngabe liyathula lithi zwi; lokhu kube yinhlakanipho kini! **6** Ake lizwe ukuzivikela kwami, lilalele impikiso zendebe zami. **7** Lizamkhulumela uNkulunkulu ngokubi, limkhulumele ngenkohlis yini? **8** Lizakwemukela ubuso bakhe, lizammela yini uNkulunkulu? **9** Kuzakuba kuhle yini lapho elihlol? Lizamkhohlisa yini njengokhohlisa umuntu? **10** Isibili uzalisola, uba lisemukela ubuso ensitha. **11** Ubukhulu bakhe kabulethusi yini, lokwesabeka kwakhe kulehlele? **12** Izikhumbuzo zenu ziyyaga zomlotha, izivikelo zenu ziyyivikelo zebumba. **13** Thulani lingiyekelo, ukuze ngikhulume mina; kungehlele loba kuyini. **14** Ngizayithathelani inyama yami ngamazinyo ami, ngibeke impilo yami esandleni sami? **15** Lanxa ezangibulala, ngizathemba kuye. Kanti ngizazimela indlela zami phambi kwakhe. **16** Njalo uzakuba lusindiso lwami; ngoba umzenzisi kayikuza phambi kwakhe.

17 Zwsisani ilizwi lami, lengcazelo yami ngendlebe zenu. **18** Khangelani-ke, sengilubeke kuhle udaba lwami, ngyazi ukuthi mina ngizalungisiswa. **19** Ngubani lowo ozaphikisana lami? Nxa khathesi ngithula ngizaphela. **20** Kuphela ungenzi izinto ezimbili kimi; khona ngingayikucatshela ubuso bakho. **21** Susela khatshana lami isandla sakho, lokwesabeka kwakho kunganethusi. **22** Ubusungibiza, mina ngizaphendula; kumbe ngikhulume, ungiphendule. **23** Zingaki iziphambeko lezono engilazo? Ngazisa isiphambeko sami lesono sami. **24** Ufihlelani ubuso bakho, ungiphathe njengesitha sakho? **25** Uzakwethusa yini ihlamu eliphephethekayo? Njalo uzaxotshana lomule owomileyo yini? **26** Ngoba ubale izinto ezibabayu umelene lami, wangenza ngadla ilifa leziphambeko zobutsha bami. **27** Ufake lenyawo zami esigodweni, waqaphela zonke indlela zami, wazidweba uluphawu empandenzi zezinyawo zami. **28** Yena-ke njengokubolileyo uyaguga, njengesembatho inundu esidlayo.

14 Umuntu, ozelwe ngowesifazana ulensuku ezimfitshane, ezigcwele inhlupheko. **2** Uyavela njengeluba, abune, abaleke njengesithunzi, akemi. **3** Kambe onjalo umvulela amehlo akho, ungingenise ekwahlulelweni kanye lawe. **4** Ngubani ongaveza okuhlambulukileyo kokungcolileyo? Kakho loyedwa. **5** Lokhu insuku zakhe zimisiwe, inani lenyanga zakhe likuwe, ummissele imingcele yakhe angeyedlule; **6** ungamkhangeli, ukuze aphumule, aze athokoze ngosuku lwakhe njengesiqatshwa. **7** Ngoba kukhona ithemba esihlahleni uba siganyulwa ukuthi sizabuya sihlume, lokuthi ihlumela laso kaliyikuphela. **8** Lanxa impande yaso isiba ndala emhlabeni, lesipunzi saso sifele emhlabathini, **9** ngephunga lamanzi sizahluma, senze ingatsha njengesithombo. **10** Kodwa umuntu uyafa alaliswe phansi,

yebo, umuntu uyaphela, ungaphi-ke? **11** Amanzi ayemuka elwandle, lomfula uyoma utshe, **12** ngokunjalo umuntu uyalala phansi angavuki; kuze kuthi amazulu angabikho, bangavuki, kumbe bangaphatshanyiswa ebuthongweni babo. **13** Kungathi ungangifihla engcwabeni, ungithukuze, ize iphenduke intukuthelo yakho, ungimisele isikhathi esimisiweyo, ungikhumbule! (**Sheol h7585**) **14** Uba umuntu esifa, uzabuya aphile yini? Zonke insuku zemfazo yami ngizalinda, kuze kufike ukukhululwa kwami. **15** Uzabiza, mina-ke ngizasabela, uzalangatha umsebenzi wezandla zakho. **16** Kanti khathesi uyazibala izinyathelo zami; kawuyikuqaphelisa ngesono sami yini? **17** Isiphambeko sami sinanyekwe esikhwameni, wasusibekela isono sami. **18** Isibili-ke intaba ewayo iyabhidlika, ledwala liyasuswa endaweni yalo. **19** Amanzi ayaguguda amatshe, impophoma zawo ziyakhukhula ubhuqu lomhlaba. Uyachitha-ke ithemba lomuntu. **20** Uyamehlula phakade, adlule; uyaguqula ubuso bakhe, umxotshe. **21** Amadodana akhe ayadunyiswa, kodwa engakwazi; kumbe ayehlisewa phansi, kodwa angakunanzeeli. **22** Kodwa inyama yakhe kuye isebuhlungwini, lomphefumulo wakhe kuye uyalila.

15 Wasephendula uElifazi umThemani wathi: **2** Ohlakaniphileyo angaphendula yini ulwazi olungumoya, agcwalise isisu sakhe ngomoya wempumalanga? **3** Aphikise ngamazwi angasizi lutho, langenkulomo ezingelanzozo yini? **4** Yebo, wena uyachitha ukwesaba, uvimbela umkhuleko phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Ngoba umlomo wakho ufundisa ububi bakho, ukhethe ulimi lwamaqili. **6** Umlomo wakho uyakulahla, kayisimi; yebo, indebe zakho ziyafakaza ngawe. **7** Ungumuntu wokuqala owazalwayo yini? Kumbe wazalwa mandulo kwamaqaqa yini? **8** Uzwile yini icebo langasese likaNkulunkulu? Kumbe uzigodlele inhlakanipho

yini? **9** Kuyini okwaziyo esingakwaziyo? Kuyini okuqedisisayo okungekho kithi? **10** Kukhona phakathi kwethu lempunga lekhehla, omdala ngensuku kuloyihlo. **11** Zincinyane yini kuwe induduzo zikaNkulunkulu, lelizwi elikhulunywa kuhle lawe? **12** Kungani inhliziyo yakho ikumukisa? Njalo kungani amehlo akho ephayiza, **13** ukuthi uphendule umoya wakho umelane loNkulunkulu, ukhuphe amazwi anje emlonyeni wakho? **14** Umuntu uyini ukuthi abe ngohlambulukileyo, lozelwe ngowesifazana ukuthi abe ngolungileyo? **15** Khangela, kathembeli kwabangcwele bakhe, lamazulu kawahlambulukanga emehlwani akhe. **16** Kukangakanani umuntu onengekayo lowonakeleyo, onatha ububi njengamanzi! **17** Ngizakutshengisa, ungilalele, lengikubonileyo ngizakulandisa, **18** lokho izihlakaniphi ezikukhulumileyo kusukela kuboyise, njalo kazikufihlanga, **19** okwanikwa kuzo zodwa ilizwe, lokungadlulanga izihambi phakathi kwazo. **20** Insuku zonke zokhohlakeleyo uzizwisa ubuhlungu, lenani lemnyaka ebekelwelwe umcindezeli. **21** Umsindo wezethuso usendlebeni zakhe; empumelelweni umchithi uzamfikela. **22** Kakholwa ukuthi uzaphenduka emnyameni, kodwa ukuthi ulindelwe yinkemba. **23** Uzulela ukudla. Kungaphi? Uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama lulungisiwe esandleni sakhe. **24** Uhlupho losizi kuyamethusa, kumehlule njengenkosi elungele impi. **25** Ngoba welule isandla sakhe emelene loNkulunkulu, wenza ngamandla ukumelana loSomandla. **26** Wagijima emelene laye ngentamo, ngohlonzi lwamaqhubu ezihlangu zakhe. **27** Ngoba wambomboza ubuso bakhe ngamafutha akhe, wenza ukhalo lwakhukhumala ngamafutha. **28** Uhlala emizini echithekileyo, izindlu abangahlali kuzo, ezelungele ukuba zinqumbi. **29** Kayikunotha, lenotho yakhe kayiyikuma,

lenzozo yakhe kayiyikusabalala emhlabeni. **30** Kayikusuka emnyameni; ilangabi lizakomisa ihlumela lakhe, njalo uzasuka ngokuphefumula komoya wakhe. **31** Oduhisiwego kangathembeli ezenini, ngoba ize lizakuba ngumvuzo wakhe. **32** Kuzafezwa kungakabi lusuku lwakhe, logatsha lwakhe aluyikuba luhlaza. **33** Uzawohloza izithelo zakhe ezingavuthwanga njengevini, athintithe impoko zakhe njengesihlahla somhlwathi. **34** Ngoba inhlango yabazenzisi izakuba ngengelazithelo, lomlilo uzaqothula amathente ezivalamlomo. **35** Bamitha uhlupho, bazale isono, lesizalo sabo silungisa inkohliso.

16 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Ngizwile izinto ezinengi ezinje; lingabadudu zi abakhathazayo lina lonke. **3** Kuzakuba leshiphetho yini emazwini angumoya? Kumbe kuyini okulicunulayo ukuthi liphendule? **4** Lami bengingakhulum a njengani uba umphefumulo wenu ubusendaweni yomphefumulo wami; bengingabuthelela amazwi phezu kwenu, ngilinikinele ikhanda lami. **5** Bengingaliqinisa ngomlomo wami, lokunyikinyeka kwendebe zami bekungadedisaubuhlungu benu. **6** Uba ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu bami kabudedi; uba ngiyekela, kuyini okusuka kimi? **7** Kodwa khathesi ungidinisile yena, wena uchithile yonke inhlango yami. **8** Ungitshwabhanisile, kube yibufakazi, lokucaka kwami kungivukele, kuyafakaza ebusweni bami. **9** Ulaka lwakhe luyangidwengula, njalo uyangizonda; ungigedlela amazinyo akhe; isitha sami singicijisela amehlo aso. **10** Bangikhamisela umlomo wabo, bangiwakala esihlathini ngokuyangisa, bengihlanganyela ndawonye. **11** UNkulunkulu unginikele kokhohlakeleyo, wangiphosela ezandleni zababi. **12** Ngangonwabile, kodwa wangichoboza, wangidumela ngentamo, wangiphahlaza, wangimisa ngaba yinto yakhe

yokunenjwa. **13** Abatshoki bakhe bangigombolozela; uqhekeze izinso zami, engayekeli, wachithela emhlabathini inyongo yami. **14** Wangivodloza ngokuvodlovodloza, wagijimela kimi njengeqhawe. **15** Ngathunga isaka phezu kwesikhumba sami, ngathukuza uphondo lwami othulini. **16** Ubuso bami bubomvu ngokukhala, lenkotsheni zami kulethunzi lokufa, **17** lanxa kungekho isihluku ezandleni zami, lomkhuleko wami uhlanzekile. **18** Mhlaba, ungaligqibeli igazi lami, lokukhala kwami kakungabi landawo. **19** Lakhathesi, khangelani, ubufakazi bami busemazulwini, lomfakazi wami usezindaweni eziphakemeyo. **20** Abangane bami bayangiklolodela; ilihlo lami liyathonta kuNkulunkulu. **21** Kungathi kungaba khona ongamlamulela umuntu kuNkulunkulu, njengendodana yomuntu kumngane wayo. **22** Ngoba iminyaka emilutshwana izafika, njalo ngizahamba ngendalela engingayikubuya ngayo.

17 Umoya wami wonakele, insuku zami zicitshiwe, amangcwaba ngawami. **2** Kabakho lami yini abaklolodayo, lelihlo lami lichitha ubusuku ekuvukeleni kwabo? **3** Akubeke isibambiso sami kuwe; ngubani yena ozatshaya esandleni sami? **4** Ngoba inhliziyo yabo uyifihlele ukuqedisisa; ngenxa yalokhu kawuyikubaphakamisa. **5** Okhulumma ngokuyenga kubangane, lamehlo abantwana bakhe azafiphala. **6** Njalo ungimise ngaba yisaga sezizwe, ngaze ngaba ngokhafulelwayo phambi kwazo. **7** Njalo ilihlo lami lifiphele ngosizi, lamalunga ami anjengesithunzi wonke. **8** Abaqotho bazakwethuswa yikho, longelacala uvukela ongamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **9** Lolungileyo uzabambelela endleleni yakhe, lolezandla ezihlambulukileyo uzakwengeza amandla. **10** Kodwa-ke lina lonke, phendukani ake libuye, ngoba kangitholi ohlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu. **11** Insuku zami

zedlule, amacebo ami adabuke phakathi, lezifiso zenhлизиyo yami.

12 Bamisa ubusuku bube yimini; ukukhanya kuseduze phambi
kobumnyama. **13** Uba ngilinda, ingcwaba lizakuba yindlu yami;

ngendlala umbheda wami emnyameni. (**Sheol h7585**) **14** Ngibiza
ingcwaba ngisithi: Wena ungubaba; impethu ngisithi: Umama
lodadewethu. **15** Pho-ke ithemba lami lingaphi? Yebo, ithemba
lami ngubani ozalibona? **16** Kuzakwehlela kumijabo yengcwaba,
lapho sizaphumula khona ndawonye enhlabathini. (**Sheol h7585**)

18 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi: **2** Koze kube nini
libekela amazwi imigibe? Nanzeelani, lemva kwalokho sikhulume.
3 Kungani sithiwa sizinyamazana, singcolile emehlwani enu?
4 Udwengula umphefumulo wakhe ngokuthukuthela kwakhe.
Umhlaba uzatshiywa ngenxa yakho yini, loba idwala lisuswe
endaweni yalo? **5** Yebo, ukukhanya kwabakhohlakeleyo
kuzacitshwa, lenhlansi yomlilo wakhe kayiyikukhanya. **6**
Ukukhanya kuzafiphala ethenteni lakhe, lesibane sakhe ngaphezu
kwakhe sizacitshwa. **7** Izinyathelo zamandla akhe zizafinyeza,
lecebo lakhe lizamwisela phansi. **8** Ngoba uzaphoselwa
embuleni zinyawo zakhe, ahambe phezu kwembule. **9** Umjibila
uzambamba isithende, isihitshela sizamkhulela. **10** Igoda lakhe
lifihlwe emhlabathini, lomjibila wakhe endleleni. **11** Izesabiso
zizamethusa inhlangothi zonke, zixotshane laye enyaweni
zakhe. **12** Amandla akhe azaqedwa yindlala, lengozi ilindele
ukukhubeka kwakhe. **13** Kuzakudla ingxenye zesikhumba
sakhe; izibulo lokufa lidle ingxenye zakhe. **14** Ithemba lakhe
lizahluthunwa ethenteni lakhe, njalo kumenze aye enkosini
yezesabiso. **15** Kuzahlala ethenteni lakhe elingeyisilo lakhe;
isolufa izavuvuzelwa phezu kwendawo yakhe yokuhlala. **16**
Impande zakhe zizakoma ngaphansi, logatsha lwakhe lubune

ngaphezulu. **17** Ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuzabhubha emhlabeni, angabi labizo ezitaladeni. **18** Bazamfuqa bamsuse ekukhanyeni bamuse emnyameni, bamxotshe emhlabeni. **19** Kayikuba lenzalo lasizukulwana ebantwini bakibo; kakuyikuba lansali endaweni zakhe zokuhlala. **20** Abalandelayo bazakwethuswa lusuku lwakhe, labokuqala bazabanjwa yisesabiso. **21** Isibili zinjalo indawo zokuhlala zomubi, njalo yiyo le indawo yongamaziyo uNkulunkulu.

19 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Koze kube nini lihlupha umphefumulo wami, lingiphahlaza ngamazwi? **3** Lezizikhathi ezilitshumi lingithela ngehlazo; kalilanhloni, lingiphatha kubi. **4** Uba-ke kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiduhile, ukuduha kwami kuzahlala lami. **5** Uba isibili lizikhukhumeza phezu kwami, liphikisane lami ngehlazo lami, **6** yazini-ke ukuthi nguNkulunkulu ongihlanekeleyo, wangigombolozela ngembule lakhe. **7** Khangela, ngiyamemeza ngithi: Okubi! Kodwa kangiphendulwa. Ngicela usizo, kodwa akulasahlulelo. **8** Uyivalile indlela yami ngomduli ukuze ngingedluli, wamisa umnyama emikhondweni yami. **9** Ungihlubule udumo Iwami, wasusa umqhele wekhanda lami. **10** Ungibhidlizile inhlangothi zonke, sengihambile, ulisiphule ithemba lami njengesihlahla. **11** Ulumathisile ulaka lwakhe kimi, ungibale njengezitha zakhe kuye. **12** Amabutho akhe afika kanyekanye, abuthelela indlela yawo emelene lami, amisa inkamba agombolozela ithente lami. **13** Ubeke abafowethu khatshana lami, labangaziyo isibili sebengabemzini kimi. **14** Izihlobo zami zinyamalele, labazana lami bangikhohliwe. **15** Abahlala endlini yami lencekukazi zami bangibala njengowezizwe; ngingumfokazi emehlwani abo. **16** Ngabiza inceku yami, kodwa kayiphendulanga; ngayincenga ngomlomo wami. **17** Umoya wami

uyenyanyeka kumkami, sengiyisinengiso kumadodana esizalo sami. **18** Labantwana abancinyane bayangidelela; ngasukuma, basebekhuluma bermelene lami. **19** Bonke abantu besifuba sami banengwa yimi, labo ebengibathanda sebengiphendukele. **20** Ithambo lami linamathelana lesikhumba sami lenyama yami, njalo ngiphephe ngesikhumba samazinyo ami. **21** Ngihawukelani, ngihawukelani, lina bangane bami; ngoba isandla sikaNkulunkulu singithintile. **22** Lingizingelelani njengoNkulunkulu, lingeneliswa yinyama yami? **23** Kungathi ngabe khathesi amazwi ami abhaliwe! Kungathi ngabe acindezelwe egwalweni! **24** Ngabe abazwe ngepheni yensimbi langomnuso edwaleni kuze kube nininini! **25** Ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi umhlensi wami uyaphila, lekupheleni uzakuma emhlabathini. **26** Lapho sekutshabalalise lokhu emva kwesikhumba sami, kanti enyameni yami ngizambona uNkulunkulu, **27** mina engizazibonela yena, lamehlo ami azabona, hatshi omunye. Izinso zami seziphelile ngaphakathi kwami. **28** Kodwa lithi: Kungani simzingela? Ngoba impande yendaba itholakala kimi. **29** Lina yesabeni inkemba, ngoba ulaka luletha izijeziso zenkemba, ukuze lazi ukuthi sikhona isahlulelo.

20 Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi: **2** Ngakho imicabango yami ingenza ngiphendule, langenxa yokuphangisa kwami phakathi kwami. **3** Ngizwile isijeziso sehlazo lami, lomoya wokuqedisisa kwami ungenza ngiphendule. **4** Uyakwazi lokhu yini, kusukela endulo, selokhu kwabekwa umuntu emhlabeni, **5** ukuthi injabulo yababi imfitshane, lentokozo yomzenzisi ngeyesikhatshana nje? **6** Loba ubukhosu bakhe busenyukela emazulwini, lekhanda lakhe lifinyelela emayezini, **7** uzabhubha phakade njengobulongwe bakhe; labo abambonileyo bathi: Ungaphi? **8** Uzaphapha njengephupho, bangabe besamthola;

yebo, uzaxotshwa njengombono webusuku. **9** llihlo elike lambona aliyikuphinda, lendawo yakhe kayisayikumbona. **10** Abantwana bakhe bazadinga ukuthokozisa abayanga, lezandla zakhe zibuyisele inotho yakhe. **11** Amathambo akhe ayegcwele ubutsha bakhe, kodwa azalala kanye laye enhlabathini. **12** Uba ububi bumnandi emlonyeni wakhe, ebufihla ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe, **13** ebugodla, engabuyekeli, kodwa ebugcina phakathi komlomo wakhe, **14** ukudla kwakhe kuzaphenduka esiswini sakhe, kuzakuba yibuhlungu bezinyoka phakathi kwakhe. **15** Uginye inotho, kodwa uzayihlanza; uNkulunkulu uzayikhupha esiswini sakhe. **16** Uzamunya ubuhlungu bezinyoka, lolimi lwebululu luzambulala. **17** Kayikubona izifula, imifula, izifudlana zoluju lolaza. **18** Uzabuyisela lokho akusebenzelayo, angakuginyi; njengokwenotho izakuba njalo inhlawulo, njalo kayikuthokoza. **19** Ngoba ubacindezela wabadela abayanga, waphanga indlu abengayakhanga. **20** Ngoba kakwazi ukuthula esiswini sakhe, kayikusindisa lutho kusifiso sakhe. **21** Kakuyikusala lutho ekudleni kwakhe; ngenxa yalokhu okuhle kwakhe kakuyikuma. **22** Ekugcwaleni kokwanelo kwakhe uzakuba lencindezel; sonke isandla sohluphekayo sizamfikela. **23** Kuzakuthi lapho egcwalisu isisu sakhe, uNkulunkulu athumele kuye ukuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe, akunise phezu kwakhe ekudleni kwakhe. **24** Uzabalekela isikhali sensimbi, idandili lethusi lizamhlaba. **25** Uyalihwatsha, liphume emhlana, lokubenyezelayo kuzaphuma enyongweni yakhe; izesabiso ziphezu kwakhe. **26** Ubumnyama bonke bugcinelwe izinto zakhe ezibekelelwego; umlilo ongavuthelwayo uzamqeda; kuzakuba kubi kunsali ethenteni lakhe. **27** Amazulu azakwembula ububi bakhe, lomhlaba umvukele. **28** Ukwanda kwendlu yakhe kuzanyamalala, kukhukhulwe osukwini

Iwentukuthelo yakhe. **29** Lesi yisabelo somuntu omubi esivela kuNkulunkulu, lelifa alimiselwa nguNkulunkulu.

21 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Zwanini lilalele ilizwi lami, lalokho kube zinduduzo zenu. **3** Ngibekezelelani, ukuthi mina ngikhulume; lemva kokukhuluma kwami lingakloloda. **4** Mina-ke ukusola kwami kusemuntwini yini? Kodwa uba kunjalo, kungani umoya wami ungekhathazeke? **5** Ngikhangelani, likhakhamale, libeke isandla phezu komlomo. **6** Yebo, lapho ngikhumbula, ngitshaywa luvalo, lokuthuthumela kubamba inyama yami. **7** Ababi baphilelani, babe badala, yebo, bakhule emandleni? **8** Inzalo yabo izinze phambi kwabo kanye labo, lembewu yabo emehlweni abo. **9** Izindlu zabo zilokuthula kungelakwesaba, loswazi lukaNkulunkulu kaluphezu kwabo. **10** Inkunzi yakhe iyakhwela ingaphuthi; inkomokazi yakhe iyazala, ingaphunzi. **11** Bakhupha abantwanyana babo njengomhlambi, labantwana babo bayagida. **12** Baphakamisa ilizwi ngesigujana lechacho, bathokoze ngelizwi lomhlanga. **13** Bachitha insuku zabo ngokuhle, behlele engcwabeni ngokucwayiza kwelihlo.

(Sheol h7585) **14** Babesebesithi kuNkulunkulu: Suka kithi; ngoba kasifisi ulwazi Iwendlela zakho. **15** Uyini uSomandla ukuthi simkhonze? Sizazuzani uba simncenga? **16** Khangela, okuhle kwabo kakukho esandleni sabo; icebo lababi likhatshana lami. **17** Kukangaki isibane sababi sicutshwa, kusiza ukuchitheka kwabo phezu kwabo! UNkulunkulu ubabela ubuhlungu elakeni lwakhe. **18** Banjengamahlanga phambi komoya, lanjengomule isiphepho esiwuphephulayo. **19** UNkulunkulu ubekela abantwana bakhe usizi lwakhe. Uyamuza, njalo uzakwazi. **20** Amehlo akhe azabona ukuchitheka kwakhe, anathe okolaka lukaSomandla. **21** Ngoba iyini intokozo yakhe endlini yakhe emva kwakhe,

lapho inani lenyanga zakhe liqunywa? **22** Kukhona ongafundisa uNkulunkulu ulwazi yini? Ngoba yena wehlulela abaphezulu. **23** Lo uyafa esemandleni akhe apheleleyo, yena wonke onwabile, elokuthula. **24** Iziphathelo zakhe zigcwele uchago, lomnkantsho wamathambo akhe umanzi. **25** Lomunye ufa elomphefumulo obabayo, engadlanga kokuhle. **26** Balala ndawonye ethulini, lempethu zibasibekele. **27** Khangelani, ngiyayazi imicabango yenu, lamacebo eliwacea limelene lami. **28** Ngoba lithi: Ingaphi indlu yesiphathamandla? Njalo lingaphi ithente lendawo zababi zokuhlala? **29** Kalibabuzanga yini abadlula ngendlela, njalo kalinanzeleli iziboniso zabo? **30** Ukuthi omubi uyekelwa osukwini lokubhujiswa; bazalethwa osukwini lwezintukuthelo. **31** Ngubani ozamtshela indlela yakhe ebusweni? Ngubani ozamphindisela ngakwenzileyo? **32** Kanti yena uzasiwa engcwaben, lilindwe idundulu. **33** Amagade esihotsha amnandi kuye, njalo udonsa wonke umuntu emva kwakhe, njengoba bengelakubalwa abaphambi kwakhe. **34** Pho lizangiduduza njani ngeze, ngoba empendulweni zenu kusele inkohliso?

22 Wasephendula uElifazi umThemani wathi: **2** Umuntu angaba losizo kuNkulunkulu yini, ngoba ohlakaniphileyo elusizo kuye ngokwakhe? **3** Kuyintokozo yini kuSomandla ukuthi ulungile? Kumbe inzuso kuye ukuthi uphelelise indlela zakho? **4** Uzakusola yini ngenxa yokwesaba kwakho? Uzangena lawe kusahlulelo. **5** Ububi bakho kabubukhulu yini, lezono zakho kazilakuphela? **6** Ngoba uthethe isibambiso kubafowenu kungelasizatho, wahlubula abanqunu iziggoko. **7** Kawumnathisanga amanzi odiniweyo, lolambileyo umgodlele ukudla. **8** Kodwa umuntu olengalo, umhlaba ungowakhe, lowemukeleka ebusweni wahlala kuwo. **9** Uxotshile abafelokazi bengelalutho, lengalo zezintandane

zichotshoziwe. **10** Ngakho-ke imijibila ikuhanqile, lovalo luhle lwakwesabisa, **11** kumbe ubumnyama ukuze ungaboni, lesikhukhula samanzi sikusibekele. **12** UNkulunkulu kakho yini engqongeni yamazulu? Bona-ke ingqonga yezinkanyezi, ukuthi ziphakeme kangakanani. **13** Kanti uthi: UNkulunkulu wazini? Angahlulela yini engemuva komnyama onzima? **14** Amayezi amnyama ayisisibekelo sakhe ukuze angaboni, uhamba esigombolozini samazulu. **15** Usunanzelele indlela endala yini abantu ababi abanyathela kuyo? **16** Abahluthunwa kungakabi yisikhathi; uzamcolo wathululwa phezu kwesisekelo sabo. **17** Abathi kuNkulunkulu: Suka kithi. LoSomandla wayenzeni kubo? **18** Kanti yena wayegcwaliise izindlu zabo ngokuhle; kodwa icebo labakhohlakeleyo likhatshana lami. **19** Abalungileyo bayakubona bathokoze, lomsulwa ubahleka usulu. **20** Isibili isitha sethu sichithiwe, lomlilo uqede insali yabo. **21** Ake wejwayelane laye, ube lokuthula, ngalokho okuhle kuzakuza kuwe. **22** Ake wemukele umlayo ovela emlonyeni wakhe, ubeke amazwi akhe enhliziyweni yakho. **23** Uba ubuyela kuSomandla, uzakwakhiwa, ususe okubi khatshana lamathente akho. **24** Ubusubeka igolide lakho othulini, legolide leOfiri elitsheni lezifula. **25** Ngakho uSomandla uzakuba ligolide lakho, lesiliva sakho esinengi. **26** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi uzazithokozisa ngoSomandla, uphakamisele ubuso bakho kuNkulunkulu. **27** Uzakhuleka kuye, akuzwe, ukhokhe izifungo zakho. **28** Uzaquma-ke udaba, luqiniseke kuwe, lokukhanya kukhanye endleleni zakho. **29** Nxa behliselwe phansi, ubususithi: Phezulu! Abesesindisa othobekileyo ngamehlo. **30** Uzamkhulula ongemsulwa; njalo ukhululwa ngokuhlanzeka kwezandla zakho.

23 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: 2 Lalamuhla isikhala zo sami silokubaba; isandla sami sinzima phezu kokububula kwami. 3 Kungathi ngabe ngiyazi lapho engingamthola khona! Bengingeza enkundleni yakhe! 4 Ngibeke kuhle udaba lwami phambi kwakhe, ngicwalise umlomo wami ngokuphikisa. 5 Bengingawazi amazwi azangiphendula ngawo, ngiqedisise azakutsho kimi. 6 Uzaphikisana lami ngobukhulu bamandla yini? Hatshi, kodwa uzabeka inhlizyo yakhe kimi. 7 Lapho oqotho angaphikisana laye; ngakho bengizaphepha phakade kumahluleli wami. 8 Khangelani ngiya phambili, kodwa kakho, lemuva, kodwa kangimboni. 9 Ngakwesokhohlo ekusebenzeni kwakhe, kodwa kangimboni; uyacatsha ngakwesokunene, kodwa kangimboni. 10 Kanti uyayazi indlela elami; kangihlole, ngizaphuma njenegolide. 11 Unyawo lwami lubambelele enyathelweni lakhe, ngiyigcinile indlela yakhe, kangiphambukanga. 12 Kangisukanga lemlayweni wezindebe zakhe, ngawalondoloza amazwi omlomo wakhe okwedlula isabelo sami. 13 Kodwa yena ukokukodwa, ngubanike ongambuyisela emuva? Lokho umphefumulo wakhe okufisayo uyakwenza. 14 Ngoba uzaphelelisa engikumiselweyo; lezinto ezinengi ezinjalo zikuye. 15 Ngenxa yalokho ngitshaywa luvalo phambi kwakhe; ngicabanga, ngiyamesaba. 16 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wenze inhlizyo yami yaphela amandla, loSomandla ungethusile. 17 Ngoba kangiqunywanga phambi komnyama, wagubuzela ubumnyama ebusweni bami.

24 Kungani izikhathi zingafihlelwanga uSomandla, labamaziyo bengaboni insuku zakhe? 2 Bathuthukisa imingcele, baphange imihlambi bayeluse. 3 Baxotsha ubabhemi wezintandane, bathathe inkabi yomfelokazi ibe yisibambiso. 4 Baphambula abaswelayo emigwaqweni; abayanga bomhlaba bacatsha

ndawonye. **5** Khangelani, bangobabhemu beganga enkangala, baphumela emsebenzini wabo, badinge impango ngovivi; inkangala ibe yikudla kwakhe lokwabantwana. **6** Emasimini bavuna ukudla kwakhe, bakhothoze esivinini somubi. **7** Balala beze ebusuku bengelasembatho, bengelasigubuzelo emqandweni. **8** Bamanzi ngezihlambo zezintaba, babambelela edwaleni ngoba bengelasiphephelo. **9** Bahluthuna intandane ebeleni, bathathe lesibambiso kumyanga. **10** Bahamba beze bengelasiggoko, labalambileyo bathwala isithungo. **11** Phakathi kwemiduli yabo bahlusa amafutha, banyathela izikhamele zewayini, kodwa bomile. **12** Abantu bayabubula besemzini, lomphefumulo wabalimeleyo uyakhala; kodwa uNkulunkulu kababaleli ukungalungi. **13** Bona baphakathi kwabavukela ukukhanya; kabazazi indlela zakhe, kabahlali emikhondweni yakhe. **14** Umbulali uyavuka ngovivi, abulale umyanga loswelayo; lebusuku unjengesela. **15** Lelihlo lesiphingi lilindela ukuhlwa, sisithi: Kakulalihlo elizangibona; sifake isimbombozo ebusweni baso. **16** Emnyameni ugebha aphutshele ezindlini abaziphawulele zona emini; kabakwazi ukukhanya. **17** Ngoba ikuseni kanyekanye ilithunzi lokufa kubo; uba besaziwa bakuzesabiso zethunzi lokufa. **18** Ulula phezu kobuso bamanzi; isabelo sabo siqalekisiwe emhlabeni; kaphendukeli endleleni yezivini. **19** Imbalela lokutshisa kuqedu amanzi eliqhwa elikhithikileyo, ngokunjalo ingcwaba abonileyo. (**Sheol h7585**) **20** Isizalo sizamkhohlwa, impethu izammunya, engabe esakhunjulwa, lenkohlakalo izakwephulwa njengesihlahla. **21** Udlu ngokuminza inyumba engazaliyo, kamenzeli okuhle umfelokazi. **22** Njalo udonsa abalamandla ngamandla akhe, uyavuka, njalo kungabi lolethemba lempilo. **23** Uyamnika

ukuze alondolozeke, eseyama kukho, kodwa amehlo akhe aphezu kwendlela zabo. **24** Bayaphakanyiswa okwesikhatshana, babesebengasekho, behliselwa phansi, bavalelwé njengaye wonke, bayaqunywa njengesihloko sesikhwebu. **25** Uba-ke kungenjalo, ngubani ongangenza umqambimanga, enze inkulomo yami ibe yize?

25 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi: **2** Ukubusa lokwesabeka kulaye; uyenza ukuthula endaweni zakhe eziphezulu. **3** Kukhona inani yini lamabutho akhe? Ngubani okungamphumeliyo ukukhanya kwakhe? **4** Pho umuntu angalunga njani kuNkulunkulu? Kumbe ozelwe ngowesifazana angahlambuluka njani? **5** Khangela kuze kube senyangeni, njalo kayikhazimuli, lezinkanyezi kazihlambulukanga emehlweni akhe. **6** Pho kangakanani umuntu oyimpethu, lendodana yomuntu engumswenya!

26 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Umsize njani ongelamandla, wasindisa ingalo engelamandla? **3** Umeluleke njani ongelakuhlakanipha, watshumayela ngobunengi ulwazi oluqotho? **4** Utshele bani amazwi? Njalo ngumoya kabani ophume kuwe? **5** Abafileyo bayathuthumela ngaphansi kwamanzi, labahlali bawo. **6** Isihogo sinqunu phambi kwakhe, lencithakalo kayilasisibekelo. **(Sheol h7585)** **7** Welulela inyakatho phezu kwendawo engelalutho, aphanyeke umhlaba phezu kweze. **8** Uyabophela amanzi emayezini akhe, kodwa amayezi kawadabuki ngaphansi kwawo. **9** Uyasibekela ubuso besihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, endlale iyezi phezu kwaso. **10** Udwebe umngcele oyisigombolozi phezu kobuso bamanzi, kuze kube sekucineni kokukhanya lomnyama. **11** Insika zamazulu ziyathuthumela, zethuswa yikukhuza kwakhe. **12** Ngamandla akhe uthulisa ulwandle, langenhlakanipho yakhe

upahlaza ukuziqhenya. **13** Ngomoya wakhe ucecise amazulu; isandla sakhe sagwaza inyoka ebalekayo. **14** Khangela, lokhu kungamaphethelo ezindlela zakhe; kodwa kuzwakala into encinyane kangakanani ngaye! Kanti umdumo wamandla akhe ngubani ongawuqedisisa?

27 UJobe wasebuya ephakamisa isaga sakhe wathi: **2** Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu osuse ilungelo lami, IoSomandla owenze umphemfumulo wami wababa. **3** Isibili ngaso sonke isikhathi umphemfumulo usekimi, lomoya kaNkulunkulu usemakhaleni ami, **4** oqotho indebe zami kaziyikukhuluma okubi, lolimi lwami sibili lungakhulumi inkohliso. **5** Kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngithi lilungile; ngize ngiphele kaziyikususa ubuqotho bami kimi. **6** Ngizabambelela ekulungeni kwami ngingakuyekeli; inhliziyo yami kayiyikusola ensukwini zami. **7** Isitha sami kasibe njengomubi, longivukelayo njengongalunganga. **8** Ngoba liyini ithemba longamesabiyo uNkulunkulu, esequnyiwe, uNkulunkulu esekhuphile umphemfumulo wakhe? **9** UNkulunkulu uzakuzwa yini ukukhala kwakhe, ukuhlupheka sekwehlele phezu kwakhe? **10** Uzazithokozisa yini ngoSomandla? Uzabiza uNkulunkulu yini sonke isikhathi? **11** Ngizalifundisa ngesandla sikaNkulunkulu; okukuSomandla kaziyikukufihla. **12** Khangela, lina lonke likubonile. Pho, kungani selibe yize lokuba yize ngokunjalo? **13** Lesi yisabelo somuntu omubi kuNkulunkulu, lelifa labalesihluku abalemukela kuSomandla. **14** Uba abantwana bakhe besanda, kungokwenkemba, lenzalo yakhe kaziyikusutha isinkwa. **15** Insali zakhe zizangcwatshwa ekufeni, labafelokazi bakhe kabayikukhala inyembezi. **16** Lanxa ebuthelela isiliva njengothuli, elungisa isigqoko njengodaka; **17** angalungisa, kodwa olungileyo uzasigqoka, longelacala uzakwaba isiliva. **18** Wakha indlu

yakhe njengenundu, lanjengedumba umlindi alenzayo. **19**

Ulala enothile, kodwa kabuthwa; uvula amehlo akhe, kasekho.

20 Izesabiso zizambamba njengamanzi; ebusuku isiphepho sizameba. **21** Umoya wempumalanga uzamthatha, ahambe, umphephule asuke endaweni yakhe. **22** Abesephosela phezu kwakhe angayekeli; phambi kwesandla sakhe uzabaleka isibili.

23 Abantu bazatshaya izandla zabo ngaye, bamncifele endaweni yakhe.

28 Isibili kukhona umthapho wesiliva, lendawo yegolide abalicengayo. **2** Insimbi ithathwa enhlabathini, lethusi lincibilikiswa elitsheni. **3** Umisela umnyama umngcele, udingisisa kuze kube sekupheleleni konke, amatshe obumnyama lethunzi lokufa. **4** Uqhekeza umgodi khatshana lalapho okuhlala khona abantu, lapho abakhohlwe khona lunyawo; bayalenga bejikajika khatshana labantu. **5** Umhlabo, kuphuma ukudla kuwo, langaphansi kwawo kuperhenda kwangathi ngumlilo. **6** Amatshe awo ayindawo yesafire, njalo ulothuli Iwegolide. **7** Inyon edla inyama kayiyazi indlela, lelihlo lelinqe kaliyibonanga. **8** Imidlwane yokuziqhenyayo kayiyinyathelanga, isilwane kasihambanga kuyo. **9** Uyelula isandla sakhe elitsheni elilukhuni, uyagenqula izintaba ezimpandeni. **10** Aqhekeze imisele emadwaleni, lelihlo lakhe libona konke okuligugu. **11** Uyabopha izifula zingathonti, lokufihlakeleyo ukukhuphela ekukhanyeni. **12** Kodwa inhlakanipho ingatholakala ivela ngaphi? Lendawo yokuqedisisa ingaphi? **13** Umuntu kalazi ixabiso lakho, njalo kakutholakali elizweni labaphilayo. **14** Ukujula kuthi: Kakukho kimi. Lolwandle luthi: Kakulami. **15** Igolide elihle lingenikwe endaweni yakho, lesiliva singelinganiselwe intengo yakho. **16** Kungelingane legolide leOfiri, le-onikse eligugu, lesafire. **17** Igolide lekristali

kungelingane lakho, futhi kungenaniswe ngesitsha segolide elicwengekileyo. **18** Ikorali lekristali kakuyikukhunjulwa, ngoba intengo yenhlakanipho ingaphezu kwamatshe aligugu. **19** Itopazi leEthiyophiya lingelinganiswe lakho, kungelingane legolide elicwengekileyo. **20** Pho, inhlakanipho ivela ngaphi? Lendawo yokuqedisisa ingaphi? **21** Ngoba kusithekile emehlwani abo bonke abaphilayo, kwafihlwa ezinyonini zamazulu. **22** Ukubhujiswa lokufa kuthi: Sizwile ngendlebe zethu umbiko wakho. **23** UNkulunkulu uyayiqedisisa indlela yakho, njalo yena uayazi indawo yakho. **24** Ngoba yena uyakhangela kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba, abone ngaphansi kwavo wonke amazulu. **25** Esenzela umoya isisindo, walinganisa amanzi ngesilinganiso. **26** Lapho esenzela izulu isimiso, lombane wokuduma indlela. **27** Ngalesosikhathi wakubona, walandisa ngakho; wakulungisa, yebo, wakuhlolisa. **28** Wasesithi emuntwini: Khangela, ukwesaba iNkosi, lokhu kuyinhlakanipho, lokusuka ebubini kuyikuqedisisa.

29 UJobe wasebuya ephakamisa isaga sakhe wathi: **2** Kungathi ngabe nginjengenyangeni zamandulo, njengensukwini uNkulunkulu angigcine ngazo, **3** lapho isibane sakhe sakanya phezu kwekhanda lami; ngahamba emnyameni ngokukhanya kwakhe! **4** Njengoba nganginjalo ensukwini zokuvuthwa kwami, lapho iseluleko sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwethente lami, **5** lapho uSomandla wayeseselami, labantwana bami bengiphahlile, **6** lapho ngagezisa izinyathelo zami ngolaza, ledwala langithululela imifula yamafutha! **7** Lapho ngaphuma ngaya esangweni ngidabula umuzi, ngalungisa isihlalo sami emdangeni; **8** amajaha angibona, acatsha; lamaxhegu asukuma ema; **9** iziphathamandla zayekela ukukhuluma, zabeka isandla

phezu komlomo wazo; **10** ilizwi labakhulu lacatsha, lolimi lwabo lwanamathela elwangeni lwabo. **11** Lapho indlebe isizwa yangibusisa, lelihlo libona langifakazela, **12** ngoba ngakhulula umyanga okhalayo, lentandane, longelamsizi. **13** Isibusiso sobhubhayo sehlele phezu kwami, njalo ngenza inhliziyo yomfelokazi ihlabele ngentokozo. **14** Ngembatha ukulunga, kwangembesa; isahlulelo sami saba njengesembatho lomqhele. **15** Ngangingamehlo koyisiphofu, ngangizinyawo kusiqhuli. **16** Nganginguise wabayanga, lendaba engingayaziyo ngayihlolisia. **17** Ngasengisephula umhlathi womubi, ngamenza alahle impango emazinyweni akhe. **18** Ngasengisithi: Ngizaphela lesidleke sami, ngandise insuku njengetshebetshebe. **19** Impande zami zinabele emanzini, lamazolo alale ubusuku ogatsheni lwami. **20** Uduomo lwami lutsha kimi, ledandili lami laguquka esandleni sami. **21** Bangilalela, belindele, bathulela iseluleko sami. **22** Emva kwelizwi lami kabaphendulanga, lelizwi lami lathontela phezu kwabo. **23** Bangilindela njengezulu, lomlomo wabo bawukhamisela izulu lokucina. **24** Lapho ngibahlekela, kabakholwanga, lokukhanya kobuso bami kabakuwiselanga phansi. **25** Ngakhetha indlela yabo ngahlala ngiyinhloko, ngahlala njengenkosi phakathi kweviyo, njengoduduza abalilayo.

30 Kodwa khathesi abatsha kulami ngensuku bayangihleka, oyise babo engangingabadelela ukubafaka lezinja zomhlambi wami. **2** Yebo, amandla ezandla zabo ayengaba yini kimi, ukuvuthwa kwabo sekuphelile? **3** Ngenswelo langendlala bajujukile, bangqathuze elizweni elomileyo, elalikade liyinkangala legwadule. **4** Abakha imibhida yetshwayi enkotheni, lempande yesihlahla serotemu iyikudla kwabo. **5** Baxotshwa phakathi kwabantu; bamemeza ngabo kungathi lisela; **6** ukuthi

bahlale eliweni lezihotsha, imigodi yenhlabathi, lamadwala.

7 Bayakhonya phakathi kwenkotha, babuthane phansi kokhula. 8 Bangabantwana beziphukuphuku, yebo abantwana abangelabizo; betshaywa, bexotshwa emhlabeni. 9 Khathesi sengiyingoma yabo, sengiyisiga sabo. 10 Banengwa yimi, bamela khatshana lami; kabayekeli ukungikhafulela ebusweni ngamathe.

11 Ngoba ukhulule intambo yami, wangicindezela, ngakho balahle itomu phambi kwami. 12 Ngakwesokunene abatsha bayasukuma, bafuqa inyawo zami, bangivusela indlela zabo zokubhubhisa. 13 Badiliza indlela yami, bancedisa ukuqhubela phambili incithakalo yami, kabalamncedisi. 14 Beza kungathi bafohlela esikheleni esibanzi; phakathi kwencithakalo batheleka.

15 Izesabiso ziphendukele phezu kwami; baxotshana lodumo lwami njengomoya, lempumelelo yami yedlula njengeyezi. 16 Khathesi-ke umphefumulo wami uyazithulula phezu kwami; insuku zosizi zingibamble. 17 Ubusuku bugwaza amathambo ami phakathi kwami, lokungingqathuzayo kakuphumuli. 18 Ngobunengi bamandla akhe isembatho sami siyaguqulwa; uyangibhinca njengesiphika sebhatsi lami. 19 Ungiphosele odakeni, senginjengothuli lomlotha. 20 Ngiyakhala kuwe, kodwa kawungiphenduli; ngiyasukuma, unginanzelele nje.

21 Usuphenduke waba lesihluku kimi; ngamandla esandla sakho umelana lami. 22 Ungiphakamisela emoyeni, ungigadise kuwo, ungincibilikisele kusiphepho. 23 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi uzangibuyisela ekufeni, lendlini emiselwe bonke abaphilayo.

24 Kodwa umuntu kayikwelulela isandla engcwaben, kumbe encithakalweni yakhe akhalele usizo. 25 Kangimkhalelanga inyembezi yini owayelensuku ezilukhuni, umphefumulo wami wadabuka ngongumyanga? 26 Lapho ngilindele okuhle, kweza

okubi; lapho ngilindele ukukhanya, kweza umnyama. 27

Imibilini yami yabilia, kayithulanga, lensuku zosizi zingandulele.

28 Ngahamba ngilila, kungelalanga; ngasukuma ebandleni ngakhalela usizo. 29 Ngingumfowabo wemigobho, lomngane wezintshe. 30 Isikhumba sami simnyama phezu kwami, lamathambo ami atshile ngokutshisa. 31 Ichacho lami selibe yisililo, lomhlanga wami uyilizwi labakhala inyembezi.

31 Ngenza isivumelwano lamehlo ami; pho nginganenzelela njani intombi? 2 Ngoba siyini isabelo sikaNkulunkulu esivela phezulu, lelifa likaSomandla elivelu endaweni eziphezulu? 3 Incithakalo kayisiyomubi yini, lengozi yabenzi bobubi? 4 Yena kaziboni yini indlela zami, abale zonke izinyathelo zami? 5 Uba ngihambe ngokuyize, kumbe unyawo lwami lumphuthumele enkohlisweni, 6 kangilinganise ngesilinganiso esilungileyo, ukuze uNkulunkulu azi ubuqotho bami. 7 Uba inyathelo lami liphambukile endleleni, lenhliziy o yami yalandela amehlo ami, kumbe kunamathele isici ezandleni zami; 8 kangihlanye, kodwa kudle omunye, lezilimo zami zisitshulwe. 9 Uba inhliziy o yami iyengwe ngowesifazana, kumbe ngacathama emnyango kamakhelwane wami, 10 umkami kacholele omunye, labanye kabaguqe phezu kwakhe. 11 Ngoba lokho kuyinkohlakalo, njalo kuyisono ngabahluleli. 12 Ngoba ngumlilo odla kuze kubeyincithakalo, usiphule sonke isivuno sami. 13 Uba ngalile udaba lwenceku yami loba olwencekukazi yami, lapho ziphikisana lami, 14 pho ngizakwenzani lapho uNkulunkulu esukuma? Lalapho esethekela, ngizaphendulani kuye? 15 Lowo owangenza esiswini kamenzanga yena yini, lowasibumba esiswini munye? 16 Uba ngigodlele umyanga isifiso, kumbe ngifiphaze amehlo omfelokazi, 17 kumbe ngadla ucezu lwami ngedwa, ukuze intandane

ingadli kulo **18** (ngoba kwasebutsheni bami yakhula lami nginjengoyise, ngamqondisa kusukela esizalweni sikamama), **19** uba ngabona obhubha ngenxa yokuswela isigqoko, loba umyanga engelasembatho, **20** uba inkalo zakhe zingangibusisanga, ngoba ekhudunyezwe yiboya bezimvu zami, **21** uba ngaphakamisa isandla sami ngimelene lentandane, lapho ngabona usizo Iwami esangweni, **22** kaliwe ihlombe lami esiphangeni sami, lengalo yami iqamuke ethanjeni layo. **23** Ngoba incithakalo kaNkulunkulu yayiyisesabiso kimi, ngingenelisi ngenxa yobukhulu bakhe. **24** Uba ngenzile igolide laba lithemba lami, ngathi kugolide elihle: Themba lami. **25** Uba ngithokozile ngoba inotho yami inengi, langoba isandla sami sithole okunengi; **26** uba ngikhangele ilanga lapho libenyezela, loba inyanga ehamba enkazimulweni, **27** lenhlizyo yami yayengwa ensitha, kumbe isandla sami sange umlomo wami, **28** lalokho yisiphambeko phambi kwabehluleli, ngoba ngabe ngimphikile uNkulunkulu waphezulu. **29** Uba ngithokozile ngokuchitheka kongizondayo, kumbe ngajabula lapho ububi bumthola; **30** njalo ngingavumelanga umlomo wami ukuthi wone, ngokucela umphefumulo wakhe ngesiqalekiso; **31** uba abantu bethente lami bebengatshongo ukuthi: Hawu, aluba besilokwenyama yakhe, ngabe kasisuthanga. **32** Owemzini kazanga alale esitaladeni; iminyango yami ngayivulela isihambi. **33** Uba ngasibekela iziphambeko zami njengo Adamu, ngokufihla isono sami esifubeni sami. **34** Ngoba ngethuswa lixuku elikhulu, lokudelelwana ngabensendo kwangesabisa, ngakho ngathula, kangaze ngaphuma emnyango. **35** Kungathi ngabe ngilongangizwa! Khangelani uphawu Iwami. Kungathi uSomandla angangiphendula, lokuthi ophikisana lami ngabe ubhale uwalo! **36** Isibili, bengingaluthwala ehlombe lami, ngilubophe lube

ngumqhele kimi. **37** Ngimtshеле inani lezinyathelo zami, ngisondele kuye njengesiphathamandla. **38** Uba umhlaba wami ukhalile ngami, lemifolo yawo ililile ndawonye, **39** uba ngidlile amandla awo kungelamali, kumbe ngenza umphefumulo wabaniniwo uphele, **40** kakuhlume ukhula oluhlabayo endaweni yengqoloyi, lokhula olunukayo endaweni yebhali. Amazwi kaJobe asephelile.

32 Lawomadoda amathathu aseyekela ukumphendula uJobe, ngoba wayelungile emehlweni akhe. **2** Lwaseluvutha ulaka lukaElihu indodana kaBarakeli umBuzi, owosendo lukaRamu. Ulaka Iwakhe Iwavuthela uJobe ngoba wazilungisisa yena kuloNkulunkulu. **3** Ulaka Iwakhe Iwabavuthela labo abangane bakhe abathathu, ngoba bengatholanga impendulo, kube kanti bamlahla uJobe. **4** Kodwa UElihu wayelindele uJobe ekhuluma, ngoba babebadala ngensuku kulaye. **5** UElihu esebonile ukuthi kwakungelampendulo emlonyeni walamadoda amathathu, ulaka Iwakhe Iwaseluvutha. **6** Ngakho uElihu indodana kaBarakeli umBuzi waphendula wathi: Mina ngingomncinyane ngezinsuku, lina-ke libadala; ngenxa yalokhu bengithikaza, ngesaba ukulitshela umcabango wami. **7** Ngathi: Kakukhulume izinsuku, lobunengi beminyaka bazise inhlakanipho. **8** Isibili umoya ukhona emuntwini, lokuphefumulela kukaSomandla kuyabanika ukuqedisisa. **9** Abakhulu kabahlakaniphi ngezikhathi zonke, labalupheleyo kabaqedisisi isahlulelo. **10** Ngakho njithi: Lalelani kimi; lami ngizatshengisa umcabango wami. **11** Khangelani, bengiwalindele amazwi enu, ngabeka indlebe ekukhulumeni kwenu okuhlakaniphileyo, lisadinga amazwi. **12** Yebo, ngalilalela, khangelani-ke, kakho phakathi kwenu omvumisileyo uJobe, owaphenduleyo amazwi akhe. **13** Hlezi

lithi: Sitholile inhlakanipho; nguNkulunkulu ozamxotsha, hatshi umuntu. **14** Kodwa kangihlelelanga amazwi, langamazwi enu kangiyikumphendula. **15** Badideka, kabasaphendulanga, basusa amazwi kubo. **16** Ngasengilinda, kodwa kabakhulumanga, ngoba bema, kabasaphendulanga. **17** Lami ngizaphendula ingxenye yami, lami ngitshengise umcabango wami. **18** Ngoba ngigcwele amazwi, umoya wesisu sami uyangiqhubezela. **19** Khangelani, isisu sami sinjengewayini engavulwanga, njengemigodla emitsha sizadabuka. **20** Ngizakhuluma ukuze ngiphefumule; ngivule indebe zami, ngiphendule. **21** Ake ngingaphakamisi ubuso bomuntu, ngingabizi umuntu ngebizo lokubamba amehlo. **22** Ngoba kangikwazi ukunika amabizo okubamba amehlo; masinyane umenzi wami angangisusa.

33 Kube kanti-ke, Jobe, ake uzwe inkulomo zami, ubeke indlebe kuwo wonke amazwi ami. **2** Khangelani, sengivule umlomo wami, ulimi lwami lukhuluma emlonyeni wami. **3** Amazwi ami angawokuqonda kwenhlizyo yami, azakhuluma ulwazi lwendebe zami ngokuhlanzeka. **4** UMoya kaNkulunkulu wangenza, lokuphefumula kukaSomandla kwanginika impilo. **5** Uba ulakho ngiphendula; zihlele phambi kwami, uzimise. **6** Khangela, nginjengawe kuNkulunkulu, lami ngathatshwa ebumbeni. **7** Khangela, ukwethusa kwami kungakwethusi, lesandla sami singabi nzima phezu kwakho. **8** Isibili ukhulume endlebeni zami, ngezwa ilizwi lamazwi, uthi: **9** Ngimsulwa, kangilasiphambeko, nighlanzekile, njalo kakulabubi kimi. **10** Khangela, uthola amathuba okumelana lami, ungibala njengesitha sakhe. **11** Ufaka inyawo zami esigodweni, aqaphele zonke indlela zami. **12** Khangela, kulokhu kawulunganga; ngizakuphendula, ngoba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulomuntu.

13 Umphikiselani? Ngoba engaphenduli leyodwa yezindaba zakhe. **14** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ukhuluma kanye, yebo, kabili, engekho onanzayo. **15** Ephutsheni, kumbono webusuku, lapho ubuthongo obunzima busehlela abantu, ekuwozeleni embhedeni; **16** abesesembula indlebe yabantu, aphawule ukuqondiswa kwabo; **17** ukuze aphambule umuntu ekwenzenikwakhe, afihle ukuziggaja emuntwini, **18** anqande umphefumulo wakhe egodini, lempilo yakhe ekwedluleni ngenkemba. **19** Njalo ujeziswa ngobuhlungu embhedeni wakhe, langokuqaqamba kwamathambo akhe okungapheliyo, **20** ize impilo yakhe inengwe yisinkwa, lomphefumulo wakhe yikudla okuloyisekayo. **21** Inyama yakhe iyaphela, ingabonakali, lamathambo akhe abekade engabonakali avele. **22** Lomphefumulo wakhe useduze legodi, lempilo yakhe kubabulali. **23** Uba kulesithunywa kanye laye, umlamuli, oyedwa phakathi kwenkulungwane, ukutshela umuntu ukuqonda kwakhe, **24** uzakuba lomusa kuye athi: Mkhulule ekwehleleni egodini, sengithole inhlawulo. **25** Inyama yakhe izakuba ntsha okwedlula ubutsha; abuyelete ensukwini zobutsha bakhe. **26** Akhuleke kuNkulunkulu, ozakuba lesisa kuye, abone ubuso bakhe ngentokozo; ngoba uzabuyisela emuntwini ukulunga kwakhe. **27** Ukhangela ebantwini athi: Ngonile, ngahlanekela okulungileyo, kodwa kakungisizanga. **28** Uhlengile umphefumulo wami ekwedluleni egodini, lempilo yami izabona ukukhanya. **29** Khangelani, lezizinto uNkulunkulu uyazenza ngomuntu kabili kumbe kathathu, **30** ukuze abuyise umphefumulo wakhe egodini, ukuze akhanyiswe ngokukhanya kwabaphilayo. **31** Zwana, Jobe, ungilalele, uthule, njalo mina ngikhulume. **32** Uba kulamazwi, ungiphendule; khuluma, ngoba

ngifisa ukutshengisa ukuthi ulungile. **33** Uba kungenjalo, wena ngilalela; thula, njalo ngizakufundisa inhlakanipho.

34 Wasephendula uElihu wathi: **2** Zwanini amazwi ami, zihlakaniphi, lani zazi, libeke indlebe kimi. **3** Ngoba indlebe ihlola amazwi, njengolwanga lunambitha ukudla. **4** Asizikhetheleni isahlulelo; sazi phakathi kwethu okuhle. **5** Ngoba uJobe uthe: Ngilungile, kodwa uNkulunkulu ususe isahlulelo sami; **6** ngiqamba amanga ngimelene lelungelo lami; umtshoko wami kawelapheki, ngaphandle kwesiphambeko. **7** Nguwuphi umuntu onjengoJobe? Unatha ukuklolodelwa njengamanzi, **8** ahambahambe exukwini labenzi bobubi, ahambe labantu benkohlakalo. **9** Ngoba uthe: Kakumsizi umuntu nxa ethokoza ngoNkulunkulu. **10** Ngakho, bantu bengqondo, ngilalelani: Kakube khatshana loNkulunkulu ukwenza inkohlakalo, loSomandla ukwenza isiphambeko. **11** Ngoba umsebenzi womuntu uzawubuyisela kuye, amenze athole njengendlela yalowo lalowo. **12** Yebo, isibili uNkulunkulu kenzi okubi, njalo uSomandla kagobisi isehlulelo. **13** Ngubani owambeka phezu komhlaba? Kumbe ngubani owamisa umhlaba wonke? **14** Uba ebeka inhlizyo yakhe phezu kwakhe, uzabuthela umoya wakhe lomphefumulo wakhe kuye. **15** Inyama yonke ibizaphela kanyekanye, lomuntu abuyelete ethulini. **16** Uba kulokuqedisisa-ke, zwana lokhu, ubeke indlebe elizwini lamazwi ami. **17** Kambe, ozonda isehlulelo ubengabusa yini? Kambe uzamlahla yini olungileyo kakhulu? **18** Angatsho yini enkosini: Mkhohlisi; kuziphathamandla: Lina abangelaNkulunkulu? **19** Kuye ongemukeli ubuso beziphathamandla, engananzi isinothi phambi komyanga? Ngoba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla zakhe. **20** Bayafa ngesikhatsana; laphakathi kobusuku abantu bayaqhuqhiswa, bedlule; kuzasuswa olamandla

kungelasandla. **21** Ngoba amehlo akhe aphezu kwendlela zomuntu, uyabona zonke izinyathelo zakhe. **22** Kakulamnyama njalo kakulathunzi lokufa lapho abenzi bobubi abangacatsha khona. **23** Ngoba kabi lokhu enaka umuntu, ukuthi aye kuNkulunkulu esahlulelweni. **24** Uyaphahlaza abalamandla kungahlolwanga, amise abanye endaweni zabo. **25** Ngakho uyayazi imisebenzi yabo, uyabagenqula ebusuku, bachotshozwe. **26** Uyabatshaya njengababi endaweni yababukelayo. **27** Ngenxa yokuthi bephambukile ekumlandeleni, bengananzanga leyodwa yezindlela zakhe, **28** baze benza ukukhala komyanga kufike kuye, njalo wakuzwa ukukhala kwabahluphekayo. **29** Lapho yena ethulisa, ngubani-ke ongaziphatha ngenkohliso? Lapho efiha ubuso, ngubani-ke ongambona? Loba esizweni loba emuntwini eyedwa. **30** Ukuze abantu abangabazenzisi bangabusi, ukuze bangabi yimijibila ebantwini. **31** Isibili uthe kuNkulunkulu: Ngithwele isijeziso, kangiyikona. **32** Lokhu engingakuboniyo ngifundise wena; uba ngenze okubi kangisayikukwenza futhi. **33** Uzaphindisela yini njengokuthanda kwakho, loba uyala, loba wena ukhetha, njalo kungesimi? Wazini-ke? Khuluma. **34** Abantu abalokuqedisisa bazakhulum kimi, lomuntu ohlakaniphileyo uzangizwa. **35** UJobe ukhulum engelalwazi, lamazwi akhe kawalanhlakanipho. **36** Kungathi ngabe uJobe uyahlolwa kuze kube sekupheleni, ngenxa yempendulo zakhe njengabantu ababi. **37** Ngoba esonweni sakhe wengezelela ububi, etshaya izandla phakathi kwethu, esandisa amazwi akhe emelene loNkulunkulu.

35 UElihu wasephendula wathi: **2** Ukhumbula ukuthi lokhu kuqondile yini? Uthe: Ukulunga kwami kwedlula okukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba uthe kusizani kuwe, kungisizani okwedlula isono sami? **4**

Mina ngizakuphendula, labangane bakho kanye lawe. **5** Khangela amazulu ubone; ukhangale amayezi, aphakeme kulawe. **6** Uba usona, wenzani kuye? Uba iziphambeko zakho zizinengi, wenzani kuye? **7** Uba ulungile, umnikani, kumbe wemukelani esandleni sakho? **8** Ububi bakho buthinta umuntu onjengawe, lokulunga kwakho indodana yomuntu. **9** Ngenxa yobunengi bencindezelo babenza bakhale; bayakhala ngenxa yengalo yabalamannda. **10** Kodwa kakho othi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu umenzi wami, onika amahubo ebusuku, **11** osifundisa okwedlula inyamazana zomhlaba, asenze sihlakaniphe okwedlula inyon zamazulu? **12** Lapho bayakhala, kodwa kaphenduli, ngenxa yokuziggaja kwababi. **13** Isibili uNkulunkulu kayikuzwa ize, loSomandla kayikukunanza. **14** Yebo, lanxa usithi: Kawumboni, kanti isahlulelo siphambi kwakhe; ngakho umlindele. **15** Kodwa khathesi, ngoba intukuthelo yakhe ingajezisanga, laye kayikwejwayela kakhulu yini ukuziphakamisa? **16** Ngakho uJobe uvule umlomo wakhe ngeze, wandisa amazwi engelalwazi.

36 UElihu waseqhubeka wathi: **2** Ngibekezelela kancinyane, ngizakubonisa ukuthi kuseselamazwi ngoNkulunkulu. **3** Ngizathatha ulwazi lwami luvela khatshana, nginike ukulunga kuMenzi wami. **4** Ngoba isibili amazwi ami kawayisiwo amanga; opheleleyo elwazini ulawe. **5** Khangela, uNkulunkulu ulamandla, njalo keyisi; mkhulu emandleni okuqedisisa. **6** Kayekeli omubi aphile, kodwa unika abayanga okulungileyo. **7** Kasusi amehlo akhe kolungileyo, kodwa balamakhosi esihlalweni sobukhos; yebo, uyawahlalisa phakade, abesephakama. **8** Njalo uba bebotshiwe ngezibopho, bethunjwe ngezintambo zenhlupheko, **9** abesebatshela isenzo sabo, leziphambeko zabo, ukuthi zazilamandla. **10** Uyavula indlebe yabo ekulayweni, alaye

baphenduke ebubini. **11** Uba belalela, bamkhonze, bazachitha insuku zabo kokuhle, leminyaka yabo ezintokozweni. **12** Kodwa uba bengalaleli, bazadlula ngomkhonto, baphele bengelalwazi.

13 Labangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo babuthelela intukuthelo; kabakhali esebabophile. **14** Umphefumulo wabo uzafela ebutsheni, lempilo yabo phakathi kwezinkotshana. **15** Uzakhulula ohluphekayo ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, avule indlebe yabo ecindezelweni. **16** Yebo, lawe wakuhuga ukuthi uphume emlonyeni wocin dezelo uye endaweni ebanzi, okungelacindezel kuyo, lokuphezu kwetafula lakho kuzagcwala amanono. **17** Kodwa ugcwalise isigwebo somubi; isigwebo lokulunga kukubamble. **18** Qaphela ulaka lungakuhugeli ekuklolodeni, lobukhulu benhlawulo bungakuphambuli. **19** Ubengalinganisa inotho yakho, ukuthi ubungebe ecindezelweni, lemizamo yonke elamandla? **20** Ungakhefuzeleli lobobusuku bokususwa kwabantu endaweni yabo. **21** Qaphela, ungaphendukeli ebubini, ngoba ukhethe lokho kulokuhlupheka. **22** Khangela, uNkulunkulu uziphakamisa ngamandla akhe; ngubani ongumfundisi njengaye? **23** Ngubani ommisele indlela yakhe? Kumbe ngubani othe: Wenze ububi? **24** Khumbula ukuthi ukhulise umsebenzi wakhe, abahlabela ngawo abantu. **25** Bonke abantu bayawubona; umuntu uyawukhangela ekhatshana. **26** Khangela, uNkulunkulu uphakeme, njalo kasimazi, lenani leminyaka yakhe kayilakuhlolwa. **27** Ngoba wenyusa amathonsi amanzi, ahlambulule izulu njengenkungu yawo; **28** amayezi alithululela phansi, lithonte kakhulu phezu komuntu. **29** Yebo, kukhona yini ongaqedisisa ukwendlaleka kwamayezi, umsindo wedumba lakhe? **30** Khangela, wendlala ukukhanya kwakhe phezu kwawo, agubuzele impande zolwandle.

31 Ngoba ngawo uehlu lula abantu, anike ukudla ngobunengi. **32**

Ngezandla usibekela ukukhanya, abesekulaya ngalelo elingena phakathi. **33** Umdumo wakhe ubika ngakho, lenkomo ngenkungu eyenyukayo.

37 Langenxa yalokho inhliziyo yami iyathuthumela, yeqe endaweni yayo. **2** Zwana lokuzwa umdumo welizwi lakhe, lomsindo ophuma emlonyeni wakhe. **3** Uyakukhulula ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke, lokukhanya kwakhe kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba. **4** Emva kwalokho kubhonga ilizwi, uyaduma ngelizwi lokuphakama kwakhe, angakunqandi lapho kuzwakala ilizwi lakhe. **5** UNkulunkulu uyaduma ngelizwi lakhe ngokumangalisayo kakhulu, wenza izinto ezinkulu, esingeziqedisise. **6** Ngoba kuliqhwa elikhithikileyo uthi: Woba semhlabeni; lakuzihlambo zezulu, lakuzihlambo zezulu elikhulu lamandla akhe. **7** Uyanamathelisa isandla somuntu wonke, ukuze bazi bonke abantu bomsebenzi wakhe. **8** Inyamazana ziyangena emihomeni yazo, zihlale ezikhundleni zazo. **9** Isivunguzane siphuma ekamelweni leningizimu, lomqando emimoyeni yenyakatho. **10** Ngomoya kaNkulunkulu kunikwa unggwaqwane, lamanzi abanzi abe yilitshe. **11** Njalo uthwalisa amayezi ngobumanzi, ahlakaze iyezi lokukhanya kwakhe. **12** Njalo lona liyajikajika liphenduka ngokuqondisa kwakhe, ukuze enze konke awalaye khona, ebusweni bomhlaba emhlabathini. **13** Loba ngoswazi, loba ngomhlaba wakhe, loba ngomusa, uyakufikisa. **14** Beka indlebe kukho, Jobe; mana, unanzelele imisebenzi emangalisayo kaNkulunkulu. **15** Uyazi yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwalungisa nini, enze ukukhanya kwamayezi akhe kukhanye? **16** Uyazi yini ukulengiswa kwamayezi, izimangaliso zopheleleyo elwazini? **17** Ukuthi izigqoko zakho zikhudumala njani, ekuthuliseni umhlaba

ngomoya weningizimu? **18** Uwendlalile yini amayezi kanye
laye, aqine njengesibuko esibunjewyo ngokuncibilika? **19**
Sifundise ukuthi sizakuthini kuye; singeke silungise lutho ngenxa
yomnyama. **20** Kungalandiswa kuye yini ukuthi ngiyakhuluma?
Uba umuntu engakhuluma, isibili uzaginywa. **21** Khathesi-
ke kabakuboni ukukhanya okubenyezelayo okusemayezini,
lapho umoya udlula uwahlambulula. **22** Igolide livela enyakatho.
KuNkulunkulu kulobukhosu obesabekayo. **23** USomandla
singemfumane; uphakeme ngamandla, langokwahluvela, njalo
mkhulu ngokulunga; kacindezeli. **24** Ngakho abantu bayamesaba;
kanaki wonke owabahlakaniphileyo ngenhlizyo.

38 INkosi yasimphendula uJobe isesivunguzaneni yathi: **2**
Ngubani lo ofiphaza iseluleko ngamazwi angelawazi? **3**
Bopha-ke ukhalo lwakho njengendoda, njalo ngizakubuza,
njalo ungenze ngazi. **4** Wawungaphi lapho ngimisa izisekelo
zomhlaba? Tshono uba usazi ukuqedisisa. **5** Ngubani owabeka
izilinganiso zawo, uba ukwazi? Kumbe ngubani owelulela
intambo yokulinganisa phezu kwavo? **6** Izisekelo zawo zamiswa
phezu kwani? Kumbe ngubani owabeka ilitshe lawo lengonsi, **7**
lapho inkanyezi zokusa zahlabela kanyekanye, lamadodana
wonke kaNkulunkulu amemeza ngenjabulo? **8** Kumbe ngubani
owavalela ulwandle ngezivalo, lapho lufohla lumphuma esiswini, **9**
lapho ngimisa iyezi laba yisembatho salo, lomnyama onzima
waba yimbeleko yalo? **10** Njalo ngaluquumela isimiso, ngamisa
imigoqo lezivalo, **11** ngathi: Uzafika kuze kube lapha, kodwa
ungedluli, lalapha kuzamelana lokuzigqaja kwamagagasi akho.
12 Kusukela ensukwini zakho walawula ukusa yini, wenza
ukudabuka kokusa ukuthi kwazi indawo yakho, **13** ukuthi
kubambe imiphetho yomhlaba, ukuze kuthintithe ababi kuwo? **14**

Kuyaguquka njengebumba lophawu lokunamathisela, kuzimisa njengesembatho. **15** Lakwababi ukukhanya kwabo kuyagodlwa, lengalo ephakemeyo iyephulwa. **16** Usungenile emithonjeni yolwandle yini, wahamba usiya le lale ekudingeni inziki? **17** Amasango okufa wawembulelwa yini, wawabona amasango ethunzi lokufa? **18** Uqedisisile yini kuze kube sebubanzini bomhlaba? Tshono uba ukwazi konke. **19** Ingaphi indlela lapho okuhlala khona ukukhanya? Lomnyama, ingaphi indawo yawo, **20** ukuze ukuse emngceleni wakho, lokuthi uqedisise izindlela zomuzi wakho? **21** Uyazi, ngoba wawusuzelwe, lenani lensuku zakho likhulu. **22** Usungenile eziphaleni zeliqhwa elikhithikileyo yini, wabona iziphala zesiqhoho, **23** engizigodle kuze kube yisikhathi sokuhlupheka, kuze kube lusuku lokulwa lolwempi? **24** Ingaphi indlela lapho ukukhanya okwabiwa khona, umoya wempumalanga ohlakazeka khona emhlabeni? **25** Ngubani owehlukanisela impophoma indlela yamanzi, lendlela yombane wemidumo, **26** ukuthi line emhlabeni lapho okungelamuntu khona, enkangala okungelamuntu kuyo, **27** ukusuthisa inkangala legwadule, lokuhlumisa ukuphuma kotshani? **28** Izulu liloysie yini, kumbe ngubani owazala amathonsi amazolo? **29** Ungqwaqwane waphuma esiswini sikabani? Njalo ngubani owazala iliqhwa lamazulu? **30** Amanzi afihlakele njengelitshe, lobuso bokujula bujiyile. **31** Ungazibopha yini izibopho zesiLimela, kumbe uthukulule intambo zeziNja? **32** Ungakhupha yini izinkanyezi ngesikhathi sazo? Ungakhokhela yini iBhere kanye labantwana balo? **33** Uyazazi yini izimiso zamazulu, kumbe ungamisa umbuso wazo emhlabeni? **34** Ungaphakamisela yini ilizwi lakho emayezini, ukuthi ubunengi bamanzi bukusibekele? **35** Ungathuma yini imibane ukuthi ihambe, ithi kuwe: Khangela,

silapha? **36** Ngubani owabeka inhlakanipho emibilini? Kumbe ngubani onike ukuqedisisa engqondweni? **37** Ngubani ongabala amayezi ngenhlakanipho? Njalo ngubani ongalalisa imbodylela zamazulu, **38** lapho uthuli luqina lube yizigaqa, lamagade anamathelane? **39** Ungasizingelela yini isilwane ukudla, kumbe usuthise ukulamba kwezilwane ezintsha, **40** lapho zicathame emihomeni, zihlala esikhundleni ukuthi zicathame? **41** Ngubani olungisela iwabayi ukudla kwalo, lapho amaphuphu alo ekhala kuNkulunkulu, ezulazula ngoba kungelakudla?

39 Uyasazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwamagogo edwala? Uyananjelela yini ukuhelela kwezimpala? **2** Ungazibala yini inyanga ezigcwalisayo? Njalo uyasazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwazo? **3** Zigoba, zizale abantwana bazo, zikhuphe imihelo yazo. **4** Amazinyane azo aqine akhule egangeni; asuke ahambe, angabuyi kuzo. **5** Ngubani owakhupha ubabhemi weganga ekhululekile? Njalo ngubani othukulule izibopho zikababhemi weganga, **6** engimmisele inkangala ibe ngumuzi wakhe, lesimunyu sibe zindawo zakhe zokuhlala? **7** Uhleka umsindo womuzi, angezwa imisindo yomtshayeli. **8** Udinga izintaba ezilidlelo lakhe, edinga elandela konke okuluhlaza. **9** Inyathi iyavuma yini ukukusebenzela? Izalala yini esibayeni sakho ebusuku? **10** Ungayibophela inyathi yini ngentambo yayo emfolweni? Ingabhuqa yini izihotsha emva kwakho? **11** Ungathembela kuyo yini ngoba amandla ayo makhulu? Ungayiyekelela yini umtshikatshika wakho? **12** Ungayikholwa yini ukuthi izabuyisa inhlanyelo yakho, njalo iyibuthele ebaleni lokubhulela lakho? **13** Impiko zezintshe ziyaphaphazela ngentokozo; kodwa zizimpiko lezinsiba zengabuzane yini? **14** Ngoba itshiya amaqanda ayo emhlabathini, iwakhudumeze

othulini, **15** iyakhohlwa ukuthi unyawo lungawachoboza, lokuthi isilo seganga singawanyathela. **16** Iwaphatha kalukhuni amaphuphu ayo, kungathi kawayisiwo awayo; umtshikatshika wayo uyize, ingelakwesaba. **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayithathela inhlakanipho, kayabelanga ukuqedisisa. **18** Lapho sekuyisikhathi iyaziphakamisela phezulu, ihleke ibhiza lomgadi walo. **19** Uzanika yini ibhiza amandla? Uyayigqokisa yini intamo yalo ngomhlonga oyephuzelayo? **20** Uyalenza leqe yini njengentethe? Ubukhosи bokukhala kwalo buyesabeka. **21** Liyaphanda esihotsheni, lithokoze ngamandla alo, liphume ukuhlangabeza izikhali. **22** Liyakuhleka ukwesaba, kalesabi, kaliphenduki phambi kwenkemba. **23** Phezu kwalo isamba semitshoko siyakhehlezela, umkhonto ophazimayo lomdikadika. **24** Ngokuquhuqha lokufutheka liginye umhlabu; kalikhola ukuthi ngumsindo wophondo. **25** Ekukhaleni kophondo lithi: Aha! Linuke impi ikhatshana, umdumo wezinduna, lokumemeza. **26** Ukhosi luyaphapha yini ngokuqedisisa kwakho, luselulela impiko zalo eningizimu? **27** Ilinqe liyaqonga ngokulaya kwakho, lakhe isidleke salo engqongeni yini? **28** Lihlala lilale ebusuku edwaleni, engqongeni yedwala leyenqaba. **29** Lisuka lapho lidinga ukudla; amehlo alo abonela khatshana. **30** Lamaphuphu alo azitika ngegazi; lalapho okukhona ababulewego likhona.

40 INkosi yasiphendula uJobe yathi: **2** Ophikisana loSomandla uzamqondisa yini? Osola uNkulunkulu kakuphendule. **3** UJobe waseyiphendula iNkosi wathi: **4** Khangela, ngiphansi; ngingakuphendula ngithini? Ngibeka isandla sami emlonyeni wami. **5** Ngikhulumile kanye, kodwa kangiyikuphendula; kumbe kibili, kodwa kangiyikuqhubeka. **6** INkosi yasimphendula uJobe isesivunguzaneni yathi: **7** Bopha khathesi ukhalo lwakho

njengendoda; ngizakubuza, ubusungazisa. **8** Isibili, uzachitha isahlulelo sami yini? Ungilahle, ukuze ube ngolungileyo yini?
9 Njalo ulengalo yini njengoNkulunkulu? Kumbe ungaduma yini ngelizwi njengaye? **10** Khathesi zicecise ngobukhos i lokuphakama, uzembese ngodumo lenkazimulo. **11** Usabalalise intukuthelo zolaka lwakho, ukhangele wonke ozigqajayo, umthobise. **12** Khangela wonke ozigqajayo, umehlisel phansi, unyatthelele phansi ababi endaweni yabo. **13** Ubafihle bonke ethulini, ubophe ubuso babo ngasese. **14** Khona lami ngizavuma kuwe, ukuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa. **15** Ake ukhangele imvubu engayenza kanye lawe; idla utshani njengenkabi. **16** Ake ukhangele, amandla ayo asekhalweni lwayo, lokuqina kwayo kusemisipheni yesisu sayo. **17** lyagobisa umsila wayo njengomsedari; imisipha yemilenze yayo yelukene. **18** Amathambo ayo anjengempompi zethusi, amathambo ayo anjengemigoqo yensimbi. **19** Ingeyokuqala yezindlela zikaNkulunkulu; owayenzayo wasondeza inkemba yayo. **20** Ngoba intaba ziyayivezela ukudla, lapho okudlala khona inyamazana zonke zeganga. **21** llala phansi kwestihlahla esiluhlaza, ekusithekeni kwemihlanga lamaxhaphozi. **22** Izihlahla eziluhlaza ziyayisibekela ngomthunzi wazo; imidubu yesifula iyayiphahla. **23** Khangela, umfula uyayicindezela, kayiphangisi; illesibindi lanxa iJordani ingaphumela emlonyeni wayo. **24** Ongayibamba yini ngamehlo ayo? Ongahlaba yini amakhala ayo ngemijibila?

41 Ungamhudula yini uLeviyathani ngengwegwe, kumbe ulimi lwakhe ngentambo oyenza itshone? **2** Ungafaka yini umhlanga ekhaleni lakhe, kumbe ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngameva? **3** Uzakuncenga kanengi yini? Uzakhulumu lawe ngathambileyo

yini? **4** Uzakwenza isivumelwano lawe yini? Uzamthatha abe yinceku kokuphela yini? **5** Uzadlala laye yini njengenyoni? Kumbe uzambophela amantombazana akho yini? **6** Abathengi bazathengiselana ngaye yini? Bazakwehlukaniselana ngaye yini phakathi kwabathengisayo? **7** Uzagcwalisa yini isikhumba sakhe ngezinhlendla, lekhanda lakhe ngemikhonto yenhlanzi? **8** Beka isandla sakho phezu kwakhe, khumbula impi, ungakwenzi futhi. **9** Khangela, ithemba lakhe lizakuba ngamanga. Laye uzaphoselwa phansi yini ngokumbona? **10** Kakho olesihluku sokuthi amvuse. Ngubani-ke yena ongazimisa phambi kwami? **11** Ngubani onganduleleyo ukuthi ngimbhadale? Okungaphansi kwamazulu wonke ngokwami. **12** Kangiyikuthula mayelana lezitho zakhe, lendaba yamandla akhe, lobuhle besimo sakhe. **13** Ngubani ongabonakalisa ubuso besembatho sakhe? Ngubani ongeza lamatomu akhe aphindwe kibili? **14** Ngubani ongavula iminyango yobuso bakhe? Amazinyo akhe ayesabeka inhlangothi zonke. **15** Imizila yamahawu akhe ilokuziqhenya, ivalelwé ngophawu oluqinisiweyo. **16** Elinye lisondele kwelinye, ukuze kungangeni umoya phakathi kwavo. **17** Ahlangene, abambana, ukuze angehlukaniswa. **18** Ukuthimula kwakhe kuphazima ukukhanya, lamehlo akhe anjengenkophe zemadabukakusa. **19** Emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma izihlanti, ziqhatshe ziphume inhlansi zomlilo. **20** Emakhaleni akhe kuphuma intuthu, njengembiza ebilayo lemihlanga. **21** Umoya wakhe uvuthela amalahle, lelangabi liphume emlonyeni wakhe. **22** Entanyeni yakhe kuhlala amandla, laphambi kwakhe kuguya usizi. **23** Amavinquo enyama yakhe anamatelene, aqinile kuye, kawanyikinyeki. **24** Inhlizijo yakhe iqinile njengelitshe, yebo, ilukhuni njengelitshe lokuchola elingaphansi. **25** Ekuvukeni kwakhe amaqhawe ayesaba, ngenxa

yokwephulwa bayazihlambulula. **26** Ofinyelela kuye ngenkemba angeme, umkhonto, umtshoko, lomdikadika. **27** Uthatha insimbi njengotshani, ithusi njengogodo olubolileyo. **28** Umtshoko kawumenzi abaleke; amatshe esavutha aphendulwa nguye abe yizibi. **29** Isagila sitshaywa njengezibi; uhleka ukugenqeza komdikadika. **30** Ngaphansi kwakhe kulendengezi ezibukhali; wendlala izinto ezibukhali odakeni. **31** Wenza inziki zibile njengembiza, enze ulwandle lube njengembiza yamafutha. **32** Ngemva kwakhe wenza indlela ikhanye; inziki zingathiwa ziylimunga. **33** Kakukho emhlabeni okufanana laye, owenziwa angabi lokwesaba. **34** Ukhangela konke okuphakemeyo; uyinkosi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bokuzigqaja.

42 UJobe waseyiphendula iNkosi wathi: **2** Ngiyazi ukuthi ungakwenza konke, lokuthi kakulacebo elingavinjelwa kuwe. **3** Ngubani lo ofiphaza iseluleko engelalwazi? Ngakho ngikhulumile lokho ebengingakuqedisisi, izinto ezimangalisayo kakhulu kimi, ebengingazazi. **4** Ake uzwe, ngizakhulumma mina. Ngizakubuza, njalo wenze ngazi. **5** Ngokuzwa kwendlebe ngikuzwile, kodwa khathesi ilihlo lami liyakubona. **6** Ngakho-ke ngiyazinenga, ngiyaphenduka ethulini lemlotheni. **7** Kwasekusithi iNkosi isikhulumme lamazwi kuJobe, iNkosi yathi kuElifazi umThemani: Ulaka Iwami luyavutha kuwe lakubangane bakho ababili, ngoba kalikhulumanga ngami okuqondileyo njengenceku yami uJobe. **8** Ngakho-ke zithatheleni amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa, liye encekwini yami uJobe, lizinikelele umnikelo wokutshiswa, njalo uJobe inceku yami uzalikhulekela; ngoba isibili ngizakwemukela ubuso bakhe, ukuze ngingenzi kini njengobuthutha benu; ngoba kalikhulumanga ngami okuqondileyo njengenceku yami uJobe. **9** Ngakho bahamba oElifazi umThemani

loBilidadi umShuhi loZofari umNahama, benza njengokutsho kweNkosi kubo; njalo iNkosi yemukela ubuso bukaJobe. **10** INkosi yasiphendula ukuthunjiwa kukaJobe esekhulekele abangane bakhe; njalo iNkosi yengezelela konke uJobe ayelakho kuze kuphindwe kabilii. **11** Kwasekufika kuye bonke abafowabo labo bonke odadewabo, labo bonke ababemazi mandulo, badla isinkwa laye endlini yakhe, bamkhalela, bamduduza ngakho konke okubi iNkosi eyayimehlisele khona; bamnika ngulowo lalovo uhlamvu lwemali, langulowo lalovo isongo legolide. **12** INkosi yasibusisa isiphetho sikaJobe okwedlula ukuqala kwakhe; ngoba waba lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane, lamakamela azinkulungwane eziyisithupha, lezipane zenkabi eziyinkulungwane, labobabhemi abasikazi abayinkulungwane. **13** Wasesiba lamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu. **14** Wasebiza ibizo leyokuqala wathi nguJemima, lebizo leyesibili wathi nguKeziya, lebizo leyesithathu wathi nguKereni-Hapuki. **15** Njalo kakutholakalanga abesifazana abahle njengamadodakazi kaJobe elizweni lonke; loyise wawanika ilifa phakathi kwabanewabo. **16** Lemva kwalokho uJobe waphila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane; wabona amadodana akhe, lamadodana amadodana akhe, kwaze kwaba yizizukulwana ezine. **17** UJobe wasesifa, emdala, enele ngezinsuku.

Amahubo

1 Ubusisiwe umuntu ongahambi ngeseluleko sababi, ongemi endleleni yezoni, ongahlali esihlalweni sabagconayo; **2** kodwa intokozo yakhe isemlayweni weNkosi, uzindla ngomlayo wayo emini lebusuku. **3** Njalo uzakuba njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe emifulenya yamanzi, esithela isithelo saso ngesikhathi saso, ohlamvu laso kalyikubuna; lakho konke akwenzayo kuzaphumelela. **4** Ababi kabanjalo, kodwa banjengamakhoba umoya owaphephulayo. **5** Ngakho ababi kabayikuma ekwahlulelwani, lezoni enhlanganweni yabalungileyo. **6** Ngoba iNkosi iyayazi indlela yabalungileyo, kodwa indlela yababi izabhubha.

2 Kungani izizwe zixokozela, labantu benakana okuyize? **2** Amakhosi omhlaba azimisela, lababusi benza ugobe ndawonye bemelene leNkosi njalo bemelene logcotshiwego wayo, besithi: **3** Asiqamule izibopho zabo, silahle intambo zabo zisuke kithi. **4** Ohlezi emazulwini uzahleka, iNkosi izabahleka usulu. **5** Khona izakhulumu kubo entukuthelweni yayo, ibethuse ngokuvutha kolaka lwayo. **6** Kube kanti mina ngibekile iNkosi yami phezu kweZiyoni, intaba yami engcwele. **7** Ngizalandisa ngesimiso: INkosi ithe kimi: Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla ngikuzele. **8** Cela kimi, ngizanika izizwe zibe yilifa lakho, lemikhawulo yomhlaba ibe yimfuyo yakho. **9** Uzazephula ngentonga yensimbi, uzipahlaze njengembiza yebumba. **10** Ngakho-ke hlakaniphani makhosi, lilayeke bahluleli bomhlaba. **11** Ikhonzeni iNkosi ngokwesaba, lithokoze ngokuthuthumela, **12** liyange iNdodana, hlezi ithukuthele, libhubhe endleleni, nxa ulaka lwayo seluvutha kancinyane. Babusisiwe bonke abaphephela kuyo.

3 Nkosi, zande kangakanani izitha zami! Banengi abangivukelayo. **2** Banengi abathi ngomphefumulo wami: Kakulasindiso lwakhe kuNkulunkulu. (Sela) **3** Kodwa wena Nkosi, uyisihlangu sami, udumo lwami, lomphakamisi wekhanda lami. **4** Ngakhala ngelizwi lami eNkosini, yasingiphendula isentabeni yayo engcwele. (Sela) **5** Mina ngalala phansi, ngajumeka; ngavuka, ngoba iNkosi yangisekela. **6** Kangiyikwesaba izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zabantu abangihanqileyo bemelana lami. **7** Vuka, Nkosi! Ngisindisa, Nkulunkulu wami. Ngoba zonke izitha zami uzitshayile emhlathini, wephule amazinyo ababi. **8** Usindiso ngolweNkosi. Isibusiso sakho siphezu kwabantu bakho. (Sela)

4 Ngiphendula ekukhaleni kwami, Nkulunkulu wokulunga kwami. Ekucindezelweni wangenzela indawo ebanzi. Woba lomusa kimi, uwwe umkhuleko wami. **2** Madodana abantu, koze kube nini liphendula udumo lwami lube lihlazo, lithanda okuyize, lidinga amanga? (Sela) **3** Kodwa yazini ukuthi iNkosi izehlukanisele owesaba uNkulunkulu; iNkosi iyangizwa lapho ngikhala kuyo. **4** Thuthumelani, lingoni; khulumani lenhlizayo yenu embhedeni wenu, lithule. (Sela) **5** Nikelani imihlatshelo yokulunga, lithembe eNkosini. **6** Banengi abathi: Ngubani ozasitshengisa okuhle? Nkosi, phakamisela ukukhanya kobuso bakho phezu kwethu. **7** Ubeke intokozo enhliziyweni yami okwedlula isikhathi lapho amabele abo lewayini labo elitsha kwandile. **8** Ngizacambalala ngokuthula, khonokho ngilale ubuthongo, ngoba wena Nkosi wedwa uyangihlalisa ngokulondolozeka.

5 Beka indlebe emazwini ami, Nkosi; unanzelele ukububula kwami. **2** Lalela ilizwi lokukhala kwami, Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami; ngoba ngikhuleka kuwe. **3** Nkosi, ekuseni uzalizwa ilizwi lami; ekuseni ngizahlela umkhuleko wami ngakuwe, ngilinde.

4 Ngoba kawusuye uNkulunkulu othokoza ebubini; omubi kayikuhlala lawe. 5 Abazikhukhumezayo kabayikuma phambi kwamehlo akho; uzonda bonke abenzi bobubi. 6 Uzababhubbisa abaqamba amanga. INkosi iyamenyanya umuntu wegazi lenkohliso. 7 Kodwa mina, ngizangena endlini yakho ngobukhulu besihawu sakho, ngikhothame ngikhangele ethempelini lakho elingcwele, ngokukwesaba. 8 Nkosi, ngikhokhelele ekulungeni kwakho ngenxa yezitha zami, wenze indlela yakho iqonde phambi kwami. 9 Ngoba kalikho iqiniso emlonyeni wazo, ingaphakathi yazo izinkohlakalo; umphimbo wazo ulingcwaba elivulekileyo, zibamba amehlo ngolimi lwazo. 10 Tshono uthi zilecalal, Nkulunkulu, kaziwe ngamacebo azo; uzilahle ngenxa yobunengi beziphambeko zazo, ngoba zikuvukele. 11 Kodwa kabathabe bonke abathembela kuwe, bamemeze kokuphela ngentokozo, ngoba ubavikele; lalabo abathanda ibizo lakho kabajabule kuwe. 12 Ngoba wena Nkosi, uzabusisa olungileyo, uzamhanqa ngomusa njengesihlangu esikhulu.

6 Nkosi, ungangikhuzi entukuthelweni yakho, ungangijezisi ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho. 2 Woba lomusa kimi, Nkosi, ngoba ngibuthakathaka. Nkosi, ngisilisa mina, ngoba amathambo ami ayakhathazeka. 3 Lomphefumulo wami ukhathazekile kakhulu: Kodwa wena, Nkosi, koze kube nini? 4 Phenduka, Nkosi, khulula umphefumulo wami; ungisindise ngenxa yomusa wakho. 5 Ngoba ekufeni kakukho ukukukhumbula; engcwabeni ngubani ozakubonga? (*Sheol h7585*) 6 Ngikhathele yikububula kwami; ubusuku bonke ngintshezisa icansi lami, ngezinyembezi zami ngimanziise umbheda wami. 7 Ilihlo lami lidliwe ngenxa yosizi, liyaguga ngenxa yezitha zami zonke. 8 Sukani kimi, lonke benzi bobubi, ngoba iNkosi izwile ilizwi lokulila kwami. 9 INkosi

izwile ukuncenga kwami; iNkosi izakwemukela umkhuleko wami.

10 Zonke izitha zami zizayangeka zitshaywe luvalo kakhulu;
zizaphenduka, zihle ziyangeke.

7 Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyathembela kuwe; ngisindisa
kubo bonke abangizingelayo, ungikhulule. **2** Hlezi adabule
umphefumulo wami njengesilwane, edabudabula, kungekho
okhululayo. **3** Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami, uba ngikwenzile lokhu,
uba kukhona okubi ezandleni zami, **4** uba ngiphindisele
okubi kosekuthuleni lami (kuphela ngaphanga oyisitha sami
ngaphandle kwesizatho), **5** isitha kasizingele umphefumulo wami,
siwufice, siyinyathelele impilo yami emhlabathini, senze udumo
lwami luhlale ethulini. (Sela) **6** Vuka, Nkosi, ngolaka lwakho,
ziphakamise ngenxa yentukuthelo yezitha zami; vuka ungimele;
ulayile isahlulelo. **7** Ngakho inhlango yezizwe izakuhanqa;
buya ngaphezulu phezu kwayo. **8** INkosi izakwahlulela izizwe.
Ngahlulela, Nkosi, njengokulunga kwami lanjengobuqotho bami
obukimi. **9** Ake buphele ububi bababi, kodwa umqinise olungileyo,
ngoba ohlola inhlizyo lezinso nguNkulunkulu olungileyo. **10**
Isihlangu sami sikuNkulunkulu osindisa abaqotho enhliziyweni.
11 UNkulunkulu ngumahluleli olungileyo, njalo nguNkulunkulu
othukuthelela omubi insuku zonke. **12** Uba engaphenduki,
uzalola inkemba yakhe; useligobile idandili lakhe walilungisa. **13**
Usemlungisele izikhali zokufa, wenzela abazingeli imitshoko
yakhe etshisayo. **14** Khangela, uhelelwa ngobubi, akhulelw
yikona, azale amanga. **15** Agebhe umgodi awugubhe, abesewela
egodini alenzileyo. **16** Ububi bakhe buzabuyela phezu kwekhanda
lakhe, lodlame lwakhe lwehlele enkanda yakhe. **17** Ngizayidumisa
iNkosi njengokulunga kwayo, ngihlabelele ibizo leNkosi ephezu
konke.

8 Nkosi, Nkosi yethu, lilenkazimulo kangakanani ibizo lakho emhlabeni wonke! Omise ubukhosи bakho ngaphezu kwamazulu.
2 Emlonyeni wezingane lowabamunyayo umisile amandla ngenxa yezitha zakho, ukuze uthulise isitha lomphindiseli. **3** Lapho ngikhangela amazulu akho, umsebenzi weminwe yakho, inyanga lenkanyezi owazimisayo, **4** uyini umuntu ukuthi umkhumbule, lendodana yomuntu ukuthi uyihambele? **5** Kanti wamenza waba ngaphansi kancinyane kulengilosи, wamethwesa umqhele wobukhosи lodumo. **6** Wamenza wabusa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho, konke wakubeka ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, **7** izimvu lenkabi zonke, kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, **8** inyoni zamazulu, lezinhlanzi zolwandle, okudlula ezindleleni zenlwandle. **9** Nkosi, Nkosi yethu, lilenkazimulo kangakani ibizo lakho emhlabeni wonke!

9 Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, ngenhlizyo yami yonke, ngilandise zonke izimangaliso zakho. **2** Ngizathaba ngithokoze kuwe, ngihlabele indumiso ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke. **3** Lapho izitha zami zibuyela emuva, zizakuwa, zibhubhe phambi kwakho. **4** Ngoba ulimele ilungelo lami lodaba lwami, wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosи, wahlulela ngokulungileyo. **5** Uzikhuzile izizwe, wabhubhisa omubi; walesula ibizo labo kuze kube nini lanini. **6** Izitha ziphelile, izincithakalo eziphakade; uyidilizile imizi; ukukhunjulwa kwabo kubhubhe kanye labo. **7** Kodwa iNkosi izahlala kuze kube phakade, isihlalo sayo sobukhosи isilungisele isahlulelo. **8** Yona-ke izawahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, ibagwebe abantu ngokuqonda. **9** Njalo iNkosi izakuba yisiphephelo socindezelweyo, isiphephelo ngezikhathi zokuhlupheka. **10** Labalaziyo ibizo lakho bazathemba kuwe, ngoba wena Nkosi, kawubatshiyanga abakudingayo. **11** Hlabelani

indumiso eNkosini ehlezi eZiyoni, limemezele phakathi kwabantu izenzo zayo. **12** Nxa idinga igazi, iyabakhumbula, kayikhohlwa ukukhala kwabahlutshwayo. **13** Woba lomusa kimi, Nkosi, ubone uhlupho lwami oluvela kwabangizondayo, wena ongiphakamisayo emasangweni okufa, **14** ukuze ngilandise yonke indumiso yakho emasangweni endodakazi yeZiyoni, ngithokoze kusindiso lwakho. **15** Izizwe zitshone emgodini ezawenzayo, embuleni ezalithiyayo unyawo lwazo lubanziwe. **16** INkosi izazisile, yenza isahlulelo; omubi uthiywe emsebenzini wezandla zakhe. Higayoni. (Sela) **17** Abakhohlakeleyo bazabuyela esihogweni, zonke izizwe ezimkhohlwayo uNkulunkulu. (Sheol h7585) **18** Ngoba oswelayo kayikukhohlakala kokuphela; ithemba labayanga kalyikunyamalala phakade. **19** Vuka, Nkosi, umuntu kanganqobi; izizwe kazigwetshwe phambi kwakho. **20** Zitshayise ngovalo, Nkosi, izizwe kazikwazi ukuthi zingabantu nje. (Sela)

10 Nkosi, umeleni khatshana? Ucatshelani ezikhathini zokuhlupheka? **2** Omubi ekuziqqajeni uyamzingelisa umyanga; kababanjiwe ngamagobe abawacebileyo. **3** Ngoba omubi uyazikhukhumeza ngesifiso sompheyfumulo wakhe, uyasibusisa isihwaba, ayeyise iNkosi. **4** Omubi, ngokuziqqaja kobuso bakhe uthi: Kakubizi; kakho uNkulunkulu emicabangweni yakhe yonke. **5** Indlela zakhe ziqinile isikhathi sonke; izahlulelo zakho ziphakeme zikhatshana laye; izitha zakhe zonke uyazivuthela. **6** Uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: Kangiyikunyikinywa; ngoba esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana kangiyikuba sebunzimeni. **7** Umlomo wakhe ugcwele ukuthuka lezinkohliso lobuqili; ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe kukhoma ukona lobubi. **8** Uhlezi endaweni yokucathama yemizi, ezindaweni ezisithekileyo ubulala ongelacala; amehlo akhe akhangale othithibeleyo ngasese.

9 Uyacatsha ekusithekeni njengesilwane ebhalwini Iwaso; ucatshela ukumbamba ongumyanga, uyabamba ongumyanga ngokumhudulela embuleni lakhe. **10** Uyaqutha, uyakhothama, njalo umyanga awe ngokulamandla kwakhe. **11** Uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: UNkulunkulu ukhohliwe, ufhle ubuso bakhe, kasoze abone lanini. **12** Sukuma, Nkosi! Nkulunkulu, phakamisa isandla sakho, ungabakhohlwa abahluphekayo. **13** Kungani omubi edelela uNkulunkulu? Uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: Kawuyikukubiza. **14** Uyabona, ngoba wena uyakhangelu ububi lenhlupheko, ukukubeka esandleni sakho. Umyanga uyazinikela kuwe; wena ungumsizi wezintandane. **15** Yephula ingalo yokhohlakeleyo lomubi; dinga inkohlakalo yakhe ukuze ungabe usayithola. **16** UJehova yiNkosi kuze kube nini lanini; izizwe zibhubhile elizweni layo. **17** Nkosi, uwile isifiso sabathobekileyo, uzaqinisa inhliyo yabo, wenze indlebe yakho izwe, **18** ukwahlulela intandane locindezelweyo, ukuze umuntu wasemhlabeni angabe esesabeka.

11 Ngithembela eNkosini. Lingatsho njani emphefumulweni wami: Balekela entabeni yenu njengenyoni. **2** Ngoba, khangela, ababi bayagobisa idandili, balungisa umtshoko wabo entanjeni, ukuze batshoke emnyameni abaqotho ngenhlizyo. **3** Nxa izisekelo zidilizwa, angenzani olungileyo? **4** INkosi isethempelini layo elingcwele; iNkosi, isihlalo sayo sobukhosu sisemazulwini; amehlo ayo ayakhangelu, inkophe zayo ziyahlola, abantwana babantu. **5** INkosi iyamhlola olungileyo, kodwa omubi lothanda ubudlwangudlwangu, umphefumulo wayo uyamzonda. **6** Uzanisa phezu kwababi imijibila, umlilo, lesolufa, lomoya otshisayo, kuzakuba yisabelo senkezo yabo. **7** Ngoba ilungile iNkosi, iyathanda ukulunga; ubuso bayo buyabona oqotho.

12 Siza, Nkosi, ngoba owesaba uNkulunkulu kasekho, ngoba abathembekileyo banyamalele basuka ebantwaneni babantu.
2 Bakhuluma okuyize, ngulowo lalowo lomakhelwane wakhe; indebe ezilalisayo, bakhuluma nganhliziyombili. 3 INkosi izaquma zonke indebe ezilalisayo, ulimi olukhuluma izinto zokuzidla;
4 abathi: Sizanqoba ngolimi lwethu, indebe zethu ngezethu; ngubani oyinkosi phezu kwethu? 5 Ngenxa yokubandezelwa kwabayanga, ngenxa yokububula kwabaswelayo, sengizavuka, kutsho iNkosi. Ngizabeka ekulondolozeni amvuthelayo. 6 Amazwi eNkosi angamazwi ahlambulukileyo, isiliva esizanywe esithandweni senhlabathi, sihlanjululwe kasikhombisa. 7 Wena, Nkosi, uzabagcina, ubavikele kulesisizukulwana kuze kube nininini. 8 Ababi bayahambahamba inhlangothi zonke, lapho amanyala ephakanyiswa phakathi kwabantwana babantu.

13 Koze kube nini, Nkosi, ungikhohlwa kokuphela? Koze kube nini ungifihlela ubuso bakho? 2 Koze kube nini ngizicebisa emphefumulweni wami, ngilosizi enhliziyweni yami insuku zonke? Koze kube nini isitha sami siphakanyiswa phezu kwami? 3 Khangela, ungiphendule, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami; khanyisa amehlo ami hlezi ngilale ubuthongo bokufa, 4 hlezi isitha sami sithi: Sengimahlule; labangihluphayo bathokoze lapho njinyikinywa. 5 Kodwa mina ngithembele emuseni wakho, inhliziyo yami izathaba ngosindiso lwakho. 6 Ngizayihlabela iNkosi, ngoba ingenzele okuhle kakhulu.

14 Isithutha sithi enhliziyweni yaso: KakulaNkulunkulu. Bonakele, benza imisebenzi eyenyanyekayo; kakho owenza okuhle. 2 INkosi yakhangela phansi isemazulwini phezu kwabantwana babantu, ukubona ukuthi ukhona yini oqedisisayo, odinga uNkulunkulu. 3 Baphambukile bonke, bebonke bonakele;

kakho owenza okuhle, kakho loyedwa. **4** Kabazi yini bonke abenza okubi, abadla abantu bami njengoba besidla isinkwa? Kabayibizi iNkosi. **5** Lapho besaba lokwesaba, ngoba uNkulunkulu usesizukulwaneni solungileyo. **6** Liliyangisile icebo lomyanga, ngoba iNkosi iyisiphephelo sakhe. **7** Kungathi usindiso lukalsrayeli lungavela eZiyoni! Lapho iNkosi ibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bayo, uJakobe uzathaba, ulsrayeli athokoze.

15 Nkosi, ngubani ozahlala ethenteni lakho? Ngubani ozakwakha entabeni yakho engcwele? **2** Ngulowo ohamba ngobuqotho, lowenza okulungileyo, lokhuluma iqiniso enhliziyweni yakhe, **3** ongahlebiyo ngolimi lwakhe, ongenzi okubi kumngane wakhe, longaphakamiseli umakhelwane wakhe ihlazo; **4** olahliwego uyenyanyeka emehlwani akhe, kodwa uyabahlonipa abayesabayo iNkosi; ofunga ngokuzilimaza, kodwa kaphenduki, **5** onganiki imali yakhe ukuthi azuze inzuso, longemukeli umvuzo wokuthengwa ngongelacala. Owenza lezizinto kayikunyikinywa kuze kube nininini.

16 Ngilondoloza, Nkulunkulu, ngoba ngithembela kuwe. **2** Ngithe eNkosini: UyiNkosi yami, ukulunga kwami kakufiki kuwe. **3** Kodwa kubangcwele abasemhlabeni, labahlekazi, ontokozo yami yonke ikubo. **4** Zizakwanda insizi zabagijimela omunye unkulunkulu; kangiyikunikela iminikelo yabo yokunathwayo yegazi; lamabizo abo kangiyikuwaphatha endebeni zami. **5** INkosi iyisabelo selifa lami lesenkezo yami; wena uphethe isabelo sami. **6** Imizila iwele kimi ezindaweni ezithokozisayo; yebo, ngilelifa elibukekayo. **7** Ngizayibonga iNkosi engelulekayo; lebusuku izinso zami ziyangiqondisa. **8** Ngibekile iNkosi phambi kwami njalonjalo; ngoba ingakwesokunene sami, kangiyikunyikinywa. **9** Ngakho inhliziyi yami iyathokoza, lodumo lwami luyajabula,

lenyama yami izahlala ivikelekile. **10** Ngoba kawutshiyanga
umphefumulo wami esihogweni, njalo kawuyikunikela ongcwele
wakho ukuthi abone ukubola. (**Sheol h7585**) **11** Uzangazisa
indlela yempilo; ukugcwala kwentokozo kusebukhoneni bakho,
ngakwesokunene sakho kukhona izinjabulo phakade.

17 Zwana ukulunga, Nkosi, ulalele ukukhala kwami; ubeke
indlebe emkhulekweni wami ongaphumi ezindebeni ezilenkohliso.
2 Ukwahlulelwa kwami kakuphume ebukhoneni bakho, amehlo
akho kawabone izinto eziqondileyo. **3** Uyilingile inhliziyo
yami, wangihambela ebusuku; unghlolile, kawuficanga lutho;
ngihlosile, umlomo wami kawuyikuphambuka. **4** Mayelana
lezenzo zabantu, ngelizwi lendebe zakho, mina ngizinqandile
ezindleleni zomchithi, **5** ukusekela izinyathelo zami emikhondweni
yakho, ukuze inyawo zami zingatsheleli. **6** Mina ngikubizile, ngoba
uzangiphendula, Nkulunkulu; beka indlebe yakho kimi, uzwe
inkulumo yami. **7** Tshengisa ngokumangalisayo uthandolomusa
wakho, wena osindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene labo
abathembela kuwe kwabavukelayo. **8** Ngigcine njengenhlamvu
yelihlo; ungifihle emthunzini wempiko zakho, **9** kubo ubuso
bababi abangicindezelayo, izitha zempilo yami ezingihanqileyo.
10 Bayazivalela ngamahwahwa abo; ngomlomo wabo bakhuluma
ngokuziggaja. **11** Sebesihanqile emanyathelweni ethu; amehlo
abo bawamise besithobele emhlabathini. **12** Unjengesilwane
esikhuthalele ukudabula, lanjengesilwane esitsha esiquthileyo
endaweni ezisithekileyo. **13** Vuka, Nkosi! Uhlangabeze ubuso
bakhe, umphosele phansi. Khulula umphefumulo wami komubi,
oyinkemba yakho, **14** kubo abantu, abayisandla sakho, Nkosi,
ebantwini bomhlaba, osabelo sabo sikulokhukuphila, osisu
sabo usigcwala ngokuligugu kwakho; bagcwele abantwana,

njalo batshiyele izingane zabo okuseleyo kwabo. **15** Mina,
ngizakhangelu ubuso bakho ekulungeni, ngeneliswe yisimo
sakho ekuphaphameni kwami.

18 Ngizakuthanda, Nkosi, mandla ami. **2** INkosi ilidwala
lami, lenqaba yami, lomkhululi wami; uNkulunkulu wami,
idwala lami, engizaphephela kulo, isihlangu sami, lophondo
losindiso lwami, inqaba yami ephakemeyo. **3** Ngizabiza iNkosi
edumisekayo, ngakho ngizasindiswa ezitheni zami. **4** Izibopho
zokufa zangizingelezela, lezikhukhula zobubi zangethusa. **5**
Izibopho zeshogo zangigombolozela, imijibila yokufa yayiphambi
kwami. (Sheol h7585) **6** Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngayibiza iNkosi,
ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami; walizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini
lakhe, lokukhala kwami kweza phambi kwakhe, endlebeni
zakhe. **7** Khona umhlabu wazamazama, wanyikinyeka,
lezisekelo vezintaba zaqhaqhazela, zazamazama, ngoba
wayethukuthele. **8** Kwenyuka intuthu emakhaleni akhe, lomlilo
ophuma emlonyeni wakhe waqothula; amalahle avuthiswa
yiwo. **9** Wasekhothamisa amazulu, wehlela phansi, lomnyama
onzima wawungaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. **10** Wasegada
ikherubhi, waphapha, wandiza phezu kwempiko zomoya. **11**
Wamisa umnyama waba yindawo yakhe yensitha, idumba
lakhe inhhlangothi zonke zakhe, amanzi amnyama, amayezi
amnyama omkhathi. **12** Ekukhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe
amayezi akhe amnyama edlula, isiqhoho lamalahle omlilo. **13**
INkosi yasiduma emazulwini, oPhezukonke wazwakalisa ilizwi
lakhe, isiqhoho lamalahle omlilo. **14** Yasithuma imitshoko yayo,
yabachitha; lemibane eminengi, yabaphaphathekisa. **15** Khona
kwabonakala imisele yamanzi, kwembulwa izisekelo zomhlaba
ekusoleni kwakho, Nkosi, ekuvutheleni komoya wamakhala

akho. **16** Yathuma iphezulu, yangibamba, yangenyula emanzini amanengi. **17** Yangophula esitheni sami esilamandla, lakibo abangizondayo, ngoba babelamandla kulami. **18** Babephambi kwami osukwini lwenhlupheko yami, kodwa iNkosi yaba yisisekelo sami. **19** Yangikhuphela endaweni ebanzi, yangikhulula ngoba yayithokoza ngami. **20** INkosi yangivuza njengokulunga kwami; yangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami. **21** Ngoba ngizilondolozile indlela zeNkosi, kangisukanga kuNkulunkulu wami ngenkohlakalo. **22** Ngoba zonke izahlulelo zayo zaziphambi kwami, lezimiso zayo kangiziphambulanga kimi. **23** Njalo ngangiqondile kuyo, ngizingqandile ebubini bami. **24** Ngakho iNkosi ingibuyisele njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami phambi kwamehlo ayo. **25** Kolesihawu uzaziveza ulesihawu; koqotho uzaziveza uqotho; **26** kohlanzekileyo uzaziveza uhlanzekile; lakophambukileyo uzaziveza uphambukile. **27** Ngoba wena uzabasindisa abantu abahlutshwayo; kodwa amehlo aphakemeyo uzawehlisela phansi. **28** Ngoba wena uzalumathisa isibane sami; iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wami, izakhanyisa ubumnyama bami. **29** Ngoba ngawe ngigijimile ngadabula phakathi kwebutho, langoNkulunkulu wami ngeqe umthangala. **30** UNkulunkulu, indlela yakhe iphelele; ilizwi leNkosi lihloliwe; uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye. **31** Ngoba ngubani onguNkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNkosi? Njalo ngubani olidwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu? **32** NguNkulunkulu ongibhincisa amandla, owenza indlela yami iphelele. **33** Owenza inyawo zami zibe njengezezimpala, wangimisa ezingqongeni zami. **34** Ofundisela izandla zami impi, ukuze idandili lethusi ligotshiswe zingalo zami. **35** Unginikile lesihlangu sosindiso lwakho, lesandla sakho sokunene singisekele, lobumnene bakho bungikhulisile.

36 Wenze zaba banzi izinyathelo zami ngaphansi kwami, ukuze inyawo zami zingatshelé. **37** Ngixotshene lezitha zami, ngazifica, kangibuyanga ngaze ngaziqeda. **38** Ngazigwaza, zaze zehluleka ukuvuka, zawa ngaphansi kwenyawo zami. **39** Ngoba ungibhincise amandla kusenzelwa impi, wabakhothamisela phansi kwami abangivukelayo. **40** Unginike intamo yezitha zami, labo abangizondayo ngababhubhisa. **41** Bakhala, kodwa engekho umsindisi; eNkosini, kodwa kayibaphendulanga. **42** Ngasengibacholisia njengothuli phambi komoya, ngabachitha njengodaka lwezitalada. **43** Wangikhulula ekuphikiseni kwabantu, wangimisa ngaba yinhloko yezizwe; abantu engangingabazi bangisebenzela. **44** Bangenela ukuzwa ngendlebe bazangilalela, abezizweni bazazithoba kimi ngokuzenzisa. **45** Abezizweni bazabuna, baphume ezinqabeni zabo bethuthumela. **46** INkosi iyaphila; njalo kalidunyiswe idwala lami, kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami. **47** UNkulunkulu onginika impindiselo, lowehlisela izizwe ngaphansi kwami; **48** ongikhulula ezitheni zami; yebo, phezu kwabangivukelayo wangiphakamisa, emuntwini wodlakela wangikhulula. **49** Ngenxa yalokhu ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, phakathi kwezizwe, ngihlabelele ibizo lakho indumiso. **50** Iyanika inkosi yayo usindiso olukhulu, isenzela ogcotshiweyo wayo umusa, kuDavida, lenzialweni yakhe kuze kube nininini.

19 Amazulu alandisa ngodumo lukaNkulunkulu, lomkhathi utshumayela umsebenzi wezandla zakhe. **2** Usuku kusuku lumphumisela inkulomo, lobusuku kubusuku butshengisa ulwazi. **3** Kakukho nkulomo, kawakho lamazwi, lapho ilizwi lawo elingezwakali khona. **4** Intambo yayo iphumele emhlabeni wonke, lamazwi awo emkhawulweni womhlaba. Ulimisele ilanga ithente

kuwo. **5** Elinjengomyeni ephuma ekamelweni lakhe, lithokoza njengeqhawe ligijima endleleni. **6** Ukuphuma kwalo kusukela emkhawulweni wamazulu, lokuzingeleta kwalo kuze kube semikhawulweni yawo; njalo kakukho okufihliwego ekutshiseni kwalo. **7** Umlayo weNkosi uphelele, uphendula umphemfumulo; ubufakazi beNkosi buqinisile, buhlakaniphisa ongelalwazi; **8** izimiso zeNkosi zilungile, zithokozisa inhliziyo; umthetho weNkosi uhlambulukile, ukhanyisa amehlo. **9** Ukuyesaba iNkosi kuhlanzekile, kumi kuze kube nininini; izahlulelo zeNkosi ziliqiniso, zilungile ngokupheleleyo. **10** Ziyaloyiseka kakhulu kulegolide, yebo kulegolide elicwengekileyo elinengi; njalo zimnandi kuloluju lolujuluka ohlangeni loluju. **11** Futhi inceku yakho iyelulekwa ngazo; ekuzigcineni kulomvuzo omkhulu. **12** Ngubani oqedisisa iziphosiso zakhe? Ngikhulula kwezisithekileyo. **13** Igcine inceku yakho lezonweni zokuzincoma; kazingabusi phezu kwami. Khona ngizakuba ngoqondileyo, ngibe msulwa esiphambekweni esikhulu. **14** Amazwi omlomo wami lezizindlo zenhliziyo yami kakwemukeleke phambi kwakho, Nkosi, dwala lami lomhlengi wami.

20 INkosi ikuphendule osukwini lokuhlupheka; ibizo likaNkulunkulu kaJakobe likuvikele. **2** Kayikuthumele usizo oluvela endaweni engcwele, ikusekele iseZiyoni. **3** Kayikhumbule yonke iminikelo yakho, njalo yemukele umnikelo wakho wokutshiswa. (Sela) **4** Ikunike njengokwenhliziyo yakho, njalo igcwalise icebo lakho lonke. **5** Simemeze ngentokozo esindisweni lwakho, lebizweni likaNkulunkulu wethu siphakamise iziboniso! INkosi igcwalise konke ukucela kwakho. **6** Sengisazi ukuthi iNkosi isindisa ogcotshiwego wayo; izamphendula isemazulwini ayo angcwele ngamandla asindisayo esandla sayo sokunene.

7 Abanye bathembela enqoleni, labanye emabhizeni, kodwa thina sizakhumbula ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. 8 Bona bakhothanyisiwe bawa, kodwa thina sisukumile simi. 9 Jehova, sindisa; inkosi isiphendule osukwini lokukhala kwethu.

21 Jehova, inkosi izajabula emandleni akho, lesindisweni lwakho izathaba kangakanani! 2 Uyinikile isifiso senhlizyo yayo, kawuyincitshanga isicelo sendebe zayo. (Sela) 3 Ngoba uyihlangabeze ngezibusiso zokuhle, wayethwesa umqhele wegolide elihle ekhanda layo. 4 Yacela impilo kuwe, wayinika yona, ubude bezinsuku kuze kube nini lanini. 5 Lukhulu udumo lwayo ekusindiseni kwakho, inkazimulo lobukhosи wakubeka phezu kwayo. 6 Ngoba uyenze yabusiseka kakhulu kuze kube nininini, uyayithokozisa ngenjabulo ebukhoneni bakho. 7 Ngoba inkosi ithembela kuJehova, langomusa woPhezukonke kayiyikunyikinywa. 8 Isandla sakho sizazithola zonke izitha zakho, lesandla sakho sokunene sizabathola labo abakuzondayo. 9 Uzabenza babe njengesithando somlilo esikhathini solaka lwakho. INkosi izabaginya ekuthukutheleni kwayo, lomlilo uzabaqothula. 10 Uzachitha isithelo sabo emhlabeni, lenzalo yabo phakathi kwabantwana babantu. 11 Ngoba bezimisela okubi bemelene lawe, beceba ugobe, bazakwehluleka. 12 Ngoba uzabafulathelisa, ngezintambo zedandili uzalungisa imitshoko imelane lobuso babo. 13 Phakama, Nkosi, ngamandla akho! Sizahlabela sidumise amandla akho.

22 Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni na? Ukhatshana lokungisiza, lamazwi okubhonga kwami? 2 Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyakhala emini, kodwa kawungiphenduli, lebusuku, kodwa kangilakho ukuthula. 3 Kodwa wena ungcwele, ohlezi ezbongweni zikalsrayeli. 4 Obaba bethu bathemba

kuwe, bathemba, wasubakhulula. **5** Bakhala kuwe, bakhululwa; bathembela kuwe, kabayangekanga. **6** Kodwa ngingumswenya, kangisuye muntu, ihlazo labantu, ngeyiswa ngabantu. **7** Bonke abangibonayo bayangihleka usulu, bakhamisa indebe, banikine ikhanda, **8** besithi: Wathembela eNkosini; kayimkhulule, imophule, ngoba yathokoza kuye. **9** Kodwa nguwe owangikhupha esiswini, wangenza ngathemba ngisemabeleni kamama. **10** Ngalahlelwa phezu kwakho kusukela esizalweni; kusukela esiswini sikamama unguNkulunkulu wami. **11** Ungabi khatshana lami, ngoba uhlupho luseduze, ngoba kakho osizayo. **12** Izinkunzi ezinengi zingihanqile, ezilamandla zeBashani zingizingelezele. **13** Zangikhamisela umlomo wazo, isilwane esiphangayo lesibhongayo. **14** Ngithululiwe njengamanzi, lamathambo ami wonke ehlukene; inhlizyo yami injengengcino, incibilikile phakathi kwemibilini yami. **15** Amandla ami omile njengodengezi, lolimi lwami lunamathele emihlathini yami; ungibeke ethulini lokufa. **16** Ngoba izinja zingigombolozele; inhlangano yababi ingihanqile; izandla zami lenyawo zami bazibhobozile. **17** Ngingabala wonke amathambo ami; bona bayakhangela bayangijolozela. **18** Babelana iziggoko zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngezemba tho zami. **19** Kodwa, wena Nkosi, ungabi khatshana; mandla ami, phangisa ukungisiza. **20** Khulula umphefumulo wami kuyo inkemba, wona wodwa owami emandleni enja. **21** Ngisindisa emlonyeni wesilwane; ngoba empondweni zezinyathi ungiphendule. **22** Ngizalandisa ibizo lakho kubafowethu, phakathi kwebandla ngizakudumisa. **23** Lina elesaba iNkosi, idumiseni; lonke nzalo kaJakobe, ihlonipheni; liyesabe, lonke nzalo kalsrayeli. **24** Ngoba kayidelelanga kayinengwanga yinhlupheko yohluphekayo; njalo kayimfihlelanga ubuso bayo; kodwa lapho

ekhala kuyo, yezwa. **25** Indumiso yami izakuba ngawe ebandleni elikhulu; ngizakhokha izifungo zami phambi kwabayesabayo.

26 Abamnene bazakudla basuthe; bazayidumisa iNkosi labo abayidingayo. Inhliziyo yenu izaphila kuze kube phakade. **27** Imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba izakhumbula, iphendukele eNkosini; lezizukulwana zonke zezizwe zizakhonza phambi kwakho. **28** Ngoba umbuso ungoweNkosi, njalo iyabusa phakathi kwezizwe.

29 Bonke abakhulupheleyo bomhlaba bazakudla bakhonze; bonke abehlela othulini bazakhothama phambi kwayo, longagcini umphefumulo wakhe uphila. **30** Inzalo izayikhonza; izabalelwa eNkosini kuso isizukulwana. **31** Bazakuza bamemezele ukulunga kwayo ebantwini abazazalwa, ukuthi ikwenzile.

23 INkosi ingumelusi wami, kangiyikuswela. **2** lyangilala emadlelweni aluhlaza; iyangiholela emanzini okuphumula. **3** Ibuyisa umphefumulo wami, ingiholele endleleni zokulunga ngenxa yebizo layo. **4** Yebo, loba ngihamba esihotsheni sethunzi lokufa, kangiyikwesaba okubi, ngoba wena ulami; intonga yakho lodondolo lwakho, khona kuyangiduduza. **5** Uyalungisa itafula phambi kwami ngaphambi kwezitha zami; ugcoba ikhanda lami ngamafutha, inkezo yami iyaphuphuma. **6** Isibili okuhle lesihawu kuzangilandela insuku zonke zempilo yami; njalo ngizahlala endlini yeNkosi kuze kube nininini.

24 Umhlaba ungoweNkosi, lokugcwala kwawo, ilizwe, labahlala kulo. **2** Ngoba yona yawusekela phezu kwezinlwandle, yawumisa phezu kwemifula. **3** Ngubani ozakwenyukela entaben iyeNkosi? Kumbe ngubani ozakuma endaweni yayo engcwele? **4** Ngulowo olezandla ezihlanzekileyo lenhliziyo emhlophe, ongaphakamiseli umphefumulo wakhe kokuyize longafungi ngenkohliso. **5** Uzakwemukela isibusiso eNkosini, lokulunga kuNkulunkulu

wosindiso lwakhe. **6** Lesi yisizukulwana salabo abayidingayo, abadinga ubuso bakho, ngitsho Jakobe. (Sela) **7** Phakamisani inhloko zenu, lina masango, phakanyiswani, lina minyango yaphakade, ukuze kungene iNkosi yenkazimulo. **8** Ingubani liNkosi yenkazimulo? INkosi elamandla leliqhawe, iNkosi elamandla empini. **9** Phakamisani inhloko zenu, lina masango, yebo, phakamani, lina minyango yaphakade, ukuze kungene iNkosi yenkazimulo. **10** Ingubani liNkosi yenkazimulo? INkosi yamabandla, yiyo eyiNkosi yenkazimulo. (Sela)

25 Kuwe, Nkosi, ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami. **2** Nkulunkulu wami, ngithembela kuwe; kangingayangeki; izitha zami kazingathokozi phezu kwami. **3** Yebo, kungayangeki loyedwa kulabo abakulindelayo; kabayangeke labo abaphambukayo kungelasizatho. **4** Ngazisa izindlela zakho, Nkosi, ungifundise imikhondo yakho. **5** Ngikhokhelela eqinisweni lakho, ungifundise, ngoba unguNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami; ngilindele wena usuku lonke. **6** Khumbula izihawu zakho, Nkosi, lobubele bakho, ngoba kwakukhona kusukela phakade. **7** Ungazikhumbuli izono zobutsha bami leziphambeko zami; ngokomusa wakho wena ungikhumbule, ngenxa yokulunga kwakho, Nkosi. **8** INkosi ilungile iqondile; ngakho-ke izazifundisa izoni ngendlela. **9** Izabakhokhela abathobekileyo ekwahluelweni, ibafundise abathobekileyo indlela yayo. **10** Zonke indlela zeNkosi zingumusa leqiniso kulabo abalondoloza isivumelwano sayo lezifakazelo zayo. **11** Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Nkosi, thethelela isiphambeko sami, ngoba sikhulu. **12** Nguwuphi umuntu owesaba iNkosi? Izamfundisa ngendlela ezayikhetha. **13** Umphefumulo wakhe uzahlala ebuhleni, lenzalo yakhe izalidla ilifa lelizwe. **14** Imfihlo yeNkosi ingeyabayesabayo, izabazisa

isivumelwano sayo. **15** Amehlo ami ahlala eseNkosini, ngoba yiyo ezakhupha inyawo zami embuleni. **16** Phendukela kimi, ube lomusa kimi, ngoba ngilesizungu, ngihluphekile. **17** Inkathazo zenhliziy yami zanda, ungikhuphe ezinhluphekweni zami. **18** Khangela inhlupheko yami losizi lwami, uthethelele zonke izono zami. **19** Khangela izitha zami ngoba zinengi, ziyangizonda ngenzondo elesihluku. **20** Londoloza umphefumulo wami, ungikhulule; kagingayangeki, ngoba ngiphephela kuwe. **21** Ubuqotho lokuqonda kakungilondoloze, ngoba ngilindele wena. **22** Nkulunkulu, hlenga ulsrayeli kuzo zonke inkathazo zakhe.

26 Ngahlulela, Nkosi, ngoba mina ngihambe ngobuqotho bami, njalo ngithembele eNkosini, angiyikutshelela. **2** Ngihlola, Nkosi, ungilinge, uhlole izinso zami lenhliziy yami. **3** Ngoba uthandolomusa wakho lumphambi kwamehlo ami, njalo ngihambe eqinisweni lakho. **4** Kangihlalanga labantu benkohliso, kangihambelani labazenzisayo. **5** Ngiyizondile inhlango yabenzi bobubi, kangihlali lababi. **6** Ngizageza izandla zami ngokungelacala, ngizingelezele ilathi lakho, Nkosi. **7** Ukuze ngizwakalise ngelizwi lokubonga, lokuze ngilandise zonke izenzo zakho ezimangalisayo. **8** Nkosi, ngiyayithanda inhlalo yendlu yakho, lendawo yokuhlala yenkazimulo yakho. **9** Ungabuthi umphefumulo wami kanye lezoni, kumbe impilo yami kanye labantu abomele igazi. **10** Ozandla zabo zilobubi, lesandla sabo sokunene sigcwele izivalamlomo. **11** Kodwa mina ngizahamba ngobuqotho bami; ngihlenga, ube lomusa kimi. **12** Unyawo lwami lumi endaweni elingeneyo; ngizayidumisa iNkosi emabandleni.

27 INkosi iyikukhanya kwami losindiso lwami; ngizakwesaba bani? INkosi ingamandla empilo yami; ngizakwethuka bani? **2** Lapho ababi, izitha zami labamelana lami, besondela kimi

ukudla inyama yami, bona bakhubeka bawa. **3** Loba ibutho
lingamisa inkamba limelene lami, inhlizyo yami kayiyikwesaba;
loba impi ingangivukela, kulokhu ngizathemba. **4** Into yinye
engiyicela eNkosini, yiyo engizayidinga, yikuthi ngihlale endlini
yenKosi insuku zonke zempilo yami, ukuze ngibone ubuhle
beNkosi, ngibuzisise ethempelini layo. **5** Ngoba izangifihla
edumbeni layo ngosuku lobubi, ingifihle ekusithekeni kwethente
layso, ingiphakamisele edwaleni. **6** Khathesi-ke ikhanda lami
lizaphakanyiswa phezu kwezitha zami ezingihanqleyo; ngakho
ngizanikela iminikelo yokuthaba ethenteni layo; ngizahlabela,
yebo ngihlabele indumiso eNkosini. **7** Zwana, Nkosi, ilizwi
lam iapho ngikhala, njalo ungihawukele, ungiphendule. **8**
Uthe: Dingani ubuso bami. Inhlizyo yami yathi kuwe: Ubuso
bakho, Nkosi, ngizabudinga. **9** Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho;
ungayixotshi inceku yakho ngokuthukuthela; ubulusizo Iwami;
ungangitshiyi, ungangideli, Nkulunkulu wosindiso Iwami. **10**
Lapho umama lobaba bengitshiya, khona iNkosi izangemukela.
11 Ngifundisa indlela yakho, Nkosi, ungikhokhele endleleni
eqondileyo, ngenxa yezitha zami. **12** Unganginikeli entandweni
yezitha zami, ngoba abafakazi bamanga bangivukele, lovutha
isihluku. **13** Ngangizaphela ngaphandle kokuthi ngakholwa
ukuthi ngizabona okuhle kweNkosi elizweni labaphilayo. **14**
Lindela iNkosi, ube lamandla, lenhlizyo yakho iqine, yebo,
lindela iNkosi.

28 Ngiyakhala kuwe, Nkosi; dwala lami, ungangithuleli, hlez
nxa ungithulela, ngifanane labehlela emgodini. **2** Zwana ilizwi
lokuncenga kwami lapho ngikhala kuwe, lapho ngiphakamisela
izandla zami endaweni yakho yelizwi engcwele. **3** Ungangihuduli
kanye lababi njalo kanye labenzi bobubi, abakhulumu ukuthula

labomakhelwane babo, kodwa ububi busenhliziyeni yabo. 4
Ubanike njengokwenza kwabo, lanjengobubi bezenzo zabo;
ubanike njengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo, ubabuyisele isenzo
sabo. 5 Ngoba kabayinanzi imisebenzi yeNkosi lokwenza
kwezandla zayo, izababhidliza ingabakhi. 6 Kayibongwe iNkosi,
ngoba ilizwile ilizwi lokuncenga kwami. 7 INkosi ingamandla
ami lesihlangu sami; inhliyiyo yami ithembela kuyo, ngiyasizwa;
ngakho inhliyiyo yami iyathokoza, ngiyidumise ngengoma
yami. 8 INkosi ingamandla abo, njalo iyinqaba yezinsindiso
zogcotshiweyo wayo. 9 Sindisa abantu bakho, ubusise ilifa
lakho, beluse, ubaphakamise kuze kube nininini.

29 Inikeni iNkosi, lina madodana abalamandla, inikeni iNkosi
udumo lamandla. 2 Inikeni iNkosi udumo lwebizo layo, likhothame
eNkosini ebuhleni bobungcwele. 3 Ilizwi leNkosi liphezu
kwamanzi; uNkulunkulu wenkazimulo uyaduma; iNkosi iphezu
kwamanzi amanengi. 4 Ilizwi leNkosi lilamandla, ilizwi leNkosi
lilobukhosi. 5 Ilizwi leNkosi lephula imisedari, yebo, iNkosi
yephula imisedari yeLebhanoni. 6 Yenza yona-ke iqolotshe
njengethole, iLebhanoni leSiriyoni njengethole lenyathi. 7 Ilizwi
leNkosi lidabula amalangabi omililo. 8 Ilizwi leNkosi lizamazamisa
inkangala, iNkosi izamazamisa inkangala yeKadeshi. 9 Ilizwi
leNkosi lizalisa izimpala, lihlubule amahlathi; lethempelini layo
konke kuthi: Uduto. 10 UJehova uhlezi phezu kukazamcolo,
yebo, uJehova uhlezi eyiNkosi kuze kube nininini. 11 INkosi
izanika abantu bayo amandla; iNkosi ibusise abantu bayo
ngokuthula.

30 Ngizakuphakamisa, Nkosi, ngoba ungenyusile, njalo
kawuthokozisanga izitha zami ngami. 2 Nkosi Nkulunkulu
wami, ngakhalela kuwe, wangisilisa. 3 Nkosi, uwukhuphulile

umphefumulo wami engcwabeni, ungicinile ngiphila, ukuze
ngingehleli emgodini. (**Sheol h7585**) **4** Hlabeledani eNkosini,
lina bangcwele bayo, libonge ekukhunjulweni kobungcwele
bayo. **5** Ngoba ukuthukuthela kwayo kungokwesikhathshana,
impilo isemuseni wayo. Ukulila kungahlala kusihlwa, kanti
ekuseni kulentokozo. **6** Mina-ke ngathi ekuphumeleleni kwami:
Kangiyikunyikinywa laphakade. **7** Nkosi, ngomusa wakho wenzile
intaba yami iqine; wabufihla ubuso bakho, ngahlupheka. **8**
Ngakhala kuwe, Nkosi; ngancenga eNkosini. **9** Kulenzozo bani
egazini lami ekutshoneni kwami emgodini? Uthuli luzakudumisa
na? Luzatshumayela ijiniso lakho yini? **10** Zwana, Nkosi, ube
lomusa kimi; Nkosi, woba ngumsizi wami. **11** Uphendule ukukhala
kwami kwaba yikusina; ukhuphile isaka lami, wangibhincisa
intokozo, **12** ukuze udumo lwami luhlabele indumiso kuwe,
lungathuli; Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami, ngizakubonga kuze kube
nininini.

31 Kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyathemba, kagingayangeki lanini,
ngikhulule ngokulunga kwakho. **2** Beka kimi indlebe yakho,
ngikhulule masinyane, ube lidwala elilamandla kimi, indlu
yezingaba yokungisindisa. **3** Ngoba wena ulidwala lami
lenqaba yami; ngakho ngenxa yebizo lakho ngikhokhela
ungiqondise. **4** Ngikhupha embuleni abangithiye ngalo
ensitha, ngoba uyinqaba yami. **5** Esandleni sakho ngibeka
umoya wami; ungihlengile, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu weqiniso. **6**
Ngibazondile labo abananzelela okuyize kwamanga; kodwa
mina ngithembela eNkosini. **7** Ngizathaba ngithokoze emuseni
wakho, ngoba ubonile uhlupho lwami, wazile umphefumulo
wami ezinkathazweni. **8** Njalo kawungivalelanga esandleni
sesitha, umise inyawo zami endaweni ebanzi. **9** Woba lomusa

kimi, Nkosi, ngoba ngilohlupho; ilihlo lami liqedwa lusizi, umphefumulo wami lesisu sami. **10** Ngoba impilo yami iphela ngosizi, leminyaka yami ngokububula; amandla ami ayadeda ngenxa yeziphambeko zami, lamathambo ami ayaqedwa. **11** Sengilihlazo phakathi kwazo zonke izitha zami, kodwa ikakhulu kwabakhelene lami, sengiyikwesabeka kwabangejwayeleyo; abangibonayo ngaphandle bayangibalekela. **12** Bakhohlwe ngami njengofileyo enhliziyweni; nginjengesitsha esifileyo. **13** Ngoba ngizwile ukunyunda kwabanengi, ukwesaba inhlangothi zonke, becebisanan bemelene lami, beceba ukuthatha impilo yami. **14** Kodwa mina ngithemba kuwe, Nkosi, ngithi: UnguNkulunkulu wami. **15** Izikhathi zami zisesandleni sakho; ngikhulula esandleni sezitha zami lakwabangizingelayo. **16** Khanyisa ubuso bakho phezu kwenceku yakho; ungisindise ngothando lwakho. **17** Nkosi, kangingayangeki, ngoba ngikubizile; kabayangeke ababi, bathule engcwabeni. (**Sheol h7585**) **18** Kazithuliswe indebe zamanga, ezikhulumu kalukhuni zimelene lolungileyo ngokuzigqaja langokweyisa. **19** Kukhulu kangakanani ukulunga kwakho, okubekele labo abakwesabayo, okwenzela labo abathembela kuwe, phambi kwabantwana babantu! **20** Uzabafihla ekusithekeni kobukhona bakho basuke kumagobe omuntu, ubafihle ethenteni ekuphikisaneni kwenlimi. **21** Kayibongwe iNkosi, ngoba ingenzele uthando olumangalisayo emzini oyinqaba. **22** Ngoba mina ngathi ekuphangiseni kwami: Ngiqunyiwe ngasuswa phambi kwamehlo akho. Loba kunjalo uwile ilizwi lokuncenga kwami ekukhaleni kwami kuwe. **23** Ithanden iNkosi lonke bangcwele bayo. INkosi ilondoloza abathembekileyo, iyamphindisela kakhulukazi owenze ngokuzigqaja. **24** Qinani, izaqinisa inhliziyo yenu, lina lonke elithembela eNkosini.

32 Ubusisiwe lowo osiphambeko sakhe sithethelelwe, osono sakhe sisitshekew. **2** Ubusisiwe umuntu iNkosi engambaleli ububi, lokungekho inkohliso emoyeni wakhe. **3** Lapho ngathula, amathambo ami aguga ngenxa yokubhonga kwami usuku lonke. **4** Ngoba emini lebusuku isandla sakho sasinzima phezu kwami; ubumanzi bami baguqulelwa ekomeni kwehlobo. (Sela) **5** Ngakwazisa isono sami, kangifihlanga isiphambeko sami, ngathi: Ngizavuma ngeziphambeko zami eNkosini. Wena wasuthethelela icala lesono sami. (Sela) **6** Ngenxa yalokhu ngulowo lalowo owesaba uNkulunkulu uzakhuleka kuwe ngesikhathi ongatholwa ngaso. Isibili, esikhukhuleni samanzi amakhulu kawayikufinyelela kuye. **7** Wena uyindawo yami yokucatsha, uyangilondoloza ekuhluphekeni, ungiphahle ngamahubo okukhululwa. (Sela) **8** Ngizakulaya ngikufundise endleleni ozahamba ngayo, ngizakweluleka, ilihlo lami libe phezu kwakho. **9** Ungabi njengebhiza, njengembongolo engelakuqedisisa, omlomo wayo onqandwa ngomkhala langetomu, hlezi kusondele kuwe. **10** Zinengi izinhlupheko zomubi, kodwa othembela eNkosini, umusa uzamphahla. **11** Jabulani eNkosini, lithabe, balungileyo; memezani ngokuthaba, lonke baqotho enhliziyeni.

33 Thokozani eNkosini, balungileyo. Ukudumisa kubafanele abaqotho. **2** Dumisani iNkosi ngechacho, lihlabelele kuyo ngogubhu olulentambo ezilitshumi. **3** Ihlabeleleni ingoma entsha, litshaye kuhle ngenhlokomo. **4** Ngoba ilizwi leNkosi liqotho, lomsebenzi wayo wonke ngowobuqotho. **5** Ithanda ukulunga lesahlulelo; umhlabu ugcwele umusa weNkosi. **6** Ngelizwi leNkosi amazulu enziwa, lalo lonke ibutho lawo ngomoya womlomo wayo. **7** Ibuthelala amanzi olwandle njengenqumbi, ifake inziki eziphaleni. **8** Umhlabu wonke kawuyesabe iNkosi,

bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba kabathuthumele ngayo. **9** Ngoba yona yakhuluma, kwaba khona; yona yalaya, kwema. **10** INkosi ichitha icebo lezizwe, iphuthisa imicabango yabantu. **11** Icebo leNkosi limi kuze kube nininini, imicabango yenhliziyo yayo ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwana. **12** Sibusisiwe isizwe esiNkulunkulu waso yiNkosi, abantu ebakhethileyo baba yilifa layo. **13** INkosi iyakhangela phansi isemazulwini, ibone bonke abantwana babantu. **14** Isendaweni emisiweyo yokuhlala kwayo ikhangela bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba. **15** Ibumba inhliziyo yabo bonke, inanzelele zonke izenzo zabo. **16** Kayikho inkosi esindiswa yibunengi bebutho, iqhawe kalikhululwa ngamandla amakhulu. **17** Ibhiza liyize ekunqobeni, njalo kalikhululi ngobukhulu bamandla alo. **18** Khangela, ilihlo leNkosi liphezu kwabayesabayo, kwalabo abathembela emuseni wayo, **19** ukukhulula umphefumulo wabo ekufeni, lokubaphilisa endlaleni. **20** Umphefumulo wethu ulindela iNkosi; ilusizo lwethu lesihlangu sethu. **21** Ngoba inhliziyo yethu izathokoza kuyo, ngoba sithembele ebizweni layo elingcwele. **22** Umusa wakho, Nkosi, kawube phezu kwethu, njengokulindela kwethu kuwe.

34 Ngizayibonga iNkosi ngesikhathi sonke; ukudunyiswa kwayo kuzahlala kusemlonyeni wami. **2** Umphefumulo wami uzazincoma eNkosini; abathobekileyo bazakuzuwa bathokoze. **3** Ikhuliseni iNkosi kanye lami, asiliphakamise ibizo layo kanyekanye. **4** Ngayidinga iNkosi, yangiphendula, yasingikhulula kukho konke ukwesaba kwami. **5** Bakhangela kuyo, bakhazimula, lobuso babo kabubanga lenhloni. **6** Lo umyanga wakhala, leNkosi yezwa, yasimsindisa kuzo zonke inkathazo zakhe. **7** Ingilosи yeNkosi imisa inkamba izingelezele labo abayesabayo, ibakhulule. **8** Nambithanini libone ukuthi iNkosi ilungile. Ubusisiwe lowomuntu

othembela kuyo. **9** Yesabeni iNkosi, bangcwele bayo, ngoba kakulakuswela kwabayesabayo. **10** Izilwane ezintsha ziwaswela zilambe, kodwa labo abayidingayo iNkosi kabasweli lutho oluhle. **11** Wozani, bantwana, lingilalele, ngizalifundisa ukwesaba iNkosi. **12** Ngubani umuntu ofisa impilo, othanda izinsuku ukuthi abone okuhle? **13** Londa ulimi lwakho kokubi, lendebe zakho ekukhulumeni inkohliso. **14** Suka kokubi, wenze okuhle, dinga ukuthula, kunxwanele. **15** Amehlo eNkosi akwabalungileyo, lezindlebe zayo kukukhala kwabo. **16** Ubuso beNkosi bumelene labenza okubi, ukuquma ukukhunjulwa kwabo kusuke emhlabeni. **17** Bakhala, iNkosi yezwa; iyabakhulula kuzo zonke izinhlupheko zabo. **18** INkosi iseduze labo abalenhliziyo ezephukileyo, iyabasindisa abalomoya odabukileyo. **19** Zinengi inhlupheko zolungileyo, kodwa iNkosi iyamkhulula kuzo zonke. **20** Iyawagcina wonke amathambo akhe, kakwaphulwa lelilodwa kuwo. **21** Okubi kuzambulala okhohlakeleyo; labazonda olungileyo bazalahlahwa. **22** INkosi iyahlenga umpfumulo wenceku zayo; njalo bonke abathemba kuyo kabayikulahlwa.

35 Phikisana, Nkosi, labaphikisana lami, ulwe labalwa lami. **2**
Xhakalaza ihawu lesihlangu esikhulu, usukumele usizo lwami. **3**
Hwatsha lomkhonto, uvimbe indlela umelane labangizingelayo;
tshono emphefumulweni wami ukuthi: Ngilusindiso lwakho. **4**
Kabayangeke babe lehlazo labo abadinga umphefumulo wami.
Kabahlehliselwe emuva babe lenhloni labo abaceba ububi ngami.
5 Kababe njengamakhoba phambi komoya, lengilosieyeNkosi
kayibadudule. **6** Indlela yabo kayibe mnyama itshelele, lengilosieyeNkosi
ibaxotshe. **7** Ngoba kungelasizatho bangifihlele imbule
labo emgodini, kungelasizatho bawugebhele umphefumulo wami.
8 Ukubhujiswa kakumjume, lembule lakhe alifihlileyo kalimbambe

yena, awele kulo, ekubhujisweni. **9** Kodwa umphefumulo wami uzathokoza eNkosini, ujabule esindisweni lwayo. **10** Wonke amathambo ami azakuthi: Nkosi, ngubani onjengawe, okhulula umyanga kulowo olamandla kulaye, yebo, umyanga loswelayo komphangayo? **11** Abafakazi bamanga basukuma, bangibuza engingakwaziyo. **12** Bangibuyisela okubi endaweni yokuhle, umphefumulo wami ulahlekelwa. **13** Kanti mina, ekuguleni kwabo isembatho sami sasilisaka, ngathobisa umphefumulo wami ngokuzila ukudla, lomkhuleko wami wabuyela esifubeni sami. **14** Ngahamba ngokungathi unguungane ngokungathi unguungfowethu; ngikhotheme kwezimnyama njengolilela unina. **15** Kodwa ekukhubekeni kwami bathokoza, babuthana ndawonye, abalahliwego babuthana ndawonye bemelene lami, njalo ngangingakwazi; badabula kabemanga. **16** Kanye lababi abaklolodayo edilini, bangigedlela amazinyo abo. **17** Nkosi, uzabukela kuze kube nini? Buyisa umphefumulo wami ekubhubhiseni kwabo, wona wodwa owami emabhongweni ezilwane. **18** Ngizakubonga ebandleni elikhulu, ngikudumise phakathi kwabantu abanengi. **19** Bangajabuli ngami abayizitha zami ngamanga, kabangangificeli ilihlo labo abangizonda ngeze. **20** Ngoba kabakhulumi ukuthula, kodwa baceba amazwi enkohliso bemelene labachumileyo emhlabeni. **21** Kanti bangikhamisela kakhulu umlomo wabo bathi: Aha, aha, ilihlo lethu likubonile! **22** Nkosi, usukubonile; ungathuli. Nkosi, ungabi khatshana lami. **23** Zivuse, uvukele ilungelo lami, udaba lwami, Nkulunkulu wami leNkosi yami. **24** Ngahlulela, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngokulunga kwakho; kabangathokozi ngami. **25** Kabangatsho enhliziyweni yabo ukuthi: Hiya, yisifiso sethu! Bangatsho ukuthi: Simginyile. **26** Kabayangeke babe lenhloni ndawonye abajabula ngosizi

Iwami; bembathiswe ngenhloni lehlazo labo abazikhukhumeza ngami. **27** Kabamemeze ngenjabulo bathabe abaloyisa ukulunga kwami, yebo kabatsho njalonjaloukuthi: Kayikhuliswe iNkosi ethokoza ngokuhlala kuhle kwenceku yayo. **28** Lolimi Iwami luzakhulumu ukulunga kwakho, usuku lonke indumiso yakho.

36 Kulenkulumo yesiphambeko kokhohlakeleyo; ngaphakathi kwenhlizyo yami ngathi: Kakukho ukwesaba uNkulunkulu phambi kwamehlo akhe. **2** Ngoba uyazikhohlisa emehlwani akhe, ububi bakhe buze butholakale buzondeka. **3** Amazwi omlomo wakhe ayibubi lenkohliso; uyekele inhlakanipho ukwenza okuhle. **4** Uceba okubi embhedeni wakhe, azimise endleleni engalunganga, kakwali okubi. **5** Nkosi, umusa wakho usemazulwini, uthembeko Iwakho luze lufike emayezini. **6** Ukulunga kwakho kunjengezintaba zikaNkulunkulu, izahlulelo zakho ziyingziki enkulu; uyalondoloza umuntu lenyamazana, Nkosi. **7** Luligugu kangakanani uthandolomusa wakho, Nkulunkulu! Ngakho abantwana babantu baphephela emthunzini wempiko zakho. **8** Bazasutha kakhulu ngamanono endlu yakho, ubanathise okomfula wentokozo yakho. **9** Ngoba ukuwe umthombo wempilo; ekukhanyeni kwakho sizabona ukukhanya. **10** Luqhubele phambili uthandolomusa wakho kulabo abakwaziyo, lokulunga kwakho kubo abaqotho enhliziyeni. **11** Unyawo Iwabazigqajayo lungizi kimi, lesandla sababi singangixotshi. **12** Nampo abenzi bobubi sebewile, bawiselwe phansi, kabalakuvuka.

37 Ungazikhathazi ngababi, ungabi lomhawu ngabenzi bobubi. **2** Ngoba bazaqunywa masinyane njengotshani, babune njengohlaza. **3** Themba eNkosini, wenze okuhle, uhlale elizweni, uzondle ngothembeko. **4** Zithokozise eNkosini, njalo izakunika iziloyiso zenhlizyo yakho. **5** Nikela indlela yakho

eNkosini, uthembe kuyo; yona izakwenza. **6** Izaveza ukulunga kwakho njengokukhanya, lelungelo lakho njengemini enku. **7** Thula eNkosini, uyilindele; ungazikhathazi ngophumelelayo ngendlela yakhe, ngomuntu owenza amacebo amabi. **8** Yekela intukuthelo, utshiye ulaka; ungazikhathazi langokwenza okubi. **9** Ngoba ababi bazaqunywa, kodwa labo abalindele iNkosi bona bazakudla ilifa lelizwe. **10** Kuseyisikhathshana nje, omubi angabe esaba khona; loba uhlola indawo yakhe uyabe engasekho. **11** Kodwa abamnene bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, bazithokozise ngobunengi bokuthula. **12** Omubi uyaceba emelene lolungileyo, amgedlele amazinyo akhe. **13** INkosi izamhleka, ngoba iyabona ukuthi usuku lwakhe luyenza. **14** Ababi sebehwatshe inkemba, bagobise idandili labo, ukumlahla phansi umyanga loswelayo, ukubulala abaqotho ngendlela. **15** Inkemba yabo izangena kweyabo inhliyiyo, kwephulwe amadandili abo. **16** Okuncinyane alakho olungileyo kungcono kuleno tho yababi abanengi. **17** Ngoba ingalo zababi zizakwephulwa, kodwa iNkosi iyabasekela abalungileyo. **18** INkosi iyazazi izinsuku zabaqotho, lelifa labo lizakuba sephakadeni. **19** Kabayikuyangeka ngesikhathi esibi, langensuku zendlala bazasutha. **20** Kodwa ababi bazabhubha; lezitha zeNkosi zizanyamalala njengamafutha amawundlu, zinyamalale entuthwini. **21** Omubi uyeboleka, angabuyiseli, kodwa olungileyo uyahawukela, aphe. **22** Ngoba ababusiswe yiyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, kodwa abaqalekiswe yiyo bazaqunywa. **23** Izinyathelo zomuntu olungileyo ziqondiswa yiNkosi, iyathokoza endleleni yakhe. **24** Loba esiwa, kayikulahlwa phansi, ngoba iNkosi isekela isandla sakhe. **25** Ngangimutsha, sengimdala, kanti kangibonanga olungileyo etshiyiwe, lenzalo yakhe idinga ukudla. **26** Usuku lonke ulomusa, uyeboleka, lenzalo yakhe

iyisibusiso. **27** Suka ebubini, wenze okuhle; uhlale kuze kube nininini. **28** Ngoba iNkosi ithanda isahlulelo, kayiyikubatshiya abangcwele bayo. Bazalondolozwa kuze kube nininini; kodwa inzalo yababi izaqunywa. **29** Abalungileyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, bahlale kulo kuze kube nininini. **30** Umlomo wolungileyo ukhulumia inhlakanipho, lolimi lwakhe lukhuluma isahlulelo. **31** Umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakhe usenhliziyweni yakhe; izinyathelo zakhe kazitsheleli. **32** Omubi uyamqaphela olungileyo, udinga ukumbulala. **33** INkosi kayiyikumyekela esandleni sakhe, kayiyikumlaha lapho esahlulelwa. **34** Lindela eNkosini, ugcine indlela yayo, izakuphakamisa ukuthi udle ilifa lelizwe; uzabona lapho ababi bequnywa. **35** Ngambona omubi elamandla amakhulu, eziqhelia njengesihlahla semvelo esiluhlaza. **36** Kube kanti wedlula, khangela-ke, wayengasekho; yebo ngamdinga, kodwa katholakalanga. **37** Nanzelela opheleleyo, umbone oqotho, ngoba ukuphela kwalowomuntu kuyikuthula. **38** Kodwa abaphambukayo bazabhujiswa kanyekanye; ukuphela kwababi kuzaqunywa. **39** Kodwa usindiso lwabalungileyo luvela eNkosini, inqaba yabo esikhathini sokuhlupheka. **40** Njalo iNkosi izabasiza ibakhulule; izabakhulula kwababi, ibasindise, ngoba baphephela kuyo.

38 Nkosi, ungangikhuzi entukuthelweni yakho, ungangijezisi ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho. **2** Ngoba imitshoko yakho ihlabe yatshona kimi, lesandla sakho sehle nzima phezu kwami. **3** Kakukho ukuphila enyameni yami ngenxa yentukuthelo yakho; kakukho ukuthula emathanjeni ami ngenxa yesono sami. **4** Ngoba iziphambeko zami zedlule phezu kwekhanda lami, njengomthwalo onzima zinzima kakhulu kimi. **5** Izilonda zami zilevumba zilobomvu ngenxa yobuthutha bami. **6** Ngigungubele, ngagotshiselwa

phansi kakhulu, usuku lonke ngjhamba ngikwezimnyama.
7 Ngoba ukhalo Iwami lugcwele okutshileyo, njalo kakukho
ukuphila enyameni yami. 8 Ngibuthakathaka ngichobozekile
kakhulukazi, ngiyabhonga ngenxa yokububula kwenhlizyo yami.
9 Nkosi, sonke isiloyiso sami siphambi kwakho, lokububula
kwami kakufihlakalanga kuwe. 10 Inhlizyo yami iyatshaya,
amandla ami angitshiyile; lokukhanya kwamehlo ami lakho
kakukho kimi. 11 Abangithandayo labangane bami bema
ummango lenhlupheko yami, labakwethu bema khatshana
lam. 12 Labo abadinga impilo yami bayangithiya, labo
abadinga ukoniwa kwami bakhuluma izincithakalo, bezindla
inkohliso usuku lonke. 13 Kodwa mina nginjengesacuthe,
kangizwa, lanjengesimungulu, esingavuli umlomo waso. 14 Yebo,
nginjengomuntu ongezwayo, okungekho ukuphikisa emlonyeni
wakhe. 15 Ngoba kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyathemba; wena uzaphendula,
Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami. 16 Ngoba ngathi: Hlezi bathokoze
ngami, lapho unyawo Iwami lutshelela, bazikhukhumeze
bemelene lami. 17 Ngoba sengiseduze lokuwa, lobuhlungu bami
buphambi kwami njalonjalo. 18 Ngoba ngizakwazisa ububi bami,
ngizakhathazeka ngesono sami. 19 Kodwa izitha zami ziphilile
zilamandla, labangizonda ngeze sebandile. 20 Abaphindisela
okubi esikhundleni sokuhle bayizitha zami, ngoba nginxwanelu
okulungileyo. 21 Umgangitshiyi, Nkosi; Nkulunkulu wami, ungabi
khatshana lami. 22 Phangisa ungisize, Nkosi, nsindiso yami.

39 Ngathi: Ngizaqaphelisa izindlela zami, ukuze ngingoni
ngolimi Iwami; ngizagcina umlomo wami ngetomu, omubi
esesekhona phambi kwami. 2 Ngaba yisimungulu ngokuthula;
ngathula kokuhle; lokuhlupheka kwami kwavuswa. 3 Inhlizyo
yami yatshisa phakathi kwami, ngisacabanga umlilo wavutha;

ngakhuluma ngolimi lwami, **4** ngathi: Nkosi, ngazisa isiphetho sami lesilinganiso sensuku zami ukuthi siyini, ukuze ngazi ukuthi ngyedlula kangakanani. **5** Khangela, wenze insuku zami zaba yibubanzi besandla, lobudala bami bunjengento engesilutho phambi kwakho; isibili ngulowo lalowomuntu ekumeni kwakhe uyize nje. (Sela) **6** Isibili, umuntu uhambahamba esesithunzini; isibili, bayakhathazeka ngeze; uyabuthelela, kodwa kazi ukuthi ngubani ozakubutha. **7** Pho-ke, ngilindeleni, Nkosi? Ithembala lami likuwe. **8** Ngikhulula kuzo zonke iziphambeko zami. Ungangenzi ihlazo lesithutha. **9** Ngaba yisimungulu, kangivulanga umlomo wami, ngoba wakwenza wena. **10** Susa uswazi lwakho kimi, ngoba ngiyaqedwa yisidutshulo sesandla sakho. **11** Lapho ulaya umuntu ngokukhuza ngenxa yesiphambeko, wenza ubuhle bakhe buncibilike njengenunu; isibili ngulowo lalowomuntu uyize. (Sela) **12** Zwana umkhuleko wami, Nkosi, ubeke indlebe ekukhaleni kwami; ungathuleli izinyembezi zami, ngoba ngingowemzini kuwe, ohlala njengowezizwe, njengabo bonke obaba. **13** Ungangihwaqeli ukuze ngihlumelele, ngingakasuki, ngingabe ngisaba khona.

40 Ngalindela lokuyilindela iNkosi; yangithobela, yezwa ukukhala kwami. **2** Yangenyula emgodini ohlokomayo, exhaphozini lodaka, yabeka inyawo zami phezu kwedwala, yaqinisa izinyathelo zami. **3** Yafaka ingoma entsha emlonyeni wami, indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu. Abanengi bazabona besabe, bathembe eNkosini. **4** Ubusisiwe umuntu oyenzayo iNkosi ibe lithemba lakhe, ongaphendukeli kwabazigqajayo, lalabo abaphendukela emangeni. **5** Minengi wena oyenzileyo, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami, imisebenzi yakho emangalisayo lemicabango yakho kithi; ingelandiswe ngokulandelana kuwe. Ngingayilandisa

ngiyitsho, minengi kulokuthi ibalwe. **6** Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawukufisi; izindlebe zami uzivilile; umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono kawuwubizi. **7** Ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngiyeza; emqulwini wogwalo kuletshiwe ngami. **8** Ngiyathokoza ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu wami, lomlayo wakho uphakathi kwemibilini yami. **9** Ngitshumayele ukulunga ebandleni elikhulu; khangela, kangibambanga indebe zami, Nkosi, wena uyakwazi. **10** Ukulunga kwakho kangikufihlanga phakathi kwenhlizyo yami; ngikhulumile ngobuqotho bakho langosindiso lwakho; kangifihlanga uthandolomusa wakho leqiniso lakho ebandleni elikhulu. **11** Wena Nkosi, ungangigodleli isihawu sakho; uthandolomusa wakho leqiniso lakho kakungilondoloze njalonjalo. **12** Ngoba ububi obungebalwe bungihanqile, iziphambeko zami zingibamble, ukuze ngingabi lakho ukubona; zinengi okwedlula inwele zekhanda lami; ngakho inhlizyo yami ingitshiyile. **13** Thokoza, Nkosi, ukungikhulula. Nkosi, phangisa ukungisiza. **14** Kabayangeke babe lenhloni ndawonye abadinga umphefumulo wami ukuwuchitha; kababuyiselwe emuva bayangiswe abangifisela okubi. **15** Kabachitheke kube ngumvuzo wehlazo labo abathi kimi: Aha, aha! **16** Kabathabe bajabule kuwe bonke abakudingayo; abathanda usindiso lwakho kabatsho njalonjalo bathi: Kayikhuliswe iNkosi! **17** Kodwa ngingumyanga ngiyaswela; iNkosi iyangikhumbula; ungumsizi wami lomkhululi wami; Nkulunkulu wami, ungalibali.

41 Ubusisiwe onanjelela obuthakathaka. INkosi izamkhulula ngosuku lobubi. **2** INkosi izamlondoloza, imgcine ephila; uzabusiswa emhlabeni; kawuyikumnikela entandweni yezitha zakhe. **3** INkosi izamsekela embhedeni wokugula kwakhe; wena uzaguqula lonke icansi lakhe emkhuhlaneni wakhe. **4**

Mina ngathi: Nkosi, woba lomusa kimi, silisa umphefumulo wami, ngoba ngonile kuwe. **5** Izitha zami zikhuluma okubi ngami zisithi: Uzakufa nini, lebizo lakhe lichitheke? **6** Lalapho efika ukungibona, ukhuluma inkohliso; inhliziyo yakhe izibuthela okubi, esephumile phandle akhulume. **7** Bonke abangizondayo banyenyezelana bemelene lami, bangisongele ukungona. **8** Into embi inamathele kuye; njalo njengoba elele phansi kasayikuvuka. **9** Yebo, indoda yobungane bami engiyithembayo, ebikade isidla isinkwa sami, ingiphakamisele isithende imelene lami. **10** Kodwa, wena Nkosi, woba lomusa kimi, ungilulamise ukuze ngibaphindisele. **11** Ngalokhu ngiyazi ukuthi uyangithanda, ngoba isitha sami kasithabanga phezu kwami. **12** Kodwa mina, ungisekele ebuqothweni bami, wangimisa phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini. **13** Kayibongwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. Ameni, loAmeni.

42 Njengalokhu indluzele inxwanele izifula zamanzi, ngokunjalo umphefumulo wami unxwanelo wena, Nkulunkulu. **2** Umphefumulo wami womela uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ophilayo. Ngizafika nini ngibonakale phambi kobuso bukaNkulunkulu? **3** Inyembezi zami beziyikudla kwami emini lebusuku, lapho besithi kimi usuku lonke: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho? **4** Ngikhumbula lezizinto ngathulula umphefumulo wami phakathi kwami, ngoba ngadlula lexuku, ngaya labo endlini kaNkulunkulu ngelizwi lentokozo lendumiso, ixuku eligubha umkhosi. **5** Udanelani mphefumulo wami? Ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezamdumisa, ngosizo lobuso bakhe. **6** Nkulunkulu wami, umphefumulo wami udanile phakathi kwami; ngakho ngizakukhumbula ngiselizweni leJordan lelamaHermoni, ngisentabeni iMizari. **7** Inziki ibiza inziki ekuhlokomeni

kwezimpophoma zakho; wonke amagagasi akho lamaza akho adlule phezu kwami. **8** Emini iNkosi izalaya uthandolomusa wayo, lebusuku ingoma yayo izakuba lami; umkhuleko wami kuNkulunkulu wempilo yami. **9** Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu, idwala lami: Ungikhohlweleni? Ngihambelani ngikwezimnyama ngenxa yocindezelo lwsitha? **10** Njengokuchoboza emathanjeni ami, izitha zami ziyangiklolodela, lapho zisithi kimi usuku lonke: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho? **11** Udaneleni mphefumulo wami? Njalo ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezamduisa, usindiso lobuso bami, loNkulunkulu wami.

43 Ngahlulela, Nkulunkulu, umele udaba lwami esizweni esingesabi uNkulunkulu; ungikhulule emuntwini wenkohlis longalunganga. **2** Ngoba wena unguNkulunkulu wesiphephelo sami; ungilahleleni? Ngihambelani ngikwezimnyama ngenxa yocindezelo lwsitha? **3** Thumela ukukhanya kwakho leqiniso lakho, kungikhokhele, kungise entaben i yakh engcwele lemathabhanekeleni akho. **4** Khona ngizakuya elathini likaNkulunkulu, kuNkulunkulu injabulo yentokozo yami; yebo ngizakudumisa ngechacho, Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wami. **5** Udanelani mphefumulo wami? Njalo ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezamduisa, ukusiliswa kobuso bami, loNkulunkulu wami.

44 Nkulunkulu, sizwile ngendlebe zethu, obaba basitshelile, umsebenzi owawenza ensukwini zabo, ensukwini zendulo. **2** Wena ngesandla sakho wazixotsha izizwe elifeni, wabahlanyela bona; wazihlupha izizwe, kodwa wabasabalalisa bona. **3** Ngoba kabadlanga ilifa lelizwe ngenkemba yabo, lengalo yabo kayibasindisanga, kodwa isandla sakho sokunene, lengalo

yakho, lokukhanya kobuso bakho, ngoba wawubathanda. 4
Wena uyiNkosi yami, Nkulunkulu; laya ukukhululwa kukaJakobe.
5 Ngawe sizadudula izitha zethu; ngebizo lakho sizabanyathelela phansi abasivukelayo. **6** Ngoba kangithembeli kulo idandili lami, lenkemba yami kayiyikungisindisa. **7** Kodwa usisindisile ezitheni zethu, wayangisa abasizondayo. **8** KuNkulunkulu siyazincoma usuku lonke; lebizo lakho sizalidumisa kuze kube nininini. (Sela) **9** Kodwa ulahlile wasiyangisa, njalo kawuphumi lamabutho ethu. **10** Usenze ukuthi sibuyele emuva sisuka esitheni; labasizondayo baziphangela. **11** Usinikele njengezimvu zokudliwa, wasichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe. **12** Uthengisile abantu bakho ngokungelanotho, awuzuzanga lutho ngentengo yabo. **13** Usenze saba lihlazo kwabakhelene lathi, inhlekisa lendumazo kwabasiphahlileyo. **14** Usenze saba yisiga phakathi kwezizwe, ukunikinwa kwekhanda phakathi kwabantu. **15** Usuku lonke ukudunyazwa kwami kuphambi kwami, lehlazo lobuso bami lingigubuzele, **16** ngenxa yelizwi lomgconi lomhlambazi, ngenxa yesitha lomphindiseli. **17** Konke lokhu kusehlele, kube kanti kasikukhohlwanga, kasenzanga ngenkohliso esivumelwaneni sakho. **18** Inhlizyo yethu kayibuyelanga emuva, lezinyathelo zethu kaziphambukanga emkhondweni wakho, **19** lanxa usichobozile endaweni yamaganyana, usembese ngethunzi lokufa. **20** Uba besilikoholiwe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wethu, loba selulela izandla zethu kunkulunkulu wezizweni, **21** uNkulunkulu ubengayikukuhlolola lokhu yini? Ngoba uyayazi imfihlo yenhliziy. **22** Yebo, ngenxa yakho siyabulawa usuku lonke, kuthiya sinjengezimvu zokuhlatshwa. **23** Phaphama, ulaleleni, Nkosi? Vuka, ungalahli kokuphela. **24** Ufihlelani ubuso bakho, ukhohlwe ukhluupheka kwethu locindezelo lwethu? **25** Ngoba umphefumulo

wethu ukhothamele othulini, isisu sethu sinamathela emhlabathini.

26 Sukumela usizo lwethu, usihlenge ngenxa yomusa wakho.

45 Inhlizyo yami iphuphuma ngendaba enhle; ngikhuluma ngezinto engizenzele inkosi; ulimi lwami lulusiba lombhali ophangisayo. **2** Umuhle kulabantwana babantu; umusa uthululwe endebeni zakho; ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu ukubusisile kuze kube phakade. **3** Bhinca inkemba yakho emlenzeni, qhawe, udumo lwakho lobukhosibakho. **4** Lebukhosini bakho gada uphumulele, ngenxa yeqiniso lobumnene bokulunga; lesandla sakho sokunene sikufundise izinto ezesabekayo. **5** Imitshoko yakho ibukhali enhliziyweni yezitha zenkosi; izizwe zizakuwa ngaphansi kwakho. **6** Isihlalo sakho sobukhosib Nkulunkulu, ngesaphakade laphakade; intonga yakho yobukhosib iyintonga yobuqotho. **7** Uthanda ukulunga, njalo uzonda ububi; ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcobile ngamafutha entokozo ngaphezu kwabanakwenu. **8** Izembatho zakho zonke ziqliwiwe ngemure lenhlaba lekhasiya; ezigodlweli zempondo zendlovu abakwenze wathokoza ngazo. **9** Amadodakazi amakhosi aphakathi kwabesifazana bakho abadumileyo; indlovukazi imi esandleni sokunene sakho yembethe igolide leOfiri. **10** Zwana, ndodakazi, unakane, ubeke indlebe yakho; ukhohlwe abantu bakini lendlu kayihlo; **11** khona inkosi izalangatha ubuhle bakho; ngoba iyinkosi yakho, njalo kothama kuyo. **12** Lendodakazi yeTire ilesipho, labanothileyo ebantwini, bazancenga ubuso bakho. **13** Indodakazi yenkosi iyakhazimula yonke ngaphakathi, isembatho sayo singesegolide elelukiweyo. **14** Izalethwa enkosini yembethe isembatho esifekethisiweyo; izintombi eziyilandelayo, abangane bayo, zizalethwa kuwe. **15** Zizalethwa ngokuthaba lenjabulo,

zizangena esigodlweni senkosi. **16** Esikhundleni saboyihlo kuzakuba ngamadodana akho, uzawabeka abe yiziphathamandla emhlabeni wonke. **17** Ibizo lakho ngizalenza likhunjulwe ezizukulwaneni zonke; ngenxa yalokho izizwe zizakudumisa kuze kube nini lanini.

46 UNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu lamandla ethu, uyatholwa elusizo kakhulu ekuhluphekeni. **2** Ngenxa yalokhu kasiyikwesaba ekuguqukeni komhlaba, lanxa izintaba zidilikela phakathi kwenlwandle. **3** Amanzi alo kawahlokome, akhaphazele, izintaba zizamazame ngokukhukhumala kwalo. (Sela) **4** Kulomfula, izifula zawo zithokozisa umuzi kaNkulunkulu, indawo engcwele yamathabhanekele oPhezukonke. **5** UNkulunkulu uphakathi kwawo, kawuyikunyikinywa; uNkulunkulu uzawusiza ngovivi lokusa. **6** Izizwe ziyaxokozela, imibuso izamazame; wakhupha ilizwi lakhe, umhlaba wancibilika. **7** INkosi yamabandla ilathi, uNkulunkulu kaJakobe uyinqaba yethu. (Sela) **8** Wozani libone imisebenzi yeNkosi, incithakalo eyenzileyo emhlabeni. **9** Yenza izimpi ziphele kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba; yephula idandili, iqumaqume umkhonto, itshise izinqola emlilweni. **10** Thulani, lazi ukuthi mina nginguNkulunkulu, ngizaphakanyiswa phakathi kwezizwe, ngiphakanyiswe emhlabeni. **11** INkosi yamabandla ilathi, uNkulunkulu kaJakobe uyinqaba yethu. (Sela)

47 Tshayani isandla, zizwe zonke, hlokomani kuNkulunkulu ngelizwi lentokozo. **2** Ngoba iNkosi, oPhezukonke, iyesabeka, yiNkosi enkulu phezu komhlaba wonke. **3** Izakwehlisela abantu ngaphansi kwethu, lezizwe ngaphansi kwenyawo zethu. **4** Izasikhethela ilifa lethu, udumo lukaJakobe emthandayo. (Sela) **5** UNkulunkulu wenyukile ngokuhlokom, iNkosi ngokukhala kophondo. **6** Hlabelani indumiso kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani

indumiso. Hlabelani indumiso eNkosini yethu, hlabelani indumiso. 7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yomhlaba wonke; hlabelani indumiso ngokuqedisisa. 8 UNkulunkulu uyabusa phezu kwezizwe; uNkulunkulu uhlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи sobungcwele bakhe. 9 Iziphathamandla zabantu zibuthene ndawonye, abantu bakaNkulunkulu kaAbrahama. Ngoba izihlangu zomhlaba zingezikaNkulunkulu; uphakeme kakhulu.

48 Yinkulu iNkosi, ingeyokudunyiswa kakhulu emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu, intaba yobungcwele bayo. 2 Yinhe ngokuphakama, yintokozo emhlabeni wonke intaba yeZiyoni, enhlangothini zenyakatho, umuzi weNkosi enkulu. 3 Ezigodlweni zaho uNkulunkulu uyaziwa ukuthi uyinqaba. 4 Ngoba, khangela, amakhosi abuthana, adlula kanyekanye. 5 Wona awubona, ngokunjalo amangala, atshaywa luvalo, aphaphatheka. 6 Ukuthuthumela kwawabamba lapho, umhelo njengowesifazana obelethayo. 7 Ngomoya wempumalanga uphahlaza imikhumbi yeTarshishi. 8 Njengesikuzwileyo ngokunjalo sikubonile emzini weNkosi yamabandla, emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu; uNkulunkulu uzawumisa kuze kube nininini. (Sela) 9 Sizindle ngothandolomusa wakho, Nkulunkulu, phakathi kwethempeli lakho. 10 Njengalo ibizo lakho, Nkulunkulu, injalo indumiso yakho kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba; isandla sakho sokunene sigcwele ukulunga. 11 Kayithokoze intaba yeZiyoni, amadodakazi akoJuda athabe, ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho. 12 Ibhoden iZiyoni, liyizingeleze, libale imiphotshongo yayo, 13 liqaphelise umthangala wayo, lidabule lihlole izigodlo zayo, ukuze lilandisele isizukulwana esilandelayo. 14 Ngoba lo uNkulunkulu unguNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube nini lanini; yena uzasikhokhela kuze kube sekufeni.

49 Zwanini lokhu lonke bantu. Bekani indlebe lonke bakhileyo bomhlaba, **2** bonke abantukazana labaphakemeyo, abanothileyo labayanga, ndawonye. **3** Umlomo wami uzakhulumu izinhlakanipho, lokuzindla kwenhliziyo yami kuzakuba yikuqedisisa. **4** Ngizabeka indlebe yami kuso isaga, ngizavula ilibho lami ngechacho. **5** Ngizakwesabelani ensukwini zobubi, nxa ububi babagwenxi bami buzangihanqa. **6** Abathemba ingcebo yabo, abazincoma ngobunengi benotho yabo, **7** umuntu kasoze ahlenge lokuhlenga umfowabo, kasoze amnike uNkulunkulu inhlawulo yakhe, **8** (ngoba uhlengo lomphefumulo wabo luligugu, futhi luyaphela laphakade) **9** ukuze ahlale ephila phakade, angaboni ukubola. **10** Ngoba ubona ukuthi abahlakaniphileyo bayafa, lokuthi isithutha kanye lesiphukuphuku bayabhubha, batshiyele inotho yabo abanye. **11** Umcabango wabo wangaphakathi uyikuthi izindlu zabo zizakuba ngezaphakade, izindawo zabo zokuhlala zibe ngezezizukulwana, babize amazwe ngamabizo abo. **12** Kodwa umuntu elodumo kayikuma, uyafanana lenyamazana ezibhubhayo. **13** Le indlela yabo iyibuthutha babo; kube kanti ababalandelayo bathokoza ngomlomo wabo. (Sela) **14** Njengezimvu bamiselwe ingcwaba, ukufa kuzabelusa; labaqotho bazababusa ekuseni, isimo sabo ngesokuqedwa lingcwaba ukuze bangabi lendawo yokuhlala. (Sheol h7585) **15** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzahlenga umphefumulo wami emandleni engcwaba, ngoba uzangemukela. (Sela) (Sheol h7585) **16** Ungesabi nxa umuntu enotha, nxa udumo lwendlu yakhe lusanda; **17** ngoba ekufeni kwakhe kayikuthatha lutho, udumo lwakhe kaluyikwehla lumlandele. **18** Lanxa empilweni yakhe wabusisa umphefumulo wakhe, njalo bakudumisa nxa uzenzela okuhle, **19** uzakuya esizukulwaneni saboyise,

kabayikubona ukukhanya kuze kube phakade. **20** Umuntu olodumo, engaqedisi, unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo.

50 USomandla, uNkulunkulu, iNkosi, ukhulumile, ubiza umhlaba kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekutshoneni kwalo. **2** EseZiyoni, ukuphelela kobuhle, uNkulunkulu ukhanyile. **3** UNkulunkulu wethu uzakuza, kayikuthula; umlilo phambi kwakhe uzaqothula, enhlangothini zonke zakhe kuzakuba lesiphepho esikhulu. **4** Uzabiza amazulu ephezulu, lomhlaba, ukwahlulela abantu bakhe. **5** Buthelani kimi abangcwele bami, abenza isivumelwano lami ngomhlatshelo. **6** Lamazulu azatshumayela ukulunga kwakhe, ngoba uNkulunkulu ngokwakhe ungumahluleli. (Sela) **7** Zwanini bantu bami, ngizakhuluma; Israyeli, ngizafakaza ngimelene lawe. NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho. **8** Kangikusoli ngenxa yemihlatshelo yakho; leminikelo yakho yokutshisa ihlala iphambi kwami. **9** Kangiyikuthatha ijongosi elivela emzini wakho, lezimpongo ezivela ezibayeni zakho. **10** Ngoba ngeyami yonke inyamazana yehlathi, izinkomo ezsientabeni eziyizinkulungwane. **11** Ngiyazazi izinyoni zonke zezintaba, lezilo zommango zikimi. **12** Uba bengilabile, bengingayikukutshela, ngoba umhlaba ngowami lokugcwala kwawo. **13** Ngizayidla yini inyama yezinkunzi, kumbe nginathe igazi lezimpongo? **14** Nikela kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo wokubonga, ukhokhe izithembiso zakho koPhezukonke. **15** Ungibize osukwini lokuhlupheka, ngizakukhulula, ubusungidumisa. **16** Kodwa komubi uNkulunkulu uthi: Ulani lokuthi utshumayele izimiso zami, kumbe uthathe isivumelwano sami emlonyeni wakho? **17** Ngoba wena uzonda ukuqondiswa, ulahla amazwi ami emva kwakho. **18** Uba ubona isela, uthokozelana lalo, lesabelo sakho sisezifebeni. **19** Umlomo

wakho uyawunikela ebubini, lolimi lwakho luqambe inkohliso.

20 Uhlala ukhulume umelene lomfowenu, uhlebe indodana kanyoko. **21** Lezizinto uzenzile, ngathula; wacabanga ukuthi nginjengawe kanye. Ngizakukhuza, ngikuhlele phambi kwamehlo akho. **22** Kuqapheleni-ke lokhu, lina elikhohlwa uNkulunkulu, hlezi ngilidabule, kungabi khona okukhululayo. **23** Onikela umnikelo wokubonga uyangidumisa; lolungisa indlela yakhe ngizambonisa usindiso lukaNkulunkulu.

51 Ngihawukela, Nkulunkulu, ngokothandolomusa wakho; ngobunengi besihawu sakho yesula iziphambeko zami. **2** Ungigezisise ebubini bami, ungihlambulule esonweni sami. **3** Ngoba mina ngiyazivuma iziphambeko zami, lesono sami sihlezi siphambi kwami. **4** Ngonile kuwe, kuwe wedwa, ngenze okubi emehlwani akho, ukuze kuthiwe ulungile ekukhulumeni kwakho, uhlanzekwakho, uhlanzekwakho. **5** Khangela, ngazalelwa ebubini, lomama wangomulela esonweni. **6** Khangela, uthanda iqiniso endaweni ezingaphakathi; lekusithkeni ungenza ngazi inhlakanipho. **7** Ngijlanze ngehisope, ngizahlambuluka; ngigezisa, ngizakuba mhlophe kuleliqwa elikhithikileyo. **8** Ngizwise intokozo lenjabulo, ukuze athabe amathamboowachobozileyo. **9** Fihla ubuso bakho ezonweni zami, wesule zonke iziphambeko zami. **10** Nkulunkulu, dala kimi inhliziyo ehlambulukileyo, njalo uvuselele umoya oqinileyo phakathi kwami. **11** Ungangilahli ebusweni bakho, njalo ungasusi umoya wakho ongcwele kimi. **12** Buyisela kimi intokozo yosindiso lwakho, ungisekele ngomoya ovumayo. **13** Khona ngizafundisa abaphambukayo indlela zakho, lezoni zizaphendukela kuwe. **14** Ngikhulula ecaleni legazi, Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwami, ulimi lwami

luzahlabelela kakhulu ngokulunga kwakho. **15** Nkosi, vula indebe zami, lomlomo wami uzamemezela indumiso yakho. **16** Ngoba kawuthandi umhlatshelo, ngoba bengizawunika; kawuthokozi ngomnikelo wokutshiswa. **17** Imihlatshelo kaNkulunkulu ingumoya odabukileyo; inhliziyo edabukileyo leyephukileyo, Nkulunkulu, kawuyikuyidelela. **18** Yenzele iZiyoni okuhle ngokuthanda kwakho; uyakhe imiduli yeJerusalema. **19** Khona uzajabulela iminikelo yokulunga, umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo wonke; khona bezanikela amajongosi phezu kwelathi lakho.

52 Uzincomelani ngokubi, qhawe? Umusa kaNkulunkulu ukulo lonke usuku. **2** Ulimi lwakho luceba konke ukuganga, njengensingo ebukhali, lwenza inkohliso. **3** Uthanda okubi kulokuhle; amanga kulokukhuluma iqiniso. (Sel) **4** Uthanda wonke amazwi okuginya, limi lwenkohliso. **5** UNkulunkulu laye uzakubhidiza phakade, akususe, akuhluthune ethenteni, akusiphune elizweni labaphilayo. (Sel) **6** Abalungileyo bazakubona besabe, bazamhleka, besithi: **7** Khangelani, umuntu ongamentzanga uNkulunkulu abe yinqaba yakhe, kodwa wathembela e bunengini benotho yakhe, eqinile ekugangeni kwakhe. **8** Kodwa nginjengesihlahla somhlwathi esiluhlaza endlini kaNkulunkulu. Ngiyathemba emuseni kaNkulunkulu phakade laphakade. **9** Ngizakudumisa kuze kube phakade ngoba ukwenzile. Ngizalindela ibizo lakho, ngoba lihle phambi kwabangcwele bakho.

53 Isithutha sithi enhliziyweni yaso: KakulaNkulunkulu. Bonakele, benza ububi obunengekayo; kakho owenza okuhle. **2** UNkulunkulu wakhangela phansi esemazulwini phezu kwabantwana babantu, ukubona ukuthi ukhona yini oqedisisayo, odinga uNkulunkulu. **3** Bonke ngamunye wabo babuyelete emuva,

bonke bonakele; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho loyedwa. 4 Kabazi yini bonke abenzi bobubi, abadla abantu bami njengoba besidla isinkwa? Kababizi uNkulunkulu. 5 Lapho besaba lokwesaba, kungekho okwesabekayo. Ngoba uNkulunkulu uchithachithe amathambo akhe omisa inkamba emelane lawe; ubayangisile, ngoba uNkulunkulu ubadelile. 6 Kungathi insindiso zikalsrayeli zingavela eZiyoni! Lapho uNkulunkulu ebuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bakhe, uJakobe uzathaba, ulsrayeli athokoze.

54 Nkulunkulu, ngisindisa ngebizo lakho, ungahlulele ngamandla akho. 2 Nkulunkulu, zwana umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe emazwini omlomo wami. 3 Ngoba abemzini bangivukele, abalolunya badinga umphefumulo wami, kababekanga uNkulunkulu phambi kwabo. (Sela) 4 Khangela, uNkulunkulu ungumsizi wami; iNkosi ilalabo abasekela umphefumulo wami. 5 Izaphindisela ububi ezitheni zami. Baqume ngeqiniso lakho. 6 Ngizanikela umhlatshelo kuwe ngokukhululeka, ngizadumisa ibizo lakho, Nkosi, ngoba lihle. 7 Ngoba ungikhulule ekuhluphekeni konke, lelihlo lami libonile isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami.

55 Beka indlebe, Nkulunkulu, emkhulekweni wami, ungazifihli ekunxuseni kwami. 2 Lalela kimi, ungiphendule; ngiyazulazula ekukhalazeni kwami, ngenza umsindo, 3 ngenxa yelizwi lesitha, ngenxa yembandezelo yomubi; ngoba bangethwesa ububi, langentukuthelo bayangizonda. 4 Inhlizyo yami iyafutha phakathi kwami, lezethuso zokufa ziwele phezu kwami. 5 Uvalo lokuthuthumela kungifikele, lokwesaba okukhulu kungigubuzele. 6 Ngasengisithi: Kungathi ngabe ngilempiko njengejuba! Bengizaphaphela khatshana, ngiphumule. 7 Khangela, bengingabalekela khatshana ngihlale enkangala. (Sela) 8 Bengizaphangisia ukuphunyuka kwami, ngisuke

emoyeni ovunguzayo, esiphephweni. **9** Sanganisa, Nkosi, yehlukanisa ulimi lwabo. Ngoba ngibone udlakela lokuxabana emzini. **10** Emini lebusuku bayawubhoda phezu kwemithangala yawo; njalo ububi lenkathazo kuphakathi kwawo. **11** Inkohlakalo iphakathi kwawo; imbandezelo lenkohliso kakusuki emgwaqweni wawo. **12** Ngoba kakusisitha esingiyangisayo, uba kunjalo bengizakuthwala; kakusuye ongizondayo oziphakamisa phezu kwami; uba kunjalo bengizamcatshela. **13** Kodwa nguwe, umuntu olingana lami, umngane wami lowejwayelene lami. **14** Esasicebisana ngokumnandi sonke, saya endlini kaNkulunkulu silixuku. **15** Ukuva kakubazume, kabehlele esihogweni bephila, ngoba ububi busemizini yabo, phakathi kwabo. (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Mina ngizabiza uNkulunkulu, iNkosi ingisindise-ke. **17** Kusihlwa lekuseni lemini ngizakhalaza ngikhale kakhulu, ibisilizwa ilizwi lami. **18** Ikhululile umphemfumulo wami ngokuthula empini emelene lami, ngoba babebanengi kimi. **19** UNkulunkulu uzakuzwa, abahluphe, ngitsho yena obeblezi endulo. (Sel) Ngoba bengelazinguuko, ngakho kabamesabi uNkulunkulu. **20** Welule isandla sakhe kwabaxolelene laye, wasingcolisa isivumelwano sakhe. **21** Umlomo wakhe wawubutshelezi kulolaza, kanti inhliziyo yakhe yimpi; amazwi akhe abuthakathaka kulamafutha, kanti azinkemba ezihwatshiweyo. **22** Phosela umthwalo wakho phezu kweNkosi, yona izakusekela; kayiyikuvuma lanini ukuthi olungileyo anyikinywe. **23** Kodwa wena, Nkulunkulu, uzabehlisela emgodini wokubhujiswa; abantu begazi lenkohliso kabayikufinyelela lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yensuku zabo. Kodwa mina ngizathembra kuwe.

56 Woba lomusa kimi, Nkulunkulu, ngoba umuntu ufunu ukungiginya; usuku lonke esilwa uyangicindezela. **2** Izitha zami

zifuna ukungiginya usuku lonke, ngoba zinengi ezilwa zimelene lami ngokuziphakamisa. **3** Mhla ngisesaba, mina ngizathemba kuwe. **4** KuNkulunkulu ngizadumisa ilizwi lakhe, kuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba, angiyikwesaba. Inyama ingenzani kimi? **5** Usuku lonke baphambanisa amazwi ami; yonke imicabango yabo imelene lami ngokubi. **6** Bayabuthana, bagugube, bona baqaphelise izinyathelo zami, lapho belindele umphefumulo wami. **7** Bazaphunyuka yini ngobubi? Ekuthukutheleni wisela phansi abantu, Nkulunkulu. **8** Ukuzulazula kwami ukubalile; wena faka izinyembezi zami embodleleni yakho; kazikho ogwalweni lwakho yini? **9** Khona izitha zami zizabuyela emuva mhla ngibizayo. Ngiyakwazi lokhu ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukimi. **10** KuNkulunkulu ngizadumisa ilizwi, eNkosini ngizadumisa ilizwi. **11** KuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba, angiyikwesaba. Umuntu angenzani kimi? **12** Nkulunkulu, izifungo zakho ziphezu kwami; ngizabuyisela kuwe izindumiso. **13** Ngoba uwukhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni, yebo, inyawo zami ekukhubekeni, ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaNkulunkulu ekukhanyeni kwabaphilayo.

57 Ngihawukela, Nkulunkulu, ngihawukela, ngoba umphefumulo wami uthembela kuwe; yebo, emthunzini wempiko zakho ngizaphephela, zize zedlule incithakalo. **2** Ngizakhala kuNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kuNkulunkulu ongiphelelisela khona. **3** Uzathumela esemazulwini, angisindise, ayangise ofuna ukungiginya. (Sela) UNkulunkulu uzathumela umusa wakhe leqiniso lakhe. **4** Umphemfumulo uphakathi kwezilwane, ngilala phakathi kwabavuthayo, amadodana abantu, omazinyo abo ayimikhonto lemitshoko, lolimi lwabo luyinkemba ebukhali. **5** Phakama ngaphezu kwamazulu, Nkulunkulu; ubukhosи bakho bube phezu komhlaba wonke. **6** Balungisele izinyathelo zami

imbule; umphefumulo wami ukhotheme; bagebhe igodi phambi kwami; bawele phakathi kwalo. (Sela) **7** Inhlizyo yami iqinisiwe, Nkulunkulu, inhlizyo yami iqinisiwe. Ngizahlabelela ngihube indumiso. **8** Vuka, dumo lwami! Vuka, gubhu lwezintambo lechacho! Ngizavusa ukusa. **9** Ngizakudumisa phakathi kwabantu, Nkosi, nighlabelele kuwe phakathi kwezizwe. **10** Ngoba umusa wakho mkhulu kuze kube semazulwini, leqiniso lakho kuze kube semayezini. **11** Phakama ngaphezu kwamazulu, Nkulunkulu; ubukhosи bakho bube phezu komhlaba wonke.

58 Isibili likhuluma okulungileyo yini, babusi? Lehlulela ngokuqonda yini, madodana abantu? **2** Yebo, enhliziyweni lenza okubi, lilinganisa udlakela lwezandla zenu emhlabeni. **3** Ababi baba ngabemzini kusukela esiswini, bayaduha kusukela esizalweni, beqamba amanga. **4** Ubuhlungu babo bunjengobuhlungu benyoka, banjengebululu elingeziwayo, elivimba indlebe yalo, **5** ukuze lingezwa ilizwi labalumbi abalumba amalumbo ngokuhlakanipha. **6** Nkulunkulu, yephula amazinyo abo emlonyeni wabo, uphohloze amazinyo emihlathi yamabhongo ezilwane, Nkosi. **7** Kabancibilike njengamanzi agelezayo; nxa egobisa idandili lakhe ukutshoka umtshoko wakhe, babe njengabaqunywe iziqa. **8** Kahambe njengomnenke oncibilikayo; njengomphunzo owesifazana, kabangaliboni ilanga. **9** Imbiza zenu zingakaluzwa ukhuni lwameva, uzabaphephula esiphephweni njengabaphilayo njengentukuthelweni. **10** Olungileyo uzathokoza lapho ebona impindiselo, usageza inyawo zakhe egazini lomubi. **11** Ukuze umuntu athi: Impela ukhona umvuzo wolungileyo; impela ukhona uNkulunkulu owahlulela emhlabeni.

59 Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungimise ngaphezu kwabangivukelayo. **2** Ngikhulula kubensi bobubi, ungisindise ebantwini abomele igazi. **3** Ngoba, khangela, bacathamela umphefumulo wami; abalamandla bayangihlanganyela, kungekho siphambeko sami njalo kungekho sono sami, Nkosi. **4** Ngaphandle kwecala bayagijima bezilungisa. Vuka, ungisize, ubone. **5** Wena-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wamabandla, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli; vuka ukuze uhambele zonke izizwe, ungahawukeli lamunye wabakholisayo ebubini. (Sela)

6 Bayabuyela kusihlwa, behlaba umkhulungwane njengenja, bezingelezela umuzi. **7** Khangela, bempompoloza ngomlomo wabo, inkemba zisendebeni zabo, ngoba bathi: Ngubani ozwayo?

8 Kodwa wena, Nkosi, uzabahleka, uzaziklolodela zonke izizwe.

9 Ngenxa yamandla akhe ngizalindela kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami. **10** UNkulunkulu womusa wami uzangandulela; uNkulunkulu uzangenza ngibone isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami.

11 Ungazibulali, hlezisabantu bakithi bakhohlwe; uzipulazulise ngamandla akho, uehlisese phansi, wena sihlangu sethu, Nkosi.

12 Ngesono somlomo wazo, ngelizwi lendebe zazo, kazibanjwe ekuzigqajeni kwazo, langenxa yokuhlambaza lokuqamba amanga ezikukhulumayo. **13** Uziqede ngokuthukuthela, uziqede zingabi khona, ukuze bazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabusa koJakobe, kuze kube sekupheleni komhlaba. (Sela) **14** Kababuyele-ke kusihlwa behlaba umkhulungwane njengenja, bezingelezela umuzi. **15** Bona kabazulazulele ukudla, nxa bengasuthanga kabalale. **16** Kodwa mina ngizahlabelela ngamandla akho; yebo, ngizahlabelela kakhulu ekuseni ngomusa wakho; ngoba ube yinqaba yami lesiphephelo sami ngosuku lokuhlupheka

kwami. **17** Mandla ami, ngizahlabela kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami, uNkulunkulu womusa wami.

60 Nkulunkulu, ubusilahlile, wasibhidliza, wathukuthela; buyela kithi. **2** Uzamazamisile umhlabo, wawuqhekeza; silisa imikenke yawo, ngoba uyazamazama. **3** Abantu bakho ubabonisile okulukhuni; usinathise iwayini lokudiyazela. **4** Ubanikile labo abakwesabayo isiboniso, ukuze siphakanyiswe ngenxa yeqiniso. (Sela) **5** Ukuze abathandekayo bakho bakhululwe; sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene, usiphendule. **6** UNkulunkulu ukhulumile ebungcweleni bakhe. Ngizathaba, ngilabe iShekema, ngilinganise isihotsha seSukothi. **7** Ngeyami iGileyadi, njalo ngowami uManase, loEfrayimi ungamandla ekhanda lami, uJuda ngumnikumthetho wami. **8** UMowabi ungumganu wami wokugezela; phezu kukaEdoma ngizaphosela inyathela lami; mayelana lami, wena Filisti, memeza ngokunqoba. **9** Ngubani ozangisa emzini oqinileyo? Ngubani ozangiholela eEdoma? **10** Kawusilahlanga yini, Nkulunkulu; kawuphumanga, Nkulunkulu, lamabutho ethu? **11** Siphe usizo ekuhlupheni, ngoba luyize uncedo lomuntu. **12** KuNkulunkulu sizakwenza ngobuqhawe, ngoba yena uzanyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

61 Zwana, Nkulunkulu, ukukhala kwami, ulalele umkhuleko wami. **2** Ngisemkhawulweni womhlabo ngizakhala kuwe, inhliziyo yami isiphela amandla; ngikhokhelela edwaleni eliphakemeyo kulami. **3** Ngoba ubuyisiphephelo sami, inqaba eqinileyo kuso isitha. **4** Ngizahlala ethenteni lakho kuze kube nininini, ngiphephele kungubudo yempiko zakho. (Sela) **5** Ngoba wena, Nkulunkulu, uwile izifungo zami, wanginika ilifa labesaba ibizo lakho. **6** Uzakwengeza izinsuku ezinsukwini zenkos; iminyaka yayo izakuba njengesizukulwana lesizukulwana. **7**

Kayihlale phambi kukaNkulunkulu kuze kube nininini; umise umusa leqiniso, ukuze kuyilondoloze. **8** Ngalokho ngizahlabela indumiso ebizweni lakho kuze kube nininini, ukuze ngigcwalise izifungo zami insuku ngensuku.

62 Ngoqotho, umphefumulo wami uyamlindela uNkulunkulu ngokuthula; luvela kuye usindiso Iwami. **2** Nguye kuphela olidwala lami losindiso Iwami, inqaba yami; kangiyikunyikinywa kakhulu. **3** Koze kube nini liceba ububi limelene lomuntu? Lonke lizabulawa, njengomduli otshekileyo, uthango oludilikayo. **4** Baceba kuphela ukumwisa ekuphakameni kwakhe, bathokoza ngamanga; ngomlomo wabo bayabusisa, kodwa ngaphakathi kwabo bayathuka. (Sela) **5** Mphefumulo wami, lindela ngokuthula kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ngoba ithemba lami livela kuye. **6** Nguye kuphela olidwala lami losindiso Iwami, inqaba yami; kangiyikunyikinywa. **7** LukuNkulunkulu usindiso Iwami lodumo Iwami, idwala lamandla ami, isiphephelo sami, kukuNkulunkulu. **8** Thembani kuye isikhathi sonke, lina bantu; lithulule inhliziyo yenu phambi kwakhe; uNkulunkulu uysiphephelo sethu. (Sela) **9** Ngoqotho, abantukazana bayize, izikhulu ziyinkohliso; esilinganisweni balula kuleze bebonke. **10** Lingathembeli embandezelweni, lingamisi ithemba eliyize ekuphangeni; uba inotho isanda, lingabeki inhliziyo kuyo. **11** UNkulunkulu ukhulumile kwaba kanye, ngikuzwile lokhu kibili, ukuthi amandla angakaNkulunkulu. **12** Lomusa ungowakho, Nkosi; ngoba wena uyamphindisela wonke umuntu njengokomsebenzi wakhe.

63 Nkulunkulu, unguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakudinga ngovivi; umphefumulo wami womela wena; inyama yami iyakulangatha, elizweni elomileyo leligagadekileyo, elingelamanzi. **2** Njengoba ngikubonile endaweni engcwele, ngibone amandla akho

lobukhosи bakho. 3 Ngoba uthandolomusa wakho lungcono kulempilo; indebe zami zizakudumisa. 4 Ngokunjalo ngizakubonga ngisaphila, ngiphakamise izandla zami ebizweni lakho. 5 Umphefumulo wami uzasutha kungathi ngomnkantsho lamahwahwa, lomlomo wami uzadumisa ngezindebe ezithabisayo. 6 Lapho ngikukhumbula embhedeni wami, emilindweni yebusuku ngizindla ngawe. 7 Ngoba ubulusizo lwami, ngakho emthunzini wempiko zakho ngizahlabela ngithokoze. 8 Umphefumulo wami unamathele ekukulandeleni, isandla sakho sokunene siyangisekela. 9 Kodwa abadinga umphefumulo wami ukuwuchitha bazakuya ezindaweni zomhlaba eziphansi. 10 Bazanikelwa emandleni enkemba, babe yisabelo samakhanka. 11 Kodwa inkosi izathokoza kuNkulunkulu; wonke ofunga ngaye uzazincoma; kodwa umlomo wabaqamba amanga uzavalwa.

64 Zwana, Nkulunkulu, ilizwi lami esikhalaZweni sami, ulondoloze impilo yami ekwesabeni isitha. 2 Ungifihle ecebeni elifihliweyo lababi, ekuxokozeleni kwabenzi bobubi, 3 abalola ulimi lwabo njengenkemba, bagobise umtshoko wabo, ngitsho amazwi ababay, 4 ukutshoka opheleleyo besekusithekeni; bahle bamtshoke, bengesabi. 5 Baziqinisa edabeni olubi, bekhulumga ngokuthiya, bathi: Ngubani ongayibona? 6 Badingisia iziphambeko; silungile ngecebo elicetshwe ngobuqili; umcabango wangaphakathi womuntu kanye lenhliziyo kujulile. 7 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzabatshoka ngomtshoko masinyane; bazalinyazwa. 8 Njalo bazakwenza olwabo ulimi luwele phezu kwabo; bonke abababonayo bazabaleka. 9 Labo bonke abantu bazakwesaba, batshumayele isenzo sikaNkulunkulu, baqedisise umsebenzi

wakhe. **10** Olungileyo uzajabula eNkosini, aphepheli kuyo; bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo bazazincoma.

65 Ukulinda ngokuthula kuyindumiso kuwe, Nkulunkulu, eZiyoni, lesifungo sizagcwaliswa kuwe. **2** Wena ozwa umkhuleko, yonke inyama izakuza kuwe. **3** Izinto zobubi zingehlule. Iziphambeko zethu, wena uzenzele inhlawulo yokuthula. **4** Ubusisiwe omkhethayo, omsondezayo ukuthi ahlale emagumeni akho. Sizasutha ngokuhle kwendlu yakho, ithempeli lakho elingcwele. **5** Ngezinto ezesabekayo uzasiphendula, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, themba lemikhawulo yonke yomhlaba, lelabakhatshana elwandle. **6** Omisa izintaba ngamandla akhe, ebhince amandla. **7** Othulisa ukuduma kwezinlwandle, lenhlokomomo yamagagasi azo, lokuxokozela kwabantu. **8** Labakhileyo emikhawulweni bayesaba iziboniso zakho; wenza kuhlabele kuthokoze ukuphuma kokusa lokokuhlwa. **9** Uyahambela umhlaba uwuthelele, uwuvundise kakhulu; umfula kaNkulunkulu ugcwele amanzi; uyabalungisela amabele, lapho uwulungisa ngokunjalo. **10** Uyathelela kakhulu imisele yawo, ulalise imigelo yawo, uyithambise ngezihlambo, ubusise ukumila kwavo. **11** Uyethesa umnyaka ngomqhele wobuhle bakho; lemikhondo yakho ithonta amafutha. **12** Ithontela amadlelo eganga, lamaqaqa embethe intokozo. **13** Amadlelo embethe imihlambi, lezigodi zisitshekkelwe ngamabele; kujabula kakhulu, njalo kuhlabele.

66 Mhubeleni ngentokozo uNkulunkulu, mhlaba wonke. **2** Hlabelani ubukhosu bebizo lakhe, lenze udumo lwakhe lube lenkazimulo. **3** Tshonini kuNkulunkulu lithi: Yeka ukwesabeka kwezenzo zakho! Ngenxa yobukhulu bamandla akho izitha zakho zizakuthobela ngenkohliso. **4** Umhlaba wonke uzakukhonza, uhlabelele kuwe, bahlabelele ibizo lakho. (Sel) **5** Wozani libone

izenzo zikaNkulunkulu; uyesabeka ekwenzeni ebantwaneni babantu. **6** Ulwandle waluphendula lwaba ngumhlaba owomileyo; bachapha umfula ngenyawo. Lapho sathokoza kuye. **7** Ubusa ngamandla akhe kuze kube nininini; amehlo akhe ayazilinda izizwe; abalenkani kabangaziphakamisi. (Sela) **8** Bongani uNkulunkulu, zizwe, lizwakalise ilizwi lendumiso yakhe. **9** Obeka umphefumulo wethu empilweni, ongavumanga ukuthi unyawo lwethu lutshelele. **10** Ngoba usihlolile, Nkulunkulu, wasicenga njengokucengwa kwesiliwa. **11** Wasingenisa embuleni, wabeka inhlupheko enkalweni zethu. **12** Wenze abantu bagade phezu kwekhanda lethu; sadabula emlilweni lasemanzini, kodwa wasikhuphela endaweni elokunengi. **13** Ngizangena endlini yakho ngileminikelo yokutshiswa; ngizakhokha kuwe izifungo zami, **14** indebe zami eziziphumisileyo, lomlomo wami ozikhulumileyo ngisekuhluphekeni. **15** Ngizanikela kuwe iminikelo yokutshiswa yezinonileyo, kanye lempepha yezinqama; ngizanikela inkomo kanye lezimpongo. (Sela) **16** Wozani lizwe lina lonke elimesabayo uNkulunkulu, ngizalandisa akwenzele umphefumulo wami. **17** Ngakhala kuye ngomlomo wami, waphakanyiswa ngaphansi kolimi lwami. **18** Uba benginanzo ububi enhliziyweni yami, ibingayikuzwa iNkosi. **19** Qotho uNkulunkulu uzwile, walalela ilizwi lomkhuleko wami. **20** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ongabuyiselanga emuva umkhuleko wami, kumbe umusa wakhe kimi.

67 Nkulunkulu, woba lomusa kithi usibusise, ukhanyise ubuso bakho phezu kwethu. (Sela) **2** Ukuze indlela yakho yaziwe emhlabeni, usindiso lwakho ezizweni zonke. **3** Kazikudumise izizwe, Nkulunkulu, kabakudumise abantu bonke. **4** Izizwe kazijabule zihlabele ngentokozo, ngoba uzabahlulela abantu ngokuqonda, uhole izizwe emhlabeni. (Sela) **5** Kazikudumise

izizwe, Nkulunkulu, kabakudumise abantu bonke. **6** Umhlabu uzathela izithelo zaho; uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wethu uzasibusisa. **7** UNkulunkulu uzasibusisa, layo yonke imikhawulo yomhlabu izamesaba.

68 UNkulunkulu kavuke, zihlakazeke izitha zakhe, labamzondayo babaleke phambi kwakhe. **2**
Njengokuphetshethwa kwentuthu baphephethe; njengokuncibiliswa kwengcino phambi komlilo, ababi kabachithwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa abalungileyo kabajabule, bathabe phambi kukaNkulunkulu, njalo bathokoze ngentokozo. **4** Hlabelani kuNkulunkulu, hlabelani indumiso ebizweni lakhe, limphakamise lowo ogade esedlula emagcekeni enkangala ngebizo lakhe uJehova, njalo thokozani phambi kwakhe. **5** Unguyise wezintandane lomahluleli wabafelokazi, uNkulunkulu endaweni yakhe yokuhlala engcwele. **6** UNkulunkulu uhlalisa ababodwa emulini, ukhupha ababotshiweyo ebase empumelelweni, kodwa abalenkani bahlala elizweni elomileyo. **7** Nkulunkulu, ekuphumeni kwakho phambi kwabantu bakho, ekuhambeni kwakho enkangala; (Sela) **8** Umhlabu wazamazama, lawo amazulu athontisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, le iSinayi, phambi kukaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **9** Walinisa izulu elikhulu, Nkulunkulu; waliqinisa wena ilifa lakho selikhathelle. **10** Ibandla lakho lahlala kulo; wamlungisela ngobuhle bakho oswelayo, Nkulunkulu. **11** INkosi yanika ilizwi; abesifazana ababika izindaba babelixuku elikhulu. **12** Amakhosi amabutho ayabaleka, ayabaleka. Owesifazana ohlezi ekhaya wayaba impango. **13** Lanxa lilala phakathi kwezibaya zezimvu, lizakuba njengempiko zejuba ezisitshekew ngesiliva, lezinsiba zalo ngegolide eliliganu. **14** Lapho uSomandla echitha

amakhosi kulo, kwaba mhlophe njengeliqwa elikhithikileyo eZalimoni. **15** Intaba yeBashani yintaba kaNkulunkulu, intaba elezingqonga, intaba yeBashani. **16** Likhangelelani ngomhawu, lina zintaba zezingqonga? Lintaba uNkulunkulu uyiloyisele ukuhlala kwakhe. Yebo, iNkosi izahlala kuyo kuze kube nininini. **17** Izinqola zikaNkulunkulu ziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, izinkulungwane zezinkulungwane, iNkosi iphakathi kwazo, iSinayi endaweni engcwele. **18** Wena wenyukele phezulu, wathumba abathunjiweyo; wemukela izipho ebantwini, yebo, lakwabalenkani; ukuze uJehova uNkulunkulu ahlale khona. **19** Kayibongwe iNkosi; isethwesa insuku ngensuku; uNkulunkulu ulusindiso lwethu. (Sela) **20** UNkulunkulu wethu unguNkulunkulu wezinsindiso; lakuJehova iNkosi kulokuphuma ekufeni. **21** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzaphohloza ikhanda lezitha zakhe, ukhakhayi olulenwele lwalowo ohamba ezonweni zakhe. **22** INkosi yathi: Ngizababuyisa bevela eBashani, ngibabuyise bevela enzikini yolwandle, **23** ukuze inyawo zakho uzigxamuze egazini lezitha, inlimi zezinja zakho kulo. **24** Zibonile izindwendwe zakho, Nkulunkulu; izindwendwe zikaNkulunkulu wami, iNkosi yami, endaweni engcwele. **25** Ngaphambili kuhamba abahlabelayo, ngemuva abatshayi bamachacho, phakathi izintombi zitshaya izigubhu. **26** Bongani uNkulunkulu emabandleni, iNkosi, kuvela emthonjeni kalsrayeli. **27** Nango uBhenjamini omncinyane umbusi wabo, iziphathamandla zikaJuda, inkundla yazo, iziphathamandla zikaZebuluni, iziphathamandla zikaNafithali. **28** UNkulunkulu wakho ulaye amandla akho; qinisa, Nkulunkulu, lokho osenzele khona. **29** Ngenxa yethempeli lakho eJerusalema amakhosi azakulethela isipho. **30** Sikhuze isilo somhlanga, umhlambi wezinkunzi kanye

lamankonyana abantu, kuze kuthobeke kulenhlamu zesiliva; ubahlakaze abantu abathokoza ezimpini. **31** Iziphathamandla zizakuza zivela eGibhithe; iEthiyophiya izakwelulela izandla zayo kuNkulunkulu ngokuphangisa. **32** Mibuso yomhlaba, hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, lihlabelele indumiso eNkosini. (Sela) **33** Kuyo egade phezu kwamazulu amazulu awendulo; khangelani, iphumisa ilizwi layo, ilizwi elilamandla. **34** Phanini amandla kuNkulunkulu; ubukhosи bakhe buphezu kukalsrayeli, lamandla akhe asemayezini. **35** Uyesabeka, Nkulunkulu, ezindaweni zakho ezingcwele; uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli nguye onika abantu bakhe amandla lengalo. Kabongwe uNkulunkulu.

69 Ngisindisa, Nkulunkulu, ngoba amanzi asengene kuwo umphefumulo. **2** Ngiyatshona odakeni olujulileyo, lapho okungelakuma khona; ngingene emanzini atshonayo, lapho impophoma iyangicwilisa. **3** Ngidiniwe yikukhala kwami, umphimbo wami womile qha; amehlo ami ayafiphala ekulindeleni uNkulunkulu wami. **4** Abangizondayo ngeze banengi okwedlula inwele zekhanda lami; abangangibhubhisa, izitha zami ngaphandle kwecala, balamandla. Lokho engingakwebanga ngasengikubuyisela. **5** Nkulunkulu, wena uyabazi ubuthutha bami, lezono zami kazifhlakalanga kuwe. **6** Kabangayangeki ngenxa yami labo abakulindeleyo, Nkosi Jehova wamabandla; bangadunyazwa ngenxa yami labo abakudingayo, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **7** Ngoba ngenxa yakho ngithwele ihlazo; inhloni zisibekele ubuso bami. **8** Sengaba ngowemzini kubaflowethu, lowezizweni kubantwana bakamama. **9** Ngoba ukutshisekela indlu yakho kungidlile, lenhlamba yabakuhlambazayo iwele phezu kwami. **10** Ngasengilila ekuzileni ukudla kompheyfumulo wami, njalo kwaba yikudunyazwa kimi. **11** Ngasengisenza isaka

isembatho sami, ngaba yisiga kibo. **12** Abahlezi esangweni bakhulumu ngami, njalo ngaba yingoma yabanatha okunathwayo okulamandla. **13** Kodwa mina umkhuleko wami ukuwe, Nkosi, ngesikhathi somusa, Nkulunkulu, ngobunengi besihawu sakho, ngiphendule, ngeqiniso losindiso lwakho. **14** Ungophule odakeni, ngingatshoni; ngikhululwe kwabangizondayo lenzikini yamanzi. **15** Impophoma yamanzi kayingangicwilisi, lenziki ingangiginyi, lomgodi ungavali umlomo wawo phezu kwami. **16** Ngiphendula, Nkosi, ngoba uthandolomusa wakho lulungile; ngobunengi besihawu sakho uphendukele kimi. **17** Njalo ungayifihleli ubuso bakho inceku yakho; ngoba ngiyahlupheka, phangisa ungiphendule. **18** Sondela emphefumulweni wami, uwuhlenge, ungikhulule ngenxa yezitha zami. **19** Wena uyakwazi ukuthukwa kwami lehlazo lami lokudunyazwa kwami; izitha zami zonke ziphambi kwakho. **20** Ukuthukwa kuyidabule inhliziyo yami, njalo ngibuthakathaka. Bengilindele ongangihawukela, kodwa wayengekho, labaduduzayo, kodwa kangibatholanga. **21** Basebengipha inyongo ibe yikudla kwami, lekomeni kwami banginathisa iviniga. **22** Itafula labo eliphambi kwabo kalibe ngumjibila, ibe yisifu sabonwabileyo. **23** Amehlo abo kawafiphale ukuze bangaboni, njalo wenze inkalo zabo zihlale zithuthumele. **24** Thela intukuthelo yakho phezu kwabo, lolaka lwakho oluvuthayo lubafice. **25** Indawo yabo yokuhlala kayibe lunxiwa, kungabi khona ohlala emathenteni abo. **26** Ngoba omtshayileyo wena bayamzingela, njalo baxoxa kube buhlungu kwabalinyazwe nguwe. **27** Yengezelela ukona ekoneni kwabo, ukuze bangangeni ekulungeni kwakho. **28** Kabesulwe ogwalweni lwabaphilayo, bangabalwa kanye labalungileyo. **29** Kodwa mina ngilusizi, ngiyafuthelwa; usindiso lwakho, Nkulunkulu, kalungimise phezulu

ngivikelekile. **30** Ngizadumisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu ngehubo, ngimkhulise ngokubonga. **31** Kuzakuba kuhle-ke eNkosini okwedlula inkabi kumbe ijongosi elilempondo lenklagu. **32** Abathobekileyo bazabona, bathokoze; lina elidinga uNkulunkulu inhliyiyo yenu izaphila. **33** Ngoba iNkosi iyabezwa abaswelayo, njalo kayideleli izibotshwa zayo. **34** Kakuthi amazulu lomhlaba kuyidumise, izinlwandle lakho konke okunyakaza phakathi kwazo. **35** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzasindisa iZiyoni, ayakhe imizi yakoJuda; njalo bahlale khona badle ilifa layo. **36** Lenzalo yenceku zakhe izakudla ilifa layo, labathanda ibizo lakhe bazahlala kuyo.

70 Nkulunkulu, ngophula, Nkosi, phangisa ungisize. **2**

Kabayangeke babe lenhloni bonke abadinga umphefumulo wami; kababuyiselwe emuva bayangiswe abaloyisa ukulimala kwami.

3 Kababuyelete emuva kube ngumvuzo wehlazo labo abathi: Aha, aha! **4** Kabathabe bajabule kuwe bonke abakudingayo; labathanda usindiso lwakho kabatsho njalo bathi: Kabe mkhulu uNkulunkulu! **5** Kodwa ngingumyanga njalo ngiyaswela; Nkulunkulu, phangisa uze kimi. Wena ungumsizi wami lomkhululi wami; Nkosi, ungaphuzi.

71 Kuwe, Nkosi, ngyaphephela; kangingayangeki lanininini. **2**

Ngikhulula ngokulunga kwakho, ungophule; beka indlebe yakho kimi, ungisindise. **3** Woba lidwala lokuhlala kimi, ngiye kulo njalonjalo; ulayile ukungisindisa, ngoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami. **4** Nkulunkulu wami, ngophula esandleni somubi lesandleni songalunganga lolesihluku. **5** Ngoba wena, ulithemba lami Nkosi, Jehova, ithemba lami kwasebutsheni bami. **6** Ngeyame kuwe kwasesizalweni; nguwe owangikhupha esiswini sikamama; indumiso yami ingawe njalonjalo. **7** Benginjengesimangaliso kwabanengi; kodwa wena uyisiphephelo sami esiqinileyo. **8**

Umlomo wami kawugcwaliswe ngendumiso yakho, usuku lonke ngodumo lwakho. **9** Ungangilahli esikhathini sokuluphala, ungangitshiyi ekupheleni kwamandla ami. **10** Ngoba izitha zami zikhuluma zimelene lami, labacathamela umphefumulo wami bayacebisana, **11** besithi: UNkulunkulu umtshiyile; zingelani, limbambe, ngoba kakho okhululayo. **12** Nkulunkulu, ungabi khatshana lami; Nkulunkulu wami, phangisela usizo lwami. **13** Kabayangeke baphele abayizitha zomphefumulo wami, kabasitshekewi yikuyangeka lehlazo labo abadinga ukoniwa kwami. **14** Kodwa mina ngizathemba njalonjalo, ngengeze ekudunyisweni kwakho konke. **15** Umlomo wami uzalandisa ukulunga kwakho, usuku lonke usindiso lwakho, ngoba kangiwazi amanani akho. **16** Ngizahamba emandleni eNkosi uJehova, ngiqambe ukulunga kwakho, okwakho kuphela. **17** Nkulunkulu, ungifundisile kusukela ebutsheni bami, njalo kuze kube khathesi ngitshumayele izimangaliso zakho. **18** Lalapho sengiluphele sengiyimpunga, Nkulunkulu, ungangitshiyi, ngize ngitshumayele ingalo yakho kuso isizukulwana, amandla akho kuye wonke ozakuza. **19** Lokulunga kwakho, Nkulunkulu, kufika ezingqongeni, owenze izinto ezinkulu; Nkulunkulu, ngubani onjengawe? **20** Ongenze ngabona inhlupheko ezinengi lezibuhlungu, uzangivuselela futhi, ungikhuphule futhi ezinzikini zomhlaba. **21** Uzakwandisa ubukhulu bami, ungiduduze inhlangothi zonke. **22** Lami ngizakudumisa ngogubhu Iwezintambo, iqiniso lakho, Nkulunkulu wami; ngizahlabelela izibongo kuwe ngechacho, wena ongcwele kalsrayeli. **23** Indebe zami zizamemeza ngentokozo lapho ngihlabelela kuwe, lomphefumulo wami owuhlengileyo. **24** Futhi ulimi lwami luzakhuluma ngokulunga kwakho usuku lonke,

ngoba bayangekile, ngoba badumazeka, abadinga ukoniwa kwami.

72 Nkulunkulu, nika inkosi izahlulelo zakho lokulunga kwakho endodaneni yenkosи. **2** Izakwehlulela abantu bakho ngokulunga, labayanga bakho ngokuqonda. **3** Izintaba zizalethela abantu ukuthula, lamaqaqa, ngokulunga. **4** Izakwahlulela abahluphekayo babantu, isindise abantwana babaswelayo, ifohloze umcindezeli. **5** Bazakwesaba wena lisekhona ilanga, isekhona lenyanga, kuzizukulwana ngezizukulwana. **6** Izakwehla njengezulu etshanini obugundiweyo, njengezihlambo ezithambisa umhlabo. **7** Ensukwini zayo olungileyo uzahluma; lokwanda kokuthula, ize ingabi khona inyanga. **8** Izabusa-ke kusukela elwandle kusiya elwandle, lakusukela emfuleni kusiya emikhawulweni yomhlabo. **9** Abahlala enkangala bazakhothama phambi kwayo; izitha zayo zizakhatha uthuli. **10** Amakhosi eTarshishi lawezihlengeni azaletha izipho, amakhosi eShebha leSeba asondeze izipho. **11** Amakhosi wonke azayikhothamela, izizwe zonke ziyikhonze. **12** Ngoba izamkhulula oswelayo ekhala, longumyanga, longelamsizi. **13** Izahawukela ongumyanga loswelayo, isindise imiphefumulo yabaswelayo. **14** Izahlenga umphefumulo wabo ecindezelweni ledlakeleni; legazi labo lizakuba ligugu emehlwani ayo. **15** Izaphila, inikwe okwegolide leShebha, ikhulekelwe njalonjalo, usuku lonke ibusiswe. **16** Kuzakuba khona inala yamabele elizweni ezingqongeni zezintaba; izithelo zawo zihatshazele njengeLebhanoni; labomuzi bazahluma njengotshani bomhlabo. **17** Ibizo layo lizakuba khona kuze kube phakade, lebizo layo lizakwanda lisekhona ilanga. Njalo bazabusiswa kuyo; izizwe zonke zizakuthi ibusisiwe. **18** Kayibongwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, onguye yedwa owenza imimangaliso. **19**

Kalibusiswe ibizo lakhe elilodumo kuze kube nininini; umhlabo
wonke ugcwaliswe ngodumo lwakhe. Ameni, loAmeni! **20**
Imikhuleko kaDavida indodana kaJese isiphelile.

73 Qotho uNkulunkulu ulungile kulrrayeli, kulabo
abahlambulukileyo enhliziyeni. **2** Kodwa mina inyawo zami
zaphose zasuka, izinyathelo zami zaphose zatshelala. **3**
Ngoba ngaba lomhawu ngabazikhukhumezayo, ngibona
ukuphumelela kwababi. **4** Ngoba kakulazibopho ekufeni
kwabo, kodwa amandla abo aqinile. **5** Kabakho enhluphekweni
njengabanyeabantu, njalo kabahlutshwa njengabanyeabantu.
6 Ngakho-ke ukuzigqaja kuyabazungeza njengeketane,
udlame luyabasibekela njengesembatho. **7** Amehlo abo
aqumbile ngamafutha; iminakano yenhlizyo iyaphuphuma. **8**
Bayakloloda, bakhulume ngobubi ngocindezel; bakhuluma
besekuphakameni. **9** Bamisa umlomo wabo umelene lamazulu,
lolimi lwabo luhamba emhlabeni. **10** Ngakho abantu bakhe
bayaphendukela lapha, lamanzi enkezo egcweleyo akhanyelwa
bona. **11** Njalo bathi: UNkulunkulu wazi njani? Kukhona ulwazi
yini koPhezukonke? **12** Khangela, laba ngabangelaNkulunkulu,
kanti bayaphumelela elizweni, bandisa inotho. **13** Isibili
ngihlambulule inhhlizyo yami ngeze, ngageza izandla zami
ngokungelacala. **14** Ngoba ngihlutshiwe usuku lonke, lesijeziso
sami sisekuseni yonke. **15** Uba bengingathi: Ngizakhuluma
ngokunje, khangela, ngabe ngisikhohlisile isizukulwana
sabantwana bakho. **16** Lapho nganakana ukwazi lokhu,
kwakubuhlungu emehlwani ami, **17** ngaze ngangena ezindlini
ezingcwele zikaNkulunkulu; ngasengikuqedisisa ukuphela
kwabo. **18** Isibili ubamisa endaweni ezitshelelayo, ubawisela
ekubhujisweni. **19** Yeka ukuchitheka kwabo njengokucwayiza

kwelihlo! Baphela baqedwe ngokwesabisayo. **20** Njengephupho ekuphaphameni, Nkosi, nxa uvuka uzadelela umfanekiso wabo. **21** Ngakho inhlizyo yami yaba buhlungu, ngahlatshwa ezinsweni zami. **22** Njalo ngaba yisiphukuphuku esingaziyo, ngaba njengenyamazana kuwe. **23** Kodwa mina ngihlezi ngilawe; ubambe isandla sami sokunene. **24** Uzangikhokhela ngeseluleko sakho, lemva kwalokho ungemukele enkazimulweni. **25** Ngilobani emazulwini ngaphandle kwakho? Njalo kakukho engikufisayo emhlabeni ngaphandle kwakho. **26** Inyama yami lenhlizyo yami kuyaphela; uNkulunkulu ulidwala lenhlizyo yami lesabelo sami kuze kube nininini. **27** Ngoba khangela, abakhatsana lawe bazabhubha; ubachithile bonke abaphingayo ngokusuka kuwe. **28** Kodwa mina kungilungele ukusondela kuNkulunkulu; ngibeke isiphephelo sami eNkosini uJehova, ukutshumayela zonke izenzo zakho.

74 Nkulunkulu, usilahleleni kokuphela? Ulaka lwakho luvuthelani ngakuzo izimvu zedlelo lakho? **2** Khumbula ibandla lakho owalithenga endulo, intonga yelifa lakho owayihlengayo, le intaba yeZiyoni ohlala kuyo. **3** Phakamisa inyawo zakho ezincithakalweni eziqhubeckayo, konke okubi izitha ezikwenzileyo endaweni engcwele. **4** Izitha zakho zibhongile phakathi kwezindawo zakho zokubuthanelo, zamisa impawu zazo zibe zimpawu. **5** Umuntu waziwa njengophakamisa amahloka eguswini lezihlahla. **6** Kodwa khathesi zitshaye okubaziwego kwayo ndawonye ngamahloka lezando. **7** Zinikele indlu yakho engcwele emlilweni, zangcolisa indawo yokuhlala yebizo lakho ngokuyiwisa emhlabathini. **8** Zathi enhliziyweni yazo: Kasibachithe ndawonye. Zatshisa zonke indawo zokubuthanelo zikaNkulunkulu elizweni. **9** Impawu zethu kasiziboni; kakusekho mprofethi; kakho kithi owaziyo ukuthi koze

kube nini. **10** Koze kube nini, Nkulunkulu, umcindezeli edelela? Isitha sizahlambaza ibizo lakho kokuphela yini? **11** Usifinyezeleni isandla sakho, yebo isandla sakho sokunene? Sikhuphe phakathi kwesifuba sakho. **12** Kanti uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yami kusukela endulo, eyenza insindiso phakathi komhlaba. **13** Nguwe owehlukanisa ulwandle ngamandla akho; wafohloza amakhanda emigobho emanzini. **14** Nguwe owachoboza amakhanda kaLeviyathani, wamnikela waba yikudla kwabantu enkangala. **15** Nguwe owaqhekeza umthombo lesifula, nguwe owomisa imifula egeleza njalo. **16** Usuku ngolwakho, lobusuku ngobakho; nguwe owamisa ukukhanya lelanga. **17** Nguwe owamisa yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba; nguwe owenza ihlolo lobusika. **18** Khumbula lokhu, isitha siyangisile, Nkosi, labantu abayizithutha bahlambazile ibizo lakho. **19** Ungawunikeli umphefumulo wejuba lakho ezinyamazaneni zendle; ungakhohlwa ixuku lezihlupheki zakho phakade. **20** Nanzelela isivumelwano; ngoba indawo ezimnyama zomhlaba zigcwele indawo zokuhlala zesihluku. **21** Kangabuyeli eyangekile ocindezelweyo; ohluphekayo loswelayo kabalidumise ibizo lakho. **22** Vuka, Nkulunkulu! Ulumele udaba lwakho, ukhumbule ihlazo lakho ngoyisiwula usuku lonke. **23** Ungakhohlwa ilizwi lezitha zakho, ukuxokozela kwabakuvukelayo kwenyuka njalonjalo.

75 Siyakubonga, Nkulunkulu, siyabonga, ukuthi ibizo lakho liseduze, iyalandisa imisebenzi yakho emangalisayo. **2** Lapho ngisemukela isikhathi esimisiweyo ngizakwahlulela ngokuqonda. **3** Umhlabo labo bonke abakhileyo kuwo kuncibilikile; mina ngiqinisa insika zawo. (Sela) **4** Ngathi kwabayiziwula: Lingabi yiziwula. Lakwababi: Lingaphakamisi uphondo. **5** Lingaphakamiseli phezulu uphondo lwenu,

lingakhulumi ngentamo elukhuni. **6** Ngoba ukuphakanyiswa kakuveli empumalanga kumbe entshonalanga njalo hatshi enkangala. **7** Kodwa uNkulunkulu ungumahluleli, uyehlisa omunye, aphakamise omunye. **8** Ngoba esandleni seNkosi kulenkezo; lewayini liphuphuma, ligcwele inhlanganiso; iyathulula okwalo; kodwa izibhidi zalo, ababi bonke bomhlaba bazazihluza bazinathe. **9** Kodwa mina ngizatshumayela njalonjalo, ngihlabele indumiso kuNkulunkulu kaJakobe. **10** Njalo zonke impondo zababi ngizaziquma; impondo zabalungileyo zizaphakanyiswa.

76 UNkulunkulu uyaziwa koJuda; ibizo lakhe likhulu kolsrayeli. **2** Njalo idumba lakhe liseSalema, lendawo yakhe yokuhlala eZiyoni. **3** Lapho wephula imitshoko evuthayo yedandili, isihlangu, lenkemba, lempi. (Sela) **4** Uyakhazimula, ulobukhosи okwedlula izintaba zempango. **5** Baphangiwe abaqinileyo ngenhliziyo, balele ubuthongo babo; njalo kakho emaqhaweni othole izandla zaho. **6** Ekukhalimeni kwakho, Nkulunkulu kaJakobe, kokubili inqola lebhiza kulele ubuthongo obukhulu. **7** Wena, wena uyesabeka. Ngubani-ke ongema phambi kwakho kusukela esikhathini solaka lwakho? **8** Wenza isahlulelo sizwakale usemazulwini; umhlabu wesaba wathula, **9** mhla uNkulunkulu evukela isahlulelo, ukusindisa bonke abathobekileyo bomhlaba. (Sela) **10** Qotho, ulaka lomuntu luzakudumisa; uzazibhinca ngensalela yolaka. **11** Fungani, likhokhe eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu, lonke eliyihanqileyo lilethe izipho kuye ofanele esatshwe. **12** Izaquma umoya weziphathamandla; iyesabeka emakhosini omhlabu.

77 Ilizwi lami likuNkulunkulu, njalo ngiyakhala, ilizwi lami likuNkulunkulu, wasebeka indlebe kimi. **2** Osukwini lokuhlupheka kwami ngayidinga iNkosi; isandla sami selulwa ebusuku,

kasiphezanga, umphefumulo wami wala ukududuzwa. **3**
Ngamkhumbula uNkulunkulu, ngabubula; ngakhalaza, lomoya
wami waphela amandla. (Sela) **4** Ubambe amehlo ami ukuthi
angalali; ngakhathazeka, kangisakhulumanga. **5** Ngakhumbula
insuku zasendulo, iminyaka yekadeni. **6** Ngakhumbula
ingoma yami, ebusuku, ngakhulumma lenhlizyo yami, lomoya
wami wahlolisisa. **7** INkosi izalahla kokuphela yini? Njalo
kayiselakuphinda ibe lomusa yini? **8** Uthandolomusa wayo
seluphelile kokuphela yini? Isithembiso sesiphelile kusukela
kusizukulwana kusiya kusizukulwana na? **9** UNkulunkulu
usekhohliwe ukuba lomusa yini? Usevalele isihawu sakhe
ngolaka yini? (Sela) **10** Ngasengisithi: Lobu yibuthakathaka bami;
iminyaka yesandla sokunene soPhezukonke. **11** Ngizakhumbula
izenzo zeNkosi. Isibili, ngizakhumbula izimangaliso zakho
ezindala. **12** Ngizazindla ngomsebenzi wakho wonke, ngikhulume
ngezenzo zakho. **13** Nkulunkulu, indlela yakho isendaweni
engcwele. Ngubani unkulunkulu omkhulu njengoNkulunkulu? **14**
Wena unguNkulunkulu owenza isimangaliso; wazisa amandla
akho phakathi kwezizwe. **15** Ngengalo yakho uhlengile abantu
bakho, amadodana kaJakobe loJosefa. (Sela) **16** Amanzi
akubona, Nkulunkulu, amanzi akubona, ethuka; izinziki lazo
zathuthumela. **17** Amayezi athulula amanzi, lezibhakabhaka
zaduma; imitshoko yakho layo yaya le lale. **18** Ilizwi lokuduma
kwakho lalisesisivunguvungwini; imibane yakhanyisa umhlaba;
lomhlaba wagedezela wazamazama. **19** Indlela yakho iselwandle,
lomkhondo wakho emanzini amanengi, lezinyathelo zakho
zazingaziwa. **20** Wakhokhela abantu bakho njengomhlambi
ngesandla sikaMozisi loAroni.

78 Lalelani, bantu bami, umthetho wami, libeke indlebe
yenu emazwini omlomo wami. **2** Ngizavula umlomo wami
ngomfanekiso, ngikhuphe izimfihlakalo zendulo, **3** esizizwileyo
lesizaziyo, obaba abasitshela zona. **4** Kasiyikuzifihlela abantwana
babu, kusizukulwana esilandelayo, silandisa izindumiso zeNkosi,
lamandla ayo, lezimangaliso ezenzileyo. **5** Ngoba wamisa
ubufakazi koJakobe, wabeka umlayo kolsrayeli, awulaya obaba,
ukuze bawazise abantwana babu, **6** ukuze isizukulwana
esilandelayo sazi, abantwana abazazalwa, basukume batshele
abantwana babu, **7** ukuze babeke ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu,
bangayikhohlwa imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kodwa bagcine
imithetho yakhe; **8** njalo bangabi njengaboyise, isizukulwana
esilenkani lesivukelayo, isizukulwana esingaqondisanga inhliziy
yaso, lesimoya waso ungathembekanga kuNkulunkulu. **9**
Abantwana bakoEfrayimi, behlomile betshoka ngamadandili,
babuyela emuva mhla wempi. **10** Kabasilondolozanga
isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, bala ukuhamba emlayweni
wakhe. **11** Bakhohlwa izenzo zakhe lezimangaliso zakhe
ayebatshengisa zona. **12** Phambi kwaboyise wenza isimangaliso
elizweni leGibhithe, egangeni leZowani. **13** Waqhekeza
ulwandle, wabachaphisa, wenza amanzi ema njengenqumbi. **14**
Wabakhokhela ngeyezi emini, lebusuku bonke ngokukhanya
komlilo. **15** Waqhekeza amadwala enkangala, wabanathisa
kungathi kuvela ezinkikini ezinkulu. **16** Waseveza izifula edwaleni,
wenza amanzi ehla njengemifula. **17** Kodwa baphinda futhi
ukona kuye, ngokumvukela oPhezukonke enkangala. **18**
Bamlinga uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni yabo ngokucela ukudla
kwenkanuko yabo. **19** Basebekhuluma bemelene loNkulunkulu
bathi: UNkulunkulu angalungisa itafula enkangala yini? **20**

Khangela, watshaya idwala, kwampompoza amanzi, lezifula zagalha; anganika lesinkwa yini? angalungisela abantu bakhe inyama na? **21** Ngakho iNkosi yezwa yathukuthela; umlilo wasubaselwa uJakobe, njalo lolaka Iwavukela ulsrayeli, **22** ngoba kabakholwanga kuNkulunkulu, kabathembanga esindisweni lwakhe. **23** Lanxa walaya amayezi ngaphezulu, wavula iminyango yamazulu, **24** wabanisela imana ukuthi badle, wabapha amabele amazulu. **25** Umuntu wadla isinkwa sabalamandla; wabathumela ukudla ukuze basuthe. **26** Wenza umoya wempumalanga wavunguza emazulwini; langamandla akhe waqhuba umoya weningizimu. **27** Wasenisela phezu kwabo inyama njengothuli, lenyoni ezilempiko njenetshebetshebe lolwandle; **28** wazenza zawela phakathi kwenkamba yabo, zagombolozela indawo zabo zokuhlala. **29** Ngakho badla basutha kakhulu, ngoba wabalethela isiloyiso sabo. **30** Kabehlukananga lenkanuko yabo; ukudla kusesemlonyeni wabo, **31** ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwaselubavukela, wabulala kwabakhulupheleyo babo, watshaya abakhethiweyo bakolsrayeli. **32** Kulokhu konke baginga besona, njalo kabakholwanga ngenxa yezimangaliso zakhe. **33** Ngakho waziqeda izinsuku zabo ngeze, leminyaka yabo ovalweni. **34** Lapho ebabulala, bamdinga, baphenduka, bamdingisisa uNkulunkulu. **35** Bakhumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulidwala labo, loNkulunkulu oPhezukonke ungumhlengi wabo. **36** Kodwa bamyenga ngomlomo wabo, baqamba amanga kuye ngolimi lwabo. **37** Ngoba inhliziyo yabo yayingaqondanga kuye, njalo bengathembekanga esivumelwaneni sakhe. **38** Kodwa yena elesihawu wathethelela ububi babo, kababhubhisanga; yebo, kanengi walunqanda ulaka lwakhe, kakuvusanga konke ukuthukuthela kwakhe. **39** Ngoba wakhumbula ukuthi bayinyama,

umoya odlulayo, ongabuyiyo. **40** Kanengi kangakanani bemvukela ehlane, bemdabukisa enkangala. **41** Yebo baphenduka bamlinga uNkulunkulu, bamdabukisa oNgcwele kalsrayeli. **42** Kabasikhumbulanga isandla sakhe, usuku abahlenga ngalo esitheni. **43** Ukuthi wamisa njani izibonakaliso zakhe eGibhithe, lezimangaliso zakhe emmangweni weZowani, **44** lokuthi waphendula imifula yabo yaba ligazi, lezifula zabo, ukuze banganathi. **45** Wathumela phakathi kwabo umtshitshi wezibawu, ezabadlayo, lamaxoxo ababhubhisayo. **46** Wasenika imihogoyi isivuno sabo, lomsebenzi wabo isikhonyane. **47** Wabulala ivini labo ngesiqhoho, lemikhiwa yabo yesikhamore ngongqwaqwane. **48** Wasenikela izifuyo zabo esiqhothweni, lemihlambi yabo kuyo imibane. **49** Waphosela phezu kwabo ukuvutha kolaka lwakhe, ukuthukuthela, lokucunuka, lokuhlupheka, ngokuthuma izithunywa zobubi. **50** Walungisela ulaka lwakhe indlela, kanqandanga umphefumulo wabo ekufeni, kodwa wanikela impilo yabo kumatshayabhuqe wesifo. **51** Wasetshaya wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, okokuqala kwamandla emathenteni kaHamu. **52** Wasebakupha abantu bakhe njengezimvu, wabakhokhela enkangala njengomhlambi. **53** Wasebakupha bephephile ukuze bangesabi; kodwa ulwandle Iwasibekela izitha zabo. **54** Wasebafikisa emkhawulweni wendawo yakhe engcwele, le intaba, isandla sakhe sokunene esayizuzayo. **55** Wasebaxotsha abezizwe phambi kwabo; wababela ilifa ngomzila, wahlalisa izizwe zakolsrayeli emathenteni azo. **56** Kanti bamlinga, bamvukela uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kabazigcinanga izifikazelo zakhe. **57** Kodwa babuyela emuva, benza ngokungathembeki njengaboyise, baphanjulwa njengedandili elikhohlisayo. **58** Ngoba bamthukuthelisa ngezindawo zabo

eziphakemeyo, bavusa umona wakhe ngezithombe zabo ezibaziwego. **59** UNkulunkulu esizwa wathukuthela, wamenyanya kakhulu ulsrayeli. **60** Ngakho walitshiya ithabhanekele leShilo, ithente alimisa phakathi kwabantu. **61** Wasenikela amandla akhe ekuthunjweni, lenkazimulo yakhe esandleni sesitha. **62** Wasenikela abantu bakhe enkembeni, waselithukuthelela ilifa lakhe. **63** Umlilo waqeda amajaha abo, lezintombi zabo kazihlatshelelwanga. **64** Abapristi babo bawa ngenkemba, labafelokazi babo kabalilanga. **65** Khona iNkosi yavuka njengobelele, njengeqhawe eliklabalala ngenxa yewayini. **66** Yazitshaya izitha zayo emuva, yazithela ihlazo phakade. **67** Yasilahla ithente likaJosefa, kayikhethanga isizwe sakoEfrayimi. **68** Kodwa yakhetha isizwe sakoJuda, intaba yeZiyoni eyithandayo. **69** Yayakha indlu yayo engcwele njengezingqonga, njengomhlaba ewusekeleyo kuze kube nininini. **70** Yasikhetha uDavida inceku yayo, yamthatha ezibayeni zezimvu; **71** ekulandeleni izimvukazi ezenyisayo, yamletha ukwelusa uJakobe abantu bayo, lolsrayeli ilifa layo. **72** Njalo wabelusa njengobuqotho benhliziyo yakhe, wabakhokhela ngobugabazi bezandla zakhe.

79 Nkulunkulu, abezizwe sebengenile elifeni lakho; balingcolisile ithempeli lakho elingcwele; iJerusalema bayenze yaba zinqumbi. **2** Banikile izidumbu zezinceu zakho zaba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu, inyama yabangcwele bakho kuzo izilo zomhlaba. **3** Balichithile igazi labo njengamanzi inhlangothi zonke zeJerusalema; njalo kakubanga khona ongcwabayo. **4** Sesibe yinhlamba kubomakhelwane bethu, inhlekisa loklolodelo kwabasiphahlileyo. **5** Koze kube nini, Nkosi? Uzathukuthela phakade yini? Ubukhwele bakho buzavutha njengomlilo yini? **6** Thulula ulaka lwakho phezu kwabezizwe abangakwaziyo, laphezu

kwemibuso engabizi ibizo lakho. **7** Ngoba bamdlile uJakobe, lomuzi wakhe sebewenze unxiwa. **8** Ungakhumbuli umelene lathi izono zethu zendulo; isihawu sakho kasize masinyane phambi kwethu, ngoba sehliselwe phansi kakhulu. **9** Sisize, Nkulunkulu wosindiso Iwethu, ngenxa yodumo Iwebizo lakho; sikhulule, uhlawulele izono zethu, ngenxa yebizo lakho. **10** Kungani abezizwe bezakuthi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo? Kawaziwe phakathi kwezizwe phambi kwamehlo ethu, impindiselo yegazi lenceku zakho elachithwayo. **11** Ukububula kwezibotshwa kakuze phambi kwakho; njengobukhulu bengalo yakho ulondoloze abantwana bokufa. **12** Uphindisele omakhelwane bethu kasikhombisa esifubeni sabo ukuthuka kwabo, abakuthuka ngakho, Nkosi. **13** Khona thina abantu bakho, izimvu zedlelo lakho, sizakubonga kuze kube nininini, silandise udumo Iwakho esizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana.

80 Melusi kalsrayeli, beka indlebe, okhokhela uJosefa njengomhlambi, ohlezi phakathi kwamakherubhi, khanyisa. **2** Phambi kukaEfrayimi loBhenjamini loManase vusa amandla akho, uze ube Iusindiso Iwethu. **3** Siphendule, Nkulunkulu, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa. **4** Nkosi Nkulunkulu wamabandla, koze kube nini uthukuthelela umkhuleko wabantu bakho? **5** Ubenze badla isinkwa sezinyembezi, wabanathisa izinyembezi ngesilinganiso. **6** Usenza sibe yingxabano kubomakhelwane bethu, lezitha zethu ziyahlekisana ngathi. **7** Siphendule, Nkulunkulu wamabandla, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa. **8** Waliletha ivini livela eGibhithe, wazixotsha izizwe, walihlanyela Iona. **9** Walungisa indawo phambi kwalo, wagxilisa impande zalo, laze lagcwala umhlaba. **10** Izintaba zembeswa ngomthunzi

walo, lezingatsha zalo zinjengemisedari kaNkulunkulu. **11**
Lanabisela ingatsha zalo elwandle, lamahlumela alo emfuleni.
12 Uyibhobozeleni imiduli yalo, ukuze balikhe bonke abadlula
ngendlela? **13** Ingulube yasehlathini iyalihlizika, lenyamazana
yeganga iyalidla. **14** Nkulunkulu wamabandla, akubuyelete,
ukhangele phansi usemazulwini, ubone, wethakelele lelivini,
15 ngitsho isivini isandla sakho sokunene esasihlanyelayo,
lendodanaowaziqinisela yona. **16** Sitshisiwe ngomililo, saqunyelwa
phansi; bayabhubha ngokukhuza kobuso bakho. **17** Isandla
sakho kasibe phezu komuntu wesandla sakho sokunene,
phezu kwendodana yomuntu, oziqinisele yona. **18** Ngakho
kasiyikubuyela emuva sisuke kuwe; sivuselele, khona sizabiza
ibizo lakho. **19** Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wamabandla, siphendule,
wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa.

81 Hlabelani kakhulu kuNkulunkulu amandla ethu, lihlokome
ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu kaJakobe. **2** Thathani ingoma, lilethe
isigujana, ichacho elimnandi kanye logubhu Iwezintambo.
3 Vuthelani uphondo ekuthwaseni kwenyanga, esikhathini
esimisiweyo, ngosuku lomkhosi wethu. **4** Ngoba lokho kuyisimiso
kulsrayeli, umthetho kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe. **5** Wakumisa
kwaba yibufakazi kuJosefa, ekuphumeni kwakhe emelene lelizwe
leGibhithe; ngezwa ulimi engingalwaziyo. **6** Ngasusa ihlombe
lakhe emthwalweni; izandla zakhe zakhululwa ezimbizeni.
7 Wakhala usenhluphekweni, ngakukhulula; ngakuphendula
ekusithekeni komdumo; ngakuhlolola emanzini eMeriba. (Sela)
8 Zwana, sizwe sami, ngizafakaza kuwe, Israyeli, aluba
ungangilalela. **9** Kakungabi khona phakathi kwakho unkulunkulu
wezizweni, njalo ungakhonzi unkulunkulu wezizweni. **10**
Mina ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, owakwenyusa usuka

elizweni leGibhithe. Khamisa umlomo wakho ube banzi, njalo ngizawugcwala. **11** Kodwa abantu bami kabalilalelanga ilizwi lami; lolrayeli kavumelananga lami. **12** Ngakho ngabanikela enkanini yenhliziyo yabo, ukuze bahambe kumacebo abo. **13** Kungathi abantu bami bebengangilalela, ulsrayeli ahambe endleleni zami! **14** Masinyane bengingazehlisela phansi izitha zabo, ngiphendulele isandla sami kwabamelene labo. **15** Abayizondayo iNkosi bangatshotshobala phambi kwayo ngokuzenzisa, kodwa isikhathi sabo besizakuba phakade. **16** Wayezabondla ngamanono engqoloyi; njalo bengizakusuthisa ngoluju oluvela edwaleni.

82 UNkulunkulu uyema enhlanganweni yabahluleli, uyahlulela phakathi kwabonkulunkulu. **2** Koze kube nini lisahlulela ngokungalunganga, lisemukela ubuso bababi? (Sela) **3** Yahlulelani umyanga lentandane, lilungisele ohluphekayo loswelayo. **4** Khululani umyanga loswelayo, libophule esandleni sababi. **5** Kabazi kabaqedisisi, baye le lale emnyameni; izisekelo zonke zomhlaba ziyazamazama. **6** Mina ngathi: Lingonkulunkulu, lonke lingamadodana oPhezukonke. **7** Kodwa lizakufa njengabantu, liwe njengesinye seziphathamandla. **8** Vuka, Nkulunkulu! wahlulele umhlaba; ngoba wena izizwe zonke ziylifa lakho.

83 Nkulunkulu, ungazithuleli; ungathuli, ungathi zwi, Nkulunkulu. **2** Ngoba, khangela, izitha zakho ziyaxokozela, labakuzondayo baphakamise ikhanda. **3** Benzela abantu bakho iseluleko sobuqili, bacebisana bemelene labafihliwego bakho. **4** Bathi: Wozani, sibaqume, bangabi yisizwe, lebizo likalsrayeli lingabe lisakhunjulwa. **5** Ngoba bacebisana nganhliziyonye, benza isivumelwano esimelana lawe; **6** amathente eEdoma,

lamalshmayeli; iMowabi, lamaHagari; 7 iGebali, leAmoni, leAmaleki; amaFilisti kanye labahlali beTire; 8 iAshuri layo isizihlanganise labo; bebeyingalo ebantwaneni bakaLothi. (Sela) 9 Yenza kubo njengeMidyani, njengoSisera, njengoJabini, esifuleni iKishoni. 10 Babhubhela eEndori, baba ngumquba womhlabathi. 11 Yenza zona izikhulu zabo zibe njengoOrebi lanjengoZebi, lawo wonke amakhosana abo abe njengoZeba lanjengoZalimuna, 12 abathi: Kasizithathole amadlelo kaNkulunkulu abe ngawethu. 13 Nkulunkulu wami, benze babe njengokuhwithwayo, njengamakhoba phambi komoya, 14 njengomlilo utshisa ihlathi, lanjengelangabi lithungela izintaba. 15 Ngokunjalo baxotshe ngesivunguzane sakho, ubethuse ngesiphepho sakho. 16 Gwalisa ubuso babo ngehlazo, ukuze balidinge ibizo lakho, Nkosi. 17 Kababe lenhloni bethuke kuze kube nininini, yebo, badunyazwe babhubhe. 18 Ukuze bazi ukuthi nguwe wedwa, obizo lakho nguJehova, oPhezukonke emhlabeni wonke.

84 Athandeka kangakanani amathente akho, Nkosi yamabandla! 2 Umphefumulo wami uyalangatha, yebo ngitsho, uyaphela yikunxwanelu amaguma eNkosi. Inhliziyo yami lenyama yami kuyakhala kuNkulunkulu ophilayo. 3 Intaka layo iyathola indlu, lenkonjane isidleke sayo, lapho engabeka khona abantwana bayo, amalathi akho, Nkosi yamabandla, Nkosi yami, loNkulunkulu wami. 4 Babusisiwe abahlala endlini yakho, bazahlala bedumisa wena. (Sela) 5 Ubusisiwe umuntu omandla akhe akuwe, okukhona imigwaqo emikhulu enhliziyweni yabo. 6 Abadabula isihotsha seBaka basenza sibe ngumthombo; yebo, insewula iyakugoqela ngezibusiso. 7 Bahamba besuka emandleni besiya emandleni, ngulowo lalowo abonakale phambi kukaNkulunkulu eZiyoni. 8 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wamabandla,

zwana umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe, Nkulunkulu kaJakobe.
(Sela) **9** Nkulunkulu, sihlangu sethu, khangela ubone ubuso
bogcotshiweyo wakho. **10** Ngoba usuku emagumeni akho
lungcono kulenkulungwane. Ngikhetha ukuba sembundwini
womnyango endlini kaNkulunkulu wami kulokuhlala emathenteni
enkohlakalo. **11** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu ililanga lesihlangu;
iNkosi izakupha umusa lodumo; kayibagodleli okuhle abahamba
ngobuqotho. **12** Nkosi yamabandla, ubusisiwe umuntu othemba
kuwe.

85 Nkosi, ubulomusa elizweni lakho. Ubuyisile ukuthunjwa
kukaJakobe. **2** Wathethelela ububi babantu bakho, wasibekela
zonke izono zabo. (Sela) **3** Ukususile konke ukuthukuthela
kwakho, waphenduka ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho. **4** Siphendule,
Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, wenze ulaka lwakho kithi
luphele. **5** Uzasithukuthelala kokuphela yini? Uzakwelulela ulaka
lwakho esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana yini? **6** Kawuyikubuya
usivuselele yini, ukuze abantu bakho bathokoze kuwe? **7**
Sitschengise umusa wakho, Nkosi, usinike usindiso lwakho. **8**
Ngizakuzwa lokho uNkulunkulu iNkosi azakukhuluma, ngoba
uzakhuluma ukuthula ebantwini bakhe, lakwabangcwele bakhe,
kodwa kabangabuyeli ebuwuleni. **9** Isibili usindiso lwakhe
luseduze kulabo abamesabayo ukuze kuhlale udumo elizweni
lakithi. **10** Umusa leqiniso kuyahlangabezana, ukulunga
lokuthula kwangene. **11** Iqiniso lizaphuma emhlabeni, lokulunga
kuzakhangela phansi kusemazulwini. **12** Yebo, iNkosi izanika
okuhle, lelizwe lethu lizathela isivuno salo. **13** Ukulunga
kuzahamba phambi kwayo, kwenzele izinyathelo zayo indlela.

86 Beka indlebe yakho, Nkosi, ungiphendule, ngoba
ngingumyanga, ngiyaswela. **2** Londoloza umphefumulo wami,

ngoba ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu; wena Nkulunkulu wami, sindisa
inceku yakho ekuthembayo. **3** Woba lesihawu kimi, Nkosi, ngoba
ngikhala kuwe usuku lonke. **4** Thokozisa umphefumulo wenceku
yakho, ngoba kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyawuphakamisela umphefumulo
wami. **5** Ngoba wena, Nkosi, ulungile, ungothethelelayo; umkhulu
emuseni kubo bonke abakubizayo. **6** Beka indlebe, Nkosi,
emkhulekweni wami; ulalele ilizwi lokuncenga kwami. **7** Ngosuku
lokuhlupheka kwami ngizakhala kuwe, ngoba uzangiphendula. **8**
Kakho ofanana lawe phakathi kwabonkulunkulu, Nkosi, njalo
enjengemisebenzi yakho kayikho. **9** Izizwe zonke ozenzileyo
zizakuza zikhothame phambi kwakho, Nkosi, zidumise ibizo
lakho. **10** Ngoba wena umkhulu, wenza izinto ezimangalisayo,
unguNkulunkulu wena wedwa. **11** Ngifundisa indlela yakho,
Nkosi, ngizahamba eqinisweni lakho; hlanganisa inhliziyo
yami ukuze yesabe ibizo lakho. **12** Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu wami, ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ngilidumise ibizo
lakho kuze kube nininini. **13** Ngoba umusa wakho phezu
kwami mkhulu; njalo wakhulula umphefumulo wami esihogweni
esingaphansi kakhulu. (Sheol h7585) **14** Nkulunkulu, abazigqajayo
bangivukele, lemibuthano yabalobudlwangudlwangu idinga
umphefumulo wami; njalo kabakubekanga phambi kwabo. **15**
Kodwa wena, Nkosi, unguNkulunkulu olozwelo, lolesisa, ophuza
ukuthukuthela, lomkhulu emuseni leqinisweni. **16** Phendukela
kimi, ungihawukele; uyiphe inceku yakho amandla akho, usindise
indodana yencekukazi yakho. **17** Ngenzela isiboniso sokuhle,
ukuze labo abangizondayo babone bayangeke, ngoba wena,
Nkosi, ungisizile wangiduduza.

87 Isisekelo sayo siphezu kwentaba ezingcwele. **2** INkosi
iyawathanda amasango eZiyoni kulazo zonke indawo zokuhlala

zikaJakobe. 3 Izinto ezidumileyo zikhulunywa ngawe, muzi kaNkulunkulu! (Sela) 4 Ngizaqamba iRahabi leBhabhiloni kwabangaziyo; khangela, iFilisti leTire kanye leEthiyophiya; lo wazalelwa khona. 5 LangeZiyoni kuzakuthiwa: Lo lalowayana bazalelwa kuyo. LoPhezukonke uqobo uzayiqinisa. 6 INkosi izabala ekubhaleni kwayo abantu, ukuthi lo wazalelwa khona. (Sela) 7 Labahlabeleli kanye labagidi, yonke imithombo yami ikuwe.

88 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wosindiso Iwami, emini, ebusuku ngakhala phambi kwakho. 2 Umkhuleko wami kawuze phambi kwakho; beka indlebe yakho ekukhaleni kwami. 3 Ngoba umphefumulo wami ugcwele ukuhlupheka, lempilo yami ifinyelela engcwabeni. (**Sheol h7585**) 4 Ngibalwa lalabo abehlela emgodini; nginjengomuntu ongelamandla. 5 Ngikhululwe phakathi kwabafileyo, nginjengababulewyo abalele engcwabeni, ongasabakhumbuliyo; ngoba bequnyiwe basuswa esandleni sakho. 6 Ungifikile emgodini ongaphansi kakhulu, emnyameni, ekujuleni. 7 Intukuthelo yakho iyangeleka, langawo wonke amagagasi akho ungihluphile. (Sela) 8 Ususele khatshana lami abejwayelene lami; wangenza ngibe yisinengiso kubo; ngivalelwe, ngingephume. 9 Ilihlo lami liyaphela ngenxa yosizi. Ngikubizile lonke usuku, Nkosi, ngelulele izandla zami kuwe. 10 Abafileyo uyabenzela izimangaliso yini? Imimoya efileyo izavuka yini ikudumise? (Sela) 11 Uthando Iwakho Iuzalandiswa yini engcwabeni? Ukuthembeka kwakho encithakalweni yini? 12 Izimangaliso zakho zizakwaziwa yini emnyameni? Lokulunga kwakho elizweni lokukhohlwa yini? 13 Kodwa mina, Nkosi, ngikhaliile kuwe, lekuseni umkhuleko wami uzakuza phambi kwakho. 14 Nkosi, ulahlelani umphefumulo wami? Ubufihlelani

ubuso bakho kimi? **15** Ngihluphekile ngingofayo kusukela
ebutsheni, ngithwele ukwesabeka kwakho, ngikhathazekile. **16**
Ulaka lwakho olutshisayo ludlulile phezu kwami, okwesabekayo
kwakho kungiqedile. **17** Kungizingelezile njengamanzi usuku
lonke, kungihanqile kanyekanye. **18** Ususele khatshana lami
othandayo lomngane, abejwayelene lami basemnyameni.

89 Ngizahlabela ngezisa zeNkosi, kuze kube nininini; ngomlomo
wami ngizakwazisa ukuthembeka kwakho kusizukulwana
lesizukulwana. **2** Ngoba ngithe: Umusa uzakwakhiwa kuze kube
phakade; emazulwini ngokwawo uzaqinisa uthembeko lwakho. **3**
Ngenze isivumelwano lomkhethwa wami, ngifungile kuDavid
inceku yami. **4** Ngizaqinisa inzalo yakho kuze kube nininini,
ngakhe isihlalo sakho sobukhos esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana.
(Sela) **5** Lamazulu azadumisa izimangaliso zakho, Nkosi,
lalo uthembeko lwakho ebandleni labangcwele. **6** Ngoba
ngubani esibhakabhakeni ongafananiswa leNkosi? Ngubani
ofanana leNkosi phakathi kwamadodana abalamandla? **7**
UNKulunkulu uyesabeka kakhulu emhlanganweni wabangcwele,
njalo umele ukuhlonitshwa phezu kwabo bonke abamhanqileyo.
8 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wamabandla, ngubani olamandla njengawe,
Nkosi? Lothembeko lwakho lukuhanqile. **9** Wena uyabusa
ukukhukhumala kolwandle; lapho amagagasi alo ephakama wena
uyawathulisa. **10** Wena wamchoboza uRahabi njengobulewego,
wazihlakaza izitha zakho ngengalo yamandla akho. **11** Amazulu
ngawakho, lomhlaba ngowakho; ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, wena
wakusekela. **12** Inyakatho leningizimu wakudala wena; iThabgori
leHermoni kuzajabula ngebizo lakho. **13** Ulengalo elamandla,
isandla sakho siqinile, isandla sakho sokunene siphakeme. **14**
Ukulunga lesahlulelo kuyisisekelo sesihlalo sakho sobukhos;

umusa leqiniso kuhamba phambi kobuso bakho. **15** Babusisiwe abantu abawaziyo umsindo wentokozo; bazahamba ekukhanyeni kobuso bakho, Nkosi. **16** Ebizweni lakho bazathokoza usuku lonke, langokulunga kwakho bazaphakanyisa. **17** Ngoba wena uludumo Iwamandla abo; langomusa wakho uphondo Iwethu luzaphakanyisa. **18** Ngoba isihlangu sethu singeseNkosi, lenkosi yethu ingeyoNgcwele kalsrayeli. **19** Khona wakhulumu ngombono kongcwele wakho, wathi: Ngibekile usizo phezu kweqhawe, ngimphakamisile okhethiweyo phakathi kwabantu. **20** Ngithole uDavida inceku yami, ngamafutha ami angcwele ngimgcobile, **21** osandla sami sizakuba laye siqinile, ingalo yami layo izamqinisa. **22** Isitha kasiyikumcindezela, lendodana yenkolakalo kayiyikumhlupha. **23** Ngizazichoboza izitha zakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, ngihluphe abamzondayo. **24** Kodwa uthembeko Iwami lomusa wami kuzakuba laye, lebizweni lami luzaphakanyisa uphondo Iwakhe. **25** Njalo ngizabeka isandla sakhe olwandle, lesandla sakhe sokunene emifuleni. **26** Yena uzangibiza ngokuthi: Wena ungebaba wami, uNkulunkulu wami, ledwala losindiso Iwami. **27** Njalo mina ngizammisa abe lizibulo, aphakame kakhulu kulamakhosi omhlaba. **28** Ngizaligcinela umusa wami kuze kube nininini, lesivumelwano sami sizaqina kuye. **29** Njalo ngizamisa inzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosu njengensuku zamazulu. **30** Uba abantwana bakhe betshiya umlayo wami, bangahambi ngezahlulelo zami, **31** uba besephula izimiso zami, bengagcini imithetho yami, **32** ngizaphindisela iziphambeko zabo ngenduku, lesono sabo ngenswazi. **33** Kodwa kangiyikulususa du uthandolomusa wami kuye, ngingakkohhlisi ngothembeko Iwami. **34** Kangiyikwephula isivumelwano sami, lalokho okuphuma endebeni zami kangiyikukuguqula. **35**

Ngafunga kwaba kanye ngobungcwele bami: Kangiyikuqamba amanga kuDavida. **36** Inzalo yakhe izakuba khona kuze kube nininini, leshlalo sakhe sobukhosu njengelanga phambi kwami. **37** Sizaqinisa njengenyanga kuze kube nininini, lobufakazi emayezini bumi buqinile. (Sela) **38** Kodwa wena usulahlile wala, wamthukuthelela ogcotshiweyo wakho. **39** Usenze ize isivumelwano senceku yakho; wangcolisa umqhele wakhe emhlabathini. **40** Uyibhobozile yonke imithangala yakhe, wazenza inqaba zakhe amanxiwa. **41** Bonke abadlula ngendlela bayamphanga; ulihlazo kubomakhelwane bakhe. **42** Usiphakamisile isandla sokunene sabamelene laye; wazithokozisa zonke izitha zakhe. **43** Futhi ubuyisele emuva ubukhali benkemba yakhe; kawumenzanga ame empini. **44** Uyiqedile inkazimulo yakhe, leshlalo sakhe sobukhosu wasiphosela emhlabathini. **45** Ufinyezile insuku zobutsha bakhe, wamembesa ihlazo. (Sela) **46** Koze kube nini, Nkosi, ucatsha kuze kube phakade? Ulaka lwakho luvutha njengomlilo yini? **47** Khumbula ukuthi isikhathi sempilo yami singakanani; kungani wadalela ize bonkeabantwana babantu? **48** Ngubani umuntu ophilayo ongaboni ukufa? Akhulule umphefumulo wakhe esandleni sengcwaba na? (Sela) (**Sheol h7585**) **49** Zingaphi izisa zakho zakuqala, Nkosi, owazifunga kuDavida ngothembeko lwakho? **50** Khumbula, Nkosi, ihlazo lezinceku zakho, engilithwele esifubeni sami, elazo zonke izizwe ezinengi, **51** izitha zakho ezithuke ngalo, Nkosi, ezithuke ngalo izinyathelo zogcotshiweyo wakho. **52** Kayibongwe iNkosi kuze kube nininini. Amen, loAmeni.

90 Nkosi, wena ubuyindawo yethu yokuhlala kusizukulwana lesizukulwana. **2** Zingakazalwa intaba, kumbe uveze umhlaba

lelizwe, ngitsho kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube sephakadeni wena unguNkulunkulu. **3** Uyambuyisela umuntu encithakalweni, uthi: Buyelani, bantwana babantu. **4** Ngoba iminyaka eyinkulungwane emehlweni akho injengelanga lezolo selidlulile, lanjengomlindo ebusuku. **5** Uyabakhukhula, banjengobuthongo, ekuseni banjengotshani obuhlumayo. **6** Ekuseni buyakhahlela, bukhule, ntambama buyasikwa, bubune. **7** Ngoba siqedwa yikuthukuthela kwakho, langolaka lwakho sibhujiswe. **8** Ubekile iziphambeko zethu phambi kwakho, izono zethu ezifihlakeleyo ekukhanyeni kobuso bakho. **9** Ngoba insuku zethu zonke ziyedlula elakeni lwakho; sichitha iminyaka yethu njengokubeka iphika. **10** Insuku zeminyaka yethu, kuleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuzo; njalo uba ngenxa yamandla zingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, kanti ukuzigqaja kwayo kuyinhlupheko losizi, ngoba aphangisa aqunywe, sibe sesiphapha sinyamalale. **11** Ngubani owaziyo amandla okuthukuthela kwakho? Lanjengokwesabeka kwakho lunjalo ulaka lwakho. **12** Ngokunjalo sifundise ukubala insuku zethu, ukuze sizuze inhliziyo yenhlakanipho. **13** Phenduka, Nkosi! Koze kube nini? Hawukela izinceku zakho. **14** Sisuthise ekuseni ngomusa wakho, ukuze sithabe sijabule insuku zethu zonke. **15** Sithokozise njengokwensuku owasihlupha ngazo, iminyaka esabona okubi kuyo. **16** Umsebenzi wakho kawubonakale ezincekwini zakho, lenkazimulo yakho ebantwaneni bazo. **17** Ubuhle beNkosi, uNkulunkulu wethu, kabube phezu kwethu; uqinise umsebenzi wezandla zethu kithi, yebo, umsebenzi wezandla zethu uwuqinise.

91 Ohlezi ekusithekeni koPhezukonke uzahlala emthunzini kaSomandla. **2** Ngizakuthi eNkosini: Uyisiphephelo sami lenqaba

yami, uNkulunkulu wami, engithemba kuye. **3** Sibili yena uzakukhulula emjibileni womthiyi, kuye umatshayabhuqe wesifo obhubhisayo. **4** Uzakusibekela ngensiba zakhe, uzathembela langaphansi kwempiko zakhe; iqiniso lakhe liyisihlangu lehawu. **5** Kawuyikwesaba isesabiso sebusuku, umtshoko ophaphayo emini, **6** umatshayabhuqe wesifo ohambayo emnyameni, incithakalo ebhubbisayo emini enkulu. **7** Bazakuwa abayinkulungwane eceleni kwakho, labayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngakwesokunene sakho; kuwe kakuyikusondela. **8** Uzakhangela nje ngamehlo akho, ubone impindiselo kwababi. **9** Ngoba wena, Nkosi, uyisiphephelo sami; umenzile oPhezukonke waba yindawo yakho yokuhlala. **10** Kakulabubi obuzakwehlela, lenhlupheko kayiyikusondela ethenteni lakho. **11** Ngoba uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe, ukuthi zikulondoloze endleleni zakho zonke. **12** Zizakuphatha ezandleni, hlezi utshayeke ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni. **13** Uzanyathela isilwane lebululu, uzagxoba ibhongo lesilwane, lomgobho. **14** Ngoba uyangithanda kakhulu, ngakho ngizamkhulula; ngizambeka phezulu, ngoba uyalazi ibizo lami. **15** Uzangibiza, njalo ngimphendule; ngibe laye ekuhluphekeni, ngimkhulule, ngimnike udumo. **16** Ngizamsuthisa ngobude bezinsuku, ngimtshengise usindiso lwami.

92 Kuhle ukubonga iNkosi, lokuhlabela indumiso ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke; **2** ukutshumayela uthandolomusa wakho ekuseni, lothembeko lwakho ebusuku bonke, **3** ngechacho elientambo ezilitshumi, langogubhu lwezintambo, ngechacho elikhala kamnandi. **4** Ngoba ungithokozisile, Nkosi, ngomsebenzi wakho; ngizamemeza ngenjabulo ngemisebenzi yezandla zakho. **5** Mikhulu kangakanani imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi! Izikile kakhulu imicabango yakho. **6** Isiphukuphuku kasazi, lesithutha

kasikuqedisisi lokhu. **7** Lapho ababi behluma njengotshani, labo bonke abenzi bobubi bekhahlela, kuyikuze babhujiswe kuze kube phakade. **8** Kodwa wena, Nkosi, uphakeme kuze kube nininini. **9** Ngoba khangela, izitha zakho, Nkosi, ngoba khangela, izitha zakho zizabhubha; bonke abenzi bobubi bazachitheka. **10** Kodwa uzaphakamisa uphondo lwami njengolwenyathi; ngizagcotshwa ngamafutha amatsha. **11** Lelihlo lami lizabona isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami, indlebe zami zizakuzwa mayelana lababi abangivukelayo. **12** Olungileyo uzahluma njengesihlahla selala, akhule njengomsedari eLebhanoni. **13** Abahlanyelwe endlini yeNkosi, bazahluma emagumeni kaNkulunkulu wethu. **14** Bazabe belokhu bethela izithelo ebudaleni babo, bakhuluphale babeluhlaza, **15** ukutshumayela ukuthi iNkosi iqondile; ilidwala lami, njalo kakukho ukungalungi kiyo.

93 INkosi iyabusa; yembethe ubukhos; iNkosi yembethe amandla; izibhincisile. Umhlaba lawo uqinisiwe, kawuyikunyikinywa. **2** Isihlalo sakho sobukhos samiswa kwasendulo; usukela ephakadeni. **3** Imifula iphakamisile, Nkosi, imifula iphakamise ukuholoba kwayo, imifula iphakamisile amagagasi ayo agubhazelayo. **4** INkosi ephakemeyo ilamandla kulokuduma kwamanzi amanengi, kulamagagasi olwandle agubhazayo alamandla. **5** Izifakazelo zakho ziqinisekile kakhulu; ubungcwele buyifanele indlu yakho, Nkosi, kuze kube ebuden bezinsuku.

94 Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wempindiselo, Nkulunkulu wempindiselo, khanyisa! **2** Phakama, Mahluleli womhlaba, uphindisele umvuzo kwabazigqajayo. **3** Nkosi, koze kube nini ababi, koze kube nini ababi begiya? **4** Bepopota, bekhulumu ngokuziphakamisa, bonke abenzi bobubi bezikhukhumeza? **5** Nkosi, bayabaphohloza

abantu bakho, bayalihlupha ilifa lakho. **6** Babulala umfelokazi lowezizweni, lentandane bazibulale. **7** Kanti bathi: iNkosi kayiboni, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe kananzi. **8** Qedisisani, lina bobunyamazana phakathi kwabantu; lani ziphukuphuku, lizahlakanipha nini? **9** Yena owagxumeka indlebe kezwa yini? Owabumba ilihlo kaboni yini? **10** Yena olaya izizwe kajezisi yini; yena ofundisa umuntu ulwazi, kazi yini? **11** iNkosi iyayazi imicabango yomuntu ukuthi iyize. **12** Nkosi, ubusisiwe lowomuntu omlayayo, omfundisayo okomlayo wakho, **13** ukumphumuza ezinsukwini zobubi, kuze kugejelwe omubi umgodi. **14** Ngoba iNkosi kayiyikubalahla abantu bayo, kayiyikulitshiya ilifa layo. **15** Kodwa isahlulelo sizabuyela ekulungeni, labo bonke abaqotho enhliziyweni bazakulandela. **16** Ngubani ozangisukumela amelane lababi? Ngubani ozangimela kubenzi bobubi? **17** Uba iNkosi ibingesilo usizo Iwami, umphefumulo wami ubuzaphosa uhlale ekuthuleni zwi. **18** Lapho ngathi: Unyawo Iwami luyatshelala, umusa wakho, Nkosi, wangisekela. **19** Ebunengini bemicabango yami engaphakathi kwami indudzo zakho zithokozisa umphefumulo wami. **20** Isihlalo sobukhosи sobubi singahlanganyela lawe, sibumba inkohlakalo ngomthetho yini? **21** Bayahlangana ukumelana lomphefumulo wolungileyo, balahla igazi elingelacala. **22** Kodwa iNkosi iyinqaba yami, loNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lokuphephela kwami. **23** Izaphindisela phezu kwabo ububi babo, ibaqede enkohlakalweni yabo; iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu izabaquma.

95 Wozani, siyihlabelele iNkosi, senze umsindo wentokozo kulo idwala losindiso lwethu. **2** Kasize phambi kobuso bayo ngokubonga, senze umsindo wentokozo kuyo ngezihlabelelo. **3** Ngoba iNkosi inguNkulunkulu omkhulu, leNkosi enkulu phezu

kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **4** Okusesandleni sayo indawo zomhlaba ezizikileyo, lezingqonga zezintaba zingezayo. **5** Olungolwayo ulwandle, yona-ke yalwenza, lezandla zayo zabumba umhlabathi owomileyo. **6** Wozani, sikhonze sikhothame, siguqe phambi kweNkosi, umenzi wethu. **7** Ngoba yona inguNkulunkulu wethu, thina-ke singabantu bedlelo layo, lezimvu zesandla sayo. Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi layo, **8** lingayenzi ibe lukhuni inhliziyo yenu njengekuphikisaneni, njengesukwini lokulinga enkangala, **9** lapho oyihlo bangilinga bengihlola, yebo babona umsebenzi wami. **10** Iminyaka engamatshumi amane nganengwa yilesisizukulwana ngaze ngathi: Bangabantu abaduhayo enhliziyeni, bona kabazazi indlela zami. **11** Engafunga kubo ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.

96 Hlabelani eNkosini ingoma entsha; hlabelani eNkosini, mhlabi wonke. **2** Hlabelani eNkosini, lidumise ibizo layo, litshumayele usindiso lwayo insuku ngensuku. **3** Landisani udumo lwayo phakathi kwezizwe, izimangaliso zayo phakathi kwabantu bonke. **4** Ngoba yinkulu iNkosi, ifanele ukudunyiswa kakhulu, yona iyesabeka phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **5** Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe; kodwa iNkosi yenza amazulu. **6** Ubukhosu lenkazimulo kuphambi kwayo, amandla lobuhle kusendlini yayo engcwele. **7** Iniken iNkosi, zizukulwana zezizwe, iniken iNkosi udumo lamandla. **8** Iniken iNkosi udumo lwebizo layo; lethani umnikelo, lingene emagumeni ayo. **9** Ikhonzeni iNkosi ebuhleni bobungcwele; lithuthumele phambi kwayo, mhlabi wonke. **10** Tshonini phakathi kwezizwe: INkosi iyabusa. Lomhlaba umisiwe, kawuyikunyikinyeka; izabahlulela abantu ngokuqonda. **11** Kawathokoze amazulu, lomhlaba ujabule; kaluhlokombe ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo. **12** Iganga

kalithabe lakho konke okukulo. Khona izihlahla zonke zegusu zizahlabela ngentokozo **13** phambi kweNkosi, ngoba iyeza, ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba; izakwahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, labantu ngeqiniso layo.

97 INkosi iyabusa; kawuthokoze umhlaba, kazijabule izihlenge ezinengi. **2** Amayezi lomnyama kuyiphahlile; ukulunga lesahlulelo kuyisisekelo sesihlalo sayo sobukhosи. **3** Umlilo uhamba phambi kwayo, utshisa izitha zayo inhlangothi zonke. **4** Imibane yayo ikhanyisa umhlaba; umhlaba wabona, wathuthumela. **5** Izintaba zancibilika njengengcino phambi kweNkosi, phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke. **6** Amazulu atshumayela ukulunga kwayo, labantu bonke babona inkazimulo yayo. **7** Bayayangeka bonke abakhonza izithombe, abazikhukhumeza ngezithixo; ikhonzeni, lonke bonkulunkulu. **8** IZiyoni yezwa, yathokoza, lamadodakazi akoJuda athaba ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho, Nkosi. **9** Ngoba wena, Nkosi, uphakeme phezu komhlaba wonke, uphakanyiswe kakhulu phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **10** Lina elithanda iNkosi, zondani okubi; iyagcina imiphefumulo yabangcwele bayo, ibakhulule esandleni sababi. **11** Ukukhanya kuhlanyelelwе olungileyо, lentokozo abaqotho ngenhliziyo. **12** Thokozani eNkosini, lina balungileyо, libonge ekukhumbuleni ubungcwele bayo.

98 Hlabelelani iNkosi ingoma entsha, ngoba yenzile izimangaliso; isandla sayo sokunene lengalo yayo engcwele kuyizuzele ukunqoba. **2** INkosi yazisile usindiso lwayo, yembule ukulunga kwayo emehlwени ezizwe. **3** Ikhumbule umusa wayo leqiniso layo kuyo indlu kalsrayeli. Imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba ibonile usindiso lukaNkulunkulu wethu. **4** Hlokomanı ngentokozo eNkosini, mhlaba wonke, lenze umsindo omkhulu,

lithokoze, lihlabele indumiso. **5** Hlabelelani eNkosini ngechacho, ngechacho lelizwi lokuhlabelela. **6** Ngezimondo langomsindo wophondo lwengama hlokomani ngentokozo phambi kweNkosi, uJehova. **7** Kaluholobe ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo, umhlaba labahlala kuwo. **8** Imifula kayitshaye izandla, izintaba zihlabelele ndawonye ngentokozo **9** phambi kweNkosi, ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba; izawahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, lezizwe ngokuqonda.

99 INkosi iyabusa; abantu kabathuthumele; ihlezi phakathi kwamakherubhi; umhlaba kawuzamazame. **2** INkosi yinkulu eZiyoni; njalo iphakeme phezu kwezizwe zonke. **3** Kazidumise ibizo lakho elikhulu lelesabekayo; lingcwele Iona. **4** Lamandla eNkosi athanda isahlulelo; wena umisa ukuqonda; wena wenza isahlulelo lokulunga kuJakobe. **5** Phakamisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, likhonze esenabelweni sezinyawo zayo. Ingcwele yona. **6** UMozi loAroni phakathi kwabapristi bayo, loSamuweli phakathi kwababiza ibizo layo, babiza iNkosi, yona yasibaphendula. **7** Yakhulum labo iphakathi kwensika yeyezi; bagcina izifakazelo zayo lesimiso eyabanika sona. **8** Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, wena wabaphendula; waba nguNkulunkulu obathethelelayo, lanxa uphindisela eenzweni zabo. **9** Phakamisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, likhonze entaben yayo engcwele; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ingcwele.

100 Hlabelelani iNkosi ngokuthaba, mhlabu wonke. **2** Ikhonzeni iNkosi ngenjabulo, wozani phambi kwayo ngokuhlabela ngentokozo. **3** Yazini ukuthi iNkosi inguNkulunkulu. Yiyo eyasenzayo, njalo ayisithi: singabantu bayo lezimvu zedlelo layo. **4** Ngenani emasangweni ayo ngokubonga, emagumeni ayo ngokudumisa. Ibongeni, lidumise ibizo layo. **5** Ngoba iNkosi

ilungile; umusa wayo uhlezi kuze kube nininini, leqiniso layo esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana.

101 Ngizahlabela ngomusa lesahlulelo; ngizahlabela kuwe, Nkosi. **2** Ngizaziphatha ngenhlakanipho ngendlela eqotho. Uzakuza nini kimi? Ngizahamba ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami phakathi kwendlu yami. **3** Kangiyikubeka phambi kwamehlo ami into embi. Ngiyakuzonda ukwenza kwabaphambukayo; kakuyikunamathela kimi. **4** Inhliziyo ephambeneyo izasuka kimi; kangiyikumazi omubi. **5** Ohleba umakhelwane wakhe ensitha, yena ngizamquma. Ophakeme ngamehlo, lolenhliziyo ezikhukhumezayo, yena kangiyikumvumela. **6** Amehlo ami azakuba kwabathembekileyo belizwe, ukuze bahlale lami. Ohamba endleleni eqotho, yena uzangikhonza. **7** Owenza inkohliso kayikuhlala phakathi kwendlu yami; okhuluma amanga kayikuma phambi kwamehlo ami. **8** Insuku zonke ekuseni ngizabaquma bonke ababi belizwe, ukuze ngibaqume basuke emzini weNkosi bonke abenzi bobubi.

102 Nkosi, zwana umkhuleko wami, lokukhala kwami kakuze kuwe. **2** Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho osukwini lohlupho lwami; beka indlebe yakho kimi; mhla ngibiza ungiphendule masinyane. **3** Ngoba insuku zami ziyanayalala njengentuthu, lamathambo ami ayatsha njengezik. **4** Inhliziyo yami itshayiwe, yabuna njengotshani, ngaze ngakhohlwa ukudla isinkwa sami. **5** Ngenxa yelizwi lokububula kwami amathambo ami anamathela esikhumbeni sami. **6** Ngifanana lewunkwe yenkangala, senginjengesikhova sezindawo ezidilikileyo. **7** Ngiyalinda, senginjengenyoni ehlezi yodwa ephahleni. **8** Izitha zami ziyanayituka usuku lonke; abangihlanyelayo bafunga ngami. **9** Ngoba ngidle umlotha njengesinkwa, ngixubanise okunathwayo

kwami lezinyembezi, **10** ngenxa yentukuthelo yakho lolaka lwakho; ngoba ungiphakamisile, wasungilahla phansi. **11** Insuku zami zinjengesithunzi eselulekayo, njalo mina ngiyabuna njengotshani. **12** Kodwa wena, Nkosi, uzahlala kuze kube nininini, lesikhumbuzo sakho kusizukulwana lesizukulwana. **13** Wena uzavuka uhawukele iZiyoni; ngoba isikhathi sokuyitshengisa umusa, yebo, isikhathi esimisiweyo sesifikile. **14** Ngoba inceku zakho ziyawathanda amatshe ayo, zilesihawu ethulini lwayo. **15** Khona izizwe zizalesaba ibizo leNkosi, lamakhosi wonke omhlaba udumo lwayo. **16** Lapho iNkosi izayakha iZiyoni, izabonakala enkazimulweni yayo. **17** Izaphendukela emkhulekweni wongelalutho, kayiyikudelela umthandazo wabo. **18** Lokhu kuzabhalelwa isizukulwana esilandelayo, labantu abazadalwa bazadumisa iNkosi. **19** Ngoba yakhangela phansi isekuphakameni kwendawo yayo engcwele; iNkosi isemazulwini yakhangela emhlabeni, **20** ukuzwa ukububula kwesibotshwa, ukukhulula abamiselwa ukufa; **21** ukulandisa ibizo leNkosi eZiyoni, lendumiso yayo eJerusalema, **22** lapho izizwe zibuthana ndawonye, lemibuso, ukuyikhonza iNkosi. **23** Yathoba amandla ami endleleni, yafinyeza insuku zami. **24** Ngathi: Nkulunkulu wami, ungangisusi phakathi kwensuku zami, iminyaka yakho isesizukulwaneni lezizukulwana. **25** Endulo wawusekela umhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho. **26** Lokho kuzabhubha, kodwa wena uzakuma. Kuzaguga-ke konke njengesembatho, njengesigqoko uzakuguqula, njalo kuzaguqulwa. **27** Kodwa wena unguwe njalo, leminyaka yakho kayipheli. **28** Abantwana benceku zakho bazahlala, lenzalo yazo izaqiniswa phambi kwakho.

103 Bonga iNkosi, mphefumulo wami, lakho konke okuphakathi kwami kubonge ibizo layo elingcwele. **2** Busisa iNkosi, mphefumulo wami, ungakhohlwa zonke izinzozo zayo, **3** ethethelela zonke izono zakho, eyelapha zonke izifo zakho, **4** ehlenga impilo yakho ekubhujisweni, ekwethwesa umqhele womusa lezihawu, **5** esuthisa umlomo wakho ngokuhle, ukuze ubutsha bakho buvuswe njengobokhozi. **6** INkosi iyabenzela ukulunga lezahlulelo bonke abacindezelweyo. **7** Yamazisa uMozisi indlela zayo, abantwana bakolsrayeli izenzo zayo. **8** INkosi ilesihawu lomusa, iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo ivame ububele. **9** Kayiyikuphikisana njalonjalo, kayiyikugcina intukuthelo kuze kube nininini. **10** Kayisenzelanga njengokwezono zethu, kayisiphindiselanga njengokweziphambeko zethu. **11** Ngoba njengokuphakama kwamazulu ngaphezu komhlaba, umkhulu umusa wayo kubo abayesabayo. **12** Njengobukhatshana bempumalanga kuyo intshonalanga, ngokunjalo izisusele khatshana lathi iziphambeko zethu. **13** Njengoyise ehawukela abantwana, iNkosi iyabahawukela labo abayesabayo. **14** Ngoba iyakwazi ukubunjwa kwethu, ikhumbula ukuthi siluthuli. **15** Umuntu, insuku zakhe zinjengotshani; njengeluba leganga, ngokunjalo uyakhahlela. **16** Ngoba umoya wedlula phezu kwakhe, njalo angabikho, lendawo yakhe ingabe isamazi. **17** Kodwa umusa weNkosi usukela ephakadeni usiya ephakadeni phezu kwabayesabayo, lokulunga kwayo kuze kube sebantwaneni babantwana, **18** kubo abagcina isivumelwano sayo, lakubo abakhumbula imithetho yayo ukuyenza. **19** INkosi imisile isihlalo sayo sobukhosи emazulwini, lombuso wayo ubusa phezu kwakho konke. **20** Busisan iNkosi, lina zingilosi zayo, maqhawe alamanndla, ezenza ilizwi layo, lilalela ilizwi lelizwi

layo. **21** Bongani iNkosi, lonke mabandla ayo, zikhonzi zayo, ezenza intando yayo. **22** Bongani iNkosi, lonke misebenzi yayo, endaweni zonke zombuso wayo. Bonga iNkosi, mphefumulo wami.

104 Bonga iNkosi, mphefumulo wami. Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, umkhulu kakhulu; wembethe ubukhos i lodumo. **2** Ozembesa ngokukhanya njengesembatho, owendlala amazulu njengekhetheni. **3** Owabeka imijabo yamakamelo akhe aphezulu emanzini, owenza amayezi abe yinqola yakhe, ohamba phezu kwempiko zomoya. **4** Owenza izingilosi zakhe zibe yimimoya, izinceku zakhe zibe ngumlilo olamalangabi. **5** Wamisa umhlaba phezu kwezisekelo zawo, kawuyikuzanyazanyiswa phakade laphakade. **6** Wawugubuzela ngokujula njengesembatho; amanzi ema phezu kwezintaba. **7** Ekukhuzeni kwakho abaleka; elizwini lokuduma kwakho aphangisa asuka; **8** - zenyuka izintaba, zehla izihotsha - endaweni owawuwamisele wona. **9** Wamisa umngcele angewudlule, kawayikubuya agubuzele umhlaba. **10** Othumela imithombo ezihotsheni, yahamba phakathi kwezintaba. **11** Yanathisa yonke inyamazana yeganga, obabhemi beganga bacitsha ukoma kwabo. **12** Inyoni zamazulu zakhela emaceleni ayo, zizwakalisa ilizwi ziphakathi kwezingatsha. **13** Uthelela izintaba esemakamelweni akhe aphezulu; umhlaba usuthiswa ngesithelo semisebenzi yakho. **14** Umilisela izifuyo utshani, lemibhida yokusiza umuntu, ukuveza ukudla emhlabathini, **15** lewayini elithokozisa inhliziyo yomuntu, ukwenza ubuso bukhanye ngamafutha, lesinkwa esiqinisa inhliziyo yomuntu. **16** Ziyasutha izihlahla zeNkosi, imisedari yeLebhanoni eyayihlanyelayo. **17** Lapho inyoni ezakhela khona izidleke; ingabuzane, izihlahla zefiri ziyindlu yalo. **18** Intaba eziphakemeyo zingezamagogo,

amadwala ayisiphephelo sezimbila. **19** Inyanga wayenzela izikhathi ezimisiweyo; ilanga liyazi ukutshona kwalo. **20** Wenza umnyama, kube sebusuku, phakathi kwabo kumphume yonke inyamazana yehlathi. **21** Izilwane ezintsha zibhongela impango, lokudinga ukudla kwazo kuNkulunkulu. **22** Ilanga liphuma, zibuthane, zilale ezikhundleni zazo. **23** Umuntu uphuma aye emsebenzini wakhe lemtshikatshikeni wakhe kuze kuhlwe. **24** Minengi kangakanani imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi! Yonke uyenze ngenhlakanipho; umhlaba ugcwele inotho yakho. **25** Lolulwandle olukhulu lolubanzi ngezinhlangothi, lapho okulezihuquzelayo khona ezingelakubalwa, izinto eziphilayo ezincinyane kanye lezinkulu. **26** Kuhamba khona imikhumbi, uLeviyathani owambumbela ukuthi adlale kulo. **27** Zonke lezi zilindele kuwe, ukuthi uzinike ukudla kwazo ngesikhathi sazo. **28** Uyazinika, zibuthe; uvula isandla sakho, zisuthe okuhle. **29** Ufihla ubuso bakho, zikhathazeke; ususa umoya wazo, zife, zibuyebe ethulini lwazo. **30** Uthumela umoya wakho, zidalwe; wenze bube butsha ubuso bomhlaba. **31** Uduomo IweNkosi kalume kuze kube nininini; iNkosi kayithokoze ngemisebenzi yayo. **32** Ikhangela umhlaba, uthuthumele; ithinta izintaba, zithunqe. **33** Ngizahlabelela iNkosi ngisaphila; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami nxa ngisekhona. **34** Ukuzindla kwami ngaye kuzakuba mnandi; mina ngizathokoza eNkosini. **35** Izoni kaziqedwe emhlabeni, kungabe kusaba khona ababi. Bonga iNkosi, mphefumulo wami. Dumisani iNkosi!

105 Bongani iNkosi, libize ibizo layo, lazise phakathi kwezizwe izenzo zayo. **2** Hlabelelani kuyo, lihlabelele amahubo kuyo, likhulume ngezenzo zayo zonke ezimangalisayo. **3** Zincomeni ebizweni layo elingcwele; kayithokoze inhliziyo yabadinga

iNkosi. **4** Dingani iNkosi lamandla ayo, lidinge ubuso bayo njalonjalo. **5** Khumbulani izenzo zayo ezimangalisayo eyazenzayo, izimangaliso zayo lezahlulelo zomlomo wayo, **6** nzalo kaAbrahama inceku yayo, bantwana bakajakobe abakhethiweyo bayo. **7** Yona iyinKosi uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo zayo zisemhlabeni wonke. **8** lyakhumbula isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini, ilizwi eyalilaya kuzizukulwana eziyinkulungwane, **9** eyasenza loAbrahama, lesifungo sayo kulsaka; **10** eyasiqinisa kuJakobe saba yisimiso, kulsrayeli saba yisivumelwano esilaphakade, **11** isithi: Ngizakunika wena ilizwe leKhanani, isabelo selifa lakho. **12** Besebalutshwana ngenani, yebo, bebalutshwana, labemzini kulo; **13** basebezula besuka esizweni besiya esizweni, besuka komunye umbuso besiya kwabanye abantu; **14** kayivumelanga muntu ukubahlupha; yasikuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo, **15** isithi: Lingathinti abagcotshiweyo bami, lingoni abaprofethi bami. **16** Yasibiza indlala phezu kwelizwe, yephula udondolo lonke lwasinkwa. **17** Yathuma indoda phambi kwabo: UJosefa wathengiswa waba yisigqili. **18** Bazwisa ubuhlungu inyawo zakhe ngamaketane, yena ngokwakhe wafika ensimbini. **19** Kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sokufika kwelizwi lakhe, ilizwi likaJehova lamlinga. **20** Inkosi yathuma yamthukulula, umbusi wabantu wasemkhulula. **21** Yambeka waba yinkosi yendlu yayo, lombusi wemfuyo yayo yonke, **22** ukubopha iziphathamandla zayo ngokuthanda kwakhe, afundise abadala bakhe ukuhlakanipha. **23** Ulsrayeli wasefika eGibhithe; uJakobe wahlala njengowezizwe elizweni lakoHamu. **24** Wenza abantu bayo bazale kakhulu, yabenza baba lamandla kulezitha zabo. **25** Yaphendula inhliziyu yabo ukuzonda abantu bayo, ukuthi baphathe inceku zayo ngobuqili. **26** Yasithuma

uMozisi inceku yayo, uAroni eyayimkhethile. **27** Babeka phakathi kwabo izinto zezibonakaliso zayo, lezimangaliso elizweni lakoHamu. **28** Yathumela umnyama, yenza kwaba mnyama; njalo kabavukelanga ilizwi layo. **29** Yaphendula amanzi abo aba ligazi, yabulala inhlanzi zawo. **30** Ilizwe labo lanyakazela amaxoxo, emakamelweni amakhosi abo. **31** Yakhuluma, kwavela umtshitshi wezibawu, intwala emngceleni wabo wonke. **32** Yabanika isiqhotho saba lizulu, umlilo olamalangabi elizweni labo. **33** Yasitshaya isivini sabo lomkhiwa wabo, yephula izihlahla zomngcele wabo. **34** Yakhuluma, kwasekuvela isikhonyane lemihogoyi, okungelakubalwa, **35** okwaqeda yonke imibhida elizweni labo, kwaqeda isithelo somhlabathi wabo. **36** Yasitshaya amazibulo wonke elizweni labo, okokuqala kwamandla abo wonke. **37** Yasibakhupha belesiliva legolide, njalo kwakungekho owakhubekayo phakathi kwezizwe zabo. **38** IGibhithe yathokoza ekuphumeni kwabo, ngoba uvalo ngabo lwabehlela. **39** Yendlala iyezi laba yisisibekelo, lomlilo wokukhanyisa ebusuku. **40** Bacela, yasiletha izagwaca, yabasuthisa ngesinkwa samazulu. **41** Yavula idwala, kwampompoza amanzi; ahamba endaweni ezomileyo njengomfula. **42** Ngoba yakhumbula isithembiso sayo esingcwele, loAbrahama inceku yayo. **43** Yasikhupha abantu bayo ngentokozo, abakhethiwego bayo ngenjabulo. **44** Yasibanika amazwe abezizwe, njalo badla ilifa lomtshikatshika wabantu, **45** ukuze bagcine izimiso zayo, balondoloze imilayo yayo. Dumisani iNkosi!

106 Dumisani iNkosi! Ibongeni iNkosi ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini. **2** Ngubani ongalandisa izenzo ezilamandla zeNkosi, azwakalise yonke indumiso yayo? **3** Babusisiwe abagcina izahlulelo, owenza ukulunga ngaso

sonke isikhathi. **4** Ngikhumbule, Nkosi, ngothando olalo kubantu bakho; ngethekelele ngosindiso lwakho; **5** ukuze ngibone okuhle kwabakhethiweyo bakho, ukuze ngithokoze entokozweni yesizwe sakho, ukuze ngizincome kanye lelifa lakho. **6** Sonile kanye labobaba, senze okubi, senza ngenkohlakalo. **7** Obaba eGibhithe kabaqedisisanga izimangaliso zakho; kabakhumbulanga ubunengi bezisa zakho; kodwa benza umvukela elwandle, eLwandle oluBomvu. **8** Loba kunjalo wabakhulula ngenxa yebizo lakhe, ukuze azise amandla akhe. **9** Wasekuza uLwandle oluBomvu, lwatsha; wasebahambisa phakathi kwezinziki njengenkangala. **10** Wasebasindisa esandleni somzondi, wabahlenga esandleni sesitha. **11** Amanzi asibekela izitha zabo; kakusalanga loyedwa kuzo. **12** Basebekholwa amazwi akhe, bahlabelela indumiso yakhe. **13** Baphanga bakhohlwa imisebenzi yakhe, kabalindelanga iseluleko sakhe. **14** Kodwa bakhanuka lokukhanuka ehlane, bamlinga uNkulunkulu enkangala. **15** Wasebanika isicelo sabo, kodwa wathumela ukucaka emphefumulweni wabo. **16** Basebesiba lomhawu ngoMozisi enkambeni, ngoAroni ongcwele weNkosi. **17** Umhlaba wavuleka waginya uDathani, wasibekela iqembu likaAbiramu. **18** Lomlilo wavutha egenjini labo, ilangabi latshisa abakhohlakeleyo. **19** Benza ithole eHorebe, bakhonza isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **20** Basebeguqula inkazimulo yabo yaba yisifaniso senkabi edla utshani. **21** Bamkhohlwa uNkulunkulu umsindisi wabo, owayenze izinto ezinkulu eGibhithe, **22** izimangaliso elizweni likaHamu; izinto ezesabekayo eLwandle oluBomvu. **23** Ngakho wathi uzababhuhisa, ngaphandle kokuthi uMozisi okhethiweyo wakhe wayemile ekufohleni phambi kwakhe ukuphendula ulaka lwakhe ukuze angababhubhisi. **24** Yebo,

baleyisa ilizwe elihle, kabalikholwanga ilizwi lakhe. **25** Kodwa bakhonona emathenteni abo, kabalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi. **26** Ngakho waphakamisa isandla sakhe emelene labo, ukubawisa enkangala, **27** lokuwisa inzalo yabo phakathi kwezizwe, lokubahlakaza emazweni. **28** Basebezihlanganisa loBhali-Peyori, badla imihlatshelo yabafileyo. **29** Basebemthukuthelisa ngezenzo zabo, lenhlupheko yafohlela kibo. **30** Kwasekusukuma uPhinehasi, wenza isigwebo, inhlupheko yasimiswa. **31** Lokhu kwasekubalelwa kuye kube yikulunga, esizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana kuze kube nininini. **32** Basebemthukuthelisa emanzini empikisano, kwaze kwaba kubi kuMozisi ngenxa yabo. **33** Ngoba bacunula umoya wakhe, waze wakhulumu ngamawala ngendebe zakhe. **34** Kabazibhubhisanga izizwe, iNkosi eyayibatshela ngazo. **35** Kodwa bazihihlanganisa lezizwe, bafunda imisebenzi yazo. **36** Basebekhonza izithombe zazo ezaba ngumjibila kubo. **37** Lamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo bawahlabela amadimoni. **38** Bachitha igazi elingelacala, igazi lamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo, abawahlabela izithombe zeKhanani; lelizwe langcoliswa ngegazi elinengi. **39** Basebengcola ngemisebenzi yabo, baphinga ngezenzo zabo. **40** Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi lwabavuthela abantu bayo, yanengwa yilifa layo. **41** Yabanikela esandleni sezizwe, lababazondayo bababusa. **42** Lezitha zabo zabacindezela, basebethotshiswa ngaphansi kwesandla sazo. **43** Yabakhulula kanengi; kodwa bona bayivukela ngecebo labo, behliswa ngobubi babo. **44** Loba kunjalo yabona ukuhlupheka kwabo, lapho isizwa ukukhala kwabo. **45** Yabakhumbulela isivumelwano sayo, yasisola njengobunengi bezisa zayo. **46** Yabanika izisa phambi kwabo bonke ababebathumbile. **47** Sisindise, Nkosi

Nkulunkulu wethu, usibuthe sivela ezizweni, ukubonga ibizo lakho elingcwele, ukuzincoma endumisweni yakho. **48** Kayibongwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube sephakadeni! Abantu bonke kabathi: Ameni. Dumisani iNkosi!

107 Ibongeni iNkosi, ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade. **2** Kabatsho njalo abahlengiwego beNkosi ebahlengileyo esandleni sesitha. **3** Yababutha bevela emazweni, empumalanga lentshonalanga, enyakatho lelwandle. **4** Bazulazula enkangala endleleni yenhlane, kabatholanga umuzi wokuhlala. **5** Belambile njalo bomile, umphefumulo wabo waphela amandla phakathi kwabo. **6** Khona bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabakhulula ezinsizini zabo. **7** Yabakhokhela ngendlela eqondileyo, ukuze baye emzini wokuhlala. **8** Kabayidumise iNkosingomusa wayo langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu! **9** Ngoba iyasuthisa umphefumulo olangathayo, lomphefumulo olambileyo iwugcwala ngokuhle. **10** Abahlala emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, bebotshiwe ensizini lensimbini, **11** ngoba bavukela amazwi kaNkulunkulu, badelela iseluleko soPhezukonke. **12** Ngakho wathoba inhlizyo yabo ngokuhlupheka; bakhubeka, njalo kwakungekho umsizi. **13** Khona bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabasindisa ezinsizini zabo. **14** Yabakhupha emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, yaqamula izibopho zabo. **15** Kabayidumise iNkosingomusa wayo, langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu! **16** Ngoba yephule izivalo zethusi, yaquma imigoqo yensimbi. **17** Abayizithutha, ngenxa yendlela yeziphambeko zabo langenxa yezono zabo, bahlutshiwe. **18** Umphefumulo wabo wenyanya ukudla konke, basondela emasangweni okufa. **19** Khona bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni

kwabo, yabasindisa ezinsizini zabo. **20** Yathumela ilizwi layo, yabasilisa, yabakhulula emigodini yabo. **21** Kabayidumise iNkosingomusa wayo, langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu! **22** Njalo kabahlabe imihlatshelo yokubonga, balandise izenzo zayo ngokuthaba. **23** Abehlela olwandle ngemikhumbi, abenza imisebenzi emanzini amakhulu; **24** laba babona izenzo zeNkosi, lemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ekujuleni. **25** Ngoba iyakhuluma, ivuse isiphepho somoya, esiqubula amagagasi alo. **26** Benyukela emazulwini, behlele enzikini; umphefumulo wabo uncibilika ngosizi. **27** Bayadengezela bebhadazela njengesidakwa, lenhlakanipho yabo yonke iginyiwe. **28** Khona bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabakhupha ezinsizini zabo. **29** Yenza isiphepho sachuma, lamagagasi aso athula. **30** Basebethokoza ngoba ayesethule, yasibaholela ethekwini lesifiso sabo. **31** Kabayibonge iNkosingomusa wayo, langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu! **32** Njalo kabayiphakamise ebandleni labantu, bayidumise esihlalweni sabadala! **33** Yenza imifula ibe yinkangala, lemithombo yamanzi ibe ngumhlabathi owomileyo, **34** umhlabathi ovundileyo ube lugwadule, ngenxa yobubi babahlezi kuwo. **35** Iphendula inkangala ibe yisiziba samanzi, lelizwe elomileyo libe yimithombo yamanzi. **36** Ihhlaise khona abalambileyo, njalo bamise umuzi wokuhlala; **37** bahlanyele amasimu, bagxumeke izivini, ezithela izithelo zesivuno. **38** Njalo iyababusisa ukuze bande kakhulu, lezifuyo zabo kayizinciphi. **39** Babuye banciphe, bathotshiswe ngocindezel, ububi, losizi. **40** Ithela ukudelelwa phezu kweziphathamandla, ibazulisa enkangala, engelandlela. **41** Kube kanti ihhlisa phezulu umyanga ekuhluphekeni, enze insapho zibe njengomhlambi. **42** Abalungileyo bazabona bathokoze, lobubi

bonke buzavala umlomo wabo. **43** Loba ngubani ohlakaniphileyo uzaqaphelisa lezizinto; labo bazaqedisisa izisa zeNkosi.

108 Inhliziyo yami iqinile, Nkulunkulu. Ngizahlabelela ngitshotshe, ngitsho udumo Iwami! **2** Vukani gubhu lwezintambo lechacho! Ngizavusa ukusa. **3** Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, phakathi kwabantu, ngihlabele indumiso kuwe phakathi kwezizwe. **4** Ngoba umusa wakho mkhulu phezu kwamazulu, leqiniso lakho lifika emayezini. **5** Phakama, Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu, lobukhosи bakho phezu komhlaba wonke. **6** Ukuze abathandekayo bakho bakhululwe; sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene, ungiphendule. **7** UNkulunkulu ukhulumile ebungcweleni bakhe. Ngizathaba, ngiyabe iShekema, ngilinganise isihotsha seSukothi. **8** Ngeyami iGileyadi, ngowami uManase, loEfrayimi ungamandla ekhanda lami, uJuda ungumnikumthetho wami. **9** UMowabi ungumganu wami wokugezela; phezu kukaEdoma ngizaphosela inyathela lami; phezu kweFilisti ngizamemeza ngokunqoba. **10** Ngubani ozangisa emzini oqinileyo? Ngubani ozangiholela eEdoma? **11** Kawusilahlanga yini, Nkulunkulu; kawuphumanga, Nkulunkulu, lamabutho ethu? **12** Siphe usizo ekuhlupheni, ngoba luyize uncedo lomuntu. **13** KuNkulunkulu sizakwenza ngobuqhawe, ngoba yena uzanyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

109 Nkulunkulu wendumiso yami, ungathuli. **2** Ngoba umlomo wokhohlakeleyo lomlomo wenkohliso uvulekile umelene lami; bakhulume lami ngolimi lwamanga. **3** Bangijhanqa ngamazwi enzondo, balwa bemelene lami kungelasizatho. **4** Esikhundleni sothando Iwami bayizitha zami, kodwa mina ngisemkhulekweni. **5** Basebengibuyisela okubi esikhundleni sokuhle, lenzondo esikhundleni sothando Iwami. **6** Umise omubi phezu kwakhe, loSathane kame ngakwesokunene sakhe. **7** Ekwahluelweni

kwakhe kaphume elecal; lomkhuleko wakhe ube yisono. **8** Insuku zakhe kazibe nlutshwana; omunye athathe isikhundla sakhe. **9** Abantwana bakhe kabangabi loyise, lomkakhe abe ngumfelokazi. **10** Abantwana bakhe kabazulazule bephanza isinkwa sabo, bacele bevela emanxiweni abo. **11** Umebolekisi kabambe konke alakho, labezizweni baphange izithelo zomsebenzi wakhe. **12** Kungabi khona omelulela umusa, futhi kungabi khona ozwela intandane zakhe. **13** Inzalo yakhe kayiqunywe, lebizo labo lesulwe esizukulwaneni esilandelayo. **14** Ububi baboyise bukhunjulwe eNkosini, lesono sikanina singesulwa. **15** Kabube phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo, ukuze aqume ukukhunjulwa kwabo kusuke emhlabeni. **16** Ngenxa yokuthi wayengakhumbuli ukwenza umusa, kodwa wazingela umuntu ohluphekayo longumyanga, lodabukileyo enhliziyweni ukumbulala. **17** Njengoba wathanda ukuqalekisa, ngakho kakwehlele kuye; njengoba wayengathandi ukubusisa, ngakho kakube khatshana laye. **18** Njengoba wagqoka isiqalekiso njengesiggoko sakhe, ngakho kakungene emibilini yakhe njengamanzi, lanjengamafutha emathanjeni akhe. **19** Kakube kuye njengesembatho azembesa ngaso, kube libhanti azibopha ngalo njalonjalo. **20** Lokhu cube ngumvuzo wezitha zami ovela eNkosini, lowalabo abakhulumu okubi ngomphefumulo wami. **21** Kodwa wena, Jehova, Nkosi, ngenza ngenxa yebizo lakho; ngoba umusa wakho ulungile, ngikhulule. **22** Ngoba mina ngiyisihlupheki lomyanga, lenhliziyo yami ilimele phakathi kwami. **23** Ngedlula njengesithunzi sisiba side; ngizanyazanyiswe njengesikhonyane. **24** Amadolo ami ayaxega ngokuzila ukudla, lenyama yami isicakile iswela ukukhuluphala. **25** Mina sengibe lihlazo kubo, bengibona banikina ikhanda labo. **26** Ngisize, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami, ungisindise ngokomusa wakho. **27** Ukuze bazi

ukuthi lesi yisandla sakho; wena, Nkosi, ukwenzile. **28** Kabathuke bona, kodwa wena ubusise; nxa bevuka kabayangeke, kodwa inceku yakho kayithabe. **29** Izitha zami kazigqokiswe ngehlazo, kazizigoqele ngenhloni zazo njengesembatho. **30** Ngizayibonga kakhulu iNkosi ngomlomo wami; njalo ngizayidumisa phakathi kwabanengi. **31** Ngoba izakuma ngakwesokunene komyanga, ukumsindisa kulabo abalahla umphefumulo wakhe.

110 INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. **2** INkosi izathuma intonga yamandla akho ivela eZiyoni. Busa phakathi kwezitha zakho. **3** Abantu bakho bazavuma ngosuku lwamandla akho, ebuhleni bobungcwele, kusukela esizalweni semadabukakusa kuza kuwe amazolo obutsha bakho. **4** INkosi ifungile, kayiyikuphenduka: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokwendlela kaMelkizedeki. **5** INkosi ngakwesokunene sakho izachoboza amakhosi osukwini lokuthukuthela kwayo. **6** Izakwehlulela phakathi kwezizwe, kugcwale izidumbu; izachoboza inhloko phezu kwelizwe elikhulu. **7** Izanatha esifuleni endleleni; ngakho-ke izaphakamisa ikhanda.

111 Dumisani iNkosi! Ngizayibonga iNkosi ngenhliziyo yonke, emhlanganweni wabaqotho lebandleni. **2** Mikhulu imisebenzi yeNkosi, idingwa yilabo abathokoza ngayo. **3** Ulodumo lenkazimulo umsebenzi wayo, lokulunga kwayo kumi kuze kube nininini. **4** Yenzile izimangaliso zayo zikhunjulwe; iNkosi ilomusa lesihawu. **5** lyabapha ukudla labo abayesabayo; iyakhumbula kuze kube phakade isivumelwano sayo. **6** Yazisile abantu bayo amandla emisebenzi yayo, ngokubanika ilifa lezizwe. **7** Imisebenzi yezandla zayo iliqiniso lokwehlulela; imithetho yayo yonke iqinisekile. **8** Isekelwe kuze kube phakade laphakade, yenziwa

ngeqiniso langobuqotho. **9** Yathumela uhlengo ebantwini bayo; ilaye isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini; lingcwele liyesabeka ibizo layo. **10** Ukuyesaba iNkosi kuyikuqala kokuhlakanipha; balokuqedisisa okuhle bonke abayenzayo imilayo. Indumiso yayo imi kuze kube nininini.

112 Dumisani iNkosi! Ubusisiwe umuntu oyesabayo iNkosi, othokoza kakhulu ngemithetho yayo. **2** Inzalo yakhe izakuba lamandla emhlabeni; isizukulwana sabaqotho sizabusiswa. **3** Imfuyo lenotho kuzakuba sendlini yakhe, lokulunga kwakhe kuzakuma kuze kube nininini. **4** Kuyabaphumela abaqotho ukukhanya emnyameni; ilomusa lesihawu lokulunga. **5** Umuntu olungileyo ngolesisa lowebolekisayo, wenza izindaba zakhe ngokulunga. **6** Ngoba kayikunyikinywa phakade; olungileyo uzakuba sekukhunjulweni kuze kube nininini. **7** Kayikwesaba umbiko omubi, inhliziyo yakhe iqinile, ithemba eNkosini. **8** Isekelwe inhliziyo yakhe, kayikwesaba, aze abone isiloyiso sakhe phezu kwezitha zakhe. **9** Uhlakazile, uyabanika abayanga; ukulunga kwakhe kumi kuze kube nininini; uphondo lwakhe luzaphakanyiswa ngodumo. **10** Omubi uyakubona, athukuthele; agedle amazinyo akhe, ancibiliike; isifiso sababi sizabhubha.

113 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani, zinceku zeNkosi, dumisani ibizo leNkosi. **2** Kalibongwe ibizo leNkosi kusukela khathesi njalo kuze kube nininini. **3** Kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekutshoneni kwalo ibizo leNkosi kalidunyiswe. **4** INkosi iphakeme phezu kwezizwe zonke, ubukhosu bayo buphezu kwamazulu. **5** Ngubani onjengeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, ehlezi phezulu, **6** ekhothama ukukhangela emazulwini lemhlaben? **7** lyamvusa umyanga ethulini, imphakamise osweleyo enqunjini yomquba, **8** ukuze imhlalise leziphathamandla, kanye leziphathamandla

zabantu bayo. **9** Ihlalisa inyumba emzini, unina wabantwana othokozayo. Dumisani iNkosi!

114 Ekuphumeni kukalsrayeli eGibhithe, indlu kaJakobe ebantwini bolimi lwezizwe, **2** uJuda waba yindlu yakhe engcwele, ulsrayeli waba ngumbuso wakhe. **3** Ulwandle Iwakubona lwabaleka, iJordani yabuyela emuva. **4** Intaba zaqolotsha njengezingama, amaqaqa njengamawundlu. **5** Ulani wena lwandle, ukuthi ubaleke? Wena Jordani, ukuthi ubuyelete emuva? **6** Lina zintaba, ukuthi liqolotshe njengezingama? Lina maqaqa, njengamawundlu? **7** Thuthumela, mhlabo, phambi kweNkosi, phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, **8** owaphendula idwalalibe lichibi lamanzi, ilitshe elilukhuni libe ngumthombo wamanzi.

115 Kakungabi kithi, Nkosi, kakungabi kithi, kodwa ebizweni lakho nika udumo, ngenxa yomusa wakho, ngenxa yeqiniso lakho. **2** Kungani izizwe zizakuthi: Ungaphi pho uNkulunkulu wabo? **3** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wethu usemazulwini, wenza konke akuthandayo. **4** Izithombe zabo yisiliva legolide, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu. **5** Zilomlomo, kodwa kazikhulumi; zilamehlo, kodwa kaziboni; **6** zilendlebe, kodwa kazizwa; zilempumulo, kodwa kazinuki; **7** zilezandla, kodwa kaziphathi; inyawo zilazo, kodwa kazihambi; kazikhulumi ngomphimbo wazo. **8** Abazenzayo kabafanane lazo, wonke othembela kuzo. **9** Israyeli, themba eNkosini. Ilusizo Iwabo lesihlangu sabo. **10** Ndlu kaAroni, themba eNkosini. Ilusizo Iwabo lesihlangu sabo. **11** Lina elesaba iNkosi, tembani eNkosini. Ilusizo Iwabo lesihlangu sabo. **12** INkosi isikhumbule, izabusisa, ibusise indlu kalsrayeli, ibusise indlu kaAroni; **13** izabusisa labo abayesabayo iNkosi, abancinyane kanye labakhulu. **14** INkosi izalandisa, lina labantwana benu. **15** Libusisiwe eNkosini, eyenza amazulu lomhlaba. **16** Amazulu,

amazulu ngaweNkosi, kodwa umhlaba iwunike abantwana babantu. **17** Abafileyo kabayidumisi iNkosi, hatshi-ke loba ngubani owehlela ekuthuleni. **18** Kodwa thina sizayibonga iNkosi kusukela khathesi kuze kube nininini. Dumisani iNkosi!

116 Ngiyayithanda iNkosi, ngoba izwile ilizwi lami, ukunxusa kwami. **2** Ngoba ibeke indlebe yayo kimi, ngakho ngizayibiza ensukwini zami. **3** Izibopho zokufa zangihanqa, lenhlungu zesihogo zangibamba; ngathola inhlupheko losizi. (**Sheol h7585**) **4** Ngasengibiza ibizo leNkosi, ngathi: O Nkosi, khulula umphefumulo wami. **5** Ilomusa iNkosi, ilungile; ye, uNkulunkulu wethu ulesihawu. **6** INkosi iyabalondoloza abathobekileyo; ngehliselwa phansi, yasingisindisa. **7** Buyela, mphefumulo wami, ekuphumuleni kwakho, ngoba iNkosi ikuphethe ngomusa. **8** Ngoba ikhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni, amehlo ami ezinyembezini, unyawo lwami ekuweni. **9** Ngizahamba phambi kweNkosi emazweni abaphilayo. **10** Ngakholwa, ngakho ngikhulumile. Mina ngahlupheka kakhulu. **11** Mina ngathi ekuphangiseni kwami: Wonke umuntu ungumqambimanga. **12** Ngizabuyiselani eNkosiningazo zonke inzozo zayo kimi? **13** Ngizathatha inkezo yosindiso, ngibize ibizo leNkosi. **14** Ngizakhokha izifungo zami eNkosini, khathesi phambi kwabantu bayo bonke. **15** Kuligugu emehlweni eNkosi ukufa kwabangcwele bayo. **16** Hawu Nkosi, isibili ngiyinceku yakho, ngiyinceku yakho, indodana yencekukazi yakho; uthukulule izibopho zami. **17** Ngizakuhsabela umhlatshele wokubonga, ngibize ibizo leNkosi. **18** Ngizakhokha izifungo zami eNkosini, khathesi phambi kwabantu bayo bonke, **19** emagumeni endlu yeNkosi, phakathi kwakho, Jerusalema. Dumisani iNkosi!

117 Dumisani iNkosi, lina zizwe zonke, liyibabaze, lina bantu lonke. 2 Ngoba uthandolomusa wayo mkhulu kithi, leqiniso leNkosilimi kuze kube nininini. Dumisani iNkosi!

118 Bongani iNkosi, ngoba ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 2 Katsho ulsrayeli khathesi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 3 Kayitsho indlu kaAroni khathesi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 4 Kabatsho khathesi abayesabayo iNkosi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 5 Ngisesizini ngabiza iNkosi; iNkosi yangiphendula yangibeka endaweni ebanzi. 6 INkosi ingakimi, kangiyikwesaba; umuntu angenzani kimi? 7 INkosi ingakimi labangisizayo; ngakho mina ngizabona isiloyiso sami phezu kwabangizondayo. 8 Kungcono ukuphephela eNkosini kulokuthembela emuntwini. 9 Kungcono ukuphephela eNkosini kulokuthembela kuziphathamandla. 10 Zonke izizwe zangihanqa; kodwa ebizweni leNkosi ngizaziquma. 11 Zangihanqa, yebo zangihanqa; kodwa ebizweni leNkosi ngizaziquma. 12 Zangihanqa njengenyosi, zacitshwa njengomlilo wameva; kodwa ebizweni leNkosi ngizaziquma. 13 Wangigudlumeza lokugudlumeza ngize ngiwe; kodwa iNkosi yangisiza. 14 INkosi ingamandla lengoma yami, isibe lusindiso lwami. 15 Ilizwi lentokozo losindiso lisemathenteni abalungileyo; esokunene seNkosi senza ngamandla. 16 Esokunene seNkosi siphakanyisiwe, esokunene seNkosi senza ngamandla. 17 Kangiyikufa, kodwa ngizaphila, ngilandise imisebenzi yeNkosi. 18 INkosi ingijezisile kabuhlungu, kodwa kayinginikelanga ekufeni. 19 Ngivulelani amasango okulunga; ngingene ngawo, ngidumise iNkosi. 20 Yileli isango leNkosi; abalungileyo bazangena ngalo. 21 Ngizakudumisa, ngoba ungiphendule, usube lusindiso

Iwami. **22** Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo seliyinhloko yengonsi. **23**
Lokhu kwensiwa yiNkosi, kuyamangalisa emehlwani ethu. **24**
Lolu lusuku iNkosi eyalwenzayo, sizathaba sithokoze kulo.
25 Sindisa khathesi, Nkosi; ngiyakuncenga, ngiyakuncenga,
Nkosi, khathesi unike impumelelo. **26** Ubusisiwe oza ngebizo
leNkosi. Silibusisile sisendlini yeNkosi. **27** UNkulunkulu uyiNkosi,
osinike ukukhanya. Bopha umnikelo womkhosi ngezibopho
kuze kube sempondweni zelathi. **28** Wena unguNkulunkulu
wami, ngizakudumisa; Nkulunkulu wami, ngizakuphakamisa. **29**
Bongani iNkosi, ngoba ilungile; ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze
kube nininini.

119 Babusisiwe abaqotho endleleni, abahamba emlayweni
weNkosi. **2** Babusisiwe abagcina izifakazelo zayo, abayidinga
ngenthaliziyo yonke. **3** Njalo kabensi okubi, bahamba endleleni
zayo. **4** Wena usulayile ukugcina ngokukhuthala imithetho yakho.
5 Kungathi izindlela zami zingaqondiswa ukugcina izimiso zakho!
6 Khona ngingayikuyangeka, lapho nginanzeleta yonke imithetho
yakho. **7** Ngizakudumisa ngobuqotho benhliziyo, sengifunde
izahlulelo zokulunga kwakho. **8** Ngizagcina izimiso zakho.
Ungangitshiyi ngokupheleleyo. **9** Ijaha lingayihlanza ngani indlela
yalo? Ngokuqaphela njengokwelizwi lakho. **10** Ngikudingile
ngenthaliziyo yami yonke; ungangiphambuli emithethweni yakho.
11 Ilizwi lakho ngilifihlile enhliziweni yami, ukuze ngingoni kuwe.
12 Kawubongwe wena, Nkosi; ungifundise izimiso zakho. **13**
Ngezindebe zami ngilandisile zonke izahlulelo zomlomo wakho.
14 Ngithokozile ngendlela yezifakazelo zakho njengaphezu
kwenotho yonke. **15** Ngizazindla ngemithetho yakho, ngikhangele
ezindleleni zakho. **16** Ngizazithokozisa ngezimiso zakho;
kangiyikukhohlwa ilizwi lakho. **17** Iphathe kuhle inceku yakho,

ukuze ngiphile ngigcine ilizwi lakho. **18** Vula amehlo ami ukuze ngibone izimangaliso ezivela emlayweni wakho. **19** Ngijyisihambi emhlabeni; ungangifihleli imithetho yakho. **20** Umphefumulo wami uyadabuka ngenxa yokulangathela izahlulelo zakho ngaso sonke isikhathi. **21** Ukhuzile abaziqakisayo abaqalekisiweyo, abaduha emithethweni yakho. **22** Susa kimi ihlazo lokudelela, ngoba ngigcinile izifakazelo zakho. **23** Iziphathamandla lazo zahlala zakhuluma zimelene lami; inceku yakho yazindla ngezimiso zakho. **24** Izifakazelo zakho lazo ziyintokozo yami, zingabeluleki bami. **25** Umphefumulo wami unamathele ethulini; ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho. **26** Ngilandisile indlela zami, wangiphendula. Ngifundisa izimiso zakho. **27** Ngenze ngiqedisise indlela yemithetho yakho, ukuze ngikhulume ngezenzo zakho ezimangalisayo. **28** Umphefumulo wami uyathonta ngenxa yosizi; ngiqinisa ngokwelizwi lakho. **29** Susa kimi indlela yamanga, ungnike ngomusa umlayo wakho. **30** Ngikhethile indlela yeqiniso, ngibekile phambi kwami izahlulelo zakho. **31** Nginamathele ezifakazelweni zakho; Nkosi, ungangiyangisi. **32** Ngizagijima endleleni yemithetho yakho, ngoba uzakhulisa inhliziyi yami. **33** Ngifundisa, Nkosi, indlela yezimiso zakho, njalo ngizayigcinakuze kube sekupheleni. **34** Ngiphe ukuqedisisa ngibe sengigcina umlayo wakho, yebo ngiwulondoloze ngenhliziyi yonke. **35** Ngihambisa endleleni yemithetho yakho, ngoba ngiyathokoza ngayo. **36** Thobisela inhliziyi yami ezifakazelweni zakho, kungabi semhawini. **37** Susa amehlo ami ukuze angaboni okuyize; ungvuselele endleleni yakho. **38** Qinisa ilizwi lakho encekwini yakho ezinikele ukukwesaba. **39** Susa isigcono engisesabayo, ngoba izahlulelo zakho zilungile. **40** Khangela, ngiyalangatha imithetho yakho;

ngivuselela ekulungeni kwakho. **41** Lezisa zakho kazize kimi, Nkosi, usindiso lwakho ngokwelizwi lakho. **42** Khona ngizakuba lakho ukuphendula ongithukayo, ngoba ngiyathembela elizwini lakho. **43** Njalo ungasusi ngokupheleleyo emlonyeni wami ilizwi leqiniso, ngoba ngithembele ezahluelweni zakho. **44** Ngokunjalo ngizawugcina umlayo wakho njalonjalo, kuze kube phakade laphakade. **45** Ngizahamba ebubanzini, ngoba ngidinga imithetho yakho. **46** Njalo ngizakhuluma ngezifakazelo zakho phambi kwamakhosi, ngingayangeki. **47** Ngizithokozise ngemithetho yakho engiyithandileyo. **48** Ngizaphakamisela lezandla zami emithethweni yakho engiyithandileyo, ngizindle ngezimiso zakho. **49** Khumbula ilizwi encekwini yakho, ongenze ngathembela kulo. **50** Le yindudu zo yami ekuhluphekeni kwami, ngoba ilizwi lakho lingivuselele. **51** Abazigqajayo bangiklolodela kakhulukazi; kangiphambukanga emlayweni wakho. **52** Ngikhumbule izahlulelo zakho zasendulo, Nkosi, futhi ngiziduduzile. **53** Intukuthelo enkulu ingibamble ngenxa yababi abatshiya umlayo wakho. **54** Izimiso zakho zaba zingoma zami endlini yobuhambuma bami. **55** Ebusuku ngikhumbule ibizo lakho, Nkosi, ngigcine umlayo wakho. **56** Lokhu kwaba ngokwami ngoba ngigcinile imithetho yakho. **57** UJehova uyiabelo sami; ngithe ngizagcina amazwi akho. **58** Ngancenga ubuso bakho ngenhliziyo yonke; woba lomusa kimi ngokwelizwi lakho. **59** Ngazindla ngezindlela zami, ngaphendulela inyawo zami ezifakazelweni zakho. **60** Ngaphangisa, kangiphuzanga ukugcina imithetho yakho. **61** Amaxuku ababi angihanqile; kangikhohlwa umlayo wakho. **62** Phakathi kobusuku ngizavuka ukuze ngikubonge ngenxa yezahlulelo zokulunga kwakho. **63** Ngingumngane wabo bonke abakwesabayo, labagcina imithetho yakho. **64** Nkosi, umhlaba

ugcwele umusa wakho; ngifundisa izimiso zakho. **65** Wenzele
inceku yakho okuhle, Nkosi, ngokwelizwi lakho. **66** Ngifundisa
ingqondo enhle lolwazi, ngoba ngikholwa imithetho yakho. **67**
Ngingakahlupheki ngaduha, kodwa khathesi ngigcine ilizwi
lakho. **68** Wena ulungile, wenza okulungileyo; ngifundisa izimiso
zakho. **69** Abazigqajayo bangibhaceke ngamanga; ngenhliziyo
yonke mina ngizagcina imithetho yakho. **70** Inhliziyo yabo
inone njengamahwahwa; mina ngithokoza ngomlayo wakho. **71**
Kungilungele ukuthi niglilutshwe, ukuze ngifunde izimiso zakho.
72 Umlayo womlomo wakho ungcono kimi kulezinkulungwane
zegolide lezesiliva. **73** Izandla zakho zingenzile, zangibumba;
ngiphe ukuqedisisa ukuze ngifunde imithetho yakho. **74**
Abakwesabayo bazangibona bathokoze, ngoba ngithembele
elizwini lakho. **75** Ngiyazi, Nkosi, ukuthi izahlulelo zakho zilungile,
lokuthi ungihluphile ngokuthembeka. **76** Umusa wakho ake
ube yinduduzo yami njengokutsho kwakho encekwini yakho.
77 Izihawu zakho kazize kimi ukuze ngiphile, ngoba umlayo
wakho uyintokozo yami. **78** Abazigqajayo kabayangeke, ngoba
bangiphambukisa ngamanga; mina ngizazindla ngemithetho
yakho. **79** Kabaphendukele kimi abakwesabayo, labazi izifikazelo
zakho. **80** Inhliziyo yami kayiphelele ezimisweni zakho, ukuze
ngingayangeki. **81** Umphefumulo wami uyaphela ngokulangatha
usindiso lwakho; ngithembela elizwini lakho. **82** Amehlo ami
ayafiphala ngokulangatha ilizwi lakho, ngisithi: Uzangiduduza
nini? **83** Ngoba senginjengomgodla osentuthwini; kangikhohlwa
izimiso zakho. **84** Zingaki insuku zenceku yakho? Uzakwenza
nini isigwebo kwabangizingelayo? **85** Abazigqajayo bangigebhela
imigodi, okungenjengokomlayo wakho. **86** Yonke imithetho
yakho ithembekile; bangizingela ngamanga; ngisiza! **87** Baphosa

bangiqeda emhlabeni, kodwa mina kangitshiyanga imithetho yakho. **88** Ngivuselela ngokomusa wakho; ngibe sengicina isifakazelo somlomo wakho. **89** Laphakade, Nkosi, ilizwi lakho limi emazulwini. **90** Uthembeko lwakho lusesizukulwaneni lesizukulwana; wamisa umhlaba, usemi. **91** Ngokwezimiso zakho kusemi lamuhla, ngoba konke kuzinceku zakho. **92** Uba umlayo wakho ubungesizo intokozo zami, ngabe sengibhubhele ekuhluphekeni kwami. **93** Laphakade kangiyikukhohlwa imithetho yakho, ngoba ungvuselele ngayo. **94** Ngingowakho, ungisindise; ngoba ngiyidingle imithetho yakho. **95** Ababi bangilinnde ukungibhubhis; ngiyananzelela izifakazelo zakho. **96** Ngibonile ukucina kwakho konke ukuphelela, kodwa umlayo wakho ubanzi kakhulu. **97** Ngiwuthanda kangakanani umlayo wakho! Usuku lonke uyikuzindla kwami. **98** Ngemithetho yakho uyangihlakaniphisa kulezitha zami, ngoba ilami kuze kube nininini. **99** Ngilokuqedisisa kulabo bonke abafundisi bami, ngoba izifakazelo zakho ziyikuzindla kwami. **100** Ngiyaqedisisa kulabadala, ngoba ngigcina imithetho yakho. **101** Ngizingqandile inyawo zami kuyo yonke indlela embi, ukuze ngigcine ilizwi lakho. **102** Kangiphambukanga kuzahlulelo zakho, ngoba wena ungifundisile. **103** Amnandi kangakanani amazwi akho ekunambitheni kwami, okwedlula uluju emlonyeni wami! **104** Emithethweni yakho ngizuza ukuqedisisa; ngenxa yalokho ngizonda yonke indlela yamanga. **105** Ilizwi lakho liyisibane enyaweni lwami, lokukhanya endleleni yami. **106** Ngifungile, ngizakuqinisa, ukugcina izahlulelo zokulunga kwakho. **107** Ngiyahlupheka kakhulukazi; Nkosi, ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho. **108** Nkosi, yemukela iminikelo yesihle yomlomo wami, ungifundise izahlulelo zakho. **109** Umphefumulo wami usesandleni

sami njalonjalo, kodwa kangikhohlwa umlayo wakho. **110**
Ababi bangibekele umjibila, kodwa kangiduhanga emithethweni
yakho. **111** Ngidle ilifa lezifakazelo zakho kuze kube nininini,
ngoba ziyintokozo yenhlizyo yami. **112** Ngithobe inhlizyo yami
ukwenza izimiso zakho njalonjalo, kuze kube sekupheleni.
113 Ngiyabazonda abanhliziyombili, kodwa umlayo wakho
ngiyawuthanda. **114** Wena uyisiphephelo sami lesihlangu
sami; ngithemba elizwini lakho. **115** Sukani kimi benzi bobubi,
ngoba ngigcine imithetho kaNkulunkulu wami. **116** Ngisekela
ngokwelizwi lakho ukuze ngiphile, ungangiyangisi ngethemba
lam. **117** Ngisekela ngibe sengisindiswa, ngizananzelela
izimiso zakho njalonjalo. **118** Uyabeyisa bonke abaduha
ezimisweni zakho, ngoba ubuqili babo bungamanga. **119** Uyasusa
bonke ababi bomhlaba njengamanyele; ngakho ngiyazithanda
izifakazelo zakho. **120** Inyama yami iyathuthumela ngovalo
ngawe, ngesaba izigwebo zakho. **121** Ngenzile ukwahlulela
lokulunga; ungangiyekeli kubacindezel bami. **122** Mela inceku
yakho kube kuhle, abazigqajayo kabangangicindezel. **123**
Amehlo ami aphelela usindiso lwakho, lelizwi lokulunga kwakho.
124 Yenza encekwini yakho ngokomusa wakho, ungifundise
izimiso zakho. **125** Ngiyinceku yakho; ngiphe ukuqedisisa,
ukuze ngazi izifakazelo zakho. **126** Sekuyisikhathi seNkosi
sokuthi isebenze, ngoba bawephule umlayo wakho. **127**
Ngakho-ke ngiyayithanda imithetho yakho kakhulu kulegolide,
yebo, kulegolide elicwengekileyo. **128** Ngalokho imithetho
yakho yonke mayelana lazo zonke izinto ngiyibona iqondile;
yonke indlela yamanga ngiyayizonda. **129** Izifakazelo zakho
ziyamangalisa; ngakho-ke umphefumulo wami uyazigcina. **130**
Ukuvulwa kwamazwi akho kuyakhanyisa, kunika ukuqedisisa

kwabangelalwazi. **131** Ngavula umlomo wami, ngaphefuzela, ngoba ngalangazelela imithetho yakho. **132** Phendukela kimi, ube lomusa kimi, njengomkhuba kulabo abathanda ibizo lakho. **133** Qinisa izinyathelo zami ngelizwi lakho, njalo kabungabusi phezu kwami labubi. **134** Ngikhulula kucindezelo lwabantu, ukuze ngigcine imithetho yakho. **135** Khanyisa ubuso bakho phezu kwenceku yakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho. **136** Imifula yamanzi iyehla emehlwani ami, ngoba kabagcini umlayo wakho. **137** Wena, Nkosi, ulungile, ziqondile izahlulelo zakho. **138** Ulayile izifakazelo zakho ekulungeni lekuthembekeni okukhulu. **139** Uktutshiseka kwami kungiqedile, ngoba izitha zami zikhohlwe amazwi akho. **140** Ilizwi lakho licwengenkile kakhulu; ngakho inceku yakho iyalithanda. **141** Ngimncinyane, ngidelelekile; imithetho yakho kangiyikhohlwa. **142** Ukulunga kwakho kuyikulunga kuze kube phakade, lomlayo wakho uliqiniso. **143** Ucinderezelo lohlupho kungifumene; imithetho yakho izintokozo zami. **144** Ukulunga kwezfakazelo zakho kungokwaphakade; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ukuze ngiphile. **145** Ngakhala ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ngiphendula, Nkosi. Ngizagcina izimiso zakho. **146** Ngikhalela kuwe; ngisindisa, njalo ngizagcina izifakazelo zakho. **147** Ngandulela uvivi, ngakhala; ngathembela elizwini lakho. **148** Amehlo ami aqalela imilindo yobusuku, ukuze ngizindle elizwini lakho. **149** Zwana ilizwi lami ngokomusa wakho; Nkosi, ngivuselela ngokwesahlulelo sakho. **150** Bayasondela abazingeli bobubi, bakhatshana lomlayo wakho. **151** Wena useduze, Nkosi, lemithetho yakho yonke iliqiniso. **152** Sekukade ngisazi ngemilayo yakho ukuthi uyisekele kuze kube nininini. **153** Khangela ukuhlupheka kwami, ungikhulule, ngoba kangiwukhohlwa umlayo wakho. **154** Mela udaba lwami, ungihlenge; ngivuselela

ngokwelizwi lakho. **155** Usindiso lukhatshana lababi, ngoba kabadingi izimiso zakho. **156** Izihawu zakho, Nkosi, zinkulu; ngivuselela ngokwezahlulelo zakho. **157** Banengi abangizingelayo labayizitha zami; kangiphambuki ezifakazelweni zakho. **158** Ngabona abaphambuki, ngacunuka, ngoba kabagcinanga ilizwi lakho. **159** Bona ukuthi ngiyayithanda imithetho yakho. Ngivuselela, Nkosi, ngokothandolomusa wakho. **160** Ilizwi lakho liliqiniso kwasekuqaleni, laso sonke isahlulelo sakho esilungileyo simi kuze kube nininini. **161** Iziphathamandla zingizingela kungelasizatho; kodwa inhlizyo yami ilovalo ngamazwi akho. **162** Ngiyathokoza ngelizwi lakho njengothole impango enkulu. **163** Amanga ngiyawazonda ngiyawenyanja; umlayo wakho ngiyawuthanda. **164** Kasikhombisa ngosuku ngiyakudumisa ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho ezilungileyo. **165** Balokuthula okukhulu abathanda umlayo wakho; njalo kakulasikhube kiso kubo. **166** Ngilindele usindiso Iwakho, Nkosi, ngiyayenza imithetho yakho. **167** Umphefumulo wami uyazigcina izifakazelo zakho, ngiyazithanda kakhulu. **168** Ngiyagcina imithetho yakho lezifakazelo zakho, ngoba zonke indlela zami ziphambi kwakho. **169** Ukukhala kwami kakusondele kuwe, Nkosi; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ngokwelizwi lakho. **170** Ukuncenga kwami kakufike phambi kwakho; ngikhulula ngokwelizwi lakho. **171** Indebe zami zizathulula indumiso, ngoba ungifundisile izimiso zakho. **172** Ulimi Iwami Iuzakhulumu ilizwi lakho, ngoba yonke imithetho yakho iyikulunga. **173** Isandla sakho kasibe lusizo Iwami, ngoba ngikhethile imithetho yakho. **174** Ngiyalangazelela usindiso Iwakho, Nkosi, lomlayo wakho uyintokozo yami. **175** Kawuphile umphefumulo wami, njalo uzakudumisa, lezahlulelo zakho

zingisize. 176 Ngiduhile njengemvu elahlekileyo; dinga inceku yakho, ngoba kangikhohlwa imithetho yakho.

120 Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngakhala eNkosini, yangiphendula.
2 Nkosi, khulula umphefumulo wami kundebe zamanga, kulimi lwenkohliso. 3 Uzanikwani, njalo kuzakwengezelelwani kuwe, limi lwenkohliso? 4 Imitshoko ebukhali yeqhawe, lamalahle avuthayo esihlahla serotemu! 5 Maye kimi, ngoba ngahlala njengowezizwe koMesheki, ngahlala emathenteni eKedari! 6 Umphefumulo wami sekukade wahlala laye ozonda ukuthula. 7 Ngingowokuthula, kodwa lapho ngikhuluma, bangabempi.

121 Ngizaphakamisela amehlo ami ezintabeni, lapho usizo lwami oluzavela khona. 2 Usizo lwami luvela eNkosini, eyenza amazulu lomhlaba. 3 Kayiyikuvuma ukuthi unyawo lwakho lutshelele; umlondolozi wakho kayikuwozela. 4 Khangela, umlondolozi kalsrayeli kayikuwozela njalo kayikulala. 5 INkosi ingumlondolozi wakho; iNkosi ingumthunzi wakho esandleni sakho sokunene. 6 Ilanga kaliyikukutshaya emini, lenyanga ebusuku. 7 INkosi izakulondoloza kukho konke okubi; izalondoloza umphefumulo wakho. 8 INkosi izalondoloza ukuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho, kusukela khathesi kuze kube phakade.

122 Ngathokoza lapho besithi kimi: Kasiye endlini yeNkosi.
2 Inyawo zethu zimi emasangweni akho, Jerusalema. 3 IJerusalema yakhiwe njengomuzi ohlangeneyo ngokwawo, 4 lapho izizwe ezenyukela khona, izizwe zeNkosi, kubufakazi bukalsrayeli, ukuze zibonge ibizo leNkosi. 5 Ngoba kumiswe khona izihlalo zobukhosи zesahlulelo, izihlalo zobukhosи zendlu kaDavida. 6 Khulekelani ukuthula kweJerusalema;

bazaphumelela abakuthandayo. 7 Kakube khona ukuthula phakathi kwemiduli yakho, inhlalakahle ezigodlwini zakho. 8 Ngenxa yabafowethu labangane bami sengizakuthi: Ukuthula kakube phakathi kwakho. 9 Ngenxa yendlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ngizakudingela okuhle.

123 Ngiyaphakamisela kuwe amehlo ami, wena ohlezi emazulwini. 2 Khangela, njengalokhu amehlo ezinceku engasesandleni senkosi yazo, njengamehlo encekukazi engasesandleni senkosikazi yayo, ngokunjalo amehlo ethu angaseNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu, ize ibe lesihawu kithi. 3 Woba lesihawu kithi, Nkosi, woba lesihawu kithi, ngoba sigcwele kakhulu yikudelelwa. 4 Umphefumulo wethu ugcwele kakhulu yikukloloda kwabonwabileyo, yikudelela kwabazigqajayo.

124 Uba kwakungesiNkosi eyayilathi, katsho-ke ulsrayeli; 2 uba kwakungesiNkosi eyayilathi, lapho abantu besivukela, 3 ngabe basinya siphila, ekuvutheni kolaka lwabo kithi; 4 ngabe amanzi agijima phezu kwethu, lempophoma yedlula phezu komphefumulo wethu; 5 ngabe amanzi aqubukayo edlula phezu komphefumulo wethu. 6 Kayibongwe iNkosi, engasinikelanga ukuthi sibe yimpango emazinyweni abo. 7 Umphefumulo wethu uphunyukile njengenyoni emjibileni wabathiyi; umjibila uqamukile, thina sasesiphunyuka. 8 Usizo lwethu lusebizweni leNkosi eyenza amazulu lomhlaba.

125 Labo abathembela eNkosini banjengentaba iZiyonienganyikinyekiyo, emi kuze kube phakade. 2 Njengezintaba ziyipahlile iJerusalema, ngokunjalo iNkosi iyabaphahla abantu bayo kusukela kulesisikhathi kuze kube nininini. 3 Ngoba intonga yobukhosu yobubi kayiyikuhlala phezu kwesabelo sabalungileyo, ukuze abalungileyo bangeluleli izandla

zabo kokubi. 4 Nkosi, yenza okuhle kubo abalungileyo lakubo
abaqotho enhliziyweni zabo. 5 Kodwa labo abaphambukela
ezindleleni zabo ezitshekileyo iNkosi izabenza bahambe labenzi
bobubi. Ukuthula phezu kukalsrayeli!

126 Lapho iNkosi ibuyisa abathunjiwego beZiyoni, saba
njengabaphuphayo. 2 Umlomo wethu wasugcwala uhleko,
lolimi lwethu ukuhlabelela. Basebesithi phakathi kwezizwe:
INkosi ibenzele izinto ezinkulu. 3 INkosi isenzele izinto
ezinkulu; siyathokoza. 4 Buyisa, Nkosi, ukuthunjwa kwethu,
njengezifula zeningizimu. 5 Abahlanyela ngezinyembezi
bazavuna ngentokozo. 6 Yena ohamba ahambe ekhala
inyembezi, ephethe inhlanyelo yokuhlanyela, isibili uzabuya
ethokoza, ethwele inyanda zakhe.

127 Uba iNkosi ingayakhi indlu, basebenzela ize kiyo
abayakhayo. Uba iNkosi ingawulondolozi umzi, umlindi ulindela
ize. 2 Kuyize kini ukuthi livuke ngovivi, lihlale kuze kube
sebusuku, lidle ukudla kosizi; ngokunjalo iyamnika ubuthongo
othandiwego wayo. 3 Khangela, abantwana bayilifa leNkosi,
isithelo sesizalo singumvuzo. 4 Njengemitshoko esandleni
seqhawe, banjalo abantwana bobutsha. 5 Ibusisiwe indoda
egcwalise umxhaka wayo ngabo; kabayikuyangeka ngoba
bazakhuluma lezitha esangweni.

128 Ubusisiwe wonke oyesabayo iNkosi, ohamba endleleni
zayo. 2 Ngoba uzakudla umsebenzi wezandla zakho; uzathokoza,
njalo kuzakuba kuhle kuwe. 3 Umkakho uzakuba njengevini
elithelayo emaceleni endlu yakho, abantwana bakho bazakuba
njengamahlumela omhlwathi bezingelezele itafula lakho. 4 Ngoba
khangela, ngokunjalo izabusiswa indoda eyesabayo iNkosi. 5
INkosi izakubusisa iseZiyoni, njalo ubone okuhle kweJerusalema

insuku zonke zempilo yakho, **6** yebo, uzabona abantwana
babantwana bakho. Ukuthula kakube phezu kukalsrayeli!

129 Kanengi bangihluphile kusukela ebutsheni bami, katsho-
ke ulsrayeli, **2** kanengi bangihluphile kusukela ebutsheni bami,
kanti kabangehlulanga. **3** Abalimi balima emhlana wami, bayenza
yaba mide imifolo yabo. **4** INkosi ilungile, iqumile intambo zababi.
5 Kabayangeke babuyiselwe emuva bonke abazonda iZiyoni.
6 Kababe njengotshani ephahleni, obubuna bungakakhuli, **7**
ovunayo angagcwali ngabo isandla sakhe, lalowo obopha
izithungo isifuba sakhe. **8** Labadlulayo bangatsho ukuthi:
Isibusiso seNkosi kasibe phezu kwenu; siyalibusisa ebizweni
leNkosi.

130 Ngisenzikini ngakhalela kuwe, Nkosi. **2** Nkosi, zwana
ilizwi lami, indlebe zakho zilalele ilizwi lokuncenga kwami. **3** Uba
wena, Nkosi, uqaphela iziphambeko, Nkosi, ngubani ongema? **4**
Kodwa kuwe kulothethelo, ukuze wesatshwe. **5** Ngiyilindele
iNkosi, umphefumulo wami ulindile, lelizwini layo ngiyathemba.
6 Umphefumulo wami ulindela iNkosi okwedlula abalindele
ukusa, belinndelete ukusa. **7** Ulsrayeli kathembele eNkosini; ngoba
eNkosini kulothandolomusa, njalo kuyo kulohlengo olunengi. **8**
Yona-ke izahlenga ulsrayeli kuzo zonke iziphambeko zakhe.

131 Nkosi, inhlizyo yami kayikhukhumali, lamehlo ami
kawaphakami, njalo kangihambi ezintweni ezinkulu lezintweni
ezimangalisayo kakhulu kimi. **2** Sibili ngichumisile ngathulisa
umphefumulo wami, njengolunyuliwego kunina; umphefumulo
wami unjengolunyuliwego phakathi kwami. **3** Ulsrayeli kathembele
eNkosini kusukela khathesi kuze kuge laphakade.

132 Khumbula, Nkosi, uDavida, izinhlupheko zakhe zonke, 2
ukuthi wafunga eNkosini, wathembisa kuSomandla kaJakobe:
3 Qotho, kangiyikungena ethenteni lendlu yami, qotho,
kangiyikwenyukela ecansini lombheda wami; 4 qotho,
kangiyikunika amehlo ami ubuthongo, ukuwozela ezinkopheni
zami, 5 ngize njiyitholele iNkosi indawo, indawo zokuhlala
uSomandla kaJakobe. 6 Khangela, sakuzwa eEfratha, sakuthola
emasimini egusu. 7 Sizangena ezindlini zayo zokuhlala,
sikhonze esenabelweni senyawo zayo. 8 Sukuma, Nkosi,
uye ekuphumuleni kwakho, wena lomtshokotsho wamandla
akho! 9 Abapristi bakho kabembeswe ukulunga, labangcwele
bakho bathabe kakhulu. 10 Ngenxa yenceku yakho uDavida
ungafulathelisi ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho. 11 INkosi yafunga
ngeqiniso kuDavida, kayiyikubuyela emuva kilo: Owesithelo
sesizalo sakho ngizambeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhos. 12
Uba abantwana bakho begcina isivumelwano sami lezifakazelo
zami engizabafundisa zona, labantwana babo bazahlala
esihlalweni sakho sobukhos kuze kube nini lanini. 13 Ngoba
iNkosi iyikhethile iZiyoni, iyifisile ibe yindawo yayo yokuhlala.
14 Le yindawo yami yokuphumula kuze kube nini lanini;
lapha ngizahlala, ngoba ngiyifisile. 15 Ngizabusisa kakhulu
ukudla kwayo, ngisuthise abayanga bayo ngesinkwa. 16
Labapristi bayo ngizabembathisa usindiso, labangcwele bayo
bazahlabelela kakhulu ngenjabulo. 17 Lapho ngizahlumisa
uphondo lukaDavida; ngimisele ogcotshiweyo wami isibane.
18 Izitha zakhe ngizazembathisa ihlazo, kodwa phezu kwakhe
uzakhazimula umqhele wakhe wobukhos.

133 Khangela, kuhle kangakanani njalo kumandi kangakanani
ukuhlala kwabazalwane ndawonye ngitsho babe munye. 2

Kufanana lamafutha amahle phezu kwekhanda, ehlela endevini,
indevu zikaAroni, ehlele emphethweni wezemba³tho zakhe,
njengamazolo eHermoni, ehlela entaben⁴i zeZiyoni; ngoba lapho
iNkosi yalaya isibusiso, impilo kuze kube phakade.

134 Khangelani, libonge iNkosi lina lonke zinceku zeNkosi,
elimi endlini yeNkosi ebusuku. **2** Phakamiselani izandla zenu
endaweni engcwele, libonge iNkosi. **3** INkosi eyenza amazulu
lomhlaba kayilibusise iseZiyoni.

135 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani ibizo leNkosi, dumisani lina
zinceku zeNkosi, **2** elimi endlini yeNkosi, emagumeni endlu
kaNkulunkulu wethu. **3** Dumisani iNkosi, ngoba iNkosi ilungile;
hlabelelani indumiso ebizweni layo, ngoba kumnandi. **4** Ngoba
iNkosi izikhethelle uJakobe, ulsrayeli abe ngokuligugu kwakhe
okukhethekileyo. **5** Ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi iNkosi inkulu,
ukuthi iNkosi yethu iphezu kwabo bonke onkulunkulu. **6**
Konke iNkosi ekuthandayo iyakwenza, emazulwini lemhlaben⁶,
ezinlwandle lenzikini zonke. **7** Yenza izinkungu zenyuke
emikhawulweni yomhlaba, yenzela izulu imibane, ikhupha umoya
eziphaleni zayo. **8** Eyatshaya izibulo leGibhithe, kusukela
emuntwini kuze kube senyamazaneni. **9** Yathumela izibonakaliso
lezimangaliso phakathi kwakho, Gibhithe, phezu kukaFaro
laphezu kwenceku zakhe zonke. **10** Eyatshaya izizwe ezinengi,
yabulala amakhosi alamandla, **11** uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori,
loOgi inkosi yeBashani, layo yonke imibuso yeKhanani, **12**
yanikela ilizwe labo laba yilifa, ilifa likalsrayeli, isizwe sayo.
13 Nkosi, ibizo lakho limi kuze kube phakade, ukukhunjulwa
kwakho, Nkosi, kusizukulwana ngesizukulwana. **14** Ngoba iNkosi
izakwehlulela abantu bayo, izazisola mayelana lezinceu zayo.
15 Izithombe zezizwe ziysi¹⁵liva legolide, umsebenzi wezandla

zomuntu. **16** Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhului; zilamehlo, kodwa kaziboni; **17** zilendlebe, kodwa kazizwa; lomoya kawukho emlonyeni wazo. **18** Abazenzayo bafanana lazo, laye wonke othembela kuzo. **19** Wena ndlu kalsrayeli, bongani iNkosi; wena ndlu kaAroni, bongani iNkosi; **20** wena ndlu kaLevi, bongani iNkosi. Lina eliyesabayo iNkosi, bongani iNkosi. **21** Kayibongwe iNkosi iseZiyoni, ehlala eJerusalema. Dumisani iNkosi!

136 Bongani iNkosi ngoba ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **2** Bongani uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, ngoba isihawu sakhe simi kuze kube nininini. **3** Bongani iNkosi yamakhosi, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **4** Yona yodwa eyenza izimangaliso ezinkulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **5** eyenza amazulu ngokuhlakanipha, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **6** eyendlala umhlaba phezu kwamanzi, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **7** eyenza izikhanyiso ezinkulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **8** ilanga ukubusa emini, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **9** inyanga lezinkanyezi ukubusa ebusuku, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **10** Yona eyatshaya amaGibhithe kumazibulo awo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **11** yakhupha ulsrayeli phakathi kwabo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **12** ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **13** Yona eyehlukanisa uLwandle oluBomvu lwaba yiziqamu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **14** yenza ulsrayeli adabule phakathi kwalo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **15** kodwa yathintithela uFaro lebutho lakhe oLwandle oluBomvu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **16** Yona eyakhokhela abantu bayo enkangala, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube

nininini. **17** Yona eyatshaya amakhosi amakhulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **18** yabulala amakhosi adumileyo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **19** uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **20** loOgi inkosi yeBashani, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **21** yanika ilizwe labo laba yilifa, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **22** ilifa kulsrayeli inceku yayo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **23** Eyasikhumbula ebuphansini bethu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; **24** yasophula ezitheni zethu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **25** Enika yonke inyama ukudla, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. **26** Bongani uNkulunkulu wamazulu, ngoba isihawu sakhe simi kuze kube nininini.

137 Emifuleni yeBhabhiloni sahlala phansi khona, yebo sakhala inyembezi, lapho sikhumbula iZiyoni. **2** Amachacho ethu sawaphanyeka eminyezaneni phakathi kwayo. **3** Ngoba khonapho abasithumbayo basicela amazwi engoma, labasimotshayo bacela injabulo besithi: Sihlabeleleni enye yezingoma zeZiyoni. **4** Singahlabela njani ingoma yeNkosi elizweni lemzini? **5** Uba ngikukhohlwa, Jerusalema, isandla sami sokunene kasikhohlwe ubungitshi. **6** Ulimi Iwami kalunamathele elwangeni Iwami, uba ngingakukhumbuli, uba ngingaphakamisi iJerusalema phezu kwentokozo yami enkulu. **7** Khumbula, Nkosi, ngabantwana bakoEdoma, ngosuku IweJerusalema, abathi: Dilizani, dilizani, kuze kube sesisekelweni sayo. **8** Ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni, ozabhujswa, ubusisiwe ozaphindisela kuwe isenzo osenze kithi. **9** Ubusisiwe ozabamba asakaze abantwana bakho edwaleni.

138 Ngizakubonga ngenhlizyo yami yonke; phambi kwabonkulunkulu ngizakuhlabelela indumiso. **2** Ngizakhonza

ngikhangele ngasethempelini lakho elingcwele, ngidumise ibizo lakho ngenxa yothando lwakho langenxa yobuqotho bakho; ngoba ukhulisile ilizwi lakho phezu kwalo lonke ibizo lakho. 3 Ngosuku engakhala ngalo wangiphendula, wangiqinisa ngamandla emphefumulweni wami. 4 Wonke amakhosi omhlaba azakudumisa, Nkosi, ngoba azwile amazwi omlomo wakho. 5 Yebo, azahlabelela ngezindlela zeNkosi, ngoba lukhulu udumo lweNkosi. 6 Loba iNkosi iphakeme, kube kanti iyabona othobekileyo; kodwa oziggajayo iyamazi ekhatshana. 7 Loba ngihamba phakathi kwenhlupheko, uzangiphilisa; uzakwelula isandla sakho umelana lolaka lezitha zami, lesandla sakho sokunene sizangisindisa. 8 INkosi izaphelelisa okumayelana lami; uthando lwakho, Nkosi, lumi kuze kube nininini. Ungatshiyi imisebenzi yezandla zakho.

139 Nkosi, unghlolile, uyangazi. 2 Wena uyakwazi ukuhlala kwami lokusukuma kwami; uyaqedisisa imicabango yami ukhatshana. 3 Uyahlungula ukuhamba kwami lokulala kwami, uzejwayele indlela zami zonke. 4 Ngoba kalikho ilizwi elimini lwami, khangelia Nkosi, usulazi lonke. 5 Ungizingelezile emuva langaphambili, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwami. 6 Lolulwazi lumangalisa kakhulu kimi; luhakeme, kangilakho ukufinyelela kulo. 7 Ngizakuya ngaphi ngisuke kuMoya wakho? Kumbe ngizabalekela ngaphi ngisuke ebusweni bakho? 8 Uba ngisenyukela emazulwini, lapho ukhona; uba ngisendlala icansi lami esihogweni, khangelia, ukhona. (*Sheol h7585*) 9 Uba ngithatha amaphiko okusa, ngihlale emikhawulweni yolwandle, 10 lapho isandla sakho sizangikhokhela, lesokunene sakho singibambe. 11 Uba ngisithi: Isibili umnyama uzangifihla, ngitsho ubusuku buzakuba yikukhanya kimi inhlangothi

zonke. **12** Ngitsho umnyama kawufihli kuwe, kodwa ubusuku bukhanya njengemini; njengomnyama kunjalo ukukhanya kuwe. **13** Ngoba wena ungumnini wezinso zami, wangeluka esiswini sikamama. **14** Ngizakudumisa, ngenxa yokuthi ngenziwe ngokwesabekayo, ngokumangalisayo. Imisebenzi yakho iyamangalisa; lomphefumulo wami uyawkwazi kuhle kakhulu. **15** Amathambo ami ayengafihlekanga kuwe, lapho ngangisenziwa ekusithekeni, ngenziwa ngobuciko ezindaweni ezizikileyo zomhlaba. **16** Amehlo akho abona ibumba lami; legwalweni lwakho zonke lezi zabhalwa, izinsuku okwabunjwa ngazo, kungakabikho lakunye kwakho. **17** Iiligugu kangakanani ke kimi imicabango yakho, O Nkulunkulu; bukhulu kangakanani ubunengi bayo! **18** Uba ngingayibala, minengi kuletshebetshebe. Lapho ngivuka, ngilokhu ngilawe. **19** Isibili uzambulala omubi, Nkulunkulu! Ngakho lina bantu abomele igazi sukani kimi; **20** abakhulumu ngenkohliso ngawe, ziphattha ngeze ibizo lakho, izitha zakho. **21** Kangibazondi yini, Nkosi, abakuzondayo, nginengwe ngabakuvukelayo? **22** Ngiyabazonda ngenzondo epheleleyo; sebeyizitha kimi. **23** Ngihlola, Nkulunkulu, uyazi inhliziyo yami; ngilinga, uyazi imicabango yami, **24** ubone ukuthi ikhona indlela embi kimi yini, ungikhokhele endleleni ephakade.

140 Ngikhulula, Nkosi, emuntwini omubi, ungilondoloze emuntwini olesihluku, **2** abaceba izinto ezimbi enhliziyweni, usuku lonke babuthanela izimpi. **3** Balola ulimi lwabo njengenyoka, ubuhlungu bebululu bungaphansi kwendebe zabo. (Sela) **4** Ngilondoloze, Nkosi, ezandleni zomubi, ungivikele emuntwini olesihluku; abaceba ukuwisa inyawo zami. **5** Abazigqajayo bangifihlele umjibila, lezintambo, bendlala imbule eceleni kwendlela; bangibekela izithiyo. (Sela) **6** Ngithe eNkosini: Wena

unguNkulunkulu wami. Beka indlebe elizwini lokuncenga kwami, Nkosi. **7** Jehova, Nkosi, mandla osindiso lwami, wembese ikhanda lami osukwini lwezikhali. **8** Unganiki, Nkosi, izifiso zomubi, ungaphumelelisi icebo lakhe elibi, hlezi baziphakamise. (Sela) **9** Ngekhanda labangihanqileyo, ububi bendebe zabo kabubembese. **10** Kakuthi amalahle atshisayo akhithikele phezu kwabo, ubawisela emlilweni, emigodini etshonayo, ukuze bangavuki. **11** Umuntu wolimi kangamiswa elizweni; umuntu olesihluku, ububi buzamzingela kube yikuwiswa kwakhe. **12** Ngiyazi ukuthi iNkosi izasebenza udaba lohluphekayo, ilungelo labayanga. **13** Isibili abalungileyo bazalidumisa ibizo lakho; abaqotho bazahlala ebusweni bakho.

141 Nkosi, ngiyakhala kuwe; phangisa uze kimi; beka indlebe elizwini lami lapho ngikhala kuwe. **2** Umkhuleko wami kawumiswe njengempepha phambi kwakho, ukuphakanyiswa kwezandla zami njengomnikelo wakusihlwa. **3** Nkosi, bekela umlomo wami umlindi, gcina umnyango wendebe zami. **4** Ungaphenduleli inhliziyo yami entweni embi, ukuthi ngenze izenzo ezimbi kanye labantu abenza ububi, ngingadli ezibilibocweni zabo. **5** Olungileyo kangitshaye ethandwenilomusa, angisole; kuzakuba ngamafutha ekhanda, ikhanda lami kalingawali, ngoba lomkhuleko wami usezakuba sezinhluphekweni zabo. **6** Abahluleli babo baphoselwa emaceleni edwala, bazakuzwa amazwi ami ngoba amnandi. **7** Amathambo ethu ahlakazekile emlonyeni wengcwaba njengobandayo adabule emhlabathini. (Sheol h7585) **8** Kodwa amehlo ami akuwe, Jehova, Nkosi; ngithembele kuwe; ungawuchayi umphefumulo wami. **9** Ngicina emandleni omjibila abangibekele wona, lezithiyo zabenzi bobubi. **10** Ababi kabawele emambuleni abo kanye, ngize ngidlule mina.

142 Ngakhalela eNkosini ngelizwi lami, ngelizwi lami eNkosini ngancenga. 2 Ngathulula isikhala zo sami phambi kwayo, ngatshengisa ukuhlupheka kwami phambi kwayo. 3 Lapho umoya wami uphela amandla phakathi kwami, wena wayazi indlela yami. Endleleni engihamba ngayo bangifihlele umjibila. 4 Khangela ngakwesokunene, ubone, kodwa wayengetho ongaziyo; isiphephelo sangehlula, kakho owakhathalela umphefumulo wami. 5 Ngakhalela kuwe, Nkosi, ngathi: Wena uyisiphephelo sami, isabelo sami elizweni labaphilayo. 6 Lalela ukukhala kwami, ngoba ngehliselwe phansi kakhulu. Ngikhulula kwabangizingelayo, ngoba balamandla kulami. 7 Khupha umphefumulo wami entolongweni, ukuze ngidumise ibizo lakho. Abalungileyo bazangibuthanelo, ngoba uzangiphatha kuhle kakhulu.

143 Nkosi, zwana umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe ekuncengeni kwami. Ungiphendule ngothembeko lwakho, ngokulunga kwakho. 2 Njalo ungangeni kusahlulelo lenceku yakho, ngoba phambi kobuso bakho kakho ophilayo ozalungisiswa. 3 Ngoba isitha sizingele umphefumulo wami, sacindezelela impilo yami emhlabathini, sangenza ngahlala emnyameni omkhulu, njengabakade bafa. 4 Ngakho umoya wami uphela amandla phakathi kwami, lenhliziyo yami ithithibele phakathi kwami. 5 Ngikhumbula insuku zekadeni, ngizindla ngazo zonke izenzo zakho, nginakane ngomsebenzi wezandla zakho. 6 Ngelulela izandla zami kuwe; umphefumulo wami womele wena njengomhlaba owomileyo. (Sela) 7 Phangisa ungiphendule, Nkosi; umoya wami uyaphela. Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho, hlezi ngibe njengalabo abehlela emgodini. 8 Ngizwisa uthandolomusa wakho ekuseni, ngoba ngiyathemba kuwe.

Ungazise indlela engingahamba ngayo, ngoba ngiyaphakamisela kuwe umphemfumulo wami. **9** Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, Nkosi; ngizifihlile kuwe. **10** Ngifundisa ukwenza intando yakho, ngoba wena unguNkulunkulu wami. UMoya wakho muhle, ngikhokhelele elizweni lokuqonda. **11** Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Nkosi, ngiphilisa. Ngokulunga kwakho khupha umphemfumulo wami ekuhluphekeni. **12** Langomusa wakho chitha izitha zami, ubhubhise bonke abahlupha umphemfumulo wami, ngoba ngiyinceku yakho.

144 Kayibongwe iNkosi, idwala lami, efundisela izandla zami impi, iminwe yami ukulwa; **2** umusa wami, lenqaba yami, umphotshongo wami ophakemeyo, lomkhululi wami, isihlangu sami, lengiphephela kuyo, ethobisa abantu bami ngaphansi kwami. **3** Nkosi, umuntu uyini ukuthi umazi? Indodana yomuntu ukuthi uyinanze? **4** Umuntu unjengeze, insuku zakhe zinjengesithunzi esidlulayo. **5** Nkosi, kothamisa amazulu akho, wehle; thinta izintaba ukuze zithunqe. **6** Phazimisa umbane, ubachithe, uthumele imitshoko yakho, ubahlakaze. **7** Yelula isandla sakho uphezulu, ungikhulule, ungophule emanzini amanengi, esandleni sabantwana besizwe, **8** abamlomo wabo ukhuluma amanga, lesandla sabo sokunene singesokunene senkohliso. **9** Ngizahlabelela kuwe ingoma entsha, Nkulunkulu; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuwe ngogubhu olulentambo ezilitshumi. **10** Wena onika amakhosi usindiso, okhulula uDavida inceku yakho enkembeni embi. **11** Ngophula, ungikhulule esandleni sabantwana besizwe, abamlomo wabo ukhuluma amanga, lesandla sabo sokunene singesokunene senkohliso. **12** Ukuthi amadodana ethu abe njengezilimo ezikhula ebutsheni bazo, amadodakazi ethu njengamatshe engonsi abazwe njengomfanekiso wesigodlo! **13** Ukuthi iziphala zethu zigcwale ziveze uhlolo ngohlobo; izimvu

zethu zizale izinkulungwane, yebo, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi emadlelweni ethu! **14** Ukuthi inkabi zethu zingathwaliswa, kungabi lokufohlela phakathi, njalo kungabi lokuphuma, kumbe kungabi lesililo ezitaladeni zethu! **15** Bayathaba abantu okunjalo kubo; bayathaba abantu abaNkulunkulu wabo yiNkosi.

145 Ngizakuphakamisa, Nkulunkulu wami, Nkosi, ngibonge ibizo lakho kuze kube nini lanini. **2** Ngensuku zonke ngizakubonga, ngidumise ibizo lakho kuze kube nini lanini. **3** Yinkulu iNkosi, ifanele ukudunyiswa kakhulu, lobukhulu bayo kabuhloeki. **4** Isizukulwana ngesizukulwana sizababaza imisebenzi yakho, sitshumayele izenzo zakho ezilamandla. **5** Ngizakhuluma ngodumo lwakho olukhazimulayo lobukhos bakho, langendaba zezimangaliso zakho. **6** Njalo bazakhuluma ngamandla ezenzo zakho ezesabekayo, lobukhulu bakho ngibulandise. **7** Bazathulula ngamazwi isikhumbuzo sokulunga kwakho okukhulu, bahlabele ngentokozo ngokulunga kwakho. **8** Ilomusa lesihawu iNkosi, iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, inkulu ngothando. **9** INkosi ilungile kubo bonke, lezihawu zayo ziphezu kwayo yonke imisebenzi yayo. **10** Imisebenzi yakho yonke izakudumisa, Nkosi, labangcwele bakho bazakubusisa. **11** Bazakhuluma ngenkazimulo yombuso wakho, balandise ngamandla akho. **12** Ukuze bazise abantwana babantu izenzo zayo ezilamandla, lenkazimulo yobukhos bombuso wayo. **13** Umbuso wakho ungumbuso wamaphakade wonke, lokubusa kwakho kumi kuso sonke isizukulwana ngesizukulwana. **14** INkosi isekela bonke abawayo, iphakamise bonke abakhothemeyo. **15** Amehlo abo bonke alindele kuwe, wena-ke uyabanika ukudla kwabo ngesikhathi sakho. **16** Uyavula isandla sakho, usuthise isifiso sakho konke okuphilayo. **17** INkosi ilungile endleleni zayo

zonke, njalo ilomusa emisebenzini yayo yonke. **18** INkosi iseduze labo bonke abayibizayo, labo bonke abayibiza ngeqiniso. **19** Yenza isifiso sabayesabayo, iyezwa ukukhala kwabo, ibasindise. **20** INkosi iyabalondoloza bonke abayithandayo; kodwa bonke ababi izababhubhisa. **21** Umlomo wami uzakhulumu indumiso yeNkosi, layo yonke inyama ibonge ibizo layo elingcwele kuze kube nini lanini.

146 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisa iNkosi, mphefumulo wami. **2** Ngizayidumisa iNkosi ngisaphila; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami ngisesekhona. **3** Lingabeki ithemba lenu eziphathamandleni, endodaneni yomuntu okungekho kuyo usindiso. **4** Umoya wakhe uyaphuma, uyabuyela emhlabathini wakhe; ngalolosuku amacebo akhe ayaphela. **5** Ubusisiwe yena oloNkulunkulu kaJakobe ukuthi abe lusizo lwakhe, othemba lakhe liseNkosini uNkulunkulu wakhe, **6** owenza amazulu, lomhlaba, ulwandle, lakho konke okukukho, ogcina iqiniso kuze kube nininini, **7** owenzela abacindezelweyo isahlulelo, obaphayo ukudla abalambileyo. INkosi iyakhulula izibotshwa, **8** INkosi iyavula amehlo eziphofu; iNkosi iyabalulamisa abakhothemeyo; iNkosi iyabathanda abalungileyo. **9** INkosi ilondoloza abemzini, isekele intandane lomfelokazi; kodwa indlela yababi iyayigenqula. **10** INkosi izabusa kuze cube nininini, uNkulunkulu wakho, Ziyoni, kuze cube sesizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana. Dumisani iNkosi!

147 Dumisani iNkosi, ngoba kuhle ukuhlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba kumnandi, indumiso ifanele. **2** INkosi iyayakha iJerusalema, iqoqe abahlakaziweyo bakolsrayeli. **3** Yelapha abadabukileyo enhliziyweni, ibophe izinsizi zabo. **4** Ibalu inani lezinkanyezi, izibize zonke ngamabizo. **5** Yinkulu iNkosi yethu, njalo ngeyamandla amakhulu; ukqedisisa kwayo

kakulakunaniswa. **6** INkosi iyaphakamisa abammene, iyabawisela emhlabathini ababi. **7** Hlabelelani eNkosini ngokubonga; lihlabele indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu ngechacho. **8** Eyembesa amazulu ngamayezi, elungisela umhlabu izulu, ekhulisa utshani ezintabeni, **9** enika inyamazana ukudla kwazo, amaphuphu ewabayo akhalayo. **10** Kayithokozi ngamandla ebhiza, kayijabuleli imilenze yomuntu. **11** INkosi ijabulela abayesabayo, labo abathembela emuseni wayo. **12** Babaza iNkosi, Jerusalema. Dumisa uNkulunkulu wakho, Ziyoni. **13** Ngoba iqinise imigoqo yamasango akho; ibusise abantwana bakho phakathi kwakho. **14** Iyenza ukuthula emingceleni yakho; ikusuthise ngamanono engqoloyi. **15** Iyathumela umthetho wayo emhlabeni; ilizwi layo ligijima ngesiqubu esikhulu. **16** Enika iliqhwa elikhithikileyo njengoboya bezimvu; ihaze ungqwaqwane njengomlotha. **17** Iyaphosa isiqhoho sayo njengezigaqa; ngubani ongema phambi komqando wayo? **18** Iyathumela ilizwi layo, ikuncibilikise; ivunguzise umoya wayo, amanzi ageleze. **19** Iyamemezelila ilizwi layo kuJakobe, izimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo kulsrayeli. **20** Kayenzanga njalo lakuSiphi isizwe; lezahlulelo zayo kazizazi. Dumisani iNkosi!

148 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani iNkosi lisemazulwini, idumiseni endaweni eziphezulu. **2** Idumiseni lonke zingilosu zayo. Idumiseni lonke mabandla ayo. **3** Idumiseni langa lenyanga. Idumiseni lonke zinkanyezi ezikhanyayo. **4** Idumiseni mazulu amazulu, lani manzi aphezu kwamazulu. **5** Kakudumise ibizo leNkosi; ngoba yona yalaya, kwasekudalwa. **6** Yakumisa kuze kube nini lanini; yakhupha isimiso esingayikwedlula. **7** Dumisani iNkosi lisemhlabeni, migobho yolwandle, lani zinziki zonke, **8** mlilo lesiqhoho, liqhwa elikhithikileyo lenkungu, siphepho

esenza ilizwi layo; **9** zintaba lamaqaqa wonke, zihlahla zezithelo lemisedari yonke, **10** zinyamazana zeganga lezifuyo zonke, zinto ezihuquzelayo lenyonи eziphaphayо. **11** Makhosi omhlaba, lani zizwe zonke, ziphathamandla, lani babusi bomhlaba, **12** majaha, lani-ke zintombi, maxhegu labatsha. **13** Kabadumise ibizo leNkosi, ngoba ibizo layo lodwa liphakeme; ubukhosи bayo buphezu komhlaba lamazulu. **14** Njalo iphakamisile uphondo lwabantu bayo, indumiso yabo bonke abangcwele bayo, eyabantwana bakolsrayeli, abantu abaseduze layo. Dumisani iNkosi!

149 Dumisani iNkosi! Hlabelelani iNkosi ingoma entsha, indumiso yayo ebandleni labangcwele. **2** Ulsrayeli kathokoze ngoMenzi wakhe, abantwana beZiyoni kabathabe eNkosini yabo. **3** Kabadumise ibizo layo ngokusina, kabayihlabelele indumiso ngesigujana lechacho. **4** Ngoba iNkosi iyathokoza ngabantu bayo, izacecisa abamnene ngosindiso. **5** Abangcwele kabathokoze ngendumiso, kabahlabelele ngenjabulo emibhedeni yabo. **6** Indumiso zikaNkulunkulu zisemphinjeni wabo, lenkemba esika nhlangothi mbili esandleni sabo, **7** ukuze benze impindiselo phezu kwabahedeni, izijeziso phezu kwezizwe, **8** ukuze babophe amakhosi azo ngamaketane, lezikhulu zazo ngezibopho zensimbi, **9** ukuze benze isahlulelo esibhaliweyo phezu kwazo. Loludumo abangcwele bayo bonke balalo. Dumisani iNkosi!

150 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani uNkulunkulu endlini yakhe engcwele; mdumiseni emkhathini wamandla akhe. **2** Mdumiseni ngenxa yezenzo zakhe ezilamandla, limdumise ngenxa yobunengi bobukhulu bakhe. **3** Mdumiseni ngokuvuthelwa kophondo, limdumise ngogubhu lwezintambo lechacho, **4** limdumise ngesigujana langokusina, limdumise ngezinto

zokuhlabelela ezilentambo langomhlanga, **5** limdumise
ngensimbi ezincencethayo ezihlokomayo, limdumise ngensimbi
ezincencethayo ezikhala kakhulu. **6** Konke okuphefumulayo
kakudumise iNkosi. Dumisani iNkosi!

Izaga

1 Izaga zikaSolomoni, indodana kaDavida, inkosi yakolsrayeli; **2** ukwazi inhlakanipho lokulaywa, ukuqedisisa amazwi okuqedisisa, **3** ukwemukela ukulaya kwenhlakanipho, ukulunga, lesahlulelo, lokuqonda; **4** ukunika abangelalwazi inhlakanipho, ijaha ulwazi lengqondo. **5** Ohlakaniphileyo uzakuzwa, andise ukufunda, loqedisisayo uzazuza izeluleko, **6** ukuqedisisa isaga lomzekeliso, amazwi abahlakaniphileyo, lamalibho abo. **7** Ukwesaba iNkosi kuyikuqala kolwazi; izithutha ziyadelela inhlakanipho lokulaywa. **8** Ndodana yami, zwana ukulaya kukayihlo, ungawudeli umlayo kanyoko; **9** ngoba kuzakuba ngumqhele womusa ekhanda lakho, lemigaxo entanyeni yakho. **10** Ndodana yami, uba izoni zikuhuga, ungavumi. **11** Uba zisithi: Hamba lathi, siyecathamela igazi, sicatshelo ongelacala kungelasizatho; **12** sibaginye bephila njengengcwaba, yebo, ngokupheleleyo, njengabehlela egodini.

(Sheol h7585) **13** Sizathola yonke impahla eligugu, sigcwalise izindlu zethu ngempango. **14** Phosela inkatho yakho phakathi kwethu; sonke sibe lesikhwama semali sinye. **15** Ndodana yami, ungahambi lazo endleleni; unqande unyawo lwakho emkhondweni wazo. **16** Ngoba inyawo zazo zigijimela ebubini, ziphangisa ukuchitha igazi. **17** Isibili, imbule lendlalelwiza phambi kwamehlo aloba yiypipi inyon. **18** Lalaba bacathamela igazi labo, bacatshelo imiphefumulo yabo. **19** Zinjalo indlela zakhe wonke ozuza inzuso ngokuphang; ithatha impilo yabaniniyo. **20** UkuHlakanipha kuyamemeza ngaphandle, kukhupha ilizwi lakho emidangeni. **21** Kuyamemeza endaweni eqakathekileyo yokuxokozela, ekungeneni kwamasango; emzini kutsho amazwi akho, **22** kusithi: Koze kube nini, lina elingelalwazi, lithanda ukungabi lalwazi, labaklolodayo bezifisela ukukloloda,

leziphukuphuku zizonda ulwazi? **23** Phendukelani ekukhuzeni kwami; khangelani, ngizathululela umoya wami kini, ngilazise amazwi ami. **24** Ngoba ngibizile, kodwa lala; ngelulile isandla sami, kodwa kakho onanzayo; **25** ladelela sonke iseluleko sami, kalivumanga ukukhuza kwami; **26** mina-ke ngizahleka ukuchitheka kwenu, ngiklolode ekufikeni kokwesaba kwenu, **27** ekufikeni kokwesaba kwenu njengesiphepho, lokuchitheka kwenu kufika njengesivunguzane, lapho ubuhlungu losizi kulehlela. **28** Khona bazangibiza, kodwa kangiyikusabela; bazangidingisisa, kodwa kabayikungithola. **29** Ngenxa yokuthi babezonda ulwazi, bengakhethanga ukwesaba iNkosi. **30** Kabavumanga iseluleko sami, bedeleta konke ukukhuza kwami. **31** Ngakho bazakudla okwesithelo sendlela yabo, basuthiswe ngamacebo abo. **32** Ngoba ukuhlehla kwabangelalwazi kuzababulala, lokonwaba kweziphukuphuku kuzababhubhisa. **33** Kodwa ongilalelayo uzahlala evikelekile, onwabe ekwesabeni okubi.

2 Ndodana yami, uba usemukela amazwi ami, ugcine kuwe imilayo yami, **2** ukuthi wenze indlebe yakho ilalele inhlakanipho, uthobise inhliziyo yakho ekuqedisiseni, **3** yebo, uba ukhalela ukuqedisisa, ukhuphele ilizwi lakho ekuzwisiseni, **4** uba ukudinga njengesiliva, ukuphenye njengezimpahla eziligu ezifihliwego, **5** khona uzaqedisisa ukuyesaba iNkosi, uthole ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngoba iNkosi inika inhlakanipho; ulwazi lokuqedisisa kuvela emlonyeni wayo. **7** lyababekela abaqotho inhlakanipho eqotho; iyisihlangu kubo abahamba ngokuqonda, **8** ukugcina indlela zesahlulelo; izalondoloza indlela zabangcwele bayo. **9** Khona uzaqedisisa ukulunga, lesahlulelo, lokuqonda; yonke indlela elungleleyo. **10** Lapho inhlakanipho izangena enhliziweni yakho, lolwazi lube mnandi

emphefumulweni wakho; **11** ingqondo izakugcina, ukuqedisisa kukulondoloze; **12** ukukophula endleleni embi, emuntwini okhuluma izinto eziphambeneyo; **13** abatshiya indlela zobuqotho, ukuze bahambe ngendlela zobumnyama; **14** abathokoza ngokwenza okubi, bejabula ekuphambukeni komubi; **15** abandlela zabo ziphambene, begobile emikhondweni yabo; **16** ukukophula kowesifazana wemzini, kowezizwe okhohlisa ngamazwi akhe; **17** otshiya umngane wobutsha bakhe, ekhohlwa isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wakhe; **18** ngoba indlu yakhe itshonela ekufeni, lemikhondo yakhe emimoyeni efileyo. **19** Bonke abangena kuye kabayikubuya, njalo kabayikufinyelela endleleni zempilo. **20** Ukuze uhambe endleleni yabalungileyo, ugcine imikhondo yamalungisa. **21** Ngoba abaqotho bazahlala elizweni, labapheleleyo basale kulo; **22** kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bazaqunywa basuswe elizweni, labaphambekayo badatshulwe basuswe kulo.

3 Ndodana yami, ungakhohlwa umlayo wami, kodwa inhliziyo yakho kayigcine imilayo yami. **2** Ngoba yengezelela kuwe ubude bezinsuku leminyaka yempilo lokuthula. **3** Umusa lothembeko kakungakutshiyi, kubophele entanyeni yakho, ukubhale esibhebheni senhliziyo yakho. **4** Ngalokho uzathola umusa lokuqedisisa okuhle emehlwani kaNkulunkulu labantu. **5** Themba eNkosini ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, ungeyami ekuqedisiseni kwakho. **6** Ivume endleleni zakho zonke, yonake izaqondisa imikhondo yakho. **7** Ungabi ngohlakaniphileyo emehlwani akho; yesabe iNkosi, usuke ebubini. **8** Kuzakuba yikwelatshwa kwenkaba yakho, lokunathwayo kwamathambo akho. **9** Hlonipha iNkosi ngemfuyo yakho, langezithelo zakho zokuqala zesivuno sakho sonke. **10** Khona iziphala zakho

zizagcwaliswa ngenala, lezikhamelo zakho zewayini ziphuphume iwayini elitsha. **11** Ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kweNkosi, unganengwa yikukhuza kwayo. **12** Ngoba iNkosi iyamlaya emthandayo, yebo, njengoyise indodana athokoza ngayo. **13** Ubusisiwe umuntu othola inhlakanipho, lomuntu ozusa ukuqedisisa. **14** Ngoba inzuso yakho ingcono kulenzozo yesiliva, lokutholakalayo kwakho kulegolide. **15** Kuligugu elidlula amatshe aligugu, lakho konke ongakufisa kakulinganiswa lakho. **16** Ubude bezinsuku busesandleni sakho sokunene, kwesokhohlo sakho inotho lodumo. **17** Izindlela zakho zizindlela zentokozo, lemikhondo yakho yonke iyikuthula. **18** Kuyisihlahla sempilo kwabakubambayo, lobambelela kukho ubusisiwe. **19** Ngenhlakanipho iNkosi yasekela umhlaba; yamisa amazulu ngokuqedisisa. **20** Ngolwazi lwayo izinziki zaqhekezwa, lamayezi athonta amazolo. **21** Ndodana yami, kakungasuki emehlwani akho; gcina inhlakanipho eqotho lengqondo. **22** Njalo kuzakuba yimpilo yomphefumulo wakho, lesisa entanyeni yakho. **23** Khona uzahamba indlela yakho uvikelekile, lonyawo lwakho kaluyikhubeka. **24** Nxa ulala phansi, kawuyikwesaba, yebo, uzalala, lobuthongo bakho buzakuba mnandi. **25** Ungesabi uvalo olujumayo, kumbe ukuchitheka kwababi nxa kufika. **26** Ngoba iNkosi izakuba sethembeni lakho, igcine unyawo lwakho ukuze lungabanjwa. **27** Ungagodleli umninikho okuhle nxa kusemandleni esandla sakho ukukwenza. **28** Ungathi kumakhelwane wakho: Hamba, ubuye, kusasa ngizakunika; nxa ulakho. **29** Ungacebi okubi ngomakhelwane wakho, ngoba yena uhlala lawe evikelekile. **30** Ungaphikisani lomuntu kungelasizatho, nxa engakonanga. **31** Ungahawukeli umuntu olobudlwangudlwangu; ungakhethi leyodwa yezindlela zakhe.

32 Ngoba ophambeneyo uyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa imfihlo yayo ikwabaqotho. **33** Isiqalekiso seNkosi sisendlini yomubi, kodwa iyawubusisa umuzi wabalungileyo. **34** Isibili, yona iyabeyisa abeyisayo, kodwa inika umusa kwabathobekileyo. **35** Abahlakaniphileyo bazakudla ilifa lodumo, kodwa abayizithutha, isabelo sabo silihlazo.

4 Zwanini, bantwana, umlayo kayihlo, linanjelele ukuze lazi ukuqedisia. **2** Ngoba ngilinika imfundiso enhle, lingawutshiyi umlayo wami. **3** Ngoba bengiyindodana kababa, ngithambile, ngingedwa phambi kukamama. **4** Wasengifundisa wathi kimi: Inhlizyo yakho kayibambelele emazwini ami; gcina imilayo yami, uphile. **5** Zuza inhlakanipho, uzuze ukuqedisia, ungakhohlwa; ungaphambuki emazwini omlomo wami. **6** Ungakutshiyi, njalo kuzakulondoloza; ukuthande, njalo kuzakulinda. **7** Okokuqala yinhlakanipho; zuza inhlakanipho; langenzozo yakho yonke uzuze ukuqedisia. **8** Kukhulise, njalo kuzakuphakamisa; kuzakunika udumo nxa ukugona. **9** Kuzanika ikhanda lakho umqhele womusa; kuzakulethela umqhele wodumo. **10** Zwana, ndodana yami, wemukele amazwi ami, leminyaka yempilo izakuba minengi kuwe. **11** Ngikufundisile endleleni yenhlakanipho; ngikwenze wanyathela emikhondweni yobuqotho. **12** Ekuhambeni kwakho inyathelo lakho kaliyikufinyezwa, njalo nxa ugijima kawuyikukhubeka. **13** Bambelela ekulayweni, ungakuyekeli; kugcine, ngoba kuyimpilo yakho. **14** Ugangeni emkhondweni wabakhohlakeleyo, ungahambi endleleni yababi. **15** Iyekele, ungedluli ngayo, phambuka kuyo, wedlule. **16** Ngoba kabalali uba bengenzanga okubi; lobuthongo babo buyasuswa uba bengakhubekisanga muntu. **17** Ngoba badla isinkwa senkohlkalo, banathe iwayini lobudlwangudlwangu. **18**

Kodwa indlela yabalungileyo injengokukhanya okukhanyayo, kuqhubeka kukhanya kuze kube semini enkulu. **19** Indlela yababi injengomnyama; kabazi ukuthi bazakhutshwa yini. **20** Ndodana yami, lalela amazwi ami, ubeke indlebe yakho ekukhulumeni kwami. **21** Kakungaphunyuki emehlwani akho; ukugcine phakathi kwenhliziyo yakho. **22** Ngoba kuyimpilo kwabakutholayo, lempilo enhle yenyama yabo yonke. **23** Gcina inhliziyo yakho phezu kwakho konke okungagcinwa, ngoba kuvela kikho ukuphuma kwempilo. **24** Susa kuwe ukuphambana komlomo, lokuphambeka kwendebe kususele khatshana lawe. **25** Amehlo akho kawakhangele phambili, lenkophe zakho ziqonde phambi kwakho. **26** Linganisa umkhondo wonyawo lwakho, ukuze zonke indlela zakho ziqine. **27** Ungaphambukeli ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo; uphambule unyawo lwakho ebubini.

5 Ndodana yami, lalela inhlakanipho yami, beka indlebe yakho ekuqedisiseni kwami, **2** ukuze uqaphele ingqondo, lendebe zakho zigcine ulwazi. **3** Ngoba indebe zowesifazana wemzini zithonta uluju, lomlomo wakhe ubutshelezi kulamafutha. **4** Kodwa ukucina kwakhe kuyababa njengomhlonyane, kubukhali njengenkemba esika nhlangothi mbili. **5** Inyawo zakhe zehlela ekufeni; izinyathelo zakhe zibambelela esihogweni. (*Sheol h7585*)
6 Hlezi ulinganise indlela yempilo, imikhondo yakhe iyazulazula, kananjeleli. **7** Ngakho-ke, bantwana, ngilalelani, lingaphambuki emazwini omlomo wami. **8** Dedisela indlela yakho khatshana laye, ungasondeli emnyango wendlu yakhe; **9** hlezi unikele udumo lwakho kwabanye, lemiryaka yakho kolesihluku; **10** hlezi abezizwe bazisuthise ngamandla akho, lemitshikatshika yakho ibe sendlini yowezizweni; **11** njalo ububule ekupheleni kwakho,

lapho inyama yakho lomzimba wakho sekudliwe; **12** njalo uthi:
Ngikuzonde njani ukulaywa, lenhlizyo yami yadelela ukukhuzwa!
13 Kangizwanga-ke ilizwi labafundisi bami; kangibekanga indlebe
zami kwabangifundisayo! **14** Ngaphosa ngaba ebubini bonke
phakathi kwebandla lenhlangano. **15** Natha amanzi emgodini
wakho, lemifula ephuma phakathi komthombo wakho. **16**
Imithombo yakho ichitheke phandle, izifula zamanzi emidangeni.
17 Kakube ngokwakho wedwa, kungabi ngokwabezizweni kanye
lawe. **18** Umthombo wakho kawubusiswe; uthokoze ngomfazi
wobutsha bakho; **19** impala ethandekayo kakhulu, legogo
elibukekayo; amabele akhe kawakusuthise sonke isikhathi, uzule
othandweni lwakhe kokuphela. **20** Kungani-ke, ndodana yami,
uzule kowesifazana wemzini, ugone isifuba sowemzini? **21** Ngoba
indlela zomuntu ziphambi kwamehlo eNkosi; njalo iyalinganisa
yonke imikhondo yakhe. **22** Ezakhe iziphambeko zizabamba
omubi, abanjwe zintambo zesono sakhe. **23** Yena uzakufa
ngokungalaywa, lebukhulwini bobuthutha bakhe uzaduha.

6 Ndodana yami, uba uyisibambiso somakhelwane wakho,
watshayela ovezizwe isandla sakho, **2** uthiywe ngamazwi
omlomo wakho, ubanjwe ngamazwi omlomo wakho. **3** Yenza
lokhu khathesi, ndodana yami, uzophule, lokhu usesandleni
sikamakhelwane wakho; hamba, uzithobe, umncengisise
umakhelwane wakho. **4** Unganiki amehlo akho ubuthongo,
lokuwozela enkopheni zakho. **5** Uzophule njengomziki esandleni
somzingeli, lanjengenyoni esandleni somthiyi wenyon. **6**
Yana ebunyonyweni, vila, ubone indlela zabo, uhlakaniphe.
7 Obuthi, bungelamkhokheli, induna, lombusi, **8** bulungisa
isinkwa sabo ehlobo, bubuthe ukudla kwabo esivunweni. **9** Koze
kube nini, vila, ulele? Uzavuka nini ebuthongweni bakho? **10**

Ubuthongo obuncinyane, ukuwozela okuncinyane, ukusonga izandla okuncinyane ukuthi ulale, **11** besebusiza ubuyanga bakho njengesihambi, lenswelo yakho njengomuntu olesihlangu.

12 Umuntu kaBheliyali, umuntu okhohlakeleyo, ohamba lomlomo ophambeneyo, **13** afice amehlo akhe, akhulume ngenyawo zakhe, afundise ngeminwe yakhe, **14** ukuphambuka kusenhliziyweni yakhe, uceba okubi ngesikhathi sonke, ephosela ingxabano. **15** Ngenxa yalokhu ingozi yakhe izafika masinyane, ahle ephuke, kuze kungabi leselapho. **16** Lezizinto eziyisithupha iNkosi iyazizonda; yebo, eziyisikhombisa ziyyinengiso emphefumulweni wakhe: **17** Amehlo aphakemeyo, ulimi oluqamba amanga, lezandla ezichitha igazi elingelacala, **18** inhlizyo eceba amacebo amabi, inyawo eziphangisa ukugijimela ububi, **19** umfakazi wamanga ophafuza izinkohliso, lophosela ingxabano phakathi kwabazalwane. **20** Ndodana yami, gcina umlayo kayihlo, ungakudeli ukufundisa kukanyoko. **21** Kubophele enhliziyweni yakho njalo, kubophele entanyeni yakho. **22** Ekuhambeni kwakho kuzakukhkhela, ekulaleni kwakho kukulondoloze, lekuvukeni kwakho khona kuhkulume lawe. **23** Ngoba umlayo uysisibane, lokufundisa kuyikukhanya, lokukhuza kokulaya kuyindlela yempilo, **24** ukuze kukugcine emfazini omubi, emazwini ayengayo olimi lowesifazana wemzini. **25** Ungaloyisi ubuhle bakhe enhliziyweni yakho; angakuthathi ngenkophe zakhe. **26** Ngoba ngenxa yomfazi oyisiphingi ungfika ecezwini lwasinkwa, lomfazi womuntu uzingela umphefumulo oligugu. **27** Kambe, umuntu angaphatha umlilo esifubeni sakhe, lezigqoko zakhe zingatshi?

28 Umuntu angahamba phezu kwamalahle avuthayo, lenyawo zakhe zingatshi yini? **29** Unjalo ongena kumkamakhelwane wakhe; wonke omthintayo kayikuba msulwa. **30** Kabalideleli

isela, nxa liseba ukuthi ligcwaliise umphefumulo walo, ngoba
lilambile. **31** Uba litholwa, lihlawula kuhindwe kasikhombisa,
linika yonke impahlala yendlu yalo. **32** Ofeba lowesifazana uswela
ingqondo; owenza lokhu nguye ochitha umphefumulo wakhe. **33**
Uzathola ukutshaywa lesigcono, lehlazo lakhe kalyikwesulwa. **34**
Ngoba ubukhwele bululaka lomuntu; ngakho kayikuba lasihawu
ngosuku lwempindiselo. **35** Kayikunanza loba yiyiphi inhlawulo,
kayikuvuma lanxa usandisa isipho.

7 Ndodana yami, gcina amazwi ami, uzibekele imilayo
yami. **2** Gcina imilayo yami, uphile, lomthetho wami
njengenhlamu yamehlo akho. **3** Ukubophele eminweni yakho,
kubhale esibhebheni senhliziyo yakho. **4** Uthi kunhlakaniph:
Ungudadewethu; ubize ukuqedisisa ngokuthi yisihlobo sakho;
5 ukuze kukugcine kumfazi wemzini, kowesifazana wemzini
oyengayo ngamazwi akhe. **6** Ngoba ewindini lendlu yami,
ngeminxibo yewindi ngalunguza phandle, **7** ngasengibona
phakathi kwabangelalwazi, ngananzelala phakathi kwabatsha
ijaha eliswele ingqondo, **8** lisendlula esitaladeni eceleni
kwengonsi yakhe, linyathela endleleni yendlu yakhe, **9** kusihlwa,
ngentambama yosuku, ebusuku obumnyama, lomnyama.
10 Khangela-ke, owesifazana walihlangabeza, lesembatho
sewule, elobuqili ngenhliziyo. **11** Lo wayelomsindo, eyisiqholo;
inyawo zakhe kazihlali endlini yakhe. **12** Khathesi uphandle,
abesesiba ezitaladeni, ecathama kuyo yonke ingonsi. **13**
Ngokunjalo walibamba, walanga, waqinisa ubuso bakhe,
wathi kulo: **14** Imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula ikimi;
lamuhla sengibhadele izifungo zami. **15** Ngakho-ke ngiphumile
ukukuhlangabeza, ngidingisise ubuso bakho; ngikutholile.
16 Ngendlele umbheda wami ngezendlalo, ngamalembu

acolekileyo kakhulu alemibalabala avela eGibhithe. **17** Ngifafazile umbheda wami ngemure, izinhlabu, lekinamoni. **18** Woza, sizidakise ngothando kuze kuse, sizithokozise ngothando olukhulu. **19** Ngoba indoda kayikho endlini yayo, ihambile uhambo khatshana. **20** Ithethe isaka lemali esandleni sayo; ngosuku lwenyanga egcweleyo izakuza endlini yayo. **21** Walihuga ngobunengi bemfundiso yakhe, walivumisa ngenkulomo zakhe ezincengayo. **22** Lahle lamlandela njengenkabi isiya ekuhlatshweni, lanjengesiphukuphuku sisiya ekujezisweni esongweni lenqagala; **23** uze umtshoko uhlabe isibindi salo, njengenyoni iphangisela esifwini, ingazi ukuthi simelene lempilo yayo. **24** Khathesi-ke, bantwana, ngizweni, lilalele amazwi omlomo wami. **25** Inhliziyo yakho kayingaphambukeli endleleni zakhe; unga duhi emikhondweni yakhe. **26** Ngoba ubawisele phansi abanengi abalimeleyo, labo bonke ababuleweyo bakhe banengi. **27** Indlu yakhe izindlela zesihogo, ezechlela emakamelweni okufa. (Sheol h7585)

8 Inhlakanipho kayimemezi yini, lokuqedisisa kukhuphe ilizwi lakho? **2** Engqongeni yezindawo eziphakemeyo, ngasendleleni, phakathi kwezindlela kumi. **3** Eceleni kwamasango, entubeni yomuzi, ekungeneni kweminyango kuyamemeza kakhulu kuthi: **4** Kini, madoda, ngiyamemeza, lelizwi lami lisebantwaneni babantu. **5** Lina elingelalwazi, qedisisani inhlakanipho; lani zithutha, qedisisani ngenhliziyo. **6** Zwanini, ngoba ngizakhuluma izinto zobukhosu, lokuvula kwendebe zami kuzakuba yikuqonda. **7** Ngoba umlomo wami ukhuluma iqiniso, lenkohlakalo iyisinengiso endebeni zami. **8** Wonke amazwi omlomo wami asekulungeni; kakukho okutshilekileyo lokugobileyo kuwo. **9** Wonke aqondile kulowo oqedisisayo, alungile kulabo abathola

ulwazi. **10** Yemukelani ukufundisa kwami, hatshi isiliva, lolwazi kulegolide elikhethekileyo. **11** Ngoba inhlakanipho ingcono kulamatshe amahle, lakho konke okufisekayo kakulakulinganiswa layo. **12** Mina nhlakanipho ngihlala lokuqedisisa, ngithola ulwazi lamacebo. **13** Ukwesaba iNkosi kuyikuzonda ububi; ukuzigqaja, lokuqiqhenya, lendlela embi, lomlomo wokuphambeka ngiyakuzonda. **14** Iseluleko ngesami, lenhlakanipho eqotho; ngiyikuqedisisa; amandla ngawami. **15** Ngami amakhosi ayabusa, lababusi bamisa ukulunga. **16** Ngami iziphathamandla ziyabusa, lezikhulu, bonke abehluleli bomhlaba. **17** Mina ngiyathanda abangithandayo, lalabo abangidingisisayo bazangithola. **18** Inotho lodumo kukimi, inotho eqhubekayo lokulunga. **19** Isithelo sami singcono kulegolide, legolide elicwengenkileyo, lokutholakalayo kwami kulesiliva esikhethekileyo. **20** Ngihamba endleleni yokulunga, phakathi kwemikhondo yesahlulelo; **21** ukuthi ngenze abangithandayo badle ilifa lemfuyo; ngicwalise iziphala zabo. **22** INkosi, ngaba ngeyayo, ngaba yikuqala kwendlela yayo, ngaphambi kwemisebenzi yayo yendulo. **23** Ngamiswa kwasephakadeni, kusukela ekuqaleni, kusukela emandulo omhlaba. **24** Kungakabi khona izinziki ngasengizelwe, ingakabi khona imithombo enzima ngamanzi. **25** Intaba zingakamiswa, kungakabi khona amaqaqa, ngasengizelwe. **26** Ingakawenzi umhlaba lemimango, lokuqala kwentuli zomhlaba. **27** Lapho ilungisa amazulu ngangikhonapho; lapho imisa umkhathi ngaphezu kwenziki; **28** lapho imisa amayezi ngaphezulu; lapho iqinisa imithombo yenziki; **29** lapho imisela ulwandle umngcele walo ukuze amanzi angeqi umlayo wayo; lapho imisa izisekelo zomhlaba; **30** khona ngangiseduze layo njengowakhuliswa yiyo, ngizintokozo zayo usuku ngosuku, ngithokoza phambi

kwayo ngaso sonke isikhathi, **31** ngidlala elizweni lomhlaba wayo, lentokozo zami zisebantwaneni babantu. **32** Ngakho-ke, bantwana bami, ngizweni; ngoba babusisiwe abagcina indlela zami. **33** Zwanini ukulaya, lihlakaniphe, lingakudeli. **34** Ubusisiwe umuntu ongizwayo, alinde insuku ngensuku emasangweni ami, alinde emigubazini yeminyango yami. **35** Ngoba ongitholayo uthola impilo, azuze umusa eNkosini. **36** Kodwa owona kimi wona umphefumulo wakhe; bonke abangizondayo bathanda ukufa.

9 Inhlakanipho enkulu yakhe indlu yayo, ibaze insika zayo eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ihlabe okuhlatshwayo kwayo, ixubanise iwayini layo, futhi yalungisa itafula layo. **3** Ithume incekukazi zayo, iyamemeza engqongeni zendawo eziphakemeyo zomuzi zisithi: **4** Loba ngubani ongelalwazi? Kaphendukele lapha; oswele ingqondo, ithi kuye: **5** Wozani, lidle okwesinkwa sami, linathe okwewayini englixubanisileyo. **6** Yekelani abangelalwazi liphile, lihambe ngokuqonda ngendalela yokuqedisisa. **7** Osola isiklolodi uzizuzela ihlazo, lokhuza okhohlakeleyo uzizuzela isici. **8** Ungasoli isiklolodi, hlezi sikuzonde; sola ohlakaniphileyo, njalo uzakuthanda. **9** Nika ohlakaniphileyo, njalo uzakuba lokhu ehlakanipha; fundisa olungileyo, njalo uzakwandisa ukufunda. **10** Ukuyesaba iNkosi kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho, lolwazi lwabangcwele luyikuqedisisa. **11** Ngoba ngami insuku zakho zizakwandisa, leminyaka yempilo yengezelwelwe kuwe. **12** Uba uhlakaniphile, uzakuba uzihlakaniphile; uba ukloloda, uzakuthwala wedwa. **13** Owesifazana oyisithutha ulomsindo, kalangqondo, kazi lutho. **14** Ngoba uhlala emnyango wendlu yakhe, esihlalweni, endaweni eziphakemeyo zomuzi, **15** ukubiza abadlulayo ngendalela, abahamba beqondile emikhondweni yabo,

esithi: **16** Loba ngubani ongelalwazi? Kaphendukele lapha; loswele ingqondo, uthi kuye: **17** Amanzi ebiwego amnandi, lesinkwa sensitha siyahlabusa. **18** Kodwa kazi ukuthi abafileyo balapho; abanxusiweyo bakhe basenzikini yesihogo. (**Sheol h7585**)

10 Izaga zikaSolomoni. Indodana ehlakaniphileyo ithokozisa uyise, kodwa indodana eyisithutha ilusizi kunina. **2** Inotho yenohlakalo kayisizi lutho, kodwa ukulunga kophula ekufeni. **3** INkosi kayiyekeli umphefumulo wolungileyo ulambe, kodwa isunduza isifiso sababi. **4** Osebenza ngesandla esixegayo uba ngumyanga, kodwa isandla sabakhutheleyo siyanothisa. **5** Ovuna ehlolo uyindodana ehlakaniphileyo; olala ubuthongo obukhulu ngesikhathi sokuvuna uyindodana ethelela ihlazo. **6** Izibusiso zisekhanda lolungileyo, kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu busibekela umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo. **7** Ukukhunjulwa kolungileyo kungokwesibusiso, kodwa ibizo labakhohlakeleyo lizabola. **8** Ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo uyemukela imilayo, kodwa isithutha ngendebe sizawiselwa phansi. **9** Ohamba ngobuqotho uhamba evikelekile, kodwa ophambula indlela zakhe uzakwaziwa. **10** Ociyoza ilihlo ubanga inkathazo, njalo isithutha ngendebe sizawiselwa phansi. **11** Umlomo wolungileyo unggumthombo wempilo, kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu busibekela umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo. **12** Inzondo ibanga ingxabano, kodwa uthando lusibekela iziphambeko zonke. **13** Endebeni zoqedisisayo kutholakala inhlakanipho, kodwa intonga ingeyomhlana woswela ingqondo. **14** Abahlakaniphileyo babekelela ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wesithutha useduze lencithakalo. **15** Inotho yonothileyo ingumuzi wamandla akhe; ubuyanga babayanga buyincithakalo yabo. **16** Umsebenzi wolungileyo ngowempilo; inzozo yokhohlakeleyo

ngeyesono. **17** Ogcina ukulaywa usendleleni yempilo, kodwa odelala ukukhuzwa ubanga ukuduha. **18** Osibekela inzondo ungowendebe zamanga, lohlebayo uyisithutha. **19** Ebunengini bamazwi ukuphambeka kakusileli, kodwa othiba indebe zakhe uhlakaniphile. **20** Ulimi lolungileyo luyisiliva esikhethekileyo; inhliziyo yokhohlakeleyo injengento encinyane. **21** Indebe zolungileyo zondla abanengi, kodwa izithutha ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo. **22** Isibusiso seNkosi sona siyanothisa; njalo kayengezi usizi kuso. **23** Kunjengenhllekisa koyisithutha ukwenza okubi; kunjalo inhlakanipho kumuntu wokuqedisisa. **24** Lokho okhohlakeleyo akwesabayo kuzamfikela, kodwa isiloyiso solungileyo sizanikwa. **25** Njengokwedlula kwesivunguzane, unjalo okhohlakeleyo kasekho; kodwa olungileyo uyisisekelo saphakade. **26** Njengeviniga emazinyweni, lanjengentuthu emehlwani, unjalo olivila kwabamthumileyo. **27** Ukuyesaba iNkosi kwandisa insuku, kodwa iminyaka yabakhohlakeleyo izafinyezwa. **28** Ithemba labalungileyo liyintokozo, kodwa okulindelwayo kwabakhohlakeleyo kuzabhubha. **29** Indlela yeNkosi iyinqaba koqotho, kodwa iyincithakalo kubenzi bobubi. **30** Olungileyo kayikunyikinywa laphakade, kodwa abakhohlakeleyo kabayikuhlala elizweni. **31** Umlomo wolungileyo ukhupha inhlakanipho, kodwa ulimi oluphambeneyo luzaqunywa. **32** Indebe zolungileyo ziyazi okuthokozisayo, kodwa umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo iziphambeko.

11 Isikali esikhohlisayo siyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa ilitshe lokulinganisa elipheleleyo liyintokozo yayo. **2** Nxa kufika ukuzigqaja, kufika lehlazo; kodwa kwabathobekileyo kukhona inhlakanipho. **3** Ubuqotho babaqotho buzabaqondisa, kodwa ukuphambeka kwabaphambekayo kuzababhubhisa. **4** Inotho

kayisizi ngosuku lolaka, kodwa ukulunga kophula ekufeni.

5 Ukulunga kwabaqotho kuzaqondisa indlela yakhe, kodwa okhohlakeleyo uzakuwa ngenkohlakalo yakhe. **6** Ukulunga kwabaqotho kuzabophula, kodwa abaphambukayo bazathunjwa zinkanuko zabo. **7** Nxa umuntu okhohlakeleyo esifa, ithemba lakhe lizabhubha, lethemba lolamandla liyabhubha. **8** Olungileyo ukhululwa ekuhluphekeni, kodwa omubi ungena endaweni yakhe. **9** Ngomlomo umzenzisi uchitha umakhelwane wakhe, kodwa ngolwazi abalungileyo bayakhululwa. **10** Ngempumelelo yabalungileyo umuzi uyathokoza; lekubhubheni kwabakhohlakeleyo kulenjabulo. **11** Ngesibusiso sabaqotho umuzi uyaphakanyiswa, kodwa ngomlomo wabakhohlakeleyo uyachitheka. **12** Oswela ingqondo udelela umakhelwane, kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uyazithulela. **13** Ohamba enyeya wembula imfihlakalo, kodwa othembekileyo ngomoya ufhila udaba. **14** Lapho kungekho izeluleko abantu bayawa; kodwa ukukhululwa kusebunengini babeluleki. **15** Oba yisibambiso soweziwe uzahlupheka ngokubi; kodwa ozonda ukutshaya izandla uvikelekile. **16** Owesifazana olomusa ubamba udumo, labalamandla babamba inotho. **17** Umuntu olomusa wenzela umphefumulo wakhe okuhle, kodwa olesihluku ukhathaza inyama yakhe. **18** Okhohlakeleyo wenza umsebenzi wenkohliso, kodwa ohlanyela ukulunga ulomvuzo weqiniso. **19** Njengoba ukulunga kungokwempilo, kunjalo ozingela okubi kungokokufa kwakhe. **20** Abaphambeneyo ngenhlizyo bayisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa abaqotho ngendlela bayintokozo yayo. **21** Isandla esandleni omubi kayikuyekelwa ukujeziswa, kodwa inzalo yabalungileyo izaphepha. **22** Ulisongo legolide empumulweni yengulube owesifazana obukekayo ophambuka engqondweni. **23** Isifiso

sabalungileyo singokuhle kuphela; ithemba labakhohlakeleyo lulaka. **24** Kukhona ohlakazayo, kube kanti okunengi kuyengezwa; logodla okwedlula okufaneleyo, kodwa kungokokuswela. **25** Umphefumulo obusisayo uzakhuluphaliswa, lothelelayo uzathelelwa laye. **26** Ogodla amabele, abantu bazamqalekisa; kodwa isibusiso sizakuba phezu kwekhanda lothengisayo. **27** Odingisia okuhle, udinga umusa; kodwa odinga okubi, kuzakuza kuye. **28** Othemba inotho yakhe yena uzakuwa, kodwa abalungileyo bazahluma njengamahlamvu. **29** Oletha inkathazo emzini wakhe uzakudla ilifa lomoya, lesithutha sizakuba yinceku yohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziy. **30** Isithelo solungileyo siyisihlahla sempilo, lozuza imiphefumulo uhlakaniphile. **31** Khangela, olungileyo uzavuzwa emhlabeni; kakhulu kangakanani omubi lessoni!

12 Othanda ukulaywa uthanda ulwazi; kodwa ozonda ukukhuzwa uyisithutha. **2** Olungileyo uzuza umusa eNkosini, kodwa umuntu wamacebo amabi iyamlahla. **3** Umuntu kayikumiswa yibubi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo kayiyikunyikinywa. **4** Umfazi okhuthalela okulungileyo unguqhele wendoda yakhe, kodwa oyangisayo unjengokubola emathanjeni ayo. **5** Imicabango yabalungileyo ilungile; izeluleko zababi ziyinkohliso. **6** Amazwi abakhohlakeleyo ngawokucathameligazi, kodwa umlomo wabaqotho uzabophula. **7** Abakhohlakeleyo bayachithwa, bangabe besaba khona; kodwa indlu yabalungileyo izakuma. **8** Umuntu uzadunyiswa ngokwenhlakanipho yakhe, kodwa ophambike ngenhliziy uzakuba ngowokudelelwa. **9** Odelelekayo elesisebenzi ungcono kulozihloniphayo aswele ukudla. **10** Olungileyo unanzelela impilo yesifuyo sakhe, kodwa izihawu zabakhohlakeleyo ziylunya.

11 Olima insimu yakhe uzasutha ngokudla, kodwa ozingela izinto eziyize uswela ingqondo. **12** Okhohlakeleyo ufisa impango yababi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo iyahluma. **13** Ekuphambekeni kwendebe kulomjibila womubi, kodwa olungileyo uzaphuma enkathazweni. **14** Umuntu uzasutha ngokulungileyo ngesithelo somlomo, lomvuzo wezandla zomuntu uzabuyiselwa kuye. **15** Indlela yesithutha ilungile emehlwani aso, kodwa olalela iseluleko uhlakaniphile. **16** Isithutha, intukuthelo yaso yaziwa ngosuku; kodwa ohlakaniphileyo ufihla ihlazo. **17** Ophefumula iqiniso wazisa ukulunga, kodwa umfakazi wamanga inkohliso. **18** Kukhona ophahluka njengokuhlabu kwenkemba, kodwa ulimi lwezihlakaniphi luyikusilisa. **19** Indebe yequiniso izamiswa phakade, kodwa ulimi lwamanga lungolomzuzu nje. **20** Inkohliso isenhliziyweni yabaceba okubi, kodwa abeluleki bokuthula balentokozo. **21** Lokukodwa okubi kakuyikubehlela abalungileyo, kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bagcwele ububi. **22** Indebe zamanga ziyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa abenza iqiniso bayintokozo yayo. **23** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ufihla ulwazi, kodwa inhliziyoyezithutha imemezela ubuthutha. **24** Isandla sabakhutheleyo sizabusa, kodwa amavila azakuba yizibhalwa. **25** Ukukhathazeka enhliziyweni yomuntu kuyayithobisa, kodwa ilizwi elihle liyayithokozisa. **26** Olungileyo ungumholi kamakhelwane wakhe, kodwa indlela yabakhohlakeleyo iyabaduhisa. **27** Olivila kayikosa inyamazana yakhe ayizingeleyo, kodwa impahla yomuntu okhutheleyo iligugu. **28** Endleleni yokulunga kulempilo, lendleleni yomkhondo kakulakufa.

13 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo ilalela ukulaya kukayise, kodwa isideleli kasilaleli ukukhuzwa. **2** Umuntu uzakudla okuhle okuvela esithelweni somlomo, kodwa umphefumulo

weziphambuki ubudlwangudlwangu. **3** Olondoloza umlomo wakhe ugcina umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa ovula indebe zakhe zibe banzi uzakuba lencithakalo. **4** Umphefumulo wevila uyafisa, kodwa kakulalutho; kodwa umphefumulo wokhutheleyo uyakhuluphaliswa. **5** Olungileyo uyalizonda ilizwi lamanga; kodwa omubi uzenza abe levumba, uthelela ihlazo. **6** Ukulunga kulinda oqotho endleleni, kodwa inkohlakalo ichitha isoni. **7** Kukhona ozitshaya onothileyo, kanti kalalutho; ozitshaya ongumyanga, kanti unothile kakhulu. **8** Inhlawulo yempilo yomuntu yinotho yakhe, kodwa umyanga kezwa ukukhuzwa. **9** Ukukhanya kwabalungileyo kuyathokoza, kodwa isibane sabakhohlakeleyo sizacitshwa. **10** Ukuzigqaja kuveza ingxabano kuphela, kodwa inhlakanipho ikwabalulekiwego. **11** Inotho etholakala ngokuyize izaphunguka, kodwa obuthelela ngesandla uyayandisa. **12** Ithemba eliphuzayo ligulisa inhliziyo, kodwa isifiso esizayo siyisihlahla sempilo. **13** Odelela ilizwi yena uzachithwa, kodwa owesaba umlayo yena uzavuzwa. **14** Imdifundo yohlakaniphileyo ingumthombo wempilo, ukuthi asuke emijibileni yokufa. **15** Ukuqedisisa okuhle kunika umusa, kodwa indlela yabaphambukayo ilukhuni. **16** Wonke ohlakaniphileyo wenza ngolwazi, kodwa isithutha sichaya ubuthutha. **17** Isithunywa esikhohlakeleyo siwela ebubini, kodwa isithunywa esithembekileyo siyikusilisa. **18** Ubuyanga lehlazo ngokwalowo oyekela ukufundiswa, kodwa onanzelela ukukhuzwa uzadunyiswa. **19** Isifiso esenziweyo simnandi emphefumulweni, kodwa kuyisinengiso ezithutheni ukuphenduka ebubini. **20** Ohamba labahlakaniphileyo uzahlakanipha, kodwa umngane wezithutha uzakuba mubi. **21** Ububi buzazingela izoni, kodwa abalungileyo bazavuzwa ngokuhle. **22** Olungileyo uzabenza

abantwana babantwana badle ilifa, kodwa inotho yesoni ibekelwa olungileyo. **23** Ukudla okunengi kusengqathweni yabayanga, kodwa kukhona okukhukhulwa ngokungabi lokwahlulela. **24** Ogodla uswazi lwakhe uzonda indodana yakhe, kodwa oyithandayo uayidinga masinyane ngesijeziso. **25** Olungileyo uyadla kuze kusuthe umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa isisu sabakhohlakeleyo sizaswela.

14 Wonke owesifazana ohlakaniphileyo uayakha indlu yakhe, kodwa oyisithutha uayidiliza ngezandla zakhe. **2** Ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe wesaba iNkosi, kodwa ophambene ngendlela zakhe uayidelela. **3** Emlonyeni wesithutha kulentonga yokuzigqaja, kodwa indebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyabagcina. **4** Lapho okungekho izinkabi khona umkolo uhlanzekile, kodwa kulesivuno esinengi ngamandla enkabi. **5** Umfakazi othembekileyo kaqambi amanga, kodwa umfakazi wamanga uphafuza amanga. **6** Odelelayo udinga inhlakanipho, kodwa kayikho; kodwa ulwazi lulula koqedisisayo. **7** Suka phambi komuntu oyisithutha, nxa ungayikunanzelela kuye indebe zolwazi. **8** Inhlakanipho yokhaliphileyo yikuqedisa indlela yakhe, kodwa ubuthutha bezithutha buyinkohliso. **9** Izithutha ziyakloloda ngesono, kodwa phakathi kwabaqotho kulomusa. **10** Inhliziyo iyazi ukubaba kwayo ngokwayo, lowemzini kahlanganyeli lentokozo yayo. **11** Indlu yabakhohlakeleyo izachithwa, kodwa ithente labaqotho lizahluma. **12** Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini, kodwa ukuphela kwayo zindlela zokufa. **13** Lekuhlekeni inhliziyo isebuhlungwini, lokuphela kwaleyontokozo lusizi. **14** Ohlehlela nyovane ngenhliziyo uzasutha ngezindlela zakhe, kodwa umuntu olungileyo uzasutha ngaye ngokwakhe. **15** Ongelalwazi ukholwa lonke ilizwi, kodwa

olengqondo unanjelela ukuhamba kwakhe. **16** Ohlakaniphileyo uyesaba, asuke ebubini, kodwa isithutha siyathukuthela, silitshapha. **17** Ophangisa ukuthukuthela wenza ubuthutha, lomuntu wamacebo amabi uzazondwa. **18** Abangelalwazi badla ilifa lobuthutha, kodwa abakhali phileyo bazathwala umqhele wolwazi. **19** Ababi bakhothama phambi kwabalungileyo, labakhohlakeleyo emasangweni abalungileyo. **20** Umyanga uzondwa langumakhelwane wakhe, kodwa abathanda onothileyo banengi. **21** Odelela umakhelwane wakhe uyona, kodwa olomusa kubayanga ubusisiwe. **22** Kabaduhi yini abaceba okubi? Kodwa umusa leqiniso ngokwalabo abaceba okuhle. **23** Kumtshikatshika wonke kulenzozo, kodwa inkulomo yendebe ibanga inswelo kuphela. **24** Umqhele wabahlakaniphileyo uyinotho yabo; ubuthutha bezithutha buyibuthutha. **25** Umfakazi oqinisileyo uyophula imiphefumulo, kodwa ophafuza amanga ungumkhohli. **26** Ekuyesaben iNkosi kulethemba eliqinileyo, labantwana bakhe bazakuba lesiphephelo. **27** Ukuyesaba iNkosi kungumthombo wempi, ukusuka emijibileni yokufa. **28** Lusebunengini babantu udumo lwenkosi, kodwa kusekuswelekeni kwabantu ukuchitheka kombusi. **29** Ophuza ukuthukuthela ulokuqedisisa okukhulu, kodwa ophangisa ukuzonda ukhulisa ubuthutha. **30** Inhliziy ephilileyo iyimpilo yenyama, kodwa umhawu uyikubola kwamathambo. **31** Ocindezela umyanga uthuka uMenzi wakhe, kodwa olomusa koswelayo uyamendumisa. **32** Okhohlakeleyo uwiswa ebubini bakhe, kodwa olungileyo ulethemba ekufeni kwakhe. **33** Inhlakaniph ihlala enhliziyewen yoqedisisayo, kodwa okuphakathi kwezithutha kuyaziwa. **34** Kulunga kuphakamisa isizwe, kodwa isono silihlazo ebantwini. **35** Umusa wenkosi

usencekwini ehlakaniphileyo, kodwa intukuthelo yayo izakuba kwethela ihlazo.

15 Impendulo ethambileyo ibuyisela emuva ulaka, kodwa ilizwi elilukhuni livusa intukuthelo. **2** Ulimi Iwabahlakaniphileyo lwenza ulwazi lube luhle, kodwa umlomo wezithutha uthulula ubuthutha. **3** Amehlo eNkosi akuyo yonke indawo, eqaphela ababi labalungileyo. **4** Ukusilisa kolimi kuyisihlahla sempilo, kodwa ukuphambeka kulo kuyikwephuka emoyeni. **5** Isithutha sidelela ukulaya kukayise, kodwa onanza ukukhuzwa uhlakaniphile. **6** Endlini yolungileyo kulenotho enengi, kodwa enzuzweni yomubi kulenkathazo. **7** Indebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyahlakaza ulwazi, kodwa inhliziyo yezithutha kayinjalo. **8** Umhlatshelo wabakhohlakeleyo uyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa umkhuleko wabaqotho uyintokozo yayo. **9** Indlela yokhohlakeleyo iyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa ithanda ozingela ukulunga. **10** Ukujezisa kubi kotshiya indlela; ozonda ukukhuzwa uzakufa. **11** Isihogo lentshabalalo kuphambi kweNkosi; kakhulu kangakanani inhliziyo zabantwana babantu! (**Sheol h7585**) **12** Isideleli kasithandi osikhuzayo, kasiyi kwabahlakaniphileyo. **13** Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza ubuso bujabule, kodwa ngosizi lwenhliziyo umoya uydabuka. **14** Inhliziyo yoqedisisayo idinga ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wezithutha udla ubuthutha. **15** Zonke insuku zohluphekayo zimbi, kodwa inhliziyo ethokozayo ilidili njalonjalo. **16** Kungcono okuncinyane kanye lokwesaba iNkosi kulenotho enengi lenkathazo kanye layo. **17** Kungcono isidlo semibhida lapho okulothando khona kulenkabi enonileyo lenzondo kanye layo. **18** Umuntu ololaka udungula ingxabano, kodwa ophuza ukuthukuthela uzathulisa ingxabano. **19** Indlela yevila injengothango lwameva, kodwa indlela yabaqotho ibuthelelw.

20 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo ithokozisa uyise, kodwa umuntu oyisithutha weyisa unina. **21** Ubuthutha buyintokozo koswela ingqondo, kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uyaqondisa ukuhamba kwakhe. **22** Amaqhinga angelaseluleko ayachitheka, kodwa ngabeluleki abanengi ayakuma. **23** Umuntu ulentokozo ngempendulo yomlomo wakhe; lelizwi ngesikhathi salo, lihle kangakanani. **24** Indlela yempilo kohlakaniphileyo iya phezulu, ukuze asuke esihogweni phansi. (**Sheol h7585**) **25** INkosi izadiliza indlu yozigqajayo, kodwa izamisa umngcele womfelokazi. **26** Imicabango yomubi iyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa amazwi amnandi ahlambulukile. **27** Ophanga inzuzo ukhathaza indlu yakhe, kodwa ozonda izipho uzaphila. **28** Inhliziyo yolungileyo inakana ukuphendula, kodwa umlomo wababi uthulula izinto ezimbi. **29** INkosi ikhatshana labakhohlakeleyo, kodwa iyezwa umkhuleko wabalungileyo. **30** Urukhanza kwamehlo kuthokozisa inhliziyo, lodaba oluhle lwenza amathambo akhuluphale. **31** Indlebe elalela ukukhuzwa kwempilo izahlala phakathi kwabahlakaniphileyo. **32** Owala ukulaywa weyisa umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa olalela ukukhuzwa uzuza ukuqedisia. **33** Urukuyesaba iNkosi kuyikufundiswa kwenhlakanipho, lokuthobeka kwandulela udumo.

16 Umuntu ulamacebo enhliziyo, kodwa impendulo yolimi ivela eNkosini. **2** Zonke indlela zomuntu zihlanzekile emehlwani akhe, kodwa iNkosi ilinganisa imimoya. **3** Gqela eNkosini imisebenzi yakho, lamacebo akho azaqiniswa. **4** INkosi izenzele konke, lomubi laye usuku lobubi. **5** Wonke ozigqajayo ngenhliziyo uyisinengiso eNkosini; isandla esandleni, kayikuyekelwa engajejzwanga. **6** Ngomusa leqiniso isono siyahlawulelwa, langokuyesaba iNkosi umuntu uyasuka ebubini. **7** Nxa

indlela zomuntu zithokozisa iNkosi, iyenza lezitha zakhe zibe lokuthula laye. **8** Okulutshwana kanye lokulunga kungcono kulobunengi benzozo engelakulunga. **9** Inhliziyo yomuntu iceba indlela yakhe, kodwa iNkosi iqondisa inyathelo lakhe. **10** Isinqumo sikaNkulunkulu sisendebeni zenkosi; umlomo wayo kawuyikuphambeka kusahlulelo. **11** Isikali lesilinganiso esilungileyo kungokweNkosi; wonke amatshe okulinganisa omgodla angumsebenzi wayo. **12** Kuyisinengiso emakhosini ukwenza okubi, ngoba isihlalo sobukhosimiswa ngokulunga. **13** Indebe zokulunga ziyyintokozo yamakhosi; iyathanda okhuluma izinto eziqondileyo. **14** Ulaka lombusi luyizithunywa zokufa, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uzaluthulisa. **15** Ekukhanyeni kobuso benkosi kulempilo, lomusa wayo unjengeyezi lezulu lamuva. **16** Kungcono kangakanani ukuzuza inhlakanipho kulegolide; lokuzuza ukqedisisa kakhethwa kulesiliva. **17** Umgwaqo omkhulu wabaqotho yikusuka ebubini; olondoloza umphefumulo wakhe unanzelela indlela yakhe. **18** Ukuziggaja kuqalela ukubhujiswa, lokuziphakamisa komoya kuqalela ukuwa. **19** Kungcono ukuthobeka ngomoya kanye labamnene, kulokwabelana impango labaziggajayo. **20** Ophatha udaba ngenhlakanipho uzathola okuhle; lothemb aNkosini uyathaba. **21** Ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo kuthiwa ngoqedisisayo; lobumnandi bendebe bandisa imfundiso. **22** Ukuqedisisa kwabalakho kungumthombo wempiro, kodwa ukulaya kwezithutha kuyibuthutha. **23** Ingqondo yohlakaniphileyo yenza umlomo wakhe uhlakaniphe, izakwandisa imfundiso endebeni zakhe. **24** Amazwi amnandi aluhlanga loluju, amnandi emphefumulweni, ayimpiliso emathanjeni. **25** Kukhona indlela ebonakala iqondile emuntwini, kodwa ukuphela kwayo zindlela zokufa. **26** Indlala yomtshikatshiki iyazitshikatshikela,

ngoba umlomo wakhe uyamkhuthaza. **27** Umuntu omubi ugebha ububi; lendebe ni zakhe kulokunjengomlilo otshisayo. **28** Umuntu ophambeneyo ungenisa ingxabano, lonyeyayo wehlukanisa umngane oseduze. **29** Umuntu wobudlwangudlwangu uhuga umakhelwane wakhe, amhambise ngendlela engalunganga. **30** Uvala amehlo akhe ukuceba izinto eziphambeneyo, eluma indebe zakhe aqede ububi. **31** Izimvu zekhanda zingumqhele wodumo; zitholakala endleleni yokulunga. **32** Ophuza ukuthukuthela ungcono kuleqhawe, lobusa umoya wakhe kulothumba umuzi. **33** Inkatho iphoselwa ethangazini, kodwa isinqumo sayo sonke sivela eNkosini.

17 Ucezu olomileyo lokuthula kanye lalo lungcono kulendlu egcwele imihlatshelo lengxabano. **2** Inceku ehlakaniphileyo izabusa phezu kwendodana eyangisayo, yehlukanise ilifa phakathi kwezelamani. **3** Imbiza yokuncibilikisa ngeyesiliva, lesithando ngesegolide, kodwa iNkosi ihlola izinhlizayo. **4** Umenzi wobubi ulalela indebe ekhohlakeleyo; umqambimanga ubeka indlebe olimini oluchithayo. **5** Oklolodela umyanga uthuka uMenzi wakhe; othokoza encithakalweni kayikuba msulwa. **6** Abantwana babantwana bangumqhele wabadala, Iodumo Iwabantwana ngoyise. **7** Indebe elobungcwethi kayisifanelanga isithutha; kakhulu kangakanani indebe yamanga isiphathamandla. **8** Isipho siyilitshe eliligugu emehlwani abaniniso; loba ngaphi esiphendukela khona sizaphumelela. **9** Osibekela isiphambeko udinga uthando, kodwa ophindaphinda udaba wehlukanisa umngane oseduze. **10** Ukukhuza kuyajula koqedisisayo kulokutshaya isithutha ngokulikhulu. **11** Omubi udinga ububi kuphela, kodwa isithunywa esilesihluku sizathunyelwa kuye. **12** Kakuthi ibhere elifelwe yimidlwane lihlangane lomuntu,

kodwa hatshi isithutha ebuthutheni baso. **13** Ophindisela okubi esikhundleni sokuhle, ububi kabuyikusuka endlini yakhe. **14** Ukuqala kwenkani kunjengokuvulela amanzi; ngakho yekela ingxabano ingakazinezi. **15** Olungisisa omubi lolahla olungileyo bayisinengiso eNkosini, ngitsho bobabili. **16** Kungani kulemali yokuthenga inhlakanipho esandleni sesithutha, lokhu singelangqondo? **17** Umngane uyathanda ngaso sonke isikhathi, lomzalwane uzalelwa inhlupheko. **18** Umuntu oswela ingqondo uyabambana ngezandla ukuba yisibambiso phambi kukamakhelwane wakhe. **19** Othanda isiphambeko uthanda inkani; ophakamisa umnyango wakhe udinga ukubhujiswa. **20** Olenhliziyo ephambeneyo katholi okuhle, lophambene ngolimi uwela ebubini. **21** Ozala isithutha, sizakuba lusizi kuye; loyise wesithutha kathokozi. **22** Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza kuhle njengomuthi, kodwa umoya oweephukileyo womisa amathambo. **23** Omubi uthatha isipho esifubeni ukuphambula izindlela zesahlulelo. **24** Inhlakanipho iphambi koqedisisayo, kodwa amehlo esithutha asekucineni komhlaba. **25** Indodana evisiwula ilusizi kuyise, iyikubaba kowayizalayo. **26** Ukuhlawulisa olungileyo lakho kakulunganga, lokutshaya iziphathamandla ngenxa yobuqotho. **27** Owazi ulwazi ugodla amazwi akhe; umuntu oqedisisayo ulomoya opholileyo. **28** Isithutha esithuleyo laso sithiya sihlakaniphile; ovala indebe zakhe uthiya uyaqedisisa.

18 Ozehlukanisayo udinga okuloyisekayo kwakhe; ufohlela inhlakanipho yonke. **2** Isithutha kasithokozi ekuqedisiseni, kodwa ukuze inhliziyo yaso iziveze. **3** Lapho okhohlakeleyo esiza, kuza lokudelela, njalo kanye lenhloni, ihlazo. **4** Amazwi omlomo womuntu angamanzi azikileyo; umthombo wenhlakanipho uyisifula esigobhozayo. **5** Kakulunganga ukwemukela ubuso

bokhohlakeleyo, ukuphambula olungileyo kusahlulelo. **6**
Indebe zesithutha zingena enkanini, lomlomo waso ubiza
imivimvinya. **7** Umlomo wesithutha uyintshabalalo yaso, lendebe
zaso zingumjibila womphefumulo waso. **8** Amazwi onyeyayo
anjengezibondlo ezechlela kokungaphakathi kwesisu. **9** Lolivila
emsebenzini wakhe unggumfowabo womchithi. **10** Ibizo leNkosi
lingumphotshongo oqinileyo; olungileyo uzagijimela kuwo amiswe
phezulu evikelekile. **11** Inotho yesinothi ingumuzi waso oqinileyo,
lanjengomthangala ophakemeyo ekucabangeni kwaso. **12**
Mandulo kokubhujiswa inhliziyo yomuntu iyaziphakamisa,
njalo mandulo kodumo kulokuthobeka. **13** Ophendula indaba
engakezwa, kuyibuwula kuye, lehlazo. **14** Umoya womuntu
uzasekela ukugula kwakhe, kodwa umoya owephukileyo,
ngubani ongawuthwala? **15** Inhliziyo yoqedisisayo izuza ulwazi,
lendlebe yabahlakaniphileyo idinga ulwazi. **16** Isipho somuntu
siyamvulela ngokubanzi, simkhokhelela phambi kwabakhulu.
17 Ongowokuqala ecaleni lakhe ubonakala elungle, kodwa
umakhelwane wakhe ufika amhlole. **18** Inkatho iqeda izingxabano,
yehlukanise phakathi kwabalamandla. **19** Umzalwane owoniweyo
wedlula umuzi oqinileyo, lengxabano zinjengomgoqo wenqaba.
20 Isisu somuntu siyasuthiswa yizithelo zomlomo wakhe,
uzasuthiswa yinzozo yendebe zakhe. **21** Ukufa lempilo
kusesandleni solimi; labaluthandayo bazakudla isithelo salo.
22 Othole umfazi uthole okuhle, uzuze umusa eNkosini. **23**
Umyanga uyakhulumu ngokuncenga, kodwa isinothi siphendula
izinto ezilukhuni. **24** Umuntu wabangane abanengi uzachitheka,
kodwa kulomngane onamathele kuleselamani.

19 Umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe ungcono
kulophambeneyo endebeni zakhe, njalo oyisithutha. **2** Futhi

umphefumulo ongelalwazi kawulunganga, lophangisayo ngezinyawo uyona. **3** Ubuthutha bomuntu buphambula indlela yakhe, lenhliziyo yakhe iyayithukuthelela iNkosi. **4** Inotho yengeza abangane abanengi, kodwa umyanga wehlukaniswa lomngane wakhe. **5** Umfakazi wamanga kayikuyekelwa engajeziswana, lophafuza amanga kayikuphunyuka. **6** Banengi abancenga umusa weziphathamandla; njalo wonke unguungane womuntu wezipho. **7** Bonke abazalwane bomyanga bayamzonda; kakhulu kangakanani abangane bakhe besiya khatshana laye; uxotshana labongamazwi kodwa kabatholakali. **8** Ozuza ingqondo uthanda umphefumulo wakhe; unanzelela ukuqedisisa uzathola okuhle. **9** Umfakazi wamanga kayikuyekelwa engajeziswana, lophafuza amanga uzabhubha. **10** Ukutamasa kakusifanele isiwula; kakhulu kangakanani ukuthi inceku ibuse phezu kweziphathamandla. **11** Ukuqedisisa komuntu kuphuzisa ukuthukuthela kwakhe; Iodumo Iwakhe yikwedlula isiphambeko. **12** Ulaka Iwenkosi lunjengokubhonga kwebhongo lesilwane, kodwa umusa wayo unjengamazolo etshanini. **13** Indodana eyisithutha iyincithakalo kayise; lengxabano zomfazi ziykuthonta njalonjalo. **14** Umuzi lenotho kuyilifa labobaba, kodwa umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uvela eNkosini. **15** Ubuvila buphosela ebuthongweni obukhulu, lomphefumulo olivila uzalamba. **16** Ogcina umlayo ugcina umphefumulo wakhe; odelela indlela zakhe uzakufa. **17** Ozwela umyanga weboleka iNkosi; izambhadala ngesenzo sakhe. **18** Laya indodana yakho kuselethemba, kodwa ungaloyisi ukufa kwayo. **19** Ololaka olukhulu uzathwala inhlawulo; ngoba nxu umophula uzabe lokhu uqhubeka ukwenza. **20** Lalela izeluleko, wemukele imfundiso, ukuze uhlakaniphe ekucineni kwakho. **21** Kulamacebo amanengi

enhлизијени эомунту, кодва ислулеќо сеNкоси сона сизакума.
22 Исилојисо щомунту нгумуса вакхе, нжало умјанга унгконо
куломунту ваманга. **23** Укујесаба iNкоси кунгоквемпило;
нгоба олакхо узалаala ебусука єсuthи; кайкветекелва јибуби.
24 Јвila лифилा исандла сало емганвни, нжало калијикусибујисела
емлонјени вало. **25** Тшаха иследели онгелалвази абеsekhalипха;
нжало khuза оqедисисајо, узаqедисиса улвази. **26** Очиhта uyise,
аxotshe щиниа, уyиндодана ethelela inhloni ilethe ihlazo. **27**
Yекела, ndодана yами, ukulalela ukulaywa, ukuphambuka
emazwini olwazi. **28** Umfakazi omubi udelela isahlulelo, lomlomo
wabakhohlakeleyo uginya ububi. **29** Izahlulelo zilungiselwe
изидели, lemivimvinya umhlana wezithutha.

20 Iwayini liyisideleli; okunathwayo okulamandla kulomsindo;
нжало wonke одуha кukho kahlakaniphanga. **2** Ukwesabeka
kwenkosi kunjengokubhonga kwebhongo lesilwane;
oyithukuthelisayo wona umphefumulo wakhe. **3** Kuludumo
emuntwini ukuyekela inkani; кодва sonke isiwula siyazineza.
4 Ngenxa yobusika ivila kaliyikulima; ngakho lizaphanza
esivunweni, кодва kungabi lalutho. **5** Iseluleko enhлизијени
јомунту sinjengamanzi azikileyo, кодва umунту oqедисисајо
uzasikha. **6** Inhengi labantu limemezela, lowo lalowo ukulunga
kwakhe, кодва ngubani ongathola umунту othembekileyo? **7**
Olungileyo uhamba ngobuqotho bakhe; babusisiwe abantwana
bakhe emva kwakhe. **8** Inkosi ehlezi esihlalweni sesahlulelo
ihlakaza bonke ububi ngamehlo ayo. **9** Ngubani ongathi:
Ngihlanzile inhliziyo yami, ngihlambulukile esonweni sami? **10**
Amatshe ezilinganiso ezechlukeneyo, ama-efa ehlukeneyo,
kuyisinengiso eNkosini, yebo kokubili. **11** Lomntwana uyzazisa
ngezenzo zakhe, loba umsebenzi wakhe uhlanzekile kumbe

loba uqotho. **12** Indlebe ezwayo lelihlo elibonayo, iNkosi yakwenza, yebo kokubili. **13** Ungathandi ubuthongo, hlezi ube ngumyanga; vula amehlo akho, usuthe isinkwa. **14** Kubi, kubi, kutsho umthengi; kodwa esehambile abesezincoma. **15** Kulegolide, lobunengi bamatshe aligugu, kodwa indebe zolwazi zingumceciso oligugu. **16** Thatha isembatho sakhe oyisibambiso sowemzini, umbambe abe yisibambiso sabezizwe. **17** Isinkwa samanga simnandi emuntwini, kodwa emva kwalokho umlomo wakhe uzagcwaliswa ngokhethe. **18** Imicabango uyimisa ngeseluleko; ngakho yenza impi ngamaqhinga amahle. **19** Ohambahamba enyeya wembula imfihlakalo; ngakho ungahlangani lokhohlisa ngendebe zakhe. **20** Othuka uyise loba unina, isibane sakhe sizacitshwa ebumnyameni obumnyama. **21** Ilifa lingaphangisiswa ekuqaleni, kodwa ukucina kwalo kakuyikubusisa. **22** Ungathi: Ngizaphindisela okubi; lindela iNkosi, njalo izakusindisa. **23** Amatshe ezilinganiso ezechlukeneyo ayisinengiso eNkosini, lesikali esikhohlisayo kasilunganga. **24** Izinyathelo zomuntu zivela eNkosini; pho, umuntu angaqedisisa njani indlela yakhe? **25** Kungumjibila emuntwini ukuginya okungcwele, lokuhlolisa emva kwezfungo. **26** Inkosi ehlakaniphileyo ihlakaza ababi, ibuyisela ivili phezu kwabo. **27** Umphefumulo womuntu uyisibane seNkosi, sihlolisisa wonke amakamelo esisu. **28** Umusa leqiniso kuyayigcina inkosi, isekela isihlalo sayo sobukhosи ngokulunga. **29** Udumo Iwejaha lungamandla alo, lobukhosи babadala yizimvu zekhanda. **30** Imivimvinya yenxeba ihlanza ububi, ngokunjalo izidutshuzo zamakamelo esisu.

21 Inhlizyo yenkosи isesandleni sikaJehova injengezifula zamanzi; uyiphendulela loba ngaphi athanda khona. **2**

Yonke indlela yomuntu ilungile emehlweni akhe, kodwa iNkosi ihlola izinhlizyo. **3** Ukwenza ukulunga lesahlulelo kukhethekile eNkosini kulomhlatshelo. **4** Ukuphakama kwamehlo, lokuzigqaja kwenhlizyo, lokulima kwabakhohlakeleyo, kuyisono. **5** Imicabango yokhutheleyo isenzuzweni kuphela, kodwa eyakhe wonke ophangisayo isekusweleni kuphela. **6** Ukwenza inotho ngolimi lwamanga kuyize eliphephukayo elalabo abadinga ukufa. **7** Isihluku sababi sizabahudula, ngoba besala ukwenza okulungileyo. **8** Indlela yomuntu igobile njalo ilecalo, kodwa ohlanzekileyo, umsebenzi wakhe uqondile. **9** Kungcono ukuhlala engonsini yophahlala kulalowesifazana wezinkani lendlini yokuhlanganyela. **10** Umphefumulo wokhohlakeleyo uloyisa ububi; umakhelwane wakhe kemukeli umusa emehlweni akhe. **11** Nxa isideleli sijeziswa, umuntu ongelalwazi uyahlakanipha; lalapho ohlakaniphileyo elaywa wemukela ulwazi. **12** Olungileyo uyananzelela indlu yokhohlakeleyo; uNkulunkulu uwisela abakhohlakeleyo ebubini. **13** Ogcika indlebe yakhe ekukhaleni komanya, laye uzakhala angaphendulwa. **14** Isipho sensitha siyadedisa intukuthelo, lesivalamlomo esifubeni ulaka olulamandla. **15** Kuyintokozo kolungileyo ukwenza ukulunga, kodwa kuluvalo kubenzi bobubi. **16** Umuntu oduha endleleni yokuqedisisa uzahlala ebandleni lemimoya efileyo. **17** Othanda injabulo uzakuba ngumyanga; othanda iwayini lamafutha kayikunotha. **18** Okhohlakeleyo uyinhlawulelo yolungileyo, lesiphambeki esikhundleni sabaqotho. **19** Kungcono ukuhlala elizweni eliyinkangala kulalowesifazana wezingxabano lolaka. **20** Kukhona imfuyo eloyisekayo lamafutha emzini wohlakaniphileyo, kodwa umuntu oyisithutha uyakuginya. **21** Oxotshana lokulunga lomusa uzathola impilo, ukulunga, lodumo.

22 Ohlakaniphileyo ukhwela emzini wamaqhawe, adilizele phansi amandla ethemba lawo. **23** Ogcina umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe, ugcina umphefumulo wakhe ezinkathazweni. **24** Isideleli esizikhukhumezayo esizigqajayo libizo lakhe osebenza ngolaka lokuzikhukhumeza. **25** Isiloyiso sevila sizalibulala, ngoba izandla zalo ziyala ukusebenza. **26** Usuku lonke liloyisa isiloyiso, kodwa olungileyo uzakupha, angagodli. **27** Umhlatshelo wabakhohlakeleyo uyisinengiso; kakhulu kangakanani nxa bewuletha ngecebo elibi. **28** Umfakazi wamanga uzabhubha, kodwa umuntu olalelayo uzakhulumu njalonjalo. **29** Umuntu okhohlakeleyo wenza luhkuni ubuso bakhe, kodwa oqotho yena uyananjelela indlela yakhe. **30** Kakulanhlaniphlo, njalo kakulakuqedisisa, njalo kakulaseluleko, okumelana leNkosi. **31** Ibhiza lilungiselwa usuku lwempi, kodwa ukukhululwa ngokweNkosi.

22 Ibizo elihle likhethekile kuleno tho enengi; isisa esihle kulesiliva njalo kulegolide. **2** Onothileyo lomyanga bayahlangana; iNkosi yabenza bonke. **3** Ohlakaniphileyo ubona ububi acatshe, kodwa abangelalwazi bayaqhubeka babesebujeziswa. **4** Umvuzo wokuthobeka lokwesaba iNkosi kuyino tho lodumo lempilo. **5** Armeva lemijibila kusendleleni yabaphambeneyo; ogcina umphefumulo wakhe uzakuba khatshana labo. **6** Fundisa umntwana endleleni angahamba ngayo; ngitsho esemdala kayikuphambuka kuyo. **7** Onothileyo ubusa abayanga, lomeboleki uyisiggili somebolekisi. **8** Ohlanyela ukonakala uzavuna ukuhlupheka, lentonga yolaka lwakhe izaphela. **9** Olelihlo elilokuhle yena uzabusiswa, ngoba unikile okwesinkwa sakhe kumyanga. **10** Xotsha isideleli, kuzaphuma lenkani, yebo, ingxabano lehlazo kuzaphela. **11** Othanda ukuhlantzeka

kwenhliziyi, ngenxa yesisa sendebe zakhe, inkosi ingumgane wakhe. **12** Amehlo eNkosi alondoloza ulwazi, kodwa izachitha amazwi abangathembekanga. **13** Ivila lithi: Kulesilwane ngaphandle; ngizabulawa phakathi kwezitalada. **14** Umlomo wabesifazana bemzini ungumgodi otshonayo; lowo iNkosi emthukutheleleyo uzawela khona. **15** Ubuthutha bubotshelwe enhliziyweni yomntwana; uswazi lokuqondisa luzabususela khatshana laye. **16** Ocindezela umyanga ukwandisa alakho, opha onothileyo, isibili uzakuba ngoswelayo. **17** Beka indlebe yakho, uzwe amazwi abahlakaniphileyo, umise inhliziyi yakho elwazini lami. **18** Ngoba kumnandi uba uwalondoloza emibilini yakho; azahlala elungile kanyekanye endebeni zakho. **19** Ukuze ithemba lakho libe seNkosini, ngikwazisile wona lamuhla, ngitsho wena. **20** Kangikubhalelanga yini izinto ezinhle kakhulu kuzeluleko lelwazini? **21** Ukukwazisa ukuquiniseka kwamazwi eqiniso, ukuze ubuyisele amazwi eqiniso kulabo abakuthumileyo. **22** Ungamphangi umyanga ngoba engumyanga, njalo ungamchobozi oswelayo esangweni. **23** Ngoba iNkosi izamela udaba lwabo, iphange umphefumulo wababaphangayo. **24** Ungahlanganyeli lomuntu ololaka, ungahambisani lomuntu othukuthelayo, **25** hlezi ufunde indlela zakhe, wemukele umjibila emphefumulweni wakho. **26** Ungabi phakathi kwababambana izandla, phakathi kwabayizibambiso ngezikwelede. **27** Uba ungelakho okokuhlawula, kungani ezathatha umbheda wakho ngaphansi kwakho? **28** Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane esidala somngcele, oyihlo abasenzayo. **29** Uyambona yini umuntu oyingcitshi emsebenzini wakhe? Uzazimisa phambi kwamakhosi; kayikuzimisa phambi kwabantukazana.

23 Nxa uhlalela ukudla lesiphathamandla, qaphelisa lokuqaphelisa okuphambi kwakho. **2** Ubeke ingqamu emphinjeni wakho uba uysiminzi. **3** Ungafisi izibondlo zaso, ngoba ziyikudla kwamanga. **4** Ungatshikatshikeli ukunotha; pheza ekuqedisiseni kwakho. **5** Uzandizisa yini amehlo akho kokungekho? Ngoba kuzazenzela lokuzenzela izimpiko njengokhozi oluphaphela emazulwini. **6** Ungadli ukudla kolelihlo elibi, ungfisi izibondlo zakhe. **7** Ngoba njengoba ecabangile emphefumulweni wakhe, unjalo. Uzakuthi: Dlana unathe; kodwa inhliziyo yakhe kayilawe. **8** Ucezu oludlileyo uzaluhlanza, wone amazwi akho amnandi. **9** Ungakhulumi endlebeni zoysisithutha, ngoba uzadelela inhlakanipho yamazwi akho. **10** Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane esidala somngcele; ungangeni emasimini ezintandane; **11** ngoba uMhlensi wazo ulamandla; yena uzamela udaba lwazo kuwe. **12** Beka inhliziyo yakho ekufundisweni, lezindlebe zakho emazwini olwazi. **13** Ungagodleli umntwana isijeziso; nxa umtshaya ngoswazi kayikufa. **14** Wena uzamtshaya ngoswazi, ukhulule umphefumulo wakhe esihogweni. (Sheol h7585) **15** Ndodana yami, uba inhliziyo yakho inhlakanipha, inhliziyo yami izathokoza, yebo eyami; **16** lezinso zami zizajabula ekukhulumeni kwendebe zakho izinto eziqondileyo. **17** Inhliziyo yakho kayingahawukeli izoni; kodwa bana ekwesaben iNkosi lonke usuku. **18** Ngoba isibili kukhona umvuzo, lomlindelo wakho kawuyikuqunywa. **19** Lalela wena, ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe, uqondise inhliziyo yakho endleleni. **20** Ungabi phakathi kwabanathi bewayini, phakathi kwezihwaba zenyama. **21** Ngoba isidakwa lesihwaba sizakuba ngumyanga, lokuwozela kuggokisa amadabudabu. **22** Lalela uyihi lo wakuzalayo, ungamdeleli unyoko esemdala. **23** Thenga iqiniso, ungalithengisi; inhlakanipho, lemfundiso,

lokuqedisisa. **24** Uyise wolungileyo uzathaba lokuthaba; lozala ohlakaniphileyo uzathokoza ngaye. **25** Uyihlo lonyoko kabathokoze, lokuzeleyo kathabe. **26** Ndodana yami, ngiphe inhliziyo yakho, lamehlo akho kawananzaelele indlela zami. **27** Ngoba iwule lingumgodi otshonayo, lowesifazana owemzini unggumthombo onggumcingo. **28** Laye ucathama njengomphangi, andise abangathembekanga phakathi kwabantu. **29** Ngubani olo: Maye? Ngubani olo: Wo? Ngubani olenkani? Ngubani olesililo? Ngubani olamanxeba ngeze? Ngubani olamehlo abomvu? **30** Yilabo abalibala ewayinini, yilabo abazinga iwayini elixutshanisiwego. **31** Ungakhangel iwayini, lapho lizibonakalisa libomvu, nxa linika umbala walo enkomitshini, lihamba liqondile. **32** Ekucineni kwalo liluma njengenyoka, lilume njengebululu. **33** Amehlo akho azabona abesifazana bemzini, lenhliziyo yakho ikhulume izinto eziphambeneyo. **34** Yebo, uzakuba njengolala enhliziywani yolwandle, lanjengolala esihlokweni sensika yomkhumbi. **35** Bangitshayile, kangizwanga buhlungu; bangidutshuzile, kangikunanzanga. Ngizavuka nini? Ngiphinde ngilidinge futhi.

24 Ungabi lamhawu ngabantu ababi, ungaloyisi ukuba labo. **2** Ngoba inhliziyo yabo iceba udlakela, lezindebe zabo zikhuluma uhlupho. **3** Ngenhlakaniph indlu iyakhiwa, langokuqedisisa iqiniswe. **4** Langolwazi amakamelo agcwaliswa ngempahla zonke eziligu gu lezimnandi. **5** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamandla, lomuntu ololwazi uqinisa amandla. **6** Ngoba ngezeluleko ezihlakaniphileyo ungalawula impi yakho, lokukhululwa kusebunengini babeluleki. **7** Inhlakaniph enkulu iphakeme esiwulen; esangweni kasivuli umlomo waso. **8** Oceba ukwenza okubi, bazambiza ngokuthi ngumnikazi wamacebo

amabi. **9** Umcabango wobuwula yisono, lesideleli siyisinengiso emuntwini. **10** Uba uztshengisa uxega ngosuku lokuhlupheka, amandla akho mancinyane. **11** Bophule abasiwa ekufeni, labatalikela ekubulaweni, kungathi ungabanqanda. **12** Uba usithi: Khangela besingakwazi lokhu; ohlola izinhliziyo yena kayikukunanzelala yini? Olondoloza umphefumulo wakho yena kakwazi yini? ngitsho ubuyisela emuntwini njengokomsebenzi wakhe? **13** Dlana uluju, ndodana yami, ngoba lulungile, lohlanga loluju lumnandi elwangeni lwakho. **14** Lunjalo ulwazi lwenhlakanipho emphefumulweni wakho; uba uluthola, kuzakuba lomvuzo, lethemba lakho kalyikuquenywa. **15** Wena okhohlakeleyo, ungacathameli umuzi wolungileyo; ungachithi indawo yakhe yokuphumula. **16** Ngoba olungileyo uzakuwa kasikhombisa, avuke futhi; kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bazakhubeka ebubini. **17** Ungathokozi ngokuwa kwesitha sakho, lekukhubekeni kwaso inhliziyo yakho kayingajabuli; **18** hlezi iNkosi ikubone, kube kubi emehlwani ayo, iphendule ulaka lwayo ilususe kuso. **19** Ungazikhathazi ngenxa yabenzi bobubi, ungabi lamhawu ngabakhohlakeleyo; **20** ngoba omubi kayikuba lomvuzo; isibane sabakhohlakeleyo sizacitshwa. **21** Ndodana yami, yesaba uJehova lenkosi; ungahlanganyeli labaguquguqukayo; **22** ngoba incithakalo yabo izavuka masinyane; njalo ngubani owazi ukuchitheka kwabo bobabili? **23** Lala ngawabahlakaniphileyo. Ukunaka ubuso kusahlulelo kakulunganga. **24** Othi kokhohlakeleyo: Wena ulungile; abantu bazamqalekisa, izizwe zizamthukuthelela. **25** Kodwa kulabo abamkhuzayo kuzakuba lentokozo, lesibusiso esihle sizabehlela. **26** Ophendula ngamazwi aqondileyo uzakwanga indebe. **27** Lungisa umsebenzi wakho ngaphandle, uzilungiselele wona

ensimini, emva kwalokho wakhe indlu yakho. **28** Ungabi ngumfakazi umelene lomakhelwane wakho kungelasizatho, kumbe ukhohlise ngendebe zakho. **29** Ungathi: Njengokwenza kwakhe kimi ngizakwenza njalo kuye; ngizaphindisela emuntwini njengokomsebenzi wakhe. **30** Ngedlula ensimini yevila, lesivinini somuntu oswele ingqondo; **31** khangela-ke, konke kwakumile ameva, imbabazane yayisibekele ubuso bakho, lomthangala wakho wamatshe udilikile. **32** Mina-ke ngakukhangela, ngakubeka enhliziyweni yami; ngakubona, ngemukela imfundiso. **33** Ubuthongo obuncinyane, ukuwozela okuncinyane, ukusonga izandla okuncinyane ukuthi kulalwe, **34** besebusiza ubuyanga bakho njengesihambi, lenswelo zakho njengomuntu ohlomileyo.

25 Lalezi yizaga zikaSolomoni abantu bakaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda abazikopayo. **2** Kuludumo lukaNkulunkulu ukufihla udaba, kodwa kuludumo Iwamakhosi ukuhlolisia udaba. **3** Amazulu ngokuphakama, lomhlaba ngokujula, lenhliziyo yamakhosi kakulakuhlolisia. **4** Susa amanyele esiliveni, beseckuphuma isitsha somncibilikisi. **5** Susa okhohlakeleyo phambi kwenkosi, besekuqiniswa isihlalo sayo sobukhosu ngokulunga. **6** Ungaziqhenyi phambi kwenkosi, njalo ungemi endaweni yezikhulu; **7** ngoba kungcono kuthiwe kuwe: Yenyukela ngapha, kulokuthi wehliswe phambi kwesiphathamandla, amehlo akho asibonileyo. **8** Ungaphangisi ukuphuma ukuyaphikisana, hlezi wenze ulutho ekucineni kwakho, lapho umakhelwane wakho esekuyangisile. **9** Mela udaba Iwakho lomakhelwane wakho, kodwa ungavezi imfihlo yomunye; **10** hlezi okuzwayo akuyangise, lesigcono sakho singaphambuki. **11** Ilizwi elikhulunywe ngokufaneleyo linjengama-apula egolide ezitsheni zesiliva ezibaziwego. **12** Isongo legolide lesiceciso segolide elihle

kungumkhuzi ohlakaniphileyo endlebeni ezyayo. **13** Isithunywa esithembekileyo kwabasithumileyo sinjengomqando weliqhwa elikhithikileyo ngosuku lokuvuna, ngoba sivuselela umphefumulo wamakhosi aso. **14** Umuntu oziqhanya ngesipho samanga unjengamayezi lomoya okungelazulu. **15** Ngokubekezelu umbusi angavunyisa, lolimi oluthambileyo lwephula ithambo. **16** Utholile yini uluju? Dlana okwenele wena, hlezi uludle kakhulu, uluhlanze. **17** Unyawo lwakho kalungavami endlini kamakhelwane wakho, hlezi akusuthe akuzonde. **18** Umuntu ofakaza ubufakazi bamanga ngomakhelwane wakhe uysagila lenkemba lomtshoko obukhali. **19** Ukuthemba ongathembekanga ngosuku lokuhlupheka kunjengezinyo elephukileyo, lonyawo olwenyeleyo. **20** Ohlabelela izingoma enhliziyeni edabukileyo unjengokhupha isembatho ngosuku lwamakhaza, njengeviniga phakathi kwesoda. **21** Uba okuzondayo elambile, umniqe isinkwa adle, njalo uba omile, umniqe amanzi anathe; **22** ngoba uzabekelela amalahle omlilo ekhanda lakhe, leNkosi izakuva. **23** Umoya wenyakatho uletha izulu, lolimi lwemfihlo ubuso obulolaka. **24** Kungcono ukuhlala engonsini yophahla kulalowesifazana wezinkani lendlini yokuhlanganyela. **25** Umbiko omuhle ovela elizweni elikhhatshana unjengamanzi aqandayo emphefumulweni owomileyo. **26** Olungileyo ozanyazanyiswayo phambi kokhohlakeleyo ungumthombo odungekileyo lesiphethu esonakeleyo. **27** Ukudla uluju olunengi kakulunganga; lokuthi badinge udumo lwabo kakusidumo. **28** Umuntu ongathinti umoya wakhe unjengomuzi ofohlelwego ongelamthangala.

26 Njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo ehlobo lanjengezulu ngesikhathi sokuvuna, ngokunjalo udumo kalusifanelanga isithutha. **2** Njengenyonu ekuzulazuleni, njengenkonjane ekuphapheni,

ngokunjalo isiqalekiso kungelasizatho kasiyikufika. **3** Isiswepu ngesebhiza, itomu ngelikababhem, loswazi ngolomhlana wezithutha. **4** Ungaphenduli isithutha ngokobuthutha baso, hlezi lawe ufanane laso. **5** Phendula isithutha ngokobuthutha baso, hlezi sibe ngesihlakaniphileyo emehlwani aso. **6** Othumela amazwi ngesandla sesithutha, uquma inyawo, unatha isihluku. **7** Imilenze yesiqhuli iyalengalenga; sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wezithutha. **8** Njengokubophela ilitshe esavutheni, unjalo onika udumo esithutheni. **9** Njengameva enyuka esandleni sesidakwa sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wezithutha. **10** Omkhulu owabumba konke uvuza isithutha, avuze abadlulayo. **11** Njengenja ebuyela emahlanzweni ayongokunjalo isithutha siphinda ubuthutha baso. **12** Uyabona yini umuntu ohlakaniphileyo emehlwani akhe? Kulethemba elikhulu esithutheni kulaye. **13** Olivila uthi: Kulesilwane endleleni; isilwane sisezitaladeni. **14** Isivalo siphenduka ngamabhanti aso, ngokunjalo ivila embhedeni walo. **15** Ivila lifihla isandla salo emganwini, liyavilapha ukusibuyisela emlonyeni walo. **16** Ivila lihlakaniphile emehlwani alo okwedlula abayisikhombisa abangaphendula ngenhlakaniph. **17** Odlulayo engenela ingxabano engeyisiyo eyakhe ungobamba indlebe zenja. **18** Njengohlanya oluphosa izikhuni ezivuthayo, imitshoko, lokufa, **19** unjalo umuntu okhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe, abesesithi: Kangisomi yini? **20** Uba kungelankuni umlilo uyacitsha; njalo uba kungelakunyeya, ukuxabana kuyathula. **21** Njengamalahle emalahleni avuthayo, lenkuni emlilweni, unjalo umuntu wenkani ngowokubasa ingxabano. **22** Amazwi onyeyayo anjengezibondlo ezechlela kokungaphakathi kwesisu. **23** Indebe ezivuthayo lenhliziyo embi kungamanyeles esiliva ahuqa ukhamba. **24** Ozondayo uyazenzisa ngezindebe zakhe,

kodwa ufaka inkohliso ngaphakathi kwakhe. **25** Lapho esenza ilizwi lakhe libe ngelomusa, ungamkholwa, ngoba izinengiso eziyisikhombisa zisenhliziyweni yakhe. **26** Inzondo isibekelwa ngenkohliso; ububi bakhe buzakwembulwa ebandleni. **27** Ogebhayo umgodi uzawela kuwo, logiqa ilitshe, lizabuyela kuye. **28** Ulimi lwamanga luzonda olubachobozayo, lomlomo obutshelezi usebenza incithakalo.

27 Ungazincomi ngosuku lwakusasa, ngoba kawazi ukuthi usuku luzazalani. **2** Owemzini kakudumise, njalo hatshi umlomo wakho; owezizwe, njalo hatshi indebe zakho. **3** Ilitshe linzima, letshebetshebe liyasinda, kodwa ulaka lwesthutha lunzima kulakho kokubili. **4** Ulaka lulolunya, lentukuthelo iyisikhukhula; kodwa ngubani ongema phambi komona? **5** Kungcono ukukhuzwa ngokusobala kulothando lwensitha. **6** Amanxeba omngane athembekile, kodwa ukwanga kwesitha kuyakhohlisa. **7** Umphefumulo osuthiyo unyathelela phansi uhlanga loluju, kodwa kumphefumulo olambileyo konke okubabayo kumnandi. **8** Njengenyonи eduha isuka esidlekeni sayo unjalo umuntu oduha esuka endaweni yakhe. **9** Amafutha lempepha kuthokozisa inhliziyo; kunjalo ubumnandi bomngane womuntu ngenxa yeseluleko somphefumulo. **10** Ungadeli umngane wakho lomngane kayihlo; njalo ungangeni endlini yomfowenu ngosuku lwencithakalo yakho; kungcono umakhelwane oseduze kulomfowenu okhatshana. **11** Hlakanipha, ndodana yami, uthokozise inhliziyo yami, ukuze ngibe lependulo kongisolayo. **12** Okhaliphileyo uyabona ububi acatshe, kodwa abangelalwazi bayaqhubeka bajeziswe. **13** Thatha isiggoko soyisibambiso ngenxa yowemzini, umthathele isibambiso ngenxa yowesifazana wezizwe. **14** Obusisa umngane wakhe ngelizwi elikhulu

evuka ekuseni kakhulu, kuzathiwa yisiqalekiso kuye. **15**
Ukuchophelela ngosuku lwezulu eliqhubekayo lowesifazana
oxabanayo kuyafanana. **16** Omfihlayo ufhla umoya, lamagcobo
ahlangana lesandla sakhe sokunene. **17** Insimbi ilolwa ngensimbi;
ngokunjalo umuntu ulola ubuso bomngane wakhe. **18** Olondoloza
isihlahla somkhiwa uzakudla isithelo saso; lolinda inkosi yakhe
uzadunyiswa. **19** Njengemanzini ubuso busebusweni, ngokunjalo
inhliyo yomuntu isemuntwini. **20** Isihogo lencithakalo kakusuthi,
ngokunjalo amehlo omuntu kawasuthi. (**Sheol h7585**) **21** Imbiza
yokucenga ngeyesiliva, lesithando ngesegolide; kunjalo umuntu
ngokokudunyiswa kwakhe. **22** Lanxa ugiga isithutha ngomgigo
engigeni phakathi kwengqoloyi, ubuthutha baso kabuyikusuka
kuso. **23** Yazi lokwazi isimo sezimu zakho, beka inhliyo yakho
kumihlambi yakho, **24** ngoba inotho kayisiyaphakade; kumbe
umqhele ube sesizukulwaneni lesizukulwana yini? **25** Utshani
buyasuswa, lohlaza lubonakale, kubuthwe lemibhida yezintaba.
26 Amawundlu angaweziggoko zakho, lezimpongo ziyyintengo
yesiqinti. **27** Kuzakuba lochago lwezimbuzi olwanele ukudla
kwakho lokudla kwendlu yakho lempilo yencekukazi zakho.

28 Ababi babaleka kungekho umzingeli, kodwa abalungileyo
balesibindi njengebhongo lesilwane. **2** Ngesiphambeko sesizwe
ababusi baso banengi; kodwa ngomuntu olukuqedisisa ololwazi
ukuqonda kwaso kuyelulwa. **3** Umuntu ongumyanga ocindezela
abayanga ulizulu elikhukhulayo ukuze kungabi lokudla. **4** Abadela
umlayo badumisa ababi, kodwa labo abagcina umlayo balwa
labo. **5** Abantu ababi kabaqedisisi ukulunga, kodwa abadinga
iNkosi baqedisisa konke. **6** Kungcono umyanga ohamba
ngobuqotho bakhe kulophambene ngezindlela lanxa enothile. **7**
Ogcina umlayo uyindodana eqedisisayo, kodwa ozihlanganisa

lezigangi uyangisa uyise. **8** Owandisa inotho yakhe ngenzalo langenzuzo uyibuthela olomusa kubayanga. **9** Ophambula indlebe yakhe ekulaleleni umlayo, lomkhuleko wakhe uzakuba yisinengiso. **10** Oduhisela abaqotho endleleni embi yena uzawela emgodini wakhe, kodwa abaqotho bazakudla ilifa lokuhle. **11** Indoda enothileyo ihlakaniphile emehlwani ayo, kodwa umyanga oqedisisayo uzayihlola. **12** Lapho abalungileyo bethokoza, kulenkazimulo enkulu; kodwa nxa ababi bephakama, umuntu uyadingwa. **13** Osibekela iziphambeko zakhe kayikuphumelela, kodwa ozivumayo azitshiye, uzahawukelwa. **14** Ubusisiwe umuntu owesaba njalonjalo, kodwa owenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni uzawela ebubini. **15** Umbusi okhohlakeleyo phezu kwabantu abangabayanga uysisilwane esibhongayo lebhore elizingelayo. **16** Umbusi oswele ukuqedisisa konke wandisa lencindezelo; ozonda inzuso embi uzakwelula insuku. **17** Umuntu ocindzelwe ligazi lomphefumulo uzabalekela emgodini; kabangamsekeli. **18** Ohamba ngobuqotho uzasindiswa, kodwa ophambene ngendlela ezimbili uzahle awe. **19** Olima umhlaba wakhe uzasutha ukudla, kodwa olandela abayize uzasutha ubuyanga. **20** Umuntu wothembeko lonke uzavama ngezibusiso, kodwa ophangisa ukunotha kayikuba msulwa. **21** Ukuhlonipha ubuso kakulunganga, ngoba umuntu uzakona ngenxa yocezu lwasinkwa. **22** Ophangisa ukunotha ungmuntu olelihlo elibi, njalo engazi ukuthi ubuyanga buzamehlela. **23** Okhuza umuntu uzathola umusa emuva okwedlula okhohlisayo ngolimi. **24** Ophanga uyise kumbe unina, athi: Akusiso isiphambeko; ungmngane womchithi. **25** Ongasuthisekiyo udunga ingxabano, kodwa othemba eNkosini uzakhuluphaliswa. **26** Othemba enhliziywani yakhe uysisithutha, kodwa ohamba ngenhlakanipho uzakhululwa. **27** Opha umyanga

kayikuswela, kodwa ofihla amehlo akhe uzakuba leziqalekiso ezinengi. **28** Nxa abakhohlakeleyo bephakanyiswa, umuntu uyacatsha, kodwa nxa bebhubha, abalungileyo bayanda.

29 Umuntu othi ekhuzwa kanengi aqinise intamo, uzahle ephulwe, njalo kungabi lakusiliswa. **2** Lapho abalungileyo besanda, abantu bayathokoza, kodwa lapho okhohlakeleyo ebusa, abantu bayabubula. **3** Umuntu othanda inhlakanipho uthokozisa uyise, kodwa ohlanganyela lamawule uchitha inotho. **4** Inkosi iqinisa ilizwe ngesahlulelo, kodwa umuntu wezipho uyalichitha. **5** Umuntu olalisa ngolimi umakhelwane wakhe wendlalela izinyawo zakhe imbule. **6** Esiphambekweni somuntu omubi kulomjibila, kodwa olungileyo uyamemeza ngenjabulo ethokoza. **7** Olungileyo uyalwazi udaba lwabayanga; okhohlakeleyo kananzeleli ulwazi. **8** Abantu abadelelayo bayawuthungela umuzi, kodwa abahlakaniphileyo badedisa ulaka. **9** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo emangalelana lomuntu oyisithutha, loba elolaka, loba ehleka, kakulakuthula. **10** Abantu abomele igazi bazonda opheleleyo, kodwa abaqotho badinga umphefumulo wakhe. **11** Isithutha sikhupha umoya waso wonke, kodwa ohlakaniphileyo uyawuthiba. **12** Umbusi olalela amazwi amanga, zonke izinceku zakhe zikhohlakele. **13** Umyanga lomuntu wencindezelo bayahlangana; iNkosi ikhanyisa amehlo abo bobabili. **14** Inkosi eyahlulela abayanga ngothembeko, isihlalo sayo sobukhosи sizamiswa phakade. **15** Uswazi lokukhuza kunika inhlakanipho, kodwa umntwana oyekelwelwayo uthelela unina inhloni. **16** Lapho abakhohlakeleyo besanda, isiphambeko siyanda, kodwa abalungileyo bazabona ukuwa kwabo. **17** Laya indodana yakho, izakuphumuza; yebo, izanika izinjabulo emphefumulweni wakho. **18** Lapho okungelambono khona,

abantu babengabambeki; kodwa ubusisiwe ogcina umlayo. **19**
Inceku kayilaya ngamazwi; lanxa iqedisisa, kayiyikuphendula. **20**
Uyambona yini umuntu ophangisa ngamazwi akhe? Kulethemba
elingcono esithutheni kulaye. **21** Ototoza inceku yakhe kusukela
ebuntwaneni, ekucineni izakuba yindodana kuye. **22** Umuntu
ololaka ubanga ukuxabana, lomuntu ovutha intukuthelo wandisa
isiphambeko. **23** Ukuzigqaja komuntu kuzamehlisa, kodwa
olomoya othobekileyo uzabamba udumo. **24** Owabelana lesela
uzonda umphefumulo wakhe; uzwa isiqalekiso, angakhulumi. **25**
Ukwesaba abantu kuletha umjibila, kodwa othembra eNkosini
uzabekwa phezulu evikelekile. **26** Abanengi badinga ubuso
bombusi, kodwa isahlulelo salowo lalowo sivela eNkosini. **27**
Umuntu ongalunganga uyisinengiso kwabalungileyo, kodwa
oqotho endleleni uyisinengiso kokhohlakeleyo.

30 Amazwi kaAguri indodana kaJake umMasa. Umuntu wathi
kulthiyeli, kulthiyeli loUkhali: **2** Isibili, ngiyisithutha kulomuntu,
kangilakuqedisisa komuntu. **3** Kangifundanga inhlakanipho,
kangilwazi ulwazi lwabangcwele. **4** Ngubani owenyukela
emazulwini njalo wehla? Ngubani oqoqe wafumbatha umoya
ezandleni zakhe? Ngubani ogoqele amanzi esembathweni?
Ngubani omise yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba? Lingubani ibizo
lakhe, lebizo lendodana yakhe lingubani, uba usazi? **5** Lonke
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu licwengekile; uyisihlangu kwabaphephela
kuye. **6** Ungengezeleli emazwini akhe, hlezi akukhuze,
utholwe ungumqambimanga. **7** Zimbili izinto engizicelle kuwe;
ungangigodleli zona ngingakafi. **8** Susa khatshana lami
ize lamazwi amanga; ungangiphi ubuyanga loba inotho;
ungiphe ukudla kwesabelo sami. **9** Hlezi ngisuthe, ngikuphike
ngithi: Ngubani iNkosi? Kumbe hlezi ngibe ngumyanga,

ngintshontshe, ngithathe ngeze ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami.

10 Ungahlebi inceku enkosini yayo, hlezi ikuthuke, ube lecalala. **11** Kulesizukulwana esithuka uyise, esingabusisi unina; **12** isizukulwana esihlambulukileyo emehlwani aso, kodwa esingahlanjululwanga engcekezeni yaso; **13** isizukulwana omehlo aso aphakeme kangaka, lenkophe zaso ziphakanyisiwe; **14** isizukulwana omazinyo aso zinkemba, lesimazinyo aso omhlathi zingqamu, zokudla abayanga emhlabeni, labaswelayo ebantwini. **15** Umkhaza ulamadodakazi amabili athi: Phana, phana; lezizontathu kazisuthi; ezine kositsho ukuthi: Kwanele.

16 Ingcwaba, lesizalo esiyinyumba, umhlaba ongasuthi amanzi, lomlilo ongathi: Kwanele. (**Sheol h7585**) **17** Llihlo eliklolodela uyise, lelidelela ukulalela unina, amawabayi esihotsha azalikopola, labantwana bamanqe bazalidla. **18** Lezizinto ezintathu ziysisimangaliso esikhulu kimi, yebo, ezine engingazaziyo: **19** Indlela yokhozi emazulwini, indlela yenyoka edwaleni, indlela yomkhumbi enhliziwayeni yolwandle, lendlela yejaha entombini. **20** Injalo indlela yowesifazana oliwule; udra, esule umlomo wakhe, athi: Kangenzanga isiphambeko. **21** Ngenxa yezinto ezintathu umhlaba uyazamazama, yebo, ngenxa yezine ongezithwale: **22** Ngenxa yesiggili nxa sibus, lesithutha nxa sisuthi ukudla, **23** ngenxa yesaliwakazi nxa sendile, lencekukazi nxa iyindlalifa yenkosikazi yayo. **24** Lezi ezine zingezincinyane zomhlaba, kanti zihlakaniphile zenziwe zihlakaniphe: **25** Ubunyonyo buyisizwe esingelamandla, kanti bulungisa ukudla kwabo ehlobo. **26** Imbila ziysisizwe esingelamandla, kanti zimisa indlu yazo edwaleni. **27** Intethe kazilankosi, kanti zonke ziphuma zehlukene ngamaviyo. **28** Umbankwa ubambelela ngezandla ezimbili, njalo usezigodlweni zenkosi. **29** Lezi ezintathu zinyathela kuhle,

yebo, ezine zihamba kuhle: **30** Isilwane esilamandla phakathi kwenyamazana, esingeyikubuyela emuva ngenxa yobuso loba ngobukabani; **31** inja ebhince okhalweni, kumbe impongo; lenkosi ileviyo lamabutho. **32** Uba ube yisithutha ngokuziphakamisa, njalo uba ucebe okubi, beka isandla emlonyeni. **33** Ngoba ukuphehlwa kochago kuveza iphehla, lokucindezelwa kwempumulo kuveza igazi, lokucindezelwa kwentukuthelo kuveza ingxabano.

31 Amazwi kaLemuweli inkosi yeMasa, unina amfundisa wona. **2** Ini, ndodana yami! Ini-ke, ndodana yesizalo sami! Ini-ke, ndodana yezithembiso zami! **3** Unganiki amandla akho kwabesifazana, kumbe izindlela zakho ekubhubhiseni amakhosi. **4** Kakusikwamakhosi, Lemuweli, kakusikwamakhosi ukunatha iwayini, kumbe okweziphatmandla ukuloyisa okunathwayo okulamandla. **5** Hlezi anathe, akhohlwe isimiso, aguqule isahlulelo sawo wonke amadodana enhlupheko. **6** Phana okunathwayo okulamandla kobhubhayo, lewayini kwabababayo emphefumulweni. **7** Kanathe, akhohlwe ubuyanga bakhe, angabe esakhumbula usizi lwakhe. **8** Vulela isimungulu umlomo wakho, udaba lwabo bonke abamiselwe incithakalo. **9** Vula umlomo wakho, wahlulele ngokulunga, umele ilungelo lomyanga loswelayo. **10** Ngubani ongathola umfazi okhuthela okulgileyo? Ngoba intengo yakhe iyedlula kakhulu amatshe amahle. **11** Inhlizyo yomkakhe ithemba kuye, ukuze angasweli impango. **12** Umenzela okuhle, hatshi okubi, insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. **13** Udinga uboya bezimvu lefilakisi, asebenze ngenjabulo yezandla zakhe. **14** Ufanana lemikhumbi yomthengisi; uletha ukudla kwakhe kuvela khatshana. **15** Uvuka kusesebusuku, anike indlu yakhe ukudla, lesabelo kuzincekukazi zakhe. **16** Anakane ngensimu ayizuze; ngesithelo sezandla zakhe ahlanyeleviini. **17**

Uyabhinca ukhalo lwakhe ngamandla, aqinise ingalo zakhe. **18**
Uyananzelela ukuthi ukuthengisa kwakhe kuhle; isibane sakhe
kasicitshi ebusuku. **19** Welulela izandla zakhe kuluthi lokuphatha,
lezandla zakhe zibambe isigodo esilezintambo. **20** Welulela
umyanga isandla sakhe, elulele izandla zakhe koswelayo. **21**
Kesabi iliqhwa elikhithikileyo ngenxa yabendlu yakhe, ngoba
bonke abendlu yakhe bagqokiswe okubomvu. **22** Uzenzela
izembeso; isigqoko sakhe sililembu elicolekileyo leliyibubende.
23 Umkkakhe uyaziwa emasangweni, lapho ehlezi labadala
belizwe. **24** Wenza ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, alithengise;
anike umthengi ibhanti. **25** Amandla lodumo kuyisigqoko sakhe;
uyahleka mayelana losuku olulandelayo. **26** Uvula umlomo
wakhe ngenhlakanipho; lemfundiso yomusa iselimini lwakhe. **27**
Uqaphela inhambo zomuzi wakhe; kadli isinkwa sobuvila. **28**
Abantwana bakhe bayavuka bathi ubusisiwe, lomkakhe laye
uyamdumisa: **29** Manengi amadodakazi enze ngenkuthalo,
kodwa wena wenyukile phezu kwawo wonke. **30** Ubuhle
buyinkohliso, lokubukeka kuyize; owesifazana owesaba iNkosi
yena uzadunyiswa. **31** Mnikeni okuvela esithelweni sezandla
zakhe, lemisenbenzi yakhe kayimdumise emasangweni.

UmTshumayeli

1 Amazwi omTshumayeli, indodana kaDavida, inkosi eJerusalema. **2** Ize leze, kutsho umTshumayeli, ize leze, konke kuyize. **3** Kuyinzuzoni emuntwini emtshikatshikeni wakhe wonke awutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga? **4** Isizukulwana siyedlula, lesizukulwana size, kodwa umhlaba umi kuze kube nininini. **5** Lelanga liyaphuma, lelanga litshone, litshetshela endaweni lapho eliphuma khona. **6** Umoya uya eningizimu, ujikele enyakatho, ujkajike uhambe, lomoya ubuye lekubhoden ikwawo. **7** Yonke imifula iya olwandle, kodwa ulwandle kalugcwali; endaweni lapho imifula evela khona, ibuyele iye khona. **8** Zonke izinto ziyadinisa; kakulamuntu olakho ukukukhuluma. Ilihlo kalisuthi ngokubona, lendlebe kayigcwaliswa yikuzwa. **9** Okwake kwaba khona yilokho okuzakuba khona, lokwake kwensiwa yilokho okuzakwenziwa; njalo kakulalutho olutsha ngaphansi kwelanga. **10** Kungaba khona ulutho yini okungathiwa ngalo: Khangela, lokhu kutsha! Kwakuvele kukhona endulo engaphambi kwethu. **11** Kakukho ukukhunjulwa kwezinto zakuqala; njalo lezinto ezizayo ezizakuba khona kakuyikuba khona ukukhunjulwa kwazo lalabo abazakuba khona emva kwalokho. **12** Mina mTshumayeli ngangiyinkosi phezu kukalsrayeli eJerusalema. **13** Ngasengenikela inhliziyo yami ukudinga lokuhlolisa ngokuhlakanipha ngakho konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwamazulu; lumtshikatshika onzima uNkulunkulu uwunike abantwana babantu ukuthi baphatheke ngawo. **14** Ngiyibonile yonke imisebenzi eyenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga; khangela-ke, konke kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya. **15** Okugobileyo kakulakuqondiswa; lokuswelekayo kakulakubalwa. **16** Ngakhulumma mina lenhliziyo yami ngisithi: Khangela, mina ngikhulile ngandisa inhlakanipho phezu kwabo bonke

ababephambi kwami eJerusalema; njalo inhlizyo yami ibonile kakhulu inhlakanipho lolwazi. **17** Nganginikela inhlizyo yami ukwazi inhlakanipho, lokwazi ukuhlanya lobuthutha, ngabona ukuthi lalokhu yikukhathazeka komoya. **18** Ngoba kunhlakanipho enengi kulokukhathazeka okunengi, lowandisa ulwazi wandisa usizi.

2 Ngathi mina enhliziyweni yami: Woza-ke, ngizakuzama ngentokozo, njalo kholisa okuhle. Khangela-ke, lalokhu kwakuyize. **2** Ngokuhleka ngathi: Kuyibuhlanya! Langentokozo: Kwenzani? **3** Ngadinga enhliziyweni yami ukuthokozisa inyama yami ngewayini (kodwa ngakhokhela inhlizyo yami ngenhlakanipho), lokubambelela ebuthutheni, ngize njibone ukuthi kuyini lokho okulungele abantwana babantu, abangakwenza ngaphansi kwamazulu, ngenani lensuku zempilo zabo. **4** Ngazenzela imisebenzi emikhulu; ngazakhela izindlu; ngazihlanyeleta izivini; **5** ngazenzela izivande lezivande zezihlahla; ngahlanya kuzo izihihlahla zezithelo zohlobo lonke; **6** ngazenzela amachibi amanzi okuthelela ngawo ihlathi lokukhulisa izihihlahla; **7** ngathenga izigqili lezigqilikazi, ngaba labazalelwwe endlini; njalo ngaba lemfuyo enengi yenkomo lezimvu okwedlula bonke ababekhona ngaphambi kwami eJerusalema; **8** ngazibuthela futhi isiliva legolide lemfuyo ekhethekileyo yamakhosi leyamazwe; ngazizuzela abahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi, lentokozo zabantwana babantu, amantombazana emihlobo yonke. **9** Ngakho ngaba mkhulu nganda okwedlula wonke owayekhona ngaphambi kwami eJerusalema, lenhlakanipho yami yema lami. **10** Lakho konke amehlo ami akufisayo kangiwancitshanga khona, kangigodlanga inhlizyo yami lakuyiphi intokozo; ngoba inhlizyo yami yathokoza

ekutshikatshikeni kwami konke; lalokhu kwaba yisabelo sami somtshikatshika wami wonke. **11** Mina ngasengikhangela yonke imisebenzi izandla zami eziyenzileyo, lomtshikatshika engangitshikatshike ukuwenza; khangela-ke, konke kwakuyize lokukhathazeka komoya, njalo kwakungekho nzozo ngaphansi kwelanga. **12** Mina ngasengibuyela ukubona inhlakanipho lobuhlanya lobuthutha. Ngoba angenzani umuntu olandela inkosi? Lokho okuvele sekwenziwe. **13** Mina ngasengibona ukuthi inhlakanipho ingcono kulobuthutha njengokukhanya kungcono kulomnyama. **14** Ohlakaniphileyo, amehlo akhe asekhanda lakhe, kodwa isithutha sihamba emnyameni; ngasengisazi lami ukuthi isehlakalo sinye sehlela bonke. **15** Mina ngasengisithi enhliziyweni yami: Njengoba kusehlela isithutha kuzangehlela lami; pho, kungani-ke mina ngangihlakaniphe okwedlulisileyo? Ngasengikhuluma enhliziyweni yami ukuthi lokhu lakho kuyize. **16** Ngoba kakukho ukukhunjulwa kohlakaniphileyo okwedlula koyisithutha phakade; ngoba lokhu okukhona khathesi ensukwini ezizayo konke kuzakhohlakala. Ohlakaniphileyo ufa njani? Njengesithutha. **17** Ngasengizonda impilo, ngoba umsebenzi owenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga wawubuhlungu kimi; ngoba konke kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya. **18** Yebo, mina ngawuzonda wonke umtshikatshika wami engawutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga, ngoba ngizawutshiyela umuntu ozakuba khona ngemva kwami. **19** Ngubani-ke owaziyo ukuthi uzakuba ngoahlakaniphileyo kumbe oyisithutha? Kanti uzabusa phezu kwawo wonke umtshikatshika wami engawutshikatshikayo lengiwenze ngenhlakanipho ngaphansi kwelanga. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **20** Mina ngasengiphenduka ngadangalisa inhlizyo yami ngomtshikatshika wonke engangiutshikatshika

ngaphansi kwelanga. **21** Ngoba kulomuntu omtshikatshika wakhe ukunhlakanipho lakulwazi lakubuqotho, kanti uzawunika umuntu ongatshikatshikanga kuwo ube yisabelo sakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize, lobubi obukhulu. **22** Ngoba ulani umuntu ngomtshikatshika wakhe wonke langokukhathazeka kwenhliziyo yakhe akutshikatshike ngaphansi kwelanga? **23** Ngoba insuku zakhe zonke zizinsizi, lomsebenzi wakhe uyikudabuka; lebusuku inhliziyo yakhe kayiphumuli. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **24** Kakukho okungcono emuntwini kulokuthi adle anathe abonise umphefumulo wakhe okuhle emtshikatshikeni wakhe. Lokhu lakho mina ngabona ukuthi kuvela esandleni sikaNkulunkulu. **25** Ngoba ngubani ongadla kumbe ngubani ongakholisa kulami? **26** Ngoba yena uyamnika umuntu olungileyo phambi kobuso bakhe inhlakanipho lolwazi lentokozo; kodwa isoni uyasinika umsebenzi wokubutha lokubuthelela ukunika olungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

3 Konke kulesikhathi esimisiweyo, njalo kulesikhathi sayo yonke indaba ngaphansi kwamazulu: **2** Isikhathi sokuzalwa, lesikhathi sokufa; isikhathi sokuhlanyela, lesikhathi sokusiphuna okuhlanylweyo; **3** isikhathi sokubulala, lesikhathi sokuphilisa; isikhathi sokudiliza, lesikhathi sokwakha; **4** isikhathi sokukhala inyembezi, lesikhathi sokuhleka; isikhathi sokulila, lesikhathi sokugida; **5** isikhathi sokulahla amatshe, lesikhathi sokubuthelela amatshe; isikhathi sokugona, lesikhathi sokuba khatshana lokugona; **6** isikhathi sokudinga inzuzo, lesikhathi sokuyekela kulahleke; isikhathi sokulondoloza, lesikhathi sokulahla; **7** isikhathi sokudabula, lesikhathi sokuthunga; isikhathi sokuthula, lesikhathi sokukhuluma; **8** isikhathi sokuthanda, lesikhathi sokuzonda; isikhathi sempi, lesikhathi sokuthula. **9** Ulenzuzo bani osebenzayo

kwatshikatshika kikho? **10** Ngiwubonile umsebenzi uNkulunkulu awunike abantwana babantu ukuthi baphatheke ngawo. **11** Konke ukwenze kwaba kuhle ngesikhathi sakho; wasebeka iphakade enhliziyeni yabo, ukuze kungabi lomuntu ongafumana umsebenzi uNkulunkulu awenzayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni. **12** Ngiyazi ukuthi kakukho okuhle kubo ngaphandle kokuthokoza lokwenza okuhle empilweni yakhe. **13** Futhi lokuthi wonke umuntu adle anathe akholise okuhle ngomtshikatshika wakhe wonke, kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu. **14** Ngiyazi ukuthi konke uNkulunkulu akwenzayo kuzakuba khona phakade; kakukho okuzakwengezelwa kukho, njalo kakukho okuzaphungulwa kukho; uNkulunkulu wakwenza ukuze besabe phambi kwakhe. **15** Lokho okwakukhona kukhona khathesi, lalokho okuzakuba khona sekuvele kukhona; njalo uNkulunkulu ufunu okuxotshiweyo. **16** Futhi ngasengibona ngaphansi kwelanga indawo yokwahlulela, kwakukhona ububi lapho; lendawo yokulunga, kwakukhona ububi lapho. **17** Ngathi mina enhliziyeni yami: UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela olungileyo lomubi, ngoba kukhona lapho isikhathi sayo yonke indaba lesawo wonke umsebenzi. **18** Ngathi mina enhliziyeni yami ngesimo sabantwana babantu ukuthi uNkulunkulu abatshengise obala ukuthi babone ukuthi bona uqobo bazinyamazana. **19** Ngoba okwehlela abantwana babantu kwehlela lezinyamazana; njalo yinye into ebehlelayo; njengoba omunye esifa, ngokunjalo enye iyafa; yebo konke kulomoya munye, lomuntu kalakho angadlula ngakho inyamazana; ngoba konke kuyize. **20** Konke kuya endaweninye; konke kuvela ethulini, njalo konke kubuyela ethulini. **21** Ngubani owazi umoya wabantwana babantu owenyukela phezulu, lomoya wenyamazana owehlela phansi

emhlabathini? **22** Ngakho ngabona ukuthi kakukho okungcono
okwedlula ukuthi umuntu azithokozise ngemisebenzi yakhe,
ngoba lokhu kuyisabelo sakhe. Ngoba ngubani ongamletha
ukuthi abone lokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe?

4 Mina ngasengiphenduka ngabona incidezelo zonke ezenziwa
ngaphansi kwelanga; khangela-ke inyembezi zabacindezelweyo,
njalo babengelamduzu; lehlangothini lwababacindezelayo
kwakulamandla, kodwa babengelamduzu. **2** Ngakho ngancoma
abafileyo, abavele sebefile, okwedlula abaphilayo, abalokhu
besaphila. **3** Yebo ungcono kulabo bobabili, ongakabi khona,
ongabonanga umsebenzi omubi owenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga.
4 Ngasengibona mina wonke umtshikatshika lempumelelo
yonke yomsebenzi, ngoba lokhu kungumhawu womuntu ovela
kumakhelwane wakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka
komoya. **5** Isiphukuphuku sigoqa izandla zaso sidle inyama
yaso. **6** Singcono isandla esigcwele ukuthula kulezandla
ezimbili ezigcwele ukutshikatshika lokukhathazeka komoya. **7**
Mina ngasengiphenduka ngabona ize ngaphansi kwelanga. **8**
Kukhona oyedwa, njalo kakho owesibili, yebo kalamntwana
kumbe umfowabo, njalo kakulakuphela komtshikatshika wakhe
wonke, lelihlo lakhe kalisuthiswa yinlotho, njalo katsho ukuthi:
Ngitshikatshikela bani, ngenze umphefumulo wami uswele
okuhle? Lokhu lakho kuyize, yebo, kungumsebenzi omubi.
9 Ababili bangcono kulyoyedwa, ngoba balomvuzo omuhle
ngokutshikatshika kwabo. **10** Ngoba uba besiwa omunye
uzamvusa umngane wakhe; kodwa maye kuye oyedwa
nxa esiwa, ngoba kungekho owesibili ongamvusa. **11** Futhi
uba ababili belala ndawonye, ngakho balokukhudumala;
kodwa ngoyedwa angakhudumala njani? **12** Njalo uba

omunye engehlula oyedwa, ababili bazamelana laye; lentambo elemicu emithathu kayiqanyulwa masinyane. **13** Umfana ongumyanga ohlakaniphileyo ungcono kulenkosi endala eyisithutha engasakwazi ukwelulekwa. **14** Ngoba uyaphuma entolongweni ukuthi abe yinkosi, lanxa futhi owayezelwe embusweni wakhe esiba ngumyanga. **15** Ngabona bonke abaphilayo abahamba ngaphansi kwelanga, lomfana wesibili ozakuma esikhundleni sakhe. **16** Kakulasiphetho sabantu bonke, sabo bonke ababephambi kwabo, lalabo abeza emva kabayikuthokoza ngaye. Isibili lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.

5 Gcina unyawo lwakho nxa usiya endlini kaNkulunkulu; sondelela ukulalela kulokunikela umhlatshelo wezithutha, ngoba kazazi ukuthi zenza okubi. **2** Ungabi lamawala ngomlomo wakho, lenhlizyo yakho ingaphangisi ukukhupha ilizwi phambi kukaNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu usemazulwini, wena-ke usemhlabeni, ngakho amazwi akho kawabe malutshwana. **3** Ngoba iphupho liza ngobunengi bomsebenzi, lelizwi lesithutha ngobunengi bamazwi. **4** Lapho ufunga isifungo kuNkulunkulu, ungaphuzi ukusikhokha, ngoba kakulantokozo kuziwula; khokha lokho okufungileyo. **5** Kungcono ukuthi ungafungi kulokuthi ufunge ungakhokhi. **6** Ungavumeli umlomo wakho ukuthi wenze inyama yakho yone, futhi ungarsho phambi kwengilosu ukuthi bekuyisiphosiso; uNkulunkulu uzathukuthelelani ilizwi lakho, achithe umsebenzi wezandla zakho? **7** Ngoba ebunengini bamaphupho lamazwi kuhkona lokuyize okunengi, kodwa mesabe uNkulunkulu. **8** Uba ubona ucindezelo lomyanga lokuphanjulwa kokulunga lesahlulelo ngodlakela esabelweni, ungamangali ngalinto, ngoba ophezulu kophezulu uyananzelela,

njalo kulabaphezulu phezu kwabo. **9** Lenzozo yomhlabathi
neyabo bonke; inkosi isetshenzelwa yinsimu. **10** Othanda imali
kayikweneliswa yimali, njalo othanda okunengi kayikweneliswa
yikwanda; lokhu lakho kuyize. **11** Ekwanden i kokuhle,
bayanda abakudlayo; njalo kulenzozo bani kubanini bakho,
ngaphandle kokukubuka ngamehlo abo? **12** Bumnandi ubuthongo
besisebenzi loba sisidla okulutshwana loba okunengi; kodwa
ukusutha kwesinothi kakusivumeli ukulala. **13** Kukhona
ububi obubuhlungu esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga:
Inotho egcinelwe abaniniyo kube yibubi kibo. **14** Kodwa
leyonotho ichitheka ngomsebenzi omubi: Esezala umntwana,
kungaselalutho esandleni sakhe. **15** Njengokuphuma kwakhe
esiswini sikanina, uzabuyela eze ehamba njengokuza kwakhe;
njalo kayikuthatha lutho lomtshikatshika wakhe angahamba
lalo esandleni sakhe. **16** Lokhu lakho kuyibubi obubuhlungu,
kukho konke njengokufika kwakhe ngokunjalo uzahamba. Njalo
ulenozo bani owatshikatshikela umoya? **17** Njalo insuku zakhe
zonke udlela emnyameni, elosizi olukhulu, lomkhuhlane wakhe,
lokuthukuthela? **18** Khangela, engikubonileyo mina, kulungile
okuhle ukudla lokunatha lokubona okuhle emtshikatshikeni wakhe
wonke awutshikatshikayo ngaphansi kwelanga, enanini lensuku
zempilo yakhe uNkulunkulu amnike zona, ngoba kuyisabelo
sakhe. **19** Laye wonke umuntu, uNkulunkulu amnike inotho
lengcebo, wamnika amandla okudla kukho, lokuthatha isabelo
sakhe, lokuthokoza emtshikatshikeni wakhe - lokhu kuyisipho
sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Ngoba kayikukhumbula kakhulu insuku
zempilo yakhe, ngoba uNkulunkulu umphendula ngentokozo
yenhliziyi yakhe.

6 Kukhona ububi esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga, njalo buvamile ebantwini: **2** Umuntu uNkulunkulu amnike inotho lengcebo lodumo ukuze angasweleli umphefumulo wakhe ulutho kukho konke akufisayo, kodwa uNkulunkulu angamniki amandla ukuthi adle kukho, kodwa owemzini uyakudla; lokhu kuyize, njalo kuyisifo esibi. **3** Uba umuntu ezala abantwana abalikhulu, aphile iminyaka eminengi, ukuze insuku zeminyaka yakhe zibe zinengi, kodwa umphefumulo wakhe ungasuthiswa ngokuhle, futhi angabi lakungcwatshwa, ngithi umphunzo ungcono kulaye. **4** Ngoba uza ngeze, uye emnyameni, lebizo lawo lisitshekewi emnyameni; **5** futhi kawulibonanga ilanga, kawulalwazi; lo ulokuphumula kulaye. **6** Yebo, lanxa ephila iminyaka eyinkulungwane, ephindwe kibili, kanti engabonanga okuhle; bonke kabayi yini endaweni eyodwa? **7** Wonke umtshikatshika womuntu ngowomlomo wakhe, kube kanti inkanuko kayisuthi. **8** Ngoba ohlakaniphileyo ulani okwedlula isithutha? Ulani umyanga owazi ukuhamba phambi kwabaphilayo? **9** Kungcono ukubona kwamehlo kulokuzulazula kwenkanuko. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya. **10** Osekukhona sekuke kwathiwa ibizo lakho, njalo kuyaziwa ukuthi kungumuntu, lokuthi kalakho ukuphikisana lolamandla kulaye. **11** Ngoba zinengi izinto ezandisa ize; kuyinzozo bani emuntwini? **12** Ngoba ngubani okwaziyo okulungele umuntu empilweni, enanini lensuku zempilo yakhe eyize ayichitha njengesithunzi? Ngoba ngubani ongatshela umuntu lokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe ngaphansi kwelanga?

7 Ibizo elihle lingcono kulamafutha amahle; losuku lokufa kulosuku lokuzalwa kwakhe. **2** Kungcono ukuya endlini yokulila kulokuya endlini yedili; ngoba lokhu kuyisiphetho sakhe wonke umuntu; lophilayo uzakubeka enhliziyweni yakhe. **3**

Usizi lungcono kulohleko, ngoba ngokudana kobuso inhliziy
yenziwa ngcono. 4 Inhliziyabahlakaniphileyo isendlini
yokulila, kodwa inhliziyoyezithutha isendlini yentokozo. 5
Kungcono ukuzwa ukukhuza kohlakaniphileyo kulokuthi umuntu
ezwe ingoma yezithutha. 6 Ngoba njengokuchachamba
kwameva ngaphansi kwembiza lunjalo uhleko lwasithutha.
Lokhu lakho kuyize. 7 Isibili ucindezelolwenza ohlakaniphileyo
abe luhlanya, lesipho siyayichitha inhliziy. 8 Singcono
isiphetho sento kulokuqala kwayo; kungcono ukubekezelakomo
yakulokuziphakamisa komoya. 9 Ungaphangisi emoyeni
wakho ukuthukuthela, ngoba ukuthukuthela kuhlala esifubeni
sezithutha. 10 Ungatsho ukuthi: Kwenziwa yini ukuthi insuku
zakuqala zibe ngcono kulalezi? Ngoba kawubuzi ngenhlakaniph
ngalokhu. 11 Inhlakaniphoyinhle ilelifa, njalo kulenzuzo
kwabalibonayo ilanga. 12 Ngoba inhlakaniphoyisivikelo,
imali iyisivikelo; kodwa ubungcono bolwazi yikuthi lunika
impilo kubaninilo. 13 Nakana umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu; ngoba
ngubani olakho ukwelula akugobisileyo? 14 Thokoza ngosuku
lokuphumelela, kodwa ngosuku lobubi nakana: UNkulunkulu
ulwenzile lalolu lwaba njengalolo, ukuze umuntu angatholi
lutho oluzakuba khona emva kwakhe. 15 Konke ngikubonile
ensukwini zokuyize kwami: Kukhona olungileyo obhubhela
ekulungeni kwakhe, njalo kukhona omubi owelula impilo yakhe
ebubini bakhe. 16 Ungabi ngolungileyo ngokudlulisayo, futhi
ungahlakaniphi okwedlulisileyo; uzichithelani? 17 Ungabi ngomubi
ngokudlulisayo, futhi ungabi yisiwula; uzafelani kungakabi
yisikhathi sakho? 18 Kuhle ukuthi ubambelele kulokhu,
yebo, ungabuyisi isandla sakho lakulokho; ngoba omesabayo
uNkulunkulu uzaphepha kukho konke. 19 Inhlakaniphoyamqinisa

ohlakaniphileyo okwedlula ababusi abalitshumi abasemzini. **20**
Ngoba kakulamuntu olungileyo emhlabeni owenza okuhle angoni.
21 Futhi ungabeki inhliziyi yakho emazwini wonke akhulunywayo,
ukuze ungezwa ukuthi inceku yakho iyakuthuka. **22** Ngoba
ngezikhathi ezinengi lenhliziyi yakho iyakwazi ukuthi lawe uqobo
ubathukile abanye. **23** Konke lokhu ngikuhlolile ngenhlakanipho,
ngathi: Ngizahlakanipha; kodwa kwakukhatshana lami. **24**
Okukhatshana, lokujule kakhulu, ngubani ozakufumana?
25 Ngaphenduka mina lenhliziyi yami ukwazi lokuhlol
lokudinga inhlakanipho, lesizatho sezinto, lokwazi inkohlakalo
yobuwula, lobuthutha bobuhlanya. **26** Ngasengithola okubaba
kulokufa: Owesifazana onhliziyi yakhe iyimijibila lamambule,
lezandla zakhe ziyizibopho. Olungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu
uzaphepha kuye, kodwa isoni sizabanjwa nguye. **27** Khangela,
yilokhu engikutholileyo, utsho umTshumayeli, ngibeka okunye
kokunye, ukuthola isizatho sezinto, **28** umphefumulo wami
osasidinga kodwa kangisitholanga. Indoda eyodwa phakathi
kwenkulungwane ngayithola, kodwa owesifazana phakathi kwabo
bonke labo kangimtholanga. **29** Khangela, yilokhu kuphela
engikutholileyo, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu waqonda;
kodwa bona sebedinge amacebo amanengi.

8 Ngubani onjengohlakaniphileyo? Ngubani-ke owazi
ukuchasiswa kolutho? Inhlakanipho yomuntu iyakhanyisa ubuso
bakhe, lobulukhuni bobuso bakhe buyaguqulwa. **2** Ngithi:
Gcina umlayo wenkosi, lanjengokwesifungo sikaNkulunkulu.
3 Ungaphangisi ukusuka phambi kwayo, ungemi edaben
olubi, ngoba yenza konke ekuthandayo. **4** Lapho okulelizwi
lenkosi khona kulamandla; njalo ngubani ongathi kuyo:
Wenzani? **5** Lowo ogcina umlayo kayikwazi into embi, lenhliziyi

yohlakaniphileyo iyasazi isikhathi lokwahlulela. **6** Ngoba kulo lonke udaba kulesikhathi lokwahlulela, ngoba ububi bomuntu bukhulu phezu kwakhe. **7** Ngoba kakwazi ukuthi kuzakuba yini, ngoba ngubani ongamtshela ukuthi kuzakuba nini? **8** Kakulamuntu olamandla phezu komoya ukubamba umoya, njalo kalamandla osukwini lokufa; njalo kakukho ukukhululwa kuleyompi, lobubi kabuyikukhulula abaninibo. **9** Konke lokhu ngikubonile, nganikela inhliziyi yami emsebenzini wonke owenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga; kulesikhathi lapho umuntu abusa khona umuntu kube yikulimala kwakhe. **10** Ngokunjalo-ke ngabona ababi bengcwatshwa, ababevela njalo baye endaweni engcwele, abasebekhohlakele emzini lapho ababenze khona okunjalo. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **11** Ngoba isigwebo ngesenko esibi singenziwa masinyane, ngenxa yalokho inhliziyi yabantwana babantu igcwele ngaphakathi kwabo ukwenza okubi. **12** Lanxa isoni sisenza okubi izikhathi ezilikhulu, lensuku zaso zelulwe, kube kanti sibili ngiyazi ukuthi kuzabalungela labo abamesabayo uNkulunkulu, abesabayo phambi kwakhe. **13** Kodwa omubi kakuyikumlungela; futhi kayikwelula insuku zakhe; unjengesithunzi ngoba kesabi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **14** Kukhona okuyize okwenziwayo emhlabeni, ukuthi bakhona abalungileyo abehlelwa njengokomsebenzi wababi, bakhona lababi abehlelwa njengokomsebenzi wabalungileyo. Ngathi: Lokhu lakho kuyize. **15** Ngakho mina ngababaza intokozo; ngoba umuntu kalalutho oluhle ngaphansi kwelanga, ngaphandle kokudla lokunatha lokuthokoza, ngoba lokhu kuzahlala laye ekutshikatshikeni kwakhe ensukwini zempilo yakhe uNkulunkulu amnike zona ngaphansi kwelanga. **16** Lapho nganikela inhliziyi ukwazi inhlakaniphileyo lokubona umsebenzi owenziwa emhlabeni,

(ngoba futhi ukhona ongaboni ubuthongo ngamehlo akhe emini lebusuku) **17** ngasengibona wonke umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ukuthi umuntu kalakho ukufumana umsebenzi owenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga; ngoba lanxa umuntu etshikatshika ukukudinga, kube kanti kayikukufumana; yebo futhi, lanxa ohlakaniphileyo angathi uyazi, kayikuba lakho ukukuthola.

9 Ngoba konke lokhu ngakubeka enhliziyeni yami ukuhlolisisa konke lokhu, ukuthi abalungileyo labahlakaniphileyo lezenzo zabo kusesandleni sikaNkulunkulu; loba uthando kumbe inzondo, kakho umuntu okwaziyo, konke okuphambi kwabo. **2** Konke kwehla ngokufananayo kubo bonke; sinye isehlakalo kolungileyo lakomubi, komuhle, lakohlambulukileyo lakongahlambulukanga, lakonikela umhlatshelo lakonganikeli umhlatshelo; njengolungileyo sinjalo isoni, ofungayo njengowesaba isifungo. **3** Yilobu ububi phakathi kwakho konke okwenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga, ukuthi sinye isehlakalo kukho konke, futhi lenhliziyi yabantwana babantu igcwele ububi, lobuhlanya busenhliziyeni yabo besaphila, lemva kwalokhu baya kwabafileyo. **4** Ngoba kulowo ohlanganiswe labo bonke abaphilayo kulethemba, ngoba inja ephilayo ingcono kulesilwane esifileyo. **5** Ngoba abaphilayo bayazi ukuthi bazakufa, kodwa abafileyo kabazi lutho, njalo kabaselawo umvuzo, ngoba ukukhunjulwa kwabo sekukhohlakele. **6** Futhi uthando lwabo lenzondo yabo lomona wabo sekubhubhile, njalo kabasayikuba lesabelo laphakade kukho konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga. **7** Hamba, udle ukudla kwakho ngentokozo, unathe iwayini lakho ngenhliziyi elenjabulo, ngoba uNkulunkulu usethokozile ngemisebenzi yakho. **8** Izigqoko zakho kazibe ngezimhlophe ngesikhathi sonke, lamafutha angasweleki

ekhanda lakho. **9** Kholisa impilo lomkakho omthandayo zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho eyize akunike yona ngaphansi kwelanga, zonke izinsuku zakho eziyize, ngoba lesi yisabelo sakho empilweni, lemtshikatshikeni owutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga. **10** Loba kuyini isandla sakho esikutholayo ukukwenza kwenze ngamandla akho, ngoba kawukho umsebenzi lecebo lolwazi lenhlakanipho engcwabeni lapho oya khona. (**Sheol h7585**) **11** Ngaphenduka ngabona ngaphansi kwelanga ukuthi umjaho kawusiwabalejubane, lempi kayisiyamaqhawe, futhi lesinkwa kasisabahlakaniphileyo, futhi lenotho kayisiyabalolwazi, futhi lomusa kawusiwezingcitshi, kodwa isikhathi lesehlakalo kwehlela bonke. **12** Ngoba futhi umuntu kasazi isikhathi sakhe; njengenhlanzi ezibanjwa embuleni elibi, lanjengezinyoni ezibanjwa emjibileni, njengazo abantwana babantu bayabanjwa esikhathini esibi, lapho sibajuma. **13** Lale inhlakanipho ngayibona ngaphansi kwelanga, njalo yaba nkulu kimi. **14** Kwakukhona umuzi omncinyane, okwakulabantu abalutshwana phakathi kwawo; kwasekusiza inkosi enkulu kuwo, yawuvimbezela, yawakhela amadundulu amakhulu okuvimbezela. **15** Kwasekutholakala phakathi kwawo umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ongumyanga, yenake ngenhlakanipho yakhe wawukhulula lowomuzi. Kanti kakho owake wamkhumbula lowomuntu ongumyanga. **16** Mina ngasengisithi: Inhlakanipho ingcono kulamandla, lanxa ukuhlakanipha komyanga kuseyiswa lamazwi akhe engalalelw. **17** Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo azwiwa ekupholeni ngcono kulokumemeza kobusayo phakathi kwezithutha. **18** Inhlakanipho ingcono kulezikhalu zempi, kodwa isoni esisodwa sichitha ubuhle obunengi.

10 Impukane ezifileyo zinukisa zibilise amagcobo omthaki; ubuthutha obuncinyane benza njalo kohloniphekayo ngenxa yenhlakanipho lodumo. **2** Inhliziyo yohlakaniphileyo ingakwesokunene sakhe, kodwa inhliziyo yesithutha ingakwesokhohlo saso. **3** Yebo-ke lapho oyisithutha ehamba endleleni, ingqondo yakhe iyasilela, uthi kuye wonke uyisithutha. **4** Uba umoya wombusi ukuvukela, ungatshiyi indawo yakho, ngoba ukuthobeka kuyathulisa iziphambeko ezinkulu. **5** Kulobubi engibubone ngaphansi kwelanga, njengesiphosiso esiphuma ebusweni bombusi: **6** Ubuwula bubekwa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo kakhulu, labanothileyo bahlala endaweni ephansi. **7** Ngibonile izigqili zigade amabhiza, leziphathamandla zihamba njengezigqili emhlabeni. **8** Ogebha umgodi uzawela kuwo; lodiliza umthangala, inyoka izamluma. **9** Osusa amatshe uzalinyazwa yiwo; obanda izigodo uzakuba sengozini ngazo. **10** Uba insimbi ibuthundu njalo engaloli ubukhali, ngakho ufanele engezelele amandla; kodwa inhlakanipho yinhle ukulungisa. **11** Uba inyoka iluma kungelakulunjwa, kakulanzozo kungcitshi yolimi. **12** Amazwi omlomo ohlakaniphileyo alomusa, kodwa indebe zesithutha ziyaniginya. **13** Ukuqala kwamazwi omlomo waso kuyibuthutha, lokucina kwenkulumo yaso kuyibuhlanya obubi, **14** njalo isithutha sandisa amazwi. Umuntu kazi okuzakuba khona; lalokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe, ngubani ongamtshela khona? **15** Umtshikatshika wesithuthandini uyasidinisa, ngoba kasazi ukuya emzini. **16** Maye kuwe, lizwe, onkosi yakho ingumntwana, leziphathamandla zakho zidla ekuseni! **17** Ubusisiwe, lizwe, onkosi yakho iyindodana yabakhulu, leziphathamandla zakho zidla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, zidlela ukuqina, hatshi ukudakwa. **18** Ngobuvila obukhulu intungo ziyabhensa, langokuyekethisa

izandla indlu iyanethela. **19** Idili lenzelwa uhleko, lewayini lithokozisa impilo; kodwa imali iyimpendulo yakho konke. **20** Lemcabangweni wakho ungayithuki inkosi, lekamelweni lakho lokulala ungamthuki onothileyo; ngoba inyoni yamazulu izathwala ilizwi, lokulamaphiko kubike udaba.

11 Phosela isinkwa sakho phezu kobuso bamanzi, ngoba uzasithola emva kwensuku ezinengi. **2** Nika isabelo kwabayisikhombisa, yebo, lakwabayisificaminwembili, ngoba kawazi ukuthi bubi bani obuzakuba emhlabeni. **3** Uba amayezi egcwele izulu, ayalithululela emhlabeni; uba-ke isihlahla siwela ngeningizimu kumbe ngenyakatho, endaweni lapho isihlahla esiwela khona sizakuba khonapho. **4** Onanzelela umoya kayikuhlanyela, lalowo okhangela amayezi kayikuvuna. **5** Njengoba ungazi ukuthi iyini indlela yomoya, akhula njani amathambo esiswini sokhulelweyo, ngokunjalo kawazi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu owenza konke. **6** Hlanyela inhlanyelo yakho ekuseni, lantambama ungaphumuzi isandla sakho; ngoba kawazi ukuthi yiyiphi ezaphumelela, le kumbe leyana, loba zombili zizakuba zinhle ngokufananayo. **7** Sibili, ukukhanya kumnandi; njalo kuhle emehlwani ukubona ilanga. **8** Kodwa uba umuntu ephila iminyaka eminengi, kathokoze ngayo yonke; kodwa kakhumbule lensuku zomnyama, ngoba zizakuba zinengi. Konke okuzayo kuyize. **9** Thokoza, jaha, ebutsheni bakho, lenhliziyo yakho kayikuthokozise ensukwini zobutsha bakho, uhambe endleleni zenhliziyo yakho lekuboneni kwamehlo akho. Kodwa yazi ukuthi ngenxa yazo zonke izinto uNkulunkulu uzakuletha kusahlulelo. **10** Ngakho susa ukudabuka enhliziyweni yakho, ukhuphe ububi enyameni yakho, ngoba ubutsha lobujaha buyize.

12 Khumbula-ke uMdali wakho ensukwini zobutsha bakho zingakafiki insuku ezimbi, kumbe kusondele iminyaka, lapho ozakuthi: Kangilantokozo ngayo. **2** Kungakafiphali ilanga lokukhanya lenyanga lezinkanyezi, kumbe amayezi abuyelete emva kwezulu. **3** Ngosuku lapho abagcini bendlu bezathuthumela, lamadoda alamandla akhokhobe, labacholayo beme ngoba bebalutshwana, lalabo abalunguza ngamawindi bafiphazeke, **4** lezivalo zivalwe esitaladini, lapho umsindo wokuchola usuncipha, lapho ezavuka ekukhaleni kwenyoni, lamadodakazi wonke engoma ezathotshiswa, **5** lalapho bezakwesaba okuphakemeyo lezesabiso endleleni, lapho isihlahla se-alimondi sesilempoko, lentothoviyane izakuba ngumthwalo kuyo, lesiloyiso sizaphela. Ngoba umuntu uya ekhaya lakhe elilaphakade, labalilayo bazazulazula esitaladeni. **6** Kungakathukululwa intambo yesiliva, lomganu wegolide uphahlazwe, lembiza iphahlazeke emthonjeni, lendirayo yephuke emgodini wamanzi, **7** lothuli lubuyelete emhlabathini njengoba lwalunjalo, lomoya ubuyela kuNkulunkulu owawunikayo. **8** Ize leze, kutsho umTshumayeli, konke kuyize. **9** Phezu kwalokho-ke, ngoba umTshumayeli wayehlakaniphile, wayelokhu efundisa abantu ulwazi, yebo wazindla, wadingisisa, wamisa kuhle izaga ezinengi. **10** UmTshumayeli wadinga ukuthola amazwi akholisisayo, lokwabhalwayo kwakuqondile, amazwi eqiniso. **11** Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengezincijo, lanjengezipikili ezibethelwe zatshona, amakhosi emihlangano, enikwa ngumelusi munye. **12** Phezu kwalokho-ke, ndodana yami, xwayiseka: Ekwenzeni ingwalo ezinengi kakulasiphelo, lokufunda okunengi kuyikudinisa inyama. **13** Isiphetho sodaba konke sekuzwakele yilesi: Mesabe uNkulunkulu, ugcine imilayo yakhe; ngoba lokho yimfanelo yonke yomuntu. **14** Ngoba

uNkulunkulu uzaletha wonke umsebenzi kusahlulelo, layo yonke
into efihiweyo, loba kuhle laloba kubi.

Ingoma Yezingoma

1 Ingoma yezingoma engekaSolomoni. **2** Kangange ngokwanga komlomo wakhe; ngoba uthando Iwakho lungcono kulewayini.

3 Ngenxa yephunga lamagcobo akho amnandi, ibizo lakho linjengamagcobo athululiweyo; ngakho-ke izintombi ziayakuthanda. **4** Ngidonsa, sizagijima emva kwakho; inkosi ingingenise emakamelweni ayo; sizajabula sithokoze kuwe, sikhumbule uthando Iwakho okwedlula iwayini; abaqondileyo bayakuthanda. **5** Ngimnyama, kodwa ngimuhle, madodakazi eJerusalema, njengamatente eKedari, njengamakhetheni kaSolomoni. **6** Lingangibukeli ngoba ngimnyama, ngoba ilanga lingitshisile. Abantwana bakamama bangizondela, bangenza umlindikazi wezivini; isivini sami esingesami kangisilindanga.

7 Ngitshela, wena umphefumulo wami okuthandayo, ukuthi welusela ngaphi, uphumuza ngaphi umhlambi emini; ngoba kungani ngizakuba njengozulayo ngasemihlanjini yabangane bakho? **8** Uba ungazi, wena omuhle kakhulu phakathi kwabesifazana, phuma wena ngezinyathelo zomhlambi, welusele amazinyane akho phansi kwamadumba abelusi. **9** Ngikufananise lebhizakazi ezinqoleni zikaFaro, mthandwa wami. **10** Izihlathi zakho zinhle phakathi kwemiceciso, intamo yakho ngezigqizo.

11 Sizakwenzela imiceciso yegolide lamaqhubu esiliva. **12** Inkosi isesetafuleni layo ledili inadi yami yakhupha iphunga layo. **13** Isithandwa sami kimi siyisamba semure; sizalala phakathi kwamabele ami ebusuku. **14** Isithandwa sami kimi silihlukuzo lesihlahla sehena ezivinini zeEngedi. **15** Khangela, umuhle, mthandwa wami, khangela, umuhle, amehlo akho angawamajuba. **16** Khangela, umuhle, sithandwa sami, isibili

uyathokozisa. Lombheda wethu uluhlaza. **17** Imijabo yezindlu zethu yimisedari, intungo zethu ngezefiri.

2 Ngilirozi leSharoni, umduze wezigodi. **2** Njengomduze phakathi kwameva, unjalo mthandwa wami phakathi kwamadodakazi. **3** Njengesihlahla sama-aphula phakathi kwezihlahla zeganga, sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi kwamadodana. Ngahlala emthunzini waso ngathokoza kakhulu, lesithelo saso simnandi ekunambitheni kwami. **4** Sangisa endlini yewayini, lesiboniso saso phezu kwami siluthando. **5** Ngisekelani ngezinkwa zezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo, lingiqinise ngama-aphula, ngoba ngiguliswa luthando. **6** Isandla saso sokhohlo singaphansi kwekhanda lami, lesokunene saso siyangigona. **7** Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi eJerusalema, ngemiziki kumbe ngezimpala zeganga, ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando aze athande. **8** Ilizwi lesithandwa sami! Khangela sona siyeza, siseqa phezu kvezintaba, siqolotsha phezu kwamaqaqa. **9** Isithandwa sami sinjengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele. Khangela simi ngemva komduli wethu, silunguza emawindini, sizibonakalisa eminxibeni yewindi. **10** Isithandwa sami saphendula sathi kimi: Vuka wena, mthandwa wami, omuhle wami, asihambe wena. **11** Ngoba khangela, ubusika sebululile, izulu seliphelile, lihambile. **12** Amaluba ayabonakala emhlabeni, isikhathi sokuhlabelela sesifikile, lelizwi lejuba liyewakala elizweni lakithi. **13** Isihlahla somkhiwa sivuthisa imikhiwa yaso eluhlaza, lamavini alempoko aletha iphunga eliminandi. Vuka wena, mthandwa wami, omuhle wami wena, sihambe. **14** Juba lami, elisengoxweni yedwala, ekusithekeni kweliwa, ngitshengisa ubuso bakho, ngizwise ilizwi lakho, ngoba ilizwi lakho limnandi, lobuso bakho buyabukeka. **15** Sibambeleni amakhanka, amakhanka amancinyane, ona izivini,

ngoba izivini zethu zilezimpoko. **16** Isithandwa sami ngesami, lami ngingowaso, eselusa phakathi kwemiduze. **17** Kuze kube semadabukakusa, lamathunzi abaleke, phenduka, sithandwa sami, ube njengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele phezu kwezintaba zeBhetheri.

3 Embhedeni wami ebusuku ngamdinga lowo umphefumulo wami omthandayo; ngamdinga, kodwa kangimtholanga. **2** Sengizasuka ngibhodabhode emzini, ezitaladeni lemagcekeni, ngimdinge yena umphefumulo wami omthandayo; ngamdinga, kodwa kangimtholanga. **3** Abalindi ababebhodabhoda emzini bangifica. Limbonile yini yena umphefumulo wami omthandayo? **4** Sengidlule kancinyane kubo ngasengimthola yena umphefumulo wami omthandayo. Ngambamba, kangimyekelanga ahambe ngaze ngamletha endlini kamama, lekamelweni lakhe owangimithayo. **5** Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi eJerusalema, ngemiziki kumbe ngezimpala zeganga, ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando luze luthande. **6** Ngubani lo owenyuka evela enkangala njengezinsika zentuthu, eqholwe ngemure lempepha, ngakho konke okucholisisiweyo kwabathengisi? **7** Khangela umbheda wakhe ongokaSolomoni, amaqhawe angamatshumi ayisithupha awugombolozela, emaqhaweni akolsrayeli. **8** Wonke abambe inkemba efundiselwe impi, yilelo lalelo inkemba yalo emlenzeni walo ngenxa yokwesaba ebusuku. **9** Inkosi uSolomoni yazenzenza isihlalo sokuthwalwa ngezigodo zeLebhanoni. **10** Yenza insika zaso ngesiliva, iphansi laso ngegolide, isihlalo saso ngokuyibubende, ubuphakathi baso bubekelelwe ngothando ngamadodakazi eJerusalema. **11** Phumanzi, madodakazi eZiyoni, libone inkosi uSolomoni,

ilomqhele unina amethwesa umqhele ngawo ngosuku lomtshado
wayo, langosuku lwentokozo yenhliziyo yayo.

4 Khangela, umuhle, mthandwa wami, khangela, umuhle.
Amehlo akho angawamajuba ngaphakathi kweveyili lakho; inwele
zakho zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla entaben iGileyadi. **2**
Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezigundiweyo,
ezikhuphuka ekugezisweni, okuthi zonke zazo zizele amaphahla,
njalo kungekho efelwayo phakathi kwazo. **3** Indebe zakho
zinjengentambo ebomvu, lenkulomo yakho yinhle. Inhlafuno
zakho phakathi kweveyili lakho zinjengocezu lwepomegranati. **4**
Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo kaDavida owakhiwe waba
yindlu yezikhali, okulenga kuwo amahawu ayinkulungwane,
wonke ayizihlangu zamaqhawe. **5** Amabele akho womabili
anjengabantwana ababili bomziki, abangamaphahla empala,
abadla phakathi kwemiduze. **6** Kuze kube semadabukakusa,
lamathunzi abaleke, mina ngizakuya entaben yemure, leqaqeni
lwempepha. **7** Wena wonke umuhle, mthandwa wami, kakukho
sici kuwe. **8** Woza lami sisuke eLebhanoni, makoti wami,
lami sisuke eLebhanoni. Khangela usengqongeni yeAmana,
engqongeni yeSeniri leyeHermoni, ezimbalwini zezilwane,
entaben zezingwe. **9** Uyithumbile inhliziyo yami, dadewethu,
makoti, uyithumbile inhliziyo yami ngelinje lamehlo akho,
ngesigqizo esisodwa sentamo yakho. **10** Luhle kangakanani
uthando lwakho, dadewethu, makoti! Lungcono kangakanani
uthando lwakho kulewayini, lephunga lamagcobo akho kulamakha
wonke. **11** Indebe zakho, makoti, zithonta njengohlanga
loluju; uluju lochago kungaphansi kolimi lwakho, lephunga
lezembatho zakho linjengephunga leLebhanoni. **12** Uyisivande
esikhiywego, dadewethu, makoti, umthombo okhiywego,

isiphethu esinanyekwe ngophawu. **13** Amahlumela akho ayisivande samapomegranati, lezithelo ezimnandi, ihena lenadi, **14** inadi lesafroni, ikhalamu lekinamoni, lezihlahla zonke zempeha, imure lenhlaba, lamakha wonke aqakathekileyo; **15** umthombo wezivande, umgodi wamanzi aphilayo, lezifula ezivela eLebhanoni. **16** Vuka, moya wenyakatho, uze lawe, moya weningizimu, uphephethe esivandeni sami ukuze amakha aso ageleze aphume. Kasize isithandwa sami esivandeni saso, sidle izithelo zaso ezimnandi.

5 Sengingenile esivandeni sami, dadewethu, mlobokazi, sengikhe imure yami lamakha ami, ngidle uhlanga loluju lwami kanye loluju lwami, nginathe iwayini lami lochago lwami. Dlanini, bangane, linathe, linathe kakhulu, bathandekayo. **2** Ngilele, kodwa inhiliyo yami iphapheme. Ilizwi lesithandwa sami liqoqoda, lisithi: Ngivulela, dadewethu, mthandwa wami, juba lami, opheleleyo wami, ngoba ikhanda lami ligcwele amazolo, inwele zami eziphotheneyo amathonsi ebusuku. **3** Ngikhuphile isigqoko sami, ngingasigqoka njani? Ngigezile inyawo zami, ngingazingcolisa njani? **4** Isithandwa sami safaka isandla saso esikhaliyi sesivalo, lemibilini yami yasiqbuleka. **5** Ngasukuma mina ukuvulela isithandwa sami; lezandla zami zathonta imure, leminwe yami imure egelezayo, ezibanjeni zekhiye. **6** Mina ngasivulela isithandwa sami, kodwa isithandwa sami sasitshibili like sedlula. Umphefumulo wami wehluleka ekukhulumeni kwaso. Ngasidega, kodwa kangisitholanga, ngasibiza, kodwa kasingiphendulanga. **7** Abalindi ababebhodabhoda emzini bangifica, bangitshaya, bangilimaza; abalindi bemiduli bangithathela ijali yami. **8** Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi eJerusalema, uba lithola othandekayo wami, lizamtshelani? Ukuthi njiguliswa luthando.

9 Isithandwa sakho simedlula ngani omunye othandekayo, wena omuhle phakathi kwabesifazana? Isithandwa sakho simedlula ngani omunye othandekayo ukuthi usifungise njalo?

10 Isithandwa sami simhlophe sibomvana, inhlokonkulu phakathi kwenkulungwane ezilitsumi. **11** Ikhanda laso linjengegolide elicengeke kakhulu, inwele zaso eziphotheneyo ziyibulembu, zimnyama njengewabayi. **12** Amehlo aso anjengamajuba ezifuleni zamanzi, agezwe ngochago, afakwe kakuhle. **13** Izihlathi zaso zinjengombheda wamakha, njengemibundu yamakha akhupha iphunga eliminandi. Indebe zaso zinjengemiduze, zithonta imure egelezayo. **14** Izandla zaso zinjengendandatho zegolide ezigcwele ibherule. Iisisu saso sinjengophondo lwendlovu olukhanyayo, luhuqwe ngesafire. **15** Imilenze yaso zinsika zelitshe elimhlophe zimiswe ezisekelweni zegolide elicwengekileyo. Ukukhangeleka kwaso kunjengeLebhanoni, elikhethelo njengemisedari. **16** Umlomo waso umnandi kakhulu, yebo sonke siyathandeka kakhulu. Lesi yisithandwa sami, njalo lesi ngumngane wami, madodakazi eJerusalema.

6 Siye ngaphi isithandwa sakho, wena omuhle phakathi kwabesifazana? Siphendukele ngaphi isithandwa sakho, ukuze sisidinge kanye lawe? **2** Isithandwa sami sehlele esivandeni saso, emibhedeni yamakha, ukudla ezivandeni, lokukha imiduze. **3** Ngingowesithandwa sami, lesithandwa sami singesami, esidla phakathi kwemiduze. **4** Umuhle, mthandwa wami, njengeTiriza, uyabukeka njengeJerusalema, uyesabeka njengebutho eliphethe iziboniso. **5** Susa amehlo akho kimi ngoba ayanginqoba. Inwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla eGileyadi. **6** Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezikhuphuka ekugezisweni, okuthi zonke zazo zizele amaphahla, njalo

kungekho eyinyumba phakathi kwazo. **7** Inhlafuno zakho phakathi kweveyili lakho zinjengocezu Iwepomegranati. **8** Kukhona izindlovukazi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, labafazi abancane abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lezintombi ezingelanani. **9** Linye ijuba lami, ophelleleyo wami, nguye yedwa kunina, ongokhethiwego wakhe owamzalayo. Amadodakazi ambona, ambusisa, izindlovukazi labafazi abancinyane, bambabaza. **10** Ngubani lo obonakala njengokusa, omuhle njengenyanga, ocwebileyo njengelanga, owesabeka njengebutho eliphethe iziboniso? **11** Ngehlela esivandeni senkelo ukubona okuhlumayo esigodini, ukubona ukuthi ivini liyahluma, amapomegranati ayakhahlela yini. **12** Ngingakazi umphefumulo wami wangimisa ezinqoleni zobukhosи zabantu bakithi. **13** Phenduka, phenduka, mShulami, phenduka, phenduka, ukuze sikubuke. Limbukelani umShulami? Kunjengexuku lamabutho amabili.

7 Zinhle kangakanani izinyawo zakho emanyathelweni, ndodakazi yenkosana! Amalunga amathangazi akho anjengemicciso, umsebenzi wezandla zengcitshi. **2** Inkaba yakho injengomganu oyungubhe ongasweli iwayini elixutshanisiwego. Isisu sakho sinjengenqumbi yengqoloyi ezingelezelwe yimiduze. **3** Amabele akho womabili anjengabantwana ababili bomziki, abangamaphahla empala. **4** Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wempondo zendlovu. Amehlo akho ayiziziba zeHeshiboni ngasesangweni leBeti-Rabimi. Impumulo yakho injengomphotshongo weLebhano ni okhangelene leDamaseko. **5** Ikhanda lakho phezu kwakho linjengeKharmeli, lenwele zekhanda lakho ezilengayo zinjengokuyibubende; inkosi ibotshwe emikhandlwani. **6** Umuhle kangakanani, njalo uthandeka kangakanani, thando, ezinjabulweni. **7** Lobu ubude

bakho bunjengesihlahla selala, lamabele akho njengamaxha. **8**
Ngathi: Ngizakhwela esihlahleni selala ngibambe ingatsha zaso.
Khathesi-ke amabele akho azakuba njengamahlukuzo evini,
lephunga lamakhala akho linjengama-aphula, **9** lolwanga lwakho
lunjengewayini elihle eliya kusithandwa sami kakuhle, kusenza
indebe zabaleleyo zikhulume. **10** Ngingowesithandwa sami,
lesifiso saso singakimi. **11** Woza, sithandwa sami, kasiphumele
egangeni, silale ebusuku emizaneni; **12** kasivuke ngovivi siye
ezivinini, sibone ukuthi amavini asehluma, ekhupha impoko,
lokuthi amapomegranati akhahlele yini. Lapho ngizakunika
uthando lwami. **13** Amamandrake akhupha iphunga elimandi,
langasemasangweni ethu kukhona zonke inhlobo zezithelo
ezimnandi kakhulu, ezintsha lezindala, engizibekele wena,
sithandwa sami.

8 Kungathi ngabe unjengomfowethu owamunya amabele
kamama! Uba bengingakufica phandle, bengingakwanga, yebo,
bebengayikungidelela. **2** Bengingakukhokhela ngikungenise
endlini kamama, ubengangifundisa; bengingakunathisa
okwewayini elilesinongo, okomhluzi wepomegranati lami.
3 Isandla sakhe sokhohlo singaphansi kwekhanda lami,
lesokunene saso siyangigona. **4** Ngiyalifungisa, lina madodakazi
eJerusalema, ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando aze
athande. **5** Ngubani lo owenyuka evela enkangala eyeme
kothandekayo wakhe? Ngakuvusa ngaphansi kwesihlahla sama-
aphula, kulapho unyoko akuhelela khona, kulapho ahelelwa
khona owakuzalayo. **6** Ngibeka njengophawu enhliziyweni yakho,
njengophawu engalweni yakho; ngoba uthando lulamandla
njengokufa, ubukhwele bulesihluku njengengcwaba; amalahle alo
angamalahle omililo, ilangabi elilamandla kakhulu. (*Sheol h7585*) **7**

Amanzi amanengi kawalakulucitsha uthando, lezimpophoma kazilugalulisi. Uba umuntu ubenganika impahla yonke yendlu yakhe ngothando, bebengayidelela lokuyidelela. **8** Silodadewethu omncinyane, njalo kalamabele. Sizamenzelani udadewethu ngosuku mhla kukhulunywa ngaye? **9** Uba engumduli, sizakwakha phezu kwakhe inqaba yesiliva, njalo uba engumnyango, sizamvalela ngamapulanka omsedari. **10** Ngingumduli, lamabele ami anjengemiphotshongo; khona emehlwani akhe ngaba njengokufumene umusa. **11** USolomoni wayelesivini eBhal-Hamoni, wanikela isivini kubalindi; ngulowo lalowo wayezaletha ngezithelo zaso inhlamu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane. **12** Isivini sami esingesami siphambi kwami; inhlamu eziyinkulungwane ngezakho, Solomoni, lamakhulu amabili ngawabalindi bezithelo zaso. **13** Wena ohlala ezivandeni, abangane balalela ilizwi lakho; ngizwise lona. **14** Phangisa, sithandwa sami, ube njengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele phezu kwezintaba zamakha.

U-Isaya

1 Umbono kalsaya indodana kaAmozi, awubona ngoJuda leJerusalema, ensukwini zaboUziya, uJothamu, uAhazi, uHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda. **2** Zwanini, mazulu, ubeke indlebe, mhlaba, ngoba iNkosi isikhulumile, yathi: Ngondlile ngakhulisa abantwana, kodwa bona bangivukele. **3** Inkabi iyamazi umniniyo, lobabhemi umkolo womnikazi wakhe; kodwa ulsrayeli kazi, abantu bami kabaqedisisi. **4** Hawu, isizwe esonayo, abantu abasindwa yibubi, inzalo yabenzi bobubi, abantwana abonakalisayo! Bayitshiyile iNkosi, bamdelele oNgewe kalsrayeli, bahlehlele nyovane. **5** Lizatshayelwani futhi? Belizaqhubeka livukela; ikhanda lonke liyagula, lenhliziyo yonke ibuthakathaka. **6** Kusukela kungaphansi yonyawo kuze kufike ekhanda kakulandawo ephilileyo kukho, kodwa izilonda lemivimvinya lamanxeba ophayo; kakukhanywanga, kakubotshwanga, kakuthanjiswanga ngamafutha. **7** Ilizwe lakini liyincithakalo, imizi yenu itsiswe ngomlilo, umhlaba wenu abezizwe bawudla phambi kwenu, njalo kulencithakalo, njengokugenqulwa ngabemzini. **8** Indodakazi yeZiyoni isele-ke njengedumba esivinini, njengengalane ensimini yamakhomane, njengomuzi ovinjezelweyo. **9** Uba iNkosi yamabandla ibingasitshiyelanga insali eyingcosana, besizakuba njengeSodoma, sifanane leGomora. **10** Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, babusi beSodoma, libeke indlebe kumlayo kaNkulunkulu wethu, bantu beGomora. **11** Buyini kimi ubunengi bemihlatshelo yenu? itsho iNkosi. Ngenelisiwe yiminikelo yokutshiswa yezinqama langamahwahwa okunonisiweyo; legazi lamajongosi lelamawundlu lelezimpongo kangithokozi ngalo. **12** Lapho lisizabonakala phambi kwami, ngubani obize lokhu esandleni

senu, ukugxoba amaguma ami? **13** Lingabe lisaletha umnikelo oyize; impepha iyisinengiso kimi; ukuthwasa kwenyanga, lesabatha, ukubizwa kwenhlangano, ngingekumele; kuyisiphambeko, ngitsho umhlangano onzulu. **14** Umphefumulo wami uyakuzonda ukuthwasa kwezinyanga zenu lemikhosi yenu emisiwego; kungumthwalo kimi, sengikhathele yikukuthwala. **15** Lalapho liselula izandla zenu ngizalifihlela amehlo ami; njalo nxalisaandisa umkhuleko kangiyikuzwa; izandla zenu zigcwele igazi. **16** Gezani, lizihlambulule; susani ububi bezenzo zenu phambi kwamehlo ami; yekelani ukwenza okubi; **17** fundani ukwenza okuhle; dingani isahlulelo; sizani ocindezewego; yehlulelani intandane; melani umfelokazi. **18** Wozani khathesi, siqondisane, itsho iNkosi; loba izono zenu zinjengokubomvu gebhu, zizakuba mhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo; loba zibomvu njengokubomvu kakhulu, zizakuba njengoboya bezimvu. **19** Uba livuma lilalela, lizakudla okuhle kwelizwe; **20** kodwa uba lisala libe lenkani, lizadliwa yinkemba; ngoba umlomo weNkosi ukhulumile. **21** Yeka, umuzi othembekileyo usube liwule! Wawugcwele isahlulelo, ukulunga kwakuhlezi kuwo, kodwa khathesi ababulali. **22** Isiliva sakho sesibe ngamanyele; iwayini lakho laxubana lamanzi. **23** Iziphathamandla zakho zingabahlamuki labangane bamasela; ngulowo lalowo uthanda isipho, azingele izivalamlomo; kazehluleli izintandane, lendaba yomfelokazi kayifiki kuzo. **24** Ngakho itsho iNkosi, iNkosi yamabandla, oLamandla wakolsrayeli: E, ngizaziduduza ngezitha zami, ngiziphindisele kwabamelana lami. **25** Ngizabuyisela isandla sami phezu kwakho, ngicwengisise amanyele akho, ngisuse yonke ingcekeza yokucwengwa kwakho. **26** Ngizabuyisela abahluleli bakho njengekuqaleni, labeluleki bakho njengakuqala; emva kwalokho

ubizwe ngokuthi ngumuzi wokulunga, umuzi othembekileyo.

27 IZiyoni izahlengwa ngesahlulelo, labaphendukayo bayo ngokulunga. **28** Lokwephulwa kwabaphambuki lokwezoni kuzakuba kanyekanye, labadela iNkosi baqedwe. **29** Ngoba bazakuba lenhloni ngezihlahla zama-okhi elaliziloyisa, liyangeke ngezivande elizikhethileyo. **30** Ngoba lizakuba njengesihlahla se-okhi omahlamvu aso ayabuna, lanjengesivande esingelamanzi. **31** Njalo olamandla uzakuba lifilakisi eliyizibi, lomenzi walo abe yinhansi; njalo kuzakutsha kokubili kanyekanye, kungabi khona ocitshayo.

2 Ilizwi ulsaya indodana kaAmozi alibona ngoJuda leJerusalema. **2** Kuzakuthi-ke ekupheleni kwezinsuku intaba yendlu yeNkosi imiswe engqongeni yezintaba, iphakanyiswe phezu kwamaqaqa; lazo zonke izizwe zizajulukela kuyo. **3** Lezizwe ezinengi zizahamba zithi: Wozani senyukele entabeni yeNkosi, endlini kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, njalo uzasifundisa ngendlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe; ngoba kuzaphuma umlayo eZiyoni, lelizwi leNkosi eJerusalema. **4** Njalo izakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe, ikuze abantu abanengi; njalo bazakhanda inkemba zabo zibe yizikali zamakhuba, lemikhonto yabo ibe zingqamu zokuthena izihlahla; isizwe kasiyikuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, kazisayikufunda impi futhi. **5** Ndlu kaJakobe, wozani sihambe ekukhanyeni kweNkosi. **6** Ngoba ubadelile abantu bakho, indlu kaJakobe, ngoba bagcwele okwempumalanga, bayizanuse njengamaFilisti, bazijabulisa ngabantwana bezizwe. **7** Lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe isiliva legolide, njalo kakulakuphela kwenotho yabo; lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe amabhiza, njalo kakulakuphela kwenqola zabo. **8** Lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe izithombe; bakhothamela imisebenzi yezandla zabo, lokho

iminwe yabo ekwenzileyo. **9** Lomuntukazana uyakhothama, lomuntu omkhulu azithobe; ngakho kawubaxoleli. **10** Ngena edwaleni, ucatshe othulini, ngenxa yokwesabeka kweNkosi, langenxa yodumo lobukhosи bayo. **11** Amehlo aziqhenyayo omuntu azakwehliselwa phansi, lokuzikhukhumeza kwabantu kuzakhothanyiswa, njalo iNkosi kuphela izaphakanyiswa ngalolosuku. **12** Ngoba usuku lweNkosi yamabandla luzakuba phezu kwakhe wonke ozigqajayo lozikhukhumezayo, lumelane laye wonke oziphakamisayo, ukuze athotshiswe, **13** lumelane layo yonke imisedari yeLebhanoni emide lephakemeyo, lumelane lazo zonke izihlahla zama-okhi zeBashani, **14** lumelane lazo zonke intaba ezinde, lumelane lawo wonke amaqqaq aphaekemeyo, **15** lumelane lawo wonke umphotshongo ophakemeyo, lumelane lawo wonke umthangala obiyelweyo, **16** lumelane layo yonke imikhumbi yeTarshishi, lumelane layo yonke imifanekiso eloyisekayo. **17** Lokuziqhenya kwabantu kuzakhothanyiswa, lokuzikhukhumeza kwabantu kuzathotshisa, leNkosi kuphela izaphakanyiswa ngalolosuku. **18** Lezithombe zizaphela du. **19** Bazangena-ke ezimbalwini zamadwala lemihomeni yomhlaba, ngenxa yokwesabeka kweNkosi langenxa yodumo lokuphakama kwayo, lapho izavuka ukuqhaqazelisa umhlaba. **20** Ngalolosuku umuntu uzalahlela emagundwaneni lakubolulwane izithombe zakhe zesiliva lezithombe zakhe zegolide abazenzela zona ukuzikhonza, **21** ukungena ezingoxweni zamadwala lezingoxweni zamawa, ngenxa yokwesabeka kweNkosi langenxa yodumo lokuphakama kwayo, lapho izavuka ukuqhaqazelisa umhlaba. **22** Lina phezani kumuntu, omphefumulo wakhe usemakhaleni akhe; ngoba unakanwa kukuphi?

3 Ngoba khangela, iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla, izasusa eJerusalema lakoJuda insika lodondolo, insika yonke yesinkwa, lensika yonke yamanzi, **2** iqhawe, lendoda yempi, umahluleli, lomprofethi, lomvumisi, lomdala, **3** induna yamatshumi amahlanu, lowemukelakayo ngobuso, lomeluleki, lombazi ohlakaniphileyo, lowazi amalumbo. **4** Ngizabanika abafana babe yiziphathamandla zabo, lezihluku zizabusa phezu kwabo. **5** Labantu bazacindezela, omunye komunye, njalo ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; ijaha lizadelela omdala, lodelelekayo ohloniphekayo. **6** Lapho umuntu ezabamba umfowabobo wendlu kayise athi: Wena ulesembatho, woba ngumbusi wethu, lokhukuchithakala kube ngaphansi kwesandla sakho; **7** uzaphakamisa ngalolosuku athi: Kangiyikuba ngumelaphi, ngoba endlini yami kakulakudla kakulasembatho; lingangimisi ngibe ngumbusi wabantu. **8** Ngoba iJerusalema ikhubekile, loJuda uwile, ngoba ulimi lwabo lezenzo zabo kumelene leNkosi, ukuvukela amehlo obukhosibayo. **9** Ukukhangeleka kobuso babo kuyafakaza ngabo; bememezela izono zabo njengeSodoma, kabazifihli. Maye kumphefumulo wabo! Ngoba bazenzela okubi. **10** Tshelani olungileyo ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle kuye; ngoba bazakudla isithelo sezenzo zabo. **11** Maye kokhohlakeleyo! Kuzakuba kubi kuye; ngoba umvuzo wezandla zakhe uzakwenziwa kuye. **12** Abantu bami, abacindezeli babo ngabantwana, labesifazana bayababusa. Bantu bami, abakhokheli benu ngabaduhisi, basanganisa indlela yemikhondo yenu. **13** INkosi izimisele ukuphikisana, imi ukuthi yahlulele abantu. **14** INkosi ingena kusahlulelo labadala babantu bayo leziphathamandla zayo; ngoba lina lidle isivini; impango yomyanga isezindlini zenu. **15** Lina

libachobozelani abantu bami, lichola ubuso babayanga? itsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. **16** INkosi yasisithi: Ngenxa yokuthi amadodakazi eZiyoni eziphakamisile, ehamba elule intamo, ehuga ngamehlo, ehamba ngokuqoqomela ehamba, ekhencezisa izigqizo enyaweni zaho, **17** ngakho iNkosi izakwenza inkanda yamadodakazi eZiyoni ibe loqweqwe, leNkosi izanqunula izitho zaho zangasese. **18** Ngalolosuku iNkosi izasusa ubuhle bezigqizo zaho, lezicwatsho, lamasongo anjengenyanga, **19** amacici, lamasongo, lezimbombozo, **20** amaqhiye, lezigetsho, lamabhanti, lemifuma, lezintebi, **21** izindandatho, lamacici amakhala, **22** izigqoko zemikhosi, lamajazi, lezemba, **23** lezibuko, lezigqoko zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lamaqhele, lamaveyili. **24** Kuzakuthi-ke endaweni yamakha kube levumba, lendaweni yebhanti kube khona igoda, lendaweni yenwele ezilungiswe kuhle kube khona impabanga, lendaweni yesiqqoko esihle kube khona isaka, ukutsha endaweni yobuhle. **25** Amadoda akho azakuwa ngenkemba, lamaqhawe akho empini. **26** Lamasango ayo azakhala alile; yenziwe ize izahlala emhlabathini.

4 Labesifazana abayisikhombisa bazabamba indoda ibenye ngalolosuku, bathi: Sizakudla okwethu ukudla, sigqoke ezethu izigqoko; kuphela ibizo lakho kalibizwe phezu kwethu; susa ihlazo lethu. **2** Ngalolosuku ihlumela leNkosi lizakuba ngelobuhle, njalo elodumo, lesithelo selizwe ngesokuhle kakhulu lokokubukeka kwabaphunyukileyo bakolsrayeli. **3** Kuzakuthi-ke oseleyo eZiyoni lotshiywe eJerusalema athiwe ungcwele, wonke obhalelwwe impilo eJerusalema; **4** iNkosi isigezisile ingcekeza yamadodakazi eZiyoni, yahlambulula amacala egazi eJerusalema phakathi kwayo, ngomoya wesahlulelo langomoya wokutshisa. **5** LeNkosi izadala phezu kwayo yonke indawo yokuhlala yentaba yeZiyoni,

laphezu kwenhlangano zayo ezibiziweyo, iyezi emini, lentuthu, lokukhanya komlilo olamalangabi ebusuku; ngoba phezu kwayo yonke inkazimulo kuzakuba lesembeso esiluphahla. **6** Njalo kuzakuba ledumba libe ngumthunzi emini ekutshiseni, njalo libe yisiphephelo, njalo libe yisivikelo esivunguvungwini lezulwini.

5 Ake ngihlabelele othandiweyo wami ingoma yomthandwa wami ngesivini sakhe. Othandiweyo wami ulesivini oqaqeni oluvundileyo. **2** Wasibiyela, wakhupha amatshe kiso, wasihlanyela ngevini elikhethiweyo, wakha umphotshongo phakathi kwaso, wagubha lesikhamelo sewayini kiso; walindela ukuthi sizathela izithelo zevini, kodwa sathela izithelo zevini ezimunyu. **3** Ngakho-ke, bahlali beJerusalema, lani madoda akoJuda, ake lahlulele phakathi kwami lesivini sami. **4** Ngabe kwenziwani okunye esivinini sami engingakwenzanga kuso? Ngalindelelani ukuthi sizathela izithelo zevini, kodwa sathela izithelo zevini ezimunyu? **5** Ngakho-ke, ake ngilitshele engizakwenza esivinini sami: Ngizasusa uthango lwaso ukuze sibe lidlelo, ngidilize umduli waso ukuze sibe ngesokugxotshwa. **6** Ngizasenza sibe liganga, singathenwa, singahlakulwa, kodwa kumile ameva lokhula oluhabayo. Njalo ngizalaya amayezi ukuthi anganisi izulu phezu kwaso. **7** Ngoba isivini seNkosi yamabandla yindlu kalsrayeli, labantu bakoJuda bayisithombo sentokozo zayo. Njalo yayilindele isahlulelo, kodwa khangela, ukuchithwa kwegazi; ukulunga, kodwa khangela, ukukhala. **8** Maye kulabo abahlanganisa indlu lendlu, abasondeza insimu lensimu, kuze kusweleke indawo, lina-ke lihlale lodwa phakathi kwelizwe! **9** Endlebeni zami iNkosi yamabandla yathi: Isibili izindlu ezinengi zizakuba ngamanxiwa, ezinkulu lezhinle zingabi lamhlali. **10** Ngoba indima ezilitshumi zesivini zizathela ibhathi elliodwa,

lehomeri lenhlanyelo lithele i-efa. **11** Maye kwabavuka ekuseni kakhulu, bexotshana lokunathwayo okulamandla, balibale kuze kuhlwe, lize iwayini libalumathise! **12** Njalo ichacho lomhubhe, isigubhu lomhlanga, lewayini kusemadilini abo, kodwa kabananzi isenzo seNkosi, bengaboni umsebenzi wezandla zayo. **13** Ngakho abantu bami bazakuya ekuthunjweni ngenxa yokungabi lolwazi, lamadoda abo odumo alendlala, lenengi labo lizakoma ngumhawu. **14** Ngakho ingcwaba lizazinabulula, livule umlomo walo ube banzi ngokungelasilinganiso, kuze kwehle udumo lwabo lobunengi babo lenxokozelo yabo lothokozayo phakathi kwabo. (*Sheol h7585*) **15** Lomuntukazana uzakwehliselwa phansi, lomuntu ophakemeyo athotshiswe, lamehlo abazikhukhumezayo athotshiswe. **16** Kodwa iNkosi yamabandla izaphakanyiswa ngesahlulelo, loNkulunkulu ongcwele uzangcweiswa ngokulunga. **17** Lamawundlu azakudla ngokwendlela yawo, labemzini badle amanxiwa abakhulupheleyo. **18** Maye kwabadonsa isiphambeko ngentambo zeze, lesono njengamagoda enqola! **19** Labo abathi: Kaphangise, aphangisise umsebenzi wakhe, ukuze siwubone; lecebo loNgcwele kalsrayeli kalisondele lize, ukuze silazi. **20** Maye kwabathi kokubi kuhle, lakokuhle kubi, ababeka umnyama ube yikukhanya, lokukhanya kube ngumnyama, ababeka okubabayo kube mnandi, lokumnandi kube ngokubabayo! **21** Maye kwabahlakaniphileyo emehlwani abo, labaqedisayo phambi kobuso babo! **22** Maye kwabangamaqhawe okunatha iwayini, lamadoda alamandla okuhlanganisa okunathwayo okulamandla; **23** abalungisia okhohlakeleyo ngenxa yomvuzo, basuse ukulunga kwabalungileyo kubo! **24** Ngakho njengolimi lomlilo lusidla isidindi sotshani, lamakhoba edilika ngelangabi, ngokunjalo impande yabo izakuba njengokubola, lempoko

yabo iphephuke njengothuli; ngoba bewalile umlayo weNkosi yamabandla, balidelela ilizwi loNgcwele kalsrayeli. **25** Ngenxa yalokho ulaka lweNkosi lubavuthele abantu bayo, yelula isandla sayo imelene labo, yabatshaya, izintaba zaze zazamazama, lezidumbu zabo zaba njengengcekeza phakathi kwezitalada. Ngenxa yakho konke lokhu ulaka lwayo kaluphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe. **26** Njalo izasiphakamisela isizwe isiboniso ihatshana, isitshayele ihwelo isekucineni komhlaba; khangela-ke, sizakuza masinyane ngejubane. **27** Kakho ozadinwa, njalo kakho ozakhubeka phakathi kwaso, kakho ozawozela, njalo kakho ozalala, njalo kakho ozakhululelwa ibhanti lokhalo lwakhe, njalo kakho ozaqanyukelwa ngumchilo wamanyathela akhe. **28** Omitshoko yakhe ibukhali, lomadandili akhe wonke agotshiwe; amasondo amabhiza akhe azabalwa njengelitshe elilukhuni, lamavili akhe njengesivunguzane. **29** Ukubhonga kwakhe kuzakuba njengokwesilwane, njalo uzabhonga njengamabhongo esilwane, abhavume abambe impango, ayilethe ekuvikelekeni, njalo kungekho umemuki. **30** Bazakubhavumela ngalolosuku njengokubhavuma kolwandle. Uba umuntu ekhangela emhlabeni, khangela-ke, umnyama, usizi, lokukhanya kwensiwe kwaba mnyama ngamayezi aso.

6 Ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi uUziya ngabona iNkosi ihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи esiphezulu lesiphakemeyo, lemiphetho yesembatho sayo yagcwalisa ithempeli. **2** Amaserafi ayemi ngaphezu kwayo; impiko eziyisithupha, impiko eziyisithupha zalelo lalelo; ngezimbili lagubuzela ubuso balo, langezimbili lagubuzela inyawo zalo, langezimbili laphapha. **3** Lelinye lamemeza kwelinye lathi: Ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele iNkosi yamabandla; umhlaba wonke ugcwele inkazimulo yayo. **4**

Insika zomnyango zasezinyikinyeka ngenxa yelizwi lomemezayo, lendlu yagcwala intuthu. **5** Ngasengisithi: Maye kimi, ngoba ngiyabhubha! Ngoba ngingumuntu wendebe ezingcolileyo, futhi ngihlala phakathi kwabantu bendebe ezingcolileyo; ngoba amehlo ami abonile iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla. **6** Kwasekupaphela kimi elinye lamaserafi lilelahle elivuthayo esandleni salo elalilithethe ngodlawu elathini. **7** Lathinta umlomo wami, lathi: Khangela, lokhu kuzithintile indebe zakho; ngakho ububi bakho bususiwe, lesono sakho senzelwe inhlawulo lokuthula. **8** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: Ngizathuma bani? Njalo ngubani ozasiyela? Ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngilapha, thuma mina. **9** Yasisithi: Hamba, uthi kulababantu: Zwanini lizwe, kodwa kalyikuqedisa; njalo bonani libone, kodwa kalyikubonisisa. **10** Yenza inhliziyo yalababantu ikhuluphale, wenze indlebe zabo zibe nzima, uvale amehlo abo, hlezi babone ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngendlebe zabo, baqedisise ngenhliziyo zabo, baphenduke, babesebesiliswa. **11** Ngasengisithi: Koze kube nini, Nkosi? Yasisithi: Kuze kuchitheke imizi ingabi lamhlali, lezindlu zingabi lamuntu, lelizwe lichitheke lithi nya, **12** leNkosi ibasusele khatshana abantu, njalo kube lokutshiywa okukhulu phakathi kwelizwe. **13** Kodwa ingxenye eyodwa etshumini iseza kuba kulo; izaphenduka, ibe ngeyokudliwa; njengomtherebhinti lanjengesihlahla se-okhi, esiwohloza amahlamvu aso, isidindi saso sikuzo; inzalo engcwele iyisidindi salo.

7 Kwasekusithi ensukwini zikaAhazi indodana kaJothamu, indodana kaUziya inkosi yakoJuda, uRezini inkosi yeSiriya kanye loPheka indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yakolsrayeli wenyukela eJerusalema ukuya empini emelene layo, kodwa kabangalakho ukulwa layo ngokuphumelelayo. **2** Kwasekubikwa endlini

kaDavida ukuthi iSiriya ihlangene loEfrayimi; inhliziyo yakhe lenhliziyo yabantu bakhe zasezinyikinyeka njengezihlahla zegusu zinyikinywa ngumoya. **3** INkosi yasisithi kulsaya: Ake uphume uyehlangabeza uAhazi, wena loSheyari-Yashubi indodana yakho, ekucineni komfolo wechibi elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu yomwatshi, **4** uthi kuye: Nanzelela, uthule, ungesabi, lenhliziyo yakho ingabi buthakathaka ngenxa yemisila emibili yalezizikhuni ezithunqayo, ngenxa yokuvutha kolaka lukaRezini leSiriya, lendodana kaRemaliya. **5** Ngenxa yokuthi iSiriya, uEfrayimi, lendodana kaRemaliya, bacebise okubi ngawe, besithi: **6** Asenyukele koJuda, simesabise, sizifohlelele kuye, sibeke inkosi phakathi kwakhe, indodana kaTabeyeli. **7** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakuyikuma, njalo kakuyikwenzeka. **8** Ngoba inhloko yeSiriya yiDamaseko, lenhloko yeDamaseko nguRezini; laphakathi kuseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu uEfrayimi uzakwephulwa, angabi yisizwe. **9** Njalo inhloko kaEfrayimi yiSamariya, lenhloko yeSamariya yindodana kaRemaliya. Uba lingakholwa, isibili kalyikuqniswa. **10** INkosi yasiqbeka ikhulumu kuAhazi isithi: **11** Zicelele isibonakaliso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho; cela ekujuleni loba ekuphakameni phezulu. (*Sheol h7585*) **12** Kodwa uAhazi wathi: Kangiyikucela, kangiyikulinga iNkosi. **13** Wasesithi: Zwana-ke, ndlu kaDavida; kuyinto encinyane kakhulu kuwe yini ukuthi udinise abantu, ukuthi udinise loNkulunkulu wami? **14** Ngakho iNkosi uqobo izalinika isibonakaliso: Khangela, intombi emsulwa izathatha isisu, ibelethe indodana, ibize ibizo layo ngokuthi nguEmanuweli. **15** Uzakudla amasi loluju, aze azi ukwala okubi lokukhetha okuhle. **16** Ngoba umntwana engakakwazi ukwala okubi lokukhetha okuhle, ilizwe onengwa yilo lizatshiywa ngamakhosi

alo amabili. **17** INkosi izaletha phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho laphezu kwendlu kayihlo insuku ezingezanga kusukela osukwini uEfrayimi asuka ngalo koJuda; yinkosi yeAsiriya. **18** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNkosi itshaye ikhwelo empukaneni esephethelweni lwemifula yeGibhithe, lenyosini eselizweni leAsiriya. **19** Zizakuza-ke, ziphumule zonke ezigodini zamawa, lezingoxweni zamadwala, lezihlahleni zonke zameva, lemadlelweni wonke. **20** Ngalolosuku iNkosi izaphuca ngensingo eyebolekwe, phetsheya komfula, ngenkosi yeAsiriya, ikhanda loboya bezinyawo, futhi ihluthune lendevu. **21** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku umuntu uzagcina kuphila ithokazi lezimvu ezimbili; **22** kuzakuthi-ke ngenxa yobunengi bochago ezilwehlisayo adle amasi; yebo, wonke oseleyo phakathi kwelizwe uzakudla amasi loluju. **23** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, yonke indawo lapho okwakukhona amavini ayinkulungwane ngenhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane, kube ngokwameva lokhula oluhlabayo. **24** Bazakuya khona ngemitshoko langedandili, ngoba ilizwe lonke lizakuba ngameva lokhula oluhlabayo. **25** Lazo zonke izintaba ezazilinywa ngekhuba kabayikuya kuzo ngokwesaba ameva lokhula oluhlabayo; kodwa kuzakuba ngokokungenisa inkabi lokokunyathelwa yizimvu.

8 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Zithatthele isibhebhe esikhulu, ubhale kiso ngepheni yomuntu ukuthi: Maherishalali-Hashibazi. **2** Ngasengizifakazisela abafakazi abathembekileyo, oUriya umpristi loZekhariya indodana kajeberekiya. **3** Ngasengisondela kumprofethikazi, wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana. INkosi yasisithi kimi: Umuthe ibizo lokuthi uMaherishalali-Hashibazi. **4** Ngoba umntwana engakakwazi ukumemeza athi baba, lokuthi, mama, inotho yeDamaseko lempango yeSamariya kuzathwalelw

phambi kwenkosi yeAsiriya. **5** INkosi yasibuya yakhuluma lami futhi isithi: **6** Ngenxa yokuthi lesizizwe siwalile amanzi eShilowa ahamba kancinyane, njalo kulentokozo kuRezini lendodana kaRemaliya, **7** ngakho-ke, khangela, iNkosi izakwenyusela phezu kwabo amanzi omfula amanengi lalamandla, inkosi yeAsiriya labo bonke ubukhosи bayo; azakwenyukela phezu kwaso yonke imigelo yaso, ahambe phezu kwazo zonke inkumbi zaso, **8** aze adlulele koJuda; akhukhule, adlule, afinyelele entanyeni; lokweluleka kwempiko zawo kuzagcwala ilizwe lakho, Emanuweli. **9** Zihlanganiseni, zizwe, kodwa liphahlazwe; bekani indlebe, lina lonke abezizwe ezikhatsana; zibhinceni, kodwa liphahlazwe; zibhinceni, kodwa liphahlazwe. **10** Cebani icebo, kodwa lizafojiswa; khulumani ilizwi, kodwa kalyikuma; ngoba uNkulunkulu ulathi. **11** Ngoba yatsho njalo iNkosi kimi ngesandla esilamandla, yangifundisa ukuthi ngingahambi endleleni yalababantu, isithi: **12** Lingatsho ukuthi: Ugobe, kukho konke lababantu abathi ngakho: Ugobe; lingesabi ukwesaba kwabo, lingatshaywa luvalo. **13** INkosi yamabandla, yona lizayingcwela, njalo yona ibe yikwesaba kwenu, njalo yona ibe luvalo lwenu. **14** Njalo izakuba yindawo engcwele, kodwa ibe yilitshe lokukhubekisa, ibe lidwala lokuwisa kuzo zombili izindlu zakolsrayeli, ibe ngumjibila ibe yisifu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema. **15** Labanengi bazakhubeke phakathi kwabo, bawe, bephuke, bathiywe, bathunjwe. **16** Bopha ubufakazi, unameke umlayo phakathi kwabafundi bami. **17** Ngakho ngizalindela iNkosi efihlela indlu kaJakobe ubuso bayo, ngiyidinge. **18** Khangela mina labantwana iNkosi enginike bona siyizibonakaliso lezimangaliso kolsrayeli, ezivela eNkosini yamabandla ehlala entabenи yeZiyoni. **19** Lalapho bezakuthi kini: Buzani kwabalamadlozi, lakubathakathi

abatshaya imilozwi labanyenyezayo: abantu kabayikubuza yini
kuNkulunkulu wabo? Abantu babuze yini bemele abaphilayo
kwabafileyo? **20** Kuwo umthetho lakubo ubufakazi! Uba
bengakhulumi njengalelilizwi, kungokuthi kakukho ukusa kubo. **21**
Bazadabula kukho, becindezelwe kakhulu belambile; kuzakuthi-
ke belambile bezondile, bathuke inkosi yabo loNkulunkulu
wabo, bakhangele phezulu. **22** Njalo bazakhanga emhlabeni,
khanga-ke, kuzakuba lokuhlupheka lomnyama, ubumnyama
benkathazo, njalo axotshelwe emnyameni.

9 Kodwa umnyama kawuyikuba njengenkathazo yalo;
njengesikhathini samandulo wakwenza kwaba lula elizweni
lakoZebuluni lelizweni lakoNafithali; kodwa emva kwalokhu
wakwenza kwaba nzima ngendlela yolwandle, phetsheya
kweJordani, eGalili lezizwe. **2** Abantu ababehamba emnyameni
babonile ukukhanya okukhulu; ababehlala elizweni lethunzi
lokufa, ukukhanya kubakhanyisele. **3** Wandisile isizwe, wakhulisa
intokozo yaso; bayathokoza phambi kwakho njengentokozo
ekuvuneni, njengoba bethokoza ekwehlukaniselaneni kwabo
impango. **4** Ngoba wephulile ijogwe lomthwalo waso, loswazi
lwehlombe laso, intonga yomcindezeli waso, njengasosukwini
lukaMidiyani. **5** Ngoba wonke umsindo wempi usenhlokomani,
lesigqoko sigiqwe egazini; njalo kuzakuba ngesokutshiswa,
kube zinkuni zomliilo. **6** Ngoba sizalelw umntwana, sinikwe
indodana; lombuso uzakuba sehlombe layo, lebizo lakhe
lizathiwa: OMangalisayo, uMeluleki, uNkulunkulu olamandla,
uBaba wephakade, iNkosana yokuthula. **7** Ukwanda kombuso
lokuthula kakuyikuphela, phezu kwesihlalo sobukhos sikaDavida
laphezu kombuso wakhe, ukuwumisa, lokuwuqinisa ngesahlulelo
langokulunga, kusukela khathesi kuze kube nininini. Ukutshiseka

kweNkosi yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu. **8** iNkosi ithumele ilizwi koJakobe, lawela kolsrayeli. **9** Labo bonke abantu bazakwazi, uEfrayimi lomhlali weSamariya, ngokuziggaja langokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo, besithi: **10** Izitina ziwile, kodwa sizakwakha ngamatshe abaziweyo; imikhiwa yesikhamore iganyuliwe, kodwa sizayiguqula ibe yimisedari. **11** Ngakho iNkosi izaphakamisa abacindezeli bakaRezini phezu kwakhe, itshotshozele izitha zakhe; **12** amaSiriya ngaphambili lamaFilisti ngemuva, azakudla ulsrayeli ngomlomo wonke. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe. **13** Ngoba abantu kabaphendukeli kulowo owabatshayayo, futhi kabayidingi iNkosi yamabandla. **14** Ngakho iNkosi izaquma kusuke kolsrayeli inhloko lomsila, ugatsha lomhlanga, ngasuku lunye. **15** Omdala lowemukelwa ngobuso, uyinhloko, kodwa umprofethi ofundisa amanga, ungumsila. **16** Ngoba abakhokheli balababantu bayaduhisa, labakhokhelwa yibo bayaginywa. **17** Ngenxa yalokho iNkosi kayiyikuthokoza ngamajaha abo, kayiyikuba lasihawu ngezintandane zabo labafelokazi babo; ngoba bonke bangabazenzi labenzi bobubi, lomlomo wonke ukhulumba ubuthutha. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe. **18** Ngoba inkohlakalo itshisa njengomlilo; izakudla ameva lokhula oluhabayo, ithungele izixuku zehlathi, ziziphakamise njengokuphakama kwentuthu. **19** Ngolaka lweNkosi yamabandla ilizwe liyafiphazwa, labantu bazakuba njengokudla komlilo; umuntu kayikuyekela umfowabo. **20** Njalo uzahluthuna ngakwesokunene, kodwa alambe; adle ngakwesokhohlo, kodwa angasuthi; ngulowo lalowo adle inyama yengalo yakhe; **21** uManase uEfrayimi, loEfrayimi uManase;

bazamelana loJuda kanyekanye. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo
yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe.

10 Maye kwabamisa izimiso ezikhohlakeleyo, lakubabhali
ababhala uhlupho; **2** ukuphambula abayanga ekwahlulelweni,
lokuphanga ilungelo labahluphekayo babantu bami, ukuze
abafelokazi babe yimpango yabo lokuthi baphange izintandane!
3 Kodwa lizakwenzani ngosuku lwempindiselo, lencithakalweni
ezavela khatshana? Lizabalekela kubani ukuthi libe losizo?
Lizatshiya ngaphi udumo lwenu? **4** Ngaphandle kwami
bazakhothama ngaphansi kwezibotshwa, liwele ngaphansi
kwababulewyo. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo
kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe. **5**
Maye kumAsiriya, intonga yentukuthelo yami, lolaka lwami
luyinduku esandleni sabo! **6** Ngizamthumela isizwe
esizenzisayo, ngizamlaya ukumelana labantu bolaka lwami,
ukuphanga impango, lokuthumba okuthunjiveyo, lokukubeka
kube ngokunyathelwayo njengodaka lwezitalada. **7** Kodwa
yena kanakani njalo, lenhlizyo yakhe kayicabangi njalo;
kodwa kusenhliziyweni yakhe ukuchitha, lokuquma izizwe
ezingenlutshwana. **8** Ngoba uthi: Iziphathamandla zami zonke
kazisimakhosi yini? **9** IKalino kayinjengeKarikemishi yini?
IHamathi kayinjengeArpadi yini? ISamariya kayinjengeDamaseko
yini? **10** Njengoba isandla sami sithole imibuso yezithombe,
ozithombe zayo ezbaziweyo zingcono kulezeJerusalema
lakulezeSamariya; **11** njengalokhu ngenzile kuyo iSamariya
lezithombe zayo, kangiyikwenza njalo yini kuyo iJerusalema
lezithombe zayo? **12** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho iNkosi isiqedile
umsebenzi wayo wonke entabenzi yeZiyoni laseJerusalema,
ngiphindisele isithelo sokuzikhukhumeza kwenhlizyo yenkosи

yeAsirya lobuhle bokuziqhenya kwamehlo ayo. **13** Ngoba
ithe: Ngamandla esandla sami ngikwenzile, langenhlakaniph
yami, ngoba ngiyaqedisisa; njalo ngisusile imikhawulo yezizwe,
ngaphanga inotho yazo; lanjengeqhawe ngehlisela phansi
abahlali bazo. **14** Isandla sami sesithole inotho yezizwe
njengesidleke; lanjengobuthelela amaqanda atshiyiwego,
mina ngibuthelele umhlaba wonke; njalo kwakungekho
ophaphazelisa impiko, kumbe ovula umlomo, kumbe otshiyozayo.
15 Ihloka lizazikhukhumeza kuye ogamula ngalo yini?
Isaha izazikhulisa kuye oyinyikinyayo yini? Njengokungathi
induku ingaziphakamisa, kungathi kayisisigodo. **16** Ngalokhu
iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izathumela ukucaka phakathi
kwabazimukileyo bayo; langaphansi kodumo Iwayo izaphemba
ukutshisa njengokutshisa komlilo. **17** Lokukhanya kukalsrayeli
kuzakuba ngumlilo, IoNgcwele wakhe abe lilangabi, elizatshisa
liqede ameva ayo lokhula Iwayo oluhabayo ngasuku lunye.
18 Liqede lodumo Iwehlathi Iwayo, lensimu yayo ethelayo,
kusukela emphefumulweni kusiya enyameni, ibe njengokuphela
kwamandla womthwalifulegi. **19** Lokuseleyo kwezihlahla
zehlathi zayo kuzakuba nlutshwana ngenani, ukuze umntwana
akubale. **20** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku insali yakolsrayeli
labaphunyukileyo bendlu kaJakobe kabasayikuqhubeka
ukweyama kobatshayileyo; kodwa bazakweyama eNkosini,
oNgcwele kalsrayeli, ngeqiniso. **21** Insali izabuyela, insali
kaJakobe, kuNkulunkulu olamandla. **22** Ngoba lanxa abantu
bakho, Israyeli, bengangetshebetshebe lolwandle, kube kanti
insali yabo izabuya; ukuchitheka kumisiwe, kuphuphuma
ngokulunga. **23** Ngoba ukubhujiswa okupheleleyo okumisiweyo
iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izakwenza phakathi komhlaba

wonke. **24** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova wamabandla: Bantu bami, elihlala eZiyoni, lingesabi iAsiriya lapho ilitshaya ngenduku, iliphakamisela intonga yayo njengendalela yamaGibhithe. **25** Ngoba kuseyisikhatsana nje ukuthukuthela kuzaphela, lolaka lwami ekuchithweni kwabo. **26** Njalo iNkosi yamabandla izabavusela isiswepu, njengokuhlatshwa kweMidiyani edwaleni leOrebi; lanjengentonga yayo phezu kolwandle ezayiphakamisa njengendalela yeGibhithe. **27** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku umthwalo wayo usuke ehlombe lakho, lejogwe layo entanyeni yakho, lejogwe lizakwephulwa ngenxa yokugcotshwa. **28** Uyeza eAyathi, udabula phakathi kweMigironi; eMikimashi wethula impahla yakhe. **29** Badlula esikhali, ebusuku bayalala eGeba; iRama iyathuthumela; iGibeya kaSawuli iyabaleka. **30** Hlaba umkhosi ngelizwi lakho, ndodakazi kaGalimi! Lizwakalise eLayishi, Anathothi elusizana! **31** IMadimena iyabaleka, abahlali beGebimi badinga isiphephelo. **32** Kuselamuhla uzakuma eNobi, anyikinye isandla sakhe emelene lentaba yendodakazi yeZiyoni, uqaqa lweJerusalema. **33** Khangela, iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izaquma ingatsha ngamandla esabekayo, labo abaphakeme ngobude bazaganyulelwu phansi, labazikhukhumezayo bazathotshiswa. **34** Njalo izagamula izixku zehlathi ngensimbi, leLebanoni izakuwa ngolamandla.

11 Kuzavela-ke uGatsha esidindini sikaJese, leHlumela likhule empanden zakhe. **2** LoMoya weNkosi uzahlala phezu kwakhe, uMoya wenhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, uMoya weseluleko lowamandla, uMoya wolwazi lowokwesaba iNkosi. **3** Lephunga lakhe lizakuba sekuyesaben iNkosi; kayikwahlulela ngokubona kwamehlo akhe, njalo kayikukhuza ngokuzwa kwezindlebe zakhe; **4** kodwa uzakwahlulela abayanga

ngokulunga, akhuze abathobekileyo bomhlaba ngobuqotho; njalo uzatshaya umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe, langomoya wendebe zakhe uzabulala okhohlakeleyo. **5** Njalo ukulunga kuzakuba libhanti lokhalo lwakhe, lobuqotho bube libhanti lokhalo lwakhe. **6** Lempisi izahlala lewundlu, njalo ingwe ilale lezinyane; lethole, lebhongo lesilwane, lokunonisiweyo ndawonye; lomfana omncinyane uzakuqhuba. **7** Inkomokazi lebhore kuzakudla; amathole akho alale ndawonye; lesilwane sizakudla amahlanga njengenkabi. **8** Lomunyayo uzadlalela phezu komlindi wenhlangwana, lolunyuliweyo afake isandla sakhe emlindini wephimpi. **9** Kabayikwenza okubi, njalo kabayikona entaben'i yami yonke engcwele; ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ulwazi lweNkosi njengamanzi esibekela ulwandle. **10** Langalolosuku kuzakuba lempande kaJese ezakuma ibe luphawu ezipheni; izizwe zizadinga kuyo, lendawo yayo yokuphumula ibe lodumo. **11** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNkosi isebezene isandla sayo futhi ngokwesibili ukubuyisa insali yabantu bayo, ezasala ivela eAsirya leGibhithe lePatrosi leEthiophiya leElamu leShinari leHamathi lezhilengeni zolwandle. **12** Izaphakamisela izizwe uphawu, ibuthe abaxotshiweyo bakolsrayeli, iqoqe abahlakazekileyo bakoJuda, bevela ezingonsini zozine zomhlaba. **13** Lomhawu kaEfrayimi uzasuka, lezitha zakoJuda zizaqunywa; uEfrayimi kayikuba lomona ngoJuda, loJuda kayikucindezelu uEfrayimi. **14** Kodwa bazaphapha phezu kwehlombe lamaFilisti ngentshonalanga; kanyekanye baphange abantwana bempumalanga; bazakwelulela isandla sabo kuEdoma loMowabi; labantwana bakoAmoni babalalele. **15** LeNkosi izatshabalalisa ulimi lolwandle lweGibhithe, inyikinye isandla sayo phezu komfula ngamandla omoya wayo, iwutshaye ube yizifudlana

eziyisikhombisa, ibenze bachaphe ngamanyathela. **16** Kuzakuba khona umgwaqo omkhulu wensali yabantu bakhe abaseleyo bevela eAsiriya, njengalokhu kwakunjalo kulsrayeli ngosuku lokwenyuka kwakhe elizweni leGibhithe.

12 Langalolosuku uzakuthi: Ngiyakubonga, Nkosi, Ianxa wawungithukuthelele, ulaka Iwakho seluphendukile, njalo ungiduduzile. **2** Khangel, uNkulunkulu ulusindiso Iwami, ngizathemba ngingesabi; ngoba iNkosi uJehova ingamandla ami lengoma yami, isibe lusindiso Iwami. **3** Ngakho ngentokozo lizakukha amanzi emithonjeni yosindiso. **4** Lithi ngalolosuku: Bongani iNkosi, libize ibizo layo, lazise izenzo zayo phakathi kwezizwe, limemezele ukuthi ibizo layo liphakeme. **5** Hlabelelani eNkosini ngoba yenzile izinto ezinhle kakhulu; lokhu kakwaziwe emhlabeni wonke. **6** Memeza, uhlabele ngentokozo, mhlali weZiyoni, ngoba oNgcwele kalsrayeli mkhulu phakathi kwakho.

13 Umthwalo weBhabhiloni awubonayo ulsaya indodana kaAmozi. **2** Phakamisani uphawu entabeni eligceke, libaphakamisele ilizwi, liqhwebe ngesandla, ukuze bangene eminyango yeziphathamandla. **3** Mina ngibalayile abangcwelisiweyo bami, ngibizile lamaqhawe ami kuntukuthelo yami, abathokozayo ngobukhosi bami. **4** Ukuxokozela kwexuku ezintabeni, kungathi ngokwabantu abanengi, umsindo wokuxokozela kwemibuso, kwezizwe ezibutheneyo; iNkosi yamabandla ibutha ibutho lempi. **5** Bavela elizweni elikhathshana, emkhawulweni wamazulu, iNkosi kanye lezikhali zentukuthelo yayo, ukuchitha ilizwe lonke. **6** Qhinqani isililo, ngoba usuku lweNkosi lusondele; njengokuchitheka okuvela kuSomandla luzafika. **7** Ngenxa yalokhu izandla zonke zizaxega, lenhlizijo yonke yomuntu incibilike; **8** babesebetshaywa luvalo;

imihelo lobuhlungu kubabambe; bafuthelwe njengowesifazana obelethayo; bamangale ngulowo ngomakhelwane wakhe; ubuso babo buyibuso bamalangabi. **9** Khangelani, usuku lweNkosi luyenza, lulesihluku lokufutheka lolaka oluvuthayo, ukubeka umhlaba ube yincithakalo; ibhubhise izoni zawo zisuke kuwo. **10** Ngoba inkanyezi zamazulu lemithala yazo kaziyikukhanyisa ukukhanya kwazo; ilanga lizakuba mnyama ekuphumeni kwalo, lenyanga kayiyikukhanyisa ukukhanya kwayo. **11** Ngoba ngizaphindisela ububi phezu komhlaba, laphezu kwabakhohlakeleyo izono zabo; nqiqede ukuziggaja kwabazikhukhumezayo; ngithobise ukuzikhukhumeza kwabalesihluku. **12** Ngizakwenza ukuthi indoda ibe ligugu elikhulu kulegolide elicwengekileyo, lomuntu kulegolide leOfiri. **13** Ngenxa yalokhu ngizazamazamisa amazulu, lomhlaba uzanyikinyeka usuke endaweni yawo, entukuthelweni yeNkosi yamabandla, losukwini lokuvutha kolaka lwayo. **14** Njalo kuzakuba njengomziki oxotshwayo, lanjengezimvu okungelamuntu oziqoqayo; bazaphenduka ngulowo lalowo ebantwini bakibo, babalekele ngulowo lalowo elizweni lakhe. **15** Wonke ozatholakala uzagwazwa, laye wonke ozabanjwa uzakuwa ngenkemba. **16** Labantwana babo bazachotshozwa phambi kwamehlo abo, izindlu zabo ziphangwe, labomkabo badlwengulwe. **17** Khangela, ngizabavusela amaMede, angakhathaleli isiliva, legolide, angathokozi ngalo. **18** Lamadandili awo azachoboza amajaha; njalo kawayikuba lesihawu ngesithelo sesizalo; ilihlo lawo kaliyikuhwukela abantwana. **19** LeBhabhiloni, udumo lwemibuso, ubuhle bokuziqhenya kwamaKhaladiya, izakuba njengokugenqulwa nguNkulunkulu kweSodoma leGomora. **20** Kakuyikuba lendawo yokuhlala kuze kube nininini, njalo

kayiyikuhlalwa kusizukulwana lesizukulwana; lomArabhiya kayikumisa ithente khona, labelusi kabayikulalisa umhlambi khona. **21** Kodwa izilo zeganga zizalala khona, lezindlu zayo zizagcwala izilo ezikhonyayo; lamadodakazi ezintshe azahlala khona, lamagogogo aqolotshe khona. **22** Lezimpisi zizaphendulana emanxiweni ayo, lemigobho ezigodlweli ezilentokozo. Lesikhathi sayo siseduze ukufika, lezinsuku zayo kaziyikuphuziswa.

14 Ngoba iNkosi izamhawukela uJakobe, imkhethethu futhi ulsrayeli, ibabeke elizweni lakibo; labezizwe bazahlangana labo, njalo bazanamathela endlini kaJakobe. **2** Labantu bazabathatha, babase endaweni yabo; lendlu kalsrayeli izabafuya elizweni leNkosi, babe yizigqili lezigqilikazi; njalo bazathumba abathumbi babo, babuse abacindezeli babo. **3** Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku iNkosi ezaliphumuza ngalo ebuhlungwini benu lekuhluphekeni kwenu lemtshikatshikeni onzima ebelisetshenziswa kiwo, **4** lizaphakamisa lesisaga ngenkosi yeBhabhiloni lithi: Uphele njani umcindezelil! Owegolide usuphelile! **5** INkosi ilwephule udondolo lwabakhohlakeleyo, intonga yababusi. **6** Owatshaya abantu entukuthelweni ngokutshaya okungapheliyo, owabusa izizwe ngolaka, wazingelwa kungekho onqandayo. **7** Umhlabu wonke uphumule, ulokuthula; baqhamuka ngokuhlabelela. **8** Lezihlahla zefiri ziyathokoza ngawe, imisedari yeLebhanoni, isithi: Selokhu walala phansi, kakulamgamuli owenyukela kithi. **9** Isihogo ngaphansi siyanyakaziswa ngenxa yakho ukukuhlangabeza ekuzeni kwakho; sikuvusela imimoya efileyo, impongo zonke zomhlabu, sisukumise wonke amakhosi ezizwe ezihhlalweni zawo zobukhos. (**Sheol h7585**) **10** Bonke bazaphendula bathi kuwe: Lawe usubuthakathaka njengathi; usufanana lathi. **11** Ubukhos bakho sebehliiselwe esihogweni, lokukhala

kwamachacho akho; izimpethu zizakwendlalwa ngaphansi kwakho, lemihlavane ikugubuzele. (Sheol h7585) **12** Uwe kanganani uvela emazulwini, wena okhanyayo, ndodana yokusa! Uqunyelwe emhlabathini, wena owawisela phansi izizwe! **13** Wena wasusithi enhliziyweni yakho: Ngizakwenyukela emazulwini; ngaphezu kwenkanyezi zikaNkulunkulu ngiphakamise isihlalo sami sobukhos; ngihlale entaben yenhlango ezinhlangothini zenyakatho; **14** ngizakwenyukela ngaphezu kwendawo eziphakemeyo zamayezi; ngizenze ngifanane loPhezukonke. **15** Kodwa uzakwehliselwa esihogweni, ezinhlangothini zomgodi.

(Sheol h7585) **16** Abakubonayo bazakujolozela, bakuqaphele, besithi: Guye lo umuntu yini owenza ukuthi umhlabu uthuthumele, owanyakazisa imibuso, **17** owamisa ilizwe laba njengenkangala, wachitha imizi yalo, ongavulelanga izibotshwa zakhe ziye ekhaya? **18** Wonke amakhosi ezizwe, wonke alala phansi ngodumo, ileyo laleyo endlini yayo; **19** kodwa wena uphoselwe ngaphandle kwengcwaba lakho, njengehlumela elinengekayo, njengelembu lababulewego, begwazwe ngenkemba, abehlela phansi ematsheni omgodi, njengesidumbu esinyathelelwe phansi. **20** Kawuyikuhlanganiswa kanye labo ekungcwatshweni, ngoba ulichithile ilizwe lakini, wabulala abantu bakini. Inzalo yabenzi bobubi kayiyikubizwa kuze kube nininini. **21** Lungiselani ukubulawa kwabantwana babo ngenxa yobubi baboyise, ukuze bangavuki badle ilifa lelizwe, bagcwalise ubuso bomhlaba ngemizi. **22** Ngoba ngizabavukela, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngiqume kusuke eBhabhiloni ibizo, lensali, lendodana, lomzukulu, itsho iNkosi. **23** Ngizayimisa ibe yindawo yezinhloni lamatete amanzi, ngiyithanyele ngomthanyelo wencithakalo, kutsho iNkosi yamabandla. **24** INkosi yamabandla

ifungile isithi: Isibili, njengokucabanga kwami kuzakuba njalo, lanjengokweluleka kwami khona kuzakuma! **25** Ukuthi ngimephule umAsirya elizweni lami, ngimnyathele phezu kwezintaba zami; beselisuka ijogwe lakhe phezu kwabo, lomthwalo wakhe usuke ehlombe labo. **26** Lesi yiseluleko eselulekwe ngomhlaba wonke, njalo lesi yisandla eselulelw izizwe zonke. **27** Ngoba iNkosi yamabandla ikucebile, ngubani-ke ongakuphuthisa? Lesandla sayo seluliwe, njalo ngubani ongasibuyisela emuva? **28** Ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi uAhazi kwaba lalo umthwalo: **29** Ungathokozi, wena wonke Filisti, ngokuthi intonga ekutshayileyo yephukile; ngoba empandeniyenoka kuzavela ibululu, lesithelo sabo sibe yinyoka ephaphayo etshisayo. **30** Lamazibulo abayanga azakwelusela, labaswelayo balale bevikelekile; kodwa ngizabulala impande yakho ngendlala, njalo abulale insali yakho. **31** Qhinqa isililo, sango, ukhale, muzi. Uncibilike, Filisti, wonke. Ngoba enyakatho kuvela intuthu, njalo kakho ozakuba yedwa ngezikkhathi zakhe ezimisiwego. **32** Lezithunywa zesizwe zizaphendulwa ngokuthini? Ngokuthi: INkosi iyisekele iZiyoni, labahluphekayo babantu bayo bazathembela kuyo.

15 Umthwalo kaMowabi. Ngoba ngobusuku iAri kaMowabi ichithekile, iqunyiwe; ngoba ngobusuku iKiri kaMowabi ichithekile, iqunyiwe. **2** Wenyukela eBayiti leDiboni, indawo eziphakemeyo, ukuyalila; uMowabi uzaqhinqa isililo ngeNebo langeMedeba; kulempabanga kuwo wonke amakhanda abo, zonke indevu zigeliwe; **3** ezitaladeni zabo bazibhinca ngamasaka; empahleni zezindlu zabo lezitaladeni zabo wonke uqhinqa isililo, besehla bekhala inyembezi. **4** LeHeshiboni leEleyale kuzakhala; ilizwi labo lizwakale kuze kube seJahazi; ngenxa yalokhu abahlomileyo bakoMowabi bayamemeza; umphefumulo wakhe uyathuthumela

kuye. 5 Inhlizyo yami iyamkhalela uMowabi; ababalekayo bakhe bafinyelele eZowari, ithokazi elileminyaka emithathu; ngoba umqanso weLuhithi, bawenyuka bekhala inyembezi; ngoba endleleni yeHoronayimi baphakamisa ukukhala kwencithakalo. 6 Ngoba amanzi eNimirimi azakuba zincithakalo; ngoba utshani buyoma, uhlaza luyaphela, kakukho okuluahlaza. 7 Ngenxa yalokhu ukwanda abakwenzileyo lempahla yabo bazakuthwalela esifuleni seminyezane. 8 Ngoba ukukhala kuzabhoda umngcele kaMowabi, ukuqhingga kwakhe isililo kufinyelela eEgilayimi, yebo, ukuqhingga kwakhe isililo kufinyelela eBeri-Elimi. 9 Ngoba amanzi eDiboni agcwele igazi; ngoba ngizamisela iDiboni okunye futhi, isilwane kulabo abaphunyukileyo bakoMowabi lakunsali yelizwe.

16 Thumelani iwundlu kumbusi welizwe lilitusa eSela lisiya enkangala, entaben iwendodakazi yeZiyoni. 2 Ngoba kuzakuthi, njengenyon iezulazulayo exotshwe esidlekeni, azakuba njalo amadodakazi akoMowabi emazibukweni eArinoni. 3 Lethani iseluleko, lenze isinqumo; wenze isithunzi sakho sibe njengobusuku phakathi kwemini, ufhle abaxotshiweyo, ungavezi obalekayo. 4 Abaxotshiweyo bami kabahlale njengabezizwe phakathi kwakho, Mowabi; ube yisiphephelo kibo ebusweni bomchithi; ngoba umcindezeli usekucineni, ukuchitheka sekunyamalele, lonyathezel a phansi usephelile elizweni. 5 Njalo kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhosu ngomusa, njalo ahlale kiso ngobuqotho ethenteni likaDavid, esahlulela, Iodinga isahlulelo, lophangisisa ukulunga. 6 Sizwile ngokuziphakamisa kukaMowabi, uyazigqaja kakhulu; ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe, lokuziqhenya kwakhe, lolaka lwakhe, ukuwumana kwakhe kakunjalo. 7 Ngakho uMowabi uzaqhinqela uMowabi isililo, bonke baqhinqe isililo; libubulele izisekelo zeKiri-Haresethi; isibili batshayiwe. 8 Ngoba

amasimu eHeshiboni ayabuna, ivini leSibima; amakhosi ezizwe atshayele phansi amahlukuzo evini awo; afinyelele eJazeri, azulazule enkangala, ingatsha zawo zeluliwe, zachapha ulwandle.

9 Ngenxa yalokho ngizakhala inyembezi ngokukhala kweJazeri ngevini leSibima; ngikuthambise ngezinyembezi zami, Heshiboni, lawe Eleyale; ngoba ukujabulela izithelo zakho zehlobo lesivuno sakho sekuwile. **10** Intokozo lenjabulo sekususiwe ensimini ethelayo, lezivinini kakuhlatshelwa ngoma; kakulakumemeza; kakulamnyatheli onyathela iwayini ezikhamelweni zewayini; ngimisile ukumemeza kwenjabulo. **11** Ngenxa yalokho imibilini yami iyakhala njengechacho ngoMowabi, lengaphakathi yami ngeKiri-Haresi. **12** Kuzakuthi sekubonakele ukuthi uMowabi uzidinisile endaweni ephakemeyo, khona ezangena endlini yakhe engcwele ukukhuleka, kodwa kayikuphumelela. **13** Leli yilizwi iNkosi elikhulume ngoMowabi kusukela kulesosikhathi. **14** Kodwa khathesi iNkosi ikhuluma isithi: Phakathi kweminyaka emithathu, njengeminyaka yoqhatshiweyo, udumo lukaMowabi luzadelelwa, elaleloxuku lonke elikhulu; lensali izakuba nlutshwana, incane, ingelamandla.

17 Umthwalo weDamaseko. Khangela, iDamaseko izasuswa, ingabi ngumuzi, kodwa ibe lunxiwa oludilikileyo. **2** Imizi yeAroweri izatshiywa, ibe ngeyemihlambi elala phansi, njalo kungabi lomethusi. **3** Lenqaba izaphela koEfrayimi, lombuso weDamaseko, lensali yeSiriya; bazakuba njengodumo lwabantwana bakolsrayeli, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **4** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku udumo lukaJakobe lwehliselwe phansi, lokuzimuka kwenyama yakhe kucakiswe. **5** Njalo kube njengomvuni evuna amabele amiyo, lengalo yakhe iqume izikhwebu; yebo, kube njengomuntu edobha izikhwebu

esigodini seRefayimi. **6** Kodwa umkhothozo uzasala kukho, njengokunyikinyeka kwesihlahla somhlwathi, imihlwathi emibili loba emithathu engqongeni yogatsha oluphezulu, emine loba emihlanu engatsheni zaso ezithelayo, itsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **7** Ngalolosuku umuntu uzajolozela kuMenzi wakhe, lamehlo akhe akhangele koNgcwele kalsrayeli. **8** Njalo kayikujolozela emalathini, umsebenzi wezandla zakhe; njalo kayikukhangela kulokho iminwe yakhe ekwenzileyo, loba izixku loba amalathi elanga. **9** Ngalolosuku imizi yabo eqjinileyo izakuba njengegusu elideliweyo lengqonga yogatsha abaludelileyo ngenxa yabantwana bakolsrayeli; njalo kuzakuba yincithakalo. **10** Ngoba umkhohliwe uNkulunkulu wosindiso lwakho, kawukhumbulanga idwala lamandla akho; ngenxa yalokho uzahlanyela izithombo ezinhle, uyihlanye ngamahlumela angejwayelekanga. **11** Ngosuku lokuhlanyela kwakho uzakwenza kuhlume, lekuseni wenze inhlanyelo yakho ikhuphe impoko; kodwa isivuno sizakuba yinqumbi ngosuku lomkhuhlane lobuhlungu obungelaphekiyo. **12** Yeka ukuhlokomwa kwabantu abanengi abahlokomwa njengokuhlokomwa kwezinlwandle, lokuduma kwezizwe eziduma njengomdumo wamanzi amanengi! **13** Izizwe ziduma njengomdumo wamanzi amanengi, kodwa uzazikhaza ukuze zibalekele khatshana, zixotshwe njengamakhoba ezintaba phambi komoya, lanjengokugiqikayo phambi kwesiphepho. **14** Ngesikhathi sokuhlwa, khangela-ke, ukuthuthumela, kungakasi kasekho. Yiso isabelo sabasiphangayo lenkatho yabashihlaselayo.

18 Maye elizweni okuhatshaza kulo impiko, elingaphetsheya kwemifula yeEthiophiya, **2** elithuma izithunywa ngolwandle langemikhumbi yemihlanga ebusweni bamanzi! Hambani,

zithunywa ezilejubane, liye esizweni eside lesibutshelezi, esizweni esesabekayo kusukela lapho kusiya phambili, isizwe esingumzilamzila esinyathelela phansi, esilizwe laso imifula iyalehlukanisa. 3 Lina lonke bahlali bomhlaba, lani elihlezi elizweni, bonani lapho kuphakanyiswa uphawu ezintabeni, lizwe lapho kuvuthelwa uphondo. 4 Ngoba yatsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Ngizathula ngikhangele ngisendaweni yami emisiwego, njengokukhanya okutshisayo phezu kwesibane, njengeyezi lamazolo ekutshiseni kwesivuno. 5 Ngoba mandulo kwesivuno, ihlumela seliphelele, lesithelo sesivini esingavuthwanga siyavuthwa emva kwamaluba, izaquma amahlumela ngezingqamu zokuthena, isuse izingatsha, iziqume. 6 Zizatshiywa ndawonye zibe ngezenyonи zezintaba ezidla inyama lezenyamazana zomhlaba. Lenyonи ezidla inyama zizachitha ihlobo phezu kwazo, lenyamazana zonke zomhlaba zichithe ubusika phezu kwazo. 7 Ngalesosikhathi kuzalethwa isipho eNkosini yamabandla, isizwe eside lesibutshelezi, lesizweni esesabekayo kusukela lapho kusiya phambili, isizwe esingumzilamzila esinyathelela phansi, esilizwe laso imifula iyalehlukanisa, siye endaweni yebizo leNkosi yamabandla, intaba yeZiyoni.

19 Umthwalo weGibhithe. Khangela, iNkosi igade eyezini elilejubane, izakuza eGibhithe; lezithombe zeGibhithe zizathuthumela phambi kwayo, lenhliziyo yamaGibhithe incibilike phakathi kwavo. 2 Njalo ngizacija amaGibhithe amelane lamaGibhithe, ukuthi alwe, ngulowo lalowo emelene lomfowabo, langulowo lalowo emelene lomakhelwane wakhe, umuzi umelene lomuzi, umbuso umelene lombuso. 3 Lomoya wamaGibhithe uzathululwa phakathi kwavo, njalo ngizaginya

icebo lawo; babesebebuza izithombe zawo, labathakathi, labalamadlozi, labalumbayo. **4** Sengizavalela amaGibhithe esandleni samakhosi alukhuni; lenkosi elolaka izabusa phezu kwawo, kutsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. **5** Lamanzi elwandle azacitsha, lomfula wome utshe. **6** Njalo bazakwala imifula, lezifudlana zeGibhithe zetshe zicitshe; imihlanga lebhuma kubune. **7** Imihlanga ezifuleni, emilonyeni yezifula, lakho konke okuhlanyelweyo kwezifula kuzakoma, kuphetshethwe, kungabe kusaba khona. **8** Njalo abagoli benhlanzi bazakhala, labo bonke abaphosa ingwegwe zokuthiya inhlanzi esifuleni bazalila; labendlala imbule ebusweni bamanzi bazaphela amandla. **9** Labasebenzi ngefikalisi elicolekileyo labeluka okumhlophe bazakuba lenhloni. **10** Lezisekelo zayo zonke zizachotshozwa, lamadoda ayiziqatshwa azadana emphefumulweni. **11** Isibili, iziphathamandla zeZowani ziyizithutha, iseluleko sabeluleki abahlakaniphileyo bakaFaro siyibuthutha. Litsho njani kuFaro lithi: Ngiyindodana yabahlakaniphileyo, indodana yamakhosi endulo? **12** Pho, bangaphi abahlakaniphileyo bakho? Yebo, ake bakutshele, kabawkazi lokho iNkosi yamabandla ekucebileyo ngeGibhithe. **13** Iziphathamandla zeZowani sezibe yizithutha, iziphathamandla zeNofi zikhohlisiwe; bazaduhisa iGibhithe, insika yezizwe zayo. **14** INkosi ithulule umoya ophambeneyo phakathi kwayo; baduhise iGibhithe kukho konke ukwenza kwayo, njengodakiweyo ediyazela ekuhanzeni kwakhe. **15** Njalo kakuyikuba khona umsebenzi weGibhithe okungawenza inhloko kumbe umsila, ugatsha loba umhlanga. **16** Ngalolosuku iGibhithe izakuba njengabesifazana; izathuthumela yesabe ngenxa yokuzunguza kwesandla seNkosi yamabandla esizunguza phezu kwayo. **17** Lelizwe lakoJuda lizakuba yisesabiso eGibhithe;

wonke ozakhuluma ngalo uzakwethuka yena ngokwakhe ngenxa
yecebo leNkosi yamabandla elicebileyo imelene layo. **18**
Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lemizi emihlanu elizweni leGibhithe
ekhuluma ulimi IweKhanani, lefungayo eNkosini yamabandla.
Omunye uzakuthiwa ngumuzi wokubhujisa. **19** Ngalolosuku
iNkosi izakuba lelathi phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe, lensika
yenKosi emngceleni wayo. **20** Njalo izakuba yisibonakaliso
ibe yibufakazi beNkosi yamabandla elizweni leGibhithe, ngoba
bazakhala eNkosini ngenxa yabacindezeli, njalo izathuma kubo
umsindisi lomkhulu ozabakhulula. **21** LeNkosi izakwaziwa
kumaGibhithe; njalo amaGibhithe azayazi iNkosi ngalolosuku,
azakwenza umhlatshelo lomnikelo, afunge isifungo eNkosini,
asikhokhe. **22** LeNkosi izatshaya iGibhithe, itshaye ibuye
isilise; njalo bazaphendukela eNkosini, ezancengeka ngabo,
ibasilise. **23** Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu osuka
eGibhithe usiya eAsiriya, ukuze amaAsiriya eze eGibhithe,
lamaGibhithe eAsiriya; lamaGibhithe akhonze kanye lamaAsiriya.
24 Ngalolosuku ulsrayeli uzakuba ngowesithathu leGibhithe
leAsiriya, isibusiso phakathi komhlaba, **25** ezababusisa iNkosi
yamabandla isithi: Ibusisiwe iGibhithe abantu bami, leAsiriya
umsebenzi wezandla zami, lolsrayeli ilifa lami.

20 Ngomnyaka wokufika kukaTharithani eAshidodi, lapho
uSarigoni inkosi yeAsiriya emthuma, lapho walwa leAshidodi
wayithumba; **2** ngalesosikhathi iNkosi yakhuluma ngesandla
sikalsaya indodana kaAmozi isithi: Hamba, ukhulule isaka
ekhalweni lwakho, ukhuphe inyathela lakho enyaweni zakho.
Wasesenza njalo, ehambaze engafakanga manyathela.
3 INkosi yasisithi: Njengalokhu inceku yami ulsaya
isihambeze ingafakanga manyathela okweminyaka emithathu,

kube yisibonakaliso lesimanga phezu kweGibhithe laphezu
kweEthiyophiya; 4 ngokunjalo inkosi yeAsiriya izaqhuba
abathunjiweyo beGibhithe labaxotshiweyo beEthiyophiya,
abatsha labadala, beze bengafakanga manyathela, lezibunu
zisegcekeni, kube lihlazo eGibhithe. 5 Basebesethuka baba
lenhloni ngeEthiyophiya ithemba labo, langeGibhithe udumo
lwabo. 6 Abahlali balesisihlenge bazakuthi ngalolosuku:
Khangel, linjalo ithemba lethu, lapho esabalekelela usizo
khona ukuze sikhululwe ebusweni benkosi yeAsiriya. Pho, thina
sizaphunyuka njani?

21 Umthwalo wenkangala yolwandle. Njengokudlula
kwezivunguzane eningizimu, kuzavela enkangala, elizweni
elesabekayo. 2 Ngaziswe umbono olukhuni; umkhohlisi
wenza ngenkohlico, lomchithi uyachitha. Yenyuka Elamu,
uvimbezele Mede; ngiqede konke ukububula kwayo. 3 Ngenxa
yalokhu ukhalo lwami lugcwele ubuhlungu, imihelo ingibamble
njengemihelo yobelethayo; ngagotshiswa ngenxa yokuzwa,
ngadideka ngenxa yokubona. 4 Inhlizyo yami yaduha, uvalo
lwangesabisa; ukuhwalala engikuloyisayo wakwenza kwaba
yikuthuthumela kimi. 5 Lungisa itafula, linda emphotshongweni
wokulinda, dlana, unathe; sukumani, ziphathamandla, ligcobe
isihlangu. 6 Ngoba yatsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Hamba umise
umlindi; akhulume akubonayo. 7 Wasebona inqola, abagadi
bamabhiza ababili, inqola kababhem, inqola yekamela;
walalela ngesineke, ngesineke esikhulu. 8 Wasememeza
esithi: Isilwane, Nkosi, ngimi njalonjalo emphotshongweni
wokulinda emini, njalo ngimi emlindweni ubusuku bonke. 9
Khangel-ke, nansi inqola yomuntu isiza, labagadi bamabhiza
ababili. Wasephendula wathi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni; lazo

zonke izithombe ezibaziwego zabonkulunkulu bayo uzipilizile
emhlabathini. **10** Lina okubhuliwego kwami, lamabele ebala lami
lokubhulela, engikuzwileyo eNkosini yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kalsrayeli, ngilitshelile khona. **11** Umthwalo weDuma.
Uyangimemeza eseSeyiri esithi: Mlindi, uthini ngobusuku?
Mlindi, uthini ngobusuku? **12** Umlindi wathi: Kuyeza ukusa,
lobusuku futhi. Uba libuza, buzani, libuye, lize. **13** Umthwalo
phezu kweArabhiya. Ehlathini leArabhiya lizalala ubusuku,
lina zindwendwe zeDedani. **14** Mletheleni omileyo amanzi.
Abahlali belizwe leTema bahlangabeza obalekayo ngokudla. **15**
Ngoba babalekela izinkemba, inkemba ehwatshiwego, ledandili
eligtshiwego, lobunzima bemp. **16** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
kimi: Kusesephakathi komnyaka, njengeminyaka yoqhatshiwego,
lonke udumo IweKedari luzaphela. **17** Lensali yenani labatshoki,
amaqhawe amaKedari, bazakuba balutshwana. Ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli isikhulumile.

22 Umthwalo wesigodi sombono. Kutheni kuwe khathesi, ukuthi
ngulowo lalovo wakho akhwele empahleni zezindlu? **2** Wena
ogcwele imisindo, muzi oxokozelayo, dolobho elilentokozo,
ababulewego bakho kababulawanga ngenkemba, kabafelanga
empini. **3** Bonke ababusi bakho babaleke kanyekanye, babotshwe
ngabatshoki, bonke abatholakala kuwe, babotshiwe kanyekanye,
babaleke besuka khatshana. **4** Ngenxa yalokhu ngathi:
Susani amehlo kimi; kangikhale kabuhlungu; ungaphangisi
ukungiduduza ngenxa yokuchitheka kwendodakazi yabantu
bakithi. **5** Ngoba kulusuku lokusanganiseka, lolokunyatthelela
phansi, lolokuphithizela kweNkosi uJehova wamabandla esigodini
sombono, lokudilizela phansi umduli, lolokuhlabu umkhosi
kuze kube sentaben. **6** IElamu yathatha-ke isikhwama

semitshoko, kanye lenqola, abantu, abagadi bamabhiza; leKiri yembula isihlangu. **7** Kuzakuthi-ke izigodi zakho ezikhethekileyo zigcwala izinqola, labagadi bamabhiza bazihlele lokuzihlela ngasesangweni. **8** Njalo yena uzakwembula isimbombozo sakoJuda; langalolosuku wena uzakhangela izikhali zendlu yehlathi. **9** Njalo lizabona imikenke yomuzi kaDavida, ukuthi minengi, liquoqe amanzi echibini elingaphansi. **10** Lizabala izindlu zeJerusalema, lidilize izindlu ukuze liqinise umduli. **11** Lizakwenza ichibi phakathi kwemiduli yomibili lisenzela amanzi omgodi omdala. Kodwa kaliyikukhangela kowakwenzayo, kalimnanzanga owakubumbayo kudala. **12** Langalolosuku iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izamemezela ukulila, lokukhala, lokuphucwa kwamakhanda, lokugqokwa kwesaka. **13** Kodwa khangela, injabulo lokuthaba, ukubulawa kwenkomo, lokuhlatshwa kwezimvu, ukudliwa kwenyama, lokunathwa kwewayini; lathi: Asidleni sinathe, ngoba kusasa sizakufa. **14** Kodwa iNkosi yamabandla yembula endlebeni zami isithi: Isibili lesisono kaliyikusenzelwa inhlawulo yokuthula lize life, kutsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. **15** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova wamabandla: Hamba uye kulo umphathi, kuShebina, ophezu kwendlu, uthi: **16** Ulani lapha, njalo ulobani lapha, ukuthi uzigebhele ingcwaba lapha, njengozigebhela ingcwaba lakhe phezulu, ozigubhela indawo yokuhlala edwaleni? **17** Khangela, iNkosi izakujikijela khatshana ngokujika kwendoda; izakugoqela ngokukugoqela, **18** ikuthandele lokukuthandela njengebhola eligoqelwayo; njengebhola izakuphosela elizweni elibanzi; lalapho uzafela, lalapho izinqola zodumo lwakho zizakuba lihlazo, olwendlu yenkosy yakho! **19** Njalo ngizakusunduza usuke esikhundleni sakho, ikuwise ekumeni kwakho. **20** Kuzakuthi-

ke ngalolosuku ngibize inceku yami uEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya; **21** ngizamgqokisa isigqoko sakho, ngimqinise ngebhanti lakho, nginikeze umbuso wakho esandleni sakhe; njalo yena uzakuba nguyise kubahlali beJerusalema lendlini yakoJuda. **22** Ngizabeka-ke isihluthulelo sendlu kaDavida ehlombe lakhe; yena uzavula kungavali muntu, avale kungavuli muntu. **23** Ngizambethela njengesikhonkwane endaweni eqinileyo; njalo uzakuba yisihlalo sobukhosie esilodumo endlini kayise. **24** Njalo bazaphanyeka phezu kwakhe udumo lonke Iwendlu kayise, inzalo lembewu, zonke izitsha ezincinyane, kusukela ezitsheni zenkezo kusiya kuzo zonke izitsha zeziphiso. **25** Ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, isikhonkwane esabetherwa endaweni eqinileyo sizasuswa, siganyulwe siwe; lomthwalo obuphezu kwaso uzaqunywa; ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile.

23 Umthwalo weTire. Qhinqani isililo, mikhumbi yeTarshishi, ngoba ichithiwe, ukuze kungabi lendlu, ukuthi kungabi lokungena. Kuvela elizweni leKitimi kwembuliwe kubo. **2** Thulani, bahlali besihlenge; wena abakugcwalisileyo abathengiselani beSidoni abachapha ulwandle. **3** Langamanzi amakhulu, inzalo yeShihori, isivuno somfula yinzozo yayo; njalo iyindawo yezizwe yokuthengiselana. **4** Woba lenhloni, Sidoni; ngoba ulwandle lukhulumile, amandla olwandle, lusithi: Kangihelelwa, kangibelethanga, kangikhulisanga amajaha, kangondlanga izintombi ezimsulwa. **5** Njengasembikweni ngeGibhithe bazahelelwa ngombiko weTire. **6** Chaphelani eTarshishi, qhinqani isililo, bahlali besihlenge. **7** Yiwo lo yini umuzi wenu ojabulayo, obudala bawo busukela ensukwini zendulo? Inyawo zawo zizawuthwalela khatshana ukuyahlala njengowezizwe. **8** Ngubani oweluleke lokhu ngeTire, omethesi womqhele,

obathengisi bayo bayiziphathamandla, obathengiselani bayo ngabadumileyo emhlabeni? **9** INkosi yamabandla ikucebisile lokhu, ukonakalisa ukuziggaja kodumo lonke, ukwenza badeleleke bonke abadumileyo bomhlaba. **10** Dabula ilizwe lakho njengomfula, ndodakazi yeTarshishi; akuselamandla. **11** Yelulele isandla sayo phezu kolwandle, inyikinye imibuso; iNkosi ilayezile imelene leKhanani, ukuchitha inqaba zayo. **12** Yasisithi: Kawusayikuphinda ujabule, ntombi emsulwa ecindezelweyo, ndodakazi yeSidoni; eKhithimu sukuma uchaphe; lakhona kakuyikuba lokuphumula kuwe. **13** Khangela ilizwe lamaKhaladiya; lesiaziwe sasingekho; amaSiriya asisekelela bona abahlala enkangala; amisa imiphotshongo yawo yokuvimbezela, abhidliza izigodlo zalo; alenza laba lunxiwa. **14** Qhinqani isililo, mikhumbi yeTarshishi, ngoba inqaba yenu ichithekile. **15** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iTire ikhohlakale okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, njengokwensuku zenkosi eyodwa. Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuzakuba khona eTire okunjengengoma yewule. **16** Thatha ichacho, ubhode umuzi, wule elikhohlakeleyo, utshaye kamnandi, uhlabele ingoma ezinengi, ukuze ukhunjulwe. **17** Kuzakuthi-ke ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa iNkosi iyihambele iTire; njalo izabuyela ekuqhatshweni kobuwule bayo; izawula layo yonke imibuso yomhlaba phezu kobuso bomhlaba. **18** Lokuthengiselana kwayo lokuqhatshwa kwayo kuzakuba yibungcwele eNkosini; kakuyikulondolozwa kumbe kubuthelelwe, ngoba inzuso yayo yokuthengiselana izakuba ngeyabahlala phambi kweNkosi, ukuze badle basuthe, babe leziggoko ezinhle.

24 Khangela, iNkosi yenza umhlaba ube yize, iwenze ube yincithakalo, yone ubuso bawo, ihlakaze abahlali bawo. **2**

Kuzakuthi njengabantu kube njalo umpristi; njengesisebenzi
kube njalo inkosi yaso; njengencekukazi kube njalo inkosikazi
yayo; njengomthengi kube njalo umthengisi; njengombolekisi
kube njalo obolekayo; njengomniki wesikwelede kube njalo
okweledayo. **3** Umhlaba uzachitheka lokuchitheka, uphangwe
lokuphangwa; ngoba iNkosi ilikhulumile lelilizwi. **4** Umhlaba
uyalila, ubune, ilizwe liyadangala, libune; abantu bomhlaba
abaphakemeyo bayadangala. **5** Umhlaba lawo ungcilisiwe
ngaphansi kwabahlali bawo; ngoba beqile imilayo, baguqla
isimiso, bephula isivumelwano esilaphakade. **6** Ngenxa yalokho
isiqalekiso siwuqedile umhlaba, labahlala kuwo bayachitheka;
ngakho-ke abahlali bomhlaba batshisiwe, njalo kusale abantu
abalutshwana. **7** Iwayini elitsha liyalila, ivini lidangale, bonke
abanhliyiyo ethokozayo bayabubula. **8** Injabulo yezigubhu
iphelile, umsindo wabajabulayo uphelile, intokozo yechacho
iphelile. **9** Kabayikunatha iwayini ngengoma; okunathwayo
okulamandla kuzababa kwabakunathayo. **10** Umuzi wencithakalo
ubhidlikile, yonke indlu ivaliwe ukuze kungangenwa. **11**
Kukhalelwia iwayini ezitaladeni; intokozo yonke ifiphele, injabulo
yomhlaba inyamalele. **12** Emzini kusele incithakalo, lesango
litshayiwe lachithwa. **13** Ngoba kuzakuba njalo phakathi kwelizwe,
phakathi kwabantu, njengokunyikinywa kwesihlahla somhlwathi,
njengokukhotha sesiphelile isivuno sezithelo zevini. **14** Bona
bazaphakamisa ilizwi labo, bazahlabelela ubukhosu beNkosi,
bamemeze beselwandle. **15** Ngenxa yalokhu dumisani iNkosi
emililweni, ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ezhlhengeni
zolwandle. **16** Sizwile amahubo avela emkhawulweni womhlaba,
udumo kolungileyo. Kodwa ngathi: Ukucaka kwami, ukucaka
kwami! Maye kimi! Abenzi benkohliso benze ngokukhohlisa;

yebo abenzi benkohliso benze ngokukhohlisa okukhulu. **17**
Ukwesaba lomgodi lomjibila kuphezu kwakho, wena mhlali
womhlaba. **18** Kuzakuthi-ke obalekela umsindo wokwesaba awele
emgodini; lowenyuka phakathi komgodi abanjwe ngumjibila;
ngoba amawindi aphezulu avulekile, lezisekelo zomhlaba
ziyaqhaqhzela. **19** Umhlaba wephukile lokwephuka, umhlaba
udatshudatshuliwe, umhlaba uyanyikinyeka kakhulu. **20**
Umhlaba uzadiyazela lokudiyazela njengesidakwa, uzunguzeke
njengedumba; lesiphambeko sawo sizakuba nzima phezu
kwavo; uzakuwa, ungabe usavuka futhi. **21** Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku iNkosi ijerezise ibutho labaphakemeyo abaphezulu,
lamakhosi omhlaba phezu komhlaba. **22** Bazabuthelwa ndawonye
njengezibotshwa zibuthelwa emgodini, bavalelw entolongweni,
langemva kwensuku ezinengi bethekelelw. **23** Khona inyanga
izayangeka, lelangla libe lenhloni, ngoba iNkosi yamabandla
iyabusa entaben iZiyoni laseJerusalema, laphambi kwabadala
kuzakuba khona inkazimulo.

25 Nkosi unguNkulunkulu wami; ngizakuphakamisa, ngidumise
ibizo lakho; ngoba wenzile okumangalisayo; amacebo akho
endulo aluthembeko leqiniso. **2** Ngoba wenzile umuzi waba
yinqwaba; umuzi obiyelweyo ube lunxiwa; isigodlo sabezizwe
singabi ngumuzi; kasiyikwakhiwa kuze kube nininini. **3** Ngenxa
yalokho abantu abalamandla bazakudumisa; umuzi wezizwe
ezilesihluku uzakwesaba. **4** Ngoba ubungamandla kumyanga,
amandla kosweleyo ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, isiphephelo kuzulu
lesiphepho, umthunzi ekutshiseni, lapho ukuvuthela kwabalolunya
kunjengezulu lesiphepho emdulini. **5** Uzakwehlisa umsindo
wabezizwe njengokutshisa endaweni eyomileyo; ukutshisa
emthunzini weyezi; ingoma yabalolunya izathotshiswa. **6**

Lakulintaba iNkosi yamabandla izakwenzela abantu bonke idili
lezinto ezinonileyo, idili lamawayini alenzece, lezinto ezinonileyo
zigcwele umnkantsho, lamawayini alenzece acengekileyo. 7
Izaginya kulintaba ubuso besembeso esembese bonke abantu,
lesigubuzelo eselukiweyo phezu kwezizwe zonke. 8 Izaginya
ukufa ekunqobeni, leNkosi uJehova izakwesula inyembezi
isisuse ebusweni bonke, isuse lehlazo labantu bayo emhlabeni
wonke; ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile. 9 Kuzakuthiwa-ke ngalolosuku:
Khangel, lo nguNkulunkulu wethu; silindele kuye, njalo
uzasisindisa; le yiNkosi; siyilindele, sizathaba, sithokoze kusindiso
lwayo. 10 Ngoba isandla seNkosi sizaphumula kulintaba,
loMowabi uzanyathelelwa phansi kwayo, njengamahlanga
abuthelelweyo enyathelelwa enqunjini yomquba. 11 Njalo
izakwelula izandla zayo phakathi kwakhe njengontshezayo
ezelula ukuze antsheze; njalo izathobisa ukuziggaja kwakhe
kanye lokucathamela kwezandla zakhe. 12 Lenqaba ephakemeyo
yemiduli yakho izayidilizela phansi, iyehlisel phansi, iyifikise
emhlabathini, ethulini.

26 Ngalolosuku lingoma izahlatshelwa elizweni lakoJuda
ethi: Silomuzi oqinileyo; uNkulunkulu uzamisa usindiso lube
yimiduli lezinqaba. 2 Vulani amasango ukuze singene isizwe
esilungileyo esigcina ukuthembeka. 3 Uzamgcina ekuthuleni
okupheleleyo ongqondo yakhe yeyama phezu kwakho, ngoba
ethemba kuwe. 4 Thembani eNkosini kokuphela, ngoba
eNkosini uJehova kuLidwala elilaphakade. 5 Ngoba ibehlisela
phansi abahlala engqongeni; umuzi ophakemeyo, iwehlisela
phansi; iwehlisela phansi emhlabathini, iwufikise othulini. 6
Unyawo luzawunyathelela phansi, ngitsho inyawo zabayanga,
amanyathela abaswelayo. 7 Indlela yabalungileyo iyikuqonda;

wena oqondileyo, uyalinganisa umkhondo wabalungileyo. **8**
Yebo, endleleni yezahlulelo zakho, Nkosi, sikulindele; isiloyiso
somphefumulo wethu sisebizweni lakho lekukukhumbuleni. **9**
Ngomphefumulo wami ngikuloyisile ebusuku; yebo, ngomoya
wami ophakathi kwami ngizakudinga ngovivi; ngoba lapho
izahlulelo zakho zisemhlabeni, abahlali bomhlaba bazafunda
ukulunga. **10** Uba okhohlakeleyo etschengiswa umusa, kube kanti
kayikufunda ukulunga; elizweni lobuqotho uzakwenza okubi,
njalo kayikubona ubukhosи beNkosi. **11** Nkosi, isandla sakho
siphakeme, kabayikubona; kodwa bazabona, babe lenhloni
ngokutshisekela kwakho abantu; intukuthelo yomlilo wezitha
zakho uzaziqeda. **12** Nkosi, uzasimisela ukuthula, ngoba
lawe usenzele yonke imisebenzi yethu. **13** Nkosi Nkulunkulu
wethu, amanye amakhosi ngaphandle kwakho ake abusa phezu
kwethu; kodwa ngawe kuphela sizakhumbula ibizo lakho. **14**
Afile, kawayikuphila; ayimimoya efileyo, kawayikuvuka; ngakho
uwaphindisele wawachitha, waqedza konke ukukhunjulwa kwavo.
15 Usandisile isizwe, Nkosi, wasandisa isizwe; uyadunyiswa;
usisusele khatshana kuyo yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba. **16**
Nkosi, besekuhluphekeni bakwethekelele, bathulula umkhuleko
lapho ukujezisa kwakho kuphezu kwabo. **17** Njengowesifazana
okhulelweyo sekusondele ukubeletha, esebuhlungwini, ekhala
emihelweni yakhe, saba njalo ebusweni bakho, Nkosi. **18**
Sasikhulelwe, sasisebuhlungwini, kwakungathi sibelethe umoya.
Kasenzanga usindiso emhlabeni, njalo abahlali bomhlaba
kabawanga. **19** Abafileyo bakho bazaphila, lesidumbu sami,
bazavuka. Vukani, limemeze ngentokozo, lina elihlala ethulini;
ngoba amazolo akho anjengamazolo emibhida, lomhlaba
uzabakhupha imimoya efileyo. **20** Hambani bantu bami, lingene

emakamelweni enu, livale iminyango yenu ngemva kwenu, licatshe okwesikhathana, luze ludlule ulaka. **21** Ngoba, khangelani, iNkosi iyaphuma endaweni yayo ukuthi iphindisele ububi babahlali bomhlaba phezu kwabo; lomhlaba uzaveza igazi lawo, ungabe usabafihla ababulewego bawo.

27 Ngalolosuku iNkosi ngenkemba yayo elukhuni lenkulu lelamandla izajezisa uLeviyathani, inyoka ebalekayo, ngitsho uLeviyathani inyoka egoqanayo, ibulale umgobho oselwandle. **2** Ngalolosuku hlabelelani ngaso isivini sewayini elibomvu. **3** Mina Nkosi, ngiyasilondoloza, ngiyasithelela isikhathi sonke; hlezi kube khona osonayo ngisilondoloze ebusuku lemimi. **4** Ukuthukuthela kakukho kimi. Ngubani ongabeka ukhula oluuhlabayo lameva kumelane lami empini? Bengizamatsha ngidabule phakathi kwakho, ngikutshise kanyekanye. **5** Kumbe kabambelele emandleni ami, enze ukuthula lami; uzakwenza ukuthula lami. **6** Izakwenza abavela koJakobe bagxile, ulsrayeli uzahluma, akhahlele, agcwalise ubuso bomhlaba ngezithelo. **7** Imtshayile yini njengokutshaya kwayo oyitshayayo? Ubulewe yini njengokubulawa kwababulewego bakhe? **8** Ngesilinganiso ekukuxotsheni izaphikisana lakho; izakususa ngomoya wayo olukhuni ngosuku lomoya wempumalanga. **9** Ngakho ngalokhu isiphambeko sikaJakobe sizahlawulelw; lalokhu kuyisithelo sonke sokususa isono sakhe, lapho esenza ukuthi wonke amatshe elathi abe njengamatshe ekalaga avuthuziwego, izixuku lamalathi elanga kakuyikuma. **10** Ngoba umuzi obiyelwego uzakuba wodwa, indawo yokuhlala ixotshwe, itshiywe njengenkangala; lapho ithole lizakudla khona, lilale khona, liqede izingatsha zawo. **11** Lapho ingatsha zawo sezomile zizakwephulwa; abesifazana beze bazibase; ngoba

kabasibantu abaqedisisayo; ngakho-ke lowo owabenzayo
kayikubahawukela, lowababumbayo kayikubatshengisa umusa.

12 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNkosi ibhule kusukela esifudlaneni
somfula kuze kube semfuleni weGibhithe; lina-ke lizabuthwa
ngamunye ngamunye, bantwana bakolsrayeli. **13** Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku kuvuthelwe uphondo olukhulu, lalabo ababebhubhe
elizweni leAsirya labaxotshelwe elizweni leGibhithe, bazabuya
bayikhonze iNkosi entabenengcwele eJerusalem.

28 Maye kumqhele wokuziggaja wezidakwa zakoEfrayimi,
obuhle benkazimulo yazo buliluba elibunayo, eliphezu kwekhanda
lezihotsha ezivundileyo zalabo abatshaywe liwayini. **2** Khangela,
iNkosi ilaye olamandla loqinileyo, ozaphosela emhlabeni
ngesandla, njengezulu lesiphepho elilesiqhotho, isiphepho
esichithayo, njengempophoma yamanzi alamandla akhukhulayo.
3 Umqhele wokuziggaja wezidakwa zakoEfrayimi uzanyathelelwa
phansi ngezinyawo. **4** Lobuhle benkazimulo yakhe, obuphezu
kwekhanda lesihotsha esivunde kakhulu, buzakuba liluba
elibunayo, njengesithelo esivuthwe masinyane kungakafiki
ihlobo; okuthi osibonileyo asibone, sisesesandleni sakhe
asiginye. **5** Ngalolosuku iNkosi yamabandla izakuba ngumqhele
wenkazimulo, lesidlodlo sobuhle kunsali yabantu bayo, **6**
lomoya wesahlulelo kulowo ohlalela isahlulelo, lamandla kulabo
ababuyisela impi esangweni. **7** Lalaba baduhile ngenxa yewayini,
langenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla baphambukile; umpristi
lomprofethi baduhile ngenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla,
baginywe liwayini, baphambukile ngenxa yokunathwayo
okulamandla; bayaduha embonweni, bakhubekeskusahlulelo.
8 Ngoba wonke amatafula agcwele amahlanzo lokungcola,
kakulandawo engangcolanga. **9** Izafundisa bani ulwazi,

njalo izakwenza bani aqedisise umbiko? Abalunyuliweyo echagweni, abakhunyuliweyo emabeleni. **10** Ngoba umthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho; umzila phezu komzila, umzila phezu komzila; lapha okuncinyane, laphayana okuncinyane. **11** Ngoba ngendebe eziklolodayo langolunye ulimi izakhulumu kulababantu, **12** eyathi kubo: Lokhu yikuphumula, phumuzani abadiniweyo; lalokhu yikuvuselela; kodwa kabathandanga ukuzwa. **13** Kodwa ilizwi leNkosi lizakuba kibo ngumthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho; umzila phezu komzila, umzila phezu komzila; lapha okuncinyane, laphayana okuncinyane; ukuze bahambe, bawe nyovane, bephuke, bathiywe, bathunjwe. **14** Ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, bantu abaklolodayo, elibusu lababantu abaseJerusalema. **15** Ngoba lithe: Sivumelane isivumelwano lokufa, njalo senze isivumelwano lesihogo; lapho isiswepu esiphuphumayo sisedlula, kasiyikufika kithi; ngoba senze amanga aba yisiphephelo sethu, sacatsha ngaphansi kwenkohliso. (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngibeka eZiyoni ilitshe lesisekelo, ilitshe elihlolliweyo, ilitshe lengonsi eliligugu, isisekelo esisekelweyo; okholwayo kayikuphangisa. **17** Isahlulelo laso ngizasibeka entanjeni, lokulunga entanjeni yokuqondisa; lesiqhotho sizakhukhula isiphephelo samanga; lamanzi agabhele indawo yokucatsha. **18** Lesivumelwano senu lokufa sizaphela, lokuvumelana kwenu lesihogo kakuyikuma; lapho isiswepu esikhukhulayo sisedlula, khona lizanyathelelwa phansi yikho. (**Sheol h7585**) **19** Kusukela esikhathini sokwedlula kwaso, sizalithatha; ngoba ukusa ngokusa sizakwedlula, emini lebusuku; njalo kuzakuba ngokwesabisayo kuphela ukuqedisisa umbiko. **20** Ngoba umbheda mfitshane kakhulu ukuthi umuntu

azelule kuwo, lengubo yincinyane kakhulu ukuthi umuntu azigoqele ngayo. **21** Ngoba iNkosi izavuka njengentabeni yePerazimi, ithukuthele njengesigodini seGibeyoni, ukuze yenze umsebenzi wayo, umsebenzi wayo ongejwayelekanga, yenze isenzo sayo, isenzo sayo esingejwayelekanga. **22** Ngakho-ke lingahleki usulu, hlezizibopho zenu ziqiniswe; ngoba ngizwile eNkosini uJehova wamabandla ngokuqedwa okuqunywe phezu komhlaba wonke. **23** Bekani indlebe, lizwe ilizwi lami; lalelani lizwe inkulomo yami. **24** Umlimi ulimela ukuhlanyela lonke usuku yini? Uyavula abhuqe umhlabathi wakhe yini? **25** Kakunjalo yini, esewuhlelembile ubuso bawo, ukuthi aphose amafitshizi, ahlakaze ikhumini, afake phezu kwakho ingqoloyi enhle kakhulu, lebhali emisiwego, leselite emngceleni wakho? **26** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe uyamazisa ngendlela, amfundise. **27** Ngoba amafitshizi kawabhlwa ngobhulo, levili lenqola kaliphendulwa phezu kwekhumi; kodwa amafitshizi atshaywa ngoswazi, lekhumi ngentonga. **28** Amabele esinkwa ayachotshozwa; ngoba kayikuhlala ewabhula kokuphela, loba ewachoboza ngevili lenqola yakhe, njalo kawachobozi ngamabhiza akhe. **29** Lalokhu kuvela eNkosini yamabandla; iyamangalisa ekwelulekeni, yinkulu ekusebenzeni.

29 Maye kuyo iAriyeli, kuyo iAriyeli umuzi uDavida amisa kuwo inkamba! Yengezelani umnyaka emnyakeni; kayibhode imikhosi. **2** Kanti ngizayicindezela iAriyeli, njalo kube khona ukulila losizi; njalo kuzakuba njengeAriyeli kimi. **3** Njalo ngizamisa inkamba inhlangothi zakho zonke, ngikuvimbezelo ngedundulu, ngikumisele izinqaba ezimelene lawe. **4** Njalo uzakwehliselwa phansi, ukhulume usemhlabathini, lenkulomo yakho izakuba phansi ethulini, lelizwi lakho lizakuba njengeloledlozi liphuma

emhlabathini, lenkulomo yakho ibe ngumlozwi ophuma othulini. **5** Njalo ixuku labezizwe bakho lizakuba njengothuli olucholekileyo, lexuku labalesihluku njengamakhoba adlulayo. Yebo, kuzahle kube masinyane. **6** Uzakwethekelawa yiNkosi yamabandla ngomdumo, langokuzamazama komhlaba, lomsindo omkhulu, isivunguzane, lesiphepho, lelangabi lomlilo oqothulayo. **7** Lexuku lezizwe zonke elilwa limelene leAriyeli, ngitsho zonke ezilwa zimelene layo lezinqaba zayo, leziyicin dezelayo, zizakuba njengephupho, umbono wobusuku. **8** Kuzakuba lanjengolambileyo ephupha, khangela-ke, uydla, kodwa aphaphame, lomphefumulo wakhe ungelalutho; loba njengowomileyo ephupha, khangela-ke, uyanatha, kodwa aphaphame, khangela-ke uphelelwa ngamandla, lomphefumulo wakhe uyalangatha; lizakuba njalo ixuku lazo zonke izizwe ezilwa zimelene lentaba iZiyoni. **9** Manini, lithithibale; zithokoziseni liphumputheke; badakiwe, kodwa hatshi ngewayini; bayadiyazela, kodwa hatshi ngenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla. **10** Ngoba iNkosi ithululele phezu kwenu umoya wobuthongo obunzima, yavala amehlo enu; abaprofethi lezhinkoko zenu, ababoni, ibagubuzele. **11** Lawo wonke umbono usube kini njengamazwi ogwalo olunanyekiweyo okuthi balunika owazi umbhalo, besithi: Bala lokhu siyakuncenga; yena athi: Ngingeke, ngoba lunanyekiwe. **12** Ugwalo beselunikwa ongazi umbhalo, besithi: Bala lokhu, siyakuncenga; yena athi: Kangiwazi umbhalo. **13** INkosi yasisithi: Ngenxa yokuthi lababantu besondela ngomlomo wabo langezindebe zabo bengihlonipha, kodwa babeka inhlizijo yabo khatshana lami, lokungesaba kwabo kufundiswa ngumlayo wabantu; **14** ngakho, khangela, ngizaqhubeuka ukukwenza ngokumangalisayo lalababantu,

umsebenzi omangalisayo lesimanga; ngoba inhlakaniph
yabahlakaniphileyo babo izaphela, lokuqedisisa kwabaqedisayo
babo kucatshe. **15** Maye kulabo abajula besuka eNkosini
ukuze bafihle icebo labo, lemisebenzi yabo isemnyameni,
bathi: Ngubani osibonayo? Njalo ngubani osaziyo? **16**
Ukugonqomisa kwenu kuthiya kunjengebumba lombumbi!
Ngoba umsebenzi uzakutsho yini ngaye owenzileyo ukuthi:
Kangenzanga? Kumbe okubunjiveyo kungatsho yini ngombumbi
wakho ukuthi: Kaqedisisi? **17** Kakuseyisikhatsana esifitshane
yini, ukuthi iLebanoni iphendulwe ibe yinsimu ethelayo, lensimu
ethelayo ithiwe injengehlathi? **18** Njalo ngalolosuku izacuthe
zizakuzwa amazwi ogwalo, lamehlo eziphofu abone ekufiphalen
lemnyameni. **19** Abathobekileyo labo bazakwandisa intokozo
eNkosini, labangabayanga ebantwini bathokoze koNgcwele
kalsrayeli. **20** Ngoba olesihluku uzaphela, lodelelayo uqedie,
labo bonke abalindele okubi baqunyiwe; **21** abenza umuntu one
ngelizwi, bambekele umjibila okhuzayo esangweni, baphambule
olungileyo ngento engelutho. **22** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
eyahlenga uAbrahama, ngendlu kaJakobe: Khathesi uJakobe
kayikuba lanloni, lobuso bakhe khathesi kabuyikuhloba. **23**
Ngoba lapho ebona abantwana bakhe, umsebenzi wezandla
zami, phakathi kwakhe, bazangcwelisa ibizo lami; bangcwelise
oNgcwele kaJakobe, besabe uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **24** Lalabo
abaduhayo emoyeni bazakwazi ukuqedisisa, labangungunayo
bazafunda imfundiso.

30 Maye ebantwaneni abahlamukayo! itsho iNkosi, ukuthi benze
icebo, kodwa elingeyisilo elami, lokuthi bembese ngesembeso,
kodwa esingesiso somoya wami, ukuze bengezelele isono
phezu kwesono. **2** Abahamba ukwehlela eGibhithe, njalo

bengabuzanga umlomo wami, ukuze baziqinise emandleni kaFaro, bathembele emthunzini weGibhithe! **3** Ngakho amandla kaFaro azakuba lihlazo kini, lokuthembela emthunzini weGibhithe kube yikuyangeka. **4** Ngoba iziphathamandla zakhe zaziseZowani lezithunywa zakhe zafika eHanesi. **5** Bonke izabayangisa ngabantu ababengelakubasiza, bangabi luncedo njalo bangabi yinzozo, kodwa babe luyangiso njalo babe lihlazo. **6** Umthwalo wezilo zeningizimu. Elizweni lokucindezelwa lembandezelo, lapho okuvela khona ibhongo lesilwane, ibululu lenyoka ephaphayo elokutshisa, bathwala inotho yabo emhlana wamatole abobabhemi, lokuligugu kwabo phezu kwamalunda amakamela, bekusa ebantwini abangelasizo. **7** Ngoba amaGibhithe azasiza ngeze langokungelalutho; ngakho ngakhala ngalokhu ngathi: Amandla abo yikuhlala bathule. **8** Khathesi hamba, ukubhale phambi kwabo esibhebheni, ukulobe ngokugubha egwalweni, ukuze kube khona kuze kube lusuku lokucina, kuze kube nininini, kuze kube phakade. **9** Ngoba bangabantu abavukelayo, abantwana abaqamba amanga, abantwana abangathandi ukuzwa umlayo weNkosi; **10** abathi kubaboni: Lingaboni; lakubakhangeli: Lingasikhangeleli izinto eziqondileyo; khulumani kithi izinto ezibutshelezi, likhangele izinkohliso; **11** phumanि endleleni, liphambuke lisuke emkhondweni, lisuse oNgcwele kalsrayeli phambi kwethu. **12** Ngakho utsho njalo oNgcwele kalsrayeli uthi: Ngoba lidelele lelilizwi, lathembela kucindezelwa lokuphambeneyo, labambelela kukho. **13** Ngakho lobububi buzakuba kini njengomkenke osuzakuwa, ukhukhumala emdulini omude, okudiliwa kuhle kufike masinyazana. **14** Yebo, uzawephula njengokwephulwa kwembiza yababumbi ephahaziweyo; kayikuyekela, ukuze

kungatholakali ezicucwini zayo udengezi lokokha umlilo eziko,
kumbe ukukha amanzi emthonjeni. **15** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova, oNgcwele kalsrayeli: Ngokuphenduka lokuphumula
lizasindiswa; ngokuthula langokwethemba kuzakuba ngamandla
enu; kodwa kalifunanga. **16** Kodwa lathi: Hatshi, ngoba sizabaleka
ngamabhiza; ngakho-ke lizabaleka; njalo: Sizagada amabhiza
alejubane; ngakho-ke abalixotshayo bazakuba lejubane. **17**
Inkulungwane eyodwa izabaleka ngokukhalima koyedwa;
ngokukhalima kwabahlalu lizabaleka, lize lisale njengensika
phezu kwengqonga yentaba, lanjengesiboniso phezu koqaqa.
18 Ngakho-ke iNkosi izalinda, ukuze ibe lomusa kini, ngakho-
ke izaphakanyisa ukuthi ibe lesihawu kini; ngoba iNkosi
inguNkulunkulu wesahlulelo; babusisiwe bonke abalindela kuyo.
19 Ngoba abantu bazahlala eZiyoni eJerusalem; kaliyikukhala
lokukhala inyembezi; izakuba lomusa omkhulu kuwe elizwini
lokukhala kwakho; lapho ilizwa izakuphendula. **20** Loba iNkosi
ilinika isinkwa sosizi lamanzi okuhlupheka, kanti abafundisi bakho
kabasayikususelwa engonsini, kodwa amehlo akho azabona
abafundisi bakho. **21** Lendlebe zakho zizakuzwa ilizwi emva
kwakho lisithi: Le yiyo indlela, hambani ngayo, lapho liphambukela
ngakwesokunene lalapho liphambukela ngakwesokhohlo. **22**
Lizangcolisa lokuhuqiweyo kwezithombe zakho ezibaziweyo
zesiliwa, lokunanyekiwego kwezithombe zakho zegolide ezibunjwe
ngokuncibiliisa; lizihlakaze njengelembu losesikhathini, lithi kuzo:
Phuman! **23** Khona izanika izulu lenhlanyelo yakho ozayihlanyela
emhlabathini, lesinkwa sesivuno somhlaba; uzavunda ucicime.
Ngalolosuku izifuyo zenu zizakudla emadlelweni abanzi; **24**
lezinkabi labobabhemu abatsha okulima umhlabathi kuzakudla
umncantsha, oweliwego ngefotsholo langefologwe. **25** Laphezu

kwayo yonke intaba ende laphezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo kuzakuba lemifula lezifudlana zamanzi ngosuku lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho kusiwa imiphotshongo. **26** Futhi ukukhanya kwenyanga kuzakuba njengokukhanya kwelanga, lokukhanya kwelanga kuperhindwe kasikhombisa, njengokukhanya kwensuku eziyisikhombisa, mhla iNkosi ibopha ukwephuka kwabantu bayo, ipholisa umvivinya wesilonda sabo. **27** Khangela, ibizo leNkosi livela khatshana, livutha ulaka lwayo, lomthwalo unzima; indebe zayo zigcwele intukuthelo, lolimi lwayo lunjengomlilo oqothulayo; **28** lokuphefumula kwayo kunjengesifula esiphuphumayo size sifike phakathi kwentamo, ukuhlungula izizwe ngesihlungulo sobuze; njalo kuzakuba letomu eliduhisayo emihlathini yabantu. **29** Lizakuba lengoma, njengetobusuku bokwehlukaniswa komkhosi, lokuthokoza kwenhlizyo, njengohamba lomhubhe esiya entabenye Nkosi, eDwaleli lakolsrayeli. **30** INkosi izazwakalisa-ke ilizwi layo eliodumo, ibonakalise ukwehla kwengalo yayo, ngentukuthelo yolaka, lelangabi lomlilo oqothulayo, isivunguvungu, lezulu lesiphepho, lesiqhotho. **31** Ngoba ngelizwi leNkosi amAsirya azaphahlazwa, itshaya ngenduku. **32** Kuzakuthi loba ngaphi okwedlula khona induku emisiweyo, iNkosi eyibeka phezu kwayo, kube ngezigubhu langamachacho, langezimpi zokunyikinya ilwe labo. **33** Ngoba iThofethi yahlelwa endulo, layo yamiselwa inkosi; yayenza yatshona, yaba banzi, inqumbi yayo ingumlilo lenkuni ezinengi; ukuphefumula kweNkosi kuyayithungela njengesifula sesolufa.

31 Maye kulabo abehlela usizo eGibhithe, abeyama emabhizeni, bethemba izinqola ngoba zizinengi, labagadi bamabhiza ngoba belamandla kakhulu, kodwa bengakhangeli

koNgcwele kalsrayeli, njalo bengadingi iNkosi! 2 Kanti layo
ihlakaniphile, izaletha ububi, njalo kayiyikuwabuyisa amazwi
ayo; kodwa izavukela indlu yabenzi bobubi, njalo imelene losizo
lwabenzi beziphambeko. 3 Ngoba amaGibhithe angabantu,
kabasuNkulunkulu, lamabhiza awo ayinyama, kawayisimoya.
Lapho iNkosi izakwelula isandla sayo, osizayo uzakhubeka
losizwayo uzakuwa phansi, njalo bonke baphele kanyekanye. 4
Ngoba iNkosi itscho njalo kimi: Njengesilwane lebhongo lesilwane
kubhongela phezu kwempango yakho, lapho ixuku labelusi
libizelwe ukumelana laso, kasiyikwesaba ilizwi labo, njalo
kasiyikuzithoba ngenxa yomsindo wabo; ngokunjalo iNkosi
yamabandla izakwehla ukulwela intaba yeZiyoni loqaqa lwayo.
5 Njengenyoni eziphaphayo, ngokunjalo iNkosi yamabandla
izavikela iJerusalema; ivikela, izayophula; isedlula, iyikhulule. 6
Phendukelani kuyo okuyo abantwana bakolsrayeli bahlubuke
ngokujulileyo. 7 Ngoba ngalolosuku bazalahla, wonke umuntu
izithombe zakhe zesiliva lezithombe zakhe zegolide, ozandla
zenu zilenzele zona ukuba yisono. 8 ISiriya izakuwa-ke
ngenkemba engeyisiyo yomuntu olamandla, lenkemba engeyisiyo
yomuntukazana izayiqeda; kodwa izabalekela inkemba, lamajaha
ayo abe yizibhalwa. 9 Izakwedlulela edwaleni layo ngokwesaba,
leziphathamandla zayo zesabe uphawu, itscho iNkosi, omlilo
wayo useZiyoni, lesithando sayo siseJerusalema.

32 Khangela, inkosi izabusa ngokulunga, leziphathamandla
zibuse ngesahlulelo. 2 Lomuntu uzakuba njengendawo
yokucatshela umoya lesivikelo kuzulu lesiphepho; njengemifula
yamanzi endaweni eyomileyo, njengomthunzi wedwala
elikhulu elizweni elomileyo. 3 Lamehlo alabo ababonayo
kawayikufiphala, lezindlebe zalabo abezwayo zizalalela.

4 Lenhliziyo yabalamawala izaqedisisa ulwazi, lolimi lwabagagasayo luzaphangisa ukukhuluma ngokucaca. 5 Isithutha kasisayikubizwa ngokuthi sihloniphekile, loncitshanayo angathiwa uyaphana. 6 Ngoba isithutha sikhuluma ubuthutha, lenhliziyo yaso isebeenze okubi, ukwenza ubuzenzisi, lokukhuluma okuphambeneyo ngeNkosi, ukwenza umphefumulo wolambileyo ube ze, senze kusweleke okunathwayo kowomileyo. 7 Izikhali zoncitshanayo lazo zimbi; yena uceba amacebo akhohlakeleyo ukuze achithe abayanga ngamazwi amanga, lanxa oswelayo ekhuluma okulungileyo. 8 Kodwa ohloniphekayo uceba izinto ezihleniphekayo; langezinto ezihleniphekayo yena uzakuma. 9 Vukani, besifazana abonwabileyo, lizwe ilizwi lami; madodakazi avikelekileyo, bekani indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami. 10 Izinsuku ezedlula umnyaka lizathuthumela, besifazana abavikelekileyo, ngoba ukuvunwa kwevini kuzaphela, ukubutha kakuyikufika. 11 Thuthumelani, besifazana abonwabileyo, liqhuqhe, bavikelekileyo; khululani, lizinqunule, libhince amasaka enkalweni. 12 Bazakhalela amabele okumunya, amasimu amahle, ivini elithelayo. 13 Phezu komhlabathi wabantu bami kuzakhula ameva lokhula oluhlabayo; yebo, phezu kwezindlu zonke zenjabulo, emzini wentokozo. 14 Ngoba isigodlo sizadelwa, inengi lomuzi lizatshiywa; inqaba lemiphotoshongo kuzakuba yimihome kuze kube phakade, intokozo yabobabhemti beganga, lamadlelo emihlambi; 15 aze athululelw phezu kwethu uMoya evela phezulu, lenkangala ibe yinsimu ethelayo, lensimu ethelayo ithiwe lihlathi. 16 Khona isahlulelo sizahlala enkangala, lokulunga kuhlale ensimini ethelayo. 17 Lomsebenzi wokulunga uzakuba yikuthula, lokwenza kokulunga kube yikuthula lokuqjinisekiswa kuze kube nininini. 18 Labantu bami bazahlala endaweni yokuhlala

elokuthula, lezindaweni zokuhlala ezivikelekileyo, lezindaweni zokuphumula ezonwabileyo. **19** Kodwa lizakuna ngesiqhotho ekwehleni kwehlathi, lomuzi uzathotshiswa endaweni ephansi. **20** Libusisiwe lina elihlanyela ngasemanzini wonke, lithumezelapho inyawo zezinkabi labobabhem.

33 Maye kuwe ochithayo, kodwa ungachithwanga! Lowenza ngenkohliso, bengenzanga ngenkohliso kuwe! Lapho usuqedile ukuchitha, uzachithwa; lapho usucinile ukwenza ngenkohliso, bazakwenza ngenkohliso kuwe. **2** Nkosi, woba lomusa kithi, sikulindele; woba yingalo yabo ekuseni konke, losindiso lwethu ngesikhathi socindezelo. **3** Emsindweni wokuhlokoma abantu babaleka; ekuziphakamiseni kwakho izizwe zahlakazeka. **4** Lempango yenu izabuthwa njengokubutha kwecimbi, njengokugijima kwentethe uzagijima phezu kwayo. **5** INkosi iphakeme, ngoba ihlala phezulu; igcwalise iZiyoni ngesahlulelo langokulunga. **6** Lenhlakanipho lolwazi kuzakuba yikuqina kwezikhathi zakho, amandla ezinsindiso; ukwesaba iNkosi kuligugu lakhe. **7** Khangela, amaqhawe abo azakhala ngaphandle; izithunywa zokuthula zizakhala inyembezi kabuhlungu. **8** Imigwaqo emikhulu ize, owedlula ngendlela kakho; wephule isivumelwano, udelele imizi, kananzi muntu. **9** Ilizwe liyalila lidangele; iLebanoni ilenhloni iyabuna; iSharoni injengenkangala; njalo iBashani leKharmeli kuyakhithiza. **10** Khathesi ngizavuka, kutsho iNkosi; khathesi ngizadunyiswa; khathesi ngizaphakanyiswa. **11** Lizakhulelwa ngamakhoba, beselizala izibi; umoya wenu, njengomlilo, uzaliqeda. **12** Njalo abantu bazakuba njengokutshisiweyo kwekalaga; njengameva aqunyiweyo bazatshiswa emlilweni. **13** Zwanini, lina elikhhatshana, engikwenzileyo; lani eliseduze, vumanि amandla ami. **14** Izoni

zeZiyoni ziyesaba, ukuthuthumela kubabambile abazenzisi.
Ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala lomlilo oqothulayo?
Ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala lokutshisa okuphakade?
15 Yena ohamba ngokulunga, akhulume ngobuqotho, odelela
inzuzo yezincindezelo, othintitha izandla zakhe ekubambeni
isivalamlomo, ovala indlebe yakhe ekuzweni ngamacala
legazi, ocimeza amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi; **16**
yena uzahlala ezindaweni eziphakemeyo; izinqaba zamadwala
zibe yisivikelo sakhe; isinkwa sakhe asinikwe; amanzi akhe
athembeke. **17** Amehlo akho azabona iNkosi ebuhleni
bayo; abone ilizwe elikhatsana kakhulu. **18** Inhlizyo
yakho izazindla ukwesabisa. Ungaphi umbhali? Ungaphi
umlinganisi? Ungaphi obala imiphotshongo? **19** Kawuyikubona
abantu abayiziqholo, abantu abenkulumo ejule okokuthi
ungeyizwisise, abolimi olugagasayo ongeluqedisise. **20** Khangela
iZiyoni, umuzi wemikhosi yethu emisiweyo; amehlo akho
azabona iJerusalema, indawo yokuhlala elokonwaba, ithente
elingayikusuka, ozikhonkwane zalo ezizasitshulwa phakade,
kakuyikuqamuka leyodwa yezintambo zalo. **21** Kodwa lapho
iNkosi izakuba ngelobukhosи kithi, indawo yemifula, yezifula
ezibanzi; umkolo olamaphini okugwedla ongahambi khona,
lomkhumbi olamandla ongedluli khona. **22** Ngoba uJehova
ungumahluleli wethu, uJehova ungumnikumthetho wethu,
uJehova uyinkosi yethu, yena uzasisindisa. **23** Ingoda
zakho ziyaxega; kaziyikuqjinisa iqonde insika yazo yomkolo,
zingeyelule iseylimi; khona kuzakwabiwa impango yempango
enengi, abaqhulayo baphange impango. **24** Lomhlali kayikuthi:
Ngiyagula. Abantu abahlala kuyo bazathethelelwа iziphambeko.

34 Sondelani, zizwe, ukuze lizwe; lani bantu, lilalele; umhlab
kawuzwe, lokugcwala kwavo; ilizwe, lakho konke okuvela
kilo. **2** Ngoba intukuthelo yeNkosi iphezu kwazo zonke izizwe,
lolaka phezu kwavo wonke amabutho azo; izitshabalalisile,
izinikele ekubulaweni. **3** Ababuleweyo bazo labo bazaphoselwa
phandle, levumba labo lizakwenyuka ezidunjini zabo, lezintaba
zizancibilika ngegazi labo. **4** Lalo lonke ibutho lamazulu
lizabola; lamazulu agoqwe njengomqulu; lalo lonke ibutho labo
liwele phansi, njengehlamu liwohloka evinini, lanjengomkhiwa
owohlokayo esihlahleni somkhiwa. **5** Ngoba inkemba yami
izacwila emazulwini; khangela, izakwehlela phezu kukaEdoma
laphezu kwabantu bokutshabalalisa kwami ngesigwebo. **6**
Inkemba yeNkosi igcwele igazi, inoniswe ngamafutha, ngegazi
lamawundlu lelezimbuzi, ngamahwahwa ezinso zezinqama;
ngoba iNkosi ilomhlatshelo eBhozira, lokubulala okukhulu elizweni
leEdoma. **7** Lezinyathi zizakwehla kanye lazo, lamajongosi
kanye lezinkunzi. Njalo ilizwe labo lizacwila egazini,lothuli lwabo
lunoniswe ngamahwahwa. **8** Ngoba kulusuku lwempindiselo
yeNkosi, umnyaka wokubuyiselwa kwempikisano yeZiyoni.
9 Lezifula zabo zizaphendulwa zibe yingcino, lothuli lwabo
lube yisibabule; lelizwe labo lizakuba yingcino etshayo. **10**
Kaliyikucitshwa ubusuku lemini; intuthu yalo izakwenyuka
laphakade; kusukela esizukulwaneni kusiya kusizukulwana
lizakuba yinkangala; kakho ozadabula phakathi kwalo kuze
kube nini lanini. **11** Kodwa iwunkwe lenhloni kuzakudla ilifa
lalo; isikhova laso lewabayi kuzahlala kulo. Njalo izakwelula
phezu kwalo intambo yencithakalo, lamatshe onxiwa. **12**
Bazabizela izikhulu zalo embusweni, kodwa kakho ozakuba
khona, leziphathamandla zalo zonke zizakuba yinto engelutho.

13 Lameva azakhula ezigodlweni zalo, imbabazane lokhula oluhlabayo ezinqabeni zalo; njalo libe yindawo yokuhlala yemigobho, umuzi wamadodakazi ezintshe. **14** Izilo zenkangala lazo zizahlangana lezilo ezihlaba umkhulungwane, legogo lizakhalela umngane walo; lesikhova esikhala yo sizaphumula khona, sizitholele indawo yokuphumula. **15** Lapho isikhova esikhulu sizakwakha isidleke, sibekele, sichamisele, sifukamele ngaphansi komthunzi waso; amanqe lawo azabuthana lapho, yilelo lalelo lomngane walo. **16** Dingani egwalweni lweNkosi, lifunde; kakukho lokukodwa kwalokhu okuzasilela, kakukho okuzaswela umngane wakho; ngoba umlomo wami ngokwawo ulayile, lomoya wayo ngokwawo ukubuthanisile. **17** Ngoba yona ibenzele inkatho yokuphosa, lesandla sayo sibehlukanisele ngentambo; lizakuba yilifa labo kuze kube phakade, kusukela kusizukulwana kuze kube sesizukulwaneni bazahlala kulo.

35 Inkangala legwadule kuzajabula ngabo; lehlane ithokoze, ikhahlele njengerosi, **2** ikhahlele kakhulu, ithokoze langentokozo lokuhlabelela. Inkazimulo yeLebhanoni izayinikwa, ubuhle beKharmeli leSharoni; khona kuzabona inkazimulo yeNkosi, ubukhosu bukaNkulunkulu wethu. **3** Qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka, liqinise amadolo axegayo. **4** Tshonini kwabalenhliziyo ephangisayo lithi: Qinani, lingesabi. Khangelani, uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuza ngempindiselo, uNkulunkulu elomvuzo; yena uzakuza alisindise. **5** Khona amehlo eziphofu ezavuleka, lezindlebe zezacuthe zivuleke. **6** Khona oqhulayo ezakweqa njengendluzele, lolimi lwasimungulu luhlabelele; ngoba amanzi azaqhekeza endaweni elugwadule, lezifula enkangala. **7** Lomhlabathi otshileyo uzakuba lixhaphozi, lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo yamanzi. Endaweni yokuhlala yemigobho,

endaweni yawo yokulala, kube lotshani lemihlanga lebhuma. 8
Kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu khona, lendlela, ezathiwa yindlela
yobungcwele; ongcolileyo kayikudlula kuyo, kodwa izakuba
ngeyalowo; abahambayo ngaleyondlela, loba beyizithutha,
kabayikulahleka. 9 Kakuyikuba khona isilwane lapho, lesilo
esiphangayo kasiyikwenyuka phezu kwayo, kasiyikutholwa
lapho; kodwa abahlengiweyo bazahamba ngayo. 10 Njalo
abenzelwe inhlawulo yokuthula beNkosi bazabuyela, bafike
eZiyoni ngengoma, belentokozo ephakade phezu kwekhanda
labo; bazazuza intokozo lenjabulo, kubaleke-ke usizi lokububula.

36 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana lemizi yonke evikelweyo yakoJuda, wayithatha. 2 Njalo inkosi yeAsiriya yathuma uRabi-Shake esuka eLakishi esiya eJerusalema enkosini uHezekhiya lebutho elinzima. Wasesima emfolweni wechibi elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu yomwatshi. 3 Kwasekuphumela kuye uEliyakhimi, indodana kaHilikhiya, owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi umabhalane. 4 URabi-Shake wasesithi kubo: Tshonini khathesi kuHezekhiya ukuthi: Itsho njalo inkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya: Lithemba bani leli othembele kulo? 5 Ngithi (kodwa yilizwi lendebe): Kuleseluleko lamandla empi. Khathesi uthembele kubani ukuthi ungiyukele? 6 Khangela, uthembele kuloludondolo lwalo umhlanga owephukileyo, kuyo iGibhithe, okuthi uba umuntu eseyama kulo, luzangena esandleni sakhe lusihlabe. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yeGibhithe kubo bonke abathembela kuye. 7 Kodwa uba usithi kimi: Sithembela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu; kakusuye yini ozindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lamalathi akhe uHezekhiya akususileyo,

wathi kuJuda leJerusalema: Lizakhonza phambi kwaleli ilathi? **8** Ngakho-ke ake unike isibambiso enkosini yami, inkosi yeAsiriya; njalo ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili, uba wena ulakho ukunika abagadi bamabhiza phezu kwawo. **9** Uzabuyisela njani-ke emuva ubuso bombusi oyedwa wabancinyane bezinceku zenkosi yami, wena-ke uthembela eGibhithe ngenxa yezinqola labagadi bamabhiza? **10** Khathesi sengenyukile yini ngingelaNkosi ngimelene lalelilizwe ukulichitha? INkosi yathi kimi: Yenyuka umelene lalelilizwe, ulichithe. **11** UEliyakimi loShebina loJowa basebesithi kuRabi-Shake: Ake ukhulume lenceku zakho ngesiSiriya, ngoba siyasiqedisisa; ungakhulumi lathi ngesiJuda, endlebeni zabantu abaphezu komduli. **12** Kodwa uRabi-Shake wathi: Inkosi yami ingithume enkosini yakho lakuwe yini ukukhuluma lamazwi? Kakusebantwini yini abahlezi phezu komduli ukuze badle ubulongwe babo, banathe umchamo wabo kanye lani? **13** URabi-Shake wema-ke, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda, wathi: Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya. **14** Itsho njalo inkosi: UHezekhiya kanganikhohlisi, ngoba kayikuba lakho ukulikhulula. **15** Futhi uHezekhiya angalenzi lithembele eNkosini, esithi: INkosi izasikhulula lokusikhulula; lumuzi kawuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosи yeAsiriya. **16** Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya, ngoba itsho njalo inkosi yeAsiriya: Dingani umusa wami ngesipho, lisithumele kimi; lidle ngulowo lalowo okwewini lakhe, langulowo lalowo okomkhiwa wakhe, linathe ngulowo lalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe; **17** ngize ngifike, ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana lelizwe lenu, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini. **18** UHezekhiya kanganihugi esithi: INkosi izasikhulula. Onkulunkulu bezizwe bakhulule yini, ngulowo lalowo ilizwe lakhe, esandleni samakhosi

eAsirya? **19** Bangaphi onkulunkulu beHamathi leArpadi?
Bangaphi onkulunkulu beSefavayimi? Bayikhulule yini layo
iSamariya esandleni sami? **20** Ngobani phakathi kwabo bonke
onkulunkulu balawomazwe abakhulule ilizwe labo esandleni sami,
ukuthi iNkosi ikhulule iJerusalema esandleni sami? **21** Kodwa
bathula, kabaze bamphendula lizwi, ngoba umlayo wenkosi
wawuyikuthi: Lingamphenduli. **22** Kwasekufika uEliyakhimi,
indodana kaHilikhiya, owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umbhali,
loJowa indodana kaAsafi, umabhalane, kuHezekhiya, iziggoko
zabo zidatshuliwe, bamtshela amazwi kaRabi-Shake.

37 Kwasekusithi inkosi uHezekhiya isikuzwile, yadabula
iziggoko zayo, yazembesa ngesaka, yangena endlini yeNkosi. **2**
Yasithuma uEliyakhimi umphathi wendlu, loShebina umabhalane,
labadala babapristi bembethe amasaka, kulsaya umprofethi
indodana kaAmozi. **3** Basebesithi kuye: Utsho njalo uHezekhiya:
Lolusuku lusuku lohlupho lolokusolwa lolokweyiswa, ngoba
abantwana sebefikile emlonyeni wesizalo, kanti akulamandla
okubeletha. **4** Mhlawumbe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, izawezwa
amazwi kaRabi-Shake, onkosi yeAsirya, inkosi yakhe, emthume
ukuthuka uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokusola ngamazwi iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ewazwileyo. Ngakho phakamisa umkhuleko
ngensali etholakeleyo. **5** Ngakho inceku zenkosi uHezekhiya
zafika kulsaya. **6** Ulsaya wasesithi kuzo: Lizakutsho njalo
enkosini yenu: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ungesabi amazwi owezwileyo,
inceku zenkosi yeAsirya ezingithuke ngawo. **7** Khangela,
ngizafaka umoya kuyo, njalo izakuzwa ihungahunga, ibuyele
elizweni layo; njalo ngizayenza ukuthi iwe ngenkemba elizweni
layo. **8** URabi-Shake wasebuyela, wafica inkosi yeAsirya isilwa
imelene leLibhina; ngoba wayezwile ukuthi isisukile eLakishi. **9**

Wasesizwa ngoTirihaka inkosi yeEthiyophiya kuthiwa: Uphumile ukuzakulwa lawe. Esekuzwile wathuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya esithi: **10** Lizakhuluma kanje kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lithi: UNkulunkulu wakho othembele kuye kangakukhohlisi esithi: IJerusalema kayiyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya. **11** Khangela, wena usuzwile ukuthi amakhosi eAsiriya enzeni kuwo wonke amazwe ngokuwatshabalalisa. Wena-ke uzakhululwa yini? **12** Onkulunkulu bezizwe bazikhulula yini obaba abazichithayo, iGozani leHarani leRezefi, labantwana beEdeni ababeseTelasari? **13** Ingaphi inkosi yeHamathi, lenkosi yeArpadi, lenkosi yomuzi weSefavayimi, iHena, lelva? **14** UHezekhiya wasesemukela izincwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wazifunda, wenyukela endlini yeNkosi; uHezekhiya wasezhichaya phambi kweNkosi. **15** UHezekhiya wasekhuleka eNkosini, esithi: **16** Nkosi yamabandla, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ohlala phakathi kwamakherubhi, nguwe wedwa onguNkulunkulu wayo yonke imibuso yomhlaba; wena wenze amazulu lomhlaba. **17** Thoba indlebe yakho, Nkosi, uzwe, vula amehlo akho, Nkosi, ubone; uzwe wonke amazwi kaSenakheribi awathumele ukuklolodela uNkulunkulu ophilayo. **18** Qiniso, Nkosi, amakhosi eAsiriya achithile zonke izizwe lamazwe azo; **19** aphosela onkulunkulu bazo emlilweni, ngoba babengetisibo onkulunkulu, kodwa umsebenzi wezandla zabantu, izigodo lamatshe; ngalokho bababhubbisa. **20** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, sisindise esandleni sakhe, ukuze yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena wedwa uyiNkosi. **21** Ulsaya indodana kaAmozi wasethumela kuHezekhiya, esithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Lokho okukhuleke kimi ngoSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya, **22** leli yilizwi iNkosi elikhulume ngaye: Intombi emsulwa, indodakazi yeZiyoni iyakudelela,

iyakuklolodela; indodakazi yeJerusalema inikina ikhanda ngemva kwakho. **23** Ngubani omeysisileyo wamhlambaza? Njalo uphakamisele bani ilizwi, waphakamisela amehlo akho phezulu? Umelene loNgcwele kalsrayeli. **24** Uklolodele iNkosi ngesandla sezinceku zakho, wathi: Ngobunengi bezinqola zami mina ngenyukele endaweni ephakemeyo yezintaba, ezinhlangothini zeLebhanoni. Njalo ngizagamula imisedari yayo emide, ikhethelo lezihlahla zamafiri ayo, ngingene ekuphakameni kwemingcele yayo, igusu leKharmeli layo. **25** Mina ngagebha, nganatha amanzi, langengaphansi yenyawo zami ngomisa yonke imifula yendawo evinjelweyo. **26** Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi ngakwenza endulo, ngakubumba ensukwini zendulo? Khathesi ngikufikisile, ukuthi ube ngowokudiliza imizi evikelweyo ibe zinqumbi zamanxiwa. **27** Ngakho abahlali bayo babelesandla esifitshane, besaba, baba lenhloni, baba njengotshani beganga, lemibhida eluhlaza, utshani bempahla, lamabele ahanguliweyo engakami. **28** Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuhlala kwakho, lokuphuma kwakho, lokungena kwakho, lokungithukuthelela kwakho. **29** Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho, lokuthi umsindo wakho wenyukele endlebeni zami, ngizakufaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho, letomu lami endebeni zakho, ngikwenze ubuyele ngendlela oweza ngayo. **30** Lokhu-ke kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe; lonyaka uzakudla okuzikhulelayo; langomnyaka wesibili umkhukhuzela; kuthi ngomnyaka wesithathu lihlanyele, livune, lihlanyele izivini, lidle izithelo zazo. **31** Lokuphephileyo kwendlu yakoJuda okuseleyo kuzaphinda kugxumeke impande phansi, kuthele izithelo ngaphezulu. **32** Ngoba kuzaphuma eJerusalema insali, lokuphephileyo entabenye yeZiyoni. Ukutshiseka kweNkosi yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu. **33** Ngakho, utsho njalo uJehova

ngenkosi yeAsiriya: Kayiyikungena kulumuzi, kayiyikutshoka umtshoko khona, kayiyikuza phambi kwawo ilesihlangu, kayiyikubuthelela idundulu maqondana lawo. **34** Ngendlela eyeza ngayo, ngayo izabuyela, njalo kayiyikungena kulo umzi, itsho iNkosi. **35** Ngoba ngizawuvikela lumuzi ukuwusindisa, ngenxa yami, langenxa kaDavida inceku yami. **36** Khona kwaphuma ingilosи yeNkosi, yatshaya enkambeni yamaAsiriya abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu. Kwathi bevuka ekuseni kakhulu, khangela-ke, bonke babeyizidumbu ezifileyo. **37** Ngakho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wasuka, wahamba ebuyela, wahlala eNineve. **38** Kwasekusithi ekhonza endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, oAdrameleki loSharezeri amadodana akhe bamtshaya ngenkemba; bona basebephephela elizweni leArarathi. UEsarihadoni indodana yakhe wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

38 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula waphos'ukufa. Ulsaya indodana kaAmozi umprofethi wasefika kuye, wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Layezela indlu yakho, ngoba uzakufa, kawuyikuphila. **2** UHezekhiya wasephendulela ubuso bakhe ngasemdlini, wakhuleka eNkosini, **3** wathi: Ngiyakuncenga, Nkosi, ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngobuqotho langenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenza okulungileyo emehlwani akho. UHezekhiya wasekhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu. **4** Kwasekufika ilizwi leNkosi kulsaya, lisithi: **5** Hamba, uthi kuHezekhiya: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyihlo: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, ngibonile inyembezi zakho; khangela, ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ensukwini zakho, **6** ngikukhulule wena lalumuzi esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya, ngiwuvikele lumuzi. **7** Lalesi yisibonakaliso

kuwe esivela eNkosini, esokuthi iNkosi izayenza le into eyikhulumileyo. **8** Khangela, ngizabuyisela emuva isithunzi sezinyathelo esesehlile ezinyathelweni zelanga zikaAhazi, izinyathelo ezilitshumi emuva. Ilanga laselibuyela emuva izinyathelo ezilitshumi, ngezinyathelo elalehle ngazo. **9** Umbhalo kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lapho egula, esesile emkhuhlaneni wakhe. **10** Mina ngathi: Ekuqunyweni kwezinsuku zami ngizakuya emasangweni engcwaba; ngemukiwe insali yeminyaka yami.

(Sheol h7585) **11** Ngathi: Kangiyikubona uJehova, uJehova elizweni labaphilayo; kangisayikubona muntu labahlali bomhlaba. **12** Isizukulwana sami sesisukile, sasuswa kimi njengethente lomelusi; ngiqume impilo yami njengomeluki; uzangiquma njengomkhuhlane ocikizayo; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uzangiqeda. **13** Ngabalisa kwaze kwaba sekuseni; njengesilwane, ngokunjalo uzakwephula amathambo ami wonke; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uzangiqeda. **14** Njengenkonjane kumbe ihemu, ngokunjalo ngatshioza; ngilila njengejuba; amehlo ami afiphala ngokukhangela phezulu. Nkosi, ngicindezelwe; woba yisibambiso sami. **15** Ngingathini? Ikhulumile kimi, yona uqobo ikwenzile. Ngizahamba kabuthakathaka yonke iminyaka yami ebuhlungini bomphefumulo wami. **16** Nkosi, ngalezizinto bayaphila, lakuzo zonke lezizinto kulempilo yomoya wami. Njalo uzangelapha, ungiphilise. **17** Khangela, kulokuthula ngibe lobuhlungu obukhulu, kodwa wena uwuthandile umphefumulo wami wawukhulula egodini lencithakalo, ngoba uphosele ngemva komhlana wakho zonke izono zami. **18** Ngoba ingcwaba lingekubonge; ukufa kungekudumise; labo abehlela emgodini bangelithembele iqiniso lakho. (Sheol h7585) **19** Ophilayo, ophilayo, yena uzakudumisa, njengami lamuhla; uyise uzakwazisa

abantwana iqiniso lakho. **20** INkosi yayilungele ukungisindisa; ngakho sizahlabelela izingoma zami ngamachacho insuku zonke zempilo yethu endlini yeNkosi. **21** Ngoba ulsaya wayethe: Kabathathe isigaqa somkhiwa, basifake njengomnameko phezu kwethumba, njalo uzasila. **22** UHezekhiya laye wayethe: Siyini isibonakaliso sokuthi ngizakwenyukela endlini yeNkosi?

39 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodaki-Balandani, indodana kaBalandani inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi ubekade egula, useqinile. **2** UHezekhiya wasethokoza ngazo, wabatshengisa indlu yokuligugu kwakhe, isiliva, legolide, lamakha, lamafutha amahle, lendlu yonke yezikhali zakhe, lakho konke okwatholakala kokuligugu kwakhe; kakubanga lalutho endlini yakhe lembusweni wakhe wonke uHezekhiya angabatshengisanga Iona. **3** Wasefika ulsaya umprofethi enkosini uHezekhiya, wathi kuyo: Atheni lamadoda? Futhi avele ngaphi esiza kuwe? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Avele elizweni elikhhatshana esiza kimi, eBhabhiloni. **4** Wasesithi: Aboneni endlini yakho? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Abone konke okusendlini yami; kakulalutho phakathi kokuligugu kwami engingawatshengisanga Iona. **5** Ul saya wasesithi kuHezekhiya: Zwana ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla. **6** Khangela, insuku ziyeza lapho konke okusendlini yakho, lalokho oyihlo abakubuthelelayo kuze kube lamuhla, kuzathwalelw aBhabhiloni; kakuyikusala lutho, kutsho iNkosi. **7** Njalo bazathatha emadodaneni akho azaphuma kuwe, ozawazala; njalo abe ngabathenwa esigodlwani senkosi yeBhabhiloni. **8** UHezekhiya wasesithi kulsaya: Ilizwi leNkosi olkhulumileyo lilungile. Wathi futhi: Ngoba kuzakuba lokuthula leqiniso ensukwini zami.

40 Duduzani, liduduze abantu bami, utsho uNkulunkulu wenu.

2 Khulumani kunhliziyo yeJerusalema, limemeze kuyo ukuthi imfazo yayo iphelelisiwe, ukuthi ububi bayo buthethelwe, ngoba yemukele esandleni seNkosi okuphindwe kabili ngazo zonke izono zayo. **3** Ilizwi lomemezayo ehlanelithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi, lenzele uNkulunkulu wethu umgwaqo omkhulu oqondileyo enkangala. **4** Sonke isigodi sizaphakanyiswa, layo yonke intaba loqaqa kuzakwehliswa; lokugobileyo kuzakwenziwa kuqonde, lendawo ezimaxhakaxhaka zibe ligceke. **5** Inkazimulo yeNkosi izabonakaliswa, layo yonke inyama iyibone kanyekanye, ngoba umlomo weNkosi ukhulumile. **6** Ilizwi lathi: Memeza! Wasesithi: Ngizamemeza ngithini? Yonke inyama ibutshani, labo bonke ubuhle bayo bunjengeluba leganga. **7** Utshani buyabuna, iluba liyawohloka, ngoba uMoya weNkosi uphephetha kukho; isibili abantu babutshani. **8** Utshani buyabuna, iluba liyawohloka; kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu wethu limi kuze kube nini lanini. **9** Wena Ziyoni, oletha izindaba ezinhle, khwela entabeni ende; wena Jerusalema, oletha izindaba ezinhle, phakamisa ilizwi lakho ngamandla, liphakamise ungesabi; tshono emizini yakoJuda uthi: Khangelani, uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** Khangela, iNkosi uJehova izakuza ngamandla, lengalo yayo izayibusela; khangela, umvuzo wayo ilawo, lenkokhelo yayo iphambi kwayo. **11** Izakwelusa umhlambi wayo njengomelusi, izabutha amawundlu ngengalo yayo, iwathwale esifubeni sayo, ikhokhele kuhle ezimunyisayo. **12** Ngubani olinganise amanzi entendeni yesandla sakhe, walinganisa amazulu ngeminwe eyeluliweyo, wahlanganisa uthuli lomhlaba esilinganisweni, walinganisa izintaba ngesikali, lamaqaqa ngesilinganiso? **13** Ngubani oqondise uMoya weNkosi, kumbe wamfundisa engumeluleki

wakhe? **14** Yelulekane lobani, owayenza yaqedisisa, wayifundisa endleleni yesahlulelo, wayifundisa ulwazi, wayazisa indlela yokuqedisisa? **15** Khangela, izizwe zinjengethonsi lenkonxa, zibalwa njengothuli lwasikali. Khangela, uphakamisa izihlenge njengento encinyane kakhulu. **16** LeLebhanoni kayeneli ukutsha, lenyamazana zayo kazeneli umnikelo wokutshiswa. **17** Zonke izizwe zinjengezingasilutho phambi kwayo, zibalwa kuyo zincinyane kulokungelutho lokuyize. **18** Pho, lizamfananisa lobani uNkulunkulu, loba mfanekiso bani elizamlinganisa lawo? **19** Ingcitshi incibilikisa isithombe esibaziwego, lomkhandi wegolide uyasinameka ngegolide, abumbe ngokuncibilikisa amaketane esiliva. **20** Lowo ongumyanga ongelamnikelo ukhetha isihlahla esingaboliyo, azidingele umbazi oyingcitshi ukuze alungise isithombe esingayikunyikinya. **21** Kalazi yini? Kalizwanga yini? Kalitshelwanga yini kwasekuqalen? Kaliqedisisanga yini kwasekusekelweni komhlaba? **22** Kunguye ohlala phezu kwesigombolozi somhlaba, labahlali bawo banjengentethe; owendlala amazulu njengekhetheni, awelule njengethente lokuhlala; **23** owenza iziphathamandla zingabi yilutho, enze abehluleli bomhlaba babe njengeze. **24** Yebo, kabayikugxunyekwa; yebo, kabayikuhlanyelwa; yebo, isiqu sabo kasiyikugxila emhlabathini; laye uzaphephetha phezu kwabo, babune; lesivunguzane sibusese njengamabibi. **25** Pho, lizangifananisa lobani, engizafanana laye? kutsho oNgcwele. **26** Phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu, libone odale lezizinto; okhipha ibutho lazo ngenani; azibize zonke ngamabizo ngobukhulu bamandla akhe, ngoba eqinile emandleni; kayikho leyodwa esilelayo. **27** Utsholoni, wena Jakobe, ukhulume, wena Israyeli ukuthi: Indlela yami isithekile eNkosini lesahlulelo sami

sedlulisiwe nguNkulunkulu wami? **28** Kawazi yini, kawukezwa yini? UNkulunkulu olaphakade, iNkosi, uMdali wemikhawulo yomhlaba kapheli amandla njalo kadinwa? Kakuphenyeki ukuqedisisa kwakhe. **29** Inika abadangeleyo amandla, lakwabangajinanga yandisa amandla. **30** Labatsha bazaphelelwa ngamandla, badinwe, lamajaha azakuwa lokuwa; **31** kodwa abalindela iNkosi bazavuselela amandla; bazaqonga ngempiko njengenkozi, bagijime bangadinwa, bahambe bangapheli amandla.

41 Thulani phambi kwami, zihlenge, kakuthi abantu bavuselele amandla; kabasondele; babesebekhuluma; kasisondele kanyekanye kusahlulelo. **2** Ngubani owavusa olungileyo ngasempumalanga? Wambizela enyaweni lwakhe; wanikela izizwe phambi kwakhe, wamenza wabusa phezu kwamakhosi, wawanikela enkembeni yakhe njengothuli, edandilini lakhe njengezibi eziqhutshelwayo. **3** Waxotshana lawo, wedlula ephephile, ngendlela angayihambanga ngenyawo zakhe. **4** Ngubani okusebenzileyo, wakwenza, ebiza izizukulwana kwasekuqaleni? Mina iNkosi ngingowokuqala, njalo ngilabokucina; nginguye. **5** Izihlenge zakubona, zesaba; imikhawulo yomhlaba yathuthumela; yasondela, yafika. **6** Basiza, ngulowo lalovo umakhelwane wakhe, wonke wasesithi kumfowabo: Qina! **7** Umbazi waseqinisa umkhandi wegolide, lololonga ngesando lowo otshaya isikhanelo, esithi: Kulungele ukunuselwa; wakuqinisa ngezipikili ukuze kunganyikinyeki. **8** Kodwa wena Israyeli, nceku yami, Jakobe engikukhethileyo, nzalo kaAbrahama isithandwa sami, **9** wena engakubambayo kwasemikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngakubiza ezikhulwini zawo, ngathi kuwe: Uyinceku yami, ngikukhethile, kangikulahlanga;

10 ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe, ungathalathalazi, ngoba mina nginguNkulunkulu wakho; ngizakuqinisa, yebo ngizakusiza, yebo ngizakusekela ngesandla sami sokunene esokulunga kwami. **11** Khangela bonke abakuthukuthelelayo bazayangeka badaniswe, bazakuba njengento engesilutho; labantu abalwa lawe bazabhubha. **12** Uzabadinga, ungabatholi; abantu abaphikisana lawe bazakuba njengento engesilutho, labantu abalwa lawe bazakuba njengeze. **13** Ngoba mina Nkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, ngibamba isandla sakho sokunene, ngisithi kuwe: UngeSabi, mina ngizakusiza. **14** UngeSabi, mpethu enguJakobe, bantu bakolsrayeli; mina ngizakusiza, kutsho iNkosi, lomhlengi wakho, oNgcwele kalsrayeli. **15** Khangela, ngizakwenza ube lubhulo olubukhali olutsha, olubukhali nhlangothi zombili; uzabhula izintaba uzichoboze, wenze amaqaqa abe njengamakhoba; **16** uzawela, lomoya uzawasusa, lesivunguzane siwachithachithe; njalo wena uthokoze ngeNkosi, uzidumise ngoNgcwele kalsrayeli. **17** Abayanga labaswelayo badinga amanzi, kodwa engekho; ulimi lwabo lome ngokoma; mina Nkosi ngizabaphendula; mina Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli kangiyikubadela. **18** Ngizavula imifula emadundulwini, lemithombo phakathi kwezigodi; ngizakwenza inkangala ibe yisiziba samanzi, lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yiziphethu zamanzi. **19** Ngizamisa enkangala umsedari, isihlahla sesinga, lemiteli, lesihlahla samafutha; ngibeke egwaduleni isihlahla sefiri, umangwe, lomsayiphuresi ndawonye; **20** ukuze babone, bazi, baqaphelise, baqedisise kanyekanye, ukuthi isandla seNkosi sikwenzile lokhu, loNgcwele kalsrayeli ukudalile. **21** Sondezani indaba yenu, itsho iNkosi, lisondeze izizatho zenu eziqinileyo, itsho iNkosi kaJakobe. **22** Kabasondeze,

basitshele okuzakwenzakala; kabakhulume izinto zamandulo, ukuthi ziyini, ukuze sizibeke enhliziyweni yethu, sazi isiphetho sazo; loba yenza ukuthi sizwe izinto ezizayo. **23** Tshonini izinto ezizakuza ngasemuva, ukuze sazi ukuthi lingonkulunkulu; yebo, yenzani okuhle kumbe lenze okubi, ukuze simangale, sikhangele kanyekanye. **24** Khangelani, livela kokungekho, lomsebenzi wenu uvela emayeni; uyisinengiso olkhethayo. **25** Ngimvusileovela enyakatho, njalo uzafika, evela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga uzabiza ibizo lami; njalo uzakwehlela phezu kweziphamandla njengodaka, lanjengombumbi evoxa ibumba. **26** Ngubani owabikayo kwasekuqaleni, ukuze sazi, langaphambili ukuze sitsho ukuthi: Ulungile? Yebo, kakho obikayo, yebo, kakho ozwakalisayo, yebo, kakho owezwayo amazwi enu. **27** Owokuqala uzakuthi eZiyoni: Khangela, ubakhangele; njalo ngizanika iJerusalema oletha izindaba ezinhle. **28** Ngoba ngakhangela, njalo kwakungelamuntu, laphakathi kwabo kungekho umeluleki, ukuthi, lapho ngibabuza, baphendule ilizwi. **29** Khangela, bonke bayize; imisebenzi yabo kayisilutho; izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingumoya lokusanganiseka.

42 Khangela inceku yami, engiyisekelayo, umkhethwa wami, othokoza ngaye umphemfumulo wami; ngibekile uMoya wami phezu kwakhe; uzavezela izizwe isahlulelo. **2** Kayikumemeza, kayikuphakamisa ilizwi, kayikwenza ilizwi lakhe lizwakale esitaladeni. **3** Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayikuwephula, lentambo yesibane ethunqayo kayikuyicitsha; uzaveza isahlulelo ngeqiniso. **4** Kayikudinwa, kayikwephulwa, aze amise isahlulelo emhlabeni; lezihlenge zizalindela umlayo wakhe. **5** Utsho njalo uNkulunkulu iNkosi, owadala amazulu, wawelula, owendlala umhlaba lalokho okuphuma kuwo, onika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula, lomoya

kulabo abahamba kuwo. **6** Mina Nkosi ngikubizile ngokulunga, ngizabamba isandla sakho, ngikulondoloze, ngikunike ube yisivumelwano sabantu, ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe. **7** Ukuthi uvule amehlo eziphofu, ukuthi ukhuphe izibotshwa entolongweni, labahlezi emnyameni endlini yezibotshwa. **8** NgjyiNkosi, lelo libizo lami; Iodumo lwami kangiyikulunika omunye, kumbe indumiso yami ezithombeni ezibaziweyo. **9** Khangela, izinto zamandulo sezifikile; sengimemezela izinto ezintsha; zingakahumi ngilitshela ngazo. **10** Hlabelelani iNkosi ingoma entsha, indumiso zayo kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba; lina elehlela elwandle, lokugcwala kwalo, zihlenge, labahlali bazo. **11** Kakuthi inkangala lemizi yayo kuphakamise ilizwi, lemizi uKedari ahlala kuyo; kakuthi abahlali bedwala bahlabelele, bamemeze besengqongeni yezintaba. **12** Kabayinike udumo iNkosi, bamemezele indumiso yayo ezhilengeni. **13** INkosi izaphuma njengeqhawe, ivuselele ukutshiseka njengendoda yempi; izamemeza, yebo iklabalale, izinqobe izitha zayo. **14** Kwasendulo ngithule, ngathi zwi, ngazibamba; ngizakhala njengowesifazana obelethayo; ngiphefuzele, ngikhefuzele kanyekanye. **15** Ngizabhidliza izintaba lamaqaqa, ngomise konke okuluhlaza kwazo, ngenze imifula ibe yizihlenge, ngomise amachibi. **16** Njalo ngizakwenza iziphofu zihambe ngindlela ezingayaziyo, ngizikhokhelele emikhondweni ezingayaziyo; ngizakwenza umnyama ube yikukhanya phambi kwazo, lezinto ezigobileyo ziconde; lezinto ngizazenza kuzo, ngingaziyekeli. **17** Bazabuyiselwa emuva, bayangeke ngenhloni abathembela ezithombeni ezibaziweyo, abathi ezithombeni ezibunjwe ngokuncibilisa: Lingonkulunkulu bethu. **18** Zwanini lina zacuthe, lani ziphofu likhangele, ukuze libone. **19** Ngubani oyisiphofu ngaphandle kwenceku yami, kumbe oyisacuthe

njengesithunywa sami engisithumayo? Ngubani oyisiphofu njengopheleleyo, loyisiphofu njengenceku yeNkosi? **20** Wena ubona izinto ezinengi, kodwa ungaziqaphelisi; yena uvula izindlebe, kodwa kezwa. **21** INkosi iyathokoza ngenxa yokulunga kwayo; ikhulise umlayo, iwenze ube lodumo. **22** Kodwa laba ngabantu abantshontshelwayo baphangwa, bonke bathiyiwe emigodini, bafihlwa ezintolongweni; bangabokuphangwa, njalo kungekho okhululayo; bayimpango, njalo kungabikho othi: Buyisela. **23** Ngubani phakathi kwenu ozabeka indlebe kulokhu, ozalalela azwe esikhathini esizayo? **24** Ngubani owanikela uJakobe ekuphangweni, lolsrayeli kubaphangi? Kwakungeyisiyo yini iNkosi esone kuyo? Ngoba bengavumanga ukuhamba endleleni zayo, njalo bengalalelanga umlayo wayo. **25** Ngakho yathululela phezu kwakhe ukuvutha kolaka lwayo, lamandla empi; njalo kwamthungela ngomlilo inhlangothi zonke, kodwa kakwazanga; kwamtshisa, kodwa kakubekanga enhliziwyeni.

43 Kodwa khathesi itsho njalo iNkosi eyakudalayo, wena Jakobe, leyakubumbayo, wena Israyeli: Un gesabi, ngoba ngikuhlengile, ngakubiza ngebizo lakho; ungowami. **2** Lapho udabula emanzini ngizakuba lawe, lemifulen, kayiyikukukhukhula; lapho uhamba udabula emililweni, kawuyikutsha, lelangabi kaliyikukulumathisa. **3** Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele kalsrayeli, uMsindisi wakho. Nginikele iGibhithe libe lihlawulo lokuthula lakho, iEthiyophiya leSeba esikhundleni sakho. **4** Njengoba wawuligugu emehlwani ami, wawudumile, njalo mina ngikuthandile. Ngakho ngizanika abantu esikhundleni sakho, lezizwe endaweni yempilo yakho. **5** Un gesabi, ngoba ngilawe; ngizaletha inzalo yakho ivela empumalanga, ngikubuthe uvela entshonalanga; **6** ngizakutsho kuyo inyakatho: Phana;

lakuningizimu: Ungagodli; lethani amadodana ami akhatshana, lamadodakazi ami asemkhawulweni womhlaba, **7** wonke obizwa ngebizo lami; ngoba ngimdalele udumo lwami, ngimbumbile, yebo ngimenzile. **8** Khuphani abantu abayiziphofu abalamehlo, lezacuthe ezilendlebe. **9** Izizwe zonke kazibuthane ndawonye, labantu bahlangane. Ngubani phakathi kwabo ongamemezela lokhu, asenze sizwe izinto zamandulo? Kabalethe abafakazi babo, ukuze balungisiswe, kumbe bezwe bathi: Kuliqiniso. **10** Lingabafakazi bami, kutsho iNkosi, lenceku yami engiyikhethileyo; ukuze lazi, lingikholwe, liqedisise ukuthi nginguaye; ngaphambi kwami kakubunjwanga unkulunkulu, langemva kwami kayikuba khona. **11** Mina, mina ngiyiNkosi; langaphandle kwami kakulamsindisi. **12** Ngimemezele, ngasindisa, ngazwakalisa, kungakabikho unkulunkulu wezizwe phakathi kwenu; ngakho lingabafakazi bami, kutsho iNkosi, ukuthi nginguNkulunkulu. **13** Yebo, kungakabi khona usuku, mina nginguaye; njalo kakho ongakhulula esandleni sami; ngizasebenza, njalo ngubani ongakubuyisela emuva? **14** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uMhlengi wenu, oNgcwele kalsrayeli: Ngenxa yenu ngithumele eBhabhiloni, ngehlisele phansi bonke ababalekayo babo, lamaKhaladiya okukhala kwawo kusemikhunjini. **15** NgiyiNkosi, oNgcwele wenu, uMdali kalsrayeli, inkosi yenu. **16** Itsho njalo iNkosi, eyenza indlela olwandle, lomkhondo emanzini alamandla, **17** ekhupha inqola lebhiza, ibutho lamandla; kuzalala ndawonye, kakuyikuvuka; kuzaphela du, kucitshe njengentambo yesibane. **18** Lingakhumbuli izinto zakuqala, linganakani ngezinto zendulo. **19** Khangelani, ngizakwenza into entsha; khathesi izahluma, kaliyikuyazi yini? Yebo, ngizakwenza indlela enkangala, imifula ogwaduleni. **20** Inyamazana zeganga zizangidumisa, imigobho

lamadodakazi ezintshe; ngoba ngnika amanzi enkangala, imifula ogwaduleni, ukunathisaabantu bami, abakhethiweyo bami. **21** Lababantu ngizibumbele bona; bazalandisa udumo lwami. **22** Kanti kawungibizanga, Jakobe, kodwa udiniwe ngami, Israyeli. **23** Kawulethanga kimi izimvu zomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa, kawungihloniphanga ngemihlatshelo yakho. Kangikwenzanga wakhonza ngomnikelo, kangikudinisanga ngempepha. **24** Kawungithengelanga umhlanga olephunga elimnandi ngemali, njalo kawungisuthisanga ngamahwahwa emihlatshelo yakho; kodwa ungenze ngasebenza ngezono zakho, wangidinisa ngeziphambeko zakho. **25** Mina, mina nginguye owesula iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami, kangiyikuzikhumbula izono zakho. **26** Ngikhumbuza; kasehlulelane; landisa wena, ukuze ulungisiswe. **27** Uyihlo wokuqala wona, labachasisi bakho baphambukile bemelene lami. **28** Ngakho ngingcolise iziphathamandla zendlu engcwele, nganikela uJakobe ekutshabalalisweni, lolssrayeli ekuthukweni.

44 Kodwa khathesi zwana, Jakobe nceku yami, lawe Israyeli engikukhethileyo. **2** Itsho njalo INkosi umenzi wakho lombumbi wakho kusukela esiswini, ezakusiza: Un gesabi, Jakobe, nceku yami, lawe Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo. **3** Ngoba ngizathela amanzi phezu kwakhe owomileyo, lezikhukhula emhlabathini owomileyo; ngizathela umoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho, lesibusiso sami phezu kwembewu yakho. **4** Bazahluma phakathi kotshani, njengeminyezane ngasezifuleni zamanzi. **5** Omunye uzakuthi: Mina ngingoweNkosi; lomunye azibize ngebizo likaJakobe, lomunye abhale esandleni sakhe ukuthi: NgingoweNkosi; azibonge ngebizo likalsrayeli. **6** Utsho njalo uJehova, inkosi yakolsrayeli, loMhlengi wakhe, iNkosi

yamabandla: Ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina; njalo ngaphandle kwami kakho uNkulunkulu. 7 Njalo ngubani ongabiza njengami, akumemezele, angihlelele khona, kusukela ngimisa abantu bendulo? Lezinto ezizayo, lezizakuza, kabazimemezele kubo. 8 Lingatshaywa luvalo, lingesabi; kangikuzwisanga yini kusukela ngalesosikhathi, ngakumemezel? Njalo lina lingabafakazi bami. Kukhona yini uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami? Yebo, kalikho elinye iDwala; kangilazi. 9 Bonke ababumba izithombe ezibaziwego bayize, lezinto zabo ezithandekayo kazisizi lutho; labo bangabafakazi babo, kababoni, kabazi; ukuze bayangeke. 10 Ngubani obumbe unkulunkulu, loba wabumba ngokuncibilika isithombe esibaziwego esingasizi lutho? 11 Khangela, bonke abangane bakhe bazayangeka; lababazi bangababantu; kababuthane bonke, basukume; bazakwesaba, bayangeke kanyekanye. 12 Umkhandi wensimbiukhanda ihloka, asebenze emalahleni, alibumbe ngezando, alisebenze ngamandla engalo yakhe; yebo, alambe, aze aphele amandla; kanathi manzi, aze adinwe. 13 Umbazi welula intambo yokulinganisa, adwebe ngosungulo, asenze ngezancele, asidwebe ngekhampasi, asenze ngomfanekiso womuntu, ngokobuhle bomuntu, ukuze sihlale endlini. 14 Uzigamulela imisedari, athathe umsayiphuresi lesihlahla se-okhi, azipiniselaza phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu, ahlanyele ifiri, lezulu liyikhulise. 15 Kuzakuba-ke ngokomuntu ukuthi akubase, njalo uzathatha kukho, othe; yebo akubase, abhake isinkwa; yebo enze unkulunkulu, amkhonze, enze isithombe esibaziwego, akhothame kuso. 16 Atshise ingxenye yakho emlilweni; ngengxenye yakho adle inyama, ose amawoso asuthe; yebo, uyotha athi: Alala! ngiyakhudumala, ngiwubonile umlilo. 17

Njalo okuseleyo kwakho akwenze kube ngunkulunkulu, kube yisithombe sakhe esibaziwego; akhothame kuso, akhonze, akhuleke kuso athi: Ngophula, ngoba ungunkulunkulu wami.

18 Kabazanga, kabaqedisisanga; ngoba ebhade amehlo abo ukuze bangaboni; lenhlizyo zabo ukuze bangaqedisisi. **19** Kakhoocabanga enhliziyweni yakhe, njalo kakulalwazi njalo kakulakuqedisisa kokuthi: Ngibasile ingxenye yakho emlilweni, yebo ngibhake isinkwa phezu kwamalahle akho, ngosa inyama, ngayidla; kambe ngizakwenza insali yakho isinengiso yini? Ngizakhethamela okwesihlahla yini? **20** Udma umlotha; inhhlizyo ekhohlisiwego imphambule, okokuthi angekhulule umphefumulo wakhe njalo kathi: Kakulamanga yini esandleni sami sokunene? **21** Khumbula lezizinto, Jakobe, lawe Israyeli, ngoba uyinceku yami; ngikubumbile, uyinceku yami. Wena Israyeli, kawuyukukhohlwa yimi. **22** Ngesule iziphambeko zakho njengetyezi elinzima, lanjengetyezi izono zakho; buyela kimi, ngoba ngikuhlhengile. **23** Hlabelelani, lina mazulu, ngoba iNkosi ikwenzile; memezani, zindawo eziphansi zomhlabo; qhamukani lihlabele, zintaba, gusu, laso sonke isihlahla esiphakathi kwakho; ngoba iNkosi imhlengile uJakobe, yazidumisa kolsrayeli. **24** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uMhlengi wakho, leyakubumba kwasesiswini: NgiyiNkosi eyenza zonke izinto; eyendlala amazulu, mina ngedwa; eyeneka umhlabo ngokwami; **25** efubisa izibonakaliso zabaqambimanga; yenze izanuse zihlanye; ebuyisela emuva abahlakaniphileyo; yenze ulwazi lwabo lube yibuthutha; **26** eqinisa ilizwi lenceku yayo; ifeze amacebo ezithunywa zayo; ethi kuyo iJerusalema: Uzahhlawa; lemizini yakoJuda: Lizakwakhiwa; futhi ngizavusa amanxiwa ayo; **27** etshoyo enzikini: Tshana; njalo ngizakomisa imifula yakho; **28** etshoyo ngoKoresi: Ungumelusi

wami, uzaphelelisa intokozo yami yonke; ithi lakuJerusalema:
Kayakhiwe; lethempelini: Isisekelo sakho kasibekwe.

45 Itsho njalo iNkosi kogcotshiwego wayo, kuKoresi, osandla
sakhe sokunene ngisibambile ukuze ngehlisele phansi izizwe
phambi kwakhe; ngithukulule izinkalo zamakhosi, ukuvula phambi
kwakhe amasango alezivalo ezimbili, lamasango angavalwa. **2**
Mina ngizahamba phambi kwakho, ngenze indawo ezigobileyo
ziqonde, ngiphahlaze izivalo zethusi, ngiqume phakathi imigoqo
yensimbi. **3** Ngizakunika okuligugu kobumnyama, lenotho
ethukuziwego yezindawo ezisithekileyo, ukuze wazi ukuthi mina
Nkosi, engikubiza ngebizo lakho, nginguNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **4**
Ngenxa yenceku yami uJakobe, lolrayeli umkhethwa wami,
ngikubizile ngitsho ngebizo lakho, ngakunika isibongo, lanxa
ungangazanga. **5** NgiyiNkosi, njalo kakho omunye, ngaphandle
kwami kakulaNkulunkulu; ngikubhincisile lanxa ungangazanga.
6 Ukuze bazi kusukela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga, njalo
kusukela entshonalanga, ukuthi kakho omunye ngaphandle
kwami; ngiyiNkosi, njalo kakho omunye. **7** Ngibumba ukukhanya,
ngidale umnyama; ngenza ukuthula, ngidale ububi; mina Nkosi
ngenza zonke lezizinto. **8** Thontisani, mazulu, kuvela phezulu,
lamayezi athulule ukulunga; umhlabo kawuvuleke, njalo kuthele
usindiso, njalo kakuthi ukulunga kumile kanyekanye; mina Nkosi
ngikudalile. **9** Maye kuye ophikisana loMbumbi wakhe, udengezi
lezindengezi zomhlabathi! Ibumba lizakutsho yini kolibumbayo
ukuthi: Wenzani? kumbe: Umsebenzi wakho, kawulazandla
yini? **10** Maye kuye othi kuyise: Uzalani? kumbe kowesifazana:
Ubeletheni? **11** Itsho njalo iNkosi, oNgcwele kalsrayeli, loMbumbi
wakhe: Buzani kimi ngezinto ezizayo, ngamadodana ami,
langomsebenzi wezandla zami liyangilaya. **12** Mina ngiwenzile

umhlaba, ngadala umuntu phezu kwavo; mina, izandla zami zendlale amazulu, ngalawula amabutho awo wonke. **13** Mina ngimvusile ngokulunga, njalo ngizaqondisa zonke izindlela zakhe; yena uzakwakha umuzi wami, akhulule abathunjiveyo bami, hatshi ngentengo njalo hatshi ngesivalamlomo, kutsho iNkosi yamabandla. **14** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Umsebenzi weGibhithe, lokuthengiswayo kweEthiyophiya lokwamaShebha, amadoda amade, kuzadlulela kuwe, kuzakuba ngokwakho; bazakulandela, bedlule besemaketaneni, bakhothame kuwe, balabhele kuwe besithi: Isibili uNkulunkulu ukuwe, njalo kakho omunye, kakho omunye uNkulunkulu. **15** Isibili unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo, uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli, uMsindisi. **16** Bazayangeka, ngitsho babe lenhloni, bonke; bazahamba belehlazo kanyekanye ababazi bezithombe. **17** Kodwa ulsrayeli uzasindiswa eNkosini ngosindiso olulaphakade; kaliyikuyangeka, kaliyikuba lenhloni, kuze kube nini lanini. **18** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi eyadala amazulu, yona enguNkulunkulu, eyabumba umhlaba yawenza; yona yawumisa, ingawudalelanga ize, yawubumbela ukuze kuhlalwe kuwo: NgiyiNkosi, njalo kakho omunye. **19** Kangikhulumelanga ekusithekeni, endaweni emnyama yomhlaba; kangitshongo kuyo inzalo kaJakobe ukuthi: Ngidingani ngeze. Mina Nkosi ngikhuluma iqiniso, ngimemezela izinto eziqotho. **20** Buthanani libuye; sondelani kanyekanye, lina elaphunyuka ezizweni; abathwala izigodo zezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo kabazi, abakhuleka kunkulunkulu ongelakusindisa. **21** Tshelani, libasondeze; yebo kabacebisane kanyekanye: Ngubani owazwakalisa lokhu kwasendulo? Owakukhulumayo kusukela kulesosikhathi na? Kakusimi iNkosi yini? Njalo kakho omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, uNkulunkulu olungileyo loMsindisi; kakho

ngaphandle kwami. **22** Khangelani kimi, lisindiswe, lina lonke mikhawulo yomhlaba; ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho omunye. **23** Ngizifungile mina, ilizwi liphumile emlonyeni wami ngokulunga, njalo kaliyikuphenduka, elithi: Kimi lonke idolo lizaguqa, lonke ulimi luzafunga. **24** Ngeqiniso, omunye uzakuthi: ENkosini ngilokulunga lamandla; kuyo bazakuza; kodwa bonke abayithukuthelelayo bazayangeka. **25** ENkosini yonke inzalo yakolsrayeli izalungisiswa, izincome.

46 UBeli uyakhothama, uNebo uyazithoba; izithombe zabo zazingezefuyo, njalo zazingezezinkomo; imithwalo yenu ethwelweyo ingumthwalo enyamazaneni ediniweyo. **2** Bayaguqa, bakhothame kanyekanye, kabalakophula umthwalo, kodwa bona ngokwabo bayo ekuthunjweni. **3** Ngilalela, ndlu kaJakobe, lensali yonke yendlu kalsrayeli, abathwalwa yimi kwasesibelethweni, abasingathwe kwasesizalweni. **4** Kuze kube sekugugen i nginguye; yebo, kuze kube sebumpungeni mina ngizalithwala; mina ngenzile, mina-ke ngizaphakamisa, ngitsho mina ngithwale, ngikhulule. **5** Lizangifananisa, lingilinganise, lingiqathanise lobani ukuze sifanane? **6** Bathulula igolide esikhwameni, balinganise isiliva esilinganisweni, baqhatshe umkhandi akwenze unkulunkulu; bathi mbo phansi, yebo, bakhonze. **7** Bametshata ehlombe, bamthwale, bambeke endaweni yakhe, ame; angasuki endaweni yakhe. Yebo, umuntu ememeza kuye, kodwa kaphenduli, kamsindisi enkathazweni yakhe. **8** Khumbulani lokhu, lizibonakalise liqinile; kubuyiseleni enhliziyweni, lina bahlamuki. **9** Khumbulani izinto zakuqala zendulo; ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho omunye; nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho ofanana lami; **10** engimemezela isiphetho kwasekuqaleni, njalo kusukela endulo izinto ezingakenziwa, ngisithi: Icebo lami lizakuma, njalo

ngizakwenza yonke intokozo yami; **11** engibiza inyoni edla inyama ivela empumalanga, umuntu wecebo lami evela elizweni elikhhatshana; yebo, ngikhulumile, yebo, ngizakufeza; ngikumisile, yebo, ngizakwenza. **12** Ngilalelani, lina abalenhliziyo eziqinileyo, lina elikhhatshana lokulunga. **13** Ngiyasondeza ukulunga kwami, kakuyikuba khatshana; losindiso lwami kaluyikuphuza; kodwa ngizanika usindiso eZiyoni, udumo lwami kolsrayeli.

47 Yehla, uhlale othulini, ntombi emsulwa, ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni; hlala emhlabathini; akulasihlalo sobukhos, ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya; ngoba kawusayikubizwa ngokuthi uthambile njalo ubuthakathaka. **2** Thatha amatshe okuchola, uchole impuphu, wembule isimbombozo sakho, ukhwince ilogwe, uveze umlenze, uchaphe imifula. **3** Ubunqunu bakho buzakwembulwa, yebo, ihlazo lakho libonakale. Ngizaphindisela, ngingahlangani lawe njengomuntu. **4** UMhlengi wethu, iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe, oyiNgcwele kalsrayeli. **5** Hlala ngokuthula, ungene emnyameni, ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya; ngoba kawusayikubizwa ngokuthi: Nkosikazi yemibuso. **6** Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami, ngangcolisa ilifa lami, ngabanikela esandleni sakho; kawubenzelanga izihawu; walenza laba nzima kakhulu ijogwe lakho phezu komdala. **7** Wena wathi: Ngizakuba yinkosikazi njalonjalo; kawukabeki lezizinto enhliziyweni yakho, kawukhumbulanga isiphetho sakho. **8** Khathesi-ke zwana lokhu, wena ozithokozisayo, ohlezi uvikelekile, othi enhliziyweni yakho: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami; kangiyikuhlala okomfelokazi, kangiyikwazi ukufelwa ngabantwana. **9** Kodwa lezizinto ezimbili zizakwehlela ngokucwayiza kwelihlo ngasuku lunye: Ukufelwa ngabantwana lobufelokazi; kuzakwehlela phezu

kwakho ngokuphelela kwakho, ngenxa yobunengi bobuthakathi bakho, ngenxa yobunengi obukhulu bamalumbo akho. **10** Ngoba wathembela ebubini bakho, wathi: Kakho ongibonayo. Inhlakanipho yakho lolwazi lwakho khona kwakuphambula, wathi enhliziyweni yakho: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami. **11** Ngakho ububi buzakwehlela, kawusoze wazi lapho obenyuka khona; lengozi izakwehlela, ongelakho ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo; lencithakalo ihle yehlele phezu kwakho, ungazi. **12** Mana khathesi ngamalumbo akho langobunengi bobuthakathi bakho otshikatshike kukho kusukela ebutsheni bakho; mhlawumbe uzakuba lakho ukuba lenzozo, mhlawumbe unqobe. **13** Udiniwe e bunengini bamacebo akho; kakuthi basukume khathesi abahloli bamazulu, abakhangela izinkanyezi, abazisa ngezinya, bakusindise kwezizakwehlela. **14** Khangela, bazakuba njengamabibi; umlilo uzabatshisa; kabayikuzophula emandleni elangabi; lingabikho ilahle lokotha, umlilo wokuhlala phambi kwawo. **15** Bazakuba njalo kuwe labo owatshikatshika labo, owathengiselana labo kusukela ebutsheni bakho; bazazulazula, ngulowo lalovo ngendlela yakhe; kakuyikuba lomsindisi wakho.

48 Zwanini lokhu, lina ndlu kaJakobe, elabizwa ngebizo likalsrayeli, elaphuma emanzini akoJuda, elifunga ngebizo leNkosi, elikhumbuza ngoNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kodwa kungeyisikho ngeqiniso, njalo kungeyisikho ngokulunga. **2** Ngoba bazibiza ngokuthi bangabomuzi oyingcwele, beseyama kuNkulunkulu kalsrayeli; iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe. **3** Ngamemezela izinto zamandulo kwasekuqaleni, zaphuma emlonyeni wami, ngazizwakalisa; ngenza masinyane, zafika. **4** Ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi ulukhuni, lentamo yakho ingumsipha

wensimbi, lebunzi lakho lilithusi; **5** ngitsho kwasekuqaleni ngamemezela kuwe, kungakenzakali ngakwenza wakuzwa, hlezi uthi: Isithombe sami sizenzile, lesithombe sami esibaziwego, lesithombe sami esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa sikulayile. **6** Usuwile, khangela konke lokhu; njalo kalyikukumemezela yini? Ngikwenze uzwe izinto ezintsha kusukela khathesi, lezinto ezifihlakeleyo obungazazi. **7** Zidalwe khathesi, kungeyisikho ekuqaleni; ngitsho lungakafiki lolusuku ungakezwa ngazo, hlezi uthi: Khangela, bengizazi. **8** Yebo, kawuzwanga; yebo, kawazanga; yebo, kusukela ngalesosikhathi indlebe yakho yayingavulekanga; ngoba bengisazi ukuthi uzakwenza lokwenza ngenkohliso, wabizwa ngokuthi uysiphambuki kusukela esizalweni. **9** Ngenxa yebizo lami ngizaphuzisa ulaka Iwami, langenxa yodumo Iwami ngizibambe ngawe, ukuze ngingakuqumi. **10** Khangela, ngikuhlolile, kodwa hatshi ngesiliva, ngikukhethile esithandweni senhlupheko. **11** Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami ngiyakwenza; ngoba ibizo lami lingangcoliswa njani? Njalo kangiyikunika udumo Iwami komunye. **12** Ngilalela, Jakobe, lawe Israyeli obiziwego wami: Nginguye; ngingowokuqala, njalo ngingowokucina. **13** Isandla sami laso sabeka isisekelo somhlaba, lesandla sami sokunene sendlale amazulu; lapho ngikubiza, kuyasukuma kanyekanye. **14** Buthanani lina lonke, lizwe; ngubani phakathi kwabo omemezele lezizinto? INkosi imthandile; izakwenza intando yayo eBhabhiloni, lengalo yayo izakuba phezu kwamaKhaladiya. **15** Mina uqobo ngikhulumile; yebo ngambiza, ngimlethile, njalo uzaphumelelisa indlela yakhe. **16** Sondelani kimi, lizwe lokhu; kangikhulumanga ensitha kusukela ekuqaleni; kusukela kulesosikhathi kusenzeka, ngikhona. Khathesi-ke iNkosi uJehova kanye loMoya wayo ingithumile. **17** Itsho njalo iNkosi,

uMhlensi wakho, oNgcwele kalsrayeli: NgiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, ekufundisa okukusizayo, ekukhokhela ngendlela ofanele ukuthi uhambe ngayo. **18** Kungathi ngabe walalela imilayo yami! Khona ukuthula kwakho kwakuzakuba njengomfula, lokulunga kwakho njengamagagasi olwandle. **19** Inzalo yakho layo yayizakuba njengetshebetshebe, lembewu yemibilini yakho njengezinhlamu zalo; ibizo lawo belingayikuquunywa kumbe lichithwe lisuke phambi kwami. **20** Phumanि eBhabhiloni, libalekele amakhaladiya, limemeze ngelizwi lokuhlabelela, likuzwakalise, likuphumisele ngasemkhawulweni womhlaba, lithi: INkosi ihlengile inceku yayo uJakobe. **21** Njalo kabomanga lapho ibakhokhela bedabula izinkangala; yenza amanzi abagelezela evela edwaleni, futhi yaqhekeza idwala, lamanzi ampompoza. **22** Akulakuthula, itsho INkosi, kwabakhohlakeleyo.

49 Ngilalelani, zihlenge; lizwe, lina bantu abakhatsana: INkosi ingibizile ngisesiswini; ngisemibilini kamama yaqamba ibizo lami. **2** Yasisenza umlomo wami waba njengenkemba ebukhali, yangifihla ngaphansi komthunzi wesandla sayo; yangenza ngibe ngumtshoko ololiweyo, yangifihla esambeni sayo semitshoko. **3** Yathi kimi: Uyinceku yami, Israyeli, engizazidumisa ngayo. **4** Ngasengisithi mina: Ngitsikatshikele ize, amandla ami ngiwachithele okungelutho lokuyize; qiniso, isahlulelo sami siseNkosini, lomvuzo wami ukuNkulunkulu wami. **5** Khathesi-ke itsho iNkosi, eyangibumba kwasesiswini ukuba yinceku yayo yokubuyisela uJakobe kuyo; lanxa ulsrayeli engabuthwanga, kube kanti ngizadunyiswa emehlwani eNkosi; njalo uNkulunkulu wami uzakuba ngamandla ami. **6** Yasisithi: Kuyinto encane ukuthi ube yinceku yami yokuvusa izizwe zikaJakobe, lokubuyisela abalondoloziweyo bakolsrayeli;

ngizakupha futhi ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe, ukuze ube lusindiso lwami kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. 7 Itsho njalo iNkosi, uMhlengi kalsrayeli, oNgcwele wakhe, kumphefumulo odelelwayo, kuye onengwa yisizwe, kunceku yababusi: Amakhosi azabona asukume, iziphathamandla lazo zizakhonza, ngenxa yeNkosi ethembekileyo, oNgcwele kalsrayeli, ekukhethileyo. 8 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngesikhathi esemukelekayo ngikuphendulile, langosuku losindiso ngikusizile; njalo ngizakulondoloza, ngikunike ube yisivumelwano sabantu, ukuvuselela umhlabu, ukubenza badle amafa achithekileyo, 9 ukuze uthi kuzibotshwa: Phumanu; kwabasemnyameni: Zivezeni. Bazakudla ezindleleni, ledlelo labo libe semadundulwini wonke.

10 Kabayikulamba, kumbe bome, njalo ukutshisa kumbe ilanga kakuyikubatshaya, ngoba yena olesihawu kibo uzabakhokhela, lemithonjeni yamanzi uzabaqondisa. 11 Njalo ngizakwenza zonke intaba zami zibe yindlela, lemigwaqo yami iphakame.

12 Khangela laba bazavela khatshana, njalo khangela laba ngasenyakatho langasentshonalanga, lalaba elizweni leSinimi.

13 Hlabelelani, mazulu, uthokoze, lawe mhlabu, lihlokome ngokuhlabela, lani zintaba, ngoba iNkosi ibaduduzile abantu bayo, izakuba lesihawu kwabahluphekileyo bayo. 14 Kodwa iZiyoni yathi: UJehova ungidelile, njalo iNkosi yami ingikhohliwe.

15 Owesifazana angamkhohlwa yini umntanakhe omunyayo, ukuba angabi lasihawu kuyo indodana yesisu sakhe? Yebo, bona bangakhohlwa, kodwa mina kangiyikukukhohlwa. 16 Khangela, ngikubhale ngokugubha ezintendeni zezandla; imiduli yakho ihlezi iphambi kwami. 17 Abantwana bakho bazaphangisa; abachithi bakho labakumotshayo bazaphuma kuwe. 18 Phakamisa amehlo akho inhlangothi zonke, ukhangele; bonke laba bayabuthana,

beze kuwe. Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi, isibili, uzazigqokisa ngabo bonke njengesiceciso, uzibhince ngabo njengomakoti.

19 Ngoba indawo zakho ezichithekileyo lamanxiwa akho, lelizwe lencithakalo yakho, isibili khathesi lizaminyana kakhulu ngenxa yabahlali; lalabo abakuginyayo bazakuba khatshana. **20** Abantwana bokufelwa kwakho bazakuthi futhi endlebeni zakho: Lindawo iminyene kakhulu kimi; ngivulela indawo ukuze ngihlale!

21 Khona uzakuthi enhliziyweni yakho: Ngubani ongizalele laba, njengoba ngafelwa ngabantwana, ngaba njengenyumba, ngingumthunjwa, ngisiwa le lale? Njalo ngubani okhulise laba?

Khangela mina ngangisele ngedwa; laba babengaphi? **22** Itshe njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaphakamisela izizwe isandla sami, ngimise uphawu lwami ebantwini; njalo bazaletha amadodana akho esifubeni, lamadodakazi akho bewetshete. **23** Lamakhosi azakuba ngabondli bakho, lezindlovukazi zaho zibe ngabalizane bakho. Bazakukhothamela ngobuso emhlabathini, bakhothe uthuli lwezinyawo zakho. Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina ngiyiNkosi, ngoba abangithembayo kabayikuyangeka.

24 Impango izathathwa yini kolamandla, kumbe umthunjwa ngokomthetho akhululwe? **25** Kodwa itshe njalo iNkosi: Yebo, abathunjiweyo beqhawe bazathathwa, lempango yabetesabekayo izakophulwa; ngoba mina ngizalwisana laye olwisana lawe, minake ngisindise abantwana bakho. **26** Njalo ngizadlisa abacindezelil bakho eyabo inyama, badakwe ngelabo igazi kungathi ngewayini eliminandi. Njalo yonke inyama izakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi nginguMsindisi wakho, loMhlengi wakho, oLamandla kaJakobe.

50 Itshe njalo iNkosi: Ingaphi incwadi yesehlukaniso kanyoko engamlahla ngayo? Loba ngubani kubakweledisi bami engilithengise kuye? Khangelani, lathengiswa ngenxa yobubi

benu, langenxa yeziphambeko zenu unyoko walahlwa. 2
Kungani ekufikeni kwami kwakungelamuntu? Ngibiza, kodwa
engekho ophendulayo? Isandla sami sifinyeziwe lokufinyezwa
yini ukuthi singehlenge? Kumbe kakulamandla kimi okukhulula
yini? Khangela ngokukhuza kwami ngomisa ulwandle, ngenza
imifula ibe yinkangala; izinhlanzi zayo zibe levumba ngoba
kungelamanzi, zife ngenxa yokoma. 3 Ngiggokisa amazulu
ngobumnyama, ngenze isaka libe yisembeso sawo. 4 INkosi
uJehova inginike ulimi lwabafundileyo, ukuze ngazi ukukhuluma
ilizwi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo kokhatheleyo. Iyavuka ukusa
ngokusa; ivusa indlebe yami, ukuze ngizwe njengabafundileyo.
5 INkosi uJehova ivule indlebe yami, njalo mina kangibanga
lenkani, kangibuyelanga emuva. 6 Nganika umhlana wami
kubatshayi, lezihlathi zami kulabo abacutha indevu; kangifihlanga
ubuso bami ehlazweni elikhulu lamathe. 7 Ngoba iNkosi uJehova
izangisiza; ngakho-ke kangiyangiswa; ngakho-ke ngimise ubuso
bami njengensengetshe, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi kangiyikuyangeka.
8 Useduze yena ongilungisisayo. Ngubani ongalwisana lami?
Kasime ndawonye. Ngubani ummangaleli wami? Kasondele kimi.
9 Khangela, iNkosi uJehova izangisiza; ngubani ozangilahla?
Khangela, bonke bazaguga njengesembatho; inundu izabadla.
10 Ngubani phakathi kwenu oyesabayo iNkosi, olalela ilizwi
lenceku yayo, ohamba emnyameni, njalo engelakukhanya?
Kathembele ebizweni leNkosi, eyame kuNkulunkulu wakhe.
11 Khangelani, lina lonke eliphemba umlilo, elizigombolozela
ngenhansi: Hambani ekukhanyeni komlilo wenu, lenhlansini
elizibasileyo. Lokhu kuzakwenzakala kini kuvela esandleni sami;
lizalala phansi ngobuhlungu.

51 Lalelani kimi, lina elidingisia ukulunga, lina elidinga iNkosi; khangelani edwaleni elacezulwa kulo, lemlindini wegodi elagejwa kuwo. **2** Khangelani kuAbrahama uyihlo, lakuSara owalizalayo; ngoba ngambiza eyedwa, ngambusisa, ngamandisa. **3** Ngoba iNkosi izayiduduza iZiyoni, iduduze wonke amanxiwa ayo, njalo izakwenza inkangala yayo ifanane leEdeni, logwadule lwayo lufanane lensimu yeNkosi; injabulo lentokozo kuzatholakala kuyo, ukubonga lelizwi lokuhlabela. **4** Lalelani kimi, bantu bami, libeke indlebe kimi, sizwe sami; ngoba umlayo uzaphuma kimi, njalo ngizakwenza ukwahlulela kwami kuphumule kube yikukhanya kwabantu. **5** Ukulunga kwami kuseduze, usindiso lwami lumphumile, lengalo zami zizakwehlulela abantu; izihlenge zingilindele, zithembele engalweni yami. **6** Phakamiselani amehlo enu emazulwini, likhangele emhlabeni phansi; ngoba amazulu azanyamalala njengentuthu, lomhlaba uguge njengesembatho, labahlezi kuwo bafe ngokunjalo; kodwa usindiso lwami luzakuba phakade, lokulunga kwami kakuyikuchithwa. **7** Lalelani kimi, lina elazi ukulunga, abantu abamlayo wami usenhliziyweni yabo; lingesabi ukusola kwabantu, kumbe lethuswe yizithuko zabo. **8** Ngoba inundu izabadla njengesembatho, lempethu ibadle njengoboya bezimvu, kodwa ukulunga kwami kuzakuba laphakade, losindiso lwami esizukulwaneni lezizukulwana. **9** Vuka, vuka, uzembathise amandla, wena ngalo yeNkosi; vuka njengensukwini zendulo, ezizukulwaneni zaphakade. Kawusuwe yini lowo owaquma iRahabi, wagwaza umgobho? **10** Kawusuwe yini lowo owomisa ulwandle, amanzi enziki enkulu, owenza ukujula kolwandle kwaba yindlela yokuchapha kwabahlengiweyo?

11 Ngakho abahlengiweyo beNkosi bazaphenduka, beze eZiyoni ngokuhlabela; lentokozo elaphakade izakuba phezu

kwekhanda labo; bazazuza intokozo lenjabulo, usizi lokububula kuzabaleka. **12** Mina, mina nginguye oliduduzayo; ungubani wena ozakwesaba umuntu ozakufa, lendodana yomuntu ezakwenziwa ibe njengotshani? **13** Ubusukhohlwa iNkosi, umenzi wakho, eyendlala amazulu, yabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, uqhubeka usesaba usuku lonke ngenxa yentukuthelo yomcindezeli, kungathi uzmisele ukuchitha? Ingaphi-ke intukuthelo yomcindezeli? **14** Isibotshwa esithunjewyo siyaphangisa ukuze sikhululwe; singafeli emgodini, lokudla kwaso kungasweleki. **15** Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyavusa ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome; iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo. **16** Njalo ngifakile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho, ngakusibekela emthunzini wesandla sami, ukuze ngihlanye amazulu, ngibeke izisekelo zomhlaba, ngithi kuyo iZiyoni: Wena uysisizwe sami. **17** Vuka, vuka, usukume, Jerusalema, wena onathe esandleni seNkosi inkezo yolaka lwayo, wanatha inzece zenkezo yokudengezela, wazikhoca. **18** Kakho ongayikhokhela kuwo wonke amadodana ewazeleyo; njalo kakho ongayibamba ngesandla kuwo wonke amadodana ewakhulisleyo. **19** Lokhu kokubili kukwehlele, ngubani ozakuzwela usizi? Incithakalo, lokubhujiswa, lendlala, lenkemba; ngizakududuza ngobani? **20** Amadodana akho aphelelwwe ngamandla, alele esihlokweni sezitalada zonke, njengenkunzi yendle embuleni; agcwele ulaka lweNkosi, ukukhuza kukaNkulunkulu wakho. **21** Ngakho khathesi zwana lokhu, wena ohluphekayo lodakiweyo, kodwa hatshi ngewayini. **22** Itsho njalo iNkosi yakho, uJehova loNkulunkulu wakho olabhelela udaba lwabantu bakhe: Khangela, ngisisile esandleni sakho inkezo yokudengezela, inzece zenkezo yolaka lwami, kawusayikuyinatha futhi. **23** Kodwa ngizayibeka

esandleni salabo abakuhluphayo, abathe emphefumulweni wakho: Khothama, ukuze sedlule phezulu; usubeke umhlana wakho njengomhlabathi, lanjengesitalada kwabadlula phezulu.

52 Vuka, vuka, wembathe amandla akho, Ziyoni! Yembatha izembatho zakho ezinhle, Jerusalema, muzi ongcwele! Ngoba kakusayikungena kuwe futhi ongasokanga longcolileyo. 2 Zithintithe usuke othulini, sukuma, uhlale phansi, Jerusalema! Zikhululekuzibopho zentamo yakho, ndodakazi ethunjiveyo yeZiyoni! 3 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Lathengiswa ngeze; njalo lizahlengwa ngaphandle kwemali. 4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Abantu bami behlela eGibhithe esikhathini sendulo ukuhlala njengabezizwe khona, njalo iAsirya yabacindezela ngaphandle kwasizatho. 5 Khathesi-ke, ngilani lapha, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi abantu bami bathethwe ngeze? Labo abababusayo babenza baqhinqe isililo, itsho iNkosi, lebizo lami liqhubeka lihlanjazwa lonke usuku. 6 Ngakho abantu bami bazalazi ibizo lami; ngakho ngalolosuku bazakwazi ukuthi yimi engikhulumayo; khangelā, yimi. 7 Zinhle kangakanani phezu kwezintaba inyawo zalowo oletha izindaba ezinhle, omemezela ukuthula, oletha indaba ezinhle zokulunga, ozwakalisa usindiso, othi kuyo iZiyoni: UNkulunkulu wakho uyabusa. 8 Ilizwi labalindi bakho! Bazaphakamisa ilizwi, bahlabele kakhulu kanyekanye, ngoba bazabona ilihlo ngelihlo, lapho iNkosi izabuyisa iZiyoni. 9 Qhamukani ngentokozo, lihlabele kanyekanye, lina manxiwa eJerusalema, ngoba iNkosi isibaduduzile abantu bayo, iyihlengile iJerusalema. 10 INkosi yembule ingalo yayo engcwele emehlweni azo zonke izizwe, njalo imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba izabona usindiso lukaNkulunkulu wethu. 11 Sukani, sukanī, liphume lapha, lingathinti okungcolileyo, phumanī phakathi

kwayo, banini ngabahlambulukileyo, lina elithwala izitsha zeNkosi. **12** Ngoba kaliyikuphuma ngokuphangisa, kumbe lihambe ngokubaleka, ngoba iNkosi izahamba phambi kwenu, loNkulunkulu kalsrayeli uzakuba ngumvikeli wenu ngasemuva.

13 Khangela, inceku yami izakwenza ngenhlakanipho, iphakeme njalo iphakanyisiwe, iphakeme kakhulu. **14** Njengoba abanengi babethithibele ngawe; ukukhangeleka kwayo kwakonakele kangaka, okwedlula loba nguuphi, lesimo sayo okwedlula amadodana abantu. **15** Ngokunjalo izafafaza izizwe ezinengi; amakhosi azayivalela umlomo wawo; ngoba lokho abangakulandiselwanga bazakubona, lalokho abangakuzwanga bazakuqedisisa.

53 Ngubani okholwe umbiko wethu? Njalo ingalo yeNkosi yembulelwwe bani? **2** Ngoba uzakhula phambi kwakhe njengesihlahla esibuthakathaka, lanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo; kalasimo kumbe ubuhle; lapho simbona, kalakubukeka ukuthi simloyise. **3** Uyeyiswa njalo udelelwwe ngabantu; umuntu wezinsizi, njalo ejwayele inhlungu; kwangathi sifihla ubuso kuye; weyiswa, kasimnanzanga. **4** Isibili yena wathwala inhlungu zethu, waphatha insizi zethu; kanti thina sathi ujezisiwe, utshayiwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo uhlutshiwe. **5** Kodwa walinyazwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, wachotshozwa ngenxa yobubi bethu; ukujeziswa kokuthula kwethu kwakuphezu kwakhe, langemivimvinya yakhe thina sisilisiwe. **6** Thina sonke njengezimu siduhile; saphendukela ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe; njalo iNkosi yehlisele phezu kwakhe ububi bethu sonke. **7** Wacindezela njalo yena wahlutshwa, kube kanti kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe; walethwa ekuhlatshweni njengewundlu, lanjengemu ithule phambi kwabagundi bayo,

laye kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe. **8** Wasuswa ekucindezelweni lekwahlulelweni; njalo ngubani ongakhulumu ngesizukulwana sakhe? Ngoba waqunywa wasuswa elizweni labaphilayo; ngenxa yesiphambeko sabantu bami watshaywa. **9** Wenza ingcwaba lakhe kanye lababi, njalo kanye lonothileyo ekufeni kwakhe; ngoba engenzanga okubi, njalo kungekho inkohliso emlonyeni wakhe. **10** Kanti kwayithokozisa iNkosi ukumchoboza, yamenza adabuke. Lapho uzakwenza umphefumulo wakhe umnikelo wesono, uzabona inzalo yakhe, elule izinsuku zakhe, lentokoziso yeNkosi izaphumelela esandleni sakhe. **11** Uzabona okuvela ekuhluphekeni komphefumulo wakhe, eneliswe; ngolwazi lwayo, inceku yami elungileyo izalungisia abanengi, ngoba yona izathwala ububi babo. **12** Ngakho ngizayabela kanye labakhulu, yabelane impango kanye labalamandla; ngoba yathulula umphefumulo wayo ekufeni, yabalwa ndawonye labaphambeki; njalo yona yathwala isono sabanengi, yalabhelela abaphambeki.

54 Hlabelela, nyumba, wena ongazalanga; qhamuka ngokuhlabelela, umemeze, wena ongazange uhelelw! Ngoba banengi abantwana botshiyiwego kulabantwana bowendileyo, itsho iNkosi. **2** Qhelisa indawo yethente lakho, kabatshombulule amakhetheni endawo yakho yokuhlala; ungagodli, yelula izintambo zakho, uqinise izikhonkwane zakho. **3** Ngoba uzaqhamuka ngakwesokudla langakwesokunene, lenzalo yakho izafuya abezizwe, yenze imizi echithekileyo ihlalwe. **4** Ungesabi, ngoba kawuyikuyangeka; njalo ungabi lenhloni, ngoba kawuyikuyangiswa; ngoba uzakhohliwa ihlazo lobutsha bakho, ungabe usakhumbula ukuyangeka kobufelokazi bakho. **5** Ngoba uMenzi wakho unguomyeni wakho, iNkosi yamabandla libizo

lakhe; loMhlengi wakho ungoNgcwele kalsrayeli, uzabizwa ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke. **6** Ngoba iNkosi ikubizile njengomfazi olahliweyo lodabukileyo emoyeni, lomfazi wobutsha, lapho waliwe, kutsho uNkulunkulu wakho. **7** Okomzuzwana omncinyane ngakutshiya, kodwa ngezihawu ezinkulu ngizakubutha. **8** Ngolaka oluncinyane ngakufihlela ubuso bami okomzuzwana, kodwa ngothandolomusa waphakade ngizakuhawukela, itsho iNkosi, uMhlengi wakho. **9** Ngoba lokhu kunjengamanzi kaNowa kimi, lapho ngafunga ukuthi amanzi kaNowa kawaseyikwedlula emhlabeni; ngokunjalo ngifungile ukuthi kangiyikukuthukuthelela, ngikusole. **10** Ngoba izintaba zizasuka, lamaqaqa azamazame, kodwa umusa wami kawuyikusuka kuwe, lesivumelwano sami sokuthula kasiyikuzamazama, itsho iNkosi elesihawu kuwe. **11** Wena ohluphekileyo, ophoswe yisiphepho, ongaduduzwanga, khangela, ngizabeka amatshe akho abe mahle, ngibeke isisekelo sakho ngamasafire. **12** Ngizakwenza imiphotshongo yakho nge-agate, lamasango akho ngama-emeraldi, lawo wonke umngcele wakho ngamatshe entokozo. **13** Labantwana bakho bonke bazafundiswa yiNkosi, njalo kube kukhulu ukuthula kwabantwana bakho. **14** Uzaqinisa ekulungeni; ube khatshana locindezelo, ngoba kawuyikwesaba; levalweni, ngoba kakuyikusondela kuwe. **15** Khangela bazabuthana sibili, kodwa hatshi ngami; loba ngubani ozabuthana emelene lawe uzakuwa ngenxa yakho. **16** Khangela mina ngidale umkhandi wensimbi ovuthela amalahle emlilweni, lovezela umsebenzi wakhe isikhali; njalo mina ngidale umchithi ukuthi achithe. **17** Kakulasikhali esibunjelwe ukumelana lawe esizaphumelela; lalo lonke ulimi olukuvukelayo ekwehluleleni

uzalulahla. Lokhu kuyilifa lezinceu zeNkosi, lokulunga kwazo
kuvela kimi, itsho iNkosi.

55 We lina lonke elomileyo, wozani emanzini, laye ongelamali,
wozani, lithenge, lidle; yebo, wozani lithenge ngaphandle kwemali
langaphandle kwentengo, iwayini lochago. **2** Kungani lichitha imali
kokungeyisikho kudla, lomtshikatshika wenu kokungenelisiyo?
Ngilalelani lokungilalela, lidle okuhle, lomphefumulo wenu
kawuzithokozise kokunonileyo. **3** Thobani indlebe yenu, lize kimi,
zwanini, njalo umphefumulo wenu uzaphila; njalo ngizakwenza
isivumelwano esilaphakade lani, izisa eziqinisekileyo zikaDavida.
4 Khangela, ngimnike waba ngumfakazi ebantwini, umkhokheli
lomlawuli ebantwini. **5** Khangela, uzabiza isizwe ongasaziyo,
lezizwe ebezingakwazi zizagijimela kuwe, ngenxa yeNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wakho, lang Ngcwele kalsrayeli, ngoba ekudumisile.
6 Dingani iNkosi iselokutholwa, ibizeni iseseduze. **7** Omubi
katshiye indlela yakhe, lomuntu ongalunganga imicabango yakhe;
kabuye eNkosini, njalo izakuba lomusa kuye, laku Nkulunkulu
wethu, ngoba uzathethelela ngokukhulu. **8** Ngoba imicabango
yami kayisiyo imicabango yenu, lendlela zenu kayisizo
izindlela zami, itsho iNkosi. **9** Ngoba njengoba amazulu
ephakeme kulomhlaba, ngokunjalo indlela zami ziphakeme
kulendlela zenu, lemicabango yami kulemicabango yenu.
10 Ngoba njengalokhu izulu lisehla, leliqhwa elikhithikileyo
kuvela emazulwini, kungabuyeli khona, kodwa kuthelela
umhlaba, kuwenze ukuthi utheli uhlume, ukuze unike inhlanyelo
kumhlanyeli, lokudla kodlayo, **11** lizakuba njalo ilizwi lami
eliphuma emlonyeni wami; kaliyikubuyela kimi lize, kodwa
lizakwenza lokho engikufisayo, liphumelele kulokhu engilithumele
khona. **12** Ngoba lizaphuma ngentokozo, njalo likhokhelwe

ngokuthula; izintaba lamaqaqa kuzaqhamuka ngokuhlabela phambi kwenu, lezihlahla zonke zeganga zitshaye izandla. **13**
Endaweni yameva kuzamila ifiri, lendaweni yokhula oluhabayo kumile imiteli; kuzakuba seNkosini libizo, kube yisibonakaliso esilaphakade esingayikuquunywa.

56 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Gcinani isahlulelo, lenze ukulunga, ngoba usindiso lwami luseduze ukuthi lufike, lokulunga kwami ukuthi kubonakaliswe. **2** Ubusisiwe umuntu owenza lokhu, lendodana yomuntu ebambelela kukho; ogcina isabatha engalingcolisi, egcina isandla sakhe ukuthi singenzi loba yikuphi okubi. **3** Kayingakhulumi-ke indodana yowezizweni, ezihlanganise leNkosi, isithi: INkosi ingehlukanise ngokupheleleyo labantu bayo; lomthenwa kangathi: Khangela ngiyisihlahla esomileyo. **4** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi kubathenwa abagcina amasabatha ami, abakhetha engikuthandayo, lababambelela esivumelwaneni sami: **5** Ngizabanika labo endlini yami langaphakathi kwemiduli yami indawo lebizo elingcono kulelamadodana lakulelamadodakazi; ngizabanika ibizo elingapheliyo, elingayikuquunywa. **6** Lamadodana awemzini azihlanganisa leNkosi ukuyikhonza lokuthanda ibizo leNkosi, ukuba zinceku zayo, wonke ogcina isabatha engalingcolisi, lababambelela esivumelwaneni sami; **7** lalabo ngizabaletha entabeni yami engcwele, ngibathokozise endlini yami yomkhuleko; iminikelo yabo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo yabo kuzakwemukeleka phezu kwelathi lami, ngoba indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko yabantu bonke. **8** INkosi uJehova oqoqa abaxotshiweyo bakolsrayeli uthi: Ngisezabuthelela abanye kuye ngaphandle kwababuthiweyo bakhe. **9** Lina lonke zilo zeganga, wozani lidle, lina lonke zilo eziseguswini. **10**

Abalindi bakhe bayiziphofu, bonke kabalalwazi; bonke bayizinja eziyizimungulu, bangeke bakhonkothe; balele, bacambalele, bathanda ukuwozela. **11** Yebo bayizinja ezhahay, ezingasoze zisuthe; njalo bangabelusi abangakwaziyo ukuqedisisa; bonke baphendukela kweyabo indlela, ngulowo lalovo enzuzweni yakhe ephethelweni lakhe. **12** Uthi: Wozani, ngizaletha iwayini, sinathe kakhlulu okunathwayo okulamandla; lekusasa izakuba njengalamuhla, kwengezelwelwe ngokukhulukazi.

57 Olungileyo uyabhubha, njalo kakulamuntu okubeka enhliziyweni; njalo abantu abalomusa bayasuswa, engekho okunanzayo ukuthi olungileyo ususiwe ngaphambi kobubi. **2** Uzangena ekuthuleni. Bazaphumula emibhedeni yabo, ngulowo lalovo ehamba ebuqothweni bakhe. **3** Kodwa lina sondelani lapha, madodana omthakathikazi, nzalo yesifebe, lawe wule. **4** Lidlala limelene lobani? Livulela bani umlomo ube banzi, likhupha ulimi? Alisibantwana besiphambeko yini, inzalo yenkohliso, **5** lizitshisa phakathi kwezihlahla zama-okhi ngaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, libulalela abantwana ezihotsheni ngaphansi kwezingoxo zamadwala? **6** Isabelo sakho siphakathi kwamatshe abutshelezi esifula; wona, wona ayinkatho yakho; njalo kiwo uthululele umnikelo wokunathwayo, waletha umnikelo wokudla. Ngizazisola ngalezizinto yini? **7** Phezu kwentaba ende lephakemeyo ubekile umbheda wakho; ngitsho lapho wenyukela khona ukuyanikela umhlatshelo. **8** Langemva kwasivalo lensika yomnyango wabeka isikhumbuzo sakho; ngoba uhivezile komunye kulakimi, wenyuka, waqhelisa umbheda wakho, wazenzela isivumelwano labo; wathanda umbheda wabo lapho uwubona. **9** Waya enkosini ulamafutha, wandisa amakha akho, wathuma izithunywa zakho khatshana, wazehlisela

esihogweni. (**Sheol h7585**) **10** Wadinwa yibukhulu bendlala yakho, kodwa kawutshongo ukuthi: Kakulathemba; wathola impilo yesandla sakho, ngakho-ke kawuphelanga amandla. **11** Njalo wesaba bani watshaywa luvalo, ukuthi uqambe amanga, ungangikhumbuli, ungakufaki enhliziyweni yakho? Kangithulanga yini ngitsho kwasendulo, njalo mina ungangesabi? **12** Mina ngizamemezela ukulunga kwakho, lemisebenzi yakho; ngoba kakuyikukusiza. **13** Lapho ukhala, amaxuku akho kawakukhulule! Kanti umoya uzawaphephula wonke, ize lizawathatha. Kodwa othembra kimi uzakudla ilifa lelizwe, adle ilifa lentaba yami engcwele. **14** Azakuthi: Buthelelani, buthelelani, lungisani indlela, susani isikhubeleiso endleleni yabantu bami. **15** Ngoba utsho njalo ophezulu lophakemeyo, ohlala ephakadeni, obizo lakhe lingoNgcwele, uthi: Ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo lengcwele, njalo kanye laye olomoya odabukileyo lozithobayo, ukuvuselela umoya wabathobekileyo, lokuvuselela inhliziyo yabadabukileyo. **16** Ngoba kangiyikulwisa kuze kube phakade, kangiyikuthukuthela njalonjalo; ngoba umoya ungaphela amandla phambi kwami, lemiphefumulo mina engiyenzileyo. **17** Ngenxa yobubi bokufisa kwakhe ngathukuthela, ngamtshaya, ngazifihla, ngathukuthela; kodwa waqhubeka ehlubuka ngendlela yenhliziyo yakhe. **18** Ngizibonile izindlela zakhe, njalo ngizamsilisa, ngimkhokhele, ngibuyisele izindudu zo kuye labalilayo bakhe. **19** Ngidala izithelo zezindebe; ukuthula, ukuthula kokhatshana loseduze, itsho iNkosi; njalo ngizamsilisa. **20** Kodwa ababi banjengolwandle olutshukumayo; ngoba kalulakuphumula, lamanzi alo akhafula udaka lengcekeza. **21** Kakulakuthula, utsho uNkulunkulu wami, kwababi.

58 Memeza ngomphimbo, ungayekeli, uphakamise ilizwi lakho njengophondo, utshele abantu bami isiphambeko sabo, lendlu kaJakobe izono zabo. **2** Kanti bayangidinga mina usuku ngosuku, bethokoza ukwazi indlela zami; njengesizwe esenza ukulunga, esingadelanga isimiso sikaNkulunkulu waso, babuza kimi izimiso zokulunga, bathokoza ekusondeleni kuNkulunkulu. **3** Besithi: Kungani sizile ukudla, wena-ke ungaboni? Kungani sihluphe umphefumulo wethu, wena-ke ungakwazi? Khangelani, ngosuku lokuzila kwenu ukudla, lithola intokozo, licindezele zonke izisebenzi zenu. **4** Khangelani, lizila ukudla lisenzela ingxabano lokuphikisana, lokutshaya ngengindi yenkohlakalo; lingazili ukudla njengalamuhla, ukwenza ilizwi lenu lizwakale phezulu. **5** Kunjalo yini ukuzila ukudla engikhethileyo? Lusuku lokuthi umuntu ahluphe umphefumulo wakhe yini? Ukuthi akhothamise ikhanda lakhe njengomhlanga, endlale phansi kwakhe isaka lomlotha? Lokhu ungakubiza yini ngokuthi yikuzila ukudla, losuku olwemukelekayo eNkosini? **6** Kayisikho lokhu yini ukuzila ukudla engikhethileyo: Ukuthukulula izibopho zobubi, ukukhulula imichilo yejogwe, ukuyekela abacindezelweyo bahambe behkululekile, lokuthi lephule lonke ijogwe? **7** Kayisikho yini ukwabela olambileyo isinkwa sakho, lokungenisa abayanga abayimihambuma endlini, lapho ubona onqunu umembese, lokuthi ungacatsheli inyama yakho? **8** Khona ukukhanya kwakho kuzaqhamuka njengokusa, lokusila kwakho kuhlume masinyane; lokulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi kwakho; inkazimulo yeNkosi ibe ngumvikeli wakho ngasemuva. **9** Khona uzabiza, iNkosi iphendule, uzakhala, ibisisithi: Khangela ngilapha. Uba ususa phakathi kwakho ijogwe, ukukhomba ngomunwe, lokukhuluma okubi, **10** ukhuphele olambileyo umphefumulo wakho,

usuthise umphefumulo ohluphekileyo, khona ukukhanya kwakho kuzaphuma emnyameni, lobumnyama bakho bube njengemini enkulu. **11** Njalo iNkosi izakukhokhela njalonjalo, isuthise umphefumulo wakho engwaduleni, iqinise amathambo akho, ube njengesivande esithelelwayo, lanjengomthombo wamanzi, omanzi awo angapheliyo. **12** Labakho bazakwakha amanxiwa amadala; uzavusa izisekelo zezizukulwana ngezizukulwana; uzabizwa ngokuthi: UMvalisikhala, uMbuyiseli wemikhondo yokuhlala. **13** Uba uphendula unyawo lwakho lusuka kusabatha, ungenzi intokozo yakho ngosuku lwami olungcwele; ulibize isabatha ngokuthi yintokozo, olungcwele lweNkosi, oluhloniphekayo; njalo uluhlonipha, ungenzi indlela zakho, ungatholi intokozo yakho, loba ukhulume ilizwi lakho, **14** khona uzazithokozisa eNkosini, ngizakugadisa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, ngizakwenza udle ilifa likaJakobe uyhlo; ngoba umlomo weNkosi ukhulumile.

59 Khangela isandla seNkosi kasifinyezwanga ukuthi singasindisi, lendlebe yayo kayinzima ukuthi ingezwa. **2** Kodwa iziphambeko zenu zehlukanisile phakathi kwenu loNkulunkulu wenu, lezono zenu zibusithile ubuso bakhe kini, ukuthi angezwa. **3** Ngoba izandla zenu zingcoliswe ngegazi, leminwe yenu ngenkohlakalo; indebe zenu zikhulume amanga, lolimi lwenu lungunguna ububi. **4** Kakho omemeza ngokulunga, njalo kakho olabhela ngeqiniso; bathemba okuyize, bakhulume amanga; bamitha ububi, bazale isiphambeko. **5** Bachamusela amaqanda enhlangwana, beluke ubulembu besayobe; odla okwamaqanda awo uyafa; lelichotshoziweyo liqhamuka lilibululu. **6** Ubulembu babo kabuyikuba yizembatho, njalo kabayikuzembesa ngemisebenzi yabo. Imisebenzi yabo

yimisebenzi yobubi, lesenzo sodlakela sisezandleni zabo.

7 Inyawo zabo zigijimela ebubini; baphangisa ukuchitha igazi elingelacala; imicabango yabo yimicabango yobubi; ukubhubhisa lokuchitha kusezindleleni zabo. 8 Indlela yokuthula kabayazi; njalo kakulasahlulelo emikhondweni yabo; bazenzela izindlela zabo ezimazombazombe; loba ngubani ohamba kuzo kayikwazi ukuthula. 9 Ngakho-ke isahlulelo sikhatsana lathi, lokulunga kakusifinyeleli. Silindela ukukhanya, kodwa khangela, ubumnyama; silindela ukukhazimula, kodwa sihamba emnyameni omkhulu. 10 Siphumputha umduli njengeziphofu, siphumputhe kwangathi kasilamehlo; sikhubeke emini enkulu kwangathi kukusihlwa, sisendaweni ezichithekileyo njengabafileyo. 11 Sonke siyabhonga njengamabhere, silile lokulila njengamajuba; silindela isahlulelo, kodwa kasikho; losindiso, kodwa lukhatshana lathi.

12 Ngoba iziphambeko zethu zandile phambi kwakho, lezono zethu zifakaza zimelene lathi; ngoba iziphambeko zethu zilathi, lobubi bethu siyabazi; 13 ukuphambuka, lokuqambela iNkosi amanga, lokusuka ekulandeleni uNkulunkulu wethu, ukukhuluma incidezelokuhlamuka, ukukhulelwa lokukhuluma amazwi amanga aphuma enhliziyweni. 14 Ngakho isahlulelo sibuyiselwa emuva, lokulunga kumi khatshana; ngoba iqiniso liyakhubeka esitaladeni, lobuqotho kabulakungena. 15 Yebo, iqiniso liyasilela, lowehlkana lobubi uzenza impango. INkosi yasikubona, njalo kwaba kubi emehlwani ayo ukuthi kakulasahlulelo. 16 Yasibona ukuthi kwakungelamuntu, yamangala kakhulu ukuthi kwakungelamlamuli; ngakho ingalo yayo yaletha usindiso kuye, lokulunga kwayo khona kwamsekela. 17 Ngoba yembatha ukulunga njengebhatsi lensimbi, lengowane yosindiso ekhanda layo; yembatha izembatho zempindiselo njengesembatho,

yazembesa ukutshiseka njengejazi. **18** Njengokwezenzo, ngokunjalo izaphindisela, ulaka kwabamelana layo, umvuzo ezitheni zayo; ezihlengeni uzabuyisela umvuzo. **19** Ngokunjalo bazalesaba ibizo leNkosi kusukela entshonalanga, lodumo lwayo kusukela lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. Lapho isitha sizangena njengomfula, uMoya weNkosi uzaphakamisa isiboniso esimelene laso. **20** LoMhlensi uzafika eZiyoni, lakulabo abaphenduka eziphambekweni koJakobe, itsho iNkosi. **21** Mina-ke, lesi yisivumelwano sami labo, itsho iNkosi: UMoya wami ophezu kwakho, lamazwi ami engiwafake emlonyeni wakho, kawayikusuka emlonyeni wakho, lemlynonyeni wenzalo yakho, lemlynonyeni wenzalo yenzalo yakho, itsho iNkosi, kusukela khathesi kuze kube phakade.

60 Vuka, ukhanye, ngoba ukukhanya kwakho kufikile, lodumo lweNkosi lumphume phezu kwakho. **2** Ngoba khangela, umnyama uzasibekela umhlaba, lomnyama omkhulu izizwe; kodwa iNkosi izaphuma phezu kwakho, lodumo lwayo luzabonakala phezu kwakho. **3** Labezizwe bazakuza ekukhanyeni kwakho, lamakhosi ekukhazimuleni kokuphuma kwakho. **4** Phakamisa amehlo akho inhlangothi zonke, ubone; bonke bayabuthana, beze kuwe; amadodana akho azavela khatshana, lamadodakazi akho azakondliwa eceleni. **5** Khona uzabona, ugeleze ndawonye, lenhlizyo yakho izakwesaba, yenziwe banzi; ngoba ubunengi bolwandle buzaphendulelwa kuwe, amabutho ezizwe azakuza kuwe. **6** Ubunengi bamakamela buzakwembesa, amakamela amatsha eMidiyani leEfa; wonke evela eShebha azakuza; azaletha igolide lempepha, amemezele indumiso zeNkosi. **7** Yonke imihlambi yeKedari izabuthelwa kuwe; izinqama zeNebayothi zizakukhonza; zizakuza ngokwemukeleka phezu

kwelathi lami, njalo ngizadumisa indlu yodumo lwami. **8** Ngobani laba abandiza njengeyezi, lanjengamajuba esiya emawindini awo? **9** Qotho izihlenge zizangilindela, lemikhumbi yeThashishi kuqala, ukuletha amadodana akho evela khatshana, isiliva sawo legolide lawo kanye lawo, kulo ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, lakoNgcwele kalsrayeli, ngoba ukudumisile. **10** Lamadodana abezizwe azakwakha imiduli yakho, lamakhosi abo akukhonze; ngoba elakeni lwami ngakutshaya, kodwa ngomusa wami ngikuhawukele. **11** Njalo amasango akho azahlala evulekile, emini lebusuku kawayikuvalwa, ukuze bakulethele inotho yabezizwe, lamakhosi azo alethwe. **12** Ngoba isizwe lombuso okungayikukhonza kuzabhubha; yebo, lezozizwe zizaphela nya. **13** Uduomo IweLebhanoni luzakuza kuwe, isihlahla sefiri, umangwe, lomsayiphuresi kanyekanye, ukucecisa indawo yendlu yami engcwele; njalo ngizakwenza indawo yenyawo zami ikhazimule. **14** Amadodana lawo awabakucindezelayo azakuza kuwe akhothame; labo bonke abakudeelayo bazakhothamela kungaphansi yezinyawo zakho, bakubize ngokuthi umuzi weNkosi, iZiyoni yoNgcwele kalsrayeli. **15** Esikhundleni sokuthi wawutshiyiwe, wazondwa, okokuthi kwakungekho odabula phakathi kwakho, ngizakwenza ube ludumo laphakade, intokozo yezizukulwana ngezizukulwana. **16** Uzamunya futhi uchago lwabezizwe, yebo, umunye amabele amakhosi; njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi nginguMsindisi wakho loMhlengi wakho, oLamandla kaJakobe. **17** Endaweni yethusi ngizaletha igolide, lendaweni yensimbi ngilethe isiliva, lendaweni yesigodo ithusi, lendaweni yamatsho insimbi. Ngizakwenza futhi ababonisi bakho babe yikuthula, labacindezeli bakho babe yikulunga. **18** Udlakela kalusayikuzwakala elizweni lakho, ukuchitheka

lokubhubhisa phakathi kwemingcele yakho; kodwa uzabiza imiduli yakho ngokuthi luSindiso, lamasango akho iNdumiso.

19 Ilanga kalisayikuba yikukhanya kuwe emini, lenyanga kayisayikukukhanyisela kube yikukhazimula; kodwa iNkosi izakuba yikukhanya okulaphakade kuwe, loNkulunkulu wakho abe ludumo lwakho. **20** Ilanga lakho kalisayikutshona, lenyanga yakho kayiyikuhlehlela nyovane; ngoba iNkosi izakuba yikukhanya kwakho okulaphakade, lensuku zokulila kwakho zizaphela. **21** Njalo abantu bakho bonke bazakuba ngabalungileyo, badle ilifa lelizwe kuze kube laphakade, ugaatsha lokuhlanyela kwami, umsebenzi wezandla zami, ukuze ngidunyiswe. **22** Omncinyane uzakuba yinkulungwane, lomncane abe yisizwe esilamandla. Mina Nkosi ngizakuphangisia ngesikhathi sakhe.

61 UMoya weNkosi uJehova uphezu kwami, ngoba iNkosi ingigcobile ukuthi ngitshumayele indaba ezinhle kwabammene; ingithumile ukubopha abalenhlizyo ezipabukileyo, ukumemezelu inkululeko kwabathunjeweyo, lokuvulwa kwentolongo kwababotshiweyo; **2** ukumemezelu umnyaka owemukelekayo weNkosi, losuku lwempindiselo lukaNkulunkulu wethu; ukududuza bonke abalilayo; **3** ukumisa kwabalilayo beZiyoni, ukubanika ubuhle esikhundleni somlotha, amafutha enjabulo endaweni yokulila, isembatho sendumiso endaweni yomoya obuthakathaka; ukuze babizwe ngokuthi yizihlahla ezinkulu zokulunga, ukuhlanyelwa kweNkosi, ukuze idunyiswe. **4** Njalo bazakwakha amanxiwa amadala, bavuse izincithakalo zakuqala, balungise imizi engamanxiwa, izincithakalo zeziukulwana ngeziukulwana. **5** Labezizwe bazakuma beluse imihlambi yenu, lamadodana awemzini abe ngabalimi benu labaphathi benu bezivini. **6** Kodwa lina lizabizwa ngokuthi lingabaPristi beNkosi;

lithiwe liyiziKhonzi zikaNkulunkulu wethu; lizakudla inotho yabezizwe, lizincome ngodumo lwazo. **7** Esikhundleni sehlazo lenu lizakuba lokuphindwe kibili; langokuyangeka bazajabula ngesabelo sabo; ngakho elizweni labo bazafuya okuphindwe kibili, intokozo elaphakade ibe ngeyabo. **8** Ngoba mina Nkosi ngithanda isahlulelo; ngizona impango emhlatshelweni otshiswayo; njalo ngizanika umvuzo wabo ngeqiniso, ngenze labo isivumelwano esilaphakade. **9** Lenzalo yabo izakwaziwa phakathi kwabezizwe, lembewu yabo phakathi kwabantu; bonke abababonayo bazabazi ukuthi bayinzalo iNkosi eyibusisileyo. **10** Ngizathokoza lokuthokoza eNkosini; umphefumulo wami uzajabula kuNkulunkulu wami; ngoba ungiggokise izembatho zosindiso; ungembese ngebhatshi lokulunga, njengomyeni ezicecise ngesiceciso sobukhos, lanjengomakoti ezicecise ngokuligugu kwakhe. **11** Ngoba njengomhlabu uveza ihlumela lawo, lanjengesivande sikhulisa okuhlanyelweyo kiso, ngokunjalo iNkosi uJehova izakwenza ukulunga lodumo kuhlume phambi kwezizwe zonke.

62 Ngenxa yeZiyoni kangiyikuthula, langenxa yeJerusalema kangiyikuphumula, kuze kumphume ukulunga kwayo njengokukhanya, losindiso lwayo njengesibane esivuthayo. **2** Labezizwe bazabona ukulunga kwakho, lamakhosi wonke inkazimulo yakho; njalo uzabizwa ngebizo elitsha, umlomo weNkosi ozakutha lona. **3** Njalo uzakuba ngumqhele wobuhle esandleni seNkosi, lomqhele wobukhos esandleni sikaNkulunkulu wakho. **4** Kawusayikuthiwa ngoTshiyiwego, lelizwe lakho kalisayikuthiwa ngeliLahliwego; kodwa uzabizwa ngokuthi nguHefiziba, lelizwe lakho ngokuthi yiBhewula; ngoba iNkosi ithokoza ngawe, lelizwe lakho lizakwenda.

5 Ngoba njengejaha lithatha intombi emsulwa, ngokunjalo amadodana akho azakuthatha; lanjengomyeni ethokoza ngomakoti, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu wakho uzathokoza ngawe.

6 Ngibekile abalindi phezu kwemithangala yakho, Jerusalema, abangayikuthula kokuphela imini yonke lobusuku bonke. Lina elikhumbuza ngeNkosi, lingabi lokuthula, 7 lingayiphumuzi, ize imise, njalo ize yenze iJerusalema ibe ludumo emhlabeni.

8 INkosi ifungile ngesandla sayo sokunene, langengalo yamandla ayo: Isibili kangisayikunika amabele akho abe yikudla kwezitha zakho, njalo isibili amadodana awezizwe kawayikunatha iwayini lakho elitsha olitshikatshikeleyo. 9 Kodwa labo abawabuthileyo bazawadla, badumise iNkosi; lalabo abaliqoqileyo bazalinatha emagumeni obungcwele bami. 10 Dabulani, dabulani emasangweni; lungisani indlela yabantu; phakamisani, phakamisani umgwaqo omkhulu, likhuphe amatshe, liphakamisele abantu uphawu. 11 Khangelani, iNkosi iyewakala kuze kube sephethelweni lomhlaba: Tshonini kundodakazi yeZiyoni: Khangela, usindiso lwakho luyeza; khangela umvuzo wayo ilawo, lenkokhelo yayo iphambi kwayo.

12 Bazababiza ngokuthi ngaBantu abaNgcwele, abaHlengiweyo beNkosi; yebo, uzabizwa ngokuthi ngoDingiweyo, uMuzi ongaTshiywanga.

63 Ngubani lo ovela eEdoma, olezemba^{tho} ezibomvu evela eBhozira? Lo odumisekileyo ngezemba^{tho} zakhe, ehamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe? Yimi engikhuluma ngokulunga, engilamandla okusindisa. 2 Kungani izigqoko zakho zibomvu, lezemba^{tho} zakho zinjengezonyathela esikhamelweni sewayini? 3 Ngisinyathele ngedwa isikhamelo sewayini, lebantwini kwakungekho loyedwa lami; ngoba ngizabanyathela

ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngibahlifize elakeni lwami; legazi labo lizafafazwa ezembathweni zami, ngingcolise iziggoko zami zonke. **4** Ngoba usuku lwempindiselo lusenhliziyweni yami, lomnyaka wabahlengwa bami usufikile. **5** Njalo ngakhangela, kodwa kwakungekho osizayo, ngamangala kakhulu ukuthi kwakungekho osekelayo; ngakho ingalo yami yaletha usindiso kimi, lolaka lwami lona lwangisekela. **6** Besenginyathela abantu ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngibadakise olakeni lwami, ngehlisele emhlabathini amandla abo. **7** Ngizakhumbuza ngothandolomusa omkhulu weNkosi, izindumiso zeNkosi, njengakho konke iNkosi esinike khona, lobuhle obukhulu ngasendlini kalsrayeli, ebanike bona ngokwezisa zayo, lanjengobunengi bothandolomusa wayo omkhulu. **8** Ngoba yathi: lsibili bangabantu bami, abantwana abangayikukhuluma amanga; ngakho yaba nguMsindisi wabo. **9** Enhluphekweni yabo yonke yahlupheka, lengilosy yobukhona bayo yabasindisa; ngothando lwayo langesihawu sayo yona yabahlenga, yabaphakamisa, yabathwala zonke izinsuku zendulo. **10** Kodwa bona baba lenkani, badabukisa uMoya wayo oNgcwele; ngakho yaphenduka yaba yisitha sabo, yona yalwa imelene labo. **11** Yasikhumbula insuku zendulo, uMozisi, labantu bakhe, isithi: Ungaphi lowo owabakhuphula olwandle labelusi bomhlambi wakhe? Ungaphi lowo owafaka uMoya wakhe oyiNgcwele phakathi kwakhe? **12** Owakhokhela ingalo yakhe elodumo esandleni sokunene sikaMozisi, esehlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo, ukuzenzela ibizo eliphakade? **13** Owabakhokhela ezinzikini, njengebhiza enkangala kabakhubekanga? **14** Njengenkomu isehlela esigodini, uMoya weNkosi wabaphumuza. Ngokunjalo wabakhokhela abantu bakho, ukuze uzenzele ibizo elilodumo. **15** Khangela phansi usemazulwini, ubone

usendaweni yakho yokuhlala yobungcwele bakho leyodumo lwakho. Kungaphi ukutshiseka kwakho lamandla akho? Ubuengi bemibilini yakho, lezihawu zakho kimi, kuyazibamba yini? **16** Isibili wena ungubaba; lanxa uAbrahama engasazi, lolsrayeli engasivumi; wena Nkosi ungubaba wethu, umhlensi wethu; ibizo lakho lisukela ephakadeni. **17** Nkosi, kungani usenza siduhe ezindleleni zakho, usenza inhliziyo yethu ibe lukhuni sisuka ekukwesabeni? Phenduka ngenxa yenceku zakho, izizwe zelifa lakho. **18** Abantu bobungcwele bakho babe lakho okwesikhatsana; izitha zethu zinyathelele phansi indlu yakho engcwele. **19** Singabakho; kawuzange ubuse phezu kwabo; kababizwanga ngebizo lakho.

64 Kungathi ungadabula amazulu, wehlele phansi, izintaba zigeleze ebukhoneni bakho; **2** njengokutshisa komlilo oncibilikisayo, umlilo wenze amanzi abile, ukulazisa ibizo lakho ezitheni zakho, ukuze izizwe zithuthumele ebukhoneni bakho. **3** Ekwenzeni kwakho izinto ezesabekayo esasingazilindelanga, wehlela phansi; izintaba zageleza ebukhoneni bakho. **4** Ngoba kusukela endulo kabezwanga, kabalalelanga ngendlebe, ilihlo kalibonanga, Nkulunkulu, ngaphandle kwakho, osebenzela lowo olindele kuye. **5** Uhlangabeza othokozayo lowenza ukulunga, abakukhumbulayo ezindleleni zakho. Khangela, wena wathukuthela, ngoba sonile; kuzo kulokuhubeka, njalo sizasindiswa. **6** Kodwa sonke sinjengongcolileyo, lakho konke ukulunga kwethu kunjengezidwedwe ezingcolileyo; njalo sonke siyabuna njengehla, leziphambeko zethu, njengomoya, zisiphephule. **7** Njalo kakho obiza ibizo lakho, ozivusela ukubambelela kuwe; ngoba ufihlile ubuso bakho kithi, wasicikiza ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu. **8** Kodwa, khathesi, Nkosi, wena

ungubaba wethu; thina silibumba, wena-ke ungumbumbi wethu; njalo sonke singumsebenzi wesandla sakho. **9** Ungathukutheli wedlulise, Nkosi, ungakhumbuli ububi phakade. Khangela, ake ubone, sonke singabantu bakho. **10** Imizi yakho engcwele isiyinkangala, iZiyoni isiyinkangala, iJerusalema iyincithakalo. **11** Indlu yethu engcwele leyethu enhle, lapho obaba abakudumisela khona, itshisiwe ngomlilo; lazo zonke izinto zethu ezithandekayo sezilunxiwa. **12** Uzazithinta yini ngenxa yalezizinto, Nkosi? Uzathula yini, usihluphe wedlulise?

65 Ngadingwa yilabo abangangicelanga; ngatholwa yilabo abangangidinganga. Ngathi: Ngikhangelani, ngikhangelani, esizweni esingabizwa ngebizo lami. **2** Ngelule izandla zami usuku lonke ebantwini abavukelayo, abahamba ngendlela engalunganga, belandela imicabango yabo; **3** abantu abangithukuthelisayo njalonjalo ebusweni bami, abenza imihlatshelo ezivandeni, betshisa impepha phezu kwezitina; **4** abahlala emangcwabenzi, balale endaweni ezisithekileyo, abadla inyama yengulube, lomhluzi wezinto ezinengekayo emiganwini yabo. **5** Abathi: Xeka wena, ungasondeli kimi; ngoba ngingcwele kulawe. Laba bayintuthu emakhaleni ami, umlilo otshisayo usuku lonke. **6** Khangela, kubhaliwe phambi kwami: Kangiyikuthula, kodwa ngizaphindisela, yebo ngiphindisele esifubeni sabo, **7** iziphambeko zenu, leziphambeko zaboyihlo kanyekanye, itsho iNkosi, abatshise impepha phezu kwezintaba, bangithuka phezu kwamaqaqa; ngakho ngizalinganisa imisebenzi yabo yakuqala esifubeni sabo. **8** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Njengewayini elitsha litholwa ehlukuzweni, lomunye athi: Ungalibhubhisi, ngoba isibusiso sikulo; ngizakwenza njalo ngenxa yenceku zami, ukuze ngingazibhubhisi zonke. **9** Njalo ngizaveza inzalo ivela kuJakobe,

lakoJuda kuvele indlalifa yezintaba zami; labakhethiweyo bami
bazakudla ilifa lazo, lenceku zami zihlale khona. **10** Njalo
iSharoni izakuba yisibaya semihlambi, lesihotsha seAkori sibe
yindawo yokulala yenkomu, eyabantu bami abangidingayo. **11**
Kodwa lina elidela iNkosi, elikhohlwa intaba yami engcwele,
elihlelele leloviyo itafula, njalo eligcwaliisele lelonani umnikelo
wokunathwayo. **12** Ngakho ngizalimisela inkemba, njalo
lonke lizakhothamela ukuhlatshwa; ngoba ngalibiza, kodwa
kaliphendulanga, ngakhulumu, kodwa kalizwanga, kodwa lenza
okubi emehlweni ami, lakhetha lokho engingathokozanga ngakho.
13 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, izinceku zami
zizakudla, kodwa lina lizalamba; khangela, inceku zami zizanatha,
kodwa lina lizakoma; khangela, inceku zami zizathokoza,
kodwa lina lizayangeka; **14** khangela, inceku zami zizahlabela
ngentokozo yenhliyi, kodwa lina lizakhala ngenxa yokudabuka
kwenhliziyo, liqhinqe isililo ngenxa yokudabuka komoya. **15**
Njalo lizatshiya ibizo lenu libe yisiqalekiso kwabakhethiweyo
bami, ngoba iNkosi uJehova izalibulala; kodwa izabiza inceku
zayo ngelinje ibizo; **16** ukuthi lowo ozibusisa emhlabeni
uzazibusisa kuNkulunkulu weqiniso, lalowo ofunga emhlabeni
uzafunga ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso; ngoba inhlupheko zakuqala
sezikhohlakele, njalo ngoba zisithekile emehlweni ami. **17**
Ngoba khangela, ngidala amazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha;
okwakuqala kakusayikukhunjulwa, kumbe kuvele enhliziyweni. **18**
Kodwa jabulani, lithokoze kuze kube laphakade ngengikudalayo,
ngoba khangela, ngidala iJerusalem ibe yintokozo, labantu
bayo babe yinjabulo. **19** Ngizathokoza-ke ngeJerusalem,
ngijabule ngabantu bami; njalo kalisayikuzwakala kuyo ilizwi
lokulila lelizwi lokukhala. **20** Kusukela lapho kakusayikuba

khona usane Iwezinsuku, kumbe ixhegu elingagcwalisi insuku zalo; ngoba omutsha uzakufa eleminyaka elikhulu, kodwa isoni esileminyaka elikhulu sizaqalekiswa. **21** Njalo bazakwakha izindlu, bahlale kuzo; bahlanyele izivini, badle izithelo zazo. **22** Kabayikwakha, kuhlale-ke omunye; kabayikuhlanyela, kudle-ke omunye; ngoba insuku zabantu bami zizakuba njengensuku zesihlahla, labakhethwa bami bazakholisa umsebenzi wezandla zabo okwesikhathi eside. **23** Kabayikutshikatshikela ize, loba bazalele uhlupho; ngoba bayinzalo yababusisiweyo beNkosi, lembewu yabo kanye labo. **24** Kuzakuthi-ke bengakabizi, mina ngiphendule; lapho besakhuluma, mina-ke ngizwe. **25** Impisi lewundlu kuzakudla ndawonye, lesilwane sidle amahlanga njengenkomu, lothuli lube yikudla kwenyoka. Kaziyikulimaza kumbe zibhubhise kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele, itsho iNkosi.

66 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Amazulu ayisihlalo sami sobukhosu, lomhlaba uyisenabelo senyawo zami. Ingaphi leyondlu elizangakhela yona? Njalo ingaphi indawo yami yokuphumula? **2** Ngoba zonke lezizinto isandla sami sazenza, lazo zonke lezizinto zikhona, itsho iNkosi. Kodwa kulowo ngizakhangelu, kulowo ongumyanga lolomoya odabukileyo, lothuthumela ngelizwi lami. **3** Ohlaba inkabi unjengobulala umuntu; onikela umhlatshelo ngewundlu unjengowephula intamo yenja; onikela umnikelo wokudla unjengonikela igazi lengulube; otshisa impepha yesikhumbuzo unjengobusisa isithombe. Yebo, bona bakhethile izindlela zabo, lomphefumulo wabo uthokoza ngezinengiso zabo. **4** Lami ngizakhetha izigcono zabo, ngibehliselabakwesabayo; ngoba ngabiza, akwaphendula muntu; ngakhuluma, akwalalela muntu; kodwa benza okubi emehlwani ami, bakhetha lokho

engingathokozanga ngakho. **5** Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina elithuthumela ngelizwi layo. Abafowenu abalizondayo, abalixotsha ngenxa yebizo lami, bathi: Kayidunyiswe iNkosi; khona sizabona intokozo yenu; bona-ke bazayangeka. **6** Ilizwi lomsindo elivela emzini, ilizwi elivela ethempelini, ilizwi leNkosi elibuyisela izinzuko ezitheni zayo. **7** Ingakahelawa, yazala; kungakafiki ubuhlungu bayo, yabeletha owesilisa. **8** Ngubani owake wezwa okunje? Ngubani owake wabona izinto ezinje? Umhlaba uzakwenziwa uzale yini ngosuku olulodwa? Kumbe isizwe singabelethwa yini ngesikhathi sinye? Ngoba iZiyoni ithe ihelelwa, yazala abantwana bayo. **9** Mina ngizasondeza ekuzalweni, ngingazalisi yini? itsho iNkosi. Ngizazalisa, besengivala yini? utsho uNkulunkulu wakho. **10** Thokozani kanye leJerusalema, lijabule layo, lina lonke eliyithandayo; thokozani kanye layo ngentokozo, lina lonke eliyililelayo; **11** ukuze limunye, lisuthe ngamabele ezinduduzo zayo; ukuze limunyisise lizithokozise ngobunengi bodumo lwayo. **12** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangelani, ngizaqhelisa ukuthula kuye njengomfula, Iodumo lwezizwe njengesifula esikhukhulayo; khona lizamunya, lithwalwe enhlangothini, lidlaliswe emadolweni. **13** Njengalowo unina amduduzayo, ngokunjalo mina ngizaliduduza; njalo lizaduduzeka eJerusalema. **14** Lapho libona lokhu, inhliziyo yenu izathokoza, lamathambo enu ahlume njengohlaza; lesandla seNkosi sizakwaziwa ngasezincekwini zayo, njalo izakuba lolaka ngasezitheni zayo. **15** Ngoba khangela, iNkosi izafika ngomlilo, lezingola zayo njengesivunguzane, ukubuyisela intukuthelo yayo ngokufutheka, lokukhuza kwayo ngamalangabi omlilo. **16** Ngoba ngomlilo langenkemba yayo iNkosi izangena ekwahluleleni layo yonke inyama, lababulewego beNkosi bazakuba banengi. **17**

Labo abazingcwelisayo, bazihlambulule ezivandeni ngemva
kwasiehlahla esisodwa esiphakathi, besidla inyama yezingulube,
lesinengiso, legundwane, bazaqedwa kanyekanye, itsho iNkosi.

18 Ngoba mina ngiyayazi imisebenzi yabo lemicabango
yabo; kuzafika ukuthi ngibuthe zonke izizwe lezinlimi; njalo
zizafika, zibone udumo lwami. **19** Ngizabeka-ke isibonakaliso
phakathi kwazo, ngithume abaphunyukileyo babo baye
ezizweni, eTarshishi, iPhuli, leLudi, abadonsa idandili, eThubhali,
leJavani, izihlenge ezikhathshana ezingakezwa indumela yami,
lezingakaboni udumo lwami; njalo zizamemezela udumo
lwami phakathi kwezizwe. **20** Bazaletha-ke bonke abafowenu
babe ngumnikelo eNkosini bephuma kuzo zonke izizwe
bephezu kwamabhiza, langezinqola, langamathala, laphezu
kwezimbongolo, laphezu kwezinyamazana ezilejubane, entaben
yami engcwele eJerusalema, itsho iNkosi, njengabantwana
bakolsrayeli beletha umnikelo ngesitsha esihlambulukileyo
endlini yeNkosi. **21** Ngizathatha-ke lakubo babe ngabapristi njalo
babe ngamaLevi, itsho iNkosi. **22** Ngoba njengamazulu amatsha
lomhlaba omutsha engizakwenza kuzakuma phambi kwami,
itsho iNkosi, ngokunjalo inzalo yakho lebizo lakho kuzakuma.
23 Kuzakuthi-ke ekuthwaseni kwenye inyanga kusiya kwenye,
njalo kusukela kwelinje isabatha kusiya kwelinje, yonke inyama
izakuzakhonza phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi. **24** Bazaphuma-
ke, babone izidumbu zabantu abaphambeke bemelene lami;
ngoba impethu yabo kayiyikufa, lomlilo wabo kawuyikucitsha;
njalo bazakuba yisinengiso kuyo yonke inyama.

UJeremiya

1 Amazwi kaJeremiya, indodana kaHilikhiya wabapristi ababeseAnathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini; **2** okwafika kuye ilizwi leNkosi ensukwini zikaJosiya indodana kaAmoni, inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu wokubusa kwakhe.

3 Lafika futhi ensukwini zikaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba sekupheleni komnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba sekuthunjweni kweJerusalema enyangeni yesihlanu. **4** Kwasekufika kimi ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: **5** Ngingakakubumbi esiswini ngakwazi, njalo ungakaphumi esizalweni ngakwehlukanisa; ngakubeka waba ngumprofethi ezizweni. **6** Ngasengisithi: Hawu Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, angikwazi ukukhulum, ngoba ngingumntwana. **7** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kimi: Ungatsho ukuthi: Ngingumntwana; ngoba uzakuya kubo bonke engikuthuma kubo, lakho konke engikulaya khona uzakukhulum. **8** Un gesabi ubuso babo, ngoba mina ngilawe ukukophula, itsho iNkosi. **9** INkosi yasiselula isandla sayo, yathinta umlomo wami; iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Khangela, ngibekile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho. **10** Bona, ngikubekile lamuhla phezu kwezizwe laphezu kwemibuso, ukusiphuna, lokudiliza, lokubhubhisa, lokuphosela phansi, ukwakha, lokuhlanyela. **11** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: Ubonani, Jeremiya? Ngasengisithi: Ngibona uswazi lwesihlahla se-alimondi. **12** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ubone kuhle, ngoba ngizalinda ilizwi lami ukuze ngilenze. **13** Njalo ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi ngokwesibili lisithi: Ubonani? Ngasengisithi: Ngibona imbiza ebilayo, njalo ubuso bayo bungasenyakatho. **14** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Okubi kuzaqtshulwa kuvela enyakatho phezu kwabo bonke abakhileyo belizwe. **15** Ngoba khangela, ngibiza

insapho zonke zemibuso yenyakatho, itsho iNkosi; njalo zizafika, zimise ngasinye isihlalo salo sobukhosи ekungeneni kwamasango eJerusalema, zimelene lemiduli yayo yonke inhlangothi zonke, zimelene lemizi yonke yakoJuda. **16** Ngizakhuluma izigwebo zami zimelene labo ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babo, abangidelileyo, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, bakhonza imisebenzi yezandla zabo. **17** Wena-ke, bopha ukhalo lwakho, usukume, ukhulume kibo konke mina engikulaya khona. Ungethuki ngenxa yobuso babo, hlezi ngikwethuse phambi kwabo. **18** Ngoba khangela, mina ngikubekile lamuhla ube ngumuzi ovikelweyo, njalo ube yinsika yensimbi, njalo ube yimiduli yethusi, ukumelana lelizwe lonke, ukumelana lamakhosi akoJuda, ukumelana leziphathamandla zayo, ukumelana labapristi bayo, lokumelana labantu belizwe. **19** Njalo bazakulwa bemelene lawe; kodwa kabayikukwehlula; ngoba ngilawe, itsho iNkosi, ukukophula.

2 Laselifika kimi ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: **2** Hamba uyememezela endlebeni zeJerusalema usithi: Itshe njalo iNkosi: Ngiyakukhumbula, umusa wobutsha bakho, uthando lokuganwa kwakho, ukungilandela kwakho enkangala, elizweni elingahlanyelwanga. **3** Ulsrayeli wayeyibungcwele eNkosini, izithelo zokuqala zesivuno sayo; bonke abamudlayo bazakuba lecalal, ububi buzabehlela, itshe iNkosi. **4** Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, ndlu kaJakobe, lensendo zonke zendlu kalsrayeli. **5** Itshe njalo iNkosi: Yibubi bani oyihlo ababuthola kimi, ukuze baye khatshana lami, balandele okuyize, babe yize? **6** Njalo kabatshongo ukuthi: Ingaphi iNkosi eyasenusa elizweni leGibhithe, eyasikhokhela enkangala, elizweni elilamagwadule lelilemigodi, elizweni lokoma, lelethunzi lokufa, elizweni umuntu angalidabulanga, lalapho okungahlalanga muntu khona? **7** Njalo ngaliletha elizweni

elivundileyo, ukuze lidle izithelo zalo lokuhle kwalo; kodwa selingenile lalingcolisa ilizwe lami, lenza ilifa lami laba yisinengiso.

8 Abapristi kabatshongo ukuthi: Ingaphi iNkosi? Lalabo abaphatha umlayo kabangazanga; lababusi baphambuka bemelene lami; labaprofethi baprofetha ngoBhali, balandela izinto ezingasiziyo. **9** Ngakho ngisezaphikisana lawe, itsho iNkosi, njalo ngizaphikisana labantwana babantwana benu. **10** Ngoba dlulelani ezihlengeni zeKhithimi libone, lithumele eKedari, linakane kuhle, libone ukuthi kukhona into enjengale yini? **11** Isizwe sake santshintsha yini onkulunkulu baso, abangeyisibo onkulunkulu? Kodwa abantu bami bantshintshile uDumo lwabo ngalokho okungasizi lutho.

12 Mangalani kakhulu, mazulu, ngalokhu, lethuke, lichitheke kakhulu, itsho iNkosi. **13** Ngoba abantu bami benzile izinto ezimbi ezimbili; bangidelile mina mthombo wamanzi aphilayo, ukuthi bazigebhele izikhongozelo, izikhongozelo ezidabukileyo, ezingegcine manzi. **14** Ulgrayeli uysiqqili yini? Kumbe esizelwe ekhaya yini? Kungani waba yimpango? **15** Amabhongo ezilwane abhongele phezu kwakhe, akhupha ilizwi lawo, enza ilizwe lakhe laba yincithakalo; imizi yakhe itshisiwe ingelamhlali. **16** Futhi abantwana beNofi leThahaphanesi badlele enkanda yakho. **17** Kawuzenzelanga lokhu yini, ngokuthi udele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngesikhathi ikukhokhela endleleni? **18** Khathesi-ke ulani lendlela yeGibhithe, ukuthi unathe amanzi eSihori? Futhi ulani lendlela yeAsiriya, ukuthi unathe amanzi omfula?

19 Ububi bakho buzakulaya, lokuhlelala kwakho nyovane kuzakukhuza. Ngakho yazi ubone ukuthi kuyinto embi lebabayo ukuthi uyidelile iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuthi ukungesaba kakukho kuwe, itsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. **20** Ngoba kwasendulo ngephula jjogwe lakho, ngaqamula izibopho zakho;

wasusithi: Kangiyikukhonza; kodwa phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza wazulazula njengesifebe. **21** Kube kanti mina ngakuhlanyela, ulivini elihle, inhlanyelo ethembekileyo ngokupheleleyo. Pho, usuphenduke njani waba lugatsha olonakeleyo Iwewini lemzini kimi? **22** Ngoba lanxa ugeza ngesoda, uzithathetele isepa enengi, kanti ububi bakho bube lichatha phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **23** Ungatsho njani ukuthi: Kangingcolanga, kangilandelanga oBhali? Bona indlela yakho esigodini, wazi ukuthi wenzeni, kamela elisikazi elilejubane elizulazula ezindleleni zalo. **24** Ungubabhemu weganga owejwayele inkangala, ophembela umoya enkanukweni yenhliziyo yakhe. Ngubani ongamvimbela enkanukweni yakhe? Bonke abamdingayo kabayikuzidinisa; ngenyanga yakhe bazamthola. **25** Nqanda unyawo Iwakho ekungabini ngolungelasicathulo, lomphimbo wakho ekomeni; kodwa wena wathi: Kakulathemba; hatshi; ngoba ngathanda abemzini, njalo ngizabalandela. **26** Njengesela lilenhloni lapho selibanziwe, ngokunjalo indlu kalsrayeli ilenhloni, bona, amakhosi abo, iziphathamandla zabo, labapristi babo, labaprofethi babo, **27** besithi esigodweni: Wena ungubaba; lelitsheni: Wena wangizala. Ngoba baphendulele umhlana kimi, hatshi-ke ubuso; kodwa ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo bazakuthi: Sukuma, usisindise! **28** Kodwa bangaphi onkulunkulu bakho ozenzele bona? Kabasukume uba bengakusindisa ngesikhathi sobubi bakho; ngoba njengenani lemizi yakho bangako onkulunkulu bakho, Juda. **29** Liphikisanelani lami? Lonke liphambekile kimi, itsho iNkosi. **30** Ngibatshayile abantwana benu ngeze; kabemukelanga ukuqondiswa; inkemba yenu ibadlile abaprofethi benu, njengesilwane esichithayo. **31** Wena sizukulwana, lina

bonani ilizwi leNkosi. Bengiyinkangala yini kulsrayeli? Kumbe ilizwe lobumnyama obunzima yini? Batsholoni abantu bami ukuthi: Sizulazulile; kasisayikuza kuwe? **32** Intombi ingazikhohlwa yini iziceciso zayo, kumbe umakoti amabhanti akhe? Kanti abantu bami bangikhohliwe insuku ezingelanani. **33** Kungani ulungisa indlela yakho ekudingeni uthando? Ngakho ubafundisile labo ababi izindlela zakho. **34** Lezigqokweni zakho kutholakala igazi lemiphefumulo yabayanga abangelacala; kawubatholanga befohlela phakathi, kodwa phezu kwakho konke lokhu. **35** Kanti wena uthi: Ngoba kangilacala, isibili intukuthelo yakhe izaphenduka isuke kimi. Khangela, ngizakwehlulelana lawe, ngoba uthi: Kangonanga. **36** Kungani uzulazula kangaka ukuntshintsha indlela yakho? Uzayangiswa yiGibhithe layo, njengoba wayangiswa yiAsiriya. **37** Yebo, uzaphuma usuka lapha, lezandla zakho ziphezu kwekhanda lako, ngoba iNkosi iwalile amathemba akho, njalo kawuyikuphumelela ngawo.

3 Kuthiwa: Uba indoda ilahla umkayo, asuke kuyo, abe ngowenye indoda, izabuyela kuye futhi yini? Lelolizwe belingayikungcoliswa kakhulu yini? Kanti wena ufebile lezithandwa ezinengi; kodwa buyela kimi, itsho iNkosi. **2** Phakamisela amehlo akho emadundulwini, ubone; kungaphi lapho ongalalwanga khona? Ezindleleni wabahlalela, njengomArabhiya enkangala; njalo ulingcolisile ilizwe ngobufube bakho langenkohlakalo yakho. **3** Ngakho izihlambo zigodliwe; njalo lalingekho izulu langemuva; njalo waba lebunzi lewule, wala ukuba lenhloni. **4** Kawuyikuthi kusukela khathesi ukhale yini kimi uthi: Baba, ungu meluleki wobutsha bami? **5** Yena uzalugcina yini ulaka lwakhe phakade? Uzalulondoloza kuze kube sekucineni yini? Khangela, ukhulumile, wenza izinto ezimbi, uphumelele. **6** INkosi yasisithi kimi ensukwini

zikaJosiya inkosi: Ubonile yini lokho ulsrayeli ohlehlele nyovane akwenzileyo? Yena waya kuyo yonke intaba ephakemeyo, langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, waphingela khona. **7** Ngasengisithi esezenzile zonke lezizinto: Buyela kimi; kodwa kabuyelanga. Ledadewabo ongathembekanga uJuda wakubona lokho. **8** Ngasengibona, lapho ngenxa yazo zonke imbangela ulsrayeli ohlehlela nyovane aphinga ngazo, ngamxotsha ngamnika incwadi yesehlukaniso, ukuthi udadewabo ongathembekanga, uJuda, kesabanga, kodwa laye wayafeba. **9** Kwasekusithi ngenxa yendumela yokufeba kwakhe wangcolisa ilizwe, waphinga lamatshe lezihlahla. **10** Kube kanti kukho konke lokhu udadewabo ongathembekanga, uJuda, kabuyelanga kimi ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, kodwa ngenkohliso, itsho iNkosi. **11** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ulsrayeli ohlehlela nyovane uzilungisise kuloJuda okhohlisayo. **12** Hamba uyememezela lamazwi ngasenyakatho uthi: Phenduka, Israyeli ohlehlela nyovane, itsho iNkosi. Kangiyikwenza ulaka Iwami Iwehlele phezu kwakho, ngoba ngilesihawu, itsho iNkosi, njalo kangiyikugcina ulaka Iwami kuze kube phakade. **13** Yazi kuphela isiphambeko sakho ukuthi uphambekile umelene leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, wahlakaza izindlela zakho kwabezizweni ngaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, njalo kawulalelanga ilizwi lami, itsho iNkosi. **14** Phendukani, bantwana abahlehlela nyovane, itsho iNkosi, ngoba mina ngiliganile; njalo ngizalithatha, abe munye emzini, lababili kulo usendo, ngililetthe eZiyoni. **15** Njalo ngizalinika abelusi njengokwenhliziyo yami, abazalelusa ngolwazi lokuqedisisa. **16** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho selandile laba banengi elizweni, ngalezonsuku, itsho iNkosi, kabasayikuthi: Umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi;

njalo kawuyikufika enhliziyweni, njalo kabayikuwukhumbula,
futhi kabayikuwuhambelo, kungabuyi kwensiwe futhi. **17**
Ngalesosikhathi bazabiza iJerusalema ngokuthi yisihlalo
sobukhosieNkosi; lezizwe zonke zizabuthaniswa kuyo, ngebizo
leNkosi, eJerusalema; futhi kazisayikulandela inkani yenhlizyo
yazo embi. **18** Ngalezonsuku indlu yakoJuda izakuya kuyo
indlu yakolsrayeli, ziphume kanyekanye elizweni lenyakatho,
zize elizweni engalinika oyihlo libe yilifa labo. **19** Kodwa mina
ngathi: Ngizakubeka njani phakathi kwabantwana, ngikunike
ilizwe eliloyisekayo, ilifa elihle kakhulu lezizwe. Ngasengisithi:
Uzangibiza ngokuthi: Baba; njalo ungaphambuki ekungilandeleni.
20 Isibili, njengomfazi ungathembekanga kumkakhe, ngokunjalo
kalithembekanga kimi, lina ndlu kalsrayeli, itsho iNkosi. **21** Ilizwi
lezwakala emadundulwini, ukukhala lokuncenga kwabantwana
bakolsrayeli, ngoba bephambule indlela yabo, bayikhohlwa
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo. **22** Phendukani, lina bantwana
abahlehlela nyovane; ngizakwelapha ukuhlehlela nyovane kwenu.
Khangel, thina siyeza kuwe, ngoba uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu.
23 Isibili kuyize ukuthembela kusindiso oluvela emaqaqeni,
lebunengini bezintaba. Isibili luseNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu
usindiso lukalsrayeli. **24** Ngoba ihlazo liwuqedile umtshikatshika
wabobaba kusukela ebutsheni bethu, izimvu zabo lenkomo
zabo, amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo. **25** Silala phansi
ehlazweni lethu, lenhloni zethu zisimbozile; ngoba sonile eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wethu, thina labobaba, kusukela ebutsheni bethu
kuze kube lamuhla, njalo kasilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu.

4 Uba uphenduka, Israyeli, itsho iNkosi, phendukela kimi; njalo
uba ususa phambi kwami izinengiso zakho, kawuyikuphambuka.

2 Futhi uzafunga: Kuphila kukaJehova, ngeqiniso, ngokwahlulela,
langokulunga; lezizwe zizazibusisa kuyo, lakuyo zizincome. 3
Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi kumadoda akoJuda leJerusalema:
Qhathani ingqatho yenu, lingahlanyeli phakathi kwameva. 4
Zisokeleni eNkosini, lisuse amajwabu aphambili enhliziyo yenu,
madoda akoJuda labahlali beJerusalema; hlezi ulaka lwami
luphume njengomlilo, lutshise, kungabi khona ongalucitsha,
ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu. 5 Bikani koJuda, lizwakalise
eJerusalema, lithi: Vuthelani uphondo elizweni; klabalalani
ngokugcweleyo lithi: Buthanani, singene emizini ebiyelwego.
6 Misani uphawu ngaseZiyoni, balekani, lingemi; ngoba
ngizaletha ububi buvela enyakatho, lokwephuka okukhulu. 7
Isilwane sesenyukile siphuma ehlathini laso, lomchithi wezizwe
usukile, uphumile endaweni yakhe ukuze ulenze ilizwe lakho
incithakalo; imizi yakho izakuba ngamanxiwa, ingabi lomhlali. 8
Ngenxa yalokhu bhincani amasaka, lilani liqhinqe isililo; ngoba
ulaka lweNkosi oluvuthayo kaluphendukanga lusuka kithi. 9
Njalo kuzakuthi ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, inhliziyo yenkos
izaphela, lenhliziyo yeziphathamandla; labapristi bazamangala
kakhulu, labaprofethi bazathithibala. 10 Ngasengisithi: Hawu,
Nkosi Jehova! Isibili ubakhohlisile lokubakhohlisa lababantu
leJerusalema usithi: Lizakuba lokuthula; kanti inkemba ifinyelela
emphefumulweni. 11 Ngalesosikhathi kuzakuthiwa kulabobantu
lakuyo iJerusalema: Umoya otshisayo wamadundulu enkangala,
indlela yendodakazi yabantu bami, ungeyisiwo wokwela njalo
ungeyisiwo wokuhlambulula. 12 Umoya ogcweleyo ovela kuwo
uzakuza kimi. Khathesi lami ngizakhulumia izahlulelo zimelene
labo. 13 Khangelā, uzakwenyuka njengamayez, lenqola zakhe
njengesivunguzane; amabhiza akhe alesiqubu kulezinkozi. Maye

kithi, ngoba sichithiwe! **14** Jerusalema, hlambulula inhliziyo yakho kuphume inkohlakalo, ukuze usindiswe. Koze kube nini imicabango yakho emibi ihlala phakathi kwakho? **15** Ngoba ilizwi liyamemeza lisuka koDani, lizwakalisa uhlupho oluvela entabeni yakoEfrayimi. **16** Khumbuzani izizwe, khangelani, lizwakalise limelene leJerusalema; kufika abalindi bevela elizweni elikhhatshana, baphakamisa ilizwi labo bemelene lemizi yakoJuda. **17** Njengabalindi bensimu bamelene layo inhlangothi zonke, ngoba ingivukele, itsho iNkosi. **18** Indlela yakho lezenzo zakho kukwenzele lezizinto; lokhu kuyinkohlakalo yakho, ngoba kubuhlungu, ngoba kufinyelela enhliziyweni yakho. **19** Imibilini yami, imibilini yami! Ngilobuhlungu emidulini yenhliziyo yami. Inhliziyo yami yenza umsindo phakathi kwami; ngingeke ngithule; ngoba wena mphefumulo wami, uwile ukukhala kophondo, umkhosi wempi. **20** Kuyamenyezelwa incithakalo phezu kwencithakalo, ngoba ilizwe lonke lichithekile. Amathente ami ahle achithwa, amakhetheni ami ngokucwayiza kwelihlo. **21** Koze kube nini ngibona isiboniso, ngizwe ukukhala kophondo? **22** Ngoba abantu bami bayizithutha, mina kabangazi; bangabantwana abayiziphukuphuku, kabalakuqedisa; bahlakaniphele ukwenza okubi, kodwa ukwenza okuhle kabakwazi. **23** Ngabona umhlaba, khangela-ke, wawungelasimo, ungelalutho; lemazulwini, kodwa kakukho ukukhanya kwavo. **24** Ngabona izintaba, khangela-ke, zazinyikinyeka, lamaqaqa wonke ayenyakazela. **25** Ngabona, khangela-ke, kwakungelamuntu, lenyoni zonke zamazulu zibalekile. **26** Ngabona, khangela-ke, ilizwe elivundileyo laliyinkangala, lemizi yalo yonke yayidiliziwe phambi kweNkosi, phambi kokuvutha kolaka lwayo. **27** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Ilizwe lonke lizakuba lunxiwa, kodwa kangiyikuqedwa

ngokupheleleyo. **28** Ngenxa yalokhu umhlaba uzalila, lamazulu aphezulu abe mnyama; ngenxa yokuthi ngikhulumile, ngikuhlosile, njalo kangiyikuzisola, njalo kangiyikubuyela emuva ngisuka kukho. **29** Umuzi wonke uzabaleka ngenxa yomsindo wabagadi bamabhiza labatshoki ngamadandili; bazangena ezixukwini, bakhwele emadwaleni; wonke umuzi uzatshiywa, njalo kungabi lamuntu ohlala kuwo. **30** Wena-ke ozachitheka, uzakwenzani? Loba ugqoka okubomvu, loba uzicecisa ngezigqizo zegolide, loba ucomba amehlo akho ngomphendulo, uzenza ube muhle ngeze, izithandwa zakho zizakudelela, zidinga impilo yakho. **31** Ngoba ngizwile ilizwi kungathi ngelowesifazana ohelelwayo, ubuhlungu obunjengobeletha umntwana olizibulo, ilizwi lendodakazi yeZiyoni, ikhefuzela, iselula izandla zayo isithi: Maye-ke mina! Ngoba umphefumulo wami uphele amandla ngenxa yababulali.

5 Hambani liye le lale ezitaladeni zeJerusalema, libone khathesi, lazi, lidinge ezindaweni zayo ezingamagceke, uba lingathola umuntu, uba ekhona owenza isahlulelo, odinga iqiniso; khona ngizayithethelela. **2** Loba-ke besithi: Kuphila kukaJehova; kanti bafunga amanga. **3** Nkosi, amehlo akho kawakho eqinisweni yini? Ubatshayile, kodwa kabezwanga buhlungu; ubaqothule, kodwa bala ukwemukela ukulaywa. Benzile ubuso babo bube lukhuni kuledwala, bala ukuphenduka. **4** Mina ngasengjisithi: Qiniso, laba ngabayanga, bayizithutha; ngoba kabayazi indlela yeNkosi, isahlulelo sikaNkulunkulu wabo. **5** Mina ngizakuya kwabakhulu, ngikhulume labo, ngoba bona bayayazi indlela yeNkosi, isahlulelo sikaNkulunkulu wabo; kodwa labo kanyekanye balephulile ijogwe, baqamula izibopho. **6** Ngakho-ke isilwane esiphuma ehlathini sizababulala, impisi yezinkangala

ibachithe, ingwe ilinde imelene lemizi yabo; wonke ophuma kiyo uzadatshudatshulwa; ngoba iziphambeko zabo zinengi, ukuhlehlela nyovane kwabo kwandile. **7** Ngjingakuthethelela njani ngalokhu? Abantwana bakho bangidelile, bafunga ngabangeyisibo onkulunkulu. Sengibasuthisile, basebefeba, babuthana ngamaxuku endlini yezifebe. **8** Babenjengamabhiza asuthayo ekuseni, bakhonya, omunye lomunye kumfazi kamakhelwane wakhe. **9** Kangiyikujezisa yini ngenxa yalezizinto? itsho iNkosi; kumbe umphefumulo wami kawuyikuphindisela yini esizweni esinjengalesi? **10** Yenyukelani emidulwini yayo, lichithe, kodwa lingenzi isiphetho esipheleleyo; susani ingatsha zayo, ngoba kazisizo zeNkosi. **11** Ngoba indlu kalsrayeli lendlu kaJuda zenze ngenkohliso enkulu zimelene lami, itsho iNkosi. **12** Bayiphikile iNkosi, bathi: Kayisiyo; njalo ububi kabuyikusehlela, futhi kasiyikubona inkemba loba indlala. **13** Labaprofethi bazakuba ngumoya, lelizwi kalikho kubo; kuzakwenziwa njalo kibo! **14** Ngalokho itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla: Ngoba likhuluma lelilizwi, khangela, ngizakwenza amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho abe ngumlilo, lalababantu babe zinkuni, njalo uzabaqothula. **15** Khangelani, ngizaletha phezu kwenu isizwe esivela khatshana, ndlu kalsrayeli, itsho iNkosi; yisizwe esilamandla, yisizwe esidala, isizwe ongalwaziyo ulimi Iwaso, longayikuzwa esikukhulumayo. **16** Isamba saso semitshoko sinjengengcwaba elivulekileyo; bonke bangamaqhawe. **17** Njalo sizakudla isivuno sakho lokudla kwakho; sizakudla amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho; sizakudla izimvu zakho lenkomo zakho; sizakudla ivini lakho lomkhiwa wakho; lemizi yakho ebiyelweyo othembela kiyo, sizayithelela ubuyanga ngenkemba. **18** Kodwa langalezonsuku, itsho iNkosi, kangiyikwenza isiphetho

esipheleleyo kini. **19** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lisithi: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yenzeleni zonke lezizinto kithi? Khona uzakutsho kubo uthi: Njengoba lingidelile, lakhonza onkulunkulu bemzini elizweni lakini, ngokunjalo lizakhonza abezizwe elizweni elingeyisilo lenu. **20** Memzelani lokhu endlini kaJakobe, likuzwakalise koJuda, lisithi: **21** Zwanini-ke lokhu, lina bantu abayizithutha labangelangqondo, elilamehlo, kodwa lingaboni, elilendlebe, kodwa lingezwa. **22** Kalingesabi yini? itsho iNkosi; kaliyikuthuthumela phambi kwami yini, engabeka itshebetshebe laba ngumngcele wolwandle ngesimiso saphakade olungeledlule? Lanxa amagagasi alo etshayana kube kanti angenqobe; lanxa ehlakoma kube kanti kawayikudlula phezu kwavo. **23** Kodwa lababantu balenhliziyo evukelayo lephikayo; baphambukile, bahamba. **24** Futhi kabatsho enhliziyeni zabo ukuthi: Ake sesabe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, enika izulu lakuqala lelamuva ngesikhathi salo, esigcinela amaviki amisiwego esivuno. **25** Iziphambeko zenu ziphambule lezizinto, lezonzo zenu zaligodlela okuhle. **26** Ngoba phakathi kwabantu bami kutholakala abakhohlakeleyo; bacatheme njengabathiya inyon; babeka umgibe ochithayo, babambe abantu. **27** Njengezongo ligcwele inyon, zinjalo izindlu zabo zigcwele inkohliso; ngakho-ke sebebakhulu, banothile. **28** Bazimukile, bancwaba, yebo, bedlula imisebenzi yomubi; kabameli udaba, udaba Iwezintandane, kube kanti bayaphumelela; lelungelo labaswelayo kabalahluleli. **29** Kangiyikubajezisa ngalezizinto yini? kutsho iNkosi. Umphefumulo wami kawuyikuphindisela esizweni esinjengalesi yini? **30** Okwethusayo lokwesabekayo kwenzakele elizweni. **31** Abaprofethi baprofetha ngamanga, labapristi babusa ngezandla zabo; labantu bami bakuthanda kunjalo; kodwa lizakwenzani ekupheleni kwakho?

6 Lina bantwana bakoBhenjmini, buthanelani ukubaleka liphume phakathi kweJerusalema, livuthele uphondo eThekhowa, liphakamise uphawu lomlilo eBeti-Hakeremi: ngoba ububi bubona phansi busenyakatho, lencithakalo enkulu. **2** Indodakazi yeZiyoni ngiyifananise lowesifazana omuhle obuthakathaka. **3** Abelusi bazafika kuye lemhla yabo; bazamisa amathente begondene laye inhlangothi zonke, beluse ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe. **4** Zehlukaniseleni impi limelene layo; sukumani, kasenyuke emini enkulu. Maye kithi! ngoba ilanga selithambeme, ngoba amathunzi okuhlwa aselulekile. **5** Sukumani, senyuke ngobusuku, sidilize izigodlo zayo. **6** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Gamulani izihlahla, libuthelele umduli wokuvimbezela limelene leJerusalema. Yiwo lo umuzi ozajeziswa; kulocindezelo kuphela phakathi kwawo. **7** Njengomthombo umpsompoza amanzi awo, ngokunjalo umpsompoza inkohlakalo yawo; udlakela lencithakalo kuzwakala kuwo; phambi kwami kulenhlungu lamanxeba njalonjalo. **8** Layeka, Jerusalema, hlezi umphefumulo wami wehlukane lawe; hlezi ngikwenze unxiwa, ilizwe elingahlalwanga. **9** Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla: Bazayikhethoza lokuyikhethoza insali kalsrayeli njengevini; buyisela isandla sakho ezitsheni njengomvuni wevini. **10** Ngizakhulumu kubani, ngixwayise, ukuze bezwe? Khangela, indlebe yabo kayisokwanga, kabalakulalela; khangela, ilizwi leNkosi lilihlazo kibo, kabathokozi ngalo. **11** Ngakho ngigcwele ulaka lweNkosi, ngikhathethi yikuzithiba. Ngizakuthululela phezu kwabantwana esitaladeni lemhlanganweni wamajaha ndawonye, ngoba lendoda kanye lomfazi bazathathwa, omdala kanye logcwele izinsuku. **12** Lezindlu zabo zizanikelwa kwabanye, amasimu labafazi kanyekanye; ngoba ngizakwelulela isandla

sami phezu kwabahlali belizwe, itsho iNkosi. **13** Ngoba kusukela komncinyane wabo kuze kufike komkhulu wabo bonke bayizihwaba zenzozo embi; njalo kusukela komprofethi kuze kube kompristi bonke benza ngenkohliso. **14** Bapholisa kancane inxeba labantu bami, besithi: Ukuthula, ukuthula; lapho kungekho ukuthula. **15** Baba lenhloni yini lapho besenza isinengiso? Hatshi, kababanga lanhloni lakanye, futhi kabakwazi ukuyangeka. Ngakho bazakuwa phakathi kwabawayo; ngesikhathi sokubahambela kwami bazakhubeka, itsho iNkosi. **16** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Manini ezindleleni, libone, libuze ngemikhondo yasendulo, ukuthi ingaphi indlela enhle, lihambe kuyo, njalo lizazuzela imiphefumulo yenu ukuthula. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikuhamba ngayo. **17** Futhi ngilibekеле abalindi, ngisithi: Lalelani ukukhala kophondo. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikulalela. **18** Ngakho zwanini, lina zizwe, wazi, wena bandla, okuphakathi kwabo. **19** Zwana, wena mhlaba; khangela, ngizaletha ububi phezu kwalababantu, isithelo semicabango yabo, ngoba bengalalelanga amazwi ami, lomlayo wami, kodwa bawalile. **20** Izelani kimi impepha ivela eShebha, lomhlanga olephunga eliminandi ovela elizweni elikhatshana? Iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kayemukeleki, lemhlatshelo yenu kayimnandi kimi. **21** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizabeka izikhubeviso phambi kwalababantu, njalo oyise lamadodana bakhubeke kanyekanye kuzo, umakhelwane lomngane wakhe, bazabhubha. **22** Itsho njalo INkosi: Khangela, abantu bayeza bevela elizweni lenyakatho, lesizwe esikhulu sizavuswa ezinhlangothini zomhlaba. **23** Bazabamba idandili lomkhonto; balesihluku, kabalahiwu; ilizwi labo lihlokoma njengolwandle; bagade amabhiza, behleliwe njengabantu

bempi bemelene lawe, ndodakazi yeZiyoni. **24** Siyizwile indumela yakho, izandla zethu ziyyadangala; usizi lusibambile, ubuhlungu obunjengobowesifazana obelethayo. **25** Lingaphumi liye egangeni, lingahambi endleleni, ngoba kukhona inkemba yesitha, ukwesaba inhlangothi zonke. **26** Wena ndodakazi yabantu bami, bhinca amasaka, ubhuquze emlotheni, uzenzele isililo, esinjengesendodana eyiyo yodwa, ukukhala okubuhlungu kakhulu; ngoba umchithi uzafika kithi masinyane. **27** Ngikubekile ube ngumphotshongo lenqaba phakathi kwabantu bami, ukuze wazi uhlole indlela yabo. **28** Bonke bangabahlamuki abalenkani, behamba behleba; balithusi lensimbi, bonke bangabonakalisi. **29** Imvutho itshile, umnuso usuqedwe ngumlilo; umncibilikisi uncibilikisela ize, ngoba ababi kabakhutshwa. **30** Bazababiza ngokuthi bayisiliwa esilahliweyo, ngoba iNkosi ibalahlile.

7 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lisithi: **2** Mana esangweni lendlu yeNkosi umemezele khona lelilizwi uthi: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina bonke bakoJuda, abangena kulamasango ukuzakhonza iNkosi. **3** Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wakolsrayeli: Lungisani indlela zenu lezenzo zenu, khona ngizalenza ukuthi lihlale kulindawo. **4** Lingathembi lina emazwini amanga okuthi: La alithempeli leNkosi, ithempeli leNkosi, ithempeli leNkosi. **5** Ngoba uba lilungisia lokulungisa izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu; uba lisenza lokwenza isahlulelo phakathi komuntu lomakhelwane wakhe; **6** lingacindezeli ovezizweni, intandane, lomfelokazi, lingachithi igazi elingelacala kulindawo; futhi lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuze kube kubi kini; **7** khona ngizalenza ukuthi lihlale kulindawo, elizweni engalinika oyihlo, kusukela endulo kuze kube nininini. **8** Khangelani, lina lithembela emazwini amanga angasizi lutho.

9 Lizakweba, libulale, lifebe, lifunge amanga, litshisele uBhali impepha, lilandele abanye onkulunkulu elingabaziyo yini? **10** Beselisiza lime phambi kwami kulindlu, ebizwa ngebizo lami, lithi: Sikhululwe ukuze senze zonke lezizinengiso. **11** Indlu le, ebizwa ngebizo lami, isibe lubhalu lwabaphangi emehlwani enu yini? Khangelani, mina sengibonile, itsho iNkosi. **12** Ngoba yanini khathesi endaweni yami eseShilo, lapho engamisa khona ibizo lami kuqala, libone engikwenzileyo kiyo ngenxa yobubi babantu bami ulsrayeli. **13** Khathesi-ke, ngoba lenzile yonke le imisebenzi, itsho iNkosi, njalo ngikhulumile lani, ngivuka ngovivi ngikhuluma, kodwa kalizwanga, ngalibiza, kodwa kaliphendulanga; **14** ngakho ngizakwenza kulindlu, ebizwa ngebizo lami, elithemba kiyo, lakundawo engayinika lina laboyihlo, njengalokho engakwenza eShilo. **15** Njalo ngizalixotsha lisuke ebusweni bami, njengalokho ngaxotsha bonke abafowenu, inzalo yonke kaEfrayimi. **16** Ngakho wena ungabakhulekeli lababantu, ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala loba umkhuleko, ungalabheli kimi, ngoba kangiyikukuzwa. **17** Kawukuboni yini abakwenza emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema? **18** Abantwana batheza inkuni, laboyise baphembe umlilo, labesifazana baxove inhlama, ukuze benzele indlovukazi yamazulu amaqebelengwana, bathululele abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo yokunathwayo, ukuze bangithukuthelise. **19** Bathukuthelisa mina yini? itsho iNkosi. Kabazzeneni yini kuze kusanganiseke ubuso babo? **20** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, intukuthelo yami lolaka lwami kuzathululelwu kulindawo, phezu komuntu, laphezu kwenyamazana, laphezu kwezihlahla zasendle, laphezu kwasithelo somhlabathi; njalo kuzakutsha, kungacitshwa. **21** Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Fakani iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kanye

lemihlatshelo yenu, lidle inyama. **22** Ngoba kangikhulumanga kuboyihlo, njalo kangibalayanga ngosuku engabakhupha ngalo elizweni leGibhithe, mayelana lendaba zeminikelo yokutshiswa kumbe imihlatshelo. **23** Kodwa ngabalaya le into ngisithi: Lalelani ilizwi lami, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu, lina-ke libe ngabantu bami; njalo hambani ngayo yonke indlela engililaya yona, ukuze kulilungele. **24** Kodwa kabalalelanga, kabathobanga indlebe yabo; kodwa bahamba ngamacebo, ngenkani yenhлизиyo yabo embi, bahlehlela nyovane, hatshi-ke phambili. **25** Kusukela osukwini oyihlo abaphuma ngalo elizweni leGibhithe kuze kube yilosukwu, ngithume kini zonke inceku zami, abaprofethi, insuku ngensuku ngivuka ngovivi, ngithuma. **26** Kanti kabangilalelanga, njalo kababekanga indlebe yabo, kodwa benza intamo yabo yaba lukhuni; benza kubi kulaboyise. **27** Ngakho uzakhuluma wonke lamazwi kibo, kodwa kabayikukulalela; futhi uzababiza, kodwa kabayikukuphendula. **28** Ngakho uzakuthi kibo: Lesi yisizwe esingalaleli ilizwi leNkosi, uNkulunkulu waso, lesingemukeli ukulaywa; iqiniso liphelile, liqunyiwe emlonyeni waso. **29** Gela inwele zakho, wena Jerusalema, uzilahle, uphakamise isililo emadundulwini; ngoba iNkosi isalile yasidela isizukulwana solaka lwayo. **30** Ngoba abantwana bakoJuda benzile ububi emehlwani ami, itsho iNkosi; babekile izinengiso zabo endlini ebizwa ngebizo lami, ukuze bayingcolise. **31** Bakhile-ke indawo eziphakemeyo zeTofethi, ezesesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, ukuze batshise amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo ngomlilo; engingabalayanga khona, lokungavelanga enhliziyweni yami. **32** Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho engasayikubizwa ngokuthi yiTofethi, loba isihotsha sendodana kaHinomu, kodwa isihotsha sokubulala; ngoba bazangcwaba eTofethi, kuze kungabi

landawo. **33** Lezidumbu zalababantu zizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu, lezezinyamazana zomhlaba, kungekho ozazethusa.

34 Khona ngizakwenza kuphele emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema ilizwi lenjabulo, lelizwi lentokozo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti, ngoba ilizwe lizakuba lunxiwa.

8 Ngalesosikhathi, itsho iNkosi, bazakhupha amathambo amakhosi akaJuda, lamathambo eziphathamandla zayo, lamathambo abapristi, lamathambo abaprofethi, lamathambo abahlali beJerusalema, emangcwabeni abo; **2** baweneke elangeni lenyangeni, lakulo lonke ibutho lamazulu, abakuthandayo, labakusebenzelayo, labakulandelayo, labakudingayo, labakukhonzayo; kawayikubuthwa, kawayikungcwatshwa; azakuba ngawomquba phezu kobuso bomhlaba. **3** Njalo ukufa kuzakhethwa kulempilo yiyo yonke insali yabaseleyo balolusapho olubi, kuzo zonke indawo zabaseleyo lapho engibaxotshele khona, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **4** Uzakuthi kibo futhi: Itsho njalo INkosi: Bazakuwa bangavuki yini? Uzaphambuka angaphenduki yini? **5** Pho, baphambukelani lababantu eJerusalema ngokuphambuka okulaphakade? Babambelela enkohlisweni, bayala ukuphenduka. **6** Ngilalele ngezwa, kabakhulumanga kuhle; kakulamuntu ozisolayo ngobubi bakhe esithi: Ngenzeni? Wonke uphendukela emjahweni wakhe njengebhiza ligijimela empini. **7** Yebo ingabuzane emazulwini liyazazi izikhathi zalo ezimisiweyo; lejuba lehemu lenkonjane kuyagcina isikhathi sokubuya kwakho; kodwa abantu bami kabazazi izimiso zeNkosi. **8** Litsho njani ukuthi: Sihlakaniphile, lomlayo weNkosi ulathi? Khangelani, isibili usiba lwamanga lwababhali lusebenzela ize. **9** Abahlakaniphileyo bayangekile, besabe kakhulu bathethwe; khangela, balalile

ilizwi leNkosi; pho balenhlakanipho bani? **10** Ngakho omkabo ngizabanika abanye, amasimu abo kwabazakudla ilifa labo; ngoba kusukela komncinyane kuze kufike komkhulu bonke bayizihwaba zenzozo embi, kusukela kumprofethi kuze kube kumpristi wonke wenza ngenkohliso. **11** Ngoba balipholise kancane inxeba lendodakazi yabantu bami, besithi: Ukuthula, ukuthula; khona kungelakuthula. **12** Baba lenhloni yini lapho sebenze amanyala? Hatshi, kababanga lanhloni lakanye, futhi kabakwazi ukuyangeka; ngakho bazakuwa phakathi kwabawayo; ngesikhathi sukuhanjelwa kwabo bazawiselwa phansi, itsho iNkosi. **13** Isibili ngizabaqeda, itsho iNkosi; kakuyikuba khona izithelo zevini evinini; njalo kakuyikuba khona imikhiwa emkhiweni, lehlamvu lizabuna; lengibanike khona kuzakwedlula kibo. **14** Sihlaleleni? Buthanani, singene emizini evikelweyo, sithule khona; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu isithulisile, yasinathisa amanzi enyongo, ngoba sonile eNkosini. **15** Salindela ukuthula, kodwa kakubanga lokuhle; isikhathi sokwelatshwa, kodwa khangela, luhlupho. **16** Ukuthimula kwamabhiza akhe kwezwakala kusukela koDani; ilizwe lonke lathuthumela emsindweni wokukhonya kwalamandla akhe; ngoba afikile, adla ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, umuzi labahlala kiwo. **17** Ngoba khangelani, ngithumela phakathi kwenu izinyoka, amabululu, angelakulunjiwa, njalo azaliluma, itsho iNkosi. **18** Ukududuzwa kwami kusosizini, inhliziyo yami iphelelwa ngamandla kimi. **19** Khangelani, ilizwi lokukhala kwendodakazi yabantu bami livela elizweni elikhhatshana. INkosi kayikho eZiyoni yini? Inkosi yayo kayikho phakathi kwayo yini? Bangicunuleleni ngezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo, ngokuyize kwabezizwe? **20** Isivuno sidlulile, ihlobo liphelile, kanti thina

kasisindiswanga. **21** Ngokwephuka kwendodakazi yabantu bami ngephukile; ngimnyama; ukumangala okukhulu kungibambile. **22** Kakulabhalisamu yini eGileyadi? Kakho yini umelaphi khona? Ngoba kungani kungaveli ukwelatshwa kwendodakazi yabantu bami?

9 Kungathi ngabe ikhanda lami lingamanzi, lamehlo ami umthombo wezinyembezi, ukuze ngikhalele ababuleweyo bendodakazi yabantu bami emini lebusuku! **2** Kungathi ngabe ngilendawo yokulala yezihambi enkangala, ukuze ngitshiye abantu bami, ngisuke kubo! Ngoba bonke bayizifebe, ixuku labakhohlisyayo. **3** Njalo bagobisa ulimi lwabo njengedandili labo besenzela amanga; kodwa kabaliqineli iqiniso elizweni; ngoba baqhubeka kusukela kokubi kusiya kokubi, minake kabangazi, itsho iNkosi. **4** Qaphelani, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, lingathembu lawuphi umfowenu, ngoba wonke umfowenu uzakhohlisa lokukhohlisa, laye wonke umakhelwane uzahamba ngokuhleba. **5** Njalo bazakhohlisa, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, bengakhulumi iqiniso; balufundisile ulimi lwabo ukukhuluma amanga, bezidinisa ngokwenza okubi. **6** Indawo yakho yokuhlala iphakathi kwenkohliso; ngenkohliso bayala ukungazi, itsho iNkosi. **7** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Khangela, ngizabancibilikisa, ngibahhole; ngoba ngizakwenza njani ngenxa yendodakazi yabantu bami? **8** Ulimi lwabo lungumtshoko wokubulala, lukhuluma inkohliso; ngulowo lalowo ukhuluma ukuthula ngomlomo wakhe kumakhelwane wakhe, kodwa ngaphakathi kwakhe uyamcathamela. **9** Kangiyikubajezisa yini ngenxa yalezizinto? itsho iNkosi; umphefumulo wami kawuyikuphindsela yini esizweni esinjengalesi? **10** Ngizaphakamisa ukukhala

lesililo phezu kwezintaba, laphezu kwezindawo zokuhlala
zenkangala ingoma yokulila, ngoba kutshisiwe, okokuthi
kungekho odlulayo; njalo bangezwa ilizwi lezifuyo; kusukela
enyonini zamazulu kusiya enyamazaneni kubalekile, kuhambile.
11 Ngizayenza iJerusalem ibe zinqumbi, umlindi wemigobho;
lemizi yakoJuda ngizayenza ibe lunxiwa, ingabi lamhlali. **12**
Ngubani umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ongaqedisisa lokhu? Njalo
ngubani umlomo weNkosi okhulume kuye, ukuze akubike?
Kungani ilizwe libhubhile litshiswe njengenkangala, kuze
kungabikho odlulayo? **13** INkosi yasisithi: Ngoba bedelile
umlayo wami engawubeka phambi kwabo, njalo bengalilalelanga
ilizwi lami, bengahambanga ngalo; **14** kodwa balandela inkani
yenhliziyi yabo, belandela oBhali, oyise ababafundisa khona. **15**
Ngalokho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli:
Khangelia, ngizabondla lababantu ngomhlyonyane, ngibanathise
amanzi enyongo. **16** Njalo ngizabahlakaza phakathi kwezizwe
abangazanga bazazi bona laboyise, ngithume inkemba emva
kwabo, ngize ngibaqede. **17** Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla:
Qaphelani, libize abesifazana abalilayo ukuthi beze; lithumele
kwabesifazana abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi beze. **18** Kabaphangise,
basiphakamisele isililo, ukuze amehlo ethu ehlise inyembezi,
lenkophe zethu zimpompoze amanzi. **19** Ngoba ilizwi lokulila
liyewakala liphuma eZiyoni lisithi: Yeka ukuchitheka kwethu!
Silenhloni kakhulu, ngoba silitshiyile ilizwe, ngoba babhidlizile
izindawo zethu zokuhlala. **20** Kanti zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina
besifazana, lendlebe zenu zilemuukele ilizwi lomlomo wayo;
lifundise amadodakazi enu ukuqhingga isililo, kube ngulowo
lalowo umakhelwane wakhe ingoma yokulila. **21** Ngoba ukufa
kwenyukele emawindini ethu, kwangena ezigodlwani zethu,

ukuquma abantwana ezitaladeni, amajaha emidangeni. 22
Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngitscho isidumbu somuntu
sizakuwa njengamalongwe ebusweni bensimu, lanjengomzila
wamabele asikiwego emva komvuni, njalo kungabi lobuthayo. 23
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ohlakaniphileyo kangazincomi ngenhlakaniph
yakhe, leqhawe lingazincomi ngobuqhawe balo, isinothi
singazincomi ngenotho yaso; 24 kodwa ozincomayo kazincome
ngalokhu, ukuthi uyaqedisisa uyangazi mina, ukuthi ngiyiNkosi
esebenzisa uthandolomusa, isahlulelo, lokulunga emhlabeni;
ngoba kulezizinto ngiyathokoza, itsho iNkosi. 25 Khangela,
insuku zizeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizajezisa bonke abasokileyo
ekungasokini: 26 IGibhithe, loJuda, loEdoma, labantwana
bakoAmoni, loMowabi, labo bonke abaphoselwe engonsini,
abahlala enkangala; ngoba zonke izizwe kavisokwanga, layo
yonke indlu kalsrayeli kayisokwanga enhliziyweni.

10 Zwanini ilizwi iNkosi elikhuluma kini, lina ndlu kalsrayeli. 2
Itsho njalo INkosi: Lingafundi indlela yabajedeni, lingatshaywa
luvalo ngezibonakalso zamazulu, ngenxa yokuthi abahedeni
bayazesaba. 3 Ngoba imikhuba yabantu iyize; ngoba
kuganyulwa isihlahla ehlathini, umsebenzi wezandla zengcitsi,
ngehloka. 4 Basicecisa ngesiliva langegolide, basiqinisa
ngezipikili langezando, ukuze singazamazami. 5 Zinjengesihlahla
selala somsebenzi obaziwego, kodwa kazikhulumi; kusweleka
zithwalwe, ngoba zingehambe; lingazesabi, ngoba zingelakwenza
okubi, futhi kakukho ukwenza okuhle kuzo. 6 Njengoba kungekho
onjengawe, Nkosi; umkhulu, lebizo lakho likhulu ngobuqhawe. 7
Ngubani ongekwesabe, wena Nkosi yezizwe? ngoba kukufanele.
Ngoba phakathi kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe, lakuyo
yonke imibuso yabo, kakho onjengawe. 8 Kodwa kanyekanye

banjengezinyamazana bayiziphukuphuku; isigodo siyimfundiso sokuyize. **9** Isiliva esikhandiweyo silethwa sivela eTarshishi, legolide livela eUfazi, umsebenzi wengcitshi, lowezandla zomkhandi wegolide; ziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende izigqoko zabo; konke kungumsebenzi wabahlakaniphileyo.

10 Kodwa iNkosi inguNkulunkulu weqiniso, inguNkulunkulu ophilayo lenkosi yaphakade. Ekuthukutheleni kwayo umhlaba uyazamazama, lezizwe kazilakulumela ulaka lwayo. **11** Lizakutsho njalo kubo: Onkulunkulu abangenzanga amazulu lomhlaba bazabhubha basuke emhlabeni langaphansi kwala amazulu. **12** Owenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, wamisa ilizwe ngenhlakanipho yakhe, langokuqedisisa kwakhe wendlala amazulu. **13** Lapho ekhupha ilizwi, kulenhlokomomo yamanzi emazulwini; wenza inkungu yenyuke emkhawulweni womhlaba, wenza imibane lezulu, akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe.

14 Wonke umuntu unjengenyamazana elwazini; wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yisithombe esibaziweyo; ngoba isithombe sakhe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa siyinkohliso, njalo kakulamphefumulo kuzo. **15** Ziyize, umsebenzi wezinkohliso; ngesikhathi sempindiselo yazo zizabhubha. **16** Isabelo sikaJakobe kasinjengazo, ngoba ungumbumbi wakho konke, lolrayeli uyintonga yelifa lakhe; iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo. **17** Qoqa impahla yakho uyikhuphe elizweni, wena mhlalikazi wenqaba. **18** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizabajikijela ngaphandle abahlali belizwe ngalesisikhathi, ngibacindezele ukuze bakuthole.

19 Maye kimi ngenxa yokwephuka kwami! Inxeba lami linzima; kodwa mina ngathi: Isibili lokhu yinhlupheko yami engizayithwala. **20** Ithente lami lidiliziwe, lentambo zami zonke ziqamukile; abantwana bami basukile kimi, njalo kabakho; kakho

ongelula ithente lami futhi, amise amakhetheni ami. **21** Ngoba
abelusi sebenjengenyamazana, kabadinganga iNkosi; ngakho-
ke kabaphumelelanga, lomhlambi wabo wonke uhlakazekile. **22**
Khangelia, umsindo wombiko ufikile, lokuzamazama okukhulu
okuvela elizweni lenyakatho, okuzakwenza imizi yakoJuda ibe
lunxiwa, indawo yokuhlala yemigobho. **23** Nkosi, ngiyazi ukuthi
indlela yomuntu kayikho kuye; kakukho emuntwini ohambayo
ukuthi aqondise ukunyathela kwakhe. **24** Nkosi, ngilaya, kodwa
ngesahlulelo, hatshi olakeni Iwakho, hlezi ungingiphise. **25**
Thululela ulaka Iwakho phezu kwabahedeni abangakwaziyo,
laphezu kwensendo ezingabizi ibizo lakho; ngoba bamdlile
uJakobe, bamginya, bamqedza, bachitha indawo yakhe yokuhlala.

11 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi: **2** Zwanini
amazwi alesisivumelwano, likhulume ebantwini bakoJuda
lakubahlali beJerusalema. **3** Njalo uthi kibo: Itsho njalo INkosi
uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Uqalekisiwe umuntu ongalaleli amazwi
alesisivumelwano, **4** engawalayela oyihlo ngosuku engibakhupha
ngalo elizweni leGibhithe, esithandweni sensimbi, ngisithi:
Lalelani ilizwi lami, liwenze njengakho konke engililaya khona;
ngalokho lizakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wenu, **5** ukuze ngimise isifungo engasifunga kuboyihlo
ukuthi ngibanike ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalamuhla.
Ngasengiphendula ngathi: Ameni, Nkosi. **6** INkosi yasisithi
kimi: Memezela wonke lamazwi emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni
zeJerusalema, usithi: Zwanini amazwi alesisivumelwano,
liwenze. **7** Ngoba ngafakaza lokufakaza kuboyihlo ngosuku
engabakhuphula ngalo elizweni leGibhithe, kuze kube lamuhla,
ngivuka ngovivi ngifikaza, ngisithi: Lalelani ilizwi lami. **8** Kodwa
kabalalelanga, kababekanga indlebe yabo, kodwa bahamba,

ngulowo lalowo ngobulukhuni benhliziy o yabo embi. Ngakho ngizaletha phezu kwabo wonke amazwi alesisivumelwano, engabalaya ukuthi bawenze, kodwa kabawenzanga. **9**
INkosi yasisithi kimi: Kutholakele ugobe phakathi kwabantu bakoJuda, laphakathi kwabahlali beJerusalema. **10** Sebebuye le eziphambekweni zabokhokho babo, abala ukuzwa ilizwi lami; bona balandela abanye onkulunkulu ukuze babakhonze; indlu yakolsrayeli lendlu yakoJuda zisephulile isivumelwano sami engasenza laboyise. **11** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizaletha okubi phezu kwabo, abangeke baphume kukho; lapho behala kimi, kangiyikubezwa. **12** Khona imizi yakoJuda labahlali beJerusalema bezahamba bakhale kubonkulunkulu ababatshisela impepha, kodwa kabayikubasindisa lokubasindisa ngesikhathi sobubi babo. **13** Ngoba njengenani lemizi yakho babenjalo onkulunkulu bakho, Juda, lanjengenani lezitalada zeJerusalema limisile amalathi kulokhu okuyangisayo, amalathi okutshisela uBhali impepha. **14** Ngakho wena ungabakhulekeli lababantu, futhi ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala kumbe umkhuleko, ngoba kangiyikuzwa ngesikhathi sokukhala kwabo kimi ngenxa yenhlupheko yabo. **15** Othandekayo wami ulani endlini yami, lokhu enze amanyala labanengi, lenyama engcwele isiyedlule kuwe yini? Lapho usenza okubi, kulapho uthokoza. **16** INkosi yabiza ibizo lakho ngokuthi: Isihlahla somhlwathi esiluhlaza esihle ngezithelo ezinhle; ngomsindo wenhlokomo enkulu izasithungela ngomlilo, lengatsha zaso zephuke. **17** Ngoba iNkosi yamabandla, eyakuhlanyelayo, ikhulumile okubi ngawe, ngenxa yobubi bendlu yakolsrayeli lobendlu yakoJuda, abakwenzileyo bermelene labo ngokwabo ukungicunula ngokutshisela uBhali impepha. **18** INkosi yasingazisa ukuthi ngazi; wasungitshengisa izenzo zabo.

19 Kodwa mina nganginjengewundlu kumbe inkabi kusiwa ekuhlatshweni; ngoba ngangingazi ukuthi baceba amacebo bemelene lami, besithi: Asichithe isihlahla lesithelo saso; asimqume asuke elizweni labaphilayo, ukuze ibizo lakhe lingabe lisakhunjulwa. **20** Kodwa, wena Nkosi yamabandla, umahluleli olungileyo, ohlola izinso lenhliziyo, kangibone impindiselo yakho kibo; ngoba ngembule udaba lwami kuwe. **21** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi ngamadoda eAnathothi, adinga impilo yakho, esithi: Ungaprofethi ngebizo leNkosi, ukuze ungafi ngesandla sethu. **22** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Khangela, ngizawajezisa; amajaha azakufa ngenkemba, amadodana awo lamadodakazi awo azakufa ngendlala, **23** njalo kakuyikuba lensali kuwo; ngoba ngizaletha okubi phezu kwamadoda eAnathothi, ngomnyaka wempindiselo yawo.

12 Ulungile wena Nkosi, lapho ngiphikisana lawe; kanti ngizakhulumu lawe ngezahlulelo zakho. Kungani indlela yabakhohlakeleyo iphumelela? Kungani behlezi kuhle bonke abenza inkohliso ngenkohliso? **2** Ubahlanyele, yebo, bagxilile impande; bayaqhubeka, yebo, bathele izithelo; useduze emlonyeni wabo, kanti ukhatshana lezinso zabo. **3** Kodwa wena, Nkosi, uyangazi, ungibonile, wahlola inhliziyo yami ngakuwe. Bahudule njengezimvu zokuhlatshwa, ubehlukanisele usuku lokuhlatshwa. **4** Koze kube nini ilizwe lilila, lohlaza lweganga lonke lubuna? Ngenxa yobubi babakhileyo kulo izinyamazana lenyoni ziyabhubha; ngoba bathi: Kayiyikubona isiphetho sethu. **5** Uba ugijime labezinyawo, bakudinisa, pho, ungancintisana njani lamabhiza? Uba uthembela elizweni elilokuthula, pho, uzakwenza njani ekukhukhumaleni kweJordani? **6** Ngoba ngitsho abafowenu lendlu kayihlo, ngitsho labo bakuphatha ngenkohliso, yebo, bona

bayamemeza emva kwakho ngokugcweleyo; ungabakholwa, loba bekhuluma izinto ezinhle kuwe. **7** Ngiyidelile indlu yami, ngilitshiyile ilifa lami; ngnikele othandiweyo womphefumulo wami esandleni sezitha zakhe. **8** Ilifa lami kimi linjengesilwane ehlathini; lingiphumisele ilizwi; ngakho-ke ngilizondile. **9** Ilifa lami kimi linjengenyon elamabalabala edla inyama, inyon eziila inyama ziyihangile zimelelayo; wozani, libuthe zonke izilo zeganga, lizilethe ukuthi zidle. **10** Abelusi abanengi basichithile isivini sami, banyathelele phansi isabelo sami, basenzile isabelo sami esiloyisekayo saba yinkangala elunxiwa. **11** Basenze saba lunxiwa, sililela kimi silunxiwa; ilizwe lonke lilunxiwa, ngoba kakulamuntu okubeka enhliziyweni. **12** Abachithi bafikile phezu kwawo wonke amadundulu enkangala; ngoba inkemba yeNkosi izakudla kusukela komunye umkhawulo welizwe kusiya komunye umkhawulo welizwe; kakulakuthula kuyo yonke inyama. **13** Bahlanyele ingqoloyi, kodwa bazavuna ameva; bazihluphe, kabayikuzuza; njalo lizakuba lenhloni ngezivuno zenu, ngenxa yokuvutha kolaka lweNkosi. **14** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Mayelana labo bonke omakhelwane bami ababi abathinta ilifa engenze isizwe sami ulsrayeli ukuthi sidle ilifa lalo: Khangela, ngizabasiphuna elizweni labo, ngiyisiphune indlu yakoJuda isuke phakathi kwabo. **15** Kuzakuthi-ke emva kokubasiphuna kwami, ngizabuya ngibe lesihawu kubo, ngibabuyise, kube ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe, langulowo lalowo elizweni lakhe. **16** Kuzakuthi-ke uba bezazifunda ngokukhuthala izindlela zabantu bami, ukuthi bafunge ngebizo lami bathi: Kuphila kukaJehova; njengalokho bafundisa abantu bami ukufunga ngoBhali, khona bezakwakhiwa phakathi kwabantu bami. **17**

Kodwa uba bengalaleli, ngizasisiphuna lesosizwe, ngisisiphune ngisibhubhise, itsho iNkosi.

13 Itsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Hamba uzithengele ibhanti lelembu elicolekileyo, ulifake ekhalweni lwakho, ungalifaki emanzini.
2 Ngasengithenga ibhanti njengokwelizwi leNkosi, ngalifaka ekhalweni lwami. **3** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi ngokwesibili lisithi:
4 Thatha ibhanti olithengileyo elisokhalweni lwakho, usukume uye eYufrathi, ulifihle khona engoxweni yedwala. **5** Ngasengihamba, ngalifihla ngaseYufrathi njengoba iNkosi ingilayile. **6** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezinengi, iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uye eYufrathi, uyethatha khona ibhanti engakulaya ukuthi ulifihle khona. **7** Ngasengisiya eYufrathi, ngagebha, ngalithatha ibhanti endaweni lapho engangilifihle khona; khangela-ke, ibhanti lalonakele, lalingasasizi lutho. **8** Laselifika kimi ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: **9** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngalindlela ngizakonakalisa ukuziqhenya kukaJuda lokuziqhenya okukhulu kweJerusalema.
10 Lababantu ababi, abala ukuzwa amazwi ami, abahamba ngobulukhuni benhlizyo yabo, belandela abanye onkulunkulu ukubakhonza, lokubakhamela, bazakuba njengalelibhanti elingasizi lutho. **11** Ngoba njengoba ibhanti linamathela okhalweni lomuntu, ngokunjalo nginamathelise kimi indlu yonke yakolsrayeli lendlu yonke yakoJuda, itsho iNkosi; ukuze kimi babe ngabantu, lebizo, lendumiso, lenkazimulo; kodwa kabalalelanga. **12** Ngakho uzakhulumo kibo lelilizwi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Yonke imboldela izagcwaliswa ngewayini. Njalo bazakuthi kuwe: Isibili kasikwazi yini ukuthi yonke imboldela izagcwaliswa ngewayini? **13** Ubususithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizagcwalisa bonke abakhileyo balelilizwe, lamakhosi ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavida, labapristi, labaprofethi,

labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema, ngokudakwa. **14** Njalo ngizabaphahlaza omunye komunye, laboyise lamadodana ndawonye, itsho iNkosi; kangiyikuahukela, kangiyikuyekela, kangiyikuba lomusa, ukuthi ngingabachithi. **15** Zwanini, libeke indlebe, lingaziqhenyi, ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile. **16** Inikeni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu udumo, ingakalethi ubumnyama, lenyawo zenu zingakakhubezi ezintabeni zokuhwalala, lisalindela ukukhanya, ikwenze kube lithunzi lokufa, ikwenze kube ngumnyama onzima. **17** Kodwa uba lingalaleli, umphefumulo wami uzakhala inyembezi endaweni zensitha ngenxa yokuziqhenya kwenu, lelihlo lami lizakhala inyembezi kabuhlungu, lehlise inyembezi, ngoba umhlambi weNkosi uthunjiwe. **18** Tshono enkosini lendlovukazini uthi: Zithobeni, hlalani phansi; ngoba imiqhele yenu izawela phansi, umqhele wodumo lwenu. **19** Imizi yeningizimu izavalwa, njalo kakho ozayivula; uJuda uzathunjwa, yena wonke, uzathunjwa ngokupheleleyo. **20** Phakamisani amehlo enu, libone labo abavela enyakatho. Ungaphi umhlambi owaphiwa wona, umhlambi wakho omuhle? **21** Uzakuthini uba esenza isijeziso phezu kwakho, ngoba wena ubafundise ukuthi babe yizinduna lenhloko phezu kwakho; inhlungu kaziyikukubamba yini njengowesifazana obelethayo? **22** Njalo uba usithi enhliziyweni yakho: Kungani lezizinto zenzakele kimi? Ngenxa yobunengi bobubi bakho analogwe akho embuliwe, lezithende zakho zaphathwa ngodlakela. **23** UmEthiophiya angasiphendula yini isikhumba sakhe, kumbe ingwe amabala ayo? Khona lani lizakuba lakho ukwenza okuhle elejwayele ukwenza okubi. **24** Ngakho ngizabahlakaza njengamakhoba edluliswa ngomoya wenkangala. **25** Le yinkatho yakho, isabelo sezilinganiso zakho ezivela kimi, itsho iNkosi, ngoba ungikhohliwe, wathemba

emangeni. **26** Ngakho lami ngizakwembula analogwe akho phezu kobuso bakho, ukuze kubonakale ihlazo lakho. **27** Ngibonile ubufube bakho, lokukhonya kwakho, inkohlakalo zokuphinga kwakho, phezu kwamaqaqa egangeni, amanyala akho. Maye kuwe, Jerusalema! Kawuyikuhlambuluka yini? Kusezadlula nini?

14 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya mayelana lendaba zembalela. **2** UJuda uyalila, lamasango akhe adangele; amnyama kuze kube semhlabathini, lokukhala kweJerusalema kwenyukile. **3** Njalo izikhulu zakhe zithuma abancinyane bazo emanzini; bafika emithonjeni, bangatholi manzi; babuyele inkonxa zabo zingelalutho, belenhloni, beyangekile, bembomboze ikhanda labo. **4** Ngoba umhlabathi udabukile, ngoba kungekho izulu elizweni, abalimi balenhloni, bambomboza ikhanda labo. **5** Yebo impala layo iyazala egangeni, ikutshiye, ngoba kungelatshani. **6** Labobabhemi beganga bayema emadundulwini, baphembele umoya njengemigobho; amehlo abo ayaphela, ngoba kungelatshani. **7** Lanxa izono zethu zifakaza zimelana lathi, Nkosi, yenza ngenxa yebizo lakho; ngoba ukuhlehlela nyovane kwethu kunengi, sonile kuwe. **8** Wena themba likalsrayeli, uMsindisi wakhe ngesikhathi sembandezelo, kungani uzakuba njengowezizweni elizweni, lanjengesihambi esiphambukela eceleni ukulala ubusuku? **9** Kungani uzakuba njengomuntu odidekileyo, njengeqhawe elingelakusindisa. Kanti wena uphakathi kwethu, Nkosi, lebizo lakho libizwe phezu kwethu; ungasitshiyi. **10** Itsho njalo iNkosi ngalababantu: Ngokunjalo bathanda ukuzula, kabazingandanga inyawo zabo; ngakho iNkosi kayithokozi ngabo, khathesi izakhumbula ububi babo, izihambele izono zabo. **11** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ungakhulekeli

lababantu kube kuhle. **12** Lapho bezila ukudla, kangiyikuzwa ukukhala kwabo; lalapho benikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, kangiyikuthokoza ngabo; kodwa ngizabaqeda ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo. **13** Ngasengisithi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, abaprofethi bathi kubo: Kaliyikubona inkemba, kaliyikuba lendlala, kodwa ngizalini ka ukuthula okuqinisekileyo kulindawo. **14** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Abaprofethi baprofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Kangibathumanga, njalo kangibalayanga, njalo kangikhulumanga kibo; baprofetha kini umbono wamanga, lokuhlahlula, lokuyize, lenkohliso yenhлизио yabo. **15** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana labaprofethi abaprofetha ebizweni lami, ngoba mina ngingabathumanga, kanti bathi: Inkemba lendlala kakuyikuba khona kulelilizwe: Ngenkemba langendlala labobaprofethi bazaqedwa. **16** Labantu, abaprofetha kibo, bazakuba ngabaphoselwa ezitaladeni zeJerusalema ngenxa yendlala lenkemba; njalo kungekho obangcwabayo, bona, omkabo, lamadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo; ngoba ngizathululela ububi babo phezu kwabo. **17** Ngakho uzakutsho lelilizwi kibo elokuthi: Amehlo ami kawehlise inyembezi ebusuku lemisi, zingakhawuli, ngoba intombi emsulwa yabantu bami yephukile ngokwephuka okukhulu, ukutshaywa okubuhlungu kakhulu. **18** Uba ngiphumela emaphandleni, khangela-ke, ababulewe ngenkemba. Njalo uba ngingena emzini, khangela-ke, abagulayo ngendlala. Yebo, bobabili umprofethi lompristi babbodabhoda elizweni kodwa bengazi. **19** Usumalile isibili uJuda yini? Umphefumulo wakho unengwa yiZiyoni yini? Usitshayeleni njalo singabi lokwelatshwa? Salindela ukuthula, kodwa kakubanga lokuhle; lesikhathi sokwelatshwa, kodwa khangela, uvalo. **20**

Siyazi, Nkosi, ukukholakala kwethu lobubi babobaba, ngoba sonile kuwe. **21** Ungasideleli, ngenxa yebizo lakho, ungayangisi isihlalo sobukhosи sodumo lwakho; khumbula, ungasephuli isivumelwano sakho lathi. **22** Kukhona yini phakathi kokuyize kwabbezizwe okunganisa izulu? Kumbe amazulu anganika izihlambo yini? Akusuwe yini, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wethu? Ngakho sizalindela kuwe; ngoba nguwe owenze zonke lezizinto.

15 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Loba bekumi phambi kwami oMozisi loSamuweli, inhliyo yami ibingebe kulabantu; baxotshe phambi kwami, bayekele baphume. **2** Kuzakuthi-ke uba besithi kuwe: Sizaphuma siye ngaphi? Uzabatshela-ke uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Abokufa baya ekufeni, labenkemba baya enkembeni, labendlala baya endlaleni, labokuthunjwa baya ekuthunjweni. **3** Ngoba ngizabamisela izinhlobo ezine, itsho iNkosi: Inkemba yokubulala, lezinja zokudonsa, lenyoni zamazulu lezinyamazana zomhlaba zokudla lezokubhubhisa. **4** Ngizabanikela babe yinto eyesabekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, ngenxa kaManase indodana kaHezekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda, ngalokho akwenza eJerusalema. **5** Ngoba ngubani ozakuhawukela, wena Jerusalema? Njalo ngubani ozakulilela? Njalo ngubani ozaphambukela eceleni ukuba ngokuthula kwakho? **6** Wena ungidelile, itsho iNkosi, wabuyela emuva; ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelene lawe, ngikuchithe; ngikhathеле yikuhanukela. **7** Njalo ngizabela ngoluthi lokwela emasangweni elizwe; ngizabemuka abantwana, ngibhubhise abantu bami; kabaphendukanga endleleni zabo. **8** Abafelokazi babo bandile kimi kuletshebetshebe lolwandle. Ngilethe phezu kwabo, phezu kukanina, ijaha, umchithi emini enkulu; ngiwisele phezu kwabo uvalo lezesabiso bengananjelele. **9** Owazala abayisikhombisa

usekhathelle; usephefumule okokucina; ilanga lakhe litshone kusesemini; waba lenhloni, wayangeka; lensali yabo ngizayinikela enkembeni phambi kwezitha zabo, itsho iNkosi. **10** Maye mina, mama, ukuthi ungizele, umuntu wokuphikisana lomuntu wokuxabana emhlabeni wonke! Kangebolekisanga ngenzozo, futhi kabangebolekisanga ngenzozo, kanti bayangithuka, ngulowo lalowo wabo. **11** INkosi yathi: Isibili kuzakuba kuhle ngensali yakho; isibili ngizakuncengela esitheni ngesikhathi sokubi langesikhathi sosizi. **12** Insimbi ingayephula yini insimbi evelaenyakatho lethusi? **13** Inotho yakho lokuligugu kwakho ngizakunikela kube yimpango, kungelantengo, langenxa yezono zakho zonke, ngitsho emingceleni yakho yonke. **14** Ngizakwenza ukuthi udlule kanye lezitha zakho uye elizweni ongalaziyo; ngoba umlilo ubasiwe olakeni Iwami; uzabhebha phezu kwenu. **15** Wena uyazi, Nkosi; ngikhumbula, ungihambele, ungiphindiselele kwabangizingelayo; ungangisusi ekubekezeleni kwakho; yazi ukuthi ngenxa yakho ngithwele ihlazo. **16** Amazwi akho atholakala njalo ngawadla; lelizwi lakho kimi laba yinjabulo njalo laba yintokozo yenhliziyo yami; ngoba ibizo lakho labizwa phezu kwami, wena Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wamabandla. **17** Kangihlalanga emhlanganweni wabahleka usulu, kumbe ngijabule; ngenxa yesandla sakho ngahlala ngedwa; ngoba ungicwalise ngentukuthelo. **18** Kungani ubuhlungu bami bube khona njalonjalo, lenxeba lami lingelapheki, lisala ukuphola? Isibili uzakuba njengomqambimanga kimi yini, njengamanzi angathembekanga? **19** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Uba ubuya, ngizakubuyisa, ume phambi kwami; njalo uba ukhupha okuligugu kokungasizi lutho, uzakuba njengomlomo wami. Bona kababuye kuwe, kodwa wena ungarbuyeli kubo. **20** Ngoba ngizakwenza

ube ngumduli wethusi ovikelweyo kulababantu; njalo bazakulwa bemelene lawe, kodwa kabayikukwehlula, ngoba mina ngilawe ukukusindisa lokukophula, itsho iNkosi. **21** Ngizakophula esandleni sababi, ngikuhlenga esandleni sabalesihluku.

16 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ungazithatheli umfazi, njalo ungabi lamadodana kumbe amadodakazi kulindawo. **3** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana lamadodana lamayelana lamadodakazi azalelwwe kulindawo, lamayelana labonina abawazalayo lamayelana laboyise abawazalele kulelilizwe: **4** Bazakufa izimfa zemikhuhlane; kabayikulilewa, futhi kabayikungcwatshwa; bazakuba ngumquba phezu kobuso bomhlaba; njalo bazaqedwa yinkemba layindlala; lezidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zamazulu lokwenyamazana zomhlaba. **5** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Ungangeni endlini yesililo, ungayikulila, ungarakhaleli; ngoba ngikususile ukuthula kwami kulababantu, itsho iNkosi, uthandolomusa lezihawu. **6** Njalo abakhulu labancinyane bazakufa kulelilizwe; kabayikungcwatshwa, kabayikubalilela, kabayikuziska, kabayikuziphuca ngenxa yabo. **7** Futhi kabayikubahlephulela isinkwa esililweni, ukubaduduza ngenxa yofileyo; futhi kakho ozabanathisa inkezo yezinduduza ngenxa kayise langenxa kanina. **8** Njalo ungangeni endlini yedili, ukuhlala labo, ukudla lokunatha. **9** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizakwenza ukuthi kuphele kule indawo, emehlwani enu, lensukwini zenu, ilizwi lentokozo, lelizwi lenjabulo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti. **10** Njalo kuzakuthi lapho utshela lababantu wonke lamazwi, babesebesithi kuwe: INkosi ikhulumelani konke lokhu okubi okukhulu imelene lathi, njalo buyini ububi bethu, njalo

yisiphi isono sethu esisonileyo simelene leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu? **11** Khona uzakuthi kubo: Ngenxa yokuthi oyihlo bangidelile, itsho iNkosi, balandela abanye onkulunkulu, babasebenzela, babakhonza, bangidela mina, kabagcinanga umlayo wami; **12** lina-ke lenze okubi kulaboyihlo; ngoba khangelani, lilandela, ngulowo lalowo ubulukhuni benhliziyo yakhe embi, ukuthi bangangilaleli. **13** Ngakho ngizaliphosela ngaphandle kwalelilizwe, liye elizweni elingalaziyo, lina laboyihlo; lapho-ke lizasebenzela abanye onkulunkulu emini lebusuku, ngoba kangiyikulinika umusa. **14** Ngakho, khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho kungasayikuthiwa: Kuphila kweNkosi, eyakhuphula abantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe; **15** kodwa: Kuphila kweNkosi, eyakhuphula abantwana bakolsrayeli elizweni lenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe eyayibaxotshele kiwo; ngoba ngizababuysa futhi elizweni lakibo engalinika oyise. **16** Khangela, ngizathumela kubagoli benhlanzi abanengi, itsho iNkosi, babesebebago; lemva kwalokho ngizathumela kubazingeli abanengi, babazingele bebasusa kuyo yonke intaba, lakulo lonke uqaqa, lasezingoxweni zamadwala. **17** Ngoba amehlo ami aphezu kwazo zonke izindlela zabo; kazifhlakalanga ebusweni bami, lobubi babo kabucatshanga phambi kwamehlo ami. **18** Kuqala-ke ngizaphindisela isiphambeko sabo lesono sabo ngokuphindiweyo, ngoba bengcolise ilizwe lami, bagcwalisa ilifa lami ngezidumbu zamanya abo lezinengiso zabo. **19** Nkosi, wena mandla ami, lenqaba yami, lesiphephelo sami ngosuku lwembandezelo, abezizwe bazafika kuwe bevela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, bathi: Isibili obaba badlile ilifa lamanga, okuyize, lokungekho inzuko kukho. **20** Umuntu angazenzela onkulunkulu yini, kanti kabayisibo onkulunkulu? **21** Ngakho, khangela,

ngizabenza bazi okwalesisikhathi, ngizabenza bazi isandla sami lobuqhawe bami; bazakwazi-ke ukuthi ibizo lami linguJehova.

17 Isono sakoJuda sibhaliwe ngepheni yensimbi, ngomcijo wendayimana; sibhalwe ngokugujwa esibhebheni senhliziyo yabo, lezimpondweni zamalathi enu; **2** abantwana babo besakhumbula amalathi abo lezixuku zabo ngasezihlahleni eziluhlaza phezu kwamaqaqa aphakemeyo. **3** Wena ntaba yami esegangeni, ngizanikela imfuyo yakho lakho konke okuligugu kwakho empangweni, lezindawo zakho eziphakemeyo, ngenxa yesono kuyo yonke imingcele yakho. **4** Lawe, ngitsho ngokwakho, uzayekela ilifa lakho engakunika lona; njalo ngizakwenza usebenzele izitha zakho elizweni ongalaziyo; ngoba usuphembe umlilo ekuthukutheleni kwami; uzavutha kuze kube nininini. **5** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uqalekisiwe umuntu othembela emuntwini, esenza inyama ibe yingalo yakhe, lonhliziyo yakhe iphambuka eNkosini. **6** Ngoba uzakuba njengesihlahlanyana enkangala, esingayikubona nxa okuhle kusiza; kodwa uzahlala ezindaweni ezomileyo enkangala, elizweni letshwayi, elingahlalwayo. **7** Ubusisiwe umuntu othembela eNkosini, lothemba lakhe liyiNkosi. **8** Ngoba uzakuba njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe ngasemanzini, esinabisela impande zaso ngasemfuleni, esingesabi lapho kufika ukutshisa, kodwa ihamvu laso lizakuba luhlaza; kasikhathazeki emnyakeni wokubalela, kasiyekeli ukuthela isithelo. **9** Inhliziyo ilenkohliso okwedlula konke, futhi imbi kakhulu; ngubani ongayazi? **10** Mina Nkosi ngihlolola inhliziyo, ngilinge izinso, ngitsho ukupha wonke umuntu njengokwezindlela zakhe, njengokwesithelo sezenzo zakhe. **11** Njengethendele elifikamela amaqanda lingawachamuseli, unjalo lowo owenza inotho kodwa hatshi ngokulunga; uzakutshiya phakathi kwensuku

zakhe, lekucineni kwakhe abe yisithutha. **12** Isihlalo sobukhos
esilenkazimulo, esiphakanyisiweyo kwasekuqaleni, siyindawo
yendlu yethu engcwele. **13** Nkosi, themba likalsrayeli,
bonke abakudelayo bazayangeka; labasuka kimi bazabhalwa
emhlabathini, ngoba bayidelile iNkosi, umthombo wamanzi
aphilayo. **14** Ngisilisa, Nkosi, njalo ngizasila; ngisindisa,
njalo ngizasindiswa; ngoba uyindumiso yami. **15** Khangela,
bathi kimi: Lingaphi ilizwi leNkosi? Kalize khathesi! **16**
Kodwa mina kangiphangisanga ukuthi ngingabi ngumelusi
emva kwakho; futhi kangilufisanga usuku olwesabekayo;
wena uyakwazi; okwaphuma emlonyeni wami kwakuphambi
kobuso bakho. **17** Ungabi luvalo kimi; wena uyisiphephelo
sami osukwini lobubi. **18** Kabayangeke labo abangizingelayo,
kodwa mina kangingayangeki, kabesabe bona, kodwa mina
kangingesabi; behlisele usuku lobubi, ubephule ngokwephula
okuphindiweyo. **19** Itsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Hamba uyekuma
esangweni labantwana babantu, angena ngalo amakhosi
akoJuda, aphuma ngalo, lakuwo wonke amasango eJerusalema,
20 ubususithi kubo: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina makhosi
akoJuda, loJuda wonke, labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema,
abangena ngala amasango! **21** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ziqapheleni,
lingathwali mthwalo ngosuku lwasabatha, kumbe liwungenise
ngamasango eJerusalema. **22** Futhi lingakhuphi umthwalo
ezindlini zenu ngosuku lwasabatha, lingenzi loba yiuphi
umsebenzi; kodwa lungcweliseni usuku lwasabatha, njengalokhu
ngalaya oyihlo. **23** Kodwa kabalalelanga, kababekanga indlebe
yabo, kodwa benza intamo yabo yaba lukhuni ukuze bangezwa,
louze bangemukeli ukulaywa. **24** Kuzakuthi-ke uba lina
lingilalela lokungilalela, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi lingangenisi mthwalo

ngamasango alumuzi ngosuku Iwesabatha, kodwa lilungcwelise usuku Iwesabatha, ukuthi lingenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalo; **25** khona kuzangena ngamasango alumuzi amakhosi leziphathamandla abahlala esihlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavida, begade izinqola lamabhiza, wona leziphathamandla zawo, abantu bakoJuda, labahlali beJerusalema; lalumuzi uzahlalwa kuze kube nininini. **26** Bazakuza-ke bevela emizini yakoJuda, lezindaweni ezizingelezele iJerusalema, lelizweni lakoBhenjamini, legcekeni, lezintabeni, lasezansi, beletha umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomhlatshelo, lomnikelo wokudla, lenhlaka, beletha umhlatshelo wokubonga, endlini yeNkosi. **27** Kodwa uba lingangilaleli, ukwenza usuku Iwesabatha lube ngcwele, ukuthi lingathwali mthwalo nxa lingena ngamasango eJerusalema ngosuku Iwesabatha, khona ngizaphemba umlilo emasangweni ayo, ozaqothula izigodlo zeJerusalema, ongayikucitshwa.

18 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lisithi: **2** Sukuma, wehlele endlini yombumbi, lapho-ke ngizakuzwisa amazwi ami. **3** Ngasengisehlela endlini yombumbi, khangela-ke wayesenzo umsebenzi emavilini. **4** Njalo imbiza ayeyenza ngebumba yonakala esandleni sombumbi; wasebuya wenza ngayo enye imbiza njengoba kwakuqondile emehlwani ombumbi ukwenza. **5** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **6** Ndlu kalsrayeli, ngingeze ngenza kini njengalo umbumbi yini? itsho iNkosi. Khangela, njengebumba esandleni sombumbi, linjalo lina esandleni sami, lina ndlu kalsrayeli. **7** Ngesikhathshana ngizakhulumu ngesizwe langombuso ukuthi ngizakusiphuna, ngikudilize, ngikuchithe; **8** uba lesosizwe engikhulume ngimelene laso siphenduka ebubini baso, ngizazisola ngokubi ebengicabanga ukuthi ngizakwenza kiso. **9** Langesikhathshana ngizakhulumu ngesizwe

langombuso, ukwakha lokukuhlanyela; **10** uba kusenza okubi emehlweni ami, kungalaleli ilizwi lami, khona ngizazisola ngokuhle ebengisithi ngizakwenzela okuhle ngakho. **11** Ngakho khathesi ake ukhulume ebantwini bakoJuda lakubahlali beJerusalema, usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangelani, ngilibumbela okubi, ngilicebelo icebo. Phendukani khathesi, ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lenze indlela zenu lezenzo zenu zibe zinhle.

12 Kodwa bathi: Kakulathemba; kodwa sizalandela awethu amacebo, senze, ngulowo lalowo inkani yenhliziyo yakhe embi. **13** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Buzani khathesi phakathi kwabahedeni, ngubani owake wezwa izinto ezinje? Intombi emsulwa yakolsrayeli yenzile into eyesabekayo kakhulu. **14** Umuntu angatshiya yini iliqhwa elikhithikileyo leLebhanoni elivelva edwaleni leganga? Angatshiywa yini amanzi aqandayo ageleza evela kwezinye indawo? **15** Kodwa abantu bami bangikhohliwe, batshisela okuyize impepha, babenza bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo, emikhondweni yasendulo, ukuthi bahambe ezindledlaneni, endleleni engabuthelelwanga; **16** besenza ilizwe labo libe lunxiwa, ukuncifelwa njalonjalo; wonke owedlula khona uzamangala kakhulu, anikine ikhanda lakhe. **17** Ngizabahlakaza njengomoya wempumalanga phambi kwesitha; ngizabatshengisa umhlana, hatshi ubuso, ngosuku lwengozi yabo. **18** Basebesithi: Wozani simcebele amacebo uJeremiya; ngoba umthetho kawuyikuphela kumpristi, lokweluleka kohlakaniphileyo, lelizwi kumprofethi. Wozani simtshaye ngolimi, singananzi lawaphi amazwi akhe.

19 Nginakekela, Nkosi, ulalele ilizwi labaphikisana lami. **20** Kuyavuzwa okubi esikhundleni sokuhle yini? Ngoba bagebhele umphefumulo wami umgodi. Khumbula ukuthi ngema phambi kwakho ukubakhulumela okuhle, ukuphambula ulaka lwakho

kibo. **21** Ngakho nikela abantwana babo endlaleni, ubanikele emandleni enkemba; labafazi babo balahlekelwe ngabantwana, babe ngabafelokazi, lamadoda abo abulawe yikufa, amajaha abo atshaywe ngenkemba empini. **22** Kakuzwakale ukukhala endlini zabo, lapho uzahle ulethe iviyo phezu kwabo; ngoba begebhe umgodi ukungibamba, bafihlela inyawo zami imijibila. **23** Kanti wena, Nkosi, uyawazi wonke amacebo abo bemelene lami ukungibulala. Ungathetheleli isiphambeko sabo, lesono sabo ungasicitshi sisuke phambi kwakho; kodwa kabawiswe phambi kwakho, bana lokwenza labo ngesikhathi sokuthukuthela kwakho.

19 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Hamba uyethenga isiphiso sombumbi esebumba; uthathe ebadaleni babantu lebadaleni babapristi. **2** Ubusuphuma uye esihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu esisekungeneni kwesango lodengezi, umemezele khona amazwi engizakutshela wona. **3** Uthi: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina makhosi akoJuda lani bakhileyo beJerusalema: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizaletha okubi phezu kwalindawo, okuzakuthi loba ngubani okuzwayo, indlebe zakhe zizakhenceza. **4** Ngenxa yokuthi bangidelile, bayenza lindawo yaba ngeyabezizwe, batshisela kiyo impepha kwabanye onkulunkulu, abangabazanga bona laboyise lamakhosi akoJuda; futhi bayigcwalisa lindawo ngegazi labangelacala. **5** Futhi bakha izindawo eziphakemeyo zikaBhali, ukutshisa amadodana abo ngomlilo abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuBhali, engingakulayanga, engingakukhulumanga, okungavelanga enhliziyweni yami. **6** Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho lindawo ingasayikubizwa ngokuthi yiTofethi, loba isiHotsha sendodana kaHinomu, kodwa isiHotsha sokuBulawa.

7 Njalo ngizachitha icebo lakoJuda leJerusalema kulindawo,
ngenze ukuthi bawe ngenkemba phambi kwezitha zabo,
langesandla sabazingela impilo zabo; nginike izidumbu zabo
zibe yikudla kwenyoni zezulu lokwenyamazana zomhlaba. 8
Ngenze lumuzi ube lunxiwa, lokokuncifelwa; wonke owedlula
kuwo uzamangala kakhulu ancife ngenxa yazo zonke inhlupheko
zawo. 9 Njalo ngizabenza badle inyama yamadodana
abo lenyama yamadodakazi abo; njalo bazakudla ngulowo
inyama kamakhelwane wakhe ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni,
ezizabacindezelza ngakho izitha zabo labadinga impilo yabo.
10 Khona uzaphahlaza isiphiso emehlwani amadoda ahamba
lawe; 11 ubususithi kiwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Ngokunjalo ngizabaphahlaza lababantu lalumuzi, njengomuntu
ephahlaza imbiza yombumbi, engebuye ilungiswe futhi; njalo
bazabangcwaba eThofethi, ngoba kungasoze kube lendawo
yokungcwaba. 12 Ngizakwenza njalo kulindawo, itsho iNkosi,
lakwabakhileyo bayo, ukuthi ngenze lumuzi ube njengeThofethi.
13 Njalo izindlu zeJerusalema lezindlu zamakhosi akaJuda
zizangcoliswa njengendawo yeThofethi, ngenxa yazo zonke
izindlu abatshisela phezu kwempahla zazo impepha kulo lonke
ibutho lamazulu, bathululela abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo
yokunathwayo. 14 Khona wabuya uJeremiya evela eTofethi,
lapho iNkosi eyayimthume khona ukuprofetha, wasesima
egumeni lendlu yeNkosi, wathi ebantwini bonke: 15 Itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangelani,
ngizakwehlisela kulumuzi lakuyo yonke imizana yawo konke
okubi engikutshiloyo ngawo, ngoba benze lukhuni intamo yabo,
ukuze bangezwa amazwi ami.

20 Kwathi uPashuri umpristi, indodana kalmeri, umpristi, owayengumbonisi oyinduna endlini yeNkosi, wamuzwa uJeremiya eprofetha lezizinto, **2** uPashuri wasemtshaya uJeremiya umprofethi, wamfaka esitokisini esisesangweni lakoBhenjamini elingaphezulu, elalingasendlini yeNkosi. **3** Kwasekusithi ngosuku olulandelayo, uPashuri wamkhupha uJeremiya esitokisini. UJeremiya wasesithi kuye: INkosi kayibizanga ibizo lakho ngokuthi uPashuri, kodwa uMagori-Misabibi. **4** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakwenza ube yinto eyesabekayo kuwe uqobo, lakubo bonke abangane bakho; njalo bazakuwa ngenkemba yezitha zabo, lamehlo enu azakubona. Njalo ngizanikela wonke uJuda esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, ezabathumba ibase eBhabhiloni, ibatshaye ngenkemba. **5** Futhi ngizanikela yonke inotho yalumuzi, lawo wonke umsebenzi wawo, lakho konke okuligugu kwawo, lazo zonke iziphala zamakhosi akoJuda, ngikunikele esandleni sezitha zabo, ezizakuphang, zikuthathe, zikulethe eBhabhiloni. **6** Lawe Pashuri, lani lonke bahlali bendlu yakho, lizakuya ekuthunjweni; njalo uzakuya eBhabhiloni, ufele khona, ungcwatshelwe khona, wena labangane bakho bonke, oprofethe kibo amanga. **7** Nkosi, wangiyenga, ngayengeka; ulamandla kulami, unqobile; ngaba yinhlekisa lonke usuku, bonke bayangiklolodela. **8** Ngoba loba nini ngikhulum, ngiyakhala, ngimemeze udlakela lencithakalo; ngoba ilizwi leNkosi selibe lihlazo lenhlekisa kimi usuku lonke. **9** Ngasengisithi: Kangiyikuyikhumbula, kangisayikukhulum ngebizo layo; kodwa enhliziyweni yami kunjengomlilo ovuthayo ovalelwemathanjeni ami; sengikhathel yikugodla, ngingeke ngenelise. **10** Ngoba ngizwile ukuhleba kwabanengi, ukwesaba inhlangothi zonke, besithi: Bikani, lathi sizakubika! Bonke abalokuthula lami balindele

ukukhubeka kwami, besithi: Mhlawumbe angakhohliseka, khona sizamehlula, siphindisele impindiselo yethu kuye. **11** Kodwa iNkosi ilami njengeqhawe elesabekayo; ngakho-ke abangizingelayo bazakhubeka, kabayikunqoba; bazayangeka kakhulu, ngoba bengayikuphumelela; ihlazo labo elilaphakade kalyikukhohlakala.

12 Kodwa, Nkosi yamabandla, ohlolayo olungileyo, obona izinso lenhliziyo, ngibone impindiselo yakho kibo, ngoba kuwe ngambulile udaba lwami. **13** Hlabelelani eNkosini, dumisani iNkosi; ngoba yophule umphefumulo woswelayo esandleni sabenzi bobubi. **14** Kaluqalekiswe usuku engazalwa ngalo; usuku umama angizala ngalo kalungabusiswa. **15** Kaqalekiswe umuntu owaletha izindaba kubaba, esithi: Uzalelwane umntwana wesilisa; emenza athokoze kakhulu. **16** Njalo lowomuntu kabe njengemizi iNkosi eyayigenqulayo, ingazisol; njalo kezwe ukukhala ekuseni, lokuhlabu umkhosi ngesikhathi semini enkul. **17** Ngoba ingangibulalanga kwasesiswini; kumbe umama waba lingcwaba lami, lesiu sakhe sakhulelwa kokuphela. **18** Ngaphumelani esiswini ukuthi ngibone uhlupho losizi, ukuthi insuku zami ziphele ehlazweni?

21 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lapho inkosi uZedekhiya ethuma kuye uPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, loZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya, umpristi, isithi: **2** Ake usibuzele eNkosini, ngoba uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ulwa emelene lathi; mhlawumbe iNkosi ingasenzela njengokwezimangaliso zayo zonke, ukuze enyuke asuke kithi. **3** UJeremiya wasesithi kubo: Lizakutsho njalo kuZedekhiya: **4** Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizaphendulela emuva izikhali zempi ezisezandleni zenu, elilwa ngazo lenkosi yeBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya, abalivimbezeyo

ngaphandle komduli, ngibaqoqe ngaphakathi kwalumuzi. 5
Njalo mina ngizakulwa lani ngesandla eseluliweyo, langengalo
elamandla, langentukuthelo, langokufutheka, langolaka olukhulu.
6 Njalo ngizatshaya abakhileyo balumuzi, umuntu kanye
lesifuyo; bazakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo omkhulu. 7 Kuthi
emva kwalokhu, itsho iNkosi, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda,
lenceku zakhe, labantu, labaseleyo phakathi kwalumuzi
kumatshayabhuqe wesifo, enkembeni, lendlaleni, ngizabanikela
esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni
sezitha zabo, lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo.
Njalo uzabatshaya ngobukhali benkemba; kayikubayekela,
kayikuuhawukela, kayikuba lomusa. 8 Njalo kulababantu uzakuthi:
Itsho njalo INKosi: Khangelani, ngibeka phambi kwenu indlela
yokuphila lendlela yokufa. 9 Osala kulumuzi uzakufa ngenkemba
langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo; kodwa ophumayo,
awe kumaKhaladiya alivimbezelayo, uzaphila, lempilo yakhe
izakuba yimpango kuye. 10 Ngoba ngimisile ubuso bami
bumelene lalumuzi ngokubi, hatshi ngokuhle, itsho iNkosi;
uzanikelwa esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, iwutshise ngomlilo.
11 Lamayelana lendlu yenkosи yakoJuda, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi:
12 Wena ndlu kaDavida, itsho njalo INKosi: Yehlulelani isahlulelo
ekuseni, lophule ophangiweyo esandleni somcindezeli, hlezi
ulaka lwami lumphume njengomlilo, lutshise, ukuthi kungabi khona
ocitshayo, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu. 13 Khangela, ngimelene
lawe, wena mhlali wesigodi, dwala legceke, itsho iNkosi; lina
elithi: Ngubani ozakwehla amelane lathi? Kumbe ngubani
ozangena endaweni zethu zokuhlala? 14 Kodwa ngizalijezisa
njengokwesithelo sezenzo zenu, itsho iNkosi, ngiphembe umlilo
ehlathini lakho, ozaqeda konke inhlangothi zonke zakho.

22 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yehlela endlini yenkosи yakoJuda,
ukhulume khona lelilizwi, **2** uthi: Zwana ilizwi leNkosi, wena
nkosi yakoJuda, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavida, wena,
lezinceku zakho, labantu bakho abangena ngalamasango. **3** Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Yenzani isahlulelo lokulunga, lophule ophangiweyo
esandleni somcindezeli; lingacindezeli, lingenzi udlakela
koweziwe, izintandane, lomfelokazi, njalo lingachithi igazi
elingelacala kulindawo. **4** Ngoba uba lisenza linto isibili, khona
kuzangena ngamasango alindlu amakhosi ahlalela uDavida
esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosи, egade izinqola lamabhiza, yona
lenceku zayo labantu bayo. **5** Kodwa uba lingawalaleli lamazwi,
ngiyafunga ngami, kutsho iNkosi, ukuthi lindlu izakuba lunxiwa.
6 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana lendlu yenkosи yakoJuda:
UyiGileyadi kimi, inhloko yeLebhano; isibili ngizakwenza
inkangala, imizi engahlalwayo. **7** Ngizakulungisela abachithi,
ngulowo elezikhali zakhe; njalo bazagamula ikhethelo lemisedari
yakho, bayiphosele emlilweni. **8** Lezizwe ezinengi zizadlula
kulumuzi, zithi, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe: INkosi yenzeleni
kanje kulumuzi omkhulu? **9** Khona bazakuthi: Ngenxa yokuthi
basidelile isivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, bakhonza
abanye onkulunkulu, babasebenzela. **10** Lingamkhaleli ofileyo,
lingamlileli; khalelani kakhulu ohambileyo, ngoba kasayikubuya
kumbe abone ilizwe lokuzalwa kwakhe. **11** Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi mayelana loShaluma indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakoJuda,
owabusa esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, owaphuma kulindawo:
Kasayikubuya lapha; **12** kodwa uzafela endaweni abamthumbele
kuyo, kasayikulibona lelilizwe. **13** Maye kowakha indlu yakhe
ngokungalungi, lamakamelo akhe aphezulu ngokungaqondanga,
osebenzisa umakhelwane wakhe ngeze, angamniki umvuzo

wakhe; **14** othi: Ngizazakhela indlu enkulu lamakamelo aphezulu abanzi; azisikele amawindi, yembeswe ngemisedari, iconjwe ngokubomvu. **15** Uzabusa yini, ngoba utshisekela ulaka ugqoke imisedari? Uyihlo kadlanga yini wanatha, wenza isahlulelo lokulunga, kwasekusiba kuhle kuye? **16** Wehlulela udaba lomyanga loswelayo; khona kwaba kuhle. Lokhu kakusikungazi yini? itsho iNkosi. **17** Kodwa amehlo akho lenhliziyo yakho kakukho kokunye ngaphandle kwemhawini wakho, lekuchitheni igazi elingelacala, lencindezelweni, lekwenzeni udlakela. **18** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana loJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda: Kabayikumkhalela besithi: Hawu mfowethu! kumbe: Hawu dadewethu! Kabayikumkhalela besithi: Hawu nkosi! loba: Hawu, bukhosi bakhe! **19** Uzangcwatshwa ngokungcwatshwa kukababhemi, ehudulwa alahlwe ngaphandle kwamasango eJerusalema. **20** Yenyukela eLebhanoni, umemeze, uphakamise ilizwi lakho eBashani, umemeze useAbarimi, ngoba zonke izithandwa zakho zibhujisiwe. **21** Ngakhulumu lawe ekonwabeni kwakho, kodwa wathi: Kangiyikulalela. Lokhu bekuyindlela yakho kusukela ebutsheni bakho, ukuthi ungalilaleli ilizwi lami. **22** Umoya uzakudla bonke abelusi bakho, lezithandwa zakho zizakuya ekuthunjweni; isibili khona uzakuba lenhloni, uyangeke, ngenxa yobubi bakho bonke. **23** Wena ohlala eLebhanoni, owakhe isidleke phakathi kwemisedari, uzahawukelwa kangakanani ekuzeni kwenhlungu kuwe, ubuhlungu obunjengobowesifazana ohelelwayo. **24** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi, loba uKoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi, inkosi yakoJuda, ebeyindandatho elophawu esandleni sami sokunene, kanti bengizakuhluthula kuso, **25** ngikunikele esandleni sabadinga impilo yakho, lesandleni salabo owesaba ubuso babo,

ngitsho esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni samaKhaladiya, **26** ngikuphosele phandle kanye lonyoko owakubelethayo, liye kwelinye ilizwe, elingazalelwanga kulo; njalo lizafela khona. **27** Kodwa elizweni abaphakamisa umphefumulo wabo ukubuyela kulo, kabayikubuyela kulo. **28** Lumuntu uKoniya uyisithombe esidelelekayo lesiphahlazekileyo yini? Uyisitscha okungelantokozo kuso yini? Baphoselwani phandle, yena lenzalo yakhe, yebo, bephoselwa elizweni abangalaziyo? **29** Lizwe, lizwe, lizwe, zwana ilizwi leNkosi. **30** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Bhalani lumuntu ukuthi kalabantwana, umuntu ongayikuphumelela ensukwini zakhe; ngoba kakulamuntu enzalweni yakhe ozaphumelela, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavida, esabusa koJuda.

23 Maye kubelusi abachitha behlakaza izimvu zedlelo lami! itsho iNkosi. **2** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, imelene labelusi abelusa abantu bami: Lizihlakazile izimvu zami, lazixotsha, kalizethkelelanga. Khangelani, ngizaphindisela phezu kwenu ububi bezenzo zenu, itsho iNkosi. **3** Mina-ke ngizabutha insali yezimvu zami iphume kuwo wonke amazwe lapho engizixotshele khona, ngizibuyise futhi esibayeni sazo; njalo zizazala, zande. **4** Ngizamisa phezu kwazo abelusi abazazelusa; njalo kazisayikwesaba, kaziyikutshaywa luvalo, kaziyikulahleka, itsho iNkosi. **5** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho engizavusela uDavida iHlumela elilungileyo; njalo iNkosi izabusa iphumelele, izakwenza isahlulelo lokulunga emhlabeni. **6** Ensukwini zalo uJuda uzasindiswa, lolosrayeli ahlale evikelekile. Njalo leli libizo layo ezabizwa ngalo: INkosi Ukulunga Kwethu. **7** Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho abangasayikuthi: Kuphila kweNkosi, eyabakhuphula abantwana

bakolsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe. **8** Kodwa: Kuphila kweNkosi eyakhuphula eyaletha inzalo yendlu kalsrayeli isuka elizweni lenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe engangiyixotshele khona. Njalo bazahlala elizweni lakibo. **9** Mayelana labaprofethi: Inhliziyo yami yephukile ngaphakathi kwami; amathambo ami wonke ayathuthumela; nginjengesidakwa, lanjengomuntu owehlulwe liwayini, ngenxa yeNkosi, langenxa yamazwi obungcwele bayo. **10** Ngoba ilizwe ligcwele izifebe; ngoba ngenxa yesiqalekiso ilizwe liyalila; amadlelo enkangala omile, lokuhamba kwabo kubi, lamandla abo kawaqondanga. **11** Ngoba lomprofethi lompristi kabamesabi uNkulunkulu; ngitsho endlini yami ngitholile ububi babo, itsho iNkosi. **12** Ngakho indlela yabo izakuba kibo njengezindlela eztishelelayo emnyameni; bafuqelwa phansi, bawele kuyo; ngoba ngizabehlisela okubi ngomnyaka wokuhanjelwa kwabo, itsho iNkosi. **13** Ngibonile-ke ubuwula kubaprofethi beSamariya; baprofetha ngoBhali, baduhisa abantu bami ulsrayeli. **14** Kodwa kubaprofethi beJerusalema ngibonile into eyesabekayo; bayafeba, bahambe emangeni, baqinisa izandla zabenzi bobubi ukuze bangaphenduki ngulowo ebubini bakhe; bonke sebenjengeSodoma kimi, labakhileyo bayo njengeGomora. **15** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla mayelana labaprofethi: Khangela, ngizabadlisa umhlonyane, ngibanathise amanzi enyongo; ngoba kusukela kubaprofethi beJerusalema ukungamesabi uNkulunkulu kuphumele ilizwe lonke. **16** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Lingalaleli amazwi abaprofethi abaprofetha kini; balenza libe yize; bakhulumu umbono wenhlizyo yabo, hatshi ovela emlonyeni weNkosi. **17** Baqhubeka besithi kwabangidelelayo: INkosi ithe: Lizakuba lokuthula; njalo bathi kuye wonke ohamba ngenkani yenhlizijo

yakhe: Ububi kabuyikukwehlela. **18** Ngoba ngubani omi kucebo leNkosi, wabona wezwa ilizwi layo? Ngubani oqaphelise ilizwi lakhe, walizwa? **19** Khangela, isivunguzane seNkosi, ulaka lumphumile, ngitsho isivunguzane esibuhlungu; sizakwehlela ngamandla phezu kwekhanda labakhohlakeleyo. **20** Ulaka lweNkosi kaluyikuphenduka, ize yenze, njalo ize iqinise iminakano yenhliziyo yayo. Ekucineni kwezinsuku lizakuqedisisa lokukuqedisisa. **21** Kangibathumanga lababaprofethi, kanti bona bagijima; kangikhulumanga labo, kanti bona baprofetha. **22** Kodwa uba bebemi kucebo lami, ngabe benza abantu bami bezwa amazwi ami, ngabe babaphendula endleleni yabo embi lebubini bezenzo zabo. **23** NginguNkulunkulu oseduze yini, itsho iNkosi, njalo hatshi uNkulunkulu okhatshana? **24** Ukhona yini ongacatsha endaweni ezisithekileyo ukuze ngingamboni? itsho iNkosi. Kangigcwalisi yini amazulu lomhlaba? itsho iNkosi. **25** Ngizwile ukuthi abaprofethi batheni, abaprofetha amanga ebizweni lami besithi: Ngiphuphile, ngiphuphile! **26** Koze kube nini kusenhliziyeni yabaprofethi abaprofetha amanga? Yebo, bangabaprofethi benkohliso yenhliziyo yabo; **27** abacabanga ukwenza abantu bami bakhohlwe ibizo lami ngamaphupho abo abawalandisa ngulowo umakhelwane wakhe, njengaboyise bakhohlwa ibizo lami ngenxa kaBhali. **28** Umprofethi olephupho, kalilandise iphupho; lolelizwi lami, kalikhulume ilizwi lami ngeqiniso. Amahlanga ayini lamabele? itsho iNkosi. **29** Ilizwi lami kalinjalo njengomlilo yini, itsho iNkosi, lanjengesando esiqhekeza idwala libe yizicucu? **30** Ngakho khangela, ngimelene labaprofethi, itsho iNkosi, abeba amazwi ami, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe. **31** Khangela, ngimelene labaprofethi, itsho iNkosi, abasebenzisa ulimi lwabo, bathi: Ithi. **32** Khangela, ngimelene labaprofetha

amaphupho amanga, itsho iNkosi, bawalandisa, baduhise abantu bami ngamanga abo, langokuwalazela kwabo, kanti mina ngingabathumanga, ngingabalayanga; ngakho kabayikubasiza ngitsho ngalutho lababantu, itsho iNkosi. **33** Lalapho lababantu, loba umprofethi, kumbe umpristi, bekubuza, besithi: Uyini umthwalo weNkosi? Khona uzakuthi kibo: Umthwalo bani? Ukuthi ngizalidela, itsho iNkosi. **34** Mayelana lomprofethi, lompristi, labantu, abazakuthi: Umthwalo weNkosi; ngizamjezisa lalowomuntu lendlu yakhe. **35** Lizakhuluma ngalindlela, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe, langulowo kumfowabo: INkosi iphendule yathini? Lokuthi: INkosi ikhulumeni? **36** Kodwa umthwalo weNkosi kalisayikukhuluma ngawo. Ngoba ilizwi langulowo lalowomuntu lizakuba ngumthwalo wakhe, ngoba liwahlanekele amazwi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wethu. **37** Uzakutsho ngokunjalo kumprofethi: INkosi ikuphenduleneni? njalo: INkosi ikhulumeni? **38** Kodwa uba lisithi: Umthwalo weNkosi; ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngoba likhuluma lamazwi okuthi: Umthwalo weNkosi; njalo ngithumele kini ngisithi: Lingabokuthi: Umthwalo weNkosi; **39** ngakho khangelani, mina ngizalikhohlwa ngokupheleleyo, ngitshiye lina lomuzi engalinika wona laboyihlo, lisuke ebusweni bami. **40** Njalo ngizabeka phezu kwenu ihlazo elilaphakade lokuyangeka okulaphakade, okungayikukhohlakala.

24 INkosi yangenza ngibone, khangela-ke, izitsha ezimbili zemikhiwa zibekwe phambi kwethempeli leNkosi, emva kokuthi uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni esethumbe uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi, inkosi yakoJuda, leziphatmandla zakoJuda, lababazi, labakhandi, wabasusa eJerusalema, wabasa eBhabhiloni. **2** Esinye isitsha sasilemikhiwa emihle

kakhulu njengemikhiwa evuthwe kuqala; kodwa esinye isitsha sasilemikhiwa emibi kakhulu, eyayingeke idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo. 3 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ubonani, Jeremiya? Ngasengisithi: Imikhiwa, imikhiwa emihle, emihle kakhulu; lemibi, emibi kakhulu, engeke idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo. 4 Lafika kimi futhi ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: 5 Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Njengalimikhiwa emihle, ngokunjalo ngizananzelela abathunjiweyo bakoJuda, engibaxotshe ngabasusa kulindawo ngabasa elizweni lamaKhaladiya, kube kuhle. 6 Ngoba ngizabeka ilihlo lami phezu kwabo ngokuhle, ngibabuyisele kulelilizwe; ngibakhe, ngingabadilizi; njalo ngizabahlanyela, ngingabasiphuni. 7 Njalo ngizabanika inhliziyo yokuthi bangazi mina, ukuthi ngiyiNkosi; njalo bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo; ngoba bazabuyela kimi ngenhlizijo yabo yonke. 8 Kodwa njengemikhiwa emibi engeke idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo, isibili itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngokunjalo ngizanika uZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda, leziphathamandla zakhe, lensali yeJerusalem, eseleyo kulelilizwe, lalabo abahlala elizweni leGibhithe, 9 ngibanikele babe yinto eyesabekayo, babe yibubi, kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, babe lihlazo, lesaga, inhlekisa, lesiqalekiso, kuzo zonke indawo engizabaxotshela khona. 10 Njalo ngizathumela phakathi kwabo inkemba, indlala, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, baze baqedwe basuke elizweni engalinika bona laboyise.

25 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya mayelana labantu bonke bakoJuda, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda (kwakungumnyaka wokuqala kaNebhukadirezari, inkosi yeBhabhiloni), 2 alikhulumayo uJeremiya umprofethi kubo bonke abantu bakoJuda, lakubo bonke abahlali beJerusalem,

esithi: **3** Kusukela emnyakeni wetshumi lantathu kaJosiya, indodana kaAmoni, inkosi yakoJuda, kuze kube lamuhla, sekuyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu, ilizwi leNkosi lifikile kimi, njalo ngilikhulumile kini, ngivuka ngovivi ngikhuluma; kodwa kalilalelanga. **4** Futhi iNkosi ithumile kini zonke izinceku zayo, abaprofethi, ivuka ngovivi ibathuma; kodwa kalilalelanga, kalibekanga indlebe yenu ukuthi lizwe; **5** besithi: Phendukani khathesi ngulowo lalovo endleleni yakhe embi, lebubini bezenzo zenu, lihlale elizweni iNkosi elinike lina laboyihlo kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini; **6** njalo lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukubasebenzela lokubakhonza, lingangithukuthelisi ngomsebenzi wezandla zenu; khona ngingayikulenzela okubi. **7** Kodwa kalingilalelanga, itsho iNkosi, ukuze lingithukuthelise ngomsebenzi wezandla zenu, kuze kube kubi kini. **8** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ngenxa yokuthi lingawalalelanga amazwi ami, **9** khangela, ngizathuma, ngilande zonke izinsapho zenyakatho, itsho iNkosi, lakuNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami, ngibalethe bamelane lalelilizwe bamelane labakhileyo balo, bamelane lazo zonke lezizizwe inhlangothi zonke, ngibatshabalalise, ngibenze babe yisesabiso, babe ngokuncifelwayo, babe zincithakalo ezilaphakade. **10** Futhi ngizaphelisa ngisuse kubo ilizwi lentokozo lelizwi lenjabulo, ilizwi lomyeni lelizwi likamakoti, umsindo wamatshe okuchola, lokukhanya kwesibane. **11** Lelizwe lonke leli lizakuba lunxiwa libe yisesabiso; lalezizizwe zizasebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **12** Kuzakuthi-ke iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphelele ngijezise inkosi yeBhabhiloni lalesosizwe, itsho iNkosi, ngobubi babo, lelizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngilenze libe ngamanxiwa

laphakade. **13** Ngehlisele phezu kwalelolizwe wonke amazwi
ami engawakhulumu ngimelene lalo, konke okubhaliwego
kulolugwalo, uJeremiya akuprofethayo ngazo zonke izizwe. **14**
Ngoba izizwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu zizabasebenzia
bona uqobo; njalo ngizabaphindisela njengokwenza kwabo
lanjengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo. **15** Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli kimi: Thatha inkezo yewayini
yalolulaka esandleni sami, wenze zonke izizwe engikuthuma
kuzo ziyanathe. **16** Njalo zizanatha, zidiyazele, zihlanye, ngenxa
yenkemba engizayithuma phakathi kwazo. **17** Ngasengithatha
inkezo esandleni seNkosi, nganathisa zonke izizwe iNkosi
eyayingithume kizo, **18** iJerusalema, lemizi yakoJuda, lamakhosi
ayo, leziphatmandla zayo, ukubenza babe yincithakalo,
babe yisesabiso, babe yinto yokuncifelwa, babe yisiqalekiso,
njengalamuhla; **19** uFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, lezincku zakhe,
leziphatmandla zakhe, labantu bakhe bonke; **20** labo
bonke abaxubeneyo, lawo wonke amakhosi elizwe leUzi,
lawo wonke amakhosi elizwe lamaFilisti, leAshikeloni, leGaza,
leEkhironi, lensali yeAshidodi; **21** iEdoma, loMowabi, labantwana
bakoAmoni; **22** lawo wonke amakhosi eTire, lawo wonke
amakhosi eSidoni, lamakhosi ezihlenge ezingaphetsheya
kolwandle; **23** iDedani, leTema, leBuzi, labo bonke abaqunywe
ezingonsini; **24** lamakhosi wonke eArabhiya, lamakhosi wonke
abantu abaxubeneyo abahlala enkangala; **25** lamakhosi wonke
eZimri, lamakhosi wonke eElamu, lamakhosi wonke eMede;
26 lawo wonke amakhosi enyakatho, aseduze lakhatshana,
omunye lomunye, layo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, esebusweni
bomhlaba; lenkosi yeSheshaki izanatha emva kwabo. **27**
Ubususithi kibo: Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu

kalsrayeli: Nathani lidakwe, lihlanze, liwe, lingasukumi, ngenxa yenkemba engizayithuma phakathi kwenu. **28** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho besala ukuthatha inkezo esandleni sakho ukuthi banathe, uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Lizanatha isibili. **29** Ngoba khangela, ngiyaqala ukwenza okubi emzini obizwa ngebizo lami, lina-ke belizakuba ngabangelacala isibili yini? Kaliyikuba ngabangelacala; ngoba ngizabizela inkemba phezu kwabo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **30** Wena-ke profetha wonke lamazwi umelene labo, uthi kubo: INkosi izabhonga iphezulu, iphumise ilizwi layo isendaweni yayo engcwele; izabhonga kakhulu phezu kwendawo yayo yokuhlala, imemeze iphendule njengabanyathela izithelo zevini, imelene labo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba. **31** Umsindo uzafika emkhawulweni womhlaba; ngoba iNkosi ilempikisano lezizwe, izakwehlulela yonke inyama; abakhohlakeleyo izabanikela enkembeni, itsho iNkosi. **32** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Khangela, ububi buzaphuma esizweni busiya esizweni, lesivunguzane esikhulu sizavuswa sisuka ezinhlangothini zomhlaba. **33** Langalolosuku ababulewego beNkosi bazasukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba baze bafike komunye umkhawulo; kabayikulilewa, kabayikubuthwa, kabayikungcwatshwa; bazakuba ngumquba phezu kobuso bomhlaba. **34** Qhinqani isililo, belusi, likhale, lizibhuqe emlotheni, zikhulu zomhlambi; ngoba izinsuku zokuhlatshwa lezokuhlakazeka kwenu zigcwalisekile, njalo lizakuwa njengesitsha esiloyisekayo. **35** Lokubaleka kuzaphela kubelusi, lokuphunyuka kuzikhulu zomhlambi. **36** Kuzakuba lelizwi lokukhala kwabelusi lokuqhingga isililo kwezikhulu zomhlambi; ngoba iNkosi izachitha idlelo labo. **37** Lezibaya ezilokuthula zizachithwa ngenxa yokuvutha kolaka lweNkosi.

38 Itshiyile ubhalu lwayo njengesilwane esitsha, ngoba ilizwe labo seliyincithakalo ngenxa yokuvutha komcindezeli, langenxa yokuvutha kolaka lwayo.

26 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda kwafika lelilizwi livela eNkosini lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Mana egumeni lendlu yeNkosi, ukhulume kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda, efikayo ukuzakhonza endlini yeNkosi, wonke amazwi engikulaya ukuthi uwakhulume kubo; unganciphisi lalizwi. **3** Mhlawumbe bazalalela, baphenduke ngulowo lalovo endleleni yakhe embi, ukuze ngizisole ngokubi ebengicabanga ukukwenza kubo ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo. **4** Uzakuthi-ke kibo: Itsho njalo INkosi: Uba lingayikungilalela, ukuthi lihambe ngomlayo wami engiwubeka phambi kwenu, **5** ukuthi lilalele amazwi enceku zami abaprofethi engibathume kini, yebo ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, kodwa kalilalelanga, **6** ngizakwenza-ke lindlu ibe njengeShilo, ngenze lumuzi ube yisiqalekiso kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba. **7** Ngakho abapristi labaprofethi labo bonke abantu bamuzwa uJeremiya ekhuluma lamazwi endlini yeNkosi. **8** Kwathi uJeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma konke iNkosi eyayimlaye ukuthi akukhulume ebantwini bonke, abapristi labaprofethi labo bonke abantu bambamba besithi: Uzakufa lokufa! **9** Kungani uprefetha ngebizo leNkosi usithi: Lindlu izakuba njengeShilo, lomuzi lo uzakuba lunxiwa, ungabi lamhlali? Bonke abantu basebembuthanelu uJeremiya endlini yeNkosi. **10** Kwathi iziphathamandla zakoJuda sezizwile lezizinto, zenyuka zivela endlini yenkosи zafika endlini yeNkosi, zahlala emnyango wesango elitsha lendlu yeNkosi. **11** Abapristi labaprofethi basebekhuluma kuzo iziphathamandla lakubo bonke abantu besithi: Umuntu lo ufanele isigwebo sokufa, ngoba uprefethe emelene lalumuzi,

njengoba lizwile ngendlebe zenu. **12** Wasekhulumu uJeremiya kuzo zonke iziphathamandla lakubo bonke abantu esithi: INkosi yangithuma ukuprofetha ngimelene lalindlu ngimelene lalumuzi wonke amazwi eliwezwileyo. **13** Ngakho-ke lungisani indlela zenu lezenzo zenu, lilalele ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; khona iNkosi izazisola ngobubi ebukhulume imelene lani. **14** Kodwa mina, khangela, ngisesandleni senu; yenzani kimi njengokulungileyo lanjengokuqondileyo emehlweni enu. **15** Kodwa yazini isibili ukuthi uba lingibulala, isibili lizakwehlisela igazi elingelacala phezu kwenu laphezu kwalumuzi laphezu kwabakhileyo bawo; ngoba ngeqiniso iNkosi ingithume kini ukuthi ngikhulume wonke la amazwi endlebeni zenu. **16** Iziphathamandla labo bonke abantu basebesithi kubapristi lakubaprofethi: Lumuntu kafanele isigwebo sokufa, ngoba ukhulumile kithi ebizweni leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **17** Kwasekusukuma abanye babadala belizwe, bakhuluma kulo lonke ibandla labantu, besithi: **18** UMika umMorashethi waprofetha ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, wakhuluma kibo bonke abantu bakoJuda esithi: Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla: IZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, leJerusalema ibe zinqumbi, lentaba yendlu ibe zindawo eziphakemeyo zegusu. **19** UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda layo wonke uJuda bambulala isibili yini? Kayesabanga yini iNkosi, wancenga ubuso beNkosi, njalo iNkosi yazisola ngokubi eyayikuhulume imelene labo? Ngalokho senza ububi obukhulu simelene lempifefumulo yethu. **20** Kwakukhona njalo umuntu owaprofetha ebizweni leNkosi, uUriya indodana kaShemaya oweKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, owaprofetha ngalumuzi langalelilizwe njengokwamazwi wonke kaJeremiya. **21** Kwathi inkosi uJehoyakhimi lawo wonke amaqhawe akhe lazo zonke

iziphathamandla zakhe besizwa amazwi akhe, inkosi yadinga ukumbulala; kwathi uUriya ekuzwa, wesaba, wabaleka, waya eGibhithe. 22 Inkosi uJehoyakhimi yasithuma amadoda eGibhithe, uElinathani indodana kaAkhibhor, lamanye amadoda kanye laye eGibhithe, 23 basebemkhipha uUriya eGibhithe, bamletha enkosini uJehoyakhimi, owambulala ngenkemba, waphosela isidumbu sakhe emangcwabeni abantwana babantu. 24 Kodwa isandla sikaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani sasiloJeremiya, ukuze bangamnikeli esandleni sabantu ukuthi bambulale.

27 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, kwafika lelilizwi kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi: 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Zenzele imichilo lamajogwe, ukugaxe entanyeni yakho, 3 ukuthumele enkosini yeEdoma lenkosini yakoMowabi lenkosini yabantwana bakoAmoni lenkosini yeTire lenkosini yeSidoni, ngesandla sezithunywa ezifika eJerusalema kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda; 4 uzilaye ukuthi zithi emakhosini azo: Itsho njalo Nkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Lizakutsho njalo emakhosini enu: 5 Mina ngenze umhlaba, umuntu, lenyamazana, okuphezu kobuso bomhlaba, ngamandla ami amakhulu langengalo yami eyeluliweyo, ngiwunike lowo okuqondileyo emehlwani ami. 6 Khathesi mina sengiwanikele wonke lamazwe esandleni sikaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami; njalo ngimnikile lenyamazana zeganga ukuthi zimsebenzele. 7 Lezizwe zonke zizasebenzela yena, lendodana yakhe, lendodana yendodana yakhe, kuze kufike isikhathi selakhe ilizwe uqobo; khona izizwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu bezamkhonzisa. 8 Kuzakuthi-ke isizwe lombuso okungayikumsebenzela yena, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lokungayikubeka intamo yakho ngaphansi

kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesosizwe ngizasijezisa, itsho iNkosi, ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngize ngikuqede ngesandla sakhe. **9** Lina-ke lingabalaleli abaprofethi benu labavumisi benu labaphuphi benu labachasisi bemibono benu labalumbi benu abakhulumka kini besithi: Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni. **10** Ngoba baprofetha amanga kini, ukuze balisuse liye khatshana lelizwe lakini, lokuze ngilixotshe liphume, libhubhe. **11** Kodwa isizwe esizangenisa intamo yaso ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, siyisebenzele, ngizasiyekela elizweni laso, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi silisebenze, sihlale kulo. **12** Ngakhuluma lakuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda njengokwalawomazwi wonke ngathi: Ngenisani intamo zenu ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lisebenzele yona labantu bayo, liphile. **13** Lizafelani, wena labantu bakho, ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, njengokutsho kweNkosi mayelana lesizwe esingayikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni? **14** Ngakho lingawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi abakhuluma kini besithi: Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni; ngoba baprofetha amanga kini. **15** Ngoba kangibathumanga, itsho iNkosi, kodwa baprofetha amanga ngebizo lami, ukuze ngilixotshe, libhubhe, lina labaprofethi abaprofetha kini. **16** Ngasengikhuluma kubapristi lakulababantu bonke, ngisithi: Itsho njalo INkosi: Lingawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini besithi: Khangelani, izitsha zendlu yeNkosi zizabuyiswa khathesi masinyane zivela eBhabhiloni; ngoba baprofetha amanga kini. **17** Lingabalaleli; sebenzelani inkosi yeBhabhiloni, liphile. Kungani umuzi lo ube lunxiwa? **18** Kodwa uba bengabaprofethi, njalo uba ilizwi leNkosi likubo, khathesi kabayincenge iNkosi yamabandla, ukuthi izitsha eziseleyo

endlini yeNkosi lendlini yenkosi yakoJuda leJerusalema zingayi eBhabhiloni. **19** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla mayelana lezinsika, langolwandle, langezisekelo, langensali yezitsha ezisele kulumuzi, **20** uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni angazithathanga, ekuthumbeni kwakhe uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda eJerusalema emusa eBhabhiloni, lazo zonke izikhulu zakoJuda leJerusalema; **21** yebo, itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli mayelana lezitsha eziseleyo endlini kaJehova lendlini yenkosi yakoJuda leJerusalema: **22** Zizasiwa eBhabhiloni, zibe khona kuze kube lusuku engizakuzihambela ngalo, itsho iNkosi; khona ngizazenusa, ngizibuyisele kulindawo.

28 Kwasekusithi ngalowomnyaka, ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka wesine, ngenyanga yesihlanu, uHananiya indodana kaAzuri umprofethi owayengoweGibeyoni wakhuluma kimi endlini yeNkosi emehlwani abapristi labantu bonke, esithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, isithi: Ngilephulile ijogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni. **3** Kusesephakathi kweminyaka emibili yezinsuku ngizabuyisela kulindawo izitsha zonke zendlu yeNkosi, uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni azisusa kulindawo wazisa eBhabhiloni. **4** Futhi uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, labo bonke abathunjwa bakoJuda, abaya eBhabhiloni, ngizababuyisela kulindawo, itsho iNkosi; ngoba ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni. **5** Wasekhuluma uJeremiya umprofethi kuHananiya umprofethi emehlwani abapristi lemehlwani abantu bonke ababemi endlini yeNkosi; **6** uJeremiya umprofethi wasesithi: Amen! INkosi kayenze njalo, iNkosi kayiqinise amazwi akho owaprofethileyo, ukuthi

ibuyise izitsha zendlu yeNkosi, labo bonke abathunjwa, kusuke eBhabhiloni kuze kulindawo. **7** Kodwa ake uzwe lelilizwi engilikhuluma endlebeni zakho lendlebeni zabo bonke abantu: **8** Abaprofethi ababephambi kwami lababephambi kwakho kwasendulo baprofetha bemelene lamazwe amanengi bemelene lemibuso emikhulu, ngempi langobubi langomatshayabhuqe wesifo. **9** Umprofethi oprofetha ngokuthula, lapho ilizwi lomprofethi selifikile, lowomprofethi uzakwaziwa ukuthi iNkosi imthumile ngeqiniso. **10** Umprofethi uHananiya waselisusa ijogwe entanyeni kaJeremiya umprofethi, walephula. **11** UHananiya wasekhuluma emehlweni abantu bonke esithi: Itshe njalo iNkosi: Ngokunjalo ngizalephula ijogwe likaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ngilisuse entanyeni yezizwe zonke kusesephakathi kweminyaka emibili yezinsuku. UJeremiya umprofethi wasehamba ngendlela yakhe. **12** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya, emva kokuthi uHananiya umprofethi esephulile ijogwe elisusa entanyeni kaJeremiya umprofethi, lisithi: **13** Hamba uyetshela uHananiya usithi: Itshe njalo iNkosi: Wephulile amajogwe esigodo; kodwa uzawenza amajogwe ensimbi endaweni yawo. **14** Ngoba itshe njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Ngigaxile ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni yazo zonke lezizizwe ukuze zisebenzele uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni; futhi zizamsebenzela, njalo ngimnikile lezinyamazana zeganga. **15** UJeremiya umprofethi wasesithi kuHananiya umprofethi: Ake uzwe, Hananiya; iNkosi kayikuthumanga, kodwa wena wenza lababantu ukuthi bathembe amanga. **16** Ngakho itshe njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakuxotsha ebusweni bomhlaba; Ionyaka uzakufa, ngoba ukhulumile ukuhlamuka umelene leNkosi. **17**

Wafa-ke uHananiya umprofethi ngalowomnyaka ngenyanga yesikhombisa.

29 La-ke ngamazwi encwadi ayithumelayo uJeremiya umprofethi ivela eJerusalema isiya kunsali yabadala babathunjiweyo lakubapristi lakubaprofethi lebantwini bonke ayebathumbile uNebhukadinezari besuka eJerusalema wabasa eBhabhiloni **2** (emva kokuphuma kukaJekoniya inkosi, lendlovukazi, labathenwa, iziphathamandla zakoJuda lezeJerusalema, lababazi, labakhandi, besuka eJerusalema), **3** ngesandla sikaElastra indodana kaShafani, loGemariya indodana kaHilikhya, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda eyabathuma eBhabhiloni kuNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, isithi: **4** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kibo bonke abathunjiweyo engabenza bathunjwa besuswa eJerusalema basiwa eBhabhiloni: **5** Yakhani izindlu, lihlale kizo, lihlanyele izivande, lidle izithelo zazo; **6** lithathe abafazi, lizale amadodana lamadodakazi, lithatthele amadodana enu abafazi, lendise amadodakazi enu emadoden, ukuze azale amadodana lamadodakazi, lande khona, linganciphi. **7** Lidinge ukuthula komuzi lapho engilithumbele khona, liwukhulekele eNkosini; ngoba ekuthuleni kwawo lizakuba lokuthula. **8** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Akuthi abaprofethi benu labavumisi benu abaphakathi kwenu bangalikhohli; lingawalaleli amaphupho enu eliwenza aphutshwe; **9** ngoba baprofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami; kangibathumanga, itsho iNkosi. **10** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Qiniso, lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isigcwalisekile eBhabhiloni, ngizalihambela, ngiqinise ilizwi lami elihle kini, ukuthi ngilibuyise kulindawo. **11** Ngoba mina ngiyazi imicabango engiyicabanga ngani, itsho

iNkosi, imicabango yokuthula, kayisiyo eyokubi, ukuthi ngilinike isiphetho lokulindelweyo. **12** Khona lizangibiza liyekhuleka kimi, ngilizwe. **13** Njalo lizangidinga, lingithole, lapho lingidingisisa ngenhliziyo yenu yonke. **14** Njalo ngizatholwa yini, itsho iNkosi, ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwenu, ngiliqoqe kuzo zonke izizwe lakuzo zonke indawo lapho engilixotshele khona, itsho iNkosi, ngilibuyise endaweni engalithumba livela khona. **15** Ngoba litshilo: INkosi isivusele abaprofethi eBhabhiloni. **16** Ngoba utsho njalo uJehova ngenkosi ehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavida langabo bonke abantu abahlala kulumuzi, abafowenu abangaphumelanga ekuthunjweni kanye lani: **17** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Khangelani, ngizathumela phakathi kwabo inkemba, indlala, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngibenze babe njengemikhiwa eyenyanyekayo, engadlekiyo ngenxa yobubi. **18** Ngixotshane labo ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngibanikele ukuba yisesabiso kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, babe yisiqalekiso, lento eyesabekayo, lokuncifelwayo, lehlazo, phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe lapho engibaxotshele khona; **19** ngenxa yokuthi bengawalalelanga amazwi ami, itsho iNkosi, engawathumela kibo ngenceku zami abaprofethi, ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, kodwa kalilalelanga, itsho iNkosi. **20** Lina-ke zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina lonke bathunjiwego, engabathuma besuka eJerusalema besiya eBhabhiloni: **21** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, mayelana loAhabi indodana kaKolaya, lamayelana loZedekhiya indodana kaMahaseya, abaprofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami: Khangelani, ngizabanikela esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ozababulala phambi kwamehlo enu. **22** Njalo kuzathathwa kubo isiqalekiso yibo bonke abathunjiwego koJuda abaseBhabhiloni kuthiwe:

Kungathi iNkosi ikumise njengoZedekhiya lanjengoAhabi, inkosi yeBhabhiloni eyamosa ngomlilo; **23** ngenxa yokuthi benze ubuthutha kolsrayeli, bafeba labafazi babomakhelwane babo, baqamba amazwi angamanga ngebizo lami, engingabalayanga wona; njalo yimi engaziyo, engingumfakazi, itsho iNkosi. **24** Uzakhuluma kuShemaya umNehelami usithi: **25** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, isithi: Ngenxa yokuthi wena uthumele izincwadi ngebizo lakho kubo bonke abantu abaseJerusalema, lakuZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya umpristi, lakubo bonke abapristi, usithi: **26** INkosi isikwenze ube ngumpristi esikhundleni sikaJehoyada umpristi, ukuthi libe ngababonisi bendlu yeNkosi phezu kwakhe wonke umuntu ohlanyayo ozitshaya umprofethi, ukuthi limfake esitokisini elezankosi entanyeni. **27** Khathesi-ke, kungani ungamkhuzanga uJeremiya umAnathothi ozitshaya umprofethi kini? **28** Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu usethumele kithi eBhabhiloni esithi: Kuzakuba kude; yakhani izindlu, lihlale kizo, lihlanyelete izivande, lidle izithelo zazo. **29** UZefaniya umpristi waseyifunda lincwadi endlebeni zikaJeremiya umprofethi. **30** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya lisithi: **31** Thumela kubo bonke abathunjiveyo usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi ngoShemaya umNehelami: Ngenxa yokuthi uShemaya eprofethe kini, mina-ke ngingamthumanga, walenza ukuthi lithembe amanga, **32** ngakho itsho iNkosi: Khangela, ngizajezisa uShemaya umNehelami kanye lenzalo yakhe; kayikuba lamuntu ozahlala phakathi kwalababantu, angaboni okuhle engizakwenzela abantu bami, itsho iNkosi, ngoba ukhulume ukuhlamuka emelene leNkosi.

30 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, isithi: Zibhalele encwadini

wonke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe. **3** Ngoba khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami ulsrayeli loJuda, itsho iNkosi, ngibabuyisele elizweni engalinika oyise, njalo bazakudla ilifa lalo. **4** Lala ngamazwi iNkosi eyawakhuluma mayelana lolsrayeli lamayelana loJuda. **5** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Sizwile ilizwi lokuthuthumela; kulokwesaba, hatshi ukuthula. **6** Ake libuze, libone uba indoda ingabeletha yini? Kungani ngibona ngulowo lalowo owesilisa isandla sakhe siphezu kokhalo lwakhe njengowesifazana obelethayo, lobuso bonke sebuphenduke baba mhlotshana? **7** Maye! ngoba lukhulu lolosuku, okokuthi kalukho olunjengalo; kuyisikhathi sokuhlupheka kukaJakobe, kodwa uzasindiswa kukho. **8** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngizakwephula ijogwe lakhe entanyeni yakho, nqiqamule izibopho zakho; labezizwe kabasayikumsebenzisa. **9** Kodwa bazasebenzela uJehova, uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavida inkosi yabo engizabavusela yena. **10** Ngakho wena ungesabi, nceku yami Jakobe, itsho iNkosi; futhi ungtshaywa luvalo, Israyeli; ngoba khangela, ngizakusindisa ukhatshana, lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; njalo uJakobe uzaphenduka, athule, onwabe, njalo kakho ozamenza esabe. **11** Ngoba mina ngilawe, itsho iNkosi, ukukusindisa; ngoba ngizakwenza ukuphela kuzo zonke izizwe engikuhlakazele khona, kodwa kangiyikwenza ukuphela kuwe; kodwa ngizakulaya ngokufaneleyo, kangiyikukuyekela ungajeziswanga ngokupheleleyo. **12** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Ukwaphuka kwakho kakwelapheki, isilonda sakho sibi. **13** Kakho owahlulela udaba lwakho, ukuthi abophe isilonda sakho; kawulamithi epholisayo. **14** Zonke izithandwa zakho zikukhohliwe; kazikudingi; ngoba ngikutshayile ngokutshaya kwesitha,

ngokulaywa kololunya, ngenxa yobunengi besiphambeko sakho, izono zakho zandile. **15** Ukhalelani ngokwephuka kwakho? Usizi lwakho kalwelapheki ngenxa yobunengi besiphambeko sakho; ngoba izono zakho zandile, ngizenzile lezizinto kuwe. **16** Ngakho bonke abakudlayo bazadliwa; lazo zonke izitha zakho, zonke zizakuya ekuthunjweni; labakuphangayo bazakuba yimpango, labo bonke abakwemukayo ngizabanikela ekwemukweni. **17** Ngoba ngizakwenyusela ukuphila kuwe, ngikwelaphe emanxebeni akho, itsho iNkosi; ngoba bakubize ngokuthi oXotshiweyo, besithi: YiZiyoni, kakulamuntu oyidingayo.

18 Itsalo njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwamathente kaJakobe, ngihawukele amakhaya abo; njalo umuzi uzakwakhiwa phezu kwenqumbi yawo, lesigodlo sizahlala njengomkhuba waso. **19** Njalo kuzaphuma kubo ukubonga, lelizwi labathokozayo; njalo ngizabandisa, kabayikuba balutshwana; ngibadumise, kabayikweyiswa. **20** Labantwana babo bazakuba njengendulo, lenhlangano yabo izamiswa phambi kwami; njalo ngizajezisa bonke ababacindezelayo. **21** Lesikhulu sabo sizavela kubo, lombusi wabo uzaphuma evela phakathi kwabo; njalo ngizamsondeza, asondele kimi; ngoba ngubani lowo ongenza inhliziyo yakhe isibambiso sokusondela kimi? itsalo iNkosi. **22** Njalo lizakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.

23 Khangelani isivunguzane seNkosi, ukuvutha kuphumile, isivunguzane esikhukhulayo; sizakwehla ngamandla phezu kwekhanda lababi. **24** Ukuvutha kolaka IweNkosi kakuyikudedza, ize ikwenze, ize iqinise injongo zenhliziyo yayo; ekucineni kwezinsuku lizanakana ngalokhu.

31 Ngalesosikhathi, itsalo iNkosi, ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wensapho zonke zakolsrayeli; bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu bami.

2 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Abantu babaseleyo benkemba bathola umusa enkangala; ngitsho ulsrayeli, lapho ngisiyamphumuza. **3** INkosi yabonakala kimi ikhatshana isithi: Yebo, ngikuthandile ngothando olulaphakade, ngakho-ke ngikudonsile ngothandolomusa. **4** Ngizabuya ngikwakhe, wakheke, wena ntombi emsulwa yakolsrayeli; uzabuya uvunuliswe ngezigujana zakho, uphume phakathi kokugida kwabathokozayo. **5** Uzabuya uhlanyele izivini phezu kwezintaba zeSamariya; abahlanyeli bazahlanyela, badle izithelo. **6** Ngoba kuzakuba khona usuku abazamemeza ngalo abalindi entabenzi yakoEfrayimi besithi: Sukumani, senyuke siye eZiyoni, eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu. **7** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Mhlabeleleni uJakobe ngentokozo, limemezele phakathi kwenhloko yezizwe; zwakalisani, dumisani, lithi: Nkosi, sindisa abantu bakho, insali yakolsrayeli. **8** Khangelani, ngizabaletha bevela elizweni lenyakatho, ngibabuthe emaceleni omhlaba; phakathi kwabo kukhona iziphofu labaqhulayo, abesifazana abakhulelweyo lababelethayo ndawonye; bazabuya lapha belibandla elikhulu. **9** Bazabuya belokukhala, ngizabakhokhela belokuncenga; ngizabahambisa emifuleni yamanzi ngendlela eqondileyo, abangayikukhubeka kuyo; ngoba nginguyise kalsrayeli, loEfrayimi ulizibulo lami. **10** Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina zizwe, lili memeze ezhlengeni ezikhathshana, lithi: Yena owachitha ulsrayeli uzambutha, amgcine, njengomelusi umhlambi wakhe. **11** Ngoba iNkosi imhlengile uJakobe, yamhlawulela emsusa esandleni solamandla kulaye. **12** Ngakho bazakuza bahlabelele ekuphakameni kweZiyoni, bagelezele kokuhle kweNkosi, ngamabele, langewayini elitsha, langamafutha, langamazinyane ezimvu, lenkomo; lomphefumulo wabo ubenjengesivande esithelelwego, kabasayikubuya babe losizi.

13 Khona intombi izathokoza ekugideni, lamajaha labadala kanyekanye; ngoba ngizaphendula ukulila kwabo kube yintokozo, ngibaduduze, ngibathokozise, bangabi losizi. **14** Njalo ngizasuthisa umphefumulo wabapristi ngamanono, labantu bami bazasuthiswa ngokuhle kwami, itsho iNkosi. **15** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ilizwi lezwakala eRama, ukulila, ukukhala inyembezi okubuhlungu kakhulu; uRasheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe, esala ukududuzwa ngabantwana bakhe, ngoba bengasekho. **16** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Bamba ilizwi lakho ekukhaleni, lamehlo akho ezinyembezini; ngoba kulomvuzo womsebenzi wakho, itsho iNkosi, ngoba bazabuya bevela elizweni lesitha. **17** Kukhona-ke ithemba enzalweni yakho, itsho iNkosi; ngoba abantwana bakho bazabuyela emngceleni wakibo. **18** Ngizwile lokuzwa uEfrayimi ezililelaesithi: Ungilayile, njalo ngalaywa njengethole elingathambanga; ngiphenduka, njalo ngizaphendula; ngoba uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wami. **19** Isibili emva kokuphenduka kwami, ngazisola, lemva kokufundiswa kwami ngatshaya phezu kwethangazi lami; ngaba lenhloni, njalo ngayangeka, ngoba ngathwala ihlazo lobutsha bami. **20** UEfrayimi uyindodana yami eligugu yini, ungumntwana wami othokozisayo yini? Ngoba selokhu ngakhulumu ngimelene laye, ngisamkhumbula ngoqotho; ngenxa yalokho imibilini yami iyakhala ngaye; isibili ngizakuba lesihawu kuye, kutsho iNkosi. **21** Zibekele izitshengiso zendlela, uzimisele izinsika zeziqondiso, ubeke inhliziyo yakho kumgwaqo omkhulu, indlela owahamba ngayo; phenduka, ntombi emsulwa yakolsrayeli, uphendukele kule imizi yakini. **22** Koze kube nini uzulazula, ndodakazi ehlehlela nyovane? Ngoba iNkosi idale into entsha emhlabeni: Owesifazana uzahanqa indoda. **23** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Bazabuya batsho

lelilizwi elizweni lakoJuda lemizini yakho, lapho ngibuyisela ukuthunjwa kwabo: Kwangathi iNkosi ingakubusisa, khaya lokulunga, ntaba yobungcwele. **24** Njalo kuzahlala kulo uJuda layo yonke imizi yakhe ndawonye, abalimi labahamba lemihlambi. **25** Ngoba ngisuthise umphefumulo okhatheleyo, ngigcwaliwonke umphefumulo ophela amandla. **26** Ngasengiphaphama, ngabona; lobuthongo bami babumnandi kimi. **27** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizahlanyela indlu kalsrayeli lendlu kaJuda ngenhlanyelo yabantu lenhlanyelo yenyamazana. **28** Kuzakuthi-ke njengalokho ngibalindile ukuthi ngisiphune lokuthi ngidilize lokuthi ngichithe lokuthi ngibhubhise lokuthi ngenze okubi, ngokunjalo ngizabalinda ukuze ngakhe ngihlanye, itsho iNkosi. **29** Ngalezonsuku kabasayikuthi: Oyise badlile izithelo zevini ezimunyu, amazinyo abantwana asetshelela. **30** Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uzafela ububi bakhe; wonke umuntu odla izithelo zevini ezimunyu, amazinyo akhe azatshelela. **31** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizakwenza isivumelwano esitsha lendlu kalsrayeli lendlu kaJuda; **32** kungeyisikho njengesivumelwano engasenza laboyise mhla ngibamba isandla sabo ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, osivumelwano sami bona abasephulayo, lanxa mina ngangingumyeni wabo, itsho iNkosi. **33** Kodwa yilesi isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu kalsrayeli emva kwalezonsuku, itsho iNkosi: Ngizafaka umlayo wami emibilini yabo, ngiwubhale enhliziyeni yabo, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, labo babe ngabantu bami. **34** Kabasayikufundisa-ke, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, langulowo lalowo umfowabobo, esithi: Yazi iNkosi; ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo kuze kufike komkhulu wabo, itsho iNkosi; ngoba ngizathethelola isiphambeko sabo, lesono sabo kangisayikusikhumbula. **35**

Itsho njalo iNkosi, enika ilanga libe yikukhanya emini, izimiso zenyanga lezezinkanyezi zibe yikukhanya ebusuku, enyakazisa ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome; iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo. **36** Uba lezozimiso zingasuka phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi, inzalo yakolsrayeli layo izaphela ekubeni yisizwe phambi kwami zonke insuku. **37** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uba engalinganiswa amazulu phezulu, zihlolwe izisekelo zomhlaba phansi, lami ngizayala yonke inzalo yakolsrayeli ngenxa yakho konke abakwenzileyo, itsho iNkosi. **38** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho umuzi uzakwakhelwa iNkosi, kusukela emphotshongweni kaHananeli kuze kufike esangweni leNgonsi. **39** Lentambo yokulinganisa isezaPhuma maqondana layo kuze kube soqaqeni lweGarebi, iphendukele ngaseGowa. **40** Lesihotsha sonke sezidumbu lesomlotha, lawo wonke amasimu kuze kufike esifuleni seKidroni, kuze kufike engonsini yeSango lamabhiza ngempumalanga, kuzakuba yibungcwele beNkosi. Kakuyikutshunwa kakusayikudilizwa kuze kube nininini.

32 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini emnyakeni wetshumi kaZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda, owawungumnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili kaNebhukadirezari. **2** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi ibutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni layivimbezela iJerusalema; uJeremiya umprofethi wayevalelwe-ke egumeni lentolongo, elalisendlini yenkosi yakoJuda. **3** Ngoba uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wayemvalele esithi: Kungani wena uprefetha usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngiwunikela lumuzi esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, njalo izawuthumba; **4** loZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kayiyikuphunya esandleni samaKhaladiya, kodwa uzanikelwa isibili esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, lomlomo wakhe uzakhulumu lomlomo wayo, lamehlo akhe abone

amehlo ayo; **5** izakhokhela-ke uZedekhiya imuse eBhabhiloni, abe khona ngize ngimhambele, itsho iNkosi; lanxa lisilwa lamaKhaladiya, kaliyikuphumelela. **6** UJeremiya wasesithi: Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: **7** Khangela, uHanameli indodana kaShaluma umalumakho uzafika kuwe esithi: Zithengele insimu yami eseAnathothi, ngoba nguwe olelungelo lokuhlenga ukuthi uthenge. **8** Kwasekufika kimi uHanameli indodana kamalumami, njengokutsho kweNkosi, egumeni lentolongo, wasesithi kimi: Ake uthenge insimu yami eseAnathothi eselizweni lakoBhenjamini, ngoba ulelungelo lelifa, ulohlengo; zithengele yona. Ngasengisazi ukuthi yilizwi leNkosi. **9** Ngasengiyithenga insimu kuHanameli indodana kamalumami, eseAnathothi, ngamlinganisela imali engamashekeli ayisikhombisa lenhlamu ezilitshumi zesiliva. **10** Ngasengibhala incwadi, ngayiphawula, ngenza abafakazi bafakaze, ngalinganisa imali ngesikali. **11** Ngasengithatha incwadi yokuthenga enanyekiweyo njengokomthetho lezimiso, levulekileyo, **12** nganika incwadi yokuthenga kuBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseya, phambi kwamehlo kaHanameli indodana kamalumami, laphambi kwamehlo abafakazi ababephawule incwadi yokuthenga, phambi kwamehlo awo wonke amaJuda ayehlezi egumeni lentolongo. **13** Ngasengilaya uBharukhi phambi kwamehlo abo ngisithi: **14** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Thatha lezizincwadi, le incwadi yokuthenga, zombili enanyekiweyo lale incwadi evulekileyo, uzifake embizeni yebumba, ukuze zihlale insuku ezinengi. **15** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Kuzabuya kuthengwe izindlu lamasimu lezivini kulelilizwe. **16** Ngasengikhuleka eNkosini, senginike uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya incwadi

yokuthenga, ngisithi: **17** Hawu Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, nguwe owenze amazulu lomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliwego; kakuladaba olunzima kakhulu kuwe; **18** owenza uthandolomusa kwabayizinkulungwane, uphindisela isiphambeko saboyise kusifuba sabantwana babo emva kwabo; uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla, iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo; **19** omkhulu ngeseluleko, lolamandla ngokwenza; ngoba amehlo akho avulekele zonke indlela zamadodana abantu, ukunika ngulowo lalowo ngokwendlela zakhe, lanjengesithelo sezenzo zakhe; **20** owamisa izibonakaliso lezimangaliso elizweni leGibhithe, kuze kube lamuhla, lakolsrayeli laphakathi kwabantu; wasuzenzela ibizo njengalamuhla. **21** Wabakhupha abantu bakho ulsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe ngezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso, langesandla esilamandla, langengalo eyeluliwego, langokwesabeka okukhulu; **22** wabanika lelilizwe, owafunga kuboyise ukubanika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **23** Basebengena badla ilifa lalo, kodwa kabalilalelanga ilizwi lakho, kabahambanga ngomlayo wakho, kabakwenzanga konke owabalaya khona ukuthi bakwenze; ngakho uebhli sele bonke lobububi. **24** Khangela amadundulu; afikile emzini ukuwuthumba, lomuzi unikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya alwa emelene lawo; ngenxa yenkemba lendlala lomatshayabhuqe wesifo; lalokho owakukhulumayo kwenzakele; khangela-ke, uyakubona. **25** Kanti, wena Nkosi Jehova, utha kimi: Zithengele insimu ngemali, wenze abafakazi bafakaze; ngoba umuzi unikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya. **26** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya lisithi: **27** Khangela, ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wayo yonke inyama; kambe, kukhona loba yini okunzima kakhulu kimi? **28** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngiwunikela

lumuzi esandleni samaKhaladiya, lesandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ozawuthumba. **29** LamaKhaladiya alwa emelene lalumuzi azangena, awuthungele lumuzi ngomlilo, awutshise kanye lezindlu obekunikelelwa phezu kwazo impepha kuBhali, lobekuthululelwa phezu kwazo iminikelo yokunathwayo kwabanye onkulunkulu, ukuze bangithukuthelise. **30** Ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli labantwana bakoJuda bebesenza okubi kuphela emehlwani ami, kusukela ebutsheni babo; ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli bangizondisile kuphela ngesenzo sezandla zabo, itslo iNkosi. **31** Ngoba lumuzi ubukimi ngokolaka lwami langokwentukuthelo yami, kusukela ngosuku abawakha ngalo kuze kube lamuhla, ukuze ngiwususe ebusweni bami; **32** ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babantwana bakolsrayeli lobabantwana bakoJuda abakwenzayo ukungithukuthelisa, bona, amakhosi abo, iziphathamandla zabo, abapristi babo, labaprofethi babo, labantu bakoJuda, labahlali beJerusalema. **33** Basebengiphendulela umhlana, hatshi-ke ubuso; lanxa ngibafundisile ngivuka ngovivi ngibafundisa; kanti kabalalelanga ukwemukela ukulaywa. **34** Kodwa bamisa izinengiso zabo endlini, obizo lami libizwa kuyo, ukuze bayingcolise. **35** Basebesakha indawo eziphakemeyo zikaBhali ezisesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, ukuthi badabulise amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo emlilweni aye kuMoleki, engingabalayanga khona lokungafikanga enhliziyweni yami, ukuthi benze lesisinengiso, ukuze benze uJuda one. **36** Khathesi-ke, ngakho itslo njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, mayelana lomuzi lo elithi ngawo: Unikelwe esandleni senkosи yeBhabhiloni ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo: **37** Khangelani, ngizabaqoqa bevela emazweni wonke lapho engibaxotshele khona ekuthukutheleni

kwami langokufuthuka kwami langolaka olukhulu; njalo ngizababuyisa kulindawo, ngibenze bahlale bevikelekile. **38**
Yebo, bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo.
39 Ngizabanika inhliziyonye lendlelanye, ukuze bangesabe zonke insuku, kube kuhle kubo lakubantwana babo emva kwabo. **40**
Njalo ngizakwenza labo isivumelwano esilaphakade, ukuze ngingaphenduki ekubalandeleni, ukuthi ngibenzele okuhle, ngifake ukungesaba enhliziyweni yabo, ukuze bangaphenduki basuke kimi. **41** Yebo, ngizathokoza ngabo ukubenzela okuhle, ngibahlanyele ngobuqotho kulelilizwe, ngenhlizyo yami yonke langomphefumulo wami wonke. **42** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Njengoba ngehlisele phezu kwalababantu bonke lobububi obukhulu, ngokunjalo ngizabehlisela konke okuhle engikukhulumileyo ngabo. **43** Amasimu azathengwa-ke kulelilizwe elithi ngalo: Liyinkangala engelamuntu lenyamazana, linikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya. **44** Bazathenga amasimu ngemali, babbale izincwadi, baphawule, benze abafakazi bafakaze, elizweni lakoBhenjamini lemaphandleni eJerusalema lemizini yakoJuda lemizini yezintaba lemizini yesihotsha lemizini yeningizimu; ngoba ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, itsho iNkosi.

33 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya ngokwesibili, esavalelw
egumeni lentolongo, lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi, ekwenzayo,
iNkosi, ekubumbayo, ukukumisa; uJehova libizo lakhe: **3**
Ngibiza, ngikuphendule, ngikwazise izinto ezinkulu lezifihlakeleyo
elingazaziyo. **4** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wakolsrayeli, ngezindlu zalumuzi langezindlu zamakhosi
akoJuda, ezidilizelwe phansi ukuba ngamadundulu langenxa
yenkemba: **5** Beza ukulwa lamaKhaladiya, kodwa bayazigcwalisa
ngezidumbu zabantu engibatshayileyo ekuthukutheleni kwami

lekufuthekeni kwami, njalo engifihle ubuso bami kulumuzi ngenxa yobubi babo bonke. **6** Khangela, ngizawandisela impilo enhle lokusiliswa; ngibelaphe, ngibembulele ukwanda kokuthula leqiniso. **7** Ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda lokuthunjwa kukalsrayeli, ngibakhe njengakuqala. **8** Ngibahlambulule kubo bonke ububi babo abona ngabo kimi, ngithethelele zonke iziphambeko zabo abona ngazo kimi labaphambeka ngazo kimi. **9** Njalo kuzakuba kimi libizo lenjabulo, kube ludumo, njalo kube yibuhle, kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba ezizakuzwa konke okuhle engibenzela khona; zesabe zithuthumele ngakho konke okuhle langakho konke ukuthula engibenzela khona.

10 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Kuzabuya kuzwakale kulindawo, elithi ngayo, ilunxiwa, engelamuntu lengelanyamazana, emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema, ezilunxiwa okungelamuntu lokungelamhlali lokungelanyamazana, **11** ilizwi lokuthaba, lelizwi lentokozo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti, ilizwi labathi: Dumisani iNkosi yamabandla, ngoba iNkosi ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; ilizwi lalabo abaletha indumiso endlini yeNkosi. Ngoba ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwelizwe njengakuqala, itsho iNkosi. **12** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Kule indawo elunxiwa engelamuntu kuze kube senyamazaneni, lemizini yonke yayo, kuzabuya kube khona imizi yabelusi abazakwenza imihlambi ilale kuyo. **13** Emizini yentabeni, emizini yesihotsha, lemizini yeningizimu, lelizweni lakoBhenjamini, lemaphandleni eJerusalema, lemizini yakoJuda, izimvu zizabuya zedlule ngaphansi kwezandla zalowo obalayo, itsho iNkosi. **14** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizamisa ilizwi elihle engilikhulume endlini kalsrayeli lendlini kaJuda. **15** Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi ngizahlumisela

uDavida iHlumela elilungileyo; njalo uzakwenza isahlulelo lokulunga elizweni. **16** Ngalezonsuku uJuda uzasindiswa, leJerusalema ihlale ivikelekile. Njalo yileli ibizo elizabizwa ngalo: INkosi ukulunga kwethu. **17** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Kakuyikuqunywa muntu kuDavida ohlala esihhalweni sobukhosи sendlu kalsrayeli. **18** Njalo kakuyikuqunywa muntu kubapristi, amaLevi, ebusweni bami, onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, atshise umnikelo wokudla, enze umhlatshelo insuku zonke. **19** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: **20** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uba lingasephula isivumelwano sami semini lesivumelwano sami sobusuku, ukuze kungabi khona imini lobusuku ngesikhathi sakho, **21** khona sizakwephulwa isivumelwano sami loDavida inceku yami, ukuze angabi landodana yokubusa esihhalweni sakhe sobukhosи, lesivumelwano lamaLevi, abapristi, izikhonzi zami. **22** Njengoba ibutho lamazulu lingebalwe, letshebetshebe lolwandle lingelinganiswe, ngokunjalo ngizakwandisa inzalo kaDavida inceku yami lamaLevi angikhonzayo. **23** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: **24** Kawubonanga yini abakutshoyo lababantu besithi: Izinsapho ezimbili iNkosi ebizikhethile izilahlile? Yebo badelela abantu bami, ukuthi bangabe besaba yisizwe phambi kwabo. **25** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uba isivumelwano sami singeyisiso esemini lesebusuku, uba ngingamisanga izimiso zamazulu lezomhlaba, **26** khona ngizayala inzalo kaJakobe lekaDavida inceku yami, ukuthi kangiyikuthatha enzalweni yakhe ukuze abuse phezu kwenzalo kaAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe; ngoba ngizabuyisa ukuthunjiwa kwabo, ngibe lesihawu kibo.

34 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lapho uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lebutho lakhe lonke, lemibuso yonke yomhlaba yokubusa kwesandla sakhe, lazo

zonke izizwe, babesilwa bermelene leJerusalema bermelene
layo yonke imizi yayo, lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kalsrayeli: Hamba ukhulume kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda uthi
kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, nginikela lumuzi esandleni
senkosi yeBhabhiloni, ukuthi iwutshise ngomlilo. **3** Lawe
kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo, kodwa uzabanjwa isibili,
unikelwe esandleni sayo; lamehlo akho azabona amehlo enkosi
yeBhabhiloni, lomlomo wayo uzakhulumu lomlomo wakho;
njalo uzakuya eBhabhiloni. **4** Kodwa zwana ilizwi leNkosi,
Zedekhiya, nkosi yakoJuda: Itsho njalo iNkosi ngawe: Kawuyikufa
ngenkemba. **5** Uzakufa ngokuthula, lanjengokubaselwa
kwaboyihlo, amakhosi endulo, ayephambi kwakho, ngokunjalo
bazakubaselwa, bakulilele, besithi: Maye inkosi! Ngoba mina
ngilikhulumile lelolizwi, itsho iNkosi. **6** UJeremiya umprofethi
wasewakhulumu wonke lamazwi kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda
eJerusalema, **7** lapho ibutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni lisilwa
limelene leJerusalema limelene layo yonke imizi yakoJuda
eyayisele, limelene leLakishi limelene leAzeka; ngoba yiyo imizi
ebiyelweyo eyayisisele phakathi kwemizi yakoJuda. **8** Ilizwi elafika
kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, emva kokuthi inkosi uZedekhiya
esenzile isivumelwano labo bonke abantu ababeseJerusalema
ukumemezelwa inkululeko kubo, **9** ukuthi ngulowo lalowo
ayekele isiggili sakhe sihambe sikhululekile, langulowo lalowo
isiggilikazi sakhe, umHebheru kumbe umHebherukazi, ukuze
kungabi khona umuntu owenza umJuda engumfowabo abe
yisiggili. **10** Kwasekulalela zonke iziphathamandla labo bonke
abantu ababengene lesosivumelwano sokuthi ngulowo lalowo
ayekele isiggili sakhe langulowo lalowo isiggilikazi sakhe
sihambe sikhululekile, bangaphindi bazenze zibe yiziggili;

basebelalela, baziyekela zahamba. **11** Kodwa emva kwalokho baphenduka, bazibuyisa iziggili lezigqilikazi ababeziyekele zihambe zikhululekile, bazehlisela phansi zaba yiziggili lezigqilikazi. **12** Ngakho ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi: **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Mina ngenza isivumelwano laboyihlo mhla ngibakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobuggili, ngisithi: **14** Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa lizayekela ahambe, ngulowo lalowo umfowabo umHebheru owayethengiswe kuwe, esekusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, umyekele ahambe ekhululekile esuka kuwe. Kodwa oyihlo kabangilalelanga, kababekanga indlebe yabo. **15** Lina seliphendukile lamuhla, lenza okulungileyo emehlwani ami, limemezela inkululeko, ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, lenza isivumelwano phambi kwami endlini ebizwa ngebizo lami. **16** Kodwa liphendukile, langcolisa ibizo lami, libuyisa, ngulowo lalowo isiggili sakhe langulowo lalowo isiggilikazi sakhe, ebeliziyekele zahamba zikhululekile njengokufisa kwazo, lazehlisela phansi, zaba yiziggili lezigqilikazi zenu. **17** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Lina kalingilalelanga, ukumemezela inkululeko, kube ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo langulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; khangelani, ngizamemezela kini, itsho iNkosi, inkululeko enkembeni, kumatshayabhuqe wesifo, lendlaleni; ngilinikele libe yisesabiso kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. **18** Nginikele amadoda aseqileyo isivumelwano sami, angaqinisanga amazwi esivumelwano asenza phambi kwami, lapho adabula ithole kibili, adlula phakathi kweziqa zalo; **19** iziphathamandla zakoJuda, leziphathamandla zeJerusalema, abathenwa, labapristi, labo bonke abantu belizwe, abadabula phakathi kweziqa zethole. **20** Yebo, ngizabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo lesandleni salabo

abadinga impilo yabo; lezidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu lenyamazana zomhlabo. **21** LoZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda leziphathamandla zakhe ngizabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo, lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo, lesandleni sebutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, abenyuke basuka kini. **22** Khangelani, ngizalaya, itsho iNkosi, ngibabuyise kulumuzi; njalo bazakulwa bemelene lawo, bawuthumbe, bawutshise ngomlilo; lemizi yakoJuda ngizayenza ibe lunxiwa olungelamhlali.

35 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini ensukwini zikaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lisithi:
2 Yana endlini yamaRekabi, ukhulume lawo, uwalethe endlini yeNkosi kwelinye lamakamelo, uwanathise iwayini. **3** Ngasengithatha uJahazaniya, indodana kaJeremiya, indodana kaHabaziniya, labafowabo, lawo wonke amadodana akhe, lendlu yonke yamaRekabi. **4** Ngabaletha endlini yeNkosi, ekamelweni lamadodana kaHanani, indodana kalgidaliya, umuntu kaNkulunkulu, elaliseduze lekamelo leziphathamandla, elalingaphezu kwekamelo likaMahaseya, indodana kaShaluma, umlindimbundu. **5** Ngasengibeka phambi kwamadodana endlu yamaRekabi izimbiza ezigcwele iwayini, lezinkezo, ngathi kibo: Nathani iwayini. **6** Kodwa bathi: Kasilinathi iwayini, ngoba uJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, ubaba, wasilaya esithi: Linganathi iwayini, lina labantwana benu, kuze kube nininini. **7** Njalo lingakhi izindlu, lingahlanyeli inhlanyelo, lingahlanyeli izivini, lingabi lazo; kodwa lihlale emathenteni zonke insuku zenu, ukuze liphile insuku ezinengi ebusweni bomhlabo lapho elihlala khona njengabezizwe. **8** Ngakho salilalela ilizwi likaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, ubaba, kukho konke asilaya ngakho, ukuthi singanathi iwayini zonke insuku zethu, thina, omkethu,

amadodana ethu, lamadodakazi ethu; **9** lokuthi singakhi izindlu zokuhlala kwethu; njalo singabi lesivini kumbe insimu kumbe inhlanyelo; **10** kodwa sihlala emathenteni, silalele senze njengakho konke uJonadabi ubaba asilaya khona. **11** Kodwa kwathi lapho uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni esenyukela elizweni, sathi: Wozani siye eJerusalema ngenxa yebutho lamaKhaladiya langenxa yebutho lamaSiriya. Sasesihlala eJerusalema. **12** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya lisithi: **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Hamba uthi ebantwini bakoJuda lakwabahlali beJerusalema: Kaliyikwemukela yini ukulaywa ukuthi lilalele amazwi ami? itsho iNkosi. **14** Aqiniswa amazwi kaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, awalaya abantwana bakhe ukuthi banganathi iwayini; ngoba kabalinhathanga kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba bawulalele umlayo kayise. Lami ngikhulumile kini ngivuke ngovivi ngikhuluma, kodwa kalingilalelanga. **15** Futhi ngithume kini zonke inceku zami abaprofethi, ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, ngisithi: Ake liphenduke, ngulowo lalovo endleleni yakhe embi, lenze izenko zenu zibe zinhle, lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuthi libakhonze, ukuze lihlale elizweni engalinika lina laboyihlo. Kodwa kalibekanga indlebe yenu, kalilalelanga kimi. **16** Ngoba amadodana kaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, awuqinisisile umlayo kayise awalaya wona, kodwa lababantu kabangilaleli, **17** ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizakwehlisela phezu kukaJuda laphezu kwabakhileyo bonke beJerusalema bonke ububi engibukhulume ngabo; ngoba ngikhulumile kibo, kodwa kabalalelanga, ngibabizile, kodwa kabaphendulanga. **18** Lakuyo indlu yamaRekabi uJeremiya wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi

yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Ngenxa yokuthi lilalele umlayo kaJonadabi uyihlo, lagcina yonke imilayo yakhe, lenza njengakho konke alilaya khona, **19** ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Kakuyikuqunywa muntu kuJonadabi indodana kaRekabi oma phambi kwami insuku zonke.

36 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lelilizwi lafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi: **2** Zithathole umqulu wogwalo, ubhale kiwo wonke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe ngolsrayeli langoJuda langazo zonke izizwe, kusukela ngosuku lokukhuluma kwami kuwe, kusukela ensukwini zikaJosiya, kuze kube lamuhla. **3** Mhlawumbe abendlu kaJuda bazakuzwa bonke ububi engicabanga ukubenza kubo; ukuze baphenduke, ngulowo lalovo endleleni yakhe embi, ukuze ngithethole ububi babo lesono sabo. **4** UJeremiya wasebiza uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya; uBharukhi wasebhala okuvula emlonyeni kaJeremiya, wonke amazwi eNkosi eyayiwakhulume kuye, emqulwini wogwalo. **5** UJeremiya waselaya uBharukhi esithi: Ngivinjelwe, kangilakungena endlini yeNkosi. **6** Ngakho hamba wena, ufunde emqulwini owubhalileyo, kuvela emlonyeni warni, amazwi eNkosi endlebeni zabantu endlini yeNkosi ngosuku lokuzila ukudla; uwafunde futhi endlebeni zakhe wonke uJuda abavela emizini yabo. **7** Mhlawumbe ukuncenga kwabo kuzakuwa phambi kweNkosi, baphenduke, ngulowo lalovo endleleni yakhe embi; ngoba lukhulu ulaka lentukuthelo iNkosi ekukhulume kulababantu. **8** UBharukhi indodana kaNeriya wasesenza njengakho konke uJeremiya umprofethi ayemlaye khona, efunda egwalweni amazwi eNkosi endlini yeNkosi. **9** Kwasekuthi

emnyakeni wesihlanu kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye, bamemezelu ukuzila ukudla phambi kweNkosi, bonke abantu eJerusalema, labantu bonke abavela emizini yakoJuda eJerusalema. **10** UBharukhi wasefunda egwalweni amazwi kaJeremiya endlini yeNkosi, ekamelweni likaGemariya, indodana kaShafani, umbhali, egumeni elingaphezulu, emnyango wesango elitsha lendlu yeNkosi, endlebeni zabantu bonke. **11** UMikhaya, indodana kaGemariya, indodana kaShafani, wasesizwa wonke amazwi eNkosi avela kulolugwalo, **12** wehlela endlini yenkos, ekamelweni lombhali; khangela-ke, zonke iziphathamandla zazihlezi lapho, uElishama umbhali, loDelaya indodana kaShemaya, loElinathani indodana kaAkhibhori, loGemariya indodana kaShafani, loZedekhiya indodana kaHananiya, leziphathamandla zonke. **13** UMikhaya wasebatshela wonke amazwi ayewezezwile, lapho uBharukhi efunda egwalweni endlebeni zabantu. **14** Zonke iziphathamandla zasezithuma uJehudi, indodana kaNethaniya, indodana kaShelemiya, indodana kaKushi, kuBharukhi, zisithi: Umqulu ofunde kuwo endlebeni zabantu, uthathe ngesandla sakho uze. Ngakho uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya wathatha umqulu ngesandla sakhe, waya kuzo. **15** Zasezisithi kuye: Ake uhlale phansi, uwufunde endlebeni zethu. UBharukhi wasefunda endlebeni zazo. **16** Kwasekusithi sevizwile wonke amazwi, zethukile, ngulowo lalowo ekhangele kumakhelwane wakhe, zathi kuBharukhi: Sizayitshela isibili inkosi wonke amazwi la. **17** Zasezimbuza uBharukhi zisithi: Ake usitshele, wawabhalu njani wonke lamazwi emlonyeni wakhe? **18** UBharukhi wasesithi kuzo: Wangifundela wonke lamazwi evela emlonyeni wakhe, ngawabhalu egwalweni ngeyinki. **19**

Izipathamandla zasezisithi kuBharukhi: Hamba ucatshe, wena
loJeremiya, kakungabi lamuntu owaziyo lapho elikhona. **20**
Zasezingena enkosini egumeni, kodwa umqulu zawubeka
ekamelweni likaElishama umbhali; zakhulumu wonke amazwi
endlebeni zenkosi. **21** Inkosi yasithuma uJehudi ukuthi
awulande umqulu; wasewuthatha ekamelweni likaElishama
umbhali; uJehudi wawufunda endlebeni zenkosi lendlebeni zazo
zonke izipathamandla ezazimi enkosini. **22** Inkosi yayihlez-
ke endlini yobusika ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye; umlilo
wawuvutha embawuleni phambi kwayo. **23** Kwasekusithi lapho
uJehudi esefundile amakhasi amathathu loba amane, yawasika
ngengqamu yombhali, yawaphosela emlilweni osembawuleni,
waze watsha waphela umqulu wonke emlilweni osembawuleni.
24 Kodwa kabesabanga, kabadabulanga izembatho zabo, inkosi
lenceku zayo zonke, abawezwayo wonke lamazwi. **25** Loba
kunjalo labo oElinathi loDelaya loGemariya beyincenga
inkosi ukuthi ingawutshisi umqulu, kodwa kayibalalelanga. **26**
Kodwa inkosi yalaya uJerameli indodana yenkosi, loSeraya
indodana kaAziriyeli, loShelemiya indodana kaAbideli, ukuze
babambe uBharukhi umbhali loJeremiya umprofethi; kodwa iNkosi
yabafihla. **27** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya emva kokuthi
inkosi isiwutshisile umqulu lamazwi uBharukhi ayewabhalile
evela emlonyen'i kaJeremiya, lisithi: **28** Zithathele futhi omunye
umqulu, ubhale kuwo wonke amazwi okuqala ayesemqulwini
wokuqala, uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda eyawatshisayo. **29**
Njalo uzakuthi kuJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda: Itsho njalo
iNkosi: Wena utshisile lumqulu, usithi: Ubhaleleni kiwo usithi:
Inkosi yeBhabhiloni izafika isibili, ilichithe lelilizwe, yenze ukuthi
kuphele kulo abantu lenyamazana? **30** Ngakho itsho njalo

iNkosi mayelana loJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda: Kayikuba lamuntu ohlala esihlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavida; lesidumbu sakhe sizaphoselwa ekutshiseni kwemini lekuqandeni kobusuku.

31 Ngizamjezisa-ke yena, lenzalo yakhe, lenceku zakhe, ububi babo; ngehlisеле phezu kwabo laphezu kwabahlali beJerusalema laphezu kwabantu bakoJuda konke okubi engikukhulume kubo, kodwa kabalalelanga. **32** UJeremiya wasethatha omunye umqulu, wawunika uBharukhi, indodana kaNeriya, umbhali, owabhala kiwo okuvela emlonyeni kaJeremiya wonke amazwi ogwalo uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda eyalutshisayo ngomlilo; kwengezelelwa-ke kiwo amanye amazwi amanengi afanana lawo.

37 Inkosi uZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya wabusake esikhundleni sikaKoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi, uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ambeka abe yinkosi elizweni lakoJuda. **2** Kodwa kawalalelanga, yena lenceku zakhe labantu belizwe, amazwi eNkosi eyayiwakhulume ngesandla sikaJeremiya umprofethi. **3** Inkosi uZedekhiya yasithuma uJehukali indodana kaShelemiya loZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya umpristi kuJeremiya umprofethi, isithi: Ake usikhulekele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu. **4** UJeremiya wangena-ke waphuma phakathi kwabantu, ngoba babengakamfaki entolongweni. **5** Ibutho likaFaro laliphumile-ke eGibhithe; kwathi amaKhaladiya ayevimbezela iJerusalema esizwa amahungahunga ngabo, enyuka asuka eJerusalema. **6** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya umprofethi lisithi: **7** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Lizakutsho njalo enkosini yakoJuda elithume kimi ukungibuza: Khangela, ibutho likaFaro eliphumele ukulisiza lizabuyela elizweni lalo,

iGibhithe. **8** AmaKhaladiya azabuya futhi, alwe emelene lalumuzi, awuthumbe, awutshise ngomlilo. **9** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Lingakhohlisi imiphefumulo yenu lisithi: AmaKhaladiya isibili azasuka kithi; ngoba kawayikusuka. **10** Ngoba loba lilitshaya ibutho lonke lamaKhaladiya alwa emelene lani, kusale amadoda agwaziwego phakathi kwabo, azasukuma, yileyo laleyo ethenteni layo, awutshise lumuzi ngomlilo. **11** Kwasekusithi ibutho lamaKhaladiya selenyukile lisuka eJerusalem ngenxa yebutho likaFaro, **12** uJeremiya waphuma eJerusalem ukuya elizweni lakoBhenjamini ukuthi amonyuke phakathi kwabantu. **13** Kwasekusithi esesesangweni lakoBhenjamini, kwakukhona lapho induna yabalindi obizo layo lalingulrija, indodana kaShelemya, indodana kaHananiya; yasimbamba uJeremiya umprofethi, isithi: Uhlubukela kumaKhaladiya. **14** UJeremiya wasesithi: Ngamanga; kangihlubukeli kumaKhaladiya. Kodwa kamlalelanga; ngokunjalo ulriya wambamba uJeremiya, wamletha kuziphathamandla. **15** Iziphathamandla zasezithukuthela ngoJeremiya, zamtshaya, zamfaka entolongweni, endlini kaJonathani umbhali, ngoba zaziyenze yaba yintolongo. **16** UJeremiya esengene endlini yomgodi lezitokisini, uJeremiya esehlale khona insuku ezinengi, **17** inkosi uZedekhiya yasithuma, yamthatha; inkosi yasimbuza endlini yayo ensitha yathi: Likhona yini ilizwi elivela eNkosini? UJeremiya wasesithi: Likhona. Wathi: Uzanikelwa esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni. **18** UJeremiya wathi futhi enkosini uZedekhiya: Ngoneni kuwe lezincekwini zakho lakulababantu ukuthi lingifake entolongweni? **19** Bangaphi khathesi abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini besithi: Inkosi yeBhabhiloni kayiyikufika imelane lani kumbe imelane lalelilizwe? **20** Khathesi-ke, ake uzwe, nkosi yami, nkosi, kakuthi ukuncenga kwami kuwe phambi

kwakho, ungangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani umbhali, hlezi ngifele khona. **21** Ngakho inkosi uZedekhiya yalaya ukuthi bamfake uJeremiya egumeni lentolongo, lokuthi anikwe isinkwa sibe sinye ngosuku esivela esitaladini sabaphekizinkwa, size siphele sonke isinkwa emzini. Ngokunjalo uJeremiya wahlala egumeni lentolongo.

38 UShefathiya indodana kaMathani, loGedaliya indodana kaPashuri, loJukali indodana kaShelemiya, loPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, sebezwile amazwi uJeremiya ayewakhulumu kubo bonke abantu esithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Osala kulumuzi uzakufa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo; kodwa ophuma aye kumaKhaladiya uzaphila, ngoba uzakuba lempilo yakhe ibe yimpango, aphile. **3** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Lumuzi uzanikelwa isibili esandleni sebutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, elizawuthumba. **4** Iziphathamandla zasezisithi enkosini: Ake abulawe lumuntu, ngoba ngalindlela uyekethisa izandla zamadoda empi asele kulumuzi, lezandla zabo bonke abantu, ngokukhuluma kibo amazwi anje; ngoba lumuntu kadingi ukuthula kwalababantu, kodwa okubi. **5** Inkosi uZedekhiya yasisithi: Khangela, usesandleni senu, ngoba inkosi kayilakho okuphambene lani ngalutho. **6** Basebemthatha uJeremiya, bamphosela emgodini kaMalikiya indodana yenkosi, owawusegumeni lentolongo, bamehlisa uJeremiya ngamagoda; kwakungelamanzi emgodini, kodwa udaka; uJeremiya wasetshona odakeni. **7** Kwathi uEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya indoda umthenwa, owayesendlini yenkosi, esizwa ukuthi uJeremiya bamfake emgodini (lapho inkosi yayihlezi esangweni lakoBhenjamini), **8** uEbedimeleki waphuma endlini yenkosi, wakhuluma lenkosi esithi: **9** Nkosi yami,

nkosi, abantu laba benzile okubi ngakho konke abakwenze kuJeremiya umprofethi, abamphosele emgodini, ngoba uzakufa endaweni yakhe ngenxa yendlala, ngoba kakusekho isinkwa emzini. **10** Inkosi yasimlaya uEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya, isithi: Thatha lapha amadoda angamatshumi amathathu ngaphansi kwesandla sakho, umenyule uJeremiya umprofethi emgodini engakafi. **11** Ngakho uEbedimeleki wathatha amadoda ngaphansi kwesandla sakhe, wangena endlini yenkosi waze waba ngaphansi kwesiphala, wathatha khona izidwedwe ezidabukileyo lezidwedwe ezigugileyo, wazehlisela kuJeremiya emgodini ngamagoda. **12** UEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya wasesithi kuJeremiya: Ake ufake izidwedwe ezidabukileyo lezigugileyo ngaphansi kwamakhwapha akho ngaphansi kwamagoda. UJeremiya wasesenza njalo. **13** Basebemdonsa uJeremiya ngamagoda, bamenyula emgodini. UJeremiya wasehlala egumeni lentolongo. **14** Inkosi uZedekhiya yasithuma yathatha uJeremiya umprofethi yamuska kuye, ekungeneni kwesithathu okusendlini yeNkosi. Inkosi yasisithi kuJeremiya: Ngizakubuza udaba, ungangifihleli lutho. **15** UJeremiya wasesithi kuZedekhiya: Uba ngikutshela, kawuyikungibulala lokungibulala yini? Loba ngikweluleka, kawuyikungilalela. **16** Inkosi uZedekhiya yasifunga kuJeremiya ekusithekeni isithi: Kuphila kukaJehova owasenzela lumphefumulo: Isibili kangiyikukbulala, futhi isibili kangiyikukunikela esandleni salamadoda adinga umphefumulo wakho. **17** UJeremiya wasesithi kuZedekhiya: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Uba uphuma isibili uye kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, umphefumulo wakho uzaphila, lalumuzi kawuyikutshisa ngomlilo; uzaphila wena lendlu yakho.

18 Kodwa uba ungaphumi uye kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lumuzi uzanikelwa esandleni samaKhaladiya, awutshise ngomlilo; lawe kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sawo. **19** Inkosi uZedekhiya yasisithi kuJeremiya: Ngiyawesaba amaJuda ahlubukele kumaKhaladiya, hlezi anginikele esandleni sawo, angiklolodele. **20** UJeremiya wasesithi: Kawayikukunikela; ake ulalele ilizwi leNkosi njengalelo engilikhuluma kuwe, khona kukulungele, futhi umphefumulo wakho uzaphila. **21** Kodwa uba usala ukuphuma, yileli ilizwi iNkosi engibonise lona lokuthi: **22** Khangela-ke, bonke abesifazana abasele endlini yenkosi yakoJuda bazakhitshelwa kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, bathi: Abangane bakho bakukhuthazile, bakwehlula; inyawo zakho zitshone odakeni; babuyele emuva. **23** Njalo azakhuphela abafazi bonke bakho lamadodana akho kumaKhaladiya; lawe kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sawo, kodwa uzabanjwa ngesandla senkosi yeBhabhiloni, lalumuzi uzawutshisa ngomlilo. **24** UZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya: Kakungabi khona umuntu owaziyo lamazwi, khona ungayikufa. **25** Kodwa nxa iziphathamandla zisizwa ukuthi ngikhulume lawe, zize kuwe zithi kuwe: Ake usitshele, ubusithini enkosini, ungakufihli kithi, khona kasiyikukubulala; njalo inkosi ikhulumeni kuwe; **26** uzakuthi-ke kuzo: Mina ngiwise ukuncenga kwami phambi kwenkosi ukuthi ingangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani ukuze ngifele khona. **27** Zasezifika zonke iziphathamandla kuJeremiya, zambuza; yena waziphendula njengawo wonke lamazwi inkosi ewalayileyo. Zasezithula kuye, ngoba udaba lwalungezwakali. **28** UJeremiya wasehlala egumeni lentolongo kwaze kwaba lusuku iJerusalema eyathunjwa ngalo; wayekhona lapho iJerusalema ithunjwa.

39 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi, kwafika uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni lebutho lakhe lonke, bamelana leJerusalema, bayivimbezela. **2** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya, ngenyanga yesine, ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, umuzi wafohlelwa. **3** Zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni zasezingena, zahlala esangweni eliphakathi, oNerigali-Sharezi, uSamiganebo, uSarisekimi, uRabisarisi, uNerigali-Sharezi, uRabimagi, lazo zonke ezinye iziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni. **4** Kwasekusithi lapho uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lawo wonke amadoda empi bezibona, babaleka, baphuma emzini ebusuku ngendlela yesivande senkosi, ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili; waphuma ngendlela yamagceke. **5** Kodwa ibutho IamaKhaladiya laxotshana labo, lamfica uZedekhiya emagcekeni eJeriko; selimbamble lamenyusela kuNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni eRibila, elizweni leHamathi, owakhuluma izigwebo ezimelene laye. **6** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibulala amadodana kaZedekhiya eRibila emehlwani akhe; inkosi yeBhabhiloni yabuya yabulala zonke izikhulu zakoJuda. **7** Yasiphumputhekisa amehlo kaZedekhiya, yambopha ngamaketane ethusi amabili ukuze imuse eBhabhiloni. **8** AmaKhaladiya asetshisa indlu yenkosи lezindlu zabantu ngomlilo, adilizela phansi imiduli yeJerusalema. **9** Lensali yabantu eyayisele emzini, lalabo ababehlubukile, ababehlubukile kuyo, lensali yabantu eyayisele, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi yabathumba yabasa eBhabhiloni. **10** Kodwa uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi watshiya elizweni lakoJuda ebantwini ababengabayanga ababengelalutho, wabanika izivini lamasimu ngalolosuku. **11** UNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni

waselaya ngesandla sikaNebuzaradani induna yabalindi ngoJeremiya esithi: **12** Mthathe, umise amehlo akho kuye, ungamenzeli ulutho olubi, kodwa njengokukhuluma kwakhe kuwe wenze njalo ngaye. **13** Ngakho bathuma oNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, IoNebushazibani, uRabisarisi, IoNerigali-Sharezi, uRabimagi, lazo zonke induna zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, **14** bathuma, bamthatha uJeremiya egumeni lentolongo, bamnikela kuGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani, ukuze amkhuphe amuse endlini yakhe. Wasehlala phakathi kwabantu. **15** Iizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya esavalelwé egumeni lentolongo, lisithi: **16** Hamba ukhulume kuEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangela, ngizakwehlisela amazwi ami kulumuzi ngokubi kungeyisikho ngokuhle, njalo azakuba phambi kwakho ngalolosuku. **17** Kodwa ngizakophula ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, njalo kawuyikunikelwa esandleni sabantu obesabayo. **18** Ngoba ngizakukhulula isibili, kawuyikuwa-ke ngenkemba, kodwa impilo yakho izakuba yimpango kuwe, ngoba uthembele kimi, itsho iNkosi.

40 Iizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini emva kokuthi uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi esemyekele wahamba esuka eRama, esemthethe ebotshiwe ngamaketane phakathi kwabo bonke ababethunjwe eJerusalema lakoJuda, abasiwa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. **2** Induna yabalindi yasimthatha uJeremiya yathi kuye: INkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, yakhuluma lokhu okubi ngalindawo. **3** INkosi isikulethile yakwenza njengokutsho kwayo, ngoba lonile eNkosini, kalilalelanga ilizwi layo; ngakho loludaba lwenzakele kini. **4** Khathesi-ke, khangela, lamuhla ngiyakukhulula kulamaketane asezandleni

zakho. Uba kukuhle emehlwani akho ukuya lami eBhabhiloni, woza, ngimise ilihlo lami phezu kwakho; kodwa uba kukubi emehlwani akho ukuya lami eBhabhiloni, yekela. Bona, ilizwe lonke liphambi kwakho; lapho kukuhle kuqondile emehlwani akho ukuhamba, hamba uye khona. **5** Kodwa engakabuyeli, wathi: Buyela kuGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani, emmisileyo inkosi yeBhabhiloni abe phezu kwemizi yakoJuda, uhlale laye phakathi kwabantu; kumbe loba kungaphi lapho kuqondile emehlwani akho ukuya khona, hamba. Ngakho induna yabalindi yasimnika umphako lesipho, yamyekela ukuthi ahambe. **6** Ngakho uJeremiya wafika kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu eMizipa, wahlala laye phakathi kwabantu ababesele elizweni. **7** Kwathi zonke induna zamabutho ezazisegangeni, zona kanye lamadoda azo, besizwa ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni ibekile uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu abe phezu kwelizwe, lokuthi inikele kuye amadodana labesifazana labantwana, lakwabangabayanga belizwe, kulabo ababengathunjelwanga eBhabhiloni, **8** khona beza kuGedaliya eMizipa, olshmayeli, indodana kaNethaniya, loJohanani, loJonathani, amadodana kaKareya, loSeraya, indodana kaTanihumethi, lamadodana kaEfayi, umNetofa, loJezaniya, indodana yomMahakathi, bona lamadoda abo. **9** UGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani, wasefunga kibo lamadoda abo, esithi: Lingesabi ukusebenzela amaKhaladiya; hlalani elizweni, liyisebenzele inkosi yeBhabhiloni; khona kuzalilungela. **10** Khangelani-ke, mina njihlala eMizipa ukuma phambi kobuso bamaKhaladiya azafika kithi; kodwa lina buthani iwayini lezithelo zehlobo lamafutha, likufake ezitsheni zenu, lihlale emizini yenu eliyithethayo. **11** Futhi, lapho wonke amaJuda ayekoMowabi laphakathi

kwabantwana bakoAmoni leEdoma lawayekuwo wonke amazwe esezwile ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni itshiyile insali yakoJuda, lokuthi yabeka phezu kwabo uGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani; **12** wonke amaJuda asebuya esuka endaweni zonke ayexotshelwe khona, eza elizweni lakoJuda, kuGedaliya eMizipa; abutha iwayini lezithelo zehlobo, kwaba kunengi kakhulu. **13** UJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ayesegangeni basebesiza kuGedaliya eMizipa, **14** bathi kuye: Uyakwazi isibili yini ukuthi uBhalisi inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni uthume ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ukukutshaya empilweni? Kodwa uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu kabakholwanga. **15** UJohanani indodana kaKareya wasekhulumia loGedaliya ensitha eMizipa esithi: Ake ungiyekela ngihambe ngyietshaya ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya, kungabi lamuntu okwaziyo. Uzakutshayelani empilweni, ukuze bahlakazeke bonke abakoJuda ababuthene kuwe, kubhubhe insali yakoJuda? **16** Kodwa uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu wathi kuJohanani indodana kaKareya: Ungayenzi le indaba, ngoba uqamba amanga ngolshmayeli.

41 Kwasekusithi ngenyanga yesikhombisa kwafika ulshmayeli, indodana kaNethaniya, indodana kaElishama, owenzalo yesikhosini, lezinduna zenkosi, lamadoda alitshumi laye, kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu eMizipa, badla isinkwa khona ndawonye eMizipa. **2** Ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasesukuma, lamadoda alitshumi ayelaye, bamtshaya uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani ngenkemba, bambulala yena inkosi yeBhabhiloni eyayimbeke phezu kwelizwe. **3** Ulshmayeli wabulala lawo wonke amaJuda ayelaye, eloGedaliya, eMizipa, lamaKhaladiya atholakala khona,

amadoda empi. 4 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasibili esembulele uGedaliya, kungelamuntu okwaziyo, 5 kwafika amadoda evela eShekema, eShilo, leSamariya, amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, ephucile indevu, lezigqoko zidatshuliwe, ezisikile, elomnikelo wokudla lempepha esandleni sawo, ukukuletha endlini yeNkosi. 6 Ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasephuma eMizipa ukuwahlangabeza, ehamba, ehamba ekhala inyembezi. Kwasekuthi lapho ehlangana lawo, wathi kuwo: Wozani kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu. 7 Kwasekusithi sebefikile phakathi komuzi, ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawabulala wawaphosela phakathi komgodi, yena lamadoda ayelaye. 8 Kodwa kwatholakala amadoda alitshumi phakathi kwawo, athi kulshmayeli: Ungasibului, ngoba sileziphala ensimini, ingqoloyi lebhali lamafutha loluju. Ngakho wawayekela, kaze awabulala phakathi kwabafowabo. 9 Njalo umgodi ulshmayeli ayephosele kuwo zonke izidumbu zabantu ayebatshayile kanye loGedaliya, wawuyiwo inkosi uAsa eyawenzayo ngenxa kaBahasha inkosi yakolsrayeli; Iowo ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawugcwaliswa ngababulewego. 10 Ulshmayeli wasethumba yonke insali yabantu ababeseMizipa, amadodakazi enkosi, labo bonke abantu ababesele eMizipa, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi eyayibamisele uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu. Ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasebathumba, wahamba ukuthi achaphele kubantwana bakoAmoni. 11 Kwathi uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye besizwa konke okubi ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ayekwenzile, 12 bathatha wonke amadoda, bayakulwa lolshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya; bamfica emanzini amanengi aseGibeyoni. 13 Kwasekusithi

bonke abantu ababelolshmayeli bebona uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye, bathokoza. **14**
Basebetshibilika abantu bonke ulshmayeli ayebathumbe besuka eMizipa, baphenduka bay aJohanani indodana kaKareya. **15**
Kodwa ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya waphunyuka wasuka phambi kukaJohanani, lamadoda ayisificaminwembili, waya ebantwaneni bakoAmoni. **16** UJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye basebethatha yonke insali yabantu ayebabuyisile besuka kulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya eMizipa, esetshaye uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu, amadoda, amadoda empi, labafazi, labantwana, labathenwa, ayebabuyisile bevela eGibeyoni. **17** Basebesuka bayahlala eGeruthi-Kimihamu eseduze leBhethelohema, ukuyangena eGibhithe **18** ngenxa yamaKhaladiya; ngoba babewesaba, ngoba ulshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wayebulele uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu, inkosi yeBhabhiloni eyayimmise phezu kwelizwe.

42 Zasezisondela zonke induna zamabutho, loJohanani indodana kaKareya, loJezaniya indodana kaHoshaya, labo bonke abantu, kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu, **2** bathi kuJeremiya umprofethi: Ake kuthi ukuncenga kwethu kuwe phambi kwakho, usikhulekele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, umele le insali yonke, ngoba sisele sibalutshwana kwabanengi, njengalokho amehlo akho esibona; **3** ukuze iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, isazise indlela esizahamba ngayo, lento esizayenza. **4** UJeremiya umprofethi wasesithi kibo: Sengizwile; khangelani, ngizakhuleka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu njengokwamazwi enu; kuzakuthi-ke, lonke ilizwi iNkosi ezaliphendula ngizalitshela lona, kangiyikuligodlela lizwi. **5** Bona basebesithi kuJeremiya: INkosi kayibe ngumfakazi oqinisileyo

lothembekileyo phakathi kwethu, uba singenzi ngokunjalo njengalo lonke ilizwi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekuthuma kithi ngalo. **6** Loba kukuhle loba kukubi, sizalalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, esikuthuma kuyo, ukuze kusilungele lapho sililalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **7** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezilitshumi, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuJeremiya. **8** Wasebiza uJohanani indodana kaKareya, lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye, labantu bonke kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu; **9** wathi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, elingithume kiyo ukuthi ngenze ukuncenga kwenu kuwe phambi kwayo: **10** Uba lihlala lokuhlala kulelilizwe, ngizalakha ngingalidilizi, ngilihlanyele, ngingalisiphuni; ngoba ngiyazisola ngokubi engikwenzileyo kini. **11** Lingayesabi inkosi yeBhabhiloni eliyesabayo, lingayesabi, itsho iNkosi; ngoba mina ngilani ukuze ngilisindise ngilophule esandleni sayo. **12** Ngilinike izihawu, ukuze ibe lomusa kini, ilibuyisele elizweni lakini. **13** Kodwa uba lisithi: Kasiyikuhlala kulelilizwe; ukuthi lingalaleli ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; **14** lisithi: Hatshi; kodwa sizangena elizweni leGibhithe, lapho esingayikubona impi khona, singayikuzwa ukukhala kophondo, singalambelanga isinkwa, sihlale khona; **15** khathesi-ke, ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, nsali yakoJuda: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Uba lina libeka ubuso benu ngokupheleleyo ukuya eGibhithe, lingene ukuyahlala njengabezizwe khona, **16** kuzakuthi-ke inkemba eliyesabayo izalifica khona elizweni leGibhithe, lendlala elinqineka ngayo izanamatheла emva kwenu khona eGibhithe, lifele khona. **17** Bazakuba njalo bonke abantu ababeka ubuso babo ukuya eGibhithe, ukuze bahlale njengabezizwe khona; bazakufa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe

wesifo; njalo kabayikuba lensali kumbe ophunyuke phambi kokubi engizabehlisela khona. **18** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Njengokuthululwa kolaka lwami lentukuthelo yami phezu kwabahlali beJerusalema, ngokunjalo intukuthelo yami izathululelwa phezu kwenu, nxa lingena eGibhithe. Njalo lizakuba yisithuko lokwesabekayo lesiqalekiso lehlazo, lingaphindi liyibone lindawo. **19** INkosi ithe ngani, nsali yakoJuda: Lingangeni eGibhithe. Yazini isibili ukuthi lamuhla ngifakazile ngimelene lani. **20** Ngoba liyikhohlisile imiphefumulo yenu; ngoba lina lingithume eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wenu, lisithi: Sikhulekele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu; lanjengakho konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ekutshoyo, ngokunjalo sitshele, sikwenze. **21** Sengilitshelile lamuhla, kodwa kalililalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, laloba yiyiphi into engithume yona kini. **22** Khathesi-ke yazini isibili ukuthi lizakufa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, endaweni eliloyisa ukuyahlala khona njengabezizwe.

43 Kwasekusithi lapho uJeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma kubo bonke abantu wonke amazwi eNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo eyayimthume ngawo kibo, ngitsho wonke lamazwi; **2** wasekhuluma uAzariya indodana kaHoshaya, loJohanani indodana kaKareya, labo bonke abantu abazikhukhumezayo, besithi kuJeremiya: Uqamba amanga. INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu kayikuthumanga ukuze uthi: Lingayi eGibhithe ukuze lihlale njengabezizwe khona; **3** kodwa uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya uyakukhuthaza emelene lathi, ukuze asinikele esandleni samaKhaladiya, ukuze asibulale, asithumbele eBhabhiloni. **4** Ngakho uJohanani indodana kaKareya, lazo zonke induna zamabutho, labo bonke abantu, kabalilalelanga ilizwi

leNkosi, ukuze bahlale elizweni lakoJuda. **5** Kodwa uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna zamabutho bathatha yonke insali yakoJuda eyayibuyele ivela kuzo zonke izizwe lapho ababexotshelwe khona, ukuhlala elizweni lakoJuda; **6** amadoda, labafazi, labantwana, lamadodakazi enkosi, laye wonke umuntu uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi ayebatshiye kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani, loJeremiya umprofethi, loBharukhi indodana kaNeriya. **7** Basebengena elizweni leGibhithe, ngoba kabalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi; basebefika eThahaphanesi. **8** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya eThahaphanesi lisithi: **9** Thatha esandleni sakho amatshe amakhulu, uwafihle ebumbeni ewondweni, esekungeneni kwendlu kaFaro eThahaphanesi, emehlwani amadoda angamaJuda, **10** uthi kiwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizathuma ngilande uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami, ngifake isihlalo sakhe sobukhosiphezu kwalamatshe engiwafihlileyo, endlale ithente lakhe lesikhosini phezu kwawo. **11** Eze atshaye ilizwe leGibhithe; labo abokufa ekufeni, lalabo abokuthunjwa ekuthunjweni, lalabo abenkemba enkembeni. **12** Ngiphembe umlilo ezindlini zabonkulunkulu beGibhithe, abatshise, abathumbe, azithandele ngelizwe leGibhithe njengomelusi ezithandela ngesiggoko sakhe, aphume khona ngokuthula. **13** Njalo uzakwephula insika zeBetshemeshi eziyizithombe eziselizweni leGibhithe, atshise ngomlilo izindlu zabonkulunkulu beGibhithe.

44 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya ngawo wonke amaJuda ayeahlala elizweni leGibhithe ahlala eMigidoli leThahaphanesi leNofi lelizweni lePatrosi, lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Lina likubonile konke okubi

engakwehlisela phezu kweJerusalema laphezu kwayo yonke imizi yakoJuda. Khangelani-ke, lamuhla ilunxiwa, njalo kakho ohlala phakathi kwayo, 3 ngenxa yobubi babo ababenzileyo, ukungithukuthelisa, ngokuyatshisa impepha, ngokukhonza abanye onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, bona, lina, laboyihlo. 4 Kanti ngathuma kini inceku zami zonke abaprofethi, ngivuke ngovivi ngathuma, ngisithi: Ake lingayenzi linto enengekayo engiyizondayo. 5 Kodwa kabalalelanga kababekanga indlebe yabo, ukuthi baphenduke ebubini babo, ukuze bangatshiseli abanye onkulunkulu impepha. 6 Ngakho kwathululwa intukuthelo yami lolaka Iwami, kwavutha emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema; zaze zaba lunxiwa lencithakalo, njengalamuhla. 7 Ngakho-ke, itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Libenzelani ububi obukhulu kangaka limelene lempiphefumulo yenu, ukuthi liziqumele indoda lomfazi, umntwana losane, basuke phakathi kwakoJuda, ukuze lingazitshiyeli insali, 8 ngokungithukuthelisa ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu, ngokutshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha elizweni leGibhithe, lapho eseliyehlala khona njengabezizwe, ukuze liziqume, lokuze libe yisiqalekiso lehlazo phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba? 9 Selakhohlwa yini izinto ezimbi zaboyihlo, lezinto ezimbi zamakhosi akoJuda, lezinto ezimbi zabomkabo, lezinto zenu ezimbi, lezinto ezimbi zabomkenu, abazenza elizweni lakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema? 10 Kabadabukanga kuze kube lamuhla, kabesabanga, kabahambanga ngomlayo wami langezimiso zami engazibeka phambi kwenu laphambi kwaboyihlo. 11 Ngakho itsbo njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangelani, ngimisa ubuso bami bumelene lani ngokubi ukuze ngiqume uJuda wonke.

12 Ngithathe insali yakoJuda, abamise ubuso babo ukungena elizweni leGibhithe ukuhlala khona njengabezizwe; njalo bonke bazaphela bawe elizweni leGibhithe; baqedwe ngenkemba langendlala; kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu bafe ngenkemba langendlala; babe yisifungo, babe ngokwesabisayo, babe yisiqalekiso, babe lihlazo. **13** Ngoba ngizajezisa labo abahlezi elizweni leGibhithe, njengoba ngajezisa iJerusalema, ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo; **14** ukuze insali yakoJuda efikileyo ukuhlala khona njengowezizwe elizweni leGibhithe ingabi lophunyukayo losilayo, ukubuyela elizweni lakoJuda, umphefumulo wayo ofisa ukubuyela kulo ukuhlala khona; ngoba kabayikubuyela, ngaphandle kwabaphunyukileyo.

15 Khona wonke amadoda ayesazi ukuthi omkabo batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, labo bonke abesifazana ababemi khona, ixuku elikhulu, labo bonke abantu ababehlala elizweni leGibhithe, ePatrosi, bamphendula uJeremiya, besithi: **16** Lelilizwi olkhulume kithi ebizweni leNkosi, kasiyikukulalela. **17** Kodwa sizakwenza lokwenza loba yiyphi into ephume emlonyeni wethu, ukutshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha, siyithululele iminikelo yokunathwayo, njengoba besisenza, thina, labobaba, amakhosi ethu, leziphathamandla zethu, emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema; khona sasutha isinkwa, sasiphilile, kasibonanga okubi. **18** Kodwa kusukela lapho sayekela ukutshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo, siswele konke, siqedwe ngenkemba layindlala. **19** Futhi lapho sitshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha, siyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo, siyayenzela amakhekhe ngokwesifanekiso sayo, siyithululela iminikelo yokuthululwa, ngaphandle kwamadoda enu yini? **20** UJeremiya wasekhuluma kubo bonke

abantu, emadodaneni, lakwabesifazana, lakubo bonke abantu ababemphendule ngalelolizwi, esithi: **21** Impepha elayitshisa emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema, lina, laboyihlo, amakhosi enu, leziphathamandla zenu, labantu belizwe, iNkosi kayiyikukukhumbula yini, kuvele enhliziyweni yayo? **22** Kwaze kwathi iNkosi yayingaselakukuthwala, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu, ngenxa yezinengiso elazenzyo; ngakho ilizwe lenu laba yincithakalo lokwesabisayo lesiqalekiso, ukuze kungahlali mutnu, njengalamuhla. **23** Ngenxa yokuthi litshisile impepha, lokuthi lonile eNkosini, kalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi, kalihambanga ngomlayo wayo langezimiso zayo langezifakazelo zayo; ngenxa yalokho okubi lokhu kwenzakele kini, njengalamuhla. **24** UJeremiya wasesithi kubo bonke abantu lakwabesifazana bonke: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, wonke uJuda oselizweni leGibhithe. **25** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ithi: Lina labomkenu, likhulumile ngomlomo wenu, lakugcwalisa ngezandla zenu, lisithi: Sizakwenza lokwenza izithembiso zethu esizithembisayo zokutshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha, lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo. Lizaqinisa lokuqinisa izithembiso zenu, lenze sibili izithembiso zenu! **26** Ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lonke Juda elihlala elizweni leGibhithe: Khangelani, mina ngifungile ngebizo lami elikhulu, itsho iNkosi: Ibizo lami kalisayikubizwa ngumlomo waloba ngubani wakoJuda, elizweni lonke leGibhithe, esithi: Kuphila kweNkosi uJehova. **27** Khangela, ngizabalindela ngokubi, kungeyisikho ngokuhle; lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda aselizweni leGibhithe azaqedwa ngenkemba layndlala, aze aphele. **28** Lalabo abaphepha enkembeni bazabuyela elizweni lakoJuda bevela elizweni leGibhithe, balutshwana ngenani; layo yonke insali yakoJuda eze elizweni

leGibhithe ukuhlala khona njengowezizwe, izakwazi ukuthi ilizwi elizakuma ngelikabani, elami kumbe elayo. **29** Lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini, kutsho iNkosi, ukuthi ngizalijezisa kulindawo, ukuze lazi ukuthi amazwi ami azakuma lokuma emelana lani ngokubi. **30** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangelani, ngizanikela uFaro Hofira inkosi yeGibhithe esandleni sezitha zakhe, lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yakhe, njengoba nganikela uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, isitha sakhe, esadinga impilo yakhe.

45 Ilizwi uJeremiya umprofethi alikhuluma kuBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, ekubhaleni kwakhe lamazwi egwalweni evela emlonyeni kaJeremiya, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, kuwe Bharukhi: **3** Uthi wena: Hawu maye mina, ngoba iNkosi yengezelela usizi ebuhlungwini bami, sengikhatheli yikububula kwami, njalo kangitholi ukuphumula. **4** Uzakutsho njalo kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, lokho engikwakhileyo ngiyakudiliza, lalokho engikuhlanyeleyo ngiyakusiphuna; yebo, ilizwe leli lonke. **5** Wena-ke uzazidingela izinto ezinkulu yini? Ungazidingi; ngoba khangela, ngiletha okubi phezu kwayo yonke inyama, itsho iNkosi; kodwa ngizakunika impilo yakho ibe yimpango kuzo zonke indawo lapho oya khona.

46 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi limelene labezizwe; **2** limelene leGibhithe, limelene lebutho likaFaro Neko inkosi yeGibhithe, elalingasemfuleni iYufrathi, eKarikemishi, alitshayayo uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda: **3** Hlelani ihawu lesihlangu, lisondele empini. **4** Bophelani amabhiza,

ligade, bagadi bamabhiza, lizimise lilezingowane, lilole imikhonto, ligqoke amabhatshi ensimbi. **5** Ngibaboneleni betshaywa luvalo, bebuyela emuva? Lamaghawe abo ephulaphuliwe, ayabaleka ngesiqubu, kawanyemukuli emuva; kulokwesaba inhlangothi zonke, itsho iNkosi. **6** Olejubane kangabaleki, leqhawe kalingaphunyuki; bazakhubeka bawele ngenyakatho eceleni komfula iYufrathi. **7** Ngubani lo okhukhumala njengesifula, omanzi aso aqubuka njengomfula? **8** IGibhithe ikhukhumala njengesifula, lamanzi aqubuka njengemifula; ithi: Ngizakhukhumala, ngiwusibekelle umhlabla, ngichithe umuzi labahlala kiwo. **9** Yenyukani mabhiza, lihlanye zinqola; kawaphume amaqhawe; amaEthiophiya, lamaPuti aphatha isihlangu, lamaLudi aphatha anyathela idandili. **10** Ngoba lolu lusuku IweNkosi uJehova wamabandla, usuku Iwempindiselo, ukuthi iziphindisele ezitheni zayo; lenkemba izakudla, isuthe, idakwe ligazi labo; ngoba iNkosi uJehova wamabandla ilomhlatshelo elizweni lenyakatho ngasemfuleni iYufrathi. **11** Yenyukela eGileyadi, uyethatha ibhalisamu, ntombi emsulwa, ndodakazi yeGibhithe; imithi uyandisela ize, kakulakwelatshwa kuwe. **12** Izizwe zizwile ihlazo lakho, lomhlabla ugcwele ukukhala kwakho; ngoba akhubekile, iqhawe limelene leqhawe, womabili awele phansi ndawonye. **13** Ilizwi iNkosi eyalikhuluma kuJeremiya umprofethi ngokuza kukaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ukutshaya ilizwe leGibhithe: **14** Memezelani eGibhithe, lizwakalise eMigidoli, lizwakalise eNofi leThahaphanesi, lithi: Zimise, uzilungiselele, ngoba inkemba izakudla inhlangothi zonke zakho. **15** Kungani amadoda akho alamandla ekhukhuliwe? Kawemanga ngoba iNkosi iwafuqile. **16** Yandisa abakhubekayo, yebo, omunye wawela phezu komunye; basebesithi: Sukumani,

sibyele ebantwini bakithi, lelizweni lokuzalwa kwethu, sisuke enkembeni ecindezelayo. **17** Bamemeza khona, bathi: UFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ungumsindo; udlulise isikhathi esimisiweyo. **18** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi, obizo layo yiNkosi yamabandla: Isibili njengeThabhori phakathi kwezintaba lanjengeKharmeli ngaselwandle uzafika. **19** Zenzele izikhali zokuthunjwa, ndodakazi ehlala eGibhithe; ngoba iNofi izakuba yincithakalo, itshiswe, kungabi lomhlali. **20** IGibhithe ilithokazi elihle kakhulu; isibawu siyeza, sivela enyakatho. **21** Labaqhatshiweyo bayo phakathi kwayo banjenethole lesibaya; ngoba labo baphendukile, babaleka kanyekanye; kabemanga, ngoba usuku lokuhlupheka kwabo lubehlele, isikhathi sempindiselo yabo. **22** Iizwi layo lizahamba njengenyoka; ngoba bazahamba lebutho, beze kuyo belamahloka, njengabagamuli bezahlahla. **23** Bagamule ihlathi layo, itsho iNkosi, lanxa lingephenywe, ngoba banengi okwedlula isikhonyane, kabalakubalwa. **24** Indodakazi yamaGibhithe izayangeka, izanikelwa esandleni sabantu benyakatho. **25** INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ithi: Khangela, ngizajezisa uAmoni weNo, IoFaro, leGibhithe, labonkulunkulu bayo, lamakhosi ayo, yebo uFaro labathembela kuye. **26** Ngibanikele esandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo, lesandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni senceku zakhe; lemva kwalokho ihlalwe njengensukwini zendulo, itsho iNkosi. **27** Kodwa wena, ungesabi, nceku yami Jakobe, ungatshaywa luvalo, Israyeli, ngoba khangela, ngizakusindisa usekhatshana, lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; uJakobe uzaphenduka-ke, athule, onwabe, njalo kakho ozamethusa. **28** Wena, ungesabi, nceku yami Jakobe, itsho iNkosi, ngoba ngilawe; ngoba ngizaqeda

ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe engikuxotshela kuzo, kodwa kangiyikukuqeda ngokupheleleyo, ngikukhuze ngokufaneleyo, kodwa kangiyikukuyekela lokukuyekela ungajeziswanga.

47 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi limelene lamaFilisti, uFaro engakatshayi iGaza. 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, amanzi azakhukhumala evela enyakatho, azakuba yisifula esikhukhulayo, akhukhule ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, umuzi labahlala kiwo; labantu bazakhala, labo bonke abakhileyo belizwe bazaqhinqa isililo, 3 ngomsindo wokugidiza kwamasondo amabhiza akhe alamandla, ngomdumo wenqola zakhe, inhlokomo yamavili akhe; oyise kabanyemukuli kubantwana ngenxa yokuyekethiswa kwezandla; 4 ngenxa yosku oluzayo ukuchitha wonke amaFilisti, ukuquma asuke eTire leSidoni wonke umsizi oseleyo; ngoba iNkosi izawachitha amaFilisti, insali yesihlenge seKafitori. 5 Ubumpabanga sebufikile eGaza, iAshikeloni iqunyiwe, insali yesihotsha sabo; uzasisika kuze kube nini? 6 Hawu, nkemba yeNkosi; koze kube nini ungathuli? Zibuthele emgodleni wakho, phumula, uthule. 7 Ungathula njani, lapho iNkosi iyilawulile? Imelene leAshikeloni, imelene lokhumbi lolwandle, lapho iyimisele khona.

48 Imelene IoMowabi, itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Maye ngeNebo, ngoba ichithiwe; iKiryathayimi iyangekile, ithunjiwe; indawo ephakemeyo iyangekile, idilikile. 2 Kakusayikuba khona udumo lukaMowabi eHeshiboni; baceba okubi bemelene layo, besithi: Wozani siyiqume ekubeniyisizwe; lawe Madimeni, uzathula, inkemba izakulandela. 3 Ilizwi lokukhala livela eHoronayimi, incithakalo lokwephuka okukhulu! 4 UMowabi wephukile; abancinyane bakhe benze ukukhala kuzwakale. 5 Ngoba ekwenyukeni

kweLubithi ukukhala kuzakwenyuka lokukhala, ngoba ekwehleni
kweHoronayimi izitha zizwile ukukhala kokuchitheka. **6** Balekani,
likhulule impilo yenu, libe njengesihlahla esiyize enkangala.
7 Ngoba ngenxa yokuthembela kwakho emisebenzini yakho
lemagugwini akho lawe uzathunjwa; loKemoshi uzaphumela
ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe lezikhulu zakhe kanyekanye. **8**
Lomchithi uzafikela wonke umzi, njalo kakulamuzi ozaphunyuka;
isihotsha laso sizachitheka, legceke liqothulwe, njengokutsho
kweNkosi. **9** Nikani uMowabi amaphiko, ngoba uzaphapha
aphume; lemizi yakhe izakuba lunxiwa, engelamhlali kuyo. **10**
Uqalekisiwe lowo owenza umsebenzi weNkosi ngokunganakekeli;
uqalekisiwe lalowo ogodla inkomba yakhe egazini. **11** UMowabi
wonwabile kusukela ebutsheni bakhe, uphumule enzeceni zakhe,
kathululelwanga esuka embizeni esiya embizeni, kahambanga
ekuthunjweni; ngakho-ke ukunambitheka kwakhe kumi kuye,
lephunga lakhe kaliphenduki. **12** Ngakho, khangela, insuku
ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizathuma kuye abathambeki
abazamthambeka, bathulule imbiza zakhe, babulale izinqayi
zabo. **13** Khona uMowabi uzakuba lenhloni ngoKemoshi,
njengaloko indlu kalsrayeli yaba lenhloni ngeBhetheli, ithemba
layo. **14** Lingatsho njani ukuthi: Singamaqhawe lamadoda empi
alamandla? **15** UMowabi uchithiwe, wenyuka emizini yakhe,
lekhethelo lamajaha akhe selehlele ekubulaweni, itsho iNkosi,
obizo layo nguJehova wamabandla. **16** Inkathazo kaMowabi
iseduze ukufika, lobubi bakhe buyaphangisa kakhulu. **17**
Mlileleni, lina lonke elimzingelezeleyo, lani lonke elazi ibizo
lakhe; lithi: Yephuke njani induku elamandla, udondolo oluhle!
18 Yehla ebukhosini, uhlale ekomeni, wena ndodakazi ohlala
eDiboni; ngoba umchithi kaMowabi usenuyukele ukumelana lawe,

wachitha inqaba zakho. **19** Mana endleleni, ulinde, mhlalikazi weAroweri, ubuze obalekayo lowesifazana ophunyukileyo, uthi: Kwenzakaleni? **20** UMowabi uyangekile, ngoba udilikile; qhinqani isililo likhale; libike eArinoni ukuthi uMowabi uchithiwe.

21 Lesahlulelo sehlele phezu kwelizwe elilamagceke, phezu kweHoloni, laphezu kweJahaza, laphezu kweMefahathi, **22** laphezu kweDiboni, laphezu kweNebo, laphezu kweBeti-Dibilathayimi, **23** laphezu kweKiriyathayimi, laphezu kweBeti-Gamuli, laphezu kweBeti-Meyoni, **24** laphezu kweKeriyothi, laphezu kweBhozira, laphezu kwayo yonke imizi yelizwe lakoMowabi, ekhatshana leseduze. **25** Uphondo lukaMowabi luqunyiwe, lengalo yakhe yephukile, itsho iNkosi. **26** Mdakiseni, ngoba ezikhulisile emelene leNkosi; uMowabi uzazibhixa emahlanzweni akhe, abe yinhlekisa, ngitsho yena. **27** Ngoba ulsrayeli kabanga yinhlekisa yini kuwe? Watholakala yini phakathi kwamasela? Ngoba kusukela ngesikhathi samazwi akho ngaye wanyikinya ikhanda. **28** Tshiyani imizi, lihlale edwaleni, bahlali beMowabi, libe njengejuba elakha isidleke emaceleni omlomo womgodi. **29** Sizwile ngokuziggaja kukaMowabi (uyaziggaja kakhulu), ukuziphakamisa kwakhe, lokuziggaja kwakhe, lokuzikhukhumeza kwakhe, lokuphakama kwenhliziyoyakhe. **30** Mina ngiyayazi, itsho iNkosi, intukuthelo yakhe, kodwa kakuyikuba njalo; ukusoma kwakhe kakungenzi njalo.

31 Ngalokho-ke ngizaqhinqa isililo ngoMowabi, yebo, ngikhale ngaye wonke uMowabi; bazabubula ngabantu beKiri-Heresi. **32** Ngokukhala inyembezi kweJazeri ngizakukhalela inyembezi, wena vini leSibima. Ingatsha zakho zedlula ulwandle, zafinyelela elwandle IweJazeri; umchithi wehlele phezu kwezithelo zakho zehlobo lemavinini akho avuniweyo. **33** Lokuthaba lentokozo

kususiwe esivandeni lelizweni lakoMowabi; ngiqedile lewayini ezikhamelweni; kabayikunyathela ngomsindo wentokozo; umsindo wentokozo kawuyikuba ngumsindo wentokozo. **34**
Ngenxa yokukhala kweHeshiboni, kuze kube seEleyale, kuze kube seJahazi, bakhupha ilizwi labo, kusukela eZowari kuze kufike eJoronayimi, ithokazi lemnyaka emithathu; ngoba lamanzi eNimirimi azakuba yincithakalo. **35** Njalo ngizaqeda koMowabi, itsho iNkosi, lowo onikela endaweni ephakemeyo, lotshisela onkulunkulu bakhe impepha. **36** Ngenxa yalokho inhliziyo yami izakhalela uMowabi njengemihubhe, lenhliziyo yami izakhala njengemihubhe ngabantu beKiri-Heresi; ngoba inotho ababeyizuzile ichithekile. **37** Ngoba lonke ikhanda liyimpabanga, lazo zonke indevu zigeliwe; izandla zonke zisikiwe, lokhalweni kulesaka. **38** Phezu kwazo zonke impahla zezindlu zakoMowabi lezitaladeni zakhe yonke indawo kulokuhinga isililo, ngoba ngimphahlazile uMowabi njengembiza engathokozelwayo, itsho iNkosi. **39** Bazaqhingga isililo besithi: Udilike njani! UMowabi uphendule njani umhlana elenhloni! Ngakho uMowabi waba yinhlekisa lesesabiso kuye wonke omzingelezeleyo. **40**
Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, uzaphapha ngesiqubu njengokhozi, elulele impiko zakhe phezu kukaMowabi. **41** Imizi ithunjiwe, lezinqaba zibaniwe, lenhliziyo yamaqhawe akoMowabi ngalolosuku ibe njengenhliziyo yowesifazana ohelelwayo. **42**
LoMowabi uzachithwa angabi yisizwe, ngoba wazikhulisa emelene leNkosi. **43** Ukwesaba lomgodi lomjibila kuphezu kwakho, mhlali wakoMowabi, itsho iNkosi. **44** Obalekela ukwesaba uzawela emgodini, lowenyuka ephuma emgodini uzabanjwa ngumjibila; ngoba ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakhe, phezu kukaMowabi, umnyaka wempindiselo yabo, itsho iNkosi. **45**

Emthunzini weHeshiboni ababalekayo bayema bengelamandla, ngoba umlilo uphumile eHeshiboni, lelangabi livela phakathi kukaSihoni, njalo kudlile ingonsi yakoMowabi, lenkanda yabantwana besiphithiphithi. **46** Maye kuwe, Mowabi! Abantu bakaKemoshi baphelile, ngoba amadodana akho athethwe asiwa ekuthunjweni, lamadodakazi akho ekuthunjweni. **47** Kodwa ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaMowabi ekucineni kwezinsuku, itsho iNkosi. Kuze kube lapha kuyisehlulelo sakoMowabi.

49 Mayelana labantwana bakoAmoni itsho njalo iNkosi: Ulrayeli kalamadodana yini? Kalayo indlalifa yini? Kungani uMilkomu esidla ilifa lakoGadi, labantu bakhe behlala emizini yayo? **2** Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizakwenza ukuthi kuzwakale umkhosi wempi eRaba yabantwana bakoAmoni; njalo izakuba yinqumbi yencithakalo, lamadodakazi ayo atshiswe ngomlilo; lolsrayeli adle ilifa labadla ilifa lakhe, itsho iNkosi. **3** Qhinqa isililo, Heshiboni, ngoba iAyi ichithiwe; khalani, madodakazi eRaba, libhince amasaka, lilile, liye le lale ezintangweni; ngoba uMilkomu uzahamba ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe leziphathamandla zakhe ndawonye. **4** Uzincomelani ngezihotsha? Isihotsha sakho siyageleza, ndodakazi ehlehlela nyovane, ethemba amagugu ayo, usithi: Ngubani ozakuza kimi? **5** Khangela, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakho uvalo, itsho iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla, luvela kubo bonke abakuhanqileyo; njalo lizaxotshwa, ngulowo lalowo phambi kwakhe; njalo kakho ozabutha ozulayo. **6** Kodwa emva kwalokho ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantwana bakoAmoni, itsho iNkosi. **7** Mayelana leEdoma, itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Kakuselanhlanipho yini eThemani? Icebo liphelile yini kwabaqedisisayo? Inhlakanipho yabo isinyamalele

yini? **8** Balekani, buyelani emuva, hlanani endaweni ejulileyo, bahlali beDedani; ngoba ngizakwehlisela inhlupheko kaEsawu phezu kwakhe, isikhathi sokumhambela kwami. **9** Uba abavuni bamavini befika kuwe bebengayikutshiya yini umkhothozo? Uba amasela efika ebusuku, azaphanga aze anele? **10** Kodwa mina ngimhlubule uEsawu, ngizembule indawo zakhe zensitha, ukuze angabi lakho ukucatsha; inzalo yakhe ichithiwe, labafowabo, labomakhelwane bakhe, yena kasekho. **11** Tshiya izintandane zakho, mina ngizazilondoloza ziphila, labafelokazi bakho kabathembele kimi. **12** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, labo okugwetshwa kwabo kwakungeyisikho ukunatha inkezo bazayinatha lokuyinatha, wena-ke nguwe yini ozayekelwa ungajeziswanga ngokupheleleyo? Kawuyikuyekelwa ungelacala, kodwa isibili uzanatha. **13** Ngoba ngifungile ngami uqobo, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi iBhozira izakuba ngokwesabekayo, ibe lihlazo, ibe lunxiwa, ibe yisiqalekiso; lemizi yayo yonke izakuba ngamanxiwa aphakade. **14** Ngizwile umbiko ovela eNkosini, lesithunywa sithunywe phakathi kwezizwe, sisithi: Buthanani, lize limelane layo, lisukumele impi. **15** Ngoba khangela, ngizakwenza ube mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe, udeleleke phakathi kwabantu. **16** Ukwesabeka kwakho kukukhohlisile, ukuziqhenya kwenhliziyi yakho, wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala, obamba izingqonga zoqaqa. Loba usenza isidleke sakho sibe phezulu njengokhozi, ngizakwehlisa usuka khona, itsho iNkosi. **17** IEdoma layo izakuba yinto eyesabekayo; wonke odlula kuyo uzamangala kakhulu, ancife ngenxa yenhlupheko yonke yayo. **18** Njengokuchithwa kweSodoma leGomora, labomakhelwane bayo, itsho iNkosi; kakulamuntu ozahlala khona, kakulandodana yomuntu ezahlala khona njengowezizwe. **19**

Khangela, njengesilwane esivela ekukhukhumaleni kweJordani uzakwenyuka emelene lendawo yokuhlala okungapheliyo, kodwa ngizahle ngimgijimise asuke kuyo; njalo ngubani okhethiwego engingammisa emelene layo? Ngoba ngubani onjengami? Ngubani-ke ozangibizela ukulandisa? Njalo nguwuphi lowomelusi ongema phambi kwami? **20** Ngakho, zwanini icebo leNkosi elicebe imelene leEdoma, lemicabango yayo eyicabange emelene labahlali beThemani: Isibili abancinyane bomhlambi bazabadonsa; isibili izachitha indawo yabo yokuhlala phezu kwabo. **21** Ngomsindo wokuwa kwabo umhlabu uyazamazama; ukukhala, umsindo wakho wezwakala eLwandle oluBomvu. **22** Khangela, uzakwenyuka andize ngesiqubu njengokhozi, elulele impiko zakhe phezu kweBhozira; lenhliziyu yamaqhawe eEdoma ngalolosuku izakuba njengenhliziyu yowesifazana ohelelwayo. **23** Mayelana leDamaseko. IHamathi leArpadi kuyangekile, ngoba bazwile umbiko omubi; bancibilika, kulokunqineka elwandle, kungeke kube lokuthula. **24** IDamaseko isibuthakathaka, itshibilike ukuze ibaleke, lokwethuka kuyibambile, ukucindezelwa losizi kuyibambile njengobelethayo. **25** Kawutshiywanga njani umuzi wodumo, umuzi wentokozo yami! **26** Ngakho amajaha awo azawela ezitaladeni zawo, lawo wonke amadoda empi azabhujiswa ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **27** Ngizaphemba-ke umlilo emdulini weDamaseko, ozaqothula izigodlo zikaBenihadadi. **28** Mayelana leKedari njalo mayelana lemibuso yeHazorri owayitshayayo uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni: Itshe njalo iNkosi: Sukumani, lenyukele eKedari, lichithe amadodana empumalanga. **29** Bazathatha amathente abo lemihlambi yabo, amakhetheni abo lempahla yabo yonke lamakamela abo bazazithwalela khona; bamemeze kibo bathi:

Uvalo enhlangothini zonke. **30** Balekani, lizulazule kakhulu, lihlale ngokujula, lina bahlali beHazori, itsho iNkosi; ngoba uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni waceba icebo emelene lani, wacabanga umcabango emelene lani. **31** Sukumani, lenyuke limelene lesizwe esonwabileyo, esihlala ekuvikelekeni, itsho iNkosi, esingelamasango, esingelamigoqo, esizihlalele sodwa. **32** Lamakamel abo azakuba yimpango, lemihlambi yezifuyo zabo izakuba yimpango; njalo ngizabachithachitha kuyo yonke imimoya, abaphoselwe engonsini, ngilethe inkathazo yabo evela inhlangothi zonke zaso, itsho iNkosi. **33** LeHazori izakuba yindawo yokuhlala yamakhanka, unxiwa kuze kube nininini; kakuyikuhlala muntu khona, lendodana yomuntu kayiyikuhlala kuyo njengowezizwe. **34** Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi limelene leElamu ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lisithi: **35** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Khangela, ngizakwephula idandili leElamu, induna yamandla abo. **36** Ngilethele iElamu imimoya emine evela emikhawulweni emine yamazulu, ngibahlakazele kuyo yonke leyomimoya; njalo kakuyikuba khona isizwe lapho abaxotshiweyo beElamu abangayikufika khona. **37** Ngoba ngizakwenza abeElamu besabe phambi kwezitha zabo laphambi kwalabo abadinga impilo yabo, ngibehliselokubi, ukuvutha kolaka Iwami, itsho iNkosi, ngithume inkemba emva kwabo, ngize ngibaqede. **38** Ngizamisa-ke isihlalo sami sobukhosieElamu, ngichithe kuyo inkosi leziphathamandla, itsho iNkosi. **39** Kodwa kuzakuthi ekucineni kwezinsuku ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kukaElamu, itsho iNkosi.

50 Ilizwi iNkosi eyalikhuluma imelene leBhabhiloni, imelene lelizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngesandla sikaJeremiya umprofethi, lisithi: **2** Memezani phakathi kwezizwe, lizwakalise; misani

uphawu, lizwakalise, lingakufihli, lithi: IBhabhiloni ithunjiwe, uBheli uyangekile, uMerodaki ubhidliziwe; izithombe zayo ziyanjisiwe, imifanekiso yayo ibhidliziwe. **3** Ngoba isizwe senyuka simelene layo esivela enyakatho, esizakwenza ilizwe layo libe lunxiwa, ukuze kungabi lomhlali kulo; kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni kuyabaleka kuhambile. **4** Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, itsho iNkosi, abantwana bakolsrayeli bazakuza, bona labantwana bakoJuda kanyekanye; behamba behkala inyembezi, bazahamba, bedinga iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo. **5** Bazabuza indlela eZiyoni, ubuso babo bukhangele ngakuyo; wozani, lizihlanganise leNkosi ngesivumelwano esiphakade esingayikukhohlakala. **6** Abantu bami bebeyizimvu ezilahlekileyo; abelusi babo babaduhisile, bebaphendulela ezintabeni; bahamba besuka entabeni besiya eqaqeni, bakhohlwa indawo yabo yokulala. **7** Bonke ababatholayo babadla, lezitha zabo zathi: Kasiyikuba lacala, ngenxa yokuthi bonile eNkosini, ikhaya lokulunga, ngitsho iNkosi, ithemba laboyise. **8** Balekani liphume phakathi kweBhabhiloni, liphume elizweni lamaKhaladiya, libe njengezimpongo phambi komhlambi. **9** Ngoba khangela, ngizavusa ngenze ukuthi kwenyukele eBhabhiloni ixuku lezizwe ezinkulu zivela elizweni lenyakatho, zizihlele zimelene layo; kusukela lapho zithunjwe; imitshoko yakhe njengeqhawe elilamandla kayiyikubuyela ize. **10** Njalo iKhaladiya izakuba yimpango; bonke abayiphangayo basasutha, itsho iNkosi. **11** Ngoba lalijabula, ngoba lathokoza, lina bachithi belifa lami, ngoba liqolotsha njengethokazi etshanini, likhonye njengamabhiza amaduna; **12** unyoko ulenhloni kakhlulu, owalizalayo uyangekile. Khangela, ingemuva yezizwe iyinkangala eyomileyo lelugwadule. **13** Ngenxa yolaka lweNkosi kayiyikuhlalwa, kodwa izakuba

yincithakalo yonke; wonke owedlula eBhabhiloni uzamangala kakhulu, ancife ngenxa yazo zonke inhlupheko zayo. **14**
Zihleleleni ukumelana leBhabhiloni inhlangothi zonke, lina lonke eligobisa idandili, litshoke kuyo, lingagodli mtshoko, ngoba yonile eNkosini. **15** Memezani limelene layo inhlangothi zonke; isinike isandla sayo, izisekelo zayo ziwile, imiduli yayo idiliziwe; ngoba lokho kuyimpindiselo yeNkosi; phindiselani kuyo, lenze kuyo njengokwenza kwayo. **16** Qumani umhlanyeli asuke eBhabhiloni, laye ophatha isikela ngesikhathi sokuvuna; ngenxa yenkemba ecindezelayo bazaphenduka, ngulowo lalowo kwabakibo, babaleke, ngulowo lalowo elizweni lakibo. **17**
Ulsrayeli uyimvu ehlakazekileyo; izilwane zimxotshile; kuqala inkosi yeAsiriya yamudla, emva kwalokho lo uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wephule amathambo akhe. **18** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Khangela, ngizayijezisa inkosi yeBhabhiloni lelizwe layo, njengalokho ngayijezisa inkosi yeAsiriya. **19** Njalo ngizabuyisela ulsrayeli endaweni yakhe yokuhlala, njalo uzadlisa eKharmeli leBashani, lomphefumulo wakhe usuthe entaben yakoEfrayimi leGileyadi. **20** Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, itsho iNkosi, kuzadingwa ububi kolsrayeli, kodwa bungabi khona, lezono zikaJuda, kodwa zingatholwa; ngoba ngizabathethelela labo engibenza babe yinsali. **21** Umelene lelizwe leMerathayimi, yenyuka umelene layo, njalo umelene labahlali bePhekodi; uchithe, utshabalalise emva kwabo, itsho iNkosi, wenze njengakho konke engikulaye khona. **22** Umsindo wempi uselizweni, lokuchitheka okukhulu. **23** Yeka ukuganyulwa lokwephuka kwesando somhlaba wonke! Yeka ukwensiwa kweBhabhiloni unxiwa phakathi kwezizwe! **24** Ngakuthiya ngomjibila, futhi lawe wathunjwa, Bhabhiloni,

lawe wawungazi; watholwa, futhi wabanjwa, ngoba waphikisana leNkosi. **25** INkosi ivulile isiphala sayo, yakhupha izikhali zolaka Iwayo, ngoba lokhu kungumsebenzi weNkosi uJehova wamabandla elizweni lamaKhaladiya. **26** Wozani limelane layo livela ephethelweni, livule izibuya zayo, liyibuthelele njengezinqumbi, liyitshabalalise, ingabi lansali. **27** Bulalani amajongosi ayo wonke, kawehlele ekuhlatshweni. Maye kuwo! Ngoba usuku lwano lufikile, isikhathi sempindiselo yawo. **28** Ilizwi lababalekayo labaphunyukayo bevela elizweni leBhabhiloni, ukuze bamemeze eZiyoni impindiselo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, impindiselo yethempeli layo. **29** Bizani abatshoki bamelane leBhabhiloni, bonke abagobisa idandili, limise inkamba limelane layo inhlangothi zonke; kayingabi lokuphunyuka; liyiphindisele njengomsebenzi wayo, lenze kuyo njengakho konke ekwenzileyo; ngoba yenze ngokuziqhenya imelene leNkosi, imelene loNgcwele kalsrayeli. **30** Ngakho amajaha ayo azakuwa ezitaladeni zayo, lawo wonke amadoda ayo empi azabhujiswa ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi. **31** Khangela, ngimelana lawe, wena oziqhenyayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla; ngoba usuku lwakho selufikile, isikhathi engizakuhambelo ngaso. **32** Khona oziqhenyayo ezakhubeka awe, njalo kungekho ozamvusa; njalo ngizaphemba umlilo emizini yakhe ozakudla konke okumhanqileyo. **33** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Babecindezelwe abantwana bakolsrayeli labantwana bakoJuda ndawonye; njalo bonke ababathumbleyo babagagadlele; bala ukubayekela bahambe. **34** Umhlensi wabo ulamandla, iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo; isibili izamela udaba Iwabo, ukuze inike umhlaba ukuphumula, kodwa inyakazise abahlali beBhabhiloni. **35** Inkemba iphezu kwamaKhaladiya, itsho iNkosi, laphezu kwabahlali beBhabhiloni,

laphezu kweziphathamandla zayo, laphezu kwabahlakaniphileyo bayo. **36** Inkemba iphezu kwabaqambimanga ukuze benze ngobuthutha; inkemba iphezu kwamaqhawe ayo ukuze adilizwe.

37 Inkemba iphezu kwamabhiza ayo, laphezu kwenqola zayo, laphezu kwayo yonke ingxube yexuku ephakathi kwayo, ukuze babe ngabesifazana; inkemba iphezu kokuligugu kwayo, ukuze kuphangwe. **38** Imbalela iphezu kwamanzi ayo, ukuze ome, ngoba iyilizwe lezithombe ezibaziwego; bayahlanya ngenxa yezithombe ezesabekayo. **39** Ngakho izilo zenkangala lamakhanka kuzahlala khona, lamadodakazi ezintshe azahlala kuyo, kakusayikuhlala muntu kuyo kuze kube nininini, kakuyikwakhelwa kuyo esizukulwaneni kusiya esizukulwaneni. **40** Njengoba uNkulunkulu wagenqula iSodoma leGomora labomakhelwane bayo, itsho iNkosi, ngokunjalo kakuyikuhlala muntu khona, njalo kakulandodana yomuntu ezahlala njengowezizwe kuyo.

41 Khangela, abantu bazavela enyakatho, lesizwe esikhulu, lamakhosi amanengi azavuswa evela emikhawulweni yomhlaba.

42 Bazabamba idandili lomkhonto; balesihluku, kabayikuba lomusa; ilizwi labo lizahlokoma njengolwandle, bagade amabhiza, ngulowo lalowo ehleliwe njengomuntu wempi emelene lawe, ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni. **43** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni izwile umbiko wabo, lezandla zayo zaba buthakathaka; ucindezelo lwayibamba, umhelo njengowobelethayo. **44** Khangela, njengesilwane esivela ekukhukhumaleni kweJordani uzakwenyuka emelene lendawo yokuhlala okungapheliyo, kodwa ngizahle ngimgijimise asuke kuyo; njalo ngubani okhethiwego engingammisa phezu kwayo? Ngoba ngubani onjengami? Ngubani-ke ozangibizela ukulandisa?

Njalo nguwuphi lowomelusi ongema phambi kwami? **45** Ngakho, zwanini icebo leNKOSI elicebe imelene leBhabhiloni,

lemeicabango yayo eyicabange imelene lelizwe lamaKhaladiya:
Isibili abancinyane bomhlambi bazabadonsa; isibili izachitha
indawo yokuhlala phezu kwabo. **46** Ngomsindo wokuthunjwa
kweBhabhiloni umhlaba uyazamazama, lokukhala kuzwakala
phakathi kwezizwe.

51 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela ngizavusela iBhabhiloni lalabo
abahlala enhliziyweni yalabo abangivukelayo umoya ochithayo.
2 Ngithume eBhabhiloni abelayo, abazakuyela, bathulule ilizwe
layo, ngoba bazamelana layo bevela inhlangothi zonke ngosuku
lobubi. **3** Kakuthi otshokayo agobise idandili lakhe emelene
loligobisayo, njalo emelene loziphakamisayo ebhatshini lakhe
lensimbi; njalo lingawayekeli amajaha ayo, lilitshabalalise
ibutho layo lonke. **4** Ngokunjalo ababulewego bazakuwa
elizweni lamaKhaladiya, labagwazwe ezitaladeni zayo. **5**
Ngoba ulsrayeli kayikutshiywa, loJuda nguNkulunkulu wabo,
yiNkosi yamabandla, lanxa ilizwe labo ligcwele icala koNgcwele
kalsrayeli. **6** Balekani liphume phakathi kweBhabhiloni,
likhulule ngulowo lalovo umphefumulo wakhe; lingaqunywa
esiphambekweni sayo; ngoba lesi yisikhathi sempindiselo
yeNkosi, ophindisela impindiselo kuyo. **7** IBhabhiloni yayiyinkezo
yegolide esandleni seNkosi, eyayidakisa umhlaba wonke; izizwe
zanatha okwewayini layo; ngenxa yalokho izizwe zahlanya.
8 IBhabhiloni yahle yawa, yephuka; qhinqani isililo ngayo,
lithathele ubuhlungu bayo ibhalisamu, mhlawumbe ingelatshwa.
9 Besingayelapha iBhabhiloni, kodwa kayelaphekanga; itshiyeni,
asihambeni ngulowo lalovo aye elizweni lakhe; ngoba
isigwebo sayo sifinyelele emazulwini, siphakanyisiwe kwaze
kwafika esibhakabhakeni. **10** INkosi ikhuphe ukulunga kwethu;
wozani, silandise eZiyoni umsebenzi weNkosi uNkulunkulu

wethu. **11** Lolani imitshoko, liquoqe izihlangu; iNkosi ivusile umoya wamakhosi amaMede; ngoba icebo layo limelene leBhabhiloni ukuyichitha; ngoba lokho kuyimpindiselo yeNkosi, impindiselo yethempeli layo. **12** Phakamisani isiboniso phezu kwemiduli yeBhabhiloni, liqinise ukulinda, libeke abalindi, lilungise abacathami, ngoba iNkosi isikucebile, futhi izakwenza lokho ekukhulume ngabahlali beBhabhiloni. **13** Wena ohlala emanzini amanengi, owande ngamagugu, ukuphela kwakho sekufikile, isilinganiso senzozo yakho embi. **14** INkosi yamabandla ifungile ngomphefumulo wayo yathi: Isibili ngizakugcwalisa ngabantu njengamacimbi, njalo bazahlabelela umkhosi ngawe. **15** Wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, walimisa ilizwe ngenhlakanipho yakhe, langokuqedisisa kwakhe wendlala amazulu. **16** Lapho ekhupha ilizwi lakhe, kulokuhlokoma kwamanzi amanengi emazulwini, ukhuphula inkungu ivela emkhawulweni womhlaba, enze imibane kanye lezulu, akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe. **17** Wonke umuntu uyisiphukuphuku kalalwazi; wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yisithombe esibaziweyo, ngoba isithombe sakhe esibunjwe ngokuncibilika siyinkohliso, njalo kakulamoya kuzo. **18** Ziyize, umsebenzi wezinkohliso; ngesikhathi sukuhanjelwa kwazo zizabhubha. **19** Isabelo sikaJakobe kasinjengazo; ngoba yena nguye umbumbi wakho konke, lolsrayeli uyintonga yelifa lakhe; iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe. **20** Wena uyinduku yami yempi, izikhali zempi; ngoba ngawe ngizaphahlaza izizwe, langawe ngichithe imibuso, **21** langawe ngiphahlaze ibhiza lomgadi walo, langawe ngiphahlaze inqola lomkhweli wayo, **22** langawe ngiphahlaze indoda lowesifazana, langawe ngiphahlaze ixhegu lomutsha, langawe ngiphahlaze ijaha lentombi, **23** langawe ngiphahlaze umelusi lomhlambi wakhe, langawe

ngiphahlaze umlimi lesipani sakhe, langawe ngiphahlaze ababusi lezinduna. **24** Njalo ngizayiphindisela iBhabhiloni labo bonke abahlali beKhaladiya konke okubi kwabo abakwenzileyo eZiyoni emehlweli enu, itsho iNkosi. **25** Khangela, ngimelana lawe, wena ntaba echithayo, itsho iNkosi, echitha umhlaba wonke; ngizakwelulela isandla sami kuwe, ngikugiqe usuke emadwaleni, ngikwenze ube yintaba yokutshiswa. **26** Njalo kabayikuthatha kuwe ilitshe libe ngelengonsi, lelitshe libe ngelezisekelo; ngoba uzakuba ngamanxiwa aphakade, itsho iNkosi. **27** Phakamisani isiboniso elizweni, livuthele uphondo phakathi kwezizwe, lilungise izizwe ukumelana layo, liyibizele ndawonye imibuso yeArarathi, iMini, leAshikenazi; libeke umlawuli webutho emelene layo, lenyuse amabhiza njengentethe ezimaxhakaxhaka. **28** Lungisani izizwe ukumelana layo, amakhosi amaMede, induna zayo, lababusi bayo bonke, lelizwe lonke lombuso wayo. **29** Lelizwe lizazamazama libe lobuhluntu, ngoba ngalinye lamacebo eNkosi lima limelene leBhabhiloni, ukwenza ilizwe leBhabhiloni libe yincithakalo engelamhlali. **30** Amaqhawe eBhabhiloni ayekele ukulwa, ahlala ezinqabeni, amandla awo aphelile, sebengabesifazana; bathungele indawo zayo zokuhlala, imigoqo yayo yephukile. **31** Isigijimi sizagijima ukuhlangana lesigijimi, lombiki ukuhlangana lombiki, ukutshela inkosi yeBhabhiloni ukuthi umuzi wayo uthunjiwe kusukela ekucineni, **32** lamazibuko abanjiwe, lamaxhaphozi atshiswe ngomlilo, lamadoda empi ethukile. **33** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli: Indodakazi yeBhabhiloni injengebala lokubhulela; kuyisikhathi sokuyinyathela; kuseyisikhathshana, lesikhathi sesivuno sizafika kuyo. **34** UNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ungidlile, ungichobozile; wangibeka ngaba yimbiza

engelalutho, wangiginya njengomgobho, wagcwalisa isisu sakhe ngezibondlo zami, wangixotsha. **35** Udlakela Iwami lolwenyama yami kube phezu kweBhabhiloni, utsho umhlalikazi weZiyoni; legazi lami libe phezu kwabahlali beKhaladiya, itsho iJerusalema. **36** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizalumela udaba Iwakho, ngiphindisele impindiselo yakho; ngomise ulwandle Iwayo, ngenze umthombo wayo wome.

37 LeBhabhiloni izakuba ngamadundulu, indawo yokuhlala yemigobho, isesabiso, lento yokuncifelwa, kungelamhlali.

38 Bazabhonga kanyekanye njengamabhongo ezilwane, bahwabhe njengemidlwane yezilwane. **39** Ekutshisekeni kwabo ngizabenzela amadili, ngibadakise ukuze bathokoze, balale ubuthongo obulaphakade, bangavuki, itsho iNkosi. **40** Ngizabehlisa njengamawundlu ekuhlatshweni, njengezingama kanye lezimpongo. **41** Ithunjwe njani iSheshaki; yebo, lubanjiwe udumo lomhlaba wonke! IBhabhiloni isibe njani yisesabiso phakathi kwezizwe! **42** Ulwandle lukhukhumele phezu kweBhabhiloni, isibekelwe ngobunengi bamagagasi alo.

43 Imizi yayo isingamanxiwa, ilizwe elomileyo, lenkangala, ilizwe okungahlali muntu kulo, okungadluli kulo indodana yomuntu. **44** Njalo ngizajezisa uBheli eBhabhiloni, ngikhuphe emlonyeni wakhe lokho akuginyileyo; lezizwe kazisayikujulukela kuyo; yebo, umduli weBhabhiloni uwile. **45** Phumanि phakathi kwayo, bantu bami, likhulule ngulowo lalowo umphefumulo wakhe ekuvutheni kolaka IweNkosi. **46** Njalo hlezi inhliziyo yenu ibe buthakathaka, lesabe ngombiko ozwakala elizweni; ngoba kuzañika umbiko ngomunye umnyaka, lemva kwalokho umbiko ngomnyaka olandelayo, Iodlakela elizweni, lombusi avukele umbusi. **47** Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza lapho

engizahambela izithombe ezibaziwego zeBhabhiloni; lelizwe lonke layo lizayangeka, lababulewego bayo bonke bawele phakathi kwayo. **48** Kuzakuthi-ke amazulu lomhlaba lakho konke okukukho kuhlabelele ngeBhabhiloni, ngoba abachithi bazayifikela bevela enyakatho, itsho iNkosi. **49** Njengalokhu iBhabhiloni yenza bawe ababulewego bakolsrayeli, ngokunjalo ababulewego bomhlaba wonke bazakuwa eBhabhiloni. **50** Lina eliphunyukileyo enkembeni, hambani, lingemi; khumbulani iNkosi lisekhhatshana, leJerusalema ivele enhliziyweni yenu. **51** Siyangekile ngoba sizwile ihlazo; inhloni zisibekele ubuso bethu, ngoba abezizwe sebefikile ezindaweni ezingcwele zendlu yeNkosi. **52** Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itslo iNkosi, lapho engizahambela izithombe zayo ezibaziwego; lakulo lonke ilizwe layo kuzabubula ogwaziwego. **53** Loba iBhabhiloni ingaphakamela emazulwini, njalo loba ingaqinisa ukuphakama kwamandla ayo, kube kanti abachithi bazayifikela bevela kimi, itslo iNkosi. **54** Kulomsindo wokukhala ovela eBhabhiloni, lokufohlela okukhulu elizweni lamaKhaladiya. **55** Ngoba iNkosi ichithile iBhabhiloni, yabhubhisa kuyo ilizwi elikhulu. Lapho amagagasi abo ahlokoma njengamanzi amanengi, umsindo wawo uzakhupha ilizwi. **56** Ngoba umchithi wehlela phezu kwayo, phezu kweBhabhiloni, amaqhawe ayo azathunjwa, amadandili awo ephukile; ngoba iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wezimpindiselo, uzayivuza sibili. **57** Ngizadakisa-ke iziphathamandla zayo, lezihlakaniphi zayo, ababusi bayo, lenduna zayo, lamaghawe ayo; njalo bazalala ubuthongo obulaphakade, bangavuki, itslo iNkosi, obizo layo nguJehova wamabandla. **58** Itslo njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Imiduli ebanzi yeBhabhiloni izadilizwa ngokupheleleyo, lamasango ayo aphakemeyo athungelwe

ngomlilo, labantu batshikatshikele ize, lezizwe zitshikatshikele umlilo, zikhathale. **59** Ilizwi uJeremiya umprofethi alilaya uSeraya indodana kaNeriya, indodana kaMahaseya, ekuhambeni kwakhe loZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuya eBhabhiloni emnyakeni wesine wokubusa kwakhe. Njalo uSeraya wayeyisiphathamandla sokuthula. **60** UJeremiya wasebhala egwalweni konke okubi okuzakwehlela iBhabhiloni, wonke lamazwi abhaliweyo emelene leBhabhiloni. **61** UJeremiya wasesithi kuSeraya: Lapho usufikile eBhabhiloni, ubone ufunde wonke lamazwi. **62** Ubususithi: Nkosi, wena ukhulumile ngalindawo ukuthi uzayiquma, ukuze kungabi khona umhlali kiyo, kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni, kodwa ibe zincithakalo phakade. **63** Kuzakuthi-ke usuqedile ukulufunda lolugwalo, ubophele ilitshe kulo, uluphosele phakathi kweYufrathi, **64** ubususithi: Ngokunjalo iBhabhiloni izatshona, ingabe isavumbuluka, ngenxa yobubi engizayehlisela bona; njalo bazadinwa. Kuze kube lapha ngamazwi kaJeremiya.

52 UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye eJerusalema; lebizo likanina lalinguHamuthali, indodakazi kaJeremiya weLibhina. **2** Wasesenza okubi emehlwani eNkosi, njengakho konke akwenzayo uJehoyakhimi. **3** Ngoba ngenxa yokuthukuthela kweNkosi kwenzeka eJerusalema loJuda yaze yabaphosela khatshana lobuso bayo; uZedekhiya wasevukela inkosi yeBhabhiloni. **4** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wafika, yena lebutho lakhe lonke, ukumelana leJerusalema; basebemisa inkamba bermelene layo, bayakhela izinqaba zokuvimbezela bermelene layo inhlangothi zonke. **5** Ngokunjalo

umuzi wangena ekuvinjezelweni kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye wenkosi uZedekhiya. **6** Ngenyanga yesine, ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, lapho indlala yayiqjinile phakathi komuzi, abantu belizwe kababanga lokudla. **7** Basebewufohlela umuzi; wonke amadoda empi asebaleka, aphuma emzini ebusuku, ngendlela yesango, phakathi kwemiduli emibili, elisesivandeni senkosi (amaKhaladiya ayemelene lomuzi inhlangothi zonke), ahamba ngendlela yegceke. **8** Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi, lafica uZedekhiya emagcekeni eJeriko; lebutho lakhe lonke lahlakazeka lisuka kuye. **9** Basebeyibamba inkosi, bayenyusela enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila elizweni leHamathi, eyakhulumia izigwebo kuyo. **10** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibulala amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlwani akhe, futhi yazibulala lazo zonke iziphathamandla zakoJuda eRibila. **11** Yasiphumputhekisa amehlo kaZedekhiya, yambopha ngamaketane ethusi amabili, ukuze inkosi yeBhabhiloni imuse eBhabhiloni, yamfaka entolongweni, kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe. **12** Njalo ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga (lo umnyaka wawungumnyaka wetshumi lesificamunwemunye wenkosi uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni), uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, eyayimi phambi kwenkosi yeBhabhiloni, wangena eJerusalema. **13** Watshisa indlu kaJehova, lendlu yenkosi, lezindlu zonke zeJerusalema lezindlu zonke zabakhulu wazitshisa ngomlilo. **14** Lebutho lonke lamaKhaladiya, elalilenduna yabalindi, labhidliza yonke imiduli yeJerusalema inhlangothi zonke. **15** UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasethumba abathile kwabangabayanga babantu, lensali yabantu eyayisele emzini, lalabo ababehlamukile, ababehlamukele enkosini yeBhabhiloni,

labaseleyo bexuku. **16** Kodwa uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi watshiya abanye kwabangabayanga belizwe ukuthi babe ngabaphathi bezivini labalimi. **17** Lensika zethusi ezazisendlini yeNkosi, lezisekelo, lolwandle lwethusi olwalusendlini yeNkosi, amaKhaladiya akuphahlaza, athwala lonke ithusi lakho alisa eBhabhiloni. **18** Athatha izimbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lazo zonke izitsha zethusi abakhonza ngazo, **19** lemiganu, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo, lemiganu yokufafaza, lezimbiza, lezinti zezibane, lezinkezo, lemiganu yomnikelo wokuthululwa; okwakuligolide golide lokwakuyisiliva siliva induna yabalindi yakuthatha. **20** Insika zombili, ulwandle olulodwa, lenkabi zethusi ezazilitshumi lambili ezazingaphansi kwezisekelo inkosi uSolomoni eyayikwenzele indlu yeNkosi; ithusi lazo zonke lezizitsha lalingelakulinganiswa ngesisindo. **21** Mayelana lezinsika, ubude bensika eyodwa babuzingalo ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili, lentambo yezingalo ezilitshumi lambili yayigombolozela, lohlonzi lwayo lwaluyiminwe emine, yayilomwolo. **22** Lesiduku esiphezu kwayo sasilithusi, lobude besiduku esisodwa babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lembule, lamapomegranati phezu kwesiduku inhlangothi zonke; konke kwakulithusi. Lensika yesibili yayilokufanova lalezi, lamapomegranati. **23** Njalo kwakulamapomegranati angamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha eceleni; wonke amapomegranati ayelikhulu phezu kwembule inhlangothi zonke. **24** Induna yabalindi yasithatha uSeraya umpristi oyinhloko, loZefaniya umpristi owesibili, labalindi bombundu labo bobathathu. **25** Yasithatha emzini umthenwa othile owayengumphathi phezu kwamadoda empi, lamadoda ayisikhombisa kulabo ababona ubuso benkosи, atholakala emzini,

lomabhalane wenduna yebutho eyayibuthela abantu belizwe emabuthweni, lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha abantu belizwe, ayetholakala phakathi komuzi. **26** UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasebathatha, wabasa enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila. **27** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibatshaya, yababulalela eRibila elizweni leHamathi. Ngokunjalo uJuda wathunjwa esuswa elizweni lakhe. **28** Laba ngabantu uNebhukadirezari abathumbayo: Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, amaJuda azinkulungwane ezintathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu; **29** ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili kaNebhukadirezari, kwasuka eJerusalema imiphefumulo engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu lambili; **30** ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu kaNebhukadirezari, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wathumba amaJuda, imiphefumulo engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lanhlanu; yonke imiphefumulo yayizinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha. **31** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili ngolwamatshumi amabili lanhlanu Iwenyanga, uEvili-Merodaki inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, waphakamisa ikhanda likaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, wamkhupha entolongweni, **32** wasekhulumu kuhle laye, wabeka isihlalo sakhe sobukhosiphezu kwesihlalo sobukhosiphezu samakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. **33** Wasentshintsha iziggoko zokubotshwa kwakhe; njalo wadla isinkwa phambi kwayo njalonjalo insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. **34** Mayelana lesabelo sakhe, isabelo esimiyo wasinikwa yinkosi yeBhabhiloni, into yosuku ngosuku Iwayo, kwaze kwaba lusukulokufa kwakhe, zonke insuku zempilo yakhe.

Izililo

1 Yeka ukuhlala kodwa komuzi owawugcwele abantu! Usunjengomfelokazi owawumkhulu phakathi kwezizwe, owawuyinkosikazi phakathi kwezabelo usuyisibhalwa! **2** Uyakhala lokukhala inyembezi ebusuku, lezinyembezi zaho zisezihlathini zaho. Kawulamduzu phakathi kwazo zonke izithandwa zaho. Bonke abangane bawo bawuphethe ngenkohliso, sebeyizitha zaho. **3** UJuda useye ekuthunjweni ngenxa yokuhlupheka langenxa yobukhulu bobugqili; yena uhlala phakathi kwabezizwe, katholi ukuphumula; bonke abamzingelayo bamfica ephakathi kwezimbandezelo. **4** Indlela zeZiyoni ziyalila, ngoba kungekho ozayo emkhosini omisiweyo; wonke amasango ayo angamanxiwa; abapristi bayo bayabubula, izintombi zayo ezimsulwa zidabukile, layo isekubabeni. **5** Abamelani bayo sebeyinhloko, izitha zayo zonwabile; ngoba iNkosi iyidabulile ngenxa yobunengi beziphambeko zayo; abantwana bayo sebeye ekuthunjweni phambi kwesitha. **6** Labo bonke ubuhle bayo busukile kundodakazi yeZiyoni. Iziphathamandla zayo zinjengezindluzele ezingatholi idlelo, njalo ziyahamba zingelamandla phambi komzingeli. **7** Ezinsukwini zenhlupheko yayo lokuzulazula kwayo iJerusalema yakhumbula zonke izinto zayo eziloyisekayo okwakukhona kusukela ezinsukwini zasendulo, lapho abantu bayo bawela esandleni sesitha, njalo ingelamsizi; izitha zayibona, zahleka usulu amasabatha ayo. **8** IJerusalema yonile kakhulu, ngakho-ke isingcolile; bonke ababeyihlonipha bayidelela, ngoba sebebonile ubuze bayo; yona isibubula, ibuyele emuva. **9** Ukungcola kwayo kwakusemiphethweni yezigqoko zayo; kayikhumbulanga ukucina kwayo; ngakho yehla ngokumangalisayo, yayingelamduzu.

Nkosi, bona inhlupheko yami, ngoba isitha sizikhulisile. **10**
Isitha selule isandla saso phezu kwazo zonke izinto zayo
eziloyisekayo; ngoba ibonile izizwe zingena endaweni yayo
engcwele, owazilaya ukuthi zingangeni phakathi kwebandla
lakho. **11** Bonke abantu bayo bayabubula, bedinga isinkwa;
banike izinto zabo eziloyisekayo ngokudla ukuthi bavuselele
umphefumulo. Bona, Nkosi, ukhangele, ngoba ngiyadelelwa.
12 Kakusilutho kini yini lonke elidlulayo ngendlela? Khangelani
libone uba kukhona yini usizi njengosizi lwami, olwenziwe kimi,
iNkosi engidabule ngalo osukwini lokuvutha kolaka lwayo. **13**
Iphezulu, ithumele umlilo emathanjeni ami, wawehlula; ithiyele
unyawo lwami imbule, ingibuyisele emuva; ingenze ngaba
luxiwa, ngaphela amandla usuku lonke. **14** Ijokwe leziphambeko
zami libotshwe ngesandla sayo; zelukiwe, zenyukele entanyeni
yami, iwisile amandla ami; iNkosi inginikele ezandleni zabo,
ngingelakho ukuvuka. **15** INkosi yeysisile wonke amaqhawe ami
phakathi kwami; yabiza umhlangano omelene lami ukuchoboza
amajaha ami; iNkosi inyatthelele intombi emsulwa, indodakazi
yakoJuda, isikhamelo sewayini. **16** Ngenxa yalezizinto ngiyakhala
inyembezi; ilihlo lami, ilihlo lami lehlisa amanzi, ngoba umduduzi
obengavuselela umphefumulo wami ukhatshana lami; abantwana
bami bachithakele ngoba isitha sinqobile. **17** IZiyoni iyelula
izandla zayo, kakho oyiduduzayo. INkosi ilayile ngoJakobe
ukuthi abamzingezeleyo babe yizitha zakhe. IJerusalema
injengowesifazana ongcolileyo phakathi kwabo. **18** INkosi
ilungile, ngoba ngivukele umlomo wayo. Ake lizwe, bantu
lonke, libone usizi lwami. Intombi zami ezimsulwa lamajaha
ami baye ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngabiza izithandwa zami, kodwa
zona zangikhohlisa. Abapristi bami labadala bami baphefumula

okokucina emzini, besazidingela ukudla ukuze bavuselele umphefumulo wabo. **20** Bona, Nkosi, ngoba ngilusizi; imibilini yami idungekile, inhlizyo yami iphendukile phakathi kwami, ngoba ngaba lenkani kakhulu. Ngaphandle inkemba iyemuka abantwana, endlini kunjengokufa. **21** Bezwile ukuthi mina njiyabubula; kangilamduzu; zonke izitha zami zizwile ngobubi bami; ziylathokoza ngoba wena ukwenzile. Uzalufikisa usuku osulumemezile, khona zizakuba njengami. **22** Kabufike bonke ububi bazo phambi kwakho, wenze kizo njengalokhu wenzile kimi ngenxa yazo zonke iziphambeko zami; ngoba ukububula kwami kunengi, lenhlizyo yami iphela amandla.

2 INkosi iyigubuzele kangakanani indodakazi yeZiyoni ngeyezi entukuthelweni yayo, yaphosa ubuhle bukalsrayeli busuka emazulwini busiya emhlabeni; njalo kayisikhumbulanga isenabelo senyawo zayo ngosuku lwentukuthelo yayo! **2** INkosi iginyile zonke indawo zokuhlala zikaJakobe, ingahawukeli; ekuthukutheleni kwayo idilizile izinqaba zendodakazi yakoJuda, yazisa emhlabathini; yangcolisa umbuso leziphathamandla zawo. **3** Iqumile ngokuvutha kolaka lwayo lonke uphondo lwakolsrayeli; yabuyisela emuva isandla sayo sokunene phambi kwesitha; yatshisa imelene loJakobe njengomlilo welangabi oqothula inhlangothi zonke. **4** Igobisile idandili layo njengesitha; yema ngesandla sayo njengesitha; yabulala zonke izinto eziloyisekayo zamehlo ethenteni lendodakazi yeZiyoni; yathulula ulaka lwayo njengomlilo. **5** INkosi yaba njengesitha; yaginya ulsrayeli, yaginya zonke izigodlo zakhe, yachitha inqaba zakhe; yandisa ukulila lesililo kundodakazi yakoJuda. **6** Ithethe ngodlakela idumba layo njengesivande; yachitha indawo yakhe yokuhlanganyela; uJehova wenza ukuthi kukhohlakale eZiyoni umkhosi omisiweyo

lesabatha; wadelela inkosi lompristi ngokuvutha kolaka lwakhe.
7 INkosi ilahlile ilathi layo; yadelela indawo yayo engcwele;
yanikela esandleni sesitha imiduli yezigodlo zayo. Zakhupha
umsindo endlini yeNkosi njengosukwini lomkhosi omisiweyo.
8 INkosi yacabanga ukuchitha umduli wendodakazi yeZiyoni;
yelulile intambo yokulinganisa; kayibuyisanga isandla sayo
ekuginyeni; ngakho yenza ukuthi kulile umthangala lomduli,
kanyekanye kuphele amandla. 9 Amasango ayo atshonile
emhlabathini; yabhubhisa yephula imigoqo yayo; inkosi yayo
leziphathamandla zayo ziphakathi kwabezizwe; kakulamthetho;
labaprofethi bayo kabatholi umbono uvela eNkosini. 10 Abadala
bendodakazi yeZiyoni bahlezi emhlabathini, bathule, bathele
uthuli ekhanda labo, babbince amasaka; izintombi zeJerusalema
zikhothamisele emhlabathini amakhanda azo. 11 Amehlo ami
ayaphela ngezinyembezi, imibilini yami idungekile, isibindi sami
sithululelwem emhlabathini, ngenxa yokwephuka kwendodakazi
yabantu bami; ngoba umntwana lomunyayo bayadangala
ezitaladeni zomuzi. 12 Bathi kubonina: Angaphi amabele
lewayini? lapho bedangala njengabagwaziweyo ezitaladeni
zomuzi, lapho umphefumulo wabo uzithululela esifubeni
sabonina. 13 Ngingakufakazelani? Kuyini engingakufananisa
lawe, wena ndodakazi yeJerusalema? Kuyini engingakulinganisa
lawe, ukuze ngikududuze, ntombi emsulwa ndodakazi yeZiyoni?
Ngoba ukwephuka kwakho kukhulu njengolwandle; ngubani
ongakwelapha? 14 Abaprofethi bakho bakubonele okuyize
lokungafanelanga, kabakuvezanga ukona kwakho, ukuze
babuyise ukuthunjwa kwakho, kodwa bakubonele imithwalo
yamanga lezinkohliso. 15 Bonke abedlulayo ngendlela batshaya
izandla ngawe, bancife, banikine ikhanda labo ngendodakazi

yeJerusalema, besithi: Yiwo lo umuzi yini abathi ngawo uyikuphelela kobuhle, intokozo yomhlaba wonke? **16** Zonke izitha zakho zikukhamisele umlomo wazo, ziyancifa, zingedle amazinyo, zithi: Siwuginyile; isibili lolu lusuku ebesilulindele, sesilutholile, silubonile. **17** INkosi yenzile ebikucebile, igcwalisile ilizwi layo eyalilaya kusukela ensukwini zendulo; idilizile, kayihawukelanga; yenzile ukuthi isitha sithokoze phezu kwakho; yaphakamisa uphondo lwabamelene lawe. **18** Inhliziyo yabo yakhala eNkosini: Wena mthangala wendodakazi yeZiyoni, inyembezi kazehle njengomfula imini lobusuku; ungaziphi ukuphumula, inhlamvu yelihlo lakho ingaphelil. **19** Sukuma, unqongoloze ebusuku ekuqaleni kwemilindo, uthulule inhliziyo yakho njengamanzi phambi kobuso beNkosi; uphakamise izandla zakho kuyo ngenxa yempilo yabantwana bakho abancinyane, abaphela amandla ngenxa yendlala ekuqaleni kwaso sonke isitalada. **20** Bona, Nkosi, ukhangele ukuthi wenze njalo kubani. Abesifazana bazakudla isithelo sabo yini, abantwana abancinyane ababasingathileyo? Umpristi lomprofethi bazabulawa endaweni engcwele yeNkosi yini? **21** Abatsha labadala balele emhlabathini ezitaladeni; intombi zami ezimsulwa lamajaha ami bawile ngenkemba; ubabulele osukwini lolaka lwakho, ujuqile kawuhawukelanga. **22** Wabiza njengosukwini olumisiweyo izesabiso zami inhlangothi zonke, ukuze ngosuku lolaka lweNkosi kakho ophunyukileyo loseleyo; labo engabasingathayo ngabakhulisa isitha sami sabaqedo.

3 Ngiyindodaebone inhlupheko ngentonga yolaka lwayo.
2 Ingikhokhele yangihambisa emnyameni kodwa hatshi ekukhanyeni. **3** Isibili iphenduke yamelana lami; iphendule isandla sayo imelene lami usuku lonke. **4** Igugisile inyama yami lesikhumba sami; yephulile amathambo ami. **5** Yakhile

imelene lami, yangihanqa ngenyongo lobunzima. **6** Ingihlalise endaweni ezimnyama, njengabafa endulo. **7** Ingibiyele ukuze ngingaphumi, yenza iketane lami lethusi laba nzima. **8** Njalo nxa ngikhala ngimemeza, ivalela phandle umkhuleko wami. **9** Ibiyele indlela yami ngamatshe abaziweyo, yenza izindlela zami zagoba. **10** Yaba kimi njengebhore elicathemeyo, isilwane ezindaweni zensitha. **11** Iphambule izindlela zami, yangidabudabula, yangenza unxiwa. **12** Igobisile idandili layo, yangimisa njengento yokunenjwa ngomtshoko. **13** Yenze amadodana esamba semitshoko yayo angena eziinsweni zami. **14** Ngaba yinhlekisa kibo bonke abantu bakithi, ingoma yabo usuku lonke. **15** Ingisuthise ngezinto ezibabayo, yanginathisa umhlonyane. **16** Njalo ichoboze amazinyo ami ngokhethe, yangigiga emlotheni. **17** Njalo wena walahlal umphefumulo wami khatshana lokuthula; ngikhohlwe okuhle. **18** Ngakho ngithi: Kubhubhile amandla ami lethembra lami eNkosini. **19** Khumbula inhlupheko yami lokuzulazula kwami, umhlonyane lenyongo. **20** Umphefumulo wami uhlala ukukhumbula, njalo ukhotheme phakathi kwami. **21** Lokhu ngiyakubuyisela enhliziyweni yami, ngakho-ke ngiyathembra. **22** Kuyizihawu zeNkosi ukuthi kasiqedwanga, ngoba izisa zakhe kazipheli; **23** zintsha ikuseni yonke; lukhulu uthembeko lwayo. **24** INkosi iyisabelo sami, kutsho umphefumulo wami; ngakho-ke ngizathembra kiyo. **25** INkosi ilungile kwabayilindelayo, kumphefumulo oyidingayo. **26** Kuhle ukuthi umuntu athembe, njalo ngokuthula kusindiso lweNkosi. **27** Kuhle emuntwini ukuthi athwale ijogwe ebutsheni bakhe. **28** Kahlale yedwa, athule, ngoba isimethese lona. **29** Kabeke umlomo wakhe othulini; mhlawumbe kungaba khona ithembra. **30** Kanikele isihlathi sakhe komtshayayo; asuthe inhlamba. **31**

Ngoba iNkosi kayiyikulahla kuze kube phakade. **32** Ngoba lanxa idabukisile, kanti izakuba lesihawu ngobunengi bezisa zayo. **33** Ngoba kayihluphi ngenhlizyo yayo idabukise abantwana babantu; **34** ukuchoboza ngaphansi kwenyawo zayo zonke izibotshwa zomhlaba; **35** ukuphambukisa ilungelo lomuntu phambi kobuso boPhezukonke; **36** ukuphambanisa umuntu kudaba lwakhe, iNkosi kayikuboni yini? **37** Ngubani ongakukhuluma, njalo kwenzeke, nxo iNkosi ingakulayanga? **38** Kakuphumi ububi lokuhle emlonyeni woPhezukonke yini? **39** Ngakho usolelani umuntu ophilayo, umuntu ngezono zakhe? **40** Asihlole silinge izindlela zethu, sibuyele eNkosini. **41** Asiphakamisele inhlizyo lezandla zethu kuNkulunkulu emazulwini. **42** Thina siphambukile, saba lenkani; wena kawuthethelelanga. **43** Wembese ngolaka, waxotshana lathi, wabulala, kawuhawukelanga. **44** Uzembe ngeyezi, ukuze kungedluli umkhuleko. **45** Usenze saba yimfucuza lezibi phakathi kwezizwe. **46** Zonke izitha zethu zivule umlomo wazo zimelene lathi. **47** Ukwesaba lomgodi kukhona phambi kwethu, incithakalo lokwephuka. **48** Ilihlo lami lehlisa imifula yamanzi ngokuchitheka kwendodakazi yabantu bami. **49** Ilihlo lami liyajuluka, kaliyekeli, kungelakuma, **50** ize ikhangele phansi ibone iNkosi iseuzulwini. **51** Ilihlo lami lenza umphefumulo wami ube buhlungu ngenxa yawo wonke amadodakazi omuzi wakithi. **52** Izitha zami zingizingele kabuhlungu njengenyoni, kungelasizatho. **53** Bayiqumile impilo yami emgodini, baphosa ilitshe phezu kwami. **54** Amanzi ageleza phezu kwekhanda lami; ngathi: Ngiqunyiwe. **55** Ngabiza ibizo lakho, Nkosi, ngisemgodini phansi; **56** wezwa ilizwi lami; ungafihli indlebe yakho ekuphefumuleni kwami, ekukhaleleni kwami usizo. **57** Wasondela ngosuku lapho ngikubiza, wathi: Ungesabi. **58** Nkosi,

uzimele izindaba zomphefumulo wami, wahlenga impilo yami. **59**
Nkosi, ubonile ukoniwa kwami; yahlulela udaba lwami. **60** Ubonile
yonke impindiselo yabo, wonke amacebo abo amelene lami. **61**
Uzwile inhlamba yabo, Nkosi, wonke amacebo abo amelene
lami, **62** indebe zabangivukelayo, lokuzindla kwabo kumelene
lami lonke usuku. **63** Khangela ukuhlala kwabo, lokusukuma
kwabo; ngiyengoma yabo. **64** Buyisela kibo impindiselo, Nkosi,
njengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo. **65** Banike ubulukhuni
benhliziyi, isiqalekiso sakho kibo. **66** Xotshana labo ngolaka,
ubabhubhise bangabi ngaphansi kwamazulu eNkosi.

4 Yeka ukufiphala kwegolide, ukuphenduka kwegolide elihle
kakhulu! Amatshe endawo engcwele achithiwe ekuqaleni kwazo
zonke izitalada. **2** Amadodana aligugu eZiyoni, alinganiswa
legolide elihle, yeka ukuthiwa kwavo ayizitsha zebumba,
umsebenzi wezandla zombumbi! **3** Ngitsho amakhanka ehlisa
ibele, amunyise imidlwane yawo; kodwa indodakazi yabantu
bami isilesihluku, njengezintshe enkangala. **4** Ulimi lomunyayo
lunamathela olwangeni lwakhe ngenxa yokoma; abantwanyana
bacela isinkwa, kakho obahlephulelayo. **5** Ababesidla izibiliboco
baphundlekile ezitaladeni; abondliwa ngeziyibubende bagona
inqumbi zomquba. **6** Ngoba icala lendodakazi yabantu
bami likhulu kulesono seSodoma, eyachithwa kwangathi
ngomzuzwana, kungelazandla ezayonayo. **7** AmaNazari ayo
ayehlambulukile kuleliqhwa elikhithikileyo, emhlophe kulochago,
ebomvana ngomzimba kulamakorali, isimo sawo sasingesesafire.
8 Ukubonakala kwavo sekumnyama kulomsizi, kawaziwa
ezitaladeni; isikhumba sawo sinamathele emathanjeni awo,
somile, saba njengogodo. **9** Ababulawa ngenkemba bangcono
kulababulawa yndlala; ngoba laba bayacikizeka behlatshwa

yikuswela izithelo zensimu. **10** Izandla zabesifazana abalesihawu zapheka abantwana babo; baba yikudla kwabo ekwephukeni kwendodakazi yabantu bami. **11** INkosi iphelelisile intukuthelo yayo, ithululile ukuvutha kolaka lwayo, yaphemba umlilo eZiyoni oqothule izisekelo zayo. **12** Amakhosi omhlaba labo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba babengayikukholwa ukuthi umcindezeli lesitha babengangena emasangweni eJerusalem.

13 Kwakungenxa yezono zabaprofethi bayo leziphambeko zabapristi bayo, abachitha igazi labalungileyo phakathi kwayo.

14 Bazula njengeziphofu ezitaladeni, bangcoliswa ngegazi, kangangokuthi abantu kabangelakuthinta izembatho zabo. **15** Bamemeza kubo bathi: Sukani, kungcolile, sukani, sukani, lingathinti! Lapho bebaleka njalo bezula, bathi phakathi kwabbezizwe: Kabasayikuhlala njengabezizwe. **16** Ubuso beNkosi bubahlakazile, kayisayikubanza; kabahloniphanga ubuso babapristi, kababanga lomusa kubadala. **17** Thina, amehlo ethu asaphela kusizo lwethu oluyize; ekulindeleni kwethu salindela isizwe esingelakusisindisa. **18** Bazingela izinyathelo zethu ukuze singahambi ezitaladeni zethu; isiphetho sethu sisondele, insuku zethu zigcwalisekile, ngoba isiphetho sethu sesifikile. **19** Abasingelayo balejubane kulamanqe amazulu; baxotshana lathi ngokutshiseka ezintabeni; basicathamela enkangala. **20** Umoya wamakhala ethu, ogcotshiweyo weNkosi, wabanjwa emigodini yabo, esathi ngaye: Ngaphansi komthunzi wakhe sizaphila phakathi kwezizwe. **21** Jabula uthokoze, ndodakazi yeEdoma, ohlala elizweni leUzi; inkezo izadlulela lakuwe, uzadakwa, uzinqunule. **22** Ububi bakho buphelile, ndodakazi yeZiyoni; kasayikukuthumba; uzahambela ububi bakho, ndodakazi yeEdoma; uzakwembula izono zakho.

5 Khumbula, Nkosi, ukuthi kwenzakaleni kithi; khangela, ubone ihlazo lethu. **2** Ilifa lethu seliphendulelwwe kwabeszizwe, izindlu zethu kwabemzini. **3** Siyizintandane, kungelababa; omama banjengabafelokazi. **4** Amanzi ethu siwanathile ngemali; inkuni zethu ziza ngentengo. **5** Sizingelwa ezintanyeni zethu, sidiniwe, kasilakuphumula. **6** Sinike isandla sethu kwabeGibhithe, labeAsiriya, ukuze sisuthiswe ngesinkwa. **7** Obaba bona, kabasekho, njalo thina sithwele iziphambeko zabo. **8** Izigqili ziyasibuso, kakho ongasihluthuna esandleni sazo. **9** Sizuza isinkwa sethu ngengozi yempilo yethu, ngenxa yenkemba yenkangala. **10** Ijwabu lethu limnyama njengeziko ngenxa yokutshisa okukhulu kwendlala. **11** Badlova abesifazana eZiyoni, izintombi ezimsulwa emizini yakoJuda. **12** Iziphathamandla zaphanyekwa ngesandla sazo; ubuso babadala kabuhlonitshwanga. **13** Amajaha athwala amatshe okuchola, labafana bakhubeka ngaphansi kwenkuni. **14** Abadala baphelile esangweni, amajaha ekuhlabeleleni. **15** Intokozo yenhliziyo yethu iphelile, ukugida kwethu kwaphenduka ukulila. **16** Umqhele wekhanda lethu uwile; hawu, maye kithi, ngoba sonile! **17** Ngenxa yalokhu inhliziyo yethu iphela amandla; ngenxa yalezizinto amehlo ethu afiphele. **18** Ngenxa yentaba yeZiyoni elunxiwa, amakhanka ahamba phezu kwayo. **19** Wena, Nkosi, uhlezi kuze kube nininini, isihlalo sakho sobukhosis siska esizukulwaneni sisiya esizukulwaneni. **20** Usikhohlweleni njalonjalo, usidela okobude bezinsuku? **21** Siphendulele kuwe, Nkosi, sizaphenduka; yenza insuku zethu zibe zintsha njengasendulo. **22** Kodwa ususilahlile isibili; usithukuthelele kakhulukazi.

UHezekheli

1 Kwasekusithi-ke ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu, ngenyanga yesine, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, lapho ngangiphakathi kwabathunjiweyo ngasemfuleni iKebari, avuleka amazulu, ngasengibona imibono kaNkulunkulu. **2** Ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, okungumnyaka wesihlanu wokuthunjwa kwenkosi uJehoyakhini, **3** ilizwi leNkosi leza liqonde kuHezekeli, indodana kaBuzi, umpristi, elizweni lamaKhaladiya ngasemfuleni iKebari; lesandla seNkosi saba phezu kwakhe lapho. **4** Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, umoya wesivunguzane wavela enyakatho, iyezi elikhulu, lomlilo ozimumetheyo, lokucwazimula inhlangothi zonke zalo, laphakathi kwalo kwavela kwangathi libala lethusi, livela phakathi komlilo. **5** Laphakathi kwalo kwavela umfanekiso wezidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Lalokhu kwakuyisimo sazo: Zazilomfanekiso womuntu. **6** Njalo yilesa laleso sasilobuso obune, njalo yilesa laleso sazo sasilempiko ezine. **7** Lenyawo zazo zazizinyawo eziqondileyo, lengaphansi yezinyawo zazo yayinjengengaphansi yonyawo lwethole, zacwazimula njengombala wethusi eliolongiweyo. **8** Njalo kwakulezandla zomuntu ngaphansi kwempiko zazo enhlangothini zazo zozine. Njalo zozine zazilobuso bazo lempiko zazo. **9** Impiko zazo zazihlangene olunye kolunye; aziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo; zahamba, yilesa laleso siqonde phambili. **10** Njalo umfanekiso wobuso bazo wawuyibuso bomuntu, njalo zozine zazilobuso besilwane ngakwesokhohlo; futhi zozine zazilobuso belinqe. **11** Babunjalo ubuso bazo; lempiko zazo zazehlukene ngaphezulu; yilesa laleso sasilezimbili zihlanganisiwe kolunye, lezimbili zigubuzele imizimba yazo. **12** Zahamba yilesa laleso siqonde

phambili; zaya lapho umoya owaya khona, zingaphenduki ekuhambeni kwazo. **13** Mayelana lomfanekiso wezidalwa eziphilayo, ukubonakala kwazo kwakunjengamalahle omlilo avuthayo, njengokubonakala kwezibane; kwahamba kusiya le lale phakathi kwezidalwa eziphilayo; njalo umlilo wawulokukhazimula, njalo emlilweni kwakuphuma umbane. **14** Lezidalwa eziphilayo zagijima zaphenduka njengokubonakala kokuphazima kombane. **15** Ngathi ngikhangela izidalwa eziphilayo, khangela-ke, ivili elilodwa lalisemhlabeni eceleni kwezidalwa eziphilayo, ebusweni baso obune. **16** Ukubonakala kwamavili lomsebenzi waho kwakufanana lombala webherule; njalo zozine zazilesimo sinye; lokubonakala kwazo lomsebenzi wazo kwakunjengokuthi livili phakathi kwevili. **17** Ekuhambeni kwavo ahamba ngezinhlangothi zazo zozine; kawaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwavo. **18** Mayelana lamarimu awo, ayephakeme kangangokuthi ayesesabeka; njalo amarimu awo ayegcwele amehlo inhlangothi zonke zazo zozine. **19** Ekuhambeni kwezidalwa eziphilayo amavili ahamba eceleni kwazo; lekuphakanyisweni kwezidalwa eziphilayo emhlabeni lamavili aphakanyiswa. **20** Lapho umoya owawusiya khona zaya khona, kulapho umoya owawuzakuya khona; lamavili aphakanyiswa eqondene lawo; ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. **21** Lapho lezi zihamba, lawo ahamba; lalapho lezi zisima, lawo ema; lalapho lezi ziphakanyiswa emhlabeni, amavili aphakanyiswa eqondene lazo; ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. **22** Njalo isimo somkhathi ngaphezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa eziphilayo sasinjengombala wekristali elesabekayo, seluliwe phezu kwamakhanda azo ngaphezulu. **23** Langaphansi komkhathi impiko zazo zaziqondile, olunye lusija kolunye; yileso laleso silezimbili ezembese

imizimba yazo ngapha, njalo yileso laleso silezimbili ezembese ngaphayana. **24** Lekuhambeni kwazo ngezwa umsindo wempiko zazo unjengomsindo wamanzi amanengi, njengelizwi likaSomandla, umsindo wokuhlokom, njengomsindo wenkamba; lapho zisima zehlisa impiko zazo. **25** Kwasekusiba lelizwi elavela phezu komkhathi ongaphezu kwekhanda lazo lapho sezimi sezhlise impiko zazo. **26** Langaphezu komkhathi owawuphezu kwekhanda lazo kwakunjengesimo selitshe lesafire, umfanekiso wesihlalo sobukhos; langaphezu komfanekiso wesihlalo sobukhos kwakulomfanekiso onjengokubonakala komuntu phezu kwakho ngaphezulu. **27** Ngasengibona njengombala wethusi, njengokubonakala komlilo phakathi kwakho inhlangothi zonke, kusukela ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe langaphezulu, njalo kusukela ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe langaphansi, ngabona kunjengokubonakala komlilo, lokukhazimula inhlangothi zakhe zonke. **28** Njengokubonakala komchilo wamakhosikazi osemayezini ngosuku lwezulu, kwakunjalo ukubonakala kokukhazimula inhlangothi zonke. Lokhu kwakuyikubonakala kwesimo senkazimulo yeNkosi. Ngathi ngikubona, ngathi mbo ngobuso, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lowakhulumayo.

2 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, mana ngenyawo zakho, ngikhulume lawe. **2** Kwasekungena kimi uMoya lapho ekhuluma kimi, wangimisa ngenyawo zami; ngasengimuzwa okhuluma kimi. **3** Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyakuthuma ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli, ezizweni ezivukelayo, abangivukeleyo; bona laboyise baphambukile kimi, kuze kube yilolusuku kanye. **4** Ngoba bangabantwana abalukhuni ngobuso labalukhuni ngenhliziy; ngikuthuma kubo, njalo uzakuthi kubo: Itsho

njalo iNkosi uJehova. 5 Bona-ke, loba bezakuzwa, kumbe loba beyekela (ngoba beyindlu evukelayo), bazakwazi ukuthi ubekhona umprofethi phakathi kwabo. 6 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, ungabesabi, ungawesabi lamazwi abo, lanxa ameva lokhula oluhlabayo kukuwe, njalo uhlezi phakathi kwabofezela; ungawesabi amazwi abo, ungatshaywa luvalo ngobuso babo, ngoba beyindlu evukelayo. 7 Kodwa uzakhuluma amazwi ami kubo, loba bezakuzwa kumbe bayekele; ngoba bevukela. 8 Kodwa wena, ndodana yomuntu, zwana engikutshoyo kuwe; ungabi ngovukelayo njengaleyana indlu evukelayo; vula umlomo wakho, udle engikunika khona. 9 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, isandla sithunyelwe kimi; khangela-ke umqulu wogwalo wawukuso. 10 Wasewendlala phambi kwami, njalo wawubhaliwe phambili langemuva; njalo kwakubhalwe phakathi kwavo izililo, lokukhala, losizi.

3 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, dlana lokho ozakuthola; dlana lumqulu, uhambe uyekhuluma kuyo indlu kalsrayeli. 2 Ngasengivula umlomo wami, yasingidlisa lowomqulu. 3 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, yenza isisu sakho sidle, ugcwalise amathumbu akho ngalumqulu engikunika wona. Ngasengisidla; njalo waba emlonyeni wami njengoluju ngenxa yobumnandi. 4 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, hamba uye endlini yakolsrayeli, ukhulume ngamazwi ami kubo. 5 Ngoba kawuthunywanga ebantwini abalenkulomo ejulileyo lolimi olunzima, kodwa endlini yakolsrayeli. 6 Hatshi ebantwini abanengi abalenkulomo ejulileyo lolimi olunzima, abamazwi abo ongeke uwezwe. Isibili, uba bengikuthume kubo, bona bebezakukuzwa. 7 Kodwa indlu kalsrayeli kayiyikuvuma ukukulalela, ngoba kabavumi ukungilalela; ngoba yonke indlu yakolsrayeli ilobuso obuqinileyo,

njalo balukhuni ngenhliziyo. **8** Khangela, ngenze ubuso bakho baqina bumelene lobuso babo, lebunzi lakho liqine limelene lebunzi labo. **9** Ngenze ibunzi lakho libe njengendayimana elukhuni kulensengetshe. Ungabesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo yibuso babo, lanxa beyindlu evukelayo. **10** Futhi yathi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, wonke amazwi ami engizawakhuluma kuwe, emukele enhliziwenni yakho, uzwe ngendlebe zakho. **11** Hambake, uye kwabathunjiveyo, ebantwaneni babantu bakho, ukhulume kubo, uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova; loba bezakuzwa loba bezayekela. **12** UMoya wasengiphakamisa; ngasengisizwa emva kwami ilizwi lomdumo omkhulu, lisithi: Kayidunyiswe inkazimulo yeNkosi ivela endaweni yayo. **13** Ngezwa futhi umsindo wempiko zezidalwa eziphilayo, ezazithintana, lomsindo wamavili maqondana lazo, lomsindo womdumo omkhulu. **14** UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangisusa; ngasengihamba ngokubaba ekuvutheni komoya wami; kodwa isandla seNkosi sasilamandla phezu kwami. **15** Ngasengifika kwabathunjiveyo eTelabibi, ababehlala ngasemfuleni iKebari; ngahlala lapho ababehlala khona, ngahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa ngithithibele phakathi kwabo. **16** Kwasekusithi ekucineni kwensuku eziyisikhombisa, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **17** Ndodana yomuntu, ngikwenzile waba ngumlindi kuyo indlu kalsrayeli. Ngakho zwana ilizwi elivela emlonyen'i wami, ubaxwayise kuvela kimi. **18** Lapho ngisithi kokhohlakeleyo: Uzakufa lokufa; wena-ke ungamxwayisi, loba ungakhulumi ukumxwayisa okhohlakeleyo ukuthi asuke endleleni yakhe ekhohlakeleyo, ukuze agcine impilo yakhe, lowo okhohlakeleyo uzafela ebubini bakhe; kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho. **19** Kodwa uba wena umxwayisa okhohlakeleyo, angaphenduki ekukhohlakaleni

kwakhe lendleleni yakhe ekhohlakeleyo, yena uzafela ebubini bakhe; kodwa wena ukhulule umphefumulo wakho. **20** Futhi, uba olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, njalo ngibeke isikhube kiso phambi kwakhe, yena uzakufa; ngoba wena ungamxwayisanga, uzafela esonweni sakhe, lokulunga kwakhe akwenzileyo kungakhunjulwa; kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho. **21** Kodwa uba wena umxwayisa olungileyo, ukuze olungileyo angoni, yena-ke angaze ona, isibili yena uzaphila, ngoba exwayisiwe; futhi wena uwukhulule umphefumulo wakho. **22** Isandla seNkosi sasesiphezu kwami lapho, yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uphume uye egcekeni, lalapho ngizakhulumu lawe. **23** Ngasengisukuma ngaphuma ngaya egcekeni; khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi yayimi khona, njengenkazimulo engangiyibone ngasemfuleni iKebari; ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami. **24** UMoya wasengena kimi, wangimisa ngenyawo zami, wakhulumu kimi wathi kimi: Hamba uyezivalela phakathi kwendlu yakho. **25** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, khangela, bazafaka izibopho phezu kwakho, bakubophe ngazo, ukuze ungaphumi phakathi kwabo. **26** Njalo ngizakwenza ulimi lwakho lunamathele olwangeni lwakho, ukuze ube yisimungulu, njalo ungabi ngumuntu okhuzayo kubo; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo. **27** Kodwa lapho ngikhulumu lawe, ngizavula umlomo wakho, ubususithi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ozwayo kezwe, loyekelayo kayekele; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo.

4 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zithatheli isitina, usibeke phambi kwakho, ubhale ngokugubha kiso umuzi, iJerusalem; **2** wenze ukuvinjezelwa umelene lawo, wakhe inqaba umelene lawo, ubuthelele idundulu umelene lawo, wenze izinkamba umelene lawo, umise izinqama zokudiliza inhlangothi

zonke zimelene lawo. **3** Futhi wena uzithathele umganu wensimbi, uwumise ube ngumduli wensimbi phakathi kwakho lomuzi; umise ubuso bakho bumelene lawo, njalo ube sekuvinjezelweni, futhi uzawuvimbezela. Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kundlu kalsrayeli. **4** Futhi wena lala ngomhlubulo wakho wangasekhohlo, ubeke isiphambeko sendlu kalsrayeli phezu kwayo; njengokwenani lezinsuku ozalala phezu kwavo uzathwala isiphambeko sabo. **5** Ngoba mina ngikumisele iminyaka yesiphambeko sabo, njengokwenani lezinsuku, izinsuku ezingamakhulu amathathu layisificamunwemunye; ngokunjalo uzathwala isiphambeko sendlu kalsrayeli. **6** Lapho usuziphelelisile lezo, lala okwesibili ngomhlubulo wakho wangakwesokunene, uthwale isiphambeko sendlu kaJuda insuku ezingamatshumi amane; ngikuniike usuku lube ngumnyaka, usuku lube ngumnyaka. **7** Ngakho uzamisa ubuso bakho ekuvinjezelweni kweJerusalema, lengalo yakho izakwembulwa, uprofethe umelene layo. **8** Khangela-ke, ngizabeka izibopho phezu kwakho, ukuze ungaphenduki usuka komunye umhlubulo usiya komunye umhlubulo, uze uqede izinsuku zokuvimbezela kwakho. **9** Futhi wena zithathele ingqoloyi lebhali lendumba lamalentili lenyawuthi leselite, ukubeke esitsheni esisodwa, uzenzele kube yisinkwa; njengokwenani lezinsuku olala ngazo ngomhlubulo wakho, izinsuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lesificamunwemunye uzakudla sona. **10** Lokudla kwakho ozakudla kuzakuba ngesilinganiso, amashekeli angamatshumi amabili ngelanga; ukudle isikhathi ngesikhathi. **11** Lamanzi uzawanatha ngesilinganiso, ingxenye yesithupha yehini, uwanathe isikhathi ngesikhathi. **12** Njalo uzakudla iqebelengwana lebhali, ulipheke emehlwani abo ngamalongwe aphuma

emuntwini. **13** INkosi yasisithi: Ngokunjalo abantwana bakolsrayeli bazakudla isinkwa sabo esingcolileyo phakathi kwezizwe engizabaxotshela kuzo. **14** Ngasengisithi: Hawu Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, umphefumulo wami kawuzanga uncoliswe; ngoba kwasebutsheni bami kuze kube lakhathesi kangizanga ngidle okuzifeleyo kumbe okudatshuliwego, njalo kakulanyama enengekayo eseyake yangena emlonyeni wami. **15** Yasisithi kimi: Bona, ngikunike amalongwe enkomo esikhundleni samalongwe omuntu, njalo uzalungisa isinkwa sakho ngawo. **16** Yathi futhi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, ngizakwephula udondolo lwesinkwa eJerusalema; njalo bazakudla isinkwa ngesisindo langokunqineka, banathe amanzi ngesilinganiso langovalo; **17** ukuze baswele isinkwa lamanzi, bethuke omunye lomunye, bacikizeke ngobubi babo.

5 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zithathele ingqamu ebukhali, zithathele impuco yabageli, uyihambise phezu kwekhanda lakho laphezu kwestilevu sakho; ubusuzithathela isikali sokulinganisa, wehlukanise inwele. **2** Ingxenyenye yesithathu uzayitshisa ngomlilo phakathi komuzi sezicwalisekile insuku zokuvimbezela; uthathe ingxenyenye yesithathu utshaye inhlangothi zonke zayo ngenkemba; lengxenyenye yesithathu uyihlakaze emoyeni; njalo ngizahwatsha inkemba emva kwabo. **3** Njalo uzathatha ezinlutshwana ngenani kuzo, uzigogele emaphethelweni ezembatho zakho. **4** Ubusuthatha kuzo futhi, uziphosele phakathi komlilo, uziitshise emililweni; kuzaphuma kuwo umlilo uye kuyo yonke indlu kalsrayeli. **5** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Le yiJerusalema; ngiyimisile phakathi kwezizwe lamazwe inhlangothi zonke zayo. **6** Kodwa iphendule izahlulelo zami zaba yibubi okwedlula izizwe, lezimiso zami okwedlula amazwe ayihanqileyo; ngoba bazalile

izahlulelo zami, lezimiso zami kabahambanga kuzo. **7** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba leyisile okwedlula izizwe ezilihanqileyo, lingahambanga ezimisweni zami, lingazenzanga izahlulelo zami, lingenzanga njengokwezahlulelo zezizwe ezilihanqileyo; **8** ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, ngitsho mina, njalo ngizakwenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho, emehlwani eziphelelo. **9** Ngenze phakathi kwakho engingazange ngikwenze, lengingasayikukwenza okunjengakho, ngenxa yamanyala akho wonke. **10** Ngakho oyise bazakudla amadodana phakathi kwakho, lamadodana azakudla oyise. Njalo ngizakwenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho, lensali yakho yonke ngizayihlakaza kuwo wonke umoya. **11** Ngakho, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili, ngoba ungcwile indawo yami engcwile ngazo zonke izinengiso zakho langamanyala akho wonke, ngakho lami ngizakunciphisa, futhi lihlazo lami kalyikuhanwukela, futhi lami kangiyikuyekela.

12 Ingxenye yesithathu yakho izakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, langendlala bazaqedwa phakathi kwakho; lengxenye yesithathu izakuwa ngenkemba enhlangothini zonke zakho; lengxenye yesithathu ngizayihlakaza kuwo wonke umoya, ngihwatshe inkemba emva kwabo. **13** Ngokunjalo ukuthukuthela kwami kuzapheleliwa, ngenze ukufutheka kwami kuphumule phezu kwabo, ngiduduzeke; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina iNkosi ngikhulumile ekutshisekeni kwami, lapho sengiphelelise ukufutheka kwami kubo. **14** Futhi ngizakwenza ube lunxiwa ube lihlazo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhanqileyo, emehlwani akhe wonke owedlulayo. **15** Ngakho kuzakuba lihlazo, lenhlekisa, imfundiso, lesesabiso ezizweni ezikuhanqileyo nxa ngisenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho ngolaka langokufutheka

langokukhuza kokufutheka; mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. **16**
Lapho ngithumela phezu kwabo imitshoko emibi yendlala,
ezakuba ngeyokubhubhisa, engizayithumela ukulibhubhisa,
ngizakwandisa indlala phezu kwenu, ngephule udondolo
lwesinkwa kini. **17** Ngokunjalo ngizathuma phezu kwenu indlala
lezilo ezimbi, ezizakwemuka abantwana; lomatshayabhuqe
wesifo legazi kudabule phakathi kwakho; ngilethe inkemba phezu
kwakho. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile.

6 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu,
khangelisa ubuso bakho ngasezintabeni zakolsrayeli,
uprofethe umelene lazo. **3** Uthi: Lina zintaba zakolsrayeli,
zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova. Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova
ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, ezifuleni, lezihotsheni: Khangelani,
mina ngizakwehlisela phezu kwenu inkemba, ngichithe indawo
zenu eziphakemeyo. **4** Lamalathi enu azachithwa, lamalathi
enu elanga aphahlazwe, lababulewego benu ngibaphosele
phansi phambi kwezithombe zenu. **5** Ngibeke izidumbu
zabantwana bakolsrayeli phambi kwezithombe zabo, ngihlakaze
amathambo enu inhlangothi zonke zamalathi enu. **6** Kuzo
zonke indawo zenu zokuhlala imizi izachithwa, lendawo
eziphakemeyo zibe ngamanxiwa, ukuze amalathi enu achithwe
abe ngamanxiwa, lezithombe zenu zipahlazwe ziphele, lamalathi
enu elanga aqunywe, lemisebenzi yenu itshabalaliswe. **7**
Lababulewego bazakuwa phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi. **8** Kodwa ngizatshiya insali ukuze libe labanye
abazaphepha inkemba phakathi kwezizwe lapho lizahlakazekela
emazweni. **9** Labaphunyukileyo benu bazangikhumbula phakathi
kwezizwe lapho abathunjelwe khona; ngoba ngidabukile ngenxa
yenhliziyu yabo ephingayo, esukileyo kimi, langamehlo abo

aphingayo elandela izithombe zabo. Njalo bazazenyanya ngobubi ababenzileyo kuwo wonke amanyala abo. **10** Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi; kangikhulumanga ngeze ukuthi ngizakwenza lokho okubi kubo. **11** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Tshaya ngesandla sakho, utshaye phansi ngonyawo lwakho, uthi: Maye ngenxa yawo wonke amanyala amabi endlu yakolsrayeli! ngoba bazakuwa ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo. **12** Okhatshana uzakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, loseduze uzakuwa ngenkemba, loseleyo wavinjezelwa uzakufa yndlala. Ngokunjalo ngizaphelelisa ukufutheka kwami phezu kwabo. **13** Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho ababuleweyo babo sebephakathi kwezithombe zabo behanqe amalathi abo, phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa olude, ezingqongeni zonke zezintaba, langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, langaphansi kwalo lonke i-okhi eliqatha, indawo ababenikela khona iphunga eliminandi kuzo zonke izithombe zabo. **14** Ngokunjalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwabo, ngenze ilizwe libe lunxiwa, yebo, libe lunxiwa kulenkangala ngaseDibila, kuzo zonke izindawo zabo zokuhlala. Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

7 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kulo ilizwe lakolsrayeli: Isiphetho, isiphetho sesifikile phezu kwamagumbi womane elizwe. **3** Khathesi isiphetho siphezu kwakho, njalo ngizathumela ukuthukuthela kwami phakathi kwakho, ngikwahlulele njengokwezenzo zakho, ngehlisele phezu kwakho wonke amanyala akho. **4** Lelihlo lami kaliyikukuhawukela, kangiyikuyekela, kodwa ngizakwehlisela izindlela zakho phezu kwakho, lamanyala akho azakuba phakathi kwakho. Khona

lizakwazi ukuthi ngyiNkosi. **5** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Ububi, ububi obubodwa, khangela, sebufikile. **6** Isiphetho
sesifikile, isiphetho sesifikile, siyakuvukela; khangela, sesifikile.
7 Ukusa sekufikile kuwe, wena mhlali welizwe; isikhathi
sesifikile, usuku lwenkathazo luseduze, njalo kungeyisikho
ukumemeza ngenjabulo kwezintaba. **8** Khathesi, kuseduze ukuthi
ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwakho, ngiphelelise intukuthelo
yami phakathi kwakho, ngikwahlulele njengokwezindlela
zakho, ngehlisele phezu kwakho wonke amanyala akho. **9**
Lelihlo lami kalyikuhanukela, njalo kangiyikuyekela; ngizanika
njengokwezindlela zakho phezu kwakho, lamanyala akho
azakuba phakathi kwakho. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngyiNkosi
etshayayo. **10** Khangela usuku, khangela, selufikile; ukusa
sekuphumile; intonga ihlumile, ukuziqhenya kukhahlele. **11**
Udlakela lusukume lwaba yintonga yobubi; kakuyikusala kubo,
hatshi-ke exukwini labo, hatshi-ke okwabo, njalo kakuyikuba
khona ukuqhingga isililo phakathi kwabo. **12** Isikhathi sesifikile,
usuku selusondele; umthengi kangathokozi, lomthengisi angalili,
ngoba ulaka luphezu kwexuku lonke lalo. **13** Ngoba umthengisi
kayikubuyela kokuthengisiweyo, lanxa impilo yabo isesephakathi
kwabaphilayo; ngoba umbono mayelana lexuku lonke lalo
kawuyikuphenduka; futhi kakulamuntu ongaqinisa impilo yakhe
ngesiphambeko sakhe. **14** Baluvuthele uphondo ukuthi
balungise konke, kodwa kakho oya empini, ngoba ulaka
lwami luphezu kwexuku lalo lonke. **15** Inkemba ingaphandle,
lomatshayabhuqe wesifo lendlala kungaphakathi; osegangeni
uzakufa ngenkemba, losemzini indlala lomatshayabhuqe wesifo
kuzamqedo. **16** Kodwa abaphunyukayo babo bazaphunyuka,
babe sezintabeni njengamajuba ezihotsha, bonke belila, ngulowo

lalowo ngenxa yesiphambeko sakhe. **17** Zonke izandla zizaphela amandla, lamadolo wonke ageleze njengamanzi. **18** Njalo bazabhinca amasaka, lovalo luzabembesa, lenhloni zibe sebusweni bonke, lempabanga phezu kwamakhanda abo wonke. **19** Bazalahla isiliva sabo ezitaladeni, legolide labo libe yikungcola; isiliva sabo legolide labo kakuyikuba lakho ukubophula ngosuku lokuthukuthela kweNkosi; kabayikonelisa umphefumulo wabo, bangagcwalisi amathumbu abo; ngoba kuyisikhukiso sesiphambeko sabo. **20** Lobuhle besiceciso sakhe wabumisa ebukhosini, kodwa benza kubo imifanekiso yokunengekayo kwabo lezinengiso zabo; ngenxa yalokho ngibumise bube yinto engcolileyo kubo. **21** Njalo ngizakunikela esandleni sabezizwe kube yimpango, lakwabakhohlakeleyo bomhlaba kube yimpango, njalo bazakungcolisa. **22** Njalo ngizaphendula ubuso bami busuke kubo, bangcolise indawo yami yensitha; ngoba abaphangi bazangena kuyo, bayingcolise. **23** Yenza iketane, ngoba ilizwe ligcwele amacala egazi, lomuzi ugcwele udlakela. **24** Ngakho ngizaletha ababi bezizwe, abazakudla ilifa lezindlu zabo; ngikwenze kuphele ukuziqhenya kwabalamandla; lendawo zabo ezingcwele zizangcoliswa. **25** Ukwethuka kuyeza; bazadinga-ke ukuthula, kodwa kakuyikuba khona. **26** Incithakalo izakuza phezu kwencithakalo, lombiko ube phezu kombiko; khona bezadinga umbono kumprofethi, kodwa umlayo uzabhubha kumpristi, leseluleko kabadala. **27** Inkosi izalila, lesiphathamandla sembathiswe incithakalo, lezandla zabantu belizwe zizathuthumela. Ngizakwenza kubo ngokwendlela yabo, ngibahlulele ngezahlulelo zabo; khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

8 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithupha, ngenyanga yesithupha, ngolwesihlanu Iwenyanga, ngihelezi endlini yami, labadala bakoJuda behlezi phambi kwami, isandla seNkosi uJehova sawa lapho phezu kwami. **2** Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, umfanekiso onjengokubonakala komlilo; kusukela ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe kusiya phansi, umlilo; futhi kusukela kukhalo lwakhe kusiya phezulu kunjengokubonakala kokukhazimula, njengombala wethusi. **3** Waseselula isimo sesandla, wangithatha ngesihluthu sekhana lami; uMoya wasengiphakamisela phakathi komhlaba lamazulu, wangiletha eJerusalema emibonweni kaNkulunkulu, esivalweni sesango elingaphakathi, elikhangele ngenyakatho, lapho okwakulesihlalo sesithombe sobukhwele esibanga ubukhwele. **4** Khangela-ke, inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yayilapho, injengokubonakala engangikubone esihotsheni. **5** Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ake uphakamisele amehlo akho ngasendleleni yenyakatho. Ngasengiphakamisela amehlo ami ngasendleleni yenyakatho, khangela-ke, ngasenyakatho kwesango lelathi kwakulalesithombe sobukhwele entubeni. **6** Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona yini abakwenzayo, amanyala amakhulu ewenzayo indlu kalsrayeli lapha, ukuze ngiye khatshana lendawo yami engcwele? Kodwa phenduka futhi, uzabona amanyala amakhulu kulala. **7** Wasengisa emnyango weguma; lapho ngibona, njalo khangela, kwakulesikhala emdulini. **8** Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ake ugebhe emdulini. Ngathi ngigebha emdulini, khangela-ke kwakulomnyango. **9** Wasesithi kimi: Ngena, ubone izinengiso ezimbi abazenzayo lapha. **10** Ngasengingen, ngabona, khangela-ke, sonke isimo sokuhuquzelayo lenyamazana ezinengekayo lazo zonke

izithombe zendlu yakolsrayeli, kubaziwe phezu komduli inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo. **11** Futhi kwakumi phambi kwazo amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa akwabadala bendlu kalsrayeli, loJahazaniya indodana kaShafani emi phakathi kwabo; yileyo laleyo ilodengezi lwayo esandleni sayo, njalo jyezi eliqatha lempepha lenyuka. **12** Wasesithi kimi: Ukubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu, lokho abadala bendlu kalsrayeli abakwenzayo emnyameni, ngulowo emakamelweni emifanekiso yakhe? Ngoba bathi: INkosi kayisiboni; iNkosi iwutshiyle umhlaba. **13** Wasesithi kimi: Phenduka futhi, uzabona izinengiso ezinkulu kakhulu abazenzayo. **14** Wasengisa emnyango wesango lendlu yeNkosi eyayingasenyakatho; khangela-ke, kwakuahlezi abesifazana belilela uTamuza. **15** Wasesithi kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Phenduka futhi, uzabona izinengiso ezinkulu kulalezi. **16** Wasengingenisa egumeni lendlu yeNkosi elingaphakathi; khangela-ke, emnyango wethempeli leNkosi phakathi kwekhulusi lelathi kwakulamadoda phose angaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, imihlane yawo ingasethempelini leNkosi, lobuso bawo bungasempumalanga; njalo bakhonza ilanga ngasempumalanga. **17** Wasesithi kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Kuyinto elula kundlu yakoJuda ukwenza izinengiso abazenzayo lapha yini? Ngoba bagcwalise ilizwe ngobudlwangudlwangu, baphendukele ukungithukuthelisa; khangela-ke, bafaka ugatsha empumulweni yabo. **18** Ngakho lami ngizakwenza ngentukuthelo; ilihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela, futhi kangiyikuyekela; lanxa bekhala endlebeni zami ngelizwi elikhulu, kangiyikubezwa.

9 Wasememeza ezindlebeni zami ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Yenza ababonisi bomuzi basondele, ngitsho wonke umuntu elesikhali sakhe sokuchitha esandleni sakhe. **2** Khangela-ke,

amadoda ayisithupha eza evela ngendlela yesango eliphezulu elikhangele ngasenyakatho; njalo wonke umuntu elesikhali sakhe sokuphahlaza esandleni sakhe; njalo umuntu oyedwa phakathi kwavo wayegqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, elophondo lweyinki lombhali ngasokhalweni lwakhe; asengena, ema duze kwelathi lethusi. **3** Lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yenyuka isuka ngaphezu kwekherubhi eyayiphezu kwalo, yaya embundwini wendlu; wasememeza umuntu owayegqoke ilembu elicolekileyo owayelophondo lweyinki lombhali okhalweni lwakhe.

4 INkosi yasisithi kuye: Dabula phakathi komuzi, phakathi kweJerusalema, ufake uphawu emabunzini abantu ababubulayo labakhalayo ngenxa yazo zonke izinengiso ezenziwa phakathi kwavo. **5** Lakwabanye yathi endlebeni yami: Dabulani phakathi komuzi emva kwakhe, litshaye, ilihlo lenu lingahawukeli, njalo lingayekeli. **6** Bulalani ngokuchitha abadala, abatsha, lezintombi, labantwana abancinyane, labesifazana; kodwa lingasondeli lakuwuphi umuntu okulophawu phezu kwakhe, liqalise endaweni yami engcwele. Basebeqalisa emadodeni amadala ayephambi kwendlu. **7** Yasisithi kubo: Ngcolisani indlu, ligcwalise amaguma ngababulewego. Phuman. Basebephuma, babulala emzini. **8** Kwasekusithi besababulala, mina-ke ngasala, ngathi mbo ngobuso bami, ngakhala ngathi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Uzachitha yini yonke insali yakolsrayeli ekuthululeni kwakho intukuthelo yakho phezu kweJerusalema? **9** Khona yathi kimi: Ububi bendlu yakolsrayeli loJuda bukhulu kakhulukazi, lelizwe ligcwele amacala egazi, lomuzi ugcwele ukuphambuka, ngoba bathi: INkosi ilidelile ilizwe, njalo iNkosi kayiboni. **10** Lami-ke ilihlo lami kaliyikuhanukela, njalo kangiyikuyekela; ngizakwehlisela indlela yabo ekhanda labo. **11** Khangela-ke, lowomuntu owayegqoke

ilembu elicolekileyo, owayelophondo lweyinki okhalweni lwakhe,
wabuyisela ilizwi esithi: Ngenzile njengoba ungilayile.

10 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, emkhathini owawungaphezu
kwekhanda lamakherubhi kwakulokunjengelitshe lesafire,
kunjengokubonakala komfanekiso wesihlalo sobukhos;
kwabonakala phezu kwavo. **2** Wasekhulum emuntwini ogqoke
ilembu elicolekileyo, wathi: Ngena ngaphakathi kwamavili,
ngaphansi kwekherubhi, ugcwalise intende vezandla zakho
ngamalahle omililo avela phakathi kwamakherubhi, uwahlakaze
phezu komuzi. Wasengena phambi kwamehlo ami. **3** Njalo
amakherubhi ayemi ngakwesokunene kwendlu, lapho lowomuntu
engena; iyezi laseligcwalisa iguma elingaphakathi. **4** Inkazimulo
yeNkosi yasiphakama isuka phezu kwekherubhi, phezu
kombundu wendlu; indlu yasigcwaliswa liyezi, leguma lagcwala
ukukhanya kwenkazimulo yeNkosi. **5** Lomdumo wempiko
zamakherubhi wezwakala kwaze kwaba segumeni elingaphandle,
njengelizwi likaNkulunkulu uSomandla nxa ekhuluma. **6**
Kwasekusithi isimlayile umuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo isithi:
Thatha umlilo phakathi kwamavili, phakathi kwamakherubhi;
wangena, wema duze kwevili. **7** Ikherubhi laseliselulela isandla
salo sisuka phakathi kwamakherubhi kuwo umlilo owawuphakathi
kwamakherubhi, lawuthatha, lawubeka ezandleni zalowo
owayembethe ilembu elicolekileyo; owawuthatha waphuma. **8**
Kwasekubonakala kiwo amakherubhi isimo sesandla somuntu
ngaphansi kwempiko zavo. **9** Ngasengibona, khangela-ke amavili
amaneceleni kwamakherubhi, ivili elilodwa eceleni kwelinje
ikherubhi, levili elilodwa eceleni kwelinje ikherubhi; lokubonakala
kwamavili kwakunjengombala welitshe lebherule. **10** Mayelana
lokubonakala kwavo, womane ayelesimo sinye, njengokungathi

livili eliphakathi kwevili. **11** Ekuhambeni kwawo, ahamba ngenhlangothi zawo zozine, awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo, kodwa indawo lapho ikhanda elalikhangele khona, ayilandela, awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo. **12** Lomzimba wawo wonke, lemihlane yawo, lezandla zawo, lempiko zawo, lamavili, kwakugcwele amehlo inhlangothi zonke, amavili azo zozine ezazilawo. **13** Mayelana lamavili, kwamenyezwa kiwo endlebeni zami ukuthi: Vili! **14** Njalo yilelo lalelo lalilobuso obune; ubuso bokujala babuyibuso bekherubhi, lobuso besibili babuyibuso bomuntu, lobesithathu buyibuso besilwane, lobesine buyibuso belinqe. **15** Amakherubhi aseziphakamisa. Lesi yisidalwa esiphilayo engasibona ngasemfuleni iKebari. **16** Kwathi lapho amakherubhi ehamba, amavili ahamba eceleni kwawo; lalapho amakherubhi ephakamisa impiko zawo ukuze enyuke asuke emhlabeni, lawomavili kawaphendukanga esuka eceleni lawo futhi. **17** Lapho esima, lawo ema; lalapho ephakama, lawo aphakama; ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawukiwo. **18** Inkazimulo yeNkosi yasiphuma yasuka phezu kombundu wendlu, yema phezu kwamakherubhi. **19** Amakherubhi asephakamisa impiko zawo, enyuka esuka emhlabeni phambi kwamehlo ami, lapho ephuma, lamavili lawo ayemaqondana lawo; njalo yilelo lalelo lema emnyango wesango elingasempumalanga kwendlu yeNkosi; lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yayiphezu kwawo ngaphezulu. **20** Lesi yisidalwa esiphilayo engasibona ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ngasemfuleni iKebari; ngasengisazi ukuthi ngamakherubhi. **21** Yilelo lalelo lalilobuso obune, lalelo lalelo lilempiko ezine; lesimo sezandla zomuntu singaphansi kwempiko zazo. **22** Lesimo sobuso bawo sasiyibuso engabubona

ngasemfuleni iKebari, ukubonakala kwawo, lawo ngokwawo.

Ahamba, yilelo lalelo ngaphambi kobuso balo.

11 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangiletha esangweni lempumalanga lendlu yeNkosi, elikhangele ngempumalanga; khangela-ke, emnyango wesango kwakukhona amadoda angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu; laphakathi kwawo ngabona uJahazaniya indodana kaAzuri, loPelatiya indodana kaBhenaya, iziphathamandla zabantu. **2** Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, lawa ngamadoda acabanga inkohlakalo, aceba iseluleko esibi kulumuzi, **3** athi: Kakuseduze ukwakha izindlu; lumuzi uyimbiza, lathi siyinyama. **4** Ngakho profetha umelene lawo, profetha, ndodana yomuntu. **5** UMoya weNkosi wasewela phezu kwami, wathi kimi: Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Litshilo njalo, lina ndlu kalsrayeli, ngoba izinto ezivela engqondweni yenu, mina ngiyazazi yileyo laleyo yazo. **6** Landisile ababulewego benu kulumuzi, lagcwalisa izitalada zawo ngababulewego. **7** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ababulewego benu elibabeke phakathi kwawo, bona bayinyama, lalo umuzi uyimbiza; kodwa lina ngizalikhupha phakathi kwawo. **8** Liyesabile inkemba, njalo ngizayiletha inkemba phezu kwenu, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **9** Njalo ngizalikhupha phakathi kwawo, ngilinikele esandleni sabezizwe, ngenze izigwebo phakathi kwenu. **10** Lizakuwa ngenkemba, ngiligwebe emngceleni wakolsrayeli; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **11** Lo umuzi kawuyikuba yimbiza yenu, kumbe lina libe yinyama phakathi kwawo; ngizaligweba emngceleni wakolsrayeli. **12** Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi; ngoba kalihambanga ezimisweni zami, lezahlulelo zami kalizenzanga, kodwa lenze njengokwezahlulelo zezizwe ezilihanqileyo. **13** Kwasekusithi ngisaprofetha, uPelatiya indodana kaBhenaya wafa.

Ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami phansi, ngamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngathi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova, uzaqeda ngokupheleleyo yini insali yakolsrayeli? **14** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **15** Ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu, abafowenu, abantu bezihlobo zakho, layo yonke indlu yakolsrayeli, yonke, bayilabo abahlali beJerusalema abathi kubo: Sukani khatshana leNkosi; lelilizwe linikwe thina ukuze libe yilifa. **16** Ngakho wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lanxa ngibase khatshana phakathi kwezizwe, njalo lanxa ngibahlakaze phakathi kwamazwe, kanti ngizakuba kubo yindawo engcwele encinyane emazweni abafika kiwo. **17** Ngakho wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Yebo, ngizaliqoqa ezizweni, ngilibuthe emazweni engilihlekazele kiwo, ngilinike ilizwe lakolsrayeli. **18** Njalo bazafika kulo, basuse kulo zonke izinto ezinengekayo zalo lawo wonke amanyala alo. **19** Njalo ngizabanika inhlizyo eyodwa, ngifake umoya omutsha phakathi kwenu, ngikhuphe inhlizyo yelitshe enyameni yabo, ngibanike inhlizyo yenyama; **20** ukuze bahambe ngezimiso zami, bagcine izahlulelo zami bazenze; njalo bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. **21** Kodwa labo abanhlizyo yabo ihamba ngokwenhlizyo yezinto zabo ezinengekayo lamanyala abo, ngizakwehlisela indlela yabo phezu kwekhanda labo, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **22** Amakherubhi asephakamisa impiko zawo, lamavili eceleni kwavo; lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yayiphezu kwavo ngaphezulu. **23** Lenkazimulo yeNkosi yenyuka isuka phakathi komuzi, yema phezu kwentaba engasempumalanga komuzi. **24** UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangisa ngombono ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu eKhaladiya kubo abokuthunjwa. Ngokunjalo umbono engangiwubonile wenyuka

wasuka kimi. **25** Ngasengikhuluma kubo abokuthunjwa wonke amazwi eNkosi eyayingibonise wona.

12 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika futhi kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, uhlala phakathi kwendlu evukelayo, abalamehlo okubona, kodwa bengaboni, balendlebe zokuzwa, kodwa bengezwa; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo. **3** Ngakho, wena ndodana yomuntu, zenzele impahla yokuthunjwa, usuke emini phambi kwamehlo abo, usuke endaweni yakho uye kwenye indawo phambi kwamehlo abo. Mhlawumbe bazabona lanxa beyindlu evukelayo. **4** Ubusukhupha impahla yakho emini phambi kwamehlo abo njengempahla yokuthunjwa; wena-ke uzaphuma ntambama phambi kwamehlo abo njengabaphuma besiya ekuthunjweni. **5** Uzibhobozele umduli phambi kwamehlo abo, uyikhuphe kiwo. **6** Phambi kwamehlo abo uzayithwala emahlombe, uyikhiphe emnyameni, ugubuzele ubuso bakho ukuze ungaboni umhlabathi; ngoba ngikubeke waba yisibonakalso kuyo indlu yakolsrayeli. **7** Ngasengisenza ngokunjalo njengokulaywa kwami: Ngakhupha impahla yami emini, njengempahla yokuthunjwa; kwathi kusihlw ngazibhobozela umduli ngesandla, ngayikhupha emnyameni ngayithwala emahlombe phambi kwamehlo abo. **8** Ekuseni ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **9** Ndodana yomuntu, kayitshongo yini kuwe indlu kalsrayeli, indlu evukelayo, ukuthi: Wenzani? **10** Tshono kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lo umthwalo umayelana lesiphathamandla eJerusalema, layo yonke indlu kalsrayeli ephakathi kwabo. **11** Wothi: Ngiyisibonakalso senu; njengoba ngenzile, kuzakwenziwa njalo kubo, bazakuya ekuthunjweni ngokuthunjwa. **12** Njalo isiphathamandla esiphakathi kwabo sizayithwala emahlombe emnyameni, siphume; bazabhoboza umduli ukuze bakhuphe ngawo; sizagubuzela ubuso baso, ukuze

singaboni umhlabathi ngamehlo. **13** Njalo ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwaso, ukuthi sibanjwe emgibeni wami; ngisilethe eBhabhiloni, ilizwe lamaKhaladiya; kanti kasiyikulibona, loba sizafela khona. **14** Labo bonke abasihanqileyo ukuba lusizo lwaso lalo lonke ibutho laso ngizabahlakazela kuwo wonke umoya; ngihwatshe inkemba emva kwabo. **15** Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngyiINkosi nxa ngibahlakazela ezizweni, ngibachithachithela emazweni. **16** Kodwa ngizatshiya amadoda amalutshwana kubo asuke enkembeni, endlaleni, lakumatshayabhuqe wesifo, ukuze balandise ngawo wonke amanyala abo phakathi kwezizwe abazafika kizo; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngyiINkosi. **17** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **18** Ndodana yomuntu, dlana isinkwa sakho ngokuqhaqhzela, unathe amanzi akho ngokuthuthumela langokukhathazeka. **19** Ubususithi ebantwini belizwe: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova ngabahlali beJerusalema, ngelizwe lakolsrayeli: Bazakudla isinkwa sabo ngokukhathazeka, banathe amanzi abo ngokwesabisayo, ukuze ilizwe labo libe lunxiwa ngokugcwala kwalo ngenxa yodlakela lwabo bonke abahlala kilo. **20** Lemizi okuhlalwa kiyo izakuba ngamanxiwa, lelizwe libe yinkangala; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngyiINkosi. **21** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **22** Ndodana yomuntu, kuyini lesisaga elilaso elizweni lakolsrayeli esithi: Insuku ziyelulwa, lawo wonke umbono uyabhubha? **23** Ngakho batshele uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizakwenza lesisaga siphele, njalo kabasayikusisebenzisa njengesaga kolsrayeli; kodwa tshono kubo: Kusondele izinsuku lelizwi lawo wonke umbono. **24** Ngoba kakusayikuba khona lamunye umbono oyize, lokuvumisa okubutshelezi phakathi kwendlu yakolsrayeli. **25** Ngoba mina Nkosi ngizakhulum; ilizwi engizalikhulum engizalikhulum lizakwenzeka, kalisayikuphuziswa; ngoba

ezinsukwini zenu, lina ndlu evukelayo, ngizakhulumu ilizwi, ngilenze, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **26** Lafika futhi kimi ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: **27** Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, abendlu yakolsrayeli bathi: Umbono awubonayo ungowensuku ezinengi, njalo uprofetha ngezikhathi ezikhatsana. **28** Ngakho uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakusayikuphuziswa lelilodwa lamazwi ami, kodwa ilizwi engizalikhuluma lizakwenzeka, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

13 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene labaprofethi bakolsrayeli abaprofethayo, utsho kubo abaprofetha okwenhliziyo yabo: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. **3** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kubaprofethi abayizithutha, abalandela umoya wabo, abangabonanga lutho! **4** Israyeli, abaprofethi bakho banjengamakhanka emanxiweni. **5** Kalenyukelanga ezikhexeni, kumbe libiyele indlu kalsrayeli uthango ukuze ime empini ngosuku lweNkosi. **6** Babone okuyize, lokuvumisa kwamanga, abathi: INkosi ithi; kanti iNkosi ingabathumanga; bathemba ekuqinisweni kwelizwi. **7** Kalibonanga yini umbono oyize njalo likhulume ukuvumisa okungamanga yini? Kanti lithi: INkosi ithi; kodwa mina ngingakhulumanga. **8** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba likhulume okuyize, labona amanga, ngakho, khangelani, ngimelene lani, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **9** Njalo isandla sami sizakuba phezu kwabaprofethi ababona okuyize, labavumisa amanga; kabayikuba senhlanganweni yabantu bami, futhi kabayikubhalwa embhalweni wendlu yakolsrayeli, futhi kabayikungena elizweni lakolsrayeli; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiINkosi uJehova. **10** Ngoba, yebo ngoba beduhise abantu bami, besithi: Ukuthula; khona kungelakuthula; kwathi omunye wakha umduli ongaqinanga, khangela-ke, abanye

bawubhada ngodaka olungalunganga. **11** Tshono kulabo abawubhada ngekalaga ukuthi uzakuwa. Kuzakuba khona izulu elikhukhulayo; lawe, matshe amakhulu esiqhotho, uzakuwa, lomoya wesiphepho uwuqhekeze. **12** Khangela-ke, nxa umduli usuwile, kakuyikutshiwo yini kini ukuthi: Lungaphi udaka elalibhade ngalo? **13** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizawuqhekeza ngomoya wesiphepho ekuthukutheleni kwami, kube khona izulu elikhukhulayo ngolaka lwami, lamatshe esiqhotho ngentukuthelo yami ukuwuqedha. **14** Ngokunjalo ngizadiliza umduli eliwubhade ngekalaga, ngiwiwisele emhlabathini, ukuze kwembuleke isisekelo sawo, uwe; njalo lizaqedwa phakathi kwavo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **15** Ngokunjalo ngizaphelelisa ulaka lwami emdulini laphezu kwalabo abawubhade ngekalaga, besengisithi kini: Umduli kawusekho, lalabo abawubhadayo kabakho; **16** okutsho abaprofethi bakolsrayeli abaprofetha ngeJerusalema, labayibonela umbono wokuthula, kanti kungelakuthula, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **17** Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene lamadodakazi abantu bakho, abaprofetha okuvela enhliziyeni yabo, uprofethe umelene labo. **18** Ubususithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kwabesifazana abathungela iziggizo kuzo zonke izihlakala, abenza izimbombozo ezinde phezu kwekhanda labo bonke ubude, ukuze bazingele imiphefumulo! Lizazingela imiphefumulo yabantu bami yini, njalo lizazigcinela imiphefumulo iphila yini? **19** Futhi lizangingcolisa yini phakathi kwabantu bami ngenxa yezandla ezigcwele ibhali, langenxa yezincezu zezinkwa, ukuthi libulale imiphefumulo ebingayikufa, lokuthi ligcine iphila imiphefumulo ebingayikuphila, ngokuqamba amanga kwenu ebantwini bami abalalela amanga?

20 Ngalokho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani, ngimelene lezigqizo zenu, elizingela ngazo lapho imiphefumulo liyenza iphaphe; ngizaziqamula engalweni zenu, ngiyekele imiphefumulo ihambe, ngitsho imiphefumulo eliyizingelayo liyenza iphaphe. 21 Lezimbombozo zenu ezinde ngizazidabula, ngophule abantu bami esandleni senu, ukuthi bengasayikuba sesandleni senu ukuba yimpango; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 22 Ngoba lidanisile inhliyo yolungileyo ngamanga, engingamdaabukisanga mina, langoba laqinisa izandla zomubi ukuze angaphenduki endleleni yakhe embi, ukumgcina ephila. 23 Ngakho kalisyikubona okuyize njalo kalyikuvumisa okuvunyiswayo; ngoba ngizakophula abantu bami esandleni senu; beselisazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

14 Kwasekufika kimi abanye babadala bakolsrayeli, bahlala phambi kwami. 2 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 3 Ndodana yomuntu, lamadoda amise izithombe zawo enhliziyweni yawo, abeka isikhubeleko sesiphambeko sawo phambi kobuso bawo: Ngingabuzwa yiwo ngeqiniso yini? 4 Ngakho khulumu lawo, uthi kuwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Wonke umuntu wendlu kalsrayeli omisa izithombe zakhe enhliziyweni yakhe, abeke isikhubeleko sesiphambeko sakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, abesesiza kumprofethi, mina iNkosi ngizamphendula njengobunengi bezithombe zakhe; 5 ukuze ngibambe indlu kalsrayeli ngenhlizyo yabo, ngoba bonke bazezenze abemzini kimi ngezithombe zabo. 6 Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kalsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Phendukani, lifulathelise izithombe zenu, lifulathelise ubuso benu kuzo zonke izinengiso zenu. 7 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo wendlu kalsrayeli, kumbe owezizweni ohlala kolsrayeli njengowezizwe ozehlukanisa ekungilandeleni, amise izithombe zakhe enhliziyweni yakhe, abeke isikhubeleko sobubi

bakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, eze kumprofethi ukubuza kuye ngami; mina Nkosi ngizamphendula ngokwami. **8** Ngizamisa ubuso bami ngimelane lalowomuntu, ngimenze abe yisibonakaliso lezaga, ngimqume asuke phakathi kwabantu bami; lizakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **9** Futhi uba umprofethi ekhohliseka, nxa ekhulumbe ilizwi, mina Nkosi ngimkhohlisile lowomprofethi; njalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwakhe, ngimbhubhise asuke phakathi kwabantu bami ulsrayeli. **10** Njalo bazathwala icala labo. Njengecalo lobuzayo lizakuba njalo icala lomprofethi; **11** ukuze indlu kalsrayeli ingabe isaphambuka ekungilandeleni, futhi ingabuyi izingcolise ngeziphambeko zabo zonke, kodwa ukuthi babe ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **12** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **13** Ndodana yomuntu, lapho ilizwe lisona kimi ngokuphambeka okukhulu, ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwalo, ngephule udondolo lwesinkwa salo, ngithume indlala kulo, ngiqume kulo umuntu lenyamazana; **14** lanxa lamadoda amathathu, oNowa, uDaniyeli, loJobe, ayephakathi kwalo, wona ayezakhulula umphefumulo wawo wodwa ngokulunga kwano, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **15** Uba ngidabulisa izilo ezimbi elizweni, zenze lifelwe ngabantwana, lize libe lunxiwa, kuze kungabi khona odlulayo ngenxa yezilo, **16** loba lamadoda amathathu abephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, abengayikukhulula amadodana kumbe amadodakazi; wona wodwa abezakhululwa, kodwa ilizwe libe lunxiwa. **17** Kumbe uba ngisehlisela inkemba phezu kwalelolizwe ngithi: Nkemba, dabula phakathi kwelizwe, ukuze ngiqume ngisuse kulo umuntu lenyamazana; **18** loba lamadoda amathathu abephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, abengayikukhulula amadodana kumbe amadodakazi,

kodwa wona wodwa abezakhululwa. **19** Kumbe uba ngithumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo kulelolizwe, ngithululele ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwalo ngegazi, ukuze ngiqume ngisuse kulo umuntu lenyamazana; **20** loba oNowa, uDaniyeli, loJobe bebephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, bebengayikukhulula indodana loba indodakazi; bona bebezakhulula umphefumulo wabo wodwa ngokulunga kwabo. **21** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakhulu kangakanani lapho ngithuma izahlulelo zami ezine ezimbi phezu kweJerusalema, inkemba, lendlala, lesilo esibi, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ukuze ngiqume ngisuse kiyo umuntu lenyamazana. **22** Kodwa khangela, kuzasala kiyo abaphephileyo abazakhutshwa, amadodana lamadodakazi; khangela, bazaphuma besiza kini, libone indlela yabo lezenzo zabo; njalo lizaduduzwa mayelana lokubi engikulethe phezu kweJerusalema, mayelana lakho konke engikulethe phezu kwayo. **23** Ngokunjalo bazaliduduza nxa libona indlela yabo lezenzo zabo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi kangikwenzanga ngaphandle kwesizatho, konke engikwenzileyo phakathi kwayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

15 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, isihlahla sevini siyini ngaphezu kwaso sonke isihlahla, kumbe ugatsha oluphakathi kwezihlahla zegusu? **3** Kuzathathwa kiso isigodo yini ukwenza umsebenzi? Bangathatha kiso isikhonkwane yini ukuthi balengise lasiphi isitsha kiso? **4** Khangela, siyanikelwa emililweni sibe yikudla, umlilo uqede izihloko zaso zombili, lokuphakathi kwaso kutshiswe. Siselosizo kuwo umsebenzi yini? **5** Khangela, lapho sisaphelele, asenziwanga sibe ngumsebenzi; kuncane kangakanani lapho umlilo ususiqedile sesitshile sisezakwensiwa sibe ngumsebenzi! **6** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi

uJehova: Njengesihlahla sevini phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu, engisinikele emlilweni sibe yikudla, ngokunjalo ngizanikela abahlali beJerusalema. 7 Ngoba ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane labo; bazaphuma komunye umlilo kuthi omunye umlilo ubaqede; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, sengimise ubuso bami bamelana labo. 8 Njalo ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lunxiwa, ngoba benze isiphambeko, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

16 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 2 Ndodana yomuntu, yenza iJerusalema yazi amanyala ayo, 3 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuyo iJerusalema: Ukudabuka kwakho lokuzalwa kwakho kungokwelizwe lamaKhanani; uyihlo wayengumAmori lonyoko umHethi. 4 Mayelana lokuzalwa kwakho, ngosuku owazalwa ngalo inkaba yakho kayiqunywanga, njalo kawugeziswanga emanzini ukuthi uhlanjululwe, kawugcotshwanga ngetshwayi ngitsho, kawugoqelwanga ngamalembu ngitsho. 5 Kakulalihlo elakuhawukelayo, ukuthi lenze yiloba yikuphi kwalezizinto kuwe, ukuthi likuhawukele. Kodwa waphoselwa ebusweni bandle, ekunengekeni kobuntu bakho, ngosuku owazalwa ngalo. 6 Kwathi ngisedlula kuwe ngikubona uqhatsha egazini lakho, ngathi kuwe usegazini lakho: Phila; yebo ngathi kuwe usegazini lakho: Phila. 7 Ngikwenzile waba linani elikhulu, waba njengehlumela leganga, wanda, wakhula, wafika emicecisweni emihle; amabele akho abumbekile, lenwele zakho zakhula; kanti wawunqunu uze. 8 Kwathi ngisedlula kuwe ngakubona, khangela-ke, isikhathi sakho sasiyisikhathi sothando; ngasengisendlala umphetho wesembatho sami phezu kwakho, ngembesa ubunqunu bakho; yebo, ngafunga kuwe, ngangena esivumelwaneni lawe, itsho iNkosi uJehova, wasusiba ngowami. 9 Ngasengikugezisa

ngamanzi, ngahlambulula igazi lakho elinengi kuwe, ngakugcoba ngamafutha. **10** Ngakugqokisa ilembu elifekekthisiweyo, ngakufaka amanyathela ezikhumba zikamantswane, ngakubhincisa ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, ngakwembesa ngesilika. **11** Ngakucecisa ngeziceciso, ngafaka amasongo ezandleni zakho, leketane entanyeni yakho. **12** Ngafaka isongo emakhaleni akho, lamacici ezindlebeni zakho, lomqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho. **13** Ngokunjalo waceciswa ngegolide lesiliva, lesembatho sakho sasingeselembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lesilika, lelembu elifekekthisiweyo; wadla impuphu ecolekileyo, loluju, lamafutha; waba muhle kakhulukazi, waphumelela waba ngumbuso. **14** Lodumo lwakho lwaphumela ezizweni ngobuhle bakho, ngoba babuphelele ngenkazimulo yami, engayibeka phezu kwakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **15** Kodwa wathembela ebuhleni bakho, wawula ngenxa yebizo lakho, wathululela ukuwula kwakho kuye wonke odlulayo, kwaba ngokwakhe. **16** Wathatha ezembathweni zakho, wazenzela indawo eziphakemeyo ngemibala, wawulela phezu kwazo; izinto ezinje kaziyikuza, njalo kakuyikwenzeka. **17** Wathatha futhi izitsha zakho ezinhle egolideni lami lesiliveni sami engangikunike khona, wazenzela izithombe zabesilisa, wawula lazo. **18** Wathatha izembatho zakho ezifekethisiweyo, wazisibekela; wabeka amafutha ami lempepha yami phambi kwazo. **19** Lokudla kwami engakunika khona, impuphu ecolekileyo lamafutha loluju engangikondla ngakho, wakubeka phambi kwazo kwaba liphunga elimnandi; kwaba njalo, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **20** Wasuthatha amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, owawungizalele wona, wawahlabela zona ukuze adliwe. Ukuphingga kwakho kwakukuncinyane yini, **21** ukuze ubulale abantwana bami, ubanikela ukuba

ubadabuliseemilweni kuzo? **22** Lakuwo wonke amanyala akho lokuwula kwakho kawukhumbulanga insuku zobutsha bakho, lapho wawunqunu uze, uqhatsha egazini lakho. **23** Kwasekusithi emva kwayo yonke inkohlakalo yakho (maye, maye kuwe! itsho iNkosi uJehova), **24** wazakhela idundulu, wazenzela indawo ephakemeyo kuso sonke isitalada. **25** Kuyo yonke inhloko yendlela wakhile indawo yakho ephakemeyo, wenza ubuhle bakho banengeka, wavulela bonke abedlulayo izinyawo zakho, wandisa ukuwula kwakho. **26** Njalo waphinga labantwana bamaGibhithe, omakhelwane bakho, abakhulu ngenyama, wandisa ukuwula kwakho, ukuze ungithukuthelise. **27** Ngakho, khangela, ngelulele isandla sami phezu kwakho, nganciphisa isabelo sakho esimisiweyo, ngakunikela entandweni yabakuzondayo, amadodakazi amaFilisti, alenhloni ngendlela yakho embi. **28** Uwulile futhi labantwana bamaAsiriya ngoba ungasuthiseki; yebo, uwulile lawo, kube kanti kawusuthisekanga. **29** Wandisa futhi ukuwula kwakho elizweni leKanani kuze kube seKhaladiya; kodwa langalokhu kawusuthisekanga. **30** Ibuthakathaka kangakanani inhliziyoyakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ekwenzeni kwakho zonke lezizinto, umsebenzi wowesifazana ophingayo, obusayo, **31** ekwakheni kwakho idundulu lakho enhlokweni yayo yonke indlela, wenza indawo yakho ephakemeyo kuso sonke isitalada, kanti kawubanga njengewule ngoba Wadelela iholo lewule. **32** Umfazi ofebayo, endaweni yendoda yakhe uthatha abemzini! **33** Bapha isipho kuwo wonke amawule. Kodwa wena unika isipho sakho kuzo zonke izithandwa zakho, uzithenga ukuze zize kuwe enhlangothini zonke ngokuwula kwakho. **34** Ngakho kuwe kulokuphambene labesifazana ekuwuleni kwakho, ngoba kakho olandela wena ukuyawula;

lekunikeni kwakho iholo lewule, njalo unganikwanga iholo lewule, ngakho usube ngophambeneyo. **35** Ngakho, wena wule, zwana ilizwi leNkosi. **36** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba ukuwula kwakho kuthululiwe, lobunqunu bakho bembulwa ngokuwula kwakho lezithandwa zakho, langazo zonke izithombe zezinengiso zakho, langegazi labantwana bakho owazinika bona. **37** Ngakho, khangela, ngizaqoqa zonke izithandwa zakho obuthokoza lazo, lazo zonke obuzithanda kanye lazo zonke obuzizona; ngiziqoqe zimelane lawe zivela enhlangothini zonke, ngembule ubunqunu bakho kuzo ukuze zibone bonke ubunqunu bakho. **38** Njalo ngizakugweba ngezahlulelo zabesifazana abafebayo labachithi begazi, ngikuphe igazi lentukuthelo lobukhwele. **39** Ngizakunikela futhi esandleni sazo, ziwisele phansi idundulu lakho, zidilize indawo zakho eziphakemeyo, zikuhlubule iziggoko zakho, zithathe izinto zakho ezinhle, zikutshiye unqunu uze. **40** Zikwenyuselele ixuku, zikukhande ngamatshe, zikugwaze ngezinkemba zazo. **41** Zitshise izindlu zakho ngomlilo, zenze izahlulelo phezu kwakho phambi kwamehlo abesifazana abanengi. Njalo ngizakwenza uyekele ekubenliwule, njalo kawusayikupha iholo lewule futhi. **42** Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza ukukuthukuthelela kwami kuphumule, lobukhwele bami busuke kuwe; njalo ngizathula, ngingabe ngisathukuthela. **43** Ngenxa yokuthi ungakhumbulanga insuku zobutsha bakho, kodwa ungithukuthelisile ngazo zonke lezizinto, khangela, mina-ke ngizakwehlisela futhi indlela yakho phezu kwekhanda lakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova. Njalo kawuyikwenza lobububi phezu kwazo zonke izinengiso zakho. **44** Khangela, wonke osebenzisa izaga uzasebenzisa isaga ngawe esithi: Njengonina injalo indodakazi yakhe. **45** Wena uyindodakazi kanyoko,

owayesenanya indoda yakhe labantwana bakhe; lawe ungudade wabodadewenu, ababesenyanya amadoda abo labantwana babo; unyoko wayengumHethi loyihlo umAmori. **46** Lodadewenu omdala yiSamariya, yena lamadodakazi akhe abahlala ngakwesokhohlo sakho; lodadewenu omncane kuwe, ohlala ngakwesokunene sakho, yiSodoma lamadodakazi ayo. **47** Kanti kawuhambanga ngezindlela zabo, wenze njengokwezinengiso zabo; kwakunjengento encinyane enengekayo; kodwa wonakala kulabo kuzo zonke izindlela zakho. **48** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili iSodoma udadewenu kayenzanga, yona lamadodakazi ayo, njengokwenza kwakho, wena lamadodakazi akho. **49** Khangela, lesi sasiyisiphambeko seSodoma udadewenu: Ukuzigqaja, ukusutha isinkwa, lokuchelesa okulokuthula kwakukuyo lakumadodana ayo, kodwa kaqinisanga isandla sabayanga labaswelayo. **50** Babeziphamisa, benza isinengiso phambi kwami; ngakho ngabasusa njengokubona kwami. **51** Futhi iSamariya kayonanga ngengxenye yezono zakho; kodwa wena wandisile izinengiso zakho kulabo, walungisia odadewenu ngezinengiso zakho zonke ozenzileyo. **52** Lawe, thwala ihlazo lakho, wena owahlulele odadewenu, ngezono zakho ozenzileyo ngokunengeka okwedlula bona; balungile kulawe. Ngakho lawe woba lenhloni, uthwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba ubalungisisile odadewenu. **53** Lapho ngizabuyisa abathunjiveyo babo, abathunjwa beSodoma lamadodakazi ayo, labathunjwa beSamariya lamadodakazi ayo, khona ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabathunjwa bakho phakathi kwabo. **54** Ukuze uthwale ihlazo lakho, ube lenhloni ngakho konke okwenzileyo ekubaduduzeni kwakho. **55** Lapho odadewenu iSodoma lamadodakazi ayo bezabuyela esimeni sabo sakuqala,

leSamariya lamadodakazi ayo babuyeles esimeni sabo sakuqala,
lawe lamadodakazi akho lizabuyela esimeni senu sakuqala.

56 Ngoba iSodoma udadewenu kayibanga semlonyeni wakho
njengombiko ngosuku lokuzigqaja kwakho, **57** bungakembulwa
ububi bakho, ngesikhathi sehlazo lamadodakazi eSiriya,
labo bonke abayizingelezeleyo, amadodakazi amaFilisti,
abakweyisayo inhlangothi zonke. **58** Wena uthwele amacebo
akho amabi lezinengiso zakho, itsho iNkosi. **59** Ngoba itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizakwenza lakuwe njengokwenza
kwakho, odelela isifungo ngokwephula isivumelwano. **60** Kube
kanti mina ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami lawe ensukwini
zobutsha bakho, ngimise lawe isivumelwano esilaphakade.
61 Khona uzakhumbula izindlela zakho, ube lenhloni, lapho
usemukela odadewenu, omdala kuwe lomncinyane kuwe;
ngoba ngizakunika bona babe ngamadodakazi, kodwa kungabi
ngesivumelwano sakho. **62** Njalo mina ngizamisa isivumelwano
sami lawe, uzakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **63** Ukuze ukhumbule,
ube lenhloni, ungabe usavula umlomo wakho ngenxa yehlazo
lakho, lapho sengikwenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngakho konke
okwenzileyo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

17 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu,
yenzo ilibho, ukhulume ngomfanekiso kuyo indlu yakolsrayeli,
3 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ukhozi olukhulu,
olukhulu ngempiko, olude ngezimpaphe, olugcwele insiba,
olulemibalabala, lweza eLebhanoni, lwathatha isihloko somsedari,
4 Iwaquanta isihloko sezingatshana zawo ezintsha, Iwasisa
elizweni lokuthengiselana, Iwasibeka emzini wabathengisi. **5**
Lwaseluthatha okwenhlanyelo yalelolizwe, Iwayifaka ensimini
yenhlanyelo, Iwayibeka ngasemanzini amanengi, Iwayibeka

njengomyezane. **6** Yasihluma, yaba livini elinabayo, elifitshane ngesithombo, ongatsha zalo zaphendukela kulo, lempande zalo zaba ngaphansi kwalo. Ngokunjalo laba livini, laveza ingatsha, lakhupha amahlumela. **7** Kwasekusiba khona olunye ukhozi olukhulu, olukhulu ngempiko, lwande ngensiba. Khangela-ke, lelivini latshekisela impande zalo ngakulo, lakhuphela ingatsha zalo ngakulo, ukuze lulithelele ngemigelo yendawo yalo ehlanyelweyo. **8** Lalihlanyelwe ensimini enhle ngasemanzini amanengi ukuthi liveze ingatsha, lokuthi litheli isithelo, libe livini elihlekazi. **9** Wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lizaphumelela yini? Kaluyikusiphuna yini impande zalo, luqume izithelo zalo, libune? Lizabuna kuwo wonke amahlamvu alo amatsha okumila kwalo, kungengengalo enkulu labantu abanengi, ukulisiphuna ngempande zalo. **10** Yebo, khangela, selihlanyelwe lizaphumelela yini? Kaliyikubuna ngokupheleleyo yini nxa umoya wempumalanga ultishaya? Lizabunela ensimini yokumila kwalo. **11** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kimi lisithi: **12** Tshono khathesi kuyo indlu evukelayo: Kalazi yini ukuthi lezizinto ziyyini? Uthi: Khangela, inkosi yeBhabhiloni yafika eJerusalema, yathatha inkosi yayo leziphathamandla zayo, yabaletsha ngakuyo eBhabhiloni. **13** Yathatha owenzalo yesikhosini, yenza isivumelwano laye, yamngenisaphansi kwasifungo; yathatha abalamandla belizwe; **14** ukuze umbuso ube phansi, ungaziphakamisi, ukuthi ngokulondoloza isivumelwano sakhe ume. **15** Kodwa wayivukela ngokuthuma izithunywa zakhe eGibhithe, ukuze bamnike amabhiza labantu abanengi. Uzaphumelela yini? Owenza lezizinto uzaphepha yini? Kumbe angasephula isivumelwano aphephe yini? **16** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili endaweni yenkoski, embeka ukuthi

abe yinkosi, osifungo sayo wasidelela, losivumelwano sayo wasephula, uzakufa layo phakathi kweBhabhiloni. **17** Njalo uFaro, lebutho elilamandla lexuku elikhulu, kayikumsiza empini ngokubuthelela idundulu langokwakha inqaba, ukuquma abantu abanengi. **18** Ngoba edelele isifungo ngokwephula isivumelwano, lapho, khangela, esenikele isandla sakhe, wazenza zonke lezizinto, kayikuphunyuka. **19** Ngakho, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuphila kwami, isibili, isifungo sami asideleleyo, lesivumelwano sami asephulileyo, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakhe. **20** Ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwakhe, ukuthi abanjwe emjibileni wami, ngimlethe eBhabhiloni, ngimahlulele khonangesiphambeko sakhe aphambeke ngaso kimi. **21** Labo bonke ababalekayo bakhe kanye lawo wonke amaviyo akhe bazakuwa ngenkemba, labaseleyo bazahlakazekela kuwo wonke umoya. Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi mina iNkosi ngikhulumile. **22** Itshe njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lami ngizathatha esihlokweni somsedari omude, ngikumise. Ngizaqunta kuso isihloko sengatshana zawo ezintsha olubuthakathaka, mina ngiluhlanyele phezu kwentaba ende lephakemeyo. **23** Entabeni yengqonga yakolsrayeli ngizaluhlanyela; njalo luzakhupha ingatsha, luthele isithelo, lube ngumsedari omhlekazi; langaphansi kwawo kuzahlala yonke inyoni yophiko lonke; emthunzini wengatsha zaho zizahlala. **24** Ngokunjalo zonke izihlahla zeganga zizakwazi ukuthi mina iNkosi ngithobisile isihlahla eside, ngaphakamisa isihlahla esifitshane, ngomisa isihlahla esiluhlaza, ngenza isihlahla esomileyo sihlume. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, ngakwenza.

18 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **2** Litshoni, ukuthi lisebenzise lesisaga ngelizwe lakolsrayeli, lisithi: Oyise badlile izithelo zevini ezimunyu, lamazinyo abantwana

asetshelela? **3** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili kakusayikuba kini ukusebenzisa lesisaga kolsrayeli. **4** Khangela, yonke imiphefumulo ngeyami; njengomphefumulo kayise, unjalo lomphefumulo wendodana, kungokwami. Umphefumulo owonayo, wona uzakufa. **5** Kodwa uba umuntu elungle, enze ukwahlulela lokulunga, **6** engadleli phezu kwezintaba, engaphakamiseli amehlo akhe ezithombeni zendlu yakolsrayeli, engangcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe, engasondeli kowesifazana osemfuleni, **7** engacindezeli muntu, ebuyisela kowebolekayo isibambiso sakhe, engaphangi impango, enika olambileyo isinkwa sakhe, esembesa oze ngesembatho, **8** enganiki ngenzupo, engathathi okwengezelelweyo, ebuyisa isandla sakhe esiphambekweni, esenza isahlulelo esiqinisileyo phakathi komuntu lomuntu, **9** ehamba ngezimiso zami, egcina izahlulelo zami, ukwenza iqiniso; yena uqondile, uzaphila isibili, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **10** Uba ezala indodana engumphangi, umchithi wegazi, lowenza okufanana lokunye kwalezizinto, **11** longenzi zonke lezozinto, kodwa ngitsho edlela phezu kwezintaba, engcolisa umfazi womakhelwane wakhe, **12** ecindezela umyanga loswelayo, ephanga impango, engabuyiselanga isibambiso, ephakamisele amehlo akhe ezithombeni, enze okunengekayo, **13** enika ngenzupo, athathe ngokwengezelelweyo, uzaphila yini? Kayikuphila; wenze zonke lezizinengiso; uzakufa lokufa, amacala akhe egazi azakuba phezu kwakhe. **14** Khangela-ke, uzala indodana ebona zonke izono zikayise azenzileyo, ibona, ingenzi njengalezizinto, **15** ingadleli phezu kwezintaba, ingaphakamiseli amehlo ayo ezithombeni zendlu yakolsrayeli, ingangcolisi umfazi womakhelwane wayo, **16** ingacindezeli muntu, ingagodli isibambiso, ingaphangi impango, isipha olambileyo isinkwa sayo,

yembese oze ngesembatho, **17** isuse isandla sayo kongumyanga, ingemukeli inzuzo lokwengezelelweyo, isenza izahlulelo zami, ihambe ngezimiso zami, yona kayiyikufela isiphambeko sikayise, izaphila isibili. **18** Uyise, ngoba ecindezele ngocindezelو, waphanga impango kumfowabo, wenza okungalunganga phakathi kwabantu bakibo, khangela-ke, uzafela ebubini bakhe. **19** Kanti lithi: Kungani indodana ingathwali isiphambeko sikayise? Nxa indodana yenzile isahlulelo lokulunga, igcinile zonke izimiso zami, yazenza, izaphila isibili. **20** Umphefumulo owonayo, wona uzakufa. Indodana kayiyikuthwala isiphambeko sikayise, loyise kayikuthwala isiphambeko sendodana. Ukulunga kolungileyo kuzakuba phezu kwakhe, lenkohlakalo yokhohlakeleyo izakuba phezu kwakhe. **21** Kodwa uba omubi ephenduka ezonweni zakhe zonke azenzileyo, agcine zonke izimiso zami, enze isahlulelo lokulunga, uzaphila isibili, kayikufa. **22** Iziphambeko zakhe zonke azenzileyo kaziyikukhunjulewa kuye; ekulungeni kwakhe akwenzileyo, uzaphila. **23** Ngiyathokoza lokuthokoza ngokufa kokhohlakeleyo yini? itsho iNkosi uJehova; kakusikuthi aphenduke ezindleleni zakhe, aphile yini? **24** Kodwa nxa olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, esenza isiphambeko, enze njengokwezinengiso zonke azenzayo omubi, uzaphila yini? Ukulunga kwakhe konke akwenzileyo kakuyikukhunjulwa; esiphambekweni sakhe aphambeke ngaso, lessonweni sakhe asonileyo, uzafela kikho. **25** Kanti lithi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Zwanini-ke, lina ndlu kalsrayeli; indlela yami kayilingani yini? Kayisizo yini izindlela zenu ezingalinganiyo? **26** Lapho olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze iziphambeko, afele kuzo, eziphambekweni azenzileyo uzakufa. **27** Futhi nxa omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe abenzileyo, enze isahlulelo

lokulunga, yena uzagcina umphefumulo wakhe uphila. **28**
Ngoba ebona, ephenduka kuzo zonke iziphambeko zakhe
azenzileyo, uzaphila isibili, kayikufa. **29** Kanti indlu kalsrayeli
ithi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Wena ndlu kalsrayeli, indlela
zami kazilingani yini? Kayisizo yini indlela zenu ezingalinganiyo?
30 Ngakho ngizalahlulela, lina ndlu kalsrayeli, ngulowo lalowo
njengokwendlela zakhe, itsho iNkosi uJehova. Phendukani,
libuye lisuke eziphambekweni zenu zonke; ukuze ububi bungabi
yisikhubeleko kini. **31** Lahlani lisuse kini zonke iziphambeko zenu
eliphambike ngazo, lizenzele inhliziyo entsha lomoya omutsha;
ngoba lizafelani, lina ndlu kalsrayeli? **32** Ngoba kangithokozi
ngokufa kofayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova; ngakho phendukani
liphile.

19 Wena-ke, phakamisa isililo ngezikulu zakolsrayeli, **2**
uthi: Uyini unyoko? Isilwanekazi; salala phakathi kwezilwane,
sakhulisa imidlwane yaso phakathi kwezilwane ezintsha. **3**
Sakhulisa omunye wemidlwane yaso, waba libhongo, wafunda
ukudabula impango, wadla abantu. **4** Izizwe zasezisizwa
ngawo, wabanjwa emgodini wazo, zawusa elizweni leGibhithe
ngamaketane. **5** Kwathi sibona ukuthi sesilindile, lokuthi ithemba
laso selibhubhile, sathatha omunye wemidlwane yaso, sawenza
waba libhongo. **6** Wahamba waya le lale phakathi kwezilwane,
waba libhongo, wafunda ukudabula impango, wadla abantu.
7 Wazazi inqaba zabo, wachitha imizi yabo; ilizwe laselisiba
yinkangala, lokugcwala kwalo, ngomsindo wokubhonga kwavo.
8 Izizwe zasezisima zimelene lawo inhlangothi zonke zivela
ezabelweni, zendlala imbule lazo phezu kwavo; wabanjwa
emgodini wazo. **9** Zawufaka ekhejini ngamaketane, zawusa
enkosini yeBhabhiloni, zawuletha ezingabeni, ukuze ilizwi

lawo lingabe lisezwakala phezu kwezintaba zakolsrayeli. **10**
Unyoko unjengevini egazini lakho, elihlanyelwe ngasemanzini;
laba lezithelo ligcwele izingatsha ngenxa yamanzi amanengi.
11 Lalilezinti eziqinileyo ezaba zintonga zababusayo, njalo
ubude balo babuphakeme phakathi kwengatsha eziqatha,
libonakala ngobude balo ngokwanda kwengatsha zalo. **12** Kodwa
lasitshunwa ngokuthukuthela, laphoselwa emhlabathini, lomoya
wempumalanga womisa isithelo salo; izinti zalo eziqinileyo
zephuka zoma; umlilo waziqedo. **13** Khathesi selihlanyelwe
enkangala, emhlabathini otshileyo lowomileyo. **14** Umlilo
usuphume oluthini lwezingatsha zalo, waqedo isithelo salo,
ukuze lingabi loluthi oluqinileyo lube yintonga yokubusa. Lesi
yisililo, njalo sizakuba yisililo.

20 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, ngenyanga
yesihlanu, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, abathile babadala
bakolsrayeli beza ukuzabuza iNkosi, bahlala phambi kwami.
2 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **3** Ndodana yomuntu,
khuluma kubadala bakolsrayeli, uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Lize ukuzangibuza yini? Kuphila kwami, isibili
kangiyikubuzwa yini, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **4** Uzabahlulela
yini, uzabahlulela yini, ndodana yomuntu? Bazise izinengiso
zaboyise; **5** uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngosuku
engakhetha ngalo ulsrayeli, ngaphakamisa isandla sami
kunzalo yendlu kaJakobe, ngazazisa kubo elizweni leGibhithe,
lapho ngiphakamisa isandla sami kibo, ngisithi: NgiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. **6** Ngalolusuku ngaphakamisa isandla
sami kubo, ukuthi ngibakhuphe elizweni leGibhithe ngibase
elizweni engangibahlolele lona, eligeleza uchago loluju,
eliludumo Iwawo wonke amazwe. **7** Ngasengjisithi kubo:

Lahlani ngulowo lalowo izinengiso zamehlo akhe, lingazingcolisi
ngezithombe zeGibhithe: NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **8**
Kodwa bangivukela, bengavumi ukulalela kimi, kabalahlanga
ngulowo lalowo izinengiso zamehlo abo, kabatshiyanga izithombe
zeGibhithe. Ngasengisithi ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami
phezu kwabo, ukuze ngiphelelise ulaka lwami ngimelene
labo phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe. **9** Kodwa ngakwenza
ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa emehlwani ezizwe,
ababephakathi kwazo, engazazisa kubo phambi kwamehlo azo,
ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe. **10** Ngakho ngabakhupha
elizweni leGibhithe, ngabangenisa enkangala. **11** Ngabanika
izimiso zami, ngabazisa izahlulelo zami, okuthi nxa umuntu
ezenza, uzaphila ngazo. **12** Ngabanika futhi amasabatha ami
ukuze abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami labo, ukuze bazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi ebangcwelisayo. **13** Kodwa indlu kalsrayeli
yangivukela enkangala; kabahambanga ngezimiso zami,
badelela izahlulelo zami, okuthi nxa umuntu ezenza, uzaphila
ngazo; lamasabatha ami bawangcolisa kakhulu. Ngasengisithi
ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwabo enkangala,
ukuze ngibaqede. **14** Kodwa ngakwenza ngenxa yebizo
lam, ukuze lingangcoliswa emehlwani ezizwe, engabakhupha
emehlwani azo. **15** Futhi lami ngabaphakamisela isandla sami
enkangala, ukuthi kangiyikubaletsha elizweni engangilinike bona,
eligeleza uchago loluju, eliludumo lwano wonke amazwe; **16**
ngoba badelela izahlulelo zami, kabahambanga ngezimiso
zami, kodwa bangcolisa amasabatha ami, ngoba inhliziyo
yabo yalandela izithombe zabo. **17** Lanxa kunjalo ilihlo lami
labahawukela ukuze ngingababhubhisi, futhi kangibaqedanga
enkangala. **18** Kodwa ngathi kubantwana babo enkangala:

Lingahambi ngezimiso zaboyihlo, lingagcini izahlulelo zabo, lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zabo. **19** NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; hambani ngezimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zami, lizenze. **20** Lingcwelise amasabatha ami, abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami lani, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **21** Kodwa abantwana bangivukela; kabahambanga ngezimiso zami, kabagcinanga izahlulelo zami ukuthi bazenze; okuthi nxamuntu ezenza, uzaphila ngazo; bawangcolisa amasabatha ami; ngasengisithi ngizathululela intukuthelo yami phezu kwabo, ukuthi ngiphelelise ulaka lwami ngimelene labo enkangala. **22** Kodwa ngabuyisa isandla sami, ngenza ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa phambi kwamehlo ezizwe, engangibakhuphe phambi kwamehlo azo. **23** Mina ngabaphakamisela isandla sami futhi enkangala, ukuthi ngizabahlakaza phakathi kwezizwe, ngibasabalalisele emazweni; **24** ngoba bengazenzanga izahlulelo zami, kodwa badelela izimiso zami, bangcolisa amasabatha ami, lamehlo abo alandela izithombe zaboyise. **25** Ngakho mina ngabanika futhi izimiso ezazingalunganga, lezahlulelo ababengeke baphile ngazo. **26** Ngasengibangcolisa kuzo iziphozabo, ekudabuliseni kwaboemlilweni konke okuvula isizalo, ukuze ngibachithe, ukuze bazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **27** Ngakho, ndodana yomuntu, khuluma kuyo indlu yakolsrayeli, uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lakulokhu oyihlo bangihlambazile, ngokuthi baphambeke isiphambeko bemelene lami. **28** Lapho sengibalethe elizweni, engaphakamisela isandla sami ngalo ukuthi ngibanike lona, babona lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo, lazo zonke izihlahla eziqatha, bahlabu khona imihlatshelo yabo, banikela khona isicunulo somnikelo wabo, bafaka khona iphunga labo elimnandi, bathulula khona iminikelo yabo yokunathwayo. **29** Ngasengisithi

kubo: lyini indawo ephakemeyo eliya kuyo? Lebizo layo lithiwa yiNdawo ePhakemeyo kuze kube lamuhla. **30** Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kalsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lizazingcolisa ngendlela yaboyihlo yini, liphinge lilandela izinengiso zabo? **31** Ngoba lapho linikela izipho zenu, lapho lisenza amadodana enu adabule emlilweni, liyazingcolisa ngezithombe zenu zonke kuze kube lamuhla. Mina-ke ngizabuzwa yini na, wena ndlu kalsrayeli? Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili kangiyikubuzwa yini. **32** Lalokho okuvela engqondweni yenu kakuyikuba khona ngitsho, elikutshoyo ukuthi: Sizakuba njengabezizwe, njengensapho zamazwe, ukuthi sikhonze isigodo lelitshe. **33** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili ngizabusa phezu kwenu ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo langolaka oluthululiweyo! **34** Ngoba ngizalikhupha ebantwini, ngiliqoqe emazweni elihlakazekele kuwo, ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo langolaka oluthululiweyo. **35** Njalo ngizaliletha enkangala yabantu, ngizaphikisana lani lapho ubuso ngobuso. **36** Njengalokhu ngaphikisana laboyihlo enkangala yelizwe leGibhithe, ngokunjalo ngizaphikisana lani, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **37** Njalo ngizalidulisa ngaphansi kwentonga, ngilingenise kusibopho sesivumelwano. **38** Ngihlante ngikhuphe phakathi kwenu abavukeli lalabo abaphambeka bemelene lami, ngibakhuphe elizweni lokuhlala kwabo njengabezizwe, kodwa kabayikungena emhlabathini wakolsrayeli. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **39** Lina-ke, ndlu kalsrayeli, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova, hambani likhonze, ngulowo lalovo izithombe zakhe, langemva kwalokho, uba lingangilaleli; kodwa lingangcolisi futhi ibizo lami elingcwele ngezipho zenu langezithombe zenu. **40** Ngoba entabenzi yami engcwele, entabenzi yengqonga

yakolsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho izangikhonza indlu yonke yakolsrayeli, bonke elizweni; khona ngizabemukela, lakhona ngibize iminikelo yenu, lezithelo zokuqala zeminikelo yenu, lazo zonke izinto zenu ezingcwele. **41** Ngizalemukela ngephunga eliminandi nxa ngilikhupha ebantwini, ngiliqoqe emazweni ebelihlakazelwe kuwo; njalo ngizangcweliswa phakathi kwenu phambi kwamehlo ezizwe. **42** Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho sengilingenise emhlabathini wakolsrayeli, elizweni engaliphakamisela isandla sami ukulinika oyihlo. **43** Lapho-ke lizakhumbula izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu zonke, elazingcolisa ngazo; njalo lizazenanya phambi kobuso benu ngenxa yazo zonke izinto ezimbi elizenzileyo. **44** Beselisazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, nxa ngenze kini ngenxa yebizo lami, hatshi njengokwezindlela zenu ezimbi, kumbe njengokwezenzo zenu zenkohlkalo, lina ndlu kalsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **45** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **46** Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho ngasendleleni yeningizimu, utshumayele ngaseningizimu, uporfethe umelene legusu lensimu yeningizimu; **47** uthi kilo igusu leningizimu: Zwana ilizwi leNkosi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaphemba umlilo phakathi kwakho, njalo uzaqeda phakathi kwakho sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza laso sonke isihlahla esomileyo; ilangabi elivuthayo kaliyikucitshwa, kodwa kuzatshiswa ngalo bonke ubuso kusukela eningizimu kuze kufike enyakatho. **48** Futhi yonke inyama izabona ukuthi mina Nkosi ngiwuphembile, kawuyikucitshwa. **49** Ngasengisithi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Bathi ngami: Kakhulumi imifanekiso yini?

21 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho ngaseJerusalema, utshumayele ngasezindaweni ezingcwele, uporfethe umelane lelizwe lakolsrayeli; **3** uthi elizweni

lakolsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, njalo ngizahwatsha inkemba yami esikhwameni sayo, ngiqume ngisuse kuwe olungileyo lomubi. **4** Ngenxa yokuthi ngizaquma ngisuse kuwe olungileyo lomubi, ngakho inkemba yami izaphuma esikhwameni sayo jye kuyo yonke inyama, kusukela eningizimu kuze kube senyakatho; **5** ukuthi yonke inyama ikwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi ngiyihwatshile inkemba yami esikhwameni sayo; kayisayikubuyela futhi. **6** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, bubula ngokudabuka kokhalo, langokubaba ububule phambi kwamehlo abo. **7** Kuzakuthi-ke nxa besithi kuwe: Wena ububulelani? uzaphendula: Ngenxa yombiko; ngoba uyeza; layo yonke inhiliyo izancibilika, lazo zonke izandla zizakuba buthakathaka, lawo wonke umoya udangale, lawo wonke amadolo ageleze njengamanzi. Khangela kuyeza, kuzakwenzeka, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **8** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **9** Ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Wothi: Inkemba, inkemba iloliwe, futhi ilolongiwe. **10** Ilolelwwe ukuthi ibulale lokubulala, yalolongelwa ukuthi ibe lokuphazima; sizathokoza yini? Iyintonga yendodana yami, idelela sonke isigodo. **11** Njalo uyinikele ukuthi ilolongwe ukuze iphathwe ngesandla; le inkemba iyalolwa njalo yona ilolongelwe ukuyinikela esandleni sombulali. **12** Khala, uqhinqe isililo, ndodana yomuntu, ngoba yona izakuba phezu kwabantu bami, izakuba phezu kwazo zonke iziphathamandla zakolsrayeli; zizaphoselwa enkembeni kanye labantu bami; ngakho, tshaya ethangazini lakho. **13** Ngoba kuyikuhlolwa, pho, kuzakuba njani nxa intonga idelela? Kakuyikuba khona, kutsho iNkosi uJehova. **14** Ngakho wena, ndodana yomuntu, profetha, utshaye isandla esandleni, lenkemba kayiphindwe okwesithathu; yinkemba ybabulewego, yinkemba

yabakhulu ababuleweyo, ebahanqayo. **15** Ngimise umcijo wenkemba umelene lamasango abo wonke, ukuze inhliziyo incibilike lezikhubekiso zande. Hawu! Yenziwe ukuthi iphazime, ilolongwe ukuthi ibulale. **16** Hamba ngendlela enye kumbe ngenye, ngakwesokunene, umise ngakwesokhohlo, lapho ubuso bakho obumiswe khona. **17** Lami-ke ngizatshaya isandla sami esandleni sami, ngiphumuze intukuthelo yami. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. **18** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **19** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zimisele izindlela ezimbili, ukuze inkemba yenkosi yeBhabhiloni ibuye; elizweni linye zizaphuma zombili; njalo khetha indawo, uyikhethe enhlokweni yendlela yomuzi. **20** Misa indlela, ukuze inkemba ize eRabathi yabantwana bakoAmoni, lakoJuda ejerusalema ebiyelweyo. **21** Ngoba inkosi yeBhabhiloni yema kunina wendlela, enhlokweni yezindlela ezimbili, ukuze ivumise ukuvumisa; ikhuhluze imitshoko, ibuze izithombe, ikhangele esibindini. **22** Esandleni sakhe sokunene kwakulokuvumisa ngeJerusalema, ukumisa izinqama zokudiliza, ukuvula umlomo ekubulaleni, ukuphakamisa ilizwi ngokumemeza, ukumisa izinqama zokudiliza imelene lamasango, ukubuthelela idundulu, ukwakha umduli wokuvimbezela. **23** Njalo kuzakuba kubo njengokuvumisa kwamanga emehlwani abo, kubo abafunge izifungo; kodwa izakhumbula isiphambeko, ukuze babanjwe. **24** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba lenze ububi benu bukhunjulwe, ngokwembulwa kweziphambeko zenu, kuze kuthi izono zenu zibonakale kuzo zonke izenzo zenu, ngoba likhunjulwe, lizabanjwa ngesandla. **25** Wena-ke, siphathamandla esingcolileyo esikhohlakeleyo sakolsrayeli, osuku Iwaso selufikile, ngesikhathi sobubi bokucina, **26** itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Susa iqhiye, wethule umqhele;

lokhu kakuyikuba yikho; phakamisa ophansi, wehlisele phansi ophakemeyo. **27** Ngizakwenza kube lunxiwa, unxiwa, unxiwa; lokhu kungabi kusaba khona, kuze kufike lowo olelungelo, ngimnike khona. **28** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova ngabantwana bakoAmoni, lamayelana lehlazo labo; wothi: Inkemba, inkemba ihwatshiwe, ilolongelwe ukubulala, ukuze iqede, ukuze iphazime. **29** Besakubonela okuyize, besakuvumisela amanga, ukuthi bakubeke ezintanyeni zababuleweyo babakhohlakeleyo, abasuku lwabo selufikile ngesikhathi sesiphambeko sokucina. **30** Buyisela inkemba esikhwameni sayo. Ngizakwahlulela endaweni owadalelwa kuyo, elizweni lomdabuko wakho. **31** Njalo ngizathululela intukuthelo yami phezu kwakho; ngivuthele ngimelene lawe ngomlilo wolaka lwami; ngikunikele esandleni sabantu abalolunya, abayizingcwethi zokuchitha. **32** Uzakuba yikudla komlilo; igazi lakho libe phakathi kwelizwe; kawuyikukhunjulwa; ngoba mina Nkosi ngikhulumile.

22 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, uzakwehlulela yini, wahlulele umuzi wegazi? Yebo uzawazisa zonke izinengiso zaho. **3** Ubususithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Umuzi ochitha igazi phakathi kwavo, ukuze isikhathi sawo sifike, wenze izithombe ezimelene lawo, ukuze uzingcolise. **4** Wena usulecalo ngegazi olchithileyo, wazingcolisa ngezithombe zakho ozenzileyo, wasondeza insuku zakho, usufikile eminyakeni yakho. Ngalokho ngikwenzile waba lihlazo ezizweni lenhlekisa kuwo wonke amazwe. **5** Abaseduze labakhatshana lawe bazakuhleka usulu, wena ongcolileyo ngebizo, ogcwele isiphithiphithi. **6** Khangela, iziphathamandla zakolsrayeli zaziphakathi kwakho, yilesa laleso ngengalo yaso,

ukuthi sicheithe igazi. **7** Baphathe uyihi loyoko ngokweyisa kuwe; benze ngocindezelo kowemzini phakathi kwakho; bacindezele izintandane lomfelokazi kuwe. **8** Uzidelele izinto zami ezingcwele, wangcolisa amasabatha ami. **9** Abantu abahlebayo babekuwe ukuze bachithe igazi; badla kuwe phezu kwezintaba; benza amanyala phakathi kwakho. **10** Bembule ubunqunu baboyise phakathi kwakho; bathobise kuwe owesifazana ongcoliswe yikuba semfuleni. **11** Futhi omunye wenze amanyala lomfazi kamakhelwane wakhe, lomunye wangcolisa umalokazana wakhe ngokuhlazisayo, lomunye uthobise udadewabo phakathi kwakho, indodakazi kayise. **12** Phakathi kwakho bemukele izipho ukuze bachithe igazi; uyemukela inzalo lokwengezelelweyo, uphangile umakhelwane wakho ngocindezelo, wangikhohlwa, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **13** Khangela-ke ngitshayile isandla sami ngenzupo yakho embi oyenzileyo, langegezi lakho ebeliphakathi kwakho. **14** Inhliziyo yakho izakuma yini, kumbe izandla zakho ziqine, ensukwini engizaphathana lawe kizo? Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza. **15** Ngikuhlakaze phakathi kwezizwe, ngikusabalalise phakathi kwamazwe, ngiqede ukungcola kwakho kuwe. **16** Njalo uzangcoliswa phakathi kwakho emehlwani abezizwe; ubususazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **17** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **18** Ndodana yomuntu, indlu kalsrayeli isibengamanyele kimi; bonke balithusi, lezenge, lensimbi, lomnuso, phakathi kwesithando; bangamanyele esiliva. **19** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba lonke selibengamanyele, ngakho khangelani, ngizalibuthelela phakathi kweJerusalem. **20** Njengoba bebuthelela isiliva lethusi lensimbi lomnuso lezenge phakathi kwesithando, ukuze bafuthe umlilo phezu kwakho ukukuncibilikisa; ngokunjalo

ngizalibuthelela ekuthukutheleni kwami lelakeni lwami, ngilitshiye, ngilincibilikise. **21** Yebo, ngizalibuthelela, ngivuthele phezu kwenu emlilweni wentukuthelo yami, beselincibilikiswa phakathi kwawo. **22** Njengesiliva sincibilikiswa phakathi kthesithando, ngokunjalo lizancibilikiswa phakathi kwaso; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi ngithulule ulaka lwami phezu kwenu. **23** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **24** Ndodana yomuntu, wothi kiyo: Wena uyilizwe elingahlanjululwanga, lelingenethwanga ngosuku lwentukuthelo. **25** Ugobe lwabaprofethi bayo phakathi kwayo lunjengesilwane esibhongayo esidlithiza impango; bayidlile imiphefumulo, bathatha inotho lezinto eziligugu, benza abafelokazi baba banengi phakathi kwayo. **26** Abapristi bayo baphathe umlayo wami ngodlakela, bangcolisa izinto zami ezingcwele; kabenzanga mehluko phakathi kokungcwele lokungcolileyo; kabazisanga umehluko phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo; bafihla amehlo abo kumasabatha ami; ngakho ngangcoliswa phakathi kwabo. **27** Iziphathamandla zayo phakathi kwayo zinjengezimpisi ezidlithiza impango, ukuthi zichithe igazi, zibhubhise imiphefumulo, ukuze zizuze inzupo embi. **28** Labaprofethi bayo babacombe ngekalaga, bebona okuyize, bebaumisa amanga, besithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova; kanti iNkosi ingakhulumanga. **29** Abantu belizwe bacindezele ngocindezelo, baphanga impango, bacindezelu umyanga loswelayo, bacindezelu owezizwe kungelakulunga. **30** Njalo ngadinga umuntu phakathi kwabo ongabiya uthango, ame esikhexeni phambi kwami emele ilizwe ukuze ngingalichithi, kodwa kangimtholanga. **31** Ngakho ngithululele intukuthelo yami phezu kwabo, ngibaqede ngomlilo wolaka lwami; ngehlisele indlela yabo phezu kwekhanda labo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

23 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu,
kwakulabesifazana ababili, amadodakazi omfazi oyedwa. **3**
Basebesenza ubuwule eGibhithe; benza ubuwule ebutsheni babo;
amabele abo abotozwa khonapho, lengono zobuntombi babo
zacindezela khonapho. **4** Lamabizo abo ayenguOhola omdala,
loOholiba umnawakhe. Njalo babengabami, bazala amadodana
lamadodakazi. Lamabizo abo: UOhola uyiSamariya, loOholiba
uyiJerusalema. **5** UOhola wasesenza ubuwule engaphansi
kwami, wakhanuka izithandwa zakhe, amaAsiriya aseduze,
6 agqoke okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, abalawulimabutho
lababusi, bonke bengamajaha aloyisekayo, abagadi bamabhiza
begade amabhiza. **7** Ngokunjalo wanika ubuwule bakhe
kubo, bonke belikhethelo labantwana beAsiriya, lakubo bonke
obakhanukayo; wazingcolisa ngazo zonke izithombe zabo. **8**
Futhi kabuyekelanga ubuwule bakhe abuya labo eGibhithe,
ngoba ebutsheni bakhe balala laye, bona-ke bacindezela
izingono zobuntombi bakhe, bathululela ukuphingga kwabo phezu
kwakhe. **9** Ngakho ngamnikela esandleni sezithandwa zakhe,
esandleni sabantwana beAsiriya ayebakanuka. **10** Bona baveza
ubunqunu bakhe; bathatha amadodana lamadodakazi akhe,
bambulala ngenkemba; wasesiba libizo phakathi kwabesifazana,
lapho benza isahlulelo phezu kwakhe. **11** Kwathi umnawakhe
uOholiba ekubona, wonakala ekukhanukeni kwakhe kulaye,
lebuwuleni bakhe okwedlula ubuwule bukadadewabo. **12**
Wakanuka abantwana beAsiriya, abalawulimabutho lababusi
abaseduze, abagqoke okupheleleyo, abagadi bamabhiza
begade amabhiza, bonke bengamajaha akhanukekayo. **13**
Ngasengibona ukuthi ungcilisiwe; bobabili babelendlanelanye.
14 Wasesengezelela ebuwuleni bakhe; lapho ebona abesilisa

bebazwe ngokugujwa emdulini, izithombe zamaKhaladiya
zibazwe ngokugujwa ngokubomvu, **15** bebhince ibhanti
ezinkalweni zabo, belamaqhiye alengayo emakhanda abo, bonke
bekhangeleka beyiziphathamandla, umfanekiso wabantwana
beBhabhiloni, beKhaladiya, ilizwe lokuzalwa kwabo. **16**
Wasebakhanuka ekubaboneni ngamehlo akhe, wathuma
izithunywa kubo eKhaladiya. **17** Amadodana eBhabhiloni
afika kuye embhedeni wothando, amngcolisa ngokuphinga
kwawo, wasengcoliswa yiwo; khona umphefumulo wakhe
wehlukaniswa lawo. **18** Wasesembula ubuwule bakhe, wembula
ubunqunu bakhe; khona umphefumulo wami wehlukaniswa laye,
njengalokhu umphefumulo wami wehlukaniswa lodadewabo.
19 Kodwa wandisa ubuwule bakhe, ngokukhumbula izinsuku
zobutsha bakhe afebe ngazo elizweni leGibhithe. **20**
Wasekhanuka izithandwa zabo, onyama yazo iyinyama
yabobabhem, lokukhihliza kwazo kuyikukhihliza kwamabhiza.
21 Ngokunjalo wena wakhumbula amanyala obutsha bakho,
ekucindezelweni kwengono zakho ngamaGibhithe, ngenxa
yamabele obutsha bakho. **22** Ngakho, wena Oholiba,
itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizavusa izithandwa
zakho zimelane lawe, owehlukana lazo umphefumulo wakho,
ngizilethe zimelane lawe zivela inhlangothi zonke; **23**
abantwana beBhabhiloni, lamaKhaladiya wonke, iPekodi,
leShowa, leKowa, labo bonke abantwana beAsiriya kanye
labo, bonke bengamajaha akhanukekayo, abalawulimabutho,
lababusi, izinduna, labalodumo, bonke begade amabhiza. **24**
Njalo bazakuza bemelene lawe belezikhali, izinqola, lamavili,
langexuku labantu; bazamisa bemelene lawe ihawu lesihlangu
lekhowa inhlangothi zonke; njalo ngizabeka isigwebo phambi

kwabo, bakugwebe njengokwezigwebo zabo. **25** Njalo ngizabeka ubukhwele bami bumelane lawe, bakuphathe ngolaka; bazasusa impumulo yakho lendlebe zakho, lensali yakho izakuwa ngenkemba; bona bazathatha amadodana lamadodakazi akho, lensali yakho izadliwa ngumlilo. **26** Futhi bazakuhlubula iziggoko zakho, bathathe iziceciso zakho ezinhle. **27** Ngokunjalo ngizaqeda amanyala akho kuwe, lobuwule bakho owasuka labo elizweni leGibhithe, ukuze ungabe uphakamisela amehlo akho kubo, ungabe usakhumbula iGibhithe. **28** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizakunikela esandleni salabo obazondayo, esandleni salabo umphefumulo wakho owehlukaniswe labo. **29** Njalo bazakuphatha ngenzondo, bathathe wonke umtshikatshika wakho, bakutshiye unqunu uze; lobunqunu bobuwule bakho buzakwembulwa, lamanyala akho lobuwule bakho. **30** Lezizinto zizakwenziwa kuwe, ngoba ulandele abezizweni ngokuwula, langenxa yokuthi wangcoliswa ngezithombe zabo. **31** Uhambile ngendlela kadadewenu; ngakho ngizanikela inkezo yakhe esandleni sakho. **32** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Uzanatha inkezo kadadewenu ezikileyo lebanzi; uzakuba yinhlkisa lokuklolodelwa; imumethe okunengi. **33** Uzagcwala ukudakwa losizi, inkezo yesesabiso lencithakalo, inkezo kadadewenu iSamariya. **34** Yebo, uzayinatha, uyibhije, uphahlaze indengezi zayo, utshuphule amabele akho; ngoba ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **35** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba ungikhohliwe, wangilahlela ngemva komhlana wakho, ngakho lawe thwala amanyala akho lobuwule bakho. **36** INkosi yathi futhi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, uzakwahlulela uOhola loOholiba yini? Yebo, batshele izinengiso zabo. **37** Ngoba bafebile, legazi lisezandleni zabo, njalo bafebile lezithombe

zabo, futhi lamadodana abo, abangizalele wona, bawadabulise emlilweni ukuthi abe yikudla. **38** Babuye benza lokhu kimi: Bangcolise indawo yami engcwele ngalolosuku, bangcolisa lamasabatha ami. **39** Ngoba sebebulalele izithombe zabo abantwana babo, basebengena ngalona lolosuku endaweni yami engcwele ukuthi bayingcolise; khangela-ke, benze njalo phakathi kwendlu yami. **40** Lalokho ukuthi bathumele kumadoda avela khatshana, okwathunywa kiwo isithunywa, khangela-ke, afika; owawagezelayo, wacomba amehlo akho, wazicecisa ngeziceciso. **41** Wahlala embhedeni okhazimulayo, letafula lalungiswa phambi kwawo, owabeka phezu kwalo impepha yami lamafutha ami. **42** Lelizwi lexuku elonwabileyo lalilaye; lakumadoda exuku labantu kwaletsha amaSabeya avela enkangala, afaka amasongo ezandleni zawo, lomqhele omuhle emakhanda awo. **43** Ngasengisithi kowesifazana owayeguge ngokufeba: Khathesi bazakwenza ubuwule laye, yena-ke labo. **44** Basebengena kuye, njengoba besiya kowesifazana oyisifebe; ngokunjalo bangena kuOhola lakuOholiba, abesifazana abalamanyala. **45** Kodwa amadoda alungileyo wona azabagweba, ngokwendlela yezifebekazi langendlela yabesifazana abachitha igazi; ngoba bayizifebekazi, njalo igazi lisezandleni zabo. **46** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizabenkusela ixuku, ngibanikele babe yisesabiso njalo babe yimpango. **47** Njalo ixuku lizabakhanda ngamatshe, libaqume ngezinkemba zalo, libulale amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo, litshise izindlu zabo ngomlilo. **48** Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza amanyala aphele elizweni, ukuze bonke abesifazana bafundiswe ukuthi bangenzi ngokwamanyala enu. **49** Ngokunjalo bazabeka amanyala enu phezu kwenu,

lithwale izono zezithombe zenu. Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova.

24 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi, ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, zibhalele ibizo losuku, lwalona lolusuku; inkosi yeBhabhiloni yazimisa ukumelana leJerusalema ngalona lolusuku. **3** Njalo tshono umfanekiso kuyo indlu evukelayo uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Beka imbiza, ibeke, futhi uthele amanzi kuyo, **4** ubuthele iziqa zayo kiyo, zonke iziqa ezinhle, umlenze lomkhono, uyigcwaliise ngekhethelo lamathambo. **5** Thatha ikhethelo lomhlambi, ubuthelele lamathambo ngaphansi kwayo, kwenze kubile kuhle, kuphekwe lamathambo awo phakathi kwayo. **6** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kuwo umazi wegazi, imbiza omengulo wayo uphakathi kwayo, lomengulo wayo kawuphumanga kuyo! Khupha isiqa ngesiqa, inkatho kayingaweli kuyo. **7** Ngoba igazi lawo liphakathi kwavo, ulibeke edwaleni elize, kawulithululelanga phezu komhlabathi ukuligqibela ngenhlabathi. **8** Ukuze ngivuse intukuthelo, ukuze ngiphindisele impindiselo, ngibekile igazi lawo edwaleni elize, ukuze lingagqitshelwa. **9** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kuwo umazi wegazi! Lami ngizakwenza ibonda libe likhulu. **10** Yandisa izinkuni, uphembe umlilo, uqedo inyama, uxurbanise izinongo, lamathambo atshiswe. **11** Ubusuyibeka phezu kwamalahle ayo ingelalutho, ukuze kutshise kuvuthe ithusi layo, lokungcola kwayo kuncibilike phakathi kwayo, kuqedwe umengulo wayo. **12** Izidinisile ngomtshikatshika, lomengulo wayo omnengi kawuphumanga kuyo. Umengulo wayo usemlilweni. **13** Kulamanyala ekungcoleni kwakho; ngoba ngikuhlambulule,

kodwa kawuhlambulukanga, kawuyikuhlambuluka ekungcoleni kwakho futhi, ngize ngihhalise ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwakho. **14** Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile; kuzafika, ngikwenze; kangiyikuyekela, kangiyikuba lesihawu, kangiyikuzisola; njengokwendlela zakho lanjengokwezenzo zakho bazakugweba, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **15** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi, lisithi: **16** Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, ngizasusa kuwe isiloyiso samehlo akho ngokutshaya; kodwa ungalili, ungakhali inyembezi, futhi inyembezi zakho zingaveli. **17** Bubula, uthule, ungenzi isililo ngabafileyo, ubophe iqhiye yakho phezu kwakho, ufake amanyathela akho enyaweni zakho, ungambombozi indevu zendebe yakho yangaphezulu, ungarli isinkwa sabantu. **18** Ngasengikhuluma labantu ekuseni, lakusihlwa umkami wafa. Ngasengisenza ekuseni njengokulaywa kwami. **19** Abantu basebesithi kimi: Kawuyikusitshela yini ukuthi lezizinto ziyini kithi, ukuthi wenze nje? **20** Ngasengisithi kubo: Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: **21** Tshono kuyo indlu kalsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizangcolisa indawo yami engcwele, udumo Iwamandla enu, isiloyiso samehlo enu, lokuzwelwa ngumphefumulo wenu; njalo amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu eliwatshiyileyo azakuwa ngenkemba. **22** Khona lizakwenza njengoba ngenzile; kalyikumbomboza indevu zendebe yangaphezulu, kalyikudla isinkwa sabantu. **23** Lamaqhiye enu azakuba phezu kwamakhanda enu, lamanyathela enu ezinyaweni zenu; kalyikulila kalyikukhala inyembezi; kodwa lizacikizeka ngenxa yeziphambeko zenu, libubule, omunye komunye. **24** Ngokunjalo uHezekeli uzakuba yisibonakaliso kini; lizakwenza njengakho konke akwenzileyo; lapho sekufika lokhu, lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova. **25** Futhi, wena ndodana

yomuntu, kakuyikuba njalo yini ngalolosuku lapho engizasusa kubo inqaba yabo, intokozo yobuhle babo, isiloyiso samehlo abo, lokuphakama komphefumulo wabo, amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo, **26** ngalolosuku kuzaFika kuwe ophunyukileyo, ukwenza indlebe zakho zizwe? **27** Ngalolosuku umlomo wakho uzavulekela yena ophunyukileyo; njalo uzakhulum, ungabe usaba yisimungulu; ngokunjalo uzakuba yisibonakaliso kubo; khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

25 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene labantwana bakoAmoni, uprefethe umelene labo. **3** Uthi kubantwana bakoAmoni: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba wathi: Aha; ngenxa yendawo yami engcwele, lapho ingcoliswa, langenxa yelizwe lakolsrayeli, lapho lalichithiwe, langenxa yendlu yakoJuda, lapho bayo ekuthunjweni, **4** ngakho, khangela, ngizakunikela ebantwaneni basempumalanga ube yilifa, ukuthi bamise inkamba zabo phakathi kwakho, benze izindawo zabo zokuhlala phakathi kwakho; bona bazakudla izithelo zakho, bona banathe uchago lwakho. **5** Njalo ngizakwenza iRaba ibe yisitebele samakamela, labantwana bakoAmoni babe yindawo yokucambalala yemihlambi. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **6** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba utshayile isandla, watshaya phansi ngonyawo, wathokoza emphefumulweni ngokudelela kwakho konke umelene lelizwe lakolsrayeli; **7** ngakho, khangela, ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwakho, ngikunikele ube yimpango kwabezizwe, ngikuqume usuke ebantwini, ngizakwenza ubhubhe emazweni, ngikuchithe. Khona uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **8** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba oMowabi loSeyiri bathi: Khangela, indlu kaJuda

injengezizwe zonke; **9** ngakho khangela, ngizavula uhlangothi lukaMowabi kusukela emizini, kusukela emizini yakhe, kusukela emngceleni wakhe, ubuhle belizwe, iBeti-Jeshimothi, iBhali-Meyoni, leKiriyathayimi; **10** njalo ngizayinikela emadodaneni empumalanga kube yilifa ngimelene labantwana bakoAmoni, ukuze abantwana bakoAmoni bangakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe. **11** Ngizakwenza izahluelo laphakathi kukaMowabi; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **12** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba uEdoma enze ngokuphindisela impindiselo emelene lendlu kaJuda, wonile ngokona, waziphindisela phezu kwabo; **13** ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lami ngizakwelula isandla sami phezu kukaEdoma, ngiqume kuye umuntu lenyamazana, ngimenze incithakalo kusukela eThemani, njalo kuze kufike eDedani bazakuwa ngenkemba. **14** Njalo ngizabeka impindiselo yami phezu kukaEdoma ngesandla sabantu bami ulsrayeli, benze kuEdoma njengokwentukuthelo yami lanjengokolaka Iwami; khona bezakwazi impindiselo yami, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **15** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba amaFilisti enze ngempindiselo, aphindisela impindiselo ngokudelela emphefumulweni, ukuthi achithe ngenzondo yaphakade; **16** ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwamaFilisti, ngiqume amaKerethi, ngibhubhise insali yokhumbi lolwandle. **17** Ngenze izimpindiselo ezinkulu phezu kwabo ngokukhuza kwentukuthelo; khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho ngibeka impindiselo yami phezu kwabo.

26 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, ngenxa yokuthi iTire itshilo ngeJerusalema isithi:

Aha, yephukile ebingamasango abantu; isiphendukele kimi; ngizagcwaliswa, ichithekile. 3 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena Tire, ngenze izizwe ezinengi zenyuke zimelane lawe, njengolwandle lusenza amagagasi alo enyuke. 4 Njalo zizachitha imiduli yeTire, zibhidlizele phansi imiphotshongo yayo; ngiphale inhlabathi yayo kuyo, ngiyenze ibe lidwala elize. 5 Izakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule, phakathi kolwandle; ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova; njalo izakuba yimpango yezizwe. 6 Lamadodakazi ayo asensimini azabulawa ngenkemba. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 7 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaletha phezu kweTire uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, inkosi yamakhosi, evela enyakatho, elamabhiza, lezingola, labagadi bamabhiza, lamaxuku, labantu abanengi. 8 Uzabulala ngenkemba amadodakazi akho ensimini, enze umduli wokuvimbezela emelene lawe, abuthelele idundulu emelene lawe, aphakamise isihlangu esikhulu simelene lawe. 9 Uzamisa imiggala yokudiliza imelane lemiduli yakho, adilizele phansi imiphotshongo yakho ngezinkemba zakhe. 10 Ngenxa yobunengi bamabhiza akhe uthuli lwawo luzakusibekela; imiduli yakho izanyikinywa ngumsindo wabagadi bamabhiza lamavili lezingola, nxa ezangena emasangweni akho, njengokungena emzini ofohlelwayo. 11 Ngamasondo amabhiza akhe uzanyathela zonke izitalada zakho; uzabulala abantu bakho ngenkemba, lensika zakho eziqinileyo ziwele emhlabathini. 12 Njalo bazaphanga inotho yakho, bathumbe impahla yakho ethengiswayo, badilizele phansi imiduli yakho, babhidlize izindlu zakho eziloyisekayo, bafake amatshe akho lezigodo zakho lothuli lwakho phakathi kwamanzi. 13 Ngizakwenza kuphele umsindo wengoma zakho,

lelizwi lamachacho akho kalisayikuzwakala. **14** Njalo ngizakwenza ube lidwala elize; uzakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule, kawusayikwakhiwa; ngoba mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **15** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuyo iTire: Izihlenge kaziyikunyikinyeka yini ngomdumo wokuwa kwakho, lapho abalimeleyo bebebula, lapho kubulawa okubulawayo phakathi kwakho? **16** Khona zonke iziphathamandla zolwandle zizakwehla ezihlalweni zazo zobukhos, zikhulule izigqoko zazo, zikhuphe izembatho zazo ezifekethisiweyo; zizembathise ukuthuthumela, zihlale emhlabathini, zithuthumele ngaso sonke isikhathi, zimangale kakhulu ngawe. **17** Zizakuphakamisela isililo, zithi kuwe: Uchithwe njani ezinlwandle wena owawuhlalwa, umuzi olodumo, owawulamandla olwandle, wona labahlali bawo, abamisa ukwesabeka kwabo kuye wonke umhlali wawo! **18** Khathesi izihlenge zizathuthumela ngosuku lokuwa kwakho, yebo, izihlenge ezelwandle zizakhathazeka ngokuphuma kwakho. **19** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lapho ngizakwenza ube ngumuzi olunxiwa, njengemizi engahlalwayo; lapho ngizakwenyusa ukujula phezu kwakho, lamanzi amanengi akusibekel; **20** khona ngizakwehlisela phansi lalabo abehlela emgodini, ebantwini basendulo, ngikuhalise ezindaweni ezipansi zomhlaba, emanxiweni asendulo, lalabo abehlela emgodini, ukuze ungaahlalwa; njalo ngizabeka udumo elizweni labaphilayo. **21** Ngizakwenza ube ngokwesabekayo okukhulu, ungasabikho; lanxa udingwa, ungatholakali futhi kuze kube nininini, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

27 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngeTire, **3** uthi kiyo iTire, ehlezi ngasekungeneni kolwandle, ethengiselana labantu ezihlengeni

ezinengi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Tire, wena uthi: Ngiphelele ngobuhle. **4** Imingcele yakho isenhлизиweni yezinlwandle; abakhi bakho baphelelise ubuhle bakho. **5** Benzile wonke amapulanka akho ngezihlahla zefiri eSeniri; bathatha imisedari eLebhanoni ukukwenzela insika yomkolo. **6** Ngama-okhi eBashani benza amaphini akho okugwedla; indodakazi yamaAsirya yenze amabhodi akho ngempondo zendlovu ezivela ezihlengeni zeKhithimi. **7** Illembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elifekethisiwego elivela eGibhithe laba yiseyili yakho ukuba yisiboniso sakho; okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende okuvela ezihlengeni zeElisha kwaba yisimbombozo sakho.

8 Abakhileyo beSidoni leArvadi babengabagwedli bakho; izihlakaniphi zakho, wena Tire, ezazikuwe zingabatshayeli bakho bomkhumbi. **9** Abadala beGebali lezihlakaniphi zayo baba kuwe, bengabalungisi bezikhala zakho; yonke imikhumbi yowlandle labatshayeli bayo yaba kuwe ukuthi bathengiselane ngempahla yakho yokuthengiselana. **10** AmaPerisiya lamaLudi lamaPuti asebuthweni lakho, amadoda akho empi; aphanyeka isihlangu lekhowa kuwe; wona aveza ubuhle bakho. **11** Amadodana eArvadi lebutho lakho ayephezu kwemiduli yakho inhlangothi zonke, lamaGamadi ayesemiphotshongweni yakho; aphanyeka izihlangu zawo phezu kwemiduli yakho inhlangothi zonke; wona aphelelisa ubuhle bakho. **12** ITarshishi yathengiselana lawe ngenxa yobunengi benotho yonke; benana impahlala zakho ngesiliva, insimbi, izenge, lomnuso. **13** IJavani, iThubhali, leMesheki babengabathengiselani bakho, benana impahlala yakho ngabantu boqobo lezitsha zethusi. **14** Abendlu kaTogarima benana impahlala zakho ngamabhiza labagadi bamabhiza lezimbongolo. **15** Amadodana eDedani ayengabathengiselani bakho; izihlenge

ezinengi zazingezokuthengiselana zesandla sakho; abuyisela kuwe izimpondo zezindlovu le-eboni kube yisipho. **16** ISiriya yayingumthengiselani wakho ngenxa yokwanda kwemisebenzi yakho; benana impahla zakho ngama-emerald, okuyibubende, lokufekethisiwego, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lekorali le-agate.

17 UJuda lelizwe lakolsrayeli babengabathengiselani bakho, benana impahla yakho ngengqoloyi yeMinithi, lePanagi, loluju, lamafutha, lenhlaka. **18** IDamaseko yayingumthengiselani wakho ngobunengi bemisebenzi yakho, ngenxa yobunengi benotho yonke; ngewayini leHeliboni loboya bezimvu obumhlophe. **19** Njalo iDani leJavani yayihamba isiya le lale yazinikela empahleni zakho; insimbi ekhandiwego, ikhasiya, lekalamu kwakuyimpahla yakho yokuthengiselana. **20** IDedani yayingumthengiselani wakho ngamalembu aligugu ezinqola. **21** IArabhiya lazo zonke iziphathamandla zeKedari babengabathengiselani besandla sakho, ngamawundlu lezingama lezimbuzi, ngalezi babethengiselana lawe. **22** Abathengiselani beShebha leRahama babengabathengiselani bakho, benana impahla zakho ngenhloko yawo wonke amakha, langamatshe wonke aligugu, legolide. **23** IHarani leKane leEdeni, abathengiselani beSheba, iAshuri, iKilimadi, babengabathengiselani bakho.

24 Laba babengabathengiselani bakho ngezinto ezipheleleyo, ngeziggoko eziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokufekethisiwego, langamabhokisi omsedari elembu elifekekethisiwego, abotshwe aqiniswa ngezintambo, phakathi kokuthengiswayo kwakho. **25** Imikhumbi yeThashishi yayihlabela ngawe ngenxa yempahla yakho yokuthengiselana; njalo wagcwaliswa, wadunyiswa kakhulu enhliziwensi yezinlwandle. **26** Abagwedli bakho bakusa emanzini amanengi; umoya wempumalanga usukwephulele enhliziwensi

yezinlwandle. **27** Inotho yakho, lempahla zakho, impahla yakho yokuthengiselana, abemikhumbi bakho, labatshayeli bakho, abalungisi bezikhala zakho, labathengisi bempahla yakho, lawo wonke amadoda akho empi akuwe, kanye lalo lonke ixuku lakho eliphakathi kwakho, kuzawela enhliziyweni yezinlwandle ngosuku lokuwa kwakho. **28** Ngelizwi lokukhala kwabatshayeli bakho bomkhumbi amadlelo azamazama. **29** Njalo bonke abaphatha isigwedlo, abemikhumbi, bonke abatshayeli bolwandle, bazakwehla emikhunjini yabo, beme emhlabathini. **30** Bazwakalise ilizwi labo bemelene lawe, bakhale kabuhlungu, baphosele uthuli phezu kwamakhanda abo, bazigiqe emlotheni, **31** bazenze ompabanga ngokupheleleyo ngenxa yakho, bazibhince ngamasaka, bakukhalele inyembezi ngokubaba komphefumulo lesililo esibabayo. **32** Lekulileni kwabo bazaphakamisa isililo ngawe, bakulilele bathi: Ngubani onjengeTire, njengokuchithekileyo phakathi kolwandle? **33** Ekuphumeni kwezimpahla zakho zokuthengiselana ezinlwandle wasuthisa abantu abanengi; ngobunengi benotho yakho lempahla zakho wanothisa amakhosi omhlaba. **34** Ngesikhathi okwephulwa ngaso ezinlwandle ezinzikini zamanzi, kwawa impahla yakho yokuthengiselana lexuku lakho lonke eliphakathi kwakho. **35** Bonke abakhileyo bezihlenge bazamangala ngawe, lamakhosi abo akwesabe kakhulu, ubuso babo bunyukumale. **36** Abathengiselani phakathi kwabantu bayakuncifela; usuyisesabiso; kawusayikuba khona kuze kuge nininini.

28 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi futhi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kusiphathamandla seTire: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba inhlizyo yakho iziphakamisile, njalo utshilo ukuthi:

Mina nginguNkulunkulu, ngihlezi esihlalweni sikaNkulunkulu enhliziyweni yezinlwandle; kanti wena ungumuntu, hatshike uNkulunkulu, lanxa umisa inhlizyo yakho njengenhlizyo kaNkulunkulu. **3** Khangela, uhlakaniphile kuloDaniyeli; kakulamfihlo abangayifihla kuwe. **4** Ngenhlakaniphoyakho langokuqedisisa kwakho uzenzele inotho, wabuthela igolide lesiliva kokuligugu kwakho. **5** Ngobukhulu benhlakaniphoyakho ekuthengiselaneni kwakho wandisile inotho yakho; lenhlizyo yakho iphakeme ngenxa yenotho yakho. **6** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba usumise inhlizyo yakho njengenhlizyo kaNkulunkulu, **7** ngakho, khangela, ngizaletha abezizwe phezu kwakho, abesabekayo bezizwe; abazahwatsha izinkemba zabo bemelene lobuhle benhlakaniphoyakho, bangcolise inkazimulo yakho. **8** Bazakwehlisela phansi egodini, ufe izimfa zalabo ababulawelwa enhliziyweni yezinlwandle. **9** Usezakutshoyini phambi kwabakubulalayo: NginguNkulunkulu? Kanti ungumuntu, hatshike uNkulunkulu, esandleni salowo okugwazayo. **10** Uzakufa izimfa zongasokanga ngesandla sabezizwe; ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **11** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **12** Ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngenkosi yeTire, uthi kiyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Wena uphawule okupheleleyo, ugcwele inhlakaniphoy, uphelele ngobuhle. **13** WawuseEdeni, isivande sikaNkulunkulu; lonke ilitshe eliligugu laliyisimbombozo sakho, isardiyusi, itopazi, lendayimana, ibherule, i-onikse, lejaspi, isafire, i-emeraldi, lerubi, legolide; umsebenzi wezigujana zakho lemihlanga yakho wawukuwe; ngosuku owadalwa ngalo walungiswa. **14** Wena ulikherubhi eligcotshiweyo elisibekelayo, njalo ngikumisile; wawuphezu kwentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu; wahamba usiya le lale

phakathi kwamatshe omililo. **15** Wawuphelele ezindleleni zakho kusukela osukwini owadalwa ngalo kwaze kwatholakala ububi kuwe. **16** Ngobunengi bokuthengiselana kwakho sebegcwalise ingaphakathi yakho ngodlakela, wasusona. Ngakho ngizakulahla njengongcolisiweyo usuke entaben i kaNkulunkulu, ngikuchithe, wena kherubhi elisibekelayo, usuke phakathi kwamatshe umlilo.

17 Inhlizyo yakho yaziphakamisa ngenxa yobuhle bakho; wonakalise inhlakanipho yakho ngenxa yenkaZimulo yakho. Ngizakuphosela emhlabathini; ngizakumisa phambi kwamakhosi ukuze akubone. **18** Ngobunengi beziphambeko zakho, ngobubi bokuthengiselana kwakho, ungcilise indawo zakho ezingcwele; ngakho ngizakhupha umlilo ngaphakathi kwakho, wona uzakuqeda, ngikwenze ube ngumlotha emhlabathini emehlwani abo bonke abakubonayo. **19** Bonke abakwaziyo phakathi kwezizwe bazamangala kakhulu ngawe; uzakuba yizesabiso, kawusayikuba khona kuze kube nininini. **20** Iiizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi, lisithi: **21** Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene leSidoni, uprefethe ngayo, **22** uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, wena Sidoni, ngizadunyiswa phakathi kwakho. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi lapho sengenze izahlulelo phakathi kwayo, ngangcweliswa kiyo. **23** Ngoba ngizathumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo kiyo, legazi ezitaladeni zayo; labalimeleyo bazakuwa phakathi kwayo ngenkemba phezu kwayo inhlangothi zonke. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **24** Njalo kakusayikuba khona kuyo indlu yakolsrayeli ukhula oluhabayo kumbe ameva azwisa ubuhlungu kuvela kubo bonke ababahanqileyo ababadelelayo. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova. **25** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Nxa sengibuthe indlu kalsrayeli ivela eziZweni

abahlakazwe kizo, ngangcweliswa kubo emehlweni ezizwe,
kulapho bezahlala elizweni labo engalinika inceku yami uJakobe.

26 Njalo bazahlala kilo belondolozekile, bakhe izindlu, bahlanyele
izivini; yebo, bazahlala belondolozekile nxa sengenze izahlulelo
phezu kwabo bonke ababadelelayo inhlangothi zonke. Lapho
bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo.

29 Ngomnyaka wetshumi, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi
lambilil iwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana
yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe,
uprofethe umelene laye, njalo umelene layo yonke iGibhithe. **3**
Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane
lawe, Faro, nkosi yeGibhithe, umgobho omkhulu olele phakathi
kwemifula yawo, othi: Umfula wami ngowami, ngazenzela
wona. **4** Kodwa ngizafaka izingwegwe emihlathini yakho,
ngenze inhlanzi zemifula yakho zinamathele emaxolweni akho,
ngikukhuphule phakathi kwemifula yakho, lazo zonke inhlanzi
zemifula yakho zizanamathela emaxolweni akho. **5** Njalo
ngizakutshiya enkangala, wena lazo zonke inhlanzi zemifula
yakho; uzawela ebusweni beganga; kawuyikuhlanganiswa,
kawuyikubuthwa; ngizakunikela ube yikudla kuzo izilo zeganga
lenyoni zamazulu. **6** Labo bonke abahlali beGibhithe bazakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, ngoba bebeludondolo lomhlanga kuyo
indlu kalsrayeli. **7** Lapho bekubamba ngesandla, wephula
wadabula lonke ihlombe labo; lalapho beseyama kuwe,
wephuka, wenza zonke inkalo zabo zama. **8** Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaletha inkemba phezu
kwakho, ngiqume kusuke kuwe umuntu lenyamazana. **9** Lelizwe
leGibhithe lizakuba yincithakalo lenkangala. Khona bezakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. Ngoba uthe: Umfula ngowami, mina-ke

ngiwenzile. **10** Ngakho, khangela, ngimelene lawe, ngimelene lemifula yakho; ngenze ilizwe leGibhithe libe yizincithakalo isibili lenkangala, kusukela emphotshongweni kusiya eSevne kuze kube semngceleni weEthiyophiya. **11** Kakulanyawo lomuntu oluzadlula kilo, kakulanyawo lwenyamazana oluzadlula kilo; futhi kaliyikuhlalwa okweminyaka engamatshumi amane.

12 Ngoba ngizakwenza ilizwe leGibhithe libe yincithakalo phakathi kwamazwe wonke achithekileyo; lemizi yalo phakathi kwemizi engamanxiwa izakuba yincithakalo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane; njalo ngizahlakaza amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalise emazweni. **13** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngizabutha amaGibhithe ebantwini abahlakazekele khona.

14 Njalo ngizabuyisela abathunjwa beGibhithe, ngibenze babuyelete elizweni lePatrosi, elizweni lokuzalwa kwabo; laphoke bazakuba ngumbuso ophansi. **15** Lizakuba phansi kulayo imibuso, futhi kalisayikuziphakamisa phezu kwezizwe; ngoba ngizabanciphisa ukuze bangabuyi babuse phezu kwezizwe.

16 Njalo kalisayikuba lithemba kuyo indlu kalsrayeli, eletha ukukhunjulwa kwesiphambeko, lapho bephenduka ukulandela bona. Kodwa bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova. **17** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **18** Ndodana yomuntu, uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wenza ibutho lakhe lakhonza inkonzo enkulu limelene leTire; lonke ikhanda laphucwa, lalo lonke ihlombe lasutshulwa; kanti yena kalamvuzo, lebutho lakhe, ngenxa yeTire, ngenxa yenkonzo ayikhonza emelene layo. **19** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizanikela ilizwe leGibhithe

kuNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni; njalo uzathatha ixuku layo, athumbe ukuthunjwa kwayo, aphange impango yayo; njalo kuzakuba liholo lebutho lakhe. **20** Ngimnike ilizwe leGibhithe kube ngumvuzo akhonza ngawo kulo, ngoba bangisebenzela, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **21** Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza uphondo lwendlu kalsrayeli lukhahlele, ngikunike ukukhamisa komlomo phakathi kwabo. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

30 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Qhinqani isililo: Maye ngalolosuku! **3** Ngoba usuku luseduze, ngitsho usuku lweNkosi luseduze, usuku olulamayezi; kuzakuba yisikhathi sezizwe. **4** Lenkemba izafika eGibhithe, losizi luzakuba seEthiophiya, lapho ababulewego bezakuwa eGibhithe; ngoba bazasusa ixuku layo, lezisekelo zayo zidilizelwe phansi. **5** IEthiophiya, lePuti, leLudi, labo bonke abantu abahlanganisiweyo, leKhubi, labantwana belizwe lesivumelwano, bazakuwa ngenkemba kanye labo. **6** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yebo, abasekela iGibhithe bazakuwa, lokuzigqaja kwamandla ayo kuzakwehla; kusukela eMigidoli kuze kube seSevene bazakuwa kuyo ngenkemba, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **7** Njalo bazachitheka phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo; lemizi yayo izakuba phakathi kwemizi engamanxiwa. **8** Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, sengibeke umlilo eGibhithe, lapho bonke abasizi bayo sebephuliwe. **9** Ngalolosuku izithunywa zizaphuma phambi kwami ngemikhumbi ukuyakwethusa amaEthiophiya onwabileyo, losizi luzakuba phakathi kwabo osukwini lweGibhithe, ngoba, khangela, luyeza. **10** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Yebo, ngizaqeda ixuku leGibhithe ngesandla sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni. **11** Yena, labantu bakhe kanye laye, abesabekayo bezizwe, bazalethwa ukuzachitha ilizwe; njalo

bazahwatsha izinkemba zabo bemelene leGibhithe, bagcwalise ilizwe ngababulewego. **12** Njalo ngizakwenza imifula itshe, ngithengise ilizwe esandleni sabakhohlakeleyo, ngilichithe ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo ngesandla sabezizwe; mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizabhubhisa lezithombe, ngiqede izifanekiso eNofi; njalo kakusayikuba khona isiphathamandla esivela elizweni leGibhithe; njalo ngizaletha ukwesaba elizweni leGibhithe. **14** Ngenze iPatosi ibe lunxiwa, ngibeke umlilo eZowani, ngenze izahlulelo eNo. **15** Ngithulule ulaka lwami phezu kweSini, amandla eGibhithe; ngiqume ixuku leNo. **16** Ngibeke umlilo eGibhithe; iSini izakuba lobuhlungu obukhulu; leNo izadatshulwa phakathi; leNofi izakhathazeka nsuku zonke. **17** Amajaha eAvene lePhibhesethi azakuwa ngenkemba, lale imizi izakuya ekuthunjweni. **18** Njalo eThahaphanesi imini izakuba mnyama, lapho ngizakwephula khona amajogwe eGibhithe, lokuzikhukhumeza kwamandla ayo kuzaphela kiyo. Yona, iyezi lizayisibekela, lamadodakazi ayo azakuya ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza izahlulelo eGibhithe. Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngyiNkosi. **20** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **21** Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyephule ingalo kaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe; khangela-ke kayibotshwanga ukuthi kunikwe ukuphola, ukuthi kufakwe uhlaka lokuyibopha, ukuyiqinisela ukubamba inkemba. **22** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, njalo ngizakwephula ingalo zakhe, elamandla, laleyo eyephukileyo, ngenze inkemba iwe esandleni sakhe. **23** Ngihlakazele amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalisele emazweni. **24** Ngiqinise ingalo zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngibeke inkemba

yami esandleni sayo; kodwa ngizakwephula izingalo zikaFaro, abubule phambi kwayo ngokububula kogwaziweyo. **25** Kodwa ngizaqinisa ingalo zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lengalo zikaFaro zizawela phansi; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, sengifake inkemba yami esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, isiyelule phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe. **26** Njalo ngizahlakaza amaGibhithe phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalisele emazweni. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

31 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga yesithathu, ngolokuqala Iwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe lexukwini lakhe: Ufanana lobani ebukhulwini bakho? **3** Khangela, iAsiriya yayingumsedari eLebhanoni, omuhle ngengatsha, njengetusu elilomthunzi, njalo umude ngokuphakama, lesihloko sawo sasiphakathi kwengatsha eziqatha. **4** Amanzi awukhulisa, inziki yawuphakamisa, imifula yawo yageleza yazingelezela indawo ohlanyelwe kiyo, wakhuphela izifudlana zawo kuzo zonke izihlahla zeganga. **5** Ngakho-ke ubude bawo baphakama bedlula zonke izihlahla zeganga, lengatsha zawo zanda, lamahlumela awo aba made, ngenxa yamanzi amanengi, lapho uwaphumisa. **6** Lazo zonke izinyoni zamazulu zakha izidleke zazo ezingatsheni zawo, lenyamazana zonke zeganga zazalela ngaphansi kwengatsha zawo, langaphansi komthunzi wawo kwahlala izizwe zonke ezinkulu. **7** Ngokunjalo wawumuhle ebukhulwini bawo, ebuden'i bengatsha zawo; ngoba impande yawo yayingasemanzini amanengi. **8** Imisedari esivanden'i sikaNkulunkulu yayingewufiphaze; izihlahla zamafiri zazingafanani lengatsha zawo; lezingelamaxolo zazingafanani lamahlumela awo; futhi kwakungekho sihlahla esivanden'i

sikaNkulunkulu esinjengawo ebuhleni bawo. **9** Ngawenza waba muhle ngobunengi bezingatsha zawo, kwaze kwathi zonke izihlahla zeEdeni, ezazisesivandeni sikaNkulunkulu, zaba lomhawu ngawo. **10** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngenxa yokuthi uziphakamisile ngobude, uthutshise isihloko sawo ngaphakathi kwezingatsha eziqatha, lenhlizyo yawo yaziphakamisa ngobude bawo; **11** ngakho ngizawunikela esandleni solamandla wezizweni; uzakwenza lokwenza lawo; ngiwuxotshile ngenxa yenkohlakalo yawo. **12** Njalo abemzini, abesabekayo bezizwe, bawuqumile bawutshiya; lengatsha zawo ziwele ezintabeni lakuzo zonke izihotsha; lamahlumela akhe ephulwe kuyo yonke imifula yelizwe; labo bonke abantu bomhlaba behlile basuka emthunzini wawo, bawutshiya. **13** Zonke inyoni zamazulu zizahlala phezu kwencithakalo yawo, lazo zonke inyamazana zeganga zizakuba phezu kwengatsha zawo. **14** Ukuze kungabi khona kuzo zonke izihlahla ngasemanzini eziziphakamisayo ngenxa yobude bazo, futhi zingafuqi isihloko sazo ngaphakathi kwezingatsha eziqatha, futhi zingemi ngokwazo ngobude bazo, zonke ezinatha amanzi; ngoba zonke zinikelwe ekufeni endaweni engaphansi yomhlaba, phakathi kwabantwana babantu, kulabo abehlela egodini. **15** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Mhla usehlela engcwabeni ngenza isililo, ngasibekela inziki ngenxa yawo, ngavimba izifula zayo, lamanzi amanengi amiswa; ngenza iLebhanoni ibe mynaya ngenxa yawo, lezihlahla zonke zeganga zabuna ngenxa yawo. (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Ngenza izizwe zithuthumele ngomdumo wokuwa kwawo, lapho ngiwehlisela esihogweni lalabo abehlela egodini; lazo zonke izihlahla zeEdeni, ikhethelo lokuhle kweLebhanoni, zonke ezinatha amanzi, zaziduduza endaweni engaphansi yomhlaba. (**Sheol h7585**) **17** Lazo

zehlela esihogweni kanye lawo, kulabo ababebulewe ngenkemba; lababeyingalo yawo ababehlala ngaphansi komthunzi wawo phakathi kwezizwe. (Sheol h7585) 18 Ufanana lobani ngokunjalo ngodumo langobukhulu phakathi kwezihlahla zeEdeni? Kanti uzakwehliselwa kanye lezihlahla zeEdeni endaweni engaphansi yomhlaba, ulale phakathi kwabangasokanga, kanye labo ababulewe ngenkemba. Lo nguFaro lexuku lakhe lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

32 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngoFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, uthi kuye: Ufanana lebhongo lesilwane lezizwe, futhi wena ufanana lomgobho phakathi kwezinlwandle, waphutsha emifuleni yakho, wadunga amanzi ngenyawo zakho, wangcolisa imifula yazo. 3 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngakho ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwakho ngexuku labantu abanengi, bakukhuphule ngembule lami. 4 Besengikutshiya emhlabathini, ngikujikijele egcekeni, ngenze zonke inyon Zamazulu zihlale phezu kwakho, ngisuthise izilo zaho wonke umhlabo ngawe. 5 Ngizabeka inyama yakho phezu kwezintaba, ngicwalise izihotsha ngobude bakho. 6 Ngizatthelela ilizwe ngokuntshaza kwegazi lakho kuze kube sezintabeni; lezifula zizagcwala ngawe. 7 Lalapho ngikucitsha ngizasibekela amazulu, ngenze inkanyezi zaho zibe mnyama; ngizasibekela ilanga ngeyezi, lenyanga kayiyikuhanyisa ngokukhanya kwayo. 8 Zonke izibane ezikhanyisayo emazulwini ngizazenza zibe mnyama phezu kwakho, ngibeke ubumnyama phezu kwelizwe lakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 9 Njalo ngizakhathaza inhliziyo zabantu abanengi, nxa ngizaletha incithakalo yakho phakathi

kwezizwe emazweni ongawaziyo. **10** Yebo, ngizakwenza abantu abanengi bamangale kakhulu ngawe, lamakhosi abo azahlasimuka umzimba kakhulu ngawe, lapho ngiphazimisa inkemba yami phambi kwabo; njalo bazathuthumela isikhathi sonke, ngulowo lalowo ngempilo yakhe, ngosuku lokuwa kwakho. **11** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Inkemba yenkosи yeBhabhiloni izakwehlela. **12** Ngezinkemba zamaghawe ngizakwenza ixuku lakho liwe, abesabekayo bezizwe, bonke; njalo azachitha ukuziphakamisa kweGibhithe, lexuku layo lonke lizabhujswa. **13** Njalo ngizabhubhisa zonke izinyamazana zayo ngasemanzini amanengi; lonyawo lomuntu kalusayikuwadunga, lamasondo ezinyamazana kawayikuwadunga. **14** Besengisenza amanzi abo atshone, ngenze imifula yabo igeleze njengamafutha, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **15** Mhla ngizakwenza ilizwe leGibhithe libe yincithakalo, lelizwe liphundlwе ukugcwala kwalо, lapho ngitshaya bonke abahlala kilo, khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngyiNkosi. **16** Lesi yisililiselo abazasilisela; amadodakazi ezizwe azasilisela; bazasilisela, ngeGibhithe, langexuku layo lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **17** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngolwetshumi lanhlalu lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: **18** Ndodana yomuntu, khala ngenxa yexuku leGibhithe, ubehlisele, yona lamadodakazi ezizwe ezidumileyo, ezindaweni ezingaphansi zomhlaba, kanye labo abehlela emgodini. **19** Wedlula bani ngokuthandeka? Yehla, ulaliswe labangasokanga. **20** Bazawela phakathi kwababulewe ngenkemba. Inikelwe enkembeni; ihuduleni kanye lamaxuku ayo wonke. **21** Abalamandla bamaqhwе bazakhulumа laye bephakathi kwesihogo, kanye labayisizayo; behlele phansi, balele abangasokanga, babulewe ngenkemba. (**Sheol h7585**) **22** IAsirya

ilapho lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo asenhlangothini zayo zonke, bonke bebulewe, bewile ngenkemba. **23** Omangcwaba ayo enziwe emaceleni egodi, lexuku layo lihanqe ingcwaba layo, bonke bebulewe, bewile ngenkemba, ababenika isesabiso elizweni labaphilayo. **24** Ikhona lapho iElamu lexuku layo lonke inhlangothi zonke zengcwaba layo, bonke bebulewe, abawileyo ngenkemba, abehle bengasokanga baya ezindaweni ezingaphansi zomhlaba, abanika isethuso sabo elizweni labaphilayo; kanti bethwele ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini. **25** Bayenzele umbheda phakathi kwababulewego kanye lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo ayihanqile; bonke bengasokanga, bebulewe ngenkemba; ngoba isethuso sabo sanikelwa elizweni labaphilayo, kanti bathwala ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini; ibekwa phakathi kwababulewego. **26** Kukhona lapho iMesheki leThubhali, kanye lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo ayihanqile; bonke bengasokanga, bebulewe ngenkemba; ngoba banikile isethuso sabo elizweni labaphilayo. **27** Kodwa kabayikulala lamaqhawe awileyo angawabangasokanga, ehlela esihogweni lezikhalo zawo zempi, abeka inkemba zawo ngaphansi kwamakhana awo; kodwa ububi bawo buzakuba phezu kwamathambo awo; ngoba isethuso samaqhawe sasiselizweni labaphilayo. (*Sheol h7585*) **28** Wena-ke uzakwephulwa phakathi kwabangasokanga, ulale lababulewe ngenkemba. **29** Kukhona lapho iEdoma, amakhosi ayo lazo zonke iziphathamandla zayo, abalaliswe lababulewe ngenkemba, kanye lamandla abo; bona bazalala labangasokanga, labehlela egodini. **30** Kukhona lapho iziphathamandla zenyakatho, zonke zazo, lawo wonke amaSidoni, asehle lababulewego; kusesabiso sabo balenhloni ngenxa yobuqhawe bawo; njalo

balele bengasokanga kanye lababuleweyo ngenkemba, bethwele
ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini. **31** UFaro uzababona,
aduduzeke ngenxa yexuku lakhe lonke, uFaro lebutho lakhe
lonke, ababulewe ngenkemba, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **32** Ngoba
ngibekile isethuso sami elizweni labaphilayo; ngakho uzalaliswa
phakathi kwabangasokanga kanye lababulewe ngenkemba,
uFaro lexuku lakhe lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

33 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu,
khuluma kubantwana babantu bakho, uthi kubo: Ilizwe, lapho
ngiletha inkemba phezu kwalo, labantu belizwe bathathe umuntu
emingceleni yakibo, bambeke abe ngumlindi wabo, **3** lapho
ebona inkemba isiza phezu kwelizwe, avuthele uphondo,
axwayise abantu, **4** kuzakuthi loba ngubani ozwa umsindo
wophondo, kodwa angaxwayi, lapho inkemba ifika, imsuse,
igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. **5** Uzwile
ukukhala kophondo, kodwa angaxwayi; igazi lakhe lizakuba
phezu kwakhe. Kodwa oxwayayo uzawophula umphemfumulo
wakhe. **6** Kodwa nxa umlindi ebona inkemba isiza, angavutheli
uphondo, abantu bengaxwayiswa, aluba inkemba ifika, isuse
umuntu phakathi kwabo, yena ususwa esesonweni sakhe,
kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni somlindi. **7** Wena-
ke, ndodana yomuntu, ngikubeke waba ngumlindi endlini
kalsrayeli; ngakho uzakuzwa ilizwi elivela emlonyeni wami,
ubaxwayise ngokuvela kimi. **8** Uba ngisithi komubi: Mubi,
uzakufa lokufa; uba wena ungakhulumi ukuxwayisa omubi
atshiye indlela yakhe, lowo omubi uzafela esonweni sakhe,
kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho. **9** Kodwa wena
uba umxwayisa omubi ngendlela yakhe ukuthi aphenduke kuyo;
uba engaphenduki endleleni yakhe, yena uzafela ebubini bakhe,

kodwa wena usuwophule umphefumulo wakho. **10** Ngakho, wena ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuyo indlu kalsrayeli: Likhuluma ngokunjalo lisithi: Ngoba iziphambeko zethu lezono zethu ziphezu kwethu, thina sicikizeke sikuzo, pho, sizaphila njani?

11 Tshono kubo: Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili kangithokozi ngokufa komubi, kodwa ngokuthi omubi aphenduke endleleni yakhe aphile. Phendukani, phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi; ngoba lizafelani, lina ndlu kalsrayeli? **12** Wenake, ndodana yomuntu, tshono ebantwaneni babantu bakiniuthi: Ukulunga kolungileyo kakuyikumophula ngosuku lwasiphambeko sakhe; mayelana lenkohlkalo yokhohlakeleyo, kayikuwa ngayo ngosuku azaphenduka ngalo enkohlkalweni yakhe; lolungileyo kayikuba lakho ukuphila ngokulunga kwakhe ngosuku ona ngalo. **13** Lapho ngizakutsho kolungileyo ukuthi uzaphila isibili; uba yena ethembela ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, konke ukulunga kwakhe kakuyikukhunjulwa; kodwa ngenxa yobubi bakhe abenzileyo, uzabufela. **14** Futhi uba ngisitsho kokhohlakeleyo ukuthi: Uzakufa lokufa; uba ephenduka esonweni sakhe, enze isahlulelo lokulungileyo, **15** okhohlakeleyo ebuyisela isibambiso, abhadale impango, ahambe ngezimiso zempilo, ukuthi angenzi isiphambeko, uzaphila isibili, kayikufa. **16** Kakukho lasinye sezonzo zakhe azenzileyo esizakhunjulwa kuye; wenzile isahlulelo lokulungileyo; uzaphila isibili. **17** Kodwa abantwana babantu bakini bathi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani; kanti ngeyabo indlela engalinganiyo. **18** Nxa olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, uzakufa ngenxa yaso. **19** Kodwa uba okhohlakeleyo ephenduka kunkohlkalo yakhe, enze isahlulelo lokulungileyo, yena uzaphila ngakho. **20** Kanti lithi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Wena ndlu kalsrayeli, ngizalahlulela, ngulowo lalowo

njengendlela zakhe. **21** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokuthunjwa kwethu, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, owayephunyukile eJerusalema wafika kimi esithi: Umuzi usutshayiwe. **22** Kwathi isandla seNkosi saba phezu kwami kusihlwa, ophunyukileyo engakafiki, savula umlomo wami, waze wafika kimi ekuseni. Ngokunjalo umlomo wami wavuleka, kangabe ngisaba yisimungulu. **23** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi, lisithi: **24** Ndodana yomuntu, abahlali balawomanxiwa elizwe lakolsrayeli bakhuluma besithi: UAbrahama wayemunye, wadla ilifa lelizwe; kodwa thina sibanengi; ilizwe silinikiwe ukuba yilifa. **25** Ngakho tshono kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lidla okulegazi, liphakamisele amehlo enu ezithombeni zenu, lichithe igazi; kambe lizakudla ilifa lelizwe yini? **26** Lima phezu kwenkemba yenu, lenze isinengiso, lingcolise, ngulowo lalowo umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe; kambe lizakudla ilifa lelizwe yini? **27** Tshono njalo kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuphila kwami, isibili labo abasemanxiwi bazakuwa ngenkemba; lalowo osegcekeni ngizamnikela ezilweni ukuthi zimudle, lalabo abasezingabeni labasezimbawini bazakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo. **28** Ngoba ngizalenza ilizwe libe lunxiwa lencithakalo, lokuziqhenya kwamandla alo kuzaphela, lezintaba zakolsrayeli zibe yinkangala, ukuze kungabi khona odlulayo. **29** Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho sengenze ilizwe laba yinkangala lesesabiso ngenxa yawo wonke amanyala abo abawenzileyo. **30** Wenake, ndodana yomuntu, abantwana babantu bakini basakhuluma ngawe ngasemidulwini laseminyango yezindlu, njalo omunye ekhuluma komunye, ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo, besithi: Wozani, ngiyacela, lizwe ukuthi yilizwi bani eliphuma eNkosini. **31** Njalo bayeza kuwe njengokuza kwabantu, bahlale phambi kwakho

njengabantu bami, bezwe amazwi akho, kodwa bangawenzi; ngoba ngomlomo wabo babonakalisa uthando olukhulu, kodwa inhliyo yabo ilandela inzuzo yabo embi. **32** Khangela-ke, kubo unjengengoma ethandekayo, ilizwi eliminandi, lowazi kuhle ukutshaya ichacho; ngoba besizwa amazwi akho kodwa bengawenzi. **33** Kodwa ekufikeni kwalokhu (khangela, kuzafika), khona bazakwazi ukuthi bekukhona umprofethi phakathi kwabo.

34 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene labelusi bakolsrayeli, profetha uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kubelusi: Maye kubelusi bakolsrayeli abazelusayo bona! Abelusi bebengayikuzelusa izimvu yini? **3** Lidla amanono, lizigqokise ngoboya, lihlabe ezinonileyo, umhlambi kaliwelusi. **4** Ezibuthakathaka kaliziqinisanga, lezigulayo kalizelaphanga, lezephukileyo kalizibophanga, lebezixotshiwe kalizibuyisanga, lebezilahlekile kalizidinganga; kodwa ngamandla langesihluku lizibusile. **5** Ngokunjalo zahlakazeka ngoba kungelamelusi; zaba yikudla kuzo zonke izilo zeganga, lapho zihlakazekile. **6** Izimvu zami zazulazula kuzo zonke izintaba, laphezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo; yebo umhlambi wami wawuhlakazeke phezu kobuso bonke bomhlaba, njalo kungekho ozidingayo, kungekho ozibhudulayo. **7** Ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. **8** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili, ngoba umhlambi wami usube yimpango, lomhlambi wami usube yikudla kwaso sonke isilo seganga, ngoba kungelamelusi, labelusi bami bengazidinganga izimvu zami, kodwa abelusi bezelusile bona, bengazelusanga izimvu zami; **9** ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. **10** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane labelusi, ngizabiza umhlambi wami esandleni sabo, ngibenze bayekele ukwelusa

umhlambi, ukuthi abelusi bangabuyi babeluse bona; ngiwophule umhlambi wami emlonyeni wabo, ukuze ungabi yikudla kwabo.

11 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, mina, ngitsho mina ngizafuna izimvu zami, ngizidinge. **12** Njengomalusi edinga umhlambi wakhe ngosuku ephakathi kwezimvu zakhe ezihlakazekileyo, ngokunjalo ngizadinga izimvu zami, ngizophule kuzo zonke izindawo lapho ezihlakazekele khona ngosuku lweyezi lolomnyama. **13** Ngizazikhupha ebantwini, ngizibuthe emazweni, ngizise elizweni lazo, ngizeluse phezu kwezintaba zakolsrayeli ngasemifuleni lakuzo zonke indawo zokuhlala zelizwe. **14** Ngizazelusa edlelweni elivundileyo, lesibaya sazo sizakuba sezintabeni eziphakemeyo zakolsrayeli. Zizalala lapho esibayeni esihle, zidle edlelweni elihle ezintabeni zakolsrayeli.

15 Mina ngizawelusa umhlambi wami, mina ngiwulalise phansi, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **16** Ngizadinga ezilahlekileyo, ngibuyise ezixotshiwego, ngibophe ezephukileyo, ngiqinise ezigulayo; kodwa ezinonileyo leziqinileyo ngizazibhubhisa, ngizeluse ngesahlulelo. **17** Lina-ke, mhlambi wami, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwemu lemvu, phakathi kwezingama lezimpongo. **18** Kuyinto encane kini yini ukuthi lidle edlelweni elihle, linyathelele phansi ngenyawo zenu insali yamadlelo enu, lokuthi linathe amanzi acengekileyo, kodwa lidunge aseleyo ngenyawo zenu? **19** Kodwa umhlambi wami udla lokhu elikunyathethle ngenyawo zenu, wanatha lokho elikudunge ngenyawo zenu. **20** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuzo: Khangelani, mina, ngitsho mina ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezinonileyo lezimvu ezicakileyo. **21** Ngoba lisunduza ngomhlubulo langehlombe, lihlabe zonke ezigulayo ngezimpondo zenu, lize lizihlakazele ngaphandle; **22** ngakho

ngizasindisa umhlambi wami, njalo kawusayikuba yimpango; ngahlulele phakathi kwemu lemu. **23** Ngimise umelusi oyedwa phezu kwazo, azeluse, inceku yami uDavida; yena uzazelusa, yena abe ngumelusi wazo. **24** Mina-ke Nkosi ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wazo, lenceku yami uDavida ibe yisiphathamandla phakathi kwazo. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. **25** Njalo ngizakwenza lazo isivumelwano sokuthula, ngenze izilo ezimbi ziphele elizweni; njalo zizahlala zivikelekile enkangala, zilale emahlathini. **26** Futhi ngizakwenza zona lezindawo ezihanqe uqaqa lwami kube yisibusiso; ngenze umkhizo wehle ngesikhathi sawo, kuzakuba lemikhizo yesibusiso. **27** Lesihlahla sasendle sizathela izithelo zaso, lomhlaba uveze isivuno sawo; njalo zizakuba ngezivikelekileyo elizweni lazo, zazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, nxa sengephule izikeyi zejogwe lazo, ngizophule esandleni salabo abazisebenzisayo. **28** Njalo kazisayikuba yimpango yabezizwe, njalo izilo zelizwe kazisayikuzidla; kodwa zizahlala zivikelekile, njalo kakukho okungazethusa. **29** Njalo ngizazivusela isilimo esilebizo njalo kazisayikususwa yndlala elizweni, kazisayikuthwala ihlazo labezizwe. **30** Ngalokho zizakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi, uNkulunkulu wazo, ngilazo, lokuthi zona, indlu kalsrayeli, zingabantu bami, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **31** Lina-ke, mhlambi wami, mhlambi wedlelo lami, lingabantu; mina nginguNkulunkulu wenu, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

35 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene lentaba iSeyiri, uprofethe umelene layo, **3** uthi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena ntaba yeSeyiri, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami simelene lawe, ngikwenze ube lunxiwa lencithakalo. **4** Ngizakwenza imizi yakho ibe lunxiwa, wena-ke ube yincithakalo; njalo uzakwazi

ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **5** Ngoba waba lenzondo engapheliyo, wathululela abantwana bakolsrayeli emandleni enkemba ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo, ngesikhathi sesiphambeko sokuphela; **6** ngakho, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili ngizakulungiselela igazi, legazi lizakuzingela; ngoba ungalizondanga igazi, igazi lizakuzingela. **7** Njalo ngizakwenza intaba yeSeyiri ibe yincithakalo lonxiwa, ngiqume kiyo odlulayo lophendukayo. **8** Ngigcwaliye intaba zayo ngababuleweyo bayo; amaqaqa akho, lezihotsha zakho, layo yonke imifula yakho, ababuleweyo ngenkemba bazakuwa kukho. **9** Ngizakwenza ube ngamanxiwa aphakade, lemizi yakho kayiyikuhlalwa; khona uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **10** Ngoba uthi: Lezizizwe ezimbili lala amazwe amabili kuzakuba ngokwami, sidle ilifa lakho; lanxa iNkosi ibikhona lapho; **11** ngakho, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lami ngizakwenza ngokolaka lwakho lanjengokomhawu wakho owakusebenzisayo ngenzondo yakho umelene labo; ngizenze ngaziwe phakathi kwabo, lapho sengikwahlulele. **12** Khona uzakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi ngizwile zonke izithuko zakho owazikhulumu umelene lezintaba zakolsrayeli usithi: Zichithekile, sizinikiwe zibe yikudla. **13** Ngokunjalo lizikhulisile limelene lami ngomlomo wenu, landisa amazwi enu limelene lami; mina ngizwile. **14** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Njengokwentokozo yelizwe lonke, ngizakwenza ube yincithakalo. **15** Njengoba lathokoza ngelifa lendlu kalsrayeli ngenxa yokuthi lichitheka, ngokunjalo ngizakwenza kuwe; uzakuba yincithakalo, wena ntaba yeSeyiri, leEdoma yonke, yona yonke. Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

36 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, profetha kuzo izintaba zakolsrayeli, uthi: Lina zintaba zakolsrayeli, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi.

2 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba isitha sitshilo simelene lani:
Aha, ngitsho izindawo zasendulo eziphakemeyo ziylifa lethu; **3**
ngakho profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba, yebo,
ngoba bakwenze incithakalo, baliginya inhlangothi zonke, ukuze
libe yilifa kuyo insali yabezizwe, liphakanyiswa endebeni zolimi,
laba lunyeyo lwabantu; **4** ngakho, lina zintaba zakolsrayeli,
zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova
ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, emifuleni, lezihotsheni, lemanxiweni
achithekileyo, lemizini etshiyiwego, esibe yimpango lenhlekisa
kunsali yezizwe ezizingelezeleyo. **5** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Isibili ngomlilo wobukhwele bami sengikhulume
ngimelene lensali yabezizwe, ngimelene leEdoma yonke,
abazinikele ilizwe lami ukuthi libe yilifa ngentokozo yenhлизиyo
yonke, ngengqondo yokudelela, ngenxa yokuliphosa libe
yimpango. **6** Ngakho profetha ngelizwe lakolsrayeli, uthi
ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, emifuleni, lezihotsheni: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Khangela, ngikhulumile ebukhweleni bami lelakeni
lwami, ngoba lithwele ihlazo lezizwe. **7** Ngakho itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Mina ngiphakamisile isandla sami. Isibili izizwe
ezilihanqileyo, yizo ezizathwala ihlazo lazo. **8** Kodwa lina,
zintaba zakolsrayeli, lizaveza ingatsha zenu, lithele isithelo senu
kubantu bami ulsrayeli, ngoba basondela ukubuya. **9** Ngoba,
khangelani, ngilani, ngiphendukele ngakini, njalo lizalinywa
lihlanyelwe. **10** Njalo ngizakwandisa abantu phezu kwenu,
yonke indlu kalsrayeli, yona yonke; lemizi izahlalwa, lamanxiwa
azakwakhiwa. **11** Njalo ngizakwandisa phezu kwenu umuntu
lenyamazana, njalo kuzakwanda kuthele izithelo; ngilenze
lihlale njengasezindaweni zenu zendulo, ngikwenze kube
kuhle kulezikkhathi zenu zokuqala. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi

ngiyiNkosi. **12** Yebo ngizakwenza abantu bahambe phezu kwenu, abantu bami ulsrayeli; badle ilifa lakho, wena ube yilifa labo, kawusayikubenza bafelwe ngabantwana futhi. **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba bathi kini: Wena ungu mudli wabantu, wenze izizwe zakho zifelwe ngabantwana. **14** Ngakho kawusayikudla abantu, kawusayikukhubekisa izizwe zakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **15** Njalo kangisayikuzwakalisa kuwe ihlazo lezizwe, kawusayikuthwala inhloni zabantu, kawusayikukhubekisa izizwe, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **16** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **17** Ndodana yomuntu, abendlu kalsrayeli besahlala elizweni lakibo, balingcolisa ngendlela yabo langezenzo zabo; indlela yabo phambi kwami yayifanana lokungcola kowesifazana osemfuleni. **18** Ngakho ngathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngenxa yegazi ababelichithe elizweni, langenxa yezithombe zabo ababelingcolise ngazo. **19** Ngasengibahlakaza phakathi kwezizwe, basabalaliswa phakathi kwamazwe; ngabahlulela njengokwendlela yabo lanjengokwezenzo zabo. **20** Lapho befika kwabezizwe, lapho abaya khona, bangcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, lapho kwathiwa ngabo: Laba ngabantu beNkosi, baphume elizweni layo. **21** Kodwa ngalihawukela ibizo lami elingcwele, indlu kalsrayeli eyayilingcolise phakathi kwezizwe, lapho abaya khona. **22** Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kalsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kangikwenzi ngenxa yenu, lina ndlu kalsrayeli, kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami elingcwele, elilingcolisileyo phakathi kwezizwe, lapho elaya khona. **23** Njalo ngizangcwelisa ibizo lami elikhulu, elingcoliswe phakathi kwezizwe, elilingcolisileyo phakathi kwazo; lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho ngizangcwelisa kini emehlweni abo. **24** Ngoba ngizalithatha ezizweni, ngilibuthe emazweni wonke, ngililetthe

elizweni lenu. **25** Khona ngizafafaza amanzi ahlambulukileyo phezu kwenu, lihlambuluke; kukho konke ukungcola kwenu, lakuzo zonke izithombe zenu, ngizalihlambulula. **26** Ngilinike inhliyo entsha, ngifake umoya omutsha phakathi kwenu, ngisuse inhliyo yelitshe enyameni yenu, ngilinike inhliyo yenyma. **27** Ngifake uMoya wami phakathi kwenu, ngilenze ukuthi lihambe ngezimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zami lizenze. **28** Lizahlala-ke elizweni engalinika oyihlo, libe ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. **29** Njalo ngizalisindisa kukho konke ukungcola kwenu; ngibize amabele, ngiwandise, ngingabeki ndlala phezu kwenu. **30** Ngandise isithelo sesihlahla, lesivuno sensimu, ukuze lingaphindi lemukele ihlazo lendlala phakathi kwezizwe. **31** Khona lizakhumbula izindlela zenu ezimbi lezenzo zenu ezingalunganga; linengeke ngani ngokwenu ngobubi benu langenxa yezinengiso zenu. **32** Kangikwenzi ngenxa yenu, itsho iNkosi uJehova; kakwaziwe kini. Banini lenhloni libe lehlazo ngenxa yezindlela zenu, lina ndlu kalsrayeli. **33** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Mhla ngilihlambulula kubo bonke ububi benu, ngizakwenza imizi ihlalwe, lamanxiwa akihiwe. **34** Lelizwe elichithekileyo lizalinywa, endaweni yokuthi beliyinkangala emehlwani abo bonke abadlulayo. **35** Njalo bazakuthi: Lelilizwe ebeselichithekile selinjengesivande seEdeni; lemizi eyinkangala lengamanxiwa lediliziweyo isibiyelwe yahlalwa. **36** Khona izizwe ezisele zilizingelezele zizakwazi ukuthi mina iNkosi ngakha indawo ezidiliziweyo, ngihlanyele ezichithekileyo. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, ngizakwenza. **37** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Langalokhu ngizacelwa yindlu kalsrayeli, ukuthi ngiyenzele khona; ngizabandisa ngabantu njengomhlambi. **38** Njengomhlambi ongcwele, njengomhlambi weJerusalema

emikhosini yawo emisiweyo, ngokunjalo imizi echithekileyo izagcwala ngemihlambi yabantu. Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

37 Isandla seNkosi sasiphezu kwami, sangikhupha ngoMoya weNkosi, sangibeka phakathi kwsihotsha esasigcwele amathambo. **2** Yangidlulisa kuwo ngibhoda inhlangothi zonke; khangela-ke, ayemanengi kakhulu ebusweni besihotsha, njalo khangela, ayomile kakhulu. **3** Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, amathambo la angaphila yini? Ngasengjisithi: Nkosi Jehova, nguwe owaziyo. **4** Yasisithi kimi: Profetha phezu kwalamathambo, uthi kiwo: Lina mathambo omileyo, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. **5** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kula amathambo: Khangelani, ngizakwenza umoya ungene kini, liphile. **6** Ngibeke imisipha phezu kwenu, ngivuselele inyama phezu kwenu, ngilembese ngesikhumba, ngifake umoya kini, liphile. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **7** Ngasengiprofetha njengokulaywa kwami; kwasekusiba lomsindo ngisaprofetha, khangela-ke ukunyikinyeka, amathambo asesondelelana, ithambo kuthambo lalo. **8** Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, kwakulemisipha phezu kwawo, yavela inyama, lesikhumba sawasibekela ngaphezulu; kodwa kwakungelamoya kiwo. **9** Yasisithi kimi: Profetha emoyeni, profetha ndodana yomuntu, uthi emoyeni: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Woza uvela emimoyeni emine, wena moya, uphefumulele kulaba ababuleweyo ukuze baphile. **10** Ngasengiprofetha njengalokho yayingilayile; umoya wasungena kiwo, aphila, ema ngenyawo zawo, ibutho elikhulu kakhlukazi. **11** Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, la amathambo ayindlu yonke kalsrayeli. Khangela, bathi: Amathambo ethu omile, lethembala lethu libhubhile, siqunyiwe ngokwethu. **12** Ngakho

profetha uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani, ngizavula amangcwaba enu, ngilikhuphule emangcwabeni enu, lina bantu bami, ngilise elizweni lakolsrayeli. **13** Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho ngivula amangcwaba enu, ngilikhuphule emangcwabeni enu, lina bantu bami. **14** Besengifaka umoya wami kini, liphile, besengilibeka elizweni lenu; khona lizakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, ngakwenza, itsho iNkosi. **15** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **16** Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, zithathela intonga eyodwa, ubhale phezu kwayo uthi: EkaJuda, leyabantwana bakalsrayeli abangane bakhe; ubusuthatha enye intonga, ubhale phezu kwayo uthi: EkaJosefa, intonga kaEfrayimi, layo yonke indlu kalsrayeli abangane bakhe. **17** Ubusuzisondeza, enye kwenye kuwe, zibe yintonga eyodwa; njalo zizakuba ngeyodwa esandleni sakho. **18** Lalapho abantwana babantu bakini behkuluma kuwe besithi: Kawuyikusitshela yini ukuthi lezi ziyini kuwe? **19** Tshono kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizathatha intonga kaJosefa, esesandleni sikaEfrayimi, lezizwe zakolsrayeli abangane bakhe, ngizibeku kuyo, kuyo intonga kaJuda, ngizenze zibe yintonga eyodwa, zibe ngeyodwa esandleni sami. **20** Njalo izintonga obhale kizo zizakuba sesandleni sakho phambi kwamehlo abo. **21** Ubususithi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani, ngizathatha abantwana bakolsrayeli phakathi kwezizwe, abaye kizo, ngibabuthe inhlangothi zonke, ngibalethe elizweni labo; **22** ngibenze babe yiszizwe esisodwa elizweni phezu kwezintaba zakolsrayeli; njalo inkosi eyodwa izakuba yinkosi yabo bonke; njalo kabasayikuba yizizwe ezimbili, kabasayikwehlukaniswa babe yimibuso emibili futhi. **23** Kabasayikuzingcolisa ngezithombe zabo, langamanyala abo, langasiphi seziphambeko zabo; kodwa

ngizabasindisa baphume kuzo zonke indawo zabo zokuhlala, abona kizo, ngibahlambulule. Ngalokho bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. **24** Njalo inceku yami uDavida izakuba yinkosi phezu kwabo; labo bonke bazakuba lomalusi munye; futhi bazahamba kuzahlulelo zami, bagcine izimiso zami, bazenze. **25** Bahlale elizweni engalinika inceku yami uJakobe, ababehlala kulo oyihlo, yebo, bazahlala kulo, bona, labantwana babo, labantwana babantwana babo, kuze kube phakade. Futhi uDavida inceku yami uzakuba yisiphathamandla sabo kuze kube phakade. **26** Futhi ngizakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo; sizakuba yisivumelwano esilaphakade labo; ngibamise, ngibandise, ngibeke indawo yami engcwele phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade. **27** Ithabhanekele lami lalo lizakuba kubo, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, labo bazakuba ngabantu bami. **28** Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi ngenza ulsrayeli abe ngcwele, nxa indawo yami engcwele izakuba phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade.

38 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene IoGogi, ilizwe likaMagogi, isiphathamandla esiyinhloko yeMesheki leThubhali, uprofethe umelene laye, **3** uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, wena Gogi isiphathamandla esiyinhloko yeMesheki leThubhali. **4** Njalo ngizakuphendula, ngifake izingwegwe emihlathini yakho, ngikukhuphe wena lebutho lakho lonke, amabhiza labagadi bamabhiza, bonke begqoke bephelele, ixuku elikhulu elilomhawu lesihlangu, bonke bephethe izinkemba. **5** IPerisiya, iEthiophiya, lePuti ilabo; bonke belesihlangu lengowane. **6** IGomeri lamaviyo ayo wonke, indlu kaTogarima ezinhlangothini zenyakatho, lamaviyo ayo wonke; abantu

abanengi kanye lawe. **7** Lunga, uzungisele, wena lexuku lakho lonke elibuthene kuwe, ube ngumgcini wabo. **8** Emva kwensuku ezinengi uzahanjelwa; ekucineni kweminyaka uzakuza elizweni elabuyiswa enkembeni, elabuthwa ezizweni ezinengi, ngasezintabeni zakolsrayeli, ezaziyincithakalo njalonjalo. Kodwa selikhutshwe emazweni, njalo bazahlala bevikelekile bonke. **9** Khona uzakwenyuka, uze njengesiphepho, ube njengeyezi lokusibekela umhlaba, wena, lawo wonke amaviyo akho, labantu abanengi kanye lawe. **10** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku kuvele izinto enhliziyweni yakho, unakane icebo elibi, **11** uthi: Ngizakwenyukela elizweni lemizi engabiyelwanga; ngizakuya kwabalokuthula, abahlezi bevikelekile, bonke behlezi bengelamduli, bengelamgoqo lezivalo, **12** ukuphangang impango, lokubamba okubanjiveyo; ukuphendulela isandla sakho phezu kwezindawo ezingamanxiwa esezihlalwa, laphezu kwabantu ababuthwe ezizweni, abazuze izifuyo lempahla, abahlala enkabeni yelizwe. **13** IShebha, leDedani, labathengiselani beTarshishi, lazo zonke izilwane zayo ezintsha, kuzakuthi kuwe: Ufike yini ukuzaphanga impango? Ixuku lakho ulibuthanisele ukubamba okubanjiveyo yini, ukususa isiliva legolide, ukuthatha izifuyo lempahla, ukuphangang impango enkulu yini? **14** Ngakho, profetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kuGogi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngalolosuku, mhla abantu bami ulsrayeli behlezi ngokuvikeleka, kawuyikukwazi yini? **15** Khona uzakuza uvele endaweni yakho, ezinhlangothini zenyakatho, wena, labantu abanengi kanye lawe, bonke begade amabhiza, ixuku elikhulu, lebutho elilamandla. **16** Njalo uzakwenyuka umelane labantu bami ulsrayeli, njengeyezi elisibekela umhlaba. Kuzakwenzeka ekucineni kwezinsuku, ngikuse umelane lelizwe lami, ukuze

izizwe zingazi, lapho ngizangcweliswa kuwe, wena Gogi, phambi kwamehlo azo. **17** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Unguwe yini engakhulumu ngaye ensukwini zasendulo ngesandla sezinceku zami abaprofethi bakolsrayeli, abaprofetha ngalezonsuku okweminyaka eminengi ukuthi ngizakuletha umelane labo? **18** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku mhla uGogi ezakuza ukumelana lelizwe lakolsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ulaka lwami luvuke ebusweni bami. **19** Ngoba ebukhweleni bami lemlilweni wolaka lwami ngathi: Isibili ngalolosuku kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu elizweni lakolsrayeli. **20** Ukuze kuthuthumele ebukhoneni bami izinhlanzi zolwandle, lenyoni zamazulu, lenyamazana zeganga, lazo zonke izinto ezihuquzelayo, ezihuquzelu emhlabathini, labo bonke abantu abasebusweni bomhlaba, lezintaba zizawiselwa phansi, lamawa azawela phansi, lawo wonke umduli uwele emhlabathini. **21** Njalo ngizabiza inkemba imelane laye kuzo zonke izintaba zami, itslo iNkosi uJehova; inkemba yalowo lalowomuntu izamelana lomfowabo. **22** Futhi ngizamehlulela ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo langegazi; nginise phezu kwakhe, laphezu kwamaxuku akhe, laphezu kwezizwe ezinengi ezilaye, izulu elikhukhulayo, lamatshe esiqhotho, umlilo, lesolufa. **23** Ngalokho ngizazikhulisa ngizingcwelise, ngaziwe phambi kwamehlo ezizwe ezinengi; khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

39 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene loGogi, uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena Gogi, siphathamandla esiyinhloko seMesheki leThubhali. **2** Ngizakutshibilika, ngitshiye ingxenye yesithupha, ngikwenze wenyuke uvela emaceleni enyakatho, ngikulethe phezu kwezintaba zakolsrayeli. **3** Besengitshaya idandili lakho lisuke esandleni sakho sokhohlo, ngenze imitshoko yakho iwe

esandleni sakho sokunene. **4** Uzawela phezu kwezintaba zakolsrayeli, wena, lamaviyo akho wonke, labantu abalawe. Ngizakunikela enyonini ezidla inyama, enyonini zalo lonke uphiko, lakuzilo zeganga, ube yikudla. **5** Uzawela ebusweni bomhlaba, ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itslo iNkosi uJehova. **6** Njalo ngizathumela umlilo kuMagogi, laphakathi kwabahlala ngokonwaba ezhilengeni. Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **7** Njalo ngizakwenza ukuthi ibizo lami elingcwele laziwe phakathi kwabantu bami ulsrayeli; kangisayikungcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele; lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, oyiNgcwele kolsrayeli. **8** Khangelani, sekufikile sekwenzakele, itslo iNkosi uJehova; yilo lolusuku engakhuluma ngalo. **9** Labahlali bemizi yakolsrayeli bazaphuma, batshise baphembe umlilo ngezikhali, lezhilangu ezinkulu lamahawu, ngamadandili, langemitshoko, langezinduku zesandla, langemikhonto, baphembe umlilo ngakho iminyaka eyisikhombisa; **10** ukuze bangathezi izinkuni egangeni, bangagamuli emaguswini; ngoba bazaphemba umlilo ngezikhali; baphange labo ababaphangayo, bemuke ababemukayo, itslo iNkosi uJehova. **11** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, ngiphe uGogi lapho indawo yengcwaba kolsrayeli, isihotsha sabadluli empumalanga kolwandle, esizavimbela abadluli. Lalapho bazangcwaba uGogi lexuku lakhe lonke; basibize ngokuthi yisiHotsha sexuku likaGogi. **12** Njalo indlu yakolsrayeli izabangcwaba, ukuze bahlambulule ilizwe, okwenyanga eziyisikhombisa. **13** Yebo bonke abantu belizwe bazabangcwaba, kube libizo kubo ngosuku engizadunyisa ngalo, itslo iNkosi uJehova. **14** Njalo bazakwehlukanisa amadoda ahlezi edabula phakathi kwelizwe ukuyangcwaba, labedlulayo, labo abaseleyo ebusweni belizwe, ukuze balihlambulule. Ekupheleni kwenyanga eziyisikhombisa

bazahlola. **15** Labedlulayo bazadlula phakathi kwelizwe, lapho bebona ithambo lomuntu, uzawkwakha isibonakaliso phansi kwalo, baze abangcwabi balingcwabe esihotsheni sexuku likaGogi. **16** Futhi lebizo lomuzi lizakuba yiHamona. Ngokunjalo bazahlambulula ilizwe. **17** Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Tshono enyonini yalo lonke uphiko, lakuyo yonke inyamazana yeganga: Zihlanganiseni, lize, libuthane livele inhlangothi zonke kumhlatshelo wami engiuhlabele lina, umhlatshelo omkhulu phezu kwezintaba zakolsrayeli, ukuze lidle inyama linathe igazi. **18** Lizakudla inyama yamaqhawe, linathe igazi leziphathamandla zomhlaba, elezingama, elamawundlu, lelezimbuzi, elamajongosi, konke kungokunoniswego kweBashani. **19** Njalo lizakudla amafutha lize lisuthe, linathe igazi lize lidakwe, ngomhlatshelo wami engilihlabele wona. **20** Ngokunjalo lizasutha etafuleni lami ngamabhiza lezingola, ngamaqhawe, langawo wonke amadoda empi, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **21** Njalo ngizamisa inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe; lezizwe zonke zizabona isahlulelo sami engisenzileyo, lesandla sami engisibeke phezu kwabo. **22** Ngokunjalo abendlu kalsrayeli bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo kusukela ngalolosuku kusiya phambili. **23** Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi abendlu kalsrayeli bathunjwa ngenxa yobubi bayo; ngenxa yokuthi baphambuka bemelene lami ngakho ngafihla ubuso bami kubo, ngabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo; ngokunjalo bonke bawa ngenkemba. **24** Ngabaphatha njengokungcola kwabo lanjengokweziphambeko zabo, ngafihla ubuso bami kubo. **25** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khathesi ngizabuyisa abathunjwa bakaJakobe, ngibe lesihawu phezu kwayo yonke indlu kalsrayeli, ngibe lobukhwele ngebizo

lami elingcwele. **26** Sebethwele ihlazo labo, laso sonke isiphambeko sabo abaphambeke ngaso bemelene lami, lapho bahlala bevikelekile elizweni labo, engekho obethusayo. **27** Sengibabuyisile bevela ebantwini, ngabaqoqa bevela emazweni ezitha zabo, ngangcweliswa kubo emehlwani ezizwe ezinengi. **28** Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, engenza ukuthi bakhokhelelwe ekuthunjweni phakathi kwezizwe; kodwa ngizabaqoqela elizweni lakibo, kangisayikutshiya lamunye wabo khona. **29** Njalo kangisayikufihla ubuso bami kubo, ngoba ngithululele umoya wami phezu kwendlu kalsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

40 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lanhlanu wokuthunjwa kwethu, ekuqualiseni komnyaka, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka wetshumi lane emva kokuthi umuzi usutshayiwe, ngalona lolosuku isandla seNkosi saba phezu kwami, wangiletha lapho. **2** Ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa elizweni lakolsrayeli, wangibeka phezu kwentaba ende kakhulu; njalo eceleni kwayo kwakulokunjengesakhiwo somuzi ngaseningizimu. **3** Wasengiletha khona, khangela-ke, kwakulomuntu osimo sakhe sasinjengesimo sethusi, elentambo yefilakisi esandleni sakhe, lomhlanga wokulinganisa; wema-ke esangweni. **4** Lowomuntu wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, bona ngamehlo akho, uzwe ngendlebe zakho, ubeke inhlizyo yakho phezu kwakho konke engizakutshengisa khona; ngoba ulethwe lapha ukuze ngikutshengise khona. Landisa konke okubonayo kuyo indlu yakolsrayeli. **5** Khangela-ke, kwakulomduli ngaphandle kwendlu ozingelezeleyo inhlangothi zonke, lesandleni somuntu kwakulomhlanga wokulinganisa wezingalo eziyisithupha, ngengalo lobubanzi besandla. Waselinganisa ububanzi

besakhiwo, baba ngumhlanga owodwa, lokuphakama, kwaba ngumhlanga owodwa. **6** Wasesiza esangweni elikhangele indlela yempumalanga, wakhwela ngezinyathelo zalo, walinganisa umbundu wesango, ububanzi baba ngumhlanga owodwa, lomunye umbundu, ububanzi baba ngumhlanga owodwa. **7** Njalo yilelo lalelokamelo, ubude baba ngumhlanga owodwa, lobubanzi baba ngumhlanga owodwa; laphakathi kwamakamelo kwaba yizingalo ezinhlanu; lombundu wesango ngasekhulusini lesango ngaphakathi waba ngumhlanga owodwa. **8** Walinganisa lekhulusi lesango ngaphakathi, laba ngumhlanga owodwa. **9** Waselinganisa ikhulusi lesango, laba yizingalo eziyisificaminwembili; lemigubazi yawo, yaba zingalo ezimbili; lekhulusi lesango lalingaphakathi. **10** Lamakamelo esango ngendlela yempumalanga ayemathathu ngapha lamathathu ngapha; njalo womathathu ayelesilinganiso sinye; lemigubazi yayilesilinganiso sinye ngapha langapha. **11** Waselinganisa ububanzi bentuba yesango, baba yizingalo ezilitshumi; ubude besango, baba yizingalo ezilitshumi lantathu. **12** Lomkhawulo phambi kwamakamelo wawuyingalo eyodwa ngapha, lomkhawulo wengalo eyodwa ngapha; lekamelo laliyizingalo eziyisithupha ngapha, lezingalo eziyisithupha ngapha. **13** Waselinganisa isango kusukela ephahleni lwelinje ikamelo kusiya ephahleni lwelinje; ububanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, umnyango phambi komnyango. **14** Wenza futhi imigubazi yaba zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, ngitsho kuze kube semgubazini weguma inhlangothi zonke zesango zizingelezele. **15** Njalo kusukela ebusweni besango lokungena kuze kube sebusweni bekhulusi lesango elingaphakathi kwaba zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **16** Futhi kwakulamawindi avaliweyo emakamelweni, lasemigubazini yawo ngaphakathi

kwesango inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo; langokunjalo amakhulusi; lamawindi inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo ngaphakathi; laphezu kwemigubazi kwakulezihlahla zelala.

17 Wasengingenisa egumeni elingaphandle, khangela-ke, kwakulamakamelo, lendawo egandelweyo eyenzelwe iguma inhlangothi zonke ezingelegeleyo; kwakulamakamelo angamatshumi amathathu phezu kwendawo egandelweyo.

18 Lendawo egandelweyo yayingasemasangweni maqondana lobude bamasango; kwakuyindawo egandelweyo engaphansi.

19 Waselinganisa ububanzi, kusukela ngaphambi kwesango elingaphansi kusiya ngaphambi kweguma elingaphakathi ngaphandle, kwaba yizingalo ezilikhulu, ngasempumalanga langasenyakatho. **20** Lesango elikhangele indlela yenakatho, kulo iguma elingaphandle, walinganisa ubude balo lobubanzi balo. **21** Lamakamelo alo ayemathathu ngapha, njalo emathathu ngapha; lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango lokuqala. Ubude balo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **22** Lamawindi alo lamakhulusi alo lezihlahla zalo zelala kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga. Njalo benyukela kilo ngezinyathelo eziyisikhombisa; lamakhulusi alo ayephambi kwakho. **23** Lesango leguma elingaphakathi lalimaqondana lesango elingasenyakatho langasempumalanga. Waselinganisa kusukela esangweni kusiya esangweni, kwaba zingalo ezilikhulu. **24** Emva kwalokho wangiletha ngendlela yeningizimu, khangela-ke, kwakukhona isango ngasendleleni yeningizimu; waselinganisa imigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo njengokwalezizilinganiso. **25** Kwakukhona amawindi kilo lakuwo amakhulusi alo azingelezeleyo

inhlangothi zonke, njengalawomawindi. Ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **26** Kwakukhona izinyathelo eziyisikhombisa zokwenyukela kilo, lamakhulusi alo ayephambi kwazo; njalo lalilezihlahla zelala, esinye ngapha, lesinye ngapha, phezu kwemigubazi yalo. **27** Kwakukhona isango egumeni elingaphakathi ngendlela yeningizimu; waselinganisa kusukela esangweni kusiya esangweni ngendlela yeningizimu, kwaba zingalo ezilikhulu. **28** Wasengiletha egumeni elingaphakathi ngesango leningizimu, walinganisa isango leningizimu njengokwezilinganiso lezi. **29** Lamakamelo alo lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo kwakunjengokwezilinganiso lezi. Njalo kwakukhona amawindi kilo lakuwo amakhulusi alo inhlangothi zonke azingezeleyo. Lobude babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **30** Kwakulamakhulusi azingezeleyo inhlangothi zonke; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezinhlanu. **31** Lamakhulusi alo aba ngasegumeni elingaphandle, lezihlahla zelala zaziphezu kwemigubazi yalo, lokwenyukela kilo kwakulezinyathelo eziyisificaminwembili. **32** Wasengiletha egumeni elingaphakathi ngasendleleni yempumalanga; walinganisa isango njengokwezilinganiso lezi. **33** Lamakamelo alo lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo kwakunjengokwezilinganiso lezi; kwakukhona amawindi kilo lakuwo amakhulusi alo inhlangothi zonke kuzingezele. Ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **34** Lamakhulusi alo ayengasegumeni elingaphandle; lezihlahla zelala zazisemigubazini yalo, ngapha langapha; lokwenyukela

kilo kwakulezinyathelo eziyisificaminwembili. **35** Wasengisa esangweni elingenyakatho, walinganisa njengezilinganiso lezi. **36** Amakamelo alo, imigubazi yalo, lamakhulusi alo, lamawindi ayekulo inhlangothi zonke azingezeleyo; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **37** Lemigubazi yalo yayingasegumeni elingaphandle, lezihlahla zelala zazisemigubazini yalo, ngapha langapha; lokwenyukela kilo kwakulezinyathelo eziyisificaminwembili. **38** Njalo amakamelo lemnyango yalo kwakungasemigubazini yamasango; lapho babegezisela umnikelo wokutshiswa. **39** Lekhulusini lesango kwakukhona amatafula amabili ngapha, lamatafula amabili ngapha, ukuhlabela phezu kwawo umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono lomnikelo wecala. **40** Laseceleni ngaphandle ekwenyukeleni kuso isivalo sesango lenyakatho kwakulamatafula amabili, laseceleni elinye elingasekhulusini lesango kwakulamatafula amabili. **41** Amatafula amane ngapha, lamatafula amane ngapha, ngaseceleni kwesango; amatafula aysisificaminwembili, ababehlabela phezu kwawo. **42** Lamatafula amane omnikeloo wokutshiswa awamatshe abaziweyo; ubude babuyingalo eyodwa lengxenye, lobubanzi babuyingalo eyodwa lengxenye, lokuphakama kwakuyingalo eyodwa. Phezu kwawo babeka izikhali abahlaba ngazo umnikelo wokutshiswa lomhlatshelo. **43** Kwakulezingwegwe, eziyibubanzi besandla sinye, zimisiwe ngaphakathi inhlangothi zonke ezizingezeleyo; laphezu kwamatafula kwakulenyama yomnikelo. **44** Langaphandle kwesango elingaphakathi kwakulamakamelo abahlabeleli egumeni elingaphakathi, elaliseceleni kwesango elisenyakatho, lokukhangela kwalo kusendleleni yeningizimu; elilodwa liseceleni

kwesango eliseningizimu, likhangela ngasendleleni yenyakatho.

45 Wasesithi kimi: Lelikamelo okukhangela kwalo kusendleleni yeningizimu, lingelabapristi, abagcina umlindo wendlu. **46** Lekamelo okukhangela kwalo kusendleleni yenyakatho lingelabapristi, abagcina umlindo welathi. La ngamadodana kaZadoki phakathi kwamadodana kaLevi, asondela eNkosini ukuyikhonza. **47** Waselinganisa iguma; ubude baba zingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi baba zingalo ezilikhulu, lilingene inhlangothi zozine; lelathi laliphambi kwendlu. **48** Wasengiletha ekhulusini lendlu, walinganisa umgubazi wekhulusi, izingalo ezinhlanu ngapha lezingalo ezinhlanu ngapha, lobubanzi besango, izingalo ezintathu ngapha, lezingalo ezintathu ngapha. **49** Ubude behulusi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi buzingalo ezilitshumi lanye; wasengiletha ngezinyathelo abenyukela kulo ngazo; futhi kwakulezinsika ngasemigubazini, enye ngapha, lenye ngapha.

41 Wasengingenisa ethempelini, walinganisa imigubazi, ububanzi babuyizingalo eziyisithupha ngapha, lobubanzi buyizingalo eziyisithupha langapha, ububanzi bethente. **2** Lobubanzi bomnyango babuzingalo ezilitshumi; lamacele omnyango ayezingalo ezinhlanu kulolu uhlangothi, lezingalo ezinhlanu kuloluya uhlangothi. Waselinganisa ubude balo, izingalo ezingamatshumi amane, lobubanzi, izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. **3** Wasengena ngaphakathi, walinganisa umgubazi womnyango, ingalo ezimbili; lomnyango, ingalo eziyisithupha; lobubanzi bomnyango, ingalo eziyisikhombisa. **4** Waselinganisa ubude bayo, ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; lobubanzi, ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, ngaphambi kwethempeli. Wasesithi kimi: Le yingcwele yezingcwele. **5** Waselinganisa

umduli wendlu, izingalo eziyisithupha; lobubanzi bamakamelo aseceleni, izingalo ezine, inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezele indlu inhlangothi zonke. **6** Njalo amakamelo aseceleni ayemathathu, ikamelo eliseceleni phezu kwekamelo eliseceleni, aphindwa ngamatshumi amathathu; njalo angena emdulini owawungowendlu yamakamela aseceleni inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo, ukuze abe lokubambeka, kodwa angabambeki emdulini wendlu. **7** Kwaba khona ukuqhela, lokuzingelezela kusenyuka lokwenyuka kusiya emakamelweni aseceleni; ngoba ukuzingelezela kwendlu kwaqhubeka kusenyuka inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezele indlu; ngokunjalo-ke ububanzi bendlu baba sekwenyukeni; ngakho-ke kwenyuka kusuke kweliphansi kusiya kweliphezulu ngelingaphakathi. **8** Ngabona futhi ukuphakama kwendlu inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo; izisekelo zamakamelo aseceleni zazingumhlanga ogcweleyo; ingalo kwakuyimihlanga eyisithupha. **9** Ubuqatha bomduli, owawungowekamelo eliseceleni ngaphandle, babuzingalo ezinhlanu; njalo okuseleyo kwakuyindawo yamakamelo aseceleni ayengakuyo indlu. **10** Laphakathi kwamakamelo kwakulobubanzi bengalo ezingamatshumi amabili inhlangothi zonke zendlu, inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo. **11** Lezivalo zamakamelo aseceleni zazingakukho okuseleyo, esinye isivalo ngasendleleni yenjakatho, lesinye isivalo ngaseningizimu; lobubanzi bendawo yokuseleyo babuzingalo ezinhlanu inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo. **12** Mayelana lesakhiwo esasiphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo ehlangothini ngendlela yentshonalanga, ububanzi babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa; lomduli wesakhiwo wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ngobuqatha inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo, lobude bawo babuzingalo

ezingamatshumi aysificamunwemunye. **13** Waselinganisa indlu, ubude babuyizingalo ezilikhulu; lendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, lesakhiwo, lemiduli yayo, ubude babuyizingalo ezilikhulu; **14** lobubanzi bobuso bendlu, lobendawo eyehlukanisiweyo ngasempumalanga, izingalo ezilikhulu. **15** Waselinganisa ubude besakhiwo maqondana lendawo eyehlukanisiweyo eyayingemva kwaso, lemikhandlo yaso ngapha langapha, izingalo ezilikhulu, lethempeli elingaphakathi, lamakhulusi eguma. **16** Imibundu, lamawindi avaliweyo, lemikhandlo inhlangothi zonke kokuthathu, maqondana lombundu, kwembeswe ngamapulanka azingezeleyo inhlangothi zonke, kusukela emhlabathini kusiya emawindini; amawindi-ke ayesibekelwe; **17** kuze kube phezu komnyango, kuze kube sendlini engaphakathi lengaphandle, lakuwo wonke umduli inhlangothi zonke uzingezele ngaphakathi langaphandle, ngezilinganiso. **18** Njalo kwakwenziwe ngamakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, kuze kuthi isihlahla selala sasiphakathi kwekherubhi lekherubhi; njalo yilelo lalelo ikherubhi lalilobuso obubili. **19** Kuze kuthi ubuso bomuntu babukhangelene lesihlahla selala ngapha, lobuso bebhongo lesilwane bukhangelene lesihlahla selala ngapha. Kwakwenziwe endlini yonke inhlangothi zonke ezizingezeleyo. **20** Kusukela emhlabathini kuze kube phezu komnyango kwakwenziwe amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, lasemdulini wethempeli. **21** Imigubazi yethempeli yayilingana inhlangothi zone; mayelana lobuso bendawo engcwele, isimo sobunye sasinjengesimo sobunye. **22** llathi lesigodo lalizingalo ezintathu ngokuphakama, lobude balo buzingalo ezimbili, lamagumbi alo, lobude balo, lemiduli yalo, kwakungokwezigodo. Wasesithi kimi: Leli litafula eliphambi kweNkosi. **23** Kwakulezivalo ezimbili kulo ithempeli

lakuyo indawo engcwele. **24** Njalo izivalo zazilempiko ezimbili, impiko ezimbili ezitshibilikayo; ezimbili ezesivalo esinye, lempiko ezimbili ezesinye. **25** Njalo kwenziwa kuzo, kuzo izivalo zethempeli, amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, njengokwakwenziwe emidulwini; kwakulamapulanka aqatha ebusweni behkulusi ngaphandle. **26** Kwakukhona amawindi avaliweyo lezihlahla zelala ngapha langapha, emaceleni ekhulusi lamakamelo endlu eceleni lamapulanka aqatha.

42 Wasengikhuphela egumeni elingaphandle, ngendlela ekhangele ngasenyakatho; wangiletha ekamelweni eliqondene lendawo eyehlukeneyo, njalo eliqondene lesakhiwo ngasenyakatho. **2** Phambi kobude bezingalo ezilikhulu kwakulomnyango wenyakatho; lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **3** Maqondana lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ezazingezeguma langaphakathi, lamaqondana lendawo egandelweyo eyayingeyeguma elingaphandle, kwakulomkhandlo maqondana lomkhandlo, ngezitezi ezintathu. **4** Laphambi kwamakamelo kwakulendawo yokuhamba ezingalo ezilitshumi ngobubanzi ngaphakathi, indlela eyingalo eyodwa, leminyango yawo yayingasenyakatho. **5** Amakamelo angaphezulu-ke ayemafitshane; ngoba imikhandlo yayinciphisa kuwo, kulakwaphansi lakulakwaphakathi kwesakhiwo. **6** Ngoba ayelezitezi ezintathu, kodwa zazingelazinsika njengezinsika zamaguma; ngakho-ke isakhiwo sasinciphile kulakwaphansi lakulakwaphakathi kusukela emhlabathini. **7** Lomduli owawungaphandle maqondana lamakamelo, indlela yeguma elingaphandle ngaphambi kwamakamelo, ubude bawo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **8** Ngoba ubude bamakamelo

ayesegumeni elingaphandle babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu; khangela-ke, ngaphambi kwethempeli kwakizingalo ezilikhulu. **9** Langaphansi kwalamakamelo kwakulokungena ngasempumalanga, lapho umuntu engena kuwo evela egumeni elingaphandle. **10** Amakamelo ayecebubanzini bomduli weguma, indlela yempumalanga, ngaphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, langaphambi kwesakhiwo. **11** Lendlela phambi kwawo yayinjengesimo samakamelo ayesendleleni yenyakatho, njengobude bawo, ngokunjalo njengobubanzi bawo. Lakho konke ukuphuma kwawo kwakunjengokwemikhuba yawo lanjengokweminyango yawo. **12** Lanjengokweminyango yamakamelo ayesendleleni yeningizimu kwakulomnyango esihlokweni sendlela, indlela phambi komduli oqondileyo, lapho umuntu engena indlela yempumalanga. **13** Wasesithi kimi: Amakamelo enyakatho lamakamelo eningizimu, aphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, angamakamelo angcwele, lapho abapristi abasondela eNkosini abazakudla khona izinto ezingcwelengcwele; babeke khona izinto ezingcwelengcwele, lomnikelo wokudla, lomnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wecala, ngoba indawo ingcwele. **14** Lapho abapristi bengena, kabayikuphuma endaweni engcwele baye egumeni elingaphandle, kodwa bazabeka lapho izembatho zabo abakhonza ngazo, ngoba zingcwele; bagqoke ezinye izembatho, basondele kukho okungokwabantu. **15** Eseqedile izilinganiso zendlu engaphakathi, wangikhupha ngendlela yesango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga, wayilinganisa inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo. **16** Walinganisa uhlangothi lwempumalanga ngomhlanga wokulinganisa, imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga wokulinganisa inhlangothi zonke. **17** Walinganisa

uhlangothi lwenyakatho, imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga wokulinganisa inhlangothi zonke. **18** Walinganisa uhlangothi olungeningizimu, imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga wokulinganisa. **19** Wasephendukela kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, walinganisa imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu ngomhlanga wokulinganisa. **20** Wayilinganisa ezinhlangothini zozine. Yayilomduli inhlangothi zonke uzingelezele, ubude bangamakhulu amahlanu, lobubanzi bungamakhulu amahlanu, ukwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcwele lokungangcwele.

43 Wasengiyisa esangweni, isango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga. **2** Khangela-ke, inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kalsrayeli yeza ivela ngendlela yempumalanga; lelizwi lakhe lalinjengomsindo wamanzi amanengi; lomhlaba wakhanya ngenkazimulo yakhe. **3** Futhi kwakunjengesimo sombono engangiwbонile, njengombono engangiwbоне lapho ngize ukuzachitha umuzi; lemibono yayinjengombono engangiwbоне ngasemfuleni iKebari. Ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami. **4** Inkazimulo yeNkosi yasingena endlini ngendlela yesango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga. **5** UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangingenisa egumeni elingaphakathi; khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa indlu. **6** Ngasengimuzwa ekhulumama engasendlini; futhi umuntu wayemi eceleni kwami. **7** Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, le yindawo yesihlalo sami sobukhosи, lendawo yengaphansi yenyawo zami, lapho engizahlala khona phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli kuze kube phakade; njalo indlu kalsrayeli kayisayikungcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, bona lamakhosi abo, ngobuwule babo langezidumbu zamakhosi abo endaweni zabo eziphakemeyo, **8** ekumiseni kwabo umbundu wabo embundwini wami, lomgubazi wabo eceleni komgubazi

wami, kube ngumduli nje phakathi kwami labo, futhi bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele ngamanyala abo abawenzileyo, ngakho ngibaqedile olakeni lwami. **9** Khathesi kabadedisele ubufubebe babo lezidumbu zamakhosi abo khatshana lami; khona ngizahlala phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade. **10** Wena, ndodana yomuntu, tshengisa indlu yakolsrayeli le indlu, ukuze babe lenhloni ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo; njalo kabalinganise isibonelo. **11** Uba-ke belenhloni ngakho konke abakwenzileyo, bazise isimo sendlu, lokukhangeleka kwayo, lezindawo zayo zokuphuma, lezindawo zayo zokungena, lazo zonke izimo zayo, lazo zonke izimiso zayo, yebo zonke izimo zayo, layo yonke imilayo yayo; ukubhale phambi kwamehlo abo, ukuze bagcine isimo sayo sonke, lezimiso zayo zonke, bazenze. **12** Lo ngumlayo wendlu: Phezu kwengqonga yentaba wonke umngcele wayo inhlangothi zonke ozingezeleyo uzakuba yingcwelengcwele. Khangela, lo ngumlayo wendlu. **13** Futhi lezi yizilinganiso zelathi ngezingalo, ingalo iyingalo lobubanzi besandla; lenkaba ibe yingalo, lobubanzi bube yingalo, lomngcele walo emphethweni walo inhlangothi zonke ube yikwelulwa okukodwa kweminwe. Njalo le izakuba ngumhlane welathi. **14** Njalo kusukela kusisekelo emhlabathini kuze kube semngceleni ophansi kube zingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi bube yingalo eyodwa; futhi kusukela emngceleni omncane kusiya emngceleni omkhulu kube zingalo ezine, lobubanzi bube yingalo. **15** Njalo iziko lelathi libe zingalo ezine, njalo kusukela eziko lelathi kusiya phezulu kube lezimpondo ezine. **16** Njalo iziko lelathi libe yizingalo ezilitshumi lambili ngobude, ezilitshumi lambili ngobubanzi, kulingana inhlangothi zozine ezinhlangothini zalo zozine. **17** Umngcele ube yizingalo ezilitshumi lane ngobude, lezilitshumi lane ngobubanzi, ezinhlangothini zozine

zalo; lomphetho inhlangothi zonke zalo ube yingxenyе yengalo, lenkaba yalo ibe yingalo inhlangothi zonke, lezinyathelo zalo zikhangele empumalanga. **18** Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lezi yizimiso zelathi, mhla bezalenza, ukuthi banikele umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwalo, lokuthi bafafaze igazi phezu kwalo. **19** Njalo uzanika kubapristi amaLevi abenzalo kaZadoki, abasondelayo kimi, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ukuze bangikhonze, ijongosi ithole lenkomo libe ngumnikelo wesono. **20** Uthathe okwegazi layo, ulifake ezimpondweni zozine zalo, lasemagumbini omane omngcele, laphezu komphetho ozingelezeleyo. Ngokunjalo uzalihlambulula, ulenzele inhlawulo yokuthula. **21** Futhi uzathatha ijongosi lomnikelo wesono, alitshise endaweni emisiweyo yendlu ngaphandle kwendawo engcwele. **22** Langosuku lwasibili uzasondeza izinyane lembuzi elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wesono; njalo bazahlambulula ilathi njengoba babelihlambulule ngejongosi. **23** Nxa usuqedile ukuhlambulula, uzasondeza ijongosi ithole lenkomo elingelasici, lenqama engelasici evela emhlanjini. **24** Ukusondeze phambi kweNkosi; njalo abapristi bazathela itshwayi phezu kwakho, bakunikele kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini. **25** Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzalungisa insuku zonke imbuzi yomnikelo wesono; futhi bazalungisa ijongosi ithole lenkomo, lenqama evela emhlanjini, kungelasici. **26** Insuku eziyisikhombisa bazakwenzela ilathi inhlawulo yokuthula, balihlambulule, balehlukanise. **27** Nxa seziphelile lezonsuku, kuzakuthi ngosuku lwasificaminwembili kusiya phambili, abapristi benze iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi, leminikelo yenu yokuthula; njalo ngizalemukela, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

44 Wasengibuyisela ngendlela yesango lendawo engcwele engaphandle, elikhangele ngasempumalanga, elalivalekile. 2
INkosi yasisithi kimi: Lelisango lizahlala livaliwe, kaliyikuvulwa,
kakulamuntu ozangena ngalo; ngoba iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kalsrayeli, ingene ngalo, ngakho lizakuba livalekile. 3
Libe ngelesiphathamandla; isiphathamandla, sona sizahlala
kilo, ukuthi sidle isinkwa phambi kweNkosi. Ngendlela
yekhulusi lesango sizangena, langendlela yalo sizaphuma.
4 Wasengiletha ngendlela yesango lenyakatho ngaphambi
kwendlu. Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi
yagcwala indlu yeNkosi; ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami.
5 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, beka inhliziyo
yakho, ubone ngamehlo akho, uzwe ngendlebe zakho,
konke engizakutshela khona mayelana lezimiso zonke zendlu
yeNkosi, lemilayo yayo yonke; ubeke inhliziyo yakho kuyo
indawo yokungena yendlu, lazo zonke izindawo zokuphuma
zendawo engcwele. **6** Njalo uzakuthi kubo abavukelayo, kiyo
indlu kalsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Sekwanele kini,
ngenxa yazo zonke izinengiso zenu, lina ndlu kalsrayeli.
7 Ngoba lingenisile abezizwe, abangasokanga ngenhliziyo
labangasokanga ngenyama, ukuthi babe sendaweni yami
engcwele, ukuyingcolisa, ngitsho indlu yami, lapho linikela
isinkwa sami, amafutha, legazi, futhi bephulile isivumelwano
sami ngamanyala enu wonke. **8** Njalo kaligcinanga umlindo
wezinto zami ezingcwele; kodwa lizimisele abagcini bomlindo
wami endaweni yami engcwele. **9** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Kakulamuntu wezizwe, ongasokanga enhliziweni, kumbe
ongasokanga enyameni, ozangena endaweni yami engcwele,
kuye wonke owezizwe ophakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli.

10 Kodwa amaLevi asuka aya khatshana lami, lapho ulsrayeli eduha, aduha esuka kimi elandela izithombe zawo, ngitsho azathwala isiphambeko sawo. **11** Kube kanti azakuba yizikhonzi endaweni yami engcwele, belobubonisi bamasango endlu, njalo ekhonza endlini; wona azahlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa lomhlatshelo owenzelwa abantu, wona ame phambi kwabo ukuze abakhonze. **12** Ngenxa yokuthi bebakhonze phambi kwezithombe zabo, baba yisikhukiso sesiphambeko kuyo indlu yakolsrayeli, ngalokho ngiphakamise isandla sami ngimelene labo, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ukuthi bazathwala isiphambeko sabo. **13** Njalo kabayikusondela kimi, ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi, loba basondele lakuziphi izinto zami ezingcwele, endaweni eyingcwelengcwele; kodwa bazathwala ihlazo labo, lamanya abo abawenzileyo. **14** Kodwa ngizabenza abagcini bomlindo wendlu, kuwo wonke umsebenzi wayo, lakukho konke okuzakwenziwa kiyo. **15** Kodwa abapristi abangamaLevi, amadodana kaZadoki, abagcina umlindo wendawo yami engcwele lapho abantwana bakolsrayeli beduha besuka kimi, bona bazasondela kimi ukungikhonza, beme phambi kwami ukunikela kimi amahwahwa legazi, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **16** Bona bazangena endaweni yami engcwele, bona basondele etafuleni lami ukungikhonza, bagcine umlindo wami. **17** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bengena emasangweni eguma elingaphakathi, bagqoke izembatho zelembu elicolekileyo, kodwa uboya bezimvu kabuyikuza phezu kwabo, besakhonza emasangweni eguma elingaphakathi, langaphakathi. **18** Kuzakuba lamaqhiye elembu elicolekileyo emakhanda abo, labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo babe enkalweni zabo, bangabhinci ngokuginqisayo. **19** Lalapho bephumela egumeni elingaphandle,

ngitsho egumeni elingaphandle besiya ebantwini, bazakhulula izembatho zabo abakhonza ngazo, bazibeke emakamelweni angcwele, bagqoke ezinye iziggoko, njalo kabayikungcwelisa abantu ngezembatho zabo. **20** Futhi kabayikuphuca amakhanda abo, kabayikuvumela izihluthu zenwele zikhule zibe zinde; bazagela lokugela amakhanda abo. **21** Futhi kabayikunatha iwayini, ngulowo lalowompristi, ekungeneni kwabo egumeni elingaphakathi. **22** Njalo kabayikuzithathela umfelokazi kumbe olahliwego babe ngabafazi, kodwa bazathatha izintombi ezimsulwa zenzalo yendlu yakolsrayeli, loba umfelokazi ongumfelokazi wompristi. **23** Njalo bazafundisa abantu bami umehluko phakathi kokungcwele lokungangcwele, babazise umehluko phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo. **24** Lekuphikisaneni bona bazakuma ekwahluleleni, bahlulele ngokwezahlulelo zami. Bagcine imilayo yami lezimiso zami kiyo yonke imikhosi yami emisiweyo, bangcwelise amasabatha ami. **25** Njalo kabayikuza emuntwini ofileyo ukizingcolisa; kodwa ngoyise, kumbe ngonina, kumbe ngendodana, kumbe ngendodakazi, ngomfowabo, kumbe ngodadewabo ongeyisuye wendoda, bangazingcolisa. **26** Langemva kokuhlanjululwa kwakhe bazambalela insuku eziyisikhombisa. **27** Langosuku azangena ngalo endaweni engcwele, egumeni elingaphakathi, ukuyakhonza endaweni engcwele, uzanikela umnikelo wakhe wesono, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **28** Lokhu kuzakuba yilifa kubo; ngiyilifa labo; njalo kaliyikubanika imfuyo kolsrayeli; mina ngiyinzozo yabo. **29** Bona bazakudla umnikelo wokudla, lomnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wecala, lakho konke okwehlukanisiweyo kolsrayeli kuzakuba ngokwabo. **30** Lokuqala kwazo zonke izithelo zokuqala zakho konke, lawo wonke umnikelo wakho konke,

kuyo yonke iminikelo yenu, kuzakuba ngokwabapristi; lokuqala
kwenhlama yenu likunike umpristi, ukuhlalisa isibusiso phezu
kwendlu yakho. 31 Abapristi kabayikudla loba kuyini okuzifeleyo,
loba okudatshuliwego, okwenyoni kumbe okwenyamazana.

45 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lisaba ilizwe ngenkatho ukuthi libe yilifa,
lizanikela umnikelo eNkosini, indawo engcwele yelizwe; ubude
buzakuba yibude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu, lobubanzi buzakuba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Leyo
izakuba ngcwele kuyo yonke imingcele yayo inhlangothi zonke. 2
Kuleyo kuzakuba lokwendawo engcwele engamakhulu amahlanu,
lamakhulu amahlanu, ilingana inhlangothi zone ezizingelezeleyo;
ibe legceke ngengalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu inhlangothi
zonke. 3 Langalesisilinganiso lizalinganisa; ubude bube zingalo
ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi
bube zinkulungwane ezilitshumi, laphakathi kwayo kuzakuba
khona indawo engcwele, lengcwele yezingcwele. 4 Kuzakuba
yindawo engcwele yelizwe; izakuba ngeyabapristi, abakhonzi
bendawo engcwele, abasondela ukuze bakhonze iNkosi; njalo
izakuba kubo yindawo yezindlu, lendawo engcwele yendlu
engcwele. 5 Lobude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi, amaLevi,
abakhonzi bendlu, azakuba labo, bube yimfuyo, amakamelo
angamatshumi amabili. 6 Njalo lizanika imfuyo yomuzi,
ububanzi bezinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lobude bamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu, maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele; izakuba
ngeyendlu yonke kalsrayeli. 7 Njalo isiphathamandla sizakuba
lesabelo ngapha langapha komnikelo wesabelo esingcwele
lakwemfuyo yomuzi, phambi komnikelo wesabelo ongcwele,
laphambi kwemfuyo yomuzi, kusukela ngentshonalanga

kuqonda entshonalanga, lakuSukela ngempumalanga kuqonda empumalanga. Lobude buzaqondana lesinye sezabelo, kusukela emngceleni wentshonalanga kuze kube semngceleni wempumalanga. **8** Mayelana lelizwe, uzakuba lalo libe yimfuyo kolsrayeli. Njalo iziphathamandla zami kazisayikubacindezela abantu bami, kodwa zizanika ilizwe kuyo indlu kalsrayeli njengokwezizwe zabo. **9** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Sekwanele kini, lina ziphathamandla zakolsrayeli! Susani udlakela lokuchitha, lenze isahlulelo lokulunga, lisuse ukuxotsha kwenu kubo abantu bami, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **10** Lizakuba lesikali esilungileyo, le-efa elilungileyo, lebhathi elilungileyo. **11** I-efa lebhathi kuzakuba yisilinganiso sinye, ukuthi ibhathi limumethe ingxenye eyodwa etshumini yehomeri, le-efa ingxenye eyodwa etshumini yehomeri; isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngokwehomeri. **12** Leshekeli lizakuba ngamagera angamatshumi amabili; amashekeli angamatshumi amabili, amashekeli angamatshumi amabili lanhlalu, lamashekeli alitshumi lanhlalu, azakuba yimane kini. **13** Lokhu kungumnikelo elizawunikela: Ingxenye eyodwa kweziyisithupha ye-efa yehomeri yengqoloyi, futhi lizakupha ingxenye eyodwa kweziyisithupha ye-efa yehomeri yebhali. **14** Mayelana lesimiso samafutha, ibhathi lamafutha, lizanikela ingxenye eyodwa etshumini yebhathi kulo ikhori, eliyihomeri yamabhathi alitshumi; ngoba amabathi alitshumi alihomeri. **15** Lewundlu elilodwa emhlanjini, kuwo amakhulu amabili, endaweni elamanzi kalsrayeli, libe ngumnikelo wokudla, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, libe yiminikelo yokuthula, yokubenzela ukubuyisana, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **16** Bonke abantu belizwe bazakuba kulowomnikelo kusenzelwa isiphathamandla kolsrayeli. **17** Kuzakuba phezu kwesiphathamandla ukunikela iminikelo

yokutshisa, lomnikelo wempuphu, lomnikelo wokunathwayo, emikhosini, lekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, lemasabatheni, kuyo yonke imikhosi emisiweyo yendlu yakolsrayeli. Sona sizalungisa umnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wempuphu, lomnikelo wokutshiswa, leminikelo yokuthula, ukwenzela indlu yakolsrayeli ukubuyisana.

18 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, uzathatha ijongosi elilithole lenkomo elingelasici, uhlambulule indawo engcwele. **19** Njalo umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono, alifake emigubazini yendlu, lezingonsini ezine zomngcele welathi, lemigubazini yesango leguma langaphakathi. **20** Futhi uzakwenza njalo ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga ngenxa yomuntu oduhayo, langenxa yongelalwazi; ngokunjalo uzakwenzela indlu inhlawulo yokuthula. **21** Ngenyanga yokuqala, ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga, lizakuba lephasika, umkhosi wensuku eziyisikhombisa; isinkwa esingelamvubelo sизадлива. **22** Langalolosuku isiphathamandla sizazilungisela sona kanye labo bonke abantu belizwe ijongosi lomnikelo wesono. **23** Ngensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi uzalungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa ezingelasici ngosuku, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, lomnikelo wesono wezinyane lezimbuzi ngosuku. **24** Uzalungiske umnikelo wokudla, i-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, lehini yamafutha nge-efa. **25** Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku lwetshumi lanlanu lwenyanga, uzakwenza njengalokhu emkhosini, insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengomnikelo wesono, njengomnikelo wokutshiswa, lanjengomnikelo wokudla, lanjengamafutha.

46 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Isango leguma elingaphakathi elikhangele ngasempumalanga lizavaleka insuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza. Kodwa ngosuku lwesabatha lizavulwa, langosuku lokuthwasa kwenyanga lizavulwa. **2** Njalo isiphathamandla sizangena ngendlela yekhulusi lalelosango sivela phandle, sime emgubazini wesango. Abapristi balungise umnikelo waso wokutshiswa leminikelo yaso yokuthula, sona sizakhonza sisembundwini wesango, siphume; kodwa isango kalyikuvalwa kuze kube kusihlwa. **3** Ngokunjalo abantu belizwe bazakhonza emnyango walelisango ngamasabatha langokuthwasa kwezinyanga phambi kweNkosi. **4** Lomnikelo wokutshiswa isiphathamandla esizawunikela eNkosini ngosuku lwesabatha uzakuba ngamawundlu ayisithupha angelasici, lenqama engelasici. **5** Lomnikelo wokudla uzakuba yi-efa ngenqama, lomnikelo wokudla ngamawundlu uzakuba yisipho sesandla saso, kanye lehini yamafutha nge-efa. **6** Langosuku lokuthwasa kwenyanga kuzakuba lijongosi ithole lenkomo elingelasici, lamawundlu ayisithupha, lenqama; kungabi lasici. **7** Njalo sizalungisa umnikelo wokudla, i-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, langamawundlu njengalokho isandla saso singafinyelela kukho, lehini lamafutha nge-efa. **8** Lalapho isiphathamandla singena, sizangena ngendlela yekhulusi lalelosango, siphume ngendlela yalo. **9** Kodwa lapho abantu belizwe besiza phambi kweNkosi emikhosini emisiwego, lowo ongena ngendlela yesango elingenyakatho ukuzakhonza uzaphuma ngendlela yesango elingeningizimu, longena ngendlela yesango elingeningizimu uzaphuma ngendlela yesango elingenyakatho. Kayikubuyela ngendlela yesango angene ngalo, kodwa uzaphuma maqondana lalo. **10**

Lesiphathamandla sizangena siphakathi kwabo lapho bengena; lalapho bephuma sizaphuma. **11** Lemadilini lemikhosini emisiweyo umnikelo wokudla uzakuba li-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, lesipho sesandla sakhe ngamawundlu, lehini lamafutha nge-efa. **12** Lalapho isiphathamandla silungisa umnikelo wesihle, umnikelo wokutshiswa, loba iminikelo yokuthula, umnikelo wesihle eNkosini, omunye uzasivulela isango elikhangele ngasempumalanga, silungise umnikelo waso wokutshiswa, leminikelo yaso yokuthula, njengokwenza kwaso ngosuku lwesabatha; siphume, njalo omunye uzavala isango emva kokuphuma kwaso. **13** Njalo uzalungisa iwundlu elilomnyaka munye elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini insuku zonke. Uzalilungisa ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni. **14** Futhi uzalilungisela umnikelo wokudla ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni, ingxene yeithupha ye-efa, lengxene yeithathu yehini yamafutha, ukuthambisa impuphu ecolekileyo, kube ngumnikelo wokudla eNkosini, ngezimiso eziphakade njalonjalo. **15** Ngokunjalo bazalungisa iwundlu lomnikelo wokudla lamafutha ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo. **16** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Uba isiphathamandla sinika isipho kuloba yiypipi yamadodana aso, ilifa laso, amadodana aso azakuba lalo, lizakuba yimpahla yawo ngokwelifa. **17** Kodwa uba sinika isipho selifa laso kwenye yezinceku zaso, sizakuba ngesayo kuze kube ngumnyaka wenkululeko; khona sizabuyela kusiphathamandla; kodwa siyilifa laso, amadodana aso azakuba laso. **18** Futhi isiphathamandla kasiyikuthatha ulutho elifeni labantu ukubacindezel basuke emfuyweni yabo; sizanika ilifa emadodaneni aso emfuyweni yaso; ukuze abantu bami bangahlakazwa ngulowo asuke emfuyweni yakhe. **19** Wasengingenisa ekungeneneni, okwakuseceleni

kwesango, kusya emakamelweni angcwele abapristi, akhangele ngasenyakatho; khangela-ke kwakulendawo kunhlangothi zombili ngasentshonalanga. **20** Wasesithi kimi: Yiyo le indawo lapho abapristi abazaphekela khona umnikelo wecala lomnikelo wesono, lapho abazabhakela khona umnikelo wokudla, ukuze bangakukhupheli egumeni elingaphandle, ukungcwelisa abantu. **21** Wasengikhuphela egumeni elingaphandle, wangidlulisa engonsini zozine zeguma; khangela-ke, kuleyo laleyongonsi yeguma kwakulelinye iguma. **22** Ezingonsini zozine zeguma kwakulamaguma ahlanganisiweyo; ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amane, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu; lezizingonsi zozine zazilesilinganiso sinye. **23** Njalo kwakulomzila wesakhiwo inhlangothi zonke kuzo, inhlangothi zonke zozine, njalo kwensiwe amaziko okubilisa ngaphansi kwemizila yesakhiwo inhlangothi zonke. **24** Wasesithi kimi: Lezi yizindlu zokuphekela, lapho abakhonzi bendlu abazaphekela khona umhlatshelo wabantu.

47 Emva kwalokho wangibuyisela emnyango wendlu, khangela-ke, amanzi aphuma ngaphansi kombundu wendlu ngasempumalanga; ngoba ingaphambili yendlu yayingesempumalanga; lamanzi ehla esuka ngaphansi esuka ehlangothini lokunene Iwendlu, ngaseningizimu kwelathi.
2 Wasengikhupha ngendlela yesango ngasenyakatho, wangibhodisa ngendlela engaphandle wangisa esangweni elingaphandle, ngendlela ekhangele ngasempumalanga. Khangela-ke, kwageleza amanzi avela ehlangothini Iwesokunene.
3 Ekuphumeni kwendoda ngasempumalanga, elentambo esandleni sayo, yalinganisa izingalo eziyinkulungwane, yangidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi; amanzi afika enqagaleni.

4 Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane, wangidabulisa emanzini; amanzi afika emadolweni. Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane, wangidabulisa; amanzi afika ekhalweni. **5** Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane; kwaba ngumfula engingeke ngiwuchaphe, ngoba amanzi ayesephakeme, amanzi ongantsheza kuwo, umfula owawungeke wachatshwa. **6** Wasesithi kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Wasengihambisa, wangenza ngabuyela ekhunjini lomfula. **7** Ekubuyeleni kwami, khangela-ke, ekhunjini lomfula kwakulezihlahla ezinengi kakhulu ngapha langapha. **8** Wasesithi kimi: La amanzi aphumela ngaselizweni lempumalanga, ehlele enkangala, abesesiya elwandle; athi esekhutshelwe olwandle, amanzi azakwelatshwa. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke, sonke isidalwa esiphilayo, esinyakazelayo, loba ngaphi lapho imifula efika khona, sizaphila. Futhi kuzakuba khona inhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu, ngoba amanzi la azafika lapho; ngoba zizakwelatshwa; ngoba kuzaphila konke lapho umfula ofika khona. **10** Kuzakuthi-ke, abagoli benhlanzi beme ngakuwo kusukela e-Engedi kuze kube se-Enegilayimi; kuzakuba lendawo yokuchaya amambule. Inhlanzi zabo zizakuba ngenhlobo zazo, njengenhlanzi zolwandle olukhulu, ezinengi kakhulu. **11** Kodwa izindawo zawo ezilodaka lamaxhaphozi awo kakuyikwelatshwa; kuzanikelwa ekubenit litshwayi. **12** Futhi ngasemfuleni ekhunjini lwano, ngapha langapha, kuzakhula sonke isihlahla sokudla, ohlamvu laso kaliyikubuna, lesithelo saso kasiyikuphela. Sizathela isithelo saso esitsha njengokwenyanga zaso, ngoba amanzi aso aphuma endaweni engcwele. Isithelo saso sizakuba yikudla, lehlamvu laso libe ngelokwelapha. **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lo uzakuba ngumngcele, elizakudla ilifa lelizwe ngawo njengokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakolsrayeli.

UJosefa uzakuba lezabelo ezimbili. **14** Njalo lizakudla ilifa lalo, omunye njengomunye, engaphakamisa isandla sami ngalo ukulinika oyihlo. Njalo lelilizwe lizawela kini libe yilifa. **15** Njalo lokhu kuzakuba ngumngcele welizwe ngakuhlangothi lwenyakatho, kusukela olwandle olukhulu, indlela yeHethiloni, ekungeneni eZedadi. **16** IHamathi, iBerotha, iSibirayimi ephakathi komngcele weDamaseko lomngcele weHamathi, iHazeri-Hathikhoni esemngceleni weHawurani. **17** Lomngcele osuka elwandle uzakuba yiHazari-Enoni, umngcele weDamaseko, lenyakatho ngasenyakatho, lomngcele weHamathi. Lalolu luhlangothi lwenyakatho. **18** Futhi uhlangothi lwempumalanga lizalulinganisa lusuka phakathi kweHawurani, lusuka phakathi kweDamaseko, lusuka phakathi kweGileyadi, lusuka phakathi kwelizwe lakolsrayeli ngaseJordani, kusuke emngceleni kuze kufike elwandle olungempumalanga. Lalolu luzakuba luhlangothi lwempumalanga. **19** Lohlangothi lweningizimu ngaseningizimu, kusukela eTamari kuze kube semanzini eMeribathi-Kadeshi, emfuleni kuze kube selwandle olukhulu. Lalolu luzakuba luhlangothi lweningizimu ngaseningizimu. **20** Lohlangothi lwentshonalanga luzakuba lulwandle olukhulu kusukela emngceleni, kuze kube maqondana lokungena eHamathi. Lolu luhlangothi lwentshonalanga. **21** Ngokunjalo lizazehlukanisela lelilizwe njengokwezizwe zakolsrayeli. **22** Kuzakuthi-ke, lilabe ngenkatho libe yilifa kini, lakwabezizwe abahlala phakathi kwenu, abazazala abantwana phakathi kwenu. Njalo bazakuba kini njengabazalelw elizweni phakathi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli. Bazakudla ilifa ngenkatho kanye lani phakathi kwezizwe zakolsrayeli. **23** Kuzakuthi-ke, esizweni

owezizwe ahlala njengowezizwe kiso, lapho lizamnika ilifa lakhe,
itsho iNkosi uJehova.

48 La-ke ngamabizo ezipwe. Kusukela ekucineni
kwasenyakatho, kuze kube seceleni kwendlela yeHethiloni,
ekungeneni kweHamathi, iHazari-Enani, umngcele weDamaseko
ngasenyakatho, kuze kube seceleni kweHamathi; ngoba
lezi zinhlangothi zakhe empumalanga lentshonalanga,
isabelo esisodwa sikaDani. **2** Langasemngceleni
kaDani, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya
ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa sikaAsheri.
3 Langasemngceleni kaAsheri, kusukela ehlangothini
lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,
isabelo esisodwa sikaNafithali. **4** Langasemngceleni
kaNafithali, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya
ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa sikaManase.
5 Langasemngceleni kaManase, kusukela ehlangothini
lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,
isabelo esisodwa sikaEfrayimi. **6** Langasemngceleni
kaEfrayimi, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya
ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa sikaRubeni.
7 Langasemngceleni kaRubeni, kusukela ehlangothini
lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,
isabelo esisodwa sikaJuda. **8** Langasemngceleni kaJuda,
kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini
lwentshonalanga, kuzakuba ngumnikelo elizawunikela,
ububanzi buzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu, lobude njengesinye sezabelo, kusukela ehlangothini
lwempumalanga kuze kube sehlangothini lwentshonalanga;
njalo indawo engcwele izakuba phakathi kwaso. **9** Umnikelo

elizawunikela eNkosini uzakuba yibude obuyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **10** Njalo kuzakuba kuso umnikelo ongcwele wabapristi, ngenyakatho izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, langentshonalanga ububanzi obuyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, langempumalanga ububanzi obuyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, langeningizimu ubude obuyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu; njalo indawo engcwele yeNkosi izakuba phakathi kwaso. **11** Sizakuba ngesabapristi abangcwelisiweyo bamadodana kaZadoki, abagcine umlindo wami, abangaduhanga lapho abantwana bakolsrayeli beduha, njengalokho amaLevi aduha. **12** Lokunikelweyo komnikelo welizwe kuzakuba kubo yinto engcwelengcwele ngasemngceleni wamaLevi. **13** Njalo maqondana lomngcele wabapristi, amaLevi azakuba lobude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Ubude bonke buzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bube zinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **14** Njalo kabayikuthengisa okwakho, kabayikuntshintshisa, kabayikudlulisa izithelo zakuqala zelizwe, ngoba kungcwele eNkosini. **15** Lezinkulungwane ezinhlanu eziseleyo ebubanzini maqondana lezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, zizakuba ngezingengcwele zomuzi, ezokuhlala, lezamadlelo; lomuzi uzakuba phakathi kwazo. **16** Lalezi zizakuba yizilinganiso zaso; uhlangothi lwenyakatho luzakuba zinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lohlangothi lweningizimu izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lehlangothini lwempumalanga izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lohlangothi lwentshonalanga izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu. **17**

Njalo amadlelo omuzi azakuba ngamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasenyakatho, lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngaseningizimu, lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasempumalanga, lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasentshonalanga. **18** Lokuseleyo ngobude maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele kuzakuba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngempumalanga, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngentshonalanga; njalo kuzakuba maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele. Lenzozo yakho izakuba yikudla kwezisebenzi zomuzi. **19** Njalo izisebenzi zomuzi zizawusebenzela zivela kuzo zonke izizwe zakolsrayeli. **20** Wonke umnikelo uzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lezinkungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Lizanikela umnikelo ongcwele ulingane inhlangothi zozine, kanye lelifa lomuzi. **21** Njalo okuseleyo kuzakuba ngokwesiphathamandla, ngapha langapha komnikelo ongcwele, lokwenzozo yomuzi, ngaphambi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu zomnikelo, kuze kube semngceleni wempumalanga lentshonalanga, ngaphambi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, ngasemngceleni wentshonalanga, maqondana lezigaba zeziphathamandla; lomnikelo ongcwele lendawo engcwele yendlu kuzakuba phakathi kwakho. **22** Futhi kusukela enzuzweni yamaLevi, lakusukela enzuzweni yomuzi, ephakathi kokungokwesiphathamandla, phakathi komngcele kaJuda lomngcele kaBhenjamini, kuzakuba ngokwesiphathamandla. **23** Mayelana lokuseleyo kwezizwe, kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, uBhenjamini uzakuba lesabelo esisodwa. **24** Lasemngceleni wakoBhenjamini, kusukela kuhlangothi

Iwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi Iwentshonalanga,
uSimeyoni uzakuba lesisodwa. **25** Lasemngceleni kaSimeyoni,
kusukela kuhlangothi Iwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi
Iwentshonalanga, ultiakari uzakuba lesisodwa. **26** Lasemngceleni
kalsakari, kusukela kuhlangothi Iwempumalanga kusiya
kuhlangothi Iwentshonalanga, uZebuluni uzakuba lesisodwa.
27 Lasemngceleni kaZebuluni, kusukela kuhlangothi
Iwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi Iwentshonalanga, uGadi
uzakuba lesisodwa. **28** Lasemngceleni kaGadi, kuhlangothi
lweningizimu ngaseningizimu, umngcele uzasuka eTamari kuze
kube semanzini eMeribathi-Kadeshi, kuze kube semfuleni, kuze
kube selwandle olukhulu. **29** Yilo ilizwe elizalaba ngenkatho
libe yilifa kuzo izizwe zakolsrayeli, njalo lezi yizabelo zazo,
itsho iNkosi uJehova. **30** Lalokhu yikuphuma komuzi kuvela
ehlangothini Iwenyakatho, izilinganiso ezizinkulungwane
ezine lamakhulu amahlanu. **31** Njalo amasango omuzi
azakuba ngamabizo ezizwe zakolsrayeli; amasango amathathu
ngasenyakatho; isango elilodwa elikaRubeni, isango elilodwa
elikaJuda, isango elilodwa elikaLevi. **32** Lehlangothini
Iwempumalanga izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu,
lamasango amathathu; ngitsho isango elilodwa elikaJosefa,
isango elilodwa elikaBhenjamini, isango elilodwa elikaDani. **33**
Lehlangothini lweningizimu izilinganiso ezizinkulungwane ezine
lamakhulu amahlanu, lamasango amathathu; isango elilodwa
elikaSimeyoni, isango elilodwa elikalsakari, isango elilodwa
elikaZebuluni. **34** Uhlangothi Iwentshonalanga, izinkulungwane
ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, amasango azo amathathu; isango
elilodwa elikaGadi, isango elilodwa elikaAsheri, isango elilodwa
elikaNafithali. **35** Inhlangothi zonke yizinkulungwane ezilitshumi

lesificaminwembili. Njalo ibizo lomuzi kusukela ngalolosuku
lizakuba: INkosi ilapha.

UDanyeli

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, kwafika uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni eJerusalema, wayivimbezela. **2** INkosi yasinikela uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda esandleni sakhe, lengxenyenye yezitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu; wasezisa elizweni leShinari, endlini kankulunkulu wakhe; waletha izitsha endlini yeno tho kankulunkulu wakhe.

3 Inkosi yasikhuluma kuAshipenazi induna yabathenwa bayo, ukuthi alethe abanye kubantwana bakolsrayeli, lakunzalo yesikhosini, lakuziphathamandla; **4** amajaha okungelalasicci kuwo, amahle ngesimo, azingcwethi kuyo yonke inhlakanipho, alolwazi ngolwazi, alokuqedisisa ekwazini, lokwakulamandla kuwo okuma esigodlweni senkosi, lokuthi bawafundise izincwadi lolimi lwamaKhaladiya. **5** Inkosi yasiwamisela into yosuku ngosuku lwayo esabelweni sokudla kwenkosi, lewayinini lokunatha kwayo, lokuthi bawakhulise iminyaka emithathu, ukuze ekupheleni kwayo azekuma phambi kwenkosi. **6** Njalo kwakukhona phakathi kwabo kubantwana bakoJuda: ODaniyeli, uHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya. **7** Njalo induna yabathenwa yabatha amabizo; ngoba yamutha uDanyeli ngokuthi nguBeliteshazari; loHananiya ngokuthi nguShadraki; loMishayeli ngokuthi nguMeshaki; loAzariya ngokuthi nguAbedinego.

8 Kodwa uDanyeli wazimisela enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi angazingcolisi ngesabelo sokudla kwenkosi, langewayini yokunatha kwayo; ngakho wacela enduneni yabathenwa ukuthi angazingcolisi. **9** UNkulunkulu wasemnika uDanyeli umusa lesihawu phambi kwenduna yabathenwa. **10** Induna yabathenwa yasisithi kuDanyeli: Ngiyayesaba inkosi yami, inkosi, emise ukudla kwenu lokunathwayo kwenu; ngoba kungani izabona

ubuso benu budanile kulamajaha ayintanga yenu? Ngokunjalo lizafaka ikhanda lami engozini enkosini. **11** UDaniyeli wasesithi kumphathi, induna yabathenwa eyayimmise waba phezu kwaboDaniyeli, uHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya: **12** Ake ulinge inceku zakho insuku ezilitshumi; njalo basinike okwemibhida eyimidumba ukuthi sidle, lamanzi ukuthi sinathe. **13** Kakuthi-ke izimo zethu zibonakale phambi kwakho, lezimo zamajaha adla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi; wenze-ke ezincekwini zakho njengokubona kwakho. **14** Wasebalalela kuloludaba, wabalinga insuku ezilitshumi. **15** Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezilitshumi izimo zabo zabonakala zizinhle njalo zizimukile enyameni kulawo wonke amajaha ayesidla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi. **16** Ngakho-ke umphathi wasusa isabelo sokudla kwabo, lewayini lokunatha kwabo, wabanika imibhida. **17** Mayelana lala amajaha amane, uNkulunkulu wawanika ulwazi lokuqedisisa kuzo zonke izincwadi, lenhlakanipho. Njalo uDaniyeli waqedisisa ngayo yonke imibono lamaphupho. **18** Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku inkosi eyayitshilo ukuthi bazawangenisa ngazo, induna yabathenwa yawangenisa phambi kukaNebhukadinezari. **19** Inkosi yasikhulumu lawo; njalo phakathi kwavo wonke kakutholwanga onjengoDaniyeli, uHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya; ngakho ema phambi kwenkosi. **20** Mayelana lazo zonke izindaba zenhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, inkosi eyayiwabuza ngazo, yawathola esedlula ngokuphindwe katshumi bonke abalumbi lezangoma abasembusweni wayo wonke. **21** Njalo uDaniyeli waba khona kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wokuqala wenkosi uKoresi.

2 Ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaNebhukadinezari, uNebhukadinezari waphupha amaphupho; umoya wakhe wasukhathazeka, lobuthongo bakhe basuka kuye. **2**

Inkosi yasisithi kubizwe izanuse lezangoma labavumisayo lamaKhaladiya, ukuze batshengise inkosi amaphupho ayo. Beza-ke, bema phambi kwenkosi. **3** Inkosi yasisithi kubo: Ngiphuphe iphupho; umoya wami wasukhathazeka ukulazi iphupho. **4** AmaKhaladiya asekhuluma enkosini ngesiAramu: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! Tshela inceku zakho iphupho, thina sizatshengisa ingcazelo. **5** Inkosi yaphendula yathi kumaKhaladiya: Into isisukile kimi; uba lingayikungazisa iphupho lengcazelo yalo, lizakwenziwa iziqa, lezindlu zenu zenziwe inqumbi yomquba. **6** Kodwa uba litshengisa iphupho lengcazelo yalo, lizakwemukela kimi izipho lomvuzo lodumo olukhulu. Ngakho ngitshengisani iphupho lengcazelo yalo. **7** Baphendula okwesibili bathi: Inkosi kayitshele inceku zayo iphupho, thina sizabonisa ingcazelo yalo. **8** Inkosi yaphendula yathi: Mina ngiyazi isibili ukuthi lithenga isikhathi, ngoba liyabona ukuthi into isukile kimi. **9** Kodwa uba lingangazisi iphupho, kulesimiso esisodwa ngani; ngoba livumelene ukukhuluma ilizwi lamanga elikhohlakeleyo phambi kwami, kuze kuguquke isikhathi. Ngakho ngitshelani iphupho, besengisazi ukuthi lingangitshela ingcazelo yalo. **10** AmaKhaladiya aphendula phambi kwenkosi, athi: Kakulamuntu emhlabeni olakho ukutshengisa udaba Iwenkosi; ngakho kayikho inkosi enkulu kumbe umbusi owake wabuza into enje kuloba yisiphi isanuse kumbe isangoma kumbe umKhaladiya. **11** Futhi kuyintoenzima inkosi eyibuzayo, njalo kakho omunye ongayibonisa phambi kwenkosi, ngaphandle kwabonkulunkulu, okuhlala kwabo kakukho kwabasenyameni. **12** Ngenxa yalokhu inkosi yaba lolaka yathukuthela kakhulu, yalaya ukuthi kubhujiswe bonke abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni. **13** Kwasekuphuma isimiso, ukuthi abahlakaniphileyo babulawe;

basebedinga uDaniyeli labangane bakhe ukuthi babulawe. **14**
Lapho uDaniyeli wabuyisela icebo lokuqonda kuAriyoki induna
yabalindi benkosi, owayephumele ukubulala abahlakaniphileyo
beBhabhiloni. **15** Waphendula wathi kuAriyoki induna yenkosi:
Kungani isimiso singesesiphangiphangi esivela enkosini? Lapho
uAriyoki wamazisa uDaniyeli indaba. **16** UDaniyeli wasengena,
wacela enkosini ukuthi imnike isikhathi sokuthi ayitshengise
inkosi ingcazelo. **17** UDaniyeli wasesiya endlini yakhe, wabazisa
oHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya, abangane bakhe, loludaba;
18 ukuze bacele izihawu kuNkulunkulu wezulu ngalimfihlakalo;
ukuze bangabhubhi oDaniyeli labangane bakhe kanye
labanye abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni. **19** Lapho imfihlakalo
yembulelwa uDaniyeli embonweni wobusuku. UDaniyeli
wasemdumisa uNkulunkulu wamazulu. **20** UDaniyeli waphendula
wathi: Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaNkulunkulu kusukela phakade kuze
kube phakade, ngoba inhlakanipho lamandla kungokwakhe.
21 Ngoba uyaguqla izikhathi lezikathathi ezimisiweyo,
uyasusa amakhosi, amise amakhosi, upha inhlakanipho
kwabahlakaniphileyo, lolwazi kulabo abazi ukuqedisisa. **22**
Uyembula okujulileyo lokufihlakeleyo, uyakwazi okusemnyameni,
lokukhanya kuhlala kanye laye. **23** Ngiyakubonga ngikudumise,
wena Nkulunkulu wabobaba, ongiphe inhlakanipho lamandla,
ongazise khathesi lokho esikucelileyo kuwe, ngoba usazisile
udaba Iwenkosi. **24** Ngakho uDaniyeli wangena kuAriyoki,
inkosi eyayimmisele ukuthi abhubhise abahlakaniphileyo
beBhabhiloni; wahamba, wakhulumkaanje kuye: Ungabhubhisi
abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni; ngingenisa phambi kwenkosi,
mina ngizayitshengisa inkosi ingcazelo. **25** Lapho uAriyoki
wangenisa uDaniyeli phambi kwenkosi ngokuphangisa, watsho

njalo kuyo: Ngithole indoda kwabathunjiweyo bakoJuda, ezakwazisa inkosi ingcazelo. **26** Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli, obizo lakhe lalinguBeliteshazari: Ulakho yini ukungazisa iphupho engilibonileyo, lengcazelo yalo? **27** UDaniyeli waphendula phambi kwenkosi, wathi: Imfihlakalo inkosi eyibuzayo, abahlakaniphileyo, izangoma, izanuse, abalumbi bangeyibonise inkosi. **28** Kodwa ukhona uNkulunkulu emazulwini owembula izimfihlakalo, uytshengisile inkosi uNebhukadinezari okuzakwenzeka ekucineni kwezinsuku; iphupho lakho lemibono yekhanda lakho embhedeni wakho yilokhu: **29** Wena, nkosi, usembhedeni wakho kwavela imicabango yakho ngalokhu okuzakwenzeka emva kwalokhu; lalowo owembula izimfihlakalo ukwazisile wena lokho okuzakwenzeka. **30** Mayelana lami, limfihlakalo yembulwa kimi hatshi ngenxa yenhlakanipho ephakathi kwami okwedlula bonke abaphilayo, kodwa ukuthi kwaziswe ingcazelo enkosini, lokuthi wazi imicabango yenhliziyo yakho. **31** Wena nkosi, wabona, khangela-ke, isithombe esikhulu. Lesisithombe esikhulu, okukhazimula kwaso kwakusedlulisa, sema phambi kwakho; lesimo saso sasisesabeka. **32** Ikhanda lalesisithombe lalingelegolide elihle, isifuba saso lengalo zaso kwakungokwesiliva, isisu saso lamathangazi aso kwakungokwethusi, **33** imilenze yaso yayingeyensimbi, inyawo zaso ingxenye yayingeyensimbi lengxenye yayingeyebumba. **34** Wasubona kwaze kwasikwa ilitshe kungengezandla, elatshaya isithombe ezinyaweni zaso ezensimbi lebumba, lazichoboza. **35** Kwasekuchotshozwa ndawonye insimbi, ibumba, ithusi, isiliva, legolide, kwaba njengamakhoba amabala okubhulela ehlobo, lomoya wakususa, akwaze kwatholelwaa ndawo. Njalo ilitshe elatshaya isithombe laba yintaba enkulu, lagcwalisa umhlaba

wonke. **36** Yilo lelo iphupho; sesizakutsho ingcazelo yalo phambi kwenkosi. **37** Wena, nkosi, uyinkosi yamakhosi, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamazulu ukunikile umbuso, amandla, lokuqina, lodumo. **38** Njalo loba kungaphi lapho abantwana babantu abahlezi khona, izinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zamazulu uzinikele esandleni sakho, wakwenza waba ngumbusi phezu kwazo zonke. Wena uyilelikhanda legolide. **39** Langemva kwakho kuzavela omunye umbuso omncinyane kulowakho, lomunye owesithathu umbuso wethusi, ozabusa emhlabeni wonke. **40** Lombuso wesine uzaqina njengensimbi; ngoba njengoba insimbi ichoboza yehlisele phansi konke, njalo njengensimbi echoboza konke lokhu, ngokunjalo uzachoboza wephule. **41** Njalo njengoba wabona izinyawo lamazwane, kuyingxene yebumba lombumbi lengxene yensimbi, umbuso uzadatshulwa phakathi. Kodwa kuzakuba kuwo okwamandla ensimbi, njengoba wabona insimbi ihlanganiswe lebumba eliludaka. **42** Njengoba amazwane enyawo ayelengxene yensimbi lengxene yebumba; umbuso uzakuba lamandla nganxanye, wephuke lula nganxanye. **43** Njalo njengoba wabona insimbi ihlanganiswe lebumba eliludaka, bazazihlanganisa lenzalo yabantu, kodwa kabayikunamathehana, njengoba insimbi ingahlanganiswa lebumba. **44** Langensuku zalamakhosi uNkulunkulu wamazulu uzamisa umbuso, ongayikuchithwa kuze kube phakade; lombuso kawuyikutshiyelwa abanye abantu; uzachoboza uqede yonke limibuso, wona-ke uzakuma kuze kube phakade. **45** Ngenxa yokuthi wabona ukuthi ilitshe liqetshulwa entaben, kungengezandla, lokuthi lachoboza insimbi, ithusi, ibumba, isiliva, legolide; uNkulunkulu omkhulu uyzasisile inkosi okuzakwenzeka emva kwalokhu; iphupho liqinisekile, lengcazelo

yalo ithembekile. **46** Lapho inkosi uNebhukadinezari yathi mbo ngobuso bayo, yakhuleka kuDaniyeli, yathi kuthululelwwe kuye umnikelo lezimpepha. **47** Inkosi yamphendula uDaniyeli, yathi: Kulinqiniso ukuthi uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, leNkosi yamakhosi, lomambuli wezimfihlakalo, ngoba ubelakho ukwembula limfihlakalo. **48** Inkosi yasimenza uDaniyeli waba ngomkhulu, yamupha izipho ezinkulu ezinengi, yamenza waba ngumbusi phezu kwesabelo sonke seBhabhiloni, lenduna yababusi phezu kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni. **49** UDaniyeli wasecela enkosini, njalo yamisa oShadraki, uMeshaki loAbedinego phezu komsebenzi wesabelo seBhabhiloni; kodwa uDaniyeli waba sesangweni lenkosi.

3 UNebhukadinezari inkosi wenza isithombe segolide; ubude baso babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, ububanzi baso buzingalo eziyisithupha; yasimisa egcekeni leDura, esabelweni seBhabhiloni. **2** UNebhukadinezari inkosi wasethumela ukubuthela ndawonye iziphathamandla, ababusi, lezinduna, abeluleki, abaphathizikhwama, abehluleli, abathonisisi, labo bonke ababusi bezabelo, ukuze beze ekwehlukanisweni kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari inkosi ayesimisile. **3** Lapho iziphathamandla, ababusi, lezinduna, abeluleki, abaphathizikhwama, abehluleli, abathonisisi, labo bonke ababusi bezabelo babuthana ndawonye ekwehlukanisweni kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari inkosi ayesimisile; basebesima phambi kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari ayesimisile. **4** Ummemezel wasememeza ngamandla wathi: Liyalaywa, lina bantu, zizwe, lezindimi, ukuthi: **5** Ngesikhathi elizwa ngaso ukukhala kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu Iwezintambo, umfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, liwele phansi, likhonze

isithombe segolide uNebhukadinezari inkosi asimisileyo. 6
Njalo loba ngubani ongawi phansi, akhonze, ngalesosikhathi
uzaphoselwa phakathi kwasithando somlilo esivuthayo. 7
Ngakho ngalesosikhathi, lapho abantu bonke besizwa ukukhala
kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo,
layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, bonke abantu, izizwe,
lezindimi, bawela phansi, bakhonza isithombe segolide
uNebhukadinezari inkosi ayesimisile. 8 Ngakho ngalesosikhathi
amaKhaladiya athile asondela, ahleba amaJuda. 9 Aphendula
athi kuNebhukadinezari inkosi: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini!
10 Wena nkosi, wenzile umlayo, ukuthi wonke umuntu ozakuzwa
ukukhala kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu
lwezintambo, lomfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo,
uzawela phansi akhonze isithombe segolide; 11 njalo loba
ngubani ongawi phansi, akhonze, uzaphoselwa phakathi
kwasithando somlilo ovuthayo. 12 Kukhona amaJuda athile
owamise phezu komsebenzi wesabelo seBhabhiloni, oShadraki,
uMeshaki, loAbedinego; la amadoda, nkosi, kawakunakanga;
kawakhonzi onkulunkulu bakho, kawakhothameli isithombe
segolide osimisileyo. 13 Lapho uNebhukadinezari ekuthukutheleni
lekuvutheni kolaka walaya ukuletha oShadraki, uMeshaki,
loAbedinego. Khonokho lawomadoda alethwa phambi kwenkosi.
14 UNebhukadinezari waphendula wathi kubo: Kungamabomu
yini, Shadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego, lingakhonzi onkulunkulu
bami, lingakhothameli isithombe segolide engisimisileyo? 15
Khathesi, uba selilungle ukuthi ngesikhathi lisizwa ukukhala
kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo,
lomfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, liwele phansi,
likhonze isithombe engisenzileyo, kuhle; kodwa uba lingakhonzi,

ngalesosikhathi lizaphoselwa phakathi kwenithando somlilo ovuthayo. Ngubani-ke lowoNkulunkulu ozalikhulula ezandleni zami? **16** OShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego baphendula bathi enkosini: Nebhukadinezari, kasidangi ukukuphendula kuloludaba. **17** Uba kungenzeka, uNkulunkulu wethu esimkhonzayo ulakho ukusikhulula esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo; njalo uzasikhulula esandleni sakho, nkosi. **18** Kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakwaziwe kuwe, nkosi, ukuthi kasiyikubakhonza onkulunkulu bakho, lokuthi kasiyikukhothamela isithombe segolide osimisileyo. **19** Lapho uNebhukadinezari wagcwala ulaka, lesimo sobuso bakhe sabaguqukela oShadraki, uMeshaki loAbedinego; waphendula, walaya ukuthi batshise isithando kasikhombisa ngaphezu kwalokho okwejwayeleke ukutshiswa ngakho. **20** Waselaya amadoda alamandla ayesebuthweni lakhe ukuthi abophe oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, ukuthi babaphosele esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. **21** Lawomadoda asebotshwa embethe izembatho zawo, amabhulugwe awo, lezingowane zawo, lezinye izigqoko zawo, aphoselwa phakathi kwenithando somlilo ovuthayo. **22** Ngakho ngenxa yokuthi ilizwi lenkosi belibukhali, lesithando sitshisa kakhulu, ilangabi lomlilo labulala lawomadoda ayethwele oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego. **23** Lala amadoda amathathu, oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, awela phansi ebotshiwe phakathi kwenithando somlilo esivuthayo. **24** Lapho uNebhukadinezari inkosi wethuka, wasukuma ngokuphangisa, waphendula wathi kubeluleki bakhe: Kasiphoselanga amadoda amathathu ebotshiwe phakathi komlilo yini? Baphendula bathi enkosini: Liqiniso, nkosi. **25** Yaphendula yathi: Khangelani, ngibona amadoda amane ekhululekile ehamba phakathi komlilo, njalo kakukho ukonakala kuwo; njalo isimo

seyesine sifanana lendodana yabonkulunkulu. **26** Lapho uNebhukadinezari wasondela emnyango wesithando somlilo esivuthayo, waphendula, wathi: Shadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego, lina zinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, phumanı, lize. Lapho oShadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego baphuma phakathi komlilo.

27 Iziphathamandla, ababusi, lezinduna, labeluleki benkosi, sebebuthene, babona la amadoda, umlilo owawungazanga ube lamandla phezu kwemizimba yawo, okwakungahangulwanga lonwele lwekhanda lawo, lezambatho zawo ezazingaguqukanga, lokunuka komlilo okwakungedlulanga kiwo. **28** UNebhukadinezari waphendula, wathi: Kadunyiwe uNkulunkulu kaShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, othume ingilosı yakhe, wakhulula izinceku zakhe ezimthembileyo, zaze zaguqula ilizwi lenkosi, zanikela imizimba yazo, ukuze zingakhonzi zingakhuleki lakuwuphi unkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wazo. **29** Ngakho umlayo wenziwa yimi, ukuthi bonke abantu, isizwe, lolimi, olukhuluma okungafanelanga okumelene loNkulunkulu kaShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, uzaqunywa iziqa, lendlu yakhe yensiwe inqumbi yomquba; ngoba engekho omunye unkulunkulu olakho ukophula njengalokhu. **30** Lapho inkosi yabaphumeleisa oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, esabelweni seBhabhiloni.

4 UNebhukadinezari inkosi, kubo bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, ezihlala emhlabeni wonke: Ukuthula kwenu kakwande! **2** Bekukuhle kimi ukuthi ngikwazise izibonakaliso lezimangaliso uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke azenze kimi. **3** Yeka ubukhulu bezibonakaliso zakhe, njalo yeka amandla ezimangaliso zakhe! Umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongulaphakade, lokubusa kwakhe kungokwesizukulwana lesizukulwana. **4** Mina, uNebhukadinezari,

ngangonwabile endlini yami, ngahluma esigodlweni sami,
5 ngabona iphupho elangesabisayo; lemicabango phezu
kombheda wami, lemibono yekhanda lami kwangethusa. 6
Ngakho umlayo wenziwa yimi wokuthi kungeniswe phambi
kwami bonke abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni, ukuze bangazise
ingcazelo yephupho. 7 Kwasekungena izanuse, izangoma,
amaKhaladiya, labalumbi; ngasengikhuluma iphupho phambi
kwabo, kodwa kabangazisanga ingcazelo yalo. 8 Kodwa
ngasekucineni uDaniyeli wangena phambi kwami, obizo lakhe
lalinguBeliteshazari, ngokwebizo likankulunkulu wami, lokukuye
umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele; ngasengikhuluma iphupho
phambi kwakhe, ngisithi: 9 Wena Beliteshazari, nduna yezanuse,
ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele
ukuwe, lokuthi kakulamfihlakalo leyodwa ekuhluphayo, ngitshela
imibono yephupho lami engilibonileyo, lengcazelo yalo. 10
Yayinjalo imibono yekhanda lami embhedeni wami: Ngabona,
khangela-ke, isihlahla phakathi komhlaba, lobude baso
babubukhulu. 11 Isihlahla sakhula saba sikhulu, saqina, lobude
baso bafinyelela emazulwini, lokubonakala kwaso kwaze kwaba
sekucineni komhlaba wonke. 12 Amahlamu aso ayemahle,
lesithelo saso sasisinengi, kwakukhona kiso ukudla kwabo bonke;
inyamazana zeganga zaba lomthunzi ngaphansi kwaso, lenyoni
zamazulu zahlala ezingatsheni zaso, layo yonke inyama yondliwa
kiso. 13 Ngabona emibonweni yekhanda lami embhedeni wami,
khangela-ke, umlindi, ngitsho ongcwele, wehla evela emazulwini.
14 Wamemeza ngamandla watsho njalo: Sigamuleni isihlahla,
liqume izingatsha zaso, liphulule amahlamu aso, lichithachithe
izithelo zaso; izinyamazana kazisuke ngaphansi kwaso, lezinyoni
ngasezingatsheni zaso. 15 Lanxa kunjalo tshiyani isidindi

sempande zakhe emhlabathini, langebhanti lensimbi lethusi ohlazeni lwasendle; njalo kakumanziswe ngamazolo amazulu, lesabelo sakhe kasibe kanye lezinyamazana etshanini bomhlaba.

16 Inhlizyo yakhe kayiphenduke ingabi ngeyomuntu, kayiphiwe inhlizyo yenayamazana; futhi kakwedlule phezu kwakhe izikhathi eziyisikhombisa. **17** Loludaba lungesimemezelo sabalindi, lesilayezelo ngelizwi labangcwele; ukuze abaphilayo bazi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa embusweni wabantu, njalo awunike loba kukubani amthandayo, amise phezu kwawo ophansi ebantwini. **18** Leliphupho ngilibonile mina nkosi uNebhukadinezari. Wena-ke, Beliteshazari, yitscho ingcazeloyalo; ngoba bonke abahlakaniphileyo bombuso wami bengelakho ukungitshela ingcazeloyalo; kodwa wena ulakho; ngoba umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele ukuwe. **19** Lapho uDaniyeli, obizo lakhe lalinguBeliteshazari, wamangala kakhulu okwesikhathhana, lemicabango yakhe yamkhathaza. Inkosi yaphendula, yathi: Beliteshazari, iphupho lengcazeloyalo kakungakukhathazi. UBeliteshazari waphendula wathi: Nkosi yami, iphupho kalibe kwabakuzondayo, lengcazeloyalo kuzo izitha zakho. **20** Isihlahla osibonileyo, esakhula saba sikhulu saqina, lobude baso bafinyelela emazulwini, lokubonakala kwaso kwaze kwaba semhlabeni wonke, **21** esimahlamu aso ayemahle, lesithelo saso sisinengi, njalo kiso kulokudla kwabo bonke, lezinyamazana zeganga zahlala phansi kwaso, lenyoni zamazulu zahlala ezingatsheni zaso; **22** singuwe, wena nkosi, osukhulile waba mkhulu waqina; ngoba ubukhulu bakho bukhulile, bafinyelela emazulwini, lombuso wakho ekucineni komhlaba. **23** Njengalokho inkosi yabona umlindi, ngitsho ongcwele, esehla evela emazulwini owathi: Gamulani isihlahla lisichithe; kodwa litshiye isidindi

sezimpande emhlabathini sibotshwe ngebhanti lensimbi lethusi ohlazeni Iwasendle; kakumanziswe ngamazolo amazulu, lesabelo sakhe kasibe kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, kuze kwedlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwakhe. **24** Nansi ingcazel, nkosi, njalo nansi isimemezelo soPhezukonke, esiza phezu kwenkosi yami, inkosi: **25** Ukuthi bazakuxotsha ebantwini, lenhlalo yakho izakuba kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, bazakudlisa utshani njengezinkabi, bazakumanzia ngamazolo amazulu, lezikhathi eziyisikhombisa zizadlula phezu kwakho, uze wazi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa emibusweni yabantu, ayinike loba kukubani amthandayo. **26** Njengalokho bathi kutshiywe isidindi sempande zesihlahla, umbuso wakho uzakuma kuwe, emva kokuthi ususazi ukuthi amazulu ayabusa. **27** Ngakho, nkosi, kasemukeleke kuwe iseluleko sami; wephule izono zakho ngokulunga, lobubi bakho ngokutshengisa isihawu kwabangabayanga, aluba kungaba lokwelulwa kokuthula kwakho. **28** Konke lokhu kwamehlela uNebhukadinezari inkosi. **29** Ekupheleni kwenyanga ezilitshumi lambili wayehambahamba phezu kвесигодло sombuso weBhabhiloni. **30** Inkosi yaphendula yathi: Kayisiyo yini le iBhabhiloni enkulu mina engiyakhe ukuba yindlu yombuso, ngamandla engalo yami, njalo ibe ludumo lobukhosи bami? **31** Ilizwi lisesemlonyeni wenkosi, kwawa ilizwi livela emazulwini lisithi: Wena nkosi Nebhukadinezari, kuyatshiwo kuwe ukuthi: Umbuso usukile kuwe. **32** Bazakuxotsha usuke ebantwini, lenhlalo yakho izakuba kanye lenyamazana zeganga, bazakudlisa utshani njengezinkabi, lezikhathi eziyisikhombisa zizadlula phezu kwakho, uze wazi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa emibusweni yabantu, ayinike loba kukubani amthandayo. **33** Ngalesosikhathi lolulutho Iwagcwaliseka

phezu kukaNebhukadinezari; wasexotshwa ebantwini, wadla utshani njengezinkabi, lomzimba wakhe wamanzisa ngamazolo amazulu, zaze inwele zakhe zakhula njengensiba zelinqe, lenzipho zakhe njengezenyoni. **34** Njalo ekupheleni kwezinsuku, mina Nebhukadinezari ngaphakamisela amehlo ami emazulwini, ngoba ukuqedisisa kwami kwabuyela kimi; ngasengibusisa oPhezukonke, ngamduMisA, ngamhlonipha yena ophila phakade, ngoba ukubusa kwakhe kuyikubusa okulaphakade, lombuso wakhe ungowesizukulwana lesizukulwana; **35** futhi bonke abahlali bomhlaba babalwa njengokungelutho, njalo wenza njengentando yakhe ebuthweni lamazulu lakubahlali bomhlaba; njalo kakho ongavimbela isandla sakhe, loba athi kuye: Wenzani? **36** Ngasona lesosikhathi ingqondo yami yabuyela kimi, futhi ngenxa yenkaZimulo yombuso wami udumo lwami lokucwebezela kwami kwabuyela kimi; njalo abeluleki bami lezikhulu zami zangidinga; ngasengimiswa futhi embusweni wami; lobukhulu obudluleleyo bengezelelwA kimi. **37** Khathesi, mina, Nebhukadinezari, ngiyayidumisa ngiyiphakamise ngiyihloniphe iNkosi yamazulu, ngoba imisebenzi yayo yonke iliqiniso, lezindlela zayo ziylahlulelo; lalabo abahamba ngokuziggaja ilakho ukubathobisa.

5 UBElishazari inkosi wenzela iziphathamandla zakhe eziyinkulungwane idili elikhulu, wanatha iwayini phambi kwaleyonkulungwane. **2** UBElishazari, esalinambitha iwayini, walaya ukuthi baletha izitsha zegolide lezesiliva uyise uNebhukadinezari ayezikhuphe ethempelini elaliseJerusalema; ukuze inkosi, leziphathamandla zayo, omkayo, labafazi bayo abancane, banathele kizo. **3** Lapho baletha izitsha zegolide ezazikhutshwe ethempelini lendlu kaNkulunkulu

eyayiseJerusalema; njalo inkosi, leziphathamandla zayo, omkayo, labafazi bayo abancane, banathela kizo. 4 Banatha iwayini, badumisa onkulunkulu begolide, labesiliva, abethusi, abensimbi, abesigodo, labelitshe. 5 Ngalesosikhathi kwaphuma iminwe yesandla somuntu, yabhala maqondana lesiqobane sesibane phezu kokubhadiweyo komduli wesigodlo senkosi; inkosi yasibona inhlanelkela yesandla esasibhala. 6 Khonokho ukucwebezela kobuso benkosi kwaphenduka, lemicabango yayo yayihlupha, kwaze kwaxega amalunga okhalo lwayo, lamadolo ayo atshayana. 7 Inkosi yamemeza ngamandla ukuthi balethe izangoma, amaKhaladiya, labalumbi. Inkosi yaphendula, yathi kwabahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni: Wonke umuntu ongafunda lumbhalo, angitshengise ingcazeloyawo, uzaggokiswa okuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni yakhe, abe ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni. 8 Lapho bangena bonke abahlakaniphileyo benkosi; kodwa babengelakho ukuwubala umbhalo, lokwazisa inkosi ingcazeloyawo. 9 Lapho inkosi uBelishazari yethuka kakhulu, lokucwebezela kobuso bayo kwaphenduka kuyo, leziphathamandla zayo zadideka. 10 Indlovukazi, ngenxa yamazwi enkosi leziphathamandla zayo, yangena endlini yedili. Indlovukazi yaphendula yathi: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! Imicabango yakho kayingakwethusi, lokucwebezela kobuso bakho kakungaphenduki. 11 Kulomuntu embusweni wakho okulomoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele kuye; ngoba ensukwini zikayihlo kwatholwa kuye ukukhanya lokuqedisisa lenhlakanipho, njengenhlakaniphoyabonkulunkulu; ngakho inkosi uNebhukadinezari uyihlo wamenza waba yinduna yezanuse, yezangoma, yamaKhaladiya, yabalumbi, uyihlo, nkosi. 12 Ngoba umoya owedlulisileyo, lolwazi,

lokuqedisisa, ukuchasisa amaphupo, lokuchasisa imizekeliso, lokutshombulula amafindo, kwatholakala kuye, kuDaniyeli, inkosi eyamutha ibizo elithi uBeliteshazari. Khathesi kabizwe uDaniyeli, uzatshengisa ingcazelo. **13** Lapho uDaniyeli walethwa phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli: UngulowoDaniyeli, ongowabathunjwa bakoJuda, inkosi ubaba eyabaletha bevela koJuda yini? **14** Sengizwile ngawe ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu ukuwe, lokuthi ukukhanya, lokuqedisisa, lenhlakanipho edlulisileyo kutholakala kuwe. **15** Khathesi sebengenisiwe phambi kwami abahlakaniphileyo, izangoma, ukuze bawufunde lumbhalo, bangazise ingcazelo yawo; kodwa bebengelakho ukutshengisa ingcazelo yalinto. **16** Kodwa mina ngizwile ngawe, ukuthi ulakho ukuchasisa izingcazelo, lokutshombulula amafindo. Khathesi uba ulakho ukufunda lumbhalo, ungaZise ingcazelo yawo, uzaggokiswa okuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni yakho, ube ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni. **17** Lapho uDaniyeli waphendula wathi phambi kwenkosi: Izipho zakho kazibe ngezakho, lemvuzo yakho uyinike omunye. Loba kunjalo ngizayifundela inkosi umbhalo, ngiyazise ingcazelo. **18** Wena nkosi, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wanika uNebhukadinezari uyihlo umbuso, lobukhulu, Iodumo, lenkazimulo. **19** Langenxa yobukhulu amnika bona, bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, bathuthumela besaba phambi kwakhe; lowo ayethanda wambulala, lalowo ayethanda wamgcina ephila, lalowo ayethanda wamphakamisa, lalowo ayethanda wamehlisela phansi. **20** Kodwa lapho inhlizyo yakhe yaziphakamisa, lenhlizyo yakhe yaba lukhuni ngokuziggaja, wehliswa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosи sombuso, bamthathela udumo lwakhe. **21** Wasexotshwa ebantwaneni babantu, lenhlizyo yakhe yenziwa

yafanana leyenyamazana, lendawo yakhe yokuhlala yaba labobabhemu beganga; bamdlisa utshani njengenkabi, lomzimba wakhe waba manzi ngamazolo amazulu, waze wazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke uyabusa embusweni wabantu, lokuthi umisa phezu kwawo loba ngubani amthandayo. **22** Wena-ke, ndodana yakhe, Belishazari, kawuyithobisanga inhliziyu yakho, lanxa ukwazile konke lokhu. **23** Kodwa uziphakamisile wamelana leNkosi yamazulu; njalo baletsha izitsha zendlu yayo phambi kwakho; wena-ke, leziphathamandla zakho, omkakho, labafazi bakho abancane, lanathela kuzo iwayini; udumisile onkulunkulu besiliva, labegolide, abethusi, abensimbi, abesigodo, labelitshe, abangaboniyo labangezwayo, labangaziyo; kodwa uNkulunkulu omphefumulo wakho usesandleni sakhe, lozindlela zakho zonke zingezakhe, kawumdumisanga. **24** Khonokho le inhlanelka yesandla yathunywa ivela kuye; lumbhalo wasubhalwa. **25** Njalo nanku umbhalo owabhalwayo: MENE, MENE, TEKELI, UFARISINI. **26** Nansi ingcazeloyalolulutho: MENE: UNkulunkulu ubalile umbuso wakho, wawuqeda. **27** TEKELI: Ulinganisiwe esilinganisweni, watholwa usilela. **28** UPERESI: Umbuso wakho wehlukanisiwe, wanikwa amaMede lamaPerisiya. **29** Lapho uBelishazari walaya, basebemgqokisa uDanyeli ngokuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni yakhe, basebememezela ngaye ukuthi abe ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni. **30** Ngalobobusuku uBelishazari inkosi yamaKhaladiya wabulawa. **31** UDariyusi umMede wasesemukela umbuso, eleminyaka phose engamatshumi ayisithupha lambili.

6 Kwaba kuhle kuDariyusi ukubeka phezu kombuso iziphathamandla ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili, ukuthi zibe phezu kombuso wonke, **2** laphezu kwazo ababonisi abathathu,

uDaniyeli aba ngowokuqala kubo; ukuthi lezizophathamandla zilandise kubo, njalo inkosi ingabi lomonakalo. **3** Lapho uDaniyeli lo wenza ngcono kulababonisi leziphathamandla, ngoba umoya owedlulisileyo wawukuye. Njalo inkosi yacabanga ukumbeka phezu kombuso wonke. **4** Lapho ababonisi leziphathamandla badinga ukuthola ithuba bemelene loDaniyeli mayelana lombuso; kodwa bengelakho ukuthola ithuba kumbe insolo; ngoba wayethembekile, futhi kungelampambaniso kumbe insolo okwatholakala kuye. **5** Lapho lawomadoda athi: Kasiyikuthola thuba ngaye lo uDaniyeli ngaphandle kokuthi silithole limelene laye emlayweni kaNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** Lapho labobabonisi leziphathamandla babuthana ndawonye enkosini, batsho kanje kuyo: Dariyusi nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! **7** Bonke ababonisi bombuso, izinduna, leziphathamandla, abeluleki, lababusi bacebisa ukumisa umthetho wesikhosini, lokwenza isimiso esiqinileyo, ukuthi loba ngubani ozacela isicelo lakuwuphi unkulunkulu loba umuntu phakathi kwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaphandle kuwe, nkosi, uzaphoselwa ebhalwini lwezilwane. **8** Khathesi, nkosi, misa umlayo uphawule umbhalo, ukuthi ungaguqulwa, njengokomthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya, ongadluliyo. **9** Ngakho inkosi uDariyusi yaphawula umbhalo lesimiso. **10** Kwathi lapho uDaniyeli asesazi ukuthi umbhalo uphawuliwe, wangena endlini yakhe; njalo amawindi ekamelo lakhe eliphezulu elikhangele eJerusalema evulekile; waguqa ngamadololo akhe izikhathi ezintathu ngosuku, wakhuleka, wapha izibongo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakhe, njengokwenza kwakhe mandulo kwalokhu. **11** Lapho la amadoda abuthana, athola uDaniyeli ekhuleka encenga phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakhe. **12** Lapho asondela, akhulumpha phambi kwenkosi mayelana lesimiso

senkosi athi: Kawuphawulanga isimiso yini, sokuthi wonke umuntu ocela lakuwuphi unkulunkulu loba umuntu phakathi kwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaphandle kuwe, nkosi, uzaphoselwa ebhalwini Iwezilwane? Inkosi yaphendula yathi: Linto iliqiniso, ngokomthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya ongadluliyo. **13** Lapho aphendula athi phambi kwenkosi: uDaniyeli ongowabantwana bokuthunjwa bakoJuda kakunanzi, nkosi, lesimiso osiphawulileyo, kodwa uyakhuleka isicelo sakhe izikhathi ezintathu ngosuku. **14** Kwathi lapho inkosi isizwile lelilizwi, yazizondela kakhulu, yabeka ingqondo kuDaniyeli ukumkhulula; yebo, yalwisa laze latshona ilanga ukumophula. **15** Lapho abuthana enkosini lawomadoda, athi enkosini: Yazi, nkosi, ukuthi umthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya uthi: Kakulasimiso kumbe umthetho inkosi eyawumisayo ongaguqulwa. **16** Lapho inkosi yalaya, bamletha uDaniyeli, bamphosela ebhalwini Iwezilwane. Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli: UNkulunkulu wakho, omkhonzayo njalonjalo, kungathi angakukhulula! **17** Kwasekulethwa ilitshe, labekwa phezu komlomo wobhalu; inkosi yasilinameka ngendandatho elophawu lwayo, langendandatho elophawu lwamakhosi ayo, ukuze kungaguqulwa ulutho mayelana loDaniyeli. **18** Lapho inkosi yaya esigodlweni sayo, yachitha ubusuku izila ukudla; lamachacho kawalethwanga phambi kwayo; lobuthongo bayibalekela. **19** Lapho inkosi yavuka emadabukusa, yaya ngokuphangisa ebhalwini Iwezilwane. **20** Yathi isisondele ebhalwini, yamemeza ngelizwi lokulila kuDaniyeli; inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli: Daniyeli, nceku kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonzayo njalonjalo, ulakho ukukukhulula yini ezilwaneni? **21** Lapho uDaniyeli wathi enkosini: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! **22** UNkulunkulu wami

uthumile ingilosи yakhe, yavala imilomo yezilwane, okokuthi kazingilimazanga, ngoba phambi kwakhe ukungabi lecalā kutholakale kimi; njalo phambi kwakho, nkosi, kangenzanga bubi.

23 Lapho inkosi yamthokozela kakhulu, yalaya ukukhuphula uDaniyeli ebhalwini. UDaniyeli wasekhutshulwa ebhalwini, kakwatholwa kulimala kuye, ngoba ekholwe kuNkulunkulu wakhe. **24** Inkosi yasilaya, kwasekulethwa lawomadoda ayehlebe uDaniyeli, bawaphosela ebhalwini lwezilwane, wona, abantwana bawo, labomkawo; kwathi bengakafiki phansi ebhalwini, izilwane zazibusa phezu kwabo, zachoboza wonke amathambo abo. **25**

Lapho inkosi uDariyusi yabalela bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, ezhlezi emhlabeni wonke, yathi: Kakwandiswe ukuthula kwenu. **26** Umlayo wenziwa yimi, ukuthi kukho konke ukubuswa kombuso wami bathuthumele besabe phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaDaniyeli; ngoba enguNkulunkulu ophilayo, lomi kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhe ngongayikuchithwa, lokubusa kwakhe kuzakuba khona kuze kube sekupheleni. **27** Uyakhulula, ophule, enze izibonakaliso lezimangaliso emazulwini lemhlabeni, osekhulule uDaniyeli emandleni ezilwane. **28** Ngakho uDaniyeli lo waphumelela embusweni kaDariyusi, lembusweni kaKoresi umPerisiya.

7 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaBelishazari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, uDaniyeli wabona iphupho lemibono yekhanda lakhe embhedeni wakhe. Lapho walibhala iphupho, wakhulumma indikimba yezindaba. **2** UDaniyeli waphendula wathi: Ngabona embonweni wami ebusuku, khangela-ke, imimoya yomine yamazulu yavumbuluka phezu kolwandle olukhulu. **3** Izilo ezine ezinkulu zakhuphuka elwandle, zehlukile esinye kwesinye. **4** Esokuqala sasinjengesilwane, esilempiko zenkozi. Ngakhangela zaze zacuthwa impiko zaso, sasesiphakanyiswa sisuswa emhlabeni,

samiswa ngenyawo njengomuntu, sanikwa inhлизиyo yomuntu. 5
Khangela-ke esinye isilo, esesibili, sasinjengebhore, sazimisa
ehlangothini olulodwa, silembambo ezintathu emlonyeni waso
phakathi kwamazinyo aso. Basebesithi njalo kuso: Sukuma,
udle inyama enengi. 6 Emva kwalokhu ngabona, khangela-ke
esinye, sasinjengengwe, silempiko ezine zenyoni emhlana waso,
njalo isilo sasilamakhanda amane, lokubusa kwaphiwa kuso. 7
Emva kwalokhu ngabona emibonweni yebusuku, khangela-ke
isilo sesine, esesabekayo, esethusayo, silamandla kakhlukazi,
silamazinyo amakhulu ensimbi, sadla safohloza, sanyathela
okuseleyo ngenyawo zaso. Njalo sasehlukile kuzo zonke izilo
ezazingaphambi kwaso; futhi sasilempondo ezilitshumi. 8
Ngakhangelisisa izimpondo, khangela-ke, kwenyuka phakathi
kwazo olunye uphondo oluncinyane; lezintathu zezimpondo
zokuqala zasitshunwa ngezimpande phambi kwalo; khangela-ke,
amehlo anjengamehlo omuntu aba sephondweni lolu, lomlomo
okhulumia izinto ezinkulu. 9 Ngakhangela, kwaze kwabekwa
izihlalo zobukhos, kwahlala oMdala wezinsuku, ozembatho zakhe
zazimhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo, lenwele zekhanda lakhe
njengoboya bemvu obuhlanzekileyo; isihlalo sakhe sobukhos
sililangabi lomlilo, amavili aso angumlilo ovuthayo. 10 Isifudlana
somlilo sageleza saphuma phambi kwakhe. Inkulungwane
zezinkulungwane zamkhonza, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi
zezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zema phambi kwakhe. Isahlulelo
sazimisa, lezincwadi zavulwa. 11 Lapho ngakhangela ngenxa
yomsindo wamazwi amakhulu uphondo olwawakhulumayo.
Ngakhangela saze sabulawa isilo, lomzimba waso wachithwa,
wanikelwa emlilweni obhebhayo. 12 Mayelana lezinye izilo,
umbuso wazo wasuswa, kanti ukwelulwa empilweni kwanikwa

kuzo kwaze kwaba yisikhathi esimisiweyo lethuba. **13**
Ngabona emibonweni yebusuku, khangela-ke, onjengendodana
yomuntu weza ngamayezi amazulu, wafika kuMdala wezinsuku,
basebemsondeza phambi kwakhe. **14** Wasenikwa ukubusa,
lodumo, lombuso, ukuze bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi
kumkhonze. Ukubusa kwakhe kuyikubusa kwaphakade,
okungayikudlula, lombuso wakhe ngongayikuchithwa. **15** Mina
Daniyeli, umoya wami wadabuka phakathi komzimba, lemibono
yekhanda lami yanethusa. **16** Ngasondela komunye wababemi
khona, ngabuza kuye iqiniso lakho konke lokhu. Wasengitshela,
wangazisa ingcازلوا يېزىندا. **17** Lezizilo ezinkulu, zozine,
zingamakhosi amane, azasukuma evela emhlabeni. **18** Kodwa
abangcwele boPhezukonke bazakwemukela umbuso, babe
lombuso kuze kube phakade, ngitsho kuze kube nini lanini. **19**
Lapho ngathanda ukwazi iqiniso ngesilo sesine, esasehlukile kuzo
zonke, sisesabeka kakhulukazi, omazinyo aso ayengawensimbi,
lenzipho zaso zingezethusi; sadla, safohloza, sanyathela
okuseleyo ngenyawo zaso; **20** langezimpondo ezilitshumi
ezazisekhanda laso, lolunye olwenyukayo, lezawa phambi
kwalo ezintathu; ngitsho lolophondo olwalulamehlo, lomlomo
owakhulumu izinto ezinkulu, lokubonakala kwalo kwakukukhulu
kulezinye. **21** Ngabona, ukuthi loluphondo lusilwa labangcwele,
lwabanqoba, **22** kwaze kwafika oMdala wezinsuku, lesahlulelo
saphiya abangcwele boPhezukonke; kwasekufika isikhathi
esimisiweyo sokuthi abangcwele babe lombuso. **23** Watsho njalo:
lsilo sesine sizakuba ngumbuso wesine emhlabeni, ozakwehluka
kuyo yonke imibuso, sidle wonke umhlabo, siwunyatthelele phansi,
siwufohloze. **24** Mayelana lempondo ezilitshumi, amakhosi
alitshumi azasukuma evela kulo umbuso, lenye izasukuma emva

kwavo. Yona-ke izakwehluka kwawokuqala, iwehlisele phansi amakhosi amathathu. **25** Njalo izakhulumamazwi imelene loPhezukonke, ihluphe njalonjalo abangcwele boPhezukonke, inakane ngokuguqula izikhathi lomlayo; njalo bazanikelwa esandleni sayo kuze kube yisikhathi lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi. **26** Kodwa isahlulelo sizahlala, basuse umbuso wayo, ukuthi bawuchithe bawuqede kuze kube sekupheleni. **27** Njalo umbuso lokubusa lobukhulu bemibuso ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke kuzanikwa abantu babangcwele boPhezukonke, ombuso wabo ngumbuso ongulaphakade, lemibuso yonke izamkhonza ilalele. **28** Kuze kube lapha yisicino sendaba. Mina Daniyeli, imicabango yami yangethusa kakhulu, lokucwebezela kobuso bami kwaguquka kimi; kodwa ngalugcina udaba enhliziyweni yami.

8 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uBelishazari kwabonakala umbono kimi, mina Daniyeli, emva kwalowo owabonakala kimi kuqala. **2** Ngabona-ke embonweni; kwasekusithi, sengibonile, ngiseShushani isigodlo, esisesabelweni seElamu; ngasengibona embonweni, mina ngangingasemfuleni iUlayi. **3** Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, kwema phambi komfula inqama elempondo ezimbili. Impondo zombili zaziphakeme, kodwa olunye lwaluphakeme okwedlula olunye, njalo oluphakemeyo lwenyuka muva. **4** Ngabona inqama ihlaba ikhangele ngentshonalanga langenyakatho langeningizimu; ukuze kungabi lezinyamazana ezingema phambi kwayo, njalo kungekho ongophula esandleni sayo; kodwa yenza njengentando yayo, yazikhulisa. **5** Kwathi mina ngisacabanga, khangela-ke, kweza impongo yembuzi ivela ngentshonalanga phezu kobuso

bomhlaba wonke, njalo kayiwuthintanga umhlabathi. Njalo limpongo yayilophondo olunanzelelekayo phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo ayo. **6** Yasisiza enqameni eyayilemponto ezimbili, engangiyibone imi phambi komfula, yagijimela kuyo ngolaka lwamandla ayo. **7** Ngasengiyibona isondela ngasenqameni, yathukuthela kakhulu imelene layo, yayitshaya inqama, yephula impondo zayo zombili. Kwakungaselamandla enqameni okuma phambi kwayo; kodwa impongo yayiwisela emhlabathini, yayinyathelela phansi; njalo kwakungekho owayengayophula inqama esandleni sayo. **8** Ngakho impongo yembuzi yazikhulisa kakhulukazi; yathi isilamandla, uphondo olukhulu lwephuka; njalo endaweni yalo kwenyuka ezine ezinanzelekayo ngasemimoyeni emine yamazulu. **9** Njalo kolunye lwazo kwaphuma uphondo oluncinyane, olwakhula kakhulukazi, ngaseningizimu langasempumalanga langaselizweni elihle. **10** Lwaselukhula kwaze kwaba sebuthwensi lamazulu; lwaseluwisela emhlabathini okwebutho lokwezinkanyezi, lwakunyathelela phansi. **11** Yebo, lwazikhulisa kwaze kwaba sesiphathamandleni sebutho, langalo umhlatshelo oqhubekeyo wasuswa, lendawo yendlu yaso engcwele yadilizelwa phansi. **12** Kwasekunikelwa ibutho limelene lomhlatshelo oqhubekeyo ngenxa yesiphambeko, laphosela emhlabathini iqiniso, lenza, laphumelela. **13** Ngasengisizwa ongcwele oyedwa ekhulumma, njalo omunye ongcwele wathi kulowo othile owakhulumayo: Koze kube nini uzakuba khona lumbono mayelana lomhlatshelo oqhubekeyo, lesiphambeko sencithakalo, ukunikela indawo engcwele kanye lebutho ukuthi kunyathelelwé phansi? **14** Wasesithi kimi: Kuze kube zintambama lekuseni okuzinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu; kube sekuhlanjululwa indawo

engcwele. **15** Kwasekusithi mina Daniyeli sengiwubonile umbono ngadinga ukuqedisisa, khangela-ke, kwema phambi kwami okunjengesimo somuntu. **16** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lomuntu phakathi kwezinkumbizeUlayi, elamemeza lathi: Gabriyeli, yenza lo aqedisise umbono. **17** Wasesiza eceleni kwalapho engangimi khona. Esefikile, ngethuka, ngathi mbo ngobuso bami. Kodwa wathi kimi: Qedisisa, ndodana yomuntu, ngoba umbono ungowesikhathi sokucina. **18** Kwathi esakhuluma lami, ngangilele ubuthongo obukhulu ngobuso bami emhlabathini; kodwa wangithinta, wangimisa endaweni yami yokuma. **19** Wasesithi: Khangela, ngizakwenza wazi okuzakuba sekupheleni kwentukuthelo, ngoba ukicina kuzakuba ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. **20** Inqama oyibonileyo elempondo ezimbili ngamakhosi eMede lePerisiya. **21** Njalo impongo eyisiyephu iyinkosi yeGirisi, lophondo olukhulu oluphakathi laphakathi kwamehlo ayo luyinkosi yokuqala. **22** Ngolwephukayo, njengoba kwema ezine endaweni yalo, kuzakuma imibuso emine kuso isizwe, kodwa hatshi ngamandla alo. **23** Njalo ekucineni kwemibuso yazo, lapho abaphambeki sebephelele, izakuma inkosi elukhuni ngobuso, eqedisisa imizekeliso. **24** Lamandla ayo azaqina, kodwa hatshi ngamandla ayo. Njalo izachitha ngokumangalisayo, iphumelele, yenze, ichithe abalamandla lesizwe sabangcwele. **25** Langobuqili bayo izaphumelelisa inkohliso esandleni sayo, izikhulise enhliziyweni yayo, ichithe abanengi ngokuthula, futhi izamelana leNkosana yamakhosana, kodwa izakwephulwa kungelasandla. **26** Njalo umbono wantambama lowekuseni olandisiweyo uliqiniso; wenate ke valela umbono, ngoba ungowensuku ezinengi. **27** Mina-ke Daniyeli, ngaphela amandla ngagula okwensuku ezithile;

emva kwalokho ngasukuma, ngenza umsebenzi wenkosi; njalo ngamangala kakhulu ngombono, kodwa kakho owaqedisisayo.

9 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyusi indodana kaAhasuwerusi, owenzalo yamaMede, owenziwa waba yinkosi phezu kombuso wamaKhaladiya, **2**ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, mina Daniyeli ngaqedisia ngezincwadi inani lemnyaka, ilizwi leNkosi eleza ngayo kuJeremiya umprofethi, ukugcwalisa iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa encithakalweni zeJerusalema.
3 Ngasengikhangelisa ubuso bami kuyo iNkosi uNkulunkulu, ukudinga ngomkhuleko, lokuncenga, ngokuzila ukudla, lesaka, lomlotha. **4** Ngasengikhuleka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wami, ngenza uvumo, ngathi: Hawu Nkosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kwabamthandayo lakulabo abagcina imilayo yakhe. **5** Sonile, senza okubi, senza ngenkohlakalo, senza umvukela, ngokuphambuka emilayweni yakho lezahlulelwani zakho. **6** Futhi kasilalelanga izinceku zakho abaprofethi, ezikhulume ebizweni lakho emakhosini ethu, iziphathamandla zethu, labobaba, lakibo bonke abantu belizwe. **7** Nkosi, kukhona ukulunga kuwe, kodwa kithi ukusanganiseka kobuso, njengalolusuku; ebantwini bakoJuda, lakubahlali beJerusalema, lakulsrayeli wonke, abaseduze labakhatshana, kuwo wonke amazwe lapho obaxotshele khona, ngenxa yesiphambeko abaphambeka ngaso bemelene lawe.
8 Nkosi, kukhona kithi ukusanganiseka kobuso, emakhosini ethu, eziphathamandleni zethu, lakubobaba, ngoba sonile simelene lawe. **9** ENkosini uNkulunkulu wethu kukhona izisa lezintethelelo; lanxa siyivukele. **10** Futhi kasilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuthi sihambe emilayweni yakhe, ayibeka phambi kwethu ngesandla sezinceku zakhe abaprofethi.

11 Yebo, ulsrayeli wonke weqile umlayo wakho, ngokuphambuka, ukuze bangalaleli ilizwi lakho; ngakho isiqalekiso sithululelwe phezu kwethu, lesifungo esibhalwe emlayweni kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu, ngoba sonile kuye. **12** Futhi uwaqinisile amazwi akhe, awakhuluma emelene lathi, njalo emelene labehluleli bethu abasehlulelayo, ngokusehlisela ububi obukhulu, ngoba ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke kakuzanga kwensiwe okunjengokwensiwe eJerusalema. **13** Njengoba kubhaliwe emlayweni kaMozisi, bonke lobububi busehlele. Kanti kasincenganga ubuso beNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze siphenduke eziphambekweni zethu, siqedisise iqiniso lakho. **14** Ngakho iNkosi yalinda phezu kobubi, yabehlisela phezu kwethu; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ilungile emisebenzini yayo yonke eyenzayo, ngoba singalalelanga ilizwi layo. **15** Khathesi-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, owakhupha abantu bakho elizweni leGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla, wazenzela ibizo, njengalamuhla; sonile, senze okubi. **16** Nkosi, njengakho konke ukulunga kwakho, ngiyakuncenga, kakuthi ulaka lwakho lentukuthelo yakho kuphendulwe emzini wakho iJerusalema, intaba yakho engcwele. Ngoba ngenxa yezono zethu, langeziphambezo zabobaba, iJerusalema labantu bakho sebelihlazo kubo bonke abasihanqileyo. **17** Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu, zwana umkhuleko wenceku yakho, lokuncenga kwayo, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye endaweni yakho engcwele esilunxiwa, ngenxa yeNkosi. **18** Nkulunkulu wami, beka indlebe yakho, uzwe; vula amehlo akho, ubone ukuchitheka kwethu, lomuzi obizwa ngebizo lakho; ngoba kasiwisi ukuncenga kwethu phambi kwakho ngenxa yokulunga kwethu, kodwa ngenxa yezihawu zakho ezinkulu. **19** Nkosi, zwana! Nkosi, thethelela! Nkosi, lalela

wenze, ungalibali; ngenxa yakho, Nkulunkulu wami; ngoba umuzi wakho labantu bakho kubizwa ngebizo lakho. **20** Kwathi ngisakhulum, ngikhuleka, ngivuma isono sami lesono sabantu bakithi ulsrayeli, ngiwisa ukuncenga kwami phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wami ngenxa yentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu wami; **21** yebo, ngisakhulum, ngomkhuleko, ngitsho lowomuntu uGabriyeli, engangimbone embonweni ekuqaleni, esenziwe waphapha masinyane, wangithinta ngesikhathi somnikelo wakusihlwa. **22** Wangazisa, wakhulum, lami, wathi: Daniyeli, khathesi ngiphumele ukuzakupha inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa. **23** Ekuqaliseni kokuncenga kwakho ilizwi laphuma, minake ngize ukukutshela lona; ngoba uthandiwe kakhulu. Ngakho qedisisa loludaba, unakane ngalumbono. **24** Amaviki angamatshumi ayisikhombisa amiswe phezu kwabantu bakho laphezu komuzi wakho ongcwele, ukuqeda isiphambeko, lokuphelelisa izono, lokwenzela isiphambeko inhlawulo yokuthula, lokungenisa ukulunga okulaphakade, lokuphawula umbono lesiprofetho, lokugcoba ingcwele yezingcwele. **25** Yazi-ke uqedisise: Kusukela ekuphumeni kwelizwi lokubuyisela lokwakha iJerusalema kuze kube kuMesiya iNkosana, kungamaviki ayisikhombisa, lamaviki angamatshumi ayisithupha lambili. Kuzabuya kwakhiwe izitalada lemifolo, kodwa ngokuhlupheka kwezikhathi. **26** Langemva kwamaviki angamatshumi ayisithupha lambili uMesiya uzaqunywa, kodwa kungenzelwa yena; lesizwe sesiphathamandla esizakuza sizachitha umuzi lendawo engcwele; lokuphela kwawo kuzakuba ngozamcolo; njalo kuze kube sekupheleni kuzakuba khona impi, kumiswe izincithakalo. **27** Njalo uzaqinisa isivumelwano labanengi okweviki eyodwa; laphakathi kweviki uzakwenza kukhawule umhlatshelo lomnikelo;

laphezu kophiko lwezinengiso kuzakuba lomchithi, ngitsho kuze
kube sekupheleni, lokumisiwego kuzathululelwa phezu konxiwa.

10 Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya
ulutho lwembulelwa uDaniyeli, obizo lakhe labizwa ngokuthi
ngubeliteshazari. Njalo lolulutho lwaluliqiniso mayelana
lokulwisana okukhulu. Njalo walugedisa lolulutho, waba
lokuqedisa ngombono. **2** Ngalezonsuku, mina Daniyeli
ngangilila okwamaviki amathathu agcweleyo. **3** Kangidlanga
sinkwa esiloyisekayo, njalo kakuzanga nyama kumbe iwayini
emlonyeni wami, futhi kangizigcobanga ngitsho, kwaze
kwagcwaliyeka amaviki amathathu ezinsuku. **4** Kwathi
ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yokuqala, mina
ngiseceleni komfula omkhulu, oyihidekeli; **5** ngasengiphakamisa
amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke umuntu othile egqoke
ilembu elicolekileyo, okhalo lwakhe lwalubhincwe ngegolide
elicwengekileyo leUfazi. **6** Lomzimba wakhe wawunjengebherule,
lobuso bakhe babunjengesimo sombane, lamehlo akhe
njengezibane zomlilo, lengalo zakhe lenyawo zakhe njengombala
wethusi elikhazimulayo, lelizwi lamazwi akhe njengomsindo
wexuku. **7** Yimi ngedwa uDaniyeli engabona lowombono, ngoba
abantu ababelami kabawubonanga umbono. Kodwa ukuqhuqha
okukhulu kwabehlela, baze babaleka ukuze bacatshe. **8**
Ngakho mina ngasala ngedwa, ngabona lumbono omkhulu,
futhi kakusalanga mandla kimi, lobuhle bami baguquka kimi
baba yikonakala, kangisalelwanga ngamandla. **9** Ngasengisizwa
ilizwi lamazwi akhe; njalo lapho ngisizwa ilizwi lamazwi akhe,
mina ngehlelwa yibuthongo obukhulu ebusweni bami, lobuso
bami bungasemhlabathini. **10** Khangela-ke, isandla sangithinta,
sangimisa ngithuthumela ngamadolo ami lempama zezandla

zami. **11** Wasesithi kimi: Daniyeli, umuntu othandwe kakhulu, zwisisa amazwi engiwakhulumu kuwe, ume ngokuma kwakho, ngoba khathesi ngithunywe kuwe. Esekhlume lelilizwi kimi, ngema ngithuthumela. **12** Wasesithi kimi: Ungesabi, Daniyeli, ngoba kusukela osukwini lokuqala owabeka ngalo inhliziyo yakho ukuqedisisa lokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho, amazwi akho ezwakala, ngizile-ke mina ngenxa yamazwi akho. **13** Kodwa isiphathamandla sombuso wamaPerisiya samelana lami okwensuku ezingamatshumi amabili lanye; kodwa khangela, uMikayeli omunye weziphathamandla zakuqala weza ukuzangisiza; mina ngasengisala khona ngasemakhosini ePerisiya. **14** Khathesi ngizile ukuthi ngikwenze uqedisise okuzakwehlela abantu bakho ekucineni kwezinsuku, ngoba umbono usengowezinsuku ezinengi. **15** Esekhlumile amazwi anje kimi, ngakhangelisa ubuso bami emhlabathini, ngaba yisimungulu. **16** Khangela-ke, omunye ofanana lomfanekiso wamadodana abantu wathinta indebe zami; ngasengivula umlomo wami, ngakhulumu, ngathi kulowo owayemi phambi kwami: Nkosi yami, ngenxa yombono izinsizi zami seziphendukele phezu kwami, kangaba lamandla. **17** Ngoba inceku yale inkosi yami ingaba lakho ukukhulumu njani lale inkosi yami? Mayelana lami, kusukela ngalesosikhathi kakusalanga mandla kimi, lokuphefumula kwakungasekho kimi. **18** Wasebuya wangithinta onjengomfanekiso womuntu, wangiqinisa. **19** Wasesithi: Ungesabi, muntu othandiweyo kakhulu; ukuthula kakube kuwe, qina, yebo, qina. Kwathi esekhlume lami, ngaqiniswa, ngathi: Kayikhulumu inkosi yami, ngoba ungiqinisile. **20** Wasesithi: Uyazi yini ukuthi ngizeleni kuwe? Khathesi-ke ngizabuyela ukuzakulwa lesiphathamandla sePerisiya; lalapho

sengiphumile, khangela-ke, isiphathamandla seGirisi sizafika. 21

Kodwa ngizakutshela lokho okubhaliweyo embhalweni weqiniso; njalo kakho loyedwa obambisana lami kulezizinto, ngaphandle kukaMikayeli isiphathamandla senu.

11 Lami-ke, ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyusi umMede, ngema ukumqinisa lokumvikela. 2 Khathesi sengizakutshela iqiniso. Khangela, kusezakuma amakhosi amathathu ePerisiya; njalo eyesine izanotha ngenotho enkulu okwedlula wonke. Kuthi isiqinile ngenotho yayo ibavuse bonke bamelane lombuso weGirisi. 3 Kuzasukuma-ke inkosi elamandla, ezabusa ngokubusa okukhulu, yenze ngokwentando yayo. 4 Lalapho isukuma, umbuso wayo uzaqanyulwa, wehlukaniswe ngasemimoyeni emine yamazulu; kodwa ungabi ngowenzalo yayo, ungabi njengombuso ebiwubusa; ngoba umbuso wayo uzasitshunwa, ubo ngowabanye ngaphandle kwalaba. 5 Lenkosi yeningizimu izakuba lamandla, lomunye weziphathamandla zayo; yena-ke uzakuba lamandla kulayo, abuse; umbuso wakhe uzakuba ngumbuso omkhulu. 6 Lekupheleni kweminyaka bazahlangana, ngoba indodakazi yombusi weningizimu izakuza kumbusi wenyakatho ukuzakwenza isivumelwano esilinganayo, kodwa kayiyikugcina amandla engalo; futhi kayiyikuma, layo ingalo yakhe; kodwa izanikelwa, labayilethileyo, loyizeleyo, loyiqinisileyo ngalezizikhathi. 7 Kodwa kuzasukuma ogatsheni lwempande zayo esikhundleni sakhe, ozabuya lebutho, angene enqabeni yenkosи yenyakatho, enze emelene labo, ehlule. 8 Labonkulunkulu babo kanye leziphathamandla zabo kanye lezitsha zabo eziloyisekayo ezesiliva legolide uzakuletha eGibhithe ekuthunjweni; yena-ke uzakuma okweminyaka kulenkosi yenyakatho. 9 Ngokunjalo inkosi yeningizimu

izangena embusweni, ibuyelete elizweni layo. **10** Kodwa amadodana ayo azadungeka, ahlanganise ixuku lamabutho amakhulu; ngeqiniso kufike omunye, agabhe, adabule; abuyelete, adungeke, kuze kube senqabeni yakhe. **11** Lenkosi yeningizimu izathukuthela kakhulu, iphume ilwe layo, lenkosi yenyakatho; yona izavusa ixuku elikhulu, kodwa lelixuku lizanikelwa esandleni sayo. **12** Selisusiwe lelixuku, inhliziyo yayo izaziphakamisa, iwisele phansi izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amanengi, kodwa kayiyikuba lamandla. **13** Ngoba inkosi yenyakatho izaphenduka, ivuse ixuku elikhulu kulelokuqala; njalo ekupheleni kwezikhathi zeminyaka izafika isibili ilebutho elikhulu lempahla ezinengi. **14** Langalezozikhathi abanengi bazasukuma bemelane lenkosi yeningizimu. Labalesihluku babantu bakho bazaziphakamisa ukuze bawuqjinise umbono, kodwa bazakhubeka. **15** Ngakho inkosi yenyakatho izafika, ibuthelele idundulu, ithumbe imizi ebiyelweyo. Futhi izingalo zeningizimu kaziyikuma, kanye labakhethiweyo bakhe, futhi kakuyikuba lamandla okuma. **16** Kodwa eza ukuzamelana layo izakwenza ngokwentando yayo, engekho ongema phambi kwayo. Izakuma lelizweni elihle, lokutshabalalisa kuzakuba sesandleni sayo. **17** Njalo izamisa ubuso bayo ukungena ngamandla ombuso wayo wonke, labaqotho belayo, ngokunjalo izakwenza; futhi izayinika indodakazi yabafazi, ukuwuchitha; kodwa kayiyikuma, kayiyikuba ngeyayo. **18** Emva kwalokho izaphendulela ubuso bayo ezihlengeni, ithumbe ezinengi; kodwa isiphathamandla sizakwenza ihlazo layo limphelele; ngaphandle kokuthi izabuyisela ihlazo layo kuyo. **19** Ibisiphendulela ubuso bayo ngasezinqabeni zelizwe lakibo, kodwa izakhubeka iwe, njalo ingatholwa. **20** Lapho kuzasukuma

esikhundleni sayo odlulisa umthelisi kudumo lombuso; kodwa phakathi kwezinsuku ezinlutshwana uzabhujiwa, kungabi ngezintukuthelo, kungabi ngezimpi. **21** Lapho kuzasukuma esikhundleni sakhe odelelekileyo, abangayikumnika udumo lombuso, kodwa ezangena ngokuthula, awubambe umbuso ngamazwi abutshelezi. **22** Lezingalo zikazamcolo zizakhukhulwa phambi kobuso bakhe, zifohlozw; yebo, laso isiphathamandla sesivumelwano. **23** Langemva kokuhlangana laye uzasebenza ngenkohliso; ngoba ezakwenyuka, abe lamandla elesizwe esincane. **24** Uzangena ngokuthula laphezu kwezindawo ezivunde kakhulu zesabelo; enze lokho oyise loba oyise baboyise abangakwenzanga; uzahlakaza phakathi kwabo impango lokuthunjiveyo lempahla; acebe amacebo akhe emelene lezinqaba, kodwa kuze kube yisikhathi. **25** Futhi uzavusa amandla akhe lenhliziyo yakhe emelene lenkosi yeningizimu elebutho elikhulu; njalo inkosi yeningizimu izadungeka ilebutho elikhulu elilamandla amakhulu; kodwa kayiyikuma, ngoba bazaceba amacebo bemelene layo. **26** Yebo, labo abadla isabelo sokudla sayo bazayibhubhis, lebutho layo lizakhukhula, labanengi bazakuwa bebulewe. **27** Njalo inhliziyo zalamakhosi amabili zikukho okubi, njalo azakhulumu amanga etafuleni elilodwa; kodwa kakuyikuphumelela, ngoba isiphetho sisezakuba khona ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. **28** Lapho ezabuyela elizweni lakhe elempahla ezzinengi; kodwa inhliziyo yakhe izamelana lesivumelwano esingcwele; njalo uzakwenza, abesebuyela elizweni lakhe. **29** Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo uzaphenduka, eze ngaseningizimu; kodwa kakuyikuba njengokwakuqala loba njengokokucina. **30** Ngoba imikhumbi yeKitimi izakuza imelane laye; ngakho uzadabuka, abuyebe emuva, athukuthelele

isivumelwano esingcwele; njalo uzakwenza, abesebuyela, anakane labo abadele isivumelwano esingcwele. **31** Lezingalo zizakuma zivela kuye, zingcolise indawo engcwele eyinqaba, asuse umnikelo oqhubekayo, amise isinengiso esichithayo.

32 Lalabo abenza inkohlakalo bemelene lesivumelwano uzabangcolisa ngamazwi abutshelezi; kodwa abantu abamaziyo uNkulunkulu wabo bazaqina, benze. **33** Njalo abaqedisisayo babantu bazafundisa abanengi; kanti bazakuwa ngenkemba, langelangabi, ngokuthunjwa, langokuphangwa, izinsuku ezinengi.

34 Kuzakuthi lapho besiwa, basizwe ngosizo oluncinyane, kodwa abanengi bazazihlanganisa labo ngamazwi abutshelezi.

35 Kodwa abanye kwabaqedisisayo bazakuwa, ukubalinga, lokubahlambulula, lokubenza babe mhlophe, kuze kube yisikhathi sokuphela; ngoba kusezakuba ngokwesikhathi esimisiweyo. **36** Njalo inkosi izakwenza njengokwentando yayo, iziphakamise, izikhulise ngaphezu kwabo bonke onkulunkulu, ikhulume izinto ezmangalisayo imelene loNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, iphumelele kuze kuphelele intukuthelo; ngoba lokho okumisiweyo kuzakwenziwa. **37** Futhi kayiyikunaka onkulunkulu baboyise, lesiloyiso sabesifazana, njalo kayiyikunaka loba nguuphi unkulunkulu; ngoba izazikhulisa phezu kwabo bonke. **38** Kodwa esikhundleni sakhe uzadumisa unkulunkulu wezingaba, ngitsho unkulunkulu oyise ababengamazi amdumise ngegolide langesiliva langamatshe aligugu langezinto eziloyisekayo. **39** Njalo izakwenza ezingabeni ezilamandla ikanye lonkulunkulu wezizweni; amnanzelelayo amandisele udumo. Izabenza babuse phezu kwabanengi, yehlukanise ilizwe ngentengo.

40 Langesikhathi sokuphela inkosi yeningizimu izamsunduza; kodwa inkosi yenyakatho izamelana layo njengesivunguzane,

ilezinqola, labagadi bamabhiza, lemikhumbi eminengi; ingene emazweni, ikhukhule, idlule. **41** Njalo izangena elizweni elihle, njalo amazwe amanengi azakuwa; kodwa la azaphunyuka esandleni sakhe, iEdoma IoMowabi lekhethelo labantwana bakoAmoni. **42** Njalo izakwelulela isandla sayo emazweni, lelizwe leGibhithe kalyikuphepha. **43** Kodwa izabusa phezu kwamagugu afihliwego egolide lawesiliva, laphezu kwazo zonke izinto eziliguze gibhithe. Njalo amaLibiya lamaEthiyophiya azakuba sezinyathelweni zakhe. **44** Kodwa imibiko evela empumalanga levela enyakatho izamethusa, ngakho uzaphuma ngokuthukuthela okukhulu ukuyachitha lokutshabalalisa abanengi. **45** Njalo uzagxumeka amathente esigodlo sakhe phakathi laphakathi kwezinlwandle entabeneni enhle engcwele; kanti uzafika ekupheleni kwakhe, angabi lomsizi.

12 Langalesosikhathi uMikayeli uzasukuma, isiphathamandla esikhulu esimela abantwana babantu bakini. Njalo kuzakuba khona isikhathi sokuhlupheka, esingazanga sibe khona lokhe kwaba lesizwe kuze kube yilesosikhathi. Kodwa ngalesosikhathi abantu bakini bazakhululwa, wonke otholwa ebhaliwe ogwalweni. **2** Labanengi babo abalele othulini lomhlaba bazavuka, abanye besiya empilweni elaphakade, labanye besiya kumahlazo ekunengweni okulaphakade. **3** Njalo abahlakaniphileyo bazakhanya njengokukhazimula kwesibhakabhaka, lalabo abaphendulela abanengi ekulungeni, njengezinkanyezi kuze kube nini lanini. **4** Kodwa wena, Daniyeli, vala lamazwi, unameke ugwalo, kuze kube sesikhathini sokuphela. Abanengi bazagijima baye le lale, lolwazi luzakwandiswa. **5** Mina, Daniyeli, ngasengibona, khangela-ke, abanye ababili bemi,

omunye enganeno kokhumbi lomfula lomunye engaphetsheya kokhumbi lomfula. **6** Kwasekuthiwa kuluwomuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, owayengaphezu kwamanzi omfula: Koze kube nini ukuze kuphele lezizimangaliso? **7** Ngasengisizwa lowomuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, owayengaphezu kwamanzi omfula, lapho ephakamisela isandla sakhe sokunene lesandla sakhe sokhohlo emazulwini, efunga ngalowo ophila phakade, ukuthi kuzakuba ngokwesikhathi esimisiweyo, izikhathi ezimisiweyo, lengxenye; lalapho esephelelise ukuhlakaza amandla abantu abangcwele, zonke lezizinto zizaphela. **8** Mina ngasengisizwa, kodwa kangiqedisisanga. Ngasengisithi: Nkosi yami, kuzakuba yini ukuphela kwalezizinto? **9** Wasesithi: Hamba, Daniyeli, ngoba amazwi avalelwane ananyekwa kuze kube yisikhathi sokuphela. **10** Abanengi bazahlanjululwa, benziwe mhlophe, bahlolwe; kodwa ababi bazakwenza okubi; njalo kakho loyedwa wababi ozaqedisa; kodwa abahlakaniphileyo bazaqedisa. **11** Njalo kusukela esikhathini sokususwa komnikelo oqhubekayo, lokumiswa kwesinengiso esichithayo, kuzakuba lezinsuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **12** Ubusisiwe olindayo aze afinyelele ezinsukwini eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu. **13** Kodwa wena, hamba kuze kube sekupheleni; ngoba uzaphumula, ume esabelweni sakho ekupheleni kwezinsuku.

UHoseya

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuHoseya indodana kaBeyeri ensukwini zaboUziya, uJothamu, uAhazi, uHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda, lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowasi inkosi yakolsrayeli. **2** Ukuqala kwelizwi leNkosi ngoHoseya. INkosi yasisithi kuHoseya: Hamba uzithatthele umfazi wobuwule, labantwana bobuwule; ngoba ilizwe liyawula kakhulu ngokungayilandeli iNkosi. **3** Wasehamba wathatha uGomeri indodakazi kaDibilayimi; wasekhulelwa, wamzalela indodana. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Biza ibizo layo uthi nguJizereyeli, ngoba kuseseyisikhatshana ngizaphindisela icala legazi leJizereyeli phezu kwendlu kaJehu, ngiwiqede umbuso wendlu kalsrayeli. **5** Kuzakuthi ngalolosuku ngephule idandili likalsrayeli esigodini seJizereyeli. **6** Wasebuya ekhulelwa, wazala indodakazi. UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Biza ibizo layo uthi nguLo-Ruhama, ngoba kangisayikubuya ngihawukele indlu kalsrayeli, kodwa ngizabasusa lokubasusa. **7** Kodwa ngizayihawukela indlu yakoJuda, ngibasindise ngeNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo; njalo kangiyyikubasindisa ngedandili, loba ngenkemba, loba ngempi, ngamabhiza, kumbe ngabagadi bamabhiza. **8** Esemolumulile uLo-Ruhama, wakhulelwa, wazala indodana. **9** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Biza ibizo layo uthi nguLo-Ami; ngoba kalisibo abantu bami, ngakho mina kangisuye owenu. **10** Kube kanti inani labantwana bakolsrayeli lizakuba ngangetshebetshabe lolwandle elingeke lilinganiswe elingeke libalwe. Njalo kuzakuthi, endaweni yokuthi kuthiwe kubo: Kalisibo abantu bami; kuzakuthiwa kubo: Lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **11** Ngakho abantwana bakoJuda labantwana bakolsrayeli bazabuthaniswa ndawonye,

bazimisele inhloko eyodwa, benyuke baphume elizweni. Ngoba
luzakuba luhulu usuku IweJizereyeli.

2 Khulumani kubafowenu lithi: Ami; Iakubodadewenu lithi:
Ruhama. **2** Phikisanani lonyoko, liphikise, ngoba kasuye umkami,
lam kangisiyo indoda yakhe, ukuthi asuse ukuwula kwakhe
phambi kwami, lokufeba kwakhe ngaphakathi kwamabele akhe,
3 hlezzi ngimhlubule abe nqunu, ngimbeke abe njengosukwini
lokuzalwa kwakhe, ngimenze afanane lenkangala, ngimbeke
njengelizwe elomileyo, ngimbulale ngokoma. **4** Labantwana
bakhe kangiyikubahawukela, ngoba bangabantwana bobufebe.
5 Ngoba unina uwulile, owabazalayo wenzile ihlazo; ngoba
wathi: Ngizazilandela izithandwa zami, ezingipha ukudla
kwami, lamanzi ami, uboya bezimvu bami, lefilakisi yami,
amatfutha ami, lokunathwayo kwami. **6** Ngakho, khangela,
ngizabiya indlela yakho ngameva, ngimakhele umduli ukuze
angatholi imikhondo yakhe. **7** Alandele izithandwa zakhe,
kodwa angazifci; uzazidinga, kodwa angazitholi. Abesesithi:
Ngizahamba ngibuyelete endoden i yami yokuqala, ngoba
kwakungcono kimi ngalesosikhathi kulakhathesi. **8** Ngoba
wayengazi ukuthi mina ngamnika amabele, lewayini elitsha,
lamafutha, ngamandisela isiliva legolide, abalisebenzisela uBhali.
9 Ngakho ngizabuyela, ngithathe amabele ami ngesikhathi sawo,
lewayini lami elitsha ngesikhathi salo esimisiweyo, ngihihuthune
uboya bezimvu bami lefilakisi yami okwembesa ubunqunu
bakhe. **10** Khathesi sengizakwambula ihlazo lakhe emehlwani
ezithandwa zakhe, njalo kungabi khona omophulayo esandleni
sami. **11** Sengizaqeda intokozo yakhe yonke, amadili akhe,
ukuthwasa kwenyanga zakhe, lamasabatha akhe, lemikhosi
yakhe yonke emisiweyo. **12** Sengizachitha ivini lakhe lomkhiwa

wakhe, atsho ngakho ukuthi: Lokhu kungumvuzo wobuwule bami izithandwa zami ezinginike khona; kodwa ngizakwenza kube ligusu, ukuze inyamazana zeganga zikudle. **13** Njalo ngizaphindisela phezu kwakhe insuku zaboBhali, ayebatshisela ngazo impepha, ezicecisa ngamasongo akhe langamangqongqo akhe, walandela izithandwa zakhe, kodwa wangikhohlwa, itsho iNkosi. **14** Ngakho, khangela, ngizamhuga, ngimuse enkangala, ngikhulume enhliziyweni yakhe. **15** Ngibe sengimnika izivini zakhe kusukela lapho, lesihotsha seAkori, sibe ngumnyango wethemba. Njalo uzahlabela lapho njengensukwini zobutsha bakhe, lanjengosuku lokwenyuka kwakhe elizweni leGibhithe. **16** Kuzakuthi ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, ungibize uthi: Ndoda yami; ungabe usangibiza ngokuthi: Bhali wami. **17** Ngoba ngizasusa amabizo aboBhali emlonyeni wakhe, bangabe besakhunjulwa futhi ngebizo labo. **18** Langalolosuku ngizabenzela isivumelwano lenyamazana zeganga lenyoni zamazulu lezinto ezihuquzelayo zomhlaba; ngephule idandili, lenkemba, lempi kusuke emhlabeni, ngibalalise phansi bevikelekile. **19** Njalo ngizakugana ube ngowami kuze kube phakade, yebo, ngikugane ube ngowami ngokulunga langesahlulelo langothandolomusa langezihawu. **20** Yebo, ngizakugana ube ngowami ngothembeko; njalo uzayazi iNkosi. **21** Kuzakuthi ngalolosuku, ngizaphendula, itsho iNkosi, ngizaphendula amazulu, wona aphendule umhlaba, **22** lomhlaba uphendule amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, khona kuphendule uJizereyeli. **23** Besengizihlanyelela yena emhlabeni, ngibe lomusa phezu kongazuzanga umusa, ngithi kwababengasibantu bami: Lina lingabantu bami; bona bathi: Nkulunkulu wami.

3 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Hamba futhi, uthande owesifazana, othandwe ngumngane wakhe kanti uyafeba, njengeNkosi

ithanda abantwana bakolsrayeli, kodwa bakhangela kwabanye onkulunkulu, bethanda izinkwa zezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo.

2 Ngasengizithengela yena ngezinhlamu zesiliva ezilitshumi lanhlalu, lehomeri yebhali lengxenye yehomeri yebhali. **3** Ngasengisithi kuye: Uzahlala ungowami insuku ezinengi; ungawuli, ungabi ngowenye indoda, ngokunjalo lami ngizakuba ngowakho. **4** Ngoba abantwana bakolsrayeli bazahlala insuku ezinengi bengelankosi, bengelasiphathamandla, bengelamhlatshelo, bengelansika eyisithombe, bengela-efodi lamatherafi. **5** Emva kwalokho abantwana bakolsrayeli bazaphenduka, badinge iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavid inkosi yabo; bayesabe iNkosi lokulunga kwayo ekucineni kwezinsuku.

4 Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, bantwana bakolsrayeli, ngoba iNkosi ilempikisano labahlali belizwe; ngoba kakulaqiniso, njalo kakulamus, njalo kakulalwazi lukaNkulunkulu elizweni. **2** Kulokufunga, lokuqamba amanga, lokubulala, lokweba, lokufeba; bayafohla, lamacala egazi athinta amacala egazi. **3** Ngenxa yalokho ilizwe lizalila, laye wonke ohlala kilo udangele, kanye lenyamazana zeganga, njalo kanye lenyon zamazulu; yebo lenhlanzi zolwandle zizasuswa. **4** Kodwa kakungabi khona umuntu ophikisayo, kangasoli omunye; ngoba abantu bakho banjengabaphikisana lompristi. **5** Ngakho uzakhubeka emini, yebo, lomprofethi uzakhubeka kanye lawe ebusuku; njalo ngizamchitha unyoko. **6** Abantu bami babhujisiwe ngokuswela ulwazi; ngoba wena ulwalile ulwazi, lami ngizakwala, ukuze ungangisebenzeli njengompristi. Lokhu usuwukhohliwe umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho, lami ngizakhohlwa abantwana bakho. **7** Njengokwanda kwabo ngokunjalo bonile kimi. Udumo lwabo

ngizaluphendula lube lihlazo. **8** Badla isono sabantu bami, baphakamisela umphefumulo wabo esiphambekweni sabo. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke njengabantu abe njalo umpristi; ngizajezisa izindlela zabo phezu kwabo, ngiphindisele izenzo zabo kubo. **10** Ngoba bazakudla, kodwa bangasuthi; bawule, kodwa bangandi; ngoba bayekele ukuqaphela iNkosi. **11** Ubuwule lewayini lewayini elitsha kususa inhliyo. **12** Abantu bami babuza esigodweni sabo, lentonga yabo izabatshela. Ngoba umoya wokuwula ubaduhisile, ukuze bawule besuka phansi kukaNkulunkulu wabo. **13** Benza imihlatshelo engqongeni zezintaba, batshisa impepha phezu kwamaqaqa, ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, lephophula, lesihlahla esikhulu, ngoba umthunzi waso muhle. Ngenxa yalokho amadodakazi enu azawula, labomakoti benu bazafeba. **14** Kangiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu lapho ewula, labomakoti benu lapho befeba; ngoba bona ngokwabo bazehlukanisa lamawule, basebesenza imihlatshelo kanye lezifebe zethempeli; ngakho abantu abangelakuqediswa bazawiselwa phansi. **15** Loba wena Israyeli uwula, uJuda kangabi lacala. Lingangeni-ke eGiligali, lingenyukeli eBeti-Aveni, lingafungilithi: Kuphila kukaJehova. **16** Ngoba ulsrayeli ujila njengejongosi eliyisiqholo; khathesi iNkosi izabelusa njengewundlu endaweni ebanzi. **17** UEfrayimi uhlangene lezithombe; myekele. **18** Okunathwayo kwabo okulamandla kusukile, bazinikela ekuwuleni, ababavikelayo bathanda ngokuthanda ihlazo. **19** Umoya ubabophele empikweni zaho, njalo bazakuba lenhloni ngenxa yemihlatshelo yabo.

5 Zwanini lokhu, bapristi, lilalele, ndlu kalsrayeli, libeke indlebe, lani ndlu yenkosи. Ngoba isahlulelo singakini, ngoba selibe ngumjibila eMizipa, lembule elendlalwe phezu kweThabhorи. **2**

Labahlamuki batshonisa ukuhlaba, kodwa ngizakuba ngumlayi wabo bonke. **3** Mina ngiyamazi uEfrayimi, lolrayeli kafihlakalanga kimi; ngoba khathesi uefible, wena Efrayimi, ulsrayeli uzingcolisile. **4** Kabaqondisi izenzo zabo ukuze baphendukele kuNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba umoya wokuwula uphakathi kwabo, leNkosi kabayazi. **5** Lokuziggaja kukalsrayeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe; ngakho ulsrayeli loEfrayimi bazakhubeka esiphambekweni sabo, loJuda uzakhubeka kanye labo. **6** Bazahamba lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo ukuyadinga iNkosi, kodwa kabayikuyithola; imonyukile kubo. **7** Benze ngenkohliso ngakuyo iNkosi, ngoba bazele abantwana bezizweni. Khathesi inyanga ethwasayo izabaqeda lezabelo zabo. **8** Vuthelani uphondo lwenqama eGibeya, uphondo eRama, lihlabe umkhosi eBeti-Aveni lithi: Emva kwakho, wena Bhenjmini. **9** UEfrayimi uzakuba yincithakalo ngosuku lokujeziswa; phakathi kwezizwe zakolsrayeli ngikwazisile okuliqiniso. **10** Iziphathamandla zakoJuda sezijnengalabo abatshedisa umngcele; ngizathululela phezu kwabo ulaka lwami njengamanzi. **11** UEfrayimi ucindezelwe wachotshozwa ngesahlulelo, ngoba wavuma ukuhamba elandela umlayo. **12** Ngakho ngizakuba njengenunu koEfrayimi, lanjengokubola endlini yakoJuda. **13** Kwathi uEfrayimi ebona umkhuhlane wakhe, loJuda isilonda sakhe, uEfrayimi waya eAsiriya, wathumela ilizwi enkosini yeJarebhi; kodwa yona kayiyikuba lakho ukulelapha, kayiyikupholisa isilonda senu. **14** Ngoba ngizakuba njengesilwane koEfrayimi, lanjengebhongo lesilwane endlini yakoJuda. Mina, uqobo lwami, ngizadabudabula, besengihamba, ngisuse, kungabi lomophuli. **15** Ngizahamba ngibuyele endaweni yami, baze bavume icala labo, badinge ubuso bami; ekucindezelweni kwabo bazangidinga ngovivi.

6 Wozani sibuyele eNkosini, ngoba yona idwengulile, njalo izaselapha; itshayile, njalo izasibopha. **2** Izasivuselela emva kwensku ezimbili, ngosuku Iwesithathu isivuse, njalo siphile phambi kwayo. **3** Khona sizakwazi, silandele ukuyazi iNkosi; ukuphuma kwayo kulungiswe njengokusa; njalo izafika kithi njengezulu, njengezulu lemuva lelokuqala emhlabeni. **4** Ngizakwenzani kuwe, Efrayimi? Ngizakwenzani kuwe, Juda? Ngoba umusa wenu unjengeyezi lekuseni, lanjengamazolo ovivi athintithekayo. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu ngibagamule ngabaprofethi, ngababulala ngamazwi omlomo wami; lezahlulelo zakho zinjengokukhanya okuphumayo. **6** Ngoba ngaloyisa umusa, hatshi-ke umhlatshelo, lolwazi lukaNkulunkulu kuleminikelo yokutshisa. **7** Kodwa bona njengoluntu baseqile isivumelwano; lapho benza ngenkohliso kimi. **8** Igleyadi ingumuzi wabenzi bokubi, ilemikhondo yegazi. **9** Njengamaviyo abaphangi acathamele umuntu, linjalo ixuku labapristi; bayabulala endleleni yeShekema; ngoba benza inkohlakalo. **10** Endlini yakolsrayeli ngibone into eyesabekayo; lapho kulobuwule bukaEfrayimi, ulsrayeli ungcensiwe. **11** Lawe Juda, ukumisele isivuno, lapho ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami.

7 Lapho bengingelapha ulsrayeli, khona isiphambeko sikaEfrayimi sembulwa, lobubi beSamariya; ngoba benza amanga, lesela liyangena, leviyo labaphangi liyaphanga ngaphandle. **2** Njalo kabangatsho enhliziyweni yabo ukuthi ngiyabukhumbula bonke ububi babo. Khathesi izenzo zabo zibahanqile, ziphambi kobuso bami. **3** Bayayithokozisa inkosi ngobubi babo, leziphathamandla ngamanga abo. **4** Bonke bayafeba; banjengeziko elibaselwa ngumphekizinkwa, oyekela ukukhwezela umlilo kusukela ekuxoveni inhlama kuze kube

sekubileni kwayo. **5** Kulusuku lwenkosi yethu; iziphathamandla ziwigulise ngokutshisa kwewayini; yelulela isandla sayo kanye labaklolodayo. **6** Ngoba zalungisa inhliziyo yazo njengeziko ngokucathamelia kwazo; umphekizinkwa wazo ulala ubusuku bonke; ekuseni libhebhe njengomlilo olelangabi. **7** Zonke ziyatshisa njengeziko; zidle abehluleli bazo; amakhosi azo wonke awile; kakulamuntu phakathi kwazo ongibizayo. **8** UEfrayimi yena uzihlanganise lezizwe; uEfrayimi uliqebelengwana elingaphendulwanga. **9** Abezizwe badla amandla akhe, kodwa yena kazi. Yebo, inwele ezimpunga zihlakazekile phezu kwakhe, kodwa yena kazi. **10** Lokuziggaja kukalsrayeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe, kodwa kababuyeli eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo, kabayidingi ngakho konke lokhu. **11** Njalo uEfrayimi unjengejuba eliyisiphukuphuku elingelangqondo; bakhalela iGibhithe, baye eAsiriya. **12** Lapho behamba ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwabo, ngibehlise njengenyoni zamazulu, ngibajezise njengokwezwakala ebandleni labo. **13** Maye kubo, ngoba babalekile kimi! Incithakalo kubo, ngoba baphambukile bemelene lami. Lanxa mina bengingabahlenga, kube kanti bona baqamba amanga bemelene lami. **14** Kabakhaleli-ke kimi ngenhlizyo yabo, lapho beqhinqa isililo emibhedeni yabo; babuthana ngenxa yamabele lewayini elitsha, bayaphambuka bemelene lami. **15** Lanxa mina ngibalaya ngiqinisa izingalo zabo, kanti baceba okubi bemelene lami. **16** Bayaphenduka kodwa kunge koPhezukonke; banjengedandili elikhohlisayo; iziphathamandla zabo ziwa ngenkemba ngenxa yentukuthelo yolimi lwabo. Lokhu kuzakuba yinhlekisa yabo elizweni leGibhithe.

8 Uphondo emlonyeni wakho. Uzakuza njengokhozi lumelene lendlu yeNkosi; ngoba sebeqe isivumelwano sami, baphambuke

bemelene lomlayo wami. **2** Bazamemeza kimi: Nkulunkulu wami, thina, ulsrayeli, siyakwazi. **3** Ulsrayeli walile okuhle; isitha sizaxotshana laye. **4** Bona babeke amakhosi, kodwa kungengami; bamisa iziphathamandla, kodwa ngangingakwazi; ngesiliva sabo legolide labo bazenzela izithombe, ukuze baqunywe. **5** Ithole lakho, Samariya, likwalile; intukuthelo yami iyavutha imelene labo; koze kube nini ukuthi banganelisi ukuba msulwa? **6** Ngoba laleli livela kolsrayeli; umbazi walenza, njalo kalisuye Nkulunkulu; kodwa ithole leSamariya lizakuba yizihlephu. **7** Ngoba behlanye umoya, bazavuna isivunguzane; kakuyikuba lamabele emiyo; ihlumela kalyikwenza impuphu; uba mhlawumbe lingayiveza, abezizwe bazayiginya. **8** Ulsrayeli useginyiwe; khathesi baphakathi kwezizwe, njengesitsha okungelantokozo kiso. **9** Ngoba bona benyukele eAsiriya, ubabhemu weganga oyedwa ngokwakhe. UEfrayimi uqhatshe izithandwa. **10** Yebo, lanxa beqhatsha phakathi kwezizwe, sengizabaqoqa; yebo, bazaqala ukuba balutshwana ngenxa yomthwalo wenkosi yeziphathamandla. **11** Ngoba uEfrayimi wandise amalathi ngawokona, amalathi azakuba ngawokona kuye. **12** Ngimbhalele izinto ezinkulu zomlayo wami kodwa zabalwa njengento yemzini. **13** Mayelana lemihlatshelo yeminikelo yami, bahlaba inyama, bayidle, kodwa iNkosi kayithokozi ngabo. Khathesi izakhumbula ububi babo, iphindisele izono zabo; bona bazabuyela eGibhithe. **14** Ngoba ulsrayeli umkhohliwe uMenzi wakhe, wakha amathempeli; njalo uJuda wandisile imizi ebiyelweyo; kodwa ngizathumela umlilo emizini yakhe, ozaqothula izigodlo zakhe.

9 Ungajabuli, wena Israyeli, kube yinjabulo, njengezizwe, ngoba uwulile usuka kuNkulunkulu wakho; uthanda umvuzo wobuwule emabaleni wonke okubhulela amabele. **2** Ibala

lokubhulela lesikhamelo sewayini kakuyikubondla, lewayini
elitsha lizabakhohlisa. **3** Kabayikuhlala elizweni leNkosi, kodwa
uEfrayimi uzabuyela eGibhithe, badle okungcolileyo eAsirya.
4 Kabayikuthululela iwayini eNkosini, kabayikuyithokozisa;
imihlatshelo yabo izakuba njengesinkwa sokulila kubo; bonke
abasidlayo bazangcola; ngoba isinkwa sabo ngesomphefumulo
wabo, kasiyikufika endlini yeNkosi. **5** Lizakwenzani ngosuku
lomkhosi omisiweyo, langosuku lwedili leNkosi? **6** Ngoba
khangela, bahambile ngenxa yokuchitheka, iGibhithe izababutha,
iMofi ibangcwabe, izindawo zabo eziloyisekayo zesiliva, ukhula
oluhabayo luzakudla ilifa lazo, ameva abe semathenteni
abo. **7** Insuku zokuhanjelwa sezifikasi, insuku zempindiselo
sezifikasi; ulsrayeli uzakwazi; umprofethi uyisithutha, umuntu
womoya uyahlanya, ngenxa yobunengi bobubi benu, lenzondo
enkulu. **8** Umlindi wakoEfrayimi uloNkulunkulu wami, kodwa
umprofethi uyisifu somthiyi wenyonि endleleni zakhe zonke,
inzondo endlini kaNkulunkulu wakhe. **9** Bazonakalisile
ngokujulileyo njengensukwini zeGibeya. Uzakhumbula ububi
babu, ajezise izono zabo. **10** Ngamthola ulsrayeli njengezithelo
zevini enkangala, ngababona oyihlo njengezithelo zokuqala
emkhiweni ekuqaleni kwazo. Kodwa bona baya eBhali-
Peyori, bazehlukanisela lelohlazo, baba ngokunenekayo
njengokuthanda kwabo. **11** NgoEfrayimi, udumo lwabo
luzaphapha luhambe njengenyoni, kusukela ekuzalweni, njalo
kusukela esiswini, njalo kusukela ekumithweni. **12** Loba bekhulisa
abantwana babu, kube kanti ngizabenza bafelwe, kungasali
muntu. Yebo-ke, maye kubo ekusukeni kwami kubo! **13** UEfrayimi,
njengokubona kwami iTire, uhlanyelwe endaweni yokuhlala;
kodwa uEfrayimi uzakhuphela abantwana bakhe kumbulali.

14 Banike, Nkosi! Uzanikani? Banike isizalo esiphunzayo, lamabele omileyo. **15** Bonke ububi babo buseGiligali, ngoba ngabazonda khona, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo, ngizabaxotsha endlini yami, kangisayikubathanda; zonke iziphathamandla zabo zingabahlamuki. **16** UEfrayimi utshayiwe; impande yabo yomile, kabayikuthela isithelo; yebo loba bezala, ngizabulala izithelo zesizalo sabo ezithandekayo. **17** UNkulunkulu wami uzabala, ngoba kabamlaleli; bazakuba ngabazulayo phakathi kwezizwe.

10 Ulrsrayeli ulivini elithululwayo, lizenza izithelo; njengobunengi bezithelo zakhe wandisa amalathi akhe; ngobuhle belizwe lakhe wenza insika zakhe eziyizithombe zibe zinhle. **2** lyehlukanisile inhliziyo yabo; khathesi bazakuba lecalal; yona izabhidiza amalathi abo, ichithe insika zabo eziyizithombe. **3** Ngoba khathesi bazakuthi: Kasilankosi; ngoba kasimesabanga uJehova; pho, inkosi izakwenzani kithi? **4** Bakhulume amazwi, befunga amanga besenza isivumelwano; ngakho isahlulelo sizahluma njengokhula oluyitshefu emifolweni yensimu. **5** Abahlali beSamariya bazakwesaba ngenxa yethole leBeti-Aveni; ngoba abantu bayo bazalililela, labapristi balo ababethokoza ngalo, ngodumo Iwalo, ngoba lusukile kulo. **6** Yebo, lizathwalelwu eAsiriya, libe yisipho enkosini uJarebhi. UEfrayimi uzakuba lenhloni, lolrsrayeli ayangeke ngenxa yeseluleko sakhe. **7** ISamariya iqunyiwe, lenkosi yayo injengebazelo ebusweni bamanzi. **8** Lendawo eziphakemeyo zeAveni, isono sikalsrayeli, kuzachithwa; ameva lokhula oluhabayo kuzamila phezu kwamalathi abo. Njalo bazakuthi ezintabeni: Sisibekeleni; lemaqaqeni: Welani phezu kwethu. **9** Kusukela ensukwini zeGibeya wonile, Israyeli; lapho bema; impi eGibeya emelene labantwana bobubi kayibaficanga. **10**

Kusesiloyisweni sami ukubajezisa; izizwe zizabuthana zimelene labo, lapho ngizababopha ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo ezimbili.

11 Njalo uEfrayimi ulithokazi elifundisiwego, elithanda ukubhula, kodwa mina ngedlule phezu kwentamo yakhe yobuhle; ngigadise uEfrayimi, uJuda uzalima, uJakobe uzaziharela. **12** Zihlanyeleleni ekulungeni, livune emuseni; qhathani ingqatho yenu; ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokuyidinga iNkosi, ize ifike, inise ukulunga phezu kwenu. **13** Lilime inkohlakalo, lavuna isiphambeko, lidle izithelo zamanga; ngoba lithembele endleleni yenu, ebunengini bamaqhawe enu. **14** Ngalokho kuzakuba khona ukuxokozela phakathi kwabantu bakho, lenqaba zakho zonke zizachithwa, njengalokhu uShalimani wachitha iBeti-Aribeli ngosuku lwempi; unina wachotshozwa phezu kwabantwana. **15** Izakwenza njalo iBhetheli kini, ngenxa yobubi bobubi bakho; emadabukakusa inkosi yakolsrayeli izaqunywa lokuqunywa.

11 Ulsrayeli esengumntwana ngamthanda, ngayibiza indodana yami ukuthi iphume eGibhithe. **2** Kwathi bebabiza, ngokunjalo basuka phambi kwabo; bahlabela oBhali, batshiselā izithombe ezibaziwego impepha. **3** Mina-ke ngacathulisa uEfrayimi; ngababamba ngezingalo zabo; kodwa kabazanga ukuthi ngibelaphile. **4** Ngabadonsa ngamagoda omuntu, ngentambo zothando, ngaba kibo njengalabo abasusa ijogwe ezihlathini zabo, ngakhotthama kubo, ngabanika ukudla. **5** Kayikubuyela elizweni leGibhithe, kodwa umAsiriya yena uzakuba yinkosi yakhe, ngoba balile ukuphenduka. **6** Inkemba izatheleka emizini yakhe, iqede imigoqo yakhe, ibadle, ngenxa yamacebo abo. **7** Njalo abantu bami banamathela ekuhllehleleni muva kimi; lanxa bebabizela koPhezukonke, kakho ngitsho owayengamphakamisa. **8** Ngizakunikela njani, Efrayimi?

Ngikudele njani, Israyeli? Ngizakwenza njani ube njengeAdima?
Ngikubeke njani njengeZeboyimi? Inhliziyo yami isiphendukile
phakathi kwami, izihawu zami ziyakhudumala kanyekanye.
9 Kangiyikwenza ukuvutha kolaka Iwami; kangiyikubuyela
ngichithe uEfrayimi; ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, kangisuye
umuntu, oNgcwele phakathi kwakho; kangiyikungena emzini.
10 Bazayilandela iNkosi; izabhonga njengesilwane; lapho
yona isibhonga, khona abantwana bazavela entshonalanga
beqhaqhazela. **11** Bazaqhaqhazela njengenyoni evela eGibhithe,
lanjengejuba elivela elizweni leAsiriya; njalo ngizabenza bahlale
ezindlini zabo, itsho iNkosi. **12** UEfrayimi ungizingelezele
ngamanga, lendlu kalsrayeli ngenkohliso; kodwa uJuda usabusa
loNkulunkulu, uthembekile kanye labangcwеле.

12 UEfrayimi udla umoya, axotshane lomoya wempumalanga;
usuku lonke wandisa amanga lencithakalo; benza isivumelwano
leAsiriya, lamafutha athwalelwа eGibhithe. **2** INkosi layo
ilengxabano loJuda, izahambela uJakobe ngokwendlela zakhe,
imphindisele ngokwezenzo zakhe. **3** Esiswini wabamba
umfowabo ngesithende, langamandla akhe wabindana
loNkulunkulu. **4** Yebo, waba lamandla phezu kwengilosи,
wanqoba, wakhala inyembezi wayincenga; eBhetheli wamthola,
lalapho wakhulumа lathi. **5** Ngitsho iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wamabandla, iNkosi iyisikhumbuzo sayo. **6** Ngakho wena,
phendukela kuNkulunkulu wakho, gcina umusa lokulunga,
ulindele uNkulunkulu wakho njalonjalo. **7** Ungumthengisi,
izilinganiso ezikhohlisayo zisesandleni sakhe, uthanda
ukucindezelа. **8** LoEfrayimi uthi: Kanti nginothile, sengizitholele
inotho; kuyo yonke imitshikatshika yami kabayikuthola ububi
kimi, obuyisono. **9** Kodwa ngiyiINkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho,

kusukela elizweni leGibhithe; ngisezakuhlala emathenteni njengensukwini zomkhosi omisiweyo. **10** Ngizakhuluma futhi labaprofethi, mina ngandise umbono, ngisebenzise imifanekiso ngesandla sabaprofethi. **11** Bukhona yini ububi eGileyadi? Isibili bayize, bahlaba izinkunzi eGiligali; yebo, amalathi abo anjengenqumbi emiseleni yamasimu. **12** Kanti uJakobe wabalekela elizweni leSiriya, lolsrayeli wasebenzela umfazi, welusa izimvu ngenxa yomfazi. **13** Langomprofethi iNkosi yamenyusa ulsrayeli eGibhithe, langomprofethi walondolozwa. **14** uEfrayimi uyicunule ngobuhlungu obukhulu; ngakho izayekela igazi lakhe phezu kwakhe, leNkosi yakhe ilibuyisele kuye ihlazo lakhe.

13 Lapho uEfrayimi ekhuluma kwakulokuqhuqha, waziphakamisa kolsrayeli; kodwa waba lecal a ngoBhali, wafa. **2** Khathesi-ke baqhubeka besona, bazenzela izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilika zesiliva sabo, izithombe njengokuqedisisa kwabo, zonke zingumsebenzi wezingcitshi; abathi ngazo: Abantu abanikela imihlatshelo bazakwanga amathole. **3** Ngakho bazakuba njengeyezi lekuseni, lanjengamazolo ovivi ahambayo; njengomule ophetshulwa yisivunguzane ebeleni lokubhulela, njengentuthu ephuma etshiminini. **4** Kube kanti mina ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, kusukela elizweni leGibhithe; ngakho kawuyikwazi unkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, ngoba kakho umsindisi ngaphandle kwami. **5** Mina ngakwazi enkangala, elizweni elomileyo kakhulu. **6** Njengokwedlelo labo, ngokunjalo basutha; basutha, lenhliziyo yabo yaphakama; ngenxa yalokho bangikhohlwa. **7** Ngakho ngizakuba kubo njengesilwane, njengengwe endleleni ngizabacathamela. **8** Ngizabahlangabeza njengebhore elithathelwe imidlwane, ngidabule isisibekelo

senhliziyo yabo, ngibadlele lapho njengesilwane; isilo seganga sizabadabudabula. **9** Kukuchithile, Israyeli, kodwa kimi kulosizo lwakho. **10** Pho, ingaphi inkosi yakho, ukuthi ikusindise emizini yakho yonke? Labehluleli bakho owathi ngabo: Nginike inkosi leziphathamandla? **11** Ngakunika inkosi ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngayisusa ngolaka lwami. **12** Ububi bukaEfrayimi bubotshiwe, isono sakhe sibekiwe. **13** Insizi zowesifazana ohelelwayo zizamfikela; uyindodana engahlakaniphanga, ngoba ingehlale isikhathi emlonyeni wesizalo sabantwana.

14 Ngizabenzela inhlawulo yokuthula emandleni engcwaba, ngibahlenge ekufeni. Kufa, bangaphi omatshayabhuqe bezifo zakho? Ngcwaba, ingaphi incithakalo yakho? Uphenduko

luzasitheliswa emehlwani ami. (*Sheol h7585*) **15** Loba yena engageva izithelo phakathi kwabafowabo, kuzafika umoya wempumalanga, umoya weNkosi, usenyuka enkangala, lomthombo wakhe uzakutsha, kome lesiphethu sakhe; wona uzaphanga okuligugu kwazo zonke izitsha eziloyisekayo. **16** ISamariya izakuba lunxiwa, ngoba ihlamukele uNkulunkulu wayo; bazakuwa ngenkemba, labantwana babo bachotshozwe, labesifazana babo abakhulelwego baqhaqhwe.

14 Buyela, Israyeli, eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba ukhubekile ngesiphambeko sakho. **2** Thathani amazwi lani, libuye eNkosini, lithi kiyo: Susa bonke ububi, usemukele ngomusa; ngakho sizabhadala amajongosi endebe zethu. **3** IAsirya kayiyikusisindisa, kasiyikugada amabhiza; kasisayikutsho kuyo imisebenzi yezandla zethu ukuthi: Lingonkulunkulu bethu; ngoba kuwe intandane izatshengiswa umusa. **4** Ngizakwelapha ukuhlehlala muva kwabo, ngizabathanda ngesihle, ngoba intukuthelo yami iphanjulwe kuye. **5** Ngizakuba

njengamazolo kulsrayeli; uzakhahlela njengomduze, agxilise impande zakhe njengeLebhanoni. **6** Amahlumela akhe azanaba, lenkazimulo yakhe ibe njengesihlahla somhlwathi, abe lephunga njengeLebhanoni. **7** Bazabuyela abahlala emthunzini wakhe, bavuseleleke njengamabele, bakhahlele njengevini, isikhumbuzo sakhe sibe njengewayini leLebhanoni. **8** Efrayimi, ngiseselani lezithombe? Mina ngimphendule, ngimnanzelele; ngibe njengetiri eliluhlaza; isithelo sakho sifunyanwa kimi. **9** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo aqedisise lezizinto? Ngubani okhaliphileyo azazi? Ngoba indlela zeNkosi ziqondile, labalungileyo bazahamba ngazo, kodwa abaphambuki bazakhubeka kuzo.

UJoweli

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJoweli indodana kaPethuweli. **2**
Zwanini lokhu, badala, libeke indlebe, lonke bahlali belizwe.
Kwake kwenzeka lokhu yini ensukwini zenu, kumbe lensukwini
zaboyihlo? **3** Landiselani abantwana benu ngakho, labantwana
benu abantwana babo, labantwana babo esinye isizukulwana. **4**
Okutshiywe zintothoviyane isikhonyane sikudlile; lokutshiywe
yisikhonyane iqhwagi likudlile; lokutshiywe liqhwagi inswabanda
ikudlile. **5** Phaphamani, zidakwa, likhale inyembezi, liqhinqe isililo,
lonke banathi bewayini, ngenxa yewayini elitsha, ngoba liqunyiwe
lasuka emlonyeni wenu. **6** Ngoba isizwe senyukele elizweni
lam, esilamandla, esingelanani; amazinyo aso angamazinyo
esilwane, silamazinyo emihlathi esilwane esisikazi. **7** Senze
ivini lami laba yincithakalo, lesihlahla sami somkhiwa saba
zimvava; sakwebula lokukwebula, sakuphosela phansi, ingatsha
zakho zaba mhlophe. **8** Qhinqani isililo njengentombi emsulwa
ebhinciswe isaka ngenxa yomyeni wobutsha bayo. **9** Umnikelo
wokudla lomnikelo wokunathwayo uqunyiwe wasuka endlini
yeNkosi. Abapristi, izikhonzi zeNkosi, bayalila. **10** Insimu
ichithiwe, umhlabathi uyalila; ngoba amabele achithiwe, iwayini
elitsha lomile, amafutha aphela amandla. **11** Banini lenhloni,
balimi, qhinqani isililo, baphathizivini, ngenxa yengqoloyi langenxa
yebhali; ngoba isivuno sensimu sichithekile. **12** Ivini libunile,
lomkhiwa uphele amandla; ipomegranati, lesihlahla selala,
lesihlahla se-aphula, zonke izihlahla zeganga zomile, ngoba
intokozo ibunile yasuka ebantwaneni babantu. **13** Bhincani,
lilile, bapristi, qhinqani isililo, zikhonzi zelathi. Wozani, lilale
ebusuku emasakeni, zikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu wami; ngoba
umnikelo wokudla lomnikelo wokunathwayo kugodliwe endlini

kaNkulunkulu wenu. **14** Yehlukanisani ukuzila ukudla, libize umhlangano onzulu, libuthanise abadala, labo bonke abahlali belizwe, endlini yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, likhale eNkosini. **15** Maye ngalolosuku! Ngoba usuku IweNkosi luseduze, luzafika njengencithakalo evela kuSomandla. **16** Ukudla kakuqunywanga yini phambi kwamehlo ethu, ukuthaba lentokozo kusuka endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu? **17** Inhlanyelo iyabola ngaphansi kwamagade ayo; izibuya zingamanxiwa, iziphala zidilizelwe phansi, ngoba amabele abunile. **18** Yeka ukububula kwezfuyo! Imihlambi yenkomo ididekile, ngoba kayilalo idlelo; lemihlambi yezimvu iyahlupheka. **19** Ngiyakhala kuwe, Nkosi, ngoba umlilo uqedile amadlelo enkangala, lelangabi lilumathise zonke izihlahla zeganga. **20** Lenyamazana zeganga ziyakhala kuwe, ngoba izifudlana zamanzi zitshile, lomlilo uqedo amadlelo enkangala.

2 Vuthelani uphondo eZiyoni, lihlabe umkhosi entaben yami engcwele; kabathuthumele bonke abahlali belizwe, ngoba usuku IweNkosi luyeza, ngoba luseduze. **2** Usuku lomnyama lobumnyama, usuku lwamayezi lomnyama onzima, njengemadabukakusa lembese phezu kwezintaba; isizwe esikhulu lesilamandla, kakuzanga kube khona esinjengaso kusukela endulo, futhi kakusayikuba khona emva kwaso kuze kube yiminyaka yezizukulwana lezizukulwana. **3** Umlilo uyaqedo phambi kwaso, langemva kwaso kuvutha ilangabi. Phambi kwaso ilizwe lifanana lesivande seEdeni, kodwa ngemva kwaso liyinkangala yencithakalo; yebo kakulakuphunyuka kuso. **4** Isimo saso sinjengesimo samabhiza, lanjengabagadi bamabhiza ngokunjalo bazagijima. **5** Bazakweqa njengomsindo wezingqolqa ezingqongeni zezintaba, njengomsindo welangabi lomlilo oqeda izidindi, njengabantu abalamandla abahlelelw

impi. **6** Phambi kobuso babo abantu bazakuba lobuhlungu; bonke ubuso buzanyukumala. **7** Bazagijima njengamaqhawe, bakhwele imiduli njengamadoda empi, bahambe ngulowo lalowo ngezindlela zakhe, kabayikuphambuka emikhondweni yabo. **8** Kabasunduzani omunye lomunye; bazahamba ngulowo lalowo ngomgwaqo wakhe omkhulu; lapho bewela phezu kthesikhali, kabayikulimala. **9** Bazahaluzela bedabula umuzi, bagijime phezu komduli, bakhwele bangene ezindlini, bangene ngamawindi njengesela. **10** Umhlaba uzanyikinyeka phambi kwabo, amazulu athuthumele; ilanga lenyanga kube mnyama, lezinkanyezi zigodle ukukhanya kwazo. **11** Njalo iNkosi izakhupha ilizwi layo phambi kwebutho layo, ngoba inkamba yayo inkulu kakhulu; ngoba ilamandla eyenza ilizwi layo; ngoba usuku lweNkosi lukhulu, luyesabeka kakhulu; ngubani-ke ongalumela? **12** Ngakho lakhathesi, itsho iNkosi, phendukelani kimi ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, langokuzila ukudla, langokukhala inyembezi, langokulila. **13** Lidabule inhliziyo yenu, hatshi izembatho zenu, liphendukele eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ilesisa lesihawu, iphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo inkulu ngomusa, iyazisola ngobubi. **14** Ngubani owaziyo, ingaphenduka izisole, itshiye isibusiso ngemva kwayo, umnikelo wokudla lomnikelo wokunathwayo eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wenu. **15** Vuthelani uphondo eZiyoni, yehlukanisani ukuzila ukudla, libize umhlangano onzulu, **16** libuthanise abantu, lingcwelise ibandla, lihlanganise abadala, libuthanise abantwana, labamunya amabele; umyen iaphume ekamelweni lakhe, lomakoti ekamelweni lakhe. **17** Kakuthi abapristi, izikhonzi zeNkosi, bakhale inyembezi phakathi kwekhulusi lelathi, bathi: Yekela abantu bakho, Nkosi; unganikeli ilifa lakho ehlazweni, ukuthi abahedeni bababuse. Bazatsholoni

phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo? **18**

Khona iNkosi izatshisekela ilizwe layo, ihawukele abantu bayo.

19 Yebo iNkosi izaphendula ithi ebantwini bayo: Khangelani, ngizalithumela amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, ukuthi lisuthe ngakho; kangisayikulenza inhlamba phakathi kwezizwe.

20 Kodwa ngizasusela khatshana lani okuvela enyakatho, ngikuxotshele elizweni elomileyo leliyinkangala, ubuso bakho buqonde ngaselwandle lwempumalanga, lokucina kwakho ngaselwandle olungemuva; njalo kwenyuke ivumba lakho, kwenyuke iphunga lakho elibi, ngoba kwenze izinto ezinkulu. **21**

Ungesabi, lizwe, jabula uthokoze, ngoba iNkosi yenze izinto ezinkulu. **22** Lingesabi, zinyamazana zeganga, ngoba amadlelo enkangala asehlumile; ngoba isihlahla sithela isithelo saso, umkhiwa levini kunike amandla akho. **23** Lani bantwana beZiyoni, thabani lithokoze eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wenu; ngoba ilinikile izulu lensewula ngokulunga, yalinisela izulu, izulu lensewula lezulu lamuva njengakuqala. **24** Lamabala okubhulela azagcwala amabele, lezikhamelo zewayini ziphuphume ngewayini elitsha lamafutha. **25** Njalo ngizabuyisela kini iminyaka eyadliwa yintothoviyane, yisikhonyane, leqhwagi, lenswabanda, ibutho lami elikhulu engalithumela phakathi kwenu. **26** Njalo lizakudla lokudla, lisuthe, lidumise ibizo leNkosi, uNkulunkulu wenu, oliphethe ngokumangalisayo. Njalo abantu bami kabayikuyangiswa lanininini. **27** Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiphakathi kukalsrayeli, lokuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, njalo kakho omunye. Njalo abantu bami kabayikuyangiswa lanininini. **28** Kuzakuthi emva kwalokho ngithele uMoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama; njalo amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu azaprofetha; abadala benu baphuphe amaphupho, amajaha enu abone imibono. **29**

Yebo, laphezu kwenceku laphezu kwencekukazi ngizathela uMoya wami ngalezonsuku. **30** Njalo ngizaveza izimangaliso emazulwini lemhlabeni, igazi, lomlilo, lezinsika zentuthu. **31** Llanga lizaphenduka libe ngumnyama, lenyanga ibe ligazi, lungakafiki usuku IweNkosi olukhulu lolwesabekayo. **32** Kuzakuthi-ke loba ngubani ozabiza ibizo leNkosi asindiswe; ngoba entaben iyeZiyoni leJerusalema kuzakuba khona ukukhululwa, njengokutsho kweNkosi, laphakathi kwabaseleyo iNkosi ezababiza.

3 Ngoba khangel, ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda leJerusalema, **2** ngizabutha zonke izizwe, ngizehlisele esigodini sikaJehoshafathi, ngizigwebe khona ngenxa yabantu bami lelifa lami ulsrayeli, ezibahlakaze phakathi kwezizwe, zalaba ilizwe lami, **3** zenza inkatho yokuphosa ngabantu bami, zanika umfana ngewule, zathengisa inkazana ngewayini, ukuze zinathe. **4** Yebo-ke, lilani kimi, Tire leSidoni, lani lonke mingcele yeFilisti? Lizangibuyisela umvuzo yini? Uba-ke lingibuyisela, masinyane ngokuphangisa ngizabuyisela umvuzo wenu ekhanda lenu. **5** Ngoba lithethe isiliva sami legolide lami, laletha izinto zami eziloyisekayo ezinhle emathempelini enu. **6** Lathengisa abantwana bakoJuda labantwana beJerusalema ebantwaneni bamaGriki, ukuze libasusele khatshana lomngcele wabo. **7** Khangelani, ngizabavusa endaweni elabathengisa kiyo, ngibuyisele umvuzo wenu ekhanda lenu. **8** Njalo ngizathengisa amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu esandleni sabantwana bakoJuda, abazabathengisa kumaSabeya esizweni esikhatshana; ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile. **9** Memezelani lokhu phakathi kwezizwe; lingcwelise impi; livuse amaqhawe; kawasondele enyuke wonke amadoda empi. **10** Khandani amakhuba enu abe yizinkemba, lengqamu zenu zokuthena zibe

yimikhonto; obuthakathaka athi: Ngiliqhawe. **11** Phangisani lize, lina zizwe zonke ezizingelezeleyo, libuthane; Nkosi, yehlisa amaqhawe akho kuleyondawo. **12** Kazizivuse izizwe zenyukele esihotsheni sikaJehoshafathi; ngoba kulapho engizahlala khona ukugweba zonke izizwe inhlangothi zonke. **13** Fakani isikela, ngoba isivuno sivuthiwe; wozani lehlele phansi, ngoba isikhamelo sewayini sigcwele, amafatshi ewayini ayaphuphuma, ngoba ububi babo bukhulu. **14** Amaxuku, amaxuku esihotsheni sesinqumo; ngoba usuku lweNkosi luseduze esihotsheni sesinqumo. **15** Ilanga lenyanga kuzakuba mnyama, lezinkanyezi zigodle ukukhanya kwazo. **16** INkosi izabhonga-ke iseZiyoni, ikhuphe ilizwi layo iseJerusalema, kunyikinyeke amazulu lomhlaba. Kodwa iNkosi ibe yisiphephelo sabantu bayo, lamandla abantwana bakolsrayeli. **17** Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wenu, ohlala eZiyoni, intaba yobungcwele bami. Njalo iJerusalema izakuba yibungcwele, labezizwe kabasayikudlula phakathi kwayo. **18** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku izintaba zithontise iwayini elimnandi, lamaqaqa ageleze uchago, lazo zonke izifula zakoJuda zigeleze amanzi, lomthombo uphume endlini yeNkosi, uthelele isihotsha seShithimi. **19** IGibhithe izakuba lunxiwa, leEdoma ibe yinkangala elunxiwa, ngenxa yodlakela olumelene labantwana bakoJuda, ngoba bachithe igazi elingelacala elizweni labo. **20** Kodwa uJuda uzahlala kuze kube nininini, leJerusalema kuze kube yisizukulwana lesizukulwana. **21** Ngoba ngizahlanza igazi labo, engangingalihlanzanga; ngoba iNkosi ihlala eZiyoni.

U-Amosi

1 Amazwi kaAmosi owayephakathi kwabelusi beThekhowa, awabona ngolsrayeli, ensukwini zikaUziya inkosi yakoJuda, lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakolsrayeli, iminyaka emibili ngaphambi kokuzamazama komhlaba. **2** Wasesithi: INkosi izabhonga iseZiyoni, ikhuphe ilizwi layo iseJerusalema; lendawo zokuhlala zabelusi zizalila, lengqonga yeKharmeli ibune. **3** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeDamaseko, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba babbule iGileyadi ngembulo zensimbi. **4** Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo endlini kaHazayeli, ozaqeda izigodlo zikaBenihadadi. **5** Njalo ngizakwephula umgoqo weDamaseko, ngiqume umhlali wegceke leAveni, lophethe intonga, esuka eBeti-Edeni; njalo abantu beSiriya bazathunjelwa eKiri, itsho iNkosi. **6** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeGaza, langenxa yezine, kangiyikukuphambula; ngoba babathumba ngokuthunjwa okupheleleyo, ukuthi babanikele e-Edoma. **7** Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo emdulini weGaza, ozaqeda izigodlo zayo. **8** Ngiqume umhlali eAshidodi, lophethe intonga eAshikeloni, ngiphendulele isandla sami ngimelene leEkhironi; njalo insali yamaFilisti izabhubha; itsho iNkosi uJehova. **9** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeTire, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba babathumba ngokuthunjwa okupheleleyo babanikela kuEdoma, kabakhumbulanga isivumelwano sabazalwane. **10** Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo emdulini weTire ozaqeda izigodlo zayo. **11** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeEdoma, langenxa yezine, kangiyikukuphambula, ngoba yaxotshana

labafowabo ngenkemba, yonakalisa izihawu zayo, lolaka lwayo
lwadabudabula njalonjalo, yagcina intukuthelo yayo kokuphela.

12 Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo eThemani ozaqeda izigodlo
zeBhozira. **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu
zabantwana bakoAmoni, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula
isijeziso sabo, ngoba baqhaqha abesifazana abazithweleyo
beGileyadi, ukuze bandise umngcele wabo. **14** Ngakho
ngizaphemba umlilo emdulini weRaba, ozaqeda izigodlo
zayo, ngokumemeza osukwini lwempi, ngesiphepho osukwini
lwesivunguzane; **15** lenkosi yabo izakuya ekuthunjweni, yona
kanye leziphathamandla zayo; itsho iNkosi.

2 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu
zikaMowabi, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula isijeziso
sabo, ngoba watshisa amathambo enkosi yeEdoma aba
yikalaga. **2** Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo koMowabi, ozaqeda
izigodlo zeKeriyothi, uMowabi afele phakathi kokuxokozela,
ngokumemeza, ngokukhala kophondo. **3** Ngiqume umahluleli
asuke phakathi kwakhe, ngibulale zonke iziphathamandla
zakhe kanye laye, itsho iNkosi. **4** Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakoJuda, langenxa yezine,
kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba bawalile umlayo
weNkosi, kabagcinanga izimiso zayo, lamanga abo abaduhisile,
oyise abawalandelayo. **5** Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo koJuda,
futhi uzaqeda izigodlo zeJerusalema. **6** Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakolsrayeli, langenxa yezine,
kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba bathengisa olungileyo
ngesiliva, loswelayo ngamanyathela amabili, **7** abaphefuzelela
uthuli lomhlaba oluphezu kwekhanda labayanga, baphambukisa
indlela yabammene; njalo umuntu loyise baya entombini,

ukuze bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele. **8** Bacambalale ezembathweni zesibambiso eceleni kwalelo lalelo ilathi, banathe iwayini labalahliwego endlini yabonkulunkulu babo. **9** Kanti mina ngachitha umAmori phambi kwabo, obude bakhe babunjengobude bamasedari, eqine njengama-okhi; kodwa ngachitha isithelo sakhe ngaphezulu, lempande zakhe ngaphansi. **10** Futhi mina ngalenusa elizweni leGibhithe, ngalikhokhela enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane, ukuze lidle ilifa lelizwe lomAmori. **11** Ngavusa abanye emadodaneni enu babe ngabaprofethi, labanye emajaheni enu babe ngamaNaziri. Kakunjalo yini, lina bantwana bakolsrayeli? itsho iNkosi. **12** Kodwa lawanathisa amaNaziri iwayini, lalaya abaprofethi lisithi: Lingaprofethi. **13** Khangelani, ngizalicindezela phansi, njengenqola igcwele izithungo icindezela. **14** Ngakho isiphephelo sizabhubha kolejubane, lolamandla kayikuqinisa amandla akhe, leqhawe kalyikukhulula impilo yalo. **15** Lophethe idandili kayikuma, lolenyawo ezelula kayikuzikhulula, logade ibhiza kayikukhulula impilo yakhe. **16** Lolenhliziyo eqjinileyo phakathi kwamaqhawe uzabaleka eze ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi.

3 Zwanini lelilizwi iNkosi elikhulume imelene lani, lina bantwana bakolsrayeli, imelene losendo lonke engalwenyusa elizweni leGibhithe, isithi: **2** Yini kuphela engilaziyo kuzo zonke izinsendo zomhlaba; ngakho-ke ngizaphindisela phezu kwenu bonke ububi benu. **3** Ababili bangahamba kanyekanye yini ngaphandle kokuthi behlangene? **4** Kambe isilwane singabhonga ehlathini singelampango? Ibhongo lesilwane lingakhupha ilizwi lalo ebhalwini lwalo lingabambanga lutho yini? **5** Inyoni ingawela emjibileni emhlabeni lapho okungelasifu sayo khona yini? Umjibila ungathanya yini emhlabathini uba

ungabambanga ulutho? **6** Uphondo lungavuthelwa yini emzini
abantu bangethuki? Kulobubi yini emzini iNkosi engabenzanga?
7 Isibili iNkosi uJehova kayenzi lutho ngaphandle kokuthi
yembule icebo layo eliyimfihlo encekwini zayo abaprofethi.
8 Isilwane sesibhongile, ngubani ongayikwesaba? INkosi
uJehova isikhulumile, ngubani ongayikuprofetha? **9** Zwakalisani
ezigodlweni zeAshidodi lezigodlweni zelizwe leGibhithe, lithi:
Buthanani phezu kwezintaba zeSamariya, libone iziphithiphithi
ezinkulu phakathi kwayo labacindezelwayo phakathi kwayo.
10 Ngoba kabakwazi ukwenza okuqondileyo, itsho iNkosi,
ababuthelela udlakela lencithakalo ezigodlweni zabo. **11** Ngakho
itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Isitha, esizazingelezela ilizwe,
esizakwehlisa amandla akho kuwe, lezigodlo zakho ziphangwe.
12 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Njengalokho umelusi esophula imilenze
emibili emlonyeni wesilwane, loba isiqa sendlebe, ngokunjalo
abantwana bakolsrayeli abahlala eSamariya bazakophulwa
egumbini lombheda ledamaseko yethala. **13** Zwanini lifakaze
endlini kaJakobe, itsho iNkosi uJehova uNkulunkulu wamabandla,
14 ukuthi mhla ngizaphindisela iziphambeko zikalsrayeli phezu
kwakhe, ngizaphindisela futhi phezu kwamalathi eBhetheli,
lempondo zelathini zizaqunywa ziwele emhlabathini. **15**
Ngizatshaya indlu yebusika kanye lendlu yehlobo, lezindlu
zempondo zendlovu zizabhubha, lezindlu ezinkulu ziphele; itsho
iNkosi.

4 Zwanini lelilizwi, mankomokazi eBashani, elisentabeni
yeSamariya, elicindezela abayanga, elichoboza abaswelayo,
elithi emakhosini abo: Lethani sinathe. **2** INkosi uJehova ifungile
ngobungcwele bayo, ukuthi, khangelani, insuku zizafika phezu
kwenu lapho abazalihudula ngezingwegwe, labalilandelayo

ngengwegwe zokubamba inhlanzi. **3** Njalo lizaphuma ngezikhala, ngulowo lalowo phambi kwakhe, liziphosele ngasesigodlweni, itsho iNkosi. **4** Wozani eBhetheli, liphambleke, eGiligali landise iziphambeko; lilethe imihlatshelo yenu ekuseni, okwetshumi kwenu ngomnyaka wesithathu; **5** litshise umhlatshelo wokubonga ngokuvutshelwego, limemezele iminikelo yesihle, lizwakalise; ngoba ngokunjalo likuthanda, bantwana bakolsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **6** Ngakho mina ngilinikile futhi ukuhlanzeka kwamazinyo emizini yonke yenu, lenswelo yesinkwa endaweni zenu zonke; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. **7** Futhi-ke mina ngaligodlela izulu, kuseselenyanga ezintathu kusiya ekuvuneni; ngalinisa komunye umuzi, kodwa kalinanga komunye umuzi; esinye isiqinti sanethwa, kodwa isiqinti esinganethwanga satsha. **8** Kwasekuzula imizi emibili loba emithathu yayanatha amanzi emzini owodwa, kodwa kayikhholwanga; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. **9** Ngalitshaya ngokuhanguka langengumane; ukwanda kwezivande zenu, lezivini zenu, lezihlahla zenu zemikhiwa, lezihlahla zenu zemihlwathi, kwadliwa zintethe; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. **10** Ngathumela phakathi kwenu umatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngokwendlela yeGibhithe, ngabulala amajaha enu ngenkemba, kanye lokuthunjwa kwamabhiza enu; njalo ngenza ivumba lenkamba yenu lenyuka ngitsho emakhaleni enu; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. **11** Ngachitha abanye phakathi kwenu njengalokho uNkulunkulu wachitha iSodoma leGomora, lalinjengesikhuni esophulwe ekutsheni; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. **12** Ngakho ngizakwenza ngokunjalo kuwe, Israyeli; ngenxa yokuthi ngizakwenza lokhu kuwe, zilungiselele ukuhlangana loNkulunkulu wakho, Israyeli. **13** Ngoba khangela, obumba

izintaba, lodala umoya, lotshela umuntu ukuthi umcabango wakhe uyini, owenza ukusakube mnyama, onyathela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, libizo lakhe.

5 Zwanini lelilizwi engiliphakamisa phezu kwenu, isililo, ndlu kalsrayeli. **2** Intombi emsulwa yakolsrayeli iwile, kayiyikuvuka futhi; ideliwe emhlabathini wayo, kakho oyivusayo. **3** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Umuzi ophuma labayinkulungwane uzasala labalikhulu, lophuma labalikhulu uzasala labalitshumi, kuyo indlu kalsrayeli. **4** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi endlini kalsrayeli: Ngidingani liphile. **5** Kodwa lingadingi iBhetheli, lingangeni eGiligali, lingedluleli eBherishebha, ngoba iGiligali izathunjwa lokuthunjwa, leBhetheli izakuba yize. **6** Dingani iNkosi liphile, hlezi ifohlele indlu kaJosefa njengomlilo oqothulayo, kungabi khona owucitshayo eBhetheli. **7** Lina eliphendula isahlulelo sibe ngumhlonyanne, lilalise ukulunga emhlabathini. **8** Owenza isiLimela leziNja, lophendula umthunzi wokufa ube yikusa, lowenza imini ibe mnyama njengobusuku, obiza amanzi olwandle, awathulule ebusweni bomhlabathi; iNkosi libizo lakhe. **9** Okhazimulisa incithakalo phezu kolamandla, ukuze incithakalo ize phezu kwenqaba. **10** Bayamzonda okhuzayo esangweni, banengwe ngokhuluma ngokuqonda. **11** Ngenxa yokuthi linyathelela phansi umyanga, limthathele umthwalo wamabele, lakhe izindlu zamatshe abaziweyo, kodwa kaliyikuhlala kuzo; lihlanyele izivini zentokozo, kodwa kaliyikunatha iwayini lazo. **12** Ngoba ngyiasi ukuthi iziphambeko zenu zinengi, lokuthi izono zenu zilamandla; lina elihlupha olungileyo, elemukela isivalamlomo, eliphambula abayanga esangweni. **13** Ngakho ohlakaniphileyo uzathula ngalesosikhathi, ngoba kuyisikhathi esibi. **14** Dingani

okuhle, hatshi-ke okubi, ukuze liphile, ukuze ngokunjalo iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wamabandla ibe lani, njengokutsho kwenu. **15**
Zondani ububi, lithande okuhle, limise isahlulelo esangweni;
mhlawumbe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla ingaba lesisa
kunsali yakoJosefa. **16** Ngakho utsho njalo uJehova, uNkulunkulu
wamabandla, iNkosi: Kuzakuba khona isililo emidangeni yonke,
lakuzo zonke izitalada bazakuthi: Maye! Maye! Njalo bazabizela
umlimi ekulileni, lesililo sizakuba labazi ukulila. **17** Lakuzo zonke
izivini kuzakuba lokulila, ngoba ngizadabula phakathi kwenu,
itsho iNkosi. **18** Maye kulabo abaloyisa usuku lweNkosi! Luzakuba
ngolwani kini usuku lweNkosi? Luzakuba ngumnyama, hatshi
ukukhanya. **19** Kunjengomuntu obaleke phambi kwesilwane,
ahlangane lebhore; loba angene endlini abambelele ngesandla
sakhe emdulini, lenyoka imlume. **20** Usuku lweNkosi kaluyikuba
ngumnyama yini, hatshi-ke ukukhanya, lomnyama omkhulu
ongelakukhanya kuwo? **21** Ngiyayizonda, ngiyayidelela imikhosi
yenu, kangiyikunuka emihlanganweni yenu enzulu. **22** Ngoba
lanxa linikela kimi iminikelo yokutshisa leminikelo yenu yokudla,
kangithokozi, leminikelo yokuthula yezifuyo zenu ezinonileyo
kangiyinanzi. **23** Susani kimi umsindo wezingoma zenu, ngoba
kangiyikuzwa ukukhala kwamachacho enu. **24** Kodwa isahlulelo
kasikhukhule njengamanzi, lokulunga njengesifula esigeleza
njalo. **25** Lanikela yini kimi imihlatshelo leminikelo yokudla
enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, lina ndlu
kalsrayeli? **26** Kodwa lathwala uSikuthi inkosi yenu, loKhiwuni
izithombe zenu, inkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu, elizenzele zona.
27 Ngakho ngizalithumbela ngaphetsheya kweDamaseko, itsho
iNkosi, obizo layo nguNkulunkulu wamabandla.

6 Maye kubo abonwabileyo eZiyoni, labavikelekileyo entaben
yeSamariya, abakhethekileyo bokujala bezizwe, abaya kubo
abendlu kalsrayeli! **2** Dlulelani eKoline, libone, lisuke lapho
liye eHamathi enkulu, lehlele eGathi yamaFilisti. Bangcono
yini kulalimibuso? Umngcele wabo mkhulu yini kulomngcele
wenu? **3** Lina elibeka khatshana usuku olubi, lisondeza
eduze isihlalo sodlakela. **4** Labo abalala phezu kwemibheda
yophondo Iwendlovu, bacambalale phezu kwamathala abo,
badle amawundlu avela emhlanjini, lamankonyana avela
phakathi kwesibaya; **5** abatshotsha ngokukhala kwechacho,
beziqambela izinto zokukhalisa, njengoDavida; **6** benatha
iwayini ngemiganu, bazigcobe ngamagcobo akhethekileyo,
kodwa kababukeli ukuchitheka kukaJosefa. **7** Ngakho khathesi
bazakuya ekuthunjweni labakuqala abaya ekuthunjweni, ledili
labacambalalayo lizasuswa. **8** INkosi uJehova ifungile ngayo
uqobo, itsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla: Ngiyakwenyanya
ukuqhenya kukaJakobe, ngizonda izigodlo zakhe; ngakho
ngizawunikela umuzi lokugcwala kwawo. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke
uba kusele amadoda alitshumi endlini eyodwa, azakufa. **10**
Njalo umalume womuntu uzamphakamisa, lalowo omtshisayo,
ukukhupha amathambo endlini, abesesithi kosemaceleni endlu:
Kusekhona yini olawe? Njalo uzakuthi: Kakho. Khona uzakuthi:
Thula, ngoba kakusikokuqamba ibizo leNkosi. **11** Ngoba
khangela, iNkosi iyayala, njalo izatshaya indlu enkulu ibe
yizihlephu, lendlu encinyane ibe yizicucu. **12** Amabhiza angagijima
edwaleni yini? Umuntu angalima khona ngezinkabi yini? Ngoba
liphendulele isahlulelo saba yinyongo, lesithelo sokulunga
saba ngumhlonyane. **13** Lina elithokoza ngento engelutho,
elithi: Kasizithathelanga izimpando yini ngamandla ethu? **14**

Ngoba khangelani, ngizalivusela, lina ndlu kalsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla, isizwe, esizalihlupha kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kuze kube sesifuleni senkangala.

7 INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, yabumba isikhonyane ekuqaleni kokuhluma kotshani bamuva, njalo khangela, kwakubutshani bamuva emva kokusika kwenkosi. **2** Kwasekusithi lapho sesiqedile ukudla utshani belizwe, ngathi: Nkosi Jehova, ake uthethelele. UJakobe uzakuma njani? ngoba emncinyane. **3** INkosi yazisola ngalokhu; kakuyikwenzeka, itsho iNkosi. **4** INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, iNkosi uJehova yabiza ukulwa ngomlilo, owaqothula ukujula okukhulu waqothula isabelo. **5** Ngasengisithi: Nkosi Jehova, ake ume. UJakobe uzakuma njani? ngoba emncinyane. **6** INkosi yazisola ngalokhu. Lalokhu kakuyikwenzeka, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **7** Yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, iNkosi yayimi emdulini owenziwa njengokwentambo yokuqondisa; kwakulentambo yokuqondisa esandleni sayo. **8** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ubonani, Amosi? Ngathi: Intambo yokuqondisa. INkosi yasisithi: Khangela, ngizabeka intambo yokuqondisa phakathi kwabantu bami ulsrayeli; kangisayikubedlula futhi. **9** Kodwa indawo eziphakemayo zikalsaka zizakuba ngamanxiwa, lezindawo ezingcwele zakolsrayeli zizadilizwa; ngiyivukele indlu kaJerobowamu ngenkemba. **10** UAmaziya umpristi weBhetheli wasethumela kuJerobhowamu inkosi yakolsrayeli, esithi: UAmosi wenze ugobe emelene lawe phakathi kwendlu kalsrayeli; ilizwe kalilakuwathwala wonke amazwi akhe. **11** Ngoba utsho njalo uAmosi: UJerobhowamu uzakufa ngenkemba, lolrayeli athunjwe lokuthunjwa aphume elizweni lakhe. **12** UAmaziya wasesithi kuAmosi: Wena mboni, hamba

ubalekele elizweni lakoJuda, lapho udle isinkwa khona, lalapho uprefethe. **13** Kodwa eBhetheli ungabe usaprofetha futhi, ngoba iyindawo engcwele yenkosi njalo iyindlu yombuso. **14** UAmosi wasephendula wathi kuAmaziya: Ngangingasumprofethi mina, futhi ngangingasindodana yomprofethi mina; kodwa ngangingumelusi wenkomo, lomvuni wemikhiwa yesikhamore. **15** Kodwa iNkosi yangithatha ekulandeleni umhlambi, iNkosi yathi kimi: Hamba uyeprefetha ebantwini bami ulsrayeli. **16** Ngakho-ke zwana ilizwi leNkosi. Wena uthi: Ungaprofethi umelene lolsrayeli, ungaatshumayeli umelene lendlu kalsaka. **17** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Umkakho uzawula phakathi komuzi, lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho azakuwa ngenkemba, lelizwe lakini lizakwabiwa ngentambo, wena-ke uzafela elizweni elingcolileyo, lolsrayeli athunjwe lokuthunjwa aphume elizweni lakhe.

8 INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, isitsha sezithelo zehlobo. **2** Yasisithi: Ubonani, Amosi? Ngathi: Isitsha sezithelo zehlobo. INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ukuphela sekufikile ebantwini bami ulsrayeli; kangisayikubedlula futhi. **3** Kodwa izingoma zethempelini zizaqhingga isililo mhlalokho, itsho iNkosi uJehova; kuzakuba lezidumbu ezinengi; kuyo yonke indawo bazaziphosela ngokuthula. **4** Zwanini lokhu, lina eliginya oswelayo, lokuthi lichithe abayanga belizwe; **5** elithi: Ukuthwasa kwenyanga kuzadlula nini ukuze sithengise amabele? lesabatha ukuze sivule ingqoloyi, sisenza i-efa libe lincinyane, sisenza ishekeli libe likhulu, siphambanisa izilinganiso zenkohliso. **6** Ukuze sithenge abayanga ngesiliva, loswelayo ngamanyathela amabili, yebo sithengise amakhoba amabele? **7** INkosi ifungile ngobukhosи bukaJakobe: Isibili kangiyikukhohlwa zonke izenzo zabo kuze kube nininini. **8** Kawuyikuqhaqhazela

yini umhlaba ngalokhu, alile laye wonke ohlala kuwo? Yebo ukhukhumale wonke njengomfula, uphoseke le lale utshone njengomfula weGibhithe. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ngizatshonisa ilanga emini enkulu, ngenze umhlaba ube mnyama emini ekhanyayo. **10** Ngiphendule imikhosi yenu ibe yikulila, lengoma zenu zonke zibe yisililo, ngilethe isaka enkalweni zonke, lempabanga ekhanda lonke, ngikwenze kube njengesililo sendodana eyodwa, lokucina kwalo njengosuku olubabayo. **11** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho ngizathumela indlala elizweni, kungabi yindlala yokudla, kungabi ngeyokomela amanzi, kodwa eyokuzwa amazwi eNkosi. **12** Njalo bazazula kusukela elwandle kuze kube selwandle, njalo kusukela enyakatho kuze kube sempumalanga, bagijimele le lale ukudinga ilizwi leNkosi, kodwa bengalitholi. **13** Ngalolosuku intombi ezimsulwa ezinhle lamajaha azaqaleka ngenxa yokoma. **14** Labo abafunga ngecal a leSamariya bathi: Kuphila kukankulunkulu wakho, Dani; lokuthi: Kuphila kwendlela yeBherishebha; bazakuwa-ke, bangabe besavuka.

9 Ngabona iNkosi imi phezu kwelathi, yathi: Tshaya isihloko ukuze imibundu inyikinyeke, ubaqume ekhanda, bonke babo; labokucina babo ngibabulale ngenkemba; kakuyikubaleka obalekayo wabo, kakuyikuphunyuka ophunyukayo wabo. **2** Loba begebha besiya esihogweni, isandla sami sizabathatha khona; loba bekhwela-ke besiya emazulwini, ngizabehlisa khona; (**Sheol** h7585) **3** loba becatsha-ke engqongeni yeKharmeli, ngizabadinga ngibathathe khona; loba becatsha-ke basuke phambi kwamehlo ami kuphansi yolwandle, ngizalaya inyoka ivela lapho ezabaluma; **4** loba besiya-ke ekuthunjweni phambi kwezitha zabo, ngizalaya inkemba ivela lapho ukuze izebabulala; ngimise ilihlo lami phezu

kwabo ngokubi, hatshi-ke ngokuhle. **5** Njalo kuyiNkosi uJehova wamabandla ethinta umhlaba, ukuze uncibilike, balile bonke abahlala kuwo, ukhukhumale wonke njengomfula, utshone njengomfula weGibhithe. **6** Eyakha amakamelو ayo aphezulu emazulwini, yamisa amaviyo ayo emhlabeni, ebiza amanzi olwandle, iwathululele ebusweni bomhlaba; iNkosi libizo layo. **7** Kimi kalnjengabantwana bamaEthiyopiya yini, lina bantwana bakolsrayeli? itsho iNkosi. Kangikhuphulanga yini ulsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe, lamaFilisti eKafitori, lamaSiriya eKiri? **8** Khangela, amehlo eNkosi uJehova aphezu kombuso owonayo; njalo ngizawuchitha usuke ebusweni bomhlaba, kube kanti kangiyikuyichitha ngokupheleleyo indlu kaJakobe, itsho iNkosi. **9** Ngoba khangela, ngizalaya ngihlungule indlu kalsrayeli phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe njengamabele ehlungulwa ngokhomane, kodwa kakuyikuwela emhlabathini ilitshe elincinyane. **10** Zonke izoni zabantu bami zizakufa ngenkemba, ezithi: Okubi kakuyikufinyelela kithi kumbe kusihlangabeze. **11** Ngalolosuku ngizavusa idumba likaDavida eliwileyo, ngivale izikhala zalo, ngivuse amanxiwa alo, ngilakhe njengensukwini zendulo; **12** ukuze badle ilifa lensali yeEdoma, lezizwe zonke ezibizwa ngebizo lami, itsho iNkosi eyenza lokhu. **13** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho olimayo ezasondela kovunayo, lonyathela izithelo zevini kohlanyela inhlanyelo; lentaba zizathonta iwayini eliminandi, lamaqaqa wonke ancibilike. **14** Njalo ngizaphendula ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami ulsrayeli, bayakhe imizi echithekileyo, bahlale kiyo; bahlanye izivini, banathe iwayini lazo, benze izivande, badle izithelo zazo. **15** Ngibahlanye elizweni labo, bangabe besasitshulwa elizweni engibanike Iona, itsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.

U-Obhadiya

1 Umbono kaObhadiya. Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova mayelana leEdoma: Sizwile umbiko ovela eNkosini, njalo kuthunywe isithunywa phakathi kwezizwe: Sukumani, kasimvukele empini! **2** Khangela, ngikwenze waba mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe, udelelwé kakhulu. **3** Ukuziqhenya kwenhliziyo yakho kukukhohlisile, wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala, ondawo yakhe yokuhlala iphakeme, othi enhliziyweni yakhe: Ngubani ozangehlisela emhlabathini? **4** Loba uphakeme njengokhozi, njalo loba ubeka isidleke sakho phakathi kwezinkanyezi, ngizakwethula khona, itsho iNkosi. **5** Uba amasela efika kuwe, loba abaphangi ebusuku (uqunywe kangakanani!) bebengayikuntshontsha baze banele yini? Uba abavuni bezithelo zevini bebengafika kuwe, bebengayikutshiya umkhothozo yini? **6** Yeka ukuhlolwa kwezinto zikaEsawu, ukudingisiswa kokuligugu kwakhe okufihliwego! **7** Wonke amadoda esivumelwano sakho akuthumele emngceleni; amadoda okuthula kwakho akukhohlisile, akwehlule, adla isinkwa sakho abeke imbule ngaphansi kwakho; kakukho ukuqedisisa kuye. **8** Kakuyikuba njalo yini ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi ngizachitha abahlakaniphileyo eEdoma lokuqedisisa entabenikaEsawu. **9** Lamaqhawe akho azatshaywa luvalo, Themani, ukuze ngulowo lalowo aqunywe entabeni kaEsawu ngokubulawa. **10** Ngenxa yodlakela Iwakho umelene lomfowenu uJakobe inhloni zizakusibekela, uqunywe kuze kube phakade. **11** Ngosuku owema ngalo uqondene labo, ngosuku abezizweni abathumba ngalo amabutho akhe, abezizwe abangena emasangweni akhe, abenza inkatho yokuphosa ngeJerusalema, lawe wawunjengomunye wabo. **12** Kodwa wawungafanelanga ukukhangela ngosuku lomfowenu ngosuku Iwenhlupheko yakhe;

njalo wawungafanelanga uthokoze ngabantwana bakoJuda
ngosuku lokuchitheka kwabo; njalo wawungafanelanga ukhulume
ngokuziqhenya ngosuku lokuhlupheka. **13** Ngabe kawungenanga
ngesango labantu bami osukwini lwenhlupheko yabo; ngabe
kawukhangelanga, lawe, ebubini babo osukwini lwenhlupheko
yabo; njalo ngabe kawelulelanga isandla sakho enothweni
yabo osukwini lwenhlupheko yabo. **14** Ngabe kawumanga
emehlukanweni endlela ukuquma abaphunyukayo bakhe; njalo
ngabe kawunikelanga abasalayo bakhe osukwini losizi. **15**
Ngoba usuku lweNkosi lusondele ezizweni zonke. Njengokwenza
kwakho kuzakwenziwa kuwe; umvuzo wakho uzabuyela
ekhanda lakho. **16** Ngoba njengoba linathile entaben i yami
engcwele, ngokunjalo zonke izizwe zizanatha njalonjalo, yebo,
zizanatha, ziginye, zibe kungathi kazizanga zibe khona. **17**
Kodwa entaben yeZiyoni kuzakuba khona ukuphunyuka, kube
lobungcwele; lendlu kaJakobe izakudla ilifa lamafa ayo. **18**
Lendlu kaJakobe izakuba ngumlilo, lendlu kaJosefa ibe lilangabi,
lendlu kaEsawu ibe libibi; njalo bazazitshisa bazidle; njalo
kakuyikuba khona oseleyo endlini kaEsawu; ngoba iNkosi
ikhulumile. **19** Labeningizimu bazakudla ilifa lentaba kaEsawu,
lalabo abemagcekeni amaFilisti, yebo bazakudla ilifa lensimu
yakoEfrayimi lensimu yeSamariya, loBhenjamini iGileyadi. **20**
Labathunjiweyo bale inqaba yabantwana bakolsrayeli bazakudla
ilifa elalingelamaKhanani, kuze kufike eZarefathi; labathunjiweyo
beJerusalema abaseSefaredi bazakudla ilifa lemizi yeningizimu.
21 Labasindisi bakhwele entaben yeZiyoni ukwahlulela intaba
kaEsawu; lombuso uzakuba ngoweNkosi.

UJona

1 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJona indodana kaAmithayi, lisithi:
2 Sukuma, uye eNineve, umuzi omkhulu, umemeze umelene
lawo; ngoba ububi babo benyukele phambi kwami. **3**
Kodwa uJona wasukuma ukuze abalekele eTarshishi esuka
ebusweni beNkosi, wehlela eJopha, wathola umkhumbi
oya eTarshishi, wanika imali yawo, wehlela kuwo, ukuze
ahambe labo eTarshishi, asuke ebusweni beNkosi. **4** Kodwa
iNkosi yaphosa umoya omkhulu elwandle; kwasekusiba
lesiphepho esikhulu elwandle, okungangokuthi umkhumbi
wacatshanelwa ukwephuka. **5** Abatshayeli bomkhumbi
basebesesaba, bakhala, ngulowo lalowo kunkulunkulu wakhe,
baphosela olwandle izimpahla ezazisemkhunjini, ukuwenza
ube lula kuzo. Kodwa uJona wayehlele emaceleni omkhumbi,
walala, waba lobuthongo obukhulu. **6** Ngakho induna yomkhumbi
yasondela kuye, yathi kuye: Ulani wena olobuthongo obukhulu?
Vuка, ubize kuNkulunkulu wakho; mhlawumbe lowoNkulunkulu
angasikhumbula, ukuze singabhubhi. **7** Basebesithi, ngulowo
kumngane wakhe: Wozani senze inkatho yokuphosa, ukuze
sazi ukuthi kungenxa kabani lobububi buphezu kwethu.
Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa; inkatho yasiwela phezu
kukaJona. **8** Basebesithi kuye: Akusitsheli ukuthi kungenxa
kabani lobububi buphezu kwethu. Umsebenzi wakho uyini?
Njalo uvela ngaphi? Yiliphi ilizwe lakini? Njalo ungowasiphi
isizwe? **9** Wasesithi kubo: NgingumHebheru, ngiyayesaba
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, owenza ulwandle lomhlabathi
owomileyo. **10** Amadoda asesesaba ngokwesaba okukhulu,
athi kuye: Ukwenzeleni lokhu? Ngoba amadoda akwazi ukuthi
ubalekile ebusweni beNkosi, ngoba wayesewatsheliile. **11**

Asesithi kuye: Senzeni kuwe ukuze ulwandle luthule kithi? Ngoba ulwandle Iwaqhubeka lwaba lesiphepho esikhulu. **12** Wasesithi kwo: Ngiphakamisani, lingiphosele olwandle; ngalokho ulwandle luzalithulela; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lesisphepho esikhulu siphezu kwenu ngenxa yami. **13** Kodwa amadoda agwedla ngamandla ukuze awubuyisele umkhumbi emhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa ehluleka, ngoba ulwandle Iwaqhubeka lwaba lesiphepho lumelene lawo. **14** Ngakho akhala eNkosini, athi: Siyakuncenga, Nkosi, kasingabhubhi ngenxa yempilo yalumuntu, ungabeki phezu kwethu igazi elingelacala; ngoba wena, Nkosi, wenzile njengokukuthokozisayo. **15** Asephakamisa uJona, amphosela elwandle; ulwandle Iwaselusima ekuvubekeni kwalo. **16** Amadoda aseyesaba iNkosi ngokwesaba okukhulu, anikela umhlatshelo eNkosini, afunga izifungo. **17** Njalo iNkosi yayimise inhlanzi enkulu ukuze imginye uJona; njalo uJona waba semathunjini enhlanzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.

2 UJona wasekhuleka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakhe esemathunjini enhlanzi, **2** wathi: Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngakhala eNkosini, yangiphendula; ngisisiwini sengcwaba ngamemeza, wena walizwa ilizwi lami. (**Sheol h7585**) **3** Ngoba wangiphosela enzikini, enhliziyweni yezinlwandle, lempophoma zangijhanqa; wonke amagagasi akho lamavinqo akho kwedlula phezu kwami. **4** Ngasengisithi mina: Ngixotshiwe phambi kobuso bakho; kanti ngizabuya ngikhangale ngasethempelini lakho elingcwele. **5** Amanzi angihanqile kuze kube semphefumulweni; inziki ingizingelezele; imihlanga yathandela ikhanda lami. **6** Ngehlela ezisekelweni zezintaba; umhlaba, imigoqo yawo yangihanqa laphakade; kanti wenyuse impilo yami emgodini, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami. **7** Lapho umphefumulo wami uphela amandla phakathi

kwami ngakhumbula iNkosi; lomkhuleko wami wafika kuwe, ethempelini lakho elingcwele. **8** Labo abagcina amanga ayize batshiya umusa wabo. **9** Kodwa mina ngizakwenza umhlatshelo kuwe ngelizwi lokubonga, ngikhokhe lokho engikufungileyo; usindiso ngolweNkosi. **10** INkosi yasikhuluma kuyo inhlanzi, yasimhlanza uJona emhlabathini owomileyo.

3 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJona ngokwesibili, lisithi: **2** Sukuma, uye eNineve, lowana umuzi omkhulu, utshumayele kuwo intshumayelo engikutshela yona. **3** UJona wasesukuma, waya eNineve, njengokwelizwi leNkosi. Phela iNineve yayingumuzi omkhulu kakhu, uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu. **4** UJona waseqala ukungena emzini, uhambo losuku olulodwa. Wamemeza, wathi: Kusesezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane, khona iNineve izagenqulwa. **5** Abantu beNineve basebekholwa kuNkulunkulu, bamemezelu ukuzila ukudla, bagqoka amasaka, kusukela komkhulu wabo kwaze kwaba komncinyane wabo. **6** Ngoba ilizwi lafinyelela enkosini yeNineve; yasisukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhos, yakhulula isembatho sayo kuyo, yazimbomboza ngesaka, yahlala emlotheni. **7** Yasimmemezela yathi kuyo iNineve ngomthetho wenkosi labakhulu bayo, isithi: Kakungabi lomuntu, kumbe inyamazana, inkomo kumbe imvu, okuzanambitha loba yini; kakungadli, kakunganathi amanzi. **8** Kodwa kakuthi umuntu lenyamazana kwembeswe amasaka, bakhale kuNkulunkulu ngamandla, yebo, baphenduke, ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lodlakeleni olusezandleni zabo. **9** Ngubani owaziyo, uNkulunkulu angaphenduka azisole, aphenduke asuke kukuvutha kolaka lwakhe, ukuze singabhubhi. **10** UNkulunkulu wasebona imisebenzi yabo, ukuthi baphendukile

endleleni yabo embi; uNkulunkulu wazisola ngobubi ayethe uzabenza kubo, akaze abenza.

4 Kodwa kwaba kubi kakhulukazi kuJona, wathukuthela yena. **2** Wasekhuleka eNkosini, wathi: Ngiyakuncenga, Nkosi, leli lalingesilo ilizwi lami ngiseselizweni lakithi yini? Ngenxa yalokhu ngandulela ngokubalekela eTarshishi; ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi wena unguNkulunkulu olomusa lolesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela, omkhulu ngothando, njalo ozisola ngokubi. **3** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, susa, ngiyakuncenga, impilo yami kimi, ngoba kungcono kimi ukufa kulokuphila. **4** INkosi yasisithi: Wenza kuhle yini ngokuthukuthela kwakho? **5** UJona wasephuma emzini, wahlala ngasempumalanga komuzi, wazenzela idumba khona, wahlala ngaphansi kwalo emthunzini, aze abone okuzakwenzakala kuwo umuzi. **6** INkosi uNkulunkulu yasimisa umhlafutho, yawukhulisa ngaphezu kukaJona, ukuze ube ngumthunzi phezu kwekhanda lakhe, ukumkhulula kubuhlungu bakhe. UJona wasethokoza ngenxa yomhlafutho ngentokozo enkulu. **7** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamisa impehlane ekuveleni kokusa kusisa, yatshaya umhlafutho, waze wabuna. **8** Kwasekusithi ekuphumeni kwelanga, uNkulunkulu wamisa umoya wempumalanga otshisayo; njalo ilanga latshaya phezu kwekhanda likaJona, waze waphela amandla; wafisa emphefumulweni wakhe ukuthi afe, wathi: Kungcono kimi ukufa kulokuphila. **9** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJona: Wenza kuhle yini ngokuthukuthela kwakho ngenxa yomhlafutho? Wasesithi: Ngenza kuhle ngokuthukuthela kwami kuze kube sekufeni. **10** INkosi yasisithi: Wena ube lozwelo phezu komhlafutho ongawutshikatshikelanga, ongawukhulisanga; owaba khona ngobusuku bunye, wabhubha ngobusuku bunye. **11** Mina-ke

ngabe kangihawukeli yini iNineve, umuzi omkhulu, okuthi kuwo
kulabantu abedlula izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili
abangaziyo ukwehlukanisa phakathi kwesandla sabo sokunene
lesandla sabo sokhohlo, kanye lenkomo ezinengi?

UMikha

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuMika umMorashethi ensukwini zikaJothamu, uAhazi, loHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda, alibona mayelana leSamariya leJerusalema. **2** Zwanini, lina zizwe lonke; ulalele, wena mhlaba, lokugcwala kwavo; kakuthi iNkosi uJehova ibe ngumfakazi omelene lani, iNkosi isethempelini layo elingcwele. **3** Ngoba khangela, iNkosi iyaphuma endaweni yayo, yehle inyathele endaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlabo. **4** Lezintaba zizancibilika ngaphansi kwayo, lezihotsha ziqhekezeke, njengengcino phambi komlilo, njengamanzi athululwa emthezukweni. **5** Konke lokhu kungenxa yesiphambeko sikaJakobe, langenxa yezono zendlu kalsrayeli. Siyini isiphambeko sikaJakobe? KakusiSamariya yini? Njalo ziyini izindawo eziphakemeyo zikaJuda? KakusiJerusalema yini? **6** Ngakho ngizakwenza iSamariya ibe yinqumbi yensimu, ibe zindawo zokuhlanyelwa kwesivini; njalo ngizathululela amatshe ayo esihotsheni, ngembule izisekelo zayo. **7** Lazo zonke izithombe zayo ezibaziweyo zizaphahlazwa, layo yonke imivuzo yayo yewule izatshiswa ngomlilo, lazo zonke izithombe zayo ngizazenza zibe yincithakalo. Ngoba izibuthelele ngenhlawulo yewule, njalo zizabuyela kunhlawulo yewule. **8** Ngenxa yalokhu ngizalila ngiqhinqe isililo, ngizahamba ngilutshulwe nginqunu; ngenze isililo njengamakhanka, ngikhale njengamadodakazi ezintshe. **9** Ngoba inxeba layo kalelapheki; ngoba sekufikile koJuda; kufinyelele esangweni labantu bami, eJerusalema. **10** Lingakukhulumi eGathi, lingalili lokulila; lizibhuquze othulini endlini kaAfera. **11** Dlula wena, mhlalikazi weShafiri, ohlazo lakho linqunuliwe; umhlalikazi weZawanani kaphumanga; isililo siseBhethi-Ezeli; uzakwemukela ukuma kwakhe kini. **12** Ngoba

umhlalikazi weMarothi ulomhelo ngokuhle, ngoba okubi kwehla kuvela eNkosini, kwaze kwaba sesangweni leJerusalema.

13 Bophela inqola emabhizeni alejubane, wena mhlalikazi weLakishi; yona iyikuqala kwesono kundodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba iziphambeko zakolsrayeli zatholakala kuwe. **14** Ngakho uzakupha uMorashethi-Gathi izipho zokuvalelisana; izindlu zeAkizibi zizakuba yinkohliso emakhosini akolsrayeli. **15** Ngisezakulethela indlalifa, wena mhlalikazi weMaresha; uzakuza eAdulamu udumo lukalsrayeli. **16** Zenze ube lempabanga uziphuce, ngenxa yabantwana bothando lwakho; khulisa impabanga yakho njengokhozi, ngoba bathunjiwe besuka kuwe.

2 Maye kwabaceba ububi, benze okubi emibhedeni yabo! Ekukhanyeni kokusa bayakwenza, ngoba kusemandleni esandla sabo. **2** Njalo bahawukela amasimu, bawaphange; lezindlu, bazithathe; ngokunjalo bayacindezela indoda lendlu yayo, yebo, umuntu lelifa lakhe. **3** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngiyacabanga okubi ngimelene lalolusendo, elingayikukhupha intamo zenu kukho, futhi kaliyikuhamba ngokuzikhukhumeza, ngoba kuyisikhathi esibi. **4** Ngalolosuku kuzaphakanyiswa umzekeliso ngani, bakhale isililo esilosizi, bathi: Sichithiwe ngokupheleleyo; uguqulile isabelo sabantu bami; usisuse kangakanani kimi! Ehlehlela emuva, uwabile amasimu ethu. **5** Ngakho kawuyikuba lophosela intambo ngenkatho ebandleni leNkosi. **6** Lingaprofethi, bayaprofetha; uba bengayikuprofetha lezizinto, amahlazo kawayikusuka. **7** Wena obizwa ngokuthi uyindlu kaJakobe, umoya weNkosi ufinyeziwe yini? Lezi yizenzo zayo yini? Amazwi ami kawenzi okuhle yini kohamba ngobuqotho? **8** Kodwa mandulo abantu bami basukume baba yisitha; maqondana lesigqoko lihlubula isembatho kulabo

abedlulayo bevikelekile befulathele ukulwa. **9** Abesifazana babantu bami libaxotshile, ngulowo lalowo endlini yentokozo yakhe; lisuse ebantwaneni bakhe udumo lwami kuze kube phakade. **10** Sukumani, lihambe, ngoba le kayisiyo indawo yokuphumula; ngenxa yokuthi ingcolile, izalichitha, ngitsho ngencithakalo ebuhlungu. **11** Uba umuntu ohamba ngomoya lenkohliso eqamba amanga esithi: Ngizaprofetha kuwe ngewayini langokunathwayo okulamandla; yena uzakuba ngumprofethi walababantu. **12** Isibili ngizakubuthanisa, Jakobe, wena wonke; isibili ngizaqoqa insali yakolsrayeli; ngizababeka ndawonye njengezimvu zeBhozira, njengomhlambi phakathi kwedlelo lawo; bazabanga umsindo ngenxa yobunengi babantu. **13** Umfohli ukhuphukile phambi kwabo; bafohlile, bedlula esangweni, baphuma ngalo. Njalo inkosi yabo izadlula phambi kwabo, leNkosi esihlokweni sabo.

3 Ngasengisithi: Ake lizwe, lina zinhloko zakoJakobe, lani zinhloko zendlu yakolsrayeli. Kakuyisikho okwenu yini ukwazi isahlulelo? **2** Elizonda okuhle, lithande okubi, elebula isikhumba lisisusa kubo, lenyama yabo emathanjeni abo; **3** futhi elidla inyama yabantu bami, lihlinze isikhumba sabo lisisusa kubo; lephule amathambo abo, liwaqobaqobe njengawembiza, lanjengenyama phakathi kwebhodo. **4** Khona bezakhala eNkosini, kodwa kayiyikubaphendula; njalo izabafihlela ubuso bayo ngalesosikhathi, njengalokho benze izenzo zabo zimbi. **5** Itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana labaprofethi abaduhisa abantu bami, abaluma ngamazinyo abo, abamemeza: Ukuthula; kodwa ongabeki lutho emlonyeni wabo, balungisa impi bermelene laye. **6** Ngakho kuzakuba yibusuku kini, lingabi lombono; kube mnyama kini, lingabi lokuvumisa; lelanga lizabatshonela

abaprofethi, losuku lube mnyama phezu kwabo. **7** Khona ababoni bezayangeka, labavumisi babe lenhloni. Yebo bonke bazambomboza izindebe zangaphezulu; ngoba kungelampendulo kaNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa isibili mina ngigcwele amandla ngomoya weNkosi, lesahlulelo, lobuqhawe, ukumemezela kuJakobe isiphambeko sakhe, lakulsrayeli isono sakhe. **9** Ake lizwe lokhu, lina zinhloko zendlu kaJakobe, lani babusi bendlu kalsrayeli, elenyanya isahlulelo, lihlanekele konke ukuqonda. **10** Elakha iZiyoni ngecalal legazi, leJerusalema ngobubi. **11** Inhloko zayo zahlulelala isipho, labapristi bayo bafundisela inkokhelo, labaprofethi bayo bavumisela imali; kanti beyame eNkosini, besithi: INkosi kayikho phakathi kwethu yini? Ububi kabuyikusehlela. **12** Ngakho ngenxa yenu iZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, leJerusalema ibe zinqumbi, lentaba yendlu njengezindawo eziphakemeyo zehlathi.

4 Kodwa kuzakuthi ekupheleni kwezinsuku, intaba yendlu yeNkosi iqiniswe phezu kwengqonga yezintaba, njalo iphakanyiswe ngaphezu kwamaqaqa; lezizwe zizagelezela kuyo. **2** Lezizwe ezinengi zizahamba, zithi: Wozani, senyukele entabenyeNkosi, lendlini kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, njalo uzasifundisa ngezindlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe. Ngoba umlayo uzaphuma eZiyoni, lelizwi leNkosi eJerusalema. **3** Njalo izakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi, ikhuze izizwe ezilamandla ezikhatsana; njalo zizakhanda inkemba zazo zibe yizikali zamakhuba, lemikhonto yazo ibe zingqamu zokuthena izihlahla; isizwe kasiyikuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, kazisayikufunda impi futhi. **4** Kodwa bazahlala ngulowo lalowo ngaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe sevini, langaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe somkhiwa; njalo kakho ozabesabisa; ngoba

umlomo weNkosi yamabandla ukhulumile. **5** Ngoba zonke izizwe zizahamba yilesi laleso ebizweni likankulunkulu waso, kodwa thina sizahamba ebizweni leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube phakade laphakade. **6** Ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, ngizabuthanisa lowo oqhalayo, ngiqoqe lowo oxotshiweyo, lalowo engimhluphileyo. **7** Ngizakwenza oqhalayo abe yinsali, loxotshelwe khatshana abe yisizwe esilamandla; njalo iNkosi izabusa phezu kwabo entabenzi yeZiyoni kusukela khathesi kuze kube nininini. **8** Ngakho wena, mphotshongo weEderi, inqaba yendodakazi yeZiyoni, kuzafika kuwe, yebo, kuzafika ukubusa kwakuqala, umbuso kundodakazi yeJerusalema.

9 Khathesi ukhalelani kakhulu? Inkosi kayikho kuwe yini? Umeluleki wakho usebhuhile yini? Ngoba umhelo ukubambile njengowesifazana obelethayo. **10** Bana lobuhlungu, uhelelwe ukuze ubelethe, wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni, njengowesifazana obelethayo; ngoba khathesi uzaphuma emzini, uhlale egangeni, ubusufika eBhabhiloni; khona uzakhululwa; khona iNkosi izakuhlenga esandleni sezitha zakho. **11** Khathesi-ke izizwe ezinengi zibuthene zimele lawe, ezithi: Kangcoliswe, lelihlo lethu kalikhangele eZiyoni. **12** Kodwa bona kabayazi imicabango yeNkosi, kabaliqedisisi icebo layo; ngoba uzababuthelela njengezithungo ebaleni lokubhulela. **13** Sukuma ubhule, wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba ngizakwenza uphondo lwakho lube yinsimbi, ngenze amasondo akho abe lithusi. Njalo uzachoboza izizwe ezinengi; njalo ngizakwehlukanisela iNkosi inzozo yazo, lenotho yazo kuyo iNkosi yomhlaba wonke.

5 Khathesi buthana ube ngamaviyo, wena ndodakazi yeviyo; yena ubekile ukuvimbezela ngakithi; ngenduku bazatshaya umahluleli wakolsrayeli esihlathini. **2** Kodwa wena, Bhethelohema

Efratha, lanxa umncinyane phakathi kwezinkulungwane zakoJuda, uzaphuma kuwe eze kimi lowo ozakuba ngumbusi kolsrayeli; okuphuma kwakhe ngokwasendulo, ezinsukwini zaphakade. **3** Ngakho uzabanikela, kuze kube yisikhathi sokuthi lowo ohelelwayo azale; khona insali yabafowabo izabuyela ebantwaneni bakolsrayeli. **4** Njalo uzakuma eluse emandleni eNkosi, ekuphakameni kwebizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe; njalo bazahlala; ngoba khathesi uzakuba mkhulu kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba. **5** Njalo lumuntu uzakuba yikuthula; lapho umAsiriya engena elizweni lakithi, lalapho enyathela ezigodlwani zethu, kulapho sizamvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa, leziphathamandla zabantu eziyisificaminwembili. **6** Njalo bazalidla ilizwe leAsiriya ngenkemba, lelizwe likaNimrodi ezintubeni zalo. Ngalokho uzasophula kumAsiriya lapho engena elizweni lakithi, lalapho enyathela phakathi komngcele wethu. **7** Lensali kaJakobe izakuba phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi njengamazolo avela eNkosini, njengemikhizo phezu kotshani, okungalindeli muntu, lokungameleli bantwana babantu. **8** Lensali kaJakobe izakuba phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwabezizwe abanengi, njengesilwane phakathi kwezinyamazana zeganga, njengebhongo lesilwane phakathi kwemihlambi yezimvu; elithi lapho lisedlula, linyathelele phansi lidabudabule, kungekho ongophula. **9** Isandla sakho sizaphakama phezu kwabamelana lawe, njalo zonke izitha zakho zizaqunywa. **10** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, ngiqume amabhiza akho aphume phakathi kwakho, ngichithe izinqola zakho. **11** Njalo ngizaquma imizi yelizwe lakho, ngidilizele phansi zonke izinqaba zakho. **12** Njalo ngizaquma ubuthakathi esandleni sakho; kawusayikuba lezanuse. **13** Njalo ngizaquma izithombe

zakho ezibaziwego lezinsika zakho eziyizithombe zisuke phakathi kwakho; kawusayikuphinda ukhothamele umsebenzi wezandla zakho. **14** Njalo ngizasiphuna izixuku zakho ziphume phakathi kwakho, ngichithe imizi yakho. **15** Njalo ngizakwenza impindiselo ngentukuthelo langolaka kuzo izizwe ezingalalelanga.

6 Ake lizwe lokhu iNkosi ekutshoyo: Sukuma, ulwe lezintaba, lamaqaqa kawalizwe ilizwi lakho. **2** Zwanini, lina zintaba, impikisano leNkosi, lani zisekelo zomhlaba ezhilezi zikhona; ngoba iNkosi ilempikisano labantu bayo, njalo izalungisana lolsrayeli. **3** Wena sizwe sami, ngenzeni kuwe? Njalo kuyini engikudinise kukho? Fakaza umelene lami. **4** Ngoba ngakukhuphula elizweni leGibhithe, ngakuhlenga endlini yobuggili; ngathuma phambi kwakho oMozisi, uAroni, loMiriyamu. **5** Sizwe sami, ake ukhumbule lokho uBalaki inkosi yakoMowabi eyakucebayo, lalokho uBalami indodana kaBeyori owakuphendula kuye, kusukela eShitimi kwaze kwaba seGiligali; ukuze wazi ukulunga kweNkosi. **6** Ngizakuza lani phambi kweNkosi, ngikhethame phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophakemeyo? Ngizakuza phambi kwayo ngileminikelo yokutshiswa, ngilamathole alomnyaka owodwa yini? **7** INkosi izathokoza yini ngezinkulungwane zezinqama, ngezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zemifula yamafutha? Ngizanikela izibulo lami yini ngenxa yesiphambe sami, isithelo sesisu sami ngenxa yesono sompheyfumulo wami? **8** Ikutshengisile, wena mutu, lokho okuhle; njalo iNkosi ifunani kuwe, ngaphandle kokwenza ukulunga, lokuthanda umusa, lokuhamba ngokuzithoba loNkulunkulu wakho? **9** Ilizwi likaJehova liyamemeza kuwo umzi, lenhlakanipho izabona ibizo lakho; zwanini uswazi, lolumisileyo. **10** Kusekhona inotho yenkohlakalo yini endlini yokhohlakeleyo,

le-efa elinciphayo elinengekayo? **11** Beningaba ngohlanzekileyo
ngesikali sobubi yini, langesikhwama sezilinganiso zenkohliso?
12 Ngoba abanothileyo bayo bagcwele udlakela, labakhileyo
bayo bakhuluma amanga, lolimi lwabo lulenkohliso emlonyeni
wabo. **13** Ngakho lami ngizakugulisa ngokukutshaya, ngikwenze
incithakalo ngenxa yezono zakho. **14** Wena uzakudla, kodwa
ungasuthi; njalo ukuphelelwa ngamandla kwakho kuzakuba
ngaphakathi kwakho; futhi uzasusa, kodwa ungakhululi; lalokhu
okukhululayo ngizakunikela enkembeni. **15** Wena uzahlanyela,
kodwa ungavuni; wena uzanyathela izithelo zemihlwathi, kodwa
ungazigcobi wena ngamafutha; lewayini elitsha, kodwa unganathi
iwayini. **16** Ngoba izimiso zikaOmri ziagcinwa, lawo wonke
umsebenzi wendlu kaAhabi, futhi lihamba ngamacebo abo;
ukuze ngikwenze ube yincithakalo, labakhileyo bayo babe
ngokuncifelwayo; ngokunjalo lizathwala ihlazo labantu bami.

7 Maye kimi! Ngoba ngnjengokuvunwa kwezithelo zasehlobo,
njengokukhothozwa kwesivini; kakulahlukuzo lokudliwa;
umphefumulo wami uloyisa isithelo sokuqala esivuthiweyo. **2**
Olungileyo ubhubhile esuka emhlabeni; njalo kakho oqotho
phakathi kwabantu; bonke bacathamele igazi, bayazingela
ngulowo lalowo umfowabo ngembule. **3** Ukuze benze okubi
ngezandla zombili ngokutshiseka, isiphathamandla siyacela,
lomahluleli uyacela umvuzo; lomkhulu ukhuluma inkanku
yomphefumulo wakhe, bayakwelukanisa. **4** Ongcono wabo
unjengameva; oqotho kubo mubi kulothango; usuku lwabalindi
bakho, ukuhanjelwa kwakho sekufikile; khathesi kuzakuba
khona ukudideka kwabo. **5** Lingabeki ithemba kumngane,
lingakholwa umhlobo; gcina iminyango yomlomo wakho kuye
umfazi olala esifubeni sakho. **6** Ngoba indodana idelela uyise,

indodakazi ivukela unina, umalokazana avukele uninazala; izitha zomuntu ngabantu bendlu yakhe. **7** Ngakho mina ngizakhangela eNkosini, ngilindele uNkulunkulu wosindiso Iwami; uNkulunkulu wami uzangizwa. **8** Ungathokozi ngami, sithakazi sami; lapho ngisiwa, ngizavuka; lapho nighlezi emnyameni, iNkosi izakuba yikukhanya kimi. **9** Ngizaluthwala ulaka IweNkosi, ngoba ngonile kuyo, ize imele udaba Iwami, ingenzele isahlulelo. Izangikhuphela ekukhanyeni, ngibone ukulunga kwayo. **10** Ngakho isithakazi sami sizabona, lehlazo limembese yena owathi kimi: Ingaphi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho? Amehlo ami azambona; khathesi uzanyathelelwa phansi njengodaka Iwezitalada. **11** Ngosuku imiduli yakho ezakwakhiwa ngalo, ngalolosuku isimiso sizakuba khatshana. **12** Ngalolosuku uzafika lakuwe evela eAsiriya, lemizini ebiyelweyo; njalo kusukela ezingabeni kuze kube semfuleni, kusukela elwandle kusiya elwandle, kusukela entaben kusiya entaben. **13** Lanxa kunjalo ilizwe lizakuba yincithakalo ngenxa yabahlali balo, ngenxa yesithelo sezenzo zabo. **14** Yelusa abantu bakho ngentonga yakho, umhlambi welifa lakho, ohlala wodwaehlathini, phakathi kweKharmeli. Kabadle eBashani leGileyadi, njengensukwini zasendulo. **15** Njengezinsukwini zokuphuma kwakho elizweni leGibhithe, ngizamtshengisa izimangaliso. **16** Izizwe zizabona ziyangeke ngamandla azo wonke; zizabeka isandla phezu komlomo; indlebe zazo zibe yizacuthe. **17** Zizakhatha uthuli njengenyoka, njengezihuquzelayo zomhlaba zizathuthumela ekuvalekeni kwazo, zizamesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, zesabe ngenxa yakho. **18** Ngubani onguNkulunkulu njengawe, othethelela isono, adlule esiphambekweni sensali yelifa lakhe? Kagcini ulaka lwakhe kuze kube phakade, ngoba ethokoza emuseni. **19**

Uzaphenduka, asihawukele; uzanyathelela phansi iziphambeko zethu; wena uzaphosela zonke izono zabo ezinkikini zolwandle.

20 Uzanika iqiniso kuJakobe, umusa kuAbrahama, owakufungela obaba bethu kusukela ensukwini zendulo.

UNahume

1 Umthwalo weNineve. Ugwalo lombono kaNahume umElikoshi.

2 iNkosi inguNkulunkulu olomona lophindiselayo; iNkosi ingumphindiseli, njalo ilolaka; iNkosi ingumphindiseli ezitheni zayo, igcinela izitha zayo ulaka. **3** iNkosi iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo yinkulu ngamandla, kayiyikumkhulula lokumkhulula olecalal; iNkosi, indlela yayo isesivunguzaneni lesiphepheni, lamayezi aluthuli lwenyawo zayo. **4** Ikuza ulwandle, ilwenze lome, yomise yonke imifula: IBashani iyabuna, leKharmeli, leluba leLebhanoni liyabuna. **5** Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka phambi kwayo, lamaqaqa ayancibilika; lelizwe liyaphakama phambi kwayo, lomhlaba, labo bonke abahlala kuwo. **6** Ngubani ongema phambi kwentukuthelo yayo? Njalo ngubani ongema ekuvutheni kolaka lwayo? Intukuthelo yayo iyathululeka njengomlilo, lamadwala adilizwe yiyo. **7** iNkosi ilungile, iyinqaba ngosuku lwenhlupheko; iyabazi abathembela kuyo. **8** Kodwa ngesikhukhula esiphuphumayo izaqeda indawo yakho, lobumnyama buxotshane lezitha zayo.

9 Lenza amacebo bani amelane leNkosi? Yona izakwenza isiphetho esipheleleyo; ukuhlupheka kakuyikuvuka ngokwesibili.

10 Ngoba besathandelene njengameva, bedakiwe njengezidakwa, bazaqedwa njengamabibi omileyo ngokugcweleyo. **11** Kuphumile kuwe onakana okubi emelene leNkosi, umcebisi omubi. **12** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Loba bevikelekile, langokunjalo bebanengi, kanti ngokunjalo bazaqunywa, lapho esedlula. Loba ngikuhluphile, kangisayikukuhlupha. **13** Ngoba khathesi ngizakwephula ijogwe lakhe lisuke kuwe, ngiqamule izibopho zakho. **14** Njalo iNkosi ilayile ngawe ukuthi kakusayikuhlanylwa lutho lwebizo lakho; ngizaquma izithombe ezibaziweyo lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa ziphume endlini yabonkulunkulu

bakho; ngizakwenza ingcwaba lakho; ngoba udelelekile. **15**
Khangelani ezintabeni izinyawo zoletha izindaba ezinhle,
omemezela ukuthula! Wena Juda, gubha imikhosi yakho,
khokha izifungo zakho; ngoba omubi kasayikudabula kuwe futhi,
uqunyiwe ngokupheleleyo.

2 Umhlakazi ukhuphukile phambi kobuso bakho; gcina inqaba,
linda indlela, qinisa ukhalo, yenza amandla akho aqine
kakhulu. **2** Ngoba iNkosi ibuyisile ubukhosu bukaJakobe,
njengobukhosu bukalsrayeli. Ngoba abathululayo babathululile,
bona izingatsha zevini zabo. **3** Isihlangu samaqhawe akhe
senziwe saba bomvu, amadoda alesibindi agqoke okubomvu;
izinqola ziphakathi lomlilo wensimbi ngosuku lokuzilungiselela
kwakhe; lezihlahla zamafiri zizazanyazanyiswa. **4** Izinqola
ziyahlanya ezitaladeni, zihaluzela ziye le lale emidangeni;
ukubonakala kwazo kunjengezibane, zigijime njengemibane.
5 Uzakhumbula izikhulu zakhe; zizakhubeke ekuhambeni
kwazo; ziphangise emthangaleni wakhe, sesimisiwe isivikelo.
6 Amasango emifula azavulwa, lesigodlo sincibilike. **7** Njalo
uHuzabhi uzakhokhelwa engothunjiweyo, uzakhutshulwa,
lezincekukazi zakhe zimkhokhele kwangathi ngelizwi lamajuba,
zitshaya ezifubeni zazo. **8** Loba iNineve injengechibi lamanzi
kusukela kwasendulo, kanti bazabaleka. Bathi: Manini! manini!
kodwa kakho ozaphenduka. **9** Phangani isiliva, phangani igolide;
ngoba kakulakuphela kokubuthelelwego, lenkanzimulo kuzo
zonke izitsha eziloyisekayo. **10** lyize, kayiselalutho, ichithekile;
inhliyo iyancibilika, lamadolo ayatshayana, lobuhlungu obukhulu
busezinkalweni zonke, lobuso babo bonke bunyukumele.
11 Ingaphi indawo yokuhlala yezilwane, lendawo yokudlela
yamabhongo esilwane, lapho esasihamba khona isilwane,

isilwane esidala, lomdlwane wesilwane, njalo kungekho okuzethusayo? **12** Isilwane sadabudabula okwenele imidlwane yaso, sakhamela izilwanekazi zaso, sagcwalisa imilindi yaso ngempango, lezindawo zaso zokuhlala ngokudatshuliweyo.

13 Khangela, ngimelene lawe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngizazitshisa inqola zakhe entuthwini, lenkemba izaqedamabhongo ezilwane akho; njalo ngizaquma impango yakho kusuke emhlabeni, lelizwi lezithunywa zakho kalisayikuzwakala.

3 Maye kumuzi wezingazi, wonke ugcwele amanga lempango! Okuphangiweyo kakusuki. **2** Umsindo wesiswepu, lomsindo wokugedlezela kwamavili, lowamabhiza amathayo, lowezinqola ezeqayo. **3** Umgadi webhiza uphakamisa kokubili inkemba ephazimayo lomkhonto ocwazimulayo, njalo kulexuku lababulewego, lenani elikhulu lezidumbu; yebo kakulasiphelo sezidumbu; bayakhubeke phezu kwezidumbu zabo. **4** Ngenxa yobunengi bokufeba kwesiphingi, inkosazana ekhangayo yobuthakathi, esithengisa izizwe ngokuphinga kwaso, lemideni ngobuthakathi baso. **5** Khangela, ngimelene lawe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla; ngizakwembulela analogwe akho phezu kobuso bakho, ngitshengise izizwe ubunqunu bakho, lembuso ihlazo lakho. **6** Ngiphosele amanyala phezu kwakho, ngikwenze udeleleke, ngikumise njengento yokubukelwa. **7** Kuzakuthi-ke wonke okubonayo akubalekele, athi: INineve ichithekile. Ngubani ozayililela? Ngizakudingela ngaphi abaduduzi? **8** Ungcono yini kuleNo-Amoni eyayihlezi phakathi kwemifula, elamanzi inhlangothi zonke, omthangala wawo wawululwandle, umduli wawo wawusukela elwandle? **9** IEthiyophiya leGibhithe kwakungamandla ayo angelakuphela; iPuti leLubhimi babengabasizi bakho. **10** Kanti yona yathuthwa

yaya ekuthunjweni; lezingane zayo zachotshozwa esihlokweni sazo zonke izitalada; njalo benza inkatho yokuphosa ngabahloniphekayo bayo, labo bonke abakhulu bayo babotshwa ngamaketane. **11** Lawe-ke uzadakwa, uzacatsha; futhi wena uzadinga isiphephelo ngenxa yesitha. **12** Inqaba zakho zonke zizakuba njengezihlahla zemikhiwa ezilezithelo zokuqala; uba zinyikinywa, ziwela emlonyeni wodlayo. **13** Khangela, abantu bakho bangabesifazana phakathi kwakho; amasango elizwe lakho azavulekela kakhulu izitha zakho; umlilo uzaqeda imigoqo yakho. **14** Zikhelele amanzi okuvinjezelwa, uqinise izinqaba zakho; ngena odakeni, uxove ibumba, uqinise ihondo yezeitina. **15** Lapho umlilo uzakuqedo, inkemba ikuqume, ikudle njengeskonyane, uzandise njengeskonyane, uzandise njengezintethe. **16** Wandise abathengisi bakho ngaphezu kwenkanyezi zamazulu; iqhwagi liyona, liphaphe lihambe. **17** Abetheswe umqhele bakho banjengezintethe, labalawulimabutho bakho banjengentethe ezinengi, ezimisa inkamba ezintangweni ngosuku lomqando; ilanga seliphumile, ziyasuka zibaleke, ingabe isaziwa indawo yazo ukuthi zingaphi. **18** Abelusi bakho bayawozela, wena nkosi yeAsiriya; abakhulu bakho bazahlala; abantu bakho bazahlakazeka ezintabeni, njalo kungekho obabuthayo. **19** Kakukho ukupholiswa kokwephuka kwakho, inxeba lakho libuhlungu; bonke abezwa umbiko ngawe baqakeza izandla ngawe; ngoba kukubani obungadlulanga kuye ububi bakho njalonjalo?

UHabakhukhi

1 Umthwalo uHabakhukhi umprofethi awubonayo. **2** Nkosi, ngizakhala kuze kube nini, wena ungezwa! Ngimemeza kuwe ngodlakela, wena ungasindisi! **3** Ungitshengiselani isiphambeko, ukhangele inkathazo? Ngoba incithakalo lodlakela kuphambi kwami, njalo kulenkani, kuphakame ingxabano. **4** Ngakho-ke umlayo ubuthakathaka, lesahlulelo kasiphumi lakanye; ngoba omubi uhanqa olungileyo; ngakho-ke isahlulelo esigobileyo siyaphuma. **5** Bonani phakathi kwabezizwe, likhangele, mangalani limangale, ngoba ngizakwenza umsebenzi ezinsukwini zenu, elingayikuwukholwa, lanxa ulandiswa. **6** Ngoba, khangelani, ngivusa amaKhaladiya, isizwe esilesihluku lesiphangisayo, esizahamba ebubanzini bomhlaba, ukudla ilifa lendawo zokuhlala ezingeyisizo ezaso. **7** Siyesabeka, siyethusa; isahlulelo saso lokuphakama kwaso kuzaphuma kuso. **8** Amabhiza aso lawo alejubane kulezingwe, njalo abukhali kulezimpisi zakusihlwa; labagadi bamabhiza baso bazasabalala, labagadi bamabhiza baso bazavela khatshana; bazandiza njengokhozi oluphangisela ukudla. **9** Bonke bazafikela udlakela; ukubuthana kobuso babo kungasempumalanga; babuthe abathunjiveyo njengetshebetshebe. **10** Bona-ke bazaklolodela amakhosi, lababusi bazakuba yinhlekisa kubo; bona bazahleka usulu ngayo yonke inqaba, ngoba bazabuthelela inhlabathi, bayithumbe. **11** Besesikhukhula njengomoya, sedlule, siphambeke, sibalela la amandla aso kunkulunkulu waso. **12** Kawusukeli ephakadeni yini, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, oNgcwele wami? Kasiyikufa. Wena, Nkosi, ubamisele isahlulelo; lawe Dwala, ubamisele isijeziso. **13** Wena uhlambuluke kakhulu emehlwani kulokuthi ubone okubi, ongelakukhangela inkathazo. Ubakhangelelani

abakhohlisayo, uthula lapho omubi eginya olungileyo kulaye?

14 Usenza abantu babe njengenhlanzi zolwandle, njengezinto ezihababay, ezingelambusi phezu kwazo? **15** Bayabakhupha bonke ngengwegwe, bababambe embuleni labo, bababuthe embuleni labo; ngakho-ke bayathokoza bajabule. **16** Ngakho-ke bayalihlabela imbule labo, batshisele imbule labo lokugola impepha; ngoba ngakho isabelo sabo sinonile, lokudla kwabo kulamafutha. **17** Ngakho-ke bayathulula imbule labo yini, bangayekeli yini ukubulala izizwe njalonjalo?

2 Ngizakuma endaweni yami yokulinda, ngizimise enqabeni, ngilinde, ukuze ngibone ukuthi izakuthini kimi, lokuthi ngizaphendula ngithini ekusolweni kwami. **2** INkosi yasingiphendula yathi: Bhala umbono, uwenze ucace phezu kwezibhebhe, ukuze ogijimayo awufunde. **3** Ngoba umbono usezakuba ngowesikhathi esimisiwego; kodwa uzakhulumu ekucineni, ungaqambi amanga; lanxa uphuza, uwulindele; ngoba isibili uzafika, kawuyikuphuza. **4** Khangela, uzikhukhumeza, umphefumulo wakhe kawuqondanga kuye; kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo lwakhe. **5** Yebo futhi, ngoba ekhohlisa ngewayini, engumuntu ozikhukhumezayo, engahlali ekhaya, ekhulisa isiloyiso sakhe njengesihogo, futhi unjengokufa, kasuthiseki, kodwa ubuthelela kuye zonke izizwe, azipoqele bonke abantu. (*Sheol h7585*) **6** Bonke laba kabayikuphakamisa umzekeliso ngaye yini, lesaga esiyinhlekisa ngaye? Njalo bazakuthi: Maye kuye owandisa okungeyisikho okwakhe! Koze kube nini? Lozethwesa ngezibambiso. **7** Kabayikuhle basukume bakulume yini, bavuke abazakuthuthumelisa yini? Njalo uzakuba yizimpango kubo. **8** Ngoba wena uziphangile izizwe ezinengi, yonke insali yabantu izakuphanga; ngenxa

yegazi elinengi labantu, lodlakela lwelizwe, umuzi, labo bonke abahlala kiwo. **9** Maye kozuzela indlu yakhe inzozo embi, ukuze abeke isidleke sakhe ngaphezulu, ukuze akhululwe esandleni sobubi. **10** Indlu yakho usuyicebele ihlazo, ngokuquma abantu abanengi; wonile umelene lomphefumulo wakho. **11** Ngoba ilitshe lizakhala lisemdulini, lothungo luliphendule lusesigodweni. **12** Maye kowakha umuzi ngegazi elinengi, amise idolobho ngesiphambeko. **13** Khangela, kakuveli eNkosini yamabandla yini ukuthi izizwe zizatshikatshikela umlilo, labantu bazidinise ngeze? **14** Ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lwenkazimulo yeNkosi, njengamanzi esibekela ulwandle. **15** Maye konathisa umakhelwane wakhe, othulula imboldlela yakho, omdakisa laye, ukuze ubukele ubunqunu babo! **16** Uzasutha ngehlazo kulodumo; natha lawe, wembule ijwabu laphambili! Inkezo yesandla seNkosi sokunene izaphendukela kuwe, lehlazo libe phezu kodumo lwakho. **17** Ngoba udlakela lweLebhanoni luzakusibekela, lokuchitheka kwezinyamazana kubethuse, ngenxa yegazi elinengi labantu, lodlakela lwelizwe, umuzi, labo bonke abahlala kiwo. **18** Sisizani isithombe esibaziweyo lokhu umbumbi waso esibazole? Kumbe isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilika, lomfundisi wamanga, ukuthi umbumbi athembe kokubunjiveyo kwakhe, ukwenza izithombe eziyizimungulu? **19** Maye kuye otsho kuso isigodo: Phaphama! Lelitsheni eliyisimungulu: Vuka, Iona lizafundisa! Khangela, kunanyekwe ngegolide lesiliva, njalo kungekho moyo phakathi kwakho. **20** Kodwa iNkosi isethempelini layo elingcwele; thula phambi kwayo, mhlabi wonke.

3 Umkhuleko kaHabhakhukhi umprofethi ngamaShigayoni.
2 Nkosi, ngizwile umbiko wakho, ngesaba; Nkosi, vuselela

umsebenzi wakho phakathi kweminyaka, phakathi kweminyaka wenze kwaziwe; olakeni ukhumbule umusa. **3** UNkulunkulu wavela eThemani, loNgcwele entaben iyeParani. (Sela) Inkazimulo yakhe yasibekela amazulu, lomhlaba wagcwala indumiso yakhe. **4** Lokucwazimula kwakunjengokukhanya, wayelemisebe ephuma esandleni sakhe; njalo lapho kwakulokufihlwa kwamandla akhe. **5** Phambi kwakhe kwahamba umatshayabhuqe wesifo, lelangabi laphuma ezinyaweni zakhe. **6** Wema, walinganisa umhlaba; wabona, wathuthumelisa izizwe; lentaba zaphakade zahlakazeka, amaqaqa amandulo akhothama; izindlela zaphakade zingezakhe. **7** Ngabona amathente eKushani phansi kwenhlupheko; amakhetheni elizwe leMidiyani athuthumela. **8** INkosi yathukuthelela imifula yini? Ulaka Iwakho Iwalumelene lemifula yini? Intukuthelo yakho yayimelene lolwandle yini, lokhu ugade amabhiza akho, izinqola zakho zosindiso? **9** Idandili lakho lembuliwe lavela obala, njengokwezifungo zezizwe, ngitsho ilizwi lakho. (Sela) Waqhekeza umhlaba ngemifula. **10** Intaba zakubona, zathuthumela; isikhukhula samanzi sedlula; ukujula kwakhupha ilizwi lakho, kwaphakamisela izandla zakho phezulu. **11** Ilanga lenyanga kwema endaweni yakho yokuhlala; ekukhanyeni imitshoko yakho yahamba, ngokukhazimula kokuphazima komkhonto wakho. **12** Ngokuthukuthela wanyathela ilizwe, ngolaka wabhula izizwe. **13** Waphumela usindiso Iwabantu bakho, usindiso logcotshiweyo wakho; ulimaza ikhanda endlini yokhohlakeleyo, ngokwembula isisekelo kuze kube sentanyeni. (Sela) **14** Wahlabu ngemikhonto yakhe inhloko yamadoda akhe empi; baba njengesivunguzane ukungihlakaza; ukuthokoza kwabo kwakunjengokudla abayanga ngasese. **15** Wanyathela

phakathi kolwandle ngamabhiza akho, inqumbi yamanzi amanengi. **16** Lapho ngisizwa, isisu sami sathuthumela; indebe zami zaqhaqhazela ngelizwi; ukubola kwangena emathanjeni ami, ngathuthumela endaweni yami, ukuze ngiphumule ngosuku lohlupho; lapho esenyuka emelene labantu uzabahlasela.

17 Loba umkhiwa ungakhahleli, kungekho lesivuno sesivini, umsebenzi womhlwathi uzaphutha, lamasimu angavezi ukudla, izimvu zizaqunywa zisuke esibayeni, kungabi khona inkomo ezibayeni; **18** kanti mina ngizathokoza eNkosini, ngijabule kuNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami. **19** UJehova iNkosi ungamandla ami; njalo uzakwenza inyawo zami zibe njengezezimpala, angenze ukuthi nginyathele ezindaweni zami eziphakemeyo. Kumqondisi wokuhlabela ngamachacho ami.

UZefaniya

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuZefaniya, indodana kaKushi, indodana kaGedaliya, indodana kaAmariya, indodana kaHezekhiya, ezinsukwini zikaJosiya, indodana kaAmoni, inkosi yakoJuda. **2** Ngizaqeda lokuqedu konke kusuke ebusweni bomhlaba, itsho iNkosi. **3** Ngizaqeda umuntu lenyamazana, ngiqede izinyoni zamazulu, lezinhlanzi zolwandle, lezikhubekiso kanye lababi, ngiqume umuntu asuke ebusweni bomhlaba, itsho iNkosi. **4** Futhi ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kukaJuda, laphezu kwabo bonke abahlali beJerusalem, ngiqume insali kaBhali isuke kulindawo, ibizo lamaKhemarimi kanye labapristi; **5** lalabo abakhonza ibutho lamazulu phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu; lalabo abakhonza bafunge ngeNkosi, njalo bafunge ngoMalikamu, **6** lababuyela emuva ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, labangayidinganga iNkosi, bengayibuzanga. **7** Thula ebukhoneni beNkosi uJehova; ngoba usuku lweNkosi luseduze; ngoba iNkosi ilungisile umhlatshelo, yangcwelisa abanxusiweyo bayo. **8** Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku lomhlatshelo weNkosi ngijezise iziphathamandla, lamadodana enkosi, labo bonke abagqoke izigqoko zabezizwe. **9** Langalolosuku ngizajezisa bonke abeqa phezu kombundu, abagcwalisa indlu yamakhosi abo ngodlakela langenkohliso. **10** Langalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, kuzakuba lelizwi lokukhala livela esangweni lenhlanzi, lokuqhingga isililo kuvela kwelesibili, lokufohloza okukhulu kuvela emaqaqeni. **11** Qhinqani isililo, lina bahlali beMaketeshi, ngoba bonke abantu abathengisayo baqunyelwe phansi; bonke abathwala isiliva baqunyiwe. **12** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalesosikhathi ngihlole iJerusalem ngezibane, ngijezise amadoda ajiyileyo ezinzeceni zawo, athi enhliziyweni yawo: INkosi kayiyikwenza okuhle, futhi kayiyikwenza okubi.

13 Ngakho inotho yabo izakuba yimpango, lezindlu zabo zibe lunxiwa. Futhi bazakwakha izindlu, kodwa bangahlali kuzo; njalo bazahlanyela izivini, kodwa banganathi iwayini lazo. **14** Usuku olukhulu lweNkosi luseduze, luseduze, luyaphangisa kakhulu; ilizwi losuku lweNkosi; iqhwae lizakhala khona kabuhlungu.

15 Lulosuku lusuku lolaka, usuku lokuhlupheka losizi, usuku lwencithakalo lokuchitheka, usuku lomnyama lobumnyama, usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama obunzima, **16** usuku lophondo lolomkhosi omelene lemizi ebiyelwe ngemithangala, lolumelene lezingonsi eziphakemeyo. **17** Njalo ngizabacindezela abantu, ukuze bahambe njengeziphofu, ngoba bonile eNkosini; legazi labo lizathululwa njengothuli, lenyama yabo njengobulongwe.

18 Lesiliva sabo legolide labo kakuyikuba lakho ukubakhulula ngosuku lolaka lweNkosi; kodwa ilizwe lonke lizaqedwa ngumlilo wobukhwele bayo; ngoba izaqeda, ngitsho ngesiphangiphangi, ngabo bonke abahlali belizwe.

2 Zibuthaniseni, lizibuthanise, lina sizwe esingaloyisekiyo, **2** isimiso singakazali, lalolosuku lwedlule njengamakhoba, intukuthelo yolaka lweNkosi ingakalehleli, usuku lolaka lweNkosi lungakalehleli. **3** Dingani iNkosi, lina lonke abamnene bomhlaba, elenze isahlulelo sayo; dingani ukulunga, lidinge ubumnene; mhlawumbe lingafahlwa ngosuku lolaka lweNkosi. **4** Ngoba iGaza izadelwa, leAshikeloni ibe lunxiwa; bazaxotsha iAshidodi emini enkulu, leEkhironi isitshunwe. **5** Maye kwabakhileyo belizwe lolwandle, isizwe samaKerethi! Ilizwi leNkosi limelene lani. Wena Khanani, lizwe lamaFilisti, ngizakuchitha, kuze kungabi lomhlali. **6** Lelizwe lolwandle lizakuba ngamadlelo alemigodi yamanzi yabelusi, lezibaya zezimvu. **7** Njalo ilizwe lizakuba ngelensali yendlu kaJuda; bazakudla kulo; kusihlwa bazalala ezindlini

zeAshikeloni; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo izabahambela, iphendule ukuthunjwa kwabo. **8** Ngiyizwile inhlamba kaMowabi, lokuthuka kwamadodana kaAmoni, abahlambaze ngakhoabantu bami, bezikhulisa bemelene lomngcele wabo. **9** Ngakho kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, isibili uMowabi uzakuba njengeSodoma, labantwana bakaAmoni njengeGomora, indawo yezimbabazane, lemigodi yetshwayi, lencithakalo kuze kube phakade. Insali yabantu bami izabaphanga, labaseleyo babantu bami badle ilifa labo. **10** Lokhu bazakuba lakho endaweni yokuziphakamisa kwabo, ngoba bathuka, bazikhulisa bemelene labantu beNkosi yamabandla. **11** INkosi izakwesabeka kubo, ngoba izacakisa bonke onkulunkulu bomhlaba; njalo bazakhothama kuyo, ngulowo lalowo esendaweni yakhe, zonke izihlenge zezizwe. **12** Lani maEthiophiya, lizakuba ngababulewyo ngenkemba yami. **13** Njalo izakwelula isandla sayo imelene lenyakatho, ichithe iAsiriya, ibeke iNineve ibe lunxiwa, yome njengenkangala. **14** Njalo imihlambi izaLala phansi phakathi kwayo, zonke izinyamazana zezizwe; lalo iwunkwe kanye lenhloni kulale ezidukwini zayo; ilizwi lizahlabela ewindini, incithakalo ibe sembundwini; ngoba ezakwembula umsebenzi womsedari. **15** Lo ngumuzi ojabulayo, obuhlezi ngokuvikeleka, owawusithi enhliziyweni yawo: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami. Yeka ukuba kwawo yincithakalo, indawo yokulala yezinyamazana! Wonke owedlula kiwo uyancifa, anyikinye isandla sakhe.

3 Maye kowenyanekayo longcolileyo, umuzi ocindezelayo!
2 Kawulalelanga ilizwi; kawemukelanga ukulaywa; kawuthembelanga eNkosini; kawusondelanga kuNkulunkulu wawo. **3** Iziphathamandla zawo phakathi kwawo ziylizilwane

ezibhongayo; abahluleli bawo bazimpisi zokuhlwa; kazikhukhuzi ithambo ekuseni. **4** Abaprofethi bawo bangabangakhathaliyo, abantu abakhohlisayo; abapristi bawo sebengcolise indawo engcwele, benze udlakela kumthetho. **5** INkosi elungileyo iphakathi kwawo, kayiyikwenza ububi; ukusa ngokusa ibeka isahlulelo sayo ekukhanyeni, kayiphuthi; kodwa ongalunganga kazi inhloni. **6** Ngiziqumile izizwe, izingonsi zazo zingamanxiwa, ngenzile izitalada zazo incithakalo, ukuze kungadluli muntu; imizi yazo idiliziwe, kakusekho muntu, kakulamhlali. **7** Ngathi: Isibili uzangesaba, wemukele ukulaywa; ukuze indawo yakhe yokuhlala ingaqunywa, konke engimjezisa ngakho; sibili bavuka ngovivi, bazonakalise zonke izenzo zabo. **8** Ngakho ngilindelani, itsho iNkosi, kuze kube lusuku engizavukela impango ngalo. Ngoba isahlulelo sami siyikubuthelela izizwe, ukuze ngiqoqe imibuso, ngithululele phezu kwabo intukuthelo yami, konke ukuvutha kolaka lwami; ngoba umhlaba wonke uzaqothulwa ngumlilo wobukhwele bami. **9** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngizabuyisela ebantwini ulimi oluwlambulukileyo, ukuze bonke babize ibizo leNkosi, ukuze bayikhonze ngahlombe linye. **10** Kusukela phetsheya kwemifula yeEthiophiya abancengi bami, indodakazi yabahlakazekileyo bami, bazaletha umnikelo wami. **11** Ngalolosuku kawuyikuyangeka ngenxa yezenzo zakho zonke, ophambuke ngazo kimi, ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngizakhupha phakathi kwakho abathokoza ekuzikhukhumezeni kwakho; futhi kawusayikubuya uziphakamise entabeni yami engcwele. **12** Njalo ngizatshiya phakathi kwakho abantu abahluphekileyo labangabayanga; bona bazathemba ebizweni likaJehova. **13** Insali yakolsrayeli kayiyikwenza ububi, kayiyikukhuluma amanga; njalo kakuyikufunyanwa ulimi olukhohlisayo emlonyeni

wayo; ngoba bona bazakudla balale phansi, njalo kungekho obesabisayo. **14** Hlabelela, ndodakazi yeZiyoni; memeza, Israyeli; thokoza, ujabule ngenhliziyo yonke, ndodakazi yeJerusalema. **15** INkosi isusile izahlulelo zakho, isixotshile isitha sakho; inkosi yakolsrayeli, uJehova, iphakathi kwakho; kawusayikubona okubi. **16** Ngalolosuku kuzakuthiwa kuyo iJerusalema: Ungeabi; lawe Ziyoni, kazingadangali izandla zakho. **17** INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho phakathi kwakho ilamandla, izasindisa; izajabula ngawe ngentokozo; izathula othandweni lwayo, ithabe ngawe ngokuhlabelela. **18** Ngizababutha abadabuka ngenxa yenhlango emisiwego, bevela kuwe; ihlazo lingumthwalo kubo. **19** Khangela, ngalesosikhathi ngizakuba lokwenza labo bonke abakuhluphayo; ngisindise oqhulayo, ngibuthe oxotshiwego; ngibabeke babe yindumiso lebizo kulo lonke ilizwe lehlazo labo. **20** Ngalesosikhathi ngizalingenisa, langesikhathi engizalibuthelela ngaso; ngoba ngizalenza libe libizo lendumiso phakathi kwabantu bonke bomhlaba, lapho sengibuyisa abathunjiwego benu phambi kwamehlo enu, itsho iNkosi.

UHagayi

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi inkosi, ngenyanga yesithupha, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga, kwafika ilizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi kuZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lakuJoshua indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, isithi: Labantu bathi: Isikhathi kasikafiki, isikhathi sokuthi indlu yeNkosi yakhiwe.

3 Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi:

4 Kuyisikhathi senu yini, lina ngokwenu, sokuthi lihlale ezindlini zenu ezembeswe ngaphakathi ngamapulanka, kanti le indlu ilunxiwa? **5** Ngakho khathesi itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Bekani inhliziyo yenu ezindleleni zenu. **6** Lihlanyele okunengi, langenisa okulutshwana; liyadla, kodwa kalisuthi; liyanatha, kodwa kalikhola; liyagqoka, kodwa kakho okhudumalayo, lohola umholo uholela umholo esikhwameni esibhobokileyo. **7** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Bekani inhliziyo yenu ezindleleni zenu. **8** Yenyukelani entaben, lilethe izigodo, liyakhe indlu; njalo ngizathokoza ngayo, ngidunyiswe, itsho iNkosi. **9** Belikhangele okunengi, kodwa khangelani, kube kulutshwana; lapho likuletha ekhaya, ngikuphephethile. Kungani? itsho iNkosi yamabandla. Ngenxa yendlu yami elunxiwa, kanti lina liyagijimela ngulowo lalowo endlini yakhe. **10** Ngakho-ke amazulu phezu kwenu ayagodla ukuze kungabi lamazolo, lomhlabathi uyagodla izithelo zaho. **11** Ngasengibiza ukoma phezu kwelizwe, laphezu kwezintaba, laphezu kwamabele, laphezu kwewayini elitsha, laphezu kwamafutha, laphezu kwalokho umhlabathi okuvezayo, laphezu kwabantu, laphezu kwezinkomo, laphezu kwawo wonke umsebenzi wezandla. **12** Khona uZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, loJoshua indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi

omkhulu, layo yonke insali yabantu, balilalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, lamazwi kaHagayi umprofethi, njengoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo wayemthumile; njalo abantu besaba phambi kweNkosi. **13** Wasekhuluma uHagayi isithunywa seNkosi ngelizwi leNkosi ebantwini, esithi: Ngilani, itsho iNkosi. **14** INkosi yasivusa umoya kaZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lomoya kaJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, lomoya wensali yonke yabantu; basebesiza, benza umsebenzi endlini yeNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wabo, **15** ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesithupha, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi inkosi.

2 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngolwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga, kwafika ilizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi: **2** Khuluma khathesi kuZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lakuJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, lakunsali yabantu, usithi: **3** Ngubani oseleyo phakathi kwenu owabona lindlu enkazimulweni yayo yakuqala? Liyibona njani khathesi? Kayinjengento engekho yini emehlweni enu nxo ilinganiswa layo? **4** Kanti khathesi qina, Zerubhabheli, itsho iNkosi; uqine, Joshuwa, ndodana kaJehozadaki, mpristi omkhulu; liqine, lani lonke bantu belizwe, itsho iNkosi, lisebenze: ngoba ngilani, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, **5** njengokwelizwi engavumelana ngalo lani ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, ngokunjalo umoya wami uhlala phakathi kwenu; lingesabi. **6** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Kusekanye, kuyisikhathshana, ngizazamazamisa amazulu, lomhlaba, lolwandle, lomhlabathi owomileyo; **7** ngizamazamise izizwe zonke, lesiloyiso sezizwe zonke sizafika; ngigcwalise lindlu ngenkazimulo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **8**

Isiliva ngesami, legolide ngelami, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.
9 Inkazimulo yalindlu yokucina izakuba nkulu kuleyokuqala, itsho iNkosi yamabandla; lakulindawo ngizanika ukuthula, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **10** Ngolwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi, lafika ilizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi: **11** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Buza khathesi abapristi ngomthetho, usithi: **12** Uba umuntu ethwala inyama engcwele emphethweni wesembatho sakhe, athinte isinkwa ngomphetho wakhe, kumbe ukudla okuphekiwego, kumbe iwayini, kumbe amafutha, kumbe loba yikuphi ukudla, kuzakuba ngcwele yini? Abapristi basebephendula bathi: Hatshi. **13** Wasesithi uHagayi: Uba ongcoliswe yisidumbu ethinta loba yiziphi zalezi, kuzangcola yini? Abapristi basebephendula bathi: Kuzangcola. **14** Khona uHagayi waphendula wathi: Banjalo lababantu, futhi sinjalo lesizizwe phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi, futhi unjalo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zabo, lalokho abakunikelayo lapho kungcolile. **15** Khathesi-ke, ake libeke inhliziyo yenu kukho, kusukela kulolusuku kusiya phambili, kungakabekwa ilitshe phezu kwelitshe ethempelini leNkosi; **16** kusukela lapho umuntu efika enqwabeni yezilinganiso ezingamatshumi amabili, kwakuletshumi kuphela; esiya esikhamelweni sewayini ukukha imbiza ezingamatshumi amahlanu esikhamelweni, kwakulamatshumi amabili kuphela. **17** Ngalitshaya ngokuhanguka langengumane langesiqhotho, wonke umsebenzi wezandla zenu; kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. **18** Ake libeke inhliziyo yenu kukho kusukela kulolusuku kusiya phambili, kusukela osukwini lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngitsho kusukela osukwini isisekelo sethempeli leNkosi sibekwa, libeke inhliziyo

yenu kukho. **19** Inhlanyelo isesesiphalen i yini? Yebo, ivini, lomkhiwa, lepomegranati, lesihlahla somhlwathi kakukatheli. Kusukela kulolusuku ngizalibusisa. **20** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika ngokwesibili kuHagayi ngolwamatshumi amabili lane Iwenyanga, lisithi: **21** Khuluma kuZerubhabheli, umbusi wakoJuda, usithi: Ngizazamazamisa amazulu lomhlaba. **22** Ngigenqule isihlalo sobukhosи semibuso, ngichithe amandla emibuso yezizwe, ngigenqule inqola labagadi bayo; lamabhiza labagadi bawо bazakwehla, ngulowo ngenkemba yomfowabo. **23** Ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngizakuthatha, wena Zerubhabheli, ndodana kaSheyalithiyeli, nceku yami, itsho iNkosi, ngikwenze ube njengendandatho elophawu; ngoba ngikukhethile, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.

UZekhariya

1 Ngenyanga yesificaminwembili, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi, kwafika ilizwi leNkosi kuZekhariya, indodana kaBerekiya, indodana kaldo umprofethi, lisithi: **2** INkosi yabathukuthelela oyihlo ngentukuthelo. **3** Ngakho wothi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Phendukelani kimi, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, lami ngizaphendukela kini, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **4** Lingabi njengaboyihlo, abaprofethi bakuqala abamemeza kubo, besithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ake liphenduke ezindleleni zenu ezimbi lezenzweni zenu ezimbi; kodwa kabezwanga, kabangilalelanga, itsho iNkosi. **5** Oyhlo, bangaphi? Labaprofethi, baphila laphakade yini? **6** Kodwa amazwi ami lezimiso zami, engakulaya izinceku zami abaprofethi, kakubaficanga oyihlo yini? Basebephenduka bathi: Njengalokhu iNkosi yamabandla yayinakana ukukukwenza kithi, njengokwezindlela zethu lanjengokwezenzo zethu, ngokunjalo yenze kithi. **7** Ngosuku Iwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yetshumi lanye, okuyinyanga uShebat, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi, lafika ilizwi leNkosi kuZekhariya, indodana kaBerekiya, indodana kaldo umprofethi, lisithi: **8** Ngabona ebusuku, khangela-ke umuntu owayegade ibhiza elibomvu, njalo wayemi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli ezseliweni, lemva kwakhe kwakulamabhiza abomvu, alibhidi, lamhlophe. **9** Ngasengisithi: Bayini laba, nkosi yami? Ingilosи eyayikhuluma lami yasisithi kimi: Mina ngizakutshengisa ukuthi laba bayini. **10** Umuntu owayemi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli wasephendula wathi: Laba yibo iNkosi ebathumileyo ukuhamba besiya le lale emhlabeni. **11** Basebephendula ingilosи yeNkosi eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli, bathi: Sihambile, saya le

lale emhlabeni, khangela-ke, wonke umhlabab uhlezi uthule.

12 Ingilos iyeNkosi yasiphendula yathi: Nkosi yamabandla, koze kube nini wena ungabi lesihawu phezu kweJerusalema laphezu kwemizi yakoJuda, osuyithukuthelele okweminyaka le engamatshumi ayisikhombisa? **13** INkosi yasiphendula ingilos eyayikhuluma lami ngamazwi amahle, amazwi aduduzayo. **14** Ngakho ingilos eyayikhuluma lami yathi kimi: Memeza, usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ngilobukhwele ngeJerusalema langeZiyoni ngobukhwele obukhulu. **15** Njalo ngiyathukuthela ngentukuthelo enku lu ngezizwe ezonwabileyo; ngoba mina ngizondile kancinyane, kodwa zona zancedisa ngasebubini. **16** Ngalokho, itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngibuye eJerusalema ngilezihawu; indlu yami izakwakhiwa kuyo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, lentambo yokulinganisa izakwelulwa phezu kweJerusalema. **17** Phinda umemeze, usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Imizi yami iseza satshalalisa ngokuhle; njalo iNkosi iseza duza iZiyoni, iseza yikhetha iJerusalema. **18** Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, impondo ezine. **19** Ngasengisithi kuyo ingilos eyayikhuluma lami: Kuyini lokhu? Yasisithi kimi: Lezi zimpondo ezihlakaze uJuda, ulsrayeli, leJerusalema. **20** INkosi yasingitshengisa ingcitsi ezine. **21** Ngasengisithi: Lezi zizekwenzani? Yasikhuluma isithi: Lezi zimpondo ezihlakaze uJuda, kwaze kwangabi lomuntu ophakamisa ikhanda lakhe; kodwa lezi zize ukuzethusa, ukulahla izimpondo zabezizwe, ezaphakamisa uphondo lumelene lelizwe lakoJuda ukulihlakaza.

2 Ngaphakamisa amehlo ami futhi, ngabona, khangela-ke umuntu, olentambo yokulinganisa esandleni sakhe. **2** Ngasengisithi: Uya ngaphi? Wasesithi kimi: Ukuyalinganisa iJerusalema, ukubona ukuthi bungakanani ububanzi bayo, lokuthi

bungakanani ubude bayo. **3** Khangela-ke, ingilosи eyayikhuluma lami yaphuma, lenye ingilosи yaphuma ukuyihlangabeza. **4** Yathi kuyo: Gijima, ukhulume lalelijaha usithi: iJerusalema izahlalwa njengemizi engelamiduli ngenxa yobunengi babantu lezifuyo okuphakathi kwayo. **5** Ngoba mina, itsho iNkosi, ngizakuba kuyo ngumduli womlilo inhlangothi zonke, ngibe yinkazimulo phakathi kwayo. **6** Heyi, heyi! Balekani-ke lisuke elizweni lenyakatho, itsho iNkosi; ngoba ngililhakazile njengemimoya yomine yamazulu, itsho iNkosi. **7** Heyi, Ziyoni, phunyuka, wena ohlala lendodakazi yeBhabhiloni! **8** Ngoba itscho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Emva kwenkazimulo yangithuma ezizweni ezaliphangayo; ngoba olithintayo uthinta inhlamu yelihlo layo. **9** Ngoba, khangela, ngizanyikinya isandla sami phezu kwazo, njalo zizakuba yimpango kuzo izinceku zabo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile. **10** Hlabelela uthokoze, ndodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba, khangela ngiyeza, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwakho, itsho iNkosi. **11** Lezizwe ezinengi zizahlanganiswa leNkosi ngalolosuku, zibe ngabantu bami; njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwakho, njalo uzakwazi ukuthi iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile kuwe. **12** Njalo iNkosi izakudla ilifa lakoJuda isabelo sayo, elizweni elingcwele, ikhethe iJerusalema futhi. **13** Thula, nyama yonke, phambi kweNkosi; ngoba ivusiwe endaweni yayo yokuhlala engcwele.

3 Yasingitshengisa uJoshua umpristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengilosи yeNkosi; loSathane emi esandleni sakhe sokunene ukumelana laye. **2** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: INkosi kayikukhuze, wena Sathane, yebo kayikukhuze iNkosi, eyikhethileyo iJerusalema. Lo kayisiso isikhuni yini esophulwe emililweni? **3** UJoshua-ke wayembethe izigqoko ezingcolileyo;

wayemi phambi kwengilosি. 4 Yasiphendula yakhuluma kulabo ababemi phambi kwayo isithi: Susani izigqoko ezingcolileyo kuye. Yasisithi kuye: Bona, ngenzile isiphambeko sakho sedlule kuwe, ngikuggokise izembatho zomkhosi. 5 Ngasengisithi: Kababeke iqhiye ehlambulukileyo ekhanda lakhe. Basebebeka iqhiye ehlambulukileyo ekhanda lakhe, bamgqokisa izembatho; njalo ingilosি yeNkosi yayimi khona. 6 Ingilosি yeNkosi yasifakaza kuJoshiwa isithi: 7 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Uba uzahamba ezindleleni zami, njalo uba uzagcina umlindo wami, lapho lawe uzakwahlulela indlu yami, ugcine lamaguma ami; njalo ngizakunika ilungelo lokuhamba phakathi kwalaba abemi khona. 8 Zwana khathesi, Joshuwa mpristi omkhulu, wena labangane bakho abahlezi phambi kwakho, ngoba bangabantu besibonakaliso. Ngoba, khangela, ngizaveza inceku yami, iHlumela. 9 Ngoba khangela ilitshe engilibeke phambi kukaJoshiwa; phezu kwelitshe elilodwa kuzakuba lamehlo ayisikhombisa. Khangela, ngizabhalo ngokugubha okugujiveyo kwalo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, njalo ngizasusa isiphambeko salelolizwe ngosuku olulodwa. 10 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, lizabiza, ngulowo lalowo umngane wakhe ngaphansi kwestivini langaphansi komkhiwa.

4 Ingilosি eyayikhuluma lami yabuya futhi, yangivusa, njengomuntu ovuswa ebuthongweni bakhe. 2 Yathi kimi: Ubonani? Ngasengisithi: Ngibonile, khangela-ke uluthi lwasibane lwegolide lonke, lomganu phezu kwesihloko salo, lezibane zalo eziyisikhombisa phezu kwalo; kulezimpompi eziyisikhombisa leziyisikhombisa ezingasezibaneni, eziphezu kwesihloko salo. 3 Lezihlahla zomhlwathi ezimbili eceleni kwalo, esinye ngakwesokunene komganu, lesinye ngakwesokhohlo kwawo. 4

Ngasengiphendula ngikhulumu kuyo ingilosu eyayikhulumu lami,
ngisithi: Lezizinto ziyini, nkosi yami? **5** Ingilosu eyayikhulumu
lami yasiphendula yathi kimi: Kawazi yini ukuthi lezizinto
ziyini? Ngasengisithi: Hatshi, nkosi yami. **6** Yasiphendula
yakhulumu lami isithi: Leli yilizwi leNkosi kuZerubhabheli, lisithi:
Hatshi ngamandla, hatshi-ke ngengalo, kodwa ngomoya wami,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **7** Ungubani wena, ntaba enkulu?
Phambi kukaZerubhabheli uzakuba ligceke. Yena uzaveza ilitshe
eliyinhloko ngokumemeza okukhulu: Umusa, umusa kulo! **8** Ilizwi
leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **9** Izandla zikaZerubhabheli zibekile
isisekelo salindlu; futhi izandla zakhe zizayiqeda. Njalo uzakwazi
ukuthi iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile kini. **10** Ngoba ngubani
odelele usuku lwezinto ezincinyane? Ngoba bazathokoza, babone
ilitshe lomthofu esandleni sikaZerubhabheli lalawo ayisikhombisa;
angamehlo eNkosi, agijima aye le lale emhlabeni wonke. **11**
Ngasengiphendula ngathi kuyo: Ziyini lezizihlahla zomhlwathi
ezimbili ngakwesokunene soluthi lвесibane langakwesokhohlo
kwalo? **12** Ngasengiphendula ngokwesibili, ngathi kuyo: Ziyini
lezizingatsha ezimbili zezihlahla zomhlwathi ezithi ngempompi
ezimbili zegolide zithulule igolide liphume kizo? **13** Yasikhulumu
lami isithi: Kawazi yini ukuthi lezi ziyini? Ngathi: Hatshi, nkosi
yami. **14** Yasisithi: Laba bangabagcotshiweyo ababili abema
ngaseNkosini yomhlaba wonke.

5 Ngasengiphenduka, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona,
khangela-ke, umqulu ondizayo. **2** Yasisithi kimi: Ubonani?
Ngasengisithi: Ngibona umqulu ondizayo; ubude bawo buzingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi bawo izingalo ezilitshumi. **3**
Yasisithi kimi: Lesi yisiqalekiso esiphumela ebusweni bomhlaba
wonke. Ngoba wonke owebayo uzaqunywa nganeno mayelana

laso, laye wonke ofungayo uzaqunywa ngale mayelana laso.

4 Ngizasikhupha, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ukuthi singene endlini yesela lasendlini yalowo ofunga amanga ngebizo lami; sihlale phakathi kwendlu yakhe, siyiqede kanye lezigodo zayo lamatshe ayo. **5** Ingilosи eyayikhuluma lami yasiphuma, yathi kimi: Phakamisa amehlo akho khathesi, ubone ukuthi kuyini lokhu okuphumayo. **6** Ngasengisithi: Kuyini? Yasisithi: Lokhu kuiy-efa ephumayo. Yathi futhi: Lesi yisimo sabo elizweni lonke. **7** Khangela-ke, kwaphakanyiswa isisibekelo somnuso; njalo lo wayengowesifazana owayehlezi phakathi kwe-efa. **8** Yasisithi: Lokhu kuyibubi; yasimphosa ngaphakathi kwe-efa; yasiphosa isisindo somnuso emlonyeni walo. **9** Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, kwaphuma abesifazana ababili, lomoya wawusempikweni zabo; ngoba babelezimpiko njengezimpiko zengabuzane. Basebephakamisa i-efa phakathi komhlaba lamazulu. **10** Ngasengisithi kuyo ingilosи eyayikhuluma lami: Balithwalela ngaphi i-efa? **11** Yasisithi kimi: Ukumakhela indlu elizweni leShinari; njalo izamiswa ibekwe lapho phezu kwestisekelo sakhe.

6 Ngasengibuya ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-ke, kwaphuma inqola ezine phakathi kwezintaba ezimbili; lezintaba zazizintaba zethusi. **2** Enqoleni yokuqala kwakulamabhiza abomvu, lenqoleni yesibili amabhiza amnyama, **3** lenqoleni yesithathu amabhiza amhlophe, lenqoleni yesine amabhiza alamabala alamandla. **4** Ngasengiphendula ngathi kuyo ingilosи eyayikhuluma lami: Ayini lawo, nkosi yami? **5** Ingilosи yasiphendula yathi kimi: Lawo ayimimoya emine yamazulu, ephuma ekumeni phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke. **6** Amabhiza amnyama akhonapho aphuma esiya elizweni

lenyakatho; lamhlophe aphuma ewalandela; lalamabala aphuma
esiya elizweni leningizimu. **7** Alamandla asephuma, adinga
ukuhamba ukuze aye le lale emhlabeni. Yasisithi: Hambani liye
le lale emhlabeni. Asesiya le lale emhlabeni. **8** Yasingimemeza,
yakhulumka kimi, isithi: Khangela, la aphuma aya elizweni
lenyakatho awuphumuzile umoya wami elizweni lenyakatho. **9**
Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **10** Thatha kwabathunjweyo,
kuHelidayi, lakuTobiya, lakuJedaya, abavele eBhabhiloni, ubuye
wena ngalolosuku, uye endlini kaJosiya indodana kaZefaniya,
11 ubusuthatha isiliva legolide, wenze imiqhele, uyibeke phezu
kwekhanda likaJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi
omkhulu; **12** ubusukhuluma kuye, usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla, isithi: Khangela, umuntu obizo lakhe nguHlumela,
uzahluma-ke ephuma endaweni yakhe, akhe ithempeli leNkosi.
13 Yena-ke uzakwakha ithempeli leNkosi; yena athwale ubukhosu,
ahlale abuse phezu kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosu. Futhi uzakuba
ngumpristi phezu kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosu; leseluleko
sokuthula sizakuba phakathi kwabo bobabili. **14** Lemiqhele
izakuba kuHelemi, lakuThobhiya, lakuJedaya, lakuHeni indodana
kaZefaniya, kube yisikhumbuzo ethempelini leNkosi. **15**
Labakhatshana bazafika bakhe ethempelini leNkosi, beselisazi
ukuthi iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile kini. Lokhu kuzakwenzeka,
uba lilalela lokulalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

7 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine kaDariyusi inkosi,
ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuZekhariya ngolwesine lwenyanga
yesificamunwemunye, kuKisilevi. **2** Sebethume endlini
kaNkulunkulu oSharezeri loRegem-Meleki lamadoda akhe,
ukuyacela ubuso beNkosi, **3** ukukhuluma kubapristi ababesendlini
yeNkosi yamabandla, lakuBaprofethi, besithi: Ngikhale inyembezi

yini ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngokuzehlukanisa, njengoba ngenzile okweminyaka le engaka? 4 Laselifika kimi ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla, lisithi: 5 Khuluma ebantwini bonke belizwe, lakubapristi, usithi: Lapho lazila ukudla lalila ngenyanga yesihlanu leyesikhombisa, ngitsho leyominyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, lazila lokuzila kimi, ngitsho kimi yini? 6 Lalapho lisidla, lalapho linatha, bekungayisini yini elidlayo, lina-ke elinathayo? 7 Kakusiwo amazwi iNkosi eyawamemeza ngesandla sabaprofethi bokuqala yini, lapho iJerusalema yahlalwa iphumelela, lemizi yayo inhlangothi zonke zayo, lapho ihlalwa iningizimu legceke? 8 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuZekhariya, lisithi: 9 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, isithi: Yahhlulelani isahlulelo esiqotho, lenze umusa lezihawu, ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo. 10 Lingacindezeli umfelokazi, lentandane, owemzini, lomyanga; linganakani okubi enhliziyweni yenu ngulowo emelene lomfowabo. 11 Kodwa bala ukulalela, banika ihlombe elenkani, benza indlebe zabo zaba nzima, ukuze bangezwa. 12 Yebo, benza inhlizyo yabo yaba njengelitshe elilukhuni, ukuze bangawuzwa umlayo, lamazwi iNkosi yamabandla eyayiwathumeze ngomoya wayo ngesandla sabaprofethi bokuqala. Ngakho kwaba khona intukuthelo enkulu ivela eNkosini yamabandla. 13 Ngakho sekwenzakele, njengoba yamemeza, kabaze bezwa; ngokunjalo bamemeza, kangaze ngezwa, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 14 Kodwa ngabahlakaza ngesivunguzane phakathi kwezizwe zonke ababengazazi. Ngakho ilizwe lachithakala emva kwabo, ukuze kungabi khona odlulayo lophendukayo; ngoba benza ilizwe eliloyisekayo laba yincithakalo.

8 Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla lisithi: 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ngilobukhwele ngeZiyoni ngobukhwele

obukhulu, yebo, ngilobukhwele ngayo ngokuvutha okukhulu.

3 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngibuyelete eZiyoni, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kweJerusalema; njalo iJerusalema izakuthiwa ngumuzi weqiniso, lentaba yeNkosi yamabandla, intaba engcwele.

4 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Kusezakuhlala amaxhegu lezalukazi ezitaladeni zeJerusalema, ngulowo lalowo elodondolo esandleni sakhe ngenxa yobunengi bezinsuku. **5** Lezitalada zomuzi zizagcwala abafana lamankazana bedlala ezitaladeni zawo. **6** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Uba kumangalisa emehlwani ensali yalababantu ngalezozinsuku, kungamangalisa lemehlwani ami yini? itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **7** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Khangela, ngizasindisa abantu bami elizweni lempumalanga, lelizweni lokutshona kwelanga; **8** ngibalethe, bahlale phakathi kweJerusalema; njalo bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, ngeqiniso langokulunga.

9 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Izandla zenu kaziqine, lina elizwayo ngalezinsuku amazwi la ngomlomo wabaprofethi, ababekhona mhla isisekelo sendlu yeNkosi yamabandla sibekwa, ukuze ithempeli lakhiwe. **10** Ngoba ngaphambi kwalezonsuku kwakungelaholo lomuntu, kwakungekho iholo lenyamazana; futhi kungekho ukuthula kulowo owayephuma kumbe owayengena ngenxa yenhlupheko; ngoba ngathuma wonke umuntu ngulowo emelene lomakhelwane wakhe. **11** Kodwa khathesi kangiyikuba kunsali yalababantu njengensukwini zakuqala, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **12** Ngoba inhlanyelo izaphumelela, ivini lithele izithelo zalo, lomhlabathi uphe isivuno sawo, lamazulu aphe amazolo awo; njalo ngizakwenza insali yalababantu ukuthi idle ilifa lazo zonke lezizinto. **13** Kuzakuthi-ke njengoba laliyisiqalekiso phakathi kwabezizwe, wena ndlu kaJuda, lawe ndlu kalsrayeli,

ngokunjalo ngizalisindisa, libe yisibusiso. Lingesabi, izandla zenu kaziqine. **14** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Njengoba nganginakane ukwenza okubi kini, lapho oyihlo bengithukuthelisa, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, njalo kangizisolanga; **15** ngokunjalo ngibuye ngacabanga kulezinsuku ukwenza okuhle kuyo iJerusalema lakuyo indlu kaJuda; lingesabi. **16** Lezi yizinto elizazenza: Khulumani iqiniso, ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; yehlulelani iqiniso lesahlulelo sokuthula emasangweni enu. **17** Lingacabangi ububi enhliziyweni yenu ngulowo lalowo emelene lomakhelwane; lingathandi isifungo samanga; ngoba zonke lezizinto yilezo engizizondayo, itsho iNkosi. **18** Ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla laselifika kimi, lisithi: **19** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ukuzila ukudla kwenyanga yesine, lokuzila ukudla kweyesihlanu, lokuzila ukudla kweyesikhombisa, lokuzila ukudla kweyetshumi, kuzakuba yintokozo, lokuthaba, lezikhathi ezimisiweyo zezinjabulo kuyo indlu yakoJuda. Ngakho thandani iqiniso lokuthula. **20** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Kusezakwenzeka ukuthi kufike abantu labahlali bemizi eminengi. **21** Labahlali bomunye umuzi bazakuya komunye, besithi: Kasihambeni ngokuphangisa ukuyancenga phambi kweNkosi, lokudinga iNkosi yamabandla; lami ngizahamba. **22** Yebo, kuzakuza abantu abanengi lezizwe ezilamandla ukuzadinga iNkosi yamabandla eJerusalema, lokuncenga phambi kweNkosi. **23** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ngalezonsuku kuzakuthi abambe amadoda alitshumi ezindimini zonke zezizwe, yebo abambe umphetho wesembatho somuntu ongumJuda, athi: Sizahamba lani; ngoba sizwile ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulani.

9 Umthwalo welizwi leNkosi elizweni leHadiraki, leDamaseko indawo yakho yokuphumula, lapho ilihlo lomuntu lelazo zonke

izizwe zakolsrayeli lizakuba seNkosini. **2** LeHamathi layo izakhawula kiyo; iTire leSidoni, lanxa ihlakaniphile kakhulu. **3** LeTire yazakhela inqaba, yabuthelela isiliva njengothuli, legolide njengodaka lwezitalada. **4** Khangela, iNkosi izayixotsha, itshaye amandla ayo elwandle; yona idliwe ngumlilo. **5** IAshikeloni izabona, yesabe; leGaza, ibe lusizi kakhulu; leEkhironi; ngoba ebikulindele kuzayangisa; njalo inkosi yeGaza izabhubha, leAshikeloni kayiyikuhlalwa. **6** Njalo ozelwe ngobufebe uzahlala eAshidodi; njalo ngizaquma ukuziggaja kwamaFilisti. **7** Ngizasusa igazi lakhe emlonyeni wakhe, lezinengiso zakhe phakathi kwamazinyo akhe; kodwa oseleyo, ngitsho yena, uzakuba ngokaNkulunkulu wethu, abe njengenduna koJuda, leEkhironi njengomJebusi. **8** Besengimisa inkamba ngasendlini yami ngenxa yebutho, ngenxa yowedlulayo, langenxa yophendukayo, njalo kakusayikudlula umcindezeli kubo; ngoba khathesi sengibonile ngamehlo ami. **9** Thokoza kakhulu, wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni! Memeza wena ndodakazi yeJerusalem! Khangela, iNkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, ilungile, njalo ilosindiso; ithobekile, igade ubabhemi, lethole, inkonyana kababhemikazi. **10** Njalo ngizaquma inqola isuke koEfrayimi, lebhiza eJerusalem; ledandili lempi lizaqunywa; njalo izakhulumu ukuthula kwabbezizwe; lombuso wayo uzasukela elwandle usiya elwandle, njalo kusukela emfuleni kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba. **11** Lawe, ngegazi lesivumelwano sakho ngikhuphile izibotshwa zakho emgodini ongelamanzi. **12** Phendukelani enqabeni, lina zibotshwa ezilethemba; lalamuhla ngiyamemezela ukuthi ngizabuyisela kuwe ngokuphindwe kibili; **13** lapho sengizigobisele uJuda, ngagcwalisa idandili ngoEfrayimi, ngavusa amadodana akho, wena Ziyoni, amelana lamadodana akho, wena Girisi, ngakwenza

ube njengenkemba yeqhawe. **14** Njalo iNkosi izabonakala phezu kwabo, lomtshoko wayo uzaphuma njengombane; iNkosi uJehova izavuthela uphondo, ihambe lezivunguzane zeningizimu. **15** INkosi yamabandla izabavikela; njalo bazakudla, behlisele phansi amatshe esavutha; banathe, benze umsindo njengewayini; bagcwale njengomganu, njengamagumbi elathi. **16** Njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo izabasindisa ngalolosuku njengomhlambi wabantu bayo; ngoba bazakuba ngamatshe omqhele, bephakanyisiwe phezu kwelizwe lakhe. **17** Ngoba kungakanani ukulunga kwakhe, njalo bungakanani ubuhle bakhe! Amabele azathokozisa amajaha, lewayini elitsha izintombi.

10 Celani eNkosini izulu ngesikhathi sezulu langemuva; iNkosi yenza imibane, ibanike izihlambo zezulu, kulolo lalolo uhlaza egangeni. **2** Ngoba izithombe zikhulume ize, labavumisi babone amanga, balandisa amaphupho ayinkohliso, baduduza ngokuyize. Ngakho-ke bazihambelo njengezimvu, badubeka, ngoba kwakungelamelusi. **3** Intukuthelo yami yavutha imelene labelusi, ngajejisa izimpongo; ngoba iNkosi yamabandla izawuhambela umhlambi wayo, indlu kaJuda; ibenze babe njengebhiza layo elihlekazi empini. **4** Kwaphuma kuye igumbi, kuye isikhonkwane, kuye idandili lempi, kuye wonke umcindezeli ndawonye. **5** Futhi bazakuba njengamaqhawe anyathela odakeni Iwezitalada empini; njalo bazakulwa, ngoba iNkosi ilabo, bayangise abagadi bamabhiza. **6** Njalo ngizaqinisa indlu kaJuda, ngisindise indlu kaJosefa, ngibabuyise, ngoba ngilesihawu kubo. Njalo bazakuba njengokungathi kangizanga ngibalahle; ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, ngibezwe. **7** Njalo amaEfrayimi azakuba njengeqhawe, lenhliziyo yawo ithokoze njengangewayini. Yebo abantwana bawo bazakubona,

bathokoze; inhliziyo yawo izathokoza eNkosini. **8** Ngizabatshayela ukhwelo, ngibabuthe; ngoba ngibahlengile; njalo bazakwanda njengoba sebandile. **9** Njalo ngizabahlanyela phakathi kwezizwe, bangikhumbule endaweni ezikhatsana; baphile labantwana babo, baphenduke. **10** Ngibabuyise bevela elizweni leGibhithe, ngibaqoqe baphume eAsiriya; ngibalethe elizweni leGileyadi leLebhanoni, kodwa kabayikutholelwa ndawo. **11** Njalo uzadabula olwandle lenhlupheko, atshaye amagagasi olwandle, lazo zonke izinziki zomfula zizakoma; lokuziggaja kweAsiriya kwehliswe, lentonga yobukhosy yeGibhithe isuke. **12** Njalo ngizabaqinisa eNkosini; bahambe besiya le lale ebizweni layo, itsho iNkosi.

11 Vula iminyango yakho, wena Lebhanoni, ukuze umlilo udle imisedari yakho. **2** Qhinqa isililo, wena sihlahla sefiri; ngoba umsedari usuwile, ngoba izihlahla zobukhosy ziachithwa. Qhinqani isililo lina ma-okhi eBashani, ngoba igusu elingangenekiyo seliwile. **3** Kulelizwi lokuqhinqa isililo kwabelusi, ngoba udumo lwabo luyachithwa; ilizwi lokubhonga kwamabhongo ezilwane, ngoba ukuziqhenya kweJordani kuyachithwa. **4** Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wami: Yelusa izimvu zokuhlatshwa; **5** abathengi bazo bayazibulala, bathi kabalacala; labazithengisayo bathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi; ngoba nginothile; labelusi bazo kabalasihawu ngazo. **6** Ngoba kangisayikuyekela abahlali belizwe, itsho iNkosi; kodwa khangela, ngizanikela abantu, ngulowo lalowo esandleni sikamakhelwane wakhe, lesandleni senkosi yakhe; njalo bazaliphahlaza ilizwe, njalo kangiyikubophula esandleni sabo. **7** Njalo ngizakwelusa izimvu zokuhlatshwa, isibili, eziyangekileyo zezimvu. Njalo ngazithathela intonga ezimbili; enye ngayibiza ngokuthi nguBuhle, lenye ngayibiza ngokuthi nguZibopho;

ngazelusa izimvu. **8** Ngasengiquma abelusi abathathu ngenyanga eyodwa; lomphefumulo wami wadabuka ngabo, lomphefumulo wabo lawo wangenyanya. **9** Ngasengisithi: Kangisayikulelusa; ofayo kafe, loqunywayo kaqunywe; kakuthike abaseleyo badle, ngulowo lalowo inyama yomunye.

10 Ngasengithatha intonga yami, uBuhle, ngayiqamula, ukuze ngephule isivumelwano sami engangisenze labantu bonke. **11** Sephulwa-ke ngalolosuku; ngakho-ke eziyangekileyo zezimvu ezazilindele kimi zakwazi ukuthi yilizwi leNkosi. **12** Ngasengisithi kizo: Uba kulungile emehlwani enu, nikani inkokhelo yami; kodwa uba kungenjalo, yekelani. Basebelinganisela inkokhelo yami, inhlamvu ezingamatshumi amathathu zesiliva.

13 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ziphosele kumbumbi; intengo enkuI ebengiyilinganiselwe yibo! Ngasengithatha inhlamvu ezingamatshumi amathathu zesiliva, ngaziphosela kumbumbi endlini yeNkosi. **14** Ngasengiqamula intonga yami yesibili, uZibopho, ukuze ngephule ubuzalwane phakathi kukaJuda lolsrayeli. **15** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Zithathele futhi izikhali zomelusi oyisithutha. **16** Ngoba khangela, ngizavusa umelusi elizweni; ongayikuhambelo eziqunyiweyo, ongayikudinga ezintsha, ongayikwelapha ezephukileyo, ongayikusekela ezizimeleyo; kodwa adle inyama yezinonileyo, adabule iziq'a amasondo azo.

17 Maye kumelusi ongasizi lutho otshiya izimvu! Inkemba izakuba phezu kwengalo yakhe, laphezu kwelihlo lakhe lokunene. Ingalo yakhe izatshwabhana isibili, lelihlo lakhe lokunene lifiphale ngokupheleleyo.

12 Umthwalo welizwi leNkosi ngolsrayeli, itsho INkosi, eyelula amazulu, yabeka isisekelo somhlaba, yadala umoya womuntu ngaphakathi kwakhe: **2** Khangela, ngizakwenza

iJerusalema ibe yinkezo yokudengezelisa kubo bonke abantu abazingelezeleyo; yebo, izakuba laphezu kukaJuda ekuvinjezelweni kumelene leJerusalema. **3** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku ngenze iJerusalema ibe yilitshe elingumthwalo kubo bonke abantu; bonke abazithwalisa ngalo bazaqunywa lokuqunywa; labo bonke abantu bomhlaba bazabuthana bemelene layo. **4** Ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, ngizatshaya lonke ibhiza ngokudideka, lomgadi walo ngobuhlanya, ngivule amehlo ami phezu kwendlu kaJuda, ngitshaye lonke ibhiza lezizwe ngobuphofu. **5** Khona ababusi bakoJuda bazakutsho enhliziyweni yabo: Abahlali beJerusalema bangamandla ami eNkosini yamabandla uNkulunkulu wabo. **6** Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza ababusi bakoJuda babe njengembawula yomlilo phakathi kwezigodo, lanjengesihlanti somlilo esithungweni; njalo bazaqeda ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo bonke abantu inhlangothi zonke; iJerusalema-ke izahlalwa futhi endaweni yayo eJerusalema. **7** Futhi iNkosi izasindisa amathente akoJuda kuqala, ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida Iodumo lwabakhileyo beJerusalema lungazikhulisi lumelene loJuda. **8** Ngalolosuku iNkosi izavikela abakhileyo beJerusalema; lalowo obuthakathaka phakathi kwabo ngalolosuku abe njengoDavida; lendlu kaDavida ibe njengoNkulunkulu, njengengilosyi eNkosi phambi kwabo. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku ngidinge ukuchitha zonke izizwe eziza ukumelana leJerusalema. **10** Njalo ngizathululela phezu kwendlu kaDavida laphezu kwabahlali beJerusalema umoya womusa lowokuncenga, njalo bazangikhangelina mina abamgwazayo, bamllilele, njengokulilela indodana eyodwa, abe lobuhlangu ngayo, njengobuhlangu ngezibulo. **11** Ngalolosuku kuzakuba kukhulu ukulila eJerusalema, njengokulila kukaHadadirimoni

esigodini seMegidoni. **12** Futhi ilizwe lizalila, usapho ngosapho lulodwa, usapho Iwendlu kaDavida lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; usapho Iwendlu kaNathani lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; **13** usapho Iwendlu kaLevi lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; usapho lukaShimeyi lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; **14** zonke izinsapho eziseleyo, usapho ngosapho lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa.

13 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lomthombo ovulelwe isono lokungcola kuyo indlu kaDavida labahlali beJerusalema. **2** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngiqume amabizo ezithombe asuke elizweni, kazisayikukhunjulwa; ngenze labaprofethi lomoya ongcolileyo bedlule basuke elizweni. **3** Kuzakuthi-ke, loba ngubani esaprofetha, uyise lonina abamzalayo bathi kuye: Kawuyikuphila, ngoba ukhuluma amanga ebizweni leNkosi. Uyise lonina abamzalayo bazamgwaza lapho eprofetha. **4** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku abaprofethi bazakuba lenhloni, ngulowo lalovo ngombono wakhe ekuprofetheni kwakhe; futhi kabayikugqoka iziggoko zoboya ukuze bakhohlise; **5** kodwa uzakuthi: Kangisuye mprofethi, ngingumlimi womhlabathi; ngoba umuntu wangithenga kusukela ebutsheni bami. **6** Lomunye uzakuthi kuye: Ayini lamanxeba asezandleni zakho? Yena uzakuthi: Engatshaywa ngawo endlini yabangane bami. **7** Vuka, nkemba, umelane lomelusi wami, umelane lomuntu ongumngane wami, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. Tshaya umelusi, izimvu zihlkazeke; besengiphendulela isandla sami kwezincinyane. **8** Kuzakuthi-ke elizweni lonke, itsho iNkosi, ingxenye ezimbili kulo zizaqunywa ziphele; kodwa eyesithathu izasala kulo. **9** Njalo eyesithathu ngizayidabulisa emlilweni, ngibacwengisise njengoba isiliva sicwengisiswa, ngibalinge njengoba igolide lilingwa. Bona

bazabiza ibizo lami, mina-ke ngizabaphendula. Ngizakuthi:
Bangabantu bami; bona-ke bazakuthi: iNkosi inguNkulunkulu
wami.

14 Khangelia, usuku lweNkosi luyeza, lempango yakho izakwehlukanisa phakathi kwakho. 2 Ngoba ngizabuthanisa zonke izizwe zimelane leJerusalema empini; njalo umuzi uzathunjwa, lezindlu ziphangwe, labesifazana badlwengulwe; lengxenye yomuzi izaphuma iye ekuthunjweni, kodwa insali yabantu kayiyikuqunywa isuke emzini. 3 Khona iNkosi izaphuma, ilwe imelene lalezozizwe, njengamhla isilwa ngosuku lwempi. 4 Langalolosuku inyawo zayo zizakuma entabenye yeMihlwathi, emaqondana leJerusalema ngasempumalanga; lentaba yeMihlwathi izaqhekeze ka phakathi kwayo ngasempumalanga langasentshonalanga, kube lesihotsha esikhulukazi; lengxenye yentaba izatshedela ngasenyakatho, lengxenye yayo ngaseningizimu. 5 Lizabaleka-ke ngesihotsha sezintaba zami; ngoba isihotsha sezintaba sizafinyelela eAzali. Yebo, lizabaleka njengokubaleka kwenu phambi kokuzamazama komhlaba ngezinsuku zikaUziya inkosi yakoJuda. Khona iNkosi uNkulunkulu wami izafika, labo bonke abangcwele belawe. 6 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku kungabi khona ukukhanya, kumbe mnyama. 7 Kodwa kuzakuba lusuku olulodwa oluzakwaziwa eNkosini, kungabi yimini, kungabi yibusuku; kodwa kuzakuthi ngesikhathi sakusihlwa kube khona ukukhanya. 8 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, amanzi aphilayo aphume eJerusalema; ingxenye yawo iye ngaselwandle lwasempumalanga, lengxenye yawo iye ngaselwandle lwentshonalanga; kuzakuba khona ehlobo lebusika. 9 Njalo uJehova uzakuba yiNkosi phezu komhlaba wonke; ngalolosuku kuzakuba leNkosi eyodwa, lebizo layo

libe linye. **10** Ilizwe lonke lizaphendulwa libe njengegceke kusukela eGeba kuze kube seRimoni eningizimu kweJerusalema; liphakanyiswe, lihlale endaweni yalo, kusukela esangweni lakoBhenjamini kuze kube sendaweni yesango lokuqala, kuze kube sesangweni lengonsi, njalo kusukela emphotshongweni kaHananeli kuze kube sezikhamelweni zewayini zenkosi. **11** Njalo bazahlala kilo, kungabe kusaba khona ukutshabalala; kodwa iJerusalema izahlala ivikelekile. **12** Lalokhu kuzakuba yinhlupheko iNkosi ezatshaya ngayo zonke izizwe ezilwe zimelene leJerusalema: Izabolisa inyama yazo zisemi ngenyawo zazo, lamehlo azo abolele ezikhoxweni zawo, lolimi lwazo lubolele emlonyeni wazo. **13** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, isiphithiphithi esikhulu seNkosi sibe phakathi kwabo; babambe ngulowo lalovo isandla sikamakhelwane wakhe, futhi isandla sakhe siphakamele ukumelana lesandla sikamakhelwane wakhe. **14** LoJuda laye uzakulwa eJerusalema; lenotho yazo zonke izizwe ezizingelezeleyo izabuthwa, igolide lesiliva lezembatho ngobunengi obukhulu. **15** Izakuba njalo-ke inhlupheko yebhiza, eyembongolo, eyekamela, lekababhem, leyazo zonke inyamazana ezizakuba kulezizinkamba, njengaleyonhlupheko. **16** Kuzakuthi-ke, bonke abaseleyo ezizweni zonke ezazize ukumelana leJerusalema benyuke iminyaka ngeminyaka ukuyakhonza iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla, lokugcina umkhosi wamadumba. **17** Kuzakuthi-ke loba ngubani ongayikwenyuka kuzo insapho zomhlaba aye eJerusalema ukukhonza iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla, kakuyikuba khona izulu phezu kwabo. **18** Futhi uba usapho lweGibhithe lungenyuki luze, kakuyikuba lezulu phezu kwalo, kuzakuba lenhlupheko iNkosi ezatshaya ngayo izizwe ezingenyukeli ukuyagcina umkhosi wamadumba.

19 Lokhu kuzakuba yisijeziso sesono seGibhithe, lesijeziso sesono sazo zonke izizwe ezingenyukeli ukugcina umkhosi wamadumba. **20** Ngalolosuku kuzakuba semabhereni amabhiza: UBUNGWELE KUJEHOVA; lezimbiza endlini yeNkosi zizakuba njengemiganu yokufafaza phambi kwelathi. **21** Yebo, yileyo laleyo imbiza eJerusalema lakoJuda izakuba yibungcwele eNkosini yamabandla, njalo bonke abenza umhlatshelo bazakuza bathathe kuzo, bapheke kuzo. Njalo kakusayikuba khona umKhanani endlini yeNkosi yamabandla ngalolosuku.

UMalaki

1 Umthwalo welizwi leNkosi kulsrayeli ngesandla sikaMalaki.
2 Ngilithandile, itsho iNkosi. Kodwa lithi: Usithande ngani?
UEsawu kasuye yini umfowabo kaJakobe? itsho iNkosi. Kanti
ngamthanda uJakobe, **3** loEsawu ngamzonda; ngenza izintaba
zakhe incithakalo, lelifa lakhe laba ngelamakhanka enkangala. **4**
Lanxa uEdoma esithi: Senziwe abayanga, kodwa sizabuyela
siyekwakha amanxiwa; itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Bona
bangakha, kodwa mina ngizadiliza, njalo bazababiza ngokuthi:
Ngumngcele wobubi, labantu iNkosi ebathukutheleleyo kuze kube
phakade. **5** Lamehlo enu azabona, lani lithi: INkosi izakhuliswa
kusukela ngaphetsheya komngcele wakolsrayeli. **6** Indodana
iyamhlonipha uyise, lenceku inkosi yayo. Uba-ke nginguyihlo,
kungaphi ukuhlonitshwa kwami? Uba-ke ngiyiNkosi, kungaphi
ukwesatshwa kwami? itsho iNkosi yamabandla kini, bapristi
elidelela ibizo lami; kodwa lithi: Silidelele ngani ibizo lakho?
7 Lisondeza isinkwa esingcolileyo phezu kwelathi lami, lisithi:
Sikungcolise ngani? Ngokuthi kwenu: Itafula leNkosi liyadeleleka.
8 Njalo nxa lisondeza okuyisiphofu kube ngumhlatshele, kakukubi
yini? Lalapho lisondeza okuqhulayo lokugulayo, kakukubi
yini? Ake ukusondeze kumbusi wakho; angathokoza ngawe
yini, kumbe angabemukela yini ubuso bakho? itsho iNkosi
yamabandla. **9** Khathesi-ke ake lincenge ubuso bukaNkulunkulu
ukuze abe lomusa kithi; lokhu kube ngesandla senu; uzabemukela
ubuso benu yini? itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **10** Ngubani okhona
ngitsho phakathi kwenu ongavala izivalo? Njalo lingabaseli ize
umlilo phezu kwelathi lami. Kangithokozi ngani, kutsho iNkosi
yamabandla, njalo kangiyikwemukela umnikelo esandleni senu
ngentokozo. **11** Ngoba kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze

kube sekutshoneni kwalo, ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe; lakuyo yonke indawo impepha izatshiselwa ibizo lami, lomnikelo ohlambulukileyo; ngoba ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **12** Kodwa liyalingcolisa ngokuthi kwenu: Itafula leNkosi lingcolisiwe; lesithelo salo, ukudla kwalo, kudelelekile. **13** Njalo lithi: Khangela, ukudinisa okungakanani! Njalo likuchilela amakhala, itsho iNkosi yamabandla; njalo lilethe impango, lokuqhulayo, lokugulayo; ngokunjalo lilethe umnikelo. Ngikwemukele lokhu yini ngokuthokoza esandleni senu? itsho iNkosi. **14** Kaqalekiswe-ke umkhohlisi oleduna emhlanjini wakhe, ofunga ahlabele iNkosi okonakeleyo; ngoba ngiyiNkosi enkuIu, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, lebizo lami liyesabeka phakathi kwezizwe.

2 Khathesi-ke, bapristi, umlayo lo ngowenu. **2** Uba lingalaleli, njalo uba lingakubeki enhliziyweni ukunika ibizo lami udumo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngizathumela isiqalekiso phakathi kwenu, ngiqalekise izibusiso zenu. Yebo, sengiziqalekisile, ngoba kalikubeki enhliziyweni. **3** Khangelani, ngizakona inzalo yenu, ngithele umswane ebusweni benu, umswane wamadili enu, lisuswe kanye lawo. **4** Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngithumele lumlayo kini, ukuze isivumelwano sami sibe loLevi, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **5** Isivumelwano sami besilaye siyikuphila lokuthula; ngamnika khona kube yikwesaba angesaba ngakho; wathuthumela phambi kwebizo lami. **6** Umlayo weqiniso wawusemlonyeni wakhe, lesiphambeko kasitholakalanga endebeni zakhe. Wahamba lami ngokuthula langobuqotho, waphendula abanengi ebubini. **7** Ngoba indebe zompristi ziaygcina ulwazi, njalo bayadinga umlayo emlonyeni wakhe, ngoba uyisithunywa seNkosi yamabandla. **8** Kodwa lina

liphambukile endleleni, lakhubekisa abanengi emlayweni; lona
isivumelwano sikaLevi, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **9** Ngakho lami
ngilenzile laba ngabadelelekayo labehliselwe phansi phambi
kwabantu bonke, njengokuba lingagcinanga izindlela zami, kodwa
lamukele ubuso emlayweni. **10** Kasilababa munye yini thina
sonke? UNkulunkulu munye kasidalanga yini? Kungani sisenza
ngenkohliso, omunye emelene lomfowabo, ngokungcolisa
isivumelwano sabobaba? **11** UJuda wenze ngenkohliso, njalo
kwenziwe amanyala kolsrayeli leJerusalema; ngoba uJuda
ungcolisile ubungcwele bukaJehova abuthandayo, uthethe
indodakazi kankulunkulu wezizweni. **12** INkosi izaquma umuntu
owenza lokhu, ovusayo lophendulayo, asuke emathenteni
kaJakobe, lalowo oletha umnikelo eNkosini yamabandla. **13**
Lalokhu likwenzile kabili; lisibekela ilathi leNkosi ngezinyembezi,
ngokukhala, langokububula, okungangokuthi kayisawunanzi
umnikelo, kumbe ukuwemukela ngokuthokoza esandleni senu.
14 Kanti lithi: Kungani? Kungoba iNkosi yayingumfakazi phakathi
kwakho lomfazi wobutsha bakho, wena omphethe ngenkohliso,
kanti engumngane wakho, lomfazi wesivumelwano sakho. **15**
Kenzanga yini oyedwa? Njalo elomoya oseleyo. Njalo kungani
oyedwa? Wadinga inzalo kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho qaphelisani
ngomoya wenu, njalo kakungabi lophatha umfazi wobutsha bakhe
ngenkohliso. **16** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli ithi iyazonda
ukwalana. Ngoba omunye usibekela udlakela ngesembatho
sakhe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. Ngakho qaphelisani ngomoya
wenu, ukuze lingenzi ngenkohliso. **17** Liyidinise iNkosi ngamazwi
enu. Kanti lithi: Siyidinise ngani? Ngokuthi kwenu: Wonke
owenza okubi ulungile emehlwensi eNkosi, njalo iyathokoza
ngabo; kumbe: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wesahlulelo?

3 Khangelani, ngithuma isithunywa sami, esizalungisa indlela phambi kwami; leNkosi eliyidingayo izafika masinyane ethempelini layo, ngitsho isithunywa sesivumelwano elithokoza ngaso; khangela siyeza, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **2** Kodwa ngubani ongalumela usuku lokuza kwaso, njalo ngubani ongema ekubonakaleni kwaso? Ngoba sinjengomlilo womcwengi wegolide, lanjengesepa yomwatshi. **3** Sizahlala njengomcwengi lomhlambululi wesiliva, sihlambulule amadodana kaLevi, siwacwenge njengetegolide lanjengesiliva; ukuze asondeze iminikelo ngokulunga eNkosini. **4** Lapho umnikelo wakoJuda loweJerusalema uzakuba mnandi eNkosini njengensukwini zendulo, lanjengeminyakeni yakuqala. **5** Njalo ngizasondela kini ngokwahlulela; ngibe ngumfakazi ophangisayo ngimelene labathakathi, ngimelene lezifebe, ngimelene labafungi bamanga, ngimelene labacindezeli bamaholo abaqhatshiweyo, umfelokazi, lentandane, labasunduzela abezizweni eceleni, njalo abangangesabiyo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **6** Ngoba ngiyiNkosi, kangiphenduki; ngakho lina madodana kaJakobe kalqedwa. **7** Ngitsho kusukela ensukwini zaboyihlo liphambukile ezimisweni zami, kalizigcinanga. Buyelani kimi, lami ngizabuyela kini, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. Kanti lithi: Sizabuyela ngani? **8** Umuntu angamphanga yini uNkulunkulu? Kanti lina lingiphangile. Kodwa lithi: Sikuphange ngani? Ngokwtshumi langomnikelo. **9** Liqalekisiwe ngesiqalekiso, ngoba lingiphangile, lesia sizwe sonke. **10** Lethani konke okwetshumi esiphaleni ukuze kube lokudla endlini yami. Lingihlole-ke khathesi kukho, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, uba ngingayikulivulela amawindi amazulu, ngilithululele isibusiso kuze kungabi lendawo eyaneleyo. **11** Ngizakuza odlayo ngenxa yenu, njalo kayikulichithela izithelo

zomhlabathi; levini kalyikulibozisela ensimini, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **12** Njalo zonke izizwe zizakuthi libusisiwe, ngoba lina lizakuba yilizwe elithokozisayo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **13** Amazwi enu abelukhuni emelene lami, itsho iNkosi. Kanti lithi: Sikhulumeni simelene lawe? **14** Lithe: Kuyize ukukhonza uNkulunkulu. Njalo kuyinzozo bani ukuthi sigcine imfanelo yakhe, lokuthi sihambe sikwezimnyama phambi kweNkosi yamabandla? **15** Khathesi-ke sithi abaziqhenyayo babusisiwe; yebo, labo abenza inkohlakalo bayakhiwa; yebo balanga uNkulunkulu, baphephe. **16** Khona labo abayesabayo iNkosi bakhulumisana; njalo iNkosi yalalela, yezwa; logwalo Iwesikhumbuzo Iwalotshwa phambi kwayo ngabo abayesabayo iNkosi, langalabo abazindla ngebizo layo. **17** Njalo bazakuba ngabami, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngalolosuku engizakwenza ngalo okuligugu kwami, njalo ngizabayekela njengendoda eyekela indodana yayo eyisebenzelayo. **18** Beselibuya libona umehluko phakathi kolungileyo lomubi, phakathi kokhonza uNkulunkulu lalowo ongamkhonziyo.

4 Ngoba khangelani, luyeza usuku oluvutha njengeziko; labo bonke abazigqajayo, yebo, bonke abenza inkohlakalo bazakuba yizibi; losuku oluzayo luzabatshisa, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ukuze lungabatshiyeli impande kumbe ugatsha. **2** Kodwa kini elesaba ibizo lami, iLanga lokulunga lizaphuma lilokusilisa empikweni zalo. Njalo lizaphuma liqolotsha njengamathole esibaya. **3** Lizanyathelela phansi ababi, ngoba bazakuba ngumlotha ngaphansi kwengaphansi yenyawo zenu ngosuku engizakwenza, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **4** Khumbulani umlayo kaMozisi inceku yami, engamlaya wona eHorebe ngolsrayeli wonke, izimiso lezahlulelo. **5** Khangelani, ngizathuma

uElijah umprofethi kini lungakafiki usuku lweNkosi olukhulu
lolwesabekayo. **6** Uzaphendulela-ke inhliziyo yaboyise
ebantwaneni, lenhliziyu yabantwana kuboyise, hlezi ngize
ngitshaye ilizwe ngesiqalekiso.

Itestamende elitsha



UJesu wasesithi: Baba, bathethelele; ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.

Njalo babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa.

ULukha 23:34

UMathewu

1 Ugwalo lokuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu, iNdodana kaDavida, indodana kaAbrahama. **2** UAbrahama wazala ulsaka; ulsaka wasezala uJakobe; uJakobe wasezala uJuda labafowabo; **3** uJuda wasezala uFaresi loZara kuTamari; uFaresi wasezala uEsiromu; uEsiromu wasezala uAramu; **4** uAramu wasezala uAminadaba; uAminadaba wasezala uNashoni; uNashoni wasezala uSalimoni; **5** uSalimoni wasezala uBowosi kuRahabi; uBowosi wasezala uObedi kuRuthe; uObedi wasezala uJese; **6** uJese wasezala uDavida inkosi; uDavida inkosi wasezala uSolomoni kowayengumkaUriya; **7** uSolomoni wasezala uRehobhowamu; uRehobhowamu wasezala uAbhiya; uAbhiya wasezala uAsa; **8** uAsa wasezala uJehoshafathi; uJehoshafathi wasezala uJoram; uJoram wasezala uOziya; **9** uOziya wasezala uJotham; uJotham wasezala uAhazi; uAhazi wasezala uHezekhiya; **10** uHezekhiya wasezala uManase; uManase wasezala uAmoni; uAmoni wasezala uJosiya; **11** uJosiya wasezala uJekoniya labafowabo esikhathini sokuthunjelwa eBhabhiloni. **12** Kwathi emva kokuthunjelwa eBhabhiloni uJekoniya wazala uSalatiyeli; uSalatiyeli wasezala uZerubhabhel; **13** uZerubhabhel wasezala uAbiyudi; uAbiyudi wasezala uEliyakhimi; uEliyakhimi wasezala uAzori; **14** uAzori wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uAkimi; uAkimi wasezala uEliyudi; **15** uEliyudi wasezala uEleyazare; uEleyazare wasezala uMathani; uMathani wasezala uJakobe; **16** uJakobe wasezala uJosefa indoda kaMariya, okwazalwa kuye uJesu othiwa nguKristu. **17** Ngakho izizukulwana zonke ezisukela kuAbrahama zisiya kuDavida ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane; lezisukela kuDavida ziye ekuthunjelweni eBhabhiloni

ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane; lezisukela ekuthunjelweni eBhabhiloni ziye kuKristu ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane.

18 Ngakho ukuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu kwaba nje. Ngoba unina uMariya esegane uJosefa, bengakahlangani wabonakala eselesisu ngoMoya oNgcwele. **19** Kodwa uJosefa indoda yakhe engolungileyo, njalo engathandi ukumthela ihlazo, wayefuna ukumala ensitha. **20** Kwathi esanakana lezizinto, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala kuye ephutsheni, esithi: Josefa, ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukumthatha uMariya umkakho; ngoba lokho akukhulelwego kungoMoya oNgcwele; **21** njalo uzazala indodana, ubize ibizo layo uthi nguJesu; ngoba yena uzasindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo. **22** Konke lokhu-ke kwenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa yiNkosi ngomprofethi ukuthi: **23** Khangela, intombi izathatha isisu ibelethe indodana, njalo bazabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi nguEmanuweli, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, uNkulunkulu ulathi. **24** Kwathi uJosefa esephapheme ebuthongweni wenza njengalokho ingilosi yeNkosi imlayile, wasethatha umkakhe; **25** kodwa kazange amazi waze wabeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho; wasebiza ibizo layo wathi nguJesu.

2 Kwathi uJesu esezelwe eBhethelohema yeJudiya, ensukwini zikaHerodi inkosi, khangela, kwafika izazi eJerusalema zivela empumalanga, **2** zisithi: Ungaphi ozelwe eyinkosi yamaJuda? Ngoba sibonile inkanyezi yakhe empumalanga, njalo sesize ukumkhonza. **3** Ngakho uHerodi inkosi esezwile wakhathazeka, leJerusalema yonke kanye laye. **4** Esebuthanisile bonke abapristi abakhulu lababhali babantu, wabuza kubo ukuthi uKristu uzazalelwego ngaphi. **5** Basebesithi kuye: EBhethelohema yeJudiya; ngoba kulotshiwe ngokunjalo ngumprofethi ukuthi: **6**

Lawe, Bhethelohema, lizwe lakoJuda, kawusuye omncinyane lakanye phakathi kwababusi bakoJuda; ngoba kuzavela kuwe umbusi, ozakwelusa abantu bami ulsrayeli. **7** Khona uHerodi, esezipibile izazi ensitha, wabuzisisa kuzo isikhathi sokubonakala kwenkanyezi. **8** Wasezithuma eBhethelohema wathi: Hambani libuzisise ngomntwana omncinyane; kuzakuthi nxa limtholile, libike kimi, ukuze lami ngiye ngimkhonze. **9** Kwathi seziyizwile inkosi zasuka zahamba; njalo khangela, inkanyezi, ezayibona empumalanga, yahamba phambi kwazo, yaze yafika yema phezu kwalapho usane olwalukhona. **10** Zathi ukuyibona inkanyezi zathokoza ngentokozo enkulu kakhlulu. **11** Zasezingena endlini, zabona usane kanye loMariya unina, zawela phansi zalukhonza, zavula impahla zazo eziligugu zalukhunga ngezipho, igolide lempepha lemure. **12** Kwathi sezilayiwe nguNkulunkulu ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi, zasuka zabuyela elizweni lakizo ngenye indlela. **13** Kwathi sezsukile, khangela, ingilosy yeNkosi ibonakala kuJosefa ephutsheni, isithi: Vuka uthathe usane lonina, ubusubalekela eGibhithe, ube khona ngize ngikutshele; ngoba uHerodi uzaludinga usane, ukuze alubulale. **14** Wavuka-ke wathatha usane lonina ebusuku wasuka waya eGibhithe, **15** wasehlala khona kwaze kwaba yikufa kukaHerodi; ukuze kugcwaliswe okwakhulunywa yiNkosi ngomprofethi isithi: Ngiyibizile indodana yami iphume eGibhithe. **16** Kwathi uHerodi, esebonile ukuthi uphicwe yizazi, wathukuthela kakhlulu, wathuma wabulala abantwana bonke ababeseBhethelohema lemingceleni yayo yonke, kusukela eminyakeni emibili langaphansi, njengesikhathi abebuzisise ngaso kuzazi. **17** Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa nguJeremiya umprofethi, ukuthi: **18** Kwezwakala ilizwi eRama, ukukhala lokulila lokudabuka okukhulu, uRasheli

elilela abantwana bakhe, njalo engavumi ukududuzwa, ngoba bengasekho. **19** Kodwa kwathi esefile uHerodi, khangela, ingilosи yeNkosi yabonakala ephutsheni kuJosefa eGibhithe, **20** isithi: Vuka uthathe umntwana omncinyane lonina, uye elizweni lakolsrayeli; ngoba sebefile ababedinga umphefumulo womntwana omncinyane. **21** Wavuka-ke wathatha umntwana omncinyane lonina wasefika elizweni lakolsrayeli. **22** Kodwa esezwile ukuthi uAkelawu usebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikaHerodi uyise, wesaba ukuya khona; kodwa esexwayisiwe nguNkulunkulu ephutsheni, wasuka waya kungxenyе zeGalili, **23** wasefika wahlala emzini othiya yiNazaretha; ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngabaprofethi ukuthi: Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngumNazaretha.

3 Ngalezonsuku kwafika uJohane uMbhabhathizi, etshumayela enkangala yeJudiya, **2** esithi: Phendukani; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ususondele. **3** Ngoba nguye okwakhulunywa ngaye ngulsayu umprofethi, esithi: Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala, lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana zayo. **4** Njalo uJohane lo wayelesembatho sakhe soboya bekamela, lozwezwe Iwesikhumba ekhalweni Iwakhe; lokudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe loluju Iweganga. **5** Kwasekuphumela kuye iJerusalema leJudiya yonke lelizwe lonke elizingelezele iJordani; **6** basebebhathizwa nguye eJordani bevuma izono zabo. **7** Kwathi ebona abanengi babaFarisi labaSadusi besiza ekubhabhathizeni kwakhe, wathi kubo: Nzalo yezinyoka, ngubani olbonise ukubalekela ulaka oluzayo? **8** Ngakho thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka; **9** njalo lingacabangi ukutsho phakathi kwenulithi: SiloAbrahama ongubaba; ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu ulamandla okumvusela uAbrahama abantwana kula

amatshe. **10** Lakhathesi ihloka selibekiwe empandeni yezihlahla; ngakho sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni. **11** Mina ngilibhabhathiza ngamanzi kube sekuphendukeni; kodwa yena oza emva kwami ulamandla kulami, engingafanele ukuphatha amanyathela akhe; yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo; **12** okhomane lwakhe lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo uzathanyelisa isibuya sakhe, abesebuthela amabele akhe esiphaleni sakhe, kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo. **13** Khona uJesu evela eGalili wafika eJordani kuJohane, ukuze abhabhathizwe nguye. **14** Kodwa uJohane wayemalela esithi: Mina ngiswela ukubhabhathizwa nguwe, kanti wena uza kimi? **15** Kodwa uJesu ephendula wathi kuye: Vuma khathesi; ngoba kusifanele ukuthi sigcwaliise ngokunjalo ukulunga konke. Wasemvumela. **16** UJesu esebehabhathiziwe wahle wakhuphuka emanzini; njalo khangela, amazulu amvulekela, wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu esehla kungathi lijuba esiza phezu kwakhe. **17** Njalo khangela, ilizwi livela emazulwini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo.

4 Khona uJesu wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala, ukuze alingwe ngudiyabhola. **2** Esezile ukudla insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ekucineni walamba. **3** Kwasekusiza kuye umlingi wathi: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshono ukuthi lamatshe abe yizinkwa. **4** Kodwa yena waphendula wathi: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu. **5** Udiyahbola wasemthatha wamusa emzini ongcwele, wasemmisa engqongeni yethempeli, **6** wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele phansi; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya

ingilosи zakhe ngawe, besezikuphatha ngezandla, hlezi loba nini ukhube unyawo lwakho elitsheni. **7** UJesu wathi kuye: Kulotshiwe futhi ukuthi: Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **8** Udiyabhola wabuya wamusа entabenи ende kakhulu, wamtshengisa imibusо yonke yomhlaba lokukhazimula kwayo, **9** wathi kuye: Zonke lezizinto ngizakunika zona, uba uwela phansi ungikhonza. **10** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Suka, Sathane! Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, njalo uzakhonza yona yodwa. **11** Udiyabhola wasemyekela; njalo khangela, kwafika ingilosи zasezimsebenzela. **12** Kwathi uJesu esezwile ukuthi uJohane unikelwe entolongweni, wasuka waya eGalili; **13** wasesuka eNazaretha, weza wahlala eKapenawume engaselwandle, emingceleni yakoZebuloni leyakoNafithali; **14** ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunya ngumprofethi ulsaya, ukuthi: **15** llizwe lakoZebuloni lelizwe lakoNafithali, endleleni yaselwandle, ngaphetsheya kweJordani, iGalili labezizwe, **16** abantu ababehlezi emnyameni babonile ukukhanya okukhulu, lababehlezi elizweni lethunzini lokufa ukukhanya kuphumele kubo. **17** Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu waqala ukutshumayela lokuthi: Phendukani; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ususondele. **18** Kwathi uJesu ehambahamba elwandle IweGalili wabona izelamani ezimbili, uSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo, bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi. **19** Wasesithi kubo: Ngilandeli, njalo ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu. **20** Bahle-ke batshiya amambule bamlandela. **21** Eseqhubekе esuka lapho, wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakobe okaZebediya loJohane umfowabo, besemkhunjini kanye loZebediya uyise, belungisa amambule abo; wasebabiza. **22** Njalo bahle batshiya umkhumbi loyise bamlandela. **23** UJesu wasebhoda iGalili

yonke, efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso, eselapha sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini.

24 Indumela yakhe yasiphumela kuyo yonke iSiriya; basebeletha kuye bonke abagulayo, ababephethwe yizifo ngezifo lobuhlungu, lababengenwe ngamadimoni, lababelezithuthwane, lababewome umhlubulo; wasebasilisa. **25** Amaxuku amakhulu asemelandela evela eGalili leDikapolisi leJerusalema leJudiya langaphetsheya kweJordani.

5 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wenyukela entaben. Esehlezi phansi, abafundi bakhe beza kuye; **2** wasevula umlomo wakhe, wabafundisa, wathi: **3** Babusisiwe abayanga emoyeni; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabo. **4** Babusisiwe abalilayo; ngoba bona bazaduduzwa. **5** Babusisiwe abamnene; ngoba bona bazakudla ilifa lomhlaba. **6** Babusisiwe abalambela labomela ukulunga; ngoba bona bazasuthiswa. **7** Babusisiwe abalesihawu; ngoba bona bazahawukelwa. **8** Babusisiwe abamhlophe enhliziyeni; ngoba bona bazabona uNkulunkulu. **9** Babusisiwe abalamulayo; ngoba bona bazathiwa ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. **10** Babusisiwe abazingelwayo ngenxa yokulunga; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabo. **11** Lina libusisiwe, nxo belithuka belizingela, bekhuluma okubi konke bemelana lani beqamba amanga, ngenxa yami; **12** thokozani lithabe kakhulu, ngoba umvuzo wenu mkhulu emazulwini; ngoba ngokunjalo babazingela abaprofethi abalandulelayo. **13** Lina lilitshwayi lomhlaba; kodwa uba itshwayi seliduma lizatshwaywa ngani? Kalisasizi lutho, ngaphandle kokulahlwa phandle beselinyathelwa ngabantu. **14** Lina liyikukhanya komhlaba; umuzi omiswe phezu kwentaba ungesitheke; **15** njalo kabalumathisi isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitsha,

kodwa phezu kwesiqobane sesibane, besesibakhanyisela bonke abasendlini. **16** Ngokunjalo kakukhanye ukukhanya kwenu phambi kwabantu, ukuze babone imisebenzi yenu emihle, badumise uYihlo osemazulwini. **17** Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuchitha umlayo kumbe abaprofethi; angizanga ukuchitha kodwa ukugcwalisa. **18** Ngoba ngiqinисile ngithi kini: Kuze kudlule izulu lomhlaba, kakusoze kudlule ibadlana libe linye kumbe ichatshana libe linye emlayweni kuze kwenzeke konke. **19** Ngakho owe phula owodwa kulimilayo emincinyane, afundise abantu ngokunjalo, uzathiwa ngomncinyane embusweni wamazulu; kodwa oyenzayo ayifundise, lowo uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wamazulu. **20** Ngoba ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu kwedlule okwababhalo lokwabaFarisi, kalisoze lingene embusweni wamazulu. **21** Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungabulali; laloba ngubani obulalayo, uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa; **22** kodwa mina ngithi kini: Wonke othukuthelela umfowabo kungelasizatho uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa; lotshoyo kumfowabo ukuthi: Siphukuphukundini! uzakuba lecala emphakathini; lotshoyo ukuthi: Sithuthandini! uzakuba lecala lokusiwa esihogweni somlilo. (**Geenna g1067**) **23**

Ngakho uba uletha umnikelo wakho elathini, ubusukhumbula ulapho ukuthi umfowenu ulolutho olumelana lawe, **24** tshiya lapho umnikelo wakho phambi kwelathi, uhambe, uqale ubuyisane lomfowenu, ubusuzonikela umnikelo wakho. **25** Phangisa uwane laye omangalelane lawe usesendleleni laye, hlezi omangalelane lawe akunikele kumahluleli, futhi umahluleli akunikele epholiseni, ubusuphoselwa entolongweni. **26** Ngiqinисile ngithi kuwe: Kawusoze uphume khona, uze ubhadale indibilitshi yokucina. **27** Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafebi.

28 Kodwa mina ngithi kini: Wonke okhangela owesifazana ukumkhanuka usefebile laye enhliziyweni yakhe. **29** Njalo uba ilihlo lakho lokunene likukhubekisa, likhuphe ulilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono kuwe ukuthi kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi umzimba wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni. (**Geenna g1067**) **30** Njalo uba isandla sakho sokunene sikukhubekisa, siqume usilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono kuwe ukuthi kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi umzimba wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni.

(**Geenna g1067**) **31** Kwathiwa-ke: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, kumele amnike incwadi yesehlukaniso; **32** kodwa mina ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, ngaphandle kodaba lokufeba, umenza afebe, njalo loba ngubani omthathayo owaliweyo uyafeba. **33** Lizwile futhi ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafungi amanga, kodwa gcwalisa izifungo zakho eNkosini. **34** Kodwa mina ngithi kini: Lingafungi lakanye; loba ngezulu, ngoba liyisihlalo sobukhosи sikaNkulunkulu; **35** loba ngomhlaba, ngoba uyisenabelo senyawo zakhe; loba ngeJerusalema, ngoba ingumuzi weNkosi enkulu; **36** njalo ungafungi ngekhanda lakho, ngoba ungelwenze unwele lalunye lube mhlophe kumbe lube mnyama. **37** Kodwa ilizwi lenu kalibe ngelokuthi: Yebo, yebo; hatshi, hatshi. Okudlula lokhu-ke kuvela komubi. **38** Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa: Ilahlo ngelihlo, lezinyo ngezinyo; **39** kodwa mina ngithi kini: Lingamelani lobubi; kodwa loba ngubani okuwakala esihlathini sokunene, mphendulele lesinye; **40** lalowo ofuna ukukumangalela lokuthatha isiggoko sakho, mtshiyele lesembatho; **41** laloba ngubani okubamba ngamandla ukuthi uhambe imayili libe linye, hamba laye abe mabili. **42** Mnike ocela kuwe; njalo ungamfulatheli ofisa ukweboleka

kuwe. **43** Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho, njalo uzonde isitha sakho; **44** kodwa mina ngithi kini: Thandani izitha zenu, libabusise abaliqalekisayo, libaphathe kuhle abalizondayo, libakhulekele abaliphatha kubi, labalizingelayo; **45** ukuze libe ngabantwana bakaYihlo osemazulwini, ngoba yena uphumisa ilanga lakhe phezu kwababi labahle, anise izulu phezu kwabalungileyo labangalunganga. **46** Ngoba aluba lithanda labo abalithandayo, lilomvuzo bani? Kabenzi njalo labathelisi yini? **47** Futhi uba libingeleta abafowenu bodwa, lenzani okukhulu okwedlula okwabanye? Kabenzi njalo labathelisi yini? **48** Ngakho lina banini ngabapheleleyo, njengoba uYihlo osemazulwini epehelele.

6 Qaphelani ukuthi umsebenzi wenu womusa lingawenzi phambi kwabantu ukuze libonwe yibo; nxa kungenjalo, alilamvuzo kuYihlo osemazulwini. **2** Ngakho nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa, ungakhalisi uphondo phambi kwakho, njengokwenza kwabazenzisi emasinagogeni lezindleleni, ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. **3** Kodwa wena nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa isandla sakho sokhohlo kasingakwazi esikwenzayo esokunene sakho, **4** ukuze umsebenzi wakho womusa ube sekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni, yena uzakuvuza obala. **5** Lalapho likhuleka, lingabi njengabazenzisi, ngoba bathanda ukukhuleka bemi emasinagogeni lemahlanganweni endlela, ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. **6** Kodwa wena nxa ukhuleka, ngena endlini yakho yensitha, ubusuvala umnyango wakho, ukhuleke kuYihlo osensitha; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza obala. **7** Njalo uba likhuleka lingathemelezi njengabezizwe; ngoba bacabanga

ukuthi bazakuzwiwa ngokukhuluma kwabo okunengi. **8**
Ngakho lingafanani labo; ngoba uYihlo uyakwazi elikuswelayo,
lingakaceli kuye. **9** Ngakho lina khulekani ngokunjé: Baba wethu
osemazulwini, kalihlonitshwe ibizo lakho; **10** umbuso wakho
kawuze; intando yakho kayenziwe, lemhlabení njengezulwini;
11 siphe lamuhla ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke; **12** njalo
usithethelele amacala ethu, njengalokhu lathi sibathethelela
abalamacala kithi; **13** njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa
usikhulule ebubini. Ngoba umbuso ungowakho lamandla
lenkazimulo kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **14** Ngoba uba
lithethelela abantu iziphambeko zabo, uYihlo osezulwini
uzalithethelela lani. **15** Kodwa uba lingathetheleli abantu
iziphambeko zabo, loYihlo kayikulithethelela iziphambeko
zenu. **16** Futhi nxa lizila ukudla, lingabi lobuso obudanileyo
njengabazenzisi; ngoba benyukumalisa ubuso babo, ukuze
babonakale ebantwini ukuthi bazilile; ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. **17** Kodwa wena nxa uzila
ukudla, gcoba ikhanda lakho, ugeze ubuso bakho, **18** ukuze
ungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi uzelile ukudla, kodwa kuYihlo
osekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza
obala. **19** Lingazibekeli impahla eziligu emhlabení, lapho
inundu lokuthomba okona khona, lalapho amasela afohlela khona
ebe; **20** kodwa zibekeleni izinto eziligu ezulwini, lapho inundu
lokuthomba okungoni khona, lalapho amasela angafohlela khona
ebe. **21** Ngoba lapho okukhona impahla yenu eligugu, lenhliziyo
yenu izakuba lapho. **22** Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho
uba ilihlo lakho liphilile, umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala
ukukhanya; **23** kodwa uba ilihlo lakho lilibi, umzimba wakho wonke
uzakuba lobumnyama. Ngakho uba ukukhanya okuphakathi

kwakho kuyibumnyama, umnyama mkhulu kangakanani! **24**
Kakho ongakhonza amakhosi amabili; ngoba uzazonda enye,
athande enye; kumbe uzabambelela kwenye, adelele enye.
Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona. **25** Ngakho ngithi kini:
Lingaphisekeli impilo yenu, ukuthi lizakudlani lokuthi lizanathani;
lomzimba wenu, ukuthi lizakwembathani. Impilo kayidluli yini
ukudla, lomzimba izembatho? **26** Khangelani inyoni zezulu,
ukuthi kazihlanyeli njalo kazivuni, kazibutheli eziphaleni; kanti
uYihlo osezulwini uyazondla; lina kalizidluli kakhulu yini? **27**
Njalo nguuphi kini ngokuphisekela ongengezelela ingalo
ibenye ebuden'i bakhe? **28** Langezemba liphisekelani?
Qaphelisani imiduze yeganga, ukuthi ikhula njani; kayitshikatshiki,
kayiphothi; **29** kodwa ngithi kini: LoSolomoni ebucwazicwazini
bakhe bonke wayengembathiswanga njengomunye wayo.
30 Njalo uba uNkulunkulu esembathisa ngokunjalo utshani
beganga, obukhona lamuhla, kuthi kusasa buphoswe eziko,
kayikulembathisa kakhulu yini, lina abokholo oluncinyane?
31 Ngakho lingaphisekeli lutho, lisithi: Sizakudlani? Kumbe:
Sizanathani? Loba: Sizakwembathani? **32** Ngoba zonke
lezizinto izizwe ziyazidina; ngoba uYihlo osezulwini uyazi
ukuthi liyaziswela zonke lezizinto. **33** Kodwa dingani kuqala
umbuso kaNkulunkulu lokulunga kwakhe, njalo zonke lezizinto
zizakwengezelelw'a kini. **34** Ngakho lingaphisekeli ikusasa;
ngoba ikusasa izaziphisekela yona; bulwanele usuku obalo
ububi.

7 Lingehluleli, ukuze lingehlulelw'a, **2** ngoba lizakwahlulelw'a
ngokwehlulela elehlulela ngakho; langesilinganiso elilinganisa
ngaso, lizalinganiselwa ngaso lani. **3** Kanti ukhangelelani
ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu, kodwa ungalunanzelani

ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo? **4** Kumbe ungarsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi: Kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho; khangela kanti ugodo luselihlweni lakho? **5** Mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona kuhle ukukhupha ucezwana elihlweni lomfowenu. **6** Linganiki izinja okungcwele; lingaphoseli amapharele enu phambi kwezingulube, hlezi ziwayathole ngenyawo zazo, besezitshibili ka ziliklebhule. **7** Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani, lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa. **8** Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyemukela, lodingayo uyathola, loqoqodayo uzavulelwa. **9** Kumbe nguuphi kini ongathi, nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa, ayinike ilitshe? **10** Uba-ke icela inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka yini? **11** Ngakho uba lina, elingababi, likwazi ukupha abantwana benu izipho ezinhle, uYihlo osemazulwini uzabapha kakhulu kangakanani izinto ezinhle abacela kuye? **12** Ngakho konke elithanda ukuthi abantu bakwenze kini, kwenzani lani ngokunjalo kubo; ngoba lokhu kungumlayo labaprofethi. **13** Ngenani ngesango elincinyane; ngoba isango likhulu, lendlela ibanzi eya ekubhujisweni, njalo banengi abangena ngalo; **14** ngoba isango lincinyane, lendlela ilukhonjwana eya empilweni, njalo balutshwana abayitholayo. **15** Kodwa nanzelelani abaprofethi bamanga, abeza kini bembathise okwezimvu, kodwa ngaphakathi bazimpisi eziphangayo. **16** Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo; bayazikha yini izithelo zevini emeiveni, kumbe imikhiwa ekhuleni oluhabayo? **17** Ngokunjalo sonke isihlahla esihle siyathela izithelo ezinhle; kodwa isihlahla esibi siyathela izithelo ezimbi; **18** isihlahla esihle singethole izithelo ezimbi, lesihlahla esibi singethole izithelo ezinhle. **19** Sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni. **20** Ngakho-ke lizabazi ngezithelo zabo. **21** Kakusibo bonke abatshoyo kimi ukuthi:

Nkosi, Nkosi, abazangena embusweni wamazulu; kodwa lowo oyenzayo intando kaBaba osemazulwini. **22** Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku: Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiprofethanga yini ngelakho ibizo, sakupha amadimoni ngelakho ibizo, senza imisebenzi elamandla eminengi ngelakho ibizo? **23** Njalo khona ngizakutsho obala kubo ukuthi: Angizanga ngilazi; sukan kimi lina benzi bobubi. **24** Ngakho wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo awenze, ngizamfananisa lendoda ehlakaniphileyo, eyakha indlu yayo phezu kwedwala; **25** laselisina izulu, kwasekufika impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya, yayitshaya leyondlu; kodwa kayiwanga; ngoba yayisekelwe phezu kwedwala. **26** Njalo wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo angawenzi, uzafananiswa lendoda eyisithutha, eyakha indlu yayo phezu kwetshebetshebe; **27** laselisina izulu, kwasekufika impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya yayitshaya leyondlu; yawa; kwaba kukhulu ukuwa kwayo. **28** Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi, amaxuku ababaza ngemfundiso yakhe; **29** ngoba wabafundisa njengolamandla, njalo kungenjengababhalu.

8 Kwathi esehlile entaben, amlandela amaxuku amakhulu; **2** njalo khangela, olobulephero weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, aluba uthanda ungangihlambulula. **3** UJesu waseselula isandla, wamthinta, wathi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo ubulephero bakhe bahle bahlanjululwa. **4** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Khangela ungaresheli muntu; kodwa hamba, uhiveze kumpristi, unikele umnikelo uMozisi awulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo. **5** Kwathi uJesu esengenile eKapenawume, kweza kuye induna yekhulu imncenga, **6** yasisithi: Nkosi, inceku yami ilele endlini yome umhlubulo, isebuhlungwini obukhulu. **7** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Mina ngizakuza ngiyisiliise. **8** Induna yekhulu yasiphendula yathi:

Nkosi, kangifanele ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami; kodwa kuphela khuluma ilizwi, njalo inceku yami izasiliswa. **9**
Ngoba lami ngingumuntu ongaphansi kwamandla, ngilamabutho ngaphansi kwami; njalo ngithi kuleli: Hamba, beselihamba; lakwelinye: Woza, beselisiza; lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo ikwenze. **10** Kwathi uJesu esezwile wamangala, wathi kwabalandelayo: Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Angitholanga ukholo olungaka ngitsho lakolsrayeli. **11** Njalo ngithi kini: Abanengi bazakuza bevela empumalanga lentshonalanga, bahlale loAbrahama lolsaka loJakobe, embusweni wamazulu; **12** kodwa abantwana bombuso bazaphoselwa emnyameni ongaphandle; lapha kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. **13**
UJesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu: Hamba, futhi kakube kuwe njengoba ukholiwe. Inceku yakhe yasisiliswa ngaleloholo. **14**
Kwathi uJesu engene endlini kaPetro, wabona uninazala elele njalo ebulawa luqhuqho. **15** Wasebamba isandla sakhe, njalo uqhuqho lwamyekela; wasesukuma, wabancedisa. **16** Kwathi sekuhlwile baletha kuye abanengi ababengenwe ngamadimoni; wasekhupha omoya ngelizwi, wasilisa bonke abagulayo; **17** ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunya ngulsaya umprofethi ukuthi: Yena wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu, wazithwala izifo zethu. **18**
Kwathi uJesu ebona amaxuku amakhulu emhanqile, walaya ukuthi bachaphele ngaphetsheya. **19** Kwasekusondela umbhali othile wathi kuye: Mfundisi, ngizakulandela loba kungaphi lapho oya khona. **20** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka alemilindi, lenyoni zezulu izidleke; kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayila lapho engaqamelisa ikhanda khona. **21** Omunye wabafundi bakhe wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi ngiqale ngiyengcwaba ubaba. **22** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye:

Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo bangcwabe ababo abafileyo. **23**
Kwathi esengenile emkhunjini, abafundi bakhe bamlandela.
24 Njalo khangela, kwavuka isiphepho esikhulu olwandle,
okungangokuthi umkhumbi wagutshuzelwa ngamagagasi; kodwa
yena wayelele. **25** Basebesondela abafundi bakhe bamvusa,
besithi: Nkosi, sisindise, siyabhubha! **26** Wasesithi kubo:
Lesabelani, lina abokholo oluncinyane? Wasesukuma wakhuza
imimoya lolwandle; kwasekusiba khona ukuthula okukhulu.
27 Kodwaabantu bamangala, besithi: Ngonjani lo, ukuthi
lemimoya lolwandle kumlalele? **28** Kwathi esefikile ngaphetsheya
elizweni lamaGergesi, bamhlangabeza ababili ababengenwe
ngamadimoni bephuma emangcwaben, belolaka kakhulu,
okungangokuthi kwakungekho odlula ngaleyondlela; **29** njalo
hangela, bamemeza besithi: Silani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana
kaNkulunkulu? Uze lapha yini ukusihlupha kungakafiki isikhathi?
30 Kwakukhona khatshana labo umhlambi wengulube ezinengi
usidla. **31** Amadimoni asemncenga, esithi: Uba usikhupha,
sivumela ukuthi sihambe singene emhlanjini wengulube. **32**
Wasesithi kuwo: Hambani. Esephumile angena emhlanjini
wengulube; futhi khangela, umhlambi wonke wengulube
waphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle, zafela emanzini. **33**
Abazelusayo basebebaleka, basebesiya emzini babika konke,
lezindaba zababengenwe ngamadimoni. **34** Njalo khangela,
umuzi wonke waphuma ukumhlangabeza uJesu; bathi bembona,
bancenga ukuthi asuke emikhawulweni yakibo.

9 Wasengena emkhunjini wachapha wafika emzini wakibo.
2 Futhi khangela, baletha kuye umuntu owome umhlubulo
elele ehlakeni; uJesu ebona-ke ukholo lwabo wathi koyisigoga:
Mana isibindi, ndodana; uthethelelw izono zakho. **3** Njalo

khangela, abanye bababhali bakhulumela ngaphakathi bathi:
Lo uyahlambaza. **4** Njalo uJesu ebona imicabango yabo
wathi: Lina linakanelani okubi enhliziyeni zenu? **5** Ngoba
yikuphi okulula, ukuthi: Uthethelelw e izono zakho; kumbe
ukuthi: Sukuma uhambe? **6** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana
yomuntu ilamandla emhlabeni okuthethelela izono (wasesithi
kowome umhlubulo): Sukuma uthathe uhlaka lwakho, uye
endlini yakho. **7** Wasesukuma waya endlini yakhe. **8** Kwathi
amaxuku esebonile, amangala, adumisa uNkulunkulu, onike
abantu amandla anje. **9** Esedlula lapho uJesu wabona umuntu,
othiwa nguMathewu, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi kuye:
Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela. **10** Kwasekusithi ehlezi
ekudleni endlini, khangela-ke, abathelisi abanengi lezoni beza
baahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe. **11** AbaFarisi sebebonile
bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi
lezoni? **12** Kwathi uJesu esizwa wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo
kabadingi melaphi, kodwa abagulayo. **13** Kodwa hambani
lifunde ukuthi kutshoniukuthi: Ngifuna isihawu, njalo hatshi
umhlatshelo; ngoba angizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa
izoni zize ekuphendukeni. **14** Khona kwafika kuye abafundi
bakaJohane, besithi: Kungani thina labaFarisi sizila ukudla
kanengi, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla? **15** UJesu
wasesithi kubo: Abantwana bendlu yomthimba bangalila yini,
selokhu umyen elabo? Kodwa zizafika insuku lapho umyen
ezasuswa kubo; khona-ke bezazila ukudla. **16** Futhi kakho
obekela isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala;
ngoba lokho okubekelwe kuso kuzadabuka esembathweni,
besesiqhela isikhala. **17** Njalo kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni
emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo imigodla iyadabuka, lewayini

lichitheke, lemigodla yonakale; kodwa iwayini elitsha balifaka emigodleni emitsha, besekulondolozeka kokubili. **18** Kwathi esakhulumu lezizinto kubo, khangela, kwafika umphathi othile waguqa phambi kwakhe, wathi: Indodakazi yami isanda ukufa; kodwa woza ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo, njalo izaphila.

19 Wasesukuma uJesu wamlandela, labafundi bakhe. **20** Njalo khangela, owesifazana owayelomopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, weza ngemuva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe. **21** Ngoba wathi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Aluba ngithinta nje isembatho sakhe, ngizasindiswa. **22** Kodwa uJesu etshibilika embona, wathi: Mana isibindi, ndodakazi; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. Owesifazana wasesila kusukela ngaleloholola. **23** UJesu wasefika endlini yomphathi, wabona abakhalisa imihlanga lexuku liphithizela, **24** wathi kubo: Dedani; ngoba intombazana kayifanga, kodwa ilele. Basebemhleka usulu. **25** Kodwa ixuku selikhutshiwe, wangena wabamba isandla sayo, intombazana yasivuka. **26** Indumela yalokho yasiphumela kulelolizwe lonke. **27** Kwathi uJesu esedlula lapho, iziphofu ezimbili zamlandela, zimemeza zisithi: Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavida! **28** Esengenile endlini, iziphofu zeza kuye; uJesu wasesithi kuzo: Liyakholwa yini ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu? Zathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi. **29** Wasethinta amehlo azo, wathi: Akwenzeke kini njengokholo lwenu. **30** Asevulwa amehlo azo; uJesu wasezilayisisa kakhulu wathi: Qaphelani, kakungabi lamuntu okwaziyo. **31** Kodwa zaphuma zafakaza ngaye kulo lonke lelolizwe. **32** Kwathi ekuphumeni kwazo, khangela, baletha kuye umuntu oyisimungulu owayengenwe lidimoni; **33** kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe, isimungulu sakhulumu; amaxuku asemangala, athi: Kakuzanga kubonwe okunje kolsrayeli.

34 Kodwa abaFarisi bathi: Ukhupha amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni. 35 UJesu wasebhoda emizini yonke lemizaneni, efundisa emasinagogeni abo, etshumayela ivangeli lombuso, eselapha sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini. 36 Kwathi ebona amaxuku, waba lesihelo ngawo, ngoba ayekhathele ehlakazekile njengezimvu ezingelamelusi. 37 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi zinlutshwana; 38 ngakho ncengani iNkosi yesivuno, ukuze ithume izisebenzi esivunweni sayo.

10 Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo, ukuthi babakhuphe, lokuthi belaphe sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke. 2 Njalo amabizo abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili yiwo la: Owokuqala nguSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo; uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo; 3 uFiliphu, loBartolomewu; uTomasi, loMathewu umthelisi; uJakobe okaAlfewu, loLabewu othiwa njalo nguTadewu; 4 uSimoni umKhanani, loJudasi Iskariyothi laye owamnikelayo. 5 Laba abalitshumi lambili uJesu wabathuma, wabalaya, esithi: Lingahambi ngendlela yabezizwe, lingangeni emzini wamaSamariya; 6 kodwa yanini ikakhulu ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zendlu kalsrayeli. 7 Futhi ekuhambeni kwenu tshumayelani, lisithi: Umbuso wamazulu usondele. 8 Silisani abagulayo, lihlambulule amalephero, livuse abafileyo, likhuphe amadimoni. Lemukeliswe ngesihle, phanini ngesihle. 9 Lingazithatheli igolide, loba isiiliva, loba ithusi emixhakeni yenu, 10 loba isikhwama sendlela, loba iziggoko ezimbili, loba amanyathela, loba udondolo; ngoba isisebenzi sifanele ukudla kwaso. 11 Lakuwuphi umuzi kumbe umzana elingena kuwo, buzani ukuthi ngubani ofaneleyo kuwo; njalo lihlale

khona, lize lisuke. **12** Njalo nxa lingena endlini, liyibingelete. **13** Njalo uba indlu ifanele, ukuthula kwenu kakube phezu kwayo; kodwa uba ingafanele, ukuthula kwenu kakubuye kini. **14** Njalo loba ngubani ongalemukeliyo kumbe ongalaleli amazwi enu, nxa liphuma kuleyondlu kumbe kulowomuzi, thintithani uthuli lwenyawo zenu. **15** Ngiqinisile njithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma leleGomora ngosuku lwasigwebo, kulakulowomuzi. **16** Khangelani, mina ngiyalithuma njengezimvu phakathi kwezimpisi; ngakho hlakaniphani njengezinyoka, libe msulwa njengamajuba. **17** Kodwa limukani abantu; ngoba bazalinikela emiphakathini, balitshaye ngesiswepu emasinagogeni abo; **18** njalo lizalethwa laphambi kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi kubo lakwabezizwe. **19** Kodwa nxa belinikela, lingakhathaleli ukuthi lizakhulumu njani kumbe into bani; ngoba lizanikwa ngaleloholo lokho elizakukhuluma; **20** ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa nguMoya kaYihlo okhuluma phakathi kwenu. **21** Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana bazavukela abazali, bababulale. **22** Njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa. **23** Kodwa nxa belizingela kulo umuzi, balekelani komunye; ngoba ngiqinisile njithi kini: Kaliyikuqedu imizi yonke yakolsrayeli, kuze kufike iNdodana yomuntu. **24** Umfundu kaphezu komfundisi, lenceku kayiphezu kwenkosi yayo. **25** Kumanele umfundu ukuthi abe njengomfundisi wakhe, lenceku njengenkosi yayo. Aluba bebizile umninindlu ngokuthi nguBhelezebhule, kakhulu kangakanani labo abendlu yakhe? **26** Ngakho lingabesabi; ngoba kakukho okufihliwego, okungayikubonakaliswa; lokuthukuziwego, okungayikwaziwa. **27**

Lokho engikutsho kini emnyameni, kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni;
lalokho elikuzwa endlebeni, kumemezeleni phezu kwezindlu. **28**

Njalo lingabesabi ababulala umzimba, kodwa bengelamandla
okubulala umphefumulo; kodwa mesabeni kakhulu olamandla
okubhubhisa kokubili umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni.

(Geenna g1067) **29** Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezimbili ngendibilitshi?

Kodwa kakuyikuwa emhlabathini lanye yazo, ngaphandle
kukaYihlo. **30** Kodwa lezenu inwele zekhanda zibaliwe zonke.

31 Ngakho lingesabi; lina liyazidlula intaka ezinengi. **32** Ngakho
ngulowo lalowo ozangivuma phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamvuma
phambi kukaBaba osemazulwini. **33** Kodwa loba ngubani
ongiphika phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba
osemazulwini. **34** Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuletha ukuthula
emhlabeni; angizanga ukuletha ukuthula, kodwa inkemba.

35 Ngoba ngize ukwehlukanisa umuntu loyise, lendodakazi
lonina, lomalokazana loninazala; **36** lezitha zomuntu ngabendlu
yakhe. **37** Othanda uyise kumbe unina kulami kangifanele;
lothanda indodana kumbe indodakazi kulami kangifanele; **38**
longathathi isiphambano sakhe njalo angilandele, kangifanele.

39 Lowo othola impilo yakhe uzalahlekelwa yiyo; lolahlekelwa
yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola. **40** Owemukela lina
wemukela mina; lowemukela mina wemukela ongithumileyo. **41**

Owemukela umprofethi ebizweni lomprofethi uzazuza umvuzo
womprofethi; lowemukela olungileyo ebizweni lolungileyo uzazuza
umvuzo wolungileyo. **42** Njalo loba ngubani ozanathisa omunye
walababancinyane inkezo nje yamanzi aqandayo ebizweni
lomfundu, ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo
wakhe.

11 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile ukulaya abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wasuka lapho ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emizini yabo. **2** Kwathi uJohane esentolongweni esezwile imisebenzi kaKristu, wathuma ababili babafundi bakhe, **3** wathi kuye: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye? **4** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani limtsheli uJohane izinto elizizwayo lelizibonayo: **5** Iziphofu zibuye zibone, leziqhuli ziyahamba, abalobulehero bayahlanjululwa, lezacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, labayanga bayatshunyayezwa ivangeli; **6** njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubekeyo ngami. **7** Kwathi labo sebesuka uJesu waqala ukukhuluma emaxukwini ngoJohane wathi: Laphuma laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa ngumoya yini? **8** Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu owembethe izembatho ezibuthakathaka yini? Khangelani, abembethe ezibuthakathaka basezindlini zamakhosi. **9** Pho laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi yini? Yebo, ngithi kini: Loba owedlula umprofethi; **10** ngoba lo unguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho. **11** Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Kakavelanga phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhabhathizi. Kodwa omncinyane embusweni wamazulu mkhulu kulaye. **12** Njalo kusukela ensukwini zikaJohane uMbhabhathizi kuze kube khathesi umbuso wamazulu uphathwa ngodlakela, labalodlakela bawuthatha ngamandla. **13** Ngoba abaprofethi bonke lomlayo baprofetha kwaze kwaba nguJohane; **14** njalo uba livuma ukukwemukela, lo unguElija obezakuza. **15** Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe. **16** Kodwa ngizasifananisa lani lesizukulwana? Sifanana labantwana abahlezemamakethe, bememeza kubangane babo,

17 besithi: Salitshayela umhlanga, kodwa kalisinanga; salililela, kodwa kalikhala. 18 Ngoba uJohane wafika engadli enganathi, basebesithi: Uledimoni. 19 INdodana yomuntu yafika isidla inatha, basebesithi: Khangelani, umuntu oligovu lesinathi sewayini, umngane wabathelisi lezoni. Kodwa inhlakanipho ithiwa ilungle ngabantwana bayo. 20 Waseqala ukusola imizi okwakwenziwe phakathi kwayo ubunengi bemisebenzi yakhe yamandla, ngoba ingaphendukanga, wathi: 21 Maye kuwe, Korazini! Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba kwakwenziwe eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngabe kade baphenduka emasakeni lemlotheni. 22 Kodwa ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono eTire leSidoni ngosuku Iwesigwebo kulakini. 23 Lawe, Kapanawume, ophakanyiselwe ezulwini, uzaphoselwa phansi esihogweni; ngoba uba yayenziwe eSodoma imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kuwe, ngabe basekhona kuze kube lamuhla. (**Hadēs g86**) 24 Kodwa ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma ngosuku Iwesigwebo, kulakuwe. 25 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu waphendula wathi: Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngoba uziphihlele lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labaqedisayo, kodwa wazembulela izingane; 26 yebo Baba, ngoba ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho. 27 Konke kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho oyaziyo iNdodana, ngaphandle kukaYise; kakho futhi omaziyo uYise ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo lobu ngubani iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela. 28 Wozani kimi lonke elikhatheloyeo lelisindiweyo, njalo mina ngizaliphumuza. 29 Thathani ijogwe lami lilibeke phezu kwenu lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimnene ngithobekile enhliziyweni; njalo lizathola ukuphumula emiphefumulweni yenu; 30 ngoba ijogwe lami libutshelezi, lomthwalo wami ulula.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha; njalo abafundi bakhe babelambile, baqala ukukha izikhwebu, badla. **2** Kodwa abaFarisi bekubona bathi kuye: Khangela, abafundi bakho benza okungavunyelwanga ukwenziwa ngesabatha. **3** Kodwa wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye; **4** ukuthi wangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa, ayengavunyelwa ukuzidla, ngitsho lababelaye, ngaphandle kwabapristi bodwa? **5** Ingabe kalifundanga yini emlayweni, ukuthi ngamasabatha abapristi bayalona isabatha ethempelini, bangabi lacala? **6** Kodwa ngithi kini: Kukhona lapha omkhulu kulethempeli. **7** Kodwa aluba belisazi ukuthi kutshoni ukuthi: Ngifisa isihawu hatshi umhlatshelo, ngabe kalibalahlanga abangelacala. **8** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu iyINkosi leyesabatha. **9** Futhi wasuka lapho wangena esinagogeni labo; **10** njalo khangela, kwakukhona umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo; basebembuza besithi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukusilisa ngamasabatha? ukuze bambeke icala. **11** Kodwa wathi kubo: Nguwuphi umuntu phakathi kwenu, elemvu eyodwa, futhi uba yona iwele emgodini ngesabatha, ongayikuyibamba ayikhuphule? **12** Umuntu uyedlula-ke kangakanani imvu! Ngakho kuvunyelwe ukwenza okuhle ngamasabatha. **13** Wasesithi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waseselula, sasesilisila saphila njengesinye. **14** Basebephuma abaFarisi becebisanwa ngaye, ukuthi bangambulala njani. **15** Kodwa uJesu esekwazi wasuka lapho; amaxuku amakhulu asemelandela, wasebasilisa bonke. **16** Wasebalayisisa ukuthi bangamvezi; **17** ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngulsaya umprofethi, ukuthi: **18** Khangela, inceku yami engiyikhethileyo; othandekayo wami othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami;

ngizabeka uMoya wami phezu kwakhe, njalo uzatshumayela ukwahlulela kwabezizwe. **19** Kayikubangisa, kayikumemeza, njalo kakho ozalizwa ilizwi lakhe ezindleleni. **20** Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayikuwephula, lentambo yesibane ethunqayo kayikuyicitsha, aze aphumelelise ukwahlulela ekunqobeni. **21** Lezizwe zizathemba ebizweni lakhe. **22** Kwasekulethwa kuye ongenwe lidimoni, eyisiphofu lesimungulu; wasemsilisa, kwaze kwathi isiphofu esiyisimungulu sakulumu njalo sabona. **23** Asemangala amaxuku wonke athi: Lo kayisiyo yini iNdodana kaDavida? **24** Kodwa abaFarisi sebezwile bathi: Lumuntu kakhuphi amadimoni, ngaphandle ngoBhelezebhule inkosi yamadimoni. **25** Kodwa uJesu, eseyazi imicabango yabo, wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owhelukene umelene lawo ngokwawo uyachitheka; lawo wonke umuzi kumbe indlu eyehlukene imelene layo ngokwayo ingeze yema. **26** Njalo uba uSathane ekhupha uSathane, wehlukene emelene laye ngokwakhe; pho umbuso wakhe uzakuma njani? **27** Futhi uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule, amadodana enu akhupha ngobani? Ngakho wona azakuba ngabagwebi benu. **28** Kodwa uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. **29** Kumbe umuntu angangena njani endlini yesiqhwaga aphange impahla yaso, ngaphandle kokuthi asibophe kuqala isiqhwaga? Abesephanga-ke indlu yaso. **30** Ongelami, umelene lami, longabuthi lami, uyachithiza. **31** Ngakho ngithi kini: Abantu bazathethelelwa sonke isono lokuhlambaza; kodwa ukuhlambaza uMoya kakuyikuthethelelwa abantu. **32** Lalowo okhuluma ilizwi elmelana leNdodana yomuntu, uzathethelelwa; kodwa lowo okhuluma emelana IoMoya oyiNgcwele, kayikuthethelelwa, kungeyisikho kulesisikhathi loba kwesizayo. (aiōn g165) **33**

Loba yenzani isihlahla sibe ngesilungileyo, lesithelo saso sibe ngesilungileyo, kumbe lenze isihlahla sibe sibi, lesithelo saso sibe sibi, ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngesithelo. **34** Nzalo yezinyoka, lingakhulumu njani izinto ezinhle, libabi? Ngoba umlomo ukhulumu ngokugcwala kwenhlizijo. **35** Umuntu olungileyo ukhupha izinto ezilungileyo kokuligugu elilungileyo lenhlizijo; lomuntu omubi ukhupha izinto ezimbi kokuligugu elibi. **36** Kodwa ngithi kini: Lonke ilizwi eliyize abalikhulumayoabantu, bazaziphendulela ngalo ngosuku lokwahlulela. **37** Ngoba ngamazwi akho uzalungisiswa, langamazwi akho uzalahliwa. **38** Abanye bababhali labaFarisi basebephendula, bathi: Mfundisi, sifuna ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe. **39** Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Isizukulwana esibi lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. **40** Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba sesiswini sensikabayitshiye insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu, ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu izakuba semathunjini omhlaba insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu. **41** Amadoda eNineve azasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, asilahle; ngoba aphenduka ngokutshumayela kukaJona; njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloJona ulapha. **42** Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, isilahle; ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuzakuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni; njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloSolomoni ulapha. **43** Kodwa nxuma oyoga ongcolileyo esephumile emuntwini, uyahamba adabule indawo ezomileyo, edinga ukuphumula, kodwa engakutholi. **44** Abesesithi: Ngizabuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo; njalo esefikile ayifice ize, ithanyelwe, njalo ilungisiwe. **45** Abesehamba athathe kanye laye abanye oyoga abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye

uqobo, besebengena bahlale khona; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu kube kubi kulokuqala. Kuzakuba njalo lakulesisizukulwana esibi. **46** Kwathi esakhulumu emaxukwini, khangela, unina labafowabo bema ngaphandle, bedinga ukukhulumu laye. **47** Omunye wasesithi kuye: Khangela, unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, bedinga ukukhulumu lawe. **48** Kodwa waphendula wathi komtshelileyo: Ngubani umama? Labafowethu ngobani? **49** Waseselulela isandla sakhe kubafundi bakhe wathi: Khangelani, umama labafowethu. **50** Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando kaBaba osemazulwini, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu lomama.

13 Kwathi ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini wahlala phansi elwandle. **2** Kwasekubuthana kuye amaxuku amakhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini wahlala phansi; lexuku lonke lema ekhunjini. **3** Wasekhulumu labo izinto ezinengi ngemifanekiso, esithi: Khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela. **4** Kwathi ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye inhlanyelo yawela eceleni kwendlela; kwasekufika inyoni, zayidla zayiqeda. **5** Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini olamatshe, lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle yamila, ngoba kwakungelakutshona komhlabathi; **6** kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa; njalo ngoba yayingelampande yabuna. **7** Kodwa enye yawela emeveni; ameva asekhula ayiminyanisa. **8** Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle, yathela isithelo, enye ikhulu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye amatshumi amathathu. **9** Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe. **10** Kwasekufika abafundi bathi kuye: Ukhulumelani kubo ngemifanekiso? **11** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngoba kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo zombuso wamazulu, kodwa bona kabakunikwanga. **12** Ngoba loba ngubani olakho uzaphiwa,

abe lokwengezelelweyo; kodwa lowo ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. **13** Ngakho ngikhuluma labo ngemifanekiso, ngoba bebona kababoni, njalo besizwa kabezwa, futhi kabaqedisisi. **14** Kubo besekugcwalisika isiprofetho sikalsaya, esithi: Ukuzwa lizakuzwa, kodwa kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona lizabona, kodwa kalisoze libonisise; **15** ngoba inhliyiyo yalababantu seyaba luhkuni, njalo bezwa kanzima ngendlebe, lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi loba nini babone ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise ngenhliziyo, njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa. **16** Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu, ngoba ayabona; lendlebe zenu, ngoba ziyezwa. **17** Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Abaprofethi labalungileyo abanengi babethanda ukubona izinto elizibonayo, kodwa kabazibonanga; lokuzwa izinto elizizwayo kodwa kabazizwanga. **18** Ngakho lina zwanini umfanekiso womhlanyeli. **19** Kuthi wonke ozwayo ilizwi lombuso kodwa engaqedisisi, omubi afike, ahluthune okuhlanylwe enhliyiweni yakhe. Lo nguye ohlanyelwe eceleni kwendlela. **20** Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, nguye olizwayo ilizwi, ahle alemukele ngentokozo; **21** kodwa kalampande phakathi kwakhe, kodwa uhlala isikhathi; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, ahle akhubeke. **22**
Lohlanylwe emeiveni, nguye olizwayo ilizwi, kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba lenkohliso yenothro kuyaliminyanisa ilizwi, futhi lingabi lesithelo. (*aiōn g165*) **23** Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, nguye olizwayo ilizwi aliqedisise; isibili athele izithelo, aveze, omunye ikhulu, lomunye amatshumi ayisithupha, lomunye amatshumi amathathu. **24** Wabeka phambi kwabo omunye umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu owahlanyela inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakhe. **25** Kodwa abantu

besalele, kwafika isitha sakhe sahlanyela umfaba phakathi kwamabele, sahamba. **26** Kodwa kwathi selumilile usungulo lwathela isithelo, lomfaba wasubonakala. **27** Zasezisondela inceku zominimuzi zathi kuye: Nkosi, kawuhlanyelanga yini inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakho? Pho iwuthethe ngaphi umfaba? **28** Wasesithi kuzo: Umuntu oyisitha ukwenzile lokhu. Inceku zasezisithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siyewubutha yini? **29** Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, hlezi, ekubutheni kwenu umfaba, lisiphune amabele kanye lawo. **30** Yekelani kukhule kokubili ndawonye kuze kube yisivuno; langesikhathi sokuvuna ngizakuthi kwabavunayo: Buthani kuqala umfaba, liwubophe izinyanda ukuze liwutshise; kodwa amabele liwabuthele esiphaleni sami. **31** Wasebabekela omunye umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, aluthatha umuntu waluhlanyela ensimini yakhe; **32** lona kambe luncinyane kulazo zonke inhlamvu; kodwa nxa selukhulile, luhkhulu kulezilimo zonke, njalo luba yisihlahla, kuze kufike inyoni zezulu, zakhele engatsheni zaso. **33** Wabatshela omunye umfanekiso, wathi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengemvubelo, ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka emagokokweni amathathu empuphu, kwaze kwabila konke. **34** Lezizinto zonke uJesu wazikhulumma emaxukwini ngemifanekiso, futhi ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; **35** ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi, esithi: Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemifanekiso, ngizaveza izinto ebezifhlakele kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba. **36** Kwathi uJesu esewayekele amaxuku ahamba wangena endlini; basebesondela kuye abafundi bakhe, besithi: Sichasiselie umfanekiso womfaba ensimini. **37** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ohlanyela inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yomuntu; **38** lensimu ngumhlaba; lenhlanyelo enhle, yona

ingabantwana bombuso; kodwa umfaba ungabantwana bomubi;
39 lesitha esawuhlanyelayo ngudiyabhola; lesivuno siyikuphela
kwesikhathi; labavunayo bazingilos. (aiōn g165) 40 Ngakho-ke
njengalokhu umfaba uyabuthwa utshiswe emlilweni, kuzakuba
njalo ekupheleni kwalesisikhathi. (aiōn g165) 41 |Ndodana yomuntu
izathuma ingilos zayo, besezibutha zikhuphe embusweni wayo
konke okukhubekisayo lalabo abenza okubi, 42 besezibaphosela
esithandweni somlilo; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla
amazinyo. 43 Khona abalungileyo bezakhanya njengelanga
embusweni kaYise. Olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. 44 Futhi umbuso
wamazulu unjengempahla eligugu efihiweyo ensimini, okuthi
umuntu eseyificile wayifihla; entokozweni yakhe uyahamba,
athengise konke alakho, athenge leyonsimu. 45 Futhi umbuso
wamazulu unjengomuntu ongumthengi odinga amapharele
amahle; 46 esethole elinye ipharele eliligugu kakhulu, wasuka
wathengisa konke alakho, walithenga. 47 Futhi umbuso wamazulu
unjengembule elaphoswa olwandle, laselibutha zonke inhlobo;
48 lona, lithe seligcwele, balidonsela ekhunjini, bahlala phansi,
babuthela ezilungileyo ezitsheni, kodwa ezimbi bazilahlela
ngaphandle. 49 Kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwesikhathi; ingilos
zizaphuma, zehlukanise ababi zibasuse phakathi kwabalungileyo,
(aiōn g165) 50 besezibaphosela esithandweni somlilo; lapho
kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. 51 UJesu wathi
kubo: Seliziqedisisile zonke lezizinto yini? Bathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi.
52 Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho wonke umbhali ofundiselwe umbuso
wamazulu unjengomuntu ongumninimuzi, okhupha empahleni
yakhe eligugu okutsha lokudala. 53 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile
limifanekiso, wasuka lapho. 54 Wathi esefikile emzini wakibo
wabafundisa esinagogeni labo, baze bamangala bathi: Ivela

ngaphi kuyenalo linhlakanipho lalimisebenzi yamandla? 55

Lo kayisiyo yini indodana yombazi? Unina kathiwa nguMariya

yini, labafowabo oJakobe loJose loSimoni loJudasi? 56

Labodadewabo kabakho yini bonke kithi? Pho, zivela ngaphi

zonke lezizinto kuye? 57 Basebekhubeka ngaye. Kodwa

uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa ngaphandle

kwelizweni lakibo lendlini yakwabo. 58 Njalo kenzanga lapho

imisebenzi yamandla eminengi, ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umtetrarki wezwa indumela kaJesu,

2 wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Lo nguJohane uMbhabhathizi;

yena uvukile kwabafileyo, kungakho-ke imisebenzi yamandla

isebenza kuye. 3 Ngoba uHerodi wayembambile uJohane

wambopha wamfaka entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi

umkaFiliphu umfowabo; 4 ngoba uJohane wayethe kuye:

Kawuvunyelwa ukuba laye. 5 Njalo efuna ukumbulala, wesaba

ixuku, ngoba lalimphatha njengomprofethi. 6 Kodwa kwathi

kugcinwa usuku lokuzalwa kukaHerodi, indodakazi kaHerodiyasi

yagida phakathi kwabo, yamthokozisa uHerodi. 7 Ngakho

wathembisa ngesifungo ukuyinika loba yini ezayicela. 8 Kodwa

yon, isilayiwe ngunina, yathi: Ngiphe lapha emganwini ikhanda

likajohane uMbhabhathizi. 9 Inkosi yasisiba losizi, kodwa ngenxa

yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni yalaya ukuthi

inikwe. 10 Yasithuma yamquma uJohane ikhanda entolongweni.

11 Ikhanda lakhe laselilethwa ngomganu, lanikwa intombi; njalo

yon, yalisu kunina. 12 Kwasekusiza abafundi bakhe bathatha

isidumbu, basingcwaba; basebesuka bambikela uJesu. 13

UJesu esezwile wasuka lapho ngomkhumbi waya endaweni

eyinkangala eyedwa; kodwa amaxuku ekuzwa amlandela

ngenyawo evela emizini. 14 UJesu esephumile wabona ixuku

elikhulu, waba lesihelo ngabo, wasilisa abagulayo babo. **15**
Kwathi sekuhlwile abafundi bakhe beza kuye, bathi: Lindawo
iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile; liyekele ixuku lihambe,
ukuze baye emizaneni bazithengele ukudla. **16** Kodwa uJesu
wathi kubo: Kakuswelekanga ukuthi bahambe; banikeni lina
ukuthi badle. **17** Kodwa bathi kuye: Kasila lapha ngaphandle
kwezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili. **18** Wasesithi: Ziletheni
lapha kimi. **19** Waselaya amaxuku ukuthi ahlale phansi etshanini,
wathatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, wakhangela
phezulu ezulwini, wabusisa, esezihlephule wabanika abafundi
izinkwa, labafundi bapha amaxuku. **20** Basebesidla bonke,
basutha; badobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha ezigcweleyo
ezilitshumi lambili. **21** Lalabo abasebedlile babengamadoda
angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu, ngaphandle kwabesifazana
abantwana. **22** Njalo uJesu wahle wacindezela abafundi
bakhe ukuthi bangene emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya
ngaphetsheya, esayekela amaxuku ahambe. **23** Kwathi eseyekeli
amaxuku ahamba, wenyukela entabeneyedwa ukuze akhuleke;
kwathi sekuhlwile, wayeyedwa lapho. **24** Kodwa umkhumbi
wawusuphakathi kolwandle, utshukunyiswa ngamagagasi; ngoba
umoya wawuphambene labo. **25** Kwathi ngesikhathi somlindo
wesine wobusuku uJesu weza kubo, ehamba phezu kolwandle.
26 Kodwa kwathi abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kolwandle
bethuka, bathi: Lithonga. Basebekhala ngokwesaba. **27** Kodwa
uJesu wahle wakhulum labo, wathi: Manini isibindi; yimi;
lingesabi. **28** UPetro wasemphendula wathi: Nkosi, uba kunguwe,
ngilaya ukuthi ngize kuwe phezu kwamanzi. **29** Wasesithi: Woza.
UPetro wasesehla emkhunjini wahamba phezu kwamanzi, ukuze
aye kuJesu. **30** Kodwa ebona umoya olamandla wesaba; wathi

eseqala ukutshona wakhala, wathi: Nkosi, ngisindisa! **31** Njalo uJesu wahle welula isandla, wambamba, wathi kuye: Wena olukholwa okuncinyane, uthandabuzelani? **32** Sebengenile emkhunjini, umoya wathula. **33** Abasemkhunjini basebesiza bamkhonza bathi: Ngeqiniso wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **34** Kwathi sebechaphile bafika elizweni leGenesaretha. **35** Esemazi amadoda akuleyondawo athumela ilizwi kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingelezeleyo, aletha kuye bonke abagulayo. **36** Basebemncenga, ukuthi bathinte nje umphetho wesembatho sakhe; njalo bonke abathintayo basiliswa.

15 Kwasekufika kuJesu ababhali labaFarisi ababevela eJerusalema, bathi: **2** Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala? Ngoba kabagezi izandla zabo, nxa besidla isinkwa. **3** Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Lani-ke kungani lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu? **4** Ngoba uNkulunkulu walaya, wathi: Hlonipha uyihi lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe lokufa; **5** kodwa lina lithi: Loba ngubani othi kuyise kumbe kunina: Kungumnikelo, loba yini evela kimi ingakusiza, **6** njalo engasoze amhloniphe uyise kumbe unina; ngalokho lenza umlayo kaNkulunkulu ube yize ngenxa yesiko lenu. **7** Bazenzisi, ulsaya waprofetha kuhle ngani, esithi: **8** Lababantu basondela kimi ngomlomo wabo, langendebe bangidumise; kodwa inhliziyo yabo ihatshana lami. **9** Kodwa bangikhonza ngeze, befundisa izimfundiso eziyimilayo yabantu. **10** Esebizele kuye ixuku, wathi kilo: Lalelani futhi liqedisise. **11** Kakusikho okungena emlonyeni okungcolisa umuntu; kodwa okuphuma emlonyeni, yikho okungcolisa umuntu. **12** Abafundi bakhe basebesondela bathi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi bathe ukulizwa lelilizwi bakhubeka? **13**

Kodwa waphendula wathi: Sonke isihlahlakazana, uBaba osezulwini angasihlhanyelanga, sizasitshunwa. **14** Bayekeleni; bangabakhkheli beziphofu abayiziphofu; njalo nxa isiphofu sikhokhela isiphofu, zizawela emgodini zombili. **15** UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Sichasisel lumfanekiso. **16** UJesu wasesithi: Kanti lani lisengabangelakuqedisisa? **17** Lilokhe lingaqedisisi yini, ukuthi konke okungena emlonyeni kuya esiswini, futhi kuyelahlelwa ngaphandle? **18** Kodwa izinto eziphuma emlonyeni zivela enhliziyweni; lezi ziyamngcolisa umuntu. **19** Ngoba enhliziyweni kuvela imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ubufebe, ukuphinga, ukweba, ukufakaza amanga, ukuhlambaza; **20** yizo lezozinto ezimngcolisayo umuntu; kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumngcolisi umuntu. **21** UJesu wasesuka lapho, waya kungxenye zeTire lezeSidoni. **22** Njalo khangela, owesifazana ongumKhanani ovela kuleyomikhawulo, wakhala kuye esithi: Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ihlaselwe kubi lidimoni. **23** Kodwa kamphendulanga ngalizwi. Basebesondela kuye abafundi bakhe bamncenga, bathi: Mxotshe, ngoba uyakhala ngemva kwethu. **24** Kodwa waphendula wathi: Kangithunywanga, ngaphandle kuzo izimvu ezilahlekileyo zendlu yakolsrayeli. **25** Kodwa weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, ngisize. **26** Kodwa waphendula wathi: Kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana, lokusiphosela izinjana. **27** Kodwa yena wathi: Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa lezinjana ziyadla okwemvuthuluka eziwa etafuleni labaninizo. **28** UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: O mama, lukhulu ukholo lwakho! Kakube kuwe njengokuthanda kwakho. Indodakazi yakhe yasisila kusukela kuleloholo. **29** UJesu wasesuka lapho weza eduzane kolwandle

lweGalili; wenyukela entaben iwahlala phansi khona. **30**
Kwasekusiza kuye amaxuku amakhulu, beleziqhuli, iziphofu,
izimungulu, izingini, labanye abanengi, basebebaphosela
enyaweni zikaJesu, wasebasilisa; **31** aze amangala amaxuku,
ebona izimungulu zikhuluma, izingini ziphilile, iziqhuli zihamba,
leziphofu zibona; basebemduisa uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli. **32**
UJesu wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi: Ngilesihelo
ngexuku, ngoba sebelami insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla;
njalo kangithandi ukuthi ngibayekele bahambe bengadlanga,
hlezi bayathe endleleni. **33** Abafundi bakhe basebesithi
kuye: Sizazuza ngaphi enkangala izinkwa ezinengi kangaka,
ukuthi zisuthise ixuku elikhulu kangaka? **34** UJesu wasesithi
kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa,
lenhlanzana eznlutshwana. **35** Waselaya amaxuku ukuthi ahlale
phansi emhlabathini. **36** Wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa
lenhlanzi, esepongile wazihlephula, wazinika abafundi bakhe,
labafundi ixuku. **37** Basebesidla bonke basutha; basebedobha
imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha eziyisikhombisa zigcwele. **38** Lalabo
abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezine, ngaphandle
kwabesifazana labantwana. **39** Eseyekele amaxuku ahamba
wangena emkhunjini, weza emikhawulweni yeMagadala.

16 AbaFarisi labaSadusi sebezile, bemlinga bamcela ukuthi
abatshengise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. **2** Kodwa
waphendula wathi kubo: Kusihlwa lithi: Umkhathi muhle;
ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu; **3** lekuseni lithi: Umkhathi
mubi lamuhla; ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu sinyukubele.
Bazenzi, liyakwazi ukwehlukanisa umumo wesibhakabhaka;
kodwa izibonakaliso zezikhathi lingeke yini? **4** Isizukulwana
esibi lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa

isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. Wasebatshiya, wahamba. **5** Sebefikile ngaphetsheya abafundi bakhe babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa. **6** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi. **7** Basebekhulumisana besithi: Ngoba singathathanga izinkwa. **8** UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Lina abokholo oluncinyane, kungani likhulumisana ngokuthi alithathanga izinkwa? **9** Kalikaqedisisi yini, futhi kalikhumbuli izinkwa ezinhlanu zenkulungwane ezinhlanu, lokuthi labutha izitsha ezingaki? **10** Futhi lezinkwa eziyisikhombisa zenkulungwane ezine, lokuthi labutha izitsha ezingaki? **11** Kaliqedisisi njani, ukuthi bekungemayelana lesinkwa ebengikukhuluma kini ukuthi liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi? **12** Basebeqedisisa ukuthi katshongo ukuthi baqaphele imvubelo yezinkwa, kodwa imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi. **13** Kwathi uJesu esefikile kungxenye zeKesariya yeFiliphu wababuza abafundi bakhe, esithi: Abantu bathi, mina, iNdodana yomuntu, ngingubani? **14** Basebesithi: Abanye bathi: NguJohane uMbhabhathizi; labanye bathi: NguElija; labanye bathi: NguJeremiya, kumbe ngomunye wabaprofethi. **15** Wathi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? **16** USimoni Petro wasephendula wathi: Wena unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **17** UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Ubusisiwe, Simoni ndodana kaJona, ngoba inyama legazi kakukwembulelanga lokhu, kodwa uBaba osemazulwini. **18** Lami-ke ngiyakutshela, ukuthi wena unguPetro; laphezu kwalelidwala ngizalakha ibandla lami, lamasango esihogo kawayikulehlula. (**Hadēs g86**) **19** Futhi ngizakuniqa izihluthulelo zombuso wamazulu; njalo loba yini ozayibopha emhlabeni, izakuba ibotshiwe emazulwini; njalo loba yini ozayithukulula emhlabeni, izakuba ithukululwe emazulwini.

20 Wasebalayisisa abafundi ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ukuthi yena unguJesu onguKristu. **21** Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu waqala ukubatshengisa abafundi bakhe ukuthi umele ukuya eJerusalema, njalo ahlupheke okunengi ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhalu, abulawe, avuswe ngosuku lwasithathu.

22 UPetro wasesiya laye eceleni waqala ukumkhuza esithi: Kakungabi kuwe, Nkosi; lokhu kakusoze kwenziwa kuwe.

23 Kodwa yena watshibilika wathi kuPetro: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane, uyisikhube kiso kimi; ngoba kawucabangi izinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ezabantu. **24** UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe, angilandele. **25** Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola; **26** ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu nxa ezuza umhlaba wonke, kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? Kumbe umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphefumulo wakhe? **27** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu izakuza ngenkazimulo kaYise kanye lengilosizayo, khona izavuza ngulowo lalowo njengokwenza kwakhe. **28** Ngiqinibile ngithi kini: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze bayibone iNdodana yomuntu isiza embusweni wayo.

17 Lemva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wathatha uPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabo, wasekhwela labo entaben ende bebobwa. **2** Waseguqulwa isimo phambi kwabo, njalo ubuso bakhe bakhanya njengelanga, lezembatho zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya. **3** Futhi khangela, kwasekubonakala kubo uMozisi loElija, bekhulumu laye. **4** UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha. Uba uthanda,

asakhe lapha amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye
ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija. **5** Kwathi esakhulumu,
khangela, iyezi elikhanyayo labasibekela; futhi khangela, ilizwi
laphuma eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo,
engithokoza ngayo; zwanini yona. **6** Sebezwile abafundi, bawa
phansi ngobuso babo, besaba kakhulu. **7** Kodwa uJesu weza
wabathinta wathi: Sukumani lingesabi. **8** Sebephakamisile
amehlo abo, kababonanga muntu, ngaphandle kukaJesu yedwa.
9 Sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya, wathi: Lingatsheli muntu
lowombono, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana yomuntu. **10**
Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi: Pho batsholoni ababhali
ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika kuqala? **11** UJesu wasephendula
wathi kubo: UElija uzafika kuqala isibili, uzabuyisela zonke izinto;
12 kodwa ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija sewafika, kodwa kabamazanga,
kodwa benza kuye konke ababekuthanda; ngokunjalo leNdodana
yomuntu izahlutshwa yibo. **13** Abafundi basebeqedisisa ukuthi
wakhulumu labo ngoJohane uMbhabhathizi. **14** Kwathi sebefikile
exukwini, kweza kuye umuntu waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi:
15 Nkosi, akuhawukele indodana yami, ngoba ilesithuthwane
iyahlupheka kakhulu; ngoba iwele kanengi emlilweni, futhi
kanengi emanzini. **16** Njalo ngiyilethe kubafundi bakho, kodwa
bebengelakho ukuyisilisa. **17** UJesu wasephendula wathi:
O sizukulwana esingelakholo lessonakeleyo, koze kube nini
ngilani? Koze kube nini ngilibekezelela? Mletheni kimi lapha.
18 UJesu waselikuza, idimoni laseliphuma kuyo, umntwana
wasesila kusukela kuleloholo. **19** Abafundi basebesiza kuJesu
bebodwa bathi: Kungani thina sehlulekile ukulikhupha? **20**
UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kungenxa yokungakholwa kwenu.
Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Aluba lilokholo olunjengohlamvu

Iwemasitedi, lizakuthi kulintaba: Suka lapha uye laphaya; njalo izasuka; futhi kaliyikwehlulwa lutho. **21** Kodwa loluhlobo kaluphumi ngaphandle kwangomkhuleko langokuzila ukudla. **22** Besahlezi eGalili, uJesu wathi kubo: INdodana yomuntu isizanikelwa ezandleni zabantu, **23** njalo bazayibulala, kodwa ngosuku Iwesithathu izavuswa. Basebedabuka kakhu. **24** Kwathi sebefikile eKapenawume, abemukela umthelo beza kuPetro bathi: Umfundisi wenu katheli yini? **25** Wathi: Yebo. Esengenile endlini, uJesu wamandulela wathi: Ucabangani, Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba emukela kubani imfanelo kumbe imithelo? Kumadodana abo yini, kumbe kwabezizwe? **26** UPetro wathi kuye: Kwabezizwe. UJesu wathi kuye: Ngakho-ke amadodana akhululekile. **27** Kodwa-ke ukuze singabakhubekisi, hamba uye elwandle uphose ingwegwe, uthathe inhlanzi ezaphuma kuqala; kuzakuthi usuvule umlomo wayo uzathola imali; uyithathe ubanike ibe ngeyami leyakho.

18 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu, bathi: Kanti ngubani omkhulu embusweni wamazulu? **2** UJesu wasebizela kuye umntwana omncane wammisa phakathi kwabo, **3** wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi liphenduke libe njengabantwana abancane, kalisoze lingene embusweni wamazulu. **4** Ngakho lowo ozazithoba njengalumntwana omncane, nguye omkhulu embusweni wamazulu. **5** Njalo loba ngubani owemukela abe munye umntwana omncane onje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina. **6** Kodwa loba ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi, kungakuhle kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola elikhulu lilengiswe entanyeni yakhe, abesetshoniswa enzikini yolwandle. **7** Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa yezikhubekiso! Ngoba izikhubekiso zimele ukufika; kodwa

maye kuluwomuntu, esifika ngaye isikhubeleko! **8** Njalo uba isandla sakho kumbe unyawo lwakho kukukhubekisa, kuqume ukulahlele khatshana lawe; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini kumbe uyisighwala, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili kumbe inyawo ezimbili uphoselwe emlilweni olaphakade. (*aiōnios g166*) **9** Futhi uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe ulilahlele khatshana lawe; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo. (*Geenna g1067*) **10** Qaphelani lingadeleli omunye walaba abancinyane, ngoba ngithi kini: Emazulwini ingilosu zabo zihlala zibona ubuso bukaBaba osemazulwini. **11** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize ukusindisa okwakulahlekile. **12** Licabangani? Uba umuntu othile elezimvu ezilikhulu, besekulahleka enye yazo, kazitshiyi yini ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye, ahambe ezintabeni ukuyadinga elahlekileyo? **13** Futhi uba kungenzakala ukuthi ayithole, ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Uthokoza ngayo kakhulu kulalezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye ezingalahlekanga. **14** Ngokunjalo kayisiyo intando kaYihlo osemazulwini ukuthi kubhubhe abe munye walaba abancinyane. **15** Kodwa nxa umfowenu ekona, hamba umsole phakathi kwakho laye lilodwa. Uba ekuzwa, umzuzile umfowenu; **16** kodwa uba engakuzwa, thatha abe munye kumbe babe babili kanye lawe futhi, ukuze lonke ilizwi liqiniswe ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu; **17** njalo nxa esala ukubezwa bona, tshela ibandla; uba esala ukuzwa lalo ibandla, kabe njengowezizwe lomthelisi kuwe. **18** Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Konke elizakubopha emhlabeni, kuzakuba kubotshiwe ezulwini; njalo konke elizakukhulula emhlabeni, kuzakuba kukhululiwe ezulwini. **19** Njalo ngithi

kini: Uba ababili benu bevumelana emhlabeni loba ngaluphi ulutho abalucelayo, bazalwenzelwa nguBaba osemazulwini.

20 Ngoba lapho ababili kumbe abathathu ababuthene khona ebizweni lami, ngikhona lapho phakathi kwabo. **21** UPetro wasemsondelela wathi: Nkosi, umfowethu uzangona kangaki, njalo ngimthethelela? Kuze kube kasikhombisa yini? **22** UJesus wathi kuye: Kangitsho kuwe ukuthi kuze kube kasikhombisa, kodwa kuze kube ngamatshumi ayisikhombisa aphindwe kasikhombisa. **23** Ngakho umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi, owayethanda ukulandiselana lenceku zakhe.

24 Kwathi eseqalile ukulandisa, kwaletsha kuye enye elomlandu kuyo wamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **25** Kodwa njengoba yayingelalutho lokuhlawula, inkosi yayo yalaya ukuthi ithengiswe, lomkayo labantwana bayo, lakho konke elakho, besekuhlawulwa. **26** Ngakho inceku yawa phansi imkhothamela, yathi: Nkosi, ngibekezelela, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke. **27** Inkosi yaleyonceku yasisiba lesihelo yayikhulula, yayixolela umlandu.

28 Kodwa yaphuma leyonceku yathola omunye oyinceku kanye layo, olomlandu kuyo wabodenariyo abalikhulu, yambamba yamkhama, yathi: Ngihlawula okufaneleyo. **29** Ngakho oyinceku kanye layo wawa phansi ezinyaweni zayo wayincenga, wathi: Ungibekezelele, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke. **30** Kodwa yona kayivumanga, kodwa yasuka yayiphosela entolongweni, ize iwuhlawule umlandu. **31** Kwathi abayizinceku kanye layo bebona izinto ezazenokanele badabuka kakhulu; beza babikela inkosi yabo konke okwakwenzekile. **32** Inkosi yayo yasiyibizela kiyo yathi kiyo: Wena nceku embi, ngakuxolela wonke lowomlandu, ngoba wangincenga; **33** ngabe lawe kawumhawukelanga yini omunye oyinceku kanye lawe, njengoba lami ngakuhawukela?

34 Inkosi yayo yasithukuthela yayinikela kubahlukuluzi, ize ihlawule konke okufaneleyo kuyo. **35** Uzakwenza njalo kini laye uBaba osezulwini, uba lingathetheli lowo lalowo umfowenu iziphambeko zabo ngenhlizyo zenu.

19 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi, wasuka eGalili, weza emikhawulweni yeJudiya ngaphetsheya kweJordani. **2** Amaxuku amakhulu asemelandela, wasewasilisa lapho. **3** Basebesiza kuye abaFarisi bemlinga, bathi kuye: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi indoda yale umkayo ngaso sonke isizatho? **4** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini ukuthi owabadabula kusukela ekuqaleni wabenza owesilisa lowesifazana? **5** Wasesithi: Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo; labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye. **6** Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa sebenyamanye. Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo. **7** Bathi kuye: Pho uMozisi walayelani ukuniqa incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala? **8** Wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni benhlizyo zenu uMozisi walivumela ukwala omkenu; kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kwakungenjalo. **9** Kodwa ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe, ngaphandle kokufeba, abesethatha omunye, uyafeba; futhi othatha owaliweyo uyafeba. **10** Abafundi bathi kuye: Uba udaba lomuntu lomfazi lunjalo, akusizi ukuthatha. **11** Kodwa wathi kubo: Kakusibo bonke abangalemukela lelilizwi, ngaphandle kwabakunikiweyo. **12** Ngoba kukhona abathenwa, abazalwa benjalo kusukela esiswini sikanina; njalo kukhona abathenwa, abathenwa ngabantu; kukhona futhi abathenwa, abazithenileyo ngenxa yombuso wamazulu. Lowo ongakwemukela lokho kakwamukele. **13** Khona kwaletwa kuye abantwana abancane, ukuze abeke izandla zakhe phezu kwabo, akhuleke; kodwa

abafundi babakuza. **14** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Vumelani abantwana abancane, lingabenqabeli ukuza kimi; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabanje. **15** Wasebekwa izandla phezu kwabo, wasuka lapho.

16 Njalo khangela, kwasondela omunye wathi kuye: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngizakwenzani okulungileyo, ukuze ngibe lempilo elaphakade? (aiōnios g166) **17** Wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. Kodwa uba uthanda ukungena ekuphileni, gcina imilayo. **18** Wathi kuye: Yiyiphi? UJesu wasesithi: Ungabulali; ungafebi; ungebi; ungafakazi amanga; **19** hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; njalo, wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. **20** Ijaha lathi kuye: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami; ngisaswelani? **21** UJesu wathi kulo: Uba uthanda ukuphelela, hamba uthengise impahla zakho uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla eligugu ezulwini; njalo uze lapha, ungilande. **22** Kodwa selizwile lelilizwi ijaha lasuka lidanile; ngoba lalilempahla ezinengi. **23** UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Onothileyo uzangena ngokulukhuni embusweni wamazulu. **24** Njalo futhi ngithi kini: Kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi onothileyo angene embusweni wezulu. **25** Sebezwile abafundi bakhe bamangala kakhulu, bathi: Pho kungasindiswa bani? **26** Kodwa uJesu wabakhangela wathi kubo: Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kuNkulunkulu zonke izinto zingenzeka. **27** Khona uPetro waphendula wathi kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke sakulandela; pho sizazuzani? **28** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lina elingilandeleyo, ekuvuselelwani lapho iNdodana yomuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu senkazimulo yayo, lani lizahlala ezihlalweni zobukhosu ezilitshumi lambili

lahlulele izizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakolsrayeli. **29** Laye wonke otshiye izindlu, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa yebizo lami, uzakwemukela ngekhulu, adle ilifa lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **30** Kodwa abanengi abokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala.

20 Ngoba umbuso wamazulu ufanana lomuntu ongumninindlu, owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu ukuqhatsha izisebenzi ziye esivinini sakhe; **2** ese vumelene lezisebenzi ngodenariyo ngosuku, wazithuma esivinini sakhe. **3** Wasephuma sekungaba lihola lesithathu, wabona abanye bemi emdangeni bengenzi lutho; **4** lakulabo wathi: Yanini lani esivinini; njalo loba yini efaneleyo ngizalinika yona. Bahamba-ke. **5** Wabuya waphuma sekungaba lihola lesithupha langelesificamunwemunye, wenza njalo. **6** Kwathi sekungaba lihola letshumi lanye waphuma, wathola abanye bemi bengenzi lutho, wathi kubo: Limeleni lapha usuku lonke lingenzi lutho? **7** Bathi kuye: Ngoba akulamuntu osiqhatshileyo. Wathi kubo: Yanini lani esivinini, njalo lizakwemukela loba kuyini okufaneleyo. **8** Kwathi sekuntambama umninizivini wathi enduneni yakhe: Biza izisebenzi, uzbibhadale iholo, uqale ngezokucina kuze kuge ngezokuqala. **9** Kuthe befika aba qhatshwa ngehola letshumi lanye ngulowo lalowo wemukela udenariyo. **10** Njalo sebezile abokuqala bacabanga ukuthi bazakwemukela okungaphezulu; kodwa labo bemukela udenariyo ngamunye. **11** Kwathi beyemukela bamsola umnininindlu, **12** besithi: Labo abokucina basebenze iholo elilodwa, kodwa ubalinganise lathi esithwele ubunzima bosuku lokutshisa. **13** Kodwa ephendula wathi komunye wabo: Mgane, angikoni; kanti kawuvumelananga lami ngodenariyo?

14 Thatha okwakho uhambe; njiyathanda ukumnika lowokucina njengawe. **15** Kumbe angivunyelwa yini ukwenza engikuthandayo ngezinto zami? Loba ilihlo lakho libi yini, ngoba mina ngilungile? **16** Kunjalo-ke abokucina bazakuba ngabokuqala, labokuqala ngabokucina; ngoba banengi ababiziweyo, kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo. **17** Kwathi uJesu esesenyukela eJerusalema wathatha abalitshumi lambili bebobwa endleleni, wathi kubo: **18** Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, njalo iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhali; besebeyilahlela ukufa, **19** bayinikele kwabezizwe ukuze bayiyangise bayitshaye ngesiswepu bayibethele; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke. **20** Kwasekusiza kuye unina wamadodana kaZebediya kanye lamadodana akhe, waguqa wacela ulutho kuye. **21** Wasesithi kuye: Ufunani? Wathi kuye: Tshono ukuthi la amadodana ami amabili ahlale, enye ngakwesokunene sakho, lenye ngakwesokhohlo, embusweni wakho. **22** Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha yini inkezo engizayinatha mina, njalo libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina? Bathi kuye: Singakwenza. **23** Wasesithi kubo: Ngeqiniso lizayinatha inkezo yami, libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo mina engizabhabhathizwa ngalo; kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo sami, kayisikho okwami ukuphana ngakho, kodwa kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo nguBaba. **24** Kwathi sebezwile abalitshumi, bathukuthela ngezelamani ezimbili. **25** Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi: Liyazi ukuthi ababusi bezizwe bayazibusa ngobulukhuni, lezikhulu zisebenzisa amandla phezu kwazo. **26** Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi

kwenu kabe yisisebenzi senu; **27** njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu kabe yisisebenzi senu; **28** njengalokhu iNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonza, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi. **29** Kwathi bephuma eJeriko, ixuku elikhulu lamlandela. **30** Njalo khangela, iziphofu ezimbili zihlezi endleleni, sezizwile ukuthi uJesu uyadlula, zamemeza, zathi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida! **31** Ixuku laselizikhuza ukuthi zithule, kodwa zamemeza kakhulu, zisithi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida! **32** UJesu wasesima wazibiza, wathi: Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni? **33** Zathi kuye: Nkosi, ukuthi amehlo ethu avuleke. **34** UJesu esesiba lesihelo wathinta amehlo azo; njalo amehlo azo ahle abuya abona, zasezimlandela.

21 Kwathi-ke sebesondele eJerusalema, sebefikile eBetfage entabeni yeMihlwathi, khona uJesu wathuma abafundi ababili, **2** esithi kubo: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani, lizahle libone ubabhemi ekhulekiwe, lethole lilaye; libakhulule, libalethe kimi. **3** Futhi uba umuntu ekhulumu ulutho kini, lizakuthi: INkosi iyabaswela; njalo uzahle abathumele. **4** Njalo konke lokhu kwenzeka, ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi, ukuthi: **5** Tshelani indodakazi yeSiyoni ukuthi: Khangela, iNkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, imnene igade ubabhemi, lethole inkonyana yenyamazana yokuthwala. **6** Abafundi bahamba-ke, benza njengalokhu uJesu wayebalayile, **7** baletha ubabhemi lethole, babeka izembatho zabo phezu kwabo, bamhlalisa phezu kwazo. **8** Lenengi lexuku lendlala ezalo izembatho endleleni; labanye bagamula ingatsha zezihlahla, bazendlala endleleni. **9** Lamaxuku ayehamba phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida! Ubusisiwe

ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana kweliphezulu! **10** Esengenile eJerusalema umuzi wonke wanyakazela usithi: Ngubani lo?

11 Amaxuku asesithi: Lo nguJesu umprofethi, oweNazaretha yeGalili. **12** UJesu wasengena ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, wabaxotsha bonke ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini, wasegenqula amatafula ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba. **13** Wasesithi kubo: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa lina liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. **14** Kwasekufika kuye iziphofu leziqhuli ethempelini; wasezisilisa. **15** Kodwa abapristi abakhulu lababhali sebebonile izimangaliso azenzayo, labantwana bememeza ethempelini, besithi: Hosana eNdodaneni kaDavida! bathukuthela, **16** basebesithi kuye: Uyakuzwa lokhu yini abakutshoyo laba? UJesu wasesithi kubo: Yebo; alikaze lifunde yini ukuthi: Emlonyeni wezingane lowabamunyayo uphelelise indumiso? **17** Wasebatshiya waphuma phandle komuzi esiya eBethani, walala khona. **18** Kwathi ebuyela emzini ekuseni, walamba; **19** kwathi ebona umkhiwa othile endleleni, wasondela kuwo, kodwa katholanga lutho kuwo ngaphandle kwamahlamvu wodwa; wathi kuwo: Kakungabe kusavela isithelo kuwe lanini.

Njalo umkhiwa wahle wabuna. (**aiōn g165**) **20** Kwathi bebona lokhu abafundi bakhe bamangala, besithi: Umkhiwa uhle wabuna njani? **21** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Uba liloekholo, lingathandabuzi, kaliyikwenza lokhu okomkhiwa kuphela, kodwa loba lisithi lakulintaba: Qutshunwa uphoselwe olwandle, kuzakwenzeka. **22** Njalo konke loba kuyini elikucelayo emkhulekweni, likholwa, lizakwemukela. **23** Kwathi esengenile ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu labadala babantu basondela kuye esafundisa, bathi: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya? Njalo

ngubani okunike leligunya? **24** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo:
Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye; uba lingitshela lokhu,
lamu ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya: **25**
Ubhabbhathizo lukaJohane Iwavela ngaphi? Ezulwini kumbe
ebantwini? Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini,
uzakuthi kithi: Pho kalikhholwanga kuye ngani? **26** Kodwa uba
sisithi: Ebantwini, siyesaba ixuku; ngoba bonke bamphatha
uJohane njengomprofethi. **27** Basebemphendula uJesu bathi:
Kasazi. Wasesithi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto
ngaliphi igunya. **28** Kanti licabangani? Umuntu wayelamadodana
amabili; waya kweyokuqala wathi: Mntanami, hamba, uyesebenza
lamuhla esivinini sami. **29** Kodwa yaphendula yathi: Angifuni.
Kodwa emva kwalokho yaphenduka, yahamba. **30** Wasesiya
kweyesibili watsho ngokunjalo. Yona-ke yaphendula yathi:
Ngiyahamba, nkosi. Kodwa kayiyanga. **31** Yiyiphi kulawo amabili
eyenza intando kayise? Bathi kuye: Eyokuqala. UJesu wathi
kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Abathelisi lezifebe bayangena
embusweni kaNkulunkulu phambi kwenu. **32** Ngoba uJohane
wafika kini ngendlela yokulunga, kalikhholwanga kuye; kodwa
abathelisi lezifebe bakhola kuye; kodwa lina selikubonile
kaliphendukanga emva kwalokho ukuthi likholwe kuye. **33** Zwanini
omunye umfanekiso. Kwakukhona umuntu othile ongumninimuzi,
owahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha isikhamele
kuso, wakha umphotshongo, wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya
kwelinje ilizwe. **34** Kwathi sekusondele isikhathi sezithelo,
wathuma inceku zakhe kubalimi, ukuze zemukele izithelo zakhe.
35 Abalimi basebezibamba inceku zakhe, enye bayitshaya,
lenye bayibulala, lenye bayikhanda ngamatshe. **36** Wabuya
wathuma ezinye inceku ezinengi kulezokuqala; basebesenza

njalo kulezo. **37** Ekucineni wasethuma indodana yakhe kubo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha indodana yami. **38** Kodwa abalimi sebeyibonile indodana bakhulumisana besithi: Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, njalo sibambe ilifa layo. **39** Basebeyibamba bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala. **40** Ngakho mhla kufika umninisivini, uzabenzani abalimi labo? **41** Bathi kuye: Uzababhubhisa kakubi labo ababi, njalo uzaqhatshisa isivini kwabanye abalimi, abazamnika izithelo ngezikathathi zazo. **42** UJesu wathi kubo: Alikaze lifunde yini emibhalweni ukuthi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi; lokhu yikwenza kweNkosi; njalo kuyamangalisa emehlwani ethu? **43** Ngakho ngithi kini: Lizakwemukwa umbuso kaNkulunkulu, unikwe isizwe esithela izithelo zawo. **44** Lalowo owela phezu kwalelilitshe uzaphahlazwa; kodwa loba ngubani eliwela phezu kwakhe lizamchoboza. **45** Kwathi abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi sebezwile imifanekiso yakhe bazi ukuthi ubekhuluma ngabo. **46** Kwathi sebedinga ukumbamba besaba amaxuku, ngoba ayemphatha njengomprofethi.

22 UJesu wasephendula wabuya wakhuluma labo ngemifanekiso, wathi: **2** Umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi, owenzela indodana yakhe idili lomtshado; **3** wasethuma inceku zakhe ukuthi zibize abanxusiweyo emtshadweni, kodwa kabavumanga ukubuya. **4** Wabuya wathuma ezinye inceku, esithi: Batsheleni abanxusiweyo ukuthi: Khangelani, sengilungisile ukudla kwami kwemini, inkabi zami lokunonileyo sekuhlatshiwe, izinto zonke sezilungile; wozani emtshadweni. **5** Kodwa kabananzanga, bazihambelo, omunye ensimini yakhe, omunye ekuthengiselaneni kwakhe; **6** abaseleyo basebezibamba inceku zakhe baziphatha kubi bazibulala. **7** Kodwa kwathi

inkosi ikuzwa lokho yathukuthela, yathuma amabutho ayo yabhubhisa labobabulali, yatshisa umuzi wabo. **8** Yasisithi enekwini zayo: Umtshado usulungile, kodwa abanxusiweyo bebengafanelanga. **9** Ngakho yanini emahlanganweni ezindlela, njalo bonke elingabathola, libabizele emtshadweni. **10** Lezonceku zaseziphuma zaya ezindleleni zabutha bonke ezabatholayo, ababi kanye labalungileyo; indlu yomtshado yasigcwala ngabahleziyo. **11** Kwathi inkosi ingena ukukhangela ababehlezi ekudleni yabona khona umuntu owayengembathanga isembatho somtshado; **12** yasisithi kuye: Mgane, ungene njani lapha ungelasembatho somtshado? Kodwa yena waqunywa umlomo. **13** Inkosi yasisithi ezincekwini: Mbopheni inyawo lezandla, limsuse limphosele emnyameni ongaphandle; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. **14** Ngoba banengi ababiziweyo, kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo. **15** Khonake abaFarisi basuka, bacebisana ngokuthi bangamthiya njani ekukhulumeni. **16** Basebethuma kuye abafundi babo kanye labakaHerodi, besithi: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena uqotho, ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso, kawukkhathaleli muntu, ngoba kawunanzi isimo sabantu. **17** Ngakho sitshele, wena ucabangani? Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe hatshi? **18** Kodwa uJesu ebazi ububi babo wathi: Bazenzisi, lingilingelani? **19** Ngitshengisani imali yokuthela. Basebeletha kuye udenariyo. **20** Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo? **21** Bathi: NgokaKesari. Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho mnikeni uKesari izinto zikaKesari; loNkulunkulu izinto zikaNkulunkulu. **22** Kwathi sebezwile bamangala; bamtshiya bahamba. **23** Ngalolosuku kweza kuye abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, basebembuza, **24** besithi: Mfundisi, uMozisi wathi: Uba umuntu

esifa engelabantwana, umfowabo uzamthatha umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo. **25** Kwakukhona phakathi kwethu izelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi wafa; futhi engelanzalo, watshiya umkakhe kumfowabo. **26** Kwaba njalo lowesibili, lowesithathu, kwaze kwaba kowesikhombisa. **27** Kwathi emva kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. **28** Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzakuba ngumkabani kwabayisikhombisa? Ngoba bonke babelaye. **29** Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Liduhile, lingayazi imibhalo, loba amandla kaNkulunkulu; **30** ngoba ekuvukeni kwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa, kodwa banjengengilosи zikaNkulunkulu ezulwini. **31** Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalifundanga yini okwakhulunywa kini nguNkulunkulu, esithi: **32** Mina nginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kalsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe? UNkulunkulu kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo. **33** Kwathi amaxuku ekuzwa amangala kakhulu ngokufundisa kwakhe. **34** Kwathi abaFarisi, sebezwile ukuthi uJesu ubaqume umlomo abaSadusi, babuthana ndawonye. **35** Lomunye wabo, isazumthetho, wambuza, emlinga, esithi: **36** Mfundisi, yiuphi umlayo omkhulu emthethweni? **37** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngenhlizyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke; **38** yiwo lowo umlayo owokuqala lomkhulu. **39** Lowesibili ufanana lawo uthi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. **40** Kuleyomilayo emibili kweyeme umthetho wonke labaprofethi. **41** Kwathi sebebuthene abaFarisi, uJesu wababuza, **42** esithi: Licabangani ngoKristu? Uyindodana kabani? Bathi kuye: NgekaDavida. **43** Wathi kubo: Pho uDavida wambiza njani ekuMoya ngokuthi yiNkosi, esithi: **44** INkosi yathi

eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho? **45** Ngakho uba uDavida embiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, uyiNdodana yakhe njani? **46** Njalo kwakungekho owayengamphendula ilizwi; kusukela ngalolosuku kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza.

23 Khona uJesu wakhuluma emaxukwini lakubafundi bakhe,
2 esithi: Ababhalu labaFarisi bahlezi esihlalweni sikaMozisi;
3 ngakho konke lokhu abalitshela khona ukuthi likugcine,
kugcineni likwenze; kodwa lingenzi njengokwemisebenzi yabo,
ngoba bayakhuluma bangenzi. **4** Ngoba bayabopha imithwalo
enzima njalo elukhuni ukuthwalwa, bayibeke emahlombe
abantu, kodwa kabafuni ukuyisusa ngomunwe wabo. **5** Njalo
imisebenzi yabo yonke bayenza ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngoba
benza amafilakteriyu abo abe banzi, njalo bakhulisa intshaka
zezemba batho zabo; **6** bathanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni
kwantambama, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, **7**
lokubingelelu emidangeni, lokubizwa ngabantu ngokuthi:
Rabi, Rabi. **8** Kodwa lina kalingabizwa ngokuthi Rabi;
ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu, uKristu; njalo lina lonke
lingabazalwane. **9** Futhi lingabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi
nguyihlo; ngoba munye onguYihlo, osemazulwini; **10** kalingabizwa
ngokuthi lingabafundisi; ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu,
uKristu. **11** Kodwa omkhulu kini uzakuba yinceku yenu. **12**
Lalowo oziphakamisayo, uzathotshiswa; lalowo ozithobayo,
uzaphakanyiswa. **13** Kodwa maye kini, babhalu labaFarisi,
bazenzisi, ngoba livalela abantu umbuso wamazulu; ngoba
kalingeni lina, labangenayo kalibavumeli ukuthi bangene. **14**
Maye kini, babhalu labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lidla izindlu
zabafelokazi, langokuzenzisa lenza imikhuleko emide; ngakho

lizakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu. **15** Maye kini, babbali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba libhoda ulwandle lomhlaba ukuthi lenze abe munye ophendukela kumaJuda, kuthi nxa esenziwe njalo, limenze umntwana wesihogo ngokuphindwe kabili kulani.

(Geenna g1067) **16** Maye kini, bakhokheli abayiziphofu, abathi: Loba ngubani ofunga ngethempeli, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngegolide lethempeli, ulomlandu. **17** Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, igolide, kumbe ithempeli elenza igolide libe ngcwele? **18** Njalo: Loba ngubani ofunga ngelathi, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngomnikelo ophezu kwalo, ulomlandu. **19** Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, umnikelo, kumbe ilathi elenza umnikelo ube ngcwele? **20** Ngakho ofunga ngelathi ufunga ngalo langakho konke okuphezu kwalo; **21** lofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo langaye ohlala kulo; **22** lofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosи sikaNkulunkulu langaye ohlala phezu kwaso. **23** Maye kini, babbali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga ledile lekhumini; liyekeli okunzima komlayo, ukwahlulela lesihawu lokholo; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto, lingaziyekeli lalezо. **24** Bakhokheli abayiziphofu, likhetha umiyane, kodwa liginye ikamela. **25** Maye kini, babbali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lihlambulula ingaphandle yenkezo leyomganu, kodwa ngaphakathi kugcwele ukuphangalobuhwaba. **26** MFarisi oyisiphofu! Hlambulula kuqala ingaphakathi yenkezo leyomganu, ukuze kuhlambuluke lengaphandle yakho. **27** Maye kini, babbali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lifanana lamangcwaba aconjiwe aba mhlophe, abonakala emahle ngaphandle, kanti ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abafileyo lokungcola konke. **28** Kunjalo lani ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini lilungile, kanti

ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi. **29** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lakha amangcwaba abaprofethi, licecise amangcwaba abalungileyo, **30** lithi: Uba besikhona ensukwini zabobaba bethu, besingayikuhlanganyela labo egazini labaprofethi. **31** Kunjalo liyazifakazela lina ukuthi lingamadodana alabo ababulala abaprofethi; **32** lina-ke gcwalisani isilinganiso saboyihlo! **33** Zinyoka, nzalo yamabululu, lizaphepha njani ukulahlwa kwesihogo? (**Geenna g1067**) **34** Ngakho, khangelani, mina ngithuma kini abaprofethi labahlakaniphileyo lababhali; labanye babo lizababulala libabethele; labanye lizabatshaya ngesiswepu emasinagogeni enu libazingele imizi ngemizi; **35** ukuze kwehlele phezu kwenu igazi lonke elilungileyo elachithwa emhlabeni, kusukela egazini likaAbela olungileyo, kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya indodana kaBarakiya, elambulala phakathi kwethempeli lelathi. **36** Ngiqinисile ngithi kini: Zonke lezizinto zizakwehlela phezu kwalesisizukulwana. **37** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi njalo obakhanda ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe! Bengithanda kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho, njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga. **38** Khangelani, indlu yenu itshiyiwe kini ilunxiwa. **39** Ngoba ngithi kini: Kalisoze langibona kusukela khathesi, lize lithi: Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi.

24 UJesu wasephuma wasuka ethempelini; basebesondela abafundi bakhe ukumtshengisa izakhiwo zethempeli. **2** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kaliziboni yini zonke lezizinto? Ngiqinисile ngithi kini: Akusoze kutshiywe lapha ilitshe eliodwa phezu kwelitshe, elingasoze lidilizelwe phansi. **3** Kwathi esehlezi entabenи yeMihlwathi, abafundi beza kuye bevodwa, bathi:

Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso sokuza kwakho,
lesokuphela kwesikhathi sizakuba yini? (aiōn g165) 4 UJesu
wasephendula wathi kubo: Qaphelani, kungabi khona oliduhisayo;
5 ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina
nginguKristu; futhi baduhise abanengi. 6 Njalo lizakuzwa
ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi; nanzelelani, lingethuki; ngoba
konke lokhu kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi
khona. 7 Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele
umbuso; njalo kuzakuba khona indlala labomatshayabhuqe
bezifo lokuzamazama komhlaba indawo ngendawo; 8 kodwa
zonke lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo. 9 Lapho-ke bazalinikela
ekuhluphekeni, balibulale; futhi lizazondwa yizizwe zonke
ngenxa yebizo lami. 10 Njalo ngalesosikhathi abanengi
bazakhubeka, banikelane, bazondane. 11 Futhi kuzavuka
abaprofethi bamanga abanengi, baduhise abanengi. 12 Njalo
ngenxa yokwanda kobubi, uthando lwabanengi luzaphola; 13
kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa.
14 Njalo lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa emhlabeni
wonke kube yibufakazi ezizweni zonke; khona-ke kuzafika
ukuphela. 15 Ngakho nxa libona amanyala encithakalo,
akhulunywa nguDanieldi umprofethi, emi endaweni engcwele
(obalayo kaqedisise), 16 khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele
ezintabeni; 17 ophezu kophahla lwendlu angehli ukuthatha
ulutho endlini yakhe; 18 losemasimini angabuyeli emuva
ukuyathatha izembatho zakhe. 19 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo
labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! 20 Kodwa khulekani ukuthi
ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika, loba ngesabatha. 21
Ngoba ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka okukhulu,
okungazanga kube khona kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba kuze

kube khathesi, njalo okungasayikuba khona. **22** Uba-ke lezonsuku bezingafinyezwanga, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezonsuku zizafinyezwa. **23** Ngalesosikhathi nxumuntu esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu, kumbe nanguya, lingakholwa. **24** Ngoba kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga, benze izibonakaliso ezinkulu lezimangaliso, ukuze kuthi, nxumuntu kungenzeka, baduhise labakhethiweyo. **25** Khangelani, sengilitshelile ngaphambili. **26** Ngakho uba bengathi kini: Khangelani, usenkangala, lingaphumi; khangelani, usendlini yensitha, lingakholwa. **27** Ngoba njengalokhu umbane ubaneka empumalanga ukhanye lentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo lokufika kweNdodana yomuntu. **28** Ngoba loba ngaphi lapho okukhona isidumbu, lapho amanqe azabuthana khona. **29** Njalo masinyane emva kokuhlupheka kwalezonsuku, ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo, lenkanyezi zizakuwa ezulwini, lamandla amazulu azazanyazanyiswa. **30** Khona-ke sizabonakala ezulwini isibonakaliso seNdodana yomuntu; njalo besezikhala zonke izizwe zomhlaba, sezibona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ezulu ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu. **31** Njalo izathuma izingilosи zayo lokukhala okukhulu kophondo, beseziqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni emine, kusukela emkhawulweni omunye wamazulu kuze kube komunye umkhawulo wawo. **32** Kodwa fundani umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxumuntu khathesi ugatsha lwavo selusiba buthakathaka, njalo luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze; **33** ngokunjalo lani, nxumuntu libona lezizinto zonke, yazini ukuthi kuseduze kuseminyango. **34** Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, kuze kwenzekе zonke lezizinto. **35** Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule. **36** Kodwa lolosuku lehola kakho owaziyo

ngalo, ngitsho lezingilosи zemazulwini, ngaphandle kukaBaba kuphela. **37** Kodwa njengensuku zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ukufika kweNdodana yomuntu. **38** Ngoba njengakulezonsuku ezaziphambili kukazamcolo babesidla benatha, bethatha besendiswa, kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, **39** njalo babengazi, kwaze kwafika uzamcolo wasebasusa bonke, kuzakuba njalo lokufika kweNdodana yomuntu. **40** Ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye athathwe, lomunye atshiywe; **41** kuzakuthi abesifazana ababili bechola elitsheni; omunye athathwe, lomunye atshiywe. **42** Ngakho lindani, ngoba kalazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaliphi ihola. **43** Kodwa yazini lokhu, ukuthi uba umninindlu ebewazi umlindo isela elizafika ngawo, ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi indlu yakhe ifohlelwe. **44** Ngakho lani hlalani lilungile; ngoba ngehola elingalicabangyo, iNdodana yomuntu izakuza. **45** Pho ngubani inceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo, inkosi yayo eyibeke phezu kwabendlu yayo, ukuthi ibanike ukudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? **46** Ibusisiwe leyonceku, okuzakuthi inkosi yayo nxa ifika izayifica isenza njalo. **47** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Izayibeka phezu kwakho konke elakho. **48** Kodwa nxa leyonceku embi isithi enhliziyweni yayo: Inkosi yami iphuzile ukubuya, **49** njalo ibisiqala ukutshaya abayizinceku kanye layo, lokudla lokunatha lezidakwa, **50** inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku engayilindele ngalo, langehola engalaziyo, **51** izayiquma phakathi, izanika isabelo sayo labazenzisi; kuzakuba khona lapho ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

25 Ngalesosikhathi umbuso wamazulu uzafananiswa lentombi ezilitshumi ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma ukuhlangabeza umyeni. **2** Njalo ezinhlanu zazo zazihlakaniphile, lezinhlanu

zaziyizithutha. **3** Eziyizithutha zathatha izibane zazo, kazithathanga amafutha kanye lazo; **4** kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zathatha amafutha ezitsheni kanye lezibane zazo. **5** Kwathi umyeni esephuzile, zawozela zonke zalala ubuthongo. **6** Kodwa phakathi kobusuku kwamenyezwa: Khangelani, umyeni uyeza, phumanliyemhlangabeza! **7** Zasezivuka lezontombi zonke, zalungisa izibane zazo. **8** Eziyizithutha zasezisithi kwezihlakaniphileyo: Sipheni okwamafutha enu, ngoba izibane zethu ziyacitsha. **9** Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zaphendula, zathi: Hlezi angaseneli thina lani; kodwa kungcono ukuthi lihambe liye kwabathengisayo lizithengele. **10** Kwathi zisiyathenga, weza umyeni. Ezasezilungile zasezingena laye emtshadweni, kwasekuvalwa umnyango. **11** Kwathi emva kwalokho zafika lalezontombi ezinye, zathi: Nkosi, Nkosi, sivulele! **12** Kodwa yena waphendula wathi: Ngijinisiile ngithi kini: Angilazi lina. **13** Ngakho lindani, ngoba kalilwazi usuku leholo iNdodana yomuntu efika ngalo. **14** Ngoba kunjengomuntu owaya kwelinye ilizwe wabiza inceku zakhe, wazinika impahla zakhe; **15** kwathi enye wayinika amathalenta amahlanu, lenye amabili, lenye lalinye, kwaba yileyo laleyo njengamandla ayo; njalo wahle wasuka. **16** Leyo eyayemukele amathalenta amahlanu yasihamba yathengiselana ngawo, yenza amanye amathalenta amahlanu. **17** Ngokunjalo laleyo elamabili, layo yazuza amanye amabili. **18** Kodwa leyo eyayemukele elilodwa yasuka yagebha emhlabathini yayifihla imali yenkosiyayo. **19** Kwathi emva kwesikhathi eside inkosi yalezozinceku yafika, yasilandiselana lazo. **20** Kwasekusiza eyayemukele amathalenta amahlanu yaletha amanye amathalenta amahlanu, yathi: Nkosi, wanginika amathalenta amahlanu; khangela, ngizuzile amanye

amathalenta amahlanu phezu kwawo. **21** Inkosi yayo yasisithi kiyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile ezintweni ezinlutshwana, ngizakubeka phezu kwezinengi; ngena entokozweni yenkosi yakho. **22** Kwasekusiza laleyo eyayemukele amathalenta amabili yathi: Nkosi, wanginika amathalenta amabili; khangela, ngizuzile amanye amathalenta amabili phezu kwawo. **23** Inkosi yayo yathi kiyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile ezintweni ezinlutshwana, ngizakubeka phezu kwezinengi; ngena entokozweni yenkosi yakho. **24** Kodwa kweza laleyo eyayemukele ithalenta elilodwa yathi: Nkosi, bengikwazi wena ukuthi ungumuntu olukhuni, uvuna lapho ongahlanyelanga khona, njalo ubutha lapho ongahlakazanga khona; **25** ngasengisesaba, ngasuka ngalifihla ithalenta lakho emhlabathini; khangela, ulokwakho. **26** Kodwa inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi kiyo: Nceku embi lelivila, ubusazi ukuthi ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona, njalo ngibutha lapho engingahlakazanga khona; **27** ngakho ngabe ubekile imali yami ebhang, njalo ekufikeni kwami ngabe ngemukele okwami lenzozo. **28** Ngakho mthatheeni ithalenta, lilinike yena olamathalenta alitshumi. **29** Ngoba wonke olakho uzaphiwa, uzakwengezelelwa; kodwa ongelakho uzathathelwa lalokho alakho. **30** Laleyonceku engasizi lutho iphoseleni emnyameni ongaphandle; kuzakuba khona lapho ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo. **31** Njalo nxa isiza iNdodana yomuntu ngobukhosи bayo, lengilosи ezingcwele zonke laye, khona izahlala esihlalweni sobukhosи sodumo lwayo, **32** kuzabuthelwa phambi kwayo izizwe zonke, njalo izabehlukanisa abanye kwabanye, njengomelusi esehlukanisa izimvu embuzini; **33** ibisibeka izimvu ngakwesokunene sayo, kodwa imbuzi ngakwesokhohlo. **34**

Khona-ke iNkosi izakuthi kubo abangakwesokunene sayo:
Wozani, lina elibusisiweyo nguBaba, lidle ilifa lombuso
eliwulungiselweyo kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba. **35** Ngoba
ngangilambile, langinika ukudla; ngangomile, langinathisa;
ngangingowemzini, langemukela; **36** ngangize, langiggokisa;
ngangigula, leza ukungibona; ngangisentolongweni, leza kimi.
37 Khona abalungileyo bezayiphendula, besithi: Nkosi, sakubona
nini ulambile, njalo sakunika ukudla, kumbe womile, njalo
sakunathisa? **38** Njalo sakubona nini ungowemzini, futhi
sakwemukela, kumbe uze, futhi sakugqokisa? **39** Njalo
sakubona nini ugula, loba usentolongweni, njalo seza kuwe?
40 Futhi iNkosi izaphendula ithi kubo: Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini:
Njengoba likwenzile komunye walaba abazalwane bami
abancinyane, likwenzile kimi. **41** Ngalesosikhathi izakuthi njalo
kubo abangakwesokhohlo: Sukani kimi, lina eliqalekisiweyo,
liye emlilweni olaphakade, olungiselwe udiyabhola lengilos
zakhe. (*aiōnios g166*) **42** Ngoba ngangilambile, kodwa
kalinginikanga ukudla; ngangomile, kodwa kalinginathisanga; **43**
ngangingowemzini, kodwa kalingemukelanga; ngangize, kodwa
kalingiggokisanga; ngangigula, ngangisentolongweni, kodwa
kalizanga ukungibona. **44** Khona lalaba bezamphendula, besithi:
Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile, loba womile, loba ungowemzini,
loba uze, loba ugula, loba usentolongweni, kodwa kasakusiza?
45 Isizabaphendula, ithi: Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Njengoba
lingakwenzanga komunye walaba abancinyane, kalikwenzanga
lakimi. **46** Lalaba bazakuya ekujezisweni okulaphakade; kodwa
abalungileyo empilweni elaphakade. (*aiōnios g166*)
26 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile wonke lamazwi, wathi
kubafundi bakhe: **2** Liyazi ukuthi emva kwensuku ezimbili

kuzakuba liphasika, leNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ukuze ibethelwe. **3** Kwasekubuthana abapristi abakhulu lababhalilabadala babantu egumeni lompristi omkhulu othiwa nguKayafasi, **4** basebecebisanu ukuthi bambambe uJesu ngobuqili bumbulale. **5** Kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, ukuthi kungabi khona isiphithiphithi ebantwini. **6** Kwathi uJesu eseBethani endlini kaSimoni umlephero, **7** kwafika kuye owesifazana ephethe umfuma we-alibasta ulamagcobo aligugu elikhulu, wasewuthululela ekhanda lakhe ehlezi ekudleni. **8** Kodwa abafundi bebona lokhu bathukuthela, bathi: Ngokwani ukumotsha lokhu? **9** Ngoba la amagcobo angathengiswa ngokunengi, besekunikwa abayanga. **10** Kodwa uJesu ekwazi wathi kubo: Limhluphelani owesifazana? Ngoba wenzile umsebenzi omuhle kimi; **11** ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa mina kalihlali lilami. **12** Ngoba ngokuthululela la amagcobo emzimbeni wami, ukwenzele umngcwabo wami. **13** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye. **14** Omunye wabalitshumi lambili, othiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu, **15** wathi: Livuma ukunginikani, mina-ke ngizamnikela kini? Basebevumelana laye ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. **16** Njalo kusukela lapho wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnikela. **17** Kwathi ngolokuqala lwasinkwa esingelamvubelo abafundi beza kuJesu, besithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi sikulungisele ngaphi ukuthi udle iphasika? **18** Wasesithi: Hambani liye emzini kumuntu othile, lithi kuye: UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami sesiseduze; ngizakwenza iphasika kwakho kanye labafundi bami. **19** Benza-ke abafundi njengoba uJesu ebalayile,

basebelungisa iphasika. **20** Kwathi sekuhlwile wayehlezi labalitshumi lambili. **21** Bathi besidla wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu uzanginikela. **22** Basebedabuka kakhulu baqala ukuthi kuye ngamunye wabo: Nkosi, ayisimi, akunjalo yini? **23** Wasephendula wathi: Ofaka isandla sakhe kanye lami emganwini, nguye ozanginikela. **24** Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba, njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu iNdodana yomuntu enikelwa nguye! Bekungakuhle kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga. **25** Wasephendula uJudas owamnikelayo wathi: Rabi, ayisimi, akunjalo yini? Wathi kuye: Utshilo wena. **26** Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasesibusisa, wasihlephula wabanika abafundi, wathi: Thathani, idle; lokhu kungumzimba wami. **27** Wasethatha inkezo, wabonga, wabanika, esithi: Nathani lonke kuyo; **28** ngoba lokhu kuligazi lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono. **29** Kodwa ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi kangiyikunatha okwalesisithelo sevini, kuze kufike lolosuku lapho ngizasinatha lani sisitsha embusweni kaBaba. **30** Kwathi sebehlabelle ingoma yokudumisa baphuma bayo entabenyeMihlwathi. **31** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lina lonke lizakhubeka ngami ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu zomhlambi besezihlakazeka. **32** Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalili. **33** Kodwa uPetro waphendula wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka ngawe, mina angisoze ngikhubeke. **34** UJesu wathi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Ngalobubusuku, lingakakhali iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. **35** UPetro wathi kuye: Loba kudingeka ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo bonke abafundi. **36** UJesu wasefika labo endaweni ethiwa yiGetsemane,

wasesithi kubafundi: Hlalani phansi lapha, ngisayakhuleka laphaya. **37** Wasethatha kanye laye uPetro lamadodana amabili kaZebediya, waqala ukudabuka lokukhathazeka kakhulu. **38** Wasesithi kubo: Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde lami. **39** Waseqhubeka ibangana, wawa ngobuso bakhe wakhuleka wathi: Baba, uba kungenzeka, kakudlule kimi linkezo; kodwa kungabi njengoba ngithanda mina, kodwa njengoba uthanda wena. **40** Wasesiza kubafundi, wabafica belele, wathi kuPetro: Kanti belingelinde lami ihola ibenye? **41** Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni; umoya isibili uyavuma, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka. **42** Wabuya wasuka ngokwesibili wakhuleka, wathi: Baba, uba inkezo le ingedlule kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinathe, kayenziwe intando yakho. **43** Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele, ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima. **44** Wasebatshiya wahamba futhi wakhuleka ngokwesithathu, esitsho wona lawomazwi. **45** Wasesiza kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Qhubekani lilele, liphumule; khangelani, isikhathi sesisondele, futhi iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa ezandleni zezoni. **46** Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani, onginkelayo useduze. **47** Kwathi esakhulum, khangela, kwafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, lexuku elikhulu lilaye elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi abakhulu labadala babantu. **48** Laye omnikelayo wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye; limbambe. **49** Njalo wahle wasondela kuJesu wathi: Mpilo enhle, Rabi! Wasemanga. **50** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Mngane, ulanden? Basebesondela bamdumela uJesu ngezandla, bambamba. **51** Futhi khangela, omunye walabo ababeloJesu welula isandla, wakhokha inkemba yakhe, wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu waquma indlebe

yayo. **52** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo; ngoba bonke abaphatha inkemba bazabhubha ngenkemba. **53** Kumbe ucabanga ukuthi ngingemcele uBaba yini khathesi, futhi anginike amabutho amakhulu ezingilosil edlula itschumi lambili? **54** Pho ingagcwali seka njani imibhalo, ukuthi kumele ukuthi kube njalo? **55** Ngaleloholo uJesu wathi emaxukwini: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? Bengihlezi insuku ngensuku ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga. **56** Kodwa konke lokhu kwenzakele, ukuze kugcwali seke imibhalo yabaprofethi. Basebemtshiya bonke abafundi babaleka. **57** Lababembabile uJesu bamqhuba bamusa kuKayafasi umpristi omkhulu, lapho ababebuthene khona ababhali labadala. **58** Kodwa uPetro wamlandela ekhatshana, kwaze kwaba segumeni lompristi omkhulu, njalo wangena phakathi wahlala phansi lezinceku, ukuze abone isicino. **59** Njalo abapristi abakhulu labadala lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi bamanga obumelana loJesu, ukuze bambulale, **60** kodwa kababutholanga; lanxa kwavela abafakazi abanengi bamanga, ababutholanga. Kwathi emva kwalokho kwavela ababili abafakazi bamanga, **61** bathi: Lo wathi: Ngilakho ukudiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo ngilakhe ngensuku ezintathu. **62** Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu wathi kuye: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe? **63** Kodwa uJesu wathula. Umpristi omkhulu wasephendula wathi kuye: Ngikufungisa ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo, ukuthi usitshele ukuthi unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **64** UJesu wathi kuye: Utshilo wena. Kodwa ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla isiza phezu kwamayezi ezulu.

65 Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho zakhe, wathi: Usehlambazile; sisadingelani abafakazi? Khangelani, khathesi selyizwile inhlamba yakhe; **66** licabangani? Basebephendula besithi: Ulecalalokufa. **67** Basebemkhaulela amathe ebusweni bamdutshuza; labanye bamwakala, **68** bathi: Profetha kithi, Kristu, ngubani okutshayileyo? **69** UPetro wayesehlezi ngaphandle egumeni; kwasekusiza kuye incekukazi ethile, yathi: Lawe ubuloJesu weGalili. **70** Kodwa waphika phambi kwabo bonke, wathi: Kangikwazi lokho okutshoyo. **71** Kwathi esephuma esiya esangweni, enye incekukazi yambona, yathi kwababekhona: Laye lo ubeloJesu weNazaretha. **72** Waphika njalo ngesifungo esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu. **73** Kwathi emva kwesikhatsana labo ababemi khona basondela bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso lawe ungowabo; ngoba lokukhuluma kwakho kuyakuveza. **74** Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu. Njalo lahle lakhala iqhude. **75** UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi likaJesu esithi kuye: Lingakakhali iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. Wasephumela ngaphandle wakhala kabuhlungu.

27 Kwathi sekusile, bonke abapristi abakhulu labadala babantu bacebisana bemelene loJesu ukuthi bambulale; **2** sebembophile bamqhuba bamnikela kuPontiyusi Pilatu umbusi. **3** Kwathi uJudas owamnikelayo esebonile ukuthi ulahliwe, wazisola wabuyisela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu kubapristi abakhulu labadala, **4** wathi: Ngonile nginikele igazi elingelacala. Kodwa bona bathi: Kulani lathi? Zibonele wena. **5** Wasephosela inhlamvu zesiliva ethempelini, wasuka; wayaziphanyeka. **6** Abapristi abakhulu basebethatha inhlamvu zesiliva bathi: Kakuvunyelwa ukuzifaka emnikelweni, ngoba ziyintengo yegazi. **7** Basebecebisanabathenga ngazo isiqinti sombumbi, sibe

ngesokungcwaba abezizwe. **8** Ngakho lesosiqinti sathiwa yisiqinti segazi, kuze kube lamuhla. **9** Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uJeremiya, esithi: Basebethatha inhlamu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu, intengo yalowo owalinganiswayo, abantwana bakolsrayeli abamlinganisayo; **10** basebebapha zona ngensimu yombumbi, njengoba iNkosi ingilayile. **11** UJesu wasesima phambi kombusi; umbusi wasembuza, wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? UJesu wasesithi: Utshilo wena. **12** Kwathi nxa esemangalelwé ngabapristi abakhulu labadala, kaphendulanga lutho. **13** UPilatu wasesithi kuye: Kawuzwa yini izinto ezingaka abazifakaza ngawe? **14** Kodwa kamphendulanga lakwelilodwa ilizwi, waze wamangala kakhulu umbusi. **15** Futhi ngomkhosi umbusi wayejwayele ukukhululela ixuku isibotshwa esisodwa, elisifunayo. **16** Njalo ngalesosikhathi babelesibotshwa esidumileyo, esithiwa nguBarabasi. **17** Ngakho sebebuthene, uPilatu wathi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele bani, uBarabasi, kumbe uJesu othiwa nguKristu? **18** Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi bamnikele ngomona. **19** Kwathi esehlezi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, umkakhe wathumela kuye, wathi: Ungabi landaba lalowo olungileyo; ngoba lamuhla ngihluphekile kakhulu ngaye ephutsheni. **20** Kodwa abapristi abakhulu labadala bancengana lamaxuku ukuthi acele uBarabasi, ambhubhise uJesu. **21** Wasephendula umbusi wathi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele bani kulaba ababili? Basebesithi: UBarabasi. **22** UPilatu wathi kubo: Pho ngimzeni uJesu othiwa nguKristu? Bonke bathi kuye: Kabethelwe. **23** Umbusi wasesithi: Ngoba wenze bubi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu, bathi: Kabethelwe! **24** Kwathi uPilatu esebonile ukuthi kakusizi lutho, kodwa ukuthi kwasekuqala

kulalokhu ukuba lesiphithiphithi, wathatha amanzi, wageza izandla phambi kwexuku, wathi: Angilacala ngegazi lalumuntu olungileyo; ziboneleni lina. **25** Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Igazi lakhe kalibe phezu kwethu laphezu kwabantwana bethu. **26** Wasebakhlululela uBarabasi; kodwa esemtshaye ngesiswepu uJesu wamnikela ukuthi abethelwe. **27** Abebutho bombusi basebemngenisa uJesu endlini yombusi, baqoqela kuye ibutho lonke; **28** bamhlubula, bamqqokisa isembatho esibomvu, **29** sebelukile umqhele wameva, bamethesa wona ekhanda, bamphathisa lomhlanga esandleni sakhe sokunene; baguqa phambi kwakhe bamklolodela, bathi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! **30** Bamkhafulela amathe, bathatha umhlanga, batshaya ikhanda lakhe. **31** Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula isembatho, bamqqokisa iziggoko zakhe, bamqhuba ukuze bambethelo. **32** Kwathi sebephuma, bafica umuntu weKurene, uSimoni ngebizo; bambamba ngamandla lowo ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe. **33** Sebefikile endaweni ethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi iNdawo yokhakhayi, **34** bamnika iviniga elixutshaniswe lenyongo ukuze alinathe; kodwa eselizwile kavumanga ukunatha. **35** Futhi sebembethelo, baba izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa; ukuze kugcwalseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi ukuthi: Babelana izembatho zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngesigqoko sami. **36** Njalo sebehlah phansi bamlinda khona. **37** Babeka ngaphezu kwekhanda lakhe incwadi yecala lakhe ilotshiwe ukuthi: LO NGUJESU INKOSI YAMAJUDA. **38** Kwasekubethelwa abaphangi ababili kanye laye, omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo. **39** Labadlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina amakhanda abo, **40** besithi: Wena odiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu, zisindise; uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu,

yehla esiphambanweni. **41** Langokunjalo labapristi abakhulu labo bekloloda kanye lababhali labadala bathi: **42** Wasindisa abanye, yena angezisindise. Uba eyiNkosi yakolsrayeli, kehle khathesi esiphambanweni, futhi sizamkholwa. **43** Wathemba kuNkulunkulu; kamkhulule khathesi, uba emthanda. Ngoba wathi: NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **44** Labaphangi ababebethelwe kanye laye bamyangisa ngokufananayo. **45** Njalo kusukela ngehola lesithupha kwaba lobumnyama emhlabeni wonke kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye; **46** sekungaba lihola lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi: "Eli, Eli, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni? **47** Njalo abanye kwababemi khona besizwa bathi: Lo ubiza uElija. **48** Njalo omunye wabo wahle wagijima, wathatha uzipho, walugcwala ngeviniga, waluhloma emhlangeni, wamnika ukuthi anathe. **49** Kodwa abanye bathi: Yekelani sibone ukuthi uElija uzakuza amsindise. **50** UJesu wasebuya ememeza ngelizwi elikhulu wanikela umoya. **51** Futhi khangela, iveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa incezu ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi; lomhlaba wazamazama; lamadwala aqhekeze ka; **52** lamangcwaba avuleka; lezidumbu ezinengi zabangcwele abasebelele zavuswa; **53** sebephumile emangcwaben emva kokuvuka kwakhe bangena emzini ongcwele, babonakala kwabanengi. **54** Kwathi induna yekhulu lalabo ababelayo belinde uJesu, sebebonile ukuzamazama komhlaba lezinto ezenzekileyo, besaba kakhulu, bathi: Ngeqiniso lo ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **55** Kwakukhona lapho abesifazana abanengi bebukele bekhatshana, ababemlandele uJesu bevela eGalili, bemncedisa; **56** okwakukhona phakathi kwabo oMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakobe loJose,

lonina wamadodana kaZebediya. **57** Kwathi sekuhlwile, kwafika umuntu onothileyo evela eArimathiya, ibizo lakhe linguJosefa, owayengumfundu kaJesu laye; **58** yena waya kuPilatu, wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. UPilatu waselaya ukuthi isidumbu asinikwe. **59** UJosefa wasethatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo elihlambulukileyo, **60** wasibeka engcwabeni lakhe elitsha, elaligijiwe edwaleni; wasegiqela ilitshe elikhulu emnyango wengcwaba, wahamba. **61** Futhi kwakukhona lapho uMariya Magadalena, lomunye uMariya, behlezi maqondana lengcwaba. **62** Langosuku olulandelayo, olulandela olwamalungiselelo, abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi babuthana kuPilatu, **63** besithi: Nkosi, siyakhumbula ukuthi lowomkhohlisi esaphila wathi: Emva kwensuku ezintathu ngizavuka. **64** Ngakho laya ukuthi ingcwaba liqiniswe kuze kube lusuku lwesthathu; hlezi abafundi bakhe bafike ebusuku bamebe, besebesithi ebantwini: Uvukile kwabafileyo; kuthi inkohliso yokucina ibembi kuleyokuqala. **65** UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Lilabalindi; hambani, liliqinise njengokubona kwenu. **66** Bahamba-ke baliqinisa ingcwaba, beliphawula ilitshe, belabalindi.

28 Kwathi ekupheleni kwesabatha, emadabukakusa kusiya osukwini lokuqala lweviki, kwafika uMariya Magadalena, lomunye uMariya, ukuzabona ingcwaba. **2** Futhi khangela, kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu; ngoba ingilosu yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini, yasondela yagiqa ilitshe yalisusa emnyango, yahlala phezu kwalo. **3** Lokubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane, lesembatho sayo sasimhlophe njengeliqwa elikhithikileyo. **4** Abalindi basebethuthumela ngokuyesaba, baba njengabafileyo. **5** Kodwa ingilosu yaphendula yathi kwabesifazana: Lingesabi lina; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga uJesu obebethelwe; **6** kakho lapha;

ngoba uvukile, njengokutsho kwakhe; wozani libone indawo lapho iNkosi ebilele khona. **7** Hambani masinyane litshele abafundi bakhe ukuthi uvukile kwabafileyo; njalo khangelani, uzalandulela ukuya eGalili; lizambona khona; khangelani, sengilitshelile. **8** Basebephuma engcwabeni ngokuphangisa belokwesaba lentokozo enkulu, bagijima bay aukubikela abafundi bakhe. **9** Kwathi besiyatshela abafundi bakhe, futhi khangela, uJesu wabahlangabeza, wathi: Mpilo enhle! Basebesondela babamba inyawo zakhe, bamkhonza. **10** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lingesabi; hambani, libikele abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalili, njalo bazangibona khona. **11** Kwathi sebehamba, khangela, abanye kubalindi baye emzini babikela abapristi abakhulu konke okwenzakeleyo. **12** Sebebuthene labadala, benza icebo, banika abebutho imali enengi, **13** besithi: Kalibokuthi: Abafundi bakhe beze ebusuku bameba silele thina. **14** Futhi uba lokhu kuzwakala kumbusi, thina sizamncenga, silenze lingabi senkathazweni. **15** Basebethatha imali benza njengalokhu ababekufundisiwe; lalelilizwi landa phakathi kwamaJuda kuze kube lamuhla. **16** Kwathi abafundi abalitshumi lanye baye eGalili, entaben iuJesu ayebalayele yona; **17** sebembonile bamkhonza; kodwa abanye bathandabuza. **18** UJesu wasesondela wakhulum labo, esithi: Wonke amandla aphiwe mina ezulwini lemhlabeni; **19** ngakho hambani lenze izizwe zonke zibe ngabafundi, libabhabhathiza ebizweni likaYise leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele; **20** libafundisa ukugcina konke engililaye khona; futhi khangelani, mina ngilani insuku zonke kuze kube sekupheleni kwesikhathi.

Ameni. (aiōn g165)

UMakho

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli likaJesu Kristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu;
2 njengokulotshiwego kubaprofethiukuthi: Khangela, mina
ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa
indlela yakho phambi kwakho. **3** Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala,
lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisanzi izindledlana zayo.
4 Kweza uJohane ebhabhathiza enkangala, etshumayela
ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono,
5 njalo kwaphumela kuye ilizwe lonke leJudiya, labo
abeJerusalema, basebebhathizwa bonke nguye emfuleni
iJordani, bevuma izono zabo. **6** Futhi uJohane wayembethe uboya
bekamela, elozezwelwe lwasikhumba ekhalweni lwakhe, wayesidla
intethe loluju lweganga. **7** Watshumayela, esithi: Olamandla
kulami uyeza emva kwami, engingafanele ukukhethama
ngithukulule umchilo wamanyathela akhe. **8** Mina isibili
ngilibhabhathize ngamanzi; kodwa yena uzalibhabhathiza
ngoMoya oNgcwele. **9** Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku kwafika
uJesu evela eNazaretha yeGalili, wabhabhathizwa nguJohane
eJordani. **10** Wenela ukukhuphuka emanzini, wabona amazulu
eqhekezeka, loMoya kungathi lijuba esehlela phezu kwakhe; **11**
kwasekusiza ilizwi livela emazulwini, lathi: Wena uyiNdodana
yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo. **12** Njalo uMoya
wahle wamqhubela enkangala. **13** Wayekhona-ke lapho
enkangala insuku ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane,
wayelezilo, ingilosizi zasezimnceda. **14** Kwathi emva kokunikelwa
kukaJohane, uJesu wafika eGalili, etshumayela ivangeli
lombuso kaNkulunkulu, **15** njalo esithi: Isikhathi sigcwalisekile,
njalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususondele; phendukani, likholwe
ivangeli. **16** Kwathi ehambahamba elwandle lweGalili wabona

uSimoni loAndreya umfowabo, bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli benhlanzi. **17** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngilandani, ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu. **18** Njalo bahle batshiya amambule abo, bamlandela. **19** Eseqhubeke ibangana esuka lapho, wabona uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo, labo babesemkhunjini belungisa amambule abo. **20** Njalo wahle wababiza; basebetshiya uyise uZebediya emkhunjini leziqhatshwa, basuka bamlandela. **21** Basebengena eKapenawume; kwathi ngesabatha wahle wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa. **22** Basebebaba za ngemfundiso yakhe; ngoba wabafundisa njengolamandla, njalo kungenjengababhali. **23** Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni labo umuntu owayelomoya ongcolileyo, wasememeza, **24** wathi: Yekela, silani lawe, Jesu weNazaretha? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini? Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani: ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu. **25** UJesu wasemkuza, wathi: Thula, uphume kuye. **26** Futhi umoya ongcolileyo emhlukuluza ekhala ngelizwi elikhulu, waphuma kuye. **27** Basebemangala bonke, baze babuzana, bathi: Kuyini lokhu? Yimfundiso bani entsha le, ukuthi ngamandla uyalaya labomoya abangcolileyo, futhi bamlalele. **28** Njalo yahle yaphuma indumela yakhe esigabeni sonke seGalili esizingelezeleyo. **29** Njalo bahle baphuma esinagogeni, bangena endlini kaSimoni loAndreya, kanye loJakobe loJohane. **30** Futhi uninazala kaSimoni wayelele eloquho, njalo bahle bamtshela ngaye; **31** wasesondela, wabamba isandla sakhe wamvusa; futhi uqhuqho lwahle lwamyekela, wabasebenzela. **32** Kwathi sekuhlwile, ilanga selitshona, baletha kuye bonke abagulayo lababengenwe ngamadimoni; **33** njalo umuzi wonke wawubuthene emnyango. **34** Wasesilisa abanengi ababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo, wakhupha

amadimoni amanengi, kodwa kavumelanga amadimoni ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi. **35** Njalo ekuseni kusesemnyama kakhulu wavuka waphuma, waya endaweni eyinkangala, wakhuleka khona. **36** USimoni lababelaye basebemdingisisa; **37** sebemtholile bathi kuye: Bonke bayakudinga. **38** Wasesithi kubo: Asiye emizini eseduze, ukuze ngitshumayele lakhona; ngoba ngiphumele lokhu. **39** Wasetshumayela emasinagogeni abo kulo lonke eleGalili, ekhupha amadimoni. **40** Kwasekufika kuye umlephero, emncenga eguqa ngamadololo phambi kwakhe, esithi kuye: Aluba uthanda, ungangihlambulula. **41** UJesu wasesiba lesihelo, welula isandla, wamthinta, wathi kuye: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka; **42** esekhulumile bahle basuka ubulephero kuye, wahlanjululwa. **43** Wasemlaysisa, wahle wamyekela wahamba, **44** esithi kuye: Khangela ungatsheli muntu ulutho; kodwa hamba, uziweze kumpristi, unikele ngokuhlanjululwa kwakho lokho uMozisi akulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo. **45** Kodwa yena esephumile waqala ukumemezela kakhlulu walwandisa udaba, kwaze kwathi wayengaselakho ukungena emzini obala, kodwa wayengaphandle ezindaweni ezizinkangala; beza kuye bevela enhlangothini zonke.

2 Njalo wabuya wangena eKapenawume emva kwezinsuku; kwasekuzwakala ukuthi usendlini. **2** Njalo kwahle kwabuthana abanengi, akwazabe kusaba lendawo yabo, ngitsho langasemnyango; wasekhuluma ilizwi kubo. **3** Basebesiza kuye, beletha owome umhlubulo, ethwelwe ngabane. **4** Babengelakusondela kuye ngenxa yexuku, bavula uphahlalapho ayekhona, bathi sebelubhobozile behlisa ithala alele kulo owome umhlubulo. **5** Njalo uJesu ebona ukholo lwabo wathi kowome umhlubulo: Ndodana, izono zakho uzithethelwe. **6** Kodwa

abanye bababhali ababehlezi lapho, banakana enhliziyweni zabo, bathi: **7** Ukhulumelani inhlamba enje lo? Ngubani ongathethela izono ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu? **8** Njalo khonokho uJesu ekwazi emoyeni wakhe ukuthi babenakana njalo phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Linakanelani izinto lezi enhliziyweni zenu? **9** Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi kowome umhlubulo: Izono zakho uzithethelwe, kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe? **10** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethela izono emhlabeni (wathi kowome umhlubulo): **11** Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho, uye endlini yakho. **12** Njalo wahle wasukuma, wathatha icansi, waphuma phambi kwabo bonke; baze bamangala bonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Kasizange sikubone okunje. **13** Wasebuya esiya elwandle, ixuku lonke laselisiza kuye, wasebafundisa. **14** Wathi esedlula wabona uLevi okaAlfewu ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wasesithi kuye: Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela. **15** Kwasekusithi ehlezi endlini yakhe, labathelisi abanengi lezoni bahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe; ngoba babebanengi, njalo bemlandela. **16** Kwathi ababhali labaFarisi, bembona esidla labathelisi lezoni, bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani esidla enatha labathelisi lezoni? **17** Kwathi uJesu esezwile wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi melaphi, kodwa labo abagulayo. Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni. **18** Njalo abafundi bakaJohane lababaFarisi babezila ukudla; basebesiza bathi kuye: Kungani abafundi bakaJohane lababaFarisi bezila ukudla, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla? **19** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Amadodana endlu yomthimba angazila yini ukudla, umyeni eselawo? Angezile, ingqe ngesikhathi umyeni eselawo; **20**

kodwa zizafika insuku lapho umyeni azasuswa kuwo, njalo khona azazila ukudla ngalezonsuku. **21** Futhi kakho othungela isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala; uba-ke kungenjalo okubekelwego kudabuke kiso, okutsha kwesidala, kuqhele ukudabuka. **22** Futhi kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo iwayini elitsha lidabula imigodla, lichitheke iwayini lemigodla yonakale; kodwa iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha. **23** Kwasekusithi edabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha, abafundi bakhe basebeqala ukukha izikhwebu behamba. **24** AbaFarisi basebesithi kuye: Khangela, kungani besenza lokho okungavunyelwayo ngesabatha? **25** Yena wasesithi kubo: Kalizange libale yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla eswele, elambile, yena lababelaye? **26** Ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu esikhathini uAbhiyatha engumpristi omkhulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa ngaphandle kwabapristi, wabanika lababelaye? **27** Wasesithi kubo: Isabatha lenziwa ngenxa yomuntu, njalo umuntu kenziwanga ngenxa yesabatha; **28** ngakho iNdodana yomuntu iyINkosi leyesabatha.

3 Wasebuya engena esinagogeni, njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo. **2** Basebemqaphela ukuthi uzamsilisa ngesabatha, ukuze bambeke icala. **3** Wasesithi kumuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma uye phakathi. **4** Wathi kubo: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha ukwenza okulungileyo, kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo, kumbe ukubulala? Kodwa bathula. **5** Wasebathalaza ngokuthukuthela, edabukile ngobulukhuni benhlizyo yabo, wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waselula, isandla sakhe sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye. **6** Basebephuma abaFarisi bahle bacebisana

labakaHerodi bemelane laye, ukuthi bangambulala njani. **7** Kodwa uJesu wasuka wahamba labafundi bakhe ngaselwandle; ixuku elikhulu laselimlandela livela eGalili, leJudiya; **8** leJerusalema, leldumiya, langaphetsheya kweJordani, labemimangweni yeTire leSidoni, ixuku elikhulu, selizwile izinto ezinkulu abezenza, leza kuye. **9** Wasetshela abafundi bakhe ukuthi umkolo umlindele ngenxa yexuku, ukuze lingamcindezeli. **10** Ngoba wayesilisa abanengi, baze bawela phezu kwakhe bonke abalezifo, ukuze bamthinte. **11** Njalo omoya abangcolileyo, lapho bembona, babesawa phansi phambi kwakhe, bakhale besithi: Wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **12** Wasebalayisia kakhulu ukuthi bangamvezi. **13** Wasesenyukela entabeni, wabizela kuye labo ayebafuna yena; basebesiza kuye. **14** Wasemisa abalitshumi lambili, ukuze babe laye, lokuze abathume ukuyatshumayela, **15** futhi babe lamandla okwelapha imikhuhlane, lawokukhupha amadimoni. **16** LoSimoni wamutha ibizo lokuthi nguPetro; **17** loJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo kaJakobe; wabatha amabizo wathi ngoBowenegesi, okuyikuthi: Amadodana omdumo; **18** loAndreya, loFiliphu, loBartolomewu, loMathewu, loTomasi, loJakobe okaAlfewu, loTadewu, loSimoni umKhanani, **19** loJudasi ulskariyothi, laye owamnikelayo. Basebengena endlini. **20** Ixuku laselibuthana futhi, kwaze kwathi bona abasazange benelise lokudla isinkwa. **21** Kwathi abakibo sebezwile lokhu baphuma ukuyambamba; ngoba bathi: Uyahlanya. **22** Lababhali abavela eJerusalema bathi: UloBhelezebhule, lokuthi: Ukhupha amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni. **23** Wasebabizela kuye, wathi kubo ngemifanekiso: USathane angakhupha njani uSathane? **24** Futhi uba umbuso wehlukene umelene lawo ngokwawo, lowombuso ungeme. **25** Lendlu uba yehlukene imelana layo

ngokwayo, leyondlu ingeme. **26** LoSathane uba ezivukela yena, ahlukane, angeme, kodwa uyaphela. **27** Kakho ongangena endlini yesiqhwaga, aphange impahla yaso, uba engasibophi isiqhwaga kuqala, abesephanga indlu yaso. **28** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Zonke izono zizathethelelwa kubantwana babantu, lezinhlamba loba ziphi abahlambaza ngazo; **29** kodwa loba ngubani ohlambaza emelene loMoya oyiNgcwele, kalakuthethelelwa lanini, kodwa ulecalalokulahlwa okulaphakade; (*aiōn g165, aiōnios g166*) **30** ngoba bathi: Ulomoya ongcolileyo. **31** Kwasekufika abafowabo lonina, bema ngaphandle bathumela kuye, bembiza. **32** Njalo ixuku lalihlezi limphahlile; basebesithi kuye: Khangela, unyoko labafowenu baphandle bayakudinga. **33** Wasebaphendula wathi: Ngubani umama kumbe abafowethu? **34** Wasethalaza labo ababehlezi bemphahlile, wathi: Khangelani umama labafowethu. **35** Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu lomama.

4 Wasebuya waqala ukufundisa ngaselwandle; kwasekubuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini wahlala olwandle; njalo ixuku lonke lalisemhlabathini ngaselwandle. **2** Wasebafundisa izinto ezzinengi ngemifanekiso, lekufundiseni kwakhe wathi kubo: **3** Lalelani; khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela. **4** Kwasekusithi ekuhlanyeleni, enye yawela eceleni kwendlela, kwasekufika inyonizenzulu zayidla zayiqeda. **5** Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini olamatshe, lapho eyayingelamlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle yamila, ngoba yayalingelakutshona komhlabathi; **6** kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa yabuna ngoba yayalingampande. **7** Enye yasiwela emeiveni, ameva asekhula, ayiminyanisa, futhi ayithelanga isithelo. **8** Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle; yathela isithelo

esakhulayo sanda, yazala enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu. **9** Wasesithi kubo: Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe. **10** Kwathi eseyedwa, labo ababemphahlile kanye labalitshumi lambili bambuza ngomfanekiso. **11** Wasesithi kubo: Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo yombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa labo abangaphandle benzelwa izinto zonke ngemifanekiso; **12** ukuze bebona babone, bangabonisisi; njalo besizwa bezwe, bangaqedisisi; hlezi loba nini baphenduke, bathethelelwe izono zabo. **13** Wasesithi kubo: Kaliwazi lumfanekiso yini? Pholizayazi njani imifanekiso yonke? **14** Umhlanyeli uhlanyela ilizwi. **15** Njalo abaseceleni kwendlela, yilabo lapho okuhlanyelwa khona ilizwi, futhi nxo belizwa, uSathane ahle afike alisuse ilizwi elihlanyelwe enhliziyweni zabo. **16** Lalabo ngokunjalo abahlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, abathi, lapho besizwa ilizwi, bahle balemukele ngentokozo, **17** njalo kabalamppande phakathi kwabo, kodwa bahlala okwesikhathi; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, bahle bakhubeke. **18** Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emeiveni, abalizwayo ilizwi, **19** kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba, lenkohliso yenothono, lenkanuko yezinye izinto kungene kumnyanise ilizwi, futhi ibe ingasatheli.

(aiōn g165) **20** Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, abathi belizwile ilizwi, balemukele, bathele, enye amatshumi amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu. **21** Wasesithi kubo: Kanti isibane silethwa ukuze sibekwe ngaphansi kwesitsha kumbe ngaphansi kombheda? Angithi ukuze sibekwe esiqobaneni sesibane? **22** Ngoba kakukho okufihliwego okungayikubonakalisa; akukho okwenzeka kube yimfihlo, kodwa ukuze kube sobala. **23** Nxa umuntu elendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. **24** Wasesithi kubo: Qaphelisani elikuzwayo.

Ngesilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso lizalinganiselwa ngaso, njalo lina elizwayo lizaphiwa ngokwengezelelweyo. **25** Ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. **26** Wasesithi: Unjalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njengokuba nxa umuntu ephosa inhlanyelo emhlabathini, **27** njalo alale abesevuka ebusuku lemini, lenhlanyelo imile njalo ikhule, yena kakwazi ukuthi njani. **28** Ngoba umhlabathi uyathela ngokwawo, kuqala usungulo, kulandele isikhwebu, kulandele amabele apheleleyo esikhwetshini. **29** Kodwa nxa sesivuthiwe isithelo, uhle athumeze isikela, ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile. **30** Wathi futhi: Sizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? Kumbe sizawufananisa ngomfanekiso bani? **31** Unjengohlamu Iwemasitedi, oluthi nxa seluhlanyelwe emhlabathini, luncinyane kulazo zonke inhlamu ezisemhlabeni; **32** njalo nxa seluhlanyelwe, lukhule, lube lukhulu Iwedlule izilimo zonke, Iwenze ingatsha ezinkulu, kuze kuthi inyoni zezulu zingakhela ngaphansi komthunzi wazo. **33** Waselikhulumu kubo ilizwi ngemifanekiso eminengi enjalo, njengamandla abo okuzwa; **34** kodwa ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; kodwa sebebodwa wabachasisela abafundi bakhe izinto zonke. **35** Ngalolosuku sekuhlwile, wasesithi kubo: Asichapheleni ngaphetsheya. **36** Sebeyekele ixuku lahamba, bamthatha bahamba laye njengoba enjalo emkhunjini. Futhi leminye imikolo yayilaye. **37** Kwasekuvuka isiphepho esikhulu somoya; lamagagasi aphoseka emkhunjini, waze wagcwala khathesi. **38** Njalo yena wayengemuva emkhunjini elele emqamelweni; basebemvusa, bathi kuye: Mfundisi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi siyabhubha? **39** Wasevuka wakhuza umoya, wathi kulo ulwandle: Thula, uthi zwi! Umoya wasuqamuka, kwasekusiba khona

ukuthula okukhulu. **40** Wasesithi kubo: Kungani lisesaba kangaka? Kalilakholo ngani? **41** Basebesesaba ngokwesaba okukhulu, bathi omunye komunye: Kanti unguubani lo, ukuthi lomoya lolwandle kumlalele?

5 Basebefika ngaphetsheya kolwandle, elizweni lamaGadarene. **2** Esephumile emkhunjini, wahle wamhlangabeza umuntu ovela emangcwabeni elomoya ongcolileyo, **3** owayehlala emangcwabeni; njalo kwakungelamuntu owayengambopha ngitsho langamaketane, **4** ngoba wayebotshiwe kanengi ngezibopho langamaketane, kodwa amaketane ayeqanyulwa nguye, lezibopho zaqanyuqanyulwa; njalo kwakungekho owayengamthambisa; **5** langezikathi zonke, ebusuku lemini, wayesezintabeni lemangcwabeni eklabalala ezisika ngamatshe. **6** Kwathi ebona uJesu ekhatshana, wagijima wamkhonza, **7** wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngikufungisa ngoNkulunkulu, ungangihluphi. **8** Ngoba wathi kuye: Phuma emuntwini, moya ongcolileyo. **9** Wasembuza wathi: Ibizo lakho unguubani? Wasephendula, wathi: Ibizo lami nginguLegiyoni, ngoba sibanengi. **10** Wasemncenga kakhulu, ukuthi angabaxotsheli ngaphandle kwelizwe. **11** Kwakukhona lapho ngasezintabeni umhlambi omkhulu wengulube usidla; **12** lamadimoni wonke amncenga, athi: Sithume engulubeni, singene kuzo. **13** Njalo uJesu wahle wawavumela. Omoya abangcolileyo basebephuma bangena ezingulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle; njalo zazingaba zinkulungwane ezimbili; zaminzwa olwandle. **14** Abazelusayo ingulube basebebaleka, bayabika emzini lemaphandleni. Basebephuma ukubona ukuthi kuyini okwenzakeleyo; **15** bafika kuJesu, bambona obengenwe

ngamadimoni ehlezi egqokile eqondile, yena owayelelegiyoni; basebesesaba. **16** Labo ababekubonile babatshela ukuthi kwenzeke njani kowayengenwe ngamadimoni, langengulube. **17** Basebeqala ukumncenga ukuthi asuke elizweni lakibo. **18** Wathi engena emkhunjini, owayengenwe ngamadimoni wamncenga, ukuthi abe laye. **19** Kodwa uJesu kamvumelanga, kodwa wathi kuye: Hamba uye ekhaya kwabakini, ubatshela ukuthi iNkosi ikwenzele okungakanani, ikuhawukele. **20** Wasesuka ehamba waqala ukutshumayela eDikapolisi ukuthi uJesu umenzele okungakanani; basebemangala bonke. **21** UJesu esebuye wachaphela ngaphetsheya ngomkhumbi, kwabuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, futhi wayengaselwandle. **22** Njalo khangela, kwafika omunye wabaphathi besinagogue, uJayirosi ngebizo; embona, wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe, **23** wamncenga kakhulu, esithi: Indodakazi yami encane isiphela; ake uze ubeke izandla phezu kwayo, ukuze isindiswe, njalo izaphila. **24** Wasehamba laye; ixuku elikhulu laselimlandela, lamminyezela. **25** Njalo owesifazana othile owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, **26** ehluphekile kakhulu kubelaphi abanengi, echithile konke ayelakho, engasizakalanga, kodwa kulokhu kumqinela, **27** esezwile ngoJesu, weza exukwini ngemuva, wathinta isembatho sakhe; **28** ngoba wathi: Aluba ngithinta izembatho zakhe nje, ngizasindiswa. **29** Futhi wahle woma umthombo wegazi lakhe, wasesizwa emzimbeni ukuthi usilile esifweni. **30** Njalo uJesu wahle wazi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi amandla aphumile kuye, watshibilika esexukwini, wathi: Ngubani othinte izembatho zami? **31** Abafundi bakhe basebesithi kuye: Uyabona ixuku likumnyezela, kodwa uthi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? **32** Wasethalaza ukuthi ambone owenze lokhu. **33** Kodwa

owesifazana esesaba ethuthumela, ekwazi okwenzekileyo kuye, weza wawa phambi kwakhe, wamtshela iqiniso lonke.

34 Wasesithi kuye: Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula, siliswa esifweni sakho. **35** Esakhulum, kwafika abanye bomphathi wesinagogue, bathi: Indodakazi yakho isifile; usamkhathazelani uMfundisi? **36** Kwahle kwathi uJesu esizwa ilizwi elikhulunywayo wathi kumphathi wesinagogue: Ungesabi, kholwa kuphela. **37** Futhi kavumelanga muntu ukuthi amlandele, ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabkoJakobe. **38** Wafika-ke endlini yomphathi wesinagogue, wabona isiphithiphithi, labakhalayo labalilayo kakhulu, **39** esengenile wathi kubo: Liphithizelelani, likhala? Umntwana kafanga, kodwa ulele. **40** Basebemhleka usulu. Kodwa yena, esebakuphile bonke, wathatha uyise womntwana omncane ionina lalabo ababelaye, wangena lapho okwakulele khona umntwana omncane. **41** Wabamba isandla somntwana omncane, wathi kuye: "Thalitha, kumi"; okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa: Wena ntombazana encane, ngithi kuwe, vuka. **42** Njalo yahle yavuka intombazana encane, yahamba, ngoba yayileminyaka elitshumi lambili; basebesanganiseka ngokusanganiseka okukhulu. **43** Wasebalayisisa kakhulu ukuthi lokhu kungaziwa muntu; wathi kayinikwe ukudla.

6 Wasesuka lapho, waya emzini wakibo; abafundi bakhe basebemlandela. **2** Sekufike isabatha, waqala ukufundisa esinagogeni; labanengi abamuzwayo bamangala, bathi: Zivela ngaphi lezizinto kuye? Njalo yinhlanapho bani ayinikiwego, ukuthi lalimisebenzi yamandla enje yensiwe ngezandla zakhe?

3 Lo kayisuye umbazi yini, indodana kaMariya, lomfowabkoJakobe loJose loJudasi loSimoni? Labodadewabo kabakho

yini lapha kithi? Basebekhubeka ngaye. **4** Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa, ngaphandle kwelizweni lakibo, lezihlotsheni zakhe lendlini yakwabo. **5** Futhi wayengelakho ukwenza lowodwa umsebenzi wamandla lapho, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo abalutshwana, wabasilisa. **6** Wasemangala ngokungakholwa kwabo. Wabhadabhoda imizana efundisa. **7** Wasebizela kuye abalitshumi lambili, waqala ukubathuma ngababili ngababili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo. **8** Wabalaya ukuthi bangaphathi lutho lwendlela, ngaphandle kodondolo kuphela; lasikhwama, lasinkwa, lamali ezwezweni; **9** kodwa bafake amanyathela; futhi bangembathi izembatho ezimbili. **10** Wasesithi kubo: Lapho elingena khona endlini, hlalani kiyo lize liphume khona. **11** Njalo loba ngobani abangayikulemukela, kumbe balizwe, nxa liphuma lapho, thintithani uthuli olungaphansi kwenyawo zenu kube yibufakazi kubo. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula eSodoma kumbe laseGomora ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakulowomuzi. **12** Sebephumile batshumayela ukuthi baphenduke; **13** bakhupha amadimoni amanengi, bagcoba abanengi abagulayo ngamagcobo babasilisa. **14** Inkosi uHerodi wasesizwa ngakho, ngoba ibizo lakhe laba sobala, wasesithi: UJohane owabhabhathizayo uvukile kwabafileyo, futhi kungakho lamandla esebezenza kuye. **15** Abanye bathi: UnguElijah; labanye bathi: Ungumprofethi, kumbe unjengomunye wabaprofethi. **16** Kodwa uHerodi esezwile wathi: Lo nguJohane, mina engamquma ikhanda; yena uvukile kwabafileyo. **17** Ngoba yena uHerodi wayethumele wambamba uJohane, wambopha entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, ngoba wayemthethe. **18** Ngoba uJohane

wayethe kuHerodi: Kawuvunyelwa ukuba lomkamfowenu. **19**
UHerodiyasi wasembambela inhliziyo, wafuna ukumbulala;
kodwa kenelisanga; **20** ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba uJohane,
esazi ukuthi uyindoda elungileyo lengcwele, wamlondoloza;
lalapho emuzwa, wenza izinto ezinengi, wamuzwa ngokuthokoza.
21 Kwathi selufikile usuku oluhle, uHerodi ngelanga lakhe
lokuzalwa wenzela izikhulu zakhe lenduna zenkulungwane
labalisa beGalili ukudla kwantambama, **22** kwathi indodakazi
kaHerodiyasi lo isingenile yagida, yamkholisa uHerodi lalabo
ababehlezi ekudleni laye, inkosi yathi entombini: Cela kimi loba
kuyini okuthandayo, njalo ngizakupha; **23** wafunga kuyo esithi:
Loba kuyini ongakucela kimi, ngizakunika, kuze kube yingxenye
yombuso wami. **24** Yasiphuma isithi kunina: Ngizacelani?
Yena wasesithi: Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi. **25** Njalo
yahle yangena enkosini ngokuphangisa, yacela, yathi: Ngifuna
ukuthi unginike khathesinje emganwini ikhanda likaJohane
uMbhabhathizi. **26** Inkosi yasidabuka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa
yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni kayithandanga
ukuyilandulela. **27** Njalo inkosi yahle yathuma ibutho yalaya
ukuthi kulethwe ikhanda lakhe. Wasehamba wamquma
ikhanda entolongweni, **28** waletha ikhanda lakhe ngomganu,
walinika intombi; intombi yasilinika unina. **29** Kwathi abafundi
bakhe sebezwile beza, bathatha isidumbu sakhe, basibeka
engcwaben. **30** Abaphostoli basebebuthana kuJesu, bambikela
konke, lababekwenzile kanye lababekufundisile. **31** Wasesithi
kubo: Wozani lina lodwa endaweni eyinkangala, liphumule
kancinyane. Ngoba babebanengi abafikayo labahambayo, futhi
bengelathuba lokudla. **32** Bakhuphuka ngomkhumbi baya
endaweni eyinkangala bebobowa. **33** Amaxuku asebabona

besuka, labanengi bamazi, bagijimela khona kanyekanye
ngenyawo bevela emizini yonke, basebebandulela, bahlangana
kuye. **34** Kwathi uJesu esephuma wabona ixuku elikhulu,
waba lesihelo ngabo, ngoba babenjengezimvu ezingelamelusi;
waseqala ukubafundisa izinto ezinengi. **35** Kwathi isikhathi
sesihambile, abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi: Lindawo
iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile; **36** bayekele, ukuze baye
ezigabeni ezizingelegeleyo lemizaneni bazithengele izinkwa;
ngoba bengelalutho abangaludla. **37** Wasephendula wathi kubo:
Banikeni lina ukuthi badle. Basebesithi kuye: Sihambe yini
siyethenga izinkwa ngabodenariyo abangamakhulu amabili,
sibaphe badle? **38** Wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki?
Hambani liyebona. Sebesazi bathi: Zinhlanu, lenhlanzi ezimbili.
39 Wasebalaya ukuthi babahlalise bonke phansi ngezigaba
ngezigaba etshanini obuluhlaza. **40** Basebehlala phansi
ngamaviyo ngamaviyo, ngamakhulu langamatshumi amahlanu.
41 Wasethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, ekhangela
phezulu ezulwini, wabonga, wazihlephula izinkwa, wazinika
abafundi bakhe ukuthi bazibeke phambi kwabo; lenhlanzi
ezimbili wazabela bonke. **42** Basebesidla bonke, basutha. **43**
Basebedobha izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ezagcwala imvuthu
ezazisele, lokuseleyo kwenhlanzi. **44** Lalabo abadlayo izinkwa,
babengaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu. **45** Njalo
wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene emkhunjini,
njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheya eBhethisayida, yena
esayekela ixuku lihamba. **46** Esebavalelisile, wasuka waya
entabenzi ukuyakhuleka. **47** Sekuhlwile, umkhumbi wawuphakathi
kolwandle, futhi yena wayeyedwa emhlabathini. **48** Wababona
behlupheka kakhulu ekugwedleni, ngoba umoya wawuphambene

labo, wasesiza kubo sokungaba yisikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku, ehamba phezu kolwandle; wasefuna ukubadlula. **49**
Sebembonile ehamba phezu kolwandle, basebecabanga ukuthi lithonga, bakhala kakhulu; **50** ngoba bambona bonke, bethuka. Kodwa wahle wakhulumu labo, wathi kubo: Manini isibindi; yimi, lingesabi. **51** Wasesenyukela kubo emkhunjini, umoya wasuthula; basebesanganiseka kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ngaphakathi, bamangala. **52** Ngoba babengaqedisisanga ngezinkwa; ngoba inhliziyo yabo yayilukhuni. **53** Kwathi sebechaphile bafika elizweni leGenesaretha, babophela umkhumbi ekhunjini. **54** Bathi sebephumile emkhunjini, bahle bamazi, **55** njalo bagijimela kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingelezeleyo, baqala ukubhoda bethwala abagulayo ngamathala bebasu lapho abebesizwa ukuthi ukhona. **56** Njalo loba ngaphi angena khona emizaneni loba emizini, loba emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo emidangeni, bamncenga ukuthi bathinte umphetho wesembatho sakhe nje; njalo bonke abamthintayo basindiswa.

7 Kwasekubuthana kuye abaFarisi, labanye bababhali, ababevela eJerusalema; **2** sebebonile ukuthi abanye babafundi bakhe badla izinkwa ngezandla ezingcolileyo, okuyikuthi ezingagezwanga, basola. **3** Ngoba abaFarisi lamaJuda bonke kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bagezisise izandla zabo, belondoloza isiko labadala. **4** Nxa bevela emdangeni, kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bageze; futhi zikhona ezinye izinto ezinengi abazemukelayo ukuzilondoloza, ukugezisa inkezo lembiza lezitsha zethusi lemibheda. **5** Emva kwalokhu abaFarisi lababhali bambuza bathi: Kungani abafundi bakho bengahambi ngesiko labadala, kodwa badla isinkwa ngezandla ezingahlanjwanga?
6 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Ulsaya waprofetha kuhle

ngani lina bazenzisi, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Lesisizwe singidumisa ngezindebe, kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami. **7** Kodwa zingikhonza ngeze, zifundisa izimfundiso eziyimilayo yabantu. **8** Ngoba liyekela umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ligcine isiko labantu, ukugezisa imbiza lenkezo; lezinye izinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza. **9** Wasesithi kubo: Liyachitha kuhle umlayo kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lilondoloze isiko lenu. **10** Ngoba uMozisi wathi: Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe ukufa; **11** kodwa lina lithi: Aluba umuntu esithi kuyise kumbe kunina: Lokho obungasizwa yimi ngakho, "liKhobane", okuyikuthi umnikelo kuNkulunkulu; **12** kalisamvumeli ukwenzela uyise kumbe unina ulutho, **13** lilenza ize ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesiko lenu eliliqhubayo; lezinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza. **14** Esebizile kuye ixuku lonke, wathi kilo: Ngilalelani lonke, liqedisise. **15** Kalukho ulutho olungaphandle komuntu olungamngcolisa lungena kuye; kodwa izinto eziphuma kuye, yizo lezo ezingcolisa umuntu. **16** Uba ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. **17** Esengenile endlini evela exukwini, abafundi bakhe bambuza ngomfanekiso. **18** Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunjalo lani lingabangelakuqedisisa yini? Kaliqedisisi yini ukuthi konke okungaphandle okungena emuntwini kungemngcolise? **19** Ngoba kakungeni enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa esiswini, kuphumele ngaphandle, kuhlambulula ukudla konke. **20** Wasesithi: Okuphumayo emuntwini, yikho okungcolisa umuntu. **21** Ngoba kuphuma ngaphakathi enhliziyweni yabantu imicabango emibi, ukuphingga, ukufeba, ukubulala, **22** ukweba, ubuhwaba, ukuxhwala, inkohliso, amanyala, ilihlo elibi, inhlamba, ukuziggaja, ubuthutha; **23** zonke lezizinto ezimbi zivela ngaphakathi, zimngcolise umuntu. **24** Wasesukuma lapho waya

emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni. Wangena endlini, engathandi ukuthi kwaziwe muntu, kodwa wayengelakufihlakala. **25** Ngoba owesifazana, olentombazana yakhe elomoya ongcolileyo, esezwile ngaye, weza wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe; **26** njalo owesifazana wayengumGriki, engumSirofenike ngokuzalwa; wasemncenga ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endodakazini yakhe. **27** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ake kusuthe abantwana kuqala; ngoba kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana sisiphosele izinjana. **28** Kodwa waphendula wathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi; kodwa lezinjana ezingaphansi kwetafula ziyadla imvuthuluka yabantwana. **29** Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yalokhukutsho hambake; idimoni liphumile endodakazini yakho. **30** Wasesuka waya endlini yakhe, wafica idimoni seliphumile, lendodakazi ilele embhedeni. **31** Wasebuya wasuka emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni, weza elwandle IweGalili, phakathi kwemikhawulo yeDikapolisi. **32** Basebeletha kuye isacuthe esigagasayo, bamncenga ukuthi abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwaso. **33** Wasesikhupha exukwini sabasodwa, wafaka iminwe yakhe endlebeni zaso, wakhafula wathinta ulimi lwaso, **34** ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabubula, wathi kuso: "Efatha"; okuyikuthi: Vulwa! **35** Njalo zahle zavulwa indlebe zaso; yasithukululwa intambo yolimi lwaso, sasesikhuluma saqonda. **36** Wasebalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu; kodwa lanxa wayebalayile kakhulu, kwang'khona bekumemezela ngamandla. **37** Basebemangala kakhulukazi sibili, bathi: Uzenzile kuhle izinto zonke; wenza kokubili izacuthe ukuthi zizwe, lezimungulu ukuthi zikhulume.

8 Ngalezonsuku kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu kakhulu, njalo lalingelakho okokudla, uJesu wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi kubo: **2** Ngilesihelo ngexuku; ngoba sebehlezi lami

insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla; **3** njalo uba ngibayekela baye emakhaya abo bengadlanga, bazayatha endleleni; ngoba abanye babo bavela khatshana. **4** Abafundi bakhe basebemphendula bathi: Zingavela ngaphi izinkwa umuntu angasuthisa ngazo laba lapha enkangala? **5** Wasebabuza wathi: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa. **6** Waselaya ixuku ukuthi lihlale phansi emhlabathini; wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa, esepongile wazihlephula wazinika abafundi bakhe, ukuthi babeke phambi kwabo; basebebeka phambi kwexuku. **7** Njalo babelenhlanzana ezinlutshwana; esebusisile wathi bazibeke lazo phambi kwabo. **8** Basebesidla, basutha; basebedobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha eziyisikhombisa. **9** Lababedlile babengaba zinkulungwane ezine; wasebayekela bahamba. **10** Njalo wahle wangena emkhunjini labafundi bakhe, weza kungxenyenzeDalmanutha. **11** AbaFarisi basebephuma, baqala ukuphikisana laye, befunisia kuye isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini, bemlinga. **12** Wasebubula kakhulu emoyeni wakhe wathi: Lesisizukulwana sidingelani isibonakaliso? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakulasibonakaliso esizanikwa kulesisizukulwana. **13** Wasebatshiya, wangena emkhunjini futhi, wasuka waya ngaphetsheya. **14** Kodwa abafundi babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa, njalo bengelalutho emkhunjini ngaphandle kwesinkwa esisodwa. **15** Wasebalaya, wathi: Nanzelelani, liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi lemvubelo kaHerodi. **16** Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Ngoba kasilazinkwa. **17** UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Kungani likhulumisana ngokuthi kalilazinkwa? Kalikaboni, njalo kaliqedisisi yini? Lokhe lilenhliziyo ezilukhuni yini? **18** Lilamehlo kaliboni yini? Futhi lilendlebe kalizwa yini? Njalo kalikhumbuli yini? **19** Mhla ngahlephulela abazinkulungwane

ezinhlanu izinkwa ezinhlanu, ladobha izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthu? Bathi kuye: Ezilitshumi lambili. **20** Njalo mhla ziyyisikhombisa kwabazinkulungwane ezine, ladobha izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthu? Basebesithi: Eziyyisikhombisa. **21** Wasesithi kubo: Yinindaba lingaqedisisi? **22** Wasefika eBhethisayida. Basebeletha kuye isiphofu, bamncenga ukuthi asithinte. **23** Wasebamba isandla sesiphofu, wasikhuphela ngaphandle komzana; esekhafulule emehlwani aso, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwaso, wasibuza ukuthi ngabe sibona ulutho. **24** Sasesikhangela phezulu sathi: Ngibona abantu behambahamba kungathi yizihlahla. **25** Emva kwalokhu wabuya wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwamehlo aso, wasenza sakhangela phezulu; sasesisiliswa, sabona bonke ngokucacileyo. **26** Wasesithuma endlini yaso, wathi: Ungangeni emzaneni, njalo ungatsheli muntu loyedwa emzaneni. **27** UJesu wasephuma labafundi bakhe baya emizaneni yeKesariya yeFilipu; besendleleni wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Abantu bathi ngingubani? **28** Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi; labanye: UElija; labanye: Omunye wabaprofethi. **29** Yena wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu. **30** Wasebalayisisa ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye. **31** Waseqala ukubafundisa, ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuhlupheka izinto ezinengi, ilahlwe ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhalu, ibulawe, ibuye ivuke emva kwensuku ezintathu. **32** Waselikhulumu lelilizwi obala. UPetro wasemthatha waqala ukumkhuza. **33** Kodwa etshibiliqa, wabona abafundi bakhe, wamkuza uPetro, wathi: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane; ngoba kawucabangi ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezabantu. **34** Kwathi esebezile kuye

ixuku kanye labafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda
ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe,
angilandele. **35** Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa
impilo yakhe, izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa
yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami levangeli, yena uzayisindisa. **36**
Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, nxa ezuza umhlaba wonke, kodwa
alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? **37** Kumbe umuntu uzanikani
kube lihlawulo lomphefumulo wakhe? **38** Ngoba loba ngubani
olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami kulesisizukulwana esifebayo
lesonakeleyo, iNdodana yomuntu layo izakuba lenhloni ngaye,
nxa isiza enkazimulweni kaYise kanye lengilosи ezingcwele.

9 Wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Bakhona abanye
kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze babone
umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile ngamandla. **2** Emva kwensuku
eziyisithupha uJesu wasethatha uPetro loJakobe loJohane,
wasebakuphulela entabeni ende ebehluhanisa bodwa;
waseguqulwa isimo phambi kwabo; **3** lezembatho zakhe
zacwazimula, zaba mhlophe nke njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo,
kakulamcoli welembu emhlabeni ongazenaza zibe mhlophe
kangako. **4** Kwasekubonakala kubo uElija eloMozisi, njalo
bekhuluma loJesu. **5** UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu: Rabi,
kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu,
elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija. **6**
Ngoba wayengakwazi angakutsho; ngoba babesesaba kakhulu.
7 Kwasekufika iyezi labasibekela; kwaba lelizwi elivelza eyezini,
lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo; zwanini yona. **8** Njalo
bahle bathalaza, kababe besabona muntu, kodwa uJesu yedwa
elabo. **9** Kwathi besehla entabeni, wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli
mntu izinto abazibonileyo, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana

yomuntu. **10** Njalo bazigcinela lelilizwi, bebuza ukuthi kutshoni ukuvuka kwabafileyo. **11** Basebembuza, besithi: Batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika kuqala? **12** Wasephendula, wathi kubo: UElija ufika kuqala isibili, abuyisele zonke izinto; njalo kubhalwe njani ngeNdodana yomuntu, ukuthi izahlupheka izinto ezinengi njalo idelelw. **13** Kodwa ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija laye sewafika, basebesenza kuye konke abakuthandayo, njengokulotshiwego ngaye. **14** Kwathi efika kubafundi, wabona ixuku elikhulu libahanqile, lababhali bephikisana labo. **15** Lahle lathi ukumbona ixuku lonke laselimangala, lagijimela kuye lambingeleta. **16** Wasebabuza ababhali wathi: Liphikisana ngani labo? **17** Omunye wexuku wasephendula wathi: Mfundisi, ngilethe kuwe indodana yami, elomoya oyisimungulu; **18** kuthi loba ngaphi oyibamba khona, uyidabule; ikhihlize amagwebu, igedle amazinyo ayo, yome qha; njalo ngikhulume labafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe, kodwa behluleka. **19** Wasemphendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo, koze kube nini ngilani? Koze kube nini ngilibekezeleta? Iletheni kimi. **20** Basebeyiletha kuye; kwathi umbona, umoya wahle wayihluza; yawela emhlabathini, yaziqaqiqa ikhihliza amagwebu. **21** Wasebuza uyise wathi: Kulesikhathi esingakanani, lokhu kwenzeka kiyo? Wasesithi: Kusukela ebuntwaneni. **22** Futhi uyiphosele kanengi emlilweni lemanzini, ukuze uyibhubhise; kodwa nxa kukhona ongakwenza, sihawukele, usisize. **23** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Nxa usenelisa ukukholwa, zonke izinto ziyanzeka kokholwayo. **24** Njalo uyise womntwana wahle wamemeza ngezinyembezi wathi: Ngiyakholwa, Nkosi, siza ukungakholwa kwami. **25** Kwathi uJesu esebona ukuthi ixuku ligijima kanyekanye ndawonye, wakhuza umoya ongcolileyo, esithi kuwo: Wena moya oyisimungulu

loyisacuthe, mina ngiyakulaya: Phuma kuye, ungabe usangena kuye. **26** Usumemezile, wayihlukuza kakhulu, waphuma; yasisiba njengofileyo, kwaze kwathi abanengi bathi isifile. **27** Kodwa uJesu wayibamba ngesandla, wayiphakamisa; yasisukuma. **28** Wathi esengenile endlini, abafundi bakhe bambuza bebodywa bathi: Kungani thina sehlulekile ukuwukhupha? **29** Wasesithi kubo: Loluhlobo lungeke lumphume ngalutho, ngaphandle komkhuleko lokuzila ukudla. **30** Basebesuka lapho badabula eGalili; wayengathandi ukuthi loba ngubani akwazi, **31** ngoba wayefundisa abafundi bakhe, esithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu inikelwa ezandleni zabantu, njalo bazayibulala; kuthi isibulewe, izavuka ngosuku Iwesithathu. **32** Kodwa kabaqedisisanga lumutsho, basebesesaba ukumbuza. **33** Wasefika eKapenawume. Kwathi esendlini wababuza wathi: Beliphikisana ngani endleleni? **34** Kodwa bathula; ngoba endleleni babephikisene ngokuthi ngubani omkhulu. **35** Wasehlala phansi wabiza abalitshumi lambili, wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuba ngowokuqala, uzakuba ngowokucina kubo bonke, lesisebenzi sabo bonke. **36** Wasethatha umntwana omncane, wammisa phakathi kwabo; wamgona, wathi kubo: **37** Loba ngubani owemukela omunye wabantwana abancane abanje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina; njalo loba ngubani owemukela mina, kemukeli mina, kodwa yena ongithumileyo. **38** UJohane wasempfendula, wathi: Mfundisi, sabona omunye ongasilandeliyo ekhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho; sasesimenqabeli, ngoba engasilandeli. **39** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Lingamenqabeli; ngoba kakho owenza umsebenzi wamandla ebizweni lami, njalo olamandla okukhulumu kubi ngami masinyane; **40** ngoba ongamelani lathi, ungowethu. **41** Ngoba loba ngubani ozalinathisa inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami,

ngoba lingabakaKristu, ngiqinisiile ngithi kini: Kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe. **42** Futhi loba ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane abakhola kimi, kungcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle. **43**

Njalo uba isandla sakho sikukhubekisa, siqume; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili usuke uye esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshekiyo, (**Geenna g1067**) **44** lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona. **45** Njalo uba unyawo lwakho lukukhubekisa, luqume; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyisiqhwala, kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni, emlilweni ongacitshekiyo, (**Geenna g1067**)

46 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.

47 Njalo uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe; kungcono kuwe ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo, (**Geenna g1067**)

48 lapho impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona. **49**

Ngoba wonke uzatshwaywa ngomlilo; njalo wonke umhlatshelo uzatshwaywa ngetshwayi. **50** Itshwayi lihle; kodwa uba itshwayi lingelabutshwayi, lizalivuselela ngani? Banini letshwayi phakathi kwenu, njalo lihlalisane ngokuthula.

10 Wasesukuma lapho weza emingceleni yeJudiya edabula ngaphetsheya kweJordan; amaxuku asebuya abuthana kuye; wasephinda ukubafundisa, njengokwejwayela kwakhe. **2** Kwasekusiza kuye abaFarisi bambuza ukuthi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi indoda yale umkayo? bemlinga. **3** Wasephendula wathi kubo: UMozisi walilayani? **4** Basebesithi: UMozisi wavuma ukubhala incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala. **5** UJesus wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo yenu walibhalela lumlayo; **6** kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo,

uNkulunkulu wabenza owesilisa lowesifazana. **7** Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo, **8** njalo labo ababili bazakuba nyamanye. Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa banyamanye. **9** Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo, kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo. **10** Endlini abafundi bakhe basebebuya bembuza ngalokhu. **11** Wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe athathe omunye, uyafeba kuye; **12** lomfazi uba esala indoda yakhe endele kwenye, uyafeba. **13** Basebeletha abantwana abancane kuye ukuze ababambe; kodwa abafundi bakhe babakuza ababalethayo. **14** Kodwa uJesu ekubona wathukuthela, wathi kubo: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabenqabeli. Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje. **15** Ngiqinisile njithi kini: Loba ngubani ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo. **16** Njalo ebagona, ebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwabo, wababusisa. **17** Esephumele endleleni, omunye wamgijimela, eguqa phambi kwakhe wambuza wathi: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade? (aiōnios g166) **18** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. **19** Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungadlelezeli, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko. **20** Wasephendula wathi kuye: Mfundisi, lezizinto zonke ngizigcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami. **21** Njalo uJesu emkhangela wamthanda, wathi kuye: Kunye okusweleyo; hamba, uthengise konke olakho, uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lokuligugu ezulwini; njalo uze, uthathe isiphambano, ungilandele. **22** Kodwa edanile ngalelilizwi wasuka wahamba edabukile; ngoba wayelempahla ezinengi. **23** UJesu wasethalaza

wathi kubafundi bakhe: Kuzakuba lukhuni kangakanani kwabalenotho ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **24** Abafundi basebemangala ngamazwi akhe. Kodwa uJesu ephendula futhi warhi kubo: Bantwana, kulukhuni kangakanani kwabathembela enothweni ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu; **25** kulula ukuthi ikamela lithutshe entunjeni yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **26** Basebemangala kakhulukazi, bekhulumisana bathi: Pho kungasindiswa bani? **27** UJesu wasebakhangela warhi: Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kakunjalo kuNkulunkulu; ngoba zonke izinto ziyanzeka kuNkulunkulu. **28** UPetro waseqala ukuthi kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela. **29** UJesu wasephendula warhi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakukho muntu otshiye indlu, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa yami levangeli, **30** ongayikwemukela ngokwekhulu khathesi ngalesisikhathi, izindlu labafowabo labodadewabo labonina labantwana lamasimu, kanye lokuzingelwa, lempilo elaphakade esikhathini esizayo. (*aiōn g165, aiōnios g166*) **31**

Kodwa abanengi abokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala. **32** Njalo babesendleleni besenyukela eJerusalem; uJesu wayesehamba phambi kwabo, njalo babemangele, belandela babesesaba. Wasethatha futhi abalitshumi lambili, waqala ukubatshela izinto ezazizakwenzakala kuye **33** ukuthi: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalem, futhi iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhalu, njalo bazayigwebela ukufa, bayinikele kwabezizwe, **34** bazayiyangisa, bayitshaye ngesiswepu, bayikhafulule amathe, bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwasithathu izabuya ivuke ekufeni. **35** Kwasekusiza kuye

uJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya, besithi: Mfundisi,
sithanda ukuthi usenzele loba yini esizayicela. **36** Wasesithi
kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilenzeleni? **37** Basebesithi kuye:
Siphe ukuthi sihlale omunye ngakwesokunene sakho lomunye
ngakwesokhohlo sakho ebukhosini bakho. **38** Kodwa uJesu wathi
kubo: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha yini inkezo engiyinathayo
mina, njalo libhabbhathizwe ngobhabbhathizo engibhabbhathizwa
ngalo mina? **39** Basebesithi kuye: Singakwenza. Kodwa
uJesu wathi kubo: Isibili inkezo engiyinathayo mina lizayinatha;
lizabhabbhathizwa ngobhabbhathizo engibhabbhathizwa ngalo mina;
40 kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo
sami kayisikho okwami ukukupha, kodwa kungokwalabo
abakulungiselweyo. **41** Kwathi sebezwile abalitshumi baqala
ukuthukuthela ngoJakobe loJohane. **42** Kodwa uJesu wababizela
kuye wathi kubo: Liyazi ukuthi labo okuthiwa babusa izizwe
bazibusa ngobulukhuni; lezikhulu zazo zisebenzisa amandla
phezu kwazo. **43** Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu;
kodwa loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenu,
kabe yisisebenzi senu; **44** njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba
ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi sabo bonke.
45 Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonza, kodwa
ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi. **46**
Basebefika eJeriko; kwathi esephuma eJeriko, labafundi bakhe,
lexuku elikhulu, indodana kaTimewu, uBartimewu oyisiphofu
wayehlezi endleleni ephanza. **47** Kwathi esezwile ukuthi nguJesu
weNazaretha, waqala ukumemeza lokuthi: Jesu Ndodana
kaDavida, akungihawukele! **48** Abanengi basebemkuza
ukuthi athule; kodwa wamemeza kakhulukazi, esithi: Ndodana
kaDavida, akungihawukele! **49** UJesu esima wasesithi kabizwe;

basebesibiza isiphofu, besithi kuso: Mana isibindi; sukuma, uyakubiza. **50** Sasesilahla isembatho saso sasukuma sezako Jesu. **51** UJesu wasephendula wathi kuso: Ufunu ukuthi ngikwenzeleni? Isiphofu sasesisithi kuye: Raboni, ukuthi ngibuye ngibone. **52** UJesu wasesithi kuso: Hamba; ukholo Iwakho lukusindisile. Njalo sahle sabuye sabona, salandela uJesu endleleni.

11 Kwathi besondela eJerusalema, eBetfage leBethani, entaben iyeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, **2** wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizahle lithi lingena kuwo lifice ithole likababhemi likhulekiwe, okungazange kuhlale kulo umuntu; lilikhulule lililethe. **3** Njalo uba umuntu esithi kini: Likwenzelani lokhu? Lithi: INkosi iyaliwela; njalo uzahle alithumele lapha. **4** Bahamba-ke baifica ithole likhulekiwe lisesangweni ngaphandle, endleleni; basebelikhulula. **5** Labanye kwababemi khona bathi kubo: Lenzani likhulula ithole? **6** Basebesitsho kubo njengoba uJesu elayile; basebebanyakela bahamba. **7** Basebeliletha ithole kuJesu, baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwalo, wasehlala phezu kwalo. **8** Labanengi bendlala izembatho zabo endleleni; labanye bagamula izingatsha lamahlamvu ezihlahleni, bakwendlala endleleni. **9** Lalabo ababehamba phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi; **10** ubusisiwe umbuso kababa wethu uDavida, ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana kweliphezulu! **11** UJesu wasengena eJerusalema, lethempelini; wathi esekhangele izinto zonke jikelele, sekuhlwile, waphuma waya eBethani labalitshumi lambili. **12** Lakusisa bephuma eBethani, walamba. **13** Ebona umkhiwa ukhatshana, ulamahlamvu, wasondela ukuthi

mhlawumbe angathola ulutho kuwo; njalo efika kuwo, katholanga lutho ngaphandle kwamahlamvu; ngoba kwakungesiso isikhathi somkhiwa. **14** UJesu ekhuluma wathi kuwo: Kakungabi kusadla muntu isithelo kuwe kuze kube nininini. Labafundi bakhe bakuzwa.

(aiōn g165) **15** Basebefika eJerusalema; uJesu wasengena ethempelini waqala ukuxotsha labo ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini; wasegenqula amatafula ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba; **16** wayengavumeli ukuthi umuntu athwale impahla adabule ethempelini. **17** Wasefundisa, wathi kubo: Kakulotshiwe yini ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko yezizwe zonke? Kodwa lina seliyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. **18** Ababhali labapristi abakhulu basebekuzwa, badinga ukuthi bangambulala njani; ngoba babemesaba, ngoba lonke ixuku lamangala kakhulu ngokufundisa kwakhe. **19** Sekusihlwa, waphuma phandle komuzi. **20** Ekuseni kakhulu besedlula, babona umkhiwa womile kusukela empandeni. **21** UPetro wasekhumbula wathi kuye: Rabi, khangela, umkhiwa owuqalekisileyo womile. **22** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Banini lokholo kuNkulunkulu. **23** Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ozakuthi kulintaba: Phakanyiswa, uphoselwe olwandle; njalo engathandabuzi enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa ekholwa ukuthi akutshoyo kuyenzeka, kuzakuba kuye loba yikuphi akutshoyo. **24** Ngakho ngithi kini: Konke loba yikuphi elikucelayo likhuleka, kholwani ukuthi liyakwemukela, njalo lizakuba lakho. **25** Njalo nxa limi likhuleka, thethelelani uba lilolutho olumelana lomuntu; ukuze uYihlo osemazulwini laye alithethelele iziphambeko zenu. **26** Kodwa uba lina lingathetheleli, loYihlo osemazulwini kayikulithethelela iziphambeko zenu. **27** Basebebuya bafika eJerusalema; kwathi

ehambahamba ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala
beza kuye, **28** bathi kuye: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya; njalo
ngubani okunike leligunya lokuthi wenze lezizinto? **29** UJesu
wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye,
njalo lingiphendule, khona ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto
ngaliphi igunya. **30** Ubhabbhathizo lukaJohane Iwavela ezulwini,
kumbe ebantwini? Ngiphendulani. **31** Basebekhulumisana,
besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi: Pho kalikholwanga
kuye ngani? **32** Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; besaba abantu;
ngoba bonke babemphatha uJohane, ngokuthi ungumprofethi
ngeqiniso. **33** Basebephendula bathi kuJesu: Kasazi. UJesu
wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza
lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.

12 Waseqala ukukhuluma labo ngemifanekiso wathi: Umuntu
wahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha isikhamelo,
wakha umphotshongo, wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye
ilizwe. **2** Kwathi sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku
kubalimi, ukuze yemukele kubalimi okwesithelo sesivini. **3** Kodwa
bayibamba bayitshaya, bayimukisa ize. **4** Wasebuya ethuma
kubo enye inceku; laleyo bayitshaya ngamatshe bayilimaza
ekhanda, bayixotsha isithelwe inhloni. **5** Wasebuya ethuma enye;
yona basebeyibulala; lezinye ezinengi, ezinye bazitshaya, lezinye
bazibulala. **6** Ngakho eseselendodana eyodwa ethandekayo
kuye, ekucineni wayithuma kubo layo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha
indodana yami. **7** Kodwa labobalimi bakhulumisana besithi:
Le yndlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, lelifa lizakuba ngelethu. **8**
Basebeyibamba bayibulala, bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini.
9 Ngakho uzakwenzani umninisivini? Uzakuza ababhubhise
abalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye. **10** Kalibalanga yini lumbhalo

othi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi; **11**
lokhu kwenziwe yiNkosi, njalo kuyisimanga emehlwani ethu?
12 Basebedinga ukumbamba, kodwa besaba ixuku; ngoba
babesazi ukuthi wayekhulume lumfanekiso emelane labo.
Basebemtshiya bahamba. **13** Basebethuma kuye abanye
babaFarisi labakaHerodi, ukuze bamthiye ekukhulumeni. **14**
Basebesiza bathi kuye: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena uqotho,
njalo kawukhathali ngomuntu; ngoba kawunanzi isimo somuntu,
kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso: Kuvunyelwe yini
ukuthela kuKesari kumbe hatshi? **15** Sithele, kumbe singatheli?
Kodwa ekwazi ukuzenzisa kwabo wathi kubo: Lingilingelani?
Lethani kimi udenariyo, ukuze ngibone. **16** Basebeletha.
Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo? Basebesithi
kuye: NgokaKesari. **17** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo:
Mnikeni uKesari okukaKesari, IoNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu.
Basebemangala ngaye. **18** Basebesiza kuye abaSadusi,
abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo; basebembuza, besithi:
19 Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela, ukuthi: Uba umfowabo
womuntu esifa, atshiye umkakhe, engatshiyi bantwana,
umfowabo kamthathe umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo;
20 kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha
umfazi, wafa engatshiyanga inzalo; **21** lowesibili wamthatha,
wafa, laye engatshiyanga inzalo; lowesithathu kwaba njalo;
22 lalaba boyisikhombisa bamthatha, kabatshiyanga inzalo.
Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. **23** Ngakho ekuvukeni
kwabafileyo, mhla bevukayo, uzakuba ngumkabani kubo;
lokhu abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabo? **24** UJesu
wasephendula wathi kubo: Kaliduhanga yini ngalokhu, ngoba
lingayazi imibhalo, lobu amandla kaNkulunkulu? **25** Ngoba

mhla bevukayo ekufeni, kabathathani, njalo kabendiswa, kodwa banjengengilosi ezisemazulwini. **26** Kodwa mayelana labafileyo, ukuthi bayavuswa, kalifundanga yini egwalweni lukaMozisi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu esihlahleni wakhulumu njani kuye, esithi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, IoNkulunkulu kalsaka, IoNkulunkulu kaJakobe? **27** Kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa uNkulunkulu wabaphilayo; ngakho lina liduhile kakhulu. **28** Wasefika omunye wababhali, esezwile bebuza, esebonile ukuthi ubaphendule kuhle, wambuza wathi: Yiwuphi umlayo wokuqala kuyo yonke? **29** UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Owokuqala kuyo yonke imilayo ngowokuthi: Zwana, Israyeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi yinye; **30** njalo wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke, langamandla akho wonke. Yilo umlayo owokuqala. **31** Lowesibili uyafanana, yilo: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. Kawukho omunye umlayo omkhulu kulale. **32** Umbhali wasesithi kuye: Kuhle, Mfundisi, utsho okuqotho ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa, langaphandle kwakhe kakho omunye; **33** lokumthanda ngenhliziyo yonke, langokuqedisisa konke, langomphefumulo wonke, langamandla wonke, lokuthanda umakhelwane njengawe, kuyedlula yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo. **34** UJesu esembona ukuthi uphendule ngenhlakanipho, wathi kuye: Kawukhatshana lombuso kaNkulunkulu. Njalo kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza. **35** UJesu, efundisa ethempelini, wasephendula wathi: Batsho njani ababhali ukuthi uKristu uyindodana kaDavida? **36** Ngoba uDavida uqobo lwakhe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe

yisenabelo senyawo zakho. **37** Ngakho uDavida uqobo lwakhe umbiza ngokuthi yiNkosi; pho uyindodana yakhe njani? Lexuku elikhulu lamuzwa ngokuthokoza. **38** Wasesithi kubo ekufundiseni kwakhe: Qaphelani ababhalu, abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, lokubingelelwa emidangeni, **39** lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni kwantambama; **40** abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa; laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu. **41** UJesu wasehlala phansi maqondana lesitsha somnikelo wabona ukuthi ixuku liphosela njani imali esitsheni somnikelo; labanothileyo abanengi baphosela okunengi. **42** Kwasekufika umfelokazi othile ongumyanga waphosela inhlamvana ezimbili ezincane zemali, eziyindibilitshi. **43** Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele okwedlula bonke laba abaphoseleyo esitsheni somnikelo; **44** ngoba bonke baphosele kokunengi kwabo; kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho, konke okwempilo yakhe.

13 Kwathi ephuma ethempelini, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Mfundisi, khangela, amatshe anjani lezakhiwo ezinjani! **2** UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: Uyabona lezizakhiwo ezinkulu yini? Akusoze kutshiywe ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingasoze lidilizelwe phansi. **3** Esehlezi entabeni yeMihlwathi maqondana lethempeli, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreya bambuza bevodwa, **4** bathi: Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso siyini lapho sezizapheleliwa lezizinto zonke? **5** UJesu ebaphendula waseqala ukuthi: Qaphelani kungabi khona oliduhisayo. **6** Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguye; futhi baduhise abanengi. **7** Kodwa nxa

lisizwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi, lingethuki; ngoba kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona. **8** Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba indawo ngendawo, njalo kuzakuba khona indlala lezinhlupheko; lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo. **9** Kodwa ziqapheleni lina; ngoba bazalinikela emiphakathini, lemasinagogeni lizatshaywa, lizalethwa laphambi kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi kubo. **10** Kodwa ivangeli limele ukutshunyayelwa kuqala kuzo zonke izizwe. **11** Kodwa nxa belidonsa belinikela, lingakhathaleli ngaphambili elizakukhuluma, linganakani; kodwa loba yini elizayinika ngaleloholo, ikhulumeni; ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa uMoya oyiNgcwele. **12** Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana bazavukela abazali, besebebabulala; **13** njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa. **14** Kodwa nxa libona amanyala encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDaniyeli umprofethi, emi lapho angafanele khona (ofundayo kaqedisise), khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; **15** lophezu kophahla Iwendlu angehleli endlini, angangeni ukuthatha ulutho endlini yakhe; **16** losemasimini angabuyeli emuva, ukuyathatha isembatho sakhe. **17** Kodwa maye kwabakhulelwego labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! **18** Kodwa khulekani ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika. **19** Ngoba ngalezonsuku kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka, okungazanga kube khona kusukela ekuqaleni kokudaliwego uNkulunkulu akudalayo kuze kube khathesi, lokungasoze kwaba khona. **20** Njalo uba iNkosi ibingazifinyezanga lezonsuku, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ebakhethileyo, izifinyezile

insuku. **21** Langalesosikhathi nxa umuntu esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu; kumbe: Khangelani, ulaphayana; lingakholwa; **22** ngoba kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga, besebesenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ukuduhisa, nxa kungenzeka, labakhethiweyo. **23** Kodwa qaphelani lina; khangelani, sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili. **24** Kodwa ngalezonsuku, emva kwalokhokuhlupheka, ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo, **25** lenkanyezi zezulu zizabe zisiwa, lamandla asemazulwini azazanyazanyiswa. **26** Khona-ke bezabona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ilamandla amakhulu lenkazimulo, **27** khona-ke izathuma ingilosizayo, ibisikoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni yomine, kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba kuze kube semkhawulweni wezulu. **28** Fundani-ke umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxa ugatsha lwawo selusiba buthakathaka, luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze; **29** ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini ukuthi kuseduze kuseminyango. **30** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, zize zenzeke izinto zonke lezi. **31** Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba; kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule. **32** Kodwa lolosuku laleloholo kakho owaziyo ngakho, ngitsho lengilosi ezisezulwini, ngitsho leNdodana, ngaphandle kukaBaba. **33** Qaphelani, lilinde likhuleke; ngoba kalazi ukuthi isikhathi sinini. **34** Njengomuntu owasuka elizweni lakibo watshiya indlu yakhe, wanika inceku zakhe amandla, kuleyo laleyo umsebenzi wayo, walaya umlindisango ukuthi alinde. **35** Ngakho lindani; ngoba kalazi ukuthi inkosi yendlu izafika nini, kusihlwa, loba phakathi kobusuku, loba ekukhaleni kweqhude, loba emadabukakusa; **36** hlezi ifike ilijume, ilifice lilele. **37** Lalokhu engikutsho kini ngikutsho kubo bonke: Lindani.

14 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili kwaba khona iphasika lomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo; abapristi abakhulu lababhalu basebedinga ukuthi bangambamba njani ngobuqili bambulale; **2** kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, hlezi kube lesiphithiphithi sabantu. **3** Kwathi eseBethani, endlini kaSimoni umlephero, ehlezi ekudleni, kwafika owesifazana ephethe umfuma we-alibasta wamagcobo awenadi uqobo aligugu elikhulu; wasephahlaza umfuma we-alibasta, wawathela ekhanda lakhe.

4 Kwakukhona abanye abathukuthelayo ngaphakathi kwabo, besithi: Kwenzelwani ukumotshwa kwalamagcobo? **5** Ngoba la abengathengiswa ngemali edlula odenariyo abangamakhulu amathathu, besekunikwa abayanga. Basebemsola. **6** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Myekeleni; limhluphelani? Wenze umsebenzi omuhle kimi. **7** Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, futhi uba lithanda lingabenzela okuhle; kodwa mina kalihlali lilami. **8** Yena wenzile abengakwenza; uqalile ngaphambili ukuwugcobela ukungcwatshwa umzimba wami. **9** Nginqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye. **10** UJudasi Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu, ukuze amnikele kubo. **11** Futhi sebezwile bathokoza, bathembisa ukumnika imali; wasedinga ukuthi angamnikela njani kuhle.

12 Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala Iwesinkwa esingelamvubelo, ababehlaba ngalo iphasika, abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siyelungisa ngaphi ukuze udle iphasika? **13** Wasethuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzini, njalo umuntu uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele, **14** njalo loba kungaphi azangena khona, kalibokuthi kumninindlu:

UMfundisi uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho engingadlela khona iphasika labafundi bami? **15** Futhi yena uzalitshengisa indlu enkulu ephezulu eyendlelwego elungisiwego; silungiseleni khona.

16 Abafundi bakhe basebephuma, bangena emzini, bathola kunjengokutsho kwakhe kubo; basebelungisa iphasika. **17** Kwathi sekukusihlwa wafika labalitshumi lambili. **18** Sebehelezi besidla, uJesu wathi: Ngiqinjisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu, odla lami, uzanginikela. **19** Basebeqala ukudabuka, bathi kuye ngamunye ngamunye: Ayisimi, akunjalo yini? Lomunye: Ayisimi, akunjalo yini? **20** Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili, otsheba kanye lami emganwini. **21** Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba, njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu enikelwa nguye iNdodana yomuntu! Bekungakuhle kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga. **22** Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasibusisa wasihlephula, wabanika, wathi: Thathani, lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami. **23** Wasethatha inkezo, esepongile wabanika; basebenatha kuyo bonke. **24** Wasesithi kubo: Leli ligazi lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi. **25** Ngiqinjisile ngithi kini: Angisayikunatha okwesithelo sevini, kuze kufike lolosuku engizasinatha ngalo sisitsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **26** Kwathi sebehlabelle ingoma yokudumisa baphuma bayo entabenye Mihlwathi. **27** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lonke lizakhubeka ngami ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu besezihlakazeka.

28 Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalili.

29 Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka, kodwa hatshi mina. **30** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinjisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla ngalobubusuku, lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. **31** Kodwa waqinisa ngamandla esithi: Loba kudingeka

ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo labo bonke.

32 Basebefika endaweni ebizo layo yiGetsemane; wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Hlalani phansi lapha, ngisayakhuleka. **33** Wasethatha kanye laye uPetro loJakobe loJohane, waseqala ukudatshulwa sibili lokukhathazeka kakhulu. **34** Wasesithi kubo: Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde. **35** Waseqhubeka ibangana, wawela emhlabathini, wakhuleka ukuthi, uba kungenzeka, kudlule kuye lelihola. **36** Wasesithi: Abha, Baba, zonke izinto ziyanzeka kuwe. Susa linkezo kimi; kodwa kungabi yikuthi ngithandani mina, kodwa kube yikuthi uthandani wena. **37** Wasesiza, wabafica belele, wathi kuPetro: Simoni, ulele yini? Ubungelinde yini ihola libe linye? **38** Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni. Umoya uyavuma-ke, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka. **39** Wasebuya wahamba wayakhuleka, esitsho wona lawomazwi. **40** Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele; ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima, kodwa babengazi ukuthi bazamphendula bathini. **41** Wasesiza ngokwesithathu, wathi kubo: Qhubekani-ke lilele, liphumule. Kwanele; ihola selifikile; khangelani, iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa ezandleni zezoni. **42** Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani, onginkelayo useduze. **43** Kwathi esakhulumma, wahle wafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, njalo elexuku elikhulu elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala. **44** Lomnikelayo wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye; limbambe, limqhube limqinise. **45** Esefikile, wahle wasondela kuye wathi: Rabi, Rabi! Wasemanga.

46 Basebemduela, bambamba. **47** Lomunye kwababemi khona wakhokha inkemba wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo. **48** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Liphume

njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? **49** Bengilani insuku ngensuku ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga - kodwa ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo. **50** Bonke basebemtshiya babaleka. **51** Lejaha elithile lamlandela, lembethe ilembu elicolekileyo emzimbeni onqunu. Aselibamba amajaha; **52** laselitshiya ilembu elicolekileyo lababalekela linqunu. **53** Basebemqhuba uJesu bamusa kumpristi omkhulu; basebebuthana kuye abapristi abakhulu bonke labadala lababhali. **54** UPetro wasemlandela ekhatshana waze waba phakathi kweguma lompristi omkhulu; wayehlezi kanye lezinceku, esotha umlilo. **55** Labapristi abakhulu lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi ngoJesu, ukuze bambulale; kodwa kababutholanga. **56** Ngoba abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa lobubufakazi kabuvumelananga. **57** Kwasekusukuma abanye bafakaza amanga amelana laye besithi: **58** Thina samuzwa esithi: Mina ngizadiliza lelithempeli elenziwe ngezandla, njalo ngakhe elinye elingenziwanga ngezandla ngensuku ezintathu. **59** Loba kunjalo ubufakazi babo kabuvumelananga. **60** Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu phakathi kwabo wambuza uJesu, esithi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe? **61** Kodwa wathula, kaphendulanga lutho. Umpristi omkhulu wabuya wambuza, wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu, iNdodana yoBusisiweyo yini? **62** UJesu wasesithi: Mina nginguye. Njalo lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla, isiza ngamayezi ezulu. **63** Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho zakhe wathi: Sisaswelelani abafakazi? **64** Liyizwile inhlamba; licabangani? Bonke basebemlahla ukuthi ulecalalokufa. **65** Abanye basebeqala ukumkhaulela amathe, lokumgubuzela ubuso, lokumdufshuza, lokuthi kuye: Profetha! Izinceku zasezimwakala. **66** UPetro

esegumeni ngaphansi, kwafika enye yezincekukazi zompristi omkhulu; **67** isibona uPetro esotha, yamkhangela yathi: Lawe ubulomNazaretha, uJesu. **68** Kodwa waphika, wathi: Kangikwazi, futhi kangikuqedisisi okutshoyo. Wasephuma phandle, waya entubeni; laselikhala iqhude. **69** Njalo incekukazi encane yabuya yambona, yaqala ukutsho kwababemi khona ukuthi: Lo ungomunye wabo. **70** Kodwa wabuya waphika. Kwathi emva kwesikhhatshana futhi labo ababemi khona bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso ungomunye wabo; ngoba lawe unguGalili, lolimi lwakho luyavumelana. **71** Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi lumuntu elimitshoyo. **72** Iqhude laselikhala ngokwesibili. UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi uJesu ayelitshilo kuye lokuthi: Lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. Esenakane ngalokhu wakhala.

15 Kwathi khonokho ekuseni kakhulu abapristi abakhulu benza umhlangano kanye labadala lababhali, lomphakathi wonke, bambopha uJesu bamqhuba bamnikela kuPilatu. **2** UPilatu wasembuza wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula wathi kuye: Uyatsho wena. **3** Abapristi abakhulu basebemmangalela ngezinto ezinengi; kodwa yena kaphendulanga lutho. **4** UPilatu wasebuya embuza, wathi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Khangela, zingaki izinto abazifakazayo ezimelana lawe. **5** Kodwa uJesu kabesaphendula lutho, waze wamangala uPilatu. **6** Langomkhosi wayebakhululela isibotshwa esisodwa, loba yisiphi abasicelayo. **7** Kwakukhona umuntu othiwa nguBarabasi, owayebotshiwe lalabo ababevukele umbuso laye, ababebulele ekuvukeleni umbuso. **8** Ixuku laselimemeza laqala ukucela ukuthi enze njengalokho ayehlezi ekwenza kubo. **9** UPilatu wasebaphendula, wathi: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele

iNkosi yamaJuda yini? **10** Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi ngomona abapristi abakhulu bamnikele. **11** Kodwa abapristi abakhulu bavusa ixuku, ukuthi kungcono alikhululele uBarabasi. **12** UPilatu wasephendula wathi futhi kubo: Pho lifuna ngimenzeni lo elithi uyiNkosi yamaJuda? **13** Basebememeza futhi bathi: Mbethele!

14 Kodwa uPilatu wathi kubo: Ngoba wenze ububi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu bathi: Mbethele! **15** Khona uPilatu ethanda ukukholisa ixuku, wabakhululela uBarabasi; kodwa wamnikela uJesu, esemtshaye ngesiswepu, ukuthi abethelwe.

16 Abebutho basebemngenisa phakathi, egumeni, eliyindlu yombusi, basebebizela ibutho lonke ndawonye, **17** bamqqokisa okuyibubende, sebeluke umqhele wameva bamethesa, **18** baqala ukumbingeleta besithi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! **19** Batshaya ikhanda lakhe ngomhlanga, bamkhafulela amathe, baguqa ngamadolo bamkhonza. **20** Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula okuyibubende, bamqqokisa ezakhe izembatho. Basebemusa phandle ukuze bambethelo. **21** Babamba ngamandla omunye owayesedlula othiya nguSimoni umKurene, evela emaphandleni, uyise kaAleksandro loRufusi, ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe. **22** Basebemusa endaweniethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, iNdawo yokhakhayi. **23** Basebemnika iwayini lixutshaniswe lenhlaka ukuthi alinathe; kodwa kalemukelanga.

24 Sebembethelo, babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngazo, ukuthi ngamunye uzathathani. **25** Kwakulihola lesithathu, njalo bambethelo. **26** Futhi kwakulombhalo wecala lakhe elalibhalwe phezulu usithi: INKOSI YAMAJUDA. **27** Njalo babethelo kanye laye abaphangi ababili, omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakhe. **28** Wasugcwaliseka umbhalo othi: Futhi wabalwa kanye lezoni. **29**

Labedlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina amakhanda abo, besithi:
Hiya, wena odiliza ithempeli, ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu, **30**
zisindise, wehle esiphambanweni. **31** Langokunjalo abapristi
abakhulu labo bakloloda kanye lababhali bathi omunye komunye:
Wasindisa abanye, angezisindise yena. **32** UKristu iNkosi
yakolsrayeli kehle khathesi esiphambanweni, ukuze sibone
sikholwe. Lababebethelwe kanye laye bamklolodela. **33** Kwathi
sekufike ihola lesithupha, kwaba khona ubumnyama phezu
komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye.
34 Ngeholo lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu, wathi, "Eloyi, Eloyi, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi
ngokuphendulelwu: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami,
ungitshiyeleni? **35** Labanye kwababemi khona besizwa
bathi: Khangelani, ubiza uElija. **36** Wasegijima omunye,
wagcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, waluhloma emhlangeni, wamnika
ukuthi anathe, esithi: Yekelani, sibone uba uElija uzakuza
amethule. **37** UJesu wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu waphefumula
okokucina. **38** Leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa laba zincezu
ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi. **39** Kwathi induna
yekhulu eyayimi maqondana laye ibona ukuthi ukhale
njalo, waphefumula okokucina, yathi: Ngeqiniso lumuntu
ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **40** Kwakukhona labesifazana
bebukele bekhatshana, okwakukhona phakathi kwabo loMariya
Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakobe omncinyane lokaJose,
loSalome, **41** (labo abamlandela, eseseGalili, bamsebenzela),
labanye abesifazana abanengi abenyukela eJerusalema laye.
42 Kwathi sekuhlwile, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, okuyikuthi
usuku phambi kwesabatha, **43** wafika uJosefa owayevela
eArimathiya, ilunga elihloniphekayo lomphakathi, owayelindele

laye umbuso kaNkulunkulu; wangena ngesibindi kuPilatu, wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. **44** UPilatu wasemangala ngokuthi usefile; wabizela kuye induna yekhulu, wayibuza ukuthi kambe sekuyisikhathi efile. **45** Esazisiwe yinduna yekhulu, wamnika uJosefa isidumbu. **46** Wasethenga ilembu elicolekileyo, wamethula, wamgoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo, wambeka engcwabeni elaligujwe edwaleni; wagiqela ilitshe emnyango wengcwaba. **47** Futhi uMariya Magadalena loMariya unina kaJose babona lapho abekwe khona.

16 Isabatha selidlulile, uMariya Magadalena loMariya unina kaJakobe loSalome bathenga amakha, ukuze bahambe bayemgcoba. **2** Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki beza engcwabeni, ekuphumeni kwelanga. **3** Basebekhulumisana besithi: Ngubani ozasigiqela ilitshe lisuke emnyango wengcwaba? **4** Futhi bathi ukukhangela babona ilitshe seligiqwe lasuswa; ngoba lalilikhulu kakhulu. **5** Kuthe bengena engcwabeni, babona ijaha lihlezi ngakwesokunene, lembethe isembatho eside esimhlophe; besaba. **6** Kodwa lathi kubo: Lingesabi; lidinga uJesu umNazaretha obebethelwe; uvukile, kakho lapha; khangelani, indawo lapho abebembeke khona. **7** Kodwa hambani, litshele abafundi bakhe loPetro ukuthi uzalandulela ukuya eGalili; lizambona khona, njengalokho ayekutshilo kini. **8** Basebephuma ngokuphangisa babaleka engcwabeni; futhi ukuquhuqha lokwethuka kwababamba; futhi kabakhulumanga lutho emuntwini, ngoba babesesaba. **9** (note: The most reliable and earliest manuscripts do not include Mark 16:9-20.) **20.** Kwathi uJesu eseukile ekuseni kakhulu ngolokuqala lweviki, wabonakala kuqala kuMariya Magadalena, ayekhuphe kuye amadimonu ayisikhombisa. **10** Yena wasuka wababikela

labo ababelaye, belila behala. **11** Labo sebezwile ukuthi uyaphila lokuthi ubonwe nguye, kabakholwanga. **12** Njalo emva kwalezizinto wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo behamba, besiya emaphandleni. **13** Labo bahamba babikela abanye; lalabo kababakholwanga. **14** Emva kwalokhu wabonakala kwabalitshumi lanye behlezi ekudleni, wasola ukungakholwa kwabo lobulukhuni benhliziyo, ngoba bengakholwanga labo abambonayo esevukile. **15** Wasesithi kubo: Hambani liye emhlabeni wonke, litshumayele ivangeli kuso sonke isidalwa. **16** Lowo okholwayo abhabhathizwe uzasindiswa; kodwa ongakholwayo uzalahlwa. **17** Lalezizibonakaliso zizabalandela abakholwayo: Ebizweni lami bazakhupha amadimoni; bakhulume ngendimi ezintsha; **18** bazadobha izinyoka; uba benatha loba yikuphi okubulalayo, kakusoze kubalimaze; bazabeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo, futhi bazaphila. **19** Ngakho iNkosi, emva kokuthi isikhulumile labo, yakhutshulelwazi ezulwini, yahlala ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Bona basebephuma batshumayela endaweni zonke, iNkosi isebenza labo, iqinisa ilizwi ngezibonakaliso ezazilandela. Ameni.

ULukha

1 Njengoba abanengi sebebeke izandla ukubeka ngendlela efaneleyo ukulandiswa kwezinto eziqiniseke ngokupheleleyo phakathi kwethu, **2** njengalokhu basinika labo ababonayo ngamehlo ekuqaleni njalo bezinceku zelizwi, **3** kukhanye kukuhle lakimi, sengizihlolisisile zonke izinto kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi ngikubhalele ngokulandelana, mhlekazi Teyofilu, **4** ukuze wazi iqiniso ngalezozinto ozifundisiweyo. **5** Ensukwini zikaHerodi inkosi yeJudiya kwakukhona umpristi othile othiwa nguZakariya, oweqembu likaAbhiya; lomkakhe wayevela kumadodakazi kaAroni, lebizo lakhe linguElizabethi. **6** Njalo babelungile bobabili phambi kukaNkulunkulu, behamba ngayo yonke imilayo lezimiso zeNkosi, bengasoleki. **7** Njalo babengelamntwana, ngoba uElizabethi wayeyinyumba, basebeleminyaka eminengi bobabili. **8** Kwasekusithi esenza inkonzo yobupristi phambi kukaNkulunkulu esesimisweni seqembu lakibo, **9** ngomkhuba wenkonzo yobupristi, nguye owadliwa yinkatho yokutshisa impepha esengene ethempelini leNkosi. **10** Njalo ixuku lonke labantu lalikhuleka ngaphandle ngesikhathi sokutshisa impepha. **11** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasibonakala kuye, imi ngakwesokunene selathi lempeha. **12** Kwathi uZakariya eyibona waqhuqha, lokwesaba kwawela phezu kwakhe. **13** Kodwa ingilosи yathi kuye: Ungesabi Zakariya; ngoba umkhuleko wakho uzwakele, lomkakho uElizabethi uzakuzalela indodana, njalo uzakuthi ibizo layo nguJohane. **14** Futhi uzakuba lenjabulo lentokozo, labanengi bazakujabulela ukuzalwa kwakhe. **15** Ngoba uzakuba mkhulu phambi kweNkosi, iwayini kanye lokunathwayo okulamandla kasoze akunathe, futhi uzagcwaliwa ngoMoya oNgcwele kusukela esesesiswini sikanina. **16** Labanengi kubantwana

bakolsrayeli uzabaphendulela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo; **17**
njalo yena uzahamba phambi kwayo emoyeni lemandleni kaElija,
ukuphendulela inhliziyo zaboyise kubantwana, labangalaleliyo
ekuhlakanipheni kwabalungileyo, ukulungiselela iNkosi isizwe
esilungisiweyo. **18** UZakariya wasesithi kuyo ingilos: Ngizakwazi
ngani lokhu? Ngoba mina ngilixhegu, lomkami useleminyaka
eminengi. **19** Ingilos yasiphendula yathi kuye: NginguGabriyeli
mina, omayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu; njalo ngithunyiwe
ukukhuluma lawe, lokukubikela lezizindaba ezinhle. **20** Njalo
khangela, uzakuba yisimungulu njalo wehluleke ukukhuluma,
kuze kube lusuku okuzakwenzeka ngalo lezizinto, ngenxa yokuthi
ungakholwanga amazwi ami, azagcwaisika ngesikhathi sawo.
21 Labantu babemlindele uZakariya; bamangala ngokuphuza
kwakhe ethempelini. **22** Kuthe esephuma wehluleka ukukhuluma
labo; njalo bazi ukuthi ubone umbono ethempelini; njalo yena
wayesebaqhweba, wahlala eyisimungulu. **23** Kwasekusithi
seziphelile insuku zokukhonza kwakhe, waya endlini yakhe.
24 Kwathi emva kwalezonsuku uElizabethi umkakhe wathatha
isisu, wazifihla okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, esithi: **25** Yenze kanje
kimi iNkosi ensukwini eyangikhangel ngazo ukususa ihlazo
lami phakathi kwabantu. **26** Kwathi ngenyanga yesithupha
ingilos uGabriyeli yathunywa nguNkulunkulu emzini weGalili
othiwa yiNazaretha, **27** entombini eyayigane indoda, ebizo layo
lalinguJosefa, eyendlu kaDavida; lebizo lentombi linguMariya.
28 Ingilos yasingena kuye yathi: Ekuhle, wena othandiweyo!
INkosi ilawe, ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazana. **29**
Kwathi eseyibonile wethuswa kakhulu yilizwi layo, wanakana
ukuthi yikubingelela okunjani lokhu. **30** Ingilos yasisithi kuye:
Ungesabi, Mariya; ngoba uthole uthando kuNkulunkulu. **31**

Njalo khangela, uzathatha isisu, uzale indodana, uzakuthi ibizo
layo nguJesu. **32** Yena uzakuba mkhulu, uzabizwa ngokuthi
yiNdodana yoPhezukonke; futhi iNkosi uNkulunkulu izamnika
isihlalo sobukhosikayise uDavida, **33** njalo uzabusa phezu
kwendlu kaJakobe kuze kube nininini, langombuso wakhe
kawuzukuba lokuphela. (aiōn g165) **34** UMariya wasesithi kuyo
ingilos: Lokhu kungenzeka njani, njengoba ngingazi indoda? **35**
Ingilos yasiphendula yathi kuye: UMoya oNgcwele uzakuza
phezu kwakho, lamandla oPhezukonke azakwembesa; ngakho
lalokhu okungcwele okuzazalwa nguwe kuzakuthiwa yiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu. **36** Njalo khangela, isinini sakho uElizabethi,
laye ukhulelw yindodana ebudalenibakhe; lale yinyanga
yesithupha kuye obekuthiwa uyinyumba. **37** Ngoba kuNkulunkulu
kakulalutho oluzakwehlula. **38** UMariya wasesithi: Khangela,
incekukazi yeNkosi; kakube kimi njengelizwi lakho. Ingilos
yasisuka kuye. **39** Ngalezonsuku uMariya wasesukuma waya
ezintabeni ngokuphangisa, emzini weJuda, **40** wangena endlini
kaZakariya, wabingelela uElizabethi. **41** Kwasekusithi uElizabethi
ezwe ukubingelela kukaMariya, inkonyane yeqa esiswini sakhe;
loElizabethi wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, **42** wamemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi: Ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazana,
njalo sibusisiwe isithelo sesizalo sakho! **43** Kanti kuvela ngaphi
lokhu kimi, ukuthi unina weNkosi yami eze kimi? **44** Ngoba
khangela, kuthe ilizwi lokubingelela kwakho lifika endlebeni zami,
umntwana weqa esiswini sami ngokuthokoza. **45** Futhi ubusisiwe
okholiweyo, ngoba kuzagcwalseka lezozinto ezakhulunywa
kuye yiNkosi. **46** UMariya wasesithi: Umphefumulo wami
uyayikhulisa iNkosi, **47** lomoya wami uyathokoza kuNkulunkulu
uMsindisi wami, **48** ngoba ukhangele ubuphansi bencekukazi

yakhe. Ngoba khangela, kusukela khathesi zonke izizukulwana zizakuthi ngibusisiwe. **49** Ngoba yena olamandla ungenzele izinto ezinkulu, lingcwele lebizo lakhe, **50** lesihawu sakhe sikusizukulwana ngesizukulwana kulabo abamesabayo. **51** Wenzile amandla ngengalo yakhe; uhlakazile abaziggajayo ekunakaneni kwenhlizyo zabo. **52** Wehlisile iziphathamandla ezihlalweni zobukhos, kodwa uphakamisile abantukazana. **53** Abalambileyo ubasuthise ngezinto ezinhle, kodwa abanothileyo wabamukisa beze. **54** Umsizile ulsrayeli inceku yakhe, ngokukhumbula isihawu, **55** njengoba watsho kubobaba bethu, kuAbrahama, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini. (*aiōn g165*)

56 UMariya wasehlala laye okungaba zinyanga ezintathu, wasebuyela endlini yakhe. **57** Isikhathi sikaElizabethi sokuthi abelethe sesiphelele, wasebeletha indodana. **58** Abakhelene laye lezinini zakhe basebesizwa ukuthi iNkosi yenze isihawu sayo saba sikhulu kuye, basebethokoza laye. **59** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwasificaminwembili, beza ukuzasoka usane; balubiza ngebizo likayise ngokuthi nguZakariya. **60** Kodwa unina waphendula wathi: Hatshi bo, kodwa luzathiwa nguJohane. **61** Basebesithi kuye: Kakho ezihlotsheni zakho obizwa ngalelibizo. **62** Basebeqhweba uyise, ukuthi angathanda ukuthi lubizwe ngokuthini. **63** Wasecela into yokubhalela, wabhala, esithi: NguJohane ibizo lalo; basebemangala bonke. **64** Njalo wahle wavulwa umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe lwatshwaphululwa, wasekhulumwa edumisa uNkulunkulu. **65** Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwabo bonke abakhelene labo; njalo kwakhulunywa ngazo zonke lezizinto kulo lonke elezintabeni zeJudiya, **66** labo bonke abazizwayo bazilondoloza ezinhliziyeni zabo, besithi: Kambe lolusane luzakuba njani? Njalo isandla seNkosi

sasilalo. 67 LoZakariya uyise wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, waprofetha, esithi: 68 Ibusisiwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kalsrayeli, ngoba ihambele yasenzela inkululeko isizwe sayo, 69 yasivusela uphondo losindiso endlini kaDavida inceku yayo, 70 njengalokho yakhulumo ngomlomo wabaprofethi bayo abangcwele kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba, (aiōn g165) 71 isikhulula ezitheni zethu, lesandleni sabo bonke abasizondayo; 72 ukwenzela obaba bethu isihawu, lokukhumbula isivumelwano sayo esingcwele, 73 isifungo eyasifunga kubaba wethu uAbrahama, 74 ukusinika, ukuthi sesikhululiwe esandleni sezitha zethu, siyikhonze singelakwesaba, 75 ngobungcwele langokulunga phambi kwayo zonke izinsuku zempilo yethu. 76 Lawe-ke, sane, uzabizwa ngokuthi unggumprofethi woPhezukonke; ngoba uzahamba phambi kobuso beNkosi ukulungisa izindlela zayo; 77 lokunika isizwe sayo ulwazi losindiso ngothethelo lwezono zabo, 78 ngesihelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, okuthi ngaso ukusa kwaphezulu kusethekelele, 79 ukubakhanyisela abahlezi emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, ukuqondisa inyawo zethu endleleni yokuthula. 80 Wakhula-ke umntwana omncane, waqina emoyeni, waba sezinkangala kwaze kwaba lusuku lokubonakala kwakhe kulsrayeli.

2 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, isimiso saphuma kuKesari uAgastasi, sokuthi kubhalwe umhlaba wonke. 2 Lohukubhalwa kwakungokokuqala ukwenziwa lapho uKwiriniya engumbusi weSiriya. 3 Bonke basebesiya ukuze bayebhalwa, ngulowo lalowo emzini wakibo. 4 LoJosefa laye wenyuka esuka eGalili, emzini iNazaretha, waya eJudiya, emzini kaDavida, othiwa yiBhethelhema, ngoba wayengowendlu lowosendo lukaDavida, 5 ukuyabhalwa kanye loMariya umkakhe ayemganile,

owayezithwele. **6** Kwasekusithi belapho, zaseziphelela insuku zokubeletha kwakhe. **7** Wasebeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho, wayigoqela ngamalembu, wayilalisa emkolweni, ngoba kwakungelandawo yabo endlini yezihambi. **8** Njalo kwakukhona kulelolizwe abelusi ababehlala egangeni futhi belinde umhlambi wabo ebusuku. **9** Njalo khangela, ingilos iyeNkosi yema eduze kwabo, lenkazimulo yeNkosi yakhanya ibazingelezele; njalo besaba ngokwesaba okukhulu. **10** Ingilos yasisithi kubo: Lingesabi; ngoba khangelani, ngitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini ezentokozo enkulu, ezakuba kubantu bonke; **11** ngoba lizalelwé lamuhla uMsindisi, onguKristu iNkosi, emzini kaDavida. **12** Njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini: Lizathola usane lugogelwe ngamalembu, lulele emkolweni. **13** Njalo kwahle kwaba khona kanye lengilos i xuku lebutho lasezulwini, lidumisa uNkulunkulu, lisithi: **14** Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu kweliphezulu, lokuthula emhlabeni; isifiso esihle ebantwini. **15** Kwasekusithi, ingilos sezsukile kubo zisiya ezulwini, abantu, abangabelusi, bakhulumisana besithi: Ake siye eBhethelohema, sibone leyonto eyenzakeleyo, iNkosi esazise yona. **16** Basebesiza ngokuphangisa, bathola oMariya loJosefa, losane lulele emkolweni. **17** Sebebonile basebesazisa indawo ezizingelezeleyo ngelizwi ababelitshelwe mayelana lalo umntwana omncane. **18** Labo bonke abakuzwayo bamangala ngezinto ezazikhulunywe ngabelusi kubo. **19** Kodwa uMariya walondoloza wonke la amazwi, enakana ngawo enhliziyweni yakhe. **20** Basebebuyała abelusi, bemdumisa bembonga uNkulunkulu ngazo zonke izinto ababezizwile lababezibonile, njengalokho okwakukhulunywe kubo. **21** Kwathi seziphelile insuku eziyisificaminwembili zokuthi umntwana omncane asokwe,

ibizo lakhe laselithiwa nguJesu, elalibizwe yingilos i engakomulwa esiswini. **22** Kwathi seziphelele insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe ngokomlayo kaMozisi, bamletha eJerusalema, ukuze bammise phambi kweNkosi **23** (njengokulotshiweyo emlayweni weNkosi ukuthi konke okwesilisa okuvula isibeletho kuzathiwa kungcwele eNkosini) **24** lokuthi banikele umhlatshelo njengokutshiwo emlayweni weNkosi, amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba. **25** Njalo khangela, kwakukhona eJerusalema umuntu, obizo lakhe linguSimeyoni, njalo lumuntu wayelungle ekhuthele ekukhonzeni, elindele induduzo kalsrayeli, loMoya oNgcwele wayephezu kwakhe. **26** Futhi kwakubonakalisive kuye nguMoya oyiNgcwele, ukuthi kayikubona ukufa engakamboni uKristu weNkosi. **27** Wasengena ethempelini ngoMoya; kwathi abazali bemletha umntwana omncane uJesu, ukuze benze ngaye ngokomkhuba womlayo, **28** yena wasemthatha wamphatha engalweni zakhe, wabonga uNkulunkulu, wathi: **29** Nkosi, khathesi iyekele inceku yakho ihambe ngokuthula, njengokwelizwi lakho; **30** ngoba amehlo ami alubonile usindiso lwakho **31** olulungisileyo phambi kobuso babantu bonke; **32** ukukhanya kokwembulela abezizwe, lenkazimulo yesizwe sakho ulsrayeli. **33** UJosefa lonina basebemangala ngezinto ezatshiwo ngaye. **34** USimeyoni wasebabusa, wathi kuMariya unina: Khangela, lo umiselwe ukuwa lokuvuka kwabanengi kulsrayeli, lokuba yisibonakaliso esizaphikiswa; **35** futhi lawe, inkemba izadabula owakho umphefumulo; ukuze imicabango yenhliziyo ezinengi yembulwe. **36** Njalo kwakukhona uAna umprofethikazi, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesizwe sikaAsheri; wayesekhulile kakhulu, ebehiale lendoda iminyaka eyisikhombisa kusukela ebuntombini bakhe, **37** njalo wayengumfelokazi owayengaba leminyaka

engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane, engasuki ethempelini,
ekhonza ngokuzila ukudla langemikhuleko ebusuku lemini. **38**
Laye efika ngaleloholo wadumisa uNkulunkulu, wakhulum
ngaye kubo bonke ababelindele inkululeko eJerusalem. **39**
Kwathi sebeqedile konke okungokomlayo weNkosi, babuyela
eGalili, emzini wakibo iNazaretha. **40** Lomntwana omncane
wakhula, waqina emoyeni, wagcwala inhlakaniph; lomusa
kaNkulunkulu wawuphezu kwakhe. **41** Njalo abazali bakhe
babesiya eJerusalem iminyaka yonke ngomkhosi wephasika. **42**
Kwathi eseleminyaka elitshumi lambili, sebenyukele eJerusalem
njengomkhuba womkhosi, **43** njalo sebeziqedile insuku,
ekubuyeleni kwabo, umntwana uJesu wasala eJerusalem;
njalo uJosefa Ionina bengazi; **44** kodwa becabanga ukuthi
waysexukwini endleleni, bahamba uhambo losuku, bamdinga
phakathi kwezinini labazana labo; **45** kodwa bengamtholi,
babuyela eJerusalem, bemdinga. **46** Kwasekusithi emva
kwensku ezintathu, bamthola ethempelini, ehlezi phakathi
kwabafundisi, njalo ebalalela, futhi ebabuza. **47** Njalo bonke
ababemuzwa bamangala kakhulu ngolwazi lependulo zakhe.
48 Kwathi bembona bamangala; Ionina wathi kuye: Mntanami,
wenzeleni okunje kithi? Khangela, uyihlo lami besikudinga
sidubekile. **49** Wasesithi kubo: Kungani lingidinga? Belingakwazi
yini ukuthi kumele ukuthi ngibe sezintweni zikaBaba? **50**
Kodwa bona kabaliqedisisanga ilizwi alikhuluma kubo. **51**
Wasesehla labo, weza eNazaretha; wazehlisela ngaphansi
kwabo. Unina wasegcina zonke lezizinto enhliziyweni yakhe. **52**
UJesu waseqhubeka enhlakanipheni lekukhuleni, lekuthandekeni
kuNkulunkulu lebantwini.

3 Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlalu wokubusa kukaTiberiyosi uKesari, uPontiyusi Pilatu engumbusi weJudiya, loHerodi engumtetrarki weGalili, loFiliphi umfowabo engumtetrarki welturiya lelizweni iTrakoniti, loLisaniya engumtetrarki weAbilene, **2** uAnasi loKayafasi bengabapristi abakhulu, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lafika kuJohane indodana kaZakariya enkangala. **3** Wasesiza esigabeni sonke seJordani esizingelezeleyo, etshumayela ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka kube yikuthethelelwka kwezono; **4** njengokulotshiweyo egwalweni lwamazwi kalsaya umprofethi, ukuthi: Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana zayo. **5** Sonke isigodi sizaggitswa, layo yonke intaba loqaqa kuzakwehliswa; njalo kuzaqondiswa amazombazombe, lamaxhakaxhaka ezindlela azalungiswa; **6** layo yonke inyama izabona usindiso lukaNkulunkulu. **7** Ngakho wathi emaxukwini aphumela ukubhabhathizwa nguye: Nzalo yezinyoka, ngubani olixwayise ukubalekela ulaka oluzayo? **8** Ngakho thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka; njalo lingaqali ukuthi phakathi kwenu: SiloAbrahama ongubaba wethu; ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu ulamandla okumvusela uAbrahama abantwana kulamatshe. **9** Lakhathesi lehloka selibekiwe empanden zezihlahla; ngakho sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni. **10** Amaxuku asembuza, athi: Pho thina sizakwenzani? **11** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Olezemba batho ezimbili, kamuphe ongelaso; lolokudla kenze njalo. **12** Kwasekufika labathelisi ukuze babhabhathizwe, basebesithi kuye: Mfundisi, sizakwenzani? **13** Wasesithi kubo: Lingabizi okwedlula elikumiselweyo. **14** Lamabutho lawo ambuza, athi: Thina-ke sizakwenzani? Wasesithi kuwo:

Lingenzi udlakela emuntwini, njalo lingacali ngamanga; njalo yeneliswani yimivuzo yenu. **15** Kwathi abantu belindile, futhi bonke bezibuza enhliziyweni zabo ngoJohane, ukuthi kambe yena angaba enguKristu, **16** uJohane waphendula, esithi kubo bonke: Mina-ke ngilibhabhathiza ngamanzi; kodwa uyeza olamandla kulami, engingafanele ukuthukulula umchilo wamanyathela akhe; yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo; **17** okhomane lwakhe lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo uzahlambululisa isibuya sakhe, abesebuthela amabele esiphaleni sakhe, kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo. **18** Langokulaya ngezinye izinto ezinengi, watshumayela ivangeli ebantwini. **19** Kodwa uHerodi umtetrarki, owayesolwe nguye ngoHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabو, langakho konke okubi ayekwenzile uHerodi, **20** wengezelela lalokhu phezu kwakho konke, ukuthi wamvalela uJohane entolongweni. **21** Kwasekusithi sebebhabhathiziwe bonke abantu, laye uJesu esebehahthiziwe, ekhuleka, izulu lavulwa, **22** uMoya oyiNgcwele wasesehlala phezu kwakhe elesimo somzimba onjengowejuba, lelizwi lavela ezulwini, lisithi: Wena uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, ngithokoza ngawe. **23** Yena uJesu waseqala ukuba lemnyaka engaba ngamatshumi amathathu, yena (njengokwakanakanwa) eyindodana kaJosefa, kaEli, **24** kaMathati, kaLevi, kaMeliki, kaJanayi, kaJosefa, **25** kaMatathiya, kaAmosi, kaNahume, kaEseli, kaNagayi, **26** kaMahati, kaMatathiya, kaSemeyi, kaJosefa, kaJuda, **27** kaJohana, kaResa, kaZerubhabheli, kaSalatiyeli, kaNeri, **28** kaMeliki, kaAdi, kaKosamu, kaElimodamu, kaEri, **29** kaJose, kaEliyezeri, kaJorima, kaMathati, kaLevi, **30** kaSimeyoni, kaJuda, kaJosefa, kaJonanu, kaEliyakhimi, **31** kaMeleya, kaMena,

kaMathata, kaNathani, kaDavida, **32** kaJese, kaObedi, kaBowosi,
kaSalimoni, kaNashoni, **33** kaAminadaba, kaAramu, kaEsiromu,
kaFaresi, kaJuda, **34** kaJakobe, kalsaka, kaAbrahama, kaThara,
kaNahori, **35** kaSarugi, kaRagawu, kaFaleki, kaEberi, kaSala,
36 kaKayinani, kaArpakishadi, kaShemu, kaNowe, kaLameki, **37**
kaMethusala, kaEnoki, kaJaredi, kaMaleleyeli, kaKayinani, **38**
kaEnosi, kaSeti, kaAdamu, kaNkulunkulu.

4 Kwathi uJesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wabuya evela
eJordani, wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala, **2** walingwa
ngudiyabhola insuku ezingamatshumi amane. Njalo kadlanga
lutho ngalezonsuku; kwathi seziphelile, ekucineni walamba. **3**
Udiyahbola wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu,
tshono kulelilithe ukuthi libe yisinkwa. **4** UJesu wasemphendula,
wathi: Kulotshiwe, ukuthi umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa
sodwa, kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **5** Udiyahbola
wasemkhokhelela entaben ende wamtshengisa yonke imibuso
yomhlaba ngesikhatsana. **6** Udiyahbola wasesithi kuye:
Amandla wonke la lobukhosи bayo ngizakunika; ngoba anikwe
mina, njalo ngiwanika loba ngubani engithandayo. **7** Ngakho
wena uba ukhonza phambi kwami, konke kuzakuba ngokwakho.
8 UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane;
ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wakho, njalo umkhonze yena yedwa. **9** Wasemkhokhelela
eJerusalema, wammisa engqongeni yethempeli, wasesithi kuye:
Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele phansi usuka lapha;
10 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe,
ukukulondoloza; **11** lokuthi: Zizakuphatha ngezandla, hlezi loba
nini ukhube unyawo lwakho elitsheni. **12** UJesu wasephendula
wathi kuye: Kuthiwa: Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.

13 Udiyabhola eseqedile ukulinga konke, wasuka kuye kwaze kwaba ngesinye isikhathi. **14** UJesu wasebuyela eGalili ngamandla kaMoya; lendumela yakhe yaphuma kuso sonke isigaba esizingelezeleyo. **15** Yena wasefundisa emasinagogeni abo, edunyiswa yibo bonke. **16** Wasefika eNazaretha, lapho ayondliwe khona; njengokwejwayela kwakhe wasengena esinagogeni ngosuku Iwesabatha, wasukuma ukuze afunde. **17** Wasenikwa ugwalo lomprofethi ulsaya. Waseluvula ugwalo, wayithola indawo okubhalwe kuyo ukuthi: **18** UMoya weNkosi uphezu kwami, ngakho ingicibile ukuthi ngitshumayele ivangeli kubayanga; ingithumile ukusilisa abadabukileyo enhliziyweni; ukumemezela ukukhululwa kwabathunjewyo, lokubona kwabayiziphofu, ukukhulula ababandezelwyo, **19** ukumemezela umnyaka womusa weNkosi. **20** Waselugoqa ugwalo, walubuyisela encekwini, wahlala phansi; lamehlo abo bonke ababesesinagogeni amjolozela. **21** Waseqala ukuthi kubo: Lamuhla lumbhalo ugcwalisekile endlebeni zenu. **22** Labo bonke bafakaza ngaye, bamangala ngamazwi omusa aphuma emlonyeni wakhe, basebesithi: Lo kayisiyo indodana kaJosefa yini? **23** Wasesithi kubo: Isibili lizakutsho kimi lesisaga: Melaphi, zelaphe wena; konke lokho esikuzwileyo okwenzeke eKapenawume, kwenze lalapha emzini wakini. **24** Wathike: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakho umprofethi owemukelekayo elizweni lakibo. **25** Kodwa ngeqiniso ngithi kini: Abafelokazi abanengi babekhona kolsrayeli ensukwini zikaElija, lapho izulu lalivalekile iminyaka emithathu lenyanga eziyisithupha, kwaze kwaba khona indlala enkulu emhlabeni wonke; **26** kodwa uElija kathunywanga lakomunye wabo, ngaphandle kweSarepita yeSidoni kowesifazana ongumfelokazi. **27** Futhi amalephero

amanengi ayekhona kolsrayeli ngesikhathi sikaElisha umprofethi; kodwa kakuhlanjululwanga lamunye wawo, ngaphandle kukaNamani umSiriya. **28** Kwathi bonke ababesesenagogeni bagcwala ulaka, bezizwa lezizinto, **29** basebesukuma, bamkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamqhubela eliweni lentaba umuzi wabo owawakhiwe phezu kwayo, ukuze bamphosele phansi eliweni. **30** Kodwa yena edabula phakathi kwabo wahamba. **31** Wasesehlela eKapenawume umuzi weGalili; njalo wayebafundisa ngamasabatha. **32** Basebebabaaza ngemfundiso yakhe, ngoba ilizwi lakhe lalilamandla. **33** Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni umuntu owayelomoya wedimoni ongcolileyo, wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu, **34** wathi: Yekela! Silani lawe, Jesu mNazaretha? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini? Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani: ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu. **35** UJesu wasemkhuza, esithi: Thula, uphume kuye! Ledimoni selimwisele phakathi laphuma kuye, lingamlimazanga. **36** Kwasekubafikela bonke ukumangala, bakhulumisana, besithi: Yilizwi bani leli, ukuthi ngegunya langamandla uyalaya omoya abangcolileyo, baphume? **37** Yasiphuma indumela yakhe kuyo yonke indawo yesigaba esizingelezeleyo. **38** Wasesukuma waphuma esinagogeni, wayangena endlini kaSimoni; njalo uninazala kaSimoni wayebanjwe luqhuqho olukhulu; basebemceleta kuye. **39** Wasemengama, wakhaza uqhuqho, khona lwamyekela; njalo wahle wasukuma wabasebenzela. **40** Kwathi ekutshoneni kwelanga, bonke ababelababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo babaletha kuye; wasebeka izandla kulowo lalowo wabo wabasilisa. **41** Kwasekuphuma lamadimoni kwabanengi, ememeza esithi: Wena unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu. Wasewakhaza engawavumeli ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi ukuthi

unguKristu. **42** Kwathi sekusile, waphuma waya endaweni eyinkangala, lamaxuku amdinga, eza kuye, amvimbela ukuthi angasuki kiwo. **43** Kodwa wathi kuwo: Ngimele ukutshumayela ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu lakweminye imizi; ngoba ngithunyelwe lokho. **44** Wayesetshumayela emasinagogeni eGalili.

5 Kwasekusithi ixuku selimminyezele ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, yena wasesima eceleni kwechibi leGenesaretha; **2** wabona imikhumbi emibili imi eceleni kwechibi; kodwa abagoli benhlanzi babephumile kiyo behlambulula amambule. **3** Wasengena komunye wemikhumbi, ongokaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi asuke kancinyane emhlabathini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa amaxuku esemkhunjini. **4** Kwathi eseqedile ukukhuluma, wathi kuSimoni: Ngena enzikini, lehlise amambule enu ukuze libambe. **5** USimoni wasephendula wathi kuye: Nkosi, sitshikatshike ubusuku bonke, kasibambanga lutho; kodwa ngokutsho kwakho ngizakwehlisa imbule. **6** Kwathi sebekwenzile lokho, babamba inhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu. Laselidabuka imbule labo. **7** Basebeqhweba ababehlanganye labo ababekomunye umkhumbi, ukuthi beze babasize; beza-ke bayigcwala imikhumbi yomibili, yaze yaqalisa ukutshona. **8** Kuthe uSimoni Petro ebona, wawela emadolweni kaJesu, esithi: Suka kimi, Nkosi, ngoba ngingumuntu oyisoni. **9** Ngoba ukumangala kwakumbambile, labo bonke ababelaye, ngokubanjwa kwenhlanzi ababezibambile; **10** ngokufananayo-ke loJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya, ababehlanganye loSimoni. UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni: Un gesabi; kusukela khathesi uzagola abantu. **11** Kwathi sebeyifikisile imikhumbi emhlabathini, batshiya konke, bamlandela. **12** Kwasekusithi,

esekomunye wemizi, khangela-ke, indoda egcwele ubulephero; yathi ibona uJesu, yawa ngobuso, yamncenga, isithi: Nkosi, aluba uthanda, ungangi hlambulula. **13** Waseselula isandla, wayithinta, esithi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo bahle basuka ubulephero kuyo. **14** Yena waseyilaya ukuthi ingatsheli muntu; wathi: Kodwa hamba uhiveze kumpristi, unikelele ukuhlanjululwa kwakho, njengoba uMozisi walaya, kube yibufakazi kubo. **15** Kodwa kwayilapho ukukhuluma ngaye kwanda kakhulu; lamaxuku amanengi abuthana ukulalela, lokusiliswa nguye ezifweni zawo. **16** Kodwa yena waphumela enkangala wakhuleka. **17** Kwasekusithi ngolunye Iwezinsuku, yena wayefundisa; njalo kwakuhlezi abaFarisi labafundisi bomlayo, abavela kuyo yonke imizana yeGalili leJudiya leJerusalema; lamandla eNkosi ayekhona ukubasilisa. **18** Njalo khangela, amadoda ethwele ngohlaka umuntu owayome umhlubulo; njalo adinga ukumngenisa ambeke phambi kwakhe; **19** kodwa engatholi indlela yokumngenisa ngenxa yexuku, akhwela ephahleni Iwendlu, amehlisa ezitineni zokufulela ngethala phambi kukaJesu phakathi laphakathi. **20** Kwathi ebona ukholo lwavo, wathi kuye: Ndoda, izono zakho uzithethelelwe. **21** Ababhalu labaFarisi basebeqala ukunakana, besithi: Ungubani lo okhuluma inhlamba? Ngubani ongathethelela izono, ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu yedwa? **22** Kwathi uJesu esazi ukunakana kwabo waphendula wathi kubo: Linakanani enhliziyweni zenu? **23** Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe; kumbe ukuthi: Sukuma uhambe? **24** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni (wathi koyisigoga): Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma, uthathe ithala lakho, uye endlini yakho. **25** Njalo wahle wasukuma phambi kwabo,

wathatha lokhu ayelele kukho, wasuka waya endlini yakhe, edumisa uNkulunkulu. **26** Lokusanganiseka kwababamba bonke, basebedumisa uNkulunkulu, bagcwala ukwesaba, besithi: Sibone izimanga lamuhla. **27** Njalo emva kwalezizinto waphuma, wabona umthelisi, uLevi ngebizo, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi kuye: Ngilandela. **28** Wasetshiya konke, wasukuma wamlandela. **29** ULevi wasemenzela idili elikhulu endlini yakhe; njalo kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu labathelisi lelabanye abahlala kanye labo ekudleni. **30** Ababhali babo labaFarisi basebesola kubafundi bakhe, besithi: Kungani lisidla linatha labathelisi lezoni? **31** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Abaphilayo kabasweli melaphi, kodwa abagulayo. **32** Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni. **33** Basebesithi kuye: Kungani abafundi bakaJohane bezila ukudla kanengi, benze imikhuleko, kunjalo lababaFarisi; kodwa abakho bayadla banathe? **34** Kodwa wathi kubo: Kambe, lingabazilisa ukudla yini abantwana bendlu yomthimba, umyeni eselabo? **35** Kodwa zizafika insuku, lapho umyeni ezasuswa kubo, khona bezazila ukudla ngalezonsuku. **36** Wasebatshela futhi umfanekiso wokuthi: Kakho obekela isichibi sesembatho esitsha esembathweni esidala; uba kungenjalo, esitsha laso siyadabula, lesichibi sesitsha asihambelan lesidala. **37** Futhi kakho ofaka iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo, iwayini elitsha lizadabula imigodla, lichitheke Iona, lemigodla yonakale. **38** Kodwa iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha, njalo kokubili kulondolozoke. **39** Njalo kakho othi esenathe iwayini elidala ahle afise elitsha; ngoba uthi: Elidala lingcono.

6 Kwasekusithi ngesabatha lesibili lakuqala edabula emasimini amabele, abafundi bakhe bakha izikhwebu, badla, bezihlikihla

ngezandla. **2** Kodwa abathile babaFarisi bathi kubo: Lenzelani okungavunyelwa ukwenziwa ngensuku zesabatha? **3** UJesu wasebaphendula, wathi: Alifundanga lalokho yini, uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye, **4** ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, wathatha izinkwa zokubukiswa, wasesidla, wanika lalabo ababelaye; ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa ngaphandle kwabapristi bodwa? **5** Wasesithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha. **6** Kwasekusithi langelinye isabatha wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa; njalo kwakukhona umuntu lapho, osandla sakhe sokunene sasitshwabhene. **7** Ababhalilabafarisi basebemqaphela, ukuthi uzasilisa ngesabatha yini; ukuze bathole okokumbeka icala. **8** Kodwa wayazi imicabango yabo, wathi kumuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma, ume phakathi. Wasukuma-ke wema. **9** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngizalibusa ulutho: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha ukwenza okulungileyo kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo kumbe ukuchitha? **10** Wasebathalaza bonke, wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Wasesenza njalo. Isandla sakhe sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye. **11** Basebegcwala ubuhlanya; bakhulumisana omunye komunye, ukuthi bangamenzani uJesu. **12** Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku waphuma waya entabenı ukuyakhuleka; wahlala ubusuku bonke ekukhulekeni kuNkulunkulu. **13** Kwathi sekusile, wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe; wakhetha kubo abalitshumi lambili, ababiza futhi ngokuthi ngabaphostoli; **14** uSimoni laye ambiza ngokuthi nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo, uJakobe loJohane, uFiliphu loBartolomewu, **15** uMathewu loTomasi, uJakobe okaAlfewu, loSimoni owayethiya ngumZelothi, **16** uJudasi kaJakobe, loJudasi Iskariyothi, laye owaba ngumnikeli. **17** Wasesehla labo,

wema esigcawini, lexuku labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu labantu abavela kuyo yonke iJudiya leJerusalema, langaselwandle lweTire leSidoni, ababezile ukumuzwa, lokusiliswa ezifweni zabo; **18** lalabo ababekhathazwa ngomoya abangcolileyo, basebesiliswa. **19** Lexuku lonke ladinga ukumthinta; ngoba kwaphuma amandla kuye, asebasilisa bonke. **20** Yena wasephakamisela amehlo akhe kubafundi bakhe wathi: Libusisiwe, bayanga, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowenu. **21** Libusisiwe, lina elilambileyo khathesi, ngoba lizasuthiswa. Libusisiwe, lina elikhalayo khathesi, ngoba lizahleka. **22** Libusisiwe, nxa abantu belizonda, njalo nxa belehlukanisa, belithuka, belahlia ibizo lenu ngokungathi libi, ngenxa yeNdodana yomuntu. **23** Thokozani ngalolosuku leqe ngokuthokoza; ngoba khangelani, umvuzo wenu mkhulu ezulwini; ngoba oyise benza njalo kubaprofethi. **24** Kodwa maye kini lina elinothileyo! Ngoba seliyemukele induduzo yenu. **25** Maye kini, lina elisuthiyo! Ngoba lizalamba. Maye kini, lina elihlekayo khathesi! Ngoba lizalila, likhale. **26** Maye kini, nxa abantu bonkebekhuluma kuhle ngani! Ngoba oyise babesenza njalo kubaprofethi bamanga. **27** Kodwa ngithi kini elizwayo: Thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle kwabalizondayo, **28** libusise abaliqalekisayo, libakhulekele abaliphatha kubi. **29** Okutshaya esihlathini, mniike lesinye; lokwemuka isembatho sakho, ungali lesigqoko sakho. **30** Kodwa mniike wonke ocela kuwe; lokwemuka okwakho, ungaruyi ukubize kuye. **31** Njalo njengalokho lithanda ukuthi abantu benze kini, lani yenzani njalo kubo. **32** Njalo uba lithanda labo abalithandayo, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zithanda labo abazithandayo. **33** Njalo uba lisenza okuhle kulabo abenza okuhle kini, yikubongwa bani

elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zenza okufananayo. **34** Futhi uba liseboleka labo elithemba ukwemukela kubo, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zeboleka izoni, ukuze zemukele izinto ezifananayo. **35** Kodwa thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle, leboleke, lingalindeli lutho olubuyiselwayo; lomvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo libe ngabantwana boPhezukonke; ngoba yena ulobubele kwabangabongiyo lababi. **36** Ngakho banini lesihawu, njengoba laye uYihlo elesihawu. **37** Lingahluleli, njalo alsoze lahluelwe; lingalahli, njalo alsoze lilahlwe; thethelelani, njalo lizathethelelwa; **38** phanini, lani lizaphiwa; isilinganiso esihle, sigqitshiwe sahlukuzwa, siphuphuma, bazalipha esifubeni. Ngoba ngalesosilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso lizalinganiselwa ngaso futhi. **39** Wasebatshela umfanekiso wokuthi: Kambe isiphofu singakhokhela isiphofu yini? Kabayikuwela bobabili emgodini yini? **40** Umfundsi kamkhulu kulomfundisi wakhe; kodwa wonke opheleleyo uzakuba njengomfundisi wakhe. **41** Njalo ukhangelelani ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu, kodwa ungalunanzeleli ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo? **42** Kumbe ungatsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi: Mfowethu, kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho, wena ungaluboni ugodo oluselihlweni lakho? Mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona kuhle ukukhupha ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu. **43** Ngoba kayisiso isihlahla esihle esithela isithelo esibi; futhi kayisiso isihlahla esibi esithela isithelo esihle. **44** Ngoba yileso laleso isihlahla saziwa ngesaso isithelo. Ngoba kabaseli imikhiwa emeiveni, futhi kakukhiwa isithelo sevini evikaneni. **45** Umuntu olungileyo uveza okulungileyo kokuligugu elilungileyo lenhliziyo yakhe, lomuntu omubi uveza okubi kokuligugu elibi lenhliziyo yakhe; ngoba umlomo wakhe ukhulumu

ngokugcwala kwenhliziyo. **46** Kodwa lingibizelani ngokuthi: Nkosi, Nkosi, kodwa lingazenzi izinto engizitshoyo? **47** Wonke oza kimi awezwe amazwi ami njalo awenze, ngizalitshengisa ukuthi ufanana lobani; **48** ufanana lomuntu owakha indlu, wagebha watshonisa, wabeka isisekelo phezu kwedwala; kwathi ekufikeni kwempophoma, umfula watshaya kuleyondlu, kodwa wawungelamandla okuyinyikinya; ngoba yayisekelwe phezu kwedwala. **49** Kodwa owezwayo njalo angawenzi unjengomuntu owakha indlu emhlabathini ingelasisekelo; umfula wayitshaya, njalo yahle yawa, futhi kwaba kukhulu ukudilika kwaleyondlu.

7 Kwathi eseqedile amazwi akhe wonke endlebeni zabantu, wangena eKapenawume. **2** Njalo inceku yenduna yekhulu ethile, eyayiligugu kuyo, yayigula isizakufa. **3** Kwathi isizwile ngoJesu, yathuma kuye abadala bamaJuda, imcela, ukuze eze asilise inceku yayo. **4** Kwathi bona, sebefikile kuJesu, bamncenga kakhulu, besithi: Yona kufanele ukuthi uyenzele lokhu; **5** ngoba iyasithanda isizwe sakithi, njalo yiyo eyasakhela isinagogue. **6** UJesu wasehamba labo. Kwathi engasekhatsana lendlu, induna yekhulu yathuma abangane kuye, isithi kuye: Nkosi, ungaZikhathazi; ngoba kangifanele ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahlalwami; **7** yikho kangizibonanga ngifanele ukuza kuwe; kodwa khuluma ngelizwi, njalo inceku yami izasiliswa. **8** Ngoba lami ngingumuntu obekwe ngaphansi kwamandla, ngilamabutho ngaphansi kwami, njalo ngithi kuleli: Hamba, njalo lihambe; lakwelinye: Woza, njalo lize; lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo ikwenze. **9** Kwathi uJesu ezizwa lezizinto wamangala ngayo, watshibilika, wathi exukwini elimlandelayo: Ngithi kini, angitholanga ukholo olungaka ngitsho lakolsrayeli. **10** Kwathi ababethunyiwe sebebulyele endlini bafica inceku

eyayigula isisilile. **11** Kwasekusithi ngelanga elilandelayo, waya emzini othiwa yiNayini; abafundi bakhe abanengi basebehamba laye, lexuku elikhulu. **12** Kwathi esesondela esangweni lomuzi, njalo khangela, kwakulofileyo ethwelwe kuphunywa, indodana engeyodwa kanina, futhi yena engumfelokazi; lexuku elikhulu lomuzi lalilaye. **13** INkosi imbona, yasisiba lesihelo ngaye, yathi kuye: Ungakhali. **14** Yasondela yathinta ithala; abalithweleyo basebesima; yasisithi: Jaha, ngithi kuwe: Vuka! **15** Ofileyo wasevuka wahlala waqala ukukhuluma. Yasimnika unina. **16** Ukwesaba kwasekubabamba bonke, basebemduMis uNkulunkulu, besithi: Umprofethi omkhulu usevukile phakathi kwethu; lokuthi: UNkulunkulu uhambele abantu bakhe. **17** Le indumela ngaye yasiphumela kuyo yonke iJudiya, lakuso sonke isigaba esizingelezeleyo. **18** Abafundi bakaJohane basebembikela ngazo zonke lezizinto. **19** UJohane wasebizela kuye ababili abathile kubafundi bakhe wabathuma kuJesu, esithi: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye? **20** Lamadoda esefikile kuye athi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi usithumile kuwe, esithi: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye? **21** Langaleloholo wasilisa abanengi ezifweni lemikhuhlaneni lakubomoya ababi, labayiziphofu abanengi wabapha ukubona. **22** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani limtshele uJohane izinto elizibonileyo lelizizwileyo: Ukuthi iziphofu zibuye zibone, iziqhuli ziyahamba, amalephero ayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, abayanga bayatshunyayezwa ivangeli; **23** njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubeKIYO ngami. **24** Kwathi sezihambile izithunywa zikaJohane, waqala ukukhuluma lamaxuku ngoJohane esithi: Laphuma laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa

ngumoya yini? **25** Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu
owembethe izembatho ezicolekileyo yini? Khangelani, abembethe
ezikhazimulayo baphila mnandi basezindlini zamakhosi. **26** Pho
laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi yini? Yebo, ngithi kini:
Loba odlula kakhulu umprofethi. **27** Lo nguye okubhalwe ngaye
ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi
kobuso bakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.
28 Ngoba ngithi kini: Phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana
kakho umprofethi omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhabhathizi; kodwa
omncinyane embusweni kaNkulunkulu mkhulu kulaye. **29**
abantu bonke bekuzwa, labatheli, bathi ulungile uNkulunkulu,
sebebhabhathiziwe ngobhabhathizo lukaJohane; **30** kodwa
abaFarisi lezazumthetho balala icebo likaNkulunkulu bemelene
labo, ngoba bengabhabhathizwanga nguye. **31** Yasisithi
iNkosi: Pho-ke abantu balesisizukulwana ngizabafananisa
lani? Kanti bafanova lani? **32** Banjengabantwana abancane
abahlezi emakethe bememezana besithi: Silitshayele umhlanga,
kodwa kalisinanga; silililele, kodwa kalikhalanga. **33** Ngoba
uJohane uMbhabhathizi wafika engadli isinkwa njalo enganathi
iwayini, laselisithi: Uledimoni; **34** iNdodana yomuntu ifikile
isidla, inatha, laselisithi: Khangelani, umuntu oligovu lesinathi
sewayini, umngane wabatheli lezoni. **35** Kodwa inhlakanipho
ithiwa ilungile ngabantwana bayo bonke. **36** Omunye
wabaFarisi wasemcela ukuthi adle laye; esengenile endlini
yomFarisi wahlala ekudleni. **37** Njalo khangela, owesifazana
kulowomuzi, owayeyisoni, esekwazi ukuthi uJesu uhlezi ekudleni
endlini yomFarisi, waletha umfuma we-alibasta owamagcobo,
38 wasesima eceleni kwenyawo zakhe ngemva kwakhe
ekhala, waqala ukuthambisa inyawo zakhe ngenyembezi,

wazesula ngenwele zekhanda lakhe, wanga inyawo zakhe,
wazigcoba ngamagcobo. **39** Kuthe umFarisi obemnxusile
ekubona wakhulumela ngaphakathi kwakhe wathi: Lo, uba
ebengumprofethi, ngabe uyamazi ukuthi unjani lo
owesifazana omthintayo, ngoba uyisoni. **40** UJesu wasephendula
wathi kuye: Simoni, ngilengizakukhuluma lawe. Yena wasesithi:
Khuluma, Mfundisi. **41** Kwakukhona ababili ababelezikwelede
kumkweledisi othile; omunye wayelomlandu wabodenariyo
abangamakhulu amahlanu, lomunye abangamatshumi amahlanu.
42 Kwathi bengelakho okokuhlawula ngakho, wabaxolela bobabili.
Kambe nguuphi kubo, tshono, ozamthanda okwedlulisileyo?
43 USimi wasephendula wathi: Ngicabanga ngulowo amxolela
okwedlulisileyo. Wathi kuye: Wahlulele ngokuqonda. **44**
Wasetshibilikela kowesifazana, wathi kuSimoni: Uyambona lo
owesifazana yini? Ngingene endlini yakho, amanzi enyaweni
zami kawunginikanga; kodwa yena uzithambisile inyawo
zami ngenyembezi zakhe, wazesula ngenwele zekhanda
lakhe. **45** Kawunganganga; kodwa yena, lokhu ngingenile,
kayekelanga ukwanga inyawo zami. **46** Ngamagcobo ikhanda lami
kawuligcobanga; kodwa yena ugcobile inyawo zami ngamakha. **47**
Ngenxa yalokhu, ngithi kuwe: Izono zakhe ezinengi zithethelelwe,
ngoba uthandile kakhulu; kodwa lowo othethelelwa kancinyane,
uthanda kancinyane. **48** Wasesithi kuye: Zithethelelwe izono
zakho. **49** Ababehlezi laye ekudleni basebeqala ukukhulumisana
bodwa besithi: Ngubani lo othethelela lezono? **50** Wasesithi
kowesifazana: Ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula.

8 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho, yena wadabula imizi
lemizana, ememezela lokutshumayela indaba ezinhle zombuso
kaNkulunkulu; labalitshumi lambili babelaye, **2** labesifazana

abathile ababesiliswe kubomoya ababi lemikhuhlaneni,
uMariya othiwa nguMagadalena, okwaphuma kuye amadimoni
ayisikhombisa, **3** loJowana umkaKuza induna kaHerodi,
loSusana, labanye abanengi, ababemsiza ngempahla zabo.
4 Kwathi sekubuthene ixuku elikhulu, njalo bevela emizini
ngemizi besiza kuye, wakhuluma ngomfanekiso, **5** wathi:
Umhlanelyi waphuma ukuyahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe; kwathi
ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye yawela eceleni kwendlela;
yasinyathelwa ngenyawo, lenyoni zezulu zayidla zayiqeda.
6 Lenye yawela edwaleni, kwathi ekukhuleni yabuna, ngoba
yaswela ubumanzi. **7** Lenye yawela phakathi kwameva, ameva
asemila layo ayiminyanisa. **8** Lenye yawela emhlabathini omuhle,
yakhula yathela ikhulu. Esetshilo lezintso wamemeza wathi:
Olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. **9** Abafundi bakhe basebembuza
besithi: Ungaba yini lumfanekiso? **10** Wasesithi: Kuphiwe
kini ukwazi imfihlo zombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa kwabanye
ngemifanekiso, ukuze bebona bangaboni, njalo besizwa
bangaqedisisi. **11** Lomfanekiso uyilokhu: Inhlanyelo iyilizwi
likaNkulunkulu. **12** Labaseceleni kwendlela yilabo abathi
sebezwile, besekufika udiyahbola alisuse ilizwi enhliziyweni
zabo, ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe. **13** Labasedwaleni yilabo,
abathi belizwile, balemukele ilizwi ngentokozo, kodwa laba
kabalampande, abakholwa okwesikhathi, kuthi ngesikhathi
sokulingwa bawe. **14** Lewele phakathi kwameva, yilabo abathi
sebezwile, bahambe baminyaniswe yikukhathalela lenotho
lenkanuko yempilo, njalo bangatheli izithelo ezivuthiweyo. **15**
Kodwa esemhlabathini omuhle, yilabo abathi belizwile ilizwi
balilondoloze enhliziyweni enhle lelungileyo, bathela izithelo
ngokubekezel. **16** Njalo kakho othi eselumathise isibane,

asembese ngesitsha, kumbe asibeke ngaphansi kombheda, kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni sesibane, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya. **17** Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo, okungasoze kube sobala; lokuthukuziwego, okungayikwaziwa lokungayikulethwa obala. **18** Ngakho qaphelisani ukuthi lizwa njani; ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho acabanga ukuthi ulakho. **19** Kwasekufika kuye unina labafowabo, kodwa abazange bamfinyelele ngenxa yexuku. **20** Wasebikelwa ngabanye abathi: Unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, bafuna ukukubona. **21** Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Umama labafowethu yilabo, abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balenze. **22** Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwezinsuku, wangena emkhunjini yena labafundi bakhe, wasesithi kubo: Asichaphele ngaphetsheya kwechibi; basuka-ke. **23** Kwathi behamba ngomkhumbi, walala ubuthongo; isiphepho esikhulu somoya sasesisehlela phansi echibini, bagcwalelwa ngamanzi, babesengozini. **24** Basebesondela bamvusa, besithi: Nkosi, nkosi, siyabhubha! Wasevuka wakhaza umoya lamagagasi amakhulu amanzi; kwasekusima, kwasekusiba lokuthula. **25** Wasesithi kubo: Lungaphi uholo lwenu? Basebesesaba bamangala, bakhulumisana besithi: Kambe ungubani lo, ukuthi alaye ngitsho imimoya lamanzi, njalo kumlalele? **26** Basebesiya ngomkhumbi elizweni lamaGadarene, eliqondene leGalili. **27** Kwathi esephumele emhlabathini, yamhlangabeza indoda ethile ivela emzini, eyayilamadimoni okwesikhathi eside, njalo ingembathi isembatho, ingahlali endlini, kodwa emangcwabeni. **28** Yathi imbona uJesu, yamemeza, yawa phansi phambi kwakhe, yathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngiyakuncenga, ungangihluphi. **29**

Ngoba walaya umoya ongcolileyo ukuthi aphume kulowomuntu; ngoba wayesembambe okwezikhathi ezinengi, walindwa ebotshiwe ngamaketane lezibopho, kodwa eseqamule izibopho waqhutshelwa enkangala lidimoni. **30** UJesu wasembuza, wathi: Ungubani ibizo lakho? Wasesithi: NguLegiyoni; ngoba amadimoni amanengi ayengene kuye. **31** Asemncenga ukuthi angawalayi ukuya emgodini ongelamkhawulo. (**Abyssos**
g12) **32** Kwakukhona lapho umhlambi wengulube ezinengi usidla entaben; asemncenga ukuthi awavumele angene kuzo. Wasewavumela. **33** Kwathi amadimoni esephumble kulowomuntu angena enguluben; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka usuka eliweni usiya echibini, waminzwa. **34** Kwathi ababzelusile bebona okwenzakeleyo babaleka, basuka bayabika emzini, lemaphandleni. **35** Basebephuma ukuyabona okwenzakeleyo; bafika kuJesu, bamfica umuntu okwakuphume kuye amadimoni ehlezi enyaweni zikaJesu, embethe esephelele engqondweni; basebesesaba. **36** Basebebatsela lalabo ababebonile ukuthi usindiswe njani owayengenwe ngamadimoni. **37** Ixuku lonke lesigaba samaGadarene esizingelezeleyo laselimcela ukuthi asuke kubo, ngoba babanjwa yikwesaba okukhulu; yena wasengena emkhunjini waphindela emuva. **38** Kodwa indoda okwakuphume kuyo amadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ibe laye. Kodwa uJesu wayiyekela yahamba, esithi: **39** Buyela endlini yakho, ulandise ukuthi kungakanani uNkulunkulu akwenze kuwe. Wasesuka wahamba, etshumayela phakathi komuzi wonke ukuthi kungakanani uJesu ayekwenzile kuye. **40** Kwasekusithi ekubuyeni kukaJesu, ixuku lamthakazelela; ngoba bonke babemlindele. **41** Njalo khangela, kwafika indoda, uJayirosi ngebizo, yona ingumphathi wesinagoge, yasisiwa phansi

enyaweni zikajesu yamncenga ukuthi angene endlini yayo; **42**
ngoba yayilendodakazi eyodwa ezelweyo eyayingaba leminyaka
elitshumi lambili, njalo yona yayisisifa. Kwathi esahamba
amaxuku amcindezela. **43** Lowesifazana owayelomopho wegazi
okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, echithe konke okwempilo yakhe
kubelaphi engelakusiliswa langubani, **44** wasondela ngemva
kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe; njalo wahle
wakhawula umopho wegazi lakhe. **45** Ujesu wasesithi: Ngubani
ongithintileyo? Kwathi lapho bephika bonke, uPetro wathi
lababelaye: Nkosi, ixuku likuminyanisile likucindezele, kodwa
uthi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? **46** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Ukhona
ongithintileyo; ngoba mina ngazile ukuthi amandla aphumile
kimi. **47** Kwathi owesifazana ebona ukuthi kafihlakalanga,
weza ethuthumela, wawa phambi kwakhe, walandisa phambi
kwabantu bonke ukuthi umthinte ngesizatho bani, lokuthi uhle
wasila njani. **48** Wasesithi kuye: Mana isibindi, ndodakazi,
ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula. **49** Esakhulum,
kwafika umuntu evela endlini yomphathi wesinagogue, wathi
kuye: Indodakazi yakho isifile; ungamluphi uMfundisi. **50** Kodwa
uJesu esizwa, wamphendula, wathi: Un gesabi; kholwa kuphela,
njalo izasindiswa. **51** Futhi esengenile endlini, kavumanga ukuthi
kungene muntu, ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane, loyise
wendodakazi lonina. **52** Njalo bakhala bonke, beyililela. Kodwa
wathi: Lingakhali; kayifanga, kodwa ilele. **53** Basebemhleka
usulu, besazi ukuthi ifile. **54** Kodwa yena ese bakhuphele
phandle bonke, wabamba isandla sayo, wamemeza, esithi:
Ndodakazi, vuka! **55** Wasubuya umoya wayo, yasivuka khona
lapho; waselaya ukuthi kayiphiwe ukudla. **56** Abazali bayo

basebemangala kakhulu; kodwa wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli
muntu okwenzakeleyo.

9 Wasebizela ndawonye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili,
wabanika amandla legunya phezu kwamadimoni wonke,
lawokwelapha izifo. **2** Wasebathuma ukuyatshumayela umbuso
kaNkulunkulu, lokusilisa abagulayo, **3** wasesithi kubo: Lingaphathi
lutho Iwendlela; Iodondolo, lesikhwama, lomphako, lemali,
njalo lingabi lezigqoko ezimbili ngamunye. **4** Lakuyiphi indlu
elingena kuyo, hlalani lapho, lalapho lisuke. **5** Labo bonke
abangalemukeliyo, nxa lisuka kulowomuzi, thintithani ngitsho
uthuli enyaweni zenu kube yibufakazi obumelana labo. **6** Basuka-
ke bahamba bedabula imizana, betshumayela ivangeli besilisa
endaweni zonke. **7** UHerodi umtetrarki wasekuzwa konke
okwenziwa nguye; wasedideka, ngoba k watshiwo ngabanye
ukuthi uJohane uvukile kwabafileyo; **8** langabanye ukuthi uElija
ubonakele; langabanye ukuthi kuvukile omunye wabaprofethi
abadala. **9** Kodwa uHerodi wathi: UJohane ngamquma ikhanda
mina; kodwa ngubani lo, mina engizwa ngaye izinto ezinje?
Wasefunisia ukumbona. **10** Abaphostoli sebebuyile bambikela
konke ababekwenzile. Wasebathatha, wahamba labo bevodwa
waya endaweni eyinkangala eyomuzi othiwa yiBhethisayida.
11 Kwathi amaxuku esekwazi, amlandela; wasewemukela,
wakhulumha lawo ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wabasilisa labo
abaswele ukusiliswa. **12** Ilanga laseliqala ukutshona; abalitshumi
lambili basebesiza bathi kuye: Yekela ixuku lihambe, ukuze
baye emizaneni lezigabenzi ezizingelezeleyo bangenise khona,
bathole ukudla; ngoba lapha sisendaweni eyinkangala. **13**
Kodwa wathi kubo: Banikeni lina bona ukuthi badle. Bathi-
ke: Asilakho okwedlula izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili,

ngaphandle kokuthi thina siyebathengela ukudla bonke lababantu.

14 Ngoba kwakukhona amadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Bahlaliseni phansi ngezigaba ngamatshumi amahlanu. **15** Basebesenza njalo, babahlalisa phansi bonke. **16** Wasezithatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, wakhangela phezulu ezulwini, wazibusisa, wazihlephula, wazinika abafundi ukuthi babeke phambi kwexuku. **17** Basebesidla basutha bonke; kwadojwa imvuthu ezazisele kubo, izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. **18** Kwasekusithi ekhuleka yedwa, abafundi babelaye; wasebabuza, esithi: Amaxuku athi ngingubani? **19** Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi; kodwa abanye bathi: UElija; kodwa abanye bathi: Kuvukile umprofethi othile wabadala. **20** Wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi: UKristu kaNkulunkulu. **21** Esebaxwayisisile walaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu lokhu, **22** esithi: INdodana yomuntu imele ihlupheke kakhulu, ilahlwe ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhalu, ibulawe, ibisivuswa ngosuku lwasithathu. **23** Wasesithi kubo bonke: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe insuku ngensuku, angilandele. **24** Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe, izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahkelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami, yena uzayisindisa. **25** Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, uba ezuza umhlaba wonke, kodwa yena uqobo lwakhe azone kumbe alahleke? **26** Ngoba loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami, iNdodana yomuntu izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa isiza enkazimulweni yayo lekaBaba leyengilosu ezingcwele. **27** Kodwa ngilitshela ngeqiniso: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **28** Kwasekusithi emva

kwalawomazwi, kungaba zinsuku eziyisificaminwembili, wathatha uPetro loJohane loJakobe, wakhwela entaben iukuyakhuleka.

29 Kwasekusithi ekukhulekeni kwakhe, isimo sobuso bakhe saphenduka, lesembatho sakhe saba mhlophe, sacwazimula. **30** Njalo khangela, akhuluma laye amadoda amabili, ayengoMozisi loElijah; **31** abonakala ngenkazimulo akhuluma ngokusuka kwakhe ayezakuphelelisa eJerusalema. **32** Kodwa uPetro lababelaye babesindwe yibuthongo; kodwa sebephapheme babona inkazimulo yakhe, lamadoda amabili ayemi laye.

33 Kwasekusithi, ekwehlukaneni kwawo laye, uPetro wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElijah; engakwazi akutshoyo. **34** Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto, kwafika iyezi labasibekela; basebesesaba ekungeneni kwabo eyezini. **35** Kwasekuphuma ilizwi eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo; zwanini yona. **36** Kwathi ilizwi selifikile, uJesu waficwa eyedwa. Kodwa bona bathula, kabaze batshela muntu ngalezonsuku okunye kwalezozinto abazibonileyo. **37** Kwasekusithi ngelanga elilandelayo, sebehlike entaben i, ixuku elikhulu lamhlangabeza. **38** Njalo khangela, indoda exukwini yamemeza, isithi: Mfundisi, ngiyakuncenga, bona indodana yami, ngoba yiyo yodwa ezelweyo yami; **39** njalo khangela, umoya uyayibamba, futhi ihle iklabalale, njalo uyihlukuze, ikhihlize amagwebu, uphume nzima kuyo, uyihluzule.

40 Njalo ngincenge abafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe, kodwa abenelisanga. **41** UJesu wasephendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo lesionakeleyo, kuzaze kube nini ngilani, ngilibekezelela? Ilethe lapha indodana yakho. **42** Kuthe iseza, idimoni layidabula layihlukuza; kodwa uJesu wawukhuza

umoya ongcolileyo, wamsilisa umntwana, wambuyisela kuyise.

43 Bonke basebemangalisa kakhulu yibukhulu bukaNkulunkulu.
Kwathi bemangele bonke ngazo zonke izinto uJesu azenzileyo,
wathi kubafundi bakhe: **44** Fakani lina endlebeni zenu lamazwi:
Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu. **45**
Kodwa kabaqedisisanga lumutsho, njalo wawufihlakele kubo,
ukuze bangawuzwisi; basebesesaba ukumbuza ngalumutsho.

46 Kwasekungena ukuphikisana phakathi kwabo, ukuthi ngubani
ongaba mkhulu kubo. **47** Kwathi uJesu ebona ukunakana
kwenhliziyo yabo, wathatha umntwana omncane, wammisa
phansi kwakhe, **48** wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owemukela
lumntwana omncane ebizweni lami wemukela mina; njalo loba
ngubani owemukela mina wemukela ongithumileyo; ngoba
omncinyane kini lonke nguye ozakuba mkhulu. **49** UJohane
wasephendula wathi: Nkosi, sabona omunye ekhupha amadimoni
ngebizo lakho, sasesimenqabela, ngoba engalandeli kanye
lathi. **50** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Lingamenqabeli, ngoba
ongamelani lathi ungakithi. **51** Kwathi seziphelelisiwe insuku
zokwenyuka kwakhe, yena wasekhangelisa ubuso bakhe
ukuya eJerusalema, **52** wasethuma izithunywa phambi kobuso
bakhe; zasezihamba zangena emzaneni wamaSamariya, ukuze
zimlungisele. **53** Kodwa kawamemukelanga, ngoba ubuso
bakhe babukhangele eJerusalema. **54** Kwathi abafundi bakhe
uJakobe loJohane bebona lokhu bathi: Nkosi, uyathanda yini
ukuthi sitsho ukuthi umlilo wehle uvela ezulwini, ubaqothule,
njengoba loElija wenza? **55** Kodwa watshibiliqa wabakuza,
esithi: Alazi ukuthi lina lingabomoya onjani. **56** Ngoba iNdodana
yomuntu kayizanga ukuthi ibhubhise imiphefumulo yabantu,
kodwa ukuyisindisa. Basebesedlulela komunye umzana. **57**

Kwasekusithi behamba endleleni, umuntu othile wathi kuye:
Nkosi, ngizakulandela loba ngaphi lapho oya khona. **58** uJesu
wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka alemilindi, lenyoni zezulu zilezidleke;
kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayilalapho engaqamelisa ikhanda
khona. **59** Wasesithi komunye: Ngilandela. Kodwa yena wathi:
Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi ngiyengcwaba ubaba kuqala. **60** Kodwa
uJesu wathi kuye: Yekela abafileyo bangcwabe ababo abafileyo;
kodwa wena hamba utshumayele umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **61**
Lomunye wasesithi: Ngizakulandela, Nkosi; kodwa ngivumela
kuqala ukuthi ngiyevalelisa abasendlini yami. **62** Kodwa uJesu
wathi kuye: Kakho othi esebeke isandla sakhe ekhubeni,
akhangele kokusemuva, ofanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

10 Njalo emva kwalezizinto iNkosi yamisa njalo abanye
abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yabathuma ngababili phambi
kobuso bayo emizini yonke lezindaweni zonke ebizakuya kuzo
yona. **2** Ngakho yathi kubo: Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi
zinlutshwana. Ngakho ncengani eNkosini yesivuno, ukuze ithume
izisebenzi esivunweni sayo. **3** Hambani; khangelani, mina
ngiyalithuma linjengezimvana phakathi kwezimpisi. **4** Lingaphathi
umxhaka, lesikhwama, lamanyathela; njalo lingabingeleli muntu
endleleni. **5** Njalo lakuyiphi indlu elingena kuyo, qalani lithi:
Ukuthula kakube kulindlu. **6** Njalo uba kukhona lapho indodana
yokuthula, ukuthula kwenu kuzahlala phezu kwayo; kodwa uba
kungenjalo, kuzabuyela kini. **7** Hhalani-ke kuleyondlu, lidle linathe
izinto ezivela kubo; ngoba isisebenzi sifanele umvuzo waso.
Lingayi endlini lendlini. **8** Lakuwuphi umuzi elingena kuwo,
besebelemukela, dlanini okubekwa phambi kwenu, **9** lisilise
abagulayo abakuwo, njalo lithi kubo: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu
usondele kini. **10** Kodwa lakuwuphi umuzi elingena kuwo, futhi

bengalemukeli, phumelani endleleni zawo, lithi: **11** Lothuli lomuzi wenu olusinamatheleyo siyaluthintithela kini; kodwa-ke yazini lokhu, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usondele kini. **12** Njalo ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula eSodoma ngalolosuku, kulakulowomuzi. **13** Maye kuwe, Korazini! Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba kwakwenziwe eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngabe kade baphenduka bahlala emasakeni lemlotheni. **14** Kodwa kuzakuba lula eTire leSidoni ekugwetshweni, kulakini. **15** Lawe, Kapanawume, ophakanyiselwe ezulwini, uzaphoselwa phansi esihogweni. (**Hadēs g86**) **16** Olizwayo lina uyangizwa mina; lolalayo lina uyangala mina; longalayo mina uyamala ongithumileyo. **17** Babuya-ke abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa ngentokozo, besithi: Nkosi, lamadimoni ayazehlisela ngaphansi kwethu ebizweni lakho. **18** Wasesithi kubo: Ngabona uSathane njengombane esiwa evela ezulwini. **19** Khangelani, ngilinika amandla okunyathela phezu kwezinyoka labofezela, laphezu kwamandla wonke esitha; njalo akusoze kube lalutho olungalilimaza. **20** Kodwa lingathokozi ngalokho ukuthi omoya bayazehlisela ngaphansi kwenu; kodwa ikakhulu thokozani ukuthi amabizo enu alotshiwe emazulwini. **21** Ngaleloholo uJesu wathokoza emoyeni, wathi: Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labaqedisisayo, kodwa wazembulela izingane; yebo, Baba, ngoba ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho. **22** Konke kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho owaziyo ukuthi iNdodana ingubani, ngaphandle kukaBaba, lokuthi uBaba unguBani, ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo loba ngubani iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela. **23** Wasephendukela kubafundi bevodwa wathi: Abusisiwe amehlo abona elikubonayo. **24** Ngoba ngithi kini: Abaprofethi abanengi

lamakhosi babetanda ukubona izinto elizibonayo lina, kodwa kabazibonanga; lokuzwa izinto elizizwayo, kodwa kabazizwanga.

25 Njalo khangela, isazumthetho esithile sasesisukuma, simlinga, sisithi: Mfundisi, ngenzeni ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade?

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Uwubala njani? **27** Sasesiphendula sathi: Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langamandla akho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke; lomakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzhithanda wena. **28** Wasesithi kuso: Uphendule ngokuqonda; yenza lokhu, futhi uzaphila. **29** Kodwa sona sithanda ukuzilungisisa sathi kuJesu: Kanti ngubani umakhelwane wami? **30** UJesu wasephendula wathi: Umuntu othile wehla evela eJerusalema esiya eJeriko, watheleka phakathi kwabaphangi, njalo bamhlubula impahla bamtshaya imivimvinya basuka bahamba, bamtshiya ephosukufa.

31 Umpristi othile waseqabuka esehla ngaleyondlela; njalo wathi embona, wadlula eceleni. **32** Langokunjalo lomLevi nxax wayesekulindawo, wafika embona, wadlula eceleni. **33** Kodwa umSamariya othile owayehamba wafika lapho ayekhona, njalo kwathi embona waba lesihelo, **34** waya kuye wabopha amanxeba akhe, ewathela amagcobo lewayini; wamkhweza phezu kweyakhe inyamazana, wamuska endlini yezihambi, wamlondoloza. **35** Kusisa esehamba, wakhupha odenariyo ababili wabanika umninindlu, wathi kuye: Umlondoloze; njalo loba yini ozakuchitha okwedlula lokhu, mina ngizabuyisela kuwe ekubuyeni kwami. **36** Pho, nguuphi kulaba abathathu ocabanga ukuthi wayengumakhelwane walowo owatheleka phakathi kwabaphangi? **37** Wasesithi: Ngulowo owamenzela isihawu. Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye: Hamba, lawe wenze njalo.

38 Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni kwabo, yena wangena emzaneni othile; lowesifazana othile, uMarta ngebizo, wamemukela endlini yakhe. **39** Njalo lo wayelodadewabo othiya nguMariya, laye owahlala enyaweni zikaJesu, walizwa ilizwi lakhe. **40** Kodwa uMarta wayephazanyiswa yikusebenza okunengi; weza eduze wasesithi: Nkosi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi udadewethu ungitshiye ukuthi ngisebenze ngedwa? Ngakho umtshele ukuthi angisize. **41** Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Marta, Marta, uyaphiseka ukhathazeke ngezinto ezinengi; **42** kodwa yinye into edingekayo; kodwa uMariya ukhethile isabelo esihle, angayikwemukwa sona.

11 Kwasekusithi ekhuleka endaweni ethile, eseqedile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengoJohane laye wafundisa abafundi bakhe. **2** Wasesithi kubo: Nxa likhuleka, libokuthi: Baba wethu osemazulwini, kalihlonitshwe ibizo lakho. Umbuso wakho kawuze. Intando yakho kayenziwe, lemhlabeni njengezulwini. **3** Siphe usuku ngosuku ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke. **4** Njalo usithethelele izono zethu, ngoba lathi sibathethelela bonke abalamacala kithi. Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule ebubini. **5** Wasesithi kubo: Nguwuphi kini olomngane, futhi aye kuye phakathi kobusuku, athi kuye: Mngane, ngeboleka izinkwa ezintathu, **6** ngoba kufike kimi umngane wami evela ekuhambeni, kodwa kangilalutho engingalubeka phambi kwakhe; **7** longaphakathi aphendule athi: Ungangihluphi; umnyango usuvaliwe, labantwana bami abancane balami embhedeni; kangingeke ngivuke ngikunike. **8** Ngithi kini: Loba engazukuvuka amnike, ngoba engumngane wakhe, kodwa ngenxa yokuphikelela kwakhe uzavuka amnike konke akuswelayo. **9** Mina-ke ngithi kini: Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani, lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa. **10** Ngoba wonke ocelayo

uyemukela; lodingayo uyathola; loqoqodayo uyavulelwa. **11**
Kambe, nguwuphi kini onguyise ongathi indodana icela isinkwa,
ayinike ilitshe? Loba-ke inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka endaweni
yenhlanzi yini? **12** Uba-ke icela iqanda, ayinike ufezelala yini?
13 Ngakho uba lina elingababi likwazi ukupha abantwana
benu izipho ezinhle, kakhulu kangakanani uBaba osezulwini
ezabapha uMoya oNgcwele abacela kuye. **14** Wayesekhupha
idimoni, elaliyisimungulu. Kwasekusithi, seliphumile idimoni,
wakhulumo oyisimungulu; amaxuku asemangala. **15** Kodwa
abanye babo bathi: Ukhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule
inkosi yamadimoni. **16** Labanye bemlinga badinga kuye
isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. **17** Kodwa yena eyazi imicabango
yabo wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owehlukene umelene
lawo ngokwawo uyachitheka; njalo indlu emelene lendlu
iyadilika. **18** Njalo uba uSathane laye ehlukene emelane
laye ngokwakhe, umbuso wakhe uzakuma njani? Ngoba
lithi, ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule. **19** Njalo uba
mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule, amadodana enu
akhupha ngobani? Ngakho wona azakuba ngabagwebi benu. **20**
Kodwa uba ngikhupha amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu,
isibili umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. **21** Uba isiqhwaga
sihlomile silinda owaso umuzi, impahla yaso isekuthuleni; **22**
kodwa nxa olamandla kulaso esisukela asinqobe, uyasemuka
izikhali zaso ebethembele kuzo, abesesaba impango yaso. **23**
Ongelami umelene lami; longabuthi lami uyachithiza. **24** Nxa
umoya ongcolileyo esephumile emuntwini, uyahamba adabule
indawo ezomileyo, edinga ukuphumula; kodwa engakutholi
athi: Ngizabuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo; **25** njalo
esefikile ayifice ithanyelwe njalo ilungjsiwe. **26** Abesehamba

azithathethle abanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye uqobo, bangene bahlale lapho; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu kube kubi kulokujala. **27** Kwasekusithi ekhulumu lezizinto, owesifazana othile exukwini waphakamisa ilizwi, wathi kuye: Sibusisiwe isisu esakuthwalayo, lamabele owawamunyayo. **28** Kodwa yena wathi: Kodwa ikakhulu babusisiwe abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balilondoloze. **29** Kwathi sekubuthene amaxuku eminyene, waqala ukuthi: Lesi isizukulwana sibi; sidinga isibonakaliso, kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. **30** Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba yisibonakaliso kwabeNineve, leNdodana yomuntu izakuba njalo kulesisizukulwana. **31** Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lamadoda alesisizukulwana, iwalahle; ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuzakuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloSolomoni ulapha. **32** Amadoda eNineve azasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, asilahle; ngoba aphenduka ngokutshumayela kukaJona, njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloJona ulapha. **33** Futhi kakho othi eselumathise isibane asibeke ekusithekeni, loba ngaphansi kwesitsha, kodwa phezu kwesiqbane sesibane, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya. **34** Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho nxa ilihlo lakho liphilile, lomzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya; kodwa nxa lilibi, lomzimba wakho ulobumnyama. **35** Ngakho qaphela ukuthi ukukhanya okukuwe kungabi ngumnyama. **36** Ngakho uba umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya, ungelandawo emnyama, uzakhanya wonke, njengesibane sikukhanyisa ngokukhanya. **37** Kwathi esakhulumu, umFarisi othile wamcela ukuthi adle laye; wasengena wahlala ekudleni. **38**

Kwathi umFarisi ebona lokhu wamangala ukuthi kazange aqale ageze phambi kokudla kwemini. **39** Yasisithi iNkosi kuye: Khathesi lina baFarisi lihlambulula ingaphandle yenkezo leyesitsha, kodwa ingaphakathi yenu igcwele ukuphanga lobubi. **40** Zithutha, yena owenza ingaphandle kayenzanga yini lengaphakathi? **41** Kodwa phanini zibe yizipho zabayanga lezozinto ezingaphakathi; khangelani-ke, konke kuzahlambuluka kini. **42** Kodwa maye kini baFarisi! Ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga leruwi, lakuyo yonke imibhida, njalo liseqa ukwehlulela lothando lukaNkulunkulu; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto, lingakuyekeli lalokhu. **43** Maye kini baFarisi! Ngoba lithanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo emasinagogeni, lokubingelewa emidangeni. **44** Maye kini, babbali labaFarisi, bazenzisi! Ngoba lifanova lamangcwaba angabonakaliyo, labantu abahamba phezu kwavo bengawazi. **45** Omunye wezazumthetho wasephendula wathi kuye: Mfundisi, ngokutsho lezizinto uyasithuka lathi. **46** Kodwa wathi: Maye lakini zazumthetho! Ngoba lethwesa abantu imithwalo enzima ukuthwalwa, kodwa lina uqobo lwenu kaliyithinti leyomithwalo langomunye weminwe yenu. **47** Maye kini! Ngoba lakha amangcwaba abaprofethi, njalo oyihlo bababulala. **48** Ngalokhu-ke lifakaza ukuthi livumelana lemisebenzi yaboyihlo; ngoba bona bababulala, lina-ke liyawakha amangcwaba abo. **49** Ngalokhu-ke inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu yathi: Ngizabathuma abaprofethi labaphostoli, labanye babo bazababulala babaxotshe; **50** ukuze kubizwe kulesisizukulwana igazi labaprofethi bonke elachithwa kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba, **51** kusukela egazini likaAbela kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya owabulawa phakathi laphakathi kwelathi lendlu kaNkulunkulu; yebo, ngithi kini: Lizabizwa kulesisizukulwana. **52** Maye kini zazumthetho!

Ngoba lisusile isihluthulelo solwazi; kalingenanga lina uqobo lwenu, labangenayo labavimbela. **53** Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto kubo, ababhalu labaFarisi baqala ukumngxamelu kakhlukazi, lokumbuzisisa ngezinto ezinengi, **54** bemthiya, bedinga ukubamba ulutho oluphuma emlonyeni wakhe, ukuze bambeke icala.

12 Kusenjalo sezibuthene izigidi zexuku, baze banyathelana, waqala ukukhuluma labafundi bakhe kuqala: Lina xwayani imvubelo yabaFarisi, eyikuzenzisa. **2** Njalo kakukho okumbomboziweyo, okungayikwembulwa, lokufihliweyo, okungayikwaziwa. **3** Ngakho loba yini eliyikhuluma emnyameni izazwakala ekukhanyeni; lelikukhulume endlebeni ezindlini zensitha kuzamenyezelwa phezu kwezindlu. **4** Njalo ngithi kini bangane bami: Lingabesabi ababulala umzimba, njalo emva kwalokho bengelakho ukwenza olunye ulutho. **5** Kodwa ngizalitshengisa elifanele ukumesaba: Mesabeni lowo othi esebulele abe lamandla okuphosela esihogweni; yebo, ngithi kini: Mesabeni yena. (**Geenna g1067**) **6** Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezinhlanu ngendibilitshi ezimbili? Kakukhohlakali lanye yazo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **7** Kanti lenwele zekhanda lenu zibaliwe zonke. Ngakho lingesabi; liyazelula intaka ezinengi. **8** Njalo ngithi kini: Wonke loba ngubani ongivuma phambi kwabantu, iNdodana yomuntu layo izamvuma phambi kwengilos zikaNkulunkulu; **9** kodwa ongiphika phambi kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi kwengilos zikaNkulunkulu. **10** Laye wonke okhuluma ilizwi elimelana leNdodana yomuntu, uzathethelwa; kodwa lowo ohlambaza uMoya oNgcwele kayikuthethelwa. **11** Njalo nxa belisa emasinagogeni lakubabusi leziphathamandla, lingakhathazeki ukuthi lizaphendula njani kumbe liphenduleni, kumbe lizakhulumani; **12** ngoba uMoya oNgcwele uzalifundisa

ngaleloholo izinto elifanele ukuzikhuluma. **13** Futhi omunye wexuku wathi kuye: Mfundisi, akutshele umfowethu abelane lami ilifa. **14** Kodwa wathi kuye: Ndoda, ngubani ongimise ukuthi ngibe ngumahluleli loba umehlukanisi phezu kwenu? **15** Wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele ubuhwaba, ngoba impilo yomuntu kayikho e bunengini bezinto alazo. **16** Wasebatshela umfanekiso, esithi: Insimu yomuntu othile onothileyo yathela kakhulu; **17** wasenakana ngaphakathi kwakhe, esithi: Ngizakwenza njani, ngoba kangilandawo lapho engingabuthela khona izithelo zami? **18** Wasesithi: Ngizakwenza lokhu; ngizadiliza iziphala zami, ngakhe ezinkulu, ngibuthele khona izilimo zami zonke lempahla yami, **19** besengisithi kumphefumulo wami: Mphefumulo, ulempahla ezinengi ezibekelwe iminyaka eminengi; phumula, udle, unathe, uthokoze. **20** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye: Siphukuphuku, ngalobubusuku umphefumulo wakho uzabizwa kuwe; pho izinto ozilungisileyo zizakuba ngezikabani? **21** Kunjalo-ke kozibekela inotho, kodwa enganothanga kuNkulunkulu. **22** Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Ngakho ngithi kini: Lingakhathaleli impilo yenu, ukuthi lizakudlani; loba umzimba, ukuthi lizakwembathani. **23** Impilo yedlula ukudla, lomzimba isembatho. **24** Qaphelisisani amawabayi, ukuthi kawahlanyeli, njalo kawavuni, kawalasiphala loba isilulu, kanti uNkulunkulu uyawondla; lina lizedlula kangakanani inyon? **25** Njalo nguuphi kini ongathi ngokuphiseka engezelele ingalo ibenye ebuden'i bakhe? **26** Ngakho nxo lingelamandla okwenza into encinyane, liphisekelani ngokunye? **27** Qaphelisisani imiduze ukuthi ikhula njani; kayitshikatshiki, kayiphothi, kodwa ngithi kini: LoSolomoni ebucwazicwazini bakhe bonke wayengembathiswanga njengomunye wayo. **28** Njalo uba

uNkulunkulu esembathisa ngokunjalo utshani obukhona lamuhla
egangeni, kuthi kusasa buphoswa eziko, uzalembathisa
ngokukhulu kangakanani, lina abokholo oluncinyane? **29** Lani-ke
lingadingi elizakudla lelizakunatha; njalo lingakhathazeki. **30**
Ngoba konke lokhu izizwe zomhlaba ziyakudinga; kodwa uYihlo
uyazi ukuthi liyaziswela lezizinto. **31** Kodwa dingani umbuso
kaNkulunkulu, njalo zonke lezizinto zizakwengezelelwa kini. **32**
Lingesabi, mhlambi omncinyane; ngoba kuyikuthanda kukaYihlo
ukulinika umbuso. **33** Thengisani impahla zenu liphe izipho.
Lizenzele imixhaka engagugiyi, impahla eligugu engapheliyo
emazulwini, lapho okungasondeli isela khona, lenundu engoni
khona; **34** ngoba lapho okukhona impahla yenu eligugu, izakuba
khona lapho lenhlizyo yenu. **35** Inkalo zenu kazahlale zibotshiwe,
lezibane zenu zibhebha; **36** lani libe njengabantu abalindele
inkosi yabo, lapho izabuya ivela emtshadweni, ukuze, nxa
ifika iqoqoda, bahle bayivulele. **37** Zibusisiwe lezozinceku,
okuzakuthi inkosi nxa ifika izifice zilindile; ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Izabhinca, izihlalise ekudleni, isondele izisebenzele. **38**
Njalo nxa ifika ngomlindo wesibili, kumbe ifika ngomlindo
wesithathu, futhi izifice zinjalo, zibusisiwe lezozinceku. **39** Kodwa
yazini lokhu, ukuthi uba umninindlu ebelazi ihola isela elizafika
ngalo, ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi indlu yakhe
ifohlelwe. **40** Ngakho lani-ke hlalani lilungile; ngoba ngehola
elingalicabangeliyo iNdodana yomuntu izafika. **41** UPetro
wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, uwutshela thina lumfanekiso, kumbe
labo bonke yini? **42** INkosi yasisithi: Pho ngubani umphathi
wezinceku othembekileyo lohlakaniphileyo, inkosi ezambeka
phezu kwabendlu yayo, ukuze abanike isabelo sabo sokudla
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? **43** Ibusisiwe leyonceku, okuzakuthi

inkosi yayo nxa ifika iyifice isenza njalo. **44** Ngijinjisile ngithi kini: Izayibeka phezu kwakho konke elakho. **45** Kodwa nxa leyonceku isithi enhliziyweni yayo: Inkosi yami iphuzile ukubuya; njalo ibisiqala ukutshaya izinceku lezincekukazi, lokudla lokunatha lokudakwa, **46** inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku engayilindele ngalo, langehola engalaziyo; izayiquma phakathi, izanika isabelo sayo lalabo abangathembekanga. **47** Laleyonceku ebisazi intando yenkoski yayo, kodwa ingalungiselanga njalo ingenzanga ngokwentando yayo, izatshaywa imivimvinya eminengi. **48** Kodwa leyo ebingayazi, yenza okufanele ukutshaywa, izatshaywa imivimvinya emilutshwana. Laye wonke ophiwe okunengi, kuzadingwa okunengi kuye; lalowo ophathiswe okunengi, kuzabizwa kuye okungaphezulu. **49** Ngize ukuphosela umlilo emhlabeni, futhi kuyini engikufisayo nxa usubasiwe? **50** Kodwa ngilobhabbhathizo engizabhabbhathizwa ngalo, futhi ngicindezelwe kangakanani luze lupheleliswe. **51** Licabanga ukuthi ngize ukunika ukuthula emhlabeni yini? Hatshi bo, ngithi kini, kodwa kulalokhu ukwehlukana. **52** Ngoba kusukela khathesi abahlanu endlini yinye bazakwehlukana, abathathu bamelane lababili, lababili bamelane labathathu, **53** bazakwehlukana, uyise amelane lendodana, lendodana imelane loyise; unina amelane lendodakazi, lendodakazi imelane lonina; uninazala amelane lomalokazana wakhe, lomalokazana amelane loninazala. **54** Wasesithi lemaxukwini: Nxa libona iyezi lisukuma entshonalanga, lihle lithi: Izulu liyabuya; futhi kube njalo. **55** Njalo nxa libona umoya weningizimu uphephetha, lithi: Lizatshisa; besekusenzakala. **56** Bazenzisi! Liyakwazi ukuhlola umumo wesibhakabhaka lowomhlaba; kodwa lesikhathi kungani lingasihlolli? **57** Pho, kungani ukuthi lingahluleli lani lina uqobo

Iwenu okulungileyo? **58** Ngoba nxa usiya lomangalelene laye kumantshi, endleleni yenza ubungcono ukuthi ukhululwe kuye; hlezi akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli akunikele epholiseni, lepholisa likuphosele entolongweni. **59** Ngithi kuwe, kawusoze waphuma khona, uze ubhadale lenhlamvu encane yemali yokucina.

13 Njalo ngalesosikhathi kwaba khona abathile abamtshela ngamaGalili, igazi lawo uPilatu alixubanisa lemihlatshelo yawo. **2** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Licabanga ukuthi amaGalili la ayeyizoni yini kulawo wonke amaGalili, ngoba ahlupheka izinto ezinje? **3** Hatshi bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki, lizabhubha ngokunjalo lonke. **4** Lalabo abalitshumi lesificaminwembili, owawela phezu kwabo umphotshongo eSilowama wababulala, licabanga ukuthi bona babebabu yini kulabantu bonke ababehlala eJerusalema? **5** Hatshi bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki, lizabhubha ngokunjalo lonke. **6** Wasekhuluma lumfanekiso wathi: Umuntu othile wayelomkhiwa owawuhlanyelwe esivinini sakhe; wafika edinga isithelo kuwo, kodwa kasitholanga. **7** Wasesithi kuso isisebenzi sesivini: Khangelu, sekuyiminyaka emithathu ngisiza ngidinda isithelo emkhiweni, kodwa ngingasitholi; ugamule; yini ukuthi wone ngitsho umhlabathi? **8** Sasesiphendula sathi kuye: Nkosi, ake uwuyekele langalumnyaka, ngize ngigebhe ngiwugombolozele, ngithele umquba; **9** njalo uba uthela isithelo, kuhle; kodwa uba kungenjalo, emva kwalokho uzawugamula. **10** Futhi wayefundisa kwelinye lamasinagogue ngesabatha; **11** njalo khangela, kwakukhona owesifazana owayelomoya wobuthakathaka iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili, esegogekile, wayengezelulamise ngokupheleleyo. **12** Kwathi

uJesu embona wambizela kuye, wathi kuye: Mama, ukhululwe ebuthakathakeni bakho. **13** Wasebeka izandla phezu kwakhe; njalo wahle welulanyiswa, wadumisa uNkulunkulu. **14** Kodwa umphathi wesinagoge, ethukuthele ngoba uJesu esilise ngesabatha, waphendula wathi exukwini: Zikhona insuku eziyisithupha okufanele ukusetshenzwa ngazo; ngakho wozani ngazo lisiliswe, kodwa kungabi ngosuku lwesabatha. **15** Ngakho iNkosi yamphendula, yathi: Mzenzisi, ngulowo lalowo wenu kayikhululi yini inkabi yakhe kumbe ubabhemi esibayeni ngesabatha, ayikhokhele ayeyinathisa? **16** Lalo, oyindodakazi kaAbrahama, uSathane obembophile, khangela, iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili, kakufanele yini ukuthi akhululwe kulesisibopho ngosuku lwesabatha? **17** Kwathi esitsho lezizinto, bayangeka bonke ababephikisana laye; lexuku lonke lathokoza ngezinto zonke ezilodumo ezenziwe nguye. **18** Wasesithi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu unjengani? Futhi ngizawufananisa lani? **19** Unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, umuntu aluthatha waluphosa esivandeni sakhe; Iwaselumila, lwaba yisihlahla esikhulu, lenyoni zezulu zakhele engatsheni zaso. **20** Wasebuya wathi: Ngizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? **21** Unjengemvubelo, ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka ezilinganisweni ezintathu zempuphu, kwaze kwabila konke. **22** Wasehamba edabula imizi lemizana efundisa, ejonge ukuya eJerusalema. **23** Omunye wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, balutshwana yini abasindiswayo? Wasesithi kubo: **24** Zamani kakhulu ukungena ngesango elincinyane; ngoba abanengi, ngithi kini, bazadinga ukungena, kodwa bazakwehluleka. **25** Emva kokuthi umnninindlu esesukume wavala umnyango, beseliqala ukuma ngaphandle liqoqode emnyango, lisithi:

Nkosi, Nkosi, sivulele; yena-ke aphendule athi kini: Kangilazi,
lapho elivela khona; **26** lapho lizaqala ukuthi: Sadla sanatha
phambi kwakho, njalo wawufundisa emigwaqweni yakithi. **27**
Kodwa uzakuthi: Ngithi kini: Kangilazi lapho elivela khona;
sukani kimi lina lonke benzi bokubi. **28** Lapho kuzakuba
khona ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo, nxa selibona uAbrahama
lolsaka loJakobe labaprofethi bonke embusweni kaNkulunkulu,
kodwa lina lilahlelwe ngaphandle. **29** Futhi bazakuza bevela
empumalanga lentshonalanga, njalo enyakatho leningizimu,
bahlale embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **30** Njalo khangelani, bakhona
abokucina abazakuba ngabokuqala, njalo bakhona abokuqala
abazakuba ngabokucina. **31** Ngelanga elifananayo kwafika
abaFarisi abathile, bathi kuye: Phuma usuke lapha, ngoba
uHerodi ufunu ukukubulala. **32** Wasesithi kubo: Hambani lilitshele
lelokhanka: Khangela, ngiyakhupha amadimoni ngenza izelapho
lamuhla lakusasa, langelesithathu ngipheleliswe. **33** Kodwa
kumele ukuthi ngihambe lamuhla lakusasa langomhlomunye;
ngoba kakwenzeki ukuthi umprofethi abulawelwe ngaphandle
kweJerusalema. **34** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala
abaprofethi, lobakhanda ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe!
Bengithanda kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana
bakho, njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane aso ngaphansi
kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga. **35** Khangelani, indlu yenu
itshiywe kini ilunxiwa; njalo ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Kalisoze
langibona kuze kufike ukuthi lithi: Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni
leNkosi.

14 Kwasekusithi ekungeneni kwakhe ngesabatha endlini
yomunye wabakhulu kubaFarisi ukuthi adle isinkwa, bona
basebemqaphela. **2** Njalo khangela, kwakukhona umuntu othile

phambi kwakhe owayelombizankulu. **3** UJesu wasephendula wakhuluma lezazumthetho labaFarisi, wathi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukusilisa ngesabatha? **4** Kodwa bathula. Wasembamba wamsilisa wamyekela ukuthi ahambe. **5** Wasebaphendula esithi: Nguwuphi kini ongathi elobabhemi kumbe inkabi yakhe ewele emgodini, futhi angahle ayikhuphe ngosuku lwasabatha? **6** Abasazange babuyisele impendulo kuye ngalezizinto. **7** Wasekhuluma umfanekiso kubo abanxusiweyo, ebona ukuthi bakhetha njani izihlalo zabahloniphekayo, wathi kubo: **8** Nxa unxusiwe ngumuntu emtshadweni, ungahlali esihlalweni sabahloniphekayo; hlezi kukhona omkhulu kulawe onxusiweyo nguye, **9** futhi okunxusileyo wena laye eze athi kuwe: Mxekele lo; khona uzaqala ukuhlala endaweni esekucineni usulenhloni. **10** Kodwa nxa unxusiwe, hamba uhlale endaweni esekucineni; ukuze, nxa efika okunxusileyo, athi kuwe: Mngane, yenyukela ngaphezulu; khona kuzakuba ludumo kuwe phambi kwabo abahlezi ekudleni lawe. **11** Ngoba wonke oziphakamisayo uzathotthiswa, lozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa. **12** Wasesithi lakulowo owayemnxusile: Nxa usenza ukudla kwemini loba ukudla kwantambama, unganxusi abangane bakho, loba abafowenu, loba izihlobo zakho, loba omakhelwane abanothileyo; hlezi labo babuye bakunxuse, futhi ukwenananiswa kwenziwe kuwe. **13** Kodwa nxa usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima, iziqhuli, iziphofu; **14** njalo uzabusiswa, ngoba abalalutho lokukwenanisa; ngoba uzakwenaniselwa ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo. **15** Kwathi omunye kwababehlezi laye ekudleni esezwile lezizinto wathi kuye: Ubusisiwe lowo ozakudla isinkwa embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **16** Kodwa wathi kuye: Umuntu othile wenza ukudla kwantambama okukhulu, wanxusa abanengi. **17** Ngesikhathi sokudla kwantambama

wasethuma inceku yakhe ukuthi ithi kwabanxusiweyo: Wozani, ngoba sekulungisiwe konke. **18** Kodwa bonke baqala omunye lomunye ukuzixolisela. Owokuqala wathi kuye: Ngithenge insimu, ngimele ukuhamba ngiyeyibona; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisele.

19 Lomunye wathi: Sengithenge izipane ezinhlanu zenkabi, ngiya ukuzilinga; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisele. **20** Lomunye wathi: Sengithethe umfazi, ngakho ngingeze ngeza. **21** Isibuyile leyonceku yayibikela lezizinto inkosi yayo. Wasethukuthela umninindlu wathi encekwini yakhe: Phuma ngokuphangisa uye emigwaqweni lendleleni zomuzi, ulethe abayanga lezilima leziqhuli leziphofu ubangenise lapha. **22** Inceku yasisithi: Nkosi, sekwenziwe njengokulaya kwakho, njalo indawo isesekhona. **23** Yasisithi inkosi encekwini: Phuma uye ezindleleni lezintangweni ubacindezele bangene, ukuze igcwaliswe indlu yami. **24** Ngoba ngithi kini: Kakho kulamadoda ayenxusiwe ozakuzwa ukudla kwami kwantambama. **25** Kwakuhamba laye amaxuku amanengi; wasetshibilika wathi kuwo: **26** Uba umuntu esiza kimi, futhi engazondi uyise, lonina, lomkakhe, labantwana, labafowabo, labodadewabo, yebo ngitsho leyakhe impilo, angebe ngumfundu wami. **27** Njalo loba ngubani ongathwali isiphambano sakhe angilandele, angebe ngumfundu wami. **28** Ngoba nguwuphi kini, othi efuna ukwakha umphotshongo, ongaqali ahlale phansi, abale indleko, ukuthi ulakho yini okokujedisa? **29** Ukuze hlez, kuthi esebekile isisekelo kodwa angabi lamandla okuqedo, bonke abakubonayo baqale ukumhleka, **30** besithi: Lumuntu waqala ukwakha, kodwa kabanga lamandla okuqedo. **31** Loba yiyiphi inkosi ezakuya empini imelene lenye inkosi engaqali ihlale phansi inakane ngokuthi ilamandla yini ngenkulungwane ezilitshumi okuhlangabezana laleyo eza ilenkulungwane ezingamatshumi

amabili ukumelana layo? **32** Kodwa uba kungenjalo, ingathi isekhatshana leyo, ithume amanxusa icele okokuthula. **33** Ngakho kunjalo wonke kini ongadeli konke alakho, angeke aba ngumfundu wami. **34** Itshwayi lihle; kodwa uba itshwayi seliduma, lizavuselelwa ngani? **35** Kalifanele lamhlabathi ledundulu lomquba; kodwa liyalahlwa ngaphandle. Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.

15 Kwasekusondela kuye bonke abathelisi lezoni, ukumuzwa. **2** AbaFarisi lababhali basebesola besithi: Lo wemukela izoni, adle lazo. **3** Wasebatshela lumfanekiso, esithi: **4** Nguwuphi umuntu kini ongathi elezimvu ezilikhulu, abeselahlekelwa ngenye yazo, ongazitshiyi ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye egangeni, alandele elahlekileyo, aze ayithole? **5** Njalo athi eseyitholile ayetshate ethokoza. **6** Esefikile ekhaya, abizele ndawonye abangane labomakhelwane, esithi kubo: Thokozani lami, ngoba ngithole imvu yami ebilahlekile. **7** Ngithi kini: Ngokunjalo kuzakuba khona intokozo ezulwini ngesoni esisodwa esiphendukayo, kulabalungileyo abangamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye, abangasweli ukuphenduka. **8** Loba nguwuphi umfazi othi elenhlamu zesiliwa ezilitshumi, uba elahlekelwa luhamvu olulodwa Iwesiliwa, angalumathisi isibane, athanyele indlu, adingisise aze aluthole? **9** Njalo nxa eselutholile ubizela ndawonye abangane labomakhelwane, athi: Thokozani lami, ngoba sengilutholile uhlamu Iwesiliwa ebengilahlekelwe yilo. **10** Ngokunjalo, ngithi kini, ikhona intokozo phambi kwezingilosizikaNkulunkulu ngesoni esisodwa esiphendukayo. **11** Wasesithi: Umuntu othile wayelamadodana amabili; **12** encinyane yawo yasisithi kuyise: Baba, ngnika isabelo sempahla esiqondene lami.

Wasewehlukanisela impahla. **13** Njalo kungelansuku ezinengi emva kwalokhu indodana encinyane yabutha konke yasuka yahamba yaya elizweni elikhhatshana, njalo lapho yachitha khona impahla yayo, iphila okobuhlanya. **14** Yathi isichithile konke, kwavela indlala enkulu kulelolizwe, yona yasiqala ukuswela. **15** Yasisuka yaziħlanganisa lesinye sezakhamizi zaledolizwe; njalo sayithuma emasimini aso ukuze yeluse izingulube. **16** Yasifisa ukugcwalisa isisu sayo ngamakhasi ingulube eziwadlayo; njalo kwakungelamuntu oyinika ulutho. **17** Kwathi ingqondo yayo isibuyile yathi: Zingaki izisebenzi zikababa eziqhatshiweyo ezilezinkwa ezinengi kakhulu, kanti mina ngiyafa yndlala; **18** ngizasukuma ngiye kubaba, ngithi kuye: Baba, ngonile ezulwini, laphambi kwakho; **19** njalo kangisafanelanga ukubizwa ngithiwe ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye wezisebenzi zakho eziqhatshiweyo. **20** Yasisukuma yaya kuyise. Kodwa kuthe isesekhatshana, uyise wayibona, waba lesihelo, wagijima wawela entanyeni yayo, wayanga. **21** Indodana yasisithi kuye: Baba, ngonile ezulwini laphambi kwakho, futhi kangisafanelanga ukubizwa ngokuthi ngiyindodana yakho. **22** Kodwa uyise wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Khuphani lilethe isembatho esihle kakhulu liyigqokise, lifake indandatho esandleni sayo, lamanyathela enyaweni zayo; **23** lilethe ithole elinonisiweyo lilahlabe, njalo sidle sithokoze; **24** ngoba indodana yami le ibofile, isibuye yaphila; ibilahlekile, itholiwe; basebeqala ukuthokoza. **25** Kodwa indodana yakhe endala yayisensimini; yathi isiza isondela endlini, yezwa ukuhlabelela lokusina. **26** Yasibizela kuyo omunye wezinceku, yabuza ukuthi zitshoni lezizinto. **27** Yasisithi kuyo: Umfowenu ufikile; loyihlo uhlabile ithole elinonisiweyo, ngoba ememukele ephila. **28** Kodwa yathukuthela, ayizange ifune ukungena;

ngakho uyise waphuma wayincenga. **29** Kodwa yaphendula yathi kuyise: Khangela, iminyaka engaka ngikusebenzela, kangizange ngeqe umlayo wakho, kodwa kawuzange unginike lazinyane lembuzi, ukuze ngijabule kanye labangane bami. **30** Kodwa kuthe isifikile lindodana yakho eyachitha impahla yakho lezifebe, wayihlabela ithole elinonisiweyo. **31** Wasesithi kuyo: Ndodana, wena uhlezi ulami, futhi konke okungokwami kungokwakho. **32** Kodwa bekufanele ukujabula lokuthokoza; ngoba umfowenu lo owayefile, usebuye waphila; wayelahlekile, utholiwe.

16 Wasekhulumu futhi kubafundi bakhe esithi: Kwakukhona umuntu othile onothileyo, owayelomphathi; lalo wayemangalelw
kuye njengochitha impahla yakhe. **2** Wasembiza wathi kuye:
Kuyini lokhu engikuzwayo ngawe? Landisa ngobuphathi
bakho; ngoba ungebe usaba ngumphathi. **3** Umphathi
wasesithi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Ngizakwenzani, lokhu inkosi
yami isingemuka ubuphathi? Kangilamandla okugebha,
ngilennloni zokuphanza. **4** Ngiyakwazi engizakwenza, ukuze
nxo sengikhutshiwe ebuphathini, bangemukele ezindlini
zabo. **5** Wasebabizela kuye ngamunye abalemilandu
enkosini yakhe, wathi kowokuqala: Ulomlandu ongakanani
enkosini yami? **6** Wasesithi yena: Izilinganiso ezilikhulu
zamagcobo. Wasesithi kuye: Thatha incwadi yakho, uhlale
phansi ubhale masinya amatshumi amahlau. **7** Wasesithi
komunye: Wena-ke ulomlandu ongakanani? Wasesithi:
Izilinganiso ezilikhulu zamabele. Wasesithi kuye: Thatha
incwadi yakho, ubhale amatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **8**
Inkosi yasimbabaza umphathi ongalunganga ngokuthi wenze
ngokuhlakanipha; ngoba abantwana balesisikhathi bahlakaniphile
esizukulwaneni sabo kulabantwana bokukhanya. (aiōn g165)

9 Lami ngithi kini: Zenzeleni lina abangane ngoMamona ongalunganga, ukuze kuthi, nxa selehlulekile, balemukele ezindlini eziphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **10** Othembekileyo kokuncinyanyana uthembekile lakokukhulu, longathembekanga kokuncinyanyana kathembekanga lakokukhulu. **11** Ngakho uba lingathembekanga kuMamona ongalunganga, ngubani ozaliphathisa into eqotho? **12** Futhi uba lingathembekanga kokomunye, ngubani ozalinika okungokwenu? **13** Kayikho inceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili; ngoba izazonda enye, ibisithanda enye; kumbe izabambelela kwenye, kodwa ibisidelela enye. Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona. **14** Njalo labaFarisi ababethanda imali bazizwa zonke lezizinto, basebemklolodela. **15** Kodwa wathi kubo: Lina yini elizilungisisayo phambi kwabantu, kodwa uNkulunkulu uyzazi inhliziyo zenu; ngoba lokho okuphakanyiswayo phakathi kwabantu kuyisinengiso phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **16** Umlayo labaprofethi kukhona kuze kube nguJohane; kusukela lapho ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa, njalo wonke uyafohlela kuwo. **17** Kodwa kulula ukuthi kndlule izulu lomhlaba, kulokuthi kuwe ichatshana elilodwa lomlayo. **18** Wonke owala umkakhe athathe omunye uyafeba; njalo wonke othatha owaliwe yindoda uyafeba. **19** Kwakukhona umuntu othile onothileyo, owayegqoka eziyibubende lamalembu acolekileyo kakhulu, ephila ngokuthokoza etamasa insuku zonke. **20** Kwakukhona futhi umyanga othile othiwa nguLazaro, owayebekiwe esangweni lakhe egcwele izilonda, **21** wafisa ukusuthiswa ngemvuthuluka eziwayo etafuleni lesinoti; kanti lezinja zazisiza zikhothe izilonda zakhe. **22** Kwasekusithi ongumyanga wafa, wathwalelwaa zingilos esifubeni sikaAbrahama; lesinoti laso safaa, sangcwatshwa.

23 Sisesihogweni saphakamisa amehlo aso, sisebuhlungwini, sabona uAbrahama ekhatshana, loLazaro esesifubeni sakhe.

(Hadēs g86) **24** Sona sasesimemeza sisithi: Baba Abrahama, ngihawukela, uthume uLazaro, ukuze acwilise isihloko somunwe wakhe emanzini, apholise ulimi lwami; ngoba ngiyahlupheka kakhulu kulelilangabi. **25** Kodwa uAbrahama wathi: Ndodana, khumbula ukuthi wemukela okuhle kwakho empilweni yakho, loLazaro ngokunjalo okubi; kodwa khathesi uyaduduzwa, njalo wena uyahlupheka. **26** Langaphezu kwakho konke lokhu, kubekiwe phakathi kwethu lani igebe elikhulu, ukuze kuthi abafuna ukuchapha besuka ngapha beze ngakini bangekwenze, labangapho bangechaphele ngakithi. **27** Sasesisithi: Ngakho ngiyakuncenga, baba, ukuthi umthume endlini kababa, **28** ngoba ngilabafowethu abahlanu, ukuze abaxwayise, hlezi labo beze kulindawo yokuhlupheka. **29** UAbrahama wathi: BaloMozisi labaprofethi; kabezwe bona. **30** Sona sasesisithi: Hatshi bo, baba Abrahama; kodwa uba omunye kwabafileyo esiya kubo, bazaphenduka. **31** Kodwa wathi kuso: Uba bengalaleli uMozisi labaprofethi, bangeke bavunyiswe lakho, loba kuvuka omunye kwabafileyo.

17 Wasesithi kubafundi: Kakungeke kwenzeke ukuthi kungaveli izikhubekiso; kodwa maye kulowo ezivela ngaye! **2** Kungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola elikhulu ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle, kulokuthi akhubekise abe munye kulaba abancinyane. **3** Zinanjeleli lina. Njalo nxa umfowenu ekona, mkuze; futhi nxa ephenduka, mthethelele. **4** Njalo loba ekona kuze kube kasikhombisa ngosuku, abesebuya kuwe kasikhombisa ngosuku, esithi: Ngiyaphenduka; uzamthethelela. **5** Abaphostoli basebesithi eNkosini: Yandisa

kithi ukholo. **6** INkosi yasisithi: Uba lilokholo olungangohlamvu lwemasitedi, belingatsho kulesisihlahla somabholosi ukuthi: Quphuka, ugxumekeke olwandle; futhi besizalilalela. **7** Kodwa nguwuphi kini olenceku elimayo kumbe eyelusayo, ohle athi kiyo ingena ivela ensimini: Sondela, uhlale ekudleni? **8** Kodwa kazukutsho yini kuyo ukuthi: Lungisa engingakudla, uzibhince ungingedise, ngize ngidle nginathe; njalo emva kwalokhu udle unathe wena? **9** Uyayibonga yini leyonceku, ngoba yenze izinto ezilayiwego? Angicabangi. **10** Kunjalo-ke lani, nxa selikwenzile konke elikulayiwego, kalibokuthi: Sizinceku ezingasizi lutho, ngoba senze lokhu ebesifanele ukukwenza. **11** Kwasekusithi esahamba esiya eJerusalem, yena wadabula phakathi laphakathi kweSamariya leGalili. **12** Esangena emzaneni othile, amadoda alitshumi alobulephero amhlangabeza, ema khatshana; **13** wona asephakamisa ilizwi, esithi: Jesu, Nkosi, sihawukele! **14** Futhi kuthe ewabona wathi kuwo: Hambani liyeziveza kubapristi. Kwasekusithi ekusukeni kwawo, ahlanjululwa. **15** Futhi omunye wawo, esebonile ukuthi usilisiwe, wabuyela, edumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu; **16** wasesiwa ngobuso enyaweni zakhe, embonga; njalo yena wayengumSamariya. **17** Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Kakuhlanjululwanga yini abalitshumi? Bangaphi pho abayisificamunwemunye? **18** Akuficakalanga ababuya ukunika uNkulunkulu udumo, ngaphandle kwalo ovezizweni. **19** Wasesithi kuye: Sukuma uhambe; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. **20** Kwathi ebuzwa ngabaFarisi, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu uzakuza nini, wasebaphendula wathi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawuzi ngokukhanyayo; **21** njalo kabayikutsho ukuthi: Khangelani nanku, kumbe: Khangelani nankuya. Ngoba khangelani, umbuso

kaNkulunkulu uphakathi kwenu. **22** Wasesithi kubafundi: KuzaFika insuku lapho elizafisa ukubona lube lunye lwezinsuku zeNdodana yomuntu, kodwa kaliyikulubona. **23** Njalo bazakuthi kini: Khangelani nangu, kumbe: Khangelani nanguya; lingayi, njalo lingalandeli. **24** Ngoba njengombane ophazimayo ukhanyisa kusukela kokunye ukucina ngaphansi kwezulu kusiya kokunye ukucina ngaphansi kwezulu, izakuba njalo leNdodana yomuntu osukwini lwayo. **25** Kodwa kuqala imele ihlupheke izinto ezinengi njalo ilahlwe yilesisizukulwana. **26** Futhi njengoba kwenze ka ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo lensukwini zeNdodana yomuntu. **27** Babesidla, benatha, bethatha, besendiswa, kwaze kwaba lusuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, kwasekufika uzamcolo, wababhubhisa bonke. **28** Ngokufananayo futhi njengoba kwenze ka ensukwini zikaLothi; babesidla, benatha, bethenga, bethengisa, behlanyela, besakha; **29** kodwa ngosuku uLothi aphuma ngalo eSodoma, kwana umlilo lesibabule kuvela ezulwini, kwababhubhisa bonke; **30** kuzakuba njalo ngosuku ezakwembulwa ngalo iNdodana yomuntu. **31** Ngalolosuku, lowo ophezu kophahla lwendlu, lempahla zakhe zisendlini, angehli ukuyazithatha; losensimini ngokunjalo angabuyeli ezintweni ezisemuva. **32** Khumbulani umkaLothi. **33** Loba ngubani odinga ukusindisa impilo yakhe izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yiyo uzayilondoloza. **34** Ngithi kini: Ngalobobusuku kuzakuba khona ababili embhedeni munye; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe. **35** Kuzakuba khona abesifazana ababili bechola ndawonye; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe. **36** Kuzakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe. **37** Basebephendula bathi kuye: Ngaphi, Nkosi?

Wasesithi kubo: Lapho okukhona isidumbu, kulapho amanqe azabuthana khona.

18 Wasebatshela lomfanekiso esenzela ukuthi bafanele ukukhuleka isikhathi sonke, njalo bengadinwa, **2** wathi: Kwakukhona emzini othile umahluleli othile, owayengesabi uNkulunkulu, njalo engahloniphi muntu; **3** kwakukhona futhi kulowomuzi umfelokazi othile, njalo wayefika kuye, esithi: Ngiphindiselele esitheni sami. **4** Kodwa kavumanga okwesikhathi; kodwa emva kwalezizinto wathi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Lanxa ngingamesabi uNkulunkulu, ngingahloniphi muntu, **5** kodwa ngoba lumfelokazi engikhathaza, ngizamphindiselela, hlezi angaze ekucineni angidinise. **6** INkosi yasisithi: Zwanini umahluleli ongalunganga akutshoyo. **7** Kanti uNkulunkulu kayikwenza impindiselo yabakhethiweyo bakhe abakhalayo kuye emini lebusuku, lanxa ebekezelu ngabo? **8** Ngijalitshela ukuthi uzahle enze impindiselo yabo. Kodwa-ke nxo iNdodana yomuntu ifika, izathola ukholo yini emhlabeni? **9** Wasekhuluma lumfanekiso lakwabathile ababezithemba ukuthi balungile, futhi bedeleta abanye, wathi: **10** Abantu ababili benyukela ethempelini ukuyakhuleka; omunye engumFarisi, lomunye engumthelisi. **11** UmFarisi wema wazikhulekela kanje wathi: Nkulunkulu, ngiyakubonga ukuthi kangnjengabanye abantu, abaphangi, abangalunganga, izifebe, loba lanjengalumthelisi. **12** Ngizila ukudla kibili ngeviki, nginikela okwetshumi kwakho konke engikuzuzayo. **13** Kodwa umthelisi emi khatshana wayengathandi lokuphakamisela amehlo ezulwini, kodwa watshaya isifuba sakhe, esithi: Nkulunkulu, ngihawukele mina soni. **14** Ngithi kini: Lo wehlela endlini yakhe elungisisiwe kulalowayana; ngoba wonke oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, kodwa ozithobayo

uzaphakanyiswa. **15** Basebeletha kuye lensane, ukuze azibambe; kodwa abafundi bekubona babakuza. **16** Kodwa uJesu wazibizela kuye wathi: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabenqabeli, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje.

17 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo.

18 Umbusi othile wasembuza, esithi: Mfundisi olungileyo, ngenzeni ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade? (*aiōnios g166*)

19 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ungibelani ngokuthi olungileyo?

Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. **20**

Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko. **21** Yena wasesithi: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile kusukela ebutsheni bami. **22** Kodwa uJesu esizwa lezizinto wathi kuye: Usaswele ulutho olulodwa; thengisa konke olakho, wabele abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla eligugu ezulwini; njalo uze lapha ungilandele. **23** Kodwa yena esizwa lezizinto wadana kakhulu; ngoba wayenothile kakhulu. **24** Kwathi uJesu ebona ukuthi usedane kakhulu wathi: Abaleno tho bazangena ngokulukhuni kangakanani embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **25** Ngoba kulula ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **26** Abakuzwayo basebesithi: Pho kungasindiswa bani? **27** Kodwa yena wathi: Izinto ezingenzekyo ebantwini ziyanzeka kuNkulunkulu. **28** UPetro wasesithi: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela. **29** Wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakho umuntu otshiye indlu, kumbe abazali, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, ngenxa yombuso kaNkulunkulu, **30** ongayikwemukela okuphindwe kanengi kulesisikhathi, lesikhathini esizayo impilo

elaphakade. (aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) 31 Wasezithathela abalitshumi lambili, wathi kubo: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, futhi konke okulotshiwego ngabaprofethi ngeNdodana yomuntu kuzagcwalisika. 32 Ngoba izanikelwa kwabezizwe, iyangiswe, ithukwe, ikhafulelwego ngamathe, 33 bayitshaye ngesiswepu bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwasithathu izabuya ivuke. 34 Kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga lutho ngalezizinto, lalinkulomo yayifihlakele kubo, njalo kabaziqedisisanga izinto ezazitshiwo. 35 Kwasekusithi esesondela eJeriko, isiphofu esithile sasihlezi eceleni kwendlela siphanza; 36 sathi sisizwa ixuku lisedlula, sabuza ukuthi kuyini lokho. 37 Basebesitshela bathi: UJesu weNazaretha uyedlula. 38 Sasesimemeza, sisithi: Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukela! 39 Ababehamba phambili basebesikhaza ukuthi sithule; kodwa samemeza kakhulukazi, sisithi: Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukele! 40 UJesu wema-ke walaya ukuthi silethwe kuye; sathi sesisondele wasibuza, 41 esithi: Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni? Sasesisithi: Nkosi, ukuthi ngibuye ngibone. 42 UJesu wasesithi kuso: Buya ubone! Ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. 43 Njalo sahle sabuya sabona, samlandela, sidumisa uNkulunkulu; labantu bonke bekubona badumisa uNkulunkulu.

19 Wathi uJesu engena, wadabula eJeriko. 2 Njalo khangela, kwakukhona indoda eyayithiwa nguZakewu ngebizo; owayeyinduna yabathelisi, njalo wayenothile; 3 wadinga ukubona uJesu ukuthi ungubani, kodwa kazange enelise ngenxa yexuku, ngoba wayelesithombo esifitshane. 4 Wasegijimela phambili wakhwela emkhiweni wesikhamore ukuze ambone; ngoba wayezadlula ngaleyondlela. 5 Kwathi uJesu efika kuleyondawo, wakhangela phezulu wambona, wathi kuye: Zakewu, phangisa wehle; ngoba lamuhla ngimele ukuhlala endlini yakho. 6

Wasephangisa wehla, wamemukela ethokoza. **7** Futhi bonke bekubona basola, besithi: Ungene wethekelela indoda eyisoni.

8 Kodwa uZakewu wema wathi eNkosini: Khangela, ingxenye yempahla yami, Nkosi, ngiyipha abayanga; kuthi uba ngimthathele umuntu ulutho ngobuqili, ngilubuyisela luhindwe kane. **9** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lamuhla usindiso lufikile kulindlu, ngoba laye uyindodana kaAbrahama. **10** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize ukudinga lokusindisa okulahlekileyo. **11** Kwathi besizwa lezizinto, wengezelela watsho umfanekiso, ngoba wayeseduze leJerusalema, langoba babecabanga ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu uzahle ubonakaliswe. **12** Wasesithi-ke: Umuntu othile oyisikhulu waya elizweni elikhhatshana, ukuzemukelela umbuso, aphinde abuye. **13** Wasebiza inceku zakhe ezilitshumi, wazinika impondo ezilitshumi, wathi kuzo: Sebenzani ngemali ngize ngibuye. **14** Kodwa izakhamizi zakhe zamzonda, zathuma amanxusa emva kwakhe, zisithi: Kasithandi ukuthi lo asibuse. **15** Kwasekusithi esebuyle esewemukele umbuso, wathi azibizelwe kuye lezozinceku, ayezinike imali, ukuze azi ukuthi yileyo laleyo izuzeni ngokuthengiselana. **16** Kweza-ke eyokuqala, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho izuze impondo ezilitshumi. **17** Wasesithi kuyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo; lokhu uthembekile kokuncinyanyana, woba lamandla phezu kwemizi elitshumi. **18** Kwasekusiza eyesibili, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho yenze impondo ezinhlanu. **19** Wasesithi lakuyo: Lawe woba phezu kwemizi emihlanu. **20** Kwasekusiza enye, isithi: Nkosi, khangela impondo yakho, engayibeka elenjini; **21** ngoba bengikwesaba, ngoba unguumuntu olukhuni; uthatha lokho ongakubekanga, futhi uvune lokho ongakuhlanyelanga. **22** Wasesithi kuyo: Ngizakugweba ngokuvela emlonyeni wakho, nceku embi. Ubusazi ukuthi mina ngingumuntu

olukhuni, othatha lokho engingakubekanga, futhi avune lokho engingakuhlanyelanga; **23** ngakho kungani ungafakanga imali yami ebhanga, kuthi-ke mina ekufikeni kwami ngiyithathe kanye lenzozo? **24** Wasesithi kulabo ababemi khona: Memukeni impondo, liyinike lowo olempondo ezilitshumi. **25** Kodwa bathi kuye: Nkosi, lowo ulempondo ezilitshumi. **26** Ngoba ngithi kini: Wonke olakho uzaphiwa; kodwa lowo ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. **27** Kodwa lezozitha zami, ebezingathandi ukuthi ngizibuse, ziletheni lapha, lizibulale phambi kwami. **28** Esetshilo lezizinto, wahamba phambili, esenyukela eJerusalema. **29** Kwasekusithi esondela eBetfage leBethani entaben i okuthiwa ngeyeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, **30** esithi: Hambani liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizakuthi lingena kuwo lifice ithole likababhemi libotshiwe, okungazanga kuhlale kulo muntu; lilikhulule lililethe. **31** Uba umuntu elibuza esithi: Lilikhululelani? Lizakutsho njalo kuye ukuthi: INkosi iyaliswela. **32** Ababethunyiwe bahamba-ke bafica kunjengoba ebashelile. **33** Kuthe besalikhulula ithole, abaninilo bathi kubo: Lilikhululelani ithole? **34** Bona basebesithi: INkosi iyaliswela. **35** Basebeliletha kuJesu; baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwethole likababhemi, bamkhweza uJesu kulo. **36** Kwathi ehamba, bendlala izembatho zabo phansi endleleni. **37** Kwathi khathesi esesondela ekwehleni kwentaba yeMihlwathi, ixuku lonke labafundi laqala ukuthokoza lokudumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu ngayo yonke imisebenzi yamandla eliyibonileyo, **38** lisithi: Ibusisiwe inkosi ezayo ebizweni leNkosi; ukuthula ezulwini, lenkazimulo kweliphezulu. **39** Labanye babaFarisi ababesexukwini bathi kuye: Mfundisi, khuza abafundi bakho. **40** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngithi kini, uba bethula laba, amatshe azamemeza. **41** Kwathi esondela, ewubona

umuzi, wawukhalela, **42** esithi: Kungathi ngabe wazile lawe, ngitsho ngalolusuku lwakho, izinto zokuthula kwakho; kodwa-ke khathesi zifihlakele emehlwani akho. **43** Ngoba insuku zizakwehlela phezu kwakho, lapho izitha zakho zizakwakhela umthangala zikugombolozele, zikuzingezele, zikuvimbele inhlangothi zonke, **44** zikudilizele phansi wena labantwana bakho abaphakathi kwakho, zingatshiyi ilitsho phezu kwelitshe phakathi kwakho; ngoba ungasazanga isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwakho. **45** Wasengena ethempelini, waqala ukuxotsha abathengisayo kulo, labathengayo, **46** esithi kubo: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa lina liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. **47** Njalo wayefundisa ethempelini insuku zonke; kodwa abapristi abakhulu lababhalu lenduna zabantu badinga ukumbulala; **48** kodwa kabatholanga abangakwenza, ngobaabantu bonke banamathela kuye bemlalela.

20 Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwalezonsuku, efundisa abantu ethempelini etshumayela ivangeli, bamfikela abapristi abakhulu lababhalu kanye labadala, **2** basebekhuluma laye, besithi: Sitshele, ukuthi izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya, kumbe ngubani okunike leligunya? **3** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye, njalo lingitshele: **4** Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe ebantwini? **5** Basebezindlisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini; uzakuthi: Kungani-ke lingamkholwanga? **6** Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; abantu bonke bazasikhanda ngamatshe; ngoba baleqiniso lokuthi uJohane wayengumprofethi. **7** Basebephendula ngokuthi kabazi lapho olwavela khona. **8** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya. **9** Waseqala ukutshela abantu lumfanekiso, esithi: Umuntu othile wahlanyela isivini,

wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe okwesikhathi eside;
10 kwathi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku kubalimi,
ukuze bayinike okwesithelo sesivini; kodwa abalimi bayitshaya
bayithumeza ize. **11** Wasethuma njalo enye inceku; layo
bayitshaya bayiyangisa, bayithumeza ize. **12** Wasephinda ethuma
leyesithathu; layo leyo bayilimaza bayiphosela ngaphandle. **13**
Umninisivini wasesithi: Ngizakwenza njani? Ngizathuma indodana
yami ethandekayo; mhlawumbe bebona yona bazayihlonipha.
14 Kodwa abalimi beyibona bazindlisana, besithi: Le yindlalifa;
wozani, siyibulale, ukuze ilifa libe ngelethu. **15** Bayiphosela
ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala. Kambe uzakwenzani kubo
umninisivini? **16** Uzakuza, ababhubhise labobalimi, anikele isivini
kwabanye. Bekuzwa basebesithi: Akungabinjalo! **17** Kodwa
wabakhangela wathi: Pho kuyini lokhu okulotshiweyo, okuthi:
Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi? **18** Wonke
owela phezu kwalelolitshe, uzaphahlazwa; kodwa loba ngubani
eliwela phezu kwakhe, lizamchoboza. **19** Abapristi abakhulu
lababhalu basebedinga ukumbamba ngezandla ngaleloholu,
kodwa besaba abantu; ngoba baqedisisa ukuthi wayekhulumu
lumfanekiso emelane labo. **20** Basebemqaphela, bethuma inhloli,
ezazitshaya ezelungileyo, ukuze bambambe ekukhulumeni, ukuze
bamnikele egunyen iemandleni ombusi. **21** Bambuza-ke, besithi:
Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena ukhuluma ufundise ngokuqondileyo,
kawemukeli buso, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu
ngeqiniso. **22** Sivunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe hatshi?
23 Kodwa wabubona ubuqili babo, wathi kubo: Lingilingelani?
24 Ngitshengisani udenariyo; ulomfanekiso lombhalo kabani?
Basebephendula besithi: OkaKesari. **25** Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho
nikani uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu. **26**

Basebesehluleka ukumbamba ngelizwi lakhe phambi kwabantu; basebemangaliswa yimpendulo yakhe, bathula. **27** Kwasekusiza kuye abathile babaSadusi, abaphika besithi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, bambuza, **28** besithi: Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela ukuthi: Uba kusifa umfowabo womuntu elomkakhe, lo abesesifa engelamntwana, umfowabo kamthathe umfazi, abesemvusela inzalo umfowabo. **29** Ngakho kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa engelamntwana; **30** lowesibili wamthatha umfazi, laye lo wafa engelamntwana; **31** lowesithathu wamthatha. Kwaba njalo-ke lakwabayisikhombisa; abatshiyanga abantwana, bafa. **32** Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. **33** Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzafika abe ngumkabani kubo? Ngoba abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabo. **34** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Abantwana balumhlaba bayathatha, bendiswe; (*aiōn g165*) **35** kodwa labo okuzathiwa bafanele ukuzuza lowomhlaba lokuvuka kwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa; (*aiōn g165*) **36** ngoba bengelakuphinda bafe; ngoba banjengezingilos, njalo bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, bengabantwana bokuvuka. **37** Kodwa ukuthi abafileyo bayavuswa, loMozisi wakutshengisa esihlahleni, lapho eyibiza iNkosi ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu kalsaka loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. **38** Futhi kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo; ngoba bonke baphilela yena. **39** Abathile bababhali basebephendula bathi: Mfundisi, ukhulume kuhle. **40** Njalo kababanga lesibindi sokuphinda bambuze ulutho. **41** Wasesithi kubo: Batsho njani ukuthi uKristu uyiNdodana kaDavida? **42** Ngoba uDavida uqobo lwakhe uthi encwadini yeziHlabelelo: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, **43** ngize ngenze izitha

zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. **44** Ngakho uDavida umbiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, pho uyindodana yakhe njani? **45** Kwathi besalalele abantu bonke, wathi kubafundi bakhe: **46** Xwayani ababhalu abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, njalo bethanda ukubingelelwa emidangeni, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ezilayelweni; **47** abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa. Laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu.

21 Wathi ephakamisa amehlo wabona abanothileyo bephosela iminikelo yabo esitsheni somnikelo. **2** Wabona lomfelokazi othile ongumyanga ephosela khona inhlamvana ezincane ezimbili zemali. **3** Wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele okwedlula okwabo bonke; **4** ngoba bonke laba baphosele kokunengi kwabo eminkelweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho abephila ngakho. **5** Abanye besakhulumu ngethempeli, ukuthi liceciswe ngamatshe amahle langezipho, wathi: **6** Lezizinto elizibonayo, kuzafika insuku okungayikutshiywa ngazo ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingayikudilizelwa phansi. **7** Basebembuza, besithi: Mfundisi, pho lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakalso siyini, lapho sekuzakwenzeka lezizinto? **8** Wasesithi: Qaphelani ukuthi lingaduhiswa; ngoba abanengi bazakuza ebizweni lami, besithi: Ngnguye; futhi: Isikhathi sesisondele. Ngakho lingabalandeli. **9** Njalo nxa lisizwa ngezimpi langeziphiphithi, lingethuki; ngoba lezizinto zimele ukuthi zenzeke kuqala, kodwa ukuphela kakuhle kufike. **10** Wasesithi kubo: Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; **11** njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu indawo ngendawo lezindlala labomatshayabhuqe

bezifo; kube khona lezinto ezesabekayo lezibonakaliso ezinkulu ezivela ezulwini. **12** Kodwa ngaphambi kwakho konke lokhu bazalibamba ngezandla zabo, balizingele, balinikele emasinagogeni lezintolongweni, balise phambi kwamakhosi lababusi, ngenxa yebizo lami. **13** Njalo lokhu kuzaphenduka kini kube yibufakazi. **14** Ngakho kubekeni enhliziyweni zenu ukuthi linganakani ngaphambili ngelizakuphendula; **15** ngoba mina ngizalinika umlomo lenhlakanipho, abangekuphike, bamelane lakho, bonke abayizitha zenu. **16** Njalo lizanikelwa langabazali labafowenu lezihlobo labangane, njalo bazabulala abanye benu. **17** Njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami. **18** Kodwa kakuyikulahleka ngitsho unwele lwekhanda lenu. **19** Ekubekezeleni kwenu zuzani imiphefumulo yenu. **20** Kodwa nxa libona iJerusalema ihanqwe ngamabutho, yazini-ke ukuthi sekusondele ukuchitheka kwayo. **21** Ngalesosikhathi abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; labaphakathi kwayo baphume; labasemaphandleni bangangeni kuyo. **22** Ngoba lezi zinsuku zempindiselo, ukuze kugcwaliseke zonke izinto ezilotshiweyo. **23** Kodwa maye kwabakhulelwego labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! Ngoba kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka okukhulu emhlabeni, lolaka kulesisizwe. **24** Njalo bazakuwa ngobukhali benkemba, bathunjelwe ezizweni zonke; leJerusalema inyathelelwhe phansi ngabezizwe, kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabezizwe. **25** Kuzakuba khona izibonakaliso elangeni lenyangeni lezinkanyezini; lemhlabeni usizi lwezizwe ngokudideka; kudume ulwandle lamagagasi, **26** abantu baphele amandla ngenxa yokwesaba langokulindela lokho okuzayo emhlabeni; ngoba amandla amazulu azazanyazanyiswa. **27** Khona-ke bezayibona iNdodana yomuntu isiza eyezini ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu. **28** Njalo nxa

kuqala ukwenzeka lezizinto, manini liqonde njalo liphakamise amakhanda enu; ngoba kusondele ukukhululwa kwenu. **29** Wasebatshela umfanekiso: Khangelani umkhiwa lazo zonke izihlahla; **30** nxa sezihluma, liyazibonela lani likwazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. **31** Ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu useduze. **32** Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, kuze kwenzeke zonke izinto. **33** Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami kawasoze adlule. **34** Njalo ziqapheleni, ukuthi inhliziyozenu zingasindwa ngenxa yokuminza lokudakwa lokuphisekela izinto zalokhukusila, lalolosuku lulifikele lingananzelele; **35** ngoba luzafika njengomjibila phezu kwabo bonke abahlezi ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. **36** Ngakho lindani ngezikkhathi zonke likhulekele ukuthi lifanele ukuphepha zonke lezizinto ezizakwenzeka, lokuma phambi kweNdodana yomuntu. **37** Njalo wayefundisa ethempelini emini; kodwa ebusuku wayephuma ayehlala entabeneni ethiwa ngeyeMihlwathi. **38** Lekuseni kakhulu abantu bonke babesiza kuye ethempelini ukumuzwa.

22 Kwasekusondela umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, othiya liphasika. **2** Abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi bangambulala njani; ngoba babesesaba abantu. **3** USathane wasengena kuJudasi othiya ngulskariyothi, owayengowenani labalitshumi lambili. **4** Wasesuka wayakhulumabapristi abakhulu lezinduna ngokuthi angamnikela njani kubo. **5** Basebethokoza, basebevumelana ukumnika imali. **6** Wasevuma, njalo wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnikela kubo lingekho ixuku. **7** Lwaselufika usuku ljesinkwa esingelamvubelo, okwakumele kuhlatshwe ngalo iphasika. **8** Wasethuma uPetro loJohane, esithi: Hambari liyesilungisela iphasika, ukuze sidle.

9 Basebesithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi silungise ngaphi? **10**
Wasesithi kubo: Khangelani, kuzakuthi selingenile emzini,
umuntu uzaahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele
endlini azangena kuyo. **11** Beselisithi kumninindlu: Uthi uMfundisi
kuwe: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho engingadlela khona
iphasika labafundi bami? **12** Yena-ke uzalitshengisa indlu
enkulu ephezulu eyendlelwego; lilungise khona. **13** Bahamba-ke
bafica njengokutsho kwakhe kubo; basebelungisa iphasika. **14**
Kwathi selifikile ihola, wahlala phansi, labaphostoli abalitshumi
lambilili belaye. **15** Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunxwanelo nginxwanele
ukudla lani leliphasika ngingakahlpheki; **16** ngoba ngithi
kini: Kangisoze ngidle futhi kulo, lize ligcwaliiseke embusweni
kaNkulunkulu. **17** Wasethatha inkezo, esepongile wathi: Thathani
lokhu, beselisabelana; **18** ngoba ngithi kini: Kangisoze nginathe
okwesithelo sevini, kuze kufike umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **19**
Wasethatha isinkwa, esepongile wasihlephuna, wabanika, esithi:
Lokhu kungumzimba wami, owanikelelwa lina; lokhu kwenzeni
ukungikhumbula. **20** Ngokunjalo lenkezo emva kokudla, esithi:
Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami, elichithelwa lina.
21 Kodwa khangelani, isandla songinikelayo silami etafuleni.
22 Ngoba isibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba njengokumisiweyo;
kodwa maye kuluwomuntu enikelwa nguye! **23** Bona basebeqala
ukubuzana ukuthi kambe ngubani kubo ozakwenza lokho. **24**
Kwavela lokuphikisana phakathi kwabo okokuthi nguuphi kubo
ongathiwa ngomkhulu. **25** Wasesithi kubo: Amakhosi abezizwe
azibuso ngobulukhuni, leziphathamandla zazo zithiwa ngabasizi.
26 Kodwa lina kakungabi njalo; kodwa omkhulu phakathi kwenu
kabe njengomncinyane, longumkhokheli njengosebenzayo. **27**
Ngoba nguuphi omkhulu, lowo ohleziyo ekudleni kumbe lowo

osebenzayo? Kayisilowo yini ohlezi ekudleni? Kodwa mina ngiphakathi kwenu njengaye osebenzayo. **28** Lina-ke liyibo ababehlezi lami ezilingweni zami; **29** njalo mina ngilimisele umbuso, njengoba uBaba engimisele, **30** ukuthi lidle linathe etafuleni lami embusweni wami, lihlale ezhhlalweni zobukhos, lisehlulela izizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakolsrayeli. **31** INkosi yasisithi: Simoni, Simoni, khangela, uSathane ulifunisisile, ukuze alihlungule njengamabele; **32** kodwa mina ngikukhulekele, ukuze ukholo lwakho lungapheli; wena-ke nxa usuphendukile uqinise abazalwane bakho. **33** Kodwa wathi kuye: Nkosi, lentolongweni lekufeni ngilungele ukuya khona lawe. **34** Kodwa yena wathi: Ngiyakutshela, Petro, iqhude kaliyikukhala lamuhla, ungakaphiki kathathu ukuthi uyangazi. **35** Wasesithi kubo: Mhla ngilithuma lingelamxhaka lesikhwama lamanyathela, laswela yini ulutho? Basebesithi: Kasiswelanga lutho. **36** Wasesithi kubo: Kodwa khathesi lowo olomxhaka kawuthathe, ngokunjalo lesikhwama; lalowo ongelakho, athengise isembatho sakhe, athenge inkemba. **37** Ngoba ngithi kini, kusamele kugcwaliseke kimi lokhu okulotshiwego, ukuthi: Wabalwa kanye lezoni; ngoba lalezizinto eziqondane lami zilesiphetho. **38** Basebesithi: Nkosi, khangela, nanzi inkemba ezimbili. Wasesithi kubo: Kwanele. **39** Wasephuma waya entaben yeMihlwathi njengokwejwayela; labafundi bakhe bamlandela. **40** Esefikile kuleyondawo, wathi kubo: Khulekani ukuthi lingangeni ekulingweni. **41** Yena wasemonyuka kubo okungaba libanga lokuphosa ilitshe, waguqa phansi ngamadolo wakhuleka, **42** esithi: Baba, uba uthanda, susa linkezo kimi; kodwa-ke kungenziwa intando yami, kodwa eyakho. **43** Kwabonakala kuye ingilos ivela ezulwini imqinisa. **44** Esesesizini olunzima, wakhuleka kakhulu.

Njalo izithukuthuku zakhe zaba njengamathonsi egazi zawela emhlabathini. **45** Esesukumile emkhulekweni, weza kubafundi bakhe, wabafica belele ngenxa yokudabuka, **46** wasesithi kubo: Lilaleleni? Vukan iikhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni. **47** Kwathi esakhuluma, khangela, ixuku, lalowo okuthiwa nguJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, ehamba phambi kwabo, wasesondela kuJesu ukumanga. **48** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Judasi, uyayinikela yini iNdodana yomuntu ngokuyanga? **49** Kwathi labo ababengakuye sebebona okuzakwenzeka bathi kuye: Nkosi, sigadle yini ngenkemba? **50** Omunye wabo wasegadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo yokunene. **51** Kodwa uJesu waphendula wathi: Yekelani kuze kube yilokhu. Wasethinta indlebe yayo, wayisilisa. **52** UJesu wasesithi kubapristi abakhulu lezinduna zethempeli labadala ababeze kuye: Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba lezinduku? **53** Nxa bengilani insuku ngensuku ethempelini, kalelulanga izandla ukumelana lami; kodwa leli lihola lenu, lamandla obumnyama. **54** Sebembambile bamqhuba, bamusa endlini yompristi omkhulu. UPetro waselandela ekhatshana. **55** Sebebasile umlilo phakathi kweguma, sebehlezi phansi ndawonye, uPetro wahlala phakathi kwabo. **56** Kodwa incekukazi ethile imbona ehlezi emlilweni, yamjolozela, yathi: Lumuntu laye ube laye. **57** Kodwa wamphika, wathi: Mama, kangimazi. **58** Emva kwesikhatshana omunye wasembona wathi: Lawe ungomunye wabo. Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda, kangisuye. **59** Sekungaba kwedlule iholo eliodwa, omunye waqinisa, esithi: Isibili laye ube laye; ngoba futhi ungumGalili. **60** Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda, kangazi ukuthi uthini. Njalo khonokho esakhuluma lakhala iqhude. **61** INkosi yasiphenduka yamkhangela uPetro. UPetro waselikhumbula

ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi yakhuluma njani kuye isithi: Iqhude lingakakhali, uzangiphika kathathu. **62** UPetro wasephuma phandle wakhala kabuhlungu. **63** Lamadoda ayembambile uJesu amklolodela, amtshaya. **64** Amembesa, amtshaya ubuso, asembuza, esithi: Profetha! Ngubani okutshayileyo?

65 Akhuluma lezinye izinto ezinengi kuye ehlambaza. **66** Kwathi sekusile, abadala babantu babuthana, labapristi abakhulu lababhalu, basebemusa emphakathini wabo, bathi: **67** Uba unguKristu, sitshele. Wasesithi kubo: Uba ngilitshela, kalisoze likholwe; **68** njalo uba lami ngilibuza, kalisoze lingiphendule, loba lingikhulule. **69** Kusukela khathesi iNdodana yomuntu izahlala ngakwesokunene samandla kaNkulunkulu. **70** Basebesithi bonke: Kanti uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? Wasesithi kubo: Kutsho lina ukuthi ngiyiyo. **71** Basebesithi: Pho sisafunelani ubufakazi? Ngoba sesizizwele uqobo lwethu emlonyeni wakhe.

23 Kwasekusukuma ixuku labo lonke, lamusa kuPilatu. **2** Baqala ukummangalela, besithi: Simficile lo eduhisa isizwe, esalela ukuthela kuKesari, esithi nguye onguKristu iNkosi. **3** UPilatu wasembuza, wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula wathi: Uyatsho wena. **4** Wasesithi uPilatu kubapristi abakhulu lemaxukwini: Kangitholi cala kulumuntu. **5** Kodwa baqinisa, besithi: Udunga abantu, efundisa kuyo yonke iJudiya, eqala eGalili kuze kufike lapha. **6** Lapho uPilatu esizwa kuthiwa iGalili wabuza ukuthi lumuntu ungumGalili yini. **7** Kwathi esezwile ukuthi ungowombuso kaHerodi, wamthumela kuHerodi, owayekhona laye eJerusalem ngalezonsuku. **8** Kwathi uHerodi embona uJesu wathokoza kakhulu; ngoba wayekade ethanda ukumbona, ngoba wayezwile okunengi ngaye; wayethemba ukuthi uzabona isibonakaliso esithile

sisenziwa nguye. **9** Wambuza ngamazwi amanengi; kodwa yena kamphendulanga lutho. **10** Abapristi abakhulu lababhalibabemi, bemmangalela ngamandla. **11** UHerodi lamabutho akhe bamyangisa, bamklolodela, basebemgqokisa isembatho esikhazimulayo, bambuyisela kuPilatu. **12** Ngalolosuku uHerodi kanye loPilatu baba ngabangane omunye komunye; ngoba ngaphambi kwalokhu babelobutha phakathi kwabo. **13** UPilatu wasebizela ndawonye abapristi abakhulu lababusi labantu, **14** wathi kubo: Limlethile kimi lumuntu, ngokungathi ungoduhisa abantu; njalo khangelani, mina ngimhlolile phambi kwenu, kangitholanga cala kulumuntu ngalezozinto elimmangalela ngazo; **15** hatshi ngitsho loHerodi; ngoba ngilithumeze kuye, njalo khangelani, kakulalutho olufanele ukufa olwenziwe nguye. **16** Ngakho ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule. **17** Kwakufanele ukuthi abakhululele abe munye ngomkhosi. **18** Bamemeza bonke kanyekanye besithi: Msuse lo, usikhululele uBarabasi **19** (owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yomvukela othile owenzeka phakathi komuzi langenxa yokubulala). **20** Ngakho uPilatu wabuya wakhulumalabo, efuna ukumkhulula uJesu. **21** Kodwa bamemeza, besithi: Bethela, mbethele! **22** Wasesithi kubo ngokwesithathu: Ngoba lo enze bubi bani? Kangitholanga kuye icala afanele ukufa ngalo; ngakho ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule. **23** Kodwa baqinisa ngamazwi amakhulu, befuna ukuthi abethelwe; lamazwi abo lawabapristi abakhulu aphumelela. **24** UPilatu wasequma ukuthi kwensiwe isicelo sabo. **25** Wasebakhlulela lowo ababemcelile owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yomvukela lokubulala; kodwa uJesu wamnikela entandweni yabo. **26** Kwathi sebemqhuba, babamba uSimoni othile umKurene owayevela emaphandleni, bamethesa isiphambano, ukuthi

asithwale ngemva kukaJesu. **27** Laselimlandela ixuku elikhulu labantu, labesifazana labo ababekhala bemlilela. **28** Kodwa uJesu ephendukela kubo wathi: Madodakazi eJerusalema, lingangikhaleli mina, kodwa zikhaleleni lina labantwana benu, **29** ngoba khangelani, ziyeza insuku abazakutsho ngazo ukuthi: Zibusisiwe inyumba, lezizalo ezingazalanga, lamabele angamunyisanga. **30** Khona bezaqalisa ukuthi ezintabeni: Welani phezu kwethu; lemaqaqeni: Sisibekeleni. **31** Ngoba uba besenza lezizinto esihlahleni esimanzi, kuzakwenzakalani kwesomileyo? **32** Kwaqhutshwa labanye abenzi bobubi ababili, ukuthi babulawe kanye laye. **33** Sebefikile endaweni ethiwa luKhakhayi, bambethela khona, labenzi bobubi, omunye ngakwesokunene, lomunye ngakwesokhohlo. **34** UJesu wasesithi: Baba, bathethelele; ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo. Njalo babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa. **35** Labantu bema babukela. Lababusi kanye labo bamklolodela, besithi: Wasindisa abanye, kazisindise yena, uba yena enguKristu, okhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu. **36** Labebutho bamklolodela, beza kuye bamnika iviniga, **37** besithi: Uba wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda, zisindise wena. **38** Kwakukhona lombhalo ngaphezu kwakhe kulotshiwe ngamabala esiGriki langesiRoma langesiHebheru othi: LO UYINKOSI YAMAJUDA. **39** Lomunye wabenzi bobubi ababelengisiwe wamthuka, esithi: Uba wena unguKristu, zisindise wena lathi. **40** Kodwa omunye waphendula emkuza, esithi: Wena kawumesabi yini uNkulunkulu, lokhu lawe ukulokhukulahlwa? **41** Thina kambe kusilungele, ngoba semukela okulingene ukwenza kwethu; kodwa lo kenzanga lutho olungafanelanga. **42** Wasesithi kuJesu: Ungikhumbule, Nkosi, lapha ufika embusweni wakho. **43** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe:

Lamuhla uzakuba lami eParadise. **44** Kwakungaba lihola lesithupha, kwaba khona ubumnyama phezu komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye, **45** futhi ilanga lalifiphaziwe, leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa phakathi. **46** UJesu wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Baba, ezandleni zakho ngibeka umoya wami; esetshilo lokhu waphefumula okokucina. **47** Kwathi induna yekhulu isibonile okwenzekileyo, yamdumisa uNkulunkulu, isithi: Isibili lumuntu ubelungle. **48** Lamaxuku wonke ayebuthene ukubukela lokho, sebebonile izinto ezenzekileyo, babuyela betshaya izifuba zabo. **49** Bonke abazana laye, labesifazana ababemlandela bevela eGalili, bema khatshana, bebona lezizinto. **50** Njalo khangela, indoda ethiwa nguJosefa, ilunga lomphakathi, indoda elungileyo eqotho; **51** yena wayengavumelananga lecebo lesenzo sabo; wayevela eArimathiya umuzi wamaJuda, laye ngokwakhe wayelindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu; **52** lowo waya kuPilatu wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. **53** Wasesethula wasigoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo, wasibeka engcwabeni elaligujwe edwaleni, lapho okwakungazanga kubekwe khona umuntu. **54** Kwakulusuku lwamalungiselelo, lesabatha laselisondela. **55** Labesifazana, ababeze laye bevela eGalili, balandela, balibona ingcwaba, lokuthi isidumbu sibekwe njani. **56** Basebebuya emuva balungisa amakha lamagcobo. Ngesabatha basebephumula njengokomlayo.

24 Kodwa ngosuku lokuqala Iweviki, emadabukakusa, baya engcwabeni, bephethe amakha ababewalungisile, labanye ababelabo. **2** Bafica ilitshe ligiqiwe lasuswa engcwabeni. **3** Kuthe bengena kabasitholanga isidumbu seNkosi uJesu. **4** Kwasekusithi bedidekile kakhulu ngalokhu, futhi khangela,

amadoda amabili ema labo embethe izembatho ezicwazimulayo;
5 njalo besesaba, bakhothamisa ubuso emhlabathini, athi
kubo: Lidingelani ophilayo kwabafileyo? 6 Kakho lapha, kodwa
uvukile; khumbulani ukuthi wakhulumu njani kini, eseseGalili, 7
esithi: INdodana yomuntu imele ukunikelwa ezandleni zabantu
abayizoni, ibethelwe, ibuye ivuke ngosuku Iwesithathu. 8
Basebewakhumbula amazwi akhe. 9 Sebebuyile bevela
engcwabeni, babika konke lokhu kwabalitshumi lanye lakubo
bonke abanye. 10 KwakunguMariya Magadalena loJowana
loMariya unina kaJakobe, labanye ababekanye labo, abatshela
abaphostoli lezizinto. 11 Kodwa amazwi abo akhanya kubo
njengokukhuluma okuyize, futhi kabaze bawakholwa. 12
Kodwa uPetro wasukuma wagijimela engcwabeni, wakhothama
walunguza wabona amalembu acolekileyo ebekiwe ewodwa;
wasuka, emangele ngaphakathi kwakhe ngokwenzekileyo. 13
Futhi khangela, ngalona lolosuku ababili babo babehamba
besiya emzaneni, obizo lawo yiEmawusi, ongamastadiyu
angamatshumi ayisithupha kusukela eJerusalema. 14 Njalo
bona babekhulumisana ngazo zonke lezizinto ezenzekileyo. 15
Kwasekusithi bekhulumisana bebuzana, uJesu uqobo wasondela
wahamba kanye labo, 16 kodwa amehlo abo ayebanjiwe
ukuze bangamazi. 17 Wasesithi kubo: Ngamazwi bani la
elikhulumisana ngawo lihamba, lidanile? 18 Omunye, obizo
lakhe linguKleyopha, wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena nguwe
wedwa isihambi eJerusalema, njalo awazi yini izinto ezenzekileyo
phakathi kwayo kulezinsuku? 19 Wasesithi kubo: Yizinto
bani? Basebesithi kuye: Ezimayelana loJesu weNazaretha,
obeyindoda umprofethi olamandla ngesenzo langelizwi phambi
kukaNkulunkulu labantu bonke; 20 lokuthi abapristi abakhulu

lababusi bethu bamnikela njani ekulahlweni kokufa, bambethela.

21 Kodwa thina besithemba ukuthi nguye obezakhulula ulsrayeli. Kodwa-ke phezu kwakho konke lokhu lamuhla lusuku lwasithathu selokhu lezizinto zenzakele. **22** Kodwa njalo abesifazana abathile abangakithi basimangalisile, ababesengcwabeni ekuseni kakhlulu; **23** kuthe bengasitholi isidumbu sakhe, babuya besithi babone lombono wezingilos, ezithe uyaphila. **24** Labathile abebelathi bayo engcwabeni, bafica kunjalo njengokutsho kwabesifazana labo; kodwa yena kabambonanga. **25** Yena wasesithi kubo: O lina elingelakuqedisisa elilenhliziyo ezivilaphela ukukholwa konke lokho abaprofethi abakutshoyo! **26** UKristu ubengamele yini ukuthi ahlupheke ngalezizinto, abesengena ebukhosini bakhe? **27** Njalo esukela kuMozisi lakubo bonke abaprofethi, wabachasisela emibhalweni yonke izinto eziqondene laye. **28** Basebesondela emzaneni ababesiya kuwo; yena wasesenza angathi uyedlula. **29** Kodwa bamcindezela, besithi: Hlala lathi, ngoba sekuzakuhlwa, lelanga selitshonile. Wangenake ukuze ahlale labo. **30** Kwasekusithi ehlezi ekudleni labo, wathatha isinkwa wasibusisa, wasihlephuna wabanika. **31** Amehlo abo asevuleka, basebemazi; wasenyamalala esuka emehlwani abo. **32** Basebekhulumisana besithi: Kambe inhliziyo zethu bezingavuthi yini phakathi kwethu, lapho ekhulumwa lathi endleleni, lalapho esivulela imibhalo? **33** Basebesukuma ngaleloholwa, babuyela eJerusalem, bafica abalitshumi lanye bebuthene ndawonye lalabo ababelabo, **34** besithi: Isibili iNkosi ivukile, ibonwe nguSimoni. **35** Basebelandisa okwenzekileyo endleleni, lokuthi yaziwa njani yibo ekuhlephuneni isinkwa. **36** Besakhulumwa lezizinto, uJesu uqobo wema phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini. **37** Kodwa batshaywa luvalo

besaba becabanga ukuthi babona umoya. **38** Wasesithi kubo:
Likhathazekelani, njalo kuvukelani imicabango enhliziyweni zenu?
39 Khangelani izandla zami lenyawo zami, ukuthi yimi uqobo;
ngibambani libone, ngoba umoya kawulanyama lamathambo,
njengoba lingibona ngilakho. **40** Esekutshilo lokho wabatshengisa
izandla lenyawo zakhe. **41** Kodwa belokhu bengakholwa ngenxa
yentokozo bemangala, wathi kubo: Lilalo ulutho lokudla lapha
yini? **42** Bamnika iqatha lenhlanzi eyosiweyo, lohlanga lwenyosi.
43 Wasekuthatha wakudla phambi kwabo. **44** Wasesithi kubo: Yila
amazwi, engawakhulumka kini ngiseselani okuthi, kumele ukuthi
kugcwaliseke konke okwabhalwa ngami emlayweni kaMozisi
labaprofethi leziHlabelelo. **45** Wasevula ingqondo yabo, ukuze
baqedisise imibhalo; **46** wasesithi kubo: Kulotshiwe kanje,
njalo uKristu kumele ahlupheke kanje, njalo avuke kwabafileyo
ngosuku lwesthathu, **47** njalo kutshunyayelwe ebizweni lakhe
ukuphenduka lothethelelo lwezonzo ezizweni zonke, kuqalwa
eJerusalema. **48** Lina-ke lingabafakazi balezizinto. **49** Futhi
khangelani, mina ngiyathumela kini isithembiso sikaBaba; kodwa
lina hlalani emzini weJerusalema, lize lembathiswe amandla
avela phezulu. **50** Wasebakohkhela ephuma phandle baze
bafika eBethani; ephakamisa izandla zakhe wababusisa. **51**
Kwasekusithi esababusisa, wehlukana labo, wenyukiselwa
ezulwini. **52** Basebemkhonza, babuyela eJerusalema belentokozo
enkulu; **53** baqhubeka besethempelini, bebonga bedumisa
uNkulunkulu. Ameni.

UJohane

1 Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, njalo uLizwi wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi wayenguNkulunkulu. **2** Yena lo wayeloNkulunkulu ekuqaleni. **3** Zonke izinto zenziwa ngaye, njalo ngaphandle kwakhe kakulalutho lolulodwa olwenziwayo lolo olwenziweyo. **4** Impilo yayikuye, njalo impilo yayiyikukhanya kwabantu, **5** lokukhanya kukhanya emnyameni, kodwa ubumnyama kabukwemukelanga. **6** Kwavela umuntu ethunuye nguNkulunkulu, obizo lakhe linguJohane; **7** yena lo wezela ubufakazi, ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya, ukuze bonke bakhole ngaye. **8** Yena wayengayisikho ukukhanya, kodwa ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya. **9** Kwakuyikukhanya okuqotho, okukhanyisa wonke umuntu oza emhlabeni. **10** Wayekhona emhlabeni, njalo umhlabla wenziwa ngaye, kodwa umhlabla kawumazanga. **11** Weza kokwakhe, kodwa abakhe kabamemukelanga. **12** Kodwa bonke abamemukelayo, wabapha amandla okuthi babe ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, labo abakhola ebizweni lakhe; **13** abazalwa kungeyisikho ngegazi, langentando yenyama, langentando yendoda, kodwa nguNkulunkulu. **14** ULizwi wasesiba yinyama, wahlala phakathi kwethu, njalo sabona inkazimulo yakhe, inkazimulo injeneyozelwe yedwa kaYise, egcwele umusa leqiniso. **15** UJohane wafakaza ngaye, wamemeza wathi: Nguye lo ebengisitsho ngaye ukuthi: Lowo ozayo emva kwami uphambi kwami; ngoba wayekhona kuqala kulami. **16** Lekugcwaleni kwakhe thina semukele sonke, futhi umusa ngomusa; **17** ngoba umlayo wanikwa ngoMozisi, umusa leqiniso kweza ngoJesu Kristu. **18** Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; iNdodana ezelwe yodwa, esesifubeni sikaYise, yiyo emvezileyo. **19** Njalo lobu yibufakazi bukaJohane, mhla

amaJuda ethuma abapristi lamaLevi bevela eJerusalema ukuze bambuze ukuthi: Wena ungebani? **20** Wasevuma, kaphikanga; futhi wavuma wathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina. **21** Bambuza futhi bathi: Kuyini pho? Wena unguElija yini? Wasesithi: Kangisuye. Wena ungelowomProfethi yini? Wasephendula wathi: Hatshi. **22** Basebesithi kuye: Ungubani? Ukuze sibaphe impendulo abasithumileyo; uthini ngawe? **23** Wathi: Mina ngiyilizwi lomemezayo enkangala: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi, njengoba ulsaya umprofethi watsho. **24** Lalabo ababethunyiwe babevela kubaFarisi. **25** Basebembuza, bathi kuye: Ubhabhathizelani pho, uba wena ungeyisuye uKristu, loElija, lalowomProfethi? **26** UJohane wabaphendula, wathi: Mina ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi; kodwa phakathi kwenu kumi, lina elingamaziyo; **27** nguye ozayo emva kwami, ophambi kwami, engingafanele mina ukuthukulula umchilo wenyathela lakhe. **28** Lezizinto zenzeka eBethabara ngaphetsheya kweJordani, lapho uJohane ayebhabhathiza khona. **29** Kusisa uJohane wabona uJesu esiza kuye, wathi: Khangelani iWundlu likaNkulunkulu, elisusa isono somhlaba. **30** Nguye lo mina ebengilitshela ngaye ukuthi: Emva kwami kuza indoda, eyayikhona phambi kwami, ngoba yayikhona kuqala kulami. **31** Lami bengingamazi; kodwa ukuze abonakaliswe kulsrayeli, ngalokho mina ngizile ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi. **32** UJohane wasefakaza, esithi: Ngibonile uMoya esehla ezulwini njengejuba, wahlala phezu kwakhe. **33** Lami bengingamazi; kodwa owangithumayo ukubhabhathiza ngamanzi, yena wathi kimi: Lowo ozabona uMoya esehlela phezu kwakhe ahlale kuye, nguye obhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele. **34** Mina ngibonile, ngafakaza ukuthi lo uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **35** Kusisa futhi uJohane wayemi, lababili kubafundi bakhe; **36** wasekhangela

uJesu ehambahamba, wathi: Khangelani iWundlu likaNkulunkulu.

37 Abafundi ababili bamuzwa ekhuluma, basebemlandela uJesu. **38** Kwathi uJesu enyemukula ebabona belandela, wathi kubo: Lidingani? Basebesithi kuye: Rabi, (okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, Mfundisi) uhlala ngaphi? **39** Wathi kubo: Wozani libone. Beza babona lapho ayehlala khona; bahlala laye ngalolosuku; kwakungaba lihola letshumi. **40** UAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro wayengomunye wababili ababekuzwe ngoJohane bamlandela. **41** Yena wathola kuqala umfowabo uqobo uSimoni, wathi kuye: Simtholile uMesiya, okuphendulelwa ngokuthi, uKristu. **42** Wasemletha kuJesu. UJesu esemkhangele wathi: Wena unguSimoni indodana kaJona; uzathiwa nguKefasi, okuphendulelwa ngokuthi uPetro. **43** Kusisa uJesu wayefuna ukusuka aye eGalili, wathola uFiliphu, wathi kuye: Ngilandela. **44** UFiliphu-ke wayengoweBhethisayida, emzini wakibo kaAndreya loPetro. **45** UFiliphu wathola uNathaniyeli, wathi kuye: Simtholile lowo abhala ngaye uMozisi emlayweni labaprofethi, uJesu weNazaretha, indodana kaJosefa. **46** UNathaniyeli wasesithi kuye: Kambe kungavela okuhle eNazaretha? UFiliphu wathi kuye: Woza ubone. **47** UJesu wabona uNathaniyeli esiza kuye, wathi ngaye: Khangelani umlsrayeli uqobo, okungekho nkohliso kuye. **48** UNathaniyeli wathi kuye: Ungazela ngaphi? UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: UFiliphu engakakubizi, ungaphansi komkhiwa, ngakubona. **49** UNathaniyeli waphendula wathi kuye: Rabi, wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, wena uyiNkosi kalsrayeli. **50** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uyakholwa ngoba ngithe kuwe, bengikubona ungaphansi komkhiwa. Uzabona izinto ezinkulu kulalezi. **51** Wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisisile, ngiqinisisile,

ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi lizabona izulu livulekile, lengilosizikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla phezu kweNdodana yomuntu.

2 Kwathi ngosuku Iwesithathu kwaba khona umtshado eKana yeGalili; lonina kaJesu wayekhona lapho; **2** njalo uJesu laye wayenxusiwe labafundi bakhe emtshadweni. **3** Kwathi iwayini selisweleka, unina kaJesu wathi kuye: Kabalalo iwayini. **4** UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, ngilani lawe? Ihola lami kalikafiki. **5** Unina wathi kuzinceku: Yenzani loba yikuphi azalitshela khona. **6** Kwakukhona lapho imbiza zamanzi ezamatshe zimiswe njengokokuhlambulula kwamaJuda, inye ingena amaphoco amabili kumbe amathathu. **7** UJesu wathi kuzo: Gcwalisani imbiza zamanzi ngamanzi. Zasezizingcwala zathi kliki. **8** Wasesithi kuzo: Khanini khathesi, lise kumphathi wokudla. Zasezikusa. **9** Umphathi wokudla esizwa amanzi asebe liwayini, engazi ukuthi livela ngaphi (kodwa inceku ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi), umphathi wokudla wabiza umyenzi, **10** wasesithi kuye: Wonke umuntu uletha iwayini elimnandi kuqala, kuthi lapho sebenathile kakhulu, abeseletha elibi; wena ugcinile iwayini elimnandi kwaze kwaba khathesi. **11** Lokho kuyikuqala kwezibonakaliso uJesu akwenza eKana yeGalili wabonakalisa inkazimulo yakhe; labafundi bakhe bakholwa kuye. **12** Emva kwalokho wehlela eKapenawume, yena, lonina, labafowabo, labafundi bakhe; njalo bahlala khona kungeyisikho okwensuku ezinengi. **13** Iphasika lamaJuda laselisondele, uJesu wasesenyukela eJerusalema. **14** Wafica ethempelini labo abathengisa inkabi lezimvu lamajuba, labantshintshi bemali behlezi. **15** Esenze isiswepu sezintambo wabaxotsha bonke ethempelini, izimvu kanye lenkabi; wachitha imali yabantshintshisayo, wagenqula amatafula; **16** wasesithi kwabathengisa amajuba: Susani lezizinto

lapha; lingenzi indlu kaBaba indlu yokuthengisela. **17** Abafundi bakhe basebekhumbula ukuthi kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uku^tshisekela indlu yakho kungidlile. **18** Ngakho amaJuda aphendula athi kuye: Usitshengisa isibonakaliso bani, sokuthi wenze lezizinto? **19** UJesu waphendula wathi kuwo: Dilizani lelithempeli, njalo ngensuku ezintathu ngizalivusa. **20** AmaJuda asesithi: Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha lelithempeli lakhiwa, wena-ke uzalivusa ngensuku ezintathu yini? **21** Kodwa yena wayekhuluma ngethempeli lomzimba wakhe. **22** Ngakho, kwathi esevukile kwabafileyo, abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kubo; bakholwa umbhalo, lelizwi ayelitshilo uJesu. **23** Njalo kwathi eseJerusalema ngephasika, emkhosini, abanengi bakholwa ebiZweni lakhe, bebona izibonakaliso zakhe azenzayo; **24** kodwa uJesu ngokwakhe kazinikelanga yena kubo, ngoba yena wayebazi bonke, **25** langenxa yokuthi wayengasweli ukuthi loba ngubani afakaze ngomuntu; ngoba yena wayekwazi okusemuntwini.

3 Kwakukhona-ke umuntu wakubaFarisi, nguNikodima ibizo lakhe, isikhulu samaJuda; **2** lo weza kuJesu ebusuku, wathi kuye: Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ongenza lezizibonakaliso ozenzayo wena, uba uNkulunkulu engelaye. **3** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Ngijqinisile, ngijqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Ngaphandle kokuthi umuntu azalwe ngokutsha, angewubone umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **4** UNikodima wathi kuye: Umuntu angazalwa njani esemdala? Angangena yini ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina azalwe? **5** UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngijqinisile, ngijqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Uba umuntu engazalwanga ngamanzi langomoya, angengene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **6** Lokho okuzelwe yinyama kuyinyama; lalokho okuzelwe nguMoya

kungumoya. **7** Ungamangali ukuthi ngithe kuwe: Kufanele ukuthi lizalwe ngokutsha. **8** Umoya uphephethela lapho othanda khona, uyawuzwa umdumo wawo, kodwa kawazi lapho ovela khona lalapho oya khona; unjalo wonke ozelwe nguMoya. **9** UNikodima waphendula wathi kuye: Lezizinto zingenzeka njani? **10** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Wena ungumfundisi wakolsrayeli, kodwa kawuzazi lezizinto yini? **11** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Sikhuluma esikwaziyo, sifakaze esikubonileyo; kodwa kalibemukeli ubufakazi bethu. **12** Nxa ngilitshelile izinto zomhlaba njalo lingakholwa, lizakholwa njani, uba ngilitshela izinto zezulwini? **13** Njalo kakho owake wenyukela ezulwini, ngaphandle kowehla ezulwini, iNdodana yomuntu eseZulwini. **14** Futhi njengoba uMozisi waphakamisa inyoka enkangala, ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuphakanyiswa; **15** ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **16** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wawuthanda umhlaba ngokunjalo, ngakho wanika iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa, ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayithumanga iNdodana yakhe emhlabenzi ukuthi iwulahle umhlaba, kodwa ukuze umhlaba usindiswe ngayo. **18** Okholwa kiyo kalahlwa; kodwa ongakholwayo uselahliwe, ngoba engakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ezelwe yodwa. **19** Ukulahlwa kuyilokhu, ukuthi ukukhanya kufikile emhlabenzi, kodwa abantu bathanda ubumnyama kulokukhanya; ngoba imisebenzi yabo yayimibi. **20** Ngoba wonke owenza okubi uzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ingasolwa. **21** Kodwa owenza iqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ibonakale, ukuthi yenziwe kuNkulunkulu. **22** Emva kwalezizinto

uJesu weza elizweni leJudiya labafundi bakhe; njalo wahlala khona kanye labo njalo wabhabhathiza. **23** UJohane laye wayebhabhathiza eEnoni eduze leSalima, ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi khona; njalo babesiza bebhahthizwa. **24** Ngoba uJohane wayengakaphoselwa entolongweni. **25** Kwasekusiba khona ukuphikisana phakathi kwabafundi bakaJohane lamaJuda ngokuhlambulula. **26** Basebesiza kuJohane bathi kuye: Rabi, lowo owawulaye ngaphetsheya kweJordani, owamfakazelayo, khangela yena uyabhabhathiza, njalo bayeza kuye bonke. **27** UJohane waphendula wathi: Umuntu angemukele ulutho, ngaphandle kokuthi alunikwe luvela ezulwini. **28** Lina ngokwenu liyangifakazela ukuthi ngathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina, kodwa ukuthi ngithunyiwe ngaphambi kwakhe. **29** Olomakoti unguomyeni; kodwa umngane womyeni, omiyo emuzwa, uthokoza ngentokozo ngelizwi lomyeni; ngakho lintokozo yami isiphelele. **30** Umele ukukhula yena, kodwa mina nginciphe. **31** Ovela phezulu uphezu kwakho konke. Ovela emhlabeni, ungowomhlaba, njalo ukhulumma okomhlaba; ovela ezulwini uphezu kwakho konke. **32** Lalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo, ufakaza khona; kodwa kakho owemukela ubufakazi bakhe. **33** Owemukele ubufakazi bakhe uphawulile ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile. **34** Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo, ukhulumma amazwi kaNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu umnika uMoya kungeyisikho ngesilinganiso. **35** UYise uyayithanda iNdodana, njalo unikele izinto zonke esandleni sayo. **36** Yena okholwa eNdodaneni ulempilo elaphakade; kodwa yena ongakholwayo eNdodaneni, kayikubona impilo, kodwa ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luhlezi phezu kwakhe. (aiōnios g166)

4 Kwathi-ke iNkosi isisazi ukuthi abaFarisi sebezwile ukuthi uJesu wenza wabhabhathiza abafundi abanengi kuloJohane, **2** lanxa uJesu ngokwakhe wayengabhabhathizi, kodwa abafundi bakhe, **3** wasuka eJudiya, wasuka waya futhi eGalili. **4** Kodwa kwakumele ukuthi adabule eSamariya. **5** Wafika-ke emzini weSamariya okuthiwa yiSikari, eduze lesiqinti uJakobe asinika indodana yakhe uJosefa; **6** lomthombo kaJakobe wawulapho. Ngakho uJesu ekhathele ngohambo wahlala ngokunjalo emthonjeni. Kwakungaba lihola lesithupha. **7** Kwafika owesifazana evela eSamariya ukuzakukha amanzi; uJesu wathi kuye: Nginathisa. **8** (Ngoba abafundi bakhe babehambile baya emzini, ukuze bathenge ukudla.) **9** Ngakho owesifazana umSamariya wathi kuye: Kungani wena ungumJuda ucela ukunatha kimi, owesifazana ongumSamariya? Ngoba amaJuda awalabudlelwano lamaSamariya. **10** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Aluba ubusazi isipho sikaNkulunkulu, lokuthi ungubani othi kuwe: Nginathisa; ubuzacela kuye, njalo ubezakunika amanzi aphilayo. **11** Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, kawulalutho lokukha, lomgodi uyatshona; uwathethe ngaphi pho amanzi aphilayo? **12** Wena umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu uJakobe, owasinika umgodi, wanatha kuwo yena, labantwana bakhe, lemihlambi yakhe? **13** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Wonke onatha lamanzi, uzakoma futhi; **14** kodwa loba ngubani onatha amanzi mina engizamnika wona, kasoze ome kuze kube laphakade; kodwa amanzi engizamnika wona azakuba ngumthombo wamanzi phakathi kwakhe ogobhozela empilweni elaphakade. (*aiōn g165, aiōnios g166*) **15** Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi, ukuze ngingomi, ngingabe ngiseza lapha ukukha. **16** UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba, ubize umkakho, uze lapha. **17**

Owesifazana waphendula wathi: Kangilandoda. UJesu wathi kuye: Utsho kuhle ukuthi: Kangilandoda; **18** ngoba usuke waba lamadoda amahlanu, le olayo khathesi kayisiyo indoda yakho; lokhu ukutsho uqinisile. **19** Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngiyabona ukuthi wena unguprofethi. **20** Obaba bethu babekhonza kulintaba; kodwa lina lithi iseJerusalema indawo lapho okufanele umuntu akhonze khona. **21** UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, kholwa kimi, ukuthi iholi liyeza, lapho elizakhonza uBaba kungeyisikho kulintaba, kumbe eJerusalema. **22** Lina likhonza elingakwaziyo; thina sikhonza esikwaziyo; ngoba usindiso luvela kumaJuda. **23** Kodwa iholi liyeza njalo seliyilo, lapho abakhonzi abaqotho bazakhonza uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso; ngobake uBaba udinga abanjalo abamkhonzayo. **24** UNkulunkulu unguMoya; lalabo abamkhonzayo, bafanele ukukhonza ngomoya langeqiniso. **25** Owesifazana wathi kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uMesiya uyeza okuthiwa nguKristu; nxa lo esefikile, uzasitshela konke. **26** UJesu wathi kuye: Mina nginguye, okhulumu lawe. **27** Kwathi ngalesosikhathi bafika abafundi bakhe, bamangala ukuthi wayekhulumu lowesifazana; kodwa kakho owathi: Udingani? Kumbe: Ukhulumelani laye? **28** Ngakho owesifazana wasetshiya inkonxa yakhe, wasesuka waya emzini, wathi ebantwini: **29** Wozani, libone umuntu, ongitshela konke engakwenzayo; kambe kayisuye yini uKristu lo? **30** Ngakho baphuma emzini, beza kuye. **31** Kusenjalo abafundi bamncenga besithi: Rabi, dlana. **32** Kodwa wathi kubo: Mina ngilokudla engikudlayo lina elingakwaziyo. **33** Basebekhulumisana abafundi besithi: Kambe ukhona omlethele ukudla? **34** UJesu wathi kubo: Ukudla kwami kuyikuthi ngenze intando yongithumileyo, lokuthi ngiqede umsebenzi wakhe. **35** Kalitsho yini ukuthi: Kuseselenyanga ezine ukuthi kufike

ukuvuna? Khangelani, ngithi kini: Phakamisani amehlo enu, libone amasimu, ngoba asehle emhlophe elungele isivuno.

36 Njalo ovunayo wemukela umvuzo, njalo abuthe isithelo empilweni elaphakade; ukuze bobabili ohlanyelayo lovunayo bathokoze bendawonye. (aiōnios g166) **37** Ngoba kulokhu ilizwi liqinisile elokuthi: Omunye ngohlanyelayo, lomunye ngovunayo.

38 Mina ngalithuma ukuvuna lokho elingakusebenzelanga; abanye basebenzile, lina-ke selingenile emsebenzini wabo.

39 Njalo amaSamariya amanengi akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yelizwi lowesifazana, owafakaza esithi: Ungitsheli konke engikwenzileyo. **40** Kwathi esefikile kuye amaSamariya, amncenga ukuthi ahlale lawo; wasehlala khona insuku ezimbili.

41 Abanengi bengezelelwa bakholwa ngenxa yelizwi lakhe.

42 Basebesithi kowesifazana: Kasisakholwa ngenxa yokutsho kwakho; ngoba sesizizwele thina, siyazi ukuthi oqotho lo unguMsindisi womhlaba, uKristu. **43** Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili wasuka lapho, waya eGalili; **44** ngoba uJesu ngokwakhe wafakaza ukuthi umprofethi kaladumo elizweni lakibo. **45** Wathi esefikile eGalili, amaGalili amemukela, ebonile konke akwenzayo eJerusalema emkhosini; ngoba lawo ayeyile emkhosini. **46** UJesu wafika-ke futhi eKana yeGalili, lapho enza khona amanzi aba liwayini. Kwakukhona othile owesikhosini, ondodana yakhe yayigula eKapenawume. **47** Esezwile ukuthi uJesu usefikile eGalili evela eJudiya, waya kuye, wamncenga ukuthi ehle, asilise indodana yakhe, ngoba yayisizaphela. **48** Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye: Ngaphandle kokuthi libone izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, kalisoze likholwe. **49** Owesikhosini wathi kuye: Nkosi, yehla engakafi umntanami. **50** UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba; indodana yakho jyaphila. Umuntu wasekholwa ilizwi uJesu

alikhuluma laye, wasuka wahamba. **51** Kwathi esehela, inceku zakhe zamhlangabeza, zabika zathi: Umntanakho uyaphila. **52** Wasezibuza ihola aqale ngalo ukuba ngcono. Zasezisithi kuye: Izolo ngeholo lesikhombisa uqhuqho lumyekele. **53** Ngakho uyise wazi ukuthi kwakungaleloholo uJesu athi ngalo kuye: Indodana yakho iyaphila; wasekholwa yena lendlu yakhe yonke. **54** UJesu waphinda wakwenza lokhu kwaba yisibonakaliso sesibili, efikile eGalili evela eJudiya.

5 Emva kwalezizinto kwaba khona umkhosi wamaJuda; uJesu wasesenyukela eJerusalema. **2** Kwakukhona-ke lapho eJerusalema eduze lesango lezimvu ichibi, elithiya ngesiHebheru iBethesda, lilamakhulusi amahlanu. **3** Kwakulele kuwo ixuku elikhulu labagulayo, eleziphofu, eleziqhuli, elabatshwabeneyo, belindele ukuzanyanzanyiswa kwamanzi. **4** Ngoba ingilosiyayisehlela echibini ngezikathu ezithile, izamazamise amanzi; kuthi lowo ongene kuqala emva kokuzanyazanyiswa kwamanzi, asiliswe, loba yisiphi isifo ebessimbamile. **5** Njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu othile owayelesifo okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu leyisificaminwembili. **6** Kwathi uJesu embona elele, esazi ukuthi ulesikhathi eside enjalo, wathi kuye: Uyafuna ukuthi uphile yini? **7** Ogulayo wamphendula wathi: Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungifaka echibini, nxa amanzi ezanyazanyiswa; kuthi nxa ngizayo mina, kwehle omunye phambi kwami. **8** UJesu wathi kuye: Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe. **9** Lowomuntu wahle waphila, wathatha icansi lakhe wahamba. Njalo kwakulisabatha mhlalokho. **10** Ngakho amaJuda athi kosisiwego: Kulisabatha; ngakho kawuvunyelwa ukuthwala icansi. **11** Wawaphendula wathi: Ongiphilisileyo, yena uthe kimi: Thatha icansi lakho uhambe. **12** Ngakho ambuza: Ngubani umuntu othe kuwe: Thatha

icansi lakho uhambe? **13** Kodwa osilisiweyo wayengamazi ukuthi ungubani; ngoba uJesu wayesesithele, ngoba kukhona ixuku kuleyondawo. **14** Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wamfica ethempelini, wasesithi kuye: Khangela usuphilile; ungabe usona futhi, hlezi kwehle kuwe okunye okubi kulalokhu. **15** Umuntu wasuka, watshela amaJuda ukuthi nguJesu owayemenze waphila. **16** Njalo ngenxa yalokhu amaJuda amzingela uJesu, asedinga ukumbulala, ngoba wenza lezizinto ngesabatha. **17** Kodwa uJesu wawaphendula wathi: UBaba uyasebenza kuze kube lamuhla, lami ngiyasebenza. **18** Ngenxa yalokhu-ke amaJuda adinga kakhulu ukumbulala, ngoba wayengephulanga isabatha kuphela, kodwa wabuya wathi uNkulunkulu unguYise wakhe, ezenza olingana loNkulunkulu. **19** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngiqinисile, ngiqinисile, ngithi kini: INdodana ingenze lutho ngokwayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ebona uYise ekwenza; ngoba loba yini yena ayenzayo, leNdodana iyenza lezizinto ngokunjalo. **20** Ngoba uYise uyayithanda iNdodana, uyayitshengisa konke akwenzayo yena; njalo uzayitshengisa imisebenzi emikhulu kulale, ukuze lina limangale. **21** Ngoba njengalokhu uYise evusa abafileyo abaphilise, kunjalo-ke leNdodana iyabaphilisa labo ethandaukubaphilisa. **22** Ngoba loYise kahluleli muntu, kodwa unike iNdodana konke ukwahlulela; **23** ukuze bonke badumise iNdodana, njengalokhu bedumisa uYise. Ongayidumisiyo iNdodana, kamdumisi uYise oyithumileyo. **24** Ngiqinисile, ngiqinисile, ngithi kini: Olizwayo ilizwi lami, akholwe kuye ongithumileyo, ulempilo elaphakade; njalo kangeni ekulahlweni, kodwa usedlule ekufeni waya empilweni. (*aiōnios g166*) **25** Ngiqinисile, ngiqinисile, ngithi kini: Ihola liyeza, njalo selikhona, lapho abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, lalabo

abalizwileyo bazaphila. **26** Ngoba njengoba uYise elempilo ngokwakhe, kunjalo uyinikile layo iNdodana ukuthi ibe lempilo ngokwayo; **27** njalo uyiphile amandla lawokwahlulela, ngoba iyinNdodana yomuntu. **28** Lingamangali ngalokhu; ngoba iholaliyeza, lapho bonke abasemangcwabenzi bazalizwa ilizwi layo, **29** babesebephuma, labo abenze okulungileyo, ekuvukeni kwempilo; lalabo abenze okubi, ekuvukeni kokulahlwa. **30** Mina ngingenze lutho ngokwami; njengokuzwa kwami, ngiyahlulela; njalo ukwahlulela kwami kulungile; ngoba kangidindi intando yami, kodwa intando kaBaba ongithumileyo. **31** Aluba ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami abusiloqiniso. **32** Ukhona omunye ongifikazelayo mina, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi abufakaza ngami buliqiniso. **33** Lina lathumela kuJohane, walifikazela iqiniso. **34** Kodwa mina kangibemukeli ubufakazi obuvela emuntwini, kodwa ngitsho lezizinto ukuze lina lisindiswe. **35** Yena wayeyisibane esivuthayo lesikhanyayo, lani lavuma ukuthokoza okwesikhatsana ekukhanyeni kwakhe. **36** Kodwa mina ngilobufakazi obukhulu kulobukaJohane; ngoba imisebenzi uBaba anginike yona ukuze ngiyiqede, yonale imisebenzi mina engiyenzayo, iyangifikazela ukuthi uBaba ungithumile. **37** Laye uBaba ongithumileyo, yena ungifikazele. Kalikaze lilizwe ilizwi lakhe lanini, lesimo sakhe kalikaze lisibone, **38** njalo kalilalizwi lakhe elihlala phakathi kwenu, ngoba amthumileyo yena, lowo lina kalimkholwa. **39** Hlolani imibhalo, ngoba lina licabanga ukuthi lilempilo elaphakade kiyo, njalo yiyo engifikazelayo; (*aiōnios g166*) **40** kodwa kalivumi ukuza kimi, ukuze libe lempilo. **41** Angemukeli udumo ebantwini; **42** kodwa ngiyalazi lina, ukuthi kalilalo uthando lukaNkulunkulu phakathi kwenu. **43** Mina ngizile ebizweni likaBaba, kodwa kalingemukeli;

uba omunye esiza ngelakhe ibizo, lizamemukela yena. 44
Lingakholwa njani lina, nxa lisemukela udumo omunye komunye,
kodwa lingaludingi udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu oyedwa? 45
Lingacabangi ukuthi mina ngizalimangalela kuBaba; ukhona
olimangalelayo, uMozisi, elithembu kuye lina. 46 Ngoba uba
belikholwa uMozisi, belizakholwa mina; ngoba yena wabhala
ngami. 47 Kodwa uba lingakholwa imibhalo yakhe, lizakholwa
njani amazwi ami?

6 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wasuka waya ngaphetsheya
kolwandle IweGalili, IweTiberiyasi. 2 Laselimlandela ixuku
elikhulu, ngoba babebone izibonakaliso zakhe azenza kulabo
abagulayo. 3 UJesu wasesenyukela entaben, wahlala phansi
khona labafundi bakhe. 4 Iphasika, umkhosi wamaJuda,
laselisondele. 5 Kwathi uJesu ephakamisa amehlo, wasebona
ixuku elikhulu lisiza kuye, wathi kuFiliphu: Sizathenga ngaphi
izinkwa, ukuze laba badle? 6 Njalo watsho lokhu emhlola, ngoba
yena wayekwazi azakwenza. 7 UFiliphu wamphendula wathi:
Izinkwa zabodenariyo abangamakhulu amabili zingebanele,
ukuthi wonke ngamunye wabo azuze ingcosana. 8 Omunye
wabafundi bakhe, uAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro, wathi
kuye: 9 Kukhona umfanyana lapha, olezinkwa ezinhlanu zebhali
lenhlanzana ezimbili; kodwa ziyini kwabanengi kangaka? 10
Kodwa uJesu wathi: Hlalisani abantu phansi. Kwakukhona
utshani obunengi kuleyondawo. Ngakho amadoda ahlala
phansi inani lawo lalingaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. 11
UJesu wasezithatha izinkwa, esepongile wazinika abafundi,
labafundi kulabo ababehlezi phansi; ngokunjalo lenhlanzana
ngangokufuna kwabo. 12 Bathi sebesuthi, wathi kubafundi
bakhe: Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo, ukuze kungachitheki

lutho. **13** Basebebutha, bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ngemvuthu zezinkwa ezinhlanu zebhali, ezasalayo kulabo abadlayo. **14** Kwathi lababantu bebona isimangaliso asenzileyo uJesu, bathi: Ngeqiniso lo nguye umProfethi omele ukuza emhlabeni. **15** Kwathi uJesu esazi ukuthi bazakuza bambambe ngamandla, ukumbeka abe yinkosi, wabuyela futhi entabeni yena eyedwa. **16** Sekuhlwile, abafundi bakhe behlela elwandle, **17** sebengenile emkhunjini, beza ngaphetsheya kolwandle ukuya eKapenawume. Kwasekumnyama, uJesu wayengafikanga kubo. **18** Lwaseluvuka ulwandle ngoba umoya olamandla wawuvunguza. **19** Sebegwedlile amastadiyu angaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kumbe amatshumi amathathu, babona uJesu ehamba phezu kolwandle, esondela emkhunjini; basebesethuka. **20** Kodwa wathi kubo: Yimi, lingesabi. **21** Basebevuma ukumemukela emkhunjini; njalo wahle wafika umkhumbi elizweni ababesiya kilo. **22** Kusisa ixuku elalimi ngaphetsheya kolwandle, libona ukuthi kwakungela lamunye umkolo lapho ngaphandle kwalowo ababengene kuwo abafundi bakhe, lokuthi uJesu wayengangenanga emkolweni labafundi bakhe, kodwa abafundi bakhe babehambe bodwa, **23** kodwa eminye imikolo evela eTiberiyasi yafika eduze lendawo lapho ababedle khona isinkwa, emva kokuthi iNkosi isibongile; **24** ngakho ixuku selibonile ukuthi uJesu wayengekho lapho loba abafundi bakhe, bangena labo emikhunjini, bafika eKapenawume, bedinga uJesu. **25** Bathi sebemtholile ngaphetsheya kolwandle, bathi kuye: Rabi, ufile nini lapha? **26** UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Ngiqinisisile, ngiqinisisile, ngithi kini: Liyangidinga, kungeyisikho ukuthi labona izibonakaliso, kodwa ngoba ladla izinkwa lasutha. **27** Lingasebenzeli ukudla okuphelayo, kodwa ukudla okuhlala kuze kube yimpilo

elaphakade, ezalinika khona iNdodana yomuntu; ngoba yena uNkulunkulu uYise umphawulile. (aiōnios g166) **28** Basebesithi kuye: Sizakwenzani, ukuze senze imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu? **29** UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Lo ngumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, ukuze likholwe kulowo yena amthumileyo. **30** Ngakho bathi kuye: Pho wena wenza isibonakaliso bani, ukuze sibone sikholwe kuwe? Usebenzani? **31** Obaba bethu badla imana enkangala, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Wabanika isinkwa esivela ezulwini ukuthi badle. **32** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisisile, ngiqinisisile, ngithi kini: UMozisi kallinikanga isinkwa esivela ezulwini; kodwa uBaba ulinika isinkwa soqobo esivela ezulwini. **33** Ngoba isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu singuye owehla evela ezulwini esinika impilo emhlabeni. **34** Basebesithi kuye: Nkosi, sinike lesosinkwa njalonjalo. **35** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Mina ngiyisinkwa sempilo; lowo oza kimi, kasoze alambe; lalowo okholwa kimi, kasoze ome lakanye. **36** Kodwa ngithe kini: Lani lingibonile, kodwa kalikhola. **37** Bonke uBaba anginika bona bazakuza kimi; lozayo kimi angisoze ngimxotshele phandle. **38** Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini, hatshi ukuthi ngenze intando yami, kodwa intando yalowo ongithumileyo. **39** Lalokhu kuyintando kaBaba ongithumileyo, ukuze konke anginike khona, ngingalahlekelwa lutho kikho, kodwa ngikuvuse ngosuku lokucina. **40** Lalokhu kuyintando yongithumileyo, ukuthi wonke obona iNdodana njalo akholwe kuyo, abe lempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. (aiōnios g166) **41** Ngalokho amaJuda akhonona ngaye, ngoba wathi: Mina ngiyisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini. **42** Athi-ke: Lo kayisuye yini uJesu indodana kaJosefa, uyise lonina thina esibaziyo? Pho yena utsho njani, ukuthi: Ngehle ngivela ezulwini? **43** UJesu wasephendula

wathi kuwo: Lingakhononi phakathi kwenu. **44** Kakho ongeza kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi uBaba ongithumileyo amdonse, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. **45** Kulotshiwe kubaprofethiukuthi: Njalo bonke bazafundiswa nguNkulunkulu. Ngakho wonke ozwileyo ngoBaba wafunda, uyeza kimi. **46** Kayisikho ukuthi ukhona obone uBaba, ngaphandle kwakhe ovela kuNkulunkulu, yena umbonile uBaba. **47** Ngiqinibile, ngiqinibile, ngithi kini: Okholwayo kimi, ulempilo elaphakade. (*aiōnios g166*)

48 Mina ngiyisinkwa sempilo. **49** Oyihlo badla imana enkangala, futhi bafa; **50** lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini, ukuze umuntu adle okwaso angafi. **51** Mina ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo, esehla sivela ezulwini; uba umuntu esidla lesisinkwa, uzaphila ephakadeni. Njalo lesinkwa mina engizasinika, siyinyama yami, mina engizayinikela impilo yomhlaba. (*aiōn g165*) **52** AmaJuda asephikisana esithi: Lo angasinika njani inyama yakhe siyidle?

53 Ngakho uJesu wathi kuwo: Ngiqinibile, ngiqinibile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi lidle inyama yeNdodana yomuntu linathe igazi layo, kalilampilo phakathi kwenu. **54** Odla inyama yami anathe igazi lami, ulempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. (*aiōnios g166*) **55** Ngoba inyama yami iyikudla oqotho, legazi lami lingokunathwayo oqotho. **56** Odla inyama yami anathe igazi lami, uhlala kimi, lami kuye.

57 Njengalokhu uBaba ophilayo engithumile, lami ngiphila ngoBaba; ngakho ongidlayo, laye uzaphila ngami. **58** Lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini; akunjengaboyihlo abadla imana, sebafa; odla lesisinkwa, uzaphila okulaphakade. (*aiōn g165*)

59 Watsho lezizinto esinagogeni efundisa eKapenawume. **60** Kwathi abanengi kubafundi bakhe besizwa bathi: Lilukhuni lelilizwi; ngubani ongalizwa? **61** Kodwa uJesu esazi phakathi

kwakhe ukuthi abafundi bakhe bayasola ngalokhu, wathi kubo:
Lokhu kuyalikhuba yini? **62** Pho, lizathini uba libona iNdodana
yomuntu isenyukela lapho eyayikhona kuqala? **63** KunguMoya
ophilisayo, inyama kayisizi lutho; amazwi mina engiwakhuluma
kini, angumoya njalo ayimpilo. **64** Kodwa bakhona abanye kini
abangakholwayo. Ngoba uJesu wayekwazi kusukela ekuqaleni,
ukuthi ngobani abangakholwayo, lokuthi ngubani ozamnikela.
65 Wasesithi: Kungenxa yalokhu ngithe kini: Kakho ongeza
kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi ekunikwe nguBaba. **66** Kusukela
lapho abanengi babafundi bakhe babuyela emuva, kababe
besahamba laye. **67** UJesu wasesithi kwabalitshumi lambili: Lani
lithanda ukuzihambela yini? **68** USimoni Petro wasemphendula
wathi: Nkosi, sizakuya kubani? Amazwi empilo elaphakade
akuwe, (*aiōnios g166*) **69** njalo thina siyakholwa, sesisazi ukuthi
wena unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **70** UJesu
wabaphendula wathi: Mina kangilikhetanga yini lina abalitshumi
lambili, kodwa omunye wenu ungudiyabhola? **71** Wayekhuluma
ngoJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni; ngoba nguye owavezamnikela,
engomunye wabalitshumi lambili.

7 Njalo emva kwalezizinto uJesu wayehamba eGalili; ngoba
wayengathandi ukuhamba eJudiya, ngenxa yokuthi amaJuda
ayedinga ukumbulala. **2** Wawusondele umkhosi wamaJuda
wokwakha amadumba. **3** Ngakho abafowabo bathi kuye: Suka
lapha, uye eJudiya, ukuze labafundi bakho babone imisebenzi
yakho oyenzayo. **4** Ngoba kakho owenza ulutho ensitha, kodwa
yena ngokwakhe edinga ukuba sobala. Uba uzenza lezizinto,
ziveze wena emhlabeni. **5** Ngoba labafowabo babengakholwa
kuye. **6** Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo: Isikhathi sami kasikafiki,
kodwa esenu isikhathi sihlala silungile. **7** Ungelizonde umhlaba

lina; kodwa uyangizonda, ngoba mina ngifakaza ngawo, ukuthi imisebenzi yawo mibi. **8** Yenyukelani lina emkhosini lo; mina angikenyukeli kulumkholi, ngoba isikhathi sami kasikagcwaliseki. **9** Esetshilo lezizinto kubo, wahlala eGalili. **10** Kodwa sebenyukile abafowabo, laye wasesenyukela emkhosini, kungeyisikho obala, kodwa kungathi kusensitha. **11** AmaJuda asemdinga emkhosini, athi: Ungaphi yena? **12** Kwakukhona ukukhonona okukhulu ngaye phakathi kwamaxuku; abanye bathi: Ulungile. Kodwa abanye bathi: Hatshi, kodwa uyaliduhisa ixuku. **13** Loba kunjalo kwakungekho muntu owakhulumba obala ngaye ngokwesaba amaJuda. **14** Kuthe sekuphakathi komkhosi, uJesu wenyukela ethempelini, wafundisa. **15** AmaJuda asemangala athi: Lo uyazi njani imibhalo, engafundanga? **16** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Imfundiso yami kayisiyo eyami kodwa ngeyalowo ongithumileyo. **17** Uba umuntu ethanda ukwenza intando yakhe, uzakwazi ngemfundiso, ukuthi ivela kuNkulunkulu, kumbe ngizikhulumela mina ngokwami. **18** Ozikhulumela ngokwakhe, uzidingela udumo lwakhe; kodwa odinga udumo lwalowo omthumileyo, lowo uqinisile, njalo kakukho ukungalungi kuye. **19** Kalinikanga yini uMozisi umlayo, kanti kakho kini ogcina umlayo? Lidingelani ukungibulala? **20** Ixuku laphendula lathi: Uledimoni; ngubani odinga ukukubulala? **21** UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Ngenze umsebenzi owodwa, njalo lonke liyamangala. **22** Ngakho uMozisi walnika ukusoka (kungeyisikho ukuthi kwavela kuMozisi, kodwa kubobaba), njalo liyamsoka umuntu langesabatha. **23** Uba ngesabatha umuntu esemukela ukusoka, ukuze kungephulwa umlayo kaMozisi, lingithukuthelela ngoba ngaphilisa umuntu ngokupheleleyo ngesabatha yini? **24** Lingahluleli ngokubona, kodwa yahluelani ukwahlulela okuqondileyo. **25** Abanye

kwabeJerusalema basebesithi: Lo kayisuye yini abadinga ukumbulala? **26** Kodwa khangela ukhuluma obala, kodwa kabatsho lutho kuye. Kungaba yikuthi ababusi sebesazi oqotho ukuthi lo unguKristu uqobo yini? **27** Kodwa lo siyazi lapho avela khona; kodwa uKristu nxa efika, kakho ozakwazi lapho avela khona. **28** Ngakho uJesu efundisa ethempelini wamemeza wathi: Lami liyangazi, liyakwazi lalapho engivela khona; njalo kangizizelanga ngokwami, kodwa ongithumileyo uqjinisile, elingamaziyo lina. **29** Kodwa ngiyamazi mina, ngoba ngivela kuye, njalo yena ungithumile. **30** Ngakho badinga ukumbamba, kodwa kakubanga khona owabeka isandla phezu kwakhe, ngoba iholo lakhe lalingakafiki. **31** Kodwa abanengi bexuku bakholwa kuye, bathi: Nxa uKristu esefikile, uzakwenza yini izibonakaliso ezinengi kulalezi azenzileyo lo? **32** AbaFarisi bezwa ixuku likhonona lezizinto ngaye; abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebethuma abancedisi ukuze bambambe. **33** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiselani okwesikhatsana, besengihamba ngiye kongithumileyo. **34** Lizangidinga, lingangitholi, lalapho mina engikhona, lina lingize leza. **35** Ngakho amajuda akhulumisana athi: Uzakuya ngaphi lo ukuthi thina singayikumthola? Kayikuya yini kwabahlakazekileyo bamaGriki, afundise amajuda? **36** Yilizwi bani leli alitshoyo elokuthi: Lizangidinga, aliyikungithola; lelokuthi: Lapho engikhona mina, lina lingize leza? **37** Kwathi ngosuku lokucina olukhulu lomkhosi uJesu wema wamemeza, esithi: Uba ekhona owomileyo, keze kimi anathe. **38** Okholwa kimi, njengokutsho kombhalo, kuzageleza kuphuma esiswini sakhe imifula yamanzi aphilayo. **39** Lalokhu wakutsho ngoMoya ababezamemukela abakholwa kuye; ngoba uMoya oNgcwele wayengakafiki, lokhu uJesu wayengakadunyiswa. **40** Ngakho abanengi bexuku besizwa

lelilizwi bathi: Oqotho lo ungulowomProfethi. **41** Abanye bathi:
Lo unguKristu. Kodwa abanye bathi: Kambe uKristu uzavela
eGalili? **42** Kawutsho yini umbhalo ukuthi uKristu uzavela
enzalweni kaDavida, leBhethelohema, emzaneni lapho uDavida
ayekhona? **43** Ngakho kwaba khona ukwehlukana ngaye
phakathi kwexuku. **44** Abanye babo bafuna ukumbamba, kodwa
kakubanga khona owambeka izandla. **45** Khona abancedisi
baya kubapristi abakhulu lakubaFarisi; bona basebesithi kubo:
Kungani lingamlethanga? **46** Abancedisi baphendula bathi:
Kakuzange kukhulume umuntu kanje, njengalumuntu. **47**
AbaFarisi basebebaphendula bathi: Lani seliduhisiwe yini? **48**
Ukhona yini kubabusi kumbe kubaFarisi okholwe kuye? **49**
Kodwa lelixuku elingawaziyo umlayo liqalekisiwe. **50** UNikodima,
lowo oweza kuye ebusuku, owayengomunye wabo, wathi kubo:
51 Kanti umlayo wakithi uyamgweba umuntu, ngaphandle kokuthi
umuzwe kuqala ukwazi akwenzayo? **52** Baphendula bathi kuye:
Kanti lawe ungoweGalili? Hlolisia ubone ukuthi kakuvukanga
umprofethi eGalili. **53** Ngulowo lalowo wasesuka waya ekhaya.

8 Kodwa uJesu waya entaben iyeMihlwathi. **2** Kwathi ekuseni
kakhulu wabuya weza ethempelini, isizwe sonke sasisiza
kuye; wasehlala phansi wabafundisa. **3** Ababhali labaFarisi
basebeletha kuye owesifazana owayebanjwe efeba, bammisa
phakathi, **4** bathi kuye: Mfundisi, lo owesifazana ubanjwe
eseqotsheni lokuphinga; **5** lemlayweni uMozisi wasilaya ukuthi
abanje bakhandwe ngamatshe; ngakho wena uthini? **6** Kodwa
batsho lokhu bemlinga, ukuze bazuze okokummangalela ngakho.
Kodwa uJesu ekhothamela phansi, wabhalo emhlabathini
ngomunwe, wenza angathi kabezwa. **7** Kwathi bephikelela
ukumbuza, walulama wathi kubo: Ongelasono phakathi kwenu,

kaqale ukumjikijela ngelitshe. **8** Wasebuya ekhothamela phansi wabhala emhlabathini. **9** Kodwa bona, bekuzwa, balahlwa yisazela sabo, baphuma ngamunye ngamunye kuqala komdala kwaze kwaba kowokucina; uJesu wasesala yedwa, lowesifazana emi phakathi. **10** UJesu waseselulama, engaboni muntu ngaphandle kowesifazana, wathi kuye: Mama, bangaphi labo abakumangalelayo? Kakho okulahlayo yini? **11** Wasesithi: Kakho, Nkosi. UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lami kangikulahli; hamba ungabe usona futhi. **12** Ngakho uJesu wakhuluma labo futhi wathi: Mina ngiyikukhanya komhlaba; ongilandelayo, kasoze ahambe emnyameni, kodwa uzakuba lokukhanya kwempilo. **13** Ngakho abaFarisi bathi kuye: Wena uyazifikazela; ubufakazi bakho kabulaqiniso. **14** UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Lanxa ngizifikazela mina, buqinisile ubufakazi bami; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngivela ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi; kodwa lina kalazi ukuthi ngivela ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi. **15** Lina lahlulela ngokwenyama; mina kangahluleli muntu. **16** Kodwa uba lami ngisahlulela, ukwahlulela kwami kuqinisile; ngoba kangedwa, kodwa yimi loBaba ongithumileyo. **17** Njalo emlayweni wenu kulotshiwe ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili bungobuqinisileyo. **18** Mina ngingozifikazelayo, loBaba ongithumileyo ufakaza ngami. **19** Ngakho bathi kuye: Ungaphi uYihlo? UJesu waphendula wathi: Kalingazi mina, loba uBaba. Uba belingazi mina, laye uBaba belizamazi. **20** UJesu wakhuluma la amazwi ngasesitsheni somnikelo, efundisa ethempelini; futhi kakho owambambayo, ngoba ihola lakhe lalingakafiki. **21** Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo futhi: Ngiyahamba mina, njalo lizangidinga, njalo lizafela esonweni senu; lapho engiya khona mina, lingeze leza lina. **22** Ngakho amaJuda athi: Uzazibulala yini? Ngoba uthi: Lapho engiya

khona mina, lingeze leza khona lina. **23** Wasesithi kuwo: Lina livela phansi, mina ngivela phezulu; lina lingabomhlaba lo, mina kangisuye ovalumhlaba. **24** Ngakho ngithe kini, lizafela ezonweni zenu; ngoba uba lingakholwa ukuthi nginguye, lizafela ezonweni zenu. **25** Ngakho athi kuye: Wena ungubani? UJesu wasesithi kuwo: Lokho engalitshela khona futhi ekuqaleni. **26** Ngilezinto ezinengi engilokuzikhuluma ngani lokwahlulela ngazo; kodwa ongithumileyo uqinisile, lezinto engizizwe kuye lezi ngizikhuluma emhlabeni. **27** Kawaqedisisanga ukuthi ukhuluma lawo ngoYise. **28** Ngakho uJesu wathi kuwo: Nxa seliyiphakamisile iNdodana yomuntu, khona lizakwazi ukuthi nginguye, njalo kangizenzeli lutho ngokwami, kodwa ngikhuluma lezizinto njengalokhu uBaba engifundisile; **29** njalo yena ongithumileyo ulami; uBaba kangitshiyanga ngedwa, ngoba mina ngihlala ngisenza lezizinto ezimthokozisayo yena. **30** Esakhuluma lezizinto abanengi bakholwa kuye. **31** Ngakho uJesu wathi kumaJuda akholwe kuye: Uba lina lihlala elizwini lami, lingabafundi bami oqotho; **32** lizalazi iqiniso, leqiniso lizalikhulula. **33** Amphendula athi: Siyinzalo kaAbrahama, kasizanga sibe yizigqili zamuntu; wena utsho njani ukuthi: Lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo? **34** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngiqiniso, ngiqiniso, ngithi kini: Wonke owenza isono uyisigqili sesono. **35** Njalo isigqili kasihlali phakade ekhaya; indodana ihlala phakade. (aiōn g165) **36** Ngakho uba iNdodana ilikhulula, lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo oqotho. **37** Ngiyazi ukuthi liyinzalo kaAbrahama; kodwa lidinga ukungibulala, ngoba ilizwi lami kalilandawo kini. **38** Mina ngikhuluma lokho engikubonileyo kuBaba; lani-ke lenza lokho elikubonileyo kuyihlo. **39** Aphendula athi kuye: Ubaba wethu nguAbrahama. UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba belingabantwana bakaAbrahama,

belizakwenza imisebenzi kaAbrahama. **40** Kodwa khathesi lidinga ukungibulala, umuntu olitshele iqiniso, engilizwe kuNkulunkulu; lokho uAbrahama kakwenzanga. **41** Lina lenza imisebenzi kayihlo. Ngakho athi kuye: Kasizalwanga ngobufebe thina; siloBaba munye, uNkulunkulu. **42** UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba uNkulunkulu ubenguYihlo, belizangithanda; ngoba mina ngiphume ngivela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kangizelanga ngokwami, kodwa yena ungithumile. **43** Kungani lingaqedisisi inkulomo yami? Ngoba lingeke lilizwe ilizwi lami. **44** Lina lingabakayihlo udiyahbola, lithanda ukwenza inkanuko zikayihlo. Yena wayengumbulali kusukela ekuqaleni, njalo kemi eqinisweni, ngoba iqiniso kalikho kuye. Nxa eqamba amanga, ukhulumma ngokwakhe; ngoba engumqambimanga loyise wawo. **45** Mina-ke ngoba ngikhuluma iqiniso, kalingikholwa. **46** Nguwuphi kini ongilahla ngesono? Njalo uba ngilitshela iqiniso, lina kalingikholwa ngani? **47** Yena ongokaNkulunkulu uyawezwa amazwi kaNkulunkulu; kungakho lina lingewa, ngoba kalisibo abakaNkulunkulu. **48** Ngakho amaJuda aphendula athi kuye: Kasitsho kuhle yini thina ukuthi wena unguSamariya, lokuthi uledimoni? **49** UJesu waphendula wathi: Mina kangiladimoni, kodwa ngiyadumisa uBaba; kodwa lina liyangigcona. **50** Mina-ke kangizidilingeli udumo Iwami; ukhona odingayo lowahlulelayo. **51** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Uba umuntu elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze abone ukufa laphakade. (aiōn g165) **52** Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi uledimoni; uAbrahama wafa, labaprofethi, kodwa wena uthi: Uba umuntu elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze ezwe ukufa laphakade. (aiōn g165) **53** Wena umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu uAbrahama, owafayo? Labaprofethi bafa; uzenza bani wena? **54** UJesu waphendula wathi: Uba ngizidumisa mina,

udumo lwami luyize; nguBaba ongidumisayo, elitsho ngaye lina ukuthi unguNkulunkulu wenu, **55** njalo kalimazanga; kodwa mina ngiyamazi, njalo uba ngisithi kangimazi, ngizakuba ngumqambi wamanga njengani; kodwa ngiyamazi, ngiyalilondoloza ilizwi lakhe. **56** Uyihlo uAbrahama wajabula kakhulu ukubona usuku lwami, njalo walubona wathokoza. **57** Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Kawukabi leminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, njalo wena wambona uAbrahama yini? **58** UJesu wathi kuwo: Ngiqinисile, ngiqinисile, ngithi kini: UAbrahama engakabi khona, mina ngikhona. **59** Asedobha amatshe ukuze amjikijele; kodwa uJesu wacatsha, waphuma ethempelini, edabula phakathi kwawo; wadlula ngokunjalo.

9 Wathi esedlula wabona umuntu oyisiphofu kusukela ekuzalweni. **2** Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi: Rabi, ngubani owonayo, lo kumbe abazali bakhe, aze azalwe eyisiphofu?
3 UJesu waphendula wathi: Konanga lo loba abazali bakhe; kodwa ukuze kubonakaliswe imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu kuye. **4** Kufanele ngisebenze imisebenzi yongithumileyo kusesemini; ubusuku buyeza, lapho okungekho olakho ukusebenza khona. **5** Ngisekhona emhlabeni, ngiyikukhanya komhlaba. **6** Esetshilo lezizinto, wakhafulela emhlabathini, wenza udaka ngamathe, waninda loludaka emehlwani esiphofu, **7** wasesithi kuso: Hamba uyegeza echibini leSilowama (okuphendulelwu ngokuthi, oThunyiweyo). Ngakho sahamba sageza, sabuya sesibona.
8 Ngakho abakhelene laso lalabo ababesibonile ngaphambili ukuthi sasiyisiphofu, bathi: Kayisuye yini lo owayehlezi ephanza?
9 Abanye bathi: Lo nguye; kodwa abanye bathi: Unjengaye. Yena wathi: Nginguye. **10** Ngakho bathi kuye: Avulwe njani amehlo akho? **11** Yena waphendula wathi: Umuntu othiwa nguJesu

wenze udaka, waninda amehlo ami, wathi kimi: Hamba uye echibini leSilowama, ugeze. Njalo ngahamba ngageza, ngabuye ngabona. **12** Ngakho bathi kuye: Ungaphi yena? Wathi: Kangazi. **13** Basebemletha kubaFarisi, lovo owayekade eyisiphofu. **14** Njalo kwakulisabatha mhla uJesu esenza udaka, evula amehlo akhe. **15** AbaFarisi labo basebembuza futhi, ukuthi wemukele njani ukubona. Wasesithi kubo: Ufake udaka emehlwani ami, ngasengigeza, sengibona. **16** Ngakho abanye babaFarisi bathi: Lumuntu kaveli kuNkulunkulu, ngoba kagcini isabatha. Abanye bathi: Umuntu oyisoni angazenza njani izibonakaliso ezinje? Kwasekusiba khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwabo. **17** Baphinda bathi kuso isiphofu: Wena uthini ngaye, lokhu evule amehlo akho? Wasesithi: Ungumprofethi. **18** AmaJuda-ke kawakholtwanga ngaye, ukuthi wayeyisiphofu usemukele ukubona, aze abiza abazali bakhe osebuye wabona, **19** asebabuza athi: Lo uyindodana yenu, lina elithi yazalwa iyisiphofu yini? Pho isibona njani khathesi? **20** Abazali bakhe bawaphendula bathi: Siyazi ukuthi lo uyindodana yethu, lokuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu; **21** kodwa ukuthi ubona njani khathesi, kasikwazi; kumbe ngubani ovule amehlo akhe, thina kasikwazi; yena usekhulile; mbuzeni, uzazikhulumela yena. **22** Abazali bakhe batsho lezizinto, ngoba besesaba amaJuda; ngoba amaJuda ayesevumelene ngokuthi, uba loba engubani ovuma ukuthi unguKristu, kakhutshwe esinagogeni. **23** Kungakho abazali bakhe bathi: Usekhulile, mbuzeni. **24** Ambiza-ke ngokwesibili lowomuntu owayeyisiphofu, athi kuye: Phana uNkulunkulu udumo; thina siyazi ukuthi lowomuntu uyisoni. **25** Yena wasephendula esithi: Loba eyisoni kangazi, kunye engikwaziyo, ukuthi bengiyisiphofu, khathesi sengibona. **26** Asesithi kuye futhi: Wenzeni kuwe? Uwavule

njani amehlo akho? **27** Wawaphendula wathi: Sengilitshelile, kodwa kalizwanga, lifunelani ukuzwa futhi? Liyafisa lani ukuba ngabafundi bakhe yini? **28** Ngakho amthuka, esithi: Nguwe ongumfundu wakhe; kodwa thina singabafundi bakaMozisi. **29** Thina siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakhulumu loMozisi; kodwa lo kasimazi lapho avela khona. **30** Umuntu waphendula wathi kuwo: Ngoba kulokhu kuyisimanga ukuthi lina kalimazi lapho avela khona, kanti uvule amehlo ami. **31** Njalo siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazizwa izoni; kodwa uba umuntu engokhonza uNkulunkulu, esenza intando yakhe, uyamuzwa lowo. **32** Loba nini kakukaze kuzwakale ukuthi kukhona owavula amehlo owazalwa eyisiphofu.

(aiōn g165) **33** Uba lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu, ubengebe lamandla okwenza ulutho. **34** Aphendula athi kuye: Wena wazalelwu esonweni ngokupheleleyo, njalo wena uyasifundisa yini? Asemxotshela phandle. **35** UJesu wezwa ukuthi amxotshela phandle; kwathi esemficle, wathi kuye: Wena uyakholwa yini eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu? **36** Yena waphendula wathi: Ingubani, Nkosi, ukuze ngikholve kuyo? **37** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lawe usuyibonile, njalo okhulumu lawe uyiyo. **38** Wasesithi: Nkosi, njiyakholwa; wasemkhonza. **39** UJesu wasesithi: Mina ngizele ukwahlulela kulumhlaba, ukuze abangaboniyo babone, lalabo ababonayo babe yiziphofu. **40** Lalabo kubaFarisi ababelaye bezwa lezizinto, bathi kuye: Lathi siyiziphofu yini? **41** UJesu wathi kubo: Uba beliyiziphofu, ngabe kalilasono. Kodwa khathesi lithi: Siyabona; ngakho isono senu simi.

10 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ongangeni ngesango esibayeni sezimvu, kodwa akhwele kwenye indawo, lowo ulisela lomphangi; **2** kodwa ongena ngesango ungmelusi wezimvu. **3** Umlindi wesango uyamvulela, lezimvu ziyalizwa ilizwi lakhe, njalo

uyazibiza ezakhe izimvu ngamabizo, azikhokhelele phandle.

4 Nxa esezikhuphile ezakhe izimvu, uhamba phambi kwazo; lezimvu zimlandele, ngoba ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe. 5 Kodwa owemzini kazisoze zimlandele, kodwa zizambalekela; ngoba kazilazi ilizwi labemzini. 6 UJesu wakhulumu lumfanekiso kubo; kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga ukuthi ziyini izinto azitshoyo kubo. 7 Ngakho uJesu waphinda wathi kubo: Ngiqinисile, ngiqinисile, ngithi kini: Mina ngilisango lezimvu; 8 bonke abake bafika phambi kwami bangamasela labaphangi; kodwa izimvu kazibezwanga. 9 Mina ngilisango; uba umuntu engena ngami, uzasindiswa, angene aphume, athole idlelo. 10 Isela kalizi ngaphandle kokuzakweba lokubulala lokubhubhisa; mina ngizile ukuze babe lempilo, babe layo iphuphume. 11 Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo. Umelusi olungileyo uzibekela phansi izimvu impilo yakhe. 12 Kodwa oqhatshiweyo, engesuye umelusi, izimvu zingesizo ezakhe, ubona impisi isiza, atshiye izimvu, abaleke; kuthi impisi izibambe, izichithachithe izimvu. 13 Oqhatshiweyo uyabaleka-ke, ngoba engoqhatshiweyo, njalo engazikhathaleli izimvu. 14 Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo, ngiyazazi ezami, ngiyaziwa ngezami, 15 njengalokhu uBaba engazi, lami ngiyamazi uBaba; ngizibekela phansi izimvu impilo yami. 16 Njalo ngilezinye izimvu, ezingesizo zalesisibaya; lazo kumele ngizilethe, njalo zizakuzwa ilizwi lami; njalo kube mhlambi munye, melusi munye. 17 Ngenxa yalokhu uBaba uyangithanda, ngoba mina ngibeka phansi impilo yami, ukuze ngibuye ngiyithathe. 18 Kakho ongemuka yona, kodwa mina ngiyibeka phansi ngokwami. Ngilamandla okuyibeka phansi, njalo ngilamandla okubuya ngiyithathe. Lumlayo ngiwemukele kuBaba.

19 Ngakho kwaba khona futhi ukwehlukana phakathi kwamaJuda

ngenxa yalamazwi. **20** Labanengi bawo bathi: Uledimoni futhi uyahlanya; limlalelelani? **21** Amanye athi: Lamazwi kawasiwo wongenwe lidimoni; kambe idimoni lingavula amehlo eziphofu yini? **22** Kwakukhona umkhosi wokuvuselela eJerusalema, kwakusebusika; **23** uJesu wasehambahamba ethempelini ekhulusini likaSolomoni. **24** AmaJuda asemhanqa, athi kuye: Koze kube nini usilibazisa? Uba wena unguKristu, sitshele ngokucacileyo. **25** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngalitshela, kodwa kalikhawlanga; imisebenzi mina engiyenza ebizweni likaBaba, yiyo engifakazelayo; **26** kodwa lina kalikholwa; ngoba kalisibo abezimvu zami, njengokutsho kwami kini. **27** Izimvu zami ziyalizwa ilizwi lami, lami ngiyazazi, futhi ziyangilandela; **28** njalo mina ngizinika impilo elaphakade; futhi kazisoze zabhubha laphakade, njalo kungekho ozazihluthuna esandleni sami. (**aiōn g165, aiōnios g166**) **29** UBaba ozinike mina, mkhulu kulabo bonke; kungekho njalo ongazihluthuna esandleni sikaBaba. **30** Mina loBaba simunye. **31** Ngakho amaJuda aphinda athatha amatshe ukuze amkhande ngawo. **32** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngilitshengise imisebenzi eminengi emihle evela kuBaba; yiwuphi umsebenzi kuyo elingikhandela wona ngamatshe? **33** AmaJuda amphendula athi: Kasikukhandi ngamatshe ngenxa yomsebenzi omuhle, kodwa ngenxa yenhlamba, langokuthi wena ungumuntu uzenza uNkulunkulu. **34** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Kakulotshiwe yini emlayweni wenu ukuthi: Mina ngathi: Lingonkulunkulu? **35** Uba wababiza bona ngokuthi ngonkulunkulu, eleza kubo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, njalo umbhalo ungephulwe, **36** lowo uBaba amehlukanisileyo wamthuma emhlabeni, kanti lina lithi: Uyahlbaza, ngoba ngithe: NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? **37** Uba ngingenzi imisebenzi kaBaba, kalingakholwa kimi.

38 Kodwa uba ngiyenza, lanxa lingakholwa kimi, kholwani imisebenzi; ukuze lazi likholwe ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuye.

39 Ngakho adinga futhi ukumbamba; kodwa waphunyuka esandleni sabo. **40** Wasebuya wasuka waya ngaphetsheya kweJordani kundawo lapho uJohane ayebhabhathiza khona kuqala; wasehlala khona. **41** Labanengi bez a kuye, bathi: UJohane kenzanga sibonakaliso; kodwa konke uJohane akutsho ngalo, kwakuliqiniso. **42** Abanengi basebekholwa kuye lapho.

11 Kwakukhona-ke othile owayegula othiwa nguLazaro weBethani, emzaneni kaMariya IoMarta udadewabo. **2** Kwakunguye uMariya owagcoba iNkosi ngamagcobo, wesula inyawo zayo ngenwele zakhe, omnewabo uLazaro wayegula. **3** Ngakho odadewabo bathumela kuye besithi: Nkosi, khangela lowo omthandayo uyagula. **4** UJesu esezwile wathi: Lokhu ukugula kakusikho okokufa, kodwa kungokodumo lukaNkulunkulu ukuze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe ngakho. **5** UJesu wayebathanda-ke oMarta Iodadewabo IoLazaro. **6** Ngakho esezwile ukuthi uyagula, wasehlala insuku ezimbili endaweni lapho ayekhona. **7** Emva kwalokhu wasesithi kubafundi: Asiphinde siye eJudiya. **8** Abafundi bathi kuye: Rabi, amajuda asanda ukudinga ukukhanda ngamatshe, njalo uya khona futhi yini? **9** UJesu waphendula wathi: Kawakho amahola alitshumi lambili emini yini? Nxa umuntu ehamba emini, kakhubeki, ngoba uyabona ukukhanya kwalumhlaba. **10** Kodwa uba umuntu ehamba ebusuku, uyakhubeka, ngoba ukukhanya kakukho kuye. **11** Wakhulum lezizinto, emva kwalokhu wasesithi kubo: Umngane wethu uLazaro uselele; kodwa ngiyahamba ukuze ngimvuse ebuthongweni. **12** Ngakho abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Nkosi, uba elele, uzaphila. **13** Kodwa uJesu wakhulum

ngokufa kwakhe; kodwa bona bacabanga ukuthi wakhuluma ngokuphumula kobuthongo. **14** Ngakho uJesu wasebatshela ngokucacileyo: ULazaro ufile. **15** Njalo ngiyathokoza ngenxa yenu ukuthi bengingekho lapho, ukuze likholwe; kodwa asiye kuye. **16** Ngakho uTomasi, othiya nguDidimusi, wathi kubafundi kanye laye: Asihambeni lathi, ukuze sife kanye laye. **17** Kwathi esefika uJesu, wamfica eselensuku ezine engcwabeni. **18** LeBethani yayiseduze leJerusalema, okungaba ngamastadiyu alitshumi lanhlanu ukusuka lapho; **19** labanengi kumaJuda babefikile kuMarta loMariya, ukuze babaduduze ngomnewabo. **20** Ngakho uMarta, esezwile ukuthi uJesu uyeza, wayamhlangabeza; kodwa uMariya wahlala endlini. **21** UMarta wasesithi kuJesu: Nkosi, aluba ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga; **22** kodwa lakhathesi ngiyazi ukuthi loba yini ongayicela kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzakunika yona. **23** UJesu wathi kuye: Umnnewenu uzabuya avuke. **24** UMarta wathi kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uzabuya avuke ekuvukeni ngosuku lokucina. **25** UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyikuvuka lempilo; okholwa kimi, loba esefile, uzaphila; **26** njalo wonke ophilayo ekholwa kimi, kasoze afe laphakade. Uyakukholwa lokhu yini? (aiōn g165) **27** Wathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi; mina ngiyakholwa ukuthi wena unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, obezakuza emhlabeni. **28** Esetshilo lokhu uMarta wasuka, wayabiza udadewabo uMariya ensitha, wathi: UMfundisi ulapha uyakubiza. **29** Yena-ke esezwile lokhu, wahle wasukuma waya kuye. **30** Kodwa uJesu wayengakafiki emzaneni, kodwa wayesendaweni lapho uMarta amhlangabeza khona. **31** Ngakho amaJuda ayesendlini laye emduduza, ebona uMariya ukuthi wasukuma ngokuphangisa ephuma, amlandela, esithi: Uya engcwabeni, ukuze akhale khona.

32 Kwathi uMariya, esefike lapho uJesu akhona, embona, wawela enyaweni zakhe, esithi kuye: Nkosi, ngabe ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga. **33** Ngakho uJesu wathi embona ekhala, lamaJuda afika laye ekhala, wabubula emoyeni, wazikhathaza, **34** wathi: Limbeke ngaphi? Bathi kuye: Nkosi, woza ubone. **35** UJesu walila. **36** Ngakho amaJuda athi: Khangelani ukuthi ubemthanda njani. **37** Kodwa amanye awo athi: Lo, owavula amehlo esiphofu, ubengekwenze yini ukuthi lalo angafi? **38** Ngakho uJesu ebubula futhi phakathi kwakhe wafika engcwaben. Njalo lalilubhalu, lelitshe libekwe phezu kwalo. **39** UJesu wathi: Susani ilitshe. UMarta udadewabo wofileyo wathi kuye: Nkosi, usenuka; ngoba uselensuku ezine. **40** UJesu wathi kuye: Kangitshongo yini kuwe, ukuthi uba ukholwa, uzabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu? **41** Balisusa-ke ilitshe, lapho okwakulele khona ofileyo. UJesu wasephakamisela amehlo akhe phezulu, wathi: Baba, ngiyakubonga ngoba wena ungizwile. **42** Kodwa mina bengisazi ukuthi uyangizwa njalonjalo; kodwa ngenxa yexuku elingiphahlileyo ngitshilo lokhu, ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ungithumile. **43** Esetshilo lezizinto, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi: Lazaro, phuma! **44** Wasephuma owayefile, ebotshiwe inyawo lezandla ngamalembu okuthandela isidumbu, lobuso bakhe bugoqelwe ngeqhiye. UJesu wathi kubo: Mthukululen, limyekele ahambe. **45** Ngakho abanengi kumaJuda, ababeze kuMariya bebona izinto azenzileyo uJesu, bakholwa kuye. **46** Kodwa abanye babo baya kubaFarisi, babatshela izinto azenzileyo uJesu. **47** Ngakho abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi baqoqa umphakathi, bathi: Sizakwenzani? Ngoba umuntu lo wenza izibonakaliso ezinengi; **48** uba simyekele njalo, bonke bazakholwa kuye; amaRoma asezakuza athathe lindawo lesizwe

sakithi. **49** Kodwa omunye wabo, uKayafasi, owayengumpriсти
omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, wathi kubo: Kalazi lutho lina, **50** futhi
kalinakani ukuthi kusilungele ukuthi umuntu oyedwa afele abantu,
lokuthi isizwe sonke singabhubhi. **51** Kodwa kazitsholongo
lokhu ngokwakhe, kodwa engumpriсти omkhulu ngalowomnyaka,
waprofetha ukuthi uJesu uzafela lesosizwe, **52** njalo kungabi
yisizwe kuphela, kodwa ukuze abuthele ndawonye labantwana
bakaNkulunkulu abahlakazekileyo babe munye. **53** Ngakho
kusukela kululosuku benza ndawonye icebo ukuze bambulale. **54**
Ngakho uJesu kabesahamba obala phakathi kwamaJuda, kodwa
wasuka lapho waya elizweni eliseduze lenkangala, emzini othiwa
yiEfrayimi, wasehlala khona labafundi bakhe. **55** Laselisondele
iphasika lamaJuda; labanengi abavela emaphandleni benyukela
eJerusalema lingakafiki iphasika, ukuze bazihlambulule. **56**
Ngakho bamdinga uJesu, bekhulumisana bemi ethempelini
besithi: Licabangani? Lithi isibili kayikuza emkhosini yini? **57**
Kodwa bonke abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi babekhuphe umlayo
wokuthi uba ekhona owaziyo lapho akhona, akubike ukuze
bambambe.

12 Kwathi kuselensuku eziyisithupha lingakafiki iphasika,
uJesu wafika eBethani, lapho okwakuloLazaro khona owayefile,
ayemvuse kwabafileyo. **2** Basebemenzela ukudla kwantambama
lapho, loMarta wayesebenza; njalo uLazaro wayengomunye
walabo ababehlezi ekudleni laye. **3** UMariya wasethatha
iphawundi yamagcobo awenadi uqobo adulayo, wagcoba inyawo
zikaJesu, wesula inyawo zakhe ngenwele zakhe; lendlu yagcwala
iphunga lamagcobo. **4** Ngakho omunye wabafundi bakhe,
uJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni, owayezamnikela, wathi: **5** Kungani
amafutha la engathengiswanga ngabodenariyo abangamakhulu

amathathu, kwasekunikwa abayanga? **6** Wakutsho-ke lokhu, kungeyisikho ukuthi ekhathalele abayanga, kodwa ngoba wayelisela, wayelesikhwama, ethwala okwakufakwa phakathi kwaso. **7** UJesu wasesithi: Myekeleni; uwalondolozele usuku lokungcwatshwa kwami. **8** Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa mina kalihlali lilami. **9** Ngakho ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lakwazi ukuthi ulapho; laselisiza kungesikuthi ngenxa kaJesu kuphela, kodwa lokuthi babone loLazaro, ayemvuse kwabafileyo. **10** Abapristi abakhulu basebesenza icebo lokuthi babulale loLazaro; **11** ngoba ngenxa yakhe amaJuda amanengi asuka, akholwa kuJesu. **12** Kusisa ixuku elikhulu elalizile emkhosini, lezwa ukuthi uJesu uyeza eJerusalem, **13** bathatha ingatsha zezihlahla zelala, baphuma ukuyamhlangabeza, bamemeza besithi: Hosana! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi, iNkosi kalsrayeli. **14** UJesu wasefica ithole likababhemi, wahlala phezu kwalo, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: **15** Ungesabi, ndodakazi yeSiyoni; khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza, ihlezi phezu kwethole likababhemi. **16** Kodwa abafundi bakhe kabaqedisisanga lezizinto ekugaleni; kodwa uJesu esedunyisiwe, basebekhumbula ukuthi lezizinto zazilotshiwe ngaye, lokuthi babezenzile lezizinto kuye. **17** Ngakho ixuku elalilaye lapho ebiza uLazaro ukuthi aphume engcwaben, emvusa kwabafileyo, lafakaza. **18** Ngenxa yalokhu ixuku laphuma futhi ukuyamhlangabeza, ngoba lezwa ukuthi wenze lesisibonakaliso. **19** Ngakho abaFarisi bakhulumisana besithi: Liyabona ukuthi kalisizi lutho; khangelani umhlaba uyamlandela. **20** Kwakukhona amaGriki phakathi kwalabo ababenyukelele ukukhonza emkhosini; **21** wona-ke eza kuFiliphu oweBhethisayida yeGalili, basebemcela besithi: Nkosi, sithanda ukubona uJesu. **22** UFiliphu weza watshela uAndreya; uAndreya

loFiliphu basebetshela uJesu futhi. 23 UJesu wasebaphendula esithi: Ihola selifikile lokuthi iNdodana yomuntu idunyiswe. 24 Ngiqinisisile, ngiqinisisile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi uhlamvu lwebele luwele emhlabathini lufe, Iona luhlala lulodwa; kodwa aluba lusifa, luthela isithelo sande. 25 Yena othanda impilo yakhe uyalahlekelwa yiyo; lozonda impilo yakhe kulumhlaba uzayilondoloza kuze kube yimpilo engulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 26 Uba umuntu engisebenzela, kangilandele; lalapho engikhona mina, lenceku yami izakuba khona. Futhi uba umuntu engisebenzela, uBaba uzamhlonipha. 27 Khathesi umphefumulo wami ukhathazekile; sengizathini? Baba, ngisindise kulelihola. Kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngifikile kulelihola. 28 Baba, dumisa ibizo lakho. Kwasekusiza ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi: Sengilidumisile, ngizaphinda ngilidumise. 29 Ngakho ixuku elalimi khona lisizwa lathi kube lomdumo. Abanye bathi: Ingilos ikhulume laye. 30 UJesu waphendula wathi: Lelilizwi kalizanga ngenxa yami, kodwa ngenxa yenu. 31 Khathesi kulesigwebo salumhlaba; khathesi umbusi walumhlaba uzaxotshelwa phandle. 32 Mina-ke nxo ngiphakanyiswa emhlabeni, ngizadonsela bonke kimi. 33 Watsho-ke lokhu etshengisa uhlubo lokufa ayezakufa ngalo. 34 Ixuku lamphendula lathi: Thina sezwa emlayweni ukuthi uKristu uhlala phakade; njalo ungtsho njani ukuthi: INdodana yomuntu imele ukuphakanyiswa? Ingubani le iNdodana yomuntu? (aiōn g165) 35 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kuseyisikhatsana ukukhanya lilakho. Hambani liselokukhanya, hlezi umnyama ulehlule; njalo ohamba emnyameni kazi lapho aya khona. 36 Liselokukhanya, kholwani kukho ukukhanya, ukuze libe ngabantwana bokukhanya. UJesu wakhuluma lezizinto, wasuka, wabacatshela. 37 Lanxa wayenze izibonakaliso ezinengi kangaka phambi kwabo,

kabakholwanga kuye; **38** ukuze ligcwaliiseke ilizwi likalsaya umprofethi, alikhulumayo elokuthi: Nkosi, ngubani okholwe intshumayelo yethu? Lengalo yeNkosi yembulelwa bani? **39** Ngakho babengelakho ukukholwa, ngoba ulsaya wabuya wathi: **40** Uphumputhekisile amehlo abo, wayenza luhuni inhliziyo yabo; ukuze bangaboni ngamehlo abo, baqedisise ngenhliziyo, baphenduke, besengibasilisa. **41** Ulsaya wakhulumma lezizinto, lapho ebona inkazimulo yakhe, wakhulumma ngaye. **42** Loba kunjalo-ke labanengi bababusi bakholwa kuye; kodwa ngenxa yabaFarisi kabavumanga, ukuze bangakhutshwa esinagogeni; **43** ngoba bathanda udumo lwabantu kulodumo lukaNkulunkulu. **44** UJesu wasememeza esithi: Okholwa kimi, kakholwa kimi, kodwa kuye ongithumileyo; **45** njalo obona mina, ubona ongithumileyo. **46** Mina ngizile ngiyikukhanya emhlabeni, ukuze wonke okholwa kimi, angahlali emnyameni. **47** Njalo uba ekhona ovezwayo amazwi ami angakholwa, mina kangimgwebi; ngoba kangizanga ukuthi ngigwebe umhlaba, kodwa ukuze ngisindise umhlaba. **48** Yena ongalayo engawemukeli amazwi ami, ulaye omgwebayo; ilizwi esengiliikhulumile, lona lizamgweba ngosuku lokucina. **49** Ngoba mina kangizikhulumelanga ngokwami; kodwa uBaba ongithumileyo, nguye onginike umlayo, wokuthi ngizathini lokuthi ngizakhulumani. **50** Njalo ngiyazi ukuthi umlayo wakhe uyimpilo elaphakade; ngakho izinto mina engizikhulumayo, njengokutsho kukaBaba kimi, ngokunjalo ngiyakhulumma. (aiōnios g166)

13 Kwathi ungakafiki umkhosi wephasika, uJesu esazi ukuthi ihola lakhe laselifikile ukuthi asuke kulumhlaba aye kuYise, ese bathandile abakhe abasemhlabeni, wabathanda kwaze kwaba sekupheleni. **2** Ukudla kwantambama sekwenziwe, udiyabhola esekufakile enhliziweni kaJudasi Iskariyothi, kaSimoni, ukuthi

amnikele, **3** uJesu ekwazi ukuthi uYise unikele izinto zonke ezandleni zakhe, lokuthi wavela kuNkulunkulu njalo uya kuNkulunkulu, **4** wasukuma ekudleni kwantambama, wakhupha izembatho zakhe, wathatha ilembu wazithandela ngalo. **5** Emva kwalokhu wathela amanzi emganwini, waqala ukugezisa inyawo zabafundi, lokuzesula ngelembu ayezithandele ngalo. **6** Wasefika kuSimoni Petro; yena wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, wena ugezisa inyawo zami yini? **7** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Engikwenzayo mina, kawukwazi khathesi, kodwa uzakwazi emva kwalezizinto. **8** UPetro wathi kuye: Kawusoze ugezise inyawo zami kuze kube laphakade. UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uba ngingakugezisi, kawulasabelo lami. (**aiōn g165**) **9** USimoni Petro wathi kuye: Nkosi, kakungabi zinyawo zami zodwa, kodwa lezandla lekhanda. **10** UJesu wathi kuye: Ogezisiweyo kaswelilutho ngaphandle kokugeziswa inyawo, kodwa uhlambulukile ngokupheleleyo; lina-ke lihlambulukile, kodwa-ke kakusini lonke. **11** Ngoba wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela; ngenxa yalokhu wathi: Kalihlambulukanga lonke. **12** Esegezisile inyawo zabo, wathatha izembatho zakhe, wabuya wahlala phansi, wathi kubo: Liyakwazi yini engikwenze kini? **13** Lina lingibiza lithi: Mfundisi, lokuthi Nkosi; likutsho kuhle, ngoba ngiyikho. **14** Ngakho uba mina, iNkosi loMfundisi, ngigezise inyawo zenu, lani-ke lifanele ukugezisana inyawo. **15** Ngoba ngilinikile isibonelo, ukuze lenze lani njengoba mina ngenzile kini. **16** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi yay, lothunyiweyo kamkhulu kulomthumileyo. **17** Uba lisazi lezizinto, libusisiwe uba lizenza. **18** Kangikhulumi ngani lonke; mina ngiyabazi engibakhethileyo; kodwa ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Odla lami isinkwa ungiphakamisele isithende

sakhe. **19** Sengilitshela kusukela khathesi kungakenzeki, ukuze, nxa sekusenzeka, likholwe ukuthi nginguye. **20** Ngiqjinisile, ngiqjinisile, ngithi kini: Owemukela loba ngubani engimthumileyo, wemukela mina; lowemukela mina, wemukela ongithumileyo. **21** UJesu esetshilo lezizinto wakhathazeka emoyeni, wafakaza wathi: Ngiqjinisile, ngiqjinisile, ngithi kini, omunye wenu uzanginikela. **22** Ngakho abafundi bakhangelana, bengaqondi ukuthi ukhulumu ngobani. **23** Kwakwewayeme esifubeni sikaJesu omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJesu ayemthanda; **24** ngakho uSimoni Petro wamqhweba ukubuza ukuthi ngubani akhulumu ngaye. **25** Yena-ke eqamela esifubeni sikaJesu, wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngubani? **26** UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngulowo mina engizamnika ucezu sengilutshebile. Kwathi eselutshebile ucezu, walunika uJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni. **27** Futhi emva kocezu, uSathane wasengena kuye. UJesu wasesithi kuye: Okwenzayo, kwenze masinyane. **28** Kodwa kakho kwababehlezi ekudleni owayekwazi ukuthi ukutsholoni kuye. **29** Ngoba abanye bacabanga ukuthi, njengoba uJudasi wayelesikhwama, uJesu wathi kuye: Thenga esikuswelayo emkhosini; loba ukuthi kanike abayanga okunye. **30** Lowo wathi eselwemukele ucezu, wahle waphuma; kwakusebusuku. **31** Ngakho kwathi esephumile, uJesu wathi: Khathesi iNdodana yomuntu idunyisiwe, loNkulunkulu udunyisiwe kuyo. **32** Uba uNkulunkulu edunyiswe kuyo, loNkulunkulu uzayidumisa kuye ngokwakhe, njalo uzahle ayidumise. **33** Bantwanyana, ngiselani isikhatshana. Lizangidinga, futhi njengalokhu ngatsho kumaJuda ukuthi: Lapho mina engiya khona, lingize leza lina; ngitsho lakini khathesi. **34** Ngilinika umlayo omutsha, ukuthi lithandane; njengalokhu ngilithandile, lani-ke lithandane. **35** Ngalokhu bonke

bazakwazi ukuthi lingabafundi bami, uba lilothondo omunye komunye. **36** USimoni Petro wathi kuye: Nkosi, uya ngaphi? UJesu wamphendula wathi: Lapho engiya khona, ungengilandele khathesi, kodwa uzangilandela emva kwalokhu. **37** UPetro wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngingekulandele khathesi ngani? Impilo yami ngizayibekela wena phansi. **38** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Impilo yakho uzayibekela mina phansi yini? Ngiqjinisile, ngiqjinisile, ngithi kuwe: Iqhude kalisoze likhale uze ungiphike kathathu.

14 Inhliziyo yenu kayingakhathazeki; liyakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kholwani lakimi. **2** Ekhaya likaBaba kukhona izindlu ezinengi; kodwa uba kwakungenjalo, ngabe ngalitshela. Ngiyahamba ukuyalilungisela indawo. **3** Njalo nxa ngihamba ngisiyalilungisela indawo, ngizabuya futhi ngilemukele kimi; ukuze kuthi lapho mina engikhona, libe khona lani. **4** Lalapho mina engiya khona liykwazi, lendlela liyayazi. **5** UTomaso wathi kuye: Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona; pho, singayazi njani indlela? **6** UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyindlela, leqiniso, lempilo; kakho oza kuBaba, kodwa ngami. **7** Uba belingazile, belizamazi loBaba; njalo kusukela khathesi liyamazi, selimbonile. **8** UFiliphi wathi kuye: Nkosi, sitshengise uYihlo, njalo kusanele. **9** UJesu wathi kuye: Sengilani isikhathi eside kangaka, kawukangazi, Filiphi? Yena obone mina, ubone uBaba; njalo utsho njani ukuthi: Sitshengise uYihlo? **10** Kawukholwa yini ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi? Amazwi mina engiwakhuluma kini, kangizikhulumeli ngokwami; kodwa uBaba ohlezi kimi, yena wenza imisebenzi. **11** Ngikholwani ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi; njalo uba kungenjalo, ngikholwani ngenxa yemisebenzi ngokwayo. **12** Ngiqjinisile, ngiqjinisile, ngithi kini: Okholwa kimi, imisebenzi engiyenzayo uzayenza laye, lemikhulu kulale uzayenza; ngoba

mina ngiya kuBaba. **13** Njalo loba yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami, le ngizayenza, ukuze uYise adunyiswe eNdodaneni.

14 Uba licela loba yini ebizweni lami, mina ngizayenza. **15** Uba lingithanda, londolozani imilayo yami. **16** Lami ngizacela kuBaba, laye uzalinika omunye uMduduzi, ukuze ahlale lani laphakade, (aiōn g165) **17** uMoya weqiniso, ongememukele umhlaba, ngoba ungamboni, ungamazi. Kodwa lina liyamazi, ngoba uhlala lani, njalo uzakuba kini. **18** Kangiyikulitshiya lizintandane; ngizakuza kini. **19** Kube kanti okwesikhatsvana, lomhlaba kawusayikungibona, kodwa lina lizangibona; ngoba mina ngiyaphila, lani lizaphila. **20** Ngalolosuku lina lizakwazi ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, lani likimi, lami ngikini. **21** Olemilayo yami ayilondoloze, nguye ongithandayo; njalo yena ongithandayo, uzathandwa nguBaba; lami ngizamthanda, ngizazibonakalisa kuye. **22** UJudasi, ongesuye ulskariyothi, wathi kuye: Nkosi, kungani uzazibonakalisa kithi, kodwa kungeyisikho kumhlaba?

23 UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uba umuntu engithanda, uzalondoloza ilizwi lami, loBaba uzamthanda, njalo sizakuza kuye, sihlale laye. **24** Yena ongangithandiyo, kawalondolozi amazwi ami; lelizwi elilizwayo kayisilo elami, kodwa ngelikaBaba ongithumileyo. **25** Lezizinto ngizikhulumile kini ngihlezi lani.

26 Kodwa uMduduzi, uMoya oyiNgcwele, uBaba azamthuma ebizweni lami, yena uzalifundisa zonke izinto, njalo alikhumbuze konke engakutshoyo kini. **27** Ukuthula ngikutshiya kini, ukuthula kwami ngilinika khona; kungeyisikho njengoba umhlaba unika, mina ngiyalinika. Inhliziyo yenu kayingakhathazwa, ingesabi. **28** Lizwile ukuthi mina ngithe kini: Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini. Uba belingithanda, belizathokoza, ngoba ngithe: Ngiya kuBaba; ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami. **29** Njalo khathesi

ngilitshelile kungakenze; ukuze, lapho sekusenzeka, likholwe.
30 Kangisayikukhuluma okunengi lani; ngoba umbusi walumhlaba
uyenza, kodwa kalalutho kimi; **31** kodwa ukuze umhlaba wazi
ukuthi ngyiamthanda uBaba, lokuthi njengoba uBaba engilayile,
ngenze njalo. Sukumani, sisuke lapha.

15 Mina ngilivini eliqotho, njalo uBaba unguylimi. **2** Lonke
ugatsha olukimi olungatheliyo isithelo, uyalususa; lalo lonke
oluthela isithelo, uyaluthena, ukuze lwengeze ukuthela. **3**
Selihlambululekile lina ngelizwi engilikulum kini. **4** Hhalani kimi,
lami kini. Njengalokhu ugatsha lungethele isithelo ngokwalo, uba
lungahlali evinini, ngokunjalo lani lingeke, uba lingahlali kimi. **5**
Mina ngilivini, lina lizingatsha. Lowo ohlala kimi, lami kuye, yena
uyathela isithelo sande; ngoba ngaphandle kwami lingenze lutho.
6 Uba umuntu engahlali kimi, ulahlelwa phandle njengogatsha,
abe esebuna, bazibuthe baziphose emlilweni, zitshiswe. **7** Uba
lihlala kimi, lamazwi ami ehlala kini, lizacela elikuthandayo,
lizakwenzelwa. **8** UBaba uyadunyisa ngalokhu, ukuthi lithele
isithelo sande; njalo lizakuba ngabafundi bami. **9** Njengalokhu
uBaba engithandile, lami ngilithandile; hhalani ethandweni lwami.
10 Uba lilondoloza imilayo yami, lizahlala ethandweni lwami;
njengalokhu mina ngilondoloze imilayo kaBaba, njalo ngihihla
ethandweni lwakhe. **11** Lezizinto ngizikhulum kini, ukuze
intokozo yami ihlale kini, njalo intokozo yenu igcwale. **12** Lo
ngumlayo wami, ukuthi lithandane, njengalokhu ngilithandile. **13**
Kakho olothando olukhulu kulalolu, lokuthi umuntu ababekel
phansi abangane bakhe impilo yakhe. **14** Lina lingabangane
bami, uba lisenza loba yini mina engililaya yona. **15** Kangisalibizi
ngokuthi lizinceku, ngoba inceku kayikwazi ukuthi inkosi yayo
yenzani; kodwa sengilibize ngokuthi lingabangane, ngoba konke

engikuzwileyo kuBaba ngilazise khona. **16** Kalingikhethanga lina, kodwa mina ngilikhethile, njalo ngilimisile, ukuze lina lihambe lithele isithelo, lesithelo senu sihlale; ukuze loba yini eliyicela kuBaba ngebizo lami, alinike. **17** Ngililaya lezizinto, ukuze lithandane. **18** Uba umhlaba ulizonda, yazini ukuthi wangizonda mina ngaphambi kwenu. **19** Uba belingabomhlaba, umhlaba ubuzathanda abawo; kodwa ngoba lingeyisibo abomhlaba, kodwa ngalikhetha mina emhlabeni, ngakho umhlaba uyalizonda. **20** Khumbulani ilizwi mina engalitsho kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi yayo. Uba bengizingele mina, bazalizingela lani; uba belondoloza ilizwi lami, bazalondoloza lelenu. **21** Kodwa bazakwenza konke lokhu ngenxa yebizo lami, ngoba bengamazi ongithumileyo. **22** Uba bengingafikanga ngakhulumula labo, ngabe kabalasono; kodwa khathesi kabalazaba ngesono sabo. **23** Ongizondayo, uzonda loBaba. **24** Uba bengenzanga phakathi kwabo imisebenzi kungekho omunye owayenzayo, ngabe kabalasono; kodwa khathesi sebeyibonile sebezonde sonke mina loBaba. **25** Kodwa ukuze ligcwaliiseke ilizwi elilotshiwyo emlayweni wabo elokuthi: Bangizonda kungelasizatho. **26** Kodwa nxo esefikile uMdudu, engizamthuma mina kini evela kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso, ophuma kuBaba, lo uzangifakazela; **27** lani futhi lizafakaza, ngoba belilami kusukela ekuqaleni.

16 Lezizinto ngizikhulume kini, ukuze lingakhubeki. **2**
Bazalikhupha emasinagogeni; yebo isikhathi siyeza, lapho wonke olibulalayo ezacabanga ukuthi wenzela uNkulunkulu inkonzo. **3**
Lalezizinto bazazenza kini, ngoba bengamazanga uBaba loba mina. **4** Kodwa ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze lapho sesifikile isikhathi, lizikhumbule ukuthi mina ngalitshela. Kodwa lezizinto kangizikhulumanga kini kwasekuqaleni, ngoba bengilani. **5**

Kodwa khathesi ngiyahamba ngiya kongithumileyo, kanti kakho
kini ongibuza ukuthi: Uya ngaphi? **6** Kodwa ngoba ngikhulume
lezizinto kini, usizi lugcwalise inhliziyo yenu. **7** Kodwa mina
ngilitshela iqiniso: Kulilungele ukuthi mina ngihambe; ngoba nxa
ngingahambi, uMduduzi kayikuza kini; kodwa nxa ngihamba,
ngizamthuma kini. **8** Njalo nxa esefikile yena uzaqinisekisa
umhlabu ngesono langokulunga langesigwebo; **9** ngesono,
ngoba kabakholwa kimi; **10** langokulunga, ngoba ngiya kuBaba,
kalisayikungibona; **11** langesigwebo, ngoba umbusi walumhlabu
usegwetshiwe. **12** Ngiseselezinto ezinengi engingalitshela
zona, kodwa lingezithwale khathesi; **13** kodwa nxa yena
esefikile, uMoya weqiniso, uzalikhokhelela eqinisweni lonke;
ngoba kayikuzikhulumela ngokwakhe, kodwa loba yini ayizwayo
uzayikhuluma, alibikele izinto ezizayo. **14** Yena uzangidumisa,
ngoba uzathatha okungokwami, alibikele khona. **15** Konke uBaba
alakho, kungokwami; yikho-ke ngisithi uzathatha okungokwami,
alibikele khona. **16** Okwesikhatsana futhi kaliyikungibona,
kubuye kube yisikhatsana libe selingibona, ngoba mina ngiya
kuBaba. **17** Ngakho abanye kubafundi bakhe bakhulumisana
besithi: Kuyini lokho akutsho kithi: Okwesikhatsana, futhi
kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatsana libe selingibona;
lokuthi: Ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba? **18** Basebesithi: Kuyini lokhu
akutshoyo ukuthi: Okwesikhatsana? Kasazi ukuthi utshoni. **19**
UJesu wayesesazi ukuthi babetanda ukumbuza, wasesithi kubo:
Liyabuzana ngalokho yini, ukuthi ngithe: Okwesikhatsana futhi
kaliyikungibona, kubuye kube yisikhatsana libe selingibona?
20 Ngiqinisisile, ngiqinisisile, ngithi kini: Lina lizakhala lilile, kodwa
umhlabu uzathokoza; futhi lizakuba losizi lina, kodwa usizi
lwenu luzaphendulwa lube yintokozo. **21** Owesifazana nxa

ebeletha ulobuhlungu, ngoba ihola lakhe selfikile; kodwa nxa esebelethe usane, kasakhumbuli ubuhlungu, ngenxa yentokozo yokuthi kuzelwe umuntu emhlabeni. **22** Ngakho lani-ke lilosizi khathesi; kodwa ngizabuya ngilibone, lenhliziyo yenu ithokoze, njalo kakho ongalemuka intokozo yenu. **23** Langalolosuku kalyikungibaza lutho. Ngiqjinisile, ngiqjinisile, ngithi kini: Loba kuyini elizakucela kuBaba ebizweni lami uzalinika. **24** Kuze kube khathesi kalicelanga lutho ebizweni lami; celani, lizakwemukeliswa, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwale. **25** Ngikhulume izinto lezi kini ngemifanekiso; kodwa isikhathi siyeza lapho ngingasayikukhuluma kini ngemifanekiso, kodwa ngizalitshela ngoBaba ngokucacileyo. **26** Ngalolosuku lizacela ebizweni lami; njalo kangitsho kini ukuthi ngizalicelela mina kuBaba; **27** ngoba uBaba uqobo uyalithanda, ngoba lina lingithandle, likholiwe ukuthi mina ngiphume kuNkulunkulu. **28** Ngiphume kuBaba, njalo ngeza emhlabeni; ngiyasuka futhi emhlabeni, ngiya kuBaba. **29** Abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Khangela khathesi ukhuluma ngokucacileyo, njalo kawukhulumi lamfanekiso. **30** Khathesi siyazi ukuthi uyazi izinto zonke, njalo kawudingi ukuthi umuntu akubuze; ngalokhu siyakholwa ukuthi uphume kuNkulunkulu. **31** UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Selikholwa yini? **32** Khangelani, ihola liyeza, yebo selfikile, elokuthi lihlakazeke ngulowo lalowo aye kubo, lingitshiye ngingedwa; kanti kantingedwa, ngoba uBaba ulami. **33** Ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze libe lokuthula kimi. Emhlabeni lizakuba lenhlupheko; kodwa manini isibindi, mina ngiwunqobile umhlabana.

17 UJesu wakhuluma lezizinto, waphakamisela amehlo akhe ezulwini, wathi: Baba, ihola selfikile; dumisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze layo iNdodana yakho ikudumise; **2** njengoba uyinikile

amandla phezu kwayo yonke inyama, ukuze bonke obanike yona, ibanike impilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **3** Lalokhu yimpilo elaphakade, ukuthi bazi wena uNkulunkulu wedwa weqiniso, loJesu Kristu omthumileyo. (aiōnios g166) **4** Mina ngikudumisile emhlabeni; ngiwuqedile umsebenzi obunginike wona ukuthi ngiwenze; **5** khathesi-ke ngidumise wena, Baba, ngilawe uqobo ngenkazimulo engangilayo kanye lawe ungakabi khona umhlaba. **6** Ngilibonakalisile ibizo lakho ebantwini onginike bona bevela emhlabeni; babengabakho, njalo wanginika bona; balilondolozile ilizwi lakho. **7** Khathesi sebesazi ukuthi konke, loba yikuphi onginike khona, kuvela kuwe; **8** ngoba amazwi onginike wona, ngibaniatile wona; bawemukela, njalo bayazi ngeqiniso ukuthi ngiphuma kuwe, bakholiwe ukuthi unghithumile wena. **9** Mina ngiyabakhulekela bona; kangikhulekeli umhlaba, kodwa labo onginike bona, ngoba bangabakho; **10** njalo konke okwami kungokwakho, lokwakho kungokwami; njalo ngidunyisiwe kubo. **11** Njalo kangisekho emhlabeni, kodwa basemhlabeni bona, njalo mina ngiyeza kuwe. Baba oNgcwele, balondoloze ebizweni lakho labo onginike bona, ukuze babe munye, njengathi. **12** Lapho ngiselabo emhlabeni, mina ngabalondoloza ebizweni lakho; labo onginike bona ngibalindile, njalo kakho kubo olahlekileyo, ngaphandle kwendodana yokulahlwa, ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo. **13** Kodwa khathesi ngiza kuwe, njalo lezizinto ngizikhuluma emhlabeni, ukuze babe lentokozo yami igcwalisekile kubo. **14** Mina ngibaniatile ilizwi lakho, lomhlaba ubazondile, ngoba bengeyisibo abomhlaba, njengoba mina ngingesuye owomhlaba. **15** Kangiceli ukuthi ubasuse emhlabeni, kodwa ukuze ubalondoloze kokubi. **16** Kabasibo abomhlaba, njengalokhu mina ngingesuye owomhlaba. **17** Bangcwelise eqinisweni lakho;

ilizwi lakho liliqiniso. **18** Njengalokhu wangithuma emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile emhlabeni. **19** Njalo mina ngizehlukanisela bona, ukuze labo behlukaniswe eqinisweni. **20** Njalo kangiceleli laba bodwa, kodwa lalabo abazakhola kimi ngelizwi labo; **21** ukuze bonke babe munye; njengalokhu wena, Baba, ukimi, lami ngikuwe, ukuze labo babe munye kithi; ukuze umhlabu ukholwe ukuthi wena ungithumile. **22** Lenkazimulo mina onginiye yona, ngibanikile bona, ukuze babe munye, njengathi simunye. **23** Mina ngikubo, lawe ukimi, ukuze bapheleliswe babe munye, lokuze umhlabu wazi ukuthi wena ungithumile, lokuthi ubathandile, njengalokhu ungithandile. **24** Baba, labo onginiye bona, ngithanda ukuthi lapho mina engikhona, labo babe lami; ukuze babone inkazimulo yami, onginiye yona, ngoba wangithanda kungakasekelwa umhlabu. **25** Baba olungileyo, ngitsho umhlabu kawukwazanga, kodwa mina ngikwazile, lalaba bayazi ukuthi wena ungithumile; **26** njalo ngibazisile ibizo lakho, njalo ngizabazisa lona; ukuze uthando ongithande ngalo lube kubo, lami kubo.

18 UJesu esekhulumile lezizinto waphuma kanye labafundi bakhewaya ngaphetsheya kwesifudlana iKidroni, lapho okwakukhona isivande, angena kuso yena labafundi bakhe. **2** Njalo uJudasi laye, owamnikelayo, wayeyazi lindawo; ngoba uJesu wayebuthana khona labafundi bakhe kanengi. **3** Ngakho uJudasi, esethethe isigaba samabutho, labancedisi abavela kubapristi abakhulu labaFarisi, waya khona belezibane lamalambi lezikhali. **4** Kwathi uJesu, ekwazi konke okwakuzamehlela, waphuma wathi kubo: Lidinga bani? **5** Bamphendula bathi: UJesu weNazaretha. UJesu wathi kubo: Mina nginguye. LoJudasi owamnikelayo laye wayemi labo. **6** Ngakho kuthe esithi kubo:

Mina nginguye; bahlehra nyovane, bawela phansi. **7** Wasephinda wababuza wathi: Lidinga bani? Basebesithi: UJesu weNazaretha. **8** UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngilitshelile ukuthi mina nginguye; ngakho uba lidinga mina, yekelani laba bahambe; **9** ukuze ligcwaliiseke ilizwi ayelikhulumile elokuthi: Kulabo owanginika bona, angilahlekelwanga lamunye wabo. **10** Kwathi uSimoni Petro elenkemba wayihwatsha, wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo yokunene. Lebizo lenceku lalinguMalikusi. **11** UJesu wasesithi kuPetro: Faka inkemba yakho esikhwameni; inkezo uBaba anginike yona, kangiyikuyinatha yini? **12** Ngakho isigaba samabutho lenduna labancedisi bamaJuda bambamba uJesu, bambopha, **13** basebemusa kuqala kuAnasi; ngoba wayenguyisezala kaKayafasi, owayengumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka. **14** Kwakunguye uKayafasi owayecebise amaJuda, ukuthi kwakulungile ukuthi umuntu oyedwa afele isizwe. **15** USimoni Petro wasemlandela uJesu, lomunye umfundu. Lalowomfundu wayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wangena loJesu egumeni lompristi omkhulu; **16** kodwa uPetro wayemi ngaphandle emnyango. Wasephuma lowomfundu omunye owayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wasekhuluma lomlindisangokazi, wamngenisa uPetro. **17** Incekukazi encane engumlindisango yasisithi kuPetro: Kawusuye lawe omunye wabafundi balumuntu yini? Yena wathi: Kangisuye. **18** Njalo izinceku labancedisi babemi bebase umlilo wamalahle, ngoba kwakumakhaza, njalo besotha; uPetro laye wayemi labo esotha. **19** Umpristi omkhulu wasembuza uJesu ngabafundi bakhe, langempfundiso yakhe. **20** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Mina ngikhulume obala emhlabeni; ngezikkhathi zonke mina bengifundisa esinagogeni lethempelini, lapho amaJuda abuthana

khona ngesikhathi sonke, njalo kangikhulumanga lutho ensitha.

21 Ubuzelani kimi? Buza labo abakuzwayo lokho engakukhuluma labo; khangela, bona bayazazi izinto mina engazitshoyo. **22** Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, omunye wabancedisi owayemi khona wamwakala uJesu, esithi: Kanti uphendula njalo umpristi omkhulu? **23** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uba ngikhulume kubi, fakaza ngobubi; kodwa uba kuhle, ungitshayelani? **24** UAnasi wasemthuma ebotshiwe kuKayafasi umpristi omkhulu. **25** Kodwa uSimoni Petro wayemi esotha; basebesithi kuye: Kawusuye lawe omunye wabafundi bakhe yini? Waphika yena, wathi: Kangisuye.

26 Omunye wezinceku zompristi omkhulu, oyisinini somuntu uPetro aquma indlebe yakhe, wathi: Mina kangikubonanga yini esivandeni ulaye? **27** UPetro wasebuya ephika; njalo lahle lakhala iqhude. **28** Basebemkhupha uJesu kuKayafasi bamusa endlini yombusi; njalo kwakusekuseni, kodwa kabangenanga bona endlini yombusi, ukuze bangangcoli, kodwa ukuze badle iphasika. **29** Ngakho uPilatu waphumela kubo, wathi: Limbeka cala bani lumuntu? **30** Basebephendula bathi kuye: Uba lo ubengesuye owenza okubi, ngabe kasimnikelanga kuwe. **31** UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Mthatheni lina, limahlulele njengomlayo wakini. Ngakho amajuda athi kuye: Kakuvunyelwa kithi ukubulala umuntu; **32** ukuze kugcwalseke ilizwi uJesu alikhulumayo, ukutshengisa uhlobo lokufa ayezakufa ngalo. **33** Ngakho uPilatu wabuye wangena endlini yombusi, wambiza uJesu, wathi kuye: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? **34** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uyazitsholo lokhu wena yini, kumbe abanye bakutshelile ngami?

35 UPilatu waphendula wathi: Kanti ngingumJuda mina? Isizwe sakini labapristi abakhulu bakunikele kimi; wenzeni? **36** UJesu waphendula wathi: Umbuso wami kawusiwo walumhlaba; uba

umbuso wami ubungowalumhlabá, inceku zami bezizakulwa,
ukuze nginganikelwa kumaJuda; kodwa khathesi umbuso wami
kawusiwo owalapha. **37** UPilatu wasesithi kuye: Ngakho uyinkosi
yini? UJesu waphendula wathi: Uyatsho wena, ukuthi mina
ngiyinkosi. Mina ngazalelwá lokhu, njalo ngizele lokhu emhlabení,
ukuze ngifakazele iqiniso. Wonke oweqiniso uyalizwa ilizwi lami.
38 UPilatu wathi kuye: Liyini iqiniso? Kwathi esetshilo lokhu,
wabuya waphumela kumaJuda, wathi kuwo: Mina kangitholi
lacala kuye. **39** Kodwa lilomkhuba, wokuthi ngilikhululele omunye
ngephasika; ngakho liyathanda ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi
yamaJuda yini? **40** Wonke asememeza futhi, athi: Hatshi lo,
kodwa uBarabasi; kodwa uBarabasi wayengumphangi.

19 Ngakho uPilatu wamthatha uJesu, wamtshaya ngesiswepu.
2 Labebutho beluka umqhele wameva bawubeka ekhanda
lakhe, bamqqokisa isembatho esiyibubende, **3** basebesithi:
Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! Basebemtshaya ngempama. **4**
UPilatu wasebuya waphumela phandle, wathi kubo: Khangelani,
ngiyamkhuphela phandle kini, ukuze lazi ukuthi kangitholi lacala
kuye. **5** UJesu wasephumela phandle, ethwele umqhele wameva
embethe isembatho esiyibubende. UPilatu wasesithi kubo:
Khangelani lumuntu! **6** Kwathi abapristi abakhulu labancedisi
bembona, bamemeza bathi: Bethela, bethela! UPilatu wathi kubo:
Mthatheni lina, limbetheli; ngoba mina kangitholi cala kuye.
7 AmaJuda amphendula athi: Silomlayo thina, langokomlayo
wethu ufanele ukufa, ngoba uzenze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **8**
Kwathi uPilatu esizwa lelolizwi, wesaba kakhulu, **9** wangena
futhi endlini yombusi, wathi kuJesu: Uvela ngaphi wena?
Kodwa uJesu kamnikanga mpendulo. **10** Khona uPilatu wathi
kuye: Kawukhulumi lami yini? Kawazi yini ukuthi ngilamandla

okukubethela, njalo ngilamandla okukukhulula? **11** UJesu wamphendula wathi: Ungeke ube lamandla phezu kwami, uba ungawanikwanga evela phezulu; ngakho onginiikele kuwe ulesono esikhulu. **12** Kusukela lapho uPilatu wadinga ukumkhulula. Kodwa amaJuda amemeza athi: Uba ukhulula lo, kawusuye umngane kakKesari; wonke ozenza inkosi, uphikisana loKesari. **13** Kwathi uPilatu esizwa lelilizwi wamkhuphela phandle uJesu, wahlala phansi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, endaweni ebizwa ngokuthi Gandelwe ngaMatshe, kodwa ngesiHebheru yiGabatha; **14** njalo kwakungamalungiselelo ephasika, njalo kwakungaba lihola lesithupha; wasesithi kumaJuda: Khangelani inkosi yenu! **15** Kodwa amemeza athi: Susa, susa, mbethele! UPilatu wathi kuwo: Ngibethele yini inkosi yenu? Abapristi abakhulu baphendula bathi: Kasilankosi ngaphandle kukaKesari. **16** Ngakho wasemnikela kubo, ukuze abethelwe. Basebemthatha uJesu bamqhuba. **17** Kwathi ethwele isiphambano sakhe waphuma waya endaweni ethiwa yiNdawo yokhakhayi, ethiwa ngesiHebheru yiGolgotha; **18** lapho abambethela khona, labanye ababili kanye laye, ngapha langapha, loJesu ephakathi. **19** UPilatu wasebhala lesaziso, wasiphanyeka esiphambanweni; njalo kwakubhalwe ukuthi: UJESU UMNAZARETHA INKOSI YAMAJUDA. **20** Lalesisaziso abanengi bamaJuda basifunda, ngoba indawo lapho uJesu ayebethelwe khona yayiseduze lomuzi; njalo kwakubhalwe ngesiHebheru, ngesiGriki, langesiRoma. **21** Abapristi abakhulu bamaJuda basebesithi kuPilatu: Ungabhalu ukuthi: INkosi yamaJuda; kodwa ukuthi lo wathi: NgiyiNkosi yamaJuda. **22** UPilatu waphendula wathi: Engikubhalileyo, ngikubhalile. **23** Kwathi abebutho, sebembethelo uJesu, bathatha izembatho zakhe, basebezenza izabelo ezine, ngulowo

lalowo owebutho waba lesabelo, lesiggoko; kodwa isiggoko sasingelamthungo, selukiwe sonke kusukela phezulu. **24** Ngakho bakhulumisana besithi: Kasingasidabuli, kodwa asisenzele inkatho, ukuthi sizakuba ngesikabani; ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Babelana izembatho zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngesiggoko sami. Azenza-ke lezizinto amabutho. **25** Kwakumi esiphambanweni sikaJesu unina, lodadewabo kanina, uMariyaumkaKlophasi, IoMariya Magadalena. **26** Ngakho uJesu ebona unina, lomfundi amthandayo emi khona, wathi kunina: Mama, khangela indodana yakho. **27** Emva kwalokho wathi kumfundi: Khangela unyoko. Kusukela ngaleloholo lowomfundi wamthatha wamusa kwakhe. **28** Emva kwalokhu uJesu ekwazi ukuthi konke kwasekuphelile, ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo, wathi: Ngomile. **29** Kwakubekwe isitsha sigcwele iviniga; basebegcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, baluhloma kuhisope, balusa emlonyeni wakhe. **30** Kwathi-ke uJesu elemukele iviniga, wathi: Kuphelile; wasekhothamisa ikhanda, wanikela umoya. **31** Ngakho amaJuda, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, ukuze izidumbu zingahlali esiphambanweni ngesabatha (ngoba lolosuku lwesabatha lwalulukhulu), acela uPilatu ukuthi yephulwe imilenze yabo, njalo basuswe. **32** Ngakho abebutho beza, bephula imilenze yowokuqala leyomunye ababebethelwe laye; **33** kodwa sebefika kuJesu, kwathi bebona ukuthi wayesefile, kabayephulanga imilenze yakhe; **34** kodwa omunye webutho wamgwaza ngomkhonto ehlangothini, njalo kwahle kwaphuma igazi lamanzi. **35** Yena owabonayo ufakazile, njalo ubufakazi bakhe buqinisile, yena-ke uyazi ukuthi ukhuluma okuliqiniso, ukuze lina likholwe. **36** Ngoba lezizinto zenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: Kakuyikwephulwa thambo lakhe. **37** Njalo lomunye

umbhalo uthi: Bazamkhangela abamgwazileyo. **38** Kwathi emva kwalezizinto uJosefa weArimathiya, owayengumfundi kajesu, kodwa ngasese ngenxa yokwesaba amajuda, wacela kuPilatu ukuthi asuse isidumbu sikaJesu; futhi uPilatu wavuma. Ngakho weza wasisusa isidumbu sikaJesu. **39** Kwasekusiza IoNikodima, owafika kuJesu kuqala ebusuku, ephethe inhlanganiso yemure lenhlaba engaba amaphawundi alikhulu. **40** Basebesithatha isidumbu sikaJesu, basibopha ngamalembu acolekileyo kanye lamakha, njengomkhuba wamaJuda wokungcwaba. **41** Njalo kwakukhona kuleyondawo ayebethelwe khona isivande, lesivandeni kwakulengcwaba elitsha, okwakungazange kubekwe muntu kulo. **42** Basebembeka lapho uJesu ngenxa yamalungiselelo amajuda, ngoba ingcwaba laliseduze.

20 Kwathi ngolokuqala Iweviki uMariya Magadalena wafika engcwabeni ekuseni kakhulu, kusesemnyama, wabona ilitshe lisusiwe engcwabeni. **2** Ngakho wagijima weza kuSimoni Petro Iakomunye umfundu uJesu ayemthanda, wathi kubo: Bayisusile iNkosi engcwabeni, njalo kasazi lapho abayibeke khona. **3** Ngakho uPetro waphuma lomunye umfundu, bafika engcwabeni. **4** Basebegijima bobabili kanyekanye; omunye umfundu wasegijima phambili ngesiqubu kuloPetro, wafika kuqala engcwabeni. **5** Kwathi ekhothama elunguza wabona amalembu acolekileyo endllelwe, kodwa kangenanga. **6** USimoni Petro wasefika emlandela, wangena engcwabeni, wabona amalembu acolekileyo endllelwe, **7** lelembu lobuso elalisekhanda lakhe, lingabekwanga lamalembu acolekileyo, kodwa lendluliwe lisendaweni yalo lodwa. **8** Ngakho wasengena laye omunye umfundu owayefike kuqala engcwabeni, wabona, wakholwa; **9**

ngoba babengakaqedisisi umbhalo, ukuthi ubemele ukuvuka kwabafileyo. **10** Basebesuka futhi abafundi bayo kubo. **11** Kodwa uMariya wema engcwabeni phandle ekhala; kwathi esakhala, wakhothama walunguza engcwabeni, **12** wasebona ingilos ezimbili zembethe ezimhlophe zihlezi, enye ingasekhanda, lenye ingasenyaweni, lapho isidumbu sikaJesu ebeselele khona.

13 Zona zasezisithi kuye: Mama, ukhalelani? Wathi kuzo: Ngoba bayithethi iNkosi yami, njalo kangazi lapho abayibeke khona. **14** Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto watshibilika, wabona uJesu emi, kodwa wayengazi ukuthi nguJesu. **15** UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, ukhalelani? Udinga bani? Yena ecabanga ukuthi ngumphathi wesivande, wathi kuye: Nkosi, uba wena umsusile, ngitshele lapho ombeke khona, mina-ke ngizamthatha. **16** UJesu wathi kuye: Mariya! Yena watshibilika wathi kuye: Raboni! okuyikuthi: Mfundisi. **17** UJesu wathi kuye: Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikenyukeli kuBaba; kodwa yana kubafowethu, uthi kubo: Ngiyeniyukela kuBaba loYihlo, lakuNkulunkulu wami loNkulunkulu wenu. **18** UMariya Magadalena weza wababikela abafundi ukuthi uyibonile iNkosi, njalo imtshele lezizinto. **19** Kwathi kusihlwa ngalolosuku, olokuqala Iweviki, lemnyango ivaliwe lapho abafundi ababehlangene khona, ngenxa yokwesaba amaJuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi, wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini. **20** Njalo esetshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe lohlangothi lwakhe. Ngakho abafundi bathokoza beyibona iNkosi. **21** UJesu wasebuya esithi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini; njengoba uBaba engithumile, lami ngiyalithuma. **22** Kwathi esetshilo lokhu waphephetha phezu kwabo wathi kubo: Yemukelani uMoya oNgcwele. **23** Loba ngobani elithethelela izono zabo, bathethelele; loba ngobani elibamba ezabo,

zibaniwe. 24 Kodwa uTomasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, othiwa nguDidimusi, wayengekho labo mhla uJesu efika. 25 Ngakho abanye abafundi bathi kuye: Siyibonile iNkosi. Kodwa yena wathi kubo: Uba ngingaboni ezandleni zayo amanxeba ezipikili, njalo ngifake umunwe wami enxebeni lezipikili, njalo ngibeke izandla zami ehlangothini lwayo, kangisoze ngikholtwe. 26 Njalo emva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili abafundi bakhe babephakathi futhi, loTomasi elabo. UJesu wafika, iminyango ivaliwe, wema phakathi wathi: Ukuthula kakube kini. 27 Wasesithi kuTomasi: Letha umunwe wakho lapha, ubone izandla zami; njalo letho isandla sakho, usifake ehlangothini lwami; njalo ungabi ngongakholwayo, kodwa okholwayo. 28 UTomas wasephendula, wathi kuye: Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami! 29 UJesu wathi kuye: Ngoba usungibonile, Tomasi, ukholiwe; busisisiwe abangabonanga, kanti bakholiwe. 30 Njalo uJesu wazenza lezinye izibonakaliso ezinengi phambi kwabafundi bakhe, ezingalotshwanga kulolugwalo. 31 Kodwa lezi zilotshiwe, ukuze likholwe ukuthi uJesu unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo ukuze lithi, likholwa, libe lempilo ebizweni lakhe.

21 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wabuya wazibonakalisa kubafundi elwandle IweTiberiyasi; njalo wazibonakalisa ngalindlela. 2 Babendawonye oSimoni Petro, loTomasi othiwa nguDidimusi, loNathaniyeli oweKana yeGalili, lamadodana kaZebediya, labanye abobili babafundi bakhe. 3 USimoni Petro wathi kubo: Ngiyagola inhlanzi. Bathi kuye: Lathi sizahamba lawe. Basebephuma bahle bangena emkhunjini, kodwa ngalobobusuku kababambanga lutho. 4 Kwathi sekusemadabukakusa uJesu wema ekhunjini; kodwa abafundi babengazi ukuthi nguJesu. 5 Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo: Bantwana, lilokudla yini? Bamphendula

bathi: Hatshi. **6** Wasesithi kubo: Phosani imbule ehlangothini lokunene lomkhumbi, njalo lizathola. Basebephosa, njalo babengaselakho ukulidonsa ngenxa yobunengi benhlanzi.

7 Ngakho lowomfundi uJesu ayemthanda wathi kuPetro: YiNkosi. USimoni Petro, esezwile ukuthi yiNkosi, wagqoka isembatho (ngoba wayenqunu), waseziphosela olwandle. **8** Kodwa abanye abafundi beza ngomkolo, bedonsa imbule lenhlanzi, ngoba babengekhatshana lomhlabathi, kodwa kungaba zingalo ezingamakhulu amabili. **9** Kwathi sebekhuphukel emhlabathini, babona umlilo wamalahle khona, lenhlanzi zibekwe phezu kwawo, lesinkwa. **10** UJesu wathi kubo: Lethani ezinye zezinhlanzi elisanda kuzibamba. **11** USimoni Petro wasekhwela, wahudulela imbule emhlabathini, ligcwele inhlanzi ezinkulu, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlau lantathu; njalo lanxa zazinengi kangaka, imbule kalidabukanga. **12** UJesu wathi kubo: Wozani lidle. Kodwa kakho kubafundi owaba lesibindi sokumbuza ukuthi: Ungubani wena? besazi ukuthi yiNkosi. **13** UJesu wasesiza, wathatha isinkwa, wabanika, lenhlanzi ngokufananayo. **14** Lokhu sekungokwesithathu uJesu ebonakaliswa kubafundi, esevukile kwabafileyo. **15** Sebedlile, uJesu wathi kuSimoni Petro: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda kulalaba yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo Nkosi; wena uyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye: Phana amawundlu ami ukudla. **16** Wabuya wathi kuye ngokwesibili: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo Nkosi, wena uyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye: Yelusa izimvu zami. **17** Wathi kuye ngokwesithathu: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? UPetro wadabuka ngoba wathi kuye ngokwesithathu: Uyangithanda yini? Wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, wena uyakwazi konke; wena uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.

UJesu wathi kuye: Phana izimvu zami ukudla. **18** Ngijinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Usemutsha, wawuzibhinca, uhamba lapho othanda khona; kodwa nxa usumdala, uzakwelula izandla zakho, omunye abesekubopha, akuse lapho ongathandi khona.

19 Lalokhu wakutsho, etshengisa indlela yokufa ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu ngayo. Esetshilo lokhu wathi kuye: Ngilandela. **20** UPetro etshibilika wabona umfundsi uJesu amthandayo elandela, yena futhi owayeyeme esifubeni sakhe ekudleni kwantambama wathi: Nkosi, ngubani ozakunikela? **21** Kwathi uPetro embona wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, lo-ke? **22** UJesu wathi kuye: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize ngifike, ulani lakho? Ngilandela wena. **23** Ngakho lelilizwi laphumela kubazalwane, ukuthi lowomfundsi kayikufa; kanti uJesu katshongo kuye ukuthi kayikufa; kodwa wathi: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize ngifike, ulani lakho?

24 Nguye lowomfundsi ofakaza ngalezizinto, lozibhalileyo; njalo siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe buliqjiniso. **25** Njalo zikhona lezinye izinto ezinengi uJesu azenzayo, uba bezilotshiwe zonke ngazinye, ngicabanga ukuthi lomhlaba lawo ubungebe lendawo yezingwalo ezilotshiweyo. Ameni.

Imisebenzi

1 Ukulandisa kokuqala ngakwenza, Teyofilu, ngakho konke uJesu aqala kokubili ukukwenza lokukufundisa, **2** kwaze kwaba lusuku akhutshulwa ngalo, esebalayile ngoMoya oNgcwele abaphostoli ayebakhethile; **3** wazibonakalisa futhi kubo ephiilie emva kokuhlupheka kwakhe ngobufakazi obunengi obuqinisekileyo, wabonwa yibo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane, ekhuluma ngezinto ezimayelana lombuso kaNkulunkulu.

4 Kwathi ehlangene labo, wabalaya ukuthi bangasuki eJerusalema, kodwa balindele isithembiso sikaBaba, elasizwa ngami; **5** ngoba ngeqiniso uJohane wabhabhathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina lizabhabhathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele kungakadluli insuku ezinengi. **6** Kwathi sebebuthene bambuza bathi: Nkosi, uzabuyisela umbuso kulsrayeli kulesisikhathi yini? **7** Wasesithi kubo: Kakusikho okwenu ukwazi izikhathi kumbe imizuzu ayimisileyo uBaba ngawakhe amandla; **8** kodwa lizakwemukela amandla, esefikile phezu kwenu uMoya oNgcwele; njalo libe ngabafakazi bami eJerusalema kanye layo yonke iJudiya leSamariya, njalo kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. **9** Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, wakhutshulwa bekhangeli, leyezi lamsusa emehlweni abo. **10** Bathi besajolozele ezulwini, esenyuka, njalo khangela, amadoda amabili ema labo elezembatho ezimhlophe, **11** njalo athi: Madoda maGalili, limeleni lijolozele ezulwini? UJesu lo, osuswe kini wenyukiselwa ezulwini, uzabuya ngokunjalo ngendlela elimbone esiya ngayo ezulwini. **12** Basebebulyela eJerusalema bevela entabenethiwa ngeyoMhlwathi, eseduze leJerusalema, ummango wohambo ljesabatha. **13** Kwathi sebengenile, benyukela endlini ephezulu, lapho ababehlala khona, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreya, uFilipu loTomasi,

uBartolomewu loMathewu, uJakobe kaAlfewu loSimoni umZelothi, loJudasi kaJakobe. **14** Bonke laba baphikelela bengqondonye emkhulekweni lekuncengeni, kanye labesifazana loMariya unina kaJesu, njalo labafowabo. **15** Kwathi ngalezonsuku uPetro wasukuma phakathi kwabafundi, kwakulexuku labantu ndawonye elalingaba likhulu lamatshumi amabili, wathi: **16** Madoda bazalwane, kwakumele ukuthi lumbhalo ugcwaliswe, uMoya oyiNgcwele awukhuluma ngaphambili ngomlomo kaDavida ngoJudasi, owayengumkhokheli walabo abambambayo uJesu, **17** ngoba wayebalwe kanye lathi, njalo wemukela isabelo salinkonzo. **18** Lo-ke wathenga isiqinti ngomvuzo wobubi, wawa ngekhanda waqhekezeza phakathi, lemibilini yakhe yonke yachitheka. **19** Njalo kwaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo eJerusalema, saze sabizwa lesosiqinti ngolimi lwakibo ngokuthi iAkeldama, okuyikuthi iSiqinti segazi. **20** Ngoba kulotshiwe egwalweni lweziHlabelelo ukuthi: Umizi wakhe kawube lunxiwa, njalo kungabi khona ohlala kuwo; lokuthi: Omunye kathathe ubuphathi bakhe. **21** Ngakho kumele ukuthi kulawomadoda ayehamba lathi kuso sonke isikhathi lapho iNkosi uJesu yayingena njalo iphuma phakathi kwethu, **22** kusukela ebhabhathizweni lukaJohane, kwaze kwaba lusuku akhutshulwa ngalo kithi, omunye wabo kabe ngumfakazi kanye lathi wokuvuka kwakhe. **23** Basebemisa ababili, uJosefa othiwa nguBarsaba, othiwa futhi nguJustusi, loMathiyasi. **24** Basebekhuleka besithi: Wena Nkosi, wena owaziyo inhlizyo zabo bonke, tshengisa kulaba ababili oyedwa, omkhethileyo, **25** ukwemukela isabelo kulinkonzo lobuphostoli, uJudasi aphambuka kuso, ukuthi aye endaweni engeyakhe. **26** Basebebapha inkatho yabo; lenkatho yadla uMathiyasi, wasebalwa kanye labaphostoli abalitshumi lanye.

2 Kwathi selugcwalisekile usuku IwePentekoste, babendawonye bengqondonye bonke. **2** Kwahle kwezwakala-ke umdumo ovela ezulwini onjengowokuvunguza komoya olamandla, njalo wagcwalisa indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo, **3** kwasekubonakala kubo inlimi ezechlukanisiweyo kungathi ngezomlilo, zasezihlala phezu kwalowo lalowo wabo. **4** Basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele, baqala ukukhuluma ngezinye indimi, njengalokhu uMoya wabanika ukuphumisela. **5** Kwakuhlala-ke eJerusalema amaJuda, amadoda aqotho, avela kuso sonke isizwe salezo ezingaphansi kwezulu. **6** Kwathi sekulalo umdumo, ixuku labuthana ndawonye lasanganiseka, ngoba ngulowo lalowo wabezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwakibo. **7** Basebemangala kakhulu bonke bababaza, bakhulumisana bathi: Khangelani, bonke laba abakhulumayo kayisibo abeGalili yini? **8** Kungani, pho, thina sibezwa ngamunye wabo ngolimi lwakithi esazalwa lalo? **9** AmaPathiya lamaMede lamaElamu, labahlali beMesopotamiya, labeJudiya labeKaphadosiya, abePontusi labeAsiya, **10** abeFrigiya labePamfiliya, abeGibhithe labengxenye zeLibiya eduze leKurene, lezihambi ezingamaRoma, kokubili amaJuda labaphendukela kumaJuda, **11** amaKrete lamaArabhiya, siyabezwa bekhuluma ngendimi zakithi imisebenzi emikhulu kaNkulunkulu. **12** Bonke basebemangala kakhulu badideka, bakhulumisana besithi: Lokhu kungaba yini? **13** Kodwa abanye bahleka usulu bathi: Basuthi iwayini elitsha. **14** Kodwa uPetro emi labalitshumi lanye, waphakamissa ilizwi lakhe, wasesithi kubo: Madoda maJuda, lani lonke elihlala eJerusalema, kakwaziwe kini lokhu, njalo lilalelisise amazwi ami. **15** Ngoba laba kabadakwanga, njengoba lina licabanga; ngoba kulihola lesithathu losuku; **16** kodwa lokhu yikho okwakhulunyuwa ngumprofethi uJoweli:

17 Njalo kuzakuthi ensukwini zokucina, utsho uNkulunkulu,
ngizathulula okoMoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama;
lamadodana enu lamadodakazi enu azaprofetha, lamajaha
enu abone imibono, labadala benu baphuphe amaphupho;
18 njalo laphezu kwenceku zami laphezu kwencekukazi zami
ngalezonsuku ngizathulula okoMoya wami, njalo zizaprofetha.
19 Njalo ngizaveza izimangaliso ezulwini phezulu, lezibonakaliso
emhlabeni phansi, igazi, lomlilo, leyezi lentuthu; **20** ilanga
lizaphendulwa umnyama, lenyanga igazi, lungakafiki usuku
lweNkosi olukhulu loludumisekayo; **21** kuzakuthi, wonke obiza
ibizo leNkosi uzasindiswa. **22** Madoda malsrayeli, zwanini la
amazwi: UJesu weNazaretha, umuntu ofakazelwe nguNkulunkulu
phambi kwenu ngemisebenzi yamandla langezimangaliso
langezibonakaliso, uNkulunkulu azenza ngaye phakathi kwenu,
njengalokhu lisazi lani uqobo lwenu, **23** yena lo esenikelwe
ngecebo elimisiwego langokwazi okuphambili kukaNkulunkulu
lamthatha, ngezandla zabangelamthetho lambethela lambulala;
24 yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esethukulule inhlungu zokufa,
ngoba kwakungelakwenzeka ukuthi abanjwe yikho. **25** Ngoba
uDavida uthi ngaye: Ngangibona iNkosi phambi kwami njalonjalo;
ngoba ingakwesokunene sami, ukuze nginganyikinyeki; **26**
ngakho inhliziyo yami yajabula, lolimi lwami lwathokoza; ngitsho
lenyama yami izahlala ethembeni; **27** ngoba kawuyikutshiya
umphefumulo wami esihogweni, kawuyikunikela oNgcwele
wakho ukuthi abone ukubola. (**Hadēs g86**) **28** Wangazisa indlela
zempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngenjabulo ebusweni bakho. **29**
Madoda bazalwane, ake ngikhulume kini ngokusobala ngokhokho
uDavida, ukuthi wafa njalo wangcwatshwa, lengcwaba lakhe
likhona kithi kuze kube lamuhla. **30** Ngakho, yena engumprofethi,

ekwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wafunga ngesifungo kuye, ukuthi esithelweni sokhalo Iwakhe ngokwenyama uzavusa uKristu, ukuze ahlale esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos, **31** ebonile ngaphambili wakhulumu ngokuvuka kukaKristu, ukuthi umphefumulo wakhe kawutshiywanga esihogweni, lenyama yakhe kayikubonanga ukubola. (**Hadēs g86**) **32** UJesu lo uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esingabafakazi balokhu thina sonke. **33** Ngakho ephakanyiswe ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, esemukele kuBaba isithembiso sikaMoya oNgcwele, uthulule lokhu elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi. **34** Ngoba uDavida kenyukelanga emazulwini, kodwa yena uqobo Iwakhe uthi: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, **35** ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. **36** Ngakho indlu kalsrayeli yonke kayazi isibili, ukuthi uNkulunkulu umenzile kokubili ukuba yiNkosi loKristu, uJesu lo elambethelayo lina. **37** Sebekuzwa lokhu bahlabeka enhliziyweni, basebesithi kuPetro lakwabanye abaphostoli: Madoda bazalwane, sizakwenzani? **38** UPetro wasesithi kubo: Phendukani, libhabhathizwe lonke ngamunye wenu ebizweni likaJesu Kristu ethethelelweni Iwezono, njalo lizakwemukela isipho sikaMoya oNgcwele. **39** Ngoba isithembiso ngesenu, lesabantwana benu, lesabo bonke abakhatshana, bonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezababizela kuyo. **40** Langamanye amazwi amanengi wafakaza wakhuthaza wathi: Zisindiseni kulesisizuklwana esiphambeneyo. **41** Ngakho abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe ngokuthokoza babhabhathizwa; njalo ngalolosuku kwengezelelwa imiphefumulo engaba zinkulungwane ezintathu. **42** Basebephikelela ekufundiseni kwabaphostoli lebudlewaneni, lekuhlephuleni isinkwa lemikhulekweni. **43** Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwayo yonke imiphefumulo; njalo

kwenziwa ngabaphostoli izimangaliso lezibonakaliso ezinengi.

44 Njalo bonke abakhholwayo babendawonye, babelezinto zonke bezihlanganyela, **45** basebethengisa izinto lempahla zabo, basebesabelana bonke, njengokuswela komunye lomunye. **46** Insuku ngensuku basebephikelela nganhliziyonye ethempelini, behlephula isinkwa izindlu ngezindlu, besidla ndawonye ngentokozo langenhliziyo emhlophe, **47** bedumisa uNkulunkulu, bethandeka ebantwini bonke. LeNkosi yengezelela ebandleni insuku ngensuku labo abasindiswayo.

3 UPetro loJohane basebesenyukela bonke ethempelini ngehola lomkhuleko elesificamunwemunye. **2** Kwasekuthwalwa indoda ethile eyayiyisiqhuli kusukela esizalweni sikanina; ababeyibeka insuku ngensuku esangweni lethempeli elithiwa eLihle, ukuthi icele isipho kulabo abangenayo ethempelini. **3** Eyathi ibona uPetro loJohane sebezangena ethempelini, yacela isipho. **4** UPetro waseyijolozela eloJohane, wathi: Sikhangele! **5** Yasibananzelela, ilindele ukuthi izakwemukela ulutho kubo. **6** UPetro wasesithi: Isiliva legolide kangilakho; kodwa lokho engilakho, ngikunika khona; ebizweni likaJesu Kristu umNazaretha, sukuma uhambe. **7** Waseyibamba ngesandla sokunene wayisukumisa; njalo kwahle kwaqiniswa inyawo lenqagala zayo. **8** Yasisithi lothu yema yasihamba, yangena labo ethempelini, ihamba iseqa idumisa uNkulunkulu. **9** Njalo bonke abantu bayibona ihamba, idumisa uNkulunkulu; **10** basebeyazi ukuthi yiyo eyayihlalela isipho esangweni eLihle lethempeli; basebegcwala ukumangala lokusanganiseka ngalokho okwenzeka kuyo. **11** Kwathi isiqhuli esasisilisiwe sibambelele kuPetro loJohane, bonke abantu bagijimela kubo ndawonye ekhulusini elithiwa elikaSolomoni, bemangala kakhulu. **12** Kwathi uPetro ekubona lokho waphendula

ebantwini wathi: Madoda malsrayeli, limangalelani ngalokhu, kumbe lisijolozelelani, ngokungathi ngawethu amandla kumbe ukulunga simenze ukuthi lo ahambe? **13** UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama lokalsaka lokaJakobe, uNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu, uyidumisile iNdodana yakhe uJesu; elayinikelayo lina, layiphika phambi kobuso bukaPilatu, yena esequme ukuyikhulula.

14 Kodwa lina lamphika oNgcwele loLungileyo, lacela ukuthi liphiwe indoda engumbulali, **15** labulala uMqali wempilo; amvusayo uNkulunkulu kwabafileyo, esingabafakazi bakho thina. **16** Njalo ngokholo ebizweni lakhe, lo elimbonayo lelimaziyo ibizo lakhe limqinisile; lokholo olungaye lumniko lokhukusila okupheleleyo phambi kwenu lonke. **17** Njalo khathesi, bazalwane, ngiyazi ukuthi lakwenza ngokungazi, njengababusi benu futhi. **18** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wagcwala waNgcwele ngokunjalo lokhu akukhuluma phambili ngomlomo wabaprofethi bakhe bonke, ukuthi uKristu uzahlupheka. **19** Ngakho phendukani libuye futhi, ukuze kwesulwe izono zenu, ukuze kufike izikhathi zokukhudumala ezivela ebusweni beNkosi, **20** njalo ithume lo owamenyezelwa kini phambili, uJesu Kristu; **21** okumele ukuthi izulu limemukele kuze kufike izikhathi zokubuyisela konke, uNkulunkulu akutshoyo ngomlomo wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe abangcwele endulo. (**aiōn g165**) **22** Ngoba uMozisi wathi kubobaba: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane benu onjengami; yena lizamlalela kukho konke azakukhuluma kini. **23** Njalo kuzakuthi, wonke umphefumulo, loba ngubani ongayikumlalela lowomprofethi, uzachithwa ebantwini.

24 Njalo labaprofethi bonke, kusukela kuSamuweli labalandelayo, bonke abakhulumayo, bamemezela phambili lezinsuku. **25** Lina lingabantwana babaprofethi, labesivumelwano uNkulunkulu

asenza labobaba bethu, esithi kuAbrahama: Langenzalo yakho zizabusiswa zonke izizukulwana zomhlaba. **26** UNkulunkulu, eseyivusile iNdodana yakhe uJesu, wayithuma kini kuqala ukulibusisa, ngokuliphendula ngulowo lalowo ebubini bakhe.

4 Kwathi besakhuluma ebantwini, abapristi lenduna yethempeli labaSadusi babafikela, **2** benengekile ngoba babefundisa abantu, njalo betshumayela ukuvuka kwabafileyo ngoJesu. **3** Babadumela ngezandla, babafaka esitokisini kwaze kwaba kusisa; ngoba kwasekuhlwile. **4** Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo ilizwi bakhola; lenani lamadoda lalingaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. **5** Kwasekusithi kusisa kwabuthana ababusi labadala lababhali babo eJerusalema, **6** loAnasi umpristi omkhulu, loKayafasi, loJohane, loAleksandro, labo bonke abendlu yompristi omkhulu. **7** Sebebamise phakathi, babuza: Lokhu lina likwenze ngawaphi amandla kumbe ngaliphi ibizo? **8** Khona uPetro egcwaliswe nguMoya oNgcwele wathi kubo: Babusi babantu labadala bakolsrayeli, **9** nxa thina sibuzwa lamuhla ngomsebenzi omuhle emuntwini obuthakathaka emzimbeni, ukuthi yena usiliswe ngani; **10** kakwaziwe yini lonke laso sonke isizwe sakolsrayeli, ukuthi ngebizo likaJesu Kristu umNazaretha, lina elambethelayo, uNkulunkulu owamvusayo kwabafileyo, ngaye lo umi lapha phambi kwenu esesilile. **11** Yena lo uyilitshe elaliwa yini abakhi, eseliyinhloko yengonsi. **12** Njalo kalukho usindiso komunye; ngoba kalikho lelinye ibizo ngaphansi kwezulu elinikiweyo phakathi kwabantu, esimele sisindiswe ngalo. **13** Kwathi bebona isibindi sikaPetro loJohane, njalo besazi ukuthi babengabantu abangafundanga njalo bengabantu nje, bamangala, njalo babazi ukuthi babeloJesu, **14** kodwa bebona umuntu osilisiweyo emi labo, babengelakuphika lutho. **15** Kodwa

sebebalayile ukuthi baphume phandle emphakathini, bacebisana bodwa, **16** besithi: Sizabenzani lababantu? Ngoba ukuthi isibonakaliso esidumisekayo senziwa yibo, kusobala kubo bonke abahlezi eJerusalema, njalo singekuphike; **17** kodwa ukuze kungabe kusanda phakathi kwabantu, asibaqonqosele ukuthi bangabe besakhulumu lamuntu ngalelibizo. **18** Basebebabiza, babalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi lakanye njalo bangafundisi ngebizo likaJesu. **19** Kodwa uPetro loJohane babaphendula bathi: Yehlukanisani ukuthi kulungile phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kuloNkulunkulu. **20** Ngoba thina kasilakuyekela ukukhulumu izinto esizibonileyo lesizizwileyo. **21** Kwathi sebebaqonqosele futhi, babayekela bahamba; bengatholi lutho lokuthi bangabajezisa njani, ngenxa yabantu, ngoba bonke badumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho okwenzakeleyo. **22** Ngoba umuntu wayeleminyaka edlula amatshumi amane esenziwa kuye lesisibonakaliso seselapho. **23** Kwathi sebeyekelwe basuka baya kwabakibo, bababikela konke abapristi abakhulu labadala abakutshiloylo kubo. **24** Kwathi bona sebezwise baphakamisela ilizwi nganhliyonye kuNkulunkulu, bathi: Nkosi, wena unguNkulunkulu owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho; **25** owathi ngomlomo wenceku yakho uDavida: Kungani abezizwe bexokozela, labantu banakane okuyize? **26** Amakhosi omhlaba ema, lababusi bahlangana ndawonye ukumelana leNkosi, lokumelana loGcotshiweyo wayo; **27** ngoba isibili bahlangana ndawonye bemelane leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu, owayigcobayo, bonke uHerodi loPontiyusi Pilatu, kanye labezizwe labantu bakolsrayeli, **28** ukwenza konke isandla sakho lecebo lakho elakumisa phambili ukuthi kwenzeke. **29** Njalo ngalesisikhathi, Nkosi, khangela

ukusonga kwabo, unike izinceku zakho ukuthi zikhulume ilizwi lakho ngesibindi sonke, **30** ngokuthi welule isandla sakho ukusilisa, lokuthi kwenziwe izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ngebizo leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu. **31** Kwathi sebekhulekile kwazanyazanyiswa indawo ababebuthene kuyo, basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele, basebekhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesibindi. **32** Lexuku labakhholwayo lalinhliziyonye lomoya munye; njalo kungekho oyedwa owathi ezintweni alazo ngezakhe, kodwa bahlanganyela izinto zonke. **33** Langamandla amakhulu abaphostoli baveza ubufakazi bokuvuka kweNkosi uJesu, lomusa omkhulu waba phezu kwabo bonke. **34** Ngoba kwakungekho futhi oswelayo phakathi kwabo; ngoba bonke ababengabanikazi bemihlaba kumbe izindlu, bathengisa balettha intengo zalokho okuthengisiweyo, **35** bayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli; njalo kwabelwa ngulowo lalowo njengokuswela kwakhe. **36** Kwathi uJose owabizwa ngabaphostoli ngokuthi nguBarnabasi, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, indodana yenduduzo, umLevi, umKuprosi ngokuzalwa, **37** elesiqinti, wasithengisa, waletha imali, wayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli.

5 Kodwa indoda ethile uAnaniya ngebizo, loSafira umkakhe, bathengisa impahla, **2** yagodla entengweni, lomkakhe ekwazi, yaletha ingxenye ethile yayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli. **3** Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ananiya, kungani uSathane egcwalise inhliziyo yakho, uqambe amanga kuMoya oyiNgcwele, njalo ugadle entengweni yesiqinti? **4** Sisekhona besingesiso esakho, sesithengisiwe besingekho emandleni akho yini? Kungani ukuthi ubeke lesisenzo enhliziyweni yakho? Kawuqambanga amanga ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu. **5** Kwathi uAnaniya esizwa lamazwi, wawela phansi waphela; lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela

phezu kwabo bonke abazizwayo lezizinto. **6** Lamajaha asuka amgoqela asemthwalela ngaphandle amngcwaba. **7** Kwasekusithi sekungaba ngamahola amathathu kwedlule, lomkakhe wangena engakwazi okwenzakeleyo. **8** UPetro wasemphendula wathi: Ngitshele ukuthi isiqjinti lisithengise ngokungaka. Wasesithi: Yebo, ngokungaka. **9** UPetro wasesithi kuye: Kungani ukuthi livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi? Khangela, inyawo zabangcwabe indoda yakho zisemnyango, lawe bazakuthwalela ngaphandle. **10** Njalo wahle wawela phansi enyaweni zakhe, wasephela; lamajaha engena amfica esefile, asemthwalela ngaphandle amngcwaba eduze kwendoda yakhe. **11** Lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela phezu kwebandla lonke, lakubo bonke abazizwayo lezizinto. **12** Njalo ngezandla zabaphostoli kwensiwa izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinengi ebantwini; babenhliziyonye bonke ekhulusini likaSolomoni. **13** Kodwa kwabanye kwakungekho olesibindi sokuzihlanganisa labo, kodwa abantu babebahlonipha kakhulu; **14** njalo abakholwayo bengezelelwa banda eNkosini, amaxuku womabili amadoda labesifazana; **15** baze bathwalela phandle emigwaqweni abagulayo, basebebeka ezinhlakeni lemacansini, ukuze kuthi lapho uPetro esiza ngitsho isithunzi sibasibekelo abanye babo. **16** Njalo lamaxuku avela emizini ezingelezeleyo babuthana ndawonye eJerusalema, beletha abagulayo labahlutshwa ngomoya abangcolileyo, basiliswa bonke. **17** Kwasekusukuma umpristi omkhulu labo bonke ababelaye abangabehlelo labaSadusi, bagcwala umona, **18** babadumela abaphostoli ngezandla zabo, basebebefaka esitokisini sabantu. **19** Kodwa ebusuku ingilosi yeNkosi yavula iminyango yentolongo yabakhupha yathi: **20** Hambani, njalo lime likhulume ethempelini ebantwini wonke amazwi alimpilo.

21 Kwathi sebezwile, bangena ethempelini emadabukakusa, bafundisa. Kodwa kwasekufika umpristi omkhulu lalabo ababelaye, babizela ndawonye umphakathi labo bonke abadala babantwana bakolsrayeli, bathumela entolongweni ukubaletha.

22 Kodwa kwathi abancedisi befika kababaficanga entolongweni; babuyela emuva babika, **23** besithi: Intolongo siyifice ivaliwe konke kuqinile, labalindi bemi phandle phambi kweminyango; kodwa sesivulile, phakathi kasificanga muntu. **24** Njalo kwathi umpristi lenduna yethempeli labapristi abakhulu bezwe lamazwi, badideka kakhulu ngabo, ukuthi lokhu kuzakuba yini. **25** Kwasekufika omunye wabatshela wathi: Khangelani, amadoda ebeliwafake entolongweni ami ethempelini afundisa abantu.

26 Yasihamba induna labancedisi babaletsha, kungeyisikho ngamandla, ngoba babesesaba abantu, ukuze bangakhandwa ngamatshe. **27** Sebebaletile babamisa phambi komphakathi. Umpristi omkhulu wasebabuza, **28** esithi: Kasililayisisanga yini ukuthi lingafundisi ngalelibizo? Kodwa khangelani seligcwaliise iJerusalema ngemfundiso yenu, liqonde ukwehlisela igazi lalumuntu phezu kwethu. **29** Kodwa uPetro labaphostoli baphendula bathi: Kumele ukulalela uNkulunkulu kulabantu. **30** UNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu wamvusa uJesu, elambulala lina, limphanyeka esihlahleni. **31** Yena lo, uNkulunkulu wamphakamisa ngesandla sakhe sokunene, abe nguMkhokheli loMsindisi, ukunika ulsrayeli ukuphenduka lothethelelo Iwezono. **32** Njalo thina singabafakazi bakhe balezizinto, njalo loMoya oyiNgcwele, uNkulunkulu amnike labo abamlalelayo. **33** Kwathi sebezwile lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu, benza icebo lokubabulala. **34** Kwasekusukuma umFarisi othile emphakathini, uGamaliyeli ngebizo, umfundisi womlayo, ohlonitshwa yibo bonke abantu,

walaya ukuthi bakhuphele phandle abaphostoli okwesikhathshana.

35 Wasesithi kubo: Madoda malsrayeli, ziqapheleni mayelana lalababantu, elizakwenza. **36** Ngoba ngaphambi kwalezinsuku kwasuka uTewuda, esithi yena ngokwakhe ungumuntu, lahlanganyela laye inani lamadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane; wabulawa, labo bonke ababemlalela bachitheka baphela. **37** Emva kwakhe kwasuka uJudasi umGalili ensukwini zokubalwa, wadonsela abantu abanengi ngemva kwakhe; laye wabhubha, lalabo bonke ababemlalela bachitheka. **38** Njalo khathesi ngithi kini: Dedani kulababantu, libayekele; ngoba uba lelicebo kumbe lumsebenzi ungowabantu, uzachitheka; **39** kodwa uba ungokaNkulunkulu, lingeke lawuchitha, hlezi lificwe ngitsho lingabalwayo loNkulunkulu. **40** Basebemlalela; sebebabizele kubo abaphostoli babatshaya, babalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi ngebizo likaJesu, basebebakhulula. **41** Ngakho basuka ebusweni bomphakathi, bethokoza ukuthi kwakubafanele ukudunyazwa ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **42** Njalo insuku zonke, ethempelini lakundlu ngendlu, kabayekelanga ukufundisa lokutshumayela uJesu Kristu.

6 Kwathi ngalezonsuku, abafundi sebandile, kwavela ukusola kwamaHelenisiti ngamaHebheru, ngoba abafelokazi babo babengananzwa ekwabelweni kwensuku ngensuku. **2** Abalitshumi lambili basebebizela kubo ixuku labafundi, bathi: Kakulunganga ukuthi thina sitshiye ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, sisebenze ematafuleni. **3** Ngakho, bazalwane, khangelani phakathi kwenu amadoda ayisikhombisa alobufakazi obuhle, agcwele uMoya oNgcwele lenhlakanipho, esingawamisa phezu kwale inswelo. **4** Kodwa thina sizaphikelela emkhulekweni lemsebenzini welizwi. **5** Lalelilizwi lalithokozisa lonke ixuku;

basebekhetha uStefane, indoda egcwele ukholo loMoya oNgcwele, loFiliphu, loProkoro, loNikanori, loTimoni, loParmena, loNikola owaphendukela kumaJuda evela eAntiyoki, **6** ababamisa phambi kwabaphostoli; sebekhulekile babeka izandla phezu kwabo. **7** Lelizwi likaNkulunkulu landa, lenani labafundi lakhula kakhulu sibili eJerusalem, lexuku elikhulu labapristi lalalela ukholo. **8** Kwathi uStefane egcwele ukholo lamandla wenza izimangaliso lezibonakaliso ezinkulu phakathi kwabantu. **9** Kwasekusukuma abanye abesinagogue elithiya ngelabaKhululwa, labeKurene labeAleksandriya, lakulabo abavela eKilikhiya leAsiya, baphikisana loStefane. **10** Kodwa babengelamandla okumelana lenhlakaniphlo loMoya ayekhuluma ngawo. **11** Basebefumbathisa amadoda athi: Simzwile ekhuluma amazwi ayinhlamba amelana loMozisi loNkulunkulu. **12** Basebevusa abantu labadalababhali, basebemfikela bambamba, bamletha emphakathini, **13** basebemisa abafakazi bamanga abathi: Lumuntu kayekeli ukukhuluma amazwi ayinhlamba amelene lalindawo engcwele langomlayo; **14** ngoba simzwile esithi, uJesu lo weNazaretha uzadiliza lindawo, aphendule lemikhuba uMozisi asinika yona. **15** Bonke ababehlezi emphakathini basebemjolozela, babona ubuso bakhe bungathi yibuso bengilos.

7 Umpristi omkhulu wasesithi: Kambe lezizinto zinjalo? **2** Wasesithi: Madoda, bazalwane labobaba, lalelani. UNkulunkulu wenkazimulo wabonakala kubaba wethu uAbrahama eseMesopotamiya, engakahlahi eHarani, **3** wasesithi kuye: Phuma elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni zakho, uze elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. **4** Wasesuka elizweni lamaKhaladiya wahlala eHarani; kwathi esuka lapho, emva kokufa kukayise,

wamsusa wamhlalisa kulelilizwe elihlezi kilo lina khathesi; **5**
kodwa kamnikanga ilifa kilo, hatshi lanyathela; kodwa wathembisa
ukumnika lona libe ngelakhe, lelenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe,
engakabi lamntwana. **6** UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kanje esithi
inzalo yakhe izakuba yisihambi elizweni lemzini, bazayenza isiggili
bazayiphatha kubi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane; **7** kodwa
lesosizwe, abazakuba yiziggili kuso, ngizasigweba mina, kutsho
uNkulunkulu; njalo emva kwalezizinto bazaphuma, bangikhonze
kulindawo. **8** Wasemnika isivumelwano sokusoka; ngokunjalo
wazala ulsaka, wamsoka ngosuku Iwesificaminwembili; lolsaka
wazala uJakobe, loJakobe okhokho abalitshumi lambili. **9**
Okhokho basebesiba lomona bathengisa uJosefa eGibhithe;
kodwa uNkulunkulu wayelaye, **10** wasemkhulula kuzo zonke
inhlupheko zakhe, wamnika umusa lenhlakanipho phambi
kuFarro inkosi yeGibhithe; wasembeka ukuba ngumbusi
phezu kweGibhithe lowendlu yakhe yonke. **11** Kwasekufika
ndlala elizweni lonke leGibhithe leleKhanani, lokuhlupheka
okukhulu; labobaba bethu kabatholanga ukudla. **12** Kodwa
uJakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe, wathuma
obaba bethu okokuqala. **13** Kwathi ngokwesibili uJosefa
waziswa kubafowabo, labakibo kaJosefa babonakalisa kuFarro.
14 UJosefa wasethumela wabizela kuye uyise uJakobe,
lalo lonke usendo Iwakhe, kulemiphefumulo engamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. **15** UJakobe wasesehlela eGibhithe,
wasesifa yena labobaba bethu; **16** basebethwalelw eShikemi,
balaliswa engcwaben iAbrahama ayelithenge ngentengo yemali
kumadodana kaHamori weShikemi. **17** Kwathi sesisondele
isikhathi sesithembiso uNkulunkulu ayesifunge kuAbrahama,
bakhula abantu banda eGibhithe, **18** kwaze kwavela enye inkosi,

eyayingamazi uJosefa. **19** Yona yasiphatha ngobuqili isizukulu sakithi, yabahlupha obaba bethu, ukubalahlisa insane zabo, ukuze zingaphili. **20** Ngalesosikhathi kwazalwa uMozisi, waba muhle kuNkulunkulu; owondliwa endlini kayise inyanga ezintathu.

21 Eselahliwe, indodakazi kaFaro yamdobha, yazondlela yena ukuthi abe yindodana. **22** Njalo uMozisi wafundiswa kuyo yonke inhlakanipho yamaGibhithe; wasesiba lamandla ngamazwi langemisebenzi. **23** Kwathi eselesikhathi seminyaka engamatshumi amane agcweleyo, kwafika enhliziwayeni yakhe ukuthi ahambele abafowaboabantwana bakolsrayeli. **24** Kwathi ebona omunye ephathwa kubi, wamvikela wamphindisela ohlutshwayo, watshaya umGibhithe; **25** njalo wayethemba ukuthi abafowabo bazaqedisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu ubanika inkululeko ngesandla sakhe; kodwa kabaqedisisanga. **26** Njalo ngosuku olulandelayo wazibonakalisa kubo ababesilwa, wabalamula ngamandla, esithi: Madoda, lingabazalwane; liphathanelani kubi?

27 Kodwa lowo owayemonna umakhelwane wamsunduza, esithi: Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli phezu kwethu? **28** Usufuna ukungibulala yini, njengoba ubulele umGibhithe izolo?

29 Ngalelilizwi uMozisi wasebaleka, waba ngowemzini elizweni leMadiyani, lapho azala khona amadodana amabili. **30** Kwathi sekugcwaliseke iminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwabonakala kuye enkangala yentaba iSinayi ingilosu yeNkosi phakathi kwelangabi lomlilo esihlahleni. **31** Kwathi uMozisi esebonile wamangala ngalowombono; esasondela ukuthi akhangelisise, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuye lisithi: **32** Mina nginguNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama IoNkulunkulu kalsaka IoNkulunkulu kaJakobe. UMozisi wasethuthumela, kazaba lesibindi sokukhangelisisa. **33** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Khulula

amanyathela enyaweni zakho; ngoba indawo omi kiyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele. **34** Ngikubonile lokukubona ukuhlutshwa kwabantu bami abaseGibhithe, njalo ngizwile ukububula kwabo; sengehlide ukuthi ngibakhulule; khathesi-ke woza, ngizakuthuma eGibhithe. **35** UMozi lo abamatayo besithi: Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli? - nguye uNkulunkulu amthumayo ukuba ngumbusi lomkhululi ngesandla sengilosi eyabonakala kuye esihlahleni. **36** Yena wabakhupha, esenze izimangaliso lezibonakaliso elizweni leGibhithe loLwandle oluBomvu, lenkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **37** Nguye lowo uMozi lowathi kubantwana bakolsrayeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane benu onjengami; lizamuzwa yena. **38** Nguye lowo owayesebandleni enkangala, kanye lengilosy eyakhulumayi entabenisiSinayi kanye labobaba bethu; owemukela amazwi aphilayo, ukuze asinike; **39** yena obaba bethu abangavumanga ukumlalela, kodwa bamsunduzela eceleni, basebebuyela eGibhithe ngenhliziyo zabo, **40** besithi kuAroni: Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozi lo, owasikhupha elizweni iGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi wehlelwelwe yini. **41** Basebesenza ithole ngalezonsuku, baletsha umhlatshele esithombeni, bajabula ngemisebenzi yezandla zabo. **42** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wafulathela, wabanikela ukuthi bakhonze ibutho lezulu; njengokulotshiwego encwadini yabaprofethi ukuthi: Laletsha kimi yini imihlatshelo leminikelo iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala, ndlu kalsrayeli? **43** Njalo lathatha ithabhanekele likaMoloki lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uRefani, imifanekiso elayenza ukuthi liyikhonze; njalo ngizalithuthela ngaphambili kweBhabhiloni. **44** Obaba bethu babelalo ithabhanekele lobufakazi enkangala, njengokulayela kwalowo

owakhulumo loMozisi, ukuthi alenze ngomfanekiso ayewubonile;
45 okwathi futhi obaba bethu abalandelayo sebelemukele
balingenisa kanye loJoshua empahleni yeziwe, uNkulunkulu
azixotsha phambi kobuso babobaba, kwaze kwaba sensukwini
zikaDavid; **46** owathola umusa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, wacela
ukutholela uNkulunkulu kaJakobe ithabhanekele. **47** Kodwa
uSolomoni wamakhela indlu. **48** Kodwa oPhezukonke kahlali
ethempelini elenziwe ngezandla, njengokutsho komprofethi
ukuthi: **49** Izulu kimi liyisihlalo sobukhos, lomhlaba uyisenabelo
senyawo zami; lizangakhela indlu enjani, kutsho iNkosi;
kumbe yiyphe indawo yami yokuphumula? **50** Isandla sami
kasizenzanga yini zonke lezizinto? **51** Lina ntamo zilukhuni njalo
abangasokanga enhliziyweni lendlebeni, lina limelana njalonjalo
loMoya oyiNgcwele; njengaboyihlo, linjalo lani. **52** Nguwuphi
owabaprofethi oyihlo abangamzingelanga? Basebebula labo
abamemezela ngaphambili ngokuza koLungileyo, yena lo lina
khathesi eselabangabanikeli lababulali bakhe; **53** elemukela
umlayo ngokuhlela kwezingilos, kodwa kaliwulondolozanga.
54 Bathi sebezwile lezizinto, bahlabeka enhliziyweni zabo,
bamgedlela amazinyo. **55** Kodwa yena egcwele uMoya
oNgcwele, wajolozela ezulwini, wabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu,
loJesu emi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, **56** wasesithi:
Khangelani, ngibona amazulu evulekile, leNdodana yomuntu
imi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **57** Kodwa bamemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu, bavala indlebe zabo, batheleka phezu kwakhe
bengqondonye; **58** basebemkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi,
bamkhanda ngamatshe; labafakazi babeka phansi izembatho
zabo enyaweni zejaha elithiya nguSawuli. **59** Bamkhanda
ngamatshe uStefane, ebiza esithi: Nkosi Jesu, yemukela umoya

wami. **60** Waseguqa ngamadolo, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Nkosi, ungababaleli lesisono. Esetshilo lokhu walala.

8 Njalo uSawuli wayevumelana lokubulawa kwakhe. Ngalolosuku kwasekusuka ukuzingelwa okukhulu kwebandla elaliseJerusalema; bonke basebehlakazeka emazweni eJudiya leSamariya, ngaphandle kwabaphostoli. **2** Amadoda akholwayo asembutha uStefane, amenzela isililo esikhulu. **3** Kodwa uSawuli walichitha ibandla, engena izindlu ngezindlu, ehudula amadoda labafazi ebafaka entolongweni. **4** Ngakho abahlakazekileyo badabula ilizwe, betshumayela ilizwi. **5** UFiliphu wasesehlela emzini weSamariya, watshumayela kubo uKristu. **6** Amaxuku aselalela nganhлизионе okwakhulunywa nguFiliphu, esizwa njalo ebona izibonakaliso azenzayo. **7** Ngoba kwabanengi ababelabomoya abangcolileyo, bememeza ngelizwi elikhulu baphuma; labanengi ababome umhlubulo lababeyiziqhuli basiliswa. **8** Kwaba khona intokozo enkulu kulowomuzi. **9** Njalo indoda ethile, uSimoni ngebizo, eyayikade isenza imilingo emzini isanganisa isizwe saseSamariya, isithi ingumuntu omkhulu; **10** abayilalelayo bonke kusukela kwabancinyane kuze kube kwabakhulu, besithi: Lo ungamandla amakhulu kaNkulunkulu. **11** Basebemlalela, ngoba wabasanganisa isikhathi eside ngemilingo. **12** Kodwa kwathi sebekholwe uFiliphu etshumayela indaba ezinhle zezinto ngombuso kaNkulunkulu langebizo likaJesu Kristu, babhabhathizwa bonke amadoda labafazi. **13** LoSimoni laye wakholwa, njalo esebehbhathiziwe wanamathela kuFiliphu; wasanganiseka, ebona imisebenzi yamandla lezibonakaliso ezazisenziwa. **14** Kwathi abaphostoli abaseJerusalema bezwe ukuthi iSamariya ilemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, bathuma kubo uPetro loJohane; **15** abathi sebehlile babakhulekela, ukuze

bamemukele uMoya oNgcwele; **16** ngoba wayengakehleli lakoyedwa wabo, kodwa babebhabhathizwe ebizweni leNkosi uJesu kuphela. **17** Basebebeka izandla phezu kwabo, basebesemukela uMoya oNgcwele. **18** Njalo uSimoni esebonile ukuthi ngokubekwa kwezandla zabaphostoli uyaphiwa uMoya oyiNgcwele, waletha imali kubo, **19** esithi: Ngiphani lami lawomandla, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani engibeka izandla zami phezu kwakhe, emukele uMoya oNgcwele. **20** Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Isiliva sakho kanye lawe kakube sekubhubheni, ngoba ucabanga ukuthi isipho sikaNkulunkulu singazuzwa ngemali. **21** Kawulasabelo lelifa kuloludaba. Ngoba inhliziyo yakho kayiqondanga phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **22** Ngakho phenduka kulobububi bakho, njalo ucele iNkosi, ukuthi uba kungenzeka uthethelelwе umnakano wenhliziyo yakho. **23** Ngoba ngibona ukuthi usenyongweni ebabayо njalo usekubotshweni yisono. **24** USimoni wasephendula esithi: Ngikhulekelani lina eNkosini, ukuze ngingehlelwа ngolunye lwalezizinto elizikhulumileyo. **25** Ngakho kuthe sebefakazile bekhulumile ilizwi leNkosi, babuyela eJerusalema, njalo betshumayela ivangeli emizaneni eminengi yamaSamariya. **26** Ingilosи yeNkosi yasikhuluma loFilipu, yathi: Sukuma uye eningizimu endleleni eyehla isuka eJerusalema isiyi eGaza; yona iyinkangala. **27** Wasesukuma ehamba; njalo khangela umuntu weEthiyophiya umthenwa induna enkulu kaKandake indlovukazi yamaEthiyophiya, eyayiphezu kwempahla yakhe eligugu yonke, eyayifikile eJerusalema ukukhonza, **28** yayisibuyela ihlezi enqoleni yayo, ibala kumprofethi ulsaya. **29** UMoya wasesithi kuFilipu: Sondela uhambe lalinqola. **30** UFilipu wasegijimela kuyo wayizwa ibala umprofethi ulsaya, wathi: Kambe uyaqedisisa yini lezizinto ozifundayo? **31**

Yasisithi: Kambe ngingakwenelisa njani, ngaphandle kokuthi omunye angiqondise? Yasimcela uFiliphu ukuthi akhwele ahlale layo. **32** Lesehlukwana sombhalo eyayisifunda yilesi: Walethwa ekuhlatshweni njengemu; lanjengewundlu lithule phambi komgundi walo, ngokunjalo kawuvuli umlomo wakhe. **33** Ekuthotshisweni kwakhe ukwahlulelwka kwakhe kwasuswa, njalo ngubani ongalandisa ngesizukulwana sakhe? Ngoba impilo yakhe iyasuswa emhlabeni. **34** Umthenwa wasephendula uFiliphu wathi: Ngiyakubuza, umprofethi ukhuluma lokhu ngobani? Ngaye ngokwakhe, kumbe ngomunye yini? **35** UFiliphu wasevula umlomo wakhe, eseqala kulowombhalo, watshumayela uJesu kuye. **36** Kwathi besahamba endleleni, bafika emanzini athile; lomthenwa wathi: Khangela, nanka amanzi; kuyini okungivimbela ukuthi ngibhabhathizwe? **37** UFiliphu wasesithi: Uba ukholwa ngenhlizyo yonke, kuvunyelwe. Wasephendula wathi: Ngiyakholwa ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **38** Waselaya ukuthi inqola ime; basebesehlala emanzini bobabili, uFiliphu lomthenwa; wasembhabhathiza. **39** Kwathi sebekhuphukile emanzini, uMoya weNkosi wamhluthuna uFiliphu; njalo umthenwa kazabe esambona; wahamba-ke ngendlela yakhe ethokoza. **40** Kodwa uFiliphu waficwa eAzotu; njalo edabula watshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi, waze wafika eKesariya.

9 Kwathi uSawuli, esaphefumula insongo lokubulala emelane labafundi beNkosi, waya kumpristi omkhulu, **2** wacela kuye incwadi zokuya eDamaseko kumasinagoge, ukuze kuthi uba ethola abanye baleyondlela, amadoda kanye labafazi, abalethe eJerusalema bebotshiwe. **3** Kwathi ekuhambeni, kwenzeka ukuthi esesondele eDamaseko; njalo kwahle kwamphazimela

inhlangothi zonke ukukhanya okuvela ezulwini; **4** njalo ewela emhlabathini, wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? **5** Wasesithi: Ungubani, Nkosi? INkosi yasisithi: Mina nginguJesu omzingelayo; kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlelana lezincijo. **6** Ethuthumela njalo emangala wathi: Nkosi, uthanda ukuthi ngenzeni? LeNkosi yathi kuye: Sukuma ungene emzini, njalo uzatshelwa lokho omele ukwenze. **7** Lamadoda ayehamba laye ayemi engelakukhuluma, esizwa ilizwi, kodwa engaboni muntu. **8** USawuli wasevuka emhlabathini; kwathi esevule amehlo akhe, kabonanga muntu. Basebembamba ngesandla, bamusa eDamaseko. **9** Wasesiba lensuku ezintathu engaboni, njalo engadli futhi enganathi. **10** Kwakukhona eDamaseko umfundu othile uAnaniya ngebizo; iNkosi yasisithi kuye ngombono: Ananiya! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, Nkosi. **11** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Sukuma uye endleleni ethiwa iQondile, udinge endlini kaJudasi umuntu, uSawuli ngebizo, weTarsu; ngoba khangela uyakhuleka, **12** njalo ubonile ngombono umuntu, uAnaniya ngebizo, engena ebeka isandla phezu kwakhe, ukuze abuye abone. **13** Kodwa uAnaniya waphendula wathi: Nkosi, ngizwile ngabanengi ngalindoda, kungakanani okubi akwenzileyo kwabangcwele bakho eJerusalema; **14** lalapha ulamandla avela kubapristi abakhulu, okubopha bonke labo ababiza ibizo lakho. **15** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuye: Hamba, ngoba lowo uyisitsha sami esikhethiweyo, ukuphatha ibizo lami phambi kwezizwe lamakhosi, labantwana bakolsrayeli; **16** ngoba mina ngizamtshengisa ukuthi umele ukuhlupheka kangakanani ngenxa yebizo lami. **17** UAnaniya wasesuka wangena endlini, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe esithi: Sawuli mzalwane, iNkosi ingithumile, uJesu obonakele kuwe endleleni oze ngayo,

ukuze ubuye ubone njalo ugcwaliswe ngoMoya oNgcwele.

18 Kwahle kwawa emehlweni akhe kwangathi zinkwethu, wahle wabuye wabona, njalo esukuma wabhabhathizwa, **19** njalo esedlile wathola amandla. USawuli wasehlala labafundi ababeseDamaseko insuku ezithile. **20** Wahle-ke watshumayela uKristu emasinagogeni, ukuthi yena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

21 Njalo bonke abezwayo basanganiseka bathi: Lo kayisuye yini owachitha eJerusalema labo ababiza lelibizo, lalapha uzele lokho ukuthi abaqhube bebotshiwe abase kubapristi abakhulu? **22** Kodwa uSawuli waqiniswa kakhulu, wasanganisa amaJuda akhileyo eDamaseko, eqinisa ukuthi lo unguye uKristu.

23 Kwathi sezicwalisiwe insuku ezinengi, amaJuda enza icebo ndawonye ukuthi ambulale; **24** kodwa iqhingga lawo laziwa nguSawuli. Aselinda emasangweni emini lebusuku, ukuze ambulale; **25** kodwa abafundi bamthatha ebusuku, bamehlisela emthangaleni bemehlisa ngesilulu. **26** Kwathi uSawuli esefikile eJerusalema, wazama ukuzihlanganisa labafundi; kodwa bonke bamesaba, bengakholwa ukuthi ungumfundi. **27** Kodwa uBarnabasi wamthatha wamuska kubaphostoli, wabalandisela ukuthi uyibone njani iNkosi endleleni, lokuthi ikhulumile kuye, lokuthi eDamaseko ukhulume njani ngesibindi ebizweni likaJesu. **28** Wasehlala labo engena ephuma eJerusalema, **29** wasekhuluma ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi uJesu, wakhuluma njalo futhi ephikisana lamaHelenisiti; kodwa bazama ukumbulala.

30 Kodwa abazalwane sebekwazi bamehlisela eKesariya, bamthuma eTarsu. **31** Ngakho amabandla kuyo yonke iJudiya leGalili leSamariya aba lokuthula, esakheka, ehamba ekwesabeni iNkosi langendudu zo kaMoya oNgcwele, anda. **32** Kwasekusithi uPetro edabula indawo zonke wehlela lakwabangcwele

abahlala eLida. **33** Wasefica khona umuntu othile uEneya ngebizo, owayebolele ecansini iminyaka eyisificaminwembili, ome umhlubulo. **34** UPetro wasesithi kuye: Eneya, uJesu Kristu uyakusilisa; sukuma uzendlalele icansi. Njalo wahle wasukuma. **35** Basebembona bonke abakhileyo eLida leSaroni, abaphendukela eNkosini. **36** Kwakukhona ejophumfundikazi othile, uTabitha ngebizo, okungokuchasiswa kuthiwa nguDorkasi; lo wayegcwele imisebenzi emihle lemisebenzi yomusa ayenzayo.

37 Kwasekusithi kulezonsuku wagula wafa; sebemgezisile bamlalisa endlini ephezulu. **38** Njalo njengoba iLida yayiseduze leJopha, abafundi sebezwile ukuthi uPetro wayekhona kuyo, bathuma amadoda amabili kuye, bemncenga ukuthi angaphuzi ukaza kubo. **39** UPetro wasesukuma wahamba labo; okwathi esefikile bamthatha bamusa endlini ephezulu, labafelokazi bonke bema laye behkala bemtshengisa izembatho lezigqoko uDorkasi ayezenzile eselabo. **40** Kodwa uPetro esebakhuphele phandle bonke eguqa ngamadololo wakhuleka; esetshibilikela esidunjini, wathi: Tabitha, vuka! Wasevula amehlo akhe; wabona uPetro, walulama. **41** Wamelulela isandla, wamsukumisa; esebize abangcwele labafelokazi, wambeka phambi kwabo ephila. **42** Kwasekusaziwa kuyo yonke ijophum, labanengi bakholwa eNkosini. **43** Kwenzeka ukuthi ahlale ejophuminsuku ezinengi loSimoni othile umtshuki wezikhumba.

10 Kwakukhona eKesariya indoda ethile ngebizo nguKorneliyu, induna yekhulu yebutho elithiya ngelelthaliya, **2** eqotho lemesabayo uNkulunkulu kanye lendlu yayo yonke, eyenza imisebenzi yomusa eminengi ebantwini, ikhuleka njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu; **3** yabona embonweni ngokucacileyo, ngokungaba lihola lesificamunwemunye losuku, ingilosikaNkulunkulu ingenia

kuyo, yasisithi kuyo: Korneliyu! **4** Waseyijolozela efikelwa yikwesaba wathi: Kuyini, Nkosi? Yasisithi kuye: Imikhuleko yakho lezipho zakho kubayanga kwenyuke kwaba yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Khathesi-ke thuma amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni othiya futhi nguPetro; **6** yena ungenisile kuSimoni othile umtshuki wezikhumba, ondlu yakhe iselwandle; yena uzakutshela ofanele ukwenze. **7** Kwathi ingilosи ebikhuluma loKorneliyu isihambile, wabiza ababili kwabendlu yakhe, lowebutho oqotho kulabo ababemlinda, **8** njalo eselandisile konke kubo, wabathuma eJopha. **9** Njalo kusisa bona besahamba sebesondela emzini, uPetro wenyukela phezu kophahla lwendlu ukuyakhuleka, okungaba lihola lesithupha; **10** waselamba kakhulu, wafuna ukudla; kwathi bona besamlungisela, ukuhlehliswa kwengqondo kwamehlela, **11** wasebona izulu livulekile, lesitsha esithile sehlela kuye, njengelembu elikhulu, libotshwe ngamasondo amane, lisehliselwa emhlabeni; **12** okwakukhona kulo izidalwa zonke ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga lezihuquzelayo lenyoni zezulu. **13** Kwasekufika ilizwi kuye lathi: Sukuma, Petro, hlaba udle. **14** Kodwa uPetro wathi: Hatshi bo, Nkosi; ngoba kangizake ngidle loba yini engahlambulukanga kumbe engcolileyo. **15** Ilizwi laphinda ngokwesibili kuye: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambulileyo, wena ungtsho ukuthi kazihlambulukanga. **16** Njalo lokhu kwenzeka kwaze kwaba kathathu; lesitsha sabuya saphakanyiselwa ezulwini. **17** Kwathi uPetro esadidekile ngaphakathi kwakhe ukuthi ngabe uyini umbono awubonileyo, njalo khangela, amadoda ayethunywe evela kuKorneliyu, esebugile indlu kaSimoni, ema esangweni, **18** esememezile abuza ukuthi uSimoni, othiya futhi nguPetro, ungenisile lapha yini. **19** Kwathi uPetro esanakana ngombono,

uMoya wathi kuye: Khangela, amadoda amathathu ayakudinga.

20 Ngakho sukuma wehle, uhambe lawo, ungathandabuzi; ngoba yimi engiwathumileyo. **21** UPetro wasesehlela emadodeni avela kuKorneliyu ayethunywe kuye, wathi: Khangelani, yimi elimdingayo; yisizatho bani elize ngaso? **22** Basebesithi: UKorneliyu induna yekhulu, indoda elungileyo lemesabayo uNkulunkulu, efakazelwa yisizwe sonke samaJuda, walayelwa nguNkulunkulu ngengilosи engcwele ukuthi akubizele endlini yakhe, njalo ezwe amazwi kuwe. **23** Ngakho esebabizele phakathi wabangenisa. Njalo kusisa uPetro waphuma wahamba labo, labanye babazalwane ababeseJopha bahamba laye. **24** Ngosuku olulandelayo basebengena eKesariya. LoKorneliyu wayebalindele, esebizele ndawonye izihlobo zakhe labangane abazwana laye. **25** Kwathi sekwenzakele ukuthi uPetro angene, uKorneliyu wamhlangabeza, ewela enyaweni zakhe, wamkhonza. **26** Kodwa uPetro emphakamisa, wathi: Sukuma; lami ngokwami ngingumuntu. **27** Njalo esakhulumaya layo wangena, wafica abanengi bebuthene, **28** wasesithi kubo: Lina liyazi ukuthi kakuvunyelwa emuntwini ongumJuda ukuhlangana kumbe ukuya emuntwini wesinye isizwe; kodwa uNkulunkulu ungitshengisile ukuthi ngingabizi muntu ngokuthi kahlambulukanga kumbe ungcilile; **29** ngakho-ke ngizile ngingaphikisanga nxa ngibizwa. Ngakho ngiyabuza, ukuthi ungbizele sizatho bani? **30** UKorneliyu wasesithi: Ngensuku ezine ezidlulileyo kuze kube yilelihola ngangizila ukudla, ngehola lesificamunwemunye ngangikhuleka endlini yami; njalo khangela, indoda yema phambi kwami yembethe isembatho esikhazimulayo, **31** yasisithi: Korneliyu, umkhuleko wakho uzwakele, lemisebenzi yakho yomusa ikhunjulwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **32** Ngakho thumela ejopha,

ubusubiza uSimoni othiwa futhi nguPetro; yena ungenisile endlini kaSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba ngaselwandle; ozakuthi angabuya akutshele. **33** Ngakho ngahle ngathumela kuwe; njalo wena wenze kuhle ukuthi ufile. Ngakho khathesi sesikhona sonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuze sizwe konke okulayelwe nguNkulunkulu. **34** Kwathi uPetro evula umlomo, wathi: Ngeqiniso njiyaqedisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu kayisuye umkhangeli wobuso bomuntu; **35** kodwa kuso sonke isizwe yena omesabayo lowenza ukulunga, uyemukeleka kuye. **36** Ilizwi alithumela kubantwana bakolsrayeli, ngevangeli etshumayela ukuthula ngoJesu Kristu (yena uyiNkosi yabo bonke). **37** Lina liyalazi ilizwi elamenyezelwa eJudiya yonke, kusukela eGalili, emva kobhabhathizo uJohane alutshumayelayo; **38** uJesu weNazaretha, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamgcoba njani ngoMoya oNgcwele langamandla, owabhoda esenza okulungileyo njalo esilisa bonke labo abacindezelwe ngudiyabhola, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayelaye. **39** Lathi singabafakazi bezinto zonke azenzayo elizweni lamaJuda leJerusalema; abambulala bamphanyeka esihlahleni. **40** Yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa ngosuku Iwesithathu, wasemnika ukuze abonakale, **41** kungeyisikho kubo bonke abantu, kodwa kubafakazi ababekhethwe ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu, kithi, esadla sanatha kanye laye emva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo. **42** Wasesilaya ukuthi sitshumayele ebantwini, sifakaze ukuthi nguye omiswe nguNkulunkulu ukuba nguMehluli wabaphilayo labafileyo. **43** Ngaye bonke abaprofethi bafakaza, ukuthi wonke okholwa kuye uzakwemukela uthethelelo Iwezono ngebizo lakhe. **44** Kwathi uPetro esakhulumu lawomazwi, uMoya oyiNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo bonke abalizwayo ilizwi. **45** Labokusoka abakholwayo basanganiseka, bonke ababefike loPetro, ukuthi

isipho sikaMoya oNgcwele sathululelwa laphezu kwabezizwe;
46 ngoba babezwa bekhuluma ngendimi, bekhulisa uNkulunkulu.
Khona uPetro waphendula wathi: **47** Ukhona yini ongala lamanzi,
ukuthi laba bangabhabhathizwa, abemukele uMoya oyiNgcwele
lanjengathi? **48** Waselaya ukuthi babhabhathizwe ebizweni
leNkosi. Basebemcela ukuthi ahlale insuku ezithile.

11 Abaphostoli labazalwane ababeseJudiya basebesizwa ukuthi
abezizwe labo balemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **2** Kwathi uPetro
esenyukele eJerusalema, abokusoka baphikisana laye, **3** besithi:
Ungene emadodeni angasokanga, wadla lawo. **4** Kodwa uPetro
eqala wabalandisela ngokulandelana esithi: **5** Mina ngangisemzini
weJophia ngikhuleka, ngasengibona ekuhlehlisweni kwengqondo
umbono, kwehla isitsha esithile, sinjengelembu elikhulu sisehliswa
ngamasondo amane sivela ezulwini, sasesifika kimi; **6** okwathi
sengilikhangelisisile ngaqaphelisa, ngasengibona inyamazana
ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga lezihuquzelayo lenyon
zezulu. **7** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi kimi: Sukuma, Petro,
hlabu udle. **8** Kodwa ngathi: Hatshi bo Nkosi; ngoba loba
yini engahlambulukanga kumbe engcolileyo kayizake ingene
emlonyeni wami. **9** Kodwa ilizwi langiphendula ngokwesibili
livela ezulwini lathi: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambululileyo,
wena ungatsho ukuthi kazihlambulukanga. **10** Lokhu-ke
kwenzeka kathathu, njalo konke kwabuye kwadonselwa phezulu
ezulwini. **11** Njalo khangela, ngasona lesosikhathi amadoda
amathathu ema phambi kwendlu engangikuyo, ethunyiwe
kimi evela eKesariya. **12** UMoya wasesithi kimi ngijhambe
lawo, ngingathandabuzi; lalababazalwane abayisithupha labo
bahamba lami, sasesingena endlini yendoda; **13** yasisibikela
ukuthi yayibone njani ingilosi imi endlini yayo, isithi kuyo:

Thumela amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni, othiwa nguPetro, **14**
ozakutshela amazwi, ozasindiswa ngawo wena lendlu yakho
yonke. **15** Kwathi ngisaqala ukukhuluma, uMoya oyiNgcwele
wehlela phezu kwabo, lanjengakithi ekuqaleni. **16** Ngakhumbula
ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi yakhuluma njani isithi: Isibili uJohane
wabhabhathiza ngamanzi, kodwa lina lizabhabhathizwa ngoMoya
oNgcwele. **17** Ngakho nxa uNkulunkulu ebanikile isipho
esifananayo lanjengakithi, esakholwa eNkosini uJesu Kristu, mina
bengingubani ebengingavimbela uNkulunkulu? **18** Njalo bathi
sebezizwile lezizinto bathula, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi:
Ngakho-ke uNkulunkulu unikile abezizwe labo ukuphendukela
empilweni. **19** Labo-ke abahlakazeka ngokuhlupheka okwenzeka
mayelana loStefane badabula baze bafika eFenekiya leKuprosi
leAntiyoki, bengalikhulumi ilizwi lakoyedwa ngaphandle
kumaJuda kuphela. **20** Kodwa kwakukhona abanye kubo,
amadoda amaKuprosi lamaKurene, abathi sebefike eAntiyoki,
bakhluma lamaHelenisiti, betshumayela indaba ezinhle zeNkosi
uJesu. **21** Lesandla seNkosi sasilabo; njalo inani elikhulu
lakholwa laphendukela eNkosini. **22** Zasezizwakala indaba ngabo
endlebeni zebandla elaliseJerusalema; basebethuma uBarnabasi
ukuthi adabule kuze kube seAntiyoki; **23** kwathi esefikile esebona
umusa kaNkulunkulu wathokoza, wasebakhuthaza bonke ukuthi
babambelele eNkosini ngokuzimisela kwenhliziyo; **24** ngoba
wayeyindoda elungileyo egcwele uMoya oNgcwele lokholo;
kwengezelwa eNkosini ixuku elikhulu. **25** UBarnabasi wasesiya
eTarsu ukuze adinge uSawuli, **26** kwathi esemtholile wamletha
eAntiyoki. Kwasekusithi umnyaka wonke behlangana ebandleni
bafundisa ixuku elikhulu; njalo abafundi baqala ukubizwa
ngokuthi ngamaKristu eAntiyoki. **27** Kwathi ngalezonsuku kwafika

eAntiyoki abaprofethi bevela eJerusalema. **28** Kwasekusukuma omunye wabo othiwa nguAgabusi, watshengisa ngoMoya ukuthi kuzakuba khona indlala enkulu emhlabeni wonke; eyaba khona futhi ngesikhathi sikaKlawudiyosi Kesari. **29** Labafundi bazimisela ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wabo athumele njengamandla alowo lalowo okokusiza abazalwane abahlala eJudiya; **30** abakwenzayo-ke, bakuthumela kubadala ngesandla sikaBarnabasi loSawuli.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi inkosi waseselula izandla ukuthi ahluphe abanye bebandla. **2** Wasebulala uJakobe umfowabo kaJohane ngenkemba. **3** Esebonile ukuthi lokhu kuyawathokozisa amaJuda, waqhubeka wabamba uPetro laye (njalo kwakuzinsuku zesinkwa esingelamvubelo); **4** esembambilie laye wamfaka entolongweni, wamnikela kumaviyo amane alamabutho amane ukuze amlinde, eqonde ukumusa ebantwini emva kwephasika. **5** Ngakho uPetro wagcinwa entolongweni; kodwa umkhuleko oqhubekayo wenziwa libandla ngaye kuNkulunkulu. **6** Kwathi uHerodi ese zamkhupha, ngalobobusuku uPetro wayelele phakathi kwabebutho ababili, ebotshwe ngamaketane amabili; labalindi phambi komnyango babegcine intolongo. **7** Njalo khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yema, lokukhanya kwakhanyisa ekamelweni; yasitshaya uPetro ehlangothini, yamvusa isithi: Sukuma ngokuphangisa. Asesiwa amaketane akhe ezandleni zakhe. **8** Ingilosi yasisithi kuye: Bhinca, ubophe amanyathela akho. Wasesenza njalo. Yasisithi kuye: Yembatha isembatho sakho, ungilandele. **9** Wasephuma wayilandela; njalo wayengazi ukuthi kuliqiniso okwenziwa yingilosi, kodwa wayecabanga ukuthi ubona umbono. **10** Njalo sebedlulile abalindi bokuqala labesibili, bafika esangweni lensimbi, elokuya emzini, elabavulekela ngokwalo; basebephuma bahamba umgwaqo waba munye; njalo

ingilosи yahle yamtshiya. **11** Kwathi uPetro, eseqaqabukile, wathi: Khathesi sengisazi ngeqiniso ukuthi iNkosi ithumile ingilosи yayo, yangikhulula esandleni sikaHerodi lakukho konke okulindelwe yisizwe samaJuda. **12** Kwathi esenanzelele waya endlini kaMariya unina kaJohane othiwa futhi nguMarko, lapho okwakuhlangene khona abanengi behkuleka. **13** Kwathi uPetro eseqoqodile esivalweni sesango, incekukazi encane yeza ukulalela, uRoda ngebizo, **14** kwathi isilazi ilizwi likaPetro, kayivulanga isango ngenxa yentokozo, kodwa yagijima yangena yabika ukuthi uPetro umi phambi kwesango. **15** Kodwa bathi kuyo: Uyahlanya. Kodwa yaqinisisa ukuthi kunjalo. Basebesithi: Yingilosи yakhe. **16** Kodwa uPetro waqhubeka eqoqoda; sebevulile bambona, basanganiseka. **17** Wasebaqhweba ngesandla ukuze bathule, wabalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe njani entolongweni, wathi: Bikelani uJakobe labazalwane lezizinto. Wasephuma waya kwenye indawo. **18** Sekusile, kwaba khona isiphithiphithi esingesincinyane phakathi kwebutho, ukuthi wayesehlelwe yini uPetro. **19** Kwathi uHerodi esemdingile engamtholi, wabuzisia abalindi, walaya ukuthi basuswe bayebulawa. Wasesuka eJudiya wehlela eKesariya wahlala khona. **20** Njalo uHerodi wayebathukuthelele abeTire labeSidoni; basebesiza kuye bengqondonye; sebevumelene loBlastusi induna yekamelo lokulala lenkosi, bacela ukuthula, ngoba ilizwe labo lalifunzwa ngelenkosi. **21** Njalo ngosuku olumisiweyo uHerodi wembatha isembatho sobukhosi, wasehlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, wenza inkulomo kubo. **22** Abantu basebememeza besithi: Yilizwi likaNkulunkulu njalo kayisilo elomuntu. **23** Njalo yahle yamtshaya ingilosи yeNkosi, ngoba kanikanga udumo kuNkulunkulu; wasedliwa zimpethu, waphela. **24** Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu

lakhula landa. **25** UBarnabasi loSawuli basebebuya bevela eJerusalema, sebeqedile inkonzo, babuya beloJohane laye othiwa futhi nguMarko.

13 Kwakukhona eAntiyoki ebandleni lapho abaprofethi labafundisi abathile, uBarnabasi kanye loSimeyoni othiwa nguNigeri, loLukiyu umKurene, loManayeni owayondliwe kanye loHerodi umtetrarki, loSawuli. **2** Kwathibekhonza iNkosi bezila ukudla, uMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: Ngehlukaniselani oBarnabasi kanye loSawuli emsebenzini engibabizele wona. **3** Sebezile ukudla bakhuleka babeka izandla phezu kwabo, babathuma. **4** Bona-ke sebethunyiwe nguMoya oyiNgcwele, behlela eSelukiya, basuka lapho bayo eKuprosi ngomkhumbi. **5** Kwathi sebefikile eSalamisi, batshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu emasinagogeni amaJuda; njalo babeloJohane umsizi. **6** Kwathi sebedabule isihlenge bafika ePhafosi, bafica isanuse esithile, umprofethi wamanga, umJuda, obizo lakhe nguBarjesu, **7** owayelombusi uSergiyu Pawuli, indoda ehlakaniphileyo. Lo wabizela kuye uBarnabasi loSawuli edinga ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa isanuse, uElimasi, ngoba liphendulelwa njalo ibizo lakhe, waphikisana labo, edinga ukuphambula umbusi ekholweni. **9** Kodwa uSawuli, onguPawuli futhi, egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, njalo emjolozela **10** wathi: O wena ogcwele inkohliso yonke lobuqili bonke, ndodana kadiyabholo, sitha sakho konke ukulunga, kawuyekeli ukuphambula indlela eziqondileyo zeNkosi yini? **11** Njalo khathesi khangela, isandla seNkosi siphezu kwakho, njalo uzakuba yisiphofu, ungaliboni ilanga okwesikhathi. Kwahle kwamehlela ukufiphala lobumnyama, wahamba ebhoda edinga abazamdonsa ngesandla. **12** Ngalesosikhathi umbusi wabona okwenziweyo wakholwa, edidwa yimfundiso yeNkosi.

13 UPawuli lababelaye basebesuka ngomkhumbi ePhafosi bafika ePerga esePamfiliya. Kodwa uJohane wehlukana labo wabuyela eJerusalema. **14** Kodwa bona bedabula besuka ePerga, bafika eAntiyoki esePisidiya; ngosuku Iwesabatha basebengena esinagogeni, bahlala phansi. **15** Kwathi sekufundwe umlayo labaprofethi, abaphathi besinagoge bathumela kubo, besithi: Madoda bazalwane, uba kulelizwi phakathi kwenu lenkuthazo ebantwini, khulumani. **16** Kwathi uPawuli esukuma, njalo eqhweba ngesandla, wathi: Madoda malsrayeli, lani elesaba uNkulunkulu, lalelani. **17** UNkulunkulu walesisizwe sakolsrayeli wakhetha obaba bethu, wabaphakamisa abantu bengabemzini elizweni leGibhithe, wabakhupha kulo ngengalo ephakemeyo.

18 Wasebekezelela isimilo sabo okungaba yisikhathi seminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. **19** Njalo esechithile izizwe eziyisikhombisa elizweni leKhanani, wabehlukanisela ilizwe labo ngenkatho. **20** Lemva kwalezzinto, okungaba ngokweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, wabanika abahluleli kwaze kwaba nguSamuweli umprofethi. **21** Njalo kusukela lapho bacela inkosi; uNkulunkulu wasebanika uSawuli indodana kaKishi, indoda yesizwe sakoBhenjamini, okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **22** Njalo esemkhuphile, wabavusela uDavida waba yinkosi, afakaza langaye ngokuthi: Ngimtholile uDavida kaJese, indoda ngokwenhliziyo yami, ezakwenza intando yami yonke. **23** Enzialweni yalumuntu njengesithembiso, uNkulunkulu uvusele ulsrayeli uMsindisi uJesu; **24** engakafiki yena uJohane wayesetshumayele kuqala ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka kubo bonke abantu bakolsrayeli. **25** UJohane esegcwaliise uhambo Iwakhe, wathi: Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani? Kangisuye mina; kodwa khangelani, emva kwami

uyeza, engingafanelanga ukukhulula amanyathela enyawo zakhe.

26 Madoda bazalwane, bantwana bohlanga lukaAbrahama, lalabo phakathi kwenu abesaba uNkulunkulu, lithunyelwe kini ilizwi lalolusindiso. **27** Ngoba labo abahlala eJerusalema lababusi babo kabamazanga lo, bawagcwala lamazwi abaprofethi afundwayo isabatha ngesabatha, ngokumlahla; **28** njalo bengatholi lacala lokufa, bacela kuPilatu ukuthi abulawe. **29** Kwathi sebeqedile konke okulotshiweyo ngaye, bamethula esihlahleni, bamlalisa engcwaben. **30** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafleyo; **31** owabonwa insuku ezinengi yilabo ababenyuukele laye ukuya eJerusalema besuka eGalili, abangabafakazi bakhe ebantwini.

32 Lathi sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini zesithembiso esenziwa kubobaba, **33** ukuthi uNkulunkulu usigcwalisile sona kithi, abantwana babo, emvusile uJesu, njengoba kulotshiwe futhi kusihlabelelo sesibili ukuthi: Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla mina ngikuzele. **34** Njalo ngokuthi wamvusa kwabafleyo, engasayikubuyela ekuboleni, wakhuluma kanje wathi: Ngizalinika izibusiso ezingcwele lezithembekileyo zikaDavida. **35** Ngakho njalo kwenye indawo uthi: Kawuyikunikela oNgcwele wakho abone ukubola. **36** Ngoba uDavida, esekhonze esakhe isizukulwana ngecebo likaNkulunkulu walala, njalo walaliswa laboyise, wabona ukubola; **37** kodwa lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo, kakubonanga ukubola. **38** Ngakho kakwaziwe yini, madoda bazalwane, ukuthi ngalowo kutshunyayelwa kini uthethelelo Iwezono; **39** njalo kulo wonke okholwayo uyalungisiswa kukho konke ebelingelungisiswe kukho ngomlayo kaMozisi. **40** Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi kalehlelwa yilokhu okwakhulunywa kubaprofethi, okokuthi: **41** Khangelani, zideleli, njalo limangale, litshabalale; ngoba mina ngenza umsebenzi

ensukwini zenu, umsebenzi elingasoze lawukholwa, nxa umuntu elilandisela. **42** Kwathi ekuphumeni kwamaJuda esinagogeni, abezizwe bacela ukuthi lamazwi akhulunywe kubo ngesabatha elilandelayo. **43** Kwathi abesinagoge sebephumile, abanengi kumaJuda labakhonzayo abaphendukela kumaJuda balandela uPawuli loBarnabasi; abakhuluma labo, bebancenga ukuthi bahlale emuseni kaNkulunkulu. **44** Kwathi ngesabatha elilandelayo babuthana kwaphose kwaba ngumuzi wonke ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **45** Kodwa amaJuda ebona amaxuku agcwaliswa ngomona, aphikisa izinto ezakhulunywa nguPawuli, ephikisa njalo ehlambaza. **46** Kodwa uPawuli loBarnabasi bekhuluma ngesibindi bathi: Kwakudingeka ukuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu likhulunywe kini kuqala; kodwa njengoba lilinina, njalo lizigweba ukuthi alifanelanga impilo elaphakade, khangelani, siphendukela kwabezizwe. (*aiōnios g166*) **47** Ngoba iNkosi isilayile ngokunjalo yathi: Ngikumisile ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe, ube ngowosindiso kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. **48** Kwathi abezizwe bekuzwa bathokoza, basebelidumisa ilizwi leNkosi, basebekholwa bonke ababemiselwe impilo elaphakade; (*aiōnios g166*) **49** lelizwi leNkosi lasatshalaliswa elizweni lonke. **50** Kodwa amaJuda avusa abesifazana abakhonzayo abadumileyo lezikhulu zomuzi, avusela uPawuli loBarnabasi ukuzingelwa, abaxotsha emikhawulweni yawo. **51** Kodwa babathintithela uthuli Iwenyawo zabo, bafika elkoniyuma. **52** Njalo abafundi bagcwaliswa ngentokozo loMoya oNgcwele.

14 Kwasekusithi elkoniyuma, bangena ndawonye esinagogeni lamaJuda, basebekhuluma njalo kwaze kwakholwa ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda kanye lamaGriki. **2** Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo avusa athela umoya omubi emiphefumulweni yabezizwe

ngabazalwane. **3** Ngakho bahlala isikhathi eside bekhuluma ngesibindi beseNkosini eyafakazela ilizwi lomusa wayo, njalo ibanika ukuthi kwenziwe izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ngezandla zabo. **4** Kodwa ixuku lomuzi lehlukaniswa phakathi; abanye basebesiba lamaJuda, labanye baba labaphostoli. **5** Kwathi sekulokuhlasela kwabezizwe lamaJuda kanye lababusi babo, okokubaphatha kubi lokubakhanda ngamatshe, **6** sebekwazi, babalekela emizini yeLikawoniya, eListra leDerbe, lelizweni elizingelezeleyo; **7** lakhona batshumayela ivangeli. **8** Njalo eListra kwakuhlezi indoda ethile engelamandla enyaweni zayo, eyisighuli kusukela esizalweni sikanina, engazange ihambe. **9** Yona yamuzwa uPawuli ekhuluma; yena eyijolozela, ebona ukuthi ilokholo lokuthi isindisiwe, **10** wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Sukuma, ume ngenyawo zakho uqonde. Yasisukuma yathi lothu yahamba. **11** Kwathi amaxuku, ebona uPawuli akwenzileyo, aphakamisa amazwi awo esithi ngesiLikawoniya: Onkulunkulu behlele kithi befanana labantu. **12** UBarnabasi basebembiza ngokuthi nguZewusi, IoPawuli ngokuthi nguHermesi, ngoba yena wayengumkhokheli wokukhuluma. **13** Njalo umpristi kaZewusi owayephambi komuzi wabo, waletha izinkabi lemigaxo emasangweni, wafuna ukuhlaba umnikelo ekanye lamaxuku. **14** Kodwa abaphostoli uBarnabasi IoPawuli besizwa, badabula izembatho zabo, baphoseka exukwini, bememeza **15** besithi: Madoda, lizenzelani lezizinto? Lathi singabantu abalemizwa efanana leyenu, sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini ukuthi liphenduke kulezozinto eziyize liphendukele kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho; **16** owathi ezizukulwaneni ezidlulileyo wayekela izizwe zonke zahamba ngendlela zazo. **17** Loba kunjalo kayekelanga yena

ukuthi angabi lobufakazi, ukwenza okuhle esinika izulu livela ezulwini lezikhathi zenala, egcwalisa inhlizyo zenu ngokudla langenjabulo. **18** Njalo behkuluma lezizinto, bawayekelisa kalukhuni amaxuku ukuthi angabahlabeli. **19** Kodwa kwafika amaJuda avela eAntiyoki lelkonyuma, encenga amaxuku, amkhanda uPawuli ngamatshe, amhudulela ngaphandle komuzi, ecabanga ukuthi ufile. **20** Kodwa kwathi abafundi bembuthanelo, wasukuma wangena emzini; kusisa wasuka loBarnabasi baya eDerbe. **21** Njalo sebetshumayele ivangeli kulowomuzi, sebezuzile abafundi abanengi, babuyela eListra lelkonyuma leAntiyoki, **22** beginisa imiphefumulo yabafundi, bebakhuthaza ukuthi bahlale ekholweni, lokuthi simele ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ngezinhlupheko ezinengi. **23** Kwathi sebebabekele abadala kulo lonke ibandla, bakhuleka kanye lokuzila ukudla, babanikela eNkosini, asebekholwe kiyo. **24** Basebedabula iPisidiya baya ePamfiliya. **25** Sebekhulumile ilizwi ePerga, behlela eAtaliya; **26** basuka lapho ngomkhumbi baya eAntiyoki, besuka lapho ababenikelwe khona emuseni kaNkulunkulu emsebenzini abasebewuqedile. **27** Kwathi sebefikile bahlanganisa ibandla, balandisa konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile labo, lokuthi uvulele abezizwe umnyango wokholo. **28** Basebehlala lapho okwesikhathi esingesifitshane labafundi.

15 Kwasekusehla abathile bevela eJudiya, bafundisa abazalwane ukuthi: Nxa lingasokwanga ngokwesiko likaMozisi, lingesindiswe. **2** Ngakho kwathi sekulokuphambana lokuphikisana okungekuncinyane ngoPawuli loBarnabasi bemelane labo, bamisa ukuthi uPawuli loBarnabasi labanye abathile kubo benyukele kubaphostoli labadala eJerusalema, ngaloludaba. **3** Ngakho, kwathi sebephelekezelwe libandla, badabula iFenekiya

leSamariya, balandisa ngokuphenduka kwabezizwe; benzela bonke abazalwane intokozo enkulu. **4** Kwathi sebefikile eJerusalema, bemukelwa libandla labaphostoli labadala, njalo balandisa ukuthi zingakanani izinto uNkulunkulu ayezenze labo. **5** Kodwa kwasukuma abanye abakholwayo abangabehlelo labaFarisi, besithi: Kufanele ukubasoka, lokubalaya bagcine umlayo kaMozisi. **6** Kwasekubuthana abaphostoli labadala ndawonye ukuze baluhhole loludaba. **7** Kwathi sebephikisene kakhulu, uPetro wasukuma wathi kubo: Madoda bazalwane, lina liyazi ukuthi ensukwini zakuqala uNkulunkulu wakhetha phakathi kwethu, ukuthi ngomlomo wami abezizwe balizwe ilizwi levangeli, bakholwe. **8** Njalo uNkulunkulu umazi wenhlizyo wabafakazela, ebanika uMoya oyiNgcwele, lanjengathi; **9** futhi kehlukanisanga phakathi kwethu labo, ehlambulula inhlizyo zabo ngokholo. **10** Pho-ke limlingelani uNkulunkulu, ngokubeka ijogwe entanyeni yabafundi, obaba bethu kanye lathi esingabanga lamandla okulithwala? **11** Kodwa sikhola ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu, ngandlelanye labo. **12** Ixuku lonke laselithula; laselisizwa uBarnabasi loPawuli belandisa ukuthi zingakanani izibonakaliso lezimangaliso uNkulunkulu ayezenze ngabo phakathi kwabezizwe. **13** Kwathi bona sebeqedile ukukhuluma, uJakobe waphendula wathi: Madoda bazalwane, ngilalelani: **14** USimeyoni uselandisile ukuthi uNkulunkulu wahambela njani abezizwe ekuqaleni ukuze azuzele ibizo lakhe abantu kubo. **15** Njalo amazwi abaprofethi ayavumelana lalokhu, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: **16** Emva kwalezizinto ngizabuya, ngilakhe futhi ithabhanekele likaDavida eliwileyo; njalo ngizakwakha okudilikileyo kwalo, njalo ngilimise; **17** ukuze abaseleyo babantu bayidinge iNkosi, labezizwe bonke

ibizo lami elibizwa phezu kwabo, itsho iNkosi eyenza lezizinto zonke. **18** Kwaziwa kuNkulunkulu imisebenzi yonke yakhe kusukela ephakadeni. (aiōn g165) **19** Ngakho mina ngiquma ukuthi singabakhathazi labo kwabbezizwe abaphendukela kuNkulunkulu; **20** kodwa sibabhalele ukuthi bazile amanyala ezithombe, lokufeba, lokukhanyiweyo, legazi. **21** Ngoba uMozisi ulabo kusukela ezizukulwaneni zendulo abamtshumayelayo umuzi ngomuzi, efundwa emasinagogeni isabatha ngesabatha. **22** Kwasekubonakala kukuhle kubaphostoli lakubadala kanye lebandla lonke, ukuthuma amadoda akhethiwego phakathi kwabo eAntiyoki loPawuli loBarnabasi; babe ngoJudasi othiwa futhi nguBarsaba, loSilasi, amadoda angabakhokheli phakathi kwabazalwane, **23** basebebhala lokhu ngesandla sabo ukuthi: Abaphostoli labadala labazalwane kubazalwane abangabezizwe eAntiyoki leSiriya leKilikhiya, bayabingelela; **24** njengoba sizwile ukuthi abathile abaphume kithi balikhathazile ngamazwi, bedunga imiphefumulo yenu, besithi lisokwe lilonde umthetho, bona esingabalayanga; **25** kwabonakala kukuhle kithi singqondonye, ukuthi siwakhethe amadoda siwathume kini, kanye labathandekayo bethu uBarnabasi loPawuli, **26** abantu abanikele impilo yabo ngenxa yebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **27** Ngakho sithumile uJudasi loSilasi, abazakuthi labo ngelizwi lomlomo balitshele izinto ezifananayo. **28** Ngoba kwabonakala kukuhle kuMoya oNgcwele, lakithi, ukuthi singalethesi umthwalo omkhulu, ngaphandle kwalezizinto ezifunekayo: **29** Ukuthi lizile okuhlatshelwe izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyiweyo, lokufeba; lezizinto nxa lizazizila, lizabe lenze kuhle. Salani kuhle. **30** Ngakho sebebakhululile beza eAntiyoki; futhi sebelihlanganisile ixuku, balinika incwadi. **31** Kwathi sebefundile, bathokoza ngenduduzo.

32 UJudasi kanye loSilasi, njengoba labo babengabaprofethi, balaya abazalwane ngamazwi amanengi, babaqinisa. 33 Sebehlale isikhathi, bayekelwa basuka ngokuthula kubazalwane baya kubaphostoli, 34 kodwa kwabonakala kukuhle kuSilasi ukuthi asale khona. 35 UPawuli loBarnabasi basebesala eAntiyoki, befundisa betshumayela indaba ezinhle zelizwi leNkosi, kanye labanye abanengi. 36 Emva kwensuku ezithile uPawuli wasesithi kuBarnabasi: Ake sibuye sihambele abazalwane bethu emizini yonke, lapho esatshumayela khona ilizwi leNkosi, sibone ukuthi bahlezi njani. 37 UBarnabasi wasehlosa ukuthatha uJohane, othiwa nguMarko, ahambe labo. 38 Kodwa uPawuli wacabanga ukuthi kufanele ukuthi bangamthathi ahambe labo lowo owabatshiya ePamfiliya, kaze aya labo emsebenzini. 39 Kwasekuvela ukuphikisana okukhulu, baze behlukana phakathi; uBarnabasi wasethatha uMarko wahamba laye ngomkhumbi, baya eKuprosi. 40 Kodwa uPawuli wakhetha uSilasi wasuka wahamba, esenikelwe emuseni kaNkulunkulu ngabazalwane. 41 Wasedabula iSiriya leKilikhiya, eqinisa amabandla.

16 Wasefika eDerbe leListra; njalo khangela, kwakukhona lapho umfundsi othile, uTimothi ngebizo, indodana yowesifazana othile ongumJudakazi okholwayo, kodwa uyise wayengumGriki; 2 owayenconywa ngabazalwane eListra lelkonyuma. 3 Lo uPawuli wathanda ukuthi aphume laye, wasemthatha wamsoka, ngenxa yamaJuda ayekhona kulezondawo; ngoba wonke ayemazi uyise, ukuthi wayengumGriki. 4 Njalo bedabula imizi, babanika izimiso ukuzilondoloza ezamiswa ngabaphostoli labadala ababeseJerusalema. 5 Ngakho amabandla aqiniswa ekholweni, njalo anda ngenani insuku ngensuku. 6 Sebedabule eFrigiya lelizwe leGalathiya, balelwaa nguMoya oNgcwele

ukukhuluma ilizwi eAsiya, **7** sebefikile ngaseMisiya bazama ukuya eBithiniya; kodwa uMoya kabavumelanga; **8** basebeyiceza iMisiya behlela eTrowasi. **9** Kwasekubonakala umbono kuPawuli ebusuku; indoda ethile umMakedoniya yayimi, imncenga isithi: Chaphela eMakedoniya, usisize. **10** Kwathi esewubonile umbono, sahle sazama ukusuka siye eMakedoniya, siphetha sisithi iNkosi isibizele ukutshumayela ivangeli kubo. **11** Ngakho sasuka eTrowasi ngomkhumbi, saqonda eSamotrake, langolulandelayo eNeyapholi, **12** sasuka lapho saya eFiliphi, engumuzi wokuqala wesigaba seMakedoniya, esibuswa ngelinje ilizwe; kulowomuzi sasesihlala insuku ezithile. **13** Njalo ngosuku lwesabatha saphumela ngaphandle komuzi eceleni komfula, lapho okwakufanele kwenzelwe umkhuleko khona; sasesihlala phansi sakhluma labesifazana ababebuthene ndawonye. **14** Lowesifazana othile uLidiya ngebizo, ongumthengisikazi wamalembu ayibubende owemzini weTiyathira, ekhonza uNkulunkulu, wezwa, onhliziyo yakhe iNkosi yayivula, ukuthi alalele okwakhulunywa nguPawuli. **15** Kuthe esebehbhathiziwe, lendlu yakhe, wasincenga esithi: Uba libonile ukuthi ngithembekile eNkosini, wozani endlini yami, lihlale khona. Wasesicindezela. **16** Kwasekusithi sisiya emkhulekweni, intombazana eyisiggili elomoya wokuhlahlula yahlangana lathi, eyayizuzela amakhosi ayo inzozo enengi ngokuvumisa. **17** Lo walandela uPawuli lathi, ememeza esithi: Lababantu bazinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, ezisitshumayeza indlela yosindiso. **18** Lalokhu yakwenza insuku ezinengi. Kwathi uPawuli esenengiwe, watshibilika, wathi kumoya: Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu Kristu ukuthi uphume kuyo. Wasephuma ngalesosikhathi. **19** Amakhosi akhe esebonile ukuthi ithemba lenzozo yabo

seliphumile, abamba uPawuli loSilasi, abadonsela emdangeni phambi kwababusi, **20** esebaletile ezinduneni athi: Lababantu badunga umuzi wethu, bengamaJuda, **21** batshumayela imikhuba esingavunyelwa ukuyemukela siyenze, singamaRoma. **22** Lexuku labelekelela, lenduna zabadabulela izembatho zabo zalaya ukuthi babatshaye ngenduku. **23** Sebebatshayile imivimvinya eminengi babaphosela entolongweni, balaya umlindintolongo ukuthi abalondoloze abaquinise; **24** yena, emukele umlayo onjalo, wabaphosela entolongweni ephakathi, waseqinisa inyawo zabo esigodweni. **25** Kwathi sekungaba phakathi kobusuku uPawuli loSilasi babekhuleka behlabela amahubo endumiso kuNkulunkulu, lezibotshwa zazibezwa; **26** njalo kwahle kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, kwaze kwanyikinyeka izisekelo zentolongo; kwahle kwavulwa iminyango yonke, kwathukululwa izibopho zabo bonke. **27** Kwathi umlindintolongo ephaphama, esebona iminyango yentolongo ivulekile, wakhokha inkemba, ezimisele ukuzibulala, ecabanga ukuthi izibotshwa zibalekile. **28** Kodwa uPawuli wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ungazilimazi; ngoba silapha sonke. **29** Wasecela isibane waphoseka phakathi, njalo wasethuthumela wawela phansi phambi kukaPawuli loSilasi, **30** njalo esebakhuphela phandle wathi: Makhosi, kumele ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswe? **31** Basebesithi: Kholwa eNkosini uJesu Kristu, njalo uzasindiswa wena lendlu yakho. **32** Basebekhuluma kuye ilizwi leNkosi, lakulabo bonke ababesendlini yakhe. **33** Wasebathatha ngaleloholo lobusuku wabagezisa amanxeba, njalo wahle wabhabhathizwa yena labakhe bonke. **34** Wasebasa endlini yakhe wabeka itafula lokudla phambi kwabo, wasethokoza lendlu yakhe yonke,

ekholwa kuNkulunkulu. **35** Kwathi sekusile, induna zathuma amapholisa zisithi: Khulula lababantu. **36** Umlindintolongo wasebikela uPawuli lamazwi esithi: Induna zithumele, ukuthi likhululwe; ngakho phumanि khathesi lihambe ngokuthula. **37** Kodwa uPawuli wathi kuwo: Basitshayile obala singalahlwanga licala, singamaRoma, basebesiphosela entolongweni, njalo khathesi ngensitha sebesiphosela phandle yini? Hatshi bo! Kodwa kumele beze bona basikhuphe. **38** Amapholisa azibikela izinduna lamazwi; zasezisesaba zisizwa ukuthi bangamaRoma, **39** njalo zeza zabancenga, njalo zabakhupha zabacela ukuthi baphume emzini. **40** Basebephuma entolongweni bangena koLidiya; kwathi sebebabenile abazalwane, babaduduza, basuka bahamba.

17 Kwathi sebedabule iAmfipholi leApoloniya, bafika eThesalonika, lapho okwakukhona isinagoge lamaJuda; **2** njalo njengomkhuba kaPawuli wangena kuwo, wakhulumisana lawo ngokuvela emibhalweni okwamasabatha amathathu, **3** evula etshengisa ukuthi kwakufanele uKristu ahlupheke avuke kwabafileyo, lokuthi: UJesu lo, mina engimtshumayela kini, unguKristu. **4** Labanye babo bakholwa, bazihianganisa loPawuli loSilasi, njalo ixuku elikhulu lamaGriki akhonzayo, lakwabesifazana abadumileyo abangabalutshwana. **5** Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo aba lomona, athatha amanye amadoda amabi angamavila emdangeni, enza ixuku, adunga umuzi; ahlasela indlu kaJasoni, edinga ukubakhuphela ebantwini; **6** kwathi engabatholi, adonsela uJasoni labazalwane abathile kubaphathi bomuzi, ememeza esithi: Laba abayaluzelisa umhlabo, bona sebefikile lalapha, **7** uJasoni abemukeleyo; lalaba bonke benza okuphambene lemithetho kaKesari, besithi

kukhona enye inkosi, enguJesu. **8** Asedunga ixuku labaphathi bomuzi besizwa lezizinto. **9** Kwathi sebethethe isibambiso kuJasoni lakwabanye, abakhulula. **10** Njalo abazalwane bahle basusa uPawuli loSilasi babathuma eBeriya ebusuku; okwathi sebefikile khona basuka bay a esinagogeni lamaJuda. **11** Lawo ayelungile kulalawo aweThesalonika, emukela ilizwi ngokuvuma konke, ehlolisisa imibhalo insuku ngensuku, ukuthi zinjalo yini lezizinto. **12** Ngakho amanengi kuwo akholwa, lakwabesifazana abahloniphekayo abangamaGriki lakwabesilisa abangabalutshwana. **13** Kodwa kwathi amaJuda eThesalonika esekwazi ukuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa nguPawuli leBeriya, eza lakhona enyakazelisa amaxuku. **14** Njalo ngalesosikhathi abazalwane bahle bamthuma uPawuli kungathi uya elwandle; kodwa uSilasi loTimothi basala khona. **15** Lalabo ababephelekezelu uPawuli, bamfikisa eAtene; sebemukele umlayezelo oya kuSilasi loTimothi, ukuthi beze kuye ngokuphangisa okukhulu, basuka bahamba. **16** Kwathi uPawuli esabalindele eAtene, umoya wakhe wakhathazeka phakathi kwakhe, ebona umuzi ugcwele izithombe. **17** Ngakho waphikisana lamaJuda esinagogeni labanye abakhonzayo, lasemdangeni insuku zonke lalabo ahlangana labo. **18** Labathile kuzo izazi zamaEpikuri lamaStoyiki baphikisana laye. Labanye bathi: Uwumane lolu lufuna ukuthini? Kodwa abanye bathi: Kungathi ungtshumayela onkulunkulu bezizweni; ngoba ngevangeli watshumayela kubo uJesu lokuvuka kwabafleyo. **19** Basebemthatha, bamusa eAreyopagu besithi: Singazi yini ukuthi iyini limfundiso entsha oyifundisayo? **20** Ngoba uletha indaba ezimangalisayo ezithile endlebeni zethu; ngakho sifisa ukwazi ukuthi lezizinto ziyini. **21** Ngoba bonke abeAtene

lezethekeli ezihlala khona babechitha isikhathi kungeyisikho ngolutho olunye, ngaphandle kokutshela lokuzwa into entsha.

22 Kwathi uPawuli esima phakathi kweAreyopagu, wathi: Madoda maAtene, ngiyabona ukuthi ezintweni zonke kungathi lilenkolelo enkulu. **23** Ngoba ngithe ngidabula ngikhangela izinto zenu elizikhonzayo, ngasengifica ilathi elilotshwe ukuthi: KUNKULUNKULU ONGAZIWAYO. Lowo-ke elimkhonza lingamazi, nguye mina engimtshumayela kini. **24** UNkulunkulu owenza umhlabla lakho konke okukuwo, yena, oyiNkosi yezulu lomhlabla, kahlali emathempelini enziwe ngezandla, **25** futhi kakhonza ngezandla zabantu, njengoswela ulutho, ngoba yena uqobo lwakhe uyabapha bonke impilo lokuphefumula lazo zonke izinto; **26** njalo wazenza zonke izizwe zabantu zivela egazini linye, ukuthi zihlale ebusweni bonke bomhlabla, wazimisela izikhathi eziqunyiweyo ngaphambili lemingcele yokuhlala kwazo; **27** ukuze zidinge iNkosi, ukuthi mhlawumbe sibili zimuzwe zimthole, njalo kanti kakhatsana kulowo lalovo wethu. **28** Ngoba kuye siphila njalo sihamba futhi sikhona; njengoba lembongi ezithile zakini zithe: Ngoba futhi siyinzalo yakhe. **29** Ngakho lokhu siyinzalo kaNkulunkulu, kakufanele ukuthi sinakane ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu bunjenegolide kumbe isiliva loba ilitshe, okubazwe ngeminwe langokunakana kwabantu. **30** Ngakho izikhathi zokungazi uNkulunkulu kazinanzanga, kodwa khathesi uyalaya bonke abantu endaweni zonke ukuthi baphenduke; **31** ngoba umisile usuku, azakwahlulela ngalo umhlabla ngokulunga, ngendoda ayimisileyo, waqinisa kubo bonke, ngokuyivusa kwabafileyo.

32 Kwathi besizwa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, abanye bahleka usulu; kodwa abanye bathi: Sizaphinda sikuzwe ngalokhu. **33** Langokunjalo uPawuli waphuma phakathi kwabo. **34** Kodwa

amadoda athile anamatela kuye, akholwa; phakathi kwawo kwakukhona loDiyonisiyu umAreyopagu, lowesifazana obizo lakhe nguDamari, labanye kanye labo.

18 Emva kwalezizinto uPawuli wasuka eAtene weza eKorinte.

2 Wasefica umJuda othile uAkwila ngebizo, owePontusi ngokuzalwa, owayesanda ukufika evela elthaliya, loPrisila umkakhe (ngenxa yokulaya kukaKlawudiyosi kokuthi wonke amaJuda kawasuke eRoma), waya kubo; 3 njalo ngoba babelomsebenzi ofananayo, wahlala kubo wasebenza; ngoba babengabenzi bamathente ngomsebenzi. 4 Wasekhulumisana labo esinagogeni amasabatha wonke, wancenga amaJuda lamaGriki. 5 Kwathi uSilasi loTimothi sebehlide bevela eMakedoniya, uPawuli wacindezelwa nguMoya, efakaza kumaJuda ukuthi uJesu unguKristu. 6 Kwathi emelana laye ehlambaza, wathintitha izembatho, wathi kuwo: Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwekhanda lenu; mina ngimsulwa; kusukela khathesi ngizakuya kwabezizwe. 7 Wasesuka lapho waya endlini yomunye obizo lakhe nguJustusi, okhonza uNkulunkulu, ondlu yakhe yayiseduze lesinagogue. 8 Kodwa uKrispusi umphathi wesinagogue wakholwa eNkosini lendlu yakhe yonke; labanengi kwabeKorinte balalela bakhola babhabhathizwa. 9 INkosi yasisithi kuPawuli ebusuku ngombono: Un gesabi, kodwa khuluma njalo ungathuli; 10 ngoba mina ngilawe, njalo kakho ozakuhsela ukukwenzela okubi; ngoba ngilabantu abanengi kulumuzi. 11 Njalo wahlala umnyaka lenyanga eziyisithupha, efundisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo. 12 Kwathi uGaliyo engumbusi weAkaya, amaJuda amvukela uPawuli nganhliziyonye, amusa phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela, 13 esithi: Lo uncenga abantu ukuthi bakhonze uNkulunkulu

ngokuphambene lomlayo. **14** Kodwa kwathi uPawuli esezavula umlomo, uGaliyo wathi kumaJuda: Ngakho uba bekulento engalunganga kumbe inkohliso embi, maJuda, ngesizatho bengizalibekezelela; **15** kodwa uba kuyikuphikisana ngelizwi lamabizo, lomlayo phakathi kwenu, ziboneleni lina; ngoba mina kangithandi ukuba ngumahluleli walezizinto. **16** Wasewaxotsha esihhlalweni sokwahlulela. **17** Wonke amaGriki asebamba uSostenesi umphathi wesinagogue, amtshaya phambi kwesihhlalo sokwahlulela. Njalo uGaliyo kaze azinanza lezizinto. **18** Kwathi uPawuli esahlezi insuku ezinengi, wavalelisa abazalwane, wasuka ngomkhumbi waya eSiriya, loPrisila loAkwila kanye laye, esephuce ikhanda eKenikreya, ngoba wayelesifungo. **19** Sebefikile eEfesu, wasebatshiya khona; kodwa yena engena esinagogeni wakhulumisana lamaJuda. **20** Sebemcelile ukuthi ahlale isikhathi esidanyana labo, kavumanga; **21** kodwa wabavalelisa esithi: Kufanele isibili ukuthi ngigcine eJerusalema umkhosi ozayo; kodwa ngizabuyela kini njalo, uba uNkulunkulu evuma. Wasuka eEfesu ngomkhumbi, **22** njalo esefikile eKesariya, wenyuka wabingelela ibandla; wehlela eAntiyoki. **23** Njalo esechithe isikhathi esithile, wasuka, wadabula ngokulandelana ilizwe leGalathiya leFrigiya, eqinisa bonke abafundi. **24** Njalo umJuda othile, uApolosi ngebizo, umAleksandriya ngokuzalwa, eyindoda eyisikhulumi, wafika eEfesu, elamandla emibhalweni. **25** Lo wayefundisiwe indlela yeNkosi, njalo evutha emoyeni wakhuluma wafundisa ngokukhuthala izinto ezimayelana leNkosi, esazi ubhabhathizo lukaJohane kuphela; **26** lo waseqala ukukhuluma ngesibindi esinagogeni. Kwathi sebemzwile uPrisila loAkwila, bamthathela kubo, bamchasisela indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokuqonda okukhulu. **27** Kwathi esethanda

ukuchaphela eAkaya, abazalwane bemkhuthaza babhalela abafundi ukuthi bamemukele; okwathi esefikile wabasiza kakhulu abakholwa ngomusa; **28** ngoba waphikisa ngamandla wawehlula ngokupheleleyo obala amaJuda, etshengisa ngemibhalo ukuthi uKristu unguJesu.

19 Kwasekusithi, uApolosi eseseKorinte, uPawuli wafika eEfesu esedabule indawo eziphakemeyo; wasefica abafundi abathile **2** wathi kubo: Lamemukela yini uMoya oNgcwele mhla likholwayo? Basebesithi kuye: Kodwa kasizanga sizwe ngitsho ukuthi kukhona uMoya oNgcwele. **3** Wasesithi kubo: Pho labhabhathizelwa kukuphi? Basebesithi: Kubhabhathizo lukaJohane. **4** Kodwa uPawuli wathi: UJohane isibili wabhabhathiza ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka, etshela abantu ukuze bakholwe kulowo oweza emva kwakhe, okuyikuthi, kuKristu Jesu. **5** Lalabo abezwayo babhabhathizwa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu. **6** Wathi uPawuli esebeke izandla phezu kwabo, uMoya oyiNgcwele weza phezu kwabo; basebekhuluma ngendimi, baprofetha. **7** Njalo wonke amadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili. **8** Wasengena esinagogeni wakhuluma ngesibindi, inyanga ezintathu etshumayela eqinisekisa izinto ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa kwathi abanye besiba lukhuni bengakholwa, bekhuluma kubi ngaleyondlela phambi kwabantu, wasuka kubo wehlukanisa abafundi, insuku ngensuku etshumayela esikolo sothile uTiranu. **10** Lalokhu kwenzeka okweminyaka emibili, baze balizwa ilizwi leNkosi uJesu bonke abakhileyo eAsiya, amaJuda kanye lamaGriki. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesenza imisebenzi yamandla engejwayelekanga ngezandla zikaPawuli, **12** kwaze kwathi lakwabagulayo kwasiwa izifinyo kumbe amafasikoti okuvela emzimbeni wakhe, lezifo zasuka

kubo, labomoya ababi baphuma kubo. **13** Kwathi abanye kumihambuma yamaJuda, izanuse, bazama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi uJesu kulabo ababelabomoya ababi, besithi: Siyalifungisa ngoJesu amtshumayelayo uPawuli. **14** Njalo kwakukhonamadodana ayisikhombisa athile kaSikeva umJuda umpristi omkhulu akwenzayo lokho. **15** Kodwa umoya omubi waphendula wathi: UJesu ngiyamazi, loPawuli ngiyazi ngaye; kodwa lina lingobani? **16** Lowomuntu okwakukuye umoya omubi waseseqela phezu kwabo, njalo wabehlula, wabanqoba, baze babaleka kuleyondlu benqunu belimele. **17** Lokhu kwasekusaziwyibonke abakhileyo eEfesu amaJuda kanye lamaGriki; lokwesaba kwasekubehlela bonke; njalo lakhuliswa ibizo leNkosi uJesu. **18** Labanengi balabo abakholwayo beza, bevuma, bememezela izenzo zabo. **19** Labanengi balabo ababesenza amasalamusi balettha ingwalo ndawonye baziitshisa phambi kwabo bonke; basebebala intengo yazo, bathola izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlalu zesiliva. **20** Ngokunjalo ilizwi leNkosi lakhula ngamandla lanqoba. **21** Kwathi lezizinto seziphelile, uPawuli wazimisela emoyeni, esedabule eMakedoniya leAkaya, ukuya eJerusalema, esithi: Emva kokuba kwami lapho, ngimele ukubona iRoma layo. **22** Esethume eMakedoniya ababili balabo ababemsiza, uTimothi loErastu, yena wahlala eAsiya okwesikhathi. **23** Kodwa ngalesosikhathi kwasuka isiphithiphithi esingesincinyane mayelana laleyondlela. **24** Ngoba umuntothile onguDemetriyu ngebizo, umkhandi wesiliva, owenza amathempelana esiliva kaDiyana, waletha kuzingcwethi inzuzo engencinyane; **25** owabaqoqayo bona, lezisebenzi zezinto ezifananayo, wathi: Madoda, liyazi ukuthi inotho yethu ivela kulumsebenzi. **26** Njalo liyabona liyezwa ukuthi kungeyisikho

eEfesu kuphela, kodwa phose kulo lonke iAsiya, uPawuli
lo uncengile njalo uphambule ixuku elikhulu, esithi kayisibo
onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezandla. **27** Njalo kayisikho lokhu
kuphela ukuthi sisengozini yokuthi lolugatsha lomsebenzi lufike
ekutheni lungahlonitshwa, kodwa lethempeli likankulunkulukazi
omkhulu uDiyana lizathiwa liyinto engesilutho, njalo lobukhulukazi
bakhe buzakwehliswa, elimkhonzayo yonke iAsiya lomhlaba
wonke. **28** Kwathi bekuzwa bagcwala intukuthelo, bamemeza
besithi: Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesul! **29** Njalo umuzi wonke
wagcwala isiphithiphithi; basebethelka kanyekanye endaweni
yokudlalela, bahudula uGayusi loAristako amaMakedoniya,
abaphelekezel i bakaPawuli. **30** Kwathi uPawuli efuna ukungena
exukwini, abafundi kabamvumelanga. **31** Njalo labanye bababusi
beAsiya, ababengabangane bakhe, bathuma kuye, bemncenga
ukuthi angazinikeli endaweni yokudlalela. **32** Ngakho abanye
bamemeza okunye labanye okunye; ngoba umhlangano
wawusanganisekile, njalo inengi labo lalingazi ukuthi libuthene
lapho ngenxa yani. **33** Basebemusa phambili uAleksandro esuka
exukwini, ngoba amajuda amqhubela phambili. UAleksandro
waseqhweba ngesandla, efuna ukuzivikela ebantwini. **34** Kodwa
bathi sebekwazi ukuthi ungumJuda, kwaba lelizwi elilodwa livela
kubo bonke okungaba ngamahola amabili limemeza lisithi:
Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesul! **35** Njalo kwathi umabhalane
eselithulisile ixuku wathi: Madoda eEfesu, kanti kukhona
yini umuntu ongaziyo ukuthi umuzi weEfesu ungumlondolozi
wethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu uDiyana lowento eyawa
ivelu kuZewusi? **36** Ngakho njengoba lezizinto zingephikwe,
kufanele lithule, lingenzi lutho ngamawala. **37** Ngoba lilethe
lamadoda, angeyisibo abaphangi bamathempeli langahlambazi

unkulunkulukazi wenu. **38** Ngakho uba uDemetriyu lezingcwethi kanye laye belodaba ngomuntu, amalanga okuthonisa amacala ayagcinwa, bakhona lababusi; kabamangalelane. **39** Kodwa uba lidinga ulutho ngezinye izinto, kuzalungiswa emhlanganweni osemthethweni. **40** Ngoba futhi sisengozini yokumangalelwa ngomvukela ngenxa yalamuhla, kungelambangela esingalandisa ngayo ngalesisiphithiphithi. **41** Njalo esetshilo lokho, wawuchitha umhlangano.

20 Kwathi sesiphelele isiyaluyalu, uPawuli wabizela kuye abafundi, esebagonile, waphuma ukuthi aye eMakedoniya. **2** Kwathi esedabule lezongxenyenye, esebakhuthazile ngamazwi amanengi, wafika eGirisi, **3** kwathi esehlale khona inyanga ezintathu, selenziwe iqhingga ngaye ngamaJuda esezasuka ngomkhumbi ukuya eSiriya, wazimisela ukubuyela adabule eMakedoniya. **4** Wasemphelekezelwa kwaze kwaba seAsiya uSopatheri weBeriya; lowamaThesalonika, uAristako loSekhundu, loGayusi weDerbe, loTimothi; lamaAsiya, uTikiko loTrofimu. **5** Laba sebehamble phambili basilindela eTrowasi. **6** Kodwa thina sasuka ngomkhumbi eFiliphi emva kwensuku zesinkwa esingelamvubelo, safika kubo eTrowasi ngensuku ezinhlanu, lapho esahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa. **7** Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala Iweviki, abafundi bebuthene ukuhlephula isinkwa, uPawuli watshumayela kubo, elungele ukusuka kusisa, waseselula ilizwi kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku. **8** Njalo kwakukhona izibane ezinengi endlini ephezulu ababebuthene kiyo. **9** Kwakuhlezi ewindini ijaha elithile ngebizo linguYutikusi, elajunywa yibuthongo obukhulu, uPawuli esetshumayele isikhathi eside, selehlulwe yibuthongo lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu, laselidojwa lifile. **10** Kodwa uPawuli wehla

waziphosela phezu kwalo, elisingatha wathi: Lingakhathazeki; ngoba umphefumulo walo ukhona kilo. **11** Esenyukile njalo esehlephule isinkwa wadla, wakhulumu labo isikhathi eside kwaze kwasa, ngokunjalo wahamba. **12** Basebemletha umfana ephila, basebeduduzwa hatshi lakancane. **13** Kodwa thina, sesihambe phambili ukuya emkhunjini, sasuka ngomkhumbi saya eAsosi, lapho siqonde ukumkhweza uPawuli; ngoba wayemisile ngokunjalo, yena ebezahamba ngenyawo. **14** Njalo esehlangene lathi eAsosi, samkhweza safika eMithilene, **15** sasuka lapho ngomkhumbi, kusisa safika maqondana leKiyosi; langomhlomunye sasondela eSamosi; sasesihlala eTrogiliumu, ngolulandelayo safika eMilethu. **16** Ngoba uPawuli wayezimisele ukuyiceza iEfesu ngomkhumbi, ukuze angalibali eAsiya; ngoba wayephanga, nxo kwakungenzeka kuye, ukuba seJerusalema ngosuku lwePentekoste. **17** Kwathi eseMilethu wathumela eEfesu wabizela kuye abadala bebandla. **18** Kwathi sebefikile kuye, wathi kubo: Liyazi lina, ukuthi kusukela osukwini lokufala lokufika kwami eAsiya, ngangihlezi njani isikhathi sonke phakathi kwenu, **19** ngakhonza iNkosi ngokuthobeka konke langezinyembezi ezinengi langezilingo ezangehlela ngamaqhinga amaJuda; **20** ukuthi angigodlanga lutho ngayo olusizayo, ukungatshumayeli kini lokungalfundisi obala, lakuzindlu ngezindlu, **21** ngifakaza kumaJuda kanye lakumaGriki ukuphendukela kuNkulunkulu, lokholo ngakuyo iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **22** Lakhathesi khangelani, mina ngiya eJerusalema ngibotshwe nguMoya, ngingakwazi okuzangehlela phakathi kwayo, **23** ngaphandle kokuthi uMoya oyiNgcwele uyafakaza emizini yonke esithi izibopho lezinhlupheko zingilindele. **24** Kodwa angikhathaleli lutho lwalezizinto, lempilo yami angiyenzi into eligugu kimi, ukuze

ngiphelelise uhambo lwami ngentokozo, lenkonzo engayemukela eNkosini uJesu, eyokufakaza ivangeli elomusa kaNkulunkulu. **25**
Njalo khathesi khangelani, mina ngiyazi ukuthi kalisayikubona ubuso bami lina lonke, engihamba phakathi kwenu ngitshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **26** Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini ngalolusuku lwalamuhla, ukuthi mina ngimsulwa egazini labo bonke; **27** ngoba kangigodlanga ukuthi ngilitshumayeze lonke icebo likaNkulunkulu. **28** Ziqapheleni-ke lina lomhlambi wonke, alibeke phakathi kwawo uMoya oyiNgcwele ukuthi libe ngababonisi, bokwelusa ibandla likaNkulunkulu, azithengele lona ngegazi lakhe uqobo. **29** Ngoba mina ngiyazi lokhu, ukuthi emva kokuhamba kwami kuzangena impisi eziphangayo phakathi kwenu, zingawuyekeli umhlambi; **30** laphakathi kwenu ngokwenu kuzavela amadoda ekhulumu izinto eziduhisayo, ukuhugela abafundi ngemva kwawo. **31** Ngakho lindani, likhumbule ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu ebusuku lemini kangimanga ukuleluleka omunye lomunye ngenyembezi. **32** Lakhathesi, bazalwane, ngilinikela kuNkulunkulu laselizwini lomusa wakhe, elilamandla okulakha, lokulipha ilifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisiweyo. **33** Kangihawukelanga isiliwa kumbe igolide loba isembatho somuntu. **34** Lina-ke uqobo lwenu liyazi ukuthi lezizandla zasebenzela inswelo zami lezalabo ababelami. **35** Kukho konke ngilitshengisile, ukuthi kumele ukuthi sisize ababuthakathaka sisebenza ngokunjalo, sikhumbule amazwi eNkosi uJesu, ukuthi yena wathi: Kubusisekile kakhulu ukupha kulokwemukela. **36** Njalo esetshilo lezizinto, waguqa ngamadolo akhe, wakhuleka labo bonke. **37** Kwaba khona ukukhala inyembezi kakhulu kwabo bonke; basebewela entanyeni kaPawuli bamanga, **38**

belosizi kakhulu ngelizwi alitshoyo, elokuthi kabasayikubona
ubuso bakhe. Basebemphelekezela baya laye emkhunjini.

21 Kwasekusithi sisuka ngomkhumbi sesehlukene labo,
sahamba ngendlela eqondileyo safika eKosi, langosuku
olulandelayo eRodesi, sasuka lapho saya ePathara; **2**
sasesithola umkhumbi ochaphela eFenekiya, sangena sahamba
ngomkhumbi. **3** Kwathi sesiqhamuka eKuprosi, sasesiyitshiyela
ngakwesokhohlo, saya ngomkhumbi eSiriya, sehlikela eTire;
ngoba umkhumbi wawuzakwethulela khona impahla. **4**
Sesibatholile abafundi, sahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa;
bona bamtshela uPawuli ngoMoya, ukuthi angenyukeli
eJerusalema. **5** Kwathi sekwenzakele ukuthi siqede insuku,
sasuka sahamba, bonke basiphelekezela kanye labomkabo
abantwana kwaze kwaba ngaphandle komuzi; njalo saguqa
ngamadolo ekhunjini sakholeka, **6** sesivalelisene, sangena
emkhunjini, kodwa bona babuyela kubo. **7** Kodwa thina,
sesiqedile uhambo ngomkhumbi sisuka eTire, safika ePetolemayi,
sesibingelele abazalwane sahlala labo usuku lwaba lunye. **8**
Kusisa thina esasiloPawuli sasuka safika eKesariya; sesingene
endlini kaFiliphu umvangeli, owayengomunye wabayisikhombisa,
sahlala laye. **9** Yena-ke wayelamadodakazi amane, intombi,
eziprofethayo. **10** Kwathi sesihlezi insuku ezinengi, kwehla
umprofethi othile uAgabusi ngebizo evela eJudiya, **11** wasefika
kithi, wathatha uzwezwe lukaPawuli, wazibopha izandla kanye
lenyawo esithi: Utsho lokho uMoya oyiNgcwele: Indoda
olungolwayo loluzwezwe, amaJuda eJerusalema azayibopha
kanje, njalo ayinikele ezandleni zabezizwe. **12** Sesizizwile
lezizinto, samncenga thina kanye lalabo ababelapho, ukuthi
angenyukeli eJerusalema. **13** Kodwa uPawuli waphendula esithi:

Lenzani likhala lidabula inhliziyo yami? Ngoba mina sengilungele, kungeyisikho ukubotshwa kuphela, kodwa lokufa eJerusalema ngenxa yebizo leNkosi uJesu. **14** Kwathi engancengeki, sathula sathi: Kayenziwe intando yeNkosi. **15** Emva kwalezinsuku sasesilungiselela, senyukela eJerusalema. **16** Labathile babafundi beKesariya basebehamba lathi, babuya lothile uMnasoni umKuprosi, umfundu omdala, ebeszangenisa kuye. **17** Njalo sesifikile eJerusalema, abazalwane basemukela ngokuthokoza. **18** Kusisa uPawuli wangena lathi kuJakobe, labadala bonke babekhona. **19** Kwathi esebabingelele, walandisa ngakunye ngakunye izinto uNkulunkulu azenzileyo phakathi kwabbezizwe ngenkonzo yakhe. **20** Kwathi sebekuzwile, bayidumisa iNkosi; bathi kuye: Uyabona, mzalwane, ukuthi zinengi kangakanani izigidi zamaJuda akholwayo; futhi bonke batshisekela umlayo; **21** njalo sebetsheliwe ngawe, ukuthi ufundisa wonke amaJuda aphakathi kwabbezizwe ukuthi adele uMozisi, usithi angasokiabantwana, lokuthi angahambi ngamasiko. **22** Pho-ke kuyini? Isibili kufanele ukuthi ixuku libuthane; ngoba bazakuzwa ukuthi usufikile. **23** Ngakho yenza lokhu esikutsho kuwe; silamadoda amane abalesifungo phezu kwawo; **24** athathe kanye lawe, uzihlambulule kanye lawo, njalo uhlawule indleko zawo, ukuze aphuce amakhanda, njalo ukuze bakwazi bonke ukuthi kakulalutho kulokho abakutshelwe ngawe, kodwa ukuthi lawe uhamba ngokulondoloza umlayo. **25** Kodwa mayelana labezizwe abakholwayo thina sesibhalile, saquma sathi bangagcini lutho olunjalo, ngaphandle kokuthi kabazile okuhlatshelwe izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyiwego, lokufeba. **26** UPawuli wasewathatha amadoda, kusisa wahlanjululwa kanye lawo wangena ethempelini, ukubika ukuphela kwensuku

zokuhlanjululwa, kwaze kwalethwa umnikelo walowo lalowo wawo. **27** Kwathi sezizaphela insuku eziyisikhombisa, amajuda avela eAsiya ayembonile ethempelini, avusa ixuku lonke, amdumela ngezandla, **28** amemeza athi: Madoda malsrayeli, sizani! Nguye lumuntu ofundisa bonke endaweni zonke okuphambene lesizwe, lomlayo, lalindawo; futhi ungenisile lamaGriki ethempelini, useyingcolisile lindawo engcwele. **29** Ngoba ayebonile ngaphambili uTrophimu umEfesu emzini elaye, amkhumbulela ukuthi uPawuli umngenisile ethempelini. **30** Lomuzi wonke wanyakazela, labantu bagijimela ndawonye, bamdumela uPawuli bamhudulela ngaphandle kwethempeli; leminyango yahle yavalwa. **31** Kuthe besafuna ukumbulala, ilizwi lafika enduneni enkulu yesigaba, ukuthi iJerusalema yonke iyaphithizela; **32** eyahle yathatha amabutho lezinduna zekhulu, yagijimela kubo; kwathi sebebona induna enkulu lamabutho, bayekela ukumtshaya uPawuli. **33** Induna enkulu yasisondela, yambamba, yalaya ukuthi kabotshwe ngamaketane amabili, yabuza ukuthi ungubani, lokuthi wenzeni. **34** Abanye exukwini bememeza okunye labanye okunye; kodwa ingelakulazi iqiniso ngenxa yomsindo, yalaya ukuthi asiwe enkambeni yamabutho. **35** Kwathi esefikile ezikhwelweni, kwenzeka ukuthi athwalwe ngamabutho ngenxa yokufutheka kwexuku; **36** ngoba ixuku labantu lalandela limemeza lisithi: Msuseni! **37** Kwathi uPawuli esezangeniswa enkambeni yamabutho wathi enduneni enkulu: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi ngikhulume ulutho kuwe? Yona yasisithi: Uyasazi isiGriki yini? **38** Kanti kawusuye yini lowomGibhithe okwathi kungakafiki lezinsuku wenza umvukela, wakhokhelela enkangala amadoda azinkulungwane ezine angababulali? **39** Kodwa uPawuli wathi: Mina ngingumuntu ongumJuda, weTarsu yeKilikhiya, isakhamuzi

somuzi ongadelelekanga; ngiyakuncenga, ngivumela ngikhulume ebantwini. **40** Kwathi esemvumele, uPawuli wema ezikhwelweni waqhweba abantu ngesandla; sekuthe cwaka, wasekhuluma labo ngolimi lwamaHebheru wathi:

22 Madoda, bazalwane, labobaba, zwanini ukuziphendulela kwami khathesi kini. **2** Sebezwile ukuthi ukhuluma labo ngolimi lwamaHebheru, bathula kakhulu, wasesithi: **3** Mina ngiyindoda engumJuda, eyazalelw a eTarsu yeKilikhiya, ngakhulisewa kulamuzi enyaweni zikaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa ngokuqinileyo umlayo wabobaba, ngitshisekela uNkulunkulu, njengani lonke lamuhla; **4** eyazingela leyondlela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, ngibabopha ngibankela entolongweni amadoda kanye labafazi, **5** njengoba lompristi omkhulu engifakazela, lomphakathi wonke wabadala; engazuza kubo incwadi eziya kubazalwane, ngaya eDamaseko, ukuthi lababekhona lapho ngibalethe eJerusalema bebotshiwe, ukuze bajeziswe. **6** Kwasekusithi ngisahamba sengisondela eDamaseko, sekungaba yimini enkulu, kwahle kwakhanya ukukhanya okukhulu okuvela ezulwini kungizingelezela. **7** Ngasengiwela phansi, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi kimi: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? **8** Mina ngasengiphendula ngathi: Ungubani, Nkosi? Wasesithi kimi: NginguJesu weNazaretha wena omzingelayo. **9** Lalabo ababelami bakubona ukukhanya, njalo basebesesaba, kodwa kabalizwanga ilizwi elakhuluma lami. **10** Ngasengisithi: Ngenzeni, Nkosi? INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma uye eDamaseko; njalo uzatshelwa khona ngazo zonke izinto ozimiselwe ukuthi uzenze. **11** Njengoba ngangingaboni ngenxa yenkasimulo yalokhokukhanya, ngakhokhelwa ngesandla yilabo ababelami, ngafika eDamaseko. **12** Njalo uAnaniya othile, indoda ekhuthele ekukhonzeni

ngokomlayo, owayefakazelwa yiwo wonke amajuda ahlala khona, **13** weza kimi wasesima phansi kwami wathi kimi: Sawuli mzalwane, buya ubone. Njalo mina ngalesosikhathi ngasengimbona. **14** Wasesithi: UNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu ukumisile ngaphambili ukuthi wazi intando yakhe, lokuthi ubone oLungileyo, njalo uzwe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni wakhe, **15** ngoba uzakuba ngumfakazi wakhe kubo bonke abantu, walokho okubonileyo lokuzwileyo. **16** Khathesi-ke, usalindeleni? Sukuma ubhabhathizwe uhlanjululwe ezonweni zakho, ubize ibizo leNkosi. **17** Kwasekusithi kimi sengibuye eJerusalem, njalo ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngaba lokuhlehra kwengqondo, **18** ngasengimbona wathi kimi: Phangisa uphume ngesiqubu eJerusalem; ngoba kabasoze bemukele ubufakazi bakho ngami. **19** Ngasengisithi: Nkosi, bayazi bona ukuthi mina ngangibafaka entolongweni ngibatshaya emasinagogeni wonke labo abakholwa kuwe; **20** njalo mhla kuchithwa igazi likaStefane umfakazi wakho, mina uqobo ngangimi khona ngivumelana lokufa kwakhe, njalo ngilondoloza izembatho zalabo abambulalayo. **21** Wasesithi kimi: Hamba, ngoba mina ngizakuthuma khatshana kwabezizwe. **22** Bamlalela kwaze kwafika kulelolizwi, baphakamisa ilizwi labo besithi: Msuseni onje emhlabeni, ngoba kakufanele ukuthi aphile! **23** Kwathi besamemeza, baphosa izembatho, baphosa uthuli emoyeni, **24** induna enkulu yalaya ukuthi angeniswe enkambeni yamabutho, yathi kahloliswe ngokutshaywa ngesiswepu, ukuze yazi ukuthi kungasizatho bani bememeza ngokunjalo ngaye. **25** Kwathi sebemelulele phambili ngemichilo, uPawuli wathi enduneni yekhulu eyayimi lapho: Kuvunyelwe kini yini ukutshaya ngesiswepu umuntu ongumRoma engalahlwanga licala? **26** Induna yekhulu isizwile yasondela yatshela induna enkulu isithi:

Nanzelela osuzakwenza; ngoba lumuntu ungumRoma. **27**
Induna enkulu yasifika yathi kuye: Ngitshele, wena ungumRoma
yini? Yena wathi: Yebo. **28** Induna enkulu yasiphendula yathi:
Mina lelilungelo lokuba yisakhamuzi ngalizuza ngemali enkulu.
UPawuli wasesithi: Kodwa lami ngazalwa lalo. **29** Ngakho labo
abasebezamhlola bahle basuka kuye. Lenduna enkulu layo
yesaba, isisazi ukuthi ungumRoma, lokuthi ibimbophile. **30**
Kwathi kusisa ifuna ukwazi iqiniso, ukuthi kungani emangalelw
ngamaJuda, yamkhulula kuzibopho, yalaya ukuthi abapristi
abakhulu lomphakathi wabo wonke babuye, yamehlisa uPawuli
yammisa phambi kwabo.

23 UPawuli wasewujolozela umphakathi wathi: Madoda
bazalwane, mina ngihambile phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngesazela
sonke esihle, kuze kube lamuhla. **2** Kodwa uAnaniya
umpristi omkhulu walaya labo ababemi phansi kwakhe ukuthi
bamtshaye umlomo. **3** UPawuli wasesithi kuye: UNkulunkulu
uzakutshaya, mduli oconjwe waba mhlophe; ngoba wena uhlaele
ukungahlulela ngomlayo, kanti ngokuphambene lomlayo ulaya
ukuthi ngitshaywe? **4** Lababemi lapho bathi: Uyamthuka umpristi
omkhulu kaNkulunkulu yini? **5** UPawuli wasesithi: Bengingazi,
bazalwane, ukuthi ungumpristi omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: Ungakhulumi kubi ngombusi wesizwe sakini. **6** Kwathi
uPawuli esekwazi ukuthi enye ingxenye yabo ingabaSadusi,
lenye ingabaFarisi, wamemeza emphakathini wathi: Madoda
bazalwane, mina ngingumFarisi, indodana yomFarisi; ngethemb
langokuvuka kwabafleyo mina ngiyahlulelw. **7** Kwathi esetshilo
lokhu, kwavela ukuphikisana kwabafarisi labaSadusi, lexuku
ladabuka phakathi; **8** ngoba abaSadusi bathi kakukho ukuvuka
kwabafleyo, loba ingilos, loba umoya; kodwa abaFarisi

bayakuvuma kokubili. **9** Kwasekuvela ukumemeza okukhulu; kwathi ababhali behlelo labaFarisi basukuma baphika kakhulu besithi: Kasitholi bubi kulumuntu; kodwa nxa umoya kumbe ingilosи kukhulume laye, kasingalwi simelene loNkulunkulu.

10 Kwathi sekuvele ukuphikisana okukhulu, induna enkulu yesaba ukuthi uPawuli uzadatshulwa yibo, yalaya amabutho ukuthi ahle amhluthule phakathi kwabo, njalo abuyelete laye enkambeni yamabutho. **11** Njalo ngobusuku obulandelayo iNkosi yema phansi kwakhe yathi: Mana isibindi Pawuli; ngoba njengalokhu ufakaze izinto ngami eJerusalema, kunjalo-ke umele ufakaze leRoma. **12** Kwathi sekusile, abanye bamaJuda benza iqhinga, bazibopha ngesiqalekiso, besithi kabayikudla lokunatha baze bambulale uPawuli. **13** Njalo babengaphezu kwamatshumi amane abenza lesisifungo ndawonye; **14** abaya kubapristi abakhulu labadala bathi: Sizibophe ngesiqalekiso esikhulu, sokuthi kasiyikudla lutho size simbulale uPawuli.

15 Ngakho khathesi lina kanye lomphakathi yazisani induna enkulu, ukuze imthume kini kusasa, ngokungathi lizazwisa okunengi ngendaba zakhe; thina-ke, engakasondeli, sesilungele ukumbulala. **16** Kodwa indodana kadadewabo kaPawuli yezwa ngokumcathamela, yeza yangena enkambeni yamabutho, yamtshela uPawuli. **17** UPawuli wasebizela kuye enye yezinduna zekhulu wathi: Sana lelijaha enduneni enkulu; ngoba lilento elizayitshela yona. **18** Yasilitthatha-ke yalisa enduneni enkulu, yasisithi: UPawuli isibotshwa ungibizele kuye wacela ukuthi ngilethe lelijaha kuwe, lilento elizakutshela yona. **19** Induna enkulu yasilitthatha ngesandla, yasibuyela eceleni bebobwa, yabuza: Kuyini ozongitshela khona? **20** Laselisithi: AmaJuda avumelene ukucela kuwe, ukuze wehlisele uPawuli emphakathini

kusasa, kungathi azahlolisisa ngcono ulutho ngaye. **21** Ngakho wena ungavunyiswa yiwo; ngoba amadoda adlula amatshumi amane kuwo amcathamele, azibophe ngesiqalekiso ngokuthi angadli anganathi aze ambulale; lakhathesi alungile elindele isithembiso sakho. **22** Ngakho induna enkulu yasiliyekela ijaha lahamba, ililaya isithi: Ungatsheli muntu ukuthi ungibikele lezizinto. **23** Yasibizela kuyo induna zekhulu ezithile ezimbili, yathi: Lungisani abebutho abangamakhulu amabili ukuze bahambe baze bayefika eKesariya, labagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, labemikhonto abangamakhulu amabili, kusukela ngeholo lesithathu lobusuku; **24** lungisani lezinyamazana, ukuze ligadise uPawuli limfikise ephephile kumbusi uFelike; **25** wabhala incwadi imumethe lokhu: **26** Klawudiyosi Lisiya kumhlekazi umbusi uFelike ngiyabingeleta. **27** Lindoda ibibanjwe ngamaJuda, njalo ibisizabulawa yiwo, ngafika lamabutho ngayophula, sengizwile ukuthi ungumRoma. **28** Ngathi ngifuna ukuthi ngazi isizatho ayimangalela ngaso, ngayehlisela emphakathini wawo; **29** engathi ngithola ukuthi imangalelwwe ngemibuzo yomlayo wawo, kodwa ingamangalelwanga ngalutho olufanele ukufa loba izibopho. **30** Kwathi sekuvelile kimi ukuthi kwasekuzakuba khona iqhinga ngalindoda ngamaJuda, ngahle ngayithuma kuwe, ngibalayile futhi abamangaleli ukuthi bakhulume izinto ababemelene layo ngazo phambi kwakho. Sala kuhle. **31** Abebutho-ke, njengokulaywa kwabo, bamthatha uPawuli, bamusa eAntipatri ngobusuku. **32** Njalo kusisa, batshiya abagadi bamabhiza ukuthi bahambe laye, babuyela enkambeni yamabutho; **33** okwathi sebefikile eKesariya, bamnika umbusi incwadi, bammisa loPawuli phambi kwakhe. **34** Kwathi umbusi eseyifundile incwadi, wasebuza ukuthi ungowawuphi umkhono;

esezwile ukuthi ungoweKilikhiya, **35** wathi: Ngizakuzwa, sebefikile labamangaleli bakho. Waselaya ukuthi alondolozwe endlini kaHerodi yokwahhlulela.

24 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezinhlanu uAnaniya umpristi omkhulu wehla labadala lomkhulumeli othile uTertulo, abamangalela uPawuli kumbusi. **2** Kwathi esebiziwe, uTertulo waqala ukumcal a esithi: Ukuthula okukhulu sikuzuzile ngawe, lemisebenzi emihle yenzakele kulesisizwe ngokunakekela kwakho, **3** ngazo zonke indlela lakuzo zonke indawo siyakwemukela, mhlekazi Felike, ngakho konke ukubonga. **4** Kodwa ukuze ngingakubambeleli kakhulu, ngiyakuncenga ukuthi ngomusa wakho usizwe ngokufitshane. **5** Ngoba lindoda siyifice iyinkathazo, njalo ingeyenza umvukela phakathi kwamaJuda wonke emhlabeni jikelele, lomkhokheliqembu wobubhazuka bamaNazaretha; **6** eyake yazama lokungcolisa ithempeli; esike sayibamba sithanda ukuyehlulela ngokomlayo wethu, **7** kodwa kwafika uLisiya induna enkulu wamthatha ngodlakela olukhulu ezandleni zethu, **8** elaya abamangaleli bakhe ukuthi beze kuwe; ongathi, ngokumbuzisia wena uqobo, ungaba lakho ukwazi kuye ngazo zonke izinto thina esimmangalela ngazo. **9** LamaJuda lawo avuma, esithi lezizinto zinjalo. **10** UPawuli wasephendula, umbusi esemqhwebile ukuthi akhulume, wathi: Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi sekuyiminyaka eminengi ungumahluleli phezu kwalesisizwe, ngiyaziphendulela ngesibindi esikhulu ngezinto zami, **11** njengoba ungakubona ukuthi kakukadluli insuku ezilitshumi lambili, lokhu ngenyukele eJerusalema ukukhuleka; **12** njalo kabangificanga ethempelini ngiphikisana lomuntu loba ngivusa isiphithiphithi exukwini, loba emasinagogeni, loba emzini. **13** Futhi bangeke baqinise ngezinto abangimangalela ngazo khathesi. **14** Kodwa

ngiyavuma kuwe lokhu, ukuthi ngendlela abayibiza ngokuthi yibubhazuka, ngokunjalo ngiyamkhonza uNkulunkulu wabobaba, ngikholwa konke okulotshiweyo emlayweni lakubaprofethi; **15** ngilethemba kuNkulunkulu, abalilindeleyo labo uqobo lwabo, elokuthi kuzakuba khona ukuvuka kwabafileyo, okwabalungileyo kanye labangalunganga. **16** Njalo kulokho mina ngiyazama, ukuthi ngibe lesazela esingelacala phambi kukaNkulunkulu labantu isikhathi sonke. **17** Kwathi emva kweminyaka eminengi ngafika ukuletha izipho zomusa esizweni sakithi leminikelo; **18** ngikulezizinto amaJuda athile avela eAsiya angifica ethempelini nighlanjululwe, kungekho ixuku loba isiphithiphithi; **19** afanele ukuba khona lapha phambi kwakho angicale uba eloluthe ngami; **20** kumbe bona ngokwabo kabatsho, ukuthi baficani okungalunganga kimi, mhla ngimi phambi komphakathi, **21** ngaphandle kwalelolizwi elilodwa, engalimemeza ngimi phakathi kwabo ngisithi: Ngokuvuka kwabafileyo mina ngiyehlulelw yini lamuhla. **22** Kwathi uFelike wabadlulisela phambili, esezwile lezizinto esazi ngokupheleleyo izinto ngaleyondlela, esithi: Nxa uLisiya induna enkuI isiyehlile, ngizayiholisisa indaba yenu; **23** waselaya induna yekhulu ukuthi agcinwe uPawuli, lokuthi abe lenkululeko, njalo kungalelw muntu wakibo ukumncedisa kumbe ukuza kuye. **24** Kwathi emva kwensuku ezithile, uFelike weza loDrusila umkakhe engumJudakazi, wathumela ukubiza uPawuli, wamuzwa mayelana lokholo kuKristu. **25** Kwathi esakhulumga ngokulunga langokuzithiba langokwahlulela okuzayo, uFelike watshaywa luvalo waphendula wathi: Hamba okwakhathesi; nxa sengizuze ithuba elihle ngizakubizela kimi; **26** njalo ngesikhathi esifananayo wayethemba futhi ukuthi uzanikwa imali nguPawuli, ukuze amkhulule; ngakho wayehlezi embizela kuye

ekhuluma laye. **27** Kodwa sekugcwalseke iminyaka emibili, uFelike wemukela omlandelayo uPorkiyu uFestusi; uFelike efisa ukuthokozisa amaJuda wamtshiya uPawuli ebotshiwe.

25 Ngakho kwathi uFestusi esengenile emkhonweni, emva kwensuku ezintathu wenyukela eJerusalema esuka eKesariya, **2** lompristi omkhulu lezikhulu zamaJuda bammangalela uPawuli kuye, bemncenga, **3** bacela ukwenzelwa umusa omelane laye, ukuthi amthume eJerusalema, becathomela ukumbulala endleleni. **4** Kodwa uFestusi waphendula ngokuthi uPawuli ugciniwe eKesariya, lokuthi laye ngokwakhe uzakuya khona ngokuphangisa. **5** Wathi: Ngakho labo abenelisayo phakathi kwenu kabehle kanye lami; uba kukhona ulutho olubi ngaleyondoda, bayimangalele. **6** Kwathi esehlale phakathi kwabo insuku ezedlula itshumi, wehlela eKesariya; kusisa wahlala esihhlalweni sokwahlulela walaya ukuthi uPawuli alethwe. **7** Kwathi esefikile, amaJuda ayehlile evela eJerusalema ema emhanqile, embeka amacala amanengi lanzima uPawuli, ayengelakuwaqinisa, **8** yena eziphendulela wathi: Lemlayweni wamaJuda, lethempelini, lakuKesari kangonanga lutho. **9** Kodwa uFestusi ethanda ukuthabisa amaJuda, waphendula uPawuli wathi: Uyathanda yini ukwenyukela eJerusalema, wahlulelw khona ngalezizinto phambi kwami? **10** Kodwa uPawuli wathi: Ngimi phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKesari, lapho okufanele ngahlulelw khona; kangonanga lutho kumaJuda, njengoba lawe usazi kuhle kakhulu. **11** Ngoba uba ngonile ngenze ulutho olufanele ukufa, kangali ukufa; kodwa uba kungekho lutho lwezinto abangimangalela ngazo, kakulamuntu onganginikela kubo ngesihle. Ngilidlulisela kuKesari. **12** Khona uFestusi esekhulume lomphakathi waphendula wathi:

Ulidlulisele kuKesari? KuKesari uzakuya. **13** Kwathi sekudlule insuku ezithile, uAgripha inkosi loBernike bafika eKesariya, ukuze babingelele uFestusi. **14** Kwathi sebehlezi khona insuku ezinengi, uFestusi wayilandisela inkosi izindaba zikaPawuli, esithi: Kukhona indoda ethile eyatshiywa nguFelike iyisibotshwa, **15** kwathi ngiseJerusalema, abapristi abakhulu labadala bamaJuda bammangalela, becela isigwebo esimelene laye. **16** Engabaphendula ngathi: Kakusiwo umkhuba wamaRoma ukumnikela umuntu ekufeni, omangalelwego labammangalelayo bengalethwanga ubuso ngobuso, njalo azuze ithuba lokuziphendulela ngecala. **17** Ngakho sebebuthene lapha, kangizange ngiphuze; ngosuku olulandelayo ngahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, ngalaya ukuthi indoda ilethwe; **18** leyo abayimangalelayo sebemi kabavezanga cala ngayo ngezinto mina ebengizicabangela, **19** kodwa babelokuphikisana okuthile laye ngenkolo yakibo, langothile uJesu owafayo, uPawuli othi ngaye uyaphila. **20** Kuthe mina ngisadidekile ngombuzo onje, ngathi, angathanda yini ukuya eJerusalema, ayekwahlulelwa khona ngalezozinto. **21** Kodwa kwathi uPawuli eselidlulisele phambili ukuthi agcinelwe ukuhlolwa yinkosi enkulu, ngalaya ukuthi agcinwe, ngize ngimthume kuKesari. **22** UAgripha wasesithi kuFestusi: Lami bengithanda ukuthi ngimuzwe lumuntu. Yena wathi: Kusasa uzamuzwa. **23** Ngakho kusisa, kwathi uAgripha loBernike befika ngokuzibonakalisa okukhulu, basebengena endlini yokwahlulela kanye lezinduna ezinkulu lamadoda ayizikhulu zomuzi, uFestusi waselaya ukuthi uPawuli alethwe. **24** UFestusi wasesithi: Nkosi Agripha, lani lonke madoda elikhona lapha kanye lathi, liyambona lo elangicela ngaye lonke ixuku lamaJuda eJerusalema kanye lalapha, limemeza lisithi

kasafanele ukuphila. **25** Kodwa mina ngathola ukuthi kenzanga lutho olufanele ukufa, lokuthi yena ngokwakhe eselidlulisele enkosini enkulu, ngaquma ukumthuma. **26** Okungaye kangilalutho oluqinileyo engingalubhalela inkosi. Ngakho ngimlethile phambi kwenu, ikakhulu phambi kwakho, nkosi Agripha, ukuze kuthi esehloliwe ngibe lakho engingakubhala. **27** Ngoba ngibona kungaqondanga ukuthuma isibotshwa, kungatshengiswanga lamacala amelene laso.

26 UAgripha wasesithi kuPawuli: Uvunyelwe ukuzikhulumela. UPawuli waseselula isandla, waziphendulela wathi: **2** Kukho konke engimangalelw ngakho ngamaJuda, nkosi Agripha, ngizizwa ngithokoza ukuthi sengingaziphendulela phambi kwakho lamuhla; **3** ikakhulu ngikwazi uysisazi sawo wonke amasiko lokuphikisana phakathi kwamaJuda; ngakho ngiyakuncenga, ukuthi ungzwe ngesineke. **4** Ngakho ukuhamba kwami konke kusukela ebutsheni, okwakuqala esizweni sakithi eJerusalem, wonke amaJuda ayakwazi, **5** ayangazi phambili kusukela ekuqaleni, uba bethanda ukufakaza, ukuthi ngendlela eqinileyo yehlelo lokukhonza kwakithi ngaphila ngingumFarisi. **6** Lakhathesi ngimi ngithonisiswa ngenxa yethemba lesithembiso esenziwa nguNkulunkulu kubobaba, **7** ezithemba ukufinyelela kuso izizwe zakithi ezilitshumi lambili, zikhonza ngesineke ebusuku lemini; engimangalelw ngalelithemba, nkosi Agripha, ngamaJuda. **8** Kungani kukhunjulwa ukuthi kuyinto engakholekiyo kini, nxa uNkulunkulu evusa abafileyo? **9** Ngakho lami ngokwami ngangicabanga ukuthi ngangifanele ukwenza izinto ezinengi eziphambene lebizo likaJesu weNazaretha; **10** lami engakwenza eJerusalem, njalo mina ngavalela abanengi kwabangcwele entolongweni, sengemukele amandla avela

kubapristi abakhulu; lalapho bebulawa ngakukhetha ngimelene labo. **11** Lemasinagogeni wonke ngabajezisa kanengi, ngababamba ngamandla ukuthi bahlambaze; njalo ngahlanya kakhulu ngabo, ngabazingela baze bafika emizini yabezizwe. **12** Okungazo lami ngisiya eDamaseko ngamandla langokuthunywa ngabapristi abakhulu, **13** emini enkulu, nkosi, ngabona endleleni ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini, kudlula ukukhanya kwelanga, kwakhanya kwangizingelezela lalabo ababehamba lami. **14** Kwathi sonke sesiwele phansi emhlabathini, ngezwa ilizwi likhuluma lami lisithi ngolimi IwesiHebheru: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? Kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlelana lezincijo. **15** Mina ngasengisithi: Ungubani, Nkosi? Wasesithi: Mina nginguJesu omzingelayo. **16** Kodwa sukuma, njalo ume ngenyawo zakho; ngoba ngibonakelele lokho kuwe, ukuthi ngikumise ube yisikhonzi lomfakazi wezinto ozibonileyo, kanye lengizazibonakalisa ngazo kuwe, **17** ngikophula ebantwini lakwabezizwe, engikuthuma kubo khathesi, **18** ukuvula amehlo abo, lokubaphendula emnyameni baye ekukhanyeni, lemandleni kaSathane baye kuNkulunkulu, ukuze bemukeliswe uthethelelo Iwezono, lelifa phakathi kwabangcweliweyo ngokholo olukimi. **19** Ngakho, nkosi Agripha, kangananga ukulalela umbono wezulwini; **20** kodwa ngatshumayela kuqala kwabaseDamaseko labeJerusalema, lakulo lonke ilizwe leJudiya, lakwabezizwe, ukuze baphenduke, babuyele kuNkulunkulu, benze imisebenzi efanele ukuphenduka. **21** Ngenxa yalezizinto amaJuda angibamba ethempelini, azama ukungibulala. **22** Ngakho ngizuzile usizo oluvela kuNkulunkulu, kuze kube lamuhla ngimi ngifakaza kubo bonke abancinyane labakhulu, ngingakhulumi lutho ngaphandle kwalezozinto abazikhulumayo abaprofethi loMozisi ukuthi zizakwenzeka,

23 ukuthi uKristu umele ukuhlupheka, lokuthi engowokuqala ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzatshumayela ukukhanya kulabantu lakwabezizwe. **24** Kwathi esaziphendulela lezizinto, uFestusi wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Uyahlanya, Pawuli; ukufunda okunengi kuyakuhlanyisa. **25** Kodwa wathi: Kangihlanyi, mhlekazi Festusi, kodwa ngimemezelamazwi aliqiniso laqondileyo. **26** Ngoba inkosi iyazi ngalezizinto, engikhulumangesibindi lakuyo; ngoba ngiqinisekile ukuthi akukho okunye kwalezizinto okufihlakeleyo kuyo; ngoba lokhu kakwenziwanga engonsini. **27** Nkosi Agripha, uyakholwa abaprofethi yini? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyakholwa. **28** UAgripha wasesithi kuPawuli: Usuphose wangiqinisekisa ukuthi ngibe ngumKristu. **29** UPawuli wasesithi: Beningafisa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi, loba ngokulutshwana loba ngokunengi kungabi nguwe wedwa, kodwa labo bonke abangizwayo lamuhla, babe ngabanje njengoba nginjalo lami, ngaphandle kwalezizibopho. **30** Kwathi esekhulume lezzizinto, yasukuma inkosi, lombusi, loBernike, lalabo ababehlezilabo; **31** kwathi sebephumile bakhulumisana, besithi: Lumuntu kenzi lutho olufanele ukufa kumbe ukubotshwa. **32** UAgripha wasesithi kuFestusi: Lumuntu ubengakhululwa, uba ebengalidululiselanga kuKesari.

27 Kwathi sekuqunyiwe ukuthi siye elthaliya ngomkhumbi, banikela uPawuli lezinye izibotshwa ezithile enduneni yekhulu, nguJuliyu ngebizo, eyesigaba senkosi enkulu. **2** Sasesingena emkhunjini weAdramithiyu, obusuzakuya endaweni zangaseAsiya, saqala ukuhamba, uAristako umMakedoniya weThesalonika wayelathi. **3** Lakusisa safika eSidoni; uJuliyu wasemphatha kuhle uPawuli, wamvumela ukuthi aye kubangane ukuze asizwe. **4** Sasesisuka lapho ngomkhumbi sehla

sagudla iKuprosi, ngoba imimoya yayiphambene lathi, 5
kwathi sesidabule ulwandle olungaseKilikhiya lePamfiliya,
safika eMira yeLikhya. 6 Lapho-ke induna yekhulu yathola
umkhumbi weAleksandriya oya elthaliya, yasikhweza kuwo. 7
Sasesihamba kancinyane okwensuku ezinengi, safika nzima
maqondana leKinidu, umoya ungasivumeli, sehla sagudla
iKrete maqondana leSalamone; 8 sasesiyigudla kanzima safika
endaweni ethile ethiya yiMathekwmahle; okwakuseduze layo
umuzi iLaseya. 9 Kwathi sekudlule isikhathi esikhulu, njalo
sekuyingozi ukuhamba ngomkhumbi, ngoba lezilo lokudla
laseledlule, uPawuli wabeluleka 10 esithi kubo: Madoda,
ngiyabona ukuthi uhambo luzakuba lengozi lomonakalo
omkhulu, kungeyisiwo owempahla lomkhumbi kuphela kodwa
lowempilo zethu. 11 Kodwa induna yekhulu yakholwa
induna yomkhumbi lomnikazi wawo kulezinto ezazitshiwo
nguPawuli. 12 Kwathi njengoba ithoku lalingalungelanga
ukuhlalwa ebusika, inengi labo lacebisa ukuthi kusukwe lalapho,
mhlawumbe kwenzeke ukuthi bafike eFenikisi bahlale khona
ebusika, ithoku leKrete elikhangele eningizimuntshonalanga
lenyakathontshonalanga. 13 Njalo kuthe umoya weningizimu
usuphephetha buthakathaka, banakana ukuthi sebekuzuzile lokho
ababekuqondile, sebephakamise ingwegwe sagudla eKrete. 14
Kodwa kungabanga yisikhathi eside umoya oyisivunguzane,
othiya iYurakilidoni, wawutshaya; 15 umkhumbi wasubanjwa,
wehluleka ukukhangelana lomoya, sasesiwuyekela undenda.
16 Sathi sesigudla phansi kwesihlengana esithile esithiya
yiKlawuda, senelisa kalukhuni ukuwubamba umkolo; 17
abathi sebewuphanyekile, basebenzisa izincediso, babopha
ngamagoda azingelezela umkhumbi; basebesesaba ukuthi

bazaphoseka eSirtisi, behlisa iseyili, ngokunjalo basebendenda.

18 Kuthe ukuthi siphoswe kakhulu yisiphepho, ngolulandelayo baphosa impahla; **19** kwathi ngolwesithathu salahla izikhali zomkhumbi ngezandla zethu uqobo. **20** Kwathi kungelalanga njalo kungelankanyezi ezibonakalayo insuku ezinengi, lesiphepho esingesincinyane siqinisa, kusukela lapho laseliphela ithemba lonke lokuthi sizasinda. **21** Kwathi sekuyisikhathi eside bengasadli, uPawuli wasesukuma phakathi kwabo, wathi: Madoda, ngabe lalalela mina kalaze lasuka eKrete, njalo laphepha kulobubunzima lakulumonakalo. **22** Khathesi-ke sengileluleka ukuthi lime isibindi; ngoba kakusoze kulahleke impilo leyodwa kini, ngaphandle komkhumbi. **23** Ngoba ngalobibusuku bekumi kimi ingilosи kaNkulunkulu, engingowakhe, lengimkhonzayo, **24** yathi: Ungesabi Pawuli; ngoba umele ukuma phambi kukaKesari; njalo khangela, uNkulunkulu ukuphile bonke labo abahamba ngomkhumbi lawe. **25** Ngakho manini isibindi madoda; ngoba ngiyakholwa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi kuzakuba njengalokho engikutsheliwego. **26** Kodwa kumele sitshayeke esihlengeni esithile. **27** Kwathi sekufike ubusuku betshumi lane, sasindenda sizula olwandle lweAdriya, phakathi kobusuku, abomkhumbi bakhumbula ukuthi umhlabathi othile ususondela kubo; **28** basebephosa intambo yokulinganisa bathola amafathome angamatshumi amabili; sebeqhubekile kancinyane baphosa intambo yokulinganisa futhi, bathola amafathome alitshumi lanlanu; **29** njalo sesaba ukuthi mhlawumbe singatshayeka emadwaleni, basebephosela ingwegwe ezine ngemva komkhumbi, bafisa ukuthi kuse. **30** Abomkhumbi sebezama ukubaleka emkhunjini, basebesehlisela olwandle umkolo ngokungathi basebezakwehlisela ingwegwe ngaphambi

komkhumbi, **31** uPawuli wathi enduneni yekhulu lakwabebutho:
Uba laba bengahlali emkhunjini, lingesindiswe lina. **32**
Abebutho basebequma amagoda omkolo, bawuyekela wawa. **33**
Kwasekusithi sekuzakusa, uPawuli wabancenga bonke ukuthi
bathathe ukudla, esithi: Lamuhla kulusuku lwetshumi lane
lilindile lihlezi lingadli, lingathathi lutho. **34** Ngakho ngiyalincenga
ukuthi lithathe ukudla; ngoba lokhu ngokosindiso lwenu; ngoba
kakuyikuwa komunye unwele lwekhanda lenu. **35** Kwathi esetshilo
lezizinto, esethethe isinkwa, wabonga uNkulunkulu phambi
kwabo bonke; wasihlephula waqala ukudla. **36** Basebesima
isibindi bonke njalo bona bathatha ukudla. **37** Njalo thina
sonke esasisemkhunjini sasiyimiphefumulo engamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi aysiskhombisa lesithupha. **38** Njalo sebesuthi ukudla
baphungula umkhumbi, baphosela amabele olwandle. **39**
Kwathi sekusile, kabalazanga ilizwe; kodwa babona ithoku
elithile lilokhumbi, abamisa ukuthi baqhubele umkhumbi kulo,
uba kungenzeka. **40** Basebequma ingwegwe baziyekela
olwandle, ngesikhathi esifananayo bathukulula amagoda
abophe amaphini okuqondisa, baphakamisela emoyeni iseyili
yaphambili baqonda ekhunjini. **41** Basebefika bengananzelele
endaweni lapho ulwandle olwaluhlangana khona bawuqhubela
umkhumbi esihlabathini; njalo isihloko somkhumbi sagxumekeka
sahlala singanyikinyeki, kodwa ingemuva yomkhumbi yephulwa
ngamandla amagagasi. **42** Labebutho babeqonde ukubulala
izibotshwa, hlezi ezinye zibaleke ngokuntshezelwa khatshana. **43**
Kodwa induna yekhulu, ifisa ukusindisa uPawuli, yabavimbela
kunjongo yabo, yasilaya ukuthi labo abakwaziyo ukuntsheza
baziphosele olwandle kuqala, baye emhlabathini; **44** labaseleyo,
abanye ngamapulanka, labanye ngezinye zezinto zomkhumbi.

Ngokunjalo-ke kwenzeka ukuthi bonke bafike emhlabathini besindile.

28 Kwathi sebesindile, basebesizwa ukuthi isihlenge sithiya yiMelitha. **2** Labalelolizwe basiphatha ngomusa ongandanga; ngoba babasa umlilo, basemukela sonke, ngenxa yezulu elaseliqalisile, langenxa yomqando. **3** UPawuli wasetheza umnyaba wenkuni, wazibeka emlilweni, kwaphuma inyoka ngenxa yokutshisa, yanamathela esandleni sakhe. **4** Kwathi abalelolizwe bebona isilo silenga esandleni sakhe, bakhulumisana besithi: Isibili lumuntu ungumbulali, othi esindile olwandle, ukulunga kakuvumi ukuthi aphile. **5** Yena-ke wasithintithela emlilweni isilo, akaze ehlelwa yibubi. **6** Basebelindela ukuthi uzavuvuka lokuthi awele phansi ahle afe; kwathi sebelinde isikhathi eside, basebebona ukuthi kakulalutho olubi olwenzakala kuye, baphendula imicabango yabo bathi ungunkulunkulu. **7** Kubomakhelwane baleyondawo kwakulamasimu esikhulu sesihlenge, uPubliyo ngebizo; owasemukela wasingenisa kuhle insuku ezintathu. **8** Kwasekusithi uyise kaPubliyo wayelele ebanjwe luquhuqho lesisu segazi; angena kuye uPawuli, wakhuleka, wabeka izandla phezu kwakhe, wamsilisa. **9** Ngakho lokho sekwenzakele, beza labanye ababeseshlengeni ababelezifo basebesiliswa; **10** abasidumisa langodumo olunengi, njalo mhla sisukayo ngomkhumbi, basethesa izinto ezidingekeyo. **11** Kwathi emva kwenyanga ezintathu sasuka ngomkhumbi weAleksandriya, owawuhlezi ebusika esihlengeni, ulophawu oluthiwa ngoDiyosikuroyi. **12** Sasesifika eSirakhuse sahlala insuku ezintathu; **13** sasuka lapho sahamba ngokubhoda sayafika eRegiyuma, sekudlule usuku olulodwa kwafika umoya weningizimu, safika ePuthiyoli ngosuku lwasibili; **14** lapho

esafica khona abazalwane, sacelwa ukuhlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa; ngokunjalo saya-ke eRoma. **15** Njalo besuka lapho abazalwane sebezwile izinto ngathi, beza ukusihlangabeza baze bafika eApiyi Forum leNdlini zeZihambi eziNtathu; okwathi uPawuli ebabona, wabonga uNkulunkulu, wema isibindi. **16** Sathi sesifike eRoma, induna yekhulu yanikela izibotshwa enduneni yabalindi; kodwa uPawuli wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, lowebutho omlindayo. **17** Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezintathu uPawuli wabizela ndawonye labo abangabakhulu bamaJuda; sebebuthene, wathi kubo: Madoda bazalwane, mina kangenzanga lutho oluphambene lesizwe kumbe lamasiko abobaba, ngiyisibotshwa ngivela eJerusalema nganikelwa ezandleni zamaRoma; **18** wona esengihlolile afuna ukungikhulula, ngoba kungekho kimi cala elifanele ukufa. **19** Kodwa amaJuda ala, ngacindezeleka ukulidlulisela kuKesari, kungeyisikho ukuthi ngilolutho olokumangalela isizwe sakithi. **20** Ngakho ngenxa yalesisizatho ngilibizele lapha ukuthi ngilibone ngikhulume lani; ngoba ngenxa yethemba likalsrayeli ngizingelezelwe ngaleliketane. **21** Basebesithi kuye: Thina kasemukelanga izincwadi ngawe ezivela eJudiya, futhi loba ngubani wabazalwane, esefikile, kabikanga kumbe akhulume lutho olubi ngawe. **22** Kodwa sifisa ukuzwa izinto ozinakanayo wena; ngoba mayelana lalobububhazuka siyazi ukuthi buyaphikiswa endaweni zonke. **23** Njalo kwathi sebemmisele usuku, abanengi beza kuye endlini yezihambi; owabachasisela wafakaza umbuso kaNkulunkulu, ebancenga ngezinto zikaJesu, ethathela emlayweni kaMozisi kanye labaprofethi, kusukela ekuseni kakhulu kwaze kwaba kusihlwa. **24** Abanye basebekholwa izinto azitshoyo, kodwa abanye

kabakholwanga. **25** Kwasekusithi bengavumelani bodwa basuka bahamba, uPawuli esekhulume ilizwi laba linye lokuthi: Wayekhulume kuhle uMoya oyiNgcwele ngolsaya umprofethi kubobaba bethu, **26** esithi: Hamba uye kulesisizwe ubususithi: Ngokuzwa lizakuzwa, njalo kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona lizabona, njalo kalisoze libonisise. **27** Ngoba inhlizyo yalesisizwe seyaba buthundu, njalo bezwa kanzima ngendlebe, lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi babone ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise ngenhlizyo, njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa. **28** Ngakho kakwaziwe kini, ukuthi usindiso lukaNkulunkulu luyathunyelwa kwabezizwe, bona-ke bazakuzwa. **29** Njalo kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, amaJuda asuka, elokuphikisana okukhulu phakathi kwawo. **30** UPawuli wasehlala iminyaka emibili egcweleyo endlini yakhe uqobo ayeyiqhatshile, wemukela bonke abangena kuye, **31** watshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njalo wafundisa ngeNkosi uJesu Kristu, ngaso sonke isibindi, engelakuvinjelwa.

KwabaseRoma

1 UPawuli, inceku kaJesu Kristu, ebizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli, ehlukaniselwe ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, **2** (alithembisa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi bakhe emibhalweni engcwele), **3** mayelana leNdodana yakhe, eyavela enzalweni kaDavida ngokwenyama, **4** eyabonakaliswa ukuba yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngamandla, ngokukaMoya wobungcwele, ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu; **5** esemukela ngaye umusa lobuphostoli ukuthi kube yikulalela kokholo phakathi kwezizwe zonke, ngenxa yebizo lakhe, **6** elikuzo lani, babiziweyo bakaJesu Kristu: **7** Kubo bonke abaseRoma, abathandiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele: Kakube kini umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **8** Kuqala-ke ngibonga uNkulunkulu wami ngoJesu Kristu ngani lonke, ukuthi ukholo lwenu lumenyezelwa emhlabeni wonke. **9** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi wami, engimkhonza emoyeni wami ngevangeli leNdodana yakhe, ukuthi kangiyekeli ukulikhumbula, **10** ngesikhathi sonke emikhulekweni yami ngicela, ukuthi nxa kusenzeka ngentando kaNkulunkulu, ngiphumelele ukuza kini ekucineni. **11** Ngoba ngilangatha ukulibona, ukuze ngiliphe isipho esithile somoya, ukuze liqiniswe, **12** okuyikuthi, siduduzeke ndawonye phakathi kwenu ngokholo olukomunye lomunye, olwenu kanye lolwami. **13** Kanti angithandi ukuthi kungaziwa kini, bazalwane, ukuthi ngazimisela kanengi ukuza kini (ngasengibambeka kuze kube khathesi), ukuze ngizuze esinye isithelo laphakathi kwenu, lanjengaphakathi kwezinye izizwe. **14** Ngilomlandu kumaGriki kanye lakwabezizwe, kwabahlakaniphileyo kanye lakwabangahlakaniphanga; **15** ngokunjalo njengokukimi ngilungele ukutshumayela ivangeli

lakini abaseRoma. **16** Ngoba kangilanhloni ngevangeli likaKristu; ngoba lingamandla kaNkulunkulu kube lusindiso kuye wonke okholwayo, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki. **17** Ngoba ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kwembulwa kilo kusukela kukholo kusiya kukholo; njengokulotshiwego ukuthi: Kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo. **18** Ngoba ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakaliswa luvela ezulwini phezu kwakho konke ukungakhonzi uNkulunkulu lokungalungi kwabantu abavimbela iqiniso ngokungalungi; **19** ngoba lokho okwaziwayo ngoNkulunkulu kusobala phakathi kwabo; ngoba uNkulunkulu ukubonakalisile kubo. **20** Ngoba okungabonwayo kwakhe, selokhu kwadatshulwa umhlaba, kuzwisiseka ngezinto ezenziwego, kubonakaliswa obala, ngitsho amandla akhe aphakade kanye lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, kuze kuthi kabalakuzivikela; (*audios g126*) **21** ngoba kuthe bemazi uNkulunkulu, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu kabambonga, kodwa baba yize kumicabango yabo, lenhliziyoyabo engaqondiyo yenziwa yaba mnyama. **22** Bezipshaya abahlakaniphileyo baba yizithutha, **23** lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ongabhubhiyo bayiphendulela ekufananeni lomfanekiso womuntu obhubhayo, lowezinyoni, lowezidalwa ezilenyawo ezine, lowokuhuquzelayo. **24** Ngalokho-ke uNkulunkulu wabanikela emanyaleni, enkanukweni zenhliziyozabo, ukuthi badumaze imizimba yabo phakathi kwabo; **25** abaphendulela iqiniso likaNkulunkulu emangeni, basebedumisa bekhonza okudaliwego kuloMdali, ongobongekayo kuze kube phakade. Ameni. (*aiōn g165*) **26** Ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu wabanikela enkanukweni ezilihlazo; ngoba labesifazana babo baphendula ukwenza kwemvelo kwaba ngokuphambene lemvelo; **27** langokunjalo labesilisa bayekela ukwenza kwemvelo kowesifazana, batsha

ngokukhanukana kwabo, abesilisa labesilisa benza okulihlazo, bemukeliswa phakathi kwabo umvuzo ofanele ukuduha kwabo. 28 Njalo njengalokhu bengavumanga ukuba lolwazi ngoNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wabanikela ukuthi babe lengqondo ebolileyo, eyokwenza izinto ezingafanelanga; 29 begcwaliswe konke ukungalungi, ukuphinga, ububi, umhawu, inzondo; begcwele umona, ukubulala, inkani, inkohliso, ulunya; abahlebayo, 30 abanyeyayo, abazonda uNkulunkulu, abangelamakhanda, abazigqajayo, abazikhukhumezayo, abaqambi bezinto ezimbi, abangalaleli abazali, 31 abangelangqondo, abephula izithembiso, abalolunya, abangelakuxolisa, abangelasihawu; 32 abathi besazi umlayo wokulunga kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi abenza izinto ezinjalo bafanele ukufa, kungeskuthi bayazenza kuphela, kodwa futhi bevumelana labazenzayo.

2 Ngakho kawulakuzilandulela, wena muntu, loba ungebani owahlulelayo; ngoba ngalokho owahlulela ngakho omunye, uyazilahla wena, ngoba wena owahlulelayo wenza izinto ezifananayo. 2 Njalo siyazi ukuthi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu kungokweqiniso phezu kwalabo abenza izinto ezinjalo. 3 Njalo ucabanga lokho yini, O muntu owahlulela abenza izinto ezinjalo, lawe uzenza lezozinto, ukuthi wena uzaphepha ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu? 4 Kumbe uyayeyisa yini inotho yomusa wakhe leyokubekezelu lesineke, ungazi ukuthi umusa kaNkulunkulu ukukhokhelela ekuphendukeni? 5 Kodwa ngobulukhuni bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo uzibekela ulaka ngosuku lolaka lolwesambulo sokwahlulelwu okulungileyo kukaNkulunkulu, 6 ozavuza lowo lalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe; 7 impilo elaphakade kubo abalesineke ngokwenza imisebenzi elungileyo bedinga inkazimulo lodumo lokungabhubhi;

(aiōnios g166) 8 kodwa intukuthelo lolaka kulabo abalenkani, njalo bengalaleli iqiniso kodwa belalela ukungalungi, 9 usizi lokubandzeleka, phezu kwavo wonke umphefumulo womuntu owenza ububi, owomJuda kuqala lowomGriki; 10 kodwa inkazimulo lodumo lokuthula kuye wonke owenza okuhle, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki; 11 ngoba kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu kuNkulunkulu. 12 Ngoba bonke abonileyo bengelamlayo, ngokunjalo bazabhubha bengelamlayo; njalo bonke abonileyo emlayweni, bazagwetshwa ngomlayo; 13 ngoba kakusibo abezwayo umlayo abalungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu, kodwa abenzayo umlayo bazalungisiswa. 14 Ngoba nxa abezizwe abangelawo umlayo besenza ngokwemvelo okungokomlayo, bona, bengelawo umlayo, bangumlayo kubo ngokwabo; 15 ababonakalisa ukuthi umsebenzi womlayo ulotshiwe enhliziyweni zabo; isazela sabo laso siyafakaza, lemicabango yabo ibasole omunye komunye kumbe njalo ibavikele omunye komunye, 16 ngosuku uNkulunkulu azakwahlulela ngalo imfihlo zabantu, ngoJesu Kristu, ngokwevangeli lami. 17 Khangela wena ubizwa ngokuthi unguJuda, weyeme emlayweni, uzincoma ngoNkulunkulu, 18 usazi intando yakhe, usemukela izinto ezingcono, ufundiswe emlayweni, 19 njalo uzithembile wena ukuthi unguholi weziphofu, ukukhanya kwabasemnyameni, 20 umeluleki wezithutha, umfundisi wensane, ulesimo solwazi lolweqiniso emlayweni. 21 Ngakho wena ofundisa omunye, kawuzifundisi yini? Wena otshumayela ukuthi ungebi, ueeba yini? 22 Wena othi ungafebi, uyafeba yini? Wena onengwa yizithombe, uphanga amathempeli yini? 23 Wena ozincoma ngomlayo, udumaza uNkulunkulu ngokweqa umlayo yini? 24 Ngoba ibizo likaNkulunkulu liyahlanjazwa phakathi kwabezizwe

ngenxa yenu, njengoba kuletshiwe. **25** Ngoba isibili ukusoka kuyasiza, uba usenza umlayo; kodwa uba ungumeqi womlayo, ukusoka kwakho sekuyikungasoki. **26** Ngakho uba ukungasoki kugcina izimiso zomlayo, ukungasoki kwakhe kakuyikubalwa yini ukuthi kuyikusoka? **27** Lokungasoki ngemvelo, uba kugcwalisa umlayo, kungekugwebe yini wena ongumeqi womlayo ngombhalo langokusoka? **28** Ngoba kayisuye umJuda onguye ngokusobala, njalo kakusikho ukusoka okusobala enyameni; **29** kodwa yena unguJuda onguye ngasese, lokusoka kungokwenhliziyo, emoyeni, kungeyisikho ngombhalo; ondumiso yakhe kayivel iebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu.

3 Pho-ke yibuphi ubungcono bomJuda, kumbe luyini usizo lokusoka? **2** Kukhulu ngendlela yonke; ngoba kuqalake ukuthi baphathiswe amazwi kaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba kuyini uba abanye bengakholwanga? Ukungakholwa kwabo kuzakwenza ize ukholo lukaNkulunkulu yini? **4** Phinde! Kodwa uNkulunkulu kabe leqiniso, kodwa wonke umuntu abe ngumqambimanga, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ukuze uthiwe ulungile emazwini akho, unqobe ekwahlulelweni kwakho. **5** Kodwa uba ukungalungi kwethu kubonakalisa ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu, sizakuthini? Kambe uNkulunkulu kalunganga yini owehlisela ulaka? (Ngikhuluma njengomuntu.) **6** Phinde! Uba kungenjalo uNkulunkulu uzawahlulela njani umhlaba? **7** Ngoba uba iqiniso likaNkulunkulu landisile kakhulu edumeni lwakhe ngamanga ami, ngisagwetshelwani mina futhi njengesoni? **8** Njalo kungenjengalokhu sigconwa, lanjengoba abanye bathi thina sithi: Kasenze izinto ezimbi ukuze kuvele okuhle? Abakulahlwa kwabo kuba ngokokulunga. **9** Pho-ke? Singcono yini? Hatshi bo! Ngoba sesiwacalile mandulo amaJuda kanye lamaGriki ukuthi wonke

angaphansi kwesono, **10** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kakho olungileyo, kakho loyedwa; **11** kakho oqedisisayo, kakho odinga uNkulunkulu; **12** bonke baphambukile, kabasizi lutho bonkana; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho ngitsho loyedwa; **13** umphimbo wabo ulingcwaba elivulekileyo; bakhohlisa ngenlimi zabo; ubuhluntu bephimpi bungaphansi kwendebe zabo; **14** omlomo wabo ugcwele ukuqalekisa lokubaba; **15** inyawo zabo ziphangisela ukuchitha igazi; **16** incithakalo losizi kusendleleni zabo, **17** njalo indlela yokuthula kabayazanga; **18** ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kakukho phambi kwamehlo abo. **19** Njalo siyazi ukuthi konke okutshoyo umlayo, ukukhuluma kubo abangaphansi komlayo, ukuze yonke imilomo ivinjwe, lokuthi umhlaba wonke ube lecalu kuNkulunkulu; **20** ngoba emisebenzini yomlayo kakulanyama ezalungisiswa phambi kwakhe; ngoba ngomlayo kulokwazi isono. **21** Kodwa khathesi-ke sekubonakalisiwe ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngaphandle komlayo, okufakazelwa ngumlayo labaprofethi; **22** ngitsho ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu kubo bonke laphezu kwabo bonke abakholwayo; ngoba kawukho umehluko; **23** ngoba bonke bonile basilele enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu, **24** balungisiswa ngesihle ngomusa wakhe ngohlengo olukuKristu Jesu; **25** uNkulunkulu ammisayo ukuthi abe yinhlawulo yokuthula, ngokholo egazini lakhe, ukuze kube yisibonakaliso sokulunga kwakhe, ngokuyekelwa kwezono ezenziwa ngaphambili, ekubekezeleni kukaNkulunkulu; **26** ukuze kube yisibonakaliso sokulunga kwakhe kulesiskhathi, ukuze abe ngolungileyo lokuthi uyamlungisisa ongowokholo lukaJesu. **27** Ngakho kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kuvalelwe phandle. Ngomthetho bani? Wemisebenzi yini? Hatshi bo, kodwa ngomthetho wokholo. **28** Ngakho siphetha ngokuthi umuntu ulungisiswe ngokholo,

ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yomlayo. **29** Kambe unguNkulunkulu wamaJuda kuphela? Njalo kayisuye lowabezizwe yini? Yebo lowabezizwe; **30** lokhu uNkulunkulu emunye, ozalungisia ukusoka ekholweni, lokungasoki ngokholo. **31** Ngakho siyawenza umlayo ube yize ngokholo yini? Phinde! Kodwa siyawuqinisa umlayo.

4 Pho-ke sizakuthi uAbrahama ubaba wethu wazuzani ngokwenyama? **2** Ngoba uba uAbrahama walungisia ngemisebenzi, ulokuzincoma, kodwa kungekho phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba umbhalo uthini? Uthi: Kodwa uAbrahama wakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kwasekubalelwa kuye ukuthi yikulunga. **4** Kodwa kulowo osebenzayo kabalelwa iholo ngokomusa, kodwa ngokomlandu. **5** Kodwa kulowo ongasebenziyo, kodwa ekholwa kuye olungisia oweyisa uNkulunkulu, ukholo lwakhe lubalelwa ukuthi yikulunga. **6** Njengoba laye uDavida ekhuluma ngokubusiswa komuntu, uNkulunkulu ambalela ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi esithi: **7** Babusisiwe abaziphambeko zabo zithethelelw labazono zabo zisitshekew. **8** Ubusisiwe umuntu iNkosi engasoze yambalela isono. **9** Ngakho lokhukubusiswa kuphezu kokusoka yini, kumbe laphezu kokungasoki? Ngoba sithi: Ukholo lwabalelwa kuAbrahama ukuthi luyikulunga. **10** Pho lwabalelwa njani? Lapho esekusokeni yini, kumbe ekungasokini? Kungekho ekusokeni, kodwa ekungasokini. **11** Wasesemukela isibonakaliso sokusoka, uphawu lokulunga kokholo ayelakho ekungasokini; ukuze abe nguyise wabo bonke abakholyayo lanxa bengasokanga, ukuze ukulunga kubalelw lakibo; **12** loyise wokusoka kulabo abangayisibo bokusoka kuphela, kodwa futhi abahamba ezinyathelweni zokholo lukababa wethu uAbrahama ayelalo

engakasokwa. **13** Ngoba kasingomlayo isithembiso kuAbrahama kumbe kunzalo yakhe, ukuthi uzakuba yindlalifa yomhlaba, kodwa ngokulunga kokholo. **14** Ngoba uba labo abomlayo beyizindlalifa, ukholo lwensiwe ize, lesithembiso senziwa ize; **15** ngoba umlayo ubanga ulaka; ngoba lapho okungekho khona umlayo, kakukho lokweqa. **16** Ngakho kungokholo, ukuze kube ngokomusa; ukuze isithembiso siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo; kungeyisiyo engeyomlayo kuphela kodwa lakuyo engeyokholo lukaAbrahama, ongubaba wethu sonke, **17** (njengokulotshiwego ukuthi: Ngikumisile ukuthi ube nguyise wezizwe ezinengi) phambi kwakhe akholwa kuye, uNkulunkulu, ophilisa abafileyo, lobiza izinto ezingekho ngokungathi zikhona. **18** Owathi emelane lethemba wakholwa ngethemba, ukuze abe nguyise wezizwe ezinengi, njengalokho okwatshiwoyo ukuthi: Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho. **19** Njalo kabanga buthakathaka ekholweni, kanakananga umzimba wakhe uqobo owawusufile, ngoba wayesengaba leminyaka elikhulu, lokufa kwesizalo sikaSara; **20** njalo kathandabuzanga ngesithembiso sikaNkulunkulu ngokungakholwa, kodwa waqiniswa ekholweni, enika uNkulunkulu udumo, **21** njalo eqinisekile ngokupheleleyo ukuthi lokho ayekuthembisile, ulamandla ngitsho okukwenza. **22** Ngalokho-ke kwabalelwya kuye ukuthi yikulunga. **23** Kakubhalwanga-ke ngenxa yakhe yedwa, ukuthi kwabalelwya kuye; **24** kodwa langenxa yethu, esizabalelwya khona, thina esikholwa kuye owavusa uJesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo, **25** owanikelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, wavuswa ngenxa yokulungisiswa kwethu.

5 Ngakho sesilungisisiwe ngokholo, silokuthula kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, **2** okungaye njalo silokungena

ngokholo kulumusa esimi kuwo, sizincoma ethembeni lobukhos
bukaNkulunkulu. **3** Kakusikho lokhu-ke kuphela, kodwa
sizincoma langezinhlupheko, sisazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kuveza
ukubekezelə, **4** lokubekezelə ukuqina, lokuqina ithembə; **5**
lethemba kalidanisi, ngoba uthando lukaNkulunkulu lutheliwe
enhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele esimuphiwəyo. **6** Ngoba
sisebuthakathaka, ngesikhathi esifaneleyo uKristu wafela abeyisa
uNkulunkulu. **7** Ngoba kunzima ukuthi umuntu afele olungileyo;
kodwa mhlawumbe kungaba khona ngitsho olesibindi sokufela
olungileyo. **8** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uqinisa uthando lwakhe uqobo
kithi, ukuthi uKristu wasifela siseyizoni. **9** Ngakho kakhlul-
ke, lokhu sesilungisisiwe khathesi ngegazi lakhe, sizasindiswa
ngaye elakeni. **10** Ngoba uba, lapho siseyizitha, sesibuyisene
loNkulunkulu ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, ikakhulu lokhu
sesibuyisene sizasindiswa ngempilo yayo; **11** njalo kakusikho
lokhu kuphela, kodwa sizincoma futhi kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu, esesemukele ngaye ukubuyisana. **12** Ngakho,
njengalokhu ngamuntu munye isono sangena emhlabeni,
langesonon ukufa, ngokunjalo ukufa kwedlulela kubo bonke
abantu, ngoba bonke bonile; **13** ngoba kuze kufike umlayo
isono sasikhona emhlabeni; kodwa isono kasibalelwə, ungekho
umlayo, **14** kanti ukufa kwabusa kusukela kuAdamu kusiya
kuMozisi, laphezu kwalabo ababengonanga okufanana lokweqa
kukaAdamu, ongumfanekiso wakhe obezakuza. **15** Kodwa
kungenjengesiphambeko, sinjalo lesipho somusa. Ngoba uba
ngesiphambeko soyedwa abanengi bafa, ikakhulu kwanda
kwabanengi umusa kaNkulunkulu, lesipho ngomusa womuntu
munye, uJesu Kristu. **16** Futhi isipho kasinjengoyedwa owonayo;
ngoba isigwebo sasingesisodwa ngasekulahlwəni, kodwa isipho

somusa ngeseziphambeko ezinengi ngasekulungisisweni. **17**
Ngoba uba ngesiphambeko somuntu oyedwa ukufa kwabusa
ngalowo oyedwa, ikakhulu bona abemukela ubunengi bomusa
lobesipho sokulunga bazabusa empilweni ngalowo oyedwa,
uJesu Kristu. **18** Ngakho njengoba ngesiphambeko soyedwa
isigwebo saba kubo bonke abantu ukuya ekulahlweni, ngokunjalo
langokulunga koyedwa umusa weza kubo bonke abantu ukuya
ekulungisisweni kwempilo. **19** Ngoba njengoba ngokungalaleli
komuntu munye abanengi benziwa izoni, ngokunjalo langokulalela
koyedwa abanengi bazakwenziwa abalungileyo. **20** Phezu
kwalokho umlayo wangena, ukuze isiphambeko sande; kodwa
lapho okwanda isono khona, umusa wanda kakhulukazi; **21**
ukuze njengoba isono sabusa ekufeni, ngokunjalo lomusa ubuse
ngokulunga kuze kube sempilweni elaphakade, ngoJesu Kristu
iNkosi yethu. (aiōnios g166)

6 Ngakho sizakuthini? Sizahlala yini esonweni, ukuze kwande
umusa? **2** Phinde! Thina esafa mayelana lesono, sizaphila njani
kuso futhi? **3** Kalazi yini ukuthi thina sonke esabhabhathizelwa
kuKristu Jesu, sabhabhathizelwa ekufeni kwakhe? **4** Ngakho
sangcwatshwa kanye laye ngobhabhathizo ekufeni; ukuze,
njengoba uKristu wavuswa kwabafileyo ngobukhosи bukaYise,
ngokunjalo lathi sihambe ebutsheni bempilo. **5** Ngoba uba
sihlanyelwe kanye laye ekufananeni kokufa kwakhe, sizakuba
njalo lekufananeni kokuvuka kwakhe; **6** sisazi lokhu, ukuthi
umuntu wethu omdala ubethelwe laye, ukuze umzimba wesono
ubhujiswe, ukuze singabe sisakhonza isono; **7** ngoba ofileyo
ukhululiwe esonweni. **8** Njalo uba sifile kanye loKristu, siyakholwa
ukuthi sizaphila futhi kanye laye; **9** sisazi ukuthi uKristu
esevusiwe kwabafileyo kasafi futhi; ukufa kungeke kusabusa

phezu kwakhe. **10** Ngoba lokhu wafa, wafela isono kanye; kodwa lokhu ephila, uphilela uNkulunkulu. **11** Ngokunjalo lani zinakaneni sibili lifile esonweni, kodwa liphilele uNkulunkulu ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. **12** Ngakho kakumelanga isono sibuse emzimbeni wenu ofayo, lize lisilalele ezinkanukweni zaho; **13** njalo linganikeli izitho zenu zibe yizikhali zokungalungi esonweni; kodwa zinikeleni lina kuNkulunkulu njengabaphilayo kwabafileyo, lezitho zenu kuNkulunkulu zibe yizikhali zokulunga; **14** ngoba isono kasiyikubusa phezu kwenu; ngoba kalikho ngaphansi komlayo, kodwa ngaphansi komusa. **15** Pho-ke? Sizakona yini, ngoba singekho ngaphansi komlayo, kodwa ngaphansi komusa? Phinde! **16** Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo elizinikela kuye ukuze libe yizigqili zokumlalela, liyizigqili zakhe elimlalelayo, loba ezesono kube yikufa, loba ezokulalela kube yikulunga? **17** Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ukuthi lina lake laba yizigqili zesono, kodwa selilalela enhliziyweni isimo semfundiso elanikelwa kuso; **18** njalo likhululiwe esonweni, lenziwe izigqili zokulunga. **19** Ngikhuluma ngokwabantu ngenxa yobuthakathaka benyama yenu; ngoba njengalokho lanikela izitho zenu njengeziggili zamanya lokubi kube ngokubi, ngokunjalo zinikeleni izitho zenu khathesi njengeziggili zokulunga, kube yibungcwele. **20** Ngoba lapho liyizigqili zesono, lalikhululekile ekulungeni. **21** Ngakho sithelobani elilaso ezintweni ngalesosikhathi eselilenhloni ngazo? Ngoba ukucina kwalezizinto yikufa. **22** Kodwa khathesi-ke selikhululiwe esonweni, njalo selensiwe izigqili kuNkulunkulu, lilesithelo senu kube yibungcwele, lokucina kuyimpilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **23** Ngoba inkokhelo yesono iyikufa, kodwa isipho somusa sikaNkulunkulu siyimpilo elaphakade ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. (aiōnios g166)

7 Kalazi yini, bazalwane (ngoba ngikhuluma lalabo abawaziyo umlayo), ukuthi umlayo ubusa umuntu selokhu esaphila? **2** Ngoba umfazi owendileyo ubotshelwe ngomlayo endodeni ephilayo; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululiwe emlayweni wendoda. **3** Ngakho uba indoda isaphila, uzathiwa yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululekile emlayweni, ukuze angabi yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda. **4** Ngakho, bazalwane bami, selenziwe lafa lani emlayweni ngomzimba kaKristu, ukuze libe ngabomunye, ngabalowo owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sithelele uNkulunkulu izithelo. **5** Ngoba sathi sisenyameni, inkanuko zezono ezingomlayo zasebenza ezithweni zethu ukuthelela ukufa izithelo. **6** Kodwa khathesi-ke sesikhululiwe emthethweni, sifile mayelana lalokho esasibanjwe yikho, ukuze sikhonze ngobutsha bomoya, njalo kungeyisikho ngobudala bokulotshiweyo. **7** Pho-ke sizakuthini? Umthetho uyisono yini? Phinde! Kodwa bengingasazi isono, ngaphandle ngomthetho; ngoba bengingawazi umhawu futhi, uba umthetho ubungatshongo ukuthi: Ungabi lomhawu. **8** Kodwa isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sasebenza kimi umhawu wonke; ngoba ngaphandle komlayo isono sifile. **9** Mina-ke ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komlayo; kodwa kwathi sekufike umthetho, isono savuka, njalo ngafa mina; **10** njalo umthetho ongowempilo, wona waficwa yimi ungowokufa; **11** ngoba isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sangikhohlisa, sangibulala ngawo. **12** Ngakho umthetho ungcwele, lomlayo ungcwele njalo ulungile, futhi muhle. **13** Ngakho okulungileyo kwaba yikufa kimi yini? Phinde! Kodwa isono, ukuze sibonakaliswe ukuthi siyisono, sisebenza ukufa kimi ngokulungileyo; ukuze isono ngomthetho sibe yikonakala okukhulu kakhlulu. **14** Ngoba siyazi ukuthi umthetho ungowomoya;

kanti mina ngingowenyama, ngithengisiwe ngaphansi kwasono.

15 Ngoba lokhu engikwenzayo, angivumelanilakho; ngoba kakusikho engikuthandayo, lokho engikwenzayo; kodwa lokho engikuzondayo, yikho engikwenzayo. **16** Uba ngisenza lokho engingakuthandiyo, ngiyawuvumela umthetho ukuthi ulungile. **17** Kodwa khathesi-ke kakuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. **18** Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi kimi, lokhu kuyikuthi enyameni yami, kakuhlali okuhle; ngoba kukhona ukuthanda kimi, kodwa ukwenza okuhle kangikutholi. **19** Ngoba okuhle engikuthandayo, kangikwenzi; kodwa okubi engingakuthandiyo, yikho engikwenzayo. **20** Kodwa uba ngisenza lokho mina engingakuthandiyo, kakuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. **21** Ngakho ngithola umthetho wokuthi lapho ngithanda ukwenza okuhle, okubi kukhona kimi. **22** Ngoba ngiyathokoza emthethweni kaNkulunkulu ngomuntu ophakathi; **23** kodwa ngibona ezithweni zami omunye umthetho olwa lomthetho wengqondo yami, longithumbela emthethweni wesono osezithweni zami. **24** Mina muntu olusizi! Ngubani ozangikhulula kulumzimba walokhukufa? **25** Ngiyabonga uNkulunkulu ngoJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. Ngalokho-ke mina ngokwami ngikhonza umthetho kaNkulunkulu ngengqondo, kodwa ngenyama umthetho wesono.

8 Ngakho khathesi kakukho ukulahlwa kubo abakuKristu Jesu, abangahambi ngokwenyama, kodwa ngokoMoya.
2 Ngoba umthetho woMoya wempilo kuKristu Jesu ungikhulule emthethweni wesono lowokufa. **3** Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungekwenze, ngoba ubuthakathaka ngenyama, uNkulunkulu ethuma eyakhe iNdodana ekufananeni kwenyama elesono, njalo ithunyelwe isono, walahlal isono

enyameni; **4** ukuze ukulunga komthetho kugcwaliswe kithi, esingahambi ngokwenyama kodwa ngokukaMoya. **5** Ngoba bona abangokwenyama banakana izinto zenyama; kodwa abangokoMoya izinto zikaMoya. **6** Ngoba ukuzindla kwenyama kuyikufa; kodwa ukuzindla kukaMoya kuyimpilo lokuthula; **7** ngoba ukuzindla kwenyama kuyibutha kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakuzehliseli ngaphansi komthetho kaNkulunkulu, ngoba kungekwenze; **8** lalabo abasenyameni kabalakumthokozisa uNkulunkulu. **9** Lina-ke alisenyameni, kodwa likuMoya, uba phela uMoya kaNkulunkulu ehlala kini. Uba-ke umuntu engelaye uMoya kaKristu, lowo kayisuye owakhe. **10** Uba-ke uKristu ekini, umzimba ufile ngenxa yesono, kodwa umoya uyimpilo ngenxa yokulunga. **11** Njalo uba uMoya walowo owavusa uJesu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa uKristu kwabafileyo uzaphilisa lemizimba yenu efayo, ngoMoya wakhe ohlala kini. **12** Ngakho, bazalwane, silomlandu, kungeyisikho enyameni, ukuthi siphile ngokwenyama; **13** ngoba uba liphila ngokwenyama, lizakufa; kodwa uba libulala imisebenzi yomzimba ngoMoya, lizaphila. **14** Ngoba bonke abakhokhelwa nguMoya kaNkulunkulu, bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. **15** Ngoba kalemukelanga umoya wobuggili ukuze libuye lesabe, kodwa lemukele umoya wokuma kwabantwana, esimemeza ngawo sisithi: Abha, Baba! **16** UMoya uqobo ufakazelana kanye lomoya wethu, ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu; **17** njalo uba singabantwana, siyizindlalifa futhi; izindlalifa zikaNkulunkulu, lezindlalifa kanye loKristu; uba phela sihlupheka kanye laye, ukuze lathi sidunyiswe kanye laye. **18** Ngoba ngithi inhlupheko zalesisikhathi kazilakulinganiswa lenkazimulo ezakwembulwa kithi. **19** Ngoba ukulangatha kokudaliweyo kulindele ukwembulwa kwabantwana

bakaNkulunkulu. 20 Ngoba okudaliweyo kwehliselwa ngaphansi kobuze, kungeyisikho ngokuthanda, kodwa ngenxa yalowo owakwehliselayo; ethembeni 21 lokuthi lalokho okudaliweyo kuzakhululwa ebugqilini bokubhubha kuze kube senkululekweni yenkaZimulo yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. 22 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi konke okudaliweyo kuyabubula kanyekanye kuyahelelwa kuze kube khathesi. 23 Kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa lathi uqobo lwethu esilengqabutho yesithelo sikaMoya, lathi uqobo siyabubula ngaphakathi kwethu, silindele ukuma kwabantwana, uhlengo lomzimba wethu. 24 Ngoba sisindiswa ngethemba; kodwa ithemba elibonwayo kayisilo ithemba; ngoba lokho umuntu akubonayo, ukuthembelani futhi? 25 Kodwa uba sithemba lokho esingakuboniyo, sikulindela ngokubekezela. 26 Ngokunjalo loMoya uyasiza ubuthakathaka bethu; ngoba kasikwazi esikukhulekelayo njengokufaneleyo, kodwa uMoya uqobo usincengela ngokububula okungelakuphumisela; 27 yena-ke ohlolola izinhliziyu uyakwazi lokho okuyingqondo kaMoya, ngoba uncengela abangcwele ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu. 28 Njalo siyazi ukuthi izinto zonke zisebenzelana okuhle kulabo abamthandayo uNkulunkulu, ababiziweyo ngokwecebo lakhe. 29 Ngoba labo abazi ngaphambili, wabamisa labo ngaphambili ukuthi bafanane lesimo seNdodana yakhe, ukuze yona ibe lizibulo phakathi kwezelamani ezinengi; 30 lalabo abamisayo ngaphambili, bona labo wababiza; lalabo ababizayo, bona labo wabalungisia; lalabo abalungisisayo, bona labo wabapha inkazimulo. 31 Pho-ke sizakuthini kulezizinto? Uba uNkulunkulu engowethu, ngubani omelana lathi? 32 Yena ongazange ayigodle eyakhe iNdodana, kodwa wayinikelela thina sonke, uzayekela njani ukusinika ngesihle konke

kanye layo? **33** Ngubani ozababeka icala abakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu? NguNkulunkulu olungisisayo; **34** ngubani olahlayo? NguKristu owafayo, njalo ikakhulu owavuswayo, ongakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, losikhulekelayo. **35** Ngubani ozasehlukanisa lothando lukaKristu? Ukuhlupheka, kumbe usizi, kumbe ukuzingelwa, kumbe indlala, kumbe ubuze, kumbe ingozi, kumbe inkemba yini? **36** Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngenxa yakho siyabulawa usuku lonke; kuthiwa sinjengezimvu zokuhlatshwa. **37** Kanti kulezizinto zonke sedlula abanqobi ngaye owasithandayo. **38** Ngoba ngileqiniso ukuthi kayisikho ukufa lempilo lezingilos i lababusi lamandla lezinto ezikhona lezinto ezizayo **39** lobude lokutshona laloba yisiphi isidalwa okuzakuba lamandla okusehlukanisa lothando lukaNkulunkulu olukuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

9 Ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga, isazela sami sifakazelana lami ngoMoya oNgcwele, **2** ukuthi ngilokudabuka okukhulu, lobuhlungu obungapheliyo enhliziyweni yami. **3** Ngoba ngingafisa ukuthi mina uqobo ngiqalekiswe kuKristu ngenxa yabazalwane bami, izihlobo zami ngokwenyama; **4** abangamalsrayeli, okungokwabo ukuma kwabantwana, lenkazimulo, lezivumelwano, lokunikwa komlayo, lenkonzo kaNkulunkulu, lezithembiso, **5** abangababo obaba, njalo avela kubo uKristu ngokwenyama, ophezu kwakho konke, uNkulunkulu obongekayo kuze kube nininini. Ameni. (**aīōn g165**) **6** Kodwa kakunjengokuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lehlulekile. Ngoba kakusibo bonke abavela kulsrayeli, abangulsrayeli; **7** njalo kungesikuthi ngoba bayinzalo kaAbrahama, bonke bangabantwana; kodwa: Ngolsaka inzalo izabizelwa kuwe. **8** Lokhu kutsho ukuthi, kakusibo abantwana benyama, bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu;

kodwa abantwana besithembiso bathiwa yinzalo. **9** Ngoba ilizwi lesithembiso yileli elokuthi: Ngalesisikhathi ngizafika, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana. **10** Kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa loRebeka esekhulelwwe ngomunye, ubaba wethu ulsaka; **11** ngoba abantwana bengakazalwa, bengakenzi okuhle loba okubi, ukuze icebo likaNkulunkulu elingokokukhetha lime, kungaveli emisebenzini, kodwa kuvele kobizayo, **12** k watshiwo kuye ukuthi: Omkhulu uzakhonza omncinyane, **13** njengokulotshiwego ukuthi: UJakobe ngamthanda, kodwa uEsawu ngamzonda. **14** Pho-ke sizakuthini? Kukhona ukungalungi kuNkulunkulu yini? Phindel! **15** Ngoba uthi kuMozisi: Ngizakuba lomusa kwengilomusa kuye, njalo ngimhawukele engimhawukelayo. **16** Ngakho kakusikho kothandayo, njalo kakusikho kogijimayo, kodwa ngokukaNkulunkulu olesihawu. **17** Ngoba umbhalo uthi kuFaro: Ngakuphakamisela khona lokho, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami ngawe, njalo ukuze ibizo lami litshunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke. **18** Ngakho uhawukela lowo athanda ukumhawukela; njalo amenze abe lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza lukhuni. **19** Ngakho uzakuthi kimi: Usasolelani? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando yakhe? **20** Hatshi bo, wena muntu, ungubani wena ophikisana loNkulunkulu? Okubunjiveyo kungatsho yini kowakubumbayo ukuthi: Wangenzelani ngabanje? **21** Kumbe umbumbi kalagunya yini phezu kwebumba, ukuthi ngesigaqa sisinye enze isitsha esinye esihloniphekayo, lesinye esingahloniphekayo? **22** Njalo uba uNkulunkulu ethanda ukubonakalisa ulaka lwakhe, lokwazisa amandla akhe, wathwala ngokubekezelwa okukhulu izitsha zolaka ezi lungiselwe ukubhujiswa; **23** njalo ukuze azise inotho yen kazimulo yakhe phezu kwezitsha zomusa, ayezilungisele ngaphambili inkazimulo,

24 ngitsho thina, asibizileyo, kungeyisikho kumaJuda kuphela, kodwa lakwabezizwe? 25 Njengalokhu akutsho lakuHoseya: Abangeyisibo abantu bami ngizababiza ngokuthi ngabantu bami; lowayengathandwa ngokuthi ngothandekayo; 26 njalo kuzakuthi, endaweni lapho okwathiwa khona kubo: Kalisibo abantu bami, khona lapho bazabizwa ngokuthi ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo. 27 Lolsaya umemeza ngolsrayeli esithi: Lanxa inani labantwana bakolsrayeli lingangetshebetshebe lolwandle, insali izasindiswa; 28 ngoba uzaqeda isenzo asiqume ngokulunga; ngoba iNkosi izakwenza isenzo siqunywe ngokuphangisa emhlabeni. 29 Njalo njengoba ulsaya watsho ngaphambili ukuthi: Uba iNkosi yamabandla ibingasitshiyelanga inzalo, besizakuba njengeSodoma, njalo besizakwensiwa sifanane leGomora. 30 Pho sizakuthini? Ukuthi abezizwe abangadingisisi ukulunga, bakubambil eukulunga, ukulunga-ke okungokholo; 31 kodwa ulsrayeli, edingisisa umlayo wokulunga, kawufinyelanga umlayo wokulunga. 32 Ngani? Ngoba kabadingisisanga ngokholo, kodwa ngokungathi ngemisebenzi yomlayo; ngoba bakhubeka elitsheni lokukhubekisa, 33 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Khangela ngibeka eSiyoni ilitshe lokukhubekisa ledwala lokuwisa; laye wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka.

10 Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami, lomkhuleko kuNkulunkulu ngenxa kalsrayeli yikuthi basindiswe. 2 Ngoba ngiyabafakazela ukuthi balokutshisekela uNkulunkulu, kodwa kungenjengolwazi; 3 ngoba bengakwazi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu, njalo bedinga ukumisa okwabo ukulunga, kabazehliselanga ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu. 4 Ngoba uKristu uyisiphetho somlayo ekulungeni kuye wonke okholwayo. 5 Ngoba uMozisi ubhala ngokulunga okungokomlayo, ukuthi umuntu owenza

lezinto uzaphila ngazo. **6** Kodwa ukulunga okungokholo kakhulumana kanje: Ungatsho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumehlisa uKristu; **7** kumbe ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwehlela ekujuleni? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumkhuphula uKristu kwabafleyo. (*Abyssos g12*)

8 Kodwa kuthini? Ilizwi liseduze lawe, emlonyeni wakho lenhliziyweni yakho; leli yilizwi lokholo esilitshumayelayo; **9** ukuthi uba uvuma ngomlomo wakho iNkosi uJesu, njalo ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafleyo, uzasindiswa; **10** ngoba ngenhliziyo omunye uyakholwa kube yikulunga, langomlomo uyavuma kube lusindiso.

11 Ngoba umbhalo uthi: Wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka.

12 Ngoba kakukho umehluko phakathi komJuda lomGriki; ngoba yinye iNkosi yabo bonke, inothele bonke abakhuleka kuyo. **13** Ngoba wonke loba ngubani ozabiza ibizo leNkosi uzasindiswa. **14** Ngakho bazayibiza njani abangakholwanga kuyo? Futhi bazakholwa njani kuyo abangezwanga ngayo? Futhi bazakuzwa njani bengelamtshumayeli? **15** Njalo bazatshumayela njani uba bengathunywanga? Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Zinhle kangakanani inyawo zabatshumayela ivangeli lokuthula, zabatshumayela ivangeli ngezinto ezinhle! **16** Kodwa kabalilalelanga bonke ivangeli. Ngoba ulsaya uthi: Nkosi, ngubani owakholwa umbiko wethu? **17** Ngakho ukholo luvela ekuzweni, lokuzwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu. **18** Kodwa ngithi: Kabezwanga yini? Yebo sibili, ilizwi labo liphumele emhlabeni wonke, lamazwi abo emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **19** Kodwa ngithi: Ulsrayeli kaqedisisanga yini? Kuqala uMozisi uthi: Mina ngizalivusela umona ngabo abangesiso isizwe, ngilithukuthelise ngesizwe esingelangqondo. **20** Lolsaya ulesibindi uthi: Ngaficwa yilabo

abangangidinganga, ngabonakala kubo abangabuzanga ngami.

21 Kodwa kulsrayeli uthi: Usuku lonke ngelulela izandla zami kubantu abangalaleliyo labalenkani.

11 Ngakho ngithi: UNkulunkulu ubalahlile yini abantu bakhe?

Phinde! Ngoba lami ngingumlsrayeli, owenzalo kaAbrahama, wesizwe sikaBhenjamini. **2** UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga abantu bakhe abazi ngaphambili. Kumbe kalazi yini kuElijah ukuthi umbhalo uthini? Ukuthi walabhela njani kuNkulunkulu emelene lolsrayeli, esithi: **3** Nkosi, babulele abaprofethi bakho, badilizile amalathi akho; mina-ke ngisele ngedwa, sebedinga umphefumulo wami. **4** Kodwa impendulo kaNkulunkulu yathini kuye? Yathi: Ngizitshiyele amadoda azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, angaguqanga ngedolo kuBhali. **5** Kunjalo-ke kukhona langalesisikhathi insali ngokukhetha komusa. **6** Kodwa uba kungomusa, kakusayi ngemisebenzi; uba kungenjalo umusa kawuseyiwo umusa. Kodwa aluba kusiya ngemisebenzi, kakuseyiwo umusa; uba kungenjalo umsebenzi kawusengumsebenzi. **7** Pho-ke? Lokhu ulsrayeli ayekudinga, lokho kakutholanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola, labanye benziwa baba lukhuni; **8** njengokulotshiwego ukuthi: UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wobuthongo obukhulu, amehlo ukuze bangaboni, lendlebe ukuze bangezwa, kuze kube lusuku lwalamuhi. **9** LoDavida uthi: Itafula labo libe ngumjibila lesifu, lesikhubeleko, lempindiselo kubo; **10** amehlo abo kafiphazwe ukuze bangaboni, njalo ugobise umhlana wabo njalonjalo. **11** Ngakho ngithi: Bakhubeka ukuze bawe yini? Phinde! Kodwa ngesiphambeko sabo usindiso lufikile kwabezizwe, ukubavusela umona. **12** Kodwa uba isiphambeko sabo siyinotho yomhlaba, lokwehluleka kwabo kuyinotho yabezizwe, kakhlulu kangakanani

ukugcwala kwabo? **13** Ngoba ngikhulumu lani bezizwe, njengalokho mina ngingumphostoli wabezizwe; ngikhulisa inkonzo yami; **14** ukuthi mhlawumbe ngibavusele umona abenyama yami, ngisindise abanye babo. **15** Ngoba uba ukulahlwa kwabo kuyikubuyiswa komhlaba, kungaba yini ukwemukelwa, ngaphandle kokuthi kuyimpilo kwabafileyo?

16 Njalo uba izithelo zokuqala zingcwele, lenhlama injalo; uba-ke impande ingcwele, lengatsha zinjalo. **17** Kodwa uba kwephulwe ezinye ingatsha, lawe ongumhlwathi weganga waxhunyelelwa phakathi kwazo, uhlanganyele lazo impande lamafutha omhlwathi, **18** ungazincomi phezu kwengatsha; kodwa uba uzincoma phezu kwazo, kayisuwe othwele impande, kodwa impande wena. **19** Uzakuthi-ke: Ingatsha zephulwa, ukuze mina ngixhunyelwe. **20** Kulungile; zephulwa ngokungakholwa, wena-ke umi ngokholo. Ungazikhukhumezi, kodwa yesaba; **21** ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engayekelanga ingatsha zemvelo, hlezi lawe kayikukuyekela. **22** Khangela-ke ububele lobukhali bukaNkulunkulu; ubukhali, kulabo abawayo; kodwa kuwe, ububele, uba uhlala ebubeleni; uba kungenjalo uzaqunywa lawe. **23** Lalabo futhi, uba bengahlali ekungakholweni, bazaxhunyelwa, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okubuya abaxhume. **24** Ngoba uba wena waqunywa emhlwathini weganga ngemvelo, wasuxhunyelelwa ngokuphambene lemvelo emhlwathini ohlanyelweyo, kakhulu kangakanani labo, abazingatsha ngemvelo, bazaxhunyelelwa esihlahleni sakibo somhlwathi? **25** Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lingabi ngabangaziyo, bazalwane, ngalimfihlo, hlezi lizitshaye abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi ubulukhuni sebehlele ulsrayeli nganxanye, kuze kungene ukugcwala kwabezizwe; **26** ngokunjalo-ke ulsrayeli wonke

uzasindiswa; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kuzavela eSiyoni uMkhululi, asuse ukungabi loNkulunkulu kuJakobe; 27 njalo yilesi isivumelwano sami kubo, lapho ngizasusa izono zabo. 28 Ngokwevangeli bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa ngokukhetha bangabathandiweyo ngenxa yabobaba; 29 ngoba izipho zomusa lokubiza kukaNkulunkulu kakulakuphenduka. 30 Ngoba njengalokhu lani kade lingamlaleli uNkulunkulu, kodwa khathesi selihawukelwe ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo; 31 ngokunjalo lalabo khathesi kabalalelanga, ukuze ngesihawu senu bahawukelwe labo; 32 ngoba uNkulunkulu ubavalele bonke ekungalalelini, ukuze abe lesihawu kubo bonke. (eleēsē g1653) 33 Yeka ukujula kwenotho, kokubili eyenhlakaniphо leyolwazi lukaNkulunkulu! Kakuphenyeki kangakanani ukwahlulela kwakhe, lendlela zakhe kazilandelesi! 34 Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo yeNkosi? Kumbe ngubani owaba ngumeluleki wayo? 35 Kumbe ngubani owamnika kuqala, njalo kubuyiselwe kuye? 36 Ngoba konke kuvela kuye, kungaye, kuya kuye; kabube kuye ubukhosи kuze kube nininini. Ameni. (aiōn g165)

12 Ngakho, bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuthi, ngezihawu zikaNkulunkulu, linikele imizimba yenu ibe ngumhlatshelo ophilileyo, ongcwele, owemukelekayo kuNkulunkulu, kube yinkonzo yenu yokuqedisisa. 2 Njalo lingalingisi lumhlaba, kodwa liguqulwе ngokwenziwa zibentsha ingqondo zenu, ukuze lihlolisise okuyintando kaNkulunkulu elungileyo leyemukelekayo lepheleleyo. (aiōn g165) 3 Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo, ngithi kuye wonke ophakathi kwenu ukuthi angacabangi ukuthi mkhulu kulalokho afanele ukukucabanga, kodwa acabange ngokuqonda, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu abele ngulowo lalowo isilinganiso sokholo. 4 Ngoba njengoba silezitho ezinengi emzimbeni

munye, kodwa izitho zonke kazilamsebenzi ofananayo; **5** kunjalo thina esibanengi singumzimba munye kuKristu, njalo ngabanye siyizitho omunye komunye. **6** Njalo silezipho ezechlukeneyo ngokomusa esiwuphiwego; zingaba yikuprofetha, asiprofethe ngokwesilinganiso sokholo; **7** kumbe yikukhonza, asisebenze enkonzweni; kumbe ofundisayo, ekufundiseni; **8** kumbe olayayo, ekulayeni; ophanayo, kanike ngobuqotho; obusayo, ngokukhuthala; olesihawu, ngentokozo. **9** Uthandokalube qotho. Yenyanyani okubi, libambelele kokulungileyo. **10** Thandanani kakhulu ngothando lobuzalwane; ekuhloniphaneni phathani abanye ngcono kulani; **11** lingabi ngamavila ekukhuthaleni; livuthe emoyeni; likhonza iNkosi; **12** lithokoza ethembeni; libekezelia ekuhluphekeni; liphikelela emkhulekweni; **13** yabelani kunswelo zabangcwele; likhuthalele ukuphana kuzihambi. **14** Babusiseni abalizingelayo; busansi, lingaqalekisi. **15** Thokozani labathokozayo, likhale labakhalayo. **16** Kalibe lenhliziyonye komunye lomunye. Lingakhumbuli ngezinto eziphakemeyo, kodwa lihlangane labathobekileyo. Lingazitshayi abahlakaniphileyo. **17** Lingaphindiseli muntu okubi ngokubi. Linakane okudumisekayo phambi kwabantu bonke. **18** Uba kungenzeka, ngokukini, hlalani ngokuthula labantu bonke. **19** Bathandiwego, lingaziphindiseli, kodwa nikani ulaka indawo; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngeyami impindiselo, mina ngizabuyisela, kutsho iNkosi. **20** Ngakho nxa isitha sakho silambile, siphe ukudla; nxa somile, sinathise; ngoba ngokwenza lokho, usibekela amalahle avuthayo phezu kwekhanda laso. **21** Unganqotshwa ngokubi, kodwa nqoba okubi ngokuhle.

13 Wonke umphefumulo awuzechlisele ngaphansi kwamandla aphezulu; ngoba kakukho amandla ngaphandle kwavela

kuNkulunkulu; lamandla akhona amiswe nguNkulunkulu. 2
Ngakho omelana lamandla, umelana lesimiso sikaNkulunkulu;
lalabo abamelana lawo bazazithathela ukulahlwa. 3 Ngoba
ababusi kabesabeki emisebenzini emihle, kodwa kwemibi.
Njalo uyathanda yini ukungesabi amandla? Yenza okuhle,
njalo uzakuba lodumo kuwo; 4 ngoba uyinceku kaNkulunkulu
ukuze kube kuhle kuwe. Kodwa nxa usenza okubi, yesaba;
ngoba inkemba kayiphatheli ize. Ngoba uyinceku kaNkulunkulu,
ungumphindiseli wolaka kulowo owenza okubi. 5 Ngakho kumele
ukuthi uzehlise, kungabi ngenxa yolaka kuphela, kodwa langenxa
yesazela. 6 Ngoba ngenxa yalokho lithela lomthelo; ngoba
bayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu, ezikhuthalela khona lokho. 7 Ngakho
phanini bonke okufaneleyo; umthelo kofanele umthelo; inkokhelo
kofanele inkokhelo; ukwesatshwa kofanele ukwesatshwa; udumo
kofanele udumo. 8 Lingabi lamlandu kumuntu, ngaphandle
kowokuthandana; ngoba othanda omunye, ugcwalisile umlayo.
9 Ngoba lokhu ukuthi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungaifikazi
amanga, ungabi lomhawu; loba-ke kukhona lawuphi umlayo,
kuhlanganiswa kulelilizwi, kulokhu: Wothanda umakhelwane
wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. 10 Uthando kalwenzi okubi
kumakhelwane; ngakho uthando luyikugcwaliseka komlayo.
11 Njalo lokhu, lisazi isikhathi, ukuthi sekulihola lokuthi sivuke
ebuthongweni; ngoba usindiso selusondele kithi kulesikhathi
esakholwa ngaso. 12 Ubusuku budlulile, usuku selusondele;
ngakho asikhuphe imisebenzi yobumnyama, sihlome izikhali
zokukhanya. 13 Asihambe ngokufaneleyo, njengasemini, kungabi
ngokuminza langokudakwa, kungabi semacansini lokungcola,
kungabi ngokuxabana langomona. 14 Kodwa yembathani iNkosi
uJesu Kristu, linganakekeli inyama, ngezinkanuko.

14 Lowo obuthakathaka ekholweni memukeleni, kungabi ngokokuphikisana kwemibono. **2** Omunye ukholwa ukuthi angadla konke, kodwa obuthakathaka udlia imibhida. **3** Lowo odlayo kangamdeleli ongadliyo, longadliyo kangamgwebi odlayo; ngoba uNkulunkulu umemukele. **4** Ungubani wena ogweba inceku yomunye? Enkosini yayo iyema kumbe iwe. Yebo, izamiswa; ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuyimisa. **5** Omunye wazisa usuku kulolunye usuku, omunye wazisa insuku zonke. Kakube ngulowo lalovo aqiniseke kweyakhe ingqondo. **6** Owazisa usuku, ulwazisa eNkosini; longalwazisiyo usuku, kalwazisi eNkosini. Lodlayo udlia eNkosini, ngoba ebonga uNkulunkulu; longadliyo akadli eNkosini, njalo ebonga uNkulunkulu. **7** Ngoba kakho phakathi kwethu oziphilelayo, njalo kakho ozifelayo. **8** Ngoba uba siphila, siphilela iNkosi; uba-ke sisifa, sifela iNkosi; ngakho loba siphila, loba sisifa, singabeNkosi. **9** Ngoba kulokhu uKristu laye wafa, wavuka, wabuya waphila, ukuze abe yiNkosi yabafileyo kanye labaphilayo. **10** Wena-ke umgwebelani umzalwane wakho? Kumbe lawe umdelelelani umzalwane wakho? Ngoba sonke sizakuma phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu. **11** Ngoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: Mina ngyaphila, itsho iNkosi; lonke idolo lizaguqa phambi kwami, lalo lonke ulimi luzamvuma uNkulunkulu. **12** Ngakho ngulowo lalovo wethu uzaziphendulela ngokwakhe kuNkulunkulu. **13** Ngakho kasingabe sisahluelana; kodwa yahluelani lokho ikakhulu, ukuthi singambekeli umzalwane isikhubeleiso loba ulutho lokumwisa. **14** Ngiyazi njalo ngiqinisekisile eNkosini uJesu, ukuthi kakulalutho olungcolileyo ngokwalo; ngaphandle kwalowoocabangela ulutho ukuthi lungcolile, kuye lungcolile. **15** Kodwa uba umzalwane wakho ekhutshwa yikudla, kawusahambi

ngokothando. Ungambhubhisi ngokudla kwakho lowo, amfelayo uKristu. **16** Ngakho okuhle kwenu kakungahlanjazwa; **17** ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusikho ukudla lokunatha, kodwa ukulunga lokuthula lentokozo kuMoya oNgcwele. **18** Ngoba okhonza uKristu kulezizinto uyemukeleka kuNkulunkulu, njalo ukholekile ebantwini. **19** Ngakho asidingisise izinto zokuthula, lezinto zokwakhisana. **20** Ungawuchithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokudla. Konke kuhlambulukile, kanti kubi kumuntu odla ngokukhubekisa. **21** Kuhle ukungadli inyama, lokunganathi iwayini, lokunye umzalwane wakho akhubeka ngakho kumbe acunulwe kumbe abebuthakathaka. **22** Ulokholo yini? Woba lalo ngokwakho phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Ubusisiwe lowo ongazigwebiyo ngalokho akuvumelayo! **23** Kodwa othandabuzayo, uba esidla, ulahliwe, ngoba akuveli ekholweni; njalo konke okungaveli ekholweni, kuyisono.

15 Kodwa thina esilamandla sifanele ukuthwala ubuthakathaka babangelamandla, njalo singazithokozisi thina. **2** Ngoba ngulowo lalowo wethu kathokozise umakhelwane kube kuhle ekumakheni. **3** Ngoba laye uKristu kazithokozisanga yena, kodwa, kunjengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ukuthuka kwabakuthukayo kwawela phezu kwami. **4** Ngoba konke okwabhalwa ngaphambili, kwabhalelwu ukufundiswa kwethu, ukuze ngokubekezelu langenduduzo yemibhalo sibe lethembu. **5** Njalo uNkulunkulu wokubekezelu lenduduzo kaliphe ukuthi libe nhliziyonye phakathi kwenu njengokukaKristu Jesu; **6** ukuze nganhлизионе ngomlomo munye limdumise uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **7** Ngakho yemukelanani, njengalokhu loKristu wasemukela, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu. **8** Njalo ngithi, uJesu Kristu waba yinceku yokusoka ngenxa yeqiniso likaNkulunkulu,

ukuthi aqinise izithembiso zabobaba; **9** lezizwe zimдумise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesihawu; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngakho ngizakuvuma phakathi kwezizwe, ngihubele ibizo lakho izibongo. **10** Njalo futhi uthi: Thokozani, bezizwe, kanye labantu bakhe. **11** Futhi-ke: Dumisani iNkosi lina bezizwe lonke; idumiseni-ke lina bantu bonke. **12** Njalo futhi ulsaya uthi: Kuzakuba khona impande kaJese, lophakamela ukubusa abezizwe; abezizwe bazathembela kuye. **13** Kungathi-ke uNkulunkulu wethemba angaligcwalisa ngentokozo yonke langokuthula ekukholweni, ukuze lengezwe ethembeni, ngamandla kaMoya oNgcwele. **14** Lami-ke ngokwami nganelisiwe ngani, bazalwane bami, ukuthi lani ngokwenu ligcwele okuhle, ligcwaliswe yikwazi konke, lilamandla-ke okwelulekana. **15** Kodwa, bazalwane, ngilibhalele ngesibindi esikhulu, nganxanye, njengolikhumbuzayo, ngenxa yomusa engiwuphiweyo nguNkulunkulu, **16** ukuze ngibe yisikhonzi sikaJesu Kristu kwabbezizwe, ngikhonze ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, ukuze iminikelo yabezizwe yemukeleke, kwenziwe kube ngcwele ngoMoya oNgcwele. **17** Ngakho ngilokuzincoma kuKristu Jesu ezintweni eziqondane loNkulunkulu; **18** ngoba kangiyikuba lesibindi sokukhuluma ulutho lwezinto uKristu angazenzanga ngami, ukuze kube khona ukulalela kwabbezizwe, ngelizwi langesenzo, **19** ngamandla ezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ngamandla kaMoya kaNkulunkulu; ngakho kusukela eJerusalema lendawo ezizingelezeleyo kuze kufike elliriku ngitshumayele ivangeli likaKristu ngokupheleleyo; **20** ngokunjalo ngazama kakhulu ukutshumayela ivangeli, kungeyisikho lapho uKristu abizwe khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu kwestekelo somunye; **21** kodwa, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abangatshelwanga ngaye, bazabona, labangezwanga, bazaqedisisa. **22** Ngenxa yalokho

futhi ngavinjelwa kanengi ukuza kini; **23** kodwa khathesi-ke lokhu ngingaselandawo kulezizabelo, futhi sekuyiminyaka eminengi ngilesifiso esikhulu sokuza kini, **24** ngokunjalo nxangaizakuya eSpaniya, ngizakuza kini; ngoba ngithemba ukuthi ngizalibona ekudluleni, njalo ngiphelekezelwe yini khona, uba kuqala sengisuthisekile nganxanye ngilani. **25** Kodwa khathesi-ke njiya eJerusalema, ngikhonze abangcwele. **26** Ngoba kwaba kuhle eMakedoniya leAkaya ukwenzela umnikelo othile abayanga kwabangcwele abaseJerusalema. **27** Ngoba kwaba kuhle kubo, njalo balomlandu kubo. Ngoba uba abezizwe behlanganyela labo ezintweni zabo zomoya, balomlandu futhi wokubasebenzela ezintweni zenyama. **28** Ngakho nxa sengiqede lokhu, sengibaphawulele lesisithelo, ngizasuka njiye eSpaniya ngidlule ngakini. **29** Ngiyazi-ke ukuthi nxa ngisiza kini ngizafika ekugcwaleni kwesibusiso sevangeli likaKristu. **30** Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngayo iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, langothando lukaMoya, ukuthi lilwise kanye lami emikhulekweni kuNkulunkulu ngami; **31** ukuze ngophulwe kwabangakholwayo eJudiya, njalo ukuze umsebenzi wami ongoweJerusalema wemukeleke kubo abangcwele; **32** ukuze ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngize kini ngentokozo, ngivuseleleke kanye lani. **33** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Ameni.

16 Ngiyamncoma-ke kini udadewethu uFebe, oyisikhonzikazi sebandla eliseKenikreya; **2** ukuze limemukele eNkosini njengokufanele abangcwele, ukuthi limsize lobu kuluphi udaba aluswelayo kini; ngoba laye ubengummeli wabanengi, lowami uqobo. **3** Bingelaneli uPrisila loAkwila izisebenzi kanye lami kuKristu Jesu, **4** ababeka phansi intamo yabo esikhundleni sempilo yami; engibabongayo kungeyisimi ngedwa,

kodwa lamabandla wonke abezizwe; **5** Bingelelani lebandla elisendlini yabo. Bingelelani uEpenetu, othandiweyo wami, oyisithelo sokuqala seAkaya kuKristu. **6** Bingelelani uMariya, owasisebenzela kakhulu. **7** Bingelelani uAnderoniku loJuniya, abayizihlobo zami lezibotshwa kanye lami, abangabadumileyo phakathi kwabaphostoli, ababekuKristu labo ngaphambi kwami. **8** Bingelelani uAmpiliyasi, othandiweyo wami eNkosini. **9** Bingelelani uOrbanu isisebenzi kanye lathi kuKristu, loSitaku othandiweyo wami. **10** Bingelelani uApele othembekileyo kuKristu. Bingelelani labo abakaAristobulu. **11** Bingelelani uHerodiyoni isihlobo sami. Bingelelani abakaNarkisu, labo abaseNkosini. **12** Bingelelani uTrifina loTrifosa, abesifazana abasebenza eNkosini. Bingelelani uPersisi owesifazana othandekayo, owasebenza kakhulu eNkosini. **13** Bingelelani uRufusi okhethiwego eNkosini, lonina njalo ongowami. **14** Bingelelani uAsinkiritu, uFileko, uHermasi, uPatroba, uHermesi, labazalwane abalabo. **15** Bingelelani uFilologu loJuliya, uNerusi lodadewabo, loOlimpa, labangcwele bonke abalabo. **16** Bingeelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. Amabandla kaKristu ayalibingeleta. **17** Njalo ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi liqaphele ababanga ukuxabana lezikhubekiso, okuphambene lemfundiso elayifundiswayo; baxwayeni bona. **18** Ngoba abanjalo kabasebenzeli iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa isisu sabo; njalo ngelizwi elimnandi lendumiso bakhohlisa inhliziyo zabangelacala. **19** Ngoba ukulalela kwenu sekukifile kubo bonke. Ngakho ngiyathokoza ngani; kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lihlakaniphe kokuhle, kodwa libe msulwa kokubi. **20** Njalo uNkulunkulu wokuthula uzahle amchoboze uSathane ngaphansi kwenyawo zenu. Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani. Ameni. **21** UTimothi isisebenzi kanye

lami, loLukiyu loJasoni loSosipatro, izihlobo zami, bayalibingeleta.

22 Mina Tertiyo, engibhale incwadi, ngiyalibingeleta eNkosini.

23 UGayusi umngenisi wami, lebandla lonke, uyalibingeleta.

UErastu umphathisikhwama somuzi uyalibingeleta, loKwartu

umzalwane. **24** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani

lonke. Ameni. **25** Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngokwewangeli lami

lokutshunyayelwa kukaJesu Kristu, ngokwembulwa kwemfihlo

eyayigcinwe ifihlakele ngezikathi zendulo, (*aiōnios g166*) **26**

kodwa isibonakalisiwe khathesi, langemibhalo yabaprofethi,

njengomlayo kaNkulunkulu olaphakade, yaziswa ezizweni zonke

ekulaleleni kokholo, (*aiōnios g166*) **27** kuNkulunkulu ololwazi yena

yedwa kakube ubukhos, ngoJesu Kristu, kuze kube nininini.

Ameni. (*aiōn g165*)

1 KwabaseKhorinte

1 UPawuli obizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loSostenesi umzalwane, **2** kubandla likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte, kubo abangcwelisiweyo kuKristu Jesu, ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele, kanye labo bonke ababiza ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kuyo yonke indawo, eyabo kanye leyethu: **3** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **4** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ngesikhathi sonke ngani, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu eliwuphiweyo kuKristu Jesu; **5** ukuthi kuyo yonke into linothisiwe kuye, ekukhulumeni konke lelwazini lonke, **6** njengoba ubufakazi bukaKristu buqinisiwe kini; **7** ukuze lingasileli lakwesinye isipho, lilindele ukwembulwa kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, **8** ozaliqinisa futhi kuze kube sekupheleni, ukuze lingabi lacala ngosuku lweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **9** UNkulunkulu uthembekile, elabizelwa ngaye ebudlelwaneni beNdodana yakhe uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. **10** Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lonke likhulume into ibenye, njalo kungabi khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu, kodwa lipheleliswe emqondweni munye lekuboneni kanye. **11** Ngoba ngitsheliwe ngani, bazalwane bami, ngabakoKlowe, ukuthi kukhona izingxabano phakathi kwenu. **12** Njalo ngitsho lokhu, kokuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu uthi: Mina ngingokaPawuli; kodwa mina okaApolosi; kodwa mina okaKefasi; kodwa mina okaKristu. **13** UKristu wehlukanisiwe yini? Kanti uPawuli wabethelelwa lina, kumbe labhabhathizwa yini ebiweni likaPawuli? **14** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ukuthi kangibhabhathizanga lamunye wenu, ngaphandle kukaKrispusi loGayusi; **15** ukuze kungabi khona othi ngabhabhathiza

ebizweni lami uqobo. **16** Futhi ngabhabbhathiza lendlu kaStefana; ngaphandle kwalokho kangazi ukuthi ngabhabbhathiza omunye umuntu. **17** Ngoba uKristu kangithumanga ukuthi ngibhabbhathize, kodwa ukuthi ngitshumayele ivangeli; kungeyisikho ngenhlakanipho yelizwi, hlezi isiphambano sikaKristu senziwe ize. **18** Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha kulabo ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi abasindiswayo lingamandla kaNkulunkulu. **19** Ngoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: Ngizachitha inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo, lokuqedisisa kwabaqedisisayo ngizakwenza ize. **20** Singaphi isihlakaniphi? Ungaphi umbhali? Ungaphi umphikisi walumhlaba? Angithi uNkulunkulu wayenza yaba yibuthutha inhlakanipho yalumhlaba yini? (aiōn g165) **21** Ngoba kuthe enhlakanipheni kaNkulunkulu umhlaba kawumazanga uNkulunkulu ngenhlakanipho, kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu ngobuthutha bentshumayelo ukusindisa abakholwayo. **22** Ngoba lamaJuda acela isibonakaliso, lamaGriki adinga inhlakanipho; **23** kodwa thina sitshumayela uKristu obethelweyo, isikhubeKiso kumaJuda, lobuthutha kumaGriki; **24** kodwa kulabo ababiziweyo, kumaJuda kanye lakumaGriki, uKristu amandla kaNkulunkulu lenhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu; **25** ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile kulabantu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla kulabantu. **26** Ngoba khangelani ubizo lwenu, bazalwane, ukuthi kababanengi abahlakaniphileyo ngokwenyama, kababanengi abalamandla, kababanengi abayizikhulu; **27** kodwa uNkulunkulu ukhethile izinto zobuthutha zomhlaba, ukuze ayangise abahlakaniphileyo; njalo uNkulunkulu ukhethile okubuthakathaka komhlaba, ukuze ayangise okulamandla; **28** lezinto eziphansi zomhlaba lezinto ezidelelekayo uNkulunkulu uzikhethile, lezinto ezingekho, ukuze

enze zibe yize izinto ezikhona; **29** ukuze kungabikho inyama ezincomayo phambi kwakhe. **30** Kodwa ngaye lina likuKristu Jesu, owenzelwa thina inhlakanipho evela kuNkulunkulu, lokulunga, lokungcweliswa, lohlengo, **31** ukuze, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini.

2 Lami, bazalwane, ekufikeni kwami kini, kangifikanga ngobugabazi belizwi kumbe benhlakanipho, ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu. **2** Ngoba ngamisa ukuthi ngingazi lutho phakathi kwenu, ngaphandle kukaJesu Kristu, laye ebethelwe. **3** Njalo mina ngangilani ebuthakathakeni lekxesabeni lekuthuthumeleni okukhulu. **4** Lokukhuluma kwami lokutshumayela kwami kakubanga ngamazwi enhlakanipho yabantu ahugayo, kodwa ngokubonakalisa kukaMoya lokwamandla; **5** ukuze ukholo lwenu lungabi enhlakanipheni yabantu, kodwa emandleni kaNkulunkulu. **6** Kodwa inhlakaniphо siyikhuluma phakathi kwabapheleleyo, kodwa inhlakaniphо engayisiyo yalelilizwe, kumbe eyababusi balelilizwe, abazakwenziwa ize; (*aiōn g165*) **7** kodwa sikhuluma inhlakaniphо kaNkulunkulu eyimfihlo, eyayifihliwe, uNkulunkulu ayimisa ngaphambili kungakabi lomhlaba kube yinkazimulo yethu; (*aiōn g165*) **8** kungekho loyedwa wababusi balelilizwe owayekwazi; ngoba uba babekwazi, babengayikuyibethela iNkosi yenkazimulo. (*aiōn g165*) **9** Kodwa njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Izinto ilihlo elingazibonanga, lendlebe engazizwanga, lezingangenanga enhliziyweni yomuntu, uNkulunkulu azilungisele abamthandayo. **10** Kodwa uNkulunkulu usembulele thina lokhu ngoMoya wakhe; ngoba uMoya uhlolisisa zonke izinto, ngitsho izinto ezijulileyo zikaNkulunkulu. **11** Ngoba ngubani ebantwini owazi okomuntu, ngaphandle komoya womuntu okuye? Ngokunjalo

okukaNkulunkulu kakwaziwa muntu, ngaphandle koMoya kaNkulunkulu. **12** Thina-ke kasemukelanga umoya womhlaba, kodwa uMoya ovela kuNkulunkulu, ukuze sazi izinto esiziphiwa ngesihle nguNkulunkulu; **13** futhi esizitshoyo, kungeyisikho ngamazwi inhlakanipho yabantu ewafundisayo, kodwa ngamazwi afundiswa nguMoya oNgcwele, sichasisa okomoya ngokomoya. **14** Kodwa umuntu wemvelo kazemukeli izinto zikaMoya kaNkulunkulu; ngoba ziyibuthutha kuye, njalo kalawo amandla okuqedisisa, ngoba zihlolisiswa ngokomoya; **15** kodwa owomoya uyahlola zonke izinto, kodwa yena kahlolwa muntu. **16** Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo yeNkosi, ukuthi ayifundise? Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKristu.

3 Lami-ke, bazalwane, bengingelakukhuluma lani njengabakomoya, kodwa njengakwabakwenyama, njengakwabayizingane kuKristu. **2** Ngalinathisa uchago, kungeyisikho ukudla okuqinileyo; ngoba belingakenelisi, yebo lakhathesi kalikenelisi; **3** ngoba lisengabenayama; ngoba lokhu kukhona phakathi kwenu umhawu lokuphikisana lokwehlukana, kalisibo abenyama, lihamba ngokwabantu yini? **4** Ngoba nxa omunye esithi: Mina ngingokaPawuli, lomunye athi: Mina okaApolosi, kalisibo yini abenyama? **5** Kanti uPawuli uyini, ioApolosi uyini, kodwa izisebenzi elakholwa ngazo, lanjengoba iNkosi yanika kulowo lalowo? **6** Mina ngahlanyela, uApolosi wathelela, kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhulisa. **7** Ngakho ohlanyelayo kasilutho, lobu othelelayo, kodwa uNkulunkulu okhulisayo. **8** Ohlanyelayo kanye lothelelayo banye; kodwa ngulowo lalowo uzakwemukela owakhe umvuzo njengowakhe umsebenzi. **9** Ngoba siyizisebenzi zikaNkulunkulu kanye laye; liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu, liyisakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu.

10 Ngokomusa kaNkulunkulu engiwuphiweyo, njengomakhi omkhulu ohlakaniphileyo ngabeka isisekelo, lomunye wakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa kakube ngulowo lalowo abone ukuthi wakha njani phezu kwaso. **11** Ngoba akulamuntu ongabeka esinye isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso esibekiweyo, esingu Jesu Kristu. **12** Kodwa uba umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo igolide, isiliva, amatshe aligugu, izigodo, utshani, inhlanga, **13** umsebenzi walowo lalowo uzavela obala; ngoba usuku luzawudalula, ngoba luzavezwa emlilweni; umlilo uzaahlola umsebenzi walowo lalowo ukuthi unjani. **14** Uba umsebenzi womuntu awakhe phezulu usima, uzakwemukela umvuzo. **15** Uba umsebenzi womuntu uzatshiswa, uzalahlekelwa; kodwa yena uqobo ezasindiswa, kodwa ngokunjalo njengangomlilo. **16** Kalazi yini ukuthi lilitempeli likaNkulunkulu, lokuthi uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala kini? **17** Uba umuntu echitha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha yena; ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele, eliyilo lina. **18** Kakungabi khona ozikhohlisayo; uba umuntu phakathi kwenu ecabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile kulumhlaba, kumele abe yisithutha, ukuze ahlakaniphe. (aiōn g165) **19** Ngoba inhlakanipho yalumhlaba iyibuthutha kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo; **20** njalo lokuthi: INkosi iyayazi imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi iyize. **21** Ngakho kakungabi khona ozincoma ngabantu; ngoba zonke izinto ngezenu, **22** loba uPawuli, loba uApolosi, loba uKefasi, loba umhlaba, loba impilo, loba ukufa, loba izinto ezikhona, loba izinto ezizayo; konke ngokwenu, **23** lina-ke lingabaka Kristu, loKristu ungokaNkulunkulu.

4 Umuntu kanakane ngathi ngokunje, njengezisebenzi zikaKristu labaphathi bezimfihlo zikaNkulunkulu. **2** Futhi-ke, kuyadingeka ebaphathini, ukuthi umuntu aficwe ethembekile. **3** Kodwa kimi kuyinto encinyane kakhulu ukuthi ngithoniswe yini, kumbe ngokwahluela kwabantu; kodwa lami kangizithonisisi. **4** Ngoba kanginanzaeleli lutho kimi, kanti kangilungisiswanga ngalokho; kodwa ongahlulelayo yiNkosi. **5** Ngakho lingahluleli lutho isikhathi singakafiki, ize ifike iNkosi, ezaveza futhi ekukhanyeni izinto ezifihlakeleyo emnyameni, njalo iveze obala amacebo ezinhliziyo; njalo khona ngulowo lalowo ezakuba lokubongwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu. **6** Njalo lezizinto, bazalwane, ngiziqondanise lami loApolosi ngenxa yenu, ukuze lifunde kithi ukuthi lingakhumbuli phezu kokulotshiweyo, ukuze lingakhukhunyezwa omunye ngomunye limelane lomunye. **7** Ngoba ngubani okwenza ukuthi wehluke? Njalo kuyini olakho ongakwemukelanga? Njalo uba lawe wemukele, uzincomelani ngokungathi kawemukelanga? **8** Selisuthi, selinothile, libusile ngaphandle kwethu; yebo-ke kungathi ngabe liyabusa, ukuze lathi sibuse kanye lani. **9** Ngoba ngithi uNkulunkulu usimisile thina abaphostoli bokucina, sibe njengabamiselwe ukufa; ngoba senziwe umbukiso emhlabeni, lakuzo ingilos, lebantwini. **10** Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphile kuKristu; thina sibuthakathaka, kodwa lina lilamandla; lina liyahlonitshwa, kodwa thina siyadelelw. **11** Kuze kube lihola lakhathesi silambile, somile, sihambaze, siyatshaywa ngenqindi, siyimihambuma, **12** siyatshikatshika sisebenza ngezethu izandla; sithi sithukwa sibusise; sithi sizingelwa sibekezele; **13** sithi sinyeywa sincenge; senziwa njengamanya omhlaba, imfucuza yezinto zonke, kuze kube khathesi. **14** Kangilibhaleli lezizinto ukuthi ngilithele inhloni, kodwa

ngileluleka njengabantwana bami abathandekayo. **15** Ngoba lanxa lilabeluleki abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi kuKristu, kodwa kalilaboyihlo abanengi; ngoba mina ngalizala kuKristu Jesu ngevangeli. **16** Ngakho ngiyalincenga: Banini ngabalingisi bami. **17** Ngalokho ngithume kini uTimothi, ongumntanami othandekayo lothembekileyo eNkosini, ozalikhumbuza ngenhambo zami ezikuKristu, njengoba ngifundisa endaweni zonke kulo lonke ibandla. **18** Kodwa abanye bazikhukhumezile ngokungathi kangiyikuza kini. **19** Kanti ngizakuza kini masinyane, uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo ngizakwazi, hatshi ilizwi lalabo abazikhukhumezayo, kodwa amandla. **20** Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawungelizwi kodwa ngamandla. **21** Lifunani? Ngize kini ngenduku yini, kumbe ngothando lomoya ochumileyo?

5 Isibili kuzwakele ukuthi kukhona ukuphinga phakathi kwenu, futhi ukuphinga kohlobo olungaqanjwayo laphakathi kwabezizwe, kuze kuthi omunye abe lomkayise. **2** Kodwa lina liyazikhukhumeza, njalo endaweni yalokho alizange lilile, ukuze owenze lesisenco asuswe phakathi kwenu. **3** Ngoba mina-ke, njengongekho ngomzimba kodwa okhona ngomoya, sengiqumile ngowenze lokhu okunjalo, ngokungathi ngikhona, **4** ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, selihlangene lomoya wami kanye lamandla eNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, **5** ukunikela onjalo kuSathane ekubhubheni kwenyama, ukuze umoya usindiswe osukwini IweNkosi uJesu. **6** Kakukuhle ukuzincoma kwenu. Kalazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encinyane ibilisa inhlama yonke? **7** Ngakho khuphani imvubelo endala, ukuze libe yinhlama entsha, njengabangelamvubelo. Ngoba lephasika lethu lihlatshelwe thina, elinguKristu. **8** Ngakho asigcine umkhosi, kungabi ngemvubelo endala, njalo kungabi ngemvubelo yenzondo lobubi, kodwa

ngesinkwa esingelamvubelo sobuqotho leseqiniso. **9** Ngalibhalela encwadini ukuthi lingahlanganyeli leziphingi; **10** kodwa kungeyisikho ngokupheleleyo leziphingi zalumhlaba kumbe lezihwaba, kumbe labaphangi, kumbe labakhonza izithombe; ngoba phela ngokunjalo kungafanelu ukuthi liphume emhlabeni.

11 Kodwa khathesi-ke ngalibhalela ukuthi lingahlanganyeli, nxa umuntu ebizwa ngokuthi ungumzalwane eyisiphingi, kumbe isihwaba, kumbe okhonza izithombe, kumbe isithuki, kumbe isidakwa, kumbe umphangi; lingaze ladla lonjalo lakanye. **12** Ngoba ngilani lokwahlulela abangaphandle? Lina kalahluleli yini abangaphakathi? **13** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlulela abangaphandle. Njalo mxotsheni omubi asuke phakathi kwenu.

6 Kukhona yini umuntu wakini, othi elecalu lomunye, abe lesibindi sokuyakwahluelwa phambi kwabangalunganga, kungabi phambi kwabangcwele? **2** Kalazi yini ukuthi abangcwele bazakwahluelwa umhlabu? Uba-ke umhlabu uzakwahluelwa yini, kalifanele yini ukwahluelwa amacala amancinyane? **3** Kalazi yini ukuthi sizazahluelwa ingilosu? Kangakanani indaba zalokhukuphila? **4** Ngakho uba lilamacala alokhukuphila, babekeni phezu kwawo labo abadelekayo ebandleni. **5** Ngikhulumu kini ukuthi libe lenhloni. Ngokunjalo kakho ohlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu yini, ngitsho loyedwa, ongahluelwa phakathi kwabazalwane bakhe? **6** Kodwa umzalwane umangalela umzalwane, lalokho phambi kwabangakholwayo. **7** Ngakho kusekhona isibili ukwehluleka phakathi kwenu, ukuthi lilokumangalelana. Kungani kulalokhu lingavumi ukoniwa? Kungani kulalokhu lingavumi ukuqilibezelwa? **8** Kodwa lina liyona liqilibenzele, lalokhu kubazalwane. **9** Kumbe alazi yini ukuthi abangalunganga kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa; kakulaziphingi, loba abakhonza

izithombe, loba izifebe, loba ababuthakathaka ekulalaneni kwabesilisa, loba abesilisa abalalanayo, **10** loba amasela, loba izihwaba, loba izidakwa, loba izithuki, loba abaphangi, abazakulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **11** Abanye benu babeyilezizinto; kodwa ligezisiwe, kodwa langcweliswa, kodwa lalungisiswa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu, langomoya kaNkulunkulu wethu. **12** Zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezisizayo; zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa mina kangiyikubuswa lutho. **13** Ukudla ngokwesisu, lesisu ngesokudla; kanti uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili, sona lakho. Kodwa umzimba kayisiwo wokuphinga, kodwa ungoweNkosi, njalo iNkosi ingeyomzimba; **14** njalo uNkulunkulu owavusa iNkosi uzasivusa lathi ngamandla akhe. **15** Kalazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKristu? Pho ngizathatha izitho zikaKristu ngizenze izitho zesifebe yini? Phinde! **16** Kumbe kalazi yini ukuthi onamatelana lesifebe ungumzimba munye laso? Ngoba labo ababili, uthi, bazakuba nyamanye. **17** Kodwa onamatelene leNkosi ungumoya munye layo. **18** Balekelani ukuphinga. Sonke isono umuntu asenzayo singaphandle komzimba; kodwa ophingayo wona owakhe umzimba. **19** Kumbe kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele okini, elilawo uvela kuNkulunkulu, njalo kalisibo abenu? **20** Ngoba lathengwa ngentengo; ngakho dumisani uNkulunkulu emzimbeni wenu, langomoya wenu, okungokukaNkulunkulu.

7 Mayelana-ke lezinto elangibhalela ngazo, kuhle emuntwini ukuthi angamthinti owesifazana. **2** Kodwa ngenxa yokuphinga, ngulowo lalowo kumele abe lowakhe umfazi, njalo ngulowo lalowomfazi abe leyakhe indoda. **3** Indoda kayenanise kumfazi isifiso esihle esifaneleyo; langokunjalo lomfazi endodeni.

4 Umfazi kalamandla phezu kowakhe umzimba, kodwa indoda; langokunjalo lendoda kayilamandla phezu kowayo umzimba, kodwa umfazi. 5 Lingagodlelani, ngaphandle kokuvumelana okwesikhathi, ukuthi lizinikele ekuzileni ukudla lekukhulekeni, libuye lihlangane futhi, ukuze uSathane angalilingi ngokungazithibi kwenu. 6 Kodwa lokhu ngikutsho ngemvumo, kungeyisikho ngomlayo. 7 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi abantu bonke babe njengami; kodwa ngulowo lalowo ulesakhe isiphiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, omunye ngokunjalo, lomunye ngokunjalo. 8 Kodwa kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kubo uba behlala njengami. 9 Kodwa uba bengelakuzithiba kabende; ngoba kungcono ukwenda kulokutsha. 10 Kodwa kwabendileyo ngyabalaya, kungeyisimi kodwa yiNkosi, ukuthi umfazi kangehlukani lendoda; 11 kodwa uba laye esehlukana, kahlale engendanga, kumbe abuyisane lendoda; lendoda kayingamlahli umfazi. 12 Kodwa kwabanye kutsho mina, kungeyisiyo iNkosi, ukuthi: Uba loba nguwuphi umzalwane elomfazi ongakholwayo, njalo yena evuma ukuhlala laye, angamlahli. 13 Lomfazi olendoda engakholwayo, njalo ivuma ukuhlala laye, angayitshiyi. 14 Ngoba indoda engakholwayo yenziwa ibe ngcwele ngomfazi, lomfazi ongakholwayo wenziwa abe ngcwele ngendoda. Uba kungenjalo abantwana benu ngabangcolileyo, kodwa khathesi bangcwele. 15 Uba-ke ongakholwayo ezechlukanisa, kazehlukanise; kwezinjalo umzalwane kumbe umzalwanekazi kaboutshwanga; kodwa uNkulunkulu usibizele ekuthuleni. 16 Ngoba wazi ngani, mfazi, ukuthi uzayisindisa indoda? Kumbe wazi ngani, ndoda, ukuthi uzamsindisa umfazi? 17 Kuphela nje njengokuthi uNkulunkulu ababele ngulowo lalowo, njengoba iNkosi ibizile ngulowo lalowo, akahambe ngokunjalo.

Langokunjalo ngiyalaya emabandleni wonke. **18** Ukhona yini
owabizwa esokile? Kangabi ngongasokwanga. Ukhona yini
owabizwa engasokanga? Kangasokwa. **19** Ukusoka kakusilutho,
lokungasoki kakusilutho, kodwa ukulondolozwa kwemilayo
kaNkulunkulu. **20** Ngulowo lalowo kahlale kubizo abizwe
kulo. **21** Wabizwa uyisigqili yini? Ungakhathazeki ngakho.
Kodwa uba lawe ungakhululeka, kungcono ukusebenzise. **22**
Ngoba lo obizwa eNkosini eyisigqili ungokhululekileyo weNkosi;
ngokunjalo lalowo owabizwa ekhululekile, uyisigqili sikaKristu.
23 Lathengwa ngentengo; lingabi yizigqili zabantu. **24** Ngulowo
lalowo abizelwe kukho, bazalwane, kahlale kukho loNkulunkulu.
25 Kodwa mayelana lentombi kangilawo umlayo weNkosi;
kodwa ngiyeluleka njengowemukele isihawu eNkosini ukuba
athembeke. **26** Ngakho ngikhumbula ukuthi lokhu kuhle ngenxa
yenkathazo ezikhona, ukuthi kuhle emuntwini ukubanje. **27**
Ubotshelwe emfazini yini? Ungadingi ukukhululwa. Ukhululwe
emfazini yini? Ungadingi umfazi. **28** Kodwa uba lawe uthatha,
kawoni; lentombi uba isenda, kayoni. Kanti abanjalo bazakuba
lenkathazo enyameni; mina-ke ngiyaliphephisa. **29** Kodwa
ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi isikhathi sifitshane; kusukela
khathesi labalabafazi kababe njengabangelabo; **30** labakhalayo,
njengabangakhaliyo; labathokozayo, njengabangathokoziyo;
labathengayo, njengabangangelalutho; **31** labasebenzisa lumhlaba,
njengabangawusebensisisiyo; ngoba isimo salumhlaba
siyedlula. **32** Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lingabi lakukhathazeka.
Ongathathanga ukhathalela izinto zeNkosi, ukuthi uzayithokozisa
njani iNkosi; **33** kodwa othethayo ukhathalela izinto zomhlaba,
ukuthi uzamthokozisa njani umfazi. **34** Wehlukene umfazi
lentombi. Ongathathwanga ukhathalela okweNkosi, ukuze

abe ngcwele emzimbeni kanye lemoyeni; kodwa othethwego ukhathalela okomhlaba, ukuthi uzayithokozisa njani indoda. **35** Lalokhu ngikutsho ukuthi kube ngolwenu usizo; kungesikuthi ngiliphosele umchilo wokulikhina, kodwa ngokokufaneleyo lokubambelela eNkosini kungelakuphazamiseka. **36** Kodwa uba umuntu ebona ukuthi uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini yakhe, yona isikhulile, futhi kumele kwenzeke kanje, kenze akufunayo; koni; kabatshade. **37** Kodwa omiyo eqinile enhliziyweni yakhe, engacindezelwa lutho, futhi elamandla ngesakhe isifiso, esekumisile lokhu enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi uzagcina eyakhe intombi, wenza kuhle; **38** ngakho lowo owendisayo wenza kuhle; kodwa ongendisiyo wenza ngcono. **39** Umfazi ubotshiwe ngomthetho selokhu indoda yakhe iphila; kodwa uba indoda yakhe isifile, ukhululekile ukuthi endele kulowo amthandayo, kuphela eNkosini. **40** Kodwa uyathaba kakhulu uba ehlala enjalo, ngokubona kwami; ngikhumbula-ke ukuthi lami ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

8 Mayelana-ke lezinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe, siyazi ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza, kodwa uthando luyakha. **2** Uba-ke umuntu esithi uyazi ulutho, kakazi lutho njengoba kufanele ukuthi azi; **3** kodwa uba umuntu ethanda uNkulunkulu, yena uyaziwa nguye. **4** Ngakho mayelana lokudla izinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe, siyazi ukuthi isithombe kasilutho emhlabeni, lokuthi kakho omunye unkulunkulu ngaphandle koyedwa. **5** Ngoba lanxa kukhona okuthiwa ngonkulunkulu, loba kusezulwini loba kusemhlabeni (njengoba kukhona onkulunkulu abanengi, lamakhosi amanengi), **6** kanti kithi kuloNkulunkulu munye, uBaba, okuvela kuye izinto zonke, lathi sikuye; leNkosi inye, uJesu Kristu, okwavela ngaye konke, lathi

sikhona ngaye. **7** Kodwa ulwazi kalukho kubo bonke; kanti abanye belesazela sesithombe kuze kube khathesi bayakudla njengokuhlatshelwe isithombe, lesazela sabo esibuthakathaka singcoliswa. **8** Kodwa ukudla kakusisondezi kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kungesikuthi nxa sisidla, silenzozo; njalo kungesikuthi nxa singadli, silokulahlekelwa. **9** Qaphelani-ke, hlezi amandla enu la abe yisikhubeviso kwababuthakathaka. **10** Ngoba uba umuntu ekubona wena ololwazi uhlezi ekudleni ethempelini lesithombe, isazela salowo obuthakathaka kasiyikuqiniswa yini ukuthi adle izinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe? **11** Ngenxa yowlazi lwakho lomzalwane obuthakathaka uzabhubha yini, amfelayo uKristu? **12** Kodwa uba lisona ngokunjalo kubazalwane, lilimaza isazela sabo esibuthakathaka, liyona kuKristu. **13** Ngakho-ke uba ukudla kumkhubevisa umzalwane wami, kangisoze ngidle inyama loba nininini, ukuze ngingamkhubevisi umzalwane wami.

(aiōn g165)

9 Kangisuye umphostoli yini? Kangikhululekanga yini? Angimbonanga yini uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu? Lina kalisiwo yini umsebenzi wami eNkosini? **2** Uba ngingesuye umphostoli kwabanye, kodwa nginguye sibili kini; ngoba lina liluphawu lobuphostoli bami eNkosini. **3** Ukuziphendulela kwami kwabangihlolayo yilokhu. **4** Kasilamandla yini okudla lokunatha? **5** Kasilamandla yini okuhambahamba lomzalwanekazi ongumkethu, njengabanye abaphostoli labo, labafowabo beNkosi, loKefasi? **6** Kumbe yimi ngedwa loBarnabasi yini esingelamandla okungasebenzi? **7** Ngubani owake waphuma impi ngezakhe indleko? Ngubani ohlanyela isivini, angadli okwesithelo saso? Kumbe ngubani owelusa umhlambi, angadli okochago lomhlambi? **8** Kambe lezizinto ngizitsho ngokomuntu?

Kumbe lomlayo kawutsho lezizinto yini? **9** Ngoba kulotshiwe emlayweni kaMozisi ukuthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi ebhula amabele. Kambe uNkulunkulu ukhathalela inkabi? **10** Kumbe utsho ngenxa yethu isibili? Ngoba kubhalwe ngenxa yethu, ukuze kuthi olimayo kufanele alime ethembeni, lobhulayo esethembeni uhlanganyela ethembeni lakhe. **11** Uba thina sahlanyela kini okomoya, kuyinto enkulu yini uba sivuna okwenu okwenyama? **12** Uba abanye behlanganyela lamandla phezu kwenu, kakhulu kangakanani thina? Kodwa kasiwasebenzisanga lawomandla, kodwa sibekezelela konke, ukuze singabeki isikhubeKiso evangelini likaKristu. **13** Kalazi yini ukuthi labo abasebenza ezintweni ezingcwele badla okwethempeli, labo abalinda ilathi bahlanganyela lelathi? **14** Ngokunjalo iNkosi layo ilayile ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli baphile ngevangeli. **15** Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalunye lwalezizinto; futhi kangibhalanga lezizinto ukuze kwenziwe njalo kimi, ngoba kungaba ngcono kimi ukuthi ngife, kulokuthi umuntu akwenze ize ukuzincoma kwami. **16** Ngoba loba ngitshumayela ivangeli, kangilakuzincoma; ngoba imfanelo yetheswe mina; kodwa maye kimi, uba ngingatshumayeli ivangeli! **17** Ngoba uba ngisenza lokhu ngokuzithandela, ngilomvuzo; kodwa nxo kungeyisikho ngokuzithandela, ubuphathi bunikelwe kimi. **18** Pho umvuzo wami uyini? Uyikuthi nxo ngitshumayela ivangeli ngenze ukuthi ivangeli likaKristu lingabizi lutho, ukuze ngingasebenzisi kakhulu amandla ami evangelini. **19** Ngoba ngikhululekile kubo bonke, ngizenze isigqili sabo bonke, ukuze ngizuze abanengi kakhulu. **20** LakumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda, ukuze ngizuze amaJuda; kwabangaphansi komlayo njengongaphansi komlayo, ukuze ngizuze abangaphansi komlayo; **21** kwabangelamlayo njengongelamlayo (ngingesuye

ongelamlayo kuNkulunkulu kodwa ngiphakathi komlayo kuKristu), ukuze ngizuze abangelamlayo; **22** kwababuthakathaka ngaba njengobuthakathaka, ukuze ngizuze ababuthakathaka; ngaba yikho konke kubo bonke, ukuze ngakho konke ngisindise abanye. **23** Lalokho ngikwenza ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngibe ngohlanganyela kulo. **24** Kalazi yini ukuthi abagijima emjahweni bagijima bonke, kodwa munye owemukela umvuzo? Ngokunjalo gjimani, ukuze liwuzuze. **25** Labo bonke abancintisanayo bayazithiba ezintweni zonke; labo-ke ukuze bemukele umqhele ophelayo, kodwa thina ongapheliyo. **26** Mina-ke ngigijima ngokunjalo hatshi njengongaqondanga lutho; ngilwa ngokunjalo hatshi njengodabula umoya; **27** kodwa ngyawudinda umzimba wami ngiwenze isiggili, hlezi kuthi, sengitshumayeze abanye ngilahlwe mina uqobo.

10 Kangithandi-ke ukuthi lingazi, bazalwane, ukuthi bonke obaba bethu babengaphansi kweyezi, njalo bonke badabula ulwandle, **2** futhi bonke babhabhathizwa kuMozisi eyezini lasolwandle, **3** labo bonke badla ukudla kunye komoya, **4** futhi bonke banatha okunathwayo kunye komoya; ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya elabalandelayo; lalelodwala lalinguKristu. **5** Kodwa ubunengi babo uNkulunkulu wayengathokozi ngabo; ngoba bachithwa enkangala. **6** Lalezizinto zaba yizibonelo kithi, ukuze singaloyisi okubi, njengalokhu labo baloyisa. **7** Njalo lingabi ngabakhonza izithombe, njengabanye babo; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abantu bahlala phansi ukudla lokunatha, basebesukuma ukudlala. **8** Njalo kasingaphingi, njengabanye babo abaphingayo, basebesiwa ngasuku lunye inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. **9** Njalo asingamlingi uKristu, njengabanye babo futhi bamlinga,

basebebhujswa zinyoka. **10** Lingasoli-ke, njengabanye babo labo basola, babhujswa ngumbhubhisi. **11** Lalezizinto zonke zabelela labo kube yizibonelo, njalo zabhalelwa ukuba yisixwayiso sethu, osekufike ukucina kwezikhathi. (aiōn g165) **12** Ngakho lowoocabanga ukuthi umi, kabone ukuthi kawi. **13** Kakulakulingwa okulibambileyo ngaphandle kokusebantwini; kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ongayikuvuma ukuthi lilingwe ngokungaphezu kwamandla enu, kanti kanye lesilingo uzakwenza lendlela yokuphepha, ukuze libe lamandla okusithwala. **14** Ngakho-ke, bathandiweyo bami, balekelani ukukhonza izithombe. **15** Ngikhuluma njengakwabahlakaniphileyo; lina yehlukanisani engikutshoyo. **16** Inkezo yesibusiso esiyibusisayo, kayisiyo yini eyokuhlanganyela kwegazi likaKristu? Isinkwa esisihlephunayo, kayisiso yini esokuhlanganyela komzimba kaKristu? **17** Ngoba thina abanengi siyisinkwa sinye, simzimba munye; ngoba thina sonke sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye. **18** Khangelani ulsrayeli ngokwenyama; abadlayo imihlatshelo kabasibo yini abahlanganyela lelathi? **19** Ngithini pho? Ukuthi isithombe siyilutho yini? Kumbe ukuthi okuhlatshelwe izithombe kuyilutho? **20** Kodwa ukuthi izinto abezizwe abazihlabayo, bazihlabela amadimoni, njalo kungeyisikho kuNkulunkulu; kodwa kangithandi ukuthi libe lenhlanganyelo lamadimoni. **21** Lingenathe inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni; lingehlanganye itafula leNkosi letafula lamadimoni. **22** Kumbe sizayivusela ubukhwele iNkosi? Kambe silamandla kulayo? **23** Zonke izinto zivunyelwe kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezsizayo. Zonke izinto zivunyelwe kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezakhayo. **24** Kakungabi khona ozidingela okwakhe, kodwa ngulowo lalowo okomunye. **25** Konke okuthengiswa esilaheni kudleni, lingabuzi lutho

ngenxa yesazela; **26** ngoba umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo. **27** Njalo uba omunye kwabangakholwayo elinxusa, njalo lithanda ukuya, dlanini konke okubekwa phambi kwenu, lingabuzi lutho ngenxa yesazela. **28** Kodwa uba umuntu esithi kini: Lokhu kuhlatshelwe isithombe; lingadli ngenxa yalowo olitshelileyo, langenxa yesazela; ngoba umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo. **29** Kodwa isazela ngithi, esingeyisiso esakho, kodwa esomunye; ngoba kungani inkululeko yami yahlulelw yisazela somunye? **30** Njalo uba mina ngomusa ngihlanganyela, ngikhulunyelwani kubi ngalokho mina engikubongayo? **31** Ngakho uba lisidla, loba linatha, loba lisenzani, konke kwenzeleni udumo lukaNkulunkulu. **32** Lingabi ngabakhube kisi lakumaJuda lakumaGriki lebandleni likaNkulunkulu; **33** njengami futhi ezintweni zonke ngithokozisa bonke, ngingadingi olwami usizo, kodwa olwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

11 Banini ngabalandeli bami, njengoba lami okaKristu. **2** Ngiyalibabaza-ke, bazalwane, ukuthi liyangikhumbula ezintweni zonke, lokuthi libambelele ezimisweni njengoba ngalinika. **3** Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lazi, ukuthi inhloko yawo wonke amadoda nguKristu; lenhloko yowesifazana yindoda; lenhloko kaKristu nguNkulunkulu. **4** Yonke indoda ekhulekayo loba eprofethayo, ikhanda limboziwe, ilithela ihlazo ikhanda layo. **5** Kodwa wonke owesifazana okhuleka kumbe aprofethe ikhanda lingambombozwanga, ulithela ihlazo elakhe ikhanda; ngoba lokhu kufanana-ke lophuciweyo. **6** Ngoba uba owesifazana engagubuzeli, futhi kagele; kodwa uba kukubi kowesifazana ukugela kumbe ukuphucwa, kagutshuzelwe. **7** Ngoba indoda kayifanele ukumbomboza ikhanda, ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo lukaNkulunkulu; kodwa owesifazana uludumo lwendoda. **8**

Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazana, kodwa owesifazana endodeni; **9** ngoba futhi indoda kayidalelwanga owesifazana, kodwa owesifazana indoda; **10** ngenxa yalokhu owesifazana kufanele abe lamandla phezu kwekhanda ngenxa yezingilos. **11** Kodwa indoda kayingaphandle kowesifazana, lowesifazana kangaphandle kwendoda, eNkosini. **12** Ngoba njengoba owesifazana evela endodeni, ngokunjalo lendoda ivela ngowesifazana, kodwa konke kuvela kuNkulunkulu. **13** Ziboneleni lina; kufanele yini ukuthi owesifazana akhuleke kuNkulunkulu engambombozanga? **14** Imvelo uqobo lwayo kayilifundisi yini, ukuthi uba indoda ilenwele ezinde, kulihlazo kuyo? **15** Kodwa uba owesifazana elenwele ezinde, kuludumo kuye. Ngoba inwele uziphiwe ukuthi zibe yisimbombozo. **16** Kodwa uba umuntu ebonakala elenkani, thina kasilawo umkhuba onjalo, ngitsho lamabandla kaNkulunkulu. **17** Kodwa ngokulaya lokhu kangilibabazi, ngoba libuthana ngokungekuhle kodwa ngokubi. **18** Okokuqala ngoba nxa libuthana ebandleni, ngizwa ukuthi kukhona ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu; njalo nganxanye ngyakukholwa. **19** Ngoba kufanele ukuba lobubhazuka futhi phakathi kwenu, ukuze labo abaqinisileyo babonakale phakathi kwenu. **20** Ngakho nxa libuthana ndawonye, lokhu kakusikho ukudla isidlo seNkosi; **21** ngoba ngulowo lalowo uthatha kuqala esakhe isidlo ekudleni, lomunye ulambile, lomunye udakiwe. **22** Kanti kalilazo izindlu zokudlela lezokunathela? Kumbe lidelela ibandla likaNkulunkulu, liyangise yini abangelakho? Ngingathini kini? Ngingalibabaza kulokhu yini? Kangilibabazi. **23** Ngoba mina ngakwemukela eNkosini, lokho lami engalinika khona, ukuthi iNkosi uJesu ngobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo yathatha isinkwa, **24** isibongile yasihlephuna, yathi: Thathani,

lidle, lokhu kungumzimba wami owahletshunelwa lina; lokhu kwenzeni ukungikhumbula. **25** Ngokunjalo lenkezo, sebedlile, yathi: Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami; lokhu kwenzeni, loba nini liyinatha, ukungikhumbula. **26** Ngoba loba nini nxa lisidla lesisinkwa, linatha linkezo, litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ifike. **27** Ngakho loba ngubani odla lesisinkwa kumbe anathe inkezo yeNkosi ngokungafanelanga, uzakuba lecalal lomzimba legazi leNkosi. **28** Kodwa umuntu kumele azihlole, ngokunjalo-ke adle okwesinkwa anathe okwenkezo; **29** ngoba odlayo anathe ngokungafanelanga, uzidlela azinathele isigwebo, engawehlukanisi umzimba weNkosi. **30** Ngenxa yalokhu banengi kini ababuthakathaka labagulayo, lenengi lilele. **31** Kodwa uba besizihlolile thina, besingayikwahlulelwa; **32** kodwa nxa sisahlulelwa, sikhuzwa yiNkosi, ukuze singalahlwya kanye lomhlaba. **33** Ngakho, bazalwane bami, nxa libuthana ukuthi lidle, kalibomelelana. **34** Njalo uba omunye elambile, kabokudla ekhaya; ukuze lingabuthaneli ukugwetshwa. Okuseleyo-ke, ngizakulungisa mhla njifikayo.

12 Maqondana-ke lezipho zomoya, bazalwane, kangithandi ukuthi lingazi. **2** Lazi ukuthi lalingabezizwe ladonselwa ezithombeni eziyizimungulu, njengelikhokhelwayo. **3** Ngakho ngiyalazisa, ukuthi kakho umuntu okhuluma ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu othi: UJesu uyisiqalekiso; futhi kakho umuntu ongathi: UJesu uyiNkosi, ngaphandle ngoMoya oNgcwele. **4** Kukhona-ke izipho ezechlukeneyo, kodwa uMoya munye. **5** Njalo kukhona inkonzo ezechlukeneyo, kodwa iNkosi yinye. **6** Kukhona-ke imisebenzi eyehlukeneyo, kodwa nguNkulunkulu munye, osebenza konke kubo bonke. **7** Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uphiwa ukubonakalisa kukaMoya kulokho okulusizo. **8** Ngoba

omunye uphiwa ngoMoya ilizwi lenhlakanipho, lakovunye ilizwi lolwazi, ngoMoya munye; **9** lakovunye ukholo, ngoMoya munye; lakovunye izipho zokusilisa, ngoMoya munye; **10** lakovunye ukusebenza imisebenzi yamandla, lakovunye isiprofetho, lakovunye ukwehlukanisa imimoya, lakovunye inhlobo yendimi, lakovunye ukuchasisa indimi; **11** kodwa konke lokho lowoMoya munye uyakusebenza, ebabela ngulowo lalowo ngamunye njengokuthanda kwakhe. **12** Ngoba njengoba umzimba umunye, njalo ulezitho ezinengi, kodwa zonke izitho zalowomzimba munye, zizinengi, zingumzimba munye; kunjalo-ke loKristu; **13** ngoba ngoMoya munye lathi sonke sabhabhathizelwa emzimbeni munye, loba amajuda loba amagrika, loba izigqili loba abakhululekileyo; futhi thina sonke sanathiswa kuMoya munye. **14** Ngoba umzimba lawo kawusiso isitho sinye kodwa ezinengi. **15** Uba unyawo lungathi: Lokhu ngingesisandla, kangisikho okomzimba; kungeyisikho ngalokho kakusilo olomzimba yini? **16** Uba-ke indlebe ingathi: Lokhu ngingesilo ilihlo, kangisikho okomzimba; ngenxa yalokho kayisiyo yini eyomzimba? **17** Uba umzimba wonke ubuyilihlo, ngabe kungaphi ukuzwa? Uba wonke ubuyikuzwa, ngabe kungaphi ukunuka? **18** Kodwa khathesi-ke uNkulunkulu umisile izitho, yileso laleso sazo, emzimbeni, njengokuthanda kwakhe. **19** Kodwa uba zonke beziyisitho sinye, umzimba ngabe ungaphi? **20** Kodwa khathesi izitho zinengi, kodwa umzimba munye. **21** Ilihlo-ke lingekile latsho esandleni ukuthi: Kangikusweli. Kumbe futhi ikhanda ezinyaweni ukuthi: Kangilisweli; **22** kodwa kakhulukazi izitho zomzimba ezikhangeleka zibuthakathaka kakhulu, ziyadingeka; **23** lalezo ezomzimba esicabanga ukuthi zidelelekile kakhulu, yizo esizihlonipha ngokwengezelelwé kakhulu; lalezo ezethu

ezingezinhe zilobuhle obengezelelwé kakhulu; **24** kanti ezinhle zethu kazikusweli; kodwa uNkulunkulu wawuhlanganisa umzimba, enika udumo olwengezelelwé kakhulu kwesikuswelayo, **25** ukuze kungabi khona ukwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa izitho zinantelelane ngokufananayo. **26** Uba-ke kuhlupheka isitho sinye, izitho zonke zihlupheka kanye laso; uba kudunyiswa isitho sinye, izitho zonke ziyajabula kanye laso. **27** Lina-ke lingumzimba kaKristu, lezitho ngamunye ngamunye. **28** Njalo uNkulunkulu umisile abathile ebandleni, kuqala abaphostoli, okwesibili abaprofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, besekusiba imisebenzi yamandla, besekusiba izipho zokusilisa, izenzo ezsizayo, ubukhokheli, indimi ezechlukaneyo. **29** Bonke bangabaphostoli yini? Bonke bangabaprofethi yini? Bonke bangabafundisi yini? Bonke benza imisebenzi yamandla yini? **30** Bonke balezipho zokusilisa yini? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi yini? Bonke bayachasisa yini? **31** Kodwa fisani kakhulu izipho ezingcono. Njalo ngisalitshengisa indlela engcono kakhulukazi.

13 Nxa ngingakhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilosí, kodwa ngingelathando, ngizakuba lithusi elikhala yo kumbe insimbi encencethayo. **2** Njalo loba ngingaba lesiprofetho, ngisazi imfihlo zonke lokwazi konke, njalo uba ngilokholo lonke, ukuze ngisuse izintaba, kodwa ngingelathando, angisilutho. **3** Njalo loba ngingabela abayanga konke engilakho, njalo uba nginganikela umzimba wami ukuthi ngitshiswe, kodwa ngingelathando, kakungisizi ngalutho. **4** Uthando luyabekezelá, lulobubele; uthando kalulamona; uthando kaluzincomi, kalukhukhunyezwa, **5** kaluziphathi ngokungafanelanga, kaluzidingeli okwalo, kalucunuki, kalunakani okubi, **6** kaluthokozi ngokungalunganga, kodwa luthokoza eqinisweni; **7** lusibekela izinto zonke,

lukholwa izinto zonke, luthemba izinto zonke, lubekazelela izinto zonke. **8** Uthando kalungeke lwehluleke. Kumbe-ke iziprefetho, zizakwenziwa ziphele; kumbe indimi, zizakhawula; kumbe ulwazi, luzakwenziwa luphele. **9** Ngoba sazi nganxanye, siprofetha nganxanye; **10** kodwa lapho sekufikile okupheleleyo, khona okuyingxene kuzakwenziwa ize. **11** Lapho ngilusane, ngakhulumu njengosane, ngaqedisisa njengosane, nganakana njengosane; kodwa kuthe sengiyindoda, ngazenza ize izinto zosane. **12** Ngoba khathesi sibona esibukweni kaluvivi, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ubuso ngobuso; khathesi ngazi nganxanye, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ngizakwazi njengoba-ke ngangisaziwa. **13** Njalo khathesi-ke kumi ukholo, ithemba, uthando, lokhu kokuthathu; kodwa okukhulu kulokhu luthando.

14 Landelani uthando; lifise kakhulu izipho zomoya, kodwa ikakhulu ukuthi liprofethe. **2** Ngoba okhulumu ngendimi kakhulumu ebantwini, kodwa kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ozwayo, kanti ukhulumu izimfihlo ngomoya. **3** Kodwa oprofethayo ukhulumu ebantwini ukwakha lenkuthazo lenduduzo. **4** Okhulumu ngendimi uyazakha yena, kodwa oprofethayo wakha ibandla. **5** Njalo ngyiyathanda ukuthi lonke likhulume ngendimi, kodwa kakhulu ukuthi liprofethe; ngoba oprofethayo mkhulu kulokhulumu ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuthi atolike, ukuze ibandla lemukele ukwakhiwa. **6** Khathesi-ke, bazalwane, uba ngifika kini ngikhulumu ngendimi, ngizalisiza ngani, nxa ngingakhulumu kini kumbe ekwembulelweni, loba ekwazini, loba kusiprofetho, kumbe emfundisweni? **7** Ngokunjalo izinto ezingelampilo ezikhlayo, loba umhlanga, loba ichacho, uba zinganiki umehluko ngokukhala, kuzakwaziwa njani okuvuthelwayo ngomhlanga kumbe okutshaywayo ngomqangala? **8** Ngoba-ke nxa uphondo

lunika ukukhala okungaqondakaliyo, ngubani ozazilungisela impi? **9** Kunjalo lani, uba linganiki inkulumo ecacileyo ngolimi, kuzakwaziwa njani okukhulunywayo? Ngoba lizakuba likhuluma emoyeni. **10** Kukhona, nxa kungenzakala, imihlobo eminengi kangaka yemisindo emhlabeni kodwa kawukho ongatsho lutho; **11** ngakho uba ngingawazi umqondo welizwi, ngizakuba ngowezizweni kulowo okhulumayo, lalowo okhulumayo uzakuba ngowezizweni kimi. **12** Kunjalo lani, lokhu litshisekela izipho zomoya, dingani ukuthi livame ekwakhiweni kwebandla. **13** Ngakho-ke okhulumayo ngendimi kakhuleke ukuthi atolike. **14** Ngoba uba ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka, kodwa ingqondo yami kayilasithelo. **15** Ngakho kuyini? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya, njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo; ngizahlabelela indumiso ngomoya, njalo ngizahlabelela indumiso langengqondo. **16** Uba kungenjalo, nxa ubonga ngomoya, lowo ogcwalisa indawo yongafundanga uzamutsho njani uAmeni ekubongeni kwakho, lokhu engakwazi okutshoyo? **17** Ngoba isibili wena ubonga kuhle, kodwa omunye kakhiwa. **18** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ukuthi ngikhuluma ngendimi kakhulu kulani lonke; **19** kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu ngengqondo yami, ukuze ngifundise labanye, kulamazwi ayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngendimi. **20** Bazalwane, lingabi ngabantwana engqondweni; kodwa ebubini banini zingane, lekunakaneni libe ngabakhulileyo. **21** Emplayweni kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngezinye indimi langezinye indebe ngizakhuluma lalesisizwe, langokunjalo labo kabayikungizwa, itsho iNkosi. **22** Ngakho indimi zingezesibonakaliso, kungeyisikho kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo; kanti isiprofetho, kungayisiso sabangakholwayo, kodwa sabakholwayo. **23**

Ngakho uba ibandla lonke libuthene ndawonye, labo bonke bakhulume ngendimi, besekungena abangafundanga loba abangakholwayo, kabazukuthi liyahlanya yini? **24** Kodwa uba bonke beprofetha, njalo kungene othile ongakholwayo loba ongafundanga, uyakhuzwa yibo bonke, ahlolwe yibo bonke, **25** langokunjalo izinto ezifihliwego zenhliziyo yakhe ziyadalulwa; ngokunjalo uzakuwa ngobuso akhonze uNkulunkulu, ebika ukuthi uNkulunkulu ngoqotho uphakathi kwenu. **26** Ngakho kuyini, bazalwane? Loba nini libuthana, ngulowo lalowo wenu elesihlabelelo, elemfundiso, elolimi, elesambulelo, elokutolika. Konke kakwenzelwe ekwakheni. **27** Uba umuntu ekhuluma ngendimi, kakube ngababili, kumbe bangadluli kwabathathu, njalo badedelane, lomunye katolike; **28** kodwa uba kungekho umtoliki, kumele athule ebandleni; akhulume kuye ngokwakhe lakuNkulunkulu. **29** Abaprofethi-ke ababili loba abathathu kabakhulume, labanye kabahlolisise. **30** Kodwa uba kusembulwa komunye ohlezayo, kathule owokuqala. **31** Ngoba lonke lingaprofetha munye ngamunye, ukuze bonke bafunde, njalo bonke bakhuthazwe; **32** lemimoya yabaprofethi iyathotshiselwa abaprofethi. **33** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye owesiphithiphithi, kodwa ngowokuthula, njengemabandleni wonke abangcwele. **34** Abesifazana benu kabathule emabandleni; ngoba kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma, kodwa ukuzithoba, njengoba lawo umlayo usitsho. **35** Uba-ke bethanda ukufunda ulutho, kababuze kubomkabo ekhaya; ngoba kulihlazo kowesifazana ukukhuluma ebandleni. **36** Kumbe ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laphuma kini? Kumbe lafika kini lodwa yini? **37** Uba umuntu ecabanga ukuthi ungumprofethi loba ungowomoya, umele ukwemukela izinto engilibhalela zona, ukuthi ziylimilayo yeNkosi; **38** uba umuntu engazi, kumele

engazi. **39** Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani ukuprofetha, njalo lingakuvimbeli ukukhuluma ngendimi; **40** konke kakwenziwe ngemfanelo langokulandelana.

15 Ngakho, bazalwane, ngilazisa ivangeli engalitshumayeza lona, lani elalemukelayo, njalo elimi kulo, **2** njalo elisindiswa ngalo; uba libambelela elizwini levangeli engalitshumayela kini, ngaphandle kokuthi lakholwa ize. **3** Ngoba ngalinika okokuqala lokho engakwemukelayo lami, ukuthi uKristu wafa ngenxa yezono zethu, njengokwemibhalo; **4** lokuthi wangcwatshwa; lokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku Iwesithathu, njengokwemibhalo; **5** lokuthi wabonakala kuKefasi, emva kwalokho kwabalitshumi lambili; **6** emva kwalokho wabonakala ngesikhathi sinye kubazalwane abedlula amakhulu amahlanu, ubunengi babo basekhona kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa labanye sebalala; **7** emva kwalokho wabonakala kuJakobe, emva kwalokho wabonakala kubaphostoli bonke; **8** lekucineni kwabo bonke wabonakala lakimi njengozelwe ngesikhathi esingaqondanga. **9** Ngoba mina ngingomncinyanyana kubaphostoli, engingafanele ukuthiwa ngumphostoli, ngoba ngazingela ibandla likaNkulunkulu. **10** Kodwa ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ngiyikho lokho engiyikho khona, lomusa wakhe okimi kawubanga yize; kodwa ngitshikatshike okwengezelelwе kulabo bonke, kanti kungesimi, kodwa ngumusa kaNkulunkulu olami. **11** Ngakho loba kuyimi, loba kuyibo, ngokunjalo siyatshumayela langokunjalo lakholwa. **12** Kodwa uba uKristu etshunyayelwa ukuthi uvusiwe kwabafileyo, batsho njani abanye phakathi kwenu ukuthi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo? **13** Kodwa uba kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, kavuswanga laye uKristu; **14** uba-ke uKristu engavuswanga, ngakho ukutshumayela kwethu kuyize, lokholo Iwenu lalo luyize. **15** Lathi futhi sificwa

singabafakazi bamanga bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba safakaza ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wamvusa uKristu, angamvusanga, uba-ke abafileyo bengavuswa. **16** Ngoba uba abafileyo bengavuswa, kavuswanga laye uKristu; **17** njalo uba uKristu engavuswanga, ukholo lwenu luyize; lisesezonweni zenu. **18** Ngakho lalabo abalele bekuKristu sebabhubha. **19** Uba singabathembela kuKristu kule impilo kuphela, singabatosizi kulabo bonke abantu. **20** Kodwa khathesi-ke uKristu uvusiwe kwabafileyo, waba yisithelo sokuqala sabaleleyo. **21** Ngoba lokhu ngomuntu ukufa kweza, langomuntu ukuvuka kwabafileyo kweza. **22** Ngoba njengalokhu kuAdamu bonke bayafa, ngokunjalo futhi kuKristu bonke bazakwenziwa baphile. **23** Kodwa ngulowo lalowo ngesakhe isigaba; isithelo sokuqala uKristu, besekusiba ngabakaKristu ekufikeni kwakhe, **24** besekusiba yikuphela, lapho esenikela umbuso kuNkulunkulu, uYise, lalapho esenze kwaphela konke ukubusa labo bonke ubukhos ilamandla. **25** Ngoba umele yena ukubusa, aze abeke zonke izitha ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. **26** Isitha sokucina esizachithwa yikufa. **27** Ngoba izinto zonke uzelhisele ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Kodwa nxa esithi izinto zonke zehlisiwe, kusobala ukuthi ungaphandle kwazo yena ozehlisileyo izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe. **28** Nxa izinto zonke sezhlisiwe ngaphansi kwakhe, khona layo iNdodana ngokwayo izazehlisa ngaphansi kwalowo owehlisela zonke izinto ngaphansi kwayo, ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke kukho konke. **29** Pho, bazakwenzani ababhabhathizelwa abafileyo uba abafileyo bengavuki isibili? Kungani babhabhathizelwa abafileyo na? **30** Kungani lathi sisengozini ihola ngehola? **31** Ngiyafa usuku ngosuku, ngiyaqinisa ngokuzincoma ngani engilakho kuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. **32** Uba ngokwabantu ngalwa lezilo eEfesu,

nzuko bani kimi, uba abafileyo bengavuki? Asidle sinathe,
ngoba kusasa siyafa. **33** Lingakhohliswa; ukwejwayelana lababi
kuyonakalisa izimilo ezinhle. **34** Vusani ingqondo ngokulunga
njalo lingoni; ngoba abanye balokungamazi uNkulunkulu;
ngikhulumela ukuthi libe lenhloni. **35** Kodwa omunye uzakuthi:
Abafileyo bavuswa njani? Njalo beza lomzimba onjani? **36**
Siphukuphuku, lokho okuhlanyelayo wena, kakwenziwa kuphile
ngaphandle kokuthi kufe; **37** lalokho okuhlanyelayo, kawuhlanyeli
umzimba ozakuba khona, kodwa uhlamvu oluze, mhlawumbe,
olwebele kumbe olokunye nje; **38** kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika
umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe, lakuleyo laleyo yenhlanyelo
owayo umzimba. **39** Inyama yonke kayisinyamanye; kodwa
enye yinyama yabantu, lenye yinyama yenyamazana, lenye
eyenhlanzi, lenye eyezinyoni. **40** Ikhona lemizimba yezulwini,
lemizimba yemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezulu ingenye,
leyemhlabeni ingenye. **41** Enye yinkazimulo yelanga, lenye
yinkazimulo yenyanga, lenye yinkazimulo yezinkanyezi; ngoba
inkanyezi yehlukile kwenye inkanyezi enkazimulweni. **42**
Kunjalo-ke ukuvuka kwabafileyo. Kuhlanyelwa ekuboleni,
kuyavuswa kungekho ekuboleni; **43** kuhlanyelwa ekudelweni,
kuvuswe enkazimulweni; kuhlanyelwa ebuthakathakeni, kuvuswe
emandleni; **44** kuhlanyelwa umzimba wemvelo, kuvuswe
umzimba womoya. Kukhona umzimba wemvelo, njalo kukhona
umzimba womoya. **45** Langokunjalo kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu
wokuqala uAdamu waba ngumphefumulo ophilayo; uAdamu
wokucina ngumoya ophilisayo. **46** Kodwa okokuqala kakusikho
okomoya, kodwa okwemvelo, besekusiza okomoya. **47** Umuntu
wokuqala wavela emhlabeni, ungowomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili
uyiNkosi evela ezulwini. **48** Njengoba enjalo owomhlabathi,

banjalo labo abomhlabathi; lanjengoba enjalo owezulwini, banjalo labo abezulwini; **49** futhi njengoba sibelesimo sowomhlabathi, lathi sizakuba lesimo sowezelwini. **50** Kodwa ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi inyama legazi kungelidle ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu; lokubola kakulidli ilifa lokungaboli. **51** Khangelani, ngilitshela imfihlo: Kasiyikulala sonke, kodwa sizaphendulwa sonke, **52** ngesikhathshana, ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ekukhaleni kophondo lokucina; ngoba uphondo luzakhala, labafileyo bazavuswa bengelakubola, lathi sizaphendulwa. **53** Ngoba lokhu okubolayo kumele ukwembatha ukungaboli, lalokho okufayo kwembaathe ukungafi. **54** Nxa-ke lokho okubolayo sekwembethe ukungaboli, lalokho okufayo sekwembethe ukungafi, kuzakwenzeka ngalesosikhathi ilizwi elilotshiweyo lokuthi: Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni. **55** Lungaphi, kufa, udonsi lwakho? Kungaphi, ngcwaba, ukunqoba kwakho? (*Hadēs g86*) **56**

Lodonsi lokufa yisono; lamandla esono ngumlayo. **57** Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu osinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **58** Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini, linganyikinyeki, lengezelelwe emsebenzini weNkosi kokuphela, lazi ukuthi ukutshikatshika kwenu kakusilo ize eNkosini.

16 Mayelana-ke lokuqoqelwa okwabangcwele, njengoba ngalaya amabandla eGalathiya, yenzani ngokunjalo lani. **2** Ngalo lonke usuku lokuqala lweviki kakube ngulowo lalowo wenu azibekele aqogelete loba yini aphumelela ngayo, ukuze kungabi yisikhathi sokuqoqwa nxa ngifikayo. **3** Njalo loba nini ekufikeni kwami, loba ngobani elibakhethileyo, ngezincwadi, loba ngizabathuma ukuze base isipho senu somusa eJerusalema; **4** njalo uba kufanele ukuthi lami ngijhambe, bazahamba lami. **5** Kodwa ngizakuza kini, nxa sengidabule eMakedoniya; ngoba

ngizadabula eMakedoniya; **6** futhi ngingahle ngihlale lani, loba ngiqede lobusika, ukuze lina lingidlulisele loba ngaphi lapho engiya khona. **7** Ngoba kangifisi ukulibona khathesinje ekwedluleni; kodwa ngithemba ukuhlala lani isikhathi esithile, uba iNkosi ivuma. **8** Kodwa ngizahlala eEfesu kuze kufike iPentekoste; **9** ngoba ngivulelwwe umnyango omkhulu lolamandla, labaphikisayo banengi. **10** Nxa-ke uTimothi engafika, bonani ukuthi ulani engelakwesaba; ngoba usebenza umsebenzi weNkosi njengami futhi. **11** Ngakho kakungabi khona omdelelayo; kodwa mdluliseni ngokuthula, ukuze eze kimi; ngoba ngimlindele kanye labazalwane. **12** Njalo mayelana lomzalwane uApolosi, ngamkhuthaza kakhulu ukuze eze kini kanye labazalwane; kodwa kwakungeyisiyo intando yakhe lakanye ukuthi eze khathesi, kodwa uzakuza nxa ese lethuba. **13** Lindani, lime ekholweni, liziphathe njengamadoda, libe lamandla. **14** Izinto zenu zonke kazzenziwe ngothando. **15** Futhi ngiyalincenga bazalwane, liyayazi indlu kaStefana, ukuthi iyisithelo sokuqala seAkaya, lokuthi bazimisele ukusebenzela abangcwele; **16** ukuze lani lehliselwe ngaphansi kwabanjalo, labo bonke abasebenza kanye lathi, betshikatshika. **17** Sengithokoza ngokufika kukaStefana loFortunatu loAkayiko, ngoba bona bagcwalisile ukusilela kwenu; **18** ngoba bawuvuselele umoya wami lowenu. Ngakho bananjeleleni abanjalo. **19** Amabandla eAsiya ayalibingeleta; bayalibingeleta kakhulu eNkosini oAkwila loPrisila, kanye lebandla elisemzini wabo. **20** Bonke abazalwane bayalibingeleta. Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. **21** Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli. **22** Uba umuntu engayithandi iNkosi uJesu Kristu, kabe yisithuko. Woza Nkosi! **23** Umusa weNkosi yethu

uJesu Kristu kawube lani. **24** Uthando lwami kalube lani lonke
kuKristu Jesu. Ameni.

2 Kwabasekhorinte

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,
IoTimothi umzalwane, kubandla likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte,
labo bonke abangcwele abakuyo yonke iAkaya: **2** Umusa
kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu lakuyo
iNkosi uJesu Kristu. **3** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise
weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise wobubele IoNkulunkulu
wenduduzo yonke, **4** osiduduza ekuhluphekeni kwethu konke,
ukuze sibe lamandla okududuza abasekuhluphekeni loba yikuphi,
ngenduduzo esiduduzwa ngayo thina ngokwethu nguNkulunkulu;
5 ngoba njengalokhu inhlupheko zikaKristu zengezelelekile
kithi, ngokunjalo lenduduzo yethu yengezelelekile ngoKristu.
6 Njalo loba sihlutshwa, kungokwenduduzo losindiso lwenu,
okusetshenzwa ekubekezeleni kulezizinhlupheko ezifananayo
esihlupheka ngazo lathi; loba siduduzwa, kungokwenduduzo
losindiso lwenu; **7** njalo ithemba lethu ngani liqinile, sisazi
ukuthi njengalokhu lihanganyela ezinhluphekweni ngokunjalo
lenduduzweni. **8** Ngoba kasithandi ukuthi lingazi, bazalwane,
ngokuhlupheka kwethu okwasehlela eAsiya, ukuthi sasindwa
kakhulukazi ngokungaphezu kwamandla, saze saphelelwa
lithemba lelempilo. **9** Kodwa thina ngokwethu sasilaso kithi
isigwebo sokufa, ukuze singazithembu thina kodwa kuNkulunkulu
ovusa abafileyo; **10** owasophula ekufeni okungaka, losophulayo;
esithemba kuye ukuthi uzasophula futhi. **11** Lani lisebenzela
thina ndawonye ngomkhuleko, ukuze isipho somusa kithi esivela
ebantwini abanengi singasibongelwa ngabanengi. **12** Ngoba
ukuzincoma kwethu yilokhu, ubufakazi besazel sethu, ukuthi
ngokungelankohliso langobuqotho bukaNkulunkulu, kungeyisikho
ngenhlakanipho yenyama kodwa emuseni kaNkulunkulu,

saziphatha emhlabeni, njalo ngokukhethekileyo maqondana lani.

13 Ngoba kasilibhaleli okunye, kodwa loba izinto elizifundayo kumbe njalo lizivume; ngithemba futhi ukuthi lizazivuma kuze kube sekupheleni; **14** njengalokhu lathi selisivumile nganxanye, ukuthi siyikuzincoma kwenu njengalokhu lani lingabethu, osukwini IweNkosi uJesu. **15** Langalelithemba ngafisa ukuza kini kuqala, ukuze libe lomusa wesibili; **16** njalo ukudlula kini ngisiya eMakedoniya, ngibuye kini futhi ngivela eMakedoniya, njalo ngidluliselwe yini eJudiya. **17** Ngakho ngiqonde lokho, besengisebenzisa yini ubulula? Kumbe izinto engizimisayo, ngimisa ngokwenyama yini, ukuze kube khona kimi uyebo, yebo; lohatshi, hatshi? **18** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ukuthi ilizwi lethu elikini kalisuye uyebo lohatshi. **19** Ngoba iNdodana kaNkulunkulu uJesu Kristu owatshunayelwa yithi phakathi kwenu, yimi loSilivanu loTimothi, wayengeyisuye uyebo lohatshi, kodwa kuye kwakunguyebo. **20** Ngoba zonke izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu, kuye zinguyebo, lakuye zinguAmeni, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu ngathi. **21** Njalo osiqinisayo kanye lani kuKristu, owasigcobayo, nguNkulunkulu, **22** owasiphawulayo lathi, wasenika isibambiso sikaMoya enhliziyweni zethu. **23** Kodwa mina ngibiza uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe ngumfakazi phezu komphefumulo wami, ukuze ngiliyekele angikezi eKorinte. **24** Kungesikuthi sibusu ukholo lwenu, kodwa siyizisebenzi ndawonye zentokozo yenu; ngoba limi ngokholo.

2 Ngasengizimisela lokhu, ukungaphindi ngize kini esizini. **2** Ngoba uba mina ngilibangela usizi, ngubani-ke ongithokozisayo, ngaphandle kobangelwe yimi usizi? **3** Njalo ngalibhalela into le efananayo ukuze ekufikeni kwami ngingabi losizi kulabo abamele bangithokozise, ngileqiniso ngani lonke,

ukuthi intokozo yami ingeyenu lonke. **4** Ngoba esizini olukhulu lekudabukeni kwenhlizyo ngalibhalela ngezinyembezi ezinengi, kungeyisikho ukuthi libangelwe usizi, kodwa ukuze lazi uthando olwengezelelweyo engilalo kini. **5** Kodwa uba ekhona obange usizi, kabanganga usizi kimi, kodwa nganxanye (ukuze ngingathwalisi nzima) kini lonke. **6** Kumanele onjalo lohkukukhuza okungokwabanengi; **7** ukuze endaweni yalokho kungcono lithethelele liduduze, hlezi onjalo aginywe lusizi olwengezelelweyo. **8** Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuthi liqinise uthando lwenu kuye. **9** Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu futhi ngabhala, ukuze ngazi ukuhlolwa kwenu, uba lingabalalelayo ezintweni zonke. **10** Lalowo elimthethelela ulutho, lami ngiyamthethelela; ngoba mina uba ngithethelele ulutho, lowo engimthethelayo, ngikwenza ngenxa yenu phambi kobuso bukaKristu, **11** ukuze singasetshenziswa nguSathane; ngoba kasisibo abangazi ngamaqhinga akhe. **12** Lekufikeni kwami eTrowasi ngevangeli likaKristu, kwathi sengivulelwe umnyango eNkosini, **13** kangibanga lokuphumula emoyeni wami, ngoba angimtholanga uTitosi umzalwane wami; kodwa ngasengivalelisa kubo ngasuka ngaya eMakedoniya. **14** Njalo kabongwe uNkulunkulu osikhokhelayo ngesikhathi sonke ekunqobeni kuKristu, njalo ebonakalisa ngathi iphunga lolwazi lwakhe endaweni zonke. **15** Ngoba siliphunga elimnandi likaKristu kuNkulunkulu kulabo abasindiswayo lakulabo ababhubhayo; **16** kulaba iphunga lokufa ekufeni, lakwabanye iphunga elimnandi lempilo empilweni. Njalo ngubani olingene lezizinto? **17** Ngoba kasinjengabanengi, abalonayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; kodwa njengebuqothweni, njalo njengokuvela kuNkulunkulu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu sikhuluma sikuKristu.

3 Siqala siphinde ukuziveza yini? Kumbe siyadinga yini, njengabanye, izincwadi zokusiveza kini, loba zokuvezwa okuvela kini? **2** Lina liyincwadi yethu, ebhalwe enhliziyweni zethu, eyaziwa ifundwe ngabantu bonke; **3** libonakalisa ukuthi liyincwadi kaKristu esetshenziswa yithi, ebhalwe hatshi ngeyinki, kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, kungeyisikho ezibhebheni zamatshe, kodwa ezibhebheni zenyama yenhliziyo. **4** Lethemba elinjalo silalo ngoKristu kuNkulunkulu; **5** kungesikuthi siyelenisa thina ngokwethu ukucabanga ulutho njengoluvela kithi, kodwa ukwenelisa kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu; **6** owasenza futhi senelisa ukuba yizikhonzi zesivumelwano esitsha, esingeyisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala, kodwa uMoya uyaphilisa. **7** Kodwa uba inkonzo yokufa, emabalen, abazwe ematsheni, yafikela enkazimulweni, kwaze kwathi abantwana bakolsrayeli behluleka ukujolozela ubuso bukaMozisi ngenxa yenkazimulo yobuso bakhe, eyenziwa yaphela, **8** pho ingebe nkulu kangakanani inkonzo kaMoya enkazimulweni? **9** Ngoba uba inkonzo yokulahlwa iyinkazimulo, kangakanani inkonzo yokulunga yengeziwe enkazimulweni. **10** Ngoba lalokho okwake kwaba yinkazimulo, akuzange ngitsho kukhazimule ngalindlela, ngenxa yalinkazimulo eyidlulayo kakhulu. **11** Ngoba uba lokho okwensiwa kwaphela kulenkazimulo, kangakanani lokho okumiyo, kusenkazimulweni. **12** Ngakho silethemba elinje, sisebenzisa isibindi esikhulu ekukhulumeni; **13** njalo kasinjengoMozisi owafaka isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe, ukuze abantwana bakolsrayeli bangajolozeli isiphetho sento eyenziwa yaphela; **14** kodwa ingqondo zabo zenziwa lukhuni; ngoba kuze kube lamuhla isimbombozo esifananayo sihlezi ekufundeni isivumelwano esidala singambombozwanga,

esenziwa saphela kuKristu. **15** Kodwa kuze kube lamuhla, nxa kufundwa uMozisi, isimbombozo siphezu kwenhlizyo yabo. **16** Loba nini nxa ebuyela eNkosini, isimbombozo siyasuswa. **17** LeNkosi inguMoya; lalapho akhona uMoya weNkosi, lapho kukhona inkululeko. **18** Thina-ke, sonke esilobuso obembuliwego sibona inkazimulo yeNkosi esibukweni, siyaguqulelwa esimeni esifananayo sisuka enkazimulweni sisiya enkazimulweni, njengokuvela kuMoya weNkosi.

4 Ngakho-ke, lokhu silenkonzo le, njengoba senzelwa umusa, kasidinwa; **2** kodwa sizilahlile izinto ezifihliwego zehlazo, singahambi ebuqilini, singaphambanisi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngokwenza obala iqiniso siyazibuka kuso sonke isazela sabantu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa uba futhi ivangeli lethu lembesiwe, lembesiwe kulabo ababhubhayo; **4** okubo unkulunkulu walelilizwe uphumputhekisile ingqondo zabangakholyay, ukuze kungakhanyi kubo ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKristu, ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. (*aiōn g165*) **5** Ngoba kasizitshumayeli, kodwa uKristu Jesu iNkosi; njalo thina sizinceku zenu ngenxa kaJesu. **6** Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi ukukhanya kukhanya kuvela ebumnyameni, ukhanyisile ezinhliziyweni zethu, ukupha ukukhanya kolwazi lwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaJesu Kristu. **7** Kodwa silalo leligugu ezitsheni zebumba, ukuze ubuhlekazi bamandla bube ngobukaNkulunkulu, njalo bungaveli kithi; **8** siyaminyezelwa inhlangothi zonke, kodwa kasibandezeleki; siyadideka, kodwa kasilahli ithemba; **9** siyazingelwa, kodwa kasihlanyukwa; siwiselwa phansi, kodwa kasibhujiswa; **10** sihamba sithwele njalonjalo ukufa kweNkosi uJesu emzimbeni, ukuze lempilo kaJesu ibonakaliswe emzimbeni wethu. **11** Ngoba thina esiphilayo sinikelwa

njalonjalo ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze lempilo kaJesu
ibonakaliswe enyameni yethu efayo. **12** Ngakho ukufa kusebenza
kithi, kodwa impilo kini. **13** Ngakho silalowomoya wokholo,
njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngakhola, ngakho ngakhuluma;
lathi siyakholwa, ngakho lathi siyakhuluma; **14** sisazi ukuthi lowo
owayivusayo iNkosi uJesu uzasivusa lathi ngoJesu, asiveze
kanye lani. **15** Ngoba zonke izinto zingenxa yenu, ukuze umusa
ovamileyo, ngokubonga kwabanengi, wengezelelwé kube ludumo
lukaNkulunkulu. **16** Ngakho-ke kasidinwa, kodwa lanxa umuntu
wethu wangaphandle ebhujiswa, kube kanti owangaphakathi
wenziwa abe mutsha insuku ngensuku. **17** Ngoba inhlupheko
yethu elula engeyomzuzwana iyasisebenzela isisindo sobukhosí
esilaphakade esingelakulinganiswa isibili, (*aiōnios g166*) **18**
singakhangeli okubonwayo kodwa okungabonwayo; ngoba
okubonwayo kungokwesikhathi; kodwa okungabonwayo
ngokulaphakade. (*aiōnios g166*)

5 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi uba indlu yethu yemhlabeni yedumba
idilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu engenziwanga
ngezandla, ephakade emazulwini. (*aiōnios g166*) **2** Ngoba lakule
siyabubula, silangatha ukwembeswa ngendlu yethu evela
ezulwini; **3** uba lathi sesembathisiwe singaficwa size. **4** Ngoba
lathi esikhona kulelidumba siyabubula, sisindwa; ngoba kasifisi
ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa, ukuze okufayo kuginywe
yimpilo. **5** Owasilungisela-ke khona lokhu nguNkulunkulu,
futhi owasipha isibambiso sikaMoya. **6** Ngakho silesibindi
ngesikhathi sonke, sisazi ukuthi sisekhona ekhaya emzimbeni
sikhatshana leNkosi, **7** ngoba sihamba ngokholo, kungeyisikho
ngokubona; **8** ngakho silesibindi, njalo siyathaba kakhulu
ukuba singabikho emzimbeni, lokuba sekhaya leNkosi. **9**

Ngalokho-ke siyazama kakhulu, loba sisekhaya, kumbe singekho ekhaya, ukuthi sibe ngabemukelekayo kuye. **10** Ngoba sonke simele ukubonakala phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu, ukuze ngulowo lalowo azamukelele izinto ezenziwe ngomzimba, njengalokhu akwenzileyo, loba kuhle kumbe kubi. **11** Ngakho sisazi ukwesabeka kweNkosi siyabancenga abantu, kodwa sibonakalisiwe kuNkulunkulu; njalo ngithemba ukuthi sibonakalisiwe lezazeleni zenu. **12** Ngoba kasizivezi futhi kini, kodwa silinika ithuba lokuzincoma ngathi, ukuze libe lakho ukumelana labo abazincomayo ebusweni, kungeyisikho enhliziyweni. **13** Ngoba uba sihlanya, kukuNkulunkulu; uba siqondile, kukini. **14** Ngoba uthando lukaKristu luyasiqhubezela, sibona lokhu, ukuthi uba omunye wafela bonke, ngakho bonke bafa; **15** njalo wafela bonke ukuze abaphilayo bangabe besaziphilela bona, kodwa lowo owabafelayo wabuye wavuka. **16** Ngakho kusukela khathesi thina kasazi muntu ngokwenyama; lanxa lathi samazi uKristu ngokwenyama, kodwa khathesi kasisamazi. **17** Ukuze kuthi uba umuntu ekuKristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala sekndlule, khangela konke sekukutsha. **18** Konke lokhu-ke kuvela kuNkulunkulu, owabuyisana lathi ngoJesu Kristu kuye, wasinika inkonzo yokubuyisana; **19** okunjengokuthi uNkulunkulu wayekuKristu ebuyisana lomhlaba kuye, engababaleli iziphambeko zabo, ebeka kithi ilizwi lokubuyisana. **20** Ngakho siyizithunya esikhundleni sikaKristu, njengokungathi uNkulunkulu uyancenga ngathi; siyancenga esikhundleni sikaKristu sithi: Buyisanani loNkulunkulu. **21** Ngoba lowo ongasazanga isono wamenza isono esikhundleni sethu, ukuze thina sibe yikulunga kukaNkulunkulu kuye.

6 Sisebenza-ke kanye laye, lathi siyalincenga ukuthi lingawemukeli ngeze umusa kaNkulunkulu; **2** ngoba uthi: Ngesikhathi esihle ngikuzwile, langosuku losindiso ngakusiza; khangela, khathesi yisikhathi esihle isibili; khangela khathesi lusuku losindiso. **3** Kasikhubekisi ngalutho ngitsho, ukuze inkonzo ingasolwa; **4** kodwa kukho konke sizibonakalisa njengezikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu, ekubekezeleni okukhulu, ezinhluphekweni, ebunzimeni, encindezelweni, **5** ekutshayweni, ekubotshweni, eziphithiphithini, ekusebenzeni nzima, ekungalalini, ekuzileni ukudla, **6** ekuhlambulukeni, elwazini, ekubekezeleni, ebubeleni, kuMoya oNgcwele, ethandweni olungazenzisiyo, **7** elizwini leqiniso, emandleni kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo, **8** ngodumo langehlazo, ngokuthukwa langokudunyiswa; njengabakhohlisi, kanti abaqinisileyo; **9** njengabangaziwayo, kanti abaziwayo kakhulu; njengabafayo, kanti khangelani siyaphila; njengabalaywayo, kanti abangabulawayo; **10** njengabalosizi, kodwa abathokoza njalonjalo; njengabayanga, kodwa abanothisa abanengi; njengabangelalutho, kanti abalakho konke. **11** Umlomo wethu uvulekele lina, beKorinte, inhliziyo yethu yenziwe banzi. **12** Kalivinjelwanga yithi, kodwa livinjelwe emibilini yenu. **13** Njalo ngokwenanana okufananayo (ngikhuluma njengebantwaneni), lani yenziwani banzi. **14** Lingabotshwa ngokungalingani ejogweni labangakholwayo; ngoba kulokuhlanganyela bani ukulunga lokungalungi? Kulokuhlanganyela bani ukukhanya lobumnyama? **15** Njalo uKristu ulokuzwana bani loBheliyali? Kumbe ulesabelo bani okholwayo longakholwayo? **16** Njalo kulokuvumelana bani ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lezithombe? Ngoba lina lilitempeli likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, njengokutsho kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi:

Ngizahlala kubo, ngizahamba phakathi kwabo; sengizakuba
nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu bami. **17**
Ngakho phumani phakathi kwabo lehlukaniswe, itsho iNkosi,
lingathinti okungcolileyo; mina-ke ngizalemukela, **18** futhi
ngizakuba nguBaba kini, lina selizakuba kimi ngamadodana
lamadodakazi, itsho iNkosi uSomandla.

7 Lokhu silalezizithembiso, bathandekayo, asizihlambululeni
kukho konke ukungcola kwenyama lokomoya, siphelilise
ubungcwele ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu. **2** Semukeleni; kasonanga
muntu, kasonakalisanga muntu, kasidlelezelanga muntu. **3**
Kangikhulumeli ukulisola; ngoba ngatsho phambili, ukuthi
lisenhliziyweni zethu ukuthi sife ndawonye siphile ndawonye. **4**
Sikhulu isibindi sami senkulomo kini, ngilokuziqhenya okukhulu
ngani; ngigcwele induduzo; ngengezelelwe kakhulu intokozo kuyo
yonke inhlupheko yethu. **5** Ngoba lekfikeni kwethu eMakedoniya,
inyama yethu kayibanga lokuphumula, kodwa sabandezelwa
ezintweni zonke; ngaphandle ingxabano, ngaphakathi ukwesaba.
6 Kodwa uNkulunkulu, oduduza abadanileyo, wasiduduza
ekufikeni kukaTitosi; **7** njalo kungeyisikho ekufikeni kwakhe
kuphela, kodwa langenduduzo aduduzeka ngayo ngani,
lapho esilandisela ukulangatha kwenu, ukudabuka kwenu,
ukungitshisekela kwenu, ngaze ngathokoza kakhulu. **8**
Ngoba lanxa ngalidabukisa ngencwadi, kangizisoli; lanxa
ngazisola; ngoba ngibona ukuthi leyoncwadi yalidabula, loba
kungokwesikhathi. **9** Khathesi ngiyathokoza, kungeyisikho ukuthi
ladatshulwa, kodwa ukuthi ladatshulelwa ekuphendukeni; ngoba
ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu, ukuze lingalahlekelwa lutho
ngenxa yethu. **10** Ngoba ukudabuka ngokukaNkulunkulu kuletha
ukuphenduka kube lusindiso ongezisole ngalo; kodwa ukudabuka

komhlaba kuletha ukufa. **11** Ngoba khangelani, leyo into, ukuthi ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu, ukuthi kuveze kini ukukhuthala okungakanani, yebo, ukuziphendulela, yebo, ukuthukuthela, yebo, ukwesaba, yebo, ukulangatha, yebo, ukutshiseka, yebo, impindiselo. Kukho konke lazibonakalisa ukuthi limsulwa kule indaba. **12** Uba-ke lami ngalibhalela, kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo owonayo, njalo kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo owoniweyo, kodwa ukuze ukulikhuthalela kwethu kubonakaliswe kini phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngalokho siduduzekile ngenduduzo yenu; yebo sathokoza ngokwengezelelweyo kakhulu ngentokozo kaTitosi, ngoba umoya wakhe uvuselelwe ngokuvela kini lonke; **14** ngoba uba ngazincomela lina ngolutho kuye kangiyangekanga; kodwa njengoba sakukhuluma konke kini ngeqiniso, ngokunjalo lokuzincoma kwethu okwakukuTitosi kwaba liqiniso. **15** Isihelo sakhe sesengezelelwe kakhulu kini, lapho ekhumbula ukulalela kwenu lonke, ukuthi lamemukela njani ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela. **16** Ngakho ngiyathokoza ukuthi ngiyalithemba kukho konke.

8 Sesilazisa, bazalwane, umusa kaNkulunkulu ophiwe emabandleni eMakedoniya; **2** ukuthi ekulingweni okukhulu kwenhlupho, ukwengezelelwa kwentokozo yabo lobuyanga babo obujulileyo bengezelela enothweni yokuphana kwabo. **3** Ngoba babekhululekile njengokwamandla abo, ngiyafakaza, langaphezu kwamandla abo, **4** ngesicelo esikhulu basincenga, ukuthi semukele isipho, lokuhi langanyela koncedo olungolwabangcwele; **5** njalo kakubanga njengoba sathemba, kodwa bazinikela kuqala eNkosini, lakithi ngentando kaNkulunkulu. **6** Kwaze kwathi sakuthaza uTitosi ukuthi, njengalokhu wayesequalile phambili, ngokunjalo awuqede futhi kini lumusa. **7** Kodwa

njengalokhu lisengezelela kukho konke, ekholweni, lelizwini, lelwazini, lekukhuthaleni konke, lethandweni lwenu kithi, ukuze lakulumusa lengezelele. **8** Kangikhulumi njengokulawula, kodwa ngokutshiseka kwabanye, njalo ngihlola ubuqotho bothando lwenu. **9** Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lanxa wayenothile, waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe. **10** Lakulokhu ngipha umbono; ngoba lokhu kuluncedo kini, abaqala phambili nyakenye, kungeyisikwenza kuphela, kodwa lokufisa; **11** kodwa khathesi-ke qedani futhi ukwenza, ukuze, njengalokhu kukhona ukukhuthalela ukufisa, ngokunjalo kukhona lokuqedisa ngalokho elilakho. **12** Ngoba uba kukhona ukufisa, umuntu uyemukeleka ngalokho alakho, kungeyisikho ngalokho angelakho. **13** Ngoba kungeyisikuthi abanye babe lenkululeko, lina-ke libe lohlupho; kodwa ngokulingana, okwalesisikhathi isengezo senu sibe ngesenswelo yabo, **14** ukuze kuthi lesengezo sabo sibe ngesenswelo yenu, ukuze kube khona ukulingana, **15** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Owabutha okunengi, kabanga lokusalayo; lowabutha okuncinyane kasilelanga. **16** Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu ofaka inkuthalo efananayo ngani enhliziyweni kaTitosi, **17** ukuthi isibili wemukela isikhuthazo, kodwa etshiseka kakhulu, wasuka waya kini ngesifiso sakhe. **18** Njalo sithuma kanye laye umzalwane, odumo lwakhe evangelini ludabule emabandleni wonke; **19** kungeyisilokhu kuphela, kodwa ukhethiwe futhi ngamabandla ukuthi asiphelekezele lalo umusa owasetshenzwa yithi kube ludumo lwale iNkosi, lekubonakalisweni kokukhuthala kwenu; **20** sivikela lokhu, hlezi umuntu asisole kulesisengezo esisetshenzwe yithi; **21** sinakekela okuhle kungekho phambi kweNkosi kuphela kodwa laphambi

kwabantu. **22** Sasesithuma kanye labo umzalwane wethu, esimfice ezintweni ezinengi kanengi ekhuthethle, kodwa khathesi ukhuthethle kakhulukazi ngenxa yokulithemba okukhulu. **23** Kumbe ngoTitosi, unguMlanganyeli lesisebenzi kanye lami kini; loba abazalwane bethu, bayizithunywa zamabandla, bayinkazimulo kaKristu. **24** Ngakho bonakalisani kubo ubufakazi bothando lwenu labokuzincanela kwethu lina, laphambi kwamabandla.

9 Ngoba mayelana lokuncedisa okungokwabangcwele kakusweleki kimi ukulibhalela; **2** ngoba ngiyazi ukukhuthala kwenu, engizincoma ngakho ngani kwabeMakedoniya, ukuthi iAkaya yayisizilungisele kusukela nyakenye; lokutshiseka okuvela kini kubavusile abanengi. **3** Kodwa ngithume abazalwane, ukuze ukuzincoma kwethu ngani kungenziwa ize maqondana lalokhu; ukuze, njengokutsho kwami, libe lilungle; **4** hlezi mhlawumbe, nxabeMakedoniya befika lami belifica lingalungiselanga, siyangake thina (ukuze singatsho, lina) ngalesisibindi sokuzincoma. **5** Ngakho ngibona kufanele ukuthi ngikhuthaze abazalwane, ukuze baqale ukuza kini, njalo balungisele ngaphambili ukupha kwenu ngesihle okwakhulunywa ngakho mandulo, ukuthi lesi silungle, ngokunjalo njengesibusiso futhi kungenjengokuncitshana. **6** Lalokhu ukuthi, ohlanyela ingcosana, laye uzavuna ingcosana; lohlanyela ngokunengi, laye uzavuna ngokunengi. **7** Ngulowo lalovo njengalokhu azikhethela khona enhliziyweni; kungabi ngokokudonda kumbe ngokokubanjwa ngamandla; ngoba uNkulunkulu uyamthanda onikela ngentokozo. **8** Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okulengezelela wonke umusa, ukuze, liloKwenela konke ezintweni zonke ngesikhathi sonke, lengezwe emisebenzini yonke emihle; **9** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Uchithachithile, wanika abayanga; ukulunga kwakhe kuhlala

kuze kube phakade. (aiōn g165) 10 Njalo yena onika inhlanyelo kumhlanyeli, lesinkwa sokudla, kwangathi anganika akhulise inhlanyelo yenu, andise izithelo zokulunga kwenu; 11 linothiswe ezintweni zonke kukho konke ukuphana, okusebenza ngathi ukubongwa kuNkulunkulu; 12 ngoba umsebenzi walinkonzo kawugcwalisi kuphela inswelo zabangcwele, kodwa futhi wengeza ngokubongwa okunengi kuNkulunkulu; 13 ngobufakazi balinkonzo badumisa uNkulunkulu ngokulalela kovumo lwenu ivangeli likaKristu, langokupha kwenu okukhulu kubo, lakubo bonke; 14 langomkhuleko wabo ngani, belilangatha ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ongelakulinganiswa phezu kwenu. 15 Njalo kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho sakhe esingakhulumekiyo.

10 Mina-ke uPawuli ngokwami ngiyalincenga ngobumnene langesisa sikaKristu, othobekileyo phakathi kwenu nxo ngikhona, kodwa nxo ngingekho ngilesibindi kini; 2 ngiyalincenga-ke ukuthi, nxo ngikhona, ngingabi lesibindi ngalokhukuzimisela ebengikhunjulewa ngakho ukuthi ngilesibindi sokumelana labanye abacabanga ngathi njengabahamba ngokwenyama. 3 Ngoba lanxa sihamba enyameni kasilwi ngokwenyama; 4 ngoba izikhali zempi yethu kayisizo zasenyameni, kodwa zilamandla ngoNkulunkulu ekubhidlizeni izinqaba, 5 sehlisa iminakano lakho konke okuziphakamisela ukumelana lolwazi lukaNkulunkulu, lemicabango yonke siyithumbela ekumlaleleni uKristu; 6 futhi silokulungela ukuphindisela ukungalaleli konke, nxo ukulalela kwenu sekuphelele. 7 Likhangela izinto njengokubonakala kwazo yini? Uba umuntu ezithemba yena ukuthi ungokaKristu, kabuye anakane lokhu ngaye, ukuthi njengoba yena engokaKristu, ngokunjalo lathi singabakaKristu. 8 Ngoba lobu ngolutho olwengezelelweyo kakhulu ngingaze ngizincome futhi ngamandla

ethu, eyasinika wona iNkosi ekwakheni, njalo kungabi ngokulichitha, kangiyikuyangeka; **9** ukuze ngingabonakali njengolethusa ngezincwadi. **10** Ngoba kuthiwa: Incwadi zakhe zinzima zilamandla; kodwa ubukhona bomzimba wakhe bubuthakathaka, lokukhuluma kwakhe kudelelekile. **11** Onjalo kanakane lokhu, ukuthi njengoba sinjalo ngelizwi ngezincwadi nxa singekho, lathi sinjalo ngesenzo nxa sikhona. **12** Ngoba kasilasibindi sokuzibalela kumbe ukuzifananisa labathile babo abaziqhenyayo; kodwa bona bayalinganisana bodwa, njalo bayafananisana bodwa, kabaqedisisi. **13** Kodwa thina kasisoze sizincome okwedlula amalawulo; kodwa ngesilinganiso sesigaba uNkulunkulu asabele sona, isilinganiso sokufika lakini. **14** Ngoba kasizeluli ngokweqileyo ngokungathi kasifinyelelanga kini, ngoba sifikile lakini evangelini likaKristu; **15** kasizincomi okwedlula amalawulo emisebenzini yabanye, kodwa silethemba lokuthi, nxa lwandile ukholo lwenu, sizakhuliswa ngokwengezelelwego phakathi kwenu ngesigaba sethu, **16** ukutshumayela ivangeli endaweni ezingaphetsheya kwenu, singazincomi ngesigaba somunye ezintweni ezilungisiweyo. **17** Kodwa ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini. **18** Ngoba kayisuye ozincomayo, kodwa lowo iNkosi emncomayo, nguye ovunywayo.

11 Kungathi lingangibekezelela kancane ebuthutheni bami; yebo lani lingibekezelele. **2** Ngoba ngilobukhwele ngari ngobukhwele bukaNkulunkulu; ngoba ngaliganela endodeni yinye ukuthi ngilise kuKristu liyintombi emsulwa. **3** Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi hlezijengalokhu inyoka yakhohlisa uEva ngobuqili bayo, ngokunjalo imicabango yenu ingaduhiswa ebuqothweni obukuKristu. **4** Ngoba uba ofikayo etshumayela omunye uJesu esingamtshumayelanga, loba lisemukela omunye umoya elingamemukelanga, loba elinye

ivangeli elingalemukelanga, kuhle ukuthi limbekezelele. **5** Ngoba ngithi kangisileli ngalutho kulabobaphostoli abaqakathekileyo sibili. **6** Njalo uba lami ngingafundanga ekukhulumeni, kanti kungeyisikho elwazini; kodwa entweni yonke sibonakalisiwe kini ezintweni zonke. **7** Kumbe ngenze isono yini ngokuzithoba ukuze liphakanyiswe lina, lokhu ngilitshumayeze ivangeli likaNkulunkulu ngesihle? **8** Ngaphanga amanye amabandla, ngithatha iholo ukuze ngilisize; **9** lalapho ngangikhona kini ngiswele kangibanga ngumthwalo ngitsho emuntwini; ngoba abazalwane, abavela eMakedoniya, bagcwalisa inswelo yami; njalo kukho konke ngizigcinile ukuthi ngingabi ngumthwalo kini, futhi ngizazigcina. **10** Njengoba iqiniso likaKristu likimi, ukuthi lohkukuzincoma kakuyikumiswa ngami ezabelweni zeAkaya. **11** Ngenxa yani? Ngoba ngingalithandi yini? UNkulunkulu uyazi. **12** Kodwa engikwenzayo, ngizakwenza futhi, ukuze ngiqume ithuba kwabafuna ithuba, ukuze kulokho abazincoma ngakho, baficwe benjengathi labo. **13** Ngoba abanje bangabaphostoli bamanga, izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, beziphendula babe ngabaphostoli bakaKristu. **14** Kakumangalisi-ke; ngoba uSathane uqobo uziphendula abe yingilosи yokukhanya. **15** Ngakho kakusinto enkulu uba lazo inceku zakhe zizophendula zisiba njengenceku zokulunga, okuphela kwazo kuzakuba njengokwemisebenzi yazo. **16** Ngiyaphinda ngithi: Kakungabi lomuntu ocabanga ukuthi ngiyisithutha; kodwa uba kungenjalo ngemukelani lanjengesithutha, ukuze lami ngizincome kancinyane. **17** Lokho engikutshoyo, kangikutsho ngokweNkosi, kodwa njengebuthutheni, kulesisibindi sokuzincoma. **18** Lokhu abanengi bezincoma ngokwenyama, lami ngizazincoma. **19** Ngoba libekezelela abayizithutha ngentokozo, lina lingabahlakaniphileyo.

20 Ngoba liyabekezela, uba umuntu elenza iziggili, uba umuntu elidla aliqede, uba umuntu elemuka, uba umuntu eziphakamisa, uba umuntu elitshaya ebusweni. 21 Ngitsho ngenhloni, kuze kungathi thina besibuthakathaka; kodwa lakukuphi umuntu alesibindi ngakho (ngikhulumela ebuthutheni) lami ngilesibindi ngakho. 22 BangamaHebheru yini? Lami. Bangamalsrayeli yini? Lami. Bayinzalo kaAbrahama yini? Lami.

23 Bayizikhonzi zikaKristu yini? (Ngikhuluma njengohlanya) ngiyiso kulabo; emisebenzini enzima okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, emivimvinyeni okwedlula amalawulo, ezintolongweni okungezelelweyo kakhulu, ezimfeni kanengi; 24 kumaJuda ngemukela kahlanu imivimvinya engamatshumi amane kusala owodwa. 25 Ngatshaywa kathathu ngezinduku, ngakhandwa ngamatshe kanye, kathathu ngachithekelwa ngumkhumbi, ubusuku lemini ngisekujulen kolwandle; 26 ekuhambeni kanengi; engozini zemifula, engozini zabaphangi, ezingozini kwabakithi, ezingozini kwabbezizwe, ezingozini emzini, ezingozini enkangala, engozini olwandle, ezingozini kubazalwane bamanga, 27 ekutshikatshikeni lebunzimeni, ekungalalini kanengi, ekulambeni lekomeni, ekuzileni ukudla kanengi, ekugodoleni lekuhambenize.

28 Ngaphandle kwezinto ezingaphandle, okungicindezelayo insuku zonke yikukhathalela wonke amabandla. 29 Ngubani obuthakathaka, ngingabi buthakathaka lami? Ngubani okhutshekiswayo, lami ngingatshiseki? 30 Uba kumele ukuzincoma, ngizazincoma ngezinto zobuthakathaka bami. 31 UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, obongekayo kuze kube nini lanini, uyazi ukuthi kangiqambi manga. (aiōn
g165) 32 EDamaseko induna yenkosi uAretha yalinda umzi

wabeDamaseko, efuna ukungibamba; **33** njalo ngehliswa
ngewindi esiluwini ngomduli, ngasengiphepha ezandleni zayo.

12 Qiniso ukuzincoma kakusizi lutho kimi; ngoba ngizakuya
kumibono lezembulo zeNkosi. **2** Ngiyamazi umuntu ekuKristu
sekudlule iminyaka elitshumi lane (loba emzimbeni kangazi,
loba ngaphandle komzimba kangazi, uNkulunkulu uyazi),
ukuthi lonje wahluthulelwazuluwini lesithathu. **3** Ngiyamazi-ke
umuntu onjalo (loba emzimbeni, loba ngaphandle komzimba,
kangazi; uNkulunkulu uyazi), **4** ukuthi wahluthulwa wasiwa
eParadise, wezwa amazwi angakhulumekiyo, angavunyelwa
muntu ukuwakhuluma. **5** Ngizazincoma ngonjalo, kodwa ngami
uqobo kangiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle kobuthakathaka bami.
6 Ngoba uba bengingathanda ukuzincoma, bengingazukuba
yisithutha; ngoba ngizakhuluma iqiniso, kodwa ngiyayekela,
hlezi umuntu acabange ngami okungaphezu kwalokho angibona
ngiyikho, kumbe akuzwa kimi, **7** futhi ukuze ngingaphakanyiswa
kakhulukazi ngobukhulukazi bezembulo, nganikwa ameva
enyameni, isithunywa sikaSathane, ukungidutshuza, ukuze
ngingaziphakamisi kakhulukazi. **8** Ngalokho nganxusa iNkosi
kathathu ukuze kusuke kimi. **9** Yasisithi kimi: Umusa wami
ukwanele; ngoba amandla ami apheleliwa ebuthakathakeni.
Ngakho ngizazincoma ngentokozo enkulu ebuthakathakeni
bami, ukuze amandla kaKristu ahiale phezu kwami. **10** Ngakho
ngiyathokoza ebuthakathakeni, ekuthukweni, ekubanjweni
ngamandla, ekuzingelweni, ekukhathazekeni, ngenxa kaKristu;
ngoba nxa njibuthakathaka, khona ngilamandla. **11** Sengize
ngaba yisithutha, ngizincoma; yini elingicindezeleyo; ngoba
bekufanele ukuthi mina ngivezwe yini; ngoba kangisilelanga
ngalutho kulabo abaphostoli abaqakathekileyo sibili, lanxa

ngingesilutho. **12** Isibili impawu zomphostoli zenziwa phakathi kwenu ekubekezeleni konke, ngezibonakaliso lezimangaliso lemisebenzi yamandla. **13** Ngoba kuyini elaba ngaphansi ngakho kwamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi mina uqobo kangibanga ngumthwalo kini? Ngithethelani lokhukungalungi. **14** Khangelani, sengilungele ukuza kini ngokwesithathu, njalo kangizukuba ngumthwalo kini; ngoba kangifuni okwenu, kodwa lina; ngoba abantwana kabafanele ukudlinzekelela abazali, kodwa abazali abantwana. **15** Mina-ke ngizachitha ngentokozo njalo ngizachithelwa imiphefumulo yenu, lanxa ngilithanda okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, ngithandwa kancinyane. **16** Kodwa kunjalo, mina kangibanga ngumthwalo kini; kodwa ngingumhugi, ngalibamba ngobuqili. **17** Ngaliqilibezela yini ngomunye walabo engabathuma kini? **18** Ngacela uTitosi, ngasengithuma kanye laye umzalwane; uTitosi waliqilibezela yini? Kasihambangwa yini ngomoya munye? Ngitsho ngezinyathelo zinye yini? **19** Licabanga futhi ukuthi siyaziphendulela yini kini? Sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu sikuKristu; kodwa konke lokhu, bathandekayo, kungokokwakhiwa kwenu. **20** Ngoba ngilovalo hlezi mhlawumbe ekufikeni kwami ngizalifica lingenjengalokho engikuthandayo, lami ngificwe yini ngingenjengalokho elikuthandayo; hlezi mhlawumbe kube khona ukuxabana, umona, ulaka, umbango, ukuhleba, ukunyeya, ukuzikhukhumeza, iziphithiphithi; **21** hlezi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami angithobise phakathi kwenu, njalo ngililele abanengi abonileyo ngaphambili, njalo abangaphendukanga kukho ukungcola lobufebe lamanyala abakwenzileyo.

13 Ngalesisikhathi sesithathu ngiza kini; ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu wonke umutsho uzaqiniswa. **2**

Sengitshilo ngaphambili njalo ngiyandulela ukutsho, njengalokhu ngikhona ngokwesibili, njalo ngingekho khathesi ngibhalela labo abona ngaphambili, lakwabanye bonke, ukuthi nxo ngingabuya futhi, kangisoze ngibayekele; **3** njengoba lidinga ubufakazi bukaKristu okhuluma kimi, ongebuthakathaka kini kodwa elamandla phakathi kwenu; **4** ngoba lanxa wabethelwa ngobuthakathaka, kanti uyaphila ngamandla kaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lathi sibuthakathaka kuye, kodwa sizaphila kanye laye ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kini. **5** Zihloeni ukuthi lisekhholweni; lizilinge. Kanti kalazi lina ukuthi uJesu Kristu ukini, ngaphandle kokuthi ngeqiniso lingabalahlwego? **6** Ngithemba-ke ukuthi lizakwazi ukuthi thina kasisibo abalahliwego. **7** Njalo ngiyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi lingenzi lutho olubi, kungesikuthi sibonakale thina singabathembekileyo, kodwa ukuze lina lenze ukulunga, kodwa thina sibe njengabalahlwego. **8** Ngoba kasilamandla okwenza ulutho olumelana leqiniso, kodwa okweqiniso. **9** Ngoba siyajabula nxo sibuthakathaka thina, lani lilamandla; njalo lalokho siyakukhulekela, ukupheleliswa kwenu. **10** Ngakho ngibhala lezizinto ngingekho, ukuze kuthi nxo ngikhona ngingasebenzisi ubukhali, njengamandla iNkosi eyanginika wona, ekwakheni, njalo angabi ngawokubhidliza. **11** Elokucina, bazalwane, thokozani, lipheleliswe, liduduzwe, libe ngqondonye, lihlale ngokuthula; njalo uNkulunkulu wothando lowokuthula uzakuba lani. **12** Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. **13** Bonke abangcwele bayalibingeleta. **14** Umusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu, lothando lukaNkulunkulu, lobudlelwano bukaMoya oNgcwele kakube lani lonke. Ameni.

KwabaseGalathiya

1 UPawuli umphostoli ongaveli ebantwini, njalo kungekho ngomuntu, kodwa ngoJesu Kristu, langonkulunkulu uYise owamvusa kwabafileyo, **2** labazalwane bonke abalami, kumabandla eGalathiya: **3** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu, **4** owazinikela ngenxa yezono zethu, ukuze asophule kulo umhlaba omubi wakhathesi, ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu; (**aiōn g165**) **5** obukuye ubukhosи kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (**aiōn g165**) **6** Ngiyamangala ukuthi limhlamuke masinyane kangaka lowo ovalibizela emuseni kaKristu, laya kwelinje ivangeli; **7** elingeyisilo elinye; kodwa bakhona abanye abalididayo bethanda ukuhlanekela ivangeli likaKristu. **8** Kodwa lanxa kungaba yithi kumbe ingilosи evela ezulwini engalitshumayeza ivangeli elehlukene lalelo esalitshumayeza lona, kayibe yisiqalekiso. **9** Njengoba sesitshilo, lakhathesi ngiyaphinda ngithi: Uba umuntu elitshumayeza ivangeli elehlukene lalelo elalemukelayo, kabe yisiqalekiso. **10** Ngoba ngincenga abantu loba uNkulunkulu khathesi yini? Kumbe ngidinga ukuthokozisa abantu yini? Ngoba uba ngisathokozisa abantu, ngingebe yinceku kaKristu. **11** Kodwa ngiyalazisa, bazalwane, ivangeli elatshunyayelwa yimi, ukuthi alinjengokomuntu. **12** Ngoba lami kangilemukelanga emuntwini, futhi kangilifundiswanga, kodwa ngokwembulelwа kukaJesu Kristu. **13** Ngoba selizwile ukuhamba kwami kwakuqala kobuJuda, ukuthi ngalizingela kakhulukazi sibili ibandla likaNkulunkulu, njalo ngangilichitha; **14** njalo ngangiphumelela kubuJuda ngaphezu kwabanengi abayintanga yami esizweni sami, ngatshisekela ngokwengeziweyo amasiko abobaba. **15** Kodwa nxa kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu, owangehlukanisa kusukela esizalweni sikamama,

wangibiza ngomusa wakhe, **16** ukwembula iNdodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngiyitshumayele phakathi kwabbezizwe, khona lapho kangelulekananga lenyama legazi; **17** futhi kangenyukelanga eJerusalema kubo ababengabaphostoli ngaphambi kwami, kodwa ngasuka ngaya eArabhiya, ngasengiphinda ngibuyela eDamaseko. **18** Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka emithathu ngenyukela eJerusalema ukuyabonana loPetro, ngasengihlala laye insuku ezilitshumi lanhlanu. **19** Kodwa kangibonanga lamunye wabaphostoli, ngaphandle kukaJakobe umfowabo weNkosi. **20** Lezinto engilibhalela zona, khangelani, phambi kukaNkulunkulu, kangiqambi manga. **21** Emva kwalokho ngaya ezabelweni zeSiriya lezeKilikhiya. **22** Njalo ngangingakaziwa ngobuso emabandleni eJudiya ayekuKristu; **23** kodwa ayesizwa nje ukuthi: Owake wasizingela, usetshumayela ukholo owake waluchitha, **24** asedumisa uNkulunkulu kimi.

2 Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka elitshumi lane ngenyukela futhi eJerusalema kanye loBarnabasi, ngathatha loTitosi futhi; **2** ngasengisenyuka ngesambulelo, ngasengibalandisela ivangeli engilitshumayela phakathi kwabbezizwe, kodwa ngasese kulabo ababelodumo, hlezi mhlawumbe ngigijimele kumbe ngagijimela ize. **3** Kodwa ngitsho uTitosi owayelami, engumGriki, kacindezelwanga ukuthi asokwe; **4** njalo ngenxa yabazalwane bamanga abangeniswa ngensitha, abangena ngokunyenya ukuze bahlole ukukhululeka kwethu esilakho kuKristu Jesu, ukuze basenze iziqili; **5** esingabathobelanga ngokuzehlisa ngitsho okwehola, ukuze iqiniso levangeli lime njalo kini. **6** Kodwa kulabo okuthiwa bayilutho (loba babeyini kakutsho lutho kimi; uNkulunkulu kemukeli isimo somuntu) ngoba labo

ababedunyisiwe kabangelekelelanga ngalutho; **7** kodwa kokuphambeneyo, bebona ukuthi ngaphiwa ivangeli lokungasoki, njengoPetro elokusoka, **8** ngoba owenza ngamandla kuPetro kubuphostoli bokusoka, wenza ngamandla lakimi kwabezizwe, **9** bathi besazi umusa engiwuphiwego, oJakobe loKefasi loJohane, abadume bezinsika, banika mina loBarnabasi isandla sokunene sobudlelwano, ukuze thina siye kwabezizwe, bona-ke ekusokweni; **10** kuphela ukuze sikhumbule abayanga, into le lami engangikhuthalele ukuyenza. **11** Kodwa kwathi uPetro efika eAntiyoki, ngamelana laye ebusweni, ngoba wayefanele asolwe. **12** Ngoba bengakafiki abathile abavela kuJakobe, wayesidla labezizwe; kodwa kuthe sebefikile, wamonyuka wazehlukanisa, esesaba abokusoka. **13** Lamanye futhi amaJuda azenzisa kanye laye, kwaze kwathi loBarnabasi wathatheka ngokuzenzisa kwavo. **14** Kodwa kuthe sengibonile ukuthi kabahambi ngokuqonda eqinisweni levangeli, ngathi kuPetro phambi kwabo bonke: Uba wena ungumJuda, uphila ngokwabezizwe njalo kungeyisikho ngokwamaJuda, ubacindezelani abezizwe ukuthi baphile ngokwamaJuda? **15** Thina singamaJuda ngemvelo, njalo kasisizo izoni ezivela kwabezizwe, **16** sisazi ukuthi umuntu kalungisiswa ngemisebenzi yomlayo, kodwa ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu, lathi sakholwa kuKristu Jesu, ukuze silungisiswe ngokholo lukaKristu, njalo kungeyisikho ngemisebenzi yomlayo; ngoba ngemisebenzi yomlayo kakuyikulungisiswa nyama. **17** Kodwa uba thina, esidinga ukulungisiswa kuKristu, lathi uqobo sificwe siyizoni, ngakho uKristu uyisisebenzi sesono yini? Phinde! **18** Ngoba uba ngibuye ngakhe izinto engizidilizileyo, ngitshengisa ukuthi ngingophambekayo. **19** Ngoba ngomlayo mina ngafa kuwo umlayo, ukuze ngiphile kuNkulunkulu. **20**

Ngibethelwe kanye loKristu, kodwa ngiyaphila; kakuseyimi-ke, kodwa uKristu uphila kimi; kodwa lokhu engikuphila khathesi enyameni ngikuphila ekholweni lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu eyangithandayo njalo yazinikelela mina. **21** Kangiwutshayi ize umusa kaNkulunkulu; ngoba uba ukulunga kusiya ngomlayo, ngakho uKristu wafela ize.

3 Hawu maGalathiya ayizithutha, ngubani oliloyileyo ukuze lingalaleli iqiniso, lina abekwa obala phambi kwamehlo enu uJesu Kristu, ebethelwe phakathi kwenu? **2** Yilokhu kuphela engithanda ukukufunda kini ukuthi: Lemukela uMoya ngemisebenzi yomlayo yini, loba ngokuzwa kokholo? **3** Kanti liyizithutha kangaka? Liqale ngoMoya selipheleliwa ngenyama yini? **4** Lahlupheka izinto ezinengi kangaka ngeze yini? Uba-ke ngitsho ngeze. **5** Ngakho yena olinika uMoya losebenza imisebenzi yamandla phakathi kwenu, kungaba ngemisebenzi yomlayo yini, kumbe ngokuzwa kokholo? **6** NjengoAbrahama wakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kwabalelw-ke kuye ukuthi yikulunga. **7** Ngakho liyazi ukuthi labo abangabokholo, bona bangabantwana bakaAbrahama. **8** Lombhalo, ubona ngaphambili ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulungisisa abezizwe ngokholo, watshumayela ivangeli ngaphambili kuAbrahama wathi: Izizwe zonke zizabusiswa kuwe. **9** Ngakho abangabokholo babusiswa kanye loAbrahama okholwayo. **10** Ngoba bonke abemisebenzi yomlayo bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uqalekisiwe wonke ongaqhubeki kukho konke okulotshiweyo encwadini yomlayo ukukwenza. **11** Kodwa kusobala ukuthi ngomlayo kakulamuntu olungisiswayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu; ngoba: Olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo; **12** kodwa umlayo kawusiwo wokholo, kodwa kuthiwa: Umuntu owenza lezizinto

uzaphila kuzo. **13** UKristu wasihlenga kusiqalekiso somlayo, esenziwe waba yisiqalekiso esikhundleni sethu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uqalekisiwe wonke olenga esihlahleni; **14** ukuze kuthi isibusiso sikaAbrahama sifike kwabezizwe ngoKristu Jesu, ukuze semukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokholo. **15** Bazalwane, ngikhuluma njengokomuntu; ngitsho isivumelwano somuntu esiqinisiwego, kakho osichithayo loba osengezelelayo.

16 Njalo izithembiso zakhulunywa kuAbrahama lenzalweni yakhe. Katsho ukuthi: Lezinzalweni, njengokungathi zinengi, kodwa njengokungathi ngeyodwa ukuthi: Lenzalweni yakho, enguKristu. **17** Lalokho ngiyakutsho: Umlayo oweza emva kweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu kawusesuli isivumelwano esaqiniswa nguNkulunkulu kuKristu ngaphambili, ukuze usenze isithembiso sibe yize. **18** Ngoba uba ilifa livela emlayweni, alisaveli esithembisweni; kodwa uNkulunkulu walnika uAbrahama ngesithembiso. **19** Pho, umlayo uyini? Wengezwa ngenxa yeziphambeko, kuze kufike inzalo eyanikwa isithembiso; wamiswa ngezingilosи esandleni somlamuli.

20 Kodwa umlamuli kayisuye woyedwa, kodwa uNkulunkulu munye. **21** Pho umlayo uphambene lezithembiso zikaNkulunkulu yini? Phinde! Ngoba uba wawuniwiwe umlayo olamandla okuphilisa, isibili ukulunga ngabe kuvela ngomlayo. **22** Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke ngaphansi kwesono, ukuze isithembiso ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu siphewe abakholwayo. **23** Kodwa kungakafiki ukholo, sasilondolozwe ngaphansi komlayo, sivalelwwe kuze kube sekholweni obeluzakwembulwa. **24** Ngakho umlayo wawungumeluleki wethu kuKristu, ukuze silungisiswe ngokholo;

25 kodwa selufikile ukholo, kasisekho ngaphansi kukameluleki. **26** Ngoba lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngokholo kuKristu

Jesu. **27** Ngoba lonke elabhabhathizelwa kuKristu, lembethe uKristu; **28** kakukho umJuda lomGriki, kakukho obotshiweyo lokhululekileyo, kakukho owesilisa lowesifazana; ngoba lina lonke limunye kuKristu Jesu. **29** Uba-ke lingabakaKristu, ngakho liyinzalo kaAbrahama, njalo liyizindlalifa njengokwesithembiso.

4 Kodwa ngithi, ngaso sonke isikhathi indlalifa iseyingane, kayehlukananga ngalutho esigqilini lanxa ingumnikazi wakho konke; **2** kodwa ingaphansi kwabaphathi lababonisi, kuze kufike isikhathi esamiswa nguyise. **3** Ngokunjalo lathi, lapho siseyizingane, sasiyiziggili ngaphansi kwemfundiso zakuqala zomhlaba; **4** kodwa kwathi ukuphelela kwenikhathi sekufikile, uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa ngowesifazana, yenziwa ngaphansi komthetho, **5** ukuze ihlenge abangaphansi komlayo, ukuze semukele ukuma kwabantwana. **6** Njengoba lingamadodana, uNkulunkulu wathuma uMoya weNdodana yakhe enhliiyweni zenu, ememeza esithi: Abha, Baba! **7** Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili, kodwa indodana; njalo uba uyindodana, futhi uyindlalifa kaNkulunkulu ngoKristu. **8** Kodwa ngalesosikhathi, lingamazi uNkulunkulu, laliyiziggili kulabo abaneyisibo onkulunkulu ngemvelo; **9** kodwa khathesi lokhu selimazi uNkulunkulu, yebo kangithi lisaziwa nguNkulunkulu, libuyela njani futhi kumfundiso zakuqala ezibuthakathaka leziyibuyanga, elifuna ukuba yizigqili zazo futhi kakutsha? **10** Ligcina izinsuku, lezinya lezikhathi, leminyaka. **11** Ngilovalo ngani, hlezi ngitshikatshikele ize kini. **12** Banini njengami, ngoba lami nginjengani, bazalwane, njiyalincenga; kalingonanga ngalutho; **13** liyazi-ke ukuthi ngobuthakathaka benyama ngatshumayela ivangeli kini ngokokuqala, **14** lokulingwa kwami okwakusenyameni yami kalikudelelanga njalo kalikwenyanyanga,

kodwa langemukela njengengilos i kaNkulunkulu, njengoKristu Jesu. **15** Ngakho sasiyini isibusiso senu? Ngoba ngiyalifakazela ukuthi, uba kungenzeka, lalingakhupha amehlo enu linginike.

16 Ngakho sengibeyisitha senu ngokulitshela iqiniso yini? **17** Bayalitshisekela ngokungekuhle; kodwa bafuna ukulivalela ngaphandle, ukuze litshisekele bona. **18** Kodwa kuhle ukuthi litshisekelele kokuhle isikhathi sonke, njalo kungabi sebukhoneni bami lani kuphela. **19** Bantwana bami abancane, engilomhelo futhi wokulizala aze uKristu abunjwe kini, **20** kodwa bengingathanda ukuba khona lani khathesi, ngiphendule ilizwi lami, ngoba ngididekile ngani. **21** Ngitshelani, lina elithanda ukuba ngaphansi komlayo, kaliwuzwa yini umlayo? **22** Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi uAbrahama wayelamadodana amabili; enye ingeyesigqilikazi, lenye ingeyokhululekileyo. **23** Kodwa eyesigqilikazi yazalwa ngokwenyama, kodwa eyokhululekileyo ngesithembiso. **24** Okuyizinto ezingumzekeliso; ngoba laba bayizivumelwano ezimbili; esinye esentaben iSinayi, esizalela ebugqilini, esinguAgari. **25** Ngoba lokhu, uAgari, kuyintaba iSinayi eseArabhiya, njalo imele iJerusalema yalamuhla, futhi iyisiggili kanye labantwana bayo. **26** Kodwa iJerusalema ephezulu ikhululekile, engumama wethu sonke; **27** ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Thokoza, wena nyumba engazaliyo; kekela umemeze, wena ongawuzwanga umhelo; ngoba abantwana botshiyiwego banengi okwedlula kakhulu kulaye olendoda. **28** Kodwa thina, bazalwane, njengolsaka singabantwana besithembiso. **29** Kodwa njengakulesosikhathi owazalwa ngokwenyama wamzingela yena ongowakoMoya, kunjalo lakhathesi. **30** Kodwa umbhalo uthini? Uthi: Xotsha isigqilikazi lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi kayisoze idle ilifa kanye lendodana yokhululekileyo.

31 Ngakho, bazalwane, kasisibo abantwana besiggilikazi, kodwa bokhululekileyo.

5 Ngakho manini liqine enkululekweni uKristu asikhulula ngayo, lingabuyi libotshelwe futhi ejogweni lobuggili. **2** Khangelani, mina Pawuli ngithi kini, uba lisokwa, uKristu kayikulisiza ngalutho.

3 Ngiyafakaza-ke futhi kumuntu wonke osokwayo, ukuthi ulomlandu wokwenza umlayo wonke. **4** Likhutshiwe kuKristu, lina elilungisiswa ngomlayo; liwile emuseni. **5** Ngoba thina ngoMoya silindele ngokholo ithemba lokulunga. **6** Ngoba kuKristu Jesu ukusoka kumbe ukungasoki kakusizi lutho, kodwa ukholo olusebenza ngothando. **7** Beligijima kuhle; ngubani olivimbele ukuthi lingalaleli iqiniso? **8** Lohukuhuga kakuveli kolibizayo. **9** Imvubelo eyingcosana ibilisa inhlama yonke. **10** Mina ngilethemba ngani eNkosini, ukuthi kalyikunakana okwehlukenyeyo; kodwa lowo olihluphayo uzathwala isigwebo, loba engubani. **11** Kodwa mina, bazalwane, uba ngisatshumayela ukusoka, ngisazingelwani? Ngakho isikhubeleko sesiphambano sisusiwe.

12 Sengathi abalihluphayo bangazithena labo. **13** Ngoba lina labizelwa enkululekweni, bazalwane; kuphela lingenzi inkululeko ibe lithuba enyameni, kodwa ngothando sebenzelanani. **14** Ngoba umlayo wonke ugcwaliseka elizwini linye, kulokhu ukuthi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. **15** Kodwa uba lilumana lidlana, qaphelani ukuthi lingaqedwa omunye ngomunye. **16** Kodwa ngithi: Hambani ngoMoya, lingagcwali lakanye inkanuko zenyama. **17** Ngoba inyama ikhanuka okuphambene loMoya, loMoya okuphambene lenyama; njalo lezizinto ziphambene, ukuze lingenzi izinto elizifunayo. **18** Kodwa uba likhokhelwa nguMoya, kalikho ngaphansi komlayo. **19** Imisebenzi yenyama-ke isobala, eyile:

Ukufeba, ukuphinga, ukungcola, amanyala, **20** ukukhonza izithombe, ukuthakatha, ubutha, inkani, umona, ulaka, ukubanga, ukuxabana, ukubhazuka, **21** umhawu, ukubulala, ukudakwa, ukuminza, lezinye izinto ezinjalo; engilitshela ngakho ngaphambili, njengoba ngatsho futhi ngaphambili, ukuthi abenza izinto ezinje kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **22** Kodwa isithelo sikaMoya luthando, intokozo, ukuthula, ukubekezela, ububele, ukulunga, ukholo, **23** ubumnene, ukuzithiba; kokunje kakulamlayo. **24** Kodwa abakaKristu babethele inyama kanye lokuhugeka lezinkanuko. **25** Uba siphila ngoMoya, njalo asihambe ngoMoya. **26** Kasingazikhukhumezi, siqalane, sifelane umona.

6 Bazalwane, uba-ke umuntu esehlelwa yisiphambeko esithile, lina abakaMoya mlungiseni onjalo ngomoya wobumnene, uziqaphele, hlezi lawe ulingwe. **2** Thwalisanani imithwalo yenu, langokunjalo gcwalisani umlayo kaKristu. **3** Ngoba uba umuntu ezitsho ukuthi uyilutho, engesilutho, uyazikhohlisa; **4** kodwa ngulowo lalovo kahlole owakhe umsebenzi, khona-ke ezakuba lokuzincoma ngokungokwakhe yedwa, njalo kungabi ngokomunye. **5** Ngoba ngulowo lalovo uzathwala owakhe umthwalo. **6** Lofundiswa ilizwi kahlanganyeze ezintweni zonke ezinhle lalovo ofundisayo. **7** Lingakhohlisa, uNkulunkulu kahlekwa usulu; ngoba loba yini ayihlanyelayo umuntu yiyo leyo azayivuna. **8** Ngoba ohlanyela kweyakhe inyama, uzavuna ukubhubha kuvela enyameni; kodwa ohlanyela kuMoya uzavuna impilo elaphakade ivela kuMoya. (*aiōnios g166*) **9** Kodwa kasingadinwa ekwenzeni okuhle; ngoba ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna, uba singadinwanga. **10** Ngakho-ke njengoba silethuba, asenze okuhle kubo bonke, kodwa ikakhulu kwabendlu yokholo. **11** Bonani amabala amakhulu kangaka engilibhalela ngawo

ngesami isandla. **12** Bonke abafuna ukubukeka enyameni, yibo abalicindezela ukuthi lisokwe, kuphela ukuze bangazingelwa ngenxa yesiphambano sikaKristu. **13** Ngoba ngitsho lalabo abasokwayo kabawugcini umlayo, kodwa bafuna ukuthi lisokwe, ukuze bazincome enyameni yenu. **14** Kodwa kimi kakungabi khona ukuzincoma ngaphandle kwesiphambanweni seNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, okubethelwe ngaso umhlabu kimi, lami kuwo umhlabu. **15** Ngoba kuKristu Jesu ukusoka kakusizi lutho, kumbe ukungasoki, kodwa isidalwa esitsha. **16** Njalo bonke abazahamba ngalesisimiso, ukuthula kakube phezu kwabo, lesihawu, laphezu kukalsrayeli kaNkulunkulu. **17** Kusukela khathesi, kakungabi lamuntu ongihluphayo; ngoba mina ngithwele emzimbeni wami impawu zeNkosi uJesu. **18** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lomoya wenu, bazalwane. Ameni.

Kwabase-Efesu

1 UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,
kubo abangcwele abaseEfesu, labathembekileyo kuKristu Jesu:
2 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba
wethu laseNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu
loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, osibusisileyo ngaso sonke
isibusiso somoya ezintweni zezulwini kuKristu; **4** njengoba
wasikhetha kuye ngaphambi kokusekelwa komhlaba, ukuthi
sibe ngcwele, njalo singasoleki phambi kwakhe ethandweni, **5**
esesimisele ngaphambili ukuma kwabantwana kuye ngoJesu
Kristu, njengokufisa okuhle kwentando yakhe, **6** kube ludumo
lobukhosи bomusa wakhe, asiphe wona ngesihle ngaye
oThandiweyo; **7** esilohlengo kuye ngegazi lakhe, uthethelelo
lwaziphambeko, njengokwenotho yomusa wakhe, **8** awengezelele
kithi kuyo yonke inhlakaniphо lokuqonda, **9** esesazisile
imfihlo yentando yakhe, njengokufisa kwakhe okuhle, akumisa
kuye ngokwakhe, **10** ukuze, ekuphatheni kokugcwaliсeka
kwezikhathi, ahlanganise ndawonye izinto zonke kuKristu,
zombili ezisemazulwini lezisemhlabeni; **11** ngitsho kuye, lathi
esabelwa ilifa kuye, esamiselwa ngaphambili njengokwesimiso
sakhe owenzayo izinto zonke njengokwecebo lentando yakhe,
12 ukuze sibe ngabodumo lobukhosи bakhe, esathemba kuKristu
kuqala; **13** eselithemba kuye lani, selizwile ilizwi leqiniso, ivangeli
losindiso lwenu; kuye selikholiwe lani laphawulwa nguMoya
oNgcwele wesithembiso, **14** oyisibambiso selifa lethu, kube
yikuhlengwa okuzuiweyo, kudumo lobukhosи bakhe. **15** Ngenxa
yalokho lami sengizwile ngokholo lwenu eNkosini uJesu lothando
kubo bonke abangcwele, **16** kangiyekeli ukulibongela, ngiliphatha
emikhulekweni yami; **17** ukuze uNkulunkulu weNkosi yethu

uJesu Kristu, uYise wodumo, alinike umoya wenhlakaniph
lowesambulo elwazini lwakhe; **18** amehlo engqondo yenu
akhanyiswe, ukuze lazi ukuthi iyini ithemba lobizo lwakhe,
lokuthi iyini inotho yodumo lwelifa lakhe kwabangcwele, **19**
lokuthi buyini ubukhulu bamandla akhe obudlula amalawulo
kithi esikholwa njengokusebenza kobuninimandla bamandla
akhe, **20** awasebenzisa kuKristu, emvusa kwabafileyo, njalo
emhlalisa ngakwesokunene sakhe endaweni zezulu, **21** phezulu
kakhulu kwakho konke ukubusa lobukhulu lamandla lobukhos,
lebizo lonke elibizwayo, kungeyisikho kulesisikhathi kuphela,
kodwa lakwesizayo; (*aiōn g165*) **22** wasebeku konke ngaphansi
kwenyawo zakhe, wamnikela ukuba yinhloko phezu kwakho
konke kulo ibandla, **23** elingumzimba wakhe, ukugcwala kwalowo
ogcwalisa konke kukho konke.

2 Lina-kewalivusa elalifile ngeziphambeko langezono, **2** elalikade
lihamba kuzo njengokwendlela yalumhlaba, njengokombusi
wamandla omkhathi, awomoya osebenzayo khathesi phakathi
kwabantwana bokungalaleli; (*aiōn g165*) **3** lathi sonke sake
sahamba phakathi kwabo enkanukweni zenyama yethu,
sisenza intando zenyama lezemicabango, njalo ngokwemvelo
sasingabantwana bolaka, njengabanye labo; **4** kodwa
uNkulunkulu, enothile esihawini, ngenxa yothando lwakhe
olukhulu asithanda ngalo, **5** lanxa sasifile ngeziphambeko,
wasiphilisa kanye loKristu (ngomusa lisindisiwe), **6** njalo wasivusa
kanye laye, wasesihlalisa kanye laye endaweni zezulwini
kuKristu Jesu; **7** ukuze abonakalise ezikhathini ezizayo inotho
yomusa wakhe edlula amalawulo ngobubele kithi kuKristu Jesu;
(*aiōn g165*) **8** ngoba ngomusa lisindisiwe ngokholo, lalokhu
kakuveli kini; yisipho sikaNkulunkulu; **9** kakuveli emisebenzini,

ukuze kungabi khona ozincomayo. **10** Ngoba singumsebenzi wakhe, kuKristu Jesu sadalelwa imisebenzi emihle, uNkulunkulu ayilungisela ngaphambili, ukuze sihambe kiyo. **11** Ngakho khumbulani ukuthi lina lake laba ngabezizwe enyameni, ababizwa ngokuthi yikungasoki ngalokhu okuthiwa yikusoka enyameni okwenziwe ngezandla, **12** ukuthi ngalesosikhathi lalingelaye uKristu, abemzini kubusakhamuzi bakolsrayeli, njalo abezizwe kuzivumelwano zesithembiso, lalingelathemba, njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu emhlabeni. **13** Kodwa khathesi-ke kuKristu Jesu lina elalikade likhatshana, seliseduze ngegazi likaKristu. **14** Ngoba yena uyikuthula kwethu, owenza kokubili kwaba kunye, lowabhidliza umduli ophakathi owesehlukaniso, **15** echithile ubutha enyameni yakhe, umlayo wemithetho ezimisweni, ukuze kuye labo ababili abadale babe ngumuntu munye omutsha, enze ukuthula, **16** njalo enze ukuthi bobabili babuyisane loNkulunkulu emzimbeni munye ngesiphambano, esebolele ubutha ngaso; **17** njalo weza watshumayela ukuthula kini elalikhatsana, lakulabo ababeseduze; **18** ngoba ngaye sobabili silokungena ngoMoya munye kuBaba. **19** Ngakho-ke kaliseyibo abemzini lezihambi, kodwa izakhamizi kanye labangcwele njalo abendlu kaNkulunkulu, **20** lakkhiwe phezu kwesisekelo sabaphostoli labaprofethi, uJesu Kristu uqobo eyilitshe eliyinhloko yengonsi, **21** okuhlanguaniselwe kuye isaklıwo sonke sikhule sibe lithempeli elingcwele eNkosini, **22** elakhiwa kuye lani kanye labanye libe yindlu yokuhlala kaNkulunkulu kuMoya.

3 Ngenxa yalokhu mina Pawuli, isibotshwa sikaKristu Jesu ngani abezizwe, **2** uba kambe selizwile ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu engawuphiwelwa lina, **3** ukuthi njengesambulelo wangazisa imfihlo (njengalokhu ngabhala ngaphambili

ngamafitshane, 4 okungalokhu, nxa lifunda, lingazi ulwazi lwami emfihlweni kaKristu); 5 yona engaziswanga ezizukulwaneni ezinye ebantwaneni babantu, njengalokhu isiyembuliwe khathesi kubaphostoli bakhe abangcwele labaprofethi ngoMoya; 6 ukuthi abezizwe babe yizindlalifa abahlanganyeli lomzimba ofananayo labahlanganyeli besithembiso sakhe kuKristu, ngevangeli, 7 engenziwa ngalo isikhonzi njengokwesipho somusa kaNkulunkulu engiwuphiwe ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe. 8 Kimi, engimncinyane kulomncinyane wabo bonke abangcwele, lowomusa ngawuphiwa, ukuthi ngitshumayele kwabbezizwe ivangeli lenotho kaKristu engelakulinganiswa, 9 lokukhanyisela bonke ukuthi buyini ubudlelwano bemfihlo, ebifihliwe kusukela endulo kuNkulunkulu owadala izinto zonke ngoJesu Kristu, (aiōn g165) 10 ukuze khathesi emibusweni lemandleni endaweni zezulu yasiswe libandla inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu ezinhlobonhlobo, 11 njengokwecebo laphakade alenza ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu; (aiōn g165) 12 esilesibindi kuye lokungena ngethemba, ngokholo lwakhe. 13 Ngakho ngiyacela ukuthi lingalahli ithemba enhluphekweni zami ngani, ezeludumo lwenu. 14 Ngenxa yalokhu ngiguqa ngamadolo kuYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 15 okubizwa ngaye usendo lonke olusemazulwini lolusemhlabeni, 16 ukuze alinike, njengokwenotho yobukhosи bakhe, liqiniswe ngamandla ngoMoya wakhe emuntwini ongaphakathi, 17 ukuze uKristu ahlale ngokholo enhliziyweni zenu; ligxilile lisekelwe ethandweni, 18 ukuze libe lamandla sibili okuqedisisa kanye labo bonke abangcwele, ukuthi kuyini ububanzi lobude lokutshona lokuphakama, 19 lokwazi uthando lukaKristu olwedlula ulwazi, ukuze ligcwaliswe ngokugcwala konke kukaNkulunkulu. 20 Njalo kuye, olamandla phezu kwakho konke okwenza okwedlula

ngokwengezelelweyo kwesikucelayo kumbe esikunakanayo,
njengamandla asebenza kithi, **21** kuye kakube udumo ebandleni
kuKristu Jesu, ezizukulwaneni zonke zaphakade laphakade.

Ameni. (aiōn g165)

4 Ngakho ngiyalincenga, mina isibotshwa eNkosini, ukuthi
lihambe ngokufanele ubizo elabizwa ngalo, **2** kanye lokuthobeka
konke lobumnene, lokubekezelwa, libekezelelane ethandweni, **3**
likhuthale ukugcina ukuhlangana koMoya ngesibopho sokuthula.
4 Munye umzimba njalo munye uMoya, njengalokhu lani labizwa
ethembeni linye lobizo lwenu; **5** yinye iNkosi, lunye ukholo,
lunye ubhabhathizo, **6** munye uNkulunkulu loYise wabo bonke,
ophezu kwabo bonke, langabo bonke, lakini lonke. **7** Kodwa
ngulowo lalovo wethu waphiwa umusa njengokwesilinganiso
sesipho sikaKristu. **8** Ngakho uthi: Ekwenyukeleni kwakhe
phezulu wathumba ukuthunjwa, wanika abantu izipho. **9** Lokhu-
ke ukuthi: Wenyuka, kuyini ngaphandle kokuthi laye wehlela
kuqala kungxenye ezingaphansi zomhlaba? **10** Owehlayo,
nguye owenyukela futhi khatshana ngaphezulu kwamazulu
wonke, ukuze agcwaliise izinto zonke. **11** Yena wasenika
abanye babe ngabaphostoli, labanye babe ngabaprofethi,
labanye babe ngabavangeli, labanye babe ngabelusi labafundisi,
12 ekuphelelisweni kwabangcwele, emsebenzini wenkonzo,
ekwakhiweni komzimba kaKristu; **13** size sifike sonke ebunyeni
bokholo, lobolwazi lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu, endodeni
ephelleyo, esilinganisweni sesimo sokugwala kukaKristu; **14**
ukuze singabe sisaba zinsane, ezizuliswa ngamagagasi njalo
ezithwalelw le lale yiwo wonke umoya wemfundiso, ngenkohlis
yabantu, ngobuqili becebo lokuphambuka; **15** kodwa sikhulume
iqiniso ethandweni sikhule kukho konke kuye, oyinhloko,

uKristu, **16** okuvela kuye umzimba wonke, ohlanganiswe
kuhle njalo ubambene, ngokwelekelelana kwalo lonke ilunga,
njengokusebenza esilinganisweni saleso laleso isitho, wenza
ukukhula komzimba ekuzakheni kwawo ethandweni. **17** Ngakho
ngitsho lokho ngifakaza eNkosini, ukuthi lingabe lisahamba
lanjengabanye abezizwe behamba ebuzeni bengqondo yabo,
18 befiphaziwe engqondweni, benziwe abemzini empilweni
kaNkulunkulu ngokungazi okukibo, ngobulukhuni benhliziyo
yabo; **19** abathi sebentunyile, bazinikela emanyaleni, ekwenzeni
kokungcola konke ngomhawu. **20** Kodwa lina kalimfundanga
ngokunjalo uKristu, **21** uba-ke limzwile lafundiswa kuye, njengoba
iqiniso likuJesu; **22** ukuthi lilahle mayelana lohambo lokuqala,
umuntu omdala, owonakala mayelana lezifiso zenkohliso; **23**
njalo lenziwe batsha emoyeni wengqondo yenu, **24** njalo
lembathe umuntu omutsha, odalwe njengokukaNkulunkulu
ekulungeni lebungcweleni beqiniso. **25** Ngakho lilahla amanga,
khulumani iqiniso ngulowo lalowo lomakhelwane wakhe; ngoba
siyizitho omunye komunye. **26** Thukuthelani lingoni; ilanga
kalingatshoni phezu kolaka lwenu; **27** futhi lingamniki indawo
udiyabhola. **28** Owebayo kangabe esebe; kodwa kulalokhu
kakhuthale, asebenze okuhle ngezandla zakhe, ukuze abe lakho
ukwabela olenswelo. **29** Kakungaphumi emlonyeni wenu lalinye
ilizwi elibolileyo, kodwa kuphela okuhle okulungele ukwakha
njengokufaneleyo, ukuze kunike umusa kubo abezwayo. **30** Njalo
lingamdabukisi uMoya oyiNgcwele kaNkulunkulu, elaphawulwa
ngaye kuze kube lusuku lohlengo. **31** Konke ukubaba lentukuthelo
lolaka lomsindo lokunyeya kakususwe kini, kanye layo yonke
inzondo; **32** kodwa libe mnene omunye komunye, lilesihawu,

lithethelelane, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu laye walithethelela kuKristu.

5 Ngakho banini ngabalandeli bakaNkulunkulu, njengabantwana abathandekayo; **2** njalo lihambe ethandweni, njengalokhu uKristu laye wasithanda, wazinikelela thina abe ngumnikelo lomhlatshelo kuNkulunkulu ukuba luqhatshi olumnandi. **3** Kodwa ubufebe lakho konke ukungcola kumbe umhawu kakungaphathwa lakanye phakathi kwenu, njengoba kufanele abangcwele; **4** lamanya, lokukhuluma okuyize, kumbe ukusoma okulenhlamba, okuyizinto ezingafanelanga; kodwa kulalokhu, ukubonga. **5** Ngoba lokhu liyakwazi, ukuthi sonke isifebe, kumbe ongcolileyo, kumbe olomhawu, ongumkhonzi wezithombe, kalalifa embusweni kaKristu lokaNkulunkulu. **6** Kakungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayize; ngoba ngenxa yalezizinto ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyehlela phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli. **7** Ngakho lingabi ngabahlanganyeli labo. **8** Ngoba lake laba ngumnyama, kodwa khathesi liyikukhanya eNkosini; hambani njengabantwana bokukhanya, **9** ngoba isithelo sikaMoya sikubo bonke ubuhle lokulunga leqiniso, **10** lihlolisise okuthokozisayo eNkosini; **11** njalo lingahlanganyeli lemisebenzi yobumnyama engelazithelo, kodwa-ke kulalokho solani; **12** ngoba kutivelela inhloni lokukhuluma ngezinto ezenziwa yibo ekusithekeni. **13** Kodwa konke okusolwayo yikukhanya kuyabonakaliswa; ngoba konke okubonakaliswayo kuyikukhanya, **14** ngakho uthi: Phaphama wena oleleyo uvuke kwabafleyo, njalo uKristu uzakukhanyisela. **15** Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi lihamba njani ngonanzelelo, kungabi njengezithutha, kodwa njengabahlakaniphileyo, **16** lihlenga isikhathi, ngoba insuku zimbi. **17** Ngakho lingabi yizithutha, kodwa liqedisisa

okuyintando yeNkosi. **18** Njalo lingadakwa liwayini, okukulo umsindo, kodwa gcwaliswani nguMoya, **19** likhulumisana ngezihlabelelo langamahubo okudumisa langezingoma zomoya, lihlabelele licule eNkosini enhliziyweni yenu, **20** limbonga njalo uNkulunkulu loBaba ngazo zonke izinto ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, **21** lizehlisela ngaphansi omunye komunye ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu. **22** Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengeNkosini, **23** ngoba indoda iyinhloko yomfazi, njengoba uKristu laye eyinhloko yebandla, njalo yena unguMsindisi womzimba. **24** Kodwa njengoba-ke ibandla lehliselwe ngaphansi kukaKristu, ngokunjalo labafazi kwawabo amadoda kuyo yonke into. **25** Madoda, thandani abenu abafazi, njengoKristu laye walithanda ibandla, wasezinikelela lona; **26** ukuze azingcwelisele lona, eselihlambulule ngesihlambo samanzi ngelizwi, **27** ukuze azimisele lona, ibandla elilenkazimulo, elingelachatha, kumbe umxhele kumbe okunye nje, kodwa ukuze libe ngcwele lingelacala. **28** Ngokunjalo amadoda afanele ukuthanda abawo abafazi njengethawo imizimba. Othanda owakhe umfazi, uyazithanda yena; **29** ngoba kakho owake wazonda eyakhe inyama, kodwa uyayondla ayiphathe kuhle, njengalokhu leNkosi isenza kubandla; **30** ngoba siyizitho zomzimba wakhe, okwenyama yakhe lokwamatambo akhe. **31** Ngenxa yalokhu umuntu uzatshiya uyise lonina anamathele kumkakhe, njalo laba ababili bazakuba nyamanye. **32** Inkulu le imfihlo; kodwa mina ngikhuluma ngoKristu lebandla. **33** Ngalokho lonke ngokukhethekileyo lani-ke, ngulowo lalowo kathande ngokunjalo owakhe umfazi njengaye; lomfazi ukuze ahloniphe indoda.

6 Bantwana, lalelani abazali benu eNkosini; ngoba lokhu kulungile. **2** Hlonipha uyihi lonyoko, okungumlayo wokuqala olesithembiso, **3** ukuze kube kuhle kuwe, njalo uphile isikhathi eside emhlabeni. **4** Lani bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, kodwa libondle emlayweni lemfundisweni yeNkosi. **5** Zisebenzi, lalelani amakhosi enu ngokwenyama, ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela, ebuqothweni benhliziyo zenu, njengakuKristu; **6** kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa njengezisebenzi zikaKristu, zisenza intando kaNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo, **7** lisebenza ngenhliziyo enhle kungathi kuseNkosini njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini; **8** lisazi ukuthi loba yini enhle ngulowo lalowo angayenza, enjalo uzayemukela eNkosini, loba eyisigqili, loba engokhululekileyo. **9** Lani makhosi, yenzani izinto ezifananayo kuzo, liyekele ukuzisongela; lisazi ukuthi leyenu iNkosi isemazulwini, njalo ukubandlulula umuntu kakukho kuyo. **10** Elokucina, bazalwane bami, qinani eNkosini, lebuninimandleni bamandla ayo. **11** Hlomani izikhali zonke zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla okumelana lobuqili bukadiyahbola; **12** ngoba kasibindani legazi lenyama, kodwa lemibuso, lamandla, lababusi balumhlaba wobumnyama balesisikhathi, lemimoya yamabutho obubi ezindaweni zamazulu. (**aiōn g165**) **13** Ngakho hlomani izikhali zonke zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla okugxila osukwini olubi, lokuze kuthi lapho seliqede konke, lime. **14** Ngakho manini, inkalo zenu zibotshiwe ngeqiniso, lifake isivikelo sesifuba sokulunga, **15** njalo ligqokise inyawo zenu ngokulunga kwevangeli lokuthula; **16** phezu kwakho konke selithethe isihlangu sokholo, elizakuba lamandla okucitsha ngaso yonke imitshoko evuthayo yomubi. **17** Njalo thathani ikhowa losindiso,

lenkemba kaMoya, eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu, **18** ngawo wonke umkhuleko lonxuso likhuleka isikhathi sonke kuMoya, lakulokhu lilinde ngesineke sonke lonxuso ngabangcwele bonke, **19** langami, ukuze ngiphiwe ilizwi ekuvuleni umlomo wami ngesibindi ukuze ngazise imfihlo yevangeli, **20** engiyisithunywa ngalo esisemaketaneni, ukuze ngikhulume ngesibindi kulo, njengoba kungifanele ukuthi ngikhulume. **21** Kodwa ukuze lani lazi izinto eziqondana lami, engikwenzayo, uzalitshela konke uTikiko umzalwane othandekayo lesikhonzi esithembekileyo eNkosini; **22** engimthume kini ngakhona lokhu, ukuze lazi izinto eziqondana lathi, lokuthi aduduze inhliziyo zenu. **23** Ukuthulakakube kubazalwane,lothando kanye lokholo oluvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **24** Umusa kawube kubo bonke abathanda iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ngokungonakaliyo. Ameni.

KwabaseFiliphi

1 UPawuli loTimothi, izinceku zikaJesu Kristu, kubo bonke abangcwele kuKristu Jesu abaseFiliphi, kanye lababonisi labadikoni: **2** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ekulikhumbuleni konke, **4** ngezikhathi zonke kuwo wonke umkhuleko wami ngani lonke njincenga ngentokozo, **5** ngokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini, kusukela osukwini lokuqala kuze kube khathesi; **6** ngilethemb a lakhona lokhu, ukuthi owaqalisa umsebenzi omuhle kini uzawuphelelisa kuze kube sosukwini lukaJesu Kristu; **7** njengoba kulungile kimi ukuthi ngikhumbule lokhu ngani lonke, ngoba ngilani enhliziyweni, ukuthi lekubotshweni kwami, lekuvikeleni lekuqiniseleni ivangeli, lina lonke lingabahlanganyeli bomusa wami. **8** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi wami, wokuthi ngililangatha kangakanani lonke emibilini kaJesu Kristu. **9** Njalo ngikhuleka lokhu, ukuthi uthando lwenu luvame-ke lusanda ngokwanda elwazini lekuqedisiseni konke, **10** ukuze lizivume izinto ezinhle kakhulu, ukuze lihlambuluke lingasoleki kuze kube sosukwini lukaKristu, **11** ligcwaliswe ngezithelo zokulunga ezingoJesu Kristu, ebukhosini lodumo lukaNkulunkulu. **12** Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lazi, bazalwane, ukuthi izinto ezangehlelayo zenza kakhulu ukuqhutshelwa phambili kwevangeli; **13** zize izibopho zami kuKristu zibonakale esigodlwani sonke lakwabanye bonke, **14** labazalwane abanengi eNkosini, beqiniswe ngezibopho zami, sebelesibindi esikhulu sokukhuluma ilizwi ngokungesabi. **15** Abanye kambe batshumayela uKristu ngomona langombango, labanye kambe ngenhlizyo enhle; **16** laba batshumayela uKristu ngokuphikisana, bengelaqiniso, besithi baletha ukuhlupheka

ekubotshweni kwami; **17** kodwa labo ngothando, besazi ukuthi ngimiselwe ukuvikela ivangeli. **18** Kuyini pho? Loba kunjalo kuyo yonke indlela, loba ekuzenziseni, kumbe eqjinisweni, uKristu uyatshunyayelwa; kulokhu-ke ngiyathokoza, yebo ngizathokoza futhi. **19** Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuzaphendukela kimi esindisweni ngomkhuleko wenu, langokwelekelela kukaMoya kaJesu Kristu, **20** njengokulindela okukhulu lethemba lami, ukuthi kangiyikuyangiswa ngalutho, kodwa ngesibindi sonke, njengesikhathi sonke, lakhathesi uKristu uzakhuliswa emzimbeni wami, loba ngempilo, kumbe ngokufa. **21** Ngoba kimi ukuphila kunguKristu, lokufa kuyinzozo. **22** Kodwa uba ukuphila enyameni kuyisithelo somsebenzi kimi, lengizakukhetha kangikwazi. **23** Ngoba ngiminyezelwe ngokubili; ngilesifiso sokusuka lokuba loKristu, okungcono kakhulukazi; **24** kodwa ukuhlala enyameni kuyasweleka kakhulu ngenxa yenu. **25** Njalo ngilalelithemba ngiyazi ukuthi ngizakuba khona, ngihlale lani lonke, ekuqhubeke ni kwenu lentokozweni yokholo, **26** ukuze ukuzincoma kwenu ngami kwengezwe kuKristu Jesu kimi, ngobukhona bami kini futhi. **27** Kuphela hambani ngokufanele ivangeli likaKristu, kuze kuthi, loba ngifika ngilibona, loba ngingekho, ngizwe indaba zenu, zokuthi limi emoyeni munye, ngangqondonye lilwela ukholo Iwevangeli ndawonye, **28** njalo lingethuswa ngalutho ngabaphikisayo; okuyisibonakaliso kubo sokubhubha, kodwa kini esosindiso, njalo lokhu kuvela kuNkulunkulu; **29** ngoba lanikwa ngesihle esikhundleni sikaKristu, kungeyisikho ukukholwa kuye kuphela, kodwa lokumhluphekela; **30** llokulwa okufananayo njengalokho elakubona kimi, lelikuzwa kimi khathesi.

2 Ngakho uba kukhona inkuthazo kuKristu, uba kukhona induduzo yothando, uba kukhona ubudlelwano bukaMoya, uba

kukhona imihelo lesihawu, **2** gcwalisani intokozo yami, ukuze libe ngqondonye, libe lothando olufananayo, libe lenhliziyonye, ukuqonda kunye; **3** lingenzi lutho ngokubangisana kumbe ngokuziqhenya, kodwa ngokuthobeka liphakamise omunye komunye ngcono kulani; **4** ngulowo lalowo angakhathaleli okwakhe, kodwa ngulowo lalowo lokwabanye. **5** Ngoba kawube kini lowomqondo owawukhona IakuKristu Jesu; **6** owathi esesimeni sikaNkulunkulu, kanakananga ukuthi kuyikuphangana ukulingana loNkulunkulu, **7** kodwa wazidela, ethatha isimo senceku, enziwe esimeni sabantu; **8** njalo eficwe elesimo njengomuntu, wazithoba, waba ngolalelayo kwaze kwaba sekufeni, yebo ukufa kwesiphambano. **9** Ngakho laye uNkulunkulu wamphakamisa kakhulu, wamnika ibizo eliphezu kwalo lonke ibizo; **10** ukuze kuthi ebizweni likaJesu lonke idolo liguqe, elabezulwini, lelabemhlabeni, lelabangaphansi komhlabi, **11** lenlimi zonke zivume ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNkosi, kube ludumo kuNkulunkulu uYise. **12** Ngakho, bathandiweyo bami, njengalokho lilalela ngezikkhathi zonke, kungenjengebukhoneni bami kuphela, kodwa khathesi ikakhulukazi ngingekho, fezani usindiso lwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela; **13** ngoba kunguNkulunkulu osebenza kini kokubili ukuthanda lokwenza njengentando yakhe enhle. **14** Yenzani zonke izinto kungelakusola lokuphikisana, **15** ukuze lingasoleki libe msulwa, abantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici phakathi kwasizukulwana esigobileyo lesiphambeneyo, elikhanya phakathi kwaso njengokukhanya emhlabeni, **16** libonakalise ilizwi lempilo, ekuzincomeni kwami osukwini IukaKristu, ukuthi kangigijimelanga ize, njalo kangitshikatshikelanga ize. **17** Yebo, uba lami ngithululwa njengomnikelo wokunathwayo phezu

komhlatshelo lenkonzo yokholo lwenu, ngiyathokoza njalo ngithokoza kanye lani lonke; **18** ngenxa yalokho-ke thokozani lani njalo lithokoze kanye lami. **19** Ngiyathemba-ke eNkosini uJesu ukuthuma uTimothi kini masinyane, ukuze lami ngithokoze lapho ngisazi izindaba zenu. **20** Ngoba kangilaye olengqondo enjengeyakhe, ozanenzelela indaba zenu ngobuqotho, **21** ngoba bonke bazidingela okwabo, kungeyisikho okukaKristu Jesu. **22** Kodwa liyazi ukuqinisa kwakhe, ukuthi njengomntwana kuyise, usebenzile lami evangelini. **23** Ngiyathemba-ke ukuhle ngimthume yena, nxa sengibonisisile okuqondene lami; **24** kodwa ngyathemba eNkosini, ukuthi lami ngizakuza kini masinyane. **25** Kodwa ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngithume kini uEpafroditu, umzalwane lesisebenzi lolibutho kanye lami, kodwa isithunywa senu, lesisebenzi sokuswela kwami; **26** njengoba wayelilangatha lonke, njalo ekhathazekile kakhulu, ngoba lezwa ukuthi wayegula; **27** ngoba njalo wagula waphosa wafa, kodwa uNkulunkulu wamhawukela, njalo kungeyisuye yena yedwa, kodwa lami, ukuze ngingabi losizi phezu kosizi. **28** Ngakho ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma, ukuze kuthi, nxa limbona, lithokoze futhi, losizi lwami lunciphe. **29** Memukeleni-ke eNkosini ngentokozo yonke, libahloniphe abanjalo-ke; **30** ngoba ngenxa yomsebenzi kaKristu waphose wafa, edela impilo, ukuze aphelelise okusileleyo komsebenzi wenu kimi.

3 Elokucina, bazalwane bami, thokozani eNkosini. Ukulibhalela izinto ezifananayo, mina kakungidinisi, kodwa lina kuyaliqinisa. **2** Nanzeelani izinja, linanzelele izisebenzi ezimbi, linanzelele ukusika; **3** ngoba thina siyikusoka, esikhonza uNkulunkulu ngoMoya, siziqhenya kuKristu Jesu, njalo singathembeli enyameni; **4** lanxa mina ngilethembfa futhi enyameni; uba omunye

ecabanga ukuthemba enyameni, mina kakhulu; **5** ngasokwa ngosuku lwasificaminwembili, ngingowohlanga lukalsrayeli, owesizwe sakoBhenjamini, umHebheru wamaHebheru, ngokomlayo umFarisi, **6** ngokokukhuthala ngazingela ibandla, ngokokulunga okusemlayweni ngingasoleki. **7** Kodwa izinto ezaziyinzozo kimi, lezo ngazibala njengokulahlekelwa ngenxa kakristu. **8** Yebo isibili, futhi ngikubala konke njengencithakalo ngenxa yobuhlekazi bolwazi lukaKristu Jesu iNkosi yami; okungenxa yakhe ngilahlekelwe yikho konke, njalo ngakuthatha njengezibi, ukuze ngizuze uKristu, **9** njalo ngificwe kuye, ngingelakho okwami ukulunga okuvela emlayweni, kodwa lokho okungokholo lukaKristu, ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu ngokholo; **10** ukuze ngimazi yena lamandla okuvuka kwakhe, lokuhlanganyela kwenhlupheko zakhe, ngenziwe ngifuze ukufa kwakhe, **11** uba kungenzeka ngifinyelele ekuvukeni kwabafileyo. **12** Kangitsho ukuthi sengikubambile, kumbe ukuthi sengiphelelisiwe; kodwa ngixotshana lakho, ukuthi futhi ngingakubambisisa lokho engabanjisiselwa khona nguKristu Jesu. **13** Bazalwane, mina kangibali ukuthi mina uqobo sengikubambisisile; kodwa kunye engikwenzayo, ngikhohlwa okungemuva, ngizelulela kokungaphambili, **14** ngigijiimela umzila ngokunxwanelo emvuzweni wobizo lwaphezulu lukaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu. **15** Ngakho sonke esesiphelele, kasikhumbule lokhu; njalo uba licabanga ulutho olwehlukenyeyo, lalokhu uNkulunkulu uzalembulela khona; **16** kodwa kulokhu esesifike kukho, kasihambeni ngesimiso sinye, sikhumbule intonye. **17** Banini ngabahlanganyeli abangabalingiseli bami, bazalwane, njalo baqaphelisiseni abahamba ngokunjalo, njengoba lilathi njengesibonelo. **18** Ngoba abanengi bahamba, engalitshela

kanengi ngabo, lakkathesi ngitsho ngezinyembezi ngithi, bayizitha zespiphambano sikaKristu; **19** abakuphela kwabo kuyikubhujiswa, abankulunkulu wabo uysisisu, Iodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo, abacabanga izinto zomhlaba. **20** Ngoba ikithi isemazulwini, lalapho esilindele ukuthi uMsindisi avele khona, iNkosi uJesu Kristu; **21** ozaphendula umzimba wethu wobuphansi, ukuze ufanane lomzimba wakhe wenkazimulo, njengokusebenza elamandla ngitsho okwehlisela ngaphansi kwakhe zonke izinto.

4 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo labalangathwayo, intokozo lomqhele wami, manini liqine ngokunjalo eNkosini, bathandekayo. **2** Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya, njalo ngiyamncenga uSintike, ukuthi babe lomqondo munye eNkosini. **3** Ngiyakucelake lawe, mnakwethu oqotho, siza labo abesifazana, abasebenza kakhulu kanye lami evangelini, kanye loKlementi, lezinye izisebenzi kanye lami, amabizo azo asencwadini yempilo. **4** Thokozani eNkosini njalonjalo; ngiyaphinda ngithi: Thokozani. **5** Ukubekezelwa kwenu kakwaziwe yibo bonke abantu. INkosi iseduze. **6** Lingakhathazeki ngalutho, kodwa ezintweni zonke, izicelo zenu kazaziwe kuNkulunkulu ngomkhuleko langonxuso kanye lokubonga, **7** lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu, okudlula ukuqedisisa konke, kuzalondoloza inhliziyo zenu lemicabango yenu kuKristu Jesu. **8** Elokucina, bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, konke okuhloniphekayo, konke okulungileyo, konke okuhlambulukileyo, konke okuhle, konke okulodumo oluhle, uba kukhona okuhle njalo uba kukhona okudumisekayo, nakanani ngakho lokhu; **9** lelakufundayo njalo lakwemukela futhi lakuzwa laselikubona kimi, zenzeni lezizinto; loNkulunkulu wokuthula uzakuba lani. **10** Kodwa ngathokoza kakhulu eNkosini, ukuthi khathesi selize lavuselela ukunginanzelela, ebelinanzelela

kambe, kodwa laswela ithuba. **11** Kakusikho ukuthi ngitsho mayelana lenswelo; ngoba mina sengifundile ukuthi ngeneliswe ezintweni engikuzo. **12** Ngiyakwazi konke ukuthotshiswa, futhi ngiyakwazi ukuba lokunengi kakhulu; kukho konke lezintweni zonke sengifundisiwe futhi ukusutha lokulamba, lokuba lokunengi kakhulu lokuswela. **13** Ngingakwenza konke ngoKristu engiqinisa.

14 Kodwa lenze kuhle ngokuhlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwami. **15** Liyazi futhi lani, beFiliphi, ukuthi ekuqaleni kwevangeli, ekusukeni kwami eMakedoniya, kwakungekho bandla elahlanganyela lami endabeni yokupha lokwemukela, ngaphandle kwenu lodwa; **16** ngoba laseThesalonika lathumela ekusweleni kwami kanye njalo laphinda. **17** Kungesikuthi ngidinga isipho, kodwa ngidinga isithelo esengeza isikhwama senu. **18** Kodwa ngemukele konke njalo ngengezelelwe; ngigcwele, ngengikwemukele kuEpafrodithu izinto ezivela kini, uqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owemukelekayo, othabisayo kuNkulunkulu.

19 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wami uzagcwala yonke inswelo yenu njengokwenotho yakhe ebukhosini, kuKristu Jesu. **20** Akube-ke kuNkulunkulu loBaba wethu udumo kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.
(aiōn g165) 21 Bingelelani wonke ongcwele okuKristu Jesu. Abazalwane abalami bayalibingelela. **22** Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela, kodwa ikakhulu labo abendlu kaKesari. **23** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

KwabaseKholose

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loTimothi umzalwane, **2** kubo abangcwele labazalwane abathembekileyo kuKristu abaseKolose: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Siyambonga uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, sikhuleka ngani njalonjalo, **4** sesizwile ngokholo lwenu kuKristu Jesu, langothando olukwabangcwele bonke, **5** ngethemba elibekelwe lona emazulwini, elezwa ngalo ngaphambili ngelizwi leqiniso levangeli, **6** eselifikile kini, njengalokhu lemhlabeni wonke, njalo lithela izithelo, njengoba kunjalo laphakathi kwenu, kusukela ngosuku elezwa laseliwazi umusa kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso; **7** njengalokhu lani lafundu kuEpafra othandekayo wethu inceku kanye lathi, oyisikhonzi esithembekileyo sikaKristu ngani, **8** ositshele futhi ngothando lwenu kuMoya. **9** Ngakho lathi, kusukela ngosuku eseza ngalo, kasiyekeli ukulikhulekela, lokucela ukuthi ligcwaliswe ngolwazi lwentando yakhe ngenhlakanipho yonke lokuqedisa okungomoya, **10** ukuze lihambe ngokufanele iNkosi kukho konke okuthokozisayo, lithela izithelo kuwo wonke umsebenzi olungileyo njalo likhule elwazini lukaNkulunkulu; **11** liqiniswe ngamandla wonke njengokwamandla obukhosu bakhe, ekubekezeleni konke lesineke, lenjabulo; **12** sibonge uBaba owasenza safanela ekuhlanganyeleni kwelifa labangcwele ekukhanyeni, **13** owasikhulula emandleni obumnyama, wasesisa embusweni weNdodana yothando lwakhe, **14** esilohlengo kuyo ngegazi layo, uthethelelo lwezono. **15** Engumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu ongabonwayo, izibulo lesidalwa sonke; **16** ngoba kuyo zonke izinto zadalwa, ezssemazulwini lezisemhlabeni,

ezibonwayo lezingabonwayo, loba izihlalo zobukhos, loba ubuphathamandla, loba imibuso, loba amandla; zonke izinto zidalwa ngayo zadalelw yona; **17** yona-ke ingaphambi kwazo zonke izinto, njalo ngayo zonke izinto zibambene. **18** Njalo yona yinhloko yomzimba, olibandla; eyikuqala, izibulo kwabafileyo, ukuze yona ibe ngeyokuqala ezintweni zonke; **19** ngoba kwamthokozisa uBaba ukuthi ukugcwala konke kuhlale kiyo, **20** njalo ngayo enze izinto zonke zibuyisane laye uqobo, esenze ukuthula ngegazi lesiphambano sayo, ngayo, loba yizinto ezipsemhlabeni loba ezipsemazulwini. **21** Lani elalikade lingabemzini lezitha ngengqondo emisebenzini emibi, kodwa khathesi usebuyisene lani **22** emzimbeni wenyama yayo ngokufa ukuthi alimise phambi kwakhe lingcwele njalo lingelacala njalo lingasoleki, **23** uba-ke lihlala ekholweni lisekelwe liqinile, lingasuswa ethembeni levangeli elalizwayo, elatshunyayelwa kuso sonke isidalwa esingaphansi kwezulu, engenziwe isikhonzi salo mina Pawuli. **24** Khathesi-ke ngiyathokoza ekulihluphekeleni kwami, njalo okusileleyo kwenhlupheko zikaKristu ngiyakugcwalisa enyameni yami esikhundleni somzimba wakhe, olibandla; **25** mina engenziwa isikhonzi salo, njengokwesimiso sikaNkulunkulu enganikwa sona maqondana lani, ukugcwalisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, **26** imfihlo ebifihliwe kusukela ezikhathini zendulo njalo kusukela kuzizukulwana; kodwa khathesi ibonakaliswe kwabangcwele bakhe, (*aiōn g165*) **27** kubo uNkulunkulu wathanda ukubazisa ukuthi iyini inotho yobukhos, balimfihlo phakathi kwabezizwe, enguKristu phakathi kwenu, ithemba lenkazimulo; **28** esimtshumayelayo thina, sixwayisa wonke umuntu, sifundisa wonke umuntu ngayo yonke inhlakanipho, ukuze silethe wonke umuntu

ephelele kuKristu Jesu; **29** engikutshikatshikelayo lami, ngisilwa njengokusebenza kwakhe, okusebenza kimi ngamandla.

2 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lazi ukuthi kukhulu kangakanani ukulwa engilakho ngani labaseLawodikeya, njalo ngobunengi balabo abangabonanga ubuso bami enyameni, **2** ukuze inhliziyozabo ziduduzwe, behlanganiswe ethandweni, lenothweni yonkeyokuqinisekiswa okupheleleyo kokuqedisisa, elwazini lwemfihlo kaNkulunkulu loBaba, lekaKristu, **3** okufihlwe kuye izinto zonke eziligugu zenhlakanipho lezolwazi. **4** Ngitsho lokhu-ke, ukuze kungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayengayo. **5** Ngoba lanxa ngingekho ngenyama, kanti ngilani ngomoya, ngithokoza ngibona ukuhlela kwenu, lokuqina kokholo lwenu kuKristu. **6** Ngakho njengalokho limemukele uKristu Jesu iNkosi, hambani kuye, **7** ligxilise impande lakhiwe kuye, njalo liqiniswe ekholweni, njengokufundiswa kwenu, lengeze kulo ekubongeni. **8** Nanzeelani hlezi kube khona olithumbayo ngolwazi lwenhlakanipho langenkohliso eyize, njengokomkhuba wabantu, njengokwemfundiso zakuqala zomhlaba, njalo kungenjengokukaKristu; **9** ngoba kuhlala kuye ukugcwala konke kobuNkulunkulu ngomzimba, **10** njalo lipheleliwi kuye, oyinhloko yakho konke ukubusa lamandla; **11** elasokelwa kuye lani ngokusoka okungenziwanga ngezandla, ngokuhlubula umzimba wezono zenyama, ekusokeni kukaKristu, **12** lingcwatshwe kanye laye ebhabhathizweni, elavuswa lani kanye laye kulo ngokholo lokusebenza kukaNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo. **13** Lani lifile eziphambekweni lokungasoki kwenyama yenu, ulenze laphila kanye laye, eselithethelele zonke iziphambeko, **14** esesule incwadi yezimiso emelana lathi, ephambene lathi, wayisusa phakathi, eseyibethelo esiphambanweni; **15** ebahlubule ababusi

lamandla, wabaveza obala, wathakazelela ukubanqoba ngaso.

16 Ngakho kakungabi khona olilahla ekudleni kumbe ekunatheni, loba endabeni yomkhosi loba eyokuthwasa kwenyanga kumbe eyamasabatha; **17** eziyisithunzi sezinto ezizayo, kodwa umzimba ungokaKristu. **18** Kakungabi lamuntu olemuka umvuzo wenu ngobuqili, ethanda ukuzenza othobekileyo lokukhonza izingilosи, engena ezintweni angazibonanga, ezikhukhumeza ngeze ngengqondo yenyama yakhe, **19** njalo engabambi iNhloko, umzimba wonke ngamalunga lemisipha usondliwa njalo uhlanganiswa ngayo, ukhula ngokukhula kukaNkulunkulu. **20** Ngakho uba lafa kanye loKristu emfundisweni zakuqala zomhlabo, libophekeleni ngemikhuba ngokungathi liphila elizweni, **21** (ungabambi, unganambithi, ungathinti, **22** ezizaphela zonke ngokusethenziswa) njengokwemilayo lezimfundiso zabantu? **23** Ezilesimo senhlakanipho ekukhonzeni kokuzenzela lekuzithobeni lekuphatheni nzima umzimba, kakusizi lutho ukumelana lokusuthisa inyama.

3 Ngakho uba livuswe loKristu, dingani okwaphezulu, lapho akhona uKristu ehlezi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **2** Nakanani ngezinto eziphezulu, kungeyisikho ngezinto ezisemhlabeni. **3** Ngoba lfile, lempilo yenu ifihlwe loKristu kuNkulunkulu. **4** Nxa ebonakaliswa uKristu, oyimpilo yethu, ngalesosikhathi lani lizabonakaliswa laye enkazimulweni. **5** Ngakho bulalani amalunga enu asemhlabeni, ukuphingga, ukungcola, inkanuko embi, ukufisa okubi, lomhawu, oyikukhonza izithombe, **6** okwehla ngalezizinto ulaka lukaNkulunkulu phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli; **7** elake lahamba kuzo lani, lapho lalihlezi phakathi kwazo. **8** Kodwa khathesi lani khuphani konke lokhu, ulaka, ukuthukuthela, inzondo, inhlamba,

ukukhuluma amanyala emlonyeni wenu; **9** lingaqambelani amanga, lokhu selimhlubule umuntu omdala lezenzo zakhe, **10** selembethe omutsha, owenziwa kutsha elwazini njengomfanekiso walowo owamdalayo; **11** okungekho umGriki lomJuda, ukusoka lokungasoki, owezizweni, umSikethiya, isiggili, okhululekileyo; kodwa uKristu uyikho konke lakukho konke. **12** Ngakho yembathani, njengabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, abangcwele labathandekayo, imihelo yesihawu, ububele, ukuzithoba, ubumnene, ukubekezelala; **13** libekezelelane, lithethelelane uba umuntu elensolo komunye; njengoba loKristu walithethelela, ngokunjalo lani; **14** phezu kwakho konke-ke yembathani uthando, oluyisibopho sokuphelela. **15** Lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu kakubuse enhliziyweni zenu, elibizelwa kukho lani emzimbeni munye; futhi banini ngababongayo. **16** Ilizwi likaKristu kalihlale phakathi kwenu ngokwenotho enhlakanipheni yonke; lifundisane lilayane, ngezihlabelelo, lamahubo odumo, lengoma zomoya, lihlabelela lilomusa enhliziyweni zenu eNkosini. **17** Njalo konke loba yini eliyenzayo, elizwini loba esenzweni, konke kwenzeni ebizweni leNkosi uJesu, libonge uNkulunkulu loBaba ngaye. **18** Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengokufanele eNkosini. **19** Madoda, thandani omkenu, lingabi lokubaba kubo. **20** Bantwana, lalelani abazali ezintweni zonke; ngoba lokhu kuyayithokozisa iNkosi. **21** Bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, ukuze bangadani. **22** Zisebenzi, lalelani ezintweni zonke labo abangamakhosi njengokwenyama, kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa ngobuqotho benhlizyo, lisésaba uNkulunkulu; **23** njalo yonke loba yini eliyenzayo, yenzeni ngenhlizyo, njengeNkosini, njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini; **24** lisazi ukuthi eNkosini

lizakwemukela umvuzo welifa; ngoba likhonza iNkosi uKristu. **25**

Kodwa owenza okubi uzazemukelela okubi akwenzileyo; njalo kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu.

4 Makhosi, nikani izisebenzi okulungileyo lokulingeneyo, lisazi ukuthi lani lileNkosi emazulwini. **2** Khuthalani emkhulekweni, lilinde kuwo ngokubonga; **3** likhuleke ngesikhathi esifananayo ngathi futhi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu asivulele umnyango welizwi, ukukhuluma imfihlo kaKristu, lami engibotshwe ngenxa yayo; **4** ukuthi ngiyibonakalise, njengalokhu ngifanele ukukhuluma. **5** Hambani ngenhlakanipho mayelana labangaphandle, lihlenga isikhathi. **6** Iizwi lenu kalihlale emuseni, linambitheke ngetshwayi, ukuze lazi ukuthi kulifanele njani ukuphendula lowo lalowo. **7** Konke okumaqondana lami uzalitshela uTikiko, umzalwane othandekayo lesikhonzi esithembekileyo lesisebenzi kanye lathi eNkosini; **8** engimthume kini kukho lokhu, ukuze azi indaba zenu lokuthi aduduze inhliziyo zenu; **9** kanye loOnesimo umzalwane othembekileyo lothandekayo, owakini. Bazalazisa konke okulapha. **10** Uyalibingeleta uAristako oyisibotshwa kanye lami, loMarko umzawakhe kaBarnabasi, elemukela imilayo ngaye; uba efika kini, memukeleni, **11** loJesu othiya nguJustusi, owabokusoka; laba bodwa yizisebenzi kanye lami embusweni kaNkulunkulu, ababa yinduduzo kimi. **12** Uyalibingeleta uEpafra owakini, inceku kaKristu, elilwela emikhulekweni ngezikhathi zonke, ukuze lime liphelele ligcwaliswe entandweni yonke kaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye ukuthi uyalitshisekela kakhulu labaseLawodikeya labaseHiyerapol. **14** Uyalibingeleta uLuka umelaphi othandekayo, loDema. **15** Bingelani abazalwane abaseLawodikeya, loNimfa, lebandla elisemzini wakhe. **16** Njalo nxa isifundiwe lincwadi phakathi

kwenu, bonani ukuthi ifundwe lebandleni labeLawodikeya, njalo ukuthi lani liyifunde leyo evela eLawodikeya. **17** Limtshela uArkiphlo lithi: Qaphela inkonzo oyemukele eNkosini, ukuthi uyiphelelise. **18** Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli. Khumbulani izibopho zami. Umusa kawube lani. Ameni.

1 KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPawuli loSilivanu loTimothi, kubandla labeThesalonika kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosi uJesu Kristu: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu, leNkosi uJesu Kristu. **2** Sibonga uNkulunkulu ngezikhathi zonke ngani lonke, siliphatha emikhulekweni yethu, **3** sikhumbula ngokungaphezi isenzo senu sokholo, lomsebenzi onzima wothando, lokuqina kwethemba eNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu; **4** sisazi, bazalwane abathandiweyo nguNkulunkulu, ukukhethwa kwenu; **5** ngoba ivangeli lethu kalifikanga kini ngelizwi kuphela, kodwa langamandla, langoMoya oNgcwele, langokuqinisa okukhulu, njengoba lisazi ukuthi sasinjani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu. **6** Lani laba ngabalingisi bethu labeNkosi, selilemukele ilizwi ekuhluphekeni okukhulu lilentokozo kaMoya oNgcwele, **7** laze laba yizibonelo kubo bonke abakholwayo eMakedoniya leAkaya. **8** Ngoba kini kwezwakala ilizwi leNkosi, kungeyisikho eMakedoniya leAkaya kuphela, kodwa ukholo lwenu kuNkulunkulu lwaphumela lakuyo yonke indawo, okokuthi kwakungasadingeki ukuthi sikhulume ulutho. **9** Ngoba bona uqobo lwabo balandisa ngathi ukuthi saba lokungena okunjani kini, lokuthi laphendukela njani kuNkulunkulu livela ezithombeni, ukuthi likhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo loweqiniso, **10** lilindele iNdodana yakhe ivela emazulwini, ayivusa kwabafleyo, uJesu osihlangula elakeni oluzayo.

2 Ngoba liyazi lina, bazalwane, ukungena kwethu kini, ukuthi kakubanga yize; **2** kodwa lanxa sasihluphekile kuqala saphathwa kubi, njengoba lisazi, eFiliphi, saba lesibindi kuNkulunkulu wethu sokukhuluma kini ivangeli likaNkulunkulu phakathi kokulwa okukhulu. **3** Ngoba inkuthazo yethu yayingayisiyo

yokuduha njalo ingaveli ekungcoleni, njalo ingengobuqili; 4
kodwa njengoba sivunyelwe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi siphathiswe
ivangeli, sikhuluma ngokunjalo, kungenjengokuthokozisa abantu,
kodwa uNkulunkulu ohlolola inhlizyo zethu. 5 Ngoba kasizange
size ngamazwi ayengayo, njengoba lisazi, futhi kungeyisikho
ngokufihla ubuhwaba; uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi; 6 singadingi
udumo ebantwini, futhi olungaveli kini kumbe kwabanye, loba
sasingaba ngumthwalo njengabaphostoli bakaKristu, 7 kodwa
saba mnene phakathi kwenu njengomdleze esingatha abakhe
abantwana. 8 Njengoba besilithanda kangaka, sathokoza
ukulinika kungeyisilo ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kuphela, kodwa
lemiphefumulo yethu uqobo, ngoba laselingabathandekayo
kithi. 9 Ngoba liyakhumbula, bazalwane, ukutshikatshika
lokulwisa kwethu; ngoba ubusuku lemini sisebenza ukuze
singabi ngumthwalo lakomunye wenu, silitshumayeza ivangeli
likaNkulunkulu. 10 Lina lingabafakazi, loNkulunkulu, ukuthi
sasingcwele njani njalo silungile futhi singasoleki kini elikhholwayo;
11 njengoba-ke lisazi ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu, njengoyise
kwabakhe abantwana, salikhuthaza njani saliduduza safakaza
12 ukuthi lihambe ngokufanele uNkulunkulu olibizela embusweni
lebukhosini bakhe. 13 Ngenxa yalokhu njalo thina kasiyekeli
ukumbonga uNkulunkulu, ukuthi selemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
elalizwa kithi, lemukela kungeyisilo ilizwi labantu, kodwa
linjengeqiniso ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, osebenza lakini elikhholwayo.
14 Ngoba lina, bazalwane, laba ngabalingiseli bamabandla
kaNkulunkulu aseJudiya kuKristu Jesu; ngoba lani lahlupheka
lezizinto kwabesizwe sakini uqobo, njengoba lawo kumaJuda,
15 abulala leNkosi uJesu labaprofethi bawo uqobo, asizingela
lathi, kawamthokozisi uNkulunkulu, amelana labantu bonke, 16

esivimbela ukutshumayeza abezizwe ukuze basindiswe, ukuze agcwalise izono zawo njalonjalo; kodwa ulaka selwehlele phezu kwavo kuze kube sekupheleni. **17** Kodwa thina, bazalwane, lokhu sehlukaniswe lani okwesikhathhana, ngobuso, kungeyisikho ngenhliziyo, sazama kakhulukazi ukuthi sibone ubuso benu ngokulangatha okukhulu. **18** Ngakho besifisa ukufika kini, ikakhulu mina Pawuli, lakanye lokuphinda, kodwa uSathane wasivimbela; **19** ngoba liyini ithemba lethu, kumbe intokozo, kumbe umqhele wokuzincoma? Angithi yini futhi, phambi kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ekufikeni kwayo? **20** Ngoba lina liludumo lentokozo yethu.

3 Kwathi-ke singaselakubekezelala, sathi kuhle ukuthi sitshiywe sodwa eAtene, **2** sasesithuma uTimothi umzalwane wethu lesikhonzi sikaNkulunkulu lesisebenzi kanye lathi evangelini likaKristu, ukuze aliqinise lokuthi alikhuthaze ngokholo lwenu, **3** ukuze kunganyikinywa lamunye kulezizinhlupheko; ngoba liyazi lina ukuthi simiselwe lokhu. **4** Ngoba lathi siselani, salitshela ngaphambili ukuthi sesizahlupheka, njengoba futhi kwenzeka, lani liyakwazi. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu futhi ngingaselakubekezelala, ngathomela ukuthi ngazi ukholo lwenu, hlezi mhlawumbe umlingi ulilingile, lokuthi umtshikatshika wethu ube yize. **6** Kodwa khathesi uTimothi usefikile kithi evela kini, usibikele indaba ezinhle zokholo lothando lwenu, lokuthi lihlala lilomkhumbulo omuhle ngathi, lifisa kakhulu ukusibona, njengoba-ke lathi lina; **7** ngenxa yalokhu saduduzeka, bazalwane, ngani, kukho konke ukuhlupheka losizi lwethu ngokholo lwenu; **8** ngoba khathesi siyaphila, uba lina limi liqinile eNkosini. **9** Ngoba sibongobani esingenanisa kuNkulunkulu ngani, ngentokozo yonke esithokoza ngayo ngenxa yenu phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu? **10** Ebusuku

lemini siyakhuleka kakhulu sidlulisa amalawulo ukuze sibone
ubuso benu, siphelelise-ke okusileleyo kokholo lwenu. **11**
Njalo kungathi uNkulunkulu uqobo loBaba wethu, leNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu angaqondisa indlela yethu kini; **12** njalo
kungathi iNkosi ingalandisa njalo ilenze lengezelele ethandweni
omunye komunye lakubo bonke, njengoba sinjalo lathi kini, **13**
ukuze iqinise inhlizyo zenu zingasoleki ebungcweleni, phambi
kukaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu, ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu kanye labangcwele bakhe bonke.

4 Okunye-ke, bazalwane, siyalincenga silikhuthaza eNkosini
uJesu, njengalokhu lakwemukela kithi ukuthi kulifanele njani
ukuhamba lokumthokozisa uNkulunkulu, ukuze lengezelele
kukho kakhulu. **2** Ngoba liyazi ukuthi milayo bani esalinika
yona ngeNkosi uJesu. **3** Ngoba le yintando kaNkulunkulu,
ukungcweliswa kwenu, ukuthi lizithinte ekuphingeni; **4** ukuthi
ngulowo lalowo wenu kakwazi ukugcina esakhe isitsha
ekungcweliseni lekuhlonipheni, **5** kungeyisikho enkanukweni
yesifiso, njengabezizwe labo abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu. **6**
Kakungabi khona oweqayo aqile umfowabو endabenи; ngoba
iNkosi ingumphindiseli ngazo zonke lezizinto, njengoba lathi
salitshela ngaphambili, safakaza. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu
kasibizelanga emanyaleni, kodwa ebungcweleni. **8** Ngakho
lowo odelelayo, kadeleli muntu, kodwa uNkulunkulu owasinika
futhi uMoya wakhe oyiNgcwele. **9** Kodwa mayelana lothando
lobuzalwane kalidangi ukuthi ngilibhalele; ngoba lina uqobo
lifundisiwe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi lithandane; **10** ngoba lani lenza
lokhu kubo bonke abazalwane abaseMakedoniya yonke; kodwa
siyalikhuthaza, bazalwane, ukuthi lengezelele kakhulu, **11** njalo
likhuthalele ukuba lokuthula lokwenza okwenu, lokusebenza

ngezenu izandla, njengoba salilaya; **12** ukuze lihambe ngokuhlonitshwa ngabangaphandle, lingasweli lutho. **13** Kodwa kangithandi ukuthi lingabi lalwazi, bazalwane, ngalabo abaleleyo, ukuze lingadabuki, njengabanye labo abangelathemba. **14** Ngoba uba sikhola ukuthi uJesu wafa wavuka, ngokunjalo-ke labo abalele kuJesu, uNkulunkulu uzabaletha kanye laye. **15** Ngoba lokhu sikutsho kini ngelizwi leNkosi, ukuthi thina esiphilayo esitshiywe kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi, isibili kasiyikubaqalela labo asebelele; **16** ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela ezulwini ngesimemezelo sokulawula, ngelizwi lengilosy eyinduna, langokukhala kophondo lukaNkulunkulu, labafileyo kuKristu bazavuka kuqala; **17** kulandele thina esiphilayo esitshiyiweyo, sizahluthunelwa kanye labo emayezini siyehlangabeza iNkosi emoyeni; ngokunjalo besesihlala leNkosi njalonjalo. **18** Ngakho duduzanani ngalamazwi.

5 Kodwa ngezikhathi langemizuzu, bazalwane, kalisweli ukuthi libhalelw, **2** ngoba lina uqobo liyazi kuhle kakhulu ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika ngokunjalo njengesela ebusuku; **3** ngoba nxabesithi: Ukuthula lokuhlala kuhle, khona ukubhuijswa okujumayo kuzabehlela, njengomhelo kowesifazana okhulelw, njalo kabasoze baphunyuke. **4** Kodwa lina, bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni, ukuze lolosuku luliphuthume njengesela; **5** lina lonke lingabantwana bokukhanya labantwana bemini; kasisibo abobusuku loba abobumnyama; **6** ngakho-ke asingalali njengabanye labo, kodwa asilinde siqonde. **7** Ngoba abalalayo balala ebusuku; labadakwayo badakwa ebusuku. **8** Kodwa thina esingabemini, asiqonde, sifake isivikelo sesifuba sokholo lothando, lethembala losindiso libe likhowa, **9** ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimiselanga ulaka, kodwa ukuzuza usindiso ngeNkosi

yethu uJesu Kristu, **10** owasifelayo, ukuze loba siphapheme loba silele, siphile kanye laye. **11** Ngakho khuthazanani, lakhane, njengoba lani likwenza. **12** Kodwa siyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi libazi labo abasebenza nzima phakathi kwenu, labaliphathayo eNkosini, labalelulekayo, **13** njalo libahlonipha kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ethandweni ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo. Hlalisanani ngokuthula. **14** Kodwa siyalikhuthaza, bazalwane, yelulekani abangelamthetho, liduduze abadanileyo, lisekele ababuthakathaka, libekezelele bonke. **15** Qaphelani ukuthi kungabi khona ophindisela omunye okubi ngokubi; kodwa dingisisani ngesikhathi sonke okuhle lomunye komunye lakibo bonke. **16** Thokozani njalonjalo; **17** khulekani lingaphezi; **18** bongani kukho konke; ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu ngani. **19** Lingamcitshi uMoya; **20** lingadeleli iziprofetho; **21** hlolisisani konke; libambelele kokuhle; **22** dedani kukho konke ukubonakala kobubi. **23** Kungathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula uqobo angalenza libe ngcwele ngokupheleleyo; njalo kungathi umoya wenu wonke lomphefumulo lomzimba kungalondolozwa kungasoleki ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **24** Uthembekile yena olibizayo; laye ozakwenza lokhu. **25** Bazalwane, sikhulekeleni. **26** Bingelanelani abazalwane bonke ngokwanga okungcwele. **27** Ngiyalifungisa ngeNkosi, ukuthi lincwadi ifundwe kubo bonke abazalwane abangcwele. **28** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani. Ameni.

2 KwabaseThesalonika

1 UPawuli IoSilivanu IoTimothi kubandla labeThesalonika elikuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu: **2** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Simele ukumbonga uNkulunkulu njalonjalo ngani, bazalwane, njengoba kufanele, ngoba ukholo lwenu luyanda ngokungelakulinganiswa, lothando lwalowo lalowo wenu lonke luyengezeleleka komunye lomunye; **4** ngakho thina ngokwethu siyazincoma ngani emabandleni kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokubekezela kwenu lokholo phakathi kokuzingelwa kwenu konke lezinhlupheko elibekezela kuzo; **5** okuyisibonakaliso sokwahlulelwa okulungileyo kukaNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthiwe lingabafanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu, lani eliwuhluphekelayo; **6** njengoba kuyinto elungileyo kuNkulunkulu ukuthi abuyisele ukuhlupheka kwabalihluphayo, **7** njalo kini elihluphekayo, ukuphumula kanye lathi, ekwembulweni kweNkosi uJesu evela ezulwini lengilosí zamandla akhe, **8** emalangabini omililo, esenza impindiselo kwabangamaziyo uNkulunkulu, lakwabangalaleli ivangeli leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; **9** abazahlupheka ngesijeziso sokubhujiswa okulaphakade, basuswe ebusweni beNkosi lenkazimulweni yamandla akhe, (*aiōnios g166*) **10** mhla efika ukuthi adunyiswe kubangcwele bakhe, njalo abatshazwe ekubo bonke abakholwayo (ngoba ubufakazi bethu bakholeka phakathi kwenu) ngalolosuku. **11** Ngenxa yalokho sihlala silikhulekela lani, ukuze uNkulunkulu wethu alibone lingabafanele ubizo, lokuze aphelelise yonke intando enhle yobuhle bakhe lomsebenzi wokholo ngamandla; **12** ukuze ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu lidunyiswe kini, lani kuye, njengomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosi uJesu Kristu.

2 Siyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, mayelana lokufika kweNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu, lokubuthana kwethu kuyo, **2** ukuthi
lingaphangisi liqhuqhisiwe engqondweni, kumbe lethuswe,
loba ngumoya, loba yilizwi, loba yincwadi ngokungathi
ivela kithi, ngokungathi usuku lukaKristu selufikile. **3**
Kakungabi lamuntu olkhohlisayo langayiphi indlela; ngoba
aluyikufika ngaphandle kokuthi ukuhlubuka kufike kuqala,
lomuntu wesono embulwe, indodana yokubhujisa, **4**
omelana azikhukhumeze phezu kwakho konke okuthiwa
nguNkulunkulu loba yinto ekhonzwayo, aze ahlale ethempelini
likaNkulunkulu njengoNkulunkulu, ezitshaya uNkulunkulu. **5**
Kalikhumbuli yini ukuthi ngiseselani ngalitshela lezizinto?
6 Selikwazi khathesi okuvimbelayo, ukuze embulwe
ngesakhe isikhathi. **7** Ngoba imfihlo yokungabi lomthetho
isasebenza; kuphela kukhona ovimbelayo okwalesisikhathi,
aze asuswe phakathi, **8** khona-ke ezakwembulwa
oNgelamthetho, iNkosi ezamqeda ngokuphefumula komlomo
wayo, izambhubhisa ngokubonakala kokufika kwayo; **9** lowo
okufika kwakhe kunjengokusebenza kukaSathane emandleni
wonke lezibonakalisweni lezimangalisweni zamanga, **10**
lenkohlisweni yonke yokungalungi kulabo ababhubhayo, ngoba
kabemukelanga uthando lweqiniso ukuze basindiswe. **11**
Ngenxa yalokhu-ke uNkulunkulu uzabathumezel amandla
enkohliso, ukuze bakholwe amanga; **12** ukuze balahlwe bonke
abangakholwanga iqiniso, kodwa bathokoza kukho ukungalungi.
13 Kodwa thina simele ukubonga uNkulunkulu njalonjalo
ngani, bazalwane abathandwa beNkosi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu
walikhethela usindiso kusukela ekuqaleni, ekungcwelisweni
koMoya, loholo lweqiniso; **14** owalibizela kulokhu ngevangel

lethu, ekuzuzeni inkazimulo yeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **15**
Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, manini liqine, libambelele ezimfundisweni
elazifundiswayo, loba ngelizwi, kumbe ngencwadi yethu. **16**
Kakuthi-ke iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu uqobo, IoNkulunkulu,
ngitsho uBaba wethu owasithandayo, lowasinika induduzo
elaphakade lethemba elihle ngomusa, (*aiōnios g166*) **17** aduduze
inhliziyo zenu, aliqinise emazwini lemisebenzini yonke emihle.

3 Elokucina, bazalwane, sikhulekeleni, ukuze ilizwi leNkosi
ligijime, lidunyiswe, njengalokhu kwaba njalo lakini, **2**
lokuthi sikhululwe ebantwini abangaqondanga lababi; ngoba
ukholo kayisilo lwabo bonke. **3** Kodwa iNkosi ithembekile,
ezaliqinisa ilivikele komubi. **4** Silethemba-ke eNkosini
ngani, ukuthi izinto esililaya zona, lani liyazenza njalo
lizazenza. **5** Kodwa iNkosi sengathi ingaqondisa inhliziyo
zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, lekubekezeleni kukaKristu.
6 Siyalilaya-ke, bazalwane, ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu, ukuthi lizehlukanise laye wonke umzalwane ohamba
ngokungafanelanga, njalo kungenjengomlayo elawemukela kithi.
7 Ngoba liyazi ngokwenu ukuthi lifanele lisilingise njani; ngoba
kasihambanga ngokungafanelanga phakathi kwenu, **8** njalo
kasidlanga kudla komuntu ngesihle, kodwa ekutshikatshikeni
lekusebenzeni nzima, ubusuku lemini sisebenza, ukuze singabi
ngumthwalo lakomunye wenu; **9** kungesikuthi sasingelalungelo,
kodwa ukuze sizinikele kini njengesibonelo sokusilingisela.
10 Ngoba lalapho silani, salilaya lokhu ukuthi: Uba umuntu
engafuni ukusebenza, akumelanga adle. **11** Ngoba sizwa ukuthi
abanye phakathi kwenu bahambahamba ngokungafanelanga,
kabasebenzi lutho, kodwa besenza izinto ezingelamsebenzi. **12**
Abanjalo-ke siyabalaya sibakhuthaze ngeNkosi yethu uJesu

Kristu, ukuze basebenze ngokuthula badle okwabo ukudla.

13 Lani, bazalwane, lingadinwa yikwenza okuhle. **14** Kodwa uba umuntu engalaleli ilizwi lethu ngencwadi, mqapheliseni lowo, njalo lingahlangani laye, ukuze abe lenhloni; **15** njalo lingamphathi njengesitha, kodwa melulekeni njengomzalwane.

16 Sengathi-ke iNkosi yokuthula uqobo ingalinika ukuthula ngesikhathi sonke ngendlela zonke. INkosi kayibe lani lonke.

17 Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli, okuluphawu kuyo yonke incwadi; ngibhala ngokunjalo. **18** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

1 KuThimothi

1 UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu njengokomlayo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, loweNkosi uJesu Kristu ithemba lethu, **2** kuTimothi umntanami weqiniso ekholweni: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu loJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. **3** Njengoba ngakukhuthaza ukuthi uhlale eEfesu, ngisiya eMakedoniya, ukuze ulaye abathile ukuthi bangafundisi imfundiso eyehlukileyo, **4** futhi bangananjeleli izinganekwane lendaba zosendo olokuzalana ezingapheliyo, ezibanga ukuphikisana kulokwakha kukaNkulunkulu okusekholweni. **5** Kodwa injongo yomlayo luthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe lakusazela esihle lekholweni olungelakuzenzisa; **6** kulokhu abathile abaduhe kukho baphambukela ekukhulumeni okuyize, **7** befuna ukuthi babe ngabafundisi bomlayo, bengaqedisisi lezinto abazitshoyo, kumbe langezinto abaziqinisayo. **8** Kodwa siyazi ukuthi umlayo ulungile, uba umuntu ewusebenzisa ngokomlayo, **9** esazi lokhu, ukuthi umlayo kawubekelwa olungileyo, kodwa abangelamlayo labangalaleliyo, abeyisa uNkulunkulu labayizoni, abangangcwele labangakholwayo, ababulala oyise lababulala onina, ababulala abantu, **10** izifebe, abesiilisa abalalanayo, abathumba abantu, abaqambilanga, abephula izifungo, njalo nxa kukhona okunye okuphambene lemfundiso ephilileyo, **11** njengokwevangeli lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu obusisiweyo, engaphathiswa lona. **12** Ngiyambonga-ke owanginika amandla, uKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu, ukuthi wangibona ngithembekile, wangimisa enkonzwensi, **13** engangikade ngingumhlambazi lomzingeli lomthuki; kodwa ngahawukelwa, ngoba ngangikwenza ngokungazi ekungakholweni; **14** kodwa umusa weNkosi yethu

wengezelwa kakhulu kanye lokholo lothando olukuKristu Jesu.

15 Lithembekile lelilizwi njalo lifanele ukwemukelwa konke, ukuthi uKristu Jesu weza emhlabeni ukusindisa izoni, engiyinduna yazo mina; **16** kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngahawukelwa, ukuze kimi engiyinduna uJesu Kristu abonakalise konke ukubekezela, ngibe yisibonelo kwabazakholwa kuye empilweni ephakade. (aiōnios g166) **17** Kuyo-ke iNkosi eyisimakade, engabhubhiyo, engelakubonwa, uNkulunkulu yedwa ohlakaniphileyo, kakube udumo lobukhosи kuze cube nini lanininini. Ameni. (aiōn g165) **18**

Lumlayo ngiwunika wena, mntanami Timothi, njengeziprofetho ezenzakala kuqala ngawe, ukuze ngazo ulwe ukulwa okuhle, **19** ubamba ukholo lesazela esihle, abanye abasininayo, bachithekelwa ngumkhumbi mayelana lokholo; **20** okukubo uHimeneyo loAleksandro, engibanikele kuSathane, ukuze bafunde ukuthi bangahlambazi.

2 Ngakho kuqala kukho konke ngikhuthaza ukuthi ukunxusa, imikhuleko, ukulabhela, ukubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke; **2** amakhosi, labo bonke abayizophathamandla, ukuze siche impilo elokuthula lepholileyo kukho konke ukukhonza uNkulunkulu lenhlonipho; **3** ngoba lokhu kuhle kuyemukeleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, **4** ofuna ukuthi bonke abantu basindiswe njalo beze elwazini lweqiniso. **5** Ngoba munye uNkulunkulu, njalo munye umlamuli phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu uKristu Jesu, **6** owazinikela yena ukuba lihlawulo labo bonke, ubufakazi ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo, **7** mina engamiselwa khona ukuba ngumtshumayeli lomphostoli (ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga) umfundisi wabezizwe ekholweni leqinisweni. **8** Ngakho ngifisa ukuthi amadoda akhuleke kuyo yonke indawo, ephakamisa izandla

ezingcwele, engelalaka lokuxabana. **9** Ngokunjalo labesifazana bazicecise ngezigqoko ezifaneleyo, lenhloniph o lokuqonda, kungabi ngenwele ezelukiwego, kumbe igolide, kumbe amapharele, kumbe izembatho ezidulayo, **10** kodwa, okufanele abesifazana abathi bakhonza uNkulunkulu, ngemisebenzi emihle.

11 Owesifazana kafunde ngokuthula ekuzithobeni konke. **12** Kodwa kangivumeli owesifazana ukuthi afundise, kumbe abe lamandla phezu kowesilisa, kodwa abe ekuthuleni. **13** Ngoba uAdamu wabunjwa kuqala, emva kwalokho uEva; **14** futhi uAdamu kakohlisiswanga, kodwa owesifazana esekohlisiwe waba sesiphambekweni, **15** kodwa uzasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana, uba behlala ekholweni lethandweni lebungcweleni kanye lokuqonda.

3 Lithembekile ilizwielithi: Uba umuntu efisa isikhundla sombonisi, ufisa umsebenzi omuhle; **2** ngakho kumele ukuthi umbonisi abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda yomfazi munye, ozithintayo, oqondileyo, oziphatha ngokufaneleyo, ophatha kuhle izihambi, olelisu lokufundisa; **3** angabi yisidakwa, angabi ngothanda ukulwa, anganxwaneli inzozo embi, kodwa abe mnene, angabi ngothanda ukuxabana, angabi ngothanda imali; **4** ephatha kuhle owakhe umuzi, elabantwana abalalela ngenhloniph yonke, **5** ngoba uba umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha owakhe umuzi, angaligcina njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu? **6** Kangabi ngosanda ukukholwa, hlezi ngokukhukhunyezwa awele ekulahlweni kukadiyabhola. **7** Kumele futhi ukuthi abe lobufakazi obuhle kwabangaphandle, hlezi awele ekuthukweni lemjibileni kadiyabhola. **8** Ngokunjalo abadikoni bahlonipheke, bangabi ndimimbili, bangananzi iwayini elinengi, bangafisi inzozo embi, **9** babambe imfihlo yokholo esazeleni esimhlophe. **10** Laba-ke

kabaqale bahlolwe, okulandelayo kabakhonze uba bengasoleki.

11 Ngokunjalo omkabo babe ngabahloniphekayo, abanganyeyiyo, abazithintayo, bethembekile ezintweni zonke. **12** Abadikoni kababe ngamadoda amfazi munye, aphatha kuhle abantwana leyawo imizi. **13** Ngoba abakhonze kuhle bazizuzela isimilo esihle, lesibindi esikhulu ekholweni olukuKristu Jesu. **14** Lezizinto ngikubhalela zona, ngithemba ukuza kuwe masinyane; **15** kodwa uba ngibambeka, ukuze wazi ukuthi kufanele uziphathe njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, elibandla likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso. **16** Kuyavunywa-ke ukuthi yinkulu imfihlo yokukhonza uNkulunkulu: UNkulunkulu wabonakaliswa enyameni, wathiwa ulungile kuMoya, wabonwa zingilos, watshunyayelwa ezizweni, wakholeka emhlabeni, wenyuselwa ebukhosini.

4 UMoya-ke utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokucina abanye bazahlehlela nyovane ekholweni, balalele omoya abaduhisayo lemfundiso zamadimoni, **2** ekuzenziseni kwabaqambilanga, bethiswe kwezabo izazela ngensimbi ethisayo, **3** besalela ukuthathana, bezila ukudla uNkulunkulu akudalileyo ekwemukelweni lokubonga ngabakholwayo labazi iqiniso; **4** ngoba sonke isidalwa sikaNkulunkulu sihle, kakulahlwa lutho, uba lwemukelwa kanye lokubonga; **5** ngoba luyangcweliswa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu langomkhuleko. **6** Uba ubeluleka lezizinto abazalwane uzakuba yisikhonzi esihle sikaJesu Kristu, wondliwe emazwini okholo, lawemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo ngokunanzelela. **7** Kodwa wale inganekwane ezimbi lezezalukazi. Uzejwayeze ukukhonza uNkulunkulu; **8** ngoba ukwejwayeza umzimba kulokusiza okuncinyane; kodwa ukukhonza uNkulunkulu kusiza ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso sempilo yalamuhla

lezayo. **9** Lithembekile ilizwi njalo lifanele konke ukwemukelwa. **10** Ngoba ngalokho lathi siyasebenza nzima futhi siyathukwa ngoba sithembele kuNkulunkulu ophilayo onguMsindisi wabo bonke abantu, ikakhulu wabakholwayo. **11** Laya ngalezizinto ufundise. **12** Kungabi lamuntu odelela ubutsha bakho, kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo elizwini, ekuhambeni, ethandweni, emoyeni, ekholweni, ekuhlambulukeni. **13** Ngize ngifike, nanzelela ekubaleni, ekulayeni, ekufundiseni. **14** Ungadeleli isiphiwo esikuwe, owasiphiwa ngesiprofetho kanye lokubekwa izandla zobudala. **15** Nakana ngalezizinto, ube kulezizinto, ukuze ukuqhubeka kwakho kubonakale phakathi kwabo bonke. **16** Zinanjelele wena lemfundo. Hlala kulezizinto; ngoba ngokwenza lokho uzasisindisa wena kanye lalabo abakuzwayo.

5 Ungamkhalimeli omdala, kodwa meluleke njengoyihlo; abatsha njengabafowenu; **2** abesifazana abadala njengonyoko; abesifazana abatsha njengabodadewenu, ekuhlambulukeni konke. **3** Hlonipha abafelokazi abangabafelokazi isibili. **4** Kodwa uba umfelokazi othile elabantwana loba abazukulu, kabafunde kuqala ukuhlonipha indlu yakwabo, kabenanise umkhondo kubazali; ngoba lokhu kuhle kuyemukeleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Lowo-ke ongumfelokazi isibili osele yedwa uthembele kuNkulunkulu, uhlala ekunxuseni lemikhulekweni ebusuku lemini. **6** Kanti lowo ozinikela ekuzithokoziseni, ufile ephila. **7** Laya-ke ngalezizinto, ukuze bangasoleki. **8** Kodwa uba umuntu engondli abakibo, ikakhulu abendlu yakhe, uluphikile ukholo, futhi mubi kulongakholwayo. **9** Kangabalwa umfelokazi ongaphansi kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha, umfazi owake wenda endoden'i kanye, **10** onconywa ngemisebenzi emihle, uba ondle abantwana, uba engenise izihambi, uba

egezise inyawo zabangcwele, uba esize abahluphekayo, uba ekhuthalele wonke umsebenzi omuhle. **11** Kodwa abafelokazi abatsha ubale; ngoba nxa sebelenkanuko ezimelana loKristu, bafuna ukwenda; **12** balokulahlwa, ngoba bachithile ukholo lwabo lokuqala. **13** Futhi-ke ngesikhathi esifananayo bafunda ukuvilapha bezula lezindlu, futhi bengavilaphi kuphela, kodwa babuye bahlebe bengena kokungeyisikho okwabo, bekhulumza okungafanelanga. **14** Ngakho ngifisa ukuthi abafelokazi abatsha bende, bazale abantwana, baphathe umuzi wabo, banganiki isitha lathuba lokuthuka. **15** Ngoba lakhathesi abanye sebephambuke balandela uSathane. **16** Uba okholwayo owesilisa kumbe okholwayo owesifazana elabafelokazi, kabasize, njalo ibandla lingathwaliswa nzima, ukuze lisize abangabafelokazi isibili. **17** Abadala abaphatha kuhle bafanele ukuhlonitshwa ngokuphindiweyo, ikakhulu labo abasebenza nzima elizwini lekufundiseni; **18** ngoba umbhalo uthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi ebhulayo; futhi uthi: Isisebenzi sifanele iholo laso. **19** Ungalemukeli icala elimelana lomdala, ngaphandle phambi kwabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu. **20** Abonayo basole phambi kwabo bonke, ukuze abanye labo babe lokwesaba. **21** Ngiyakulayisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu leNkosi uJesu Kristu lengilosи ezikhethiweyo, ukuze uzigcine lezizinto ngokungaqumi ngaphambilи, ungenzi lutho ngokubandlulula. **22** Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla phezu komuntu, futhi ungahlanganyeli ezonweni zabanye; uzigcine wena umsulwa. **23** Ungabe usanatha amanzi wodwa, kodwa sebenzisa iwayini elilutshwana, ngenxa yesisu sakho lemikhuhlane yakho futhifuthi. **24** Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zibaqalela ukuya ekugwetshweni; kanti ezabanye

ziyalandela. **25** Ngokunjalo lemisebenzi emihle isobala; laleyo eyehlukileyo ingeke ifihlakale.

6 Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe, izigqili, kabathi amakhosi abo afanele konke ukuhlonitshwa, ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu lemfundiso kungahlanjazwa; **2** labalamakhosi akholwayo bangawadeleli, ngoba engabazalwane; kodwa kulalokhu kabawasebenzele, ngoba ekholwa njalo ethandeka, abahlanganyeli benzozo. Fundisa njalo ukhuthaze lezizinto. **3** Uba kukhona ofundisa okwehlukileyo, njalo engavumelani lamazwi aphilileyo, aweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, lemfundiso evumelana lokukhonza uNkulunkulu, **4** uyazikhukhumeza, engazi lutho, kodwa ubulawa yinkani lembibuzo lokuphikisana ngamazwi, okuvela kukho umona, umbango, ukuthuka, imicabango emibi, **5** ukuxabaxabana kwabantu abangqondo yabo yonakele, labalahlekelwe liqiniso, besithi ukukhonza uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yenzozo. Zehlukanise labanjalo. **6** Kodwa ukukhonza uNkulunkulu lokwenela kuyinzozo enkulu; **7** ngoba kasizanga lalutho emhlabeni; kusobala ukuthi kasiyikusuka lalutho; **8** kodwa uba silokudla lezembatho sizakweneliswa yikho. **9** Kodwa abafisa ukunotha bawela ekulingweni lemijibileni, lenkanukweni ezinengi zobuphukuphuku ezilimazayo, ezicwilisela abantu encithakalweni lekubhujisweni; **10** ngoba uthando lwemali luyimpande yakho konke okubi; abanye beyifisa, baduhile ekholweni, bazigwaza ngenhlungu ezinengi. **11** Kodwa wena, O muntu kaNkulunkulu, balekela lezizinto; njalo udingisise ukulunga, ukwesaba uNkulunkulu, ukholo, uthando, ukubekezelwa, ubumnene. **12** Lwana ukulwa okuhle kokholo, ubambelele empilweni ephakade, owabizelwa kuyo, wavuma uvumo oluhle phambi kwabafakazi abanengi. (aiōnios

g166) 13 Ngiyakulaya phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophilisa konke,
loKristu Jesu owafakaza uvumo oluhle phambi kukaPontiyusi
Pilatu, **14** ukuthi ugcine umthetho ungelasici, ungasoleki,
kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, **15**
ozakubonakalisa ngezakhe izikhathi obusisiwego loSomandla
oyedwa, iNkosi yamakhosi, loMbusi wababusi, **16** yena
yedwa olokungafi, ohlala ekukhanyeni okungelakusondelelwa,
akulamuntu ebantwini owambonayo, kumbe ongambona;
okukuye udumo lamandla aphakade. Ameni. (*aiōnios g166) 17*
Laya abanothileyo emhlabeni wakhathesi ukuthi bangazigqaji,
bangathembeli ekungaqondini kwenotho, kodwa kuNkulunkulu
ophilayo osipha ngokunotha zonke izinto ukuze sithokoze, (*aiōn*
g165) 18 benze okuhle, banothe emisebenzini emihle, balungele
ukupha, ukwabelana ngesihle, **19** bazibekelo isisekelo esihle
sibekelwa okuzayo, ukuze babambe impilo elaphakade. **20** O
Timothi, londoloza kuhle okubekwe kuwe, uxwaye ukukhuluma
okuyize okungcolileyo lokuphikisana kwalokho okuthiwa lulwazi
kungeyisilo, **21** okuthe abanye ngokukuvuma baduha ekholweni.
Umusa kawube lawe. Ameni.

2 KuThimothi

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, njengokwesithembiso sempilo ekuKristu Jesu, **2** kuTimothi, umntanami othandekayo: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, loKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. **3** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu, engimkhonzayo kusukela kubokhokho esazeleni esimhlophe, njengalokhu ngikukhumbula ngokungaphezi emikhulekweni yami ebusuku lemini, **4** ngilangatha ukukubona, ngikhumbula inyembezi zakho, ukuze ngigcwaliswe ngentokozo, **5** nxa ngibeka emkhumbulweni ukholo olungelakuzenzisa olukuwe, olwaluhlezi kugogo wakho uLoyisi kuqala lakunyoko uYunike, njalo ngithemba ukuthi luhkona lakuwe. **6** Ngenxa yalesisizatho ngiyakukhumbuza ukuthi uvuselele isipho sikaNkulunkulu, esikuwe ngokubekwa kwezandla zami. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasinikanga umoya wobugwala, kodwa owamandla lowothando lowokuqonda. **8** Ngakho ungabi lanhloni ngobufakazi beNkosi yethu, loba ngami isibotshwa sayo; kodwa kumele uhlupheke kanye levangeli njengamandla kaNkulunkulu, **9** owasisindisayo, njalo wasibiza ngobizo olungcwele, kungeyisikho njengemisebenzi yethu kodwa ngokwelakhe icebo langomusa, asinika wona kuKristu Jesu kungakafiki izibanga zezikhathi, (aiōnios g166) **10** kodwa oselubonakaliswe khathesi ngokubonakala koMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu, owachitha ukufa, waseletha ekukhanyeni impilo lokungabhubhi ngevangeli, **11** engamiselwa lona mina ukuba ngumtshumayeli lomphostoli lomfundisi wezizwe. **12** Ngenxa yalesisizatho lami ngiyahlupheka lezizinto, kodwa kangilanhloni; ngoba ngiyamazi engikholtwe kuye, njalo ngileqiniso ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye kuze kufike lolosuku. **13** Bambelela kusibonelo samazwi

aphilileyo owawezwayo kimi, ekholweni lethandweni olukuKristu Jesu. **14** Lokhu okuhle okuphathisiweyo kulondoloze ngoMoya oNgcwele ohlezi kithi. **15** Uyakwazi lokhu, ukuthi bonke abaseAsiya bangihlamuka, okukubo uFigelo loHermogene. **16** Sengathi iNkosi inganika umusa indlu kaOnesiforo; ngoba wangivuselela kanengi, njalo wayengelanloni ngeketane lami, **17** kodwa ekufikeni kwakhe eRoma, wangidingisisa kakhulu wasengithola; **18** sengathi iNkosi ingamnika ukuthi athole isihawu eNkosini ngalolosuku; lokuthi zingaki izinto angenzela zona eEfesu, uyakwazi wena kuhle kakhulu.

2 Ngakho wena, mntanami, qiniswa emuseni okuKristu Jesu. **2** Lezinto owazizwa kimi phakathi kwabafakazi abanengi, zinikele ebantwini abathembekileyo, abazakuba lamandla okufundisa labanye. **3** Ngakho wena hlupheka ngobunzima, njengebutho elihle likaJesu Kristu. **4** Kakho osebenza njengebutho okhanya zindaba zempilo, ukuze amkholise lowo ombuthileyo. **5** Futhi nxumuntu laye encintisana, kanikwa umqhele ngaphandle kokuthi encintisana ngokomthetho. **6** Kufanele umlimi osebenza kakhulu emukele kuqala izithelo. **7** Nakana ngezinto engizitshoyo; njalo sengathi iNkosi ingakunkika ukuqedisisa ezintweni zonke. **8** Khumbula ukuthi uJesu Kristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, owenzalo kaDavida, njengokwevangeli lami; **9** engihlupheka kulo okubi kuze kube kuzibopho, njengomenzi wobubi; kanti ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga. **10** Ngakho ngikubekezelele konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ukuze labo bazuze usindiso olukuKristu Jesu, kanye lobukhosи obuphakade. (aiōnios g166) **11** Lithembekile ilizwi elithi: Ngoba uba safra kanye laye, sizaphila kanye laye futhi; **12** uba sibekezelala, lathi sizabusa kanye laye; uba simphika, laye uzasiphika; **13** uba singathembeki,

yena uhlala ethembekile; angeziphike yena. **14** Bakhumbuze lezizinto, ulayisise phambi kweNkosi ukungaphikisi ngamazwi kokungasizi lutho, kodwa ekuduhiweni kwabezwayo. **15** Khuthalela ukuthi uhiveze kuNkulunkulu uthembekile, isisebenzi esingelambangela yokuba lenhloni, esiqondisa kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. **16** Kodwa xwaya ukukhuluma okungcolileyo okuyize; ngoba bazaqhube ka ekungamesabini uNkulunkulu okukhulu, **17** lelizwi labo lizabhibhidla okwemvukuzane; okukubo uHimeneyo loFileto; **18** abaduhileyo eqinisweni, besithi ukuvuka kwabafileyo sekudlule, begenqula ukholo lwabanye. **19** Loba kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu simi siqinile, silaloluphawu lokuthi: INkosi iyabazi abangabayo, lokuthi: Wonke obiza ibizo likaKristu kehlukane lokungalungi. **20** Kodwa endlini enkulu kakukho izitsha zegolide lezesiliva kuphela, kodwa lezesihlahla lezebumba, njalo ezinye ngezenhlonipho, kodwa ezinye ngezokungahlonitshwa. **21** Ngakho uba umuntu ezihlambulula kulezizinto, uzakuba yisitsha senhlonipho, esingcweliwiweyo, njalo esilosizo kumninindlu, sesilungiselwe wonke umsebenzi omuhle. **22** Balekela-ke inkano yobutsha, kodwa udingisise ukulunga, ukholo, uthando, ukuthula kanye labo ababiza iNkosi kuvela enhliziyweni emhlophe. **23** Kodwa yala ukuphikisana okobuthutha lokokungafundi, usazi ukuthi kubanga ukulwa. **24** Inceku yeNkosi-ke kayifanele ukulwisa, kodwa ukuba mnene kubo bonke, ibe lelisu lokufundisa, ibekezele, **25** ibeluleke ngobumnene abalenkanji; mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angabanika ukuphenduka baye kulwazi lweqiniso, **26** njalo basanguluke kumjibila kadiyabhola, ababanjwe nguye entandweni yakhe.

3 Kodwa yazi lokhu, ukuthi ensukwini zokucina kuzafika izikhathi ezinzima. **2** Ngoba abantu bazakuba

ngabazithandayo, abathanda imali, abazikhukhumezayo,
abazigqajayo, abahlambazayo, abangalaleli abazali,
abangabongiyo, abangangcwele, **3** abangelathando ngemvelo,
abangelakuxoliswa, abahlebayo, abangazikhuziyo, abalolaka,
abangathandi okuhle, **4** abanikela abanye, abalamawala,
abazikhukhumezayo, abathanda intokozo kulokuthanda
uNkulunkulu, **5** abalesimo sokukhonza uNkulunkulu, kodwa
amandla akho bewaphika; labanjalo baxwaye. **6** Ngoba
okuvela kubo labo ngabanyenyela ezindlini, njalo bathumbe
abesifazana ababuthakathaka abasindwa yizono, bebuswa
zinkanuko eziyinhlobonhlobo, **7** befunda njalonjalo, futhi
bengasoze babelakho ukufika elwazini lweqiniso. **8** Njengoba-
ke uJanesi loJambere bamelana loMozisi, ngokunjalo lalaba
bamelana leqiniso, abantu abalengqondo eyonakeleyo,
abangasizi lutho mayelana lokholo. **9** Kodwa kabayikuqhubeckela
phambili; ngoba ubuthutha babo buzakuba sobala kubo
bonke, njengoba kwaba njalo lakobabo. **10** Kodwa wena
ulandele ngokunanzelela imfundiso yami, ukuziphatha, injongo,
ukholo, ukubekezelala, uthando, ukujinisela, **11** ukuzingelwa,
izinhlupheko, njengalokhu okwangehlela eAntiyoki, elkoniyuma,
eListra, ukuzingelwa okunjani engakuthwalayo; njalo kukho
konke iNkosi yangophula. **12** Isibili labo bonke abathanda
ukuphila ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu bazazingelwa;
13 kodwa abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazaqhubeckela phambili
bedlulisa ebubini, bekohlisa njalo bekohliswa. **14** Kodwa
wena mana kulezozinto ozifundileyo lowaqiniseka kuzo, usazi
ukuthi uzifunde kubani, **15** lokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni
wayazi imibhalo engcwele, elamandla okukuhlakaniphisa kube
sesindisweni ngokholo olukuKristu Jesu. **16** Wonke umbhalo

waphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu, njalo ulungele imfundiso, ukukhalimela, ukuqondisa, ukufundisa okusekulungeni; 17 ukuze umuntu kaNkulunkulu aphelele, alungisiselwe wonke umsebenzi omuhle.

4 Ngakho mina ngiyalayisisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, leNkosi uJesu Kristu, ozakwahlulela abaphilayo labafileyo, ekubonakalen i kwakhe lembusweni wakhe, 2 tshumayela ilizwi, ulunge ngesikhathi esilungileyo, ngesikhathi esingalunganga, sola, ukuze, weluleke, ekubekezeleni konke lemfundisweni. 3 Ngoba kuzakuba lesikhathi lapho bengayikuvuma imfundiso ephilileyo, kodwa ngokowabo umhawu bazazibuthelelela abafundisi, belunywa zindlebe; 4 njalo bazafulathelisa indlebe zabo eqinisweni, bazaphambukela ezinganekwaneni. 5 Kodwa wena qonda ezintweni zonke, ubekezelele inhlupheko, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, ugcwalise inkonzo yakho. 6 Ngoba mina sengithululwe njengomnikelo wokunathwayo, lesikhathi sokusuka kwami sesifikile. 7 Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, ngiqedile uhambo, ngilondolozile ukholo; 8 kusukela khathesi, ngibekelwe umqhele wokulunga, ezanginika wona ngalolosuku iNkosi, umahluleli olungileyo; kodwa kungeyisimi ngedwa, kodwa labo bonke abathanda ukubonakala kwayo. 9 Khuthala ukuza kimi masinyane; 10 ngoba uDema ungihamukile, ethande umhlaba wakhathesi, waya eThesalonika; uKresena eGalathiya, uTitosi eDalmathiya. (aiōn g165) 11 ULuka yedwa ulami. Thatha uMarko ubuye laye; ngoba uloncedo kakhulu kimi enkonzwensi. 12 Kodwa uTikiko ngimthume eEfesu. 13 Ulethe isembatho engasitshiya kuKarpo eTrowasi, nxa ubuya, lezingwalo, ikakhulu incwadi zesikhumba. 14 UAleksandro umkhandi wethusi wangitshengisa okubi okunengi; sengathi iNkosi ingambuyisela

njengokwemisebenzi yakhe; **15** umxwaye lawe, ngoba wamelana kakhulukazi lamazwi ethu. **16** Ekuziphenduleleni kwami kwakuqala kwakungekho muntu owangimelayo, kodwa bonke bangihlamuka; sengathi kungebalelwe kubo. **17** Kodwa iNkosi yangimela, yangipha amandla, ukuze ngami ukutshumayela kupheleliswe, lezizwe zonke zizwe; ngasengikhululwa emlonyeni wesilwane, **18** njalo iNkosi izangikhulula kuwo wonke umsebenzi omubi, njalo izangisindisela umbuso wayo wezulu; kakube kuyo ubukhosu kuze kube phakade laphakade. Ameni. (*aiōn g165*) **19**

Bingelela uPriska loAkwila, lendlu kaOnesiforo. **20** UErastu wasala eKorinte; kodwa uTrofimu ngamtshiya eMilethu egula. **21** Khuthala urike ubusika bungakafiki. UYubulu uyakubingelela, loPudeni, loLino, loKlawudiya, labo bonke abazalwane. **22** INkosi uJesu Kristu kayibe lomoya wakho. Umusa kawube lani. Ameni.

KuThithusi

1 UPawuli, inceku kaNkulunkulu, lomphostoli kaJesu Kristu, njengokokholo lwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu lolwazi lweqiniso olunjengokukhonza uNkulunkulu, 2 ethembeni lempilo elaphakade, uNkulunkulu ongaqambi manga alithembisa zingakafiki izibanga zesikhathi, (aiōnios g166) 3 kodwa wabonakalisa ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo ilizwi lakhe ngokutshumayela mina engakuphathiswayo njengokulaya kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, 4 kuTitosi umntanami isibili njengokholo esiluhlanganyelesonke: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosini uJesu Kristu uMsindisi wethu. 5 Ngenxa yalokhu ngakutshiya eKrete, ukuze ulungise lezozinto eziseleyo, njalo ubeke abadala kuwo wonke umuzi, njengoba mina ngakulaya; 6 uba kukhona ongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi munye, elabantwana abakholwayo, abangasolwa ngokuganga, loba ngokungalaleli. 7 Ngoba kufanele umberoni abe ngongasolekiyo, njengomphathindlu kaNkulunkulu; ongayisiso siqholo, ongathukutheli masinyane, ongesiso sidakwa, ongathandi ukulwa, ongafisi inzuzo embi, 8 kodwa ophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda okuhle, oziphathayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele, ozithintayo, 9 ebambelela elizwini elithembekileyo njengokwemfundiso, ukuze laye abe lamandla okukhuthaza ngemfundiso ephilileyo, lokwehlula labo abalenkani. 10 Ngoba kulabanengi labo abangalaleliyo, abakhulumka okuyize labakhohlisayo, ikakhulu labo abokusoka, 11 imilomo yabo imele ukufakwa isayeke, abagenqula imizi yonke, befundisa izinto ezingafanelanga, ngenxa yenzuzo embi. 12 Omunye kubo, owabo umprofethi, wathi: AmaKrete ahlezi engabaqambimanga, izilo ezimbi, iziminzi ezivilaphayo. 13

Lobubufakazi buqinisile. Ngalesosizatho balayisise ngobukhali, ukuze baphile ekholweni, **14** bangalaleli inganekwane zamaJuda, lemithetho yabantu abafulathela iqiniso. **15** Kwabahlambulukileyo konke kuhlambulukile; kodwa kwabangcolileyo labangakholwayo kakulalutho oluhlanzekileyo; kodwa lengqondo lezazela zabo kungcolile. **16** Bavuma ukuthi bayamazi uNkulunkulu, kodwa bemphika ngezenzo, besenyanyeka, labangalaleliyo, lakuwo wonke umsebenzi omuhle kabasizi lutho.

2 Kodwa wena khuluma izinto ezifanele imfundiso ephilileyo. **2** Amadoda amadala ukuthi azithinte, ahlonipheke, engaqondileyo, ephilile ekholweni, ethandweni, ekubekezeleni; **3** abesifazana abadala ngokunjalo ukuthi baziphathe ngokufanele abangcwele, bangabi ngabahlebayo, bangafuywa liwayini elinengi, abafundisi bokuhle, **4** ukuze bafundise abesifazana abatsha ukuthi baqonde, babengabathandi babomkabo, bathande abantwana babo, **5** abaqondileyo, bemhlophe, begcina amakhaya, belungile, bezehlisela ngaphansi kwawabo amadoda, ukuze ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lingadunyazwa. **6** Abesilisa abatsha ngokunjalo ubakhuthaze ukuthi babe ngabaqondileyo; **7** mayelana lazo zonke izinto zitshengise uyisibonelo sezenzo ezinhle: Ekufundiseni okungabolanga, ubunzulu, ukuqonda, **8** ilizwi eliphilileyo, elingasolekiyo; ukuze omelana lani abe lenhloni, aswele ulutho olubi angalukhuluma ngani. **9** Khuthaza izigqili ukuthi zizehlisele ngaphansi kwawazo amakhosi, zikholeke ezintweni zonke, zingaphikisi, **10** zingantshontshi, kodwa zitshengise konke ukuthembeka okuhle, ukuze zicecise imfundiso kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ezintweni zonke. **11** Ngoba ubonakele umusa kaNkulunkulu osindisayo ebantwini bonke, **12** usifundisa ukuthi, sidele ukungakhonzi uNkulunkulu lenkanuko

zomhlaba, siphile ngokuqonda langokulunga langokwesaba
uNkulunkulu emhlabeni wakhathesi, (aiōn g165) 13 silindele
ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu
omkhulu loMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu, 14 owazinikelela
thina, ukuze asihlenge ebubini bonke, azihlambululele isizwe
esikhethekileyo, esitshisekela imisebenzi emihle. 15 Khuluma
lezizinto, ukhuthaze, ukhuze ulamandla wonke. Kungabi khona
umuntu okudelelayo.

3 Bakhumbuze ukuthi bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi
leziphathamandla, babalalele, balungele wonke umsebenzi
omuhle, 2 bangahlebi muntu, bangabi yizilwi, babekezele,
batshengise bonke ubumnene ebantwini bonke. 3 Ngoba lathi
kade sasiyiziphukuphuku, singalaleli, sikhohliswa, sisebenzela
inkanuko lentokozo ezinengenengi, siphila ebubini lemoneni,
sizondeka, sizondana. 4 Kodwa lapho sekubonakele umusa
lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu kubantu, 5 kungeyisikho
okuvela ezenzweni zokulunga esazenzayo thina, kodwa
njengokwesihawu sakhe wasisindisa, ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa
kutsha lokuvuselelwyo koMoya oNgcwele, 6 owamthulula
ngokwengezelelweyo phezu kwethu, ngoJesu Kristu uMsindisi
wethu, 7 ukuze silungisiswe ngomusa wakhe, sibe yizindlalifa
ngokwethemba lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 8 Lithembekile
ilizwi, njalo ngithanda ukuthi uqinise isibili ngalezizinto, ukuze
abakholwa kuNkulunkulu bakhuthalele ukuma emisebenzini
emihle. Lezi yizinto ezinhle ezilosizo ebantwini; 9 kodwa xwaya
imibuzo yobuthutha lendaba zosendo olukuzalana lombango
lokuphikisana ngomlayo; ngoba kazisizi futhi ziyize. 10 Umuntu
obhazukayo emva kwesilayo sokuqala lesesibili, mdele, 11
usazi ukuthi onjalo uphambukile, uyona, uyzilahla yena. 12

Nxa ngizathuma uArtema kuwe loba uTikiko, khuthala uze
kimi eNikapoli; ngoba ngizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika. **13**
Khuthala uncedise uZena isazumthetho loApolosi ekuhambeni
kwabo, ukuze kungabi lalutho oluswelakalayo kubo. **14** Abakithi-
ke labo kabafunde ukuma emisebenzini emihle yokudingekayo
kusweleka, ukuze bangabi ngabangelazithelo. **15** Bonke abalami
bayakubingelela. Bingelela abasithandayo ekholweni. Umusa
kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

UFilimoni

1 UPawuli isibotshwa sikaKristu Jesu loTimothi umzalwane, kuFilimoni othandekayo lesisebenzi kanye lathi, **2** lakuApifiya othandekayo, lakuArkiph owebutho kanye lathi, lakubandla elisendlini yakho: **3** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **4** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami, ngikuphatha ngezikathathi zonke emikhulekweni yami, **5** ngisizwa ngothando lwakho langokholo olalo eNkosini uJesu lakubo bonke abangcwele, **6** ukuze ukuhlanganyela kokholo lwakho kube lamandla elwazini lwento yonke enhle ekini kuKristu Jesu. **7** Ngoba silentokozo enkulu lenduduzo ethandweni lwakho, ngoba imibilini yabangcwele yavuselew ngawe, mzalwane. **8** Ngalokho, lanxa ngilesibindi esikhulu kuKristu sokuthi ngikulaye into efaneleyo, **9** kanti ngenxa yothando kungcono ukuthi ngincenge, nginjengonje, uPawuli omdala, esengiyisibotshwa futhi sikaJesu Kristu. **10** Ngiyakuncenga ngomntanami, engimzeleyo kuzibopho zami, uOnesimo, **11** okade engelasizo kuwe, kodwa khathesi-ke ulosizo kuwe lakimi, **12** engimbuiyisela kuwe; kodwa wena, memukele, okuyikuthi imibilini yami; **13** ebengifisa mina ukumbamba abe lami, ukuze angisebenzele esikhundleni sakho kuzibopho zevangeli; **14** kodwa kangithandanga ukwenza ulutho ngaphandle kwemvumo yakho, ukuze okuhle kwakho kungabi ngokokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa njengokwesihle. **15** Ngoba mhlawumbe wehlukaniswa lawe okwesikhatsana ngenxa yalokhu, ukuze ubuye umemukele phakade; (*aiōnios g166*) **16** angabe esaba njengesigqili, kodwa ngaphezu kwestigqili, umzalwane othandekayo, ikakhulu kimi, kodwa kakhlulu kangakanani kuwe konke enyameni leNkosini. **17** Ngakho uba usithi ngingumhlanganyeli lawe, memukele

njengami. **18** Kodwa uba ekone ngolutho kumbe elomlandu, lokho kubalele kimi; **19** mina Pawuli ngibhale ngesandla sami, mina ngizahlawula; ukuthi ngingatsho kuwe ukuthi lawe uqobo ulomlandu oseleyo kimi. **20** Yebo, mzalwane, sengathi ngingaba lentokozo ngawe eNkosini; uvuselele imibilini yami eNkosini. **21** Ngikubhalele ngithemba ukulalela kwakho, ngisazi ukuthi lawe uzakwenza okungaphezu kwalokho engikutshoyo. **22** Futhi ngesikhathi esifananayo ungilungisele lami indawo yokuhlala; ngoba ngiyathemba ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu ngizanikwa kini. **23** Uyakubingelela uEpafra oyisibotshwa kanye lami kuKristu Jesu, **24** uMarko, uAristako, uDema, uLuka, izisebenzi kanye lami. **25** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lomoya wenu. Ameni.

KumaHebheru

1 UNkulunkulu owakhulumu endulo kubobaba ngabaprofethi
ngezigaba ngezigaba langendlela ezinengi, **2** kulezinsuku
zokucina ukhulume kithi ngeNdodana, ayimise ibe yindlalifa
yezinto zonke, owadala ngayo futhi imihlaba, (aiōn g165) **3** yona
eyikubenyezela kwenkazimulo, lomfuziselo uqobo wobukhona
bakhe, njalo ithwele izinto zonke ngelizwi lamandla ayo, lapho
isiyenzile ngokwayo ukuhlanjululwa kwezonzo zethu, yahlala
phansi ngakwesokunene soBukhulu obuphezulu, **4** isiyenziwe
yaphakama kakhulu kulezingilos, njengalokhu izuze ilifa lebizo
elikhulu kulalezo. **5** Ngoba kukuyiphi yezingilos ake watsho kuyo
ukuthi: Wena uyiNdodana yami, mina lamuhla ngikuzele? Lokuthi
futhi: Mina ngizakuba nguYise kiyo, yona-ke ibe yiNdodana
kimi? **6** Futhi mhla ephinda eletha olizibulo emhlabeni, uthi:
Lengilos zonke zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze. **7** Lakuzingilos
uthi: Owenza ingilos zakhe imimoya, lenceku zakhe ilangabi
lomlilo; **8** kodwa eNdodaneni uthi: Isihlalo sakho sobukhos,
Nkulunkulu, singesaphakade laphakade; intonga yombuso
wakho yintonga yokulunga. (aiōn g165) **9** Uthandile ukulunga,
wazonda ububi; ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu
wakho ukugcobile ngamagcobo entokozo kulabanakwenu. **10**
Lokuthi: Wena Nkosi, ekuqaleni wasekela umhlaba, lamazulu
ayimisebenzi yezandla zakho; **11** kuzabhubha lokho, kodwa
wena umi njalonjalo; futhi kuzaguga konke njengesigqoko, **12**
lanjengesembatho uzakugoqa, kuzaphendulwa-ke; kodwa wena
unguwe unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela. **13** Kukuyiphi-ke
yezingilos ake atsho kuyo ukuthi: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami,
ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho?

14 Kazisibo yini zonke omoya abasebenzayo abathunyelwe ukukhonza ngenxa yalabo abazakudla ilifa losindiso?

2 Ngenxa yalokhu kufanele siqaphelisise izinto esizizwileyo, hlezi mhlawumbe sikhukhulwe. **2** Ngoba uba ilizwi elakhulunywa zingilosi laqiniseka, lakho konke ukuphambuka lokungalaleli kwemukela ukuphindisela ngokufaneleyo, **3** thina sizaphepha njani uba sidelela usindiso olungaka? Olwaqala ukukhulunywa yiNkosi, Iwaqiniswa kithi yilabo abayizwayo, **4** uNkulunkulu efakaza kanye labo ngezibonakaliso lezimangaliso, lemisebenzi yamandla eyizinhlobonhlobo, lokwabelwa kukaMoya oNgcwele, njengokwentando yakhe. **5** Ngoba kehliselanga ngaphansi kwezingilosi ilizwe elizayo, esikhulumha ngalo. **6** Kodwa omunye ufakazile endaweni ethile esithi: Umuntu uyini, ukuthi umkhumbule, kumbe indodana yomuntu, ukuthi uyinanze? **7** Wamenza waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi; wamethwesa umqhele wenkazimulo lodumo; wammisa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho; **8** izinto zonke wazehlisela ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Ngoba ekwehliseni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, katshiyanga lutho olungehliselwanga kuye. Kodwa khathesi kasikaziboni izinto zonke zehliselwe kuye. **9** Kodwa siyambona uJesu, owenziwa waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi, ngenxa yenhlupheko yokufa, etheswe umqhele wobukhosu lodumo, ukuze ngomusa kaNkulunkulu azwele wonke ukufa. **10** Ngoba kwakumfanele, ezikhona zonke izinto ngenxa yakhe, lezikhana zonke ngaye, ukuthi, lapho eletha abantwana abanengi enkazimulweni, amphelelise umkhokheli wosindiso lwabo ngezinhlupheko. **11** Ngoba lalowo ongcwelisayo labangcwelisiweyo, bonke bavela koyedwa; ngalesosizatho kalanhloni ukubabiza ngokuthi ngabafowabo, **12** esithi:

Ngizatshumayela ibizo lakho kubafowethu, ngizakuhlabelela indumiso phakathi kwebandla. **13** Futhi-ke: Mina ngizathemba kuye. Futhi-ke: Khangela mina labantwana uNkulunkulu anginike bona. **14** Ngakho njengoba abantwana behlanganyelete inyama legazi, laye uqobo wahlanganyela khona lokho, ukuze ngokufa amchithe yena obelamandla okufa, ongudiyabhola, **15** abakhulule labo bonke abathi ngokwesaba ukufa impilo yabo yonke babebanjwe ebugqilini. **16** Ngoba isibili kazithatheli izingilos, kodwa uzithathela inzalo kaAbrahama. **17** Ngenxa yalokho kwamfanelu ukuthi abe njengabafowabo kuzo zonke izinto, ukuze abe ngumpriсти omkhulu olesihawu lothembekileyo ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukuze enze inhlawulo yokuthula ngezono zabantu. **18** Ngoba kulokhu ahlupheke kukho yena uqobo elingwa, ulamandla okusiza abalingwayo.

3 Ngakho, bazalwane abangcwele, bahlanganyeli bobizo lwasezulwini, qaphelani umphostoli lompristi omkhulu wovumo lwethu, uKristu Jesu, **2** othembekile kulowo owammisayo, njengoMozisi laye wayenjalo endlini yakhe yonke. **3** Ngoba kwathiwa lo ufanele udumo olukhulu kuloMozisi, njengoba ulodumo olukhulu kulendlu ayakhileyo. **4** Ngoba yonke indlu yakhiwa ngothile; kodwa owakha izinto zonke nguNkulunkulu. **5** UMozisi kambe wayethembekile endlini yakhe yonke njengenceku, kuze kube yibufakazi bezinto ebezizakhulunywa; **6** kodwa uKristu njengendodana phezu kwendlu yakhe; esiyindlu yakhe thina, uba-ke sibambelela ngokuqina isibindi lokuziqhenya kwethemba kuze kube sekupheleni. **7** Ngakho njengoba uMoya oyiNgcwele esithi: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe, **8** lingazensi zibe lukhuni inhlizijo zenu, njengekucunuleni, ngosuku lokulingwa enkangala, **9** lapho oyihlo bangilinga, bengihlola,

basebebona imisebenzi yami okweminyaka engamatshumi amane; **10** ngakho ngasithukuthelela lesosizukulwana, ngathi: Bayaduha kokuphela enhliziyeni; lalaba kabazazanga indlela zami; **11** ngaze ngafunga ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami. **12** Nanzelani, bazalwane, hlezi kuzakuba khona loba nini phakathi komunye wenu inhliyo embi yokungakholwa, ekuduheni kuNkulunkulu ophilayo; **13** kodwa khuthazanani insuku ngensuku, kusathiwa lamuhla, ukuze kungabi khona kini owenziwa lukhuni ngenkohliso yesono; **14** ngoba sesibe ngabahlanganyeli bakaKristu, ubake sibambisia isiqalo sokujiniseka kuze kube sekupheleni; **15** kusathiwa: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliyo zenu, njengekucunuleni. **16** Ngoba abanye sebezwile bathukuthelisa, kodwa kakusibo bonke labo abaphuma eGibhithe ngoMozisi. **17** Kodwa ngobani athukutheliswa yibo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane? Kakusibo labo abonayo yini, abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala? **18** Ngobani-ke afunga kubo ukuthi kabazukungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe, ngaphandle kwalabo abangalalelanga? **19** Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengelakungena ngenxa yokungakholwa.

4 Ngakho, kasesabe, hlezi, lapho sisekhona isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe, kube khona omunye wenu obonakala esehluleka ukufinyelela kukho; **2** ngoba lathi satshunyayezwa ivangeli, lanjengabo; kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo kalibasizanga bona, lokhu lingahlangananga lokholo kulabo abalizwayo; **3** ngoba thina esikholwayo siyangena ekuphumuleni, njengoba watsho ukuthi: Njengoba ngifungile ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami; lanxa imisebenzi yayiqediwe kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba. **4**

Ngoba utshilo kwenye indawo ngosuku lwasikhombisa kanje:
UNkulunkulu wasephumula ngosuku lwasikhombisa emisebenzini
yakhe yonke; **5** lakulindawo uthi futhi: Kabayikungena
ekuphumuleni kwami. **6** Ngakho lokhu kusalele ukuthi
abanye bangene kukho, lalabo abatshunyayezwa ivangeli
kuqala kabangenanga ngokungalaleli, **7** ubuya aqume usuku
oluthile athi: Lamuhla, utsho ngoDavida, emva kwasikhathi
esingaka, njengokwatshiwo ukuthi: Lamuhla uba lizalizwa
ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu. **8** Ngoba
uba uJoshuwa wayebaphumuzile, wayengayikukhuluma emva
kwalokhu ngolunye usuku. **9** Ngakho kubasalele abantu
bakaNkulunkulu ukuphumula kwesabatha. **10** Ngoba ongenileyo
ekuphumuleni kwakhe laye usephumule emisebenzini yakhe,
njengoNkulunkulu kweyakhe. **11** Ngakho asikhuthalele ukungena
kulokhokuphumula, ukuze kungabi lowela kulesisibonelo
sokungalaleli. **12** Ngoba ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liphilile, lilamandla,
libukhali kulaloba yiyiphi inkemba esika nhlangothi zombili, lihlaba
kuze kube sekwehlukanisweni komphefumulo lomoya, lamalunga
lomnkantsho, njalo lingumhloli okhaliphileyo wemicabango
lezizindlo zenhliziyo. **13** Futhi kakulalutho oludaliweyo
olungabonakaliyo phambi kwakhe; kodwa zonke izinto zembuliwe
zisobala emehlwani akhe esilokuzilanda kuye. **14** Ngakho
lokhu silompristi omkhulu kakhulu, odlulele emazulwini, uJesu
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, asibambelele kusivumo sethu. **15** Ngoba
kasilaye umpristi omkhulu ongelakuzwelana lobuthakathaka
bethu, kodwa owalingwa kukho konke njengathi, engelasono. **16**
Ngakho kasisondele ngesibindi esihlalweni sobukhosи somusa,
ukuze semukele isihawu, sithole umusa wosizo ngesikhathi
esifaneleyo.

5 Ngoba wonke umpristi omkhulu, okhethwa ebantwini, umiselwa abantu ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukuze anikele izipho lemihlatshelo ngenxa yezono; **2** ongababekezelela abangaziyo labaduhayo, lokhu laye egonjolozelwe yibuthakathaka; **3** njalo ngenxa yalokhu kufanele ukuthi anikelele izono, njengokwabantu, kunjalo langokwakhe. **4** Futhi kakulamuntu ozithathela le inhlonipho, kodwa obizwa nguNkulunkulu, lanjengoAroni. **5** Ngokunjalo loKristu kazidumisanga yena ukuba ngumpristi omkhulu, kodwa lowo owathi kuye: Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla mina ngikuzele. **6** Njengoba esitsho futhi kwenye indawo ukuthi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube phakade ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. (aiōn g165) **7** Owathi ensukwini zenyama yakhe, esenikele imikhuleko kanye lokunxusa elokukhala okukhulu langezinyembezi kuye olamandla okumsindisa ekufeni, futhi wezwiwa ngenxa yokwesaba kwakhe uNkulunkulu, **8** lobeyiNdodana, wafunda ukulalela ezintweni ahlupheka ngazo, **9** esepeheleliwi waba yisisusa sosindiso olulaphakade kubo bonke abamlalelayo; (aiōnios g166) **10** ebizwa nguNkulunkulu ngokuthi ungumpristi omkhulu ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. **11** Esilokunengi esingakutsho ngaye futhi okulukhuni ukulichasisela, lokhu selaba buthundu ekuzweni. **12** Ngoba lapho ebelifanele ukuba ngabafundisi, ngenxa yesikhathi, liswela futhi ukuthi kube khona olifundisayo, ukuthi ziyni izimiso zakuqala zamazwi kaNkulunkulu; selingabafanele uchago, kungeyisikho-ke ukudla okuqinileyo. **13** Ngoba wonke odla uchago kalalwazi olupheleleyo elizwini lokulunga; ngoba uyingane. **14** Kodwa ukudla okuqinileyo kungokwabakhulileyo, asebesebenzise izingqondo ngokwejwayela ekwehlukaniseni konke okuhle lokubi.

6 Ngakho, sitshiya izinto zakuqala zemfundiso kaKristu, kasiqhubekele kokupheleleyo, singabeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka emisebenzini efileyo, lesokholo kuNkulunkulu, **2** esefundiso yobhabbhathizo, lesokubeka izandla, lesokuvuka kwabafileyo, lesokwahluelwa okulaphakade. (*aiōnios g166*) **3**

Lalokhu sizakwenza, nxa uNkulunkulu evuma. **4** Ngoba kakulakwenzeka ukuthi labo asebake bakhanyiswa, banambitha isipho sezulwini, baba ngabahlanganyeli bakaMoya oNgcwele, **5** banambitha ilizwi elihle likaNkulunkulu, lamandla elizwe elizayo, (*aiōn g165*) **6** basebehlamuka, labo-ke ukuthi babuye bavuselwe ekuphendukeni, lokhu bephinda bezibethelela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, beyithela ihlazo obala; **7** ngoba umhlabathi onatha izulu elifika kanengi phezu kwawo, ubusumilisa imibhida ebasizayo labo olinywa yibo, wemukela isibusiso esivela kuNkulunkulu; **8** kodwa lowo oveza ameva lokhula oluhlabayo, uyaliwa njalo useduze lokuqalekiswa, okuphela kwakho kusekutshisweni. **9** Kodwa siqiniseka ngani izinto ezingcono, bathandekayo, leziqondene losindiso, lanxa sikhuluma njalo; **10** ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye ongalunganga ukuthi akhohlwe umsebenzi wenu lomsebenzi onzima wothando elalubonakalisa ebizweni lakhe, ngokusebenzela abangcwele lisabasebenzela. **11** Kodwa sifisa ukuthi ngulowo lalovo wenu akubonakalise lohkukukhuthala ekuqinisekeni okupheleleyo kwethemba ekupheleni; **12** ukuze lingabi ngabavilaphayo, kodwa abalingisi babo abathi ngokholo langokubekezelala badla ilifa lezithembiso. **13** Ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu ethembisa kuAbrahama, ngoba wayengelaye omkhulu kulaye angafunga ngaye, wazifunga yena, **14** esithi: Isibili ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa, lokwandisa ngizakwandisa. **15** Langokunjalo

esebekezele wazuza isithembiso. **16** Ngoba isibili abantu bayafunga ngomkhulu kulabo, lesifungo sokuqinisa siyisiphetho sakho konke ukuphikisana kubo. **17** Okwathi uNkulunkulu kukho, ethanda ukubonisa ngokwengezelelweyo kakhulu kuzindlalifa zesithembiso ukungaphenduki kwecebo lakhe, walamula ngesifungo, **18** ukuze, ngezinto ezimbili ezingaphendukiyo, okukozo okungelakwenzeka ukuthi uNkulunkulu aqambe amanga ngazo, sibe lenduduzo elamandla, thina esibalekele ukuphephela ukuthi sibambelele ethembeni elibekwe phambi kwethu; **19** esilalo njengengwegwe yomphefumulo eqjinileyo legxilileyo, lingena kokuphakathi kweveyili; **20** lapho isigijimi esingumanduleli sasingenela khona, uJesu, esaba ngumpristi omkhulu ephakadeni ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. (aiōn g165)

7 Ngoba uMelkizedeki lo, inkosi yeSalema, umpristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, owahlangabeza uAbrahama mhla ebuya ekubulaleni amakhosi, wasembusa, **2** uAbrahama laye wamabela okwetshumi kwakho konke; kuqala uphendulelwu ngokuthi inkosi yokulunga, emva kwalokhu besekuthiwa futhi inkosi yeSalema, okuyikuthi inkosi yokuthula; **3** engelayise, engelanina, engelasendo, engelakuqala kwensuku kumbe ukuphela kwempilo, kodwa esenziwe wafanana leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uhlala engumpristi laphakade. **4** Bonani-ke ukuthi mkhulu kangakanani lo, ngitsho uAbrahama ukhokho amnika okwetshumi kwezimpango. **5** Lalabo abavela emadodaneni kaLevi abemukela ubupristi balomlayo wokwemukela okwetshumi ebantwini ngokomthetho, okuyikuthi kubafowabo, lanxa bevela ekhalweni lukaAbrahama; **6** kodwa yena ongabalelwu osendweni lwabo, wemukela okwetshumi kuAbrahama, wasembusa lowo owayelezithembiso. **7** Njalo kungelakuphikwa ngitsho

ukuthi: Omncinyane ubusiswa ngomkhulu. **8** Lapha-ke abantu abafayo bemukela okwetshumi; kodwa lapho esemukela lowo okufakazwa ngaye ukuthi uyaphila. **9** Kungatshiwo-ke, uLevi laye owemukela okwetshumi wanikela okwetshumi ngoAbrahama; **10** ngoba wayesekhalweni lukayise, mhla uMelkizedeki emhlangabeza. **11** Ngakho-ke uba kwakukhona ukuphelela ngobupristi bukaLevi (ngoba isizwe sanikwa umlayo ngaphansi kwabo), kwakusaswelekelani ukuthi kuvele omunye umpristi ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki, lokungatshiwo ngokwendlela kaAroni? **12** Ngoba uba ubupristi buphendulwa, kuyadingeka ukuthi kube khona lokuphendulwa komlayo. **13** Ngoba lowo okukhulunywa ngaye lezizinto ungowesinye isizwe, okungabanga khona kuso owanakekela ilathi. **14** Ngoba kusobala ukuthi iNkosi yethu yavela koJuda, isizwe uMozisi angakhulumanga lutho ngaso mayelana lobupristi. **15** Njalo kusesobala ngokwengezelelwé kakhulu, uba sekusima omunye umpristi njengokofuzo lukaMelkizedeki, **16** ongenziwanga ngokomthetho wesimiso senyama, kodwa ngokwamandla empilo engelakuphela; **17** ngoba ufakaza esithi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. (*aiōn g165*)

18 Ngoba ukubekwa eceleni komthetho wokuqala kwenziwa ngenxa yobuthakathaka lokungasizi lutho kwavo; **19** ngoba umlayo kawuzanga wenze ulutho luphelele, kodwa uyisingeniso sethemba elingcono, esisondela ngalo kuNkulunkulu. **20** Njalo okungangokuthi kenziwanga ngaphandle kwesifungo, **21** (ngoba bona baba ngabapristi ngaphandle kwesifungo, kodwa yena ngesifungo, ngalowo owathi kuye: INkosi yafunga njalo kayiyikuzisola yathi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki;) (*aiōn g165*) **22** ngalokho uJesu waba

yisibambiso sesivumelwano esingcono. **23** Lalabo babebanengi ababa ngabapristi, ngoba bavinjelwa yikufa ukuthi bahlale njalo; **24** kodwa lo, ngenxa yokuthi uhlala kuze kube phakade, ulobupristi obungadluliyo. (*aiōn g165*) **25** Ngenxa yalokho laye ulamandla okusindisa ngokupheleleyo abeza kuNkulunkulu ngaye, lokhu ephilela njalo ukubanxusela. **26** Ngoba umpristi omkhulu onjalo usifanele, ongcwele, ongelacala, ongelasici, owehlukaniswe lezoni, lowenziwa waphakama kulamazulu; **27** ongadingi insuku ngensuku, njengabapristi abakhulu, ukunikela imihlatshelo esenzela ezakhe izono kuqala, emva kwalokho ezabantu; ngoba lokho wakwenza kanye mhla ezinikela yena. **28** Ngoba umlayo uyamisa abantu babe ngabapristi abakhulu, abalobuthakathaka; kodwa ilizwi lesifungo elalandela umlayo lamisa iNdodana ephelelisiwego kuze kube nininini. (*aiōn g165*)

8 Ngakho isiqokoqela sezinto esazikhulumayo yikuthi: Silompristi omkhulu onje, owahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosи soMkhulu emazulwini, **2** isikhonzi sendawo ezingcwele lesethabhanekele eliqotho, iNkosi eyalimisayo, njalo kungesimuntu; **3** ngoba wonke umpristi omkhulu umiselwe ukunikela iminikelo lemihlatshelo; ngakho kuyadingeka ukuthi laye abe lakho okuthile angakunikela. **4** Ngoba uba ubesemhlabeni, ubengeyikuba ngumpristi lakanye, ngoba bakhona abapristi abanikela iminikelo ngokomlayo, **5** abakhonza isibonelo lesithunzi sezinto zezulwini, njengoMozisi elaywe nguNkulunkulu esezaakwenza ithabhanekele, ngoba wathi: Qaphela ukuthi wenze zonke izinto njengomfanekiso owaboniswa wona entaben. **6** Kodwa khathesi-ke uzuze inkonzo enhle kakhu, njengalokhu laye engumlamluli wesivumelwano esingcono, esimiswe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono. **7** Ngoba uba lesosivumelwano

esakuqala besingasoleki, bekungayikudingwa indawo yesesibili.

8 Ngoba ebasola uthi: Khangela insuku ziyeza, kutsho iNkosi, njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano esitsha lendlu kalsrayeli lendlu kaJuda; **9** esingenjengesivumelwano engasenza laboyise mhla ngibabamba ngesandla ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe; ngoba bona kabahlalanga esivumelwaneni sami, lami kangibananzanga, itsho iNkosi. **10** Ngoba yilesi isivumelwano engizavumelana ngaso lendlu kalsrayeli emva kwalezonsuku, itsho iNkosi, ngizafaka imilayo yami engqondweni yabo, lenhliziyweni zabo ngiyibhale; ngibe nguNkulunkulu kubo, bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu kimi.

11 Njalo kabayikufundisa ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, njalo ngulowo lalowo umfowabo, esithi: Yazi iNkosi; ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo kuze kufike komkhulu wabo. **12** Ngoba ngizakuba lesihawu ekungalungini kwabo, lezono zabo lobubi babo kangisayikukukhumbula. **13** Ngokuthi: Isivumelwano esitsha, senze esokuqala saba ngesigugileyo.

Njalo osekugugile lokudala sekuseduze lokunyamalala.

9 Ngakho isibili lesosivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso zenkonzo kaNkulunkulu, lendawo engcwele yemhlabeni. **2** Ngoba kwakhiwa ithabhanekele; elokuqala okwakukhona kulo uluthi Iwesibane letafula lezinkwa zokubukiswa, elibizwa ngokuthi yindawo engcwele. **3** Langemva kweveyili lesibili kwakukhona ithabhanekele elibizwa ngokuthi yingcwele yezingcwele, **4** lilesitsha segolide sokutshisela impepha, lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano obhadwe ngegolide inhlangothi zonke, okwakukhona kuwo inqayi yegolide elemana, lenduku kaAroni eyahlumayo, lezibhebhe zesivumelwano; **5** laphezu kwawo amakherubhi enkazimulo asibekele isihlalo somusa; esingekhulume ngalezizinto khathesi ngokukhethekileyo. **6**

Sezilungisiwe lezizinto ngokunjalo, abapristi bangena njalonjalo ethabhanekeleni lokuqala bephelelisa imisebenzi yokukhonza uNkulunkulu; 7 kodwa kwelesibili kwakungena kanye ngomnyaka umpristi omkhulu yedwa, kungeyisikho ngaphandle kwegazi, azinikelela yena leziphambeko zabantu; 8 uMoya oyiNgcwele utshengisa lokhu, ukuthi indlela eya endaweni engcwele kayikembulwa, lapho lisemi ithabhanekele lokuqala; 9 okwakungumfanekiso walesosikhathi, okwanikelwa kulo iminikelo kanye lemihlatshelo, engelakho ukuphelelisa okhonzayo maqondana lesazela, 10 kuphela kokudliwayo, lokunathwayo, lokugeza okuzinhlobonhlobo lezimiso zenyama, ezibekwe phezu kwabo kuze kufike isikhathi sokulungisiswa. 11 Kodwa uKristu esefikile, engumpriсти omkhulu wezinto ezinhle ezizayo, ngethabhanekele elikhulu lelipheleleyo kulelinye, elingenziwanga ngezandla, okuyikuthi, elingeyisilo lalokhukudalwa, 12 futhi kungeyisikho ngegazi lezimbuzi lelamathole, kodwa ngelakhe igazi wangena kanye endaweni engcwele, esezuze ukuhlengwa okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 13 Ngoba uba igazi lezimbuzi lelezinkunzi, lomlotha wethokazi, kufafaza abangcolileyo, kungcwelisa kuze kube sekuhlambulukeni kwenyama, 14 kakhlulu kangakanani igazi likaKristu, owathi ngoMoya ophakade wazinikela kuNkulunkulu engelasici, lizahlambulula isazela senu emisebenzini efileyo, ukukhonza uNkulunkulu ophilayo? (aiōnios g166) 15 Langenxa yalokhu unguumlamuli wesivumelwano esitsha, ukuze, lokhu ukufa sekufikile ekuhlengeni kweziphambeko ngesikhathi sesivumelwano sokuqala, ababiziweyo bemukele isithembiso selifa laphakade. (aiōnios g166) 16 Ngoba lapho okukhonza incwadi yelifa, kufuneka ukuthi kubikwe ukufa komenzi wencwadi yelifa. 17 Ngoba incwadi yelifa isebenza

kwabafileyo, lokhu kayikabi lamandla lapho ephila umenzi wencwadi yelifa. **18** Ngakho laso esokuqala kasimiswanga ngaphandle kwegazi. **19** Ngoba lapho usumenyezelwe umthetho wonke ngokomlayo nguMozisi ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazi lamathole lelembuzi, kanye lamanzi loboya bezimvu obubomvu lehisope, wafafaza kokubili ugwalo uqobo labantu bonke, **20** esithi: Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alilaya ngaso. **21** Ngokunjalo wasefafaza ngegazi lethabhanekele lezitsha zonke zenkonzo. **22** Njalo phose zonke izinto zihlanjululwa ngegazi ngokomthetho, langaphandle kokuchitheka kwegazi kakubi khona uthethelelo. **23** Ngokunjalo kwakudingeka ukuthi imifanekiso yezinto zemazulwini ihlanjululwe ngalezizinto, kodwa izinto zezulwini uqobo ngemihlatshelo engcono kulale. **24** Ngoba uKristu kangenanga endaweni ezingcwele ezenziwe ngezandla, ezingumfanekiso weziqotho, kodwa ezulwini uqobo, ukuthi khathesi abonakalele thina phambi kobuso bukaNkulunkulu; **25** kungeyisikuthi futhi ukuze azinikele kanengi, njengalokhu umpristi omkhulu engena endaweni engcwele umnyaka ngomnyaka legazi lokunye; **26** uba kwakunjalo wayemele ukuhlupheka kanengi selokhu kwasekelwa umhlabu; kodwa khathesi ubonakaliswe kanye ekupheleli kwesikhathi ukuze asuse izono ngomhlatshelo wakhe uqobo. (aiōn g165) **27** Njalo njengalokhu kumiselwe abantu ukuthi bafe kanye, kodwa emva kwalokhu ukwahlulelwa; **28** ngokunjalo uKristu, esenikelwe kanye ukuze athwale izono zabanengi, ngokwesibili uzabonakala ngaphandle kwesono kwabamlindeleyo, kube lusindiso.

10 Ngoba umlayo ulesithunzi sezinto ezinhle ezizayo, ungeyisiwo umfanekiso oqotho wezinto, ungeze waba lamandla ngaleyomihlatshelo enikelwa njalonjalo iminyaka

ngeminyaka ukubenza baphelele labo abasondelayo. **2** Uba kwakunjalo nga kayimanga yini ukunikelwa, ngoba abakhonzayo babengasayikuba lasazela sezono, sebehlanjululwe kanye? **3** Kodwa kuleyomihlatshelo kukhona ukukhunjulwa kwezono umnyaka ngomnyaka; **4** ngoba kakulakwenzeka ukuthi igazi lezinkunzi lelezimbuzi lisuse izono; **5** ngakho esefika emhlabeni uthi: Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawuwuthandanga, kodwa ungilungisele umzimba; **6** iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo yesono kawuyithokozelanga; **7** ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngiza (kumqulu wogwalo kulotshwe ngami) ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu. **8** Kuqala esithi: Umhlatshelo lomnikelo leminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yezono kawuyithandanga njalo kawuyithokozelanga, yona enikelwa ngokomlayo, **9** wasesithi: Khangela, ngiza ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu. Ususa okokuqala, ukuze amise okwesibili. **10** Kuleyontando singcwelisiwe, ngokunikelwa komzimba kaJesu Kristu kanye. **11** Laye wonke umpristi kambe uyema insuku ngensuku ekhonza, njalo enikela kanengi leyomihlatshelo, engasoze yaba lamandla okususa izono; **12** kodwa yena, esenikele umhlatshelo waba munye ngenxa yezono ephakadeni wahlala phansi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, **13** kusukela khathesi ulindele zize zenziwe izitha zakhe isenabelo senyawo zakhe. **14** Ngoba ngomnikelo munye uphelelisile ephakadeni labo abangcwelisiweyo. **15** LoMoya oyiNgcwele laye uyafakaza kithi; ngoba emva kokuthi esetshilo kuqala uthi: **16** Lesi yisivumelwano engizavumelana labo ngaso emva kwalezonsuku, kutsho iNkosi: Ngizafaka imilayo yami enhliziyweni zabo, njalo ngizayibala engqondweni zabo; **17** lezono zabo lobubi babo kangisoze ngikukhumbule futhi. **18** Lapho-ke okukhona uthethelelo lwalokhu,

kakuselamnikelo ngesono. **19** Ngakho, bazalwane, silesibindi sokungena kwezingcwele ngegazi likaJesu, **20** ngendlela entsha lephilayo, asivulele yona ngeveyili, eliyinyama yakhe, **21** futhi silaye umpristi omkhulu phezu kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, **22** kasisondele ngenhlizyo eqinisileyo ekuqinisekeni okupheleleleyo kokholo, inhlizyo zifafazwe esazeleni sokubi, lomzimba ugeziswe ngamanzi acwebileyo; **23** kasibambisise isivumo sethemba lethu singanyikinyeki, ngoba uthembekile owathembisayo; **24** njalo kasiqaphelisisane ekuvuseleni uthando lemisebenzi emihle, **25** singayekeli ukuhlangana kwethu, njengomkhuba wabanye, kodwa kasikhuthale, futhi ikakhulu, njengoba libona usuku lusondela. **26** Ngoba uba sisona ngabomo emva kokuthi semukele ulwazi lweqiniso, kakusekho umhlatshelo ngezono, **27** kodwa ukulindela okuthile okwesabekayo kokulahlwa, lolaka lomlilo ozaqeda izitha. **28** Umuntu odelela umlayo kaMozisi ufa ngaphandle kwesihawu ngabafakazi ababili loba abathathu; **29** pho, licabanga ukuthi uzathiwa ufanele ukujeziswa kabuhlunu kanganani onyathelela phansi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo othi igazi lesivumelwano, angcweliswa ngalo, liyiluthonje, njalo odelela uMoya womusa? **30** Ngoba siyamazi owathi: Impindiselo ngeyami, mina ngizabuyisela, itsho iNkosi; futhi uphinde athi: INkosi izakwahlulela abantu bayo. **31** Kuyesabeka ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **32** Kodwa khumbulani insuku zamandulo, okwathi ngazo selikhanyisiwe lakhuthazela empini enkulu yezinhlupho; **33** kokunye, lapho lenziwa umbukiso ngenhlamba langezinhlupheko; kokunye, lapho laba ngabahlanganyeli balabo ababephathwa ngokunjalo. **34** Ngoba lani lazwelana lezibopho zami, lavuma ngentokozo ukuphangwa kwempahla zenu, lisazi ukuthi ngaphakathi kwenu lilempahla

engcono lemiyo emazulwini. **35** Ngakho lingalahli isibindi senu, esilomvuzo omkhulu. **36** Ngoba kumele libe lokubekezela, ukuze kuthi, seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu, lemukele isithembiso. **37** Ngoba kuseyisikhatsana nje, ozayo uzafika, njalo kazukulibala; **38** kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo; njalo uba ehlehlela emuva, umphefumulo wami kawuthokozi ngaye. **39** Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva ekubhujisweni, kodwa balabo abakhola wa ekusindisweni komphefumulo.

11 Ngakho ukholo luyikuqiniseka kwezinto ezithenjwayo, ubufakazi bezinto ezingabonwayo. **2** Ngoba ngalo abadala bafakazelwa. **3** Ngokholo sibona ukuthi imihlabu yadalwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu, kuze kuthi izinto ezibonwayo kazivelanga ezintweni ezibonakalayo. (aiōn g165) **4** Ngokholo uAbela wanikela kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo ongcono kuloKhayini, owazuza ngawo ubufakazi bokuthi ulungile, uNkulunkulu efakazelwa izipho zakhe; langalo efile usakhulum. **5** Ngokholo uEnoki wasuswa ukuze angaboni ukufa, njalo katholwanga, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemsusile; ngoba engakasuswa wafakazelwa ngokuthi umthokozisile uNkulunkulu; **6** kodwa ngaphandle kokholo kakwenzeki ukumthokozisa; ngoba ozayo kuNkulunkulu umele akholwe ukuthi ukhona, lokuthi unggumvuzi walabo abamdingisisayo. **7** Ngokholo uNowa exwayisiwe nguNkulunkulu ngezinto ebezingakabonwa, esesaba, wakha umkhumbi wosindiso Iwendlu yakhe; alahla umhlaba ngawo, wasesiba yindlalifa yokulunga ngokokholo. **8** Ngokholo uAbrahama walalela ebizwa ukuthi aphume aye endaweni ayezayemukela ibe yilifa; waphuma, engazi lapho aya khona. **9** Ngokholo wahlala njengomuntu wezizweni elizweni lesithembiso, njengelemzini, ehlala emathenteni lolsaka loJakobe, ababeyizindlalifa kanye

laye zalesosithembiso; **10** ngoba wayelindele umuzi olezisekelo, omqambi wesimo lomakhi wawo nguNkulunkulu. **11** Ngokholo laye uSara uqobo wazuza amandla okwemukela inhlanyelo, esedlulelw yisikhathi wabeletha, ngoba wathi uthembekile lowo owathembisayo. **12** Ngakho-ke bazalwa ngoyedwa, lalezizinto zivela kosefile, abangangenkanyezi zezulu ngobunengi, langangetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle elingelakubalwa. **13** Bonke laba bafela ekholweni, bengemukelanga izithembiso, kodwa bazibonela khatshana, baqiniseka, bazigona, njalo bavuma ukuthi bangabezizwe lezihambi emhlabeni. **14** Ngoba abatsho izinto ezinje batshengisa ukuthi badinga ilizwe lakibo. **15** Uba-ke kambe babecabanga ngalelo ababesuke kulo, babengaba lethuba lokubuyela; **16** kodwa khathesi-ke balangatha elingcono, elingelezulwini; ngakho uNkulunkulu kalanhloni ngabo, ukuthiwa nguNkulunkulu wabo; ngoba ubalungisele umuzi. **17** Ngokholo uAbrahama wanikela ulsaka lapho ehlolwa, lalowo owemukela izithembiso wayenikela ozelwe yedwa wakhe, **18** okwakuthiwe kuye: Kulsaka inzalo yakho izabizwa; **19** wathi uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuvusa lakwabafleyo; lapho laye amzuze evela khona ngokulinganisa. **20** Ngokholo ulsaka wabusisa uJakobe loEsawu ngezinto ezizayo. **21** Ngokholo uJakobe esesifa wabusisa lowo lalowo wamadodana kaJosefa, wasekhonza ebambelele phezu kodondolo lwakhe. **22** Ngokholo uJosefa esesifa wakhulumu ngokuphuma kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, waselayezela ngamathambo akhe. **23** Ngokholo uMozisi esezelwe wafihlwa ngabazali bakhe inyanga ezintathu, ngoba babona ukuthi ngumntwana omuhle; njalo bengawesabi umthetho wenkosi. **24** Ngokholo uMozisi esekhulile wała ukuthiwa uyindodana yendodakazi kaFaro, **25** kulalokho wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi

kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuthi abe lentokozo yesono
isikhathshana; **26** wathi ukuthukwa kukaKristu kuyinotho enkulu
kulamagugu eGibhithe; ngoba wayekhangele umvuzo. **27**
Ngokholo watshiya iGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi; ngoba
waqinisela kungathi uyambona oNgabonwayo. **28** Ngokholo
wagcina iphasika lokufafazwa kwegazi, ukuze lowo obhubhisa
amazibulo angabathinti. **29** Ngokholo badabula uLwandle
oluBomvu njengemhlabathini owomileyo; okwathi amaGibhithe
bekulinga lokho baminzwa. **30** Ngokholo imiduli yeJeriko yadilika,
isibhodiwe insuku eziyisikhombisa. **31** Ngokholo uRahabi isifebe
kabhubhanga kanye labangakholwanga, esezemukele izinhlolli
ngokuthula. **32** Ngisezathini? Ngoba ngingaphelelwa yisikhathi
ngilandisa ngoGidiyonI loBaraki loSamsonI loJefitha loDavida
loSamuweli labaprofethi; **33** abathi ngokholo banqoba imibuso,
benza ukulunga, bazuza izithembiso, bavala imilomo yezilwane,
34 bacitsha amandla omlilo, baphepha ubukhali benkemba,
bazuza amandla ebuthakathakeni, baqina empini, baxotsha
amabutho awezizwe. **35** Abesifazana bemukela abafileyo babo
bevela ekuvukeni; labanye bazwiswa ubuhlungu, bengemukeli
ukukhululwa, ukuze bazuze ukuvuka okungcono; **36** abanye
balingwa ngokwenziwa inhlekisa lokutshaywa, futhi langezibopho
langentolongo; **37** bakhandwa ngamatshe, basahwa phakathi,
balingwa, bafa ekubulaweni ngenkemba; bazula bembethe
izigogo zezimvu lezigogo zezimbuzi, baswela, bazwiswa
ubuhlungu, baphathwa kubi, **38** (umhlaba ongabafanelanga
bona) bazula ezinkangala lezintabenI lezimbawini lemihomeni
yomhlaba. **39** Labo bonke laba, befakazelwe ngokholo
kabazuzanga isithembiso, **40** lokhu uNkulunkulu wayesinakekele

ngaphambili okungcono, ukuze kuthi ngaphandle kwethu bangapheleliswa.

12 Ngakho-ke lathi sigojolozelwe liyezi elikhulu kangaka labafakazi, asilahle konke okusindayo lesono esisithandele lula, asigijime ngokubekezelwa umjaho esiwumiselweyo, 2 sikhangele kuJesu umqalisi lomphelelisi wokholo lwethu, owathi ngenxa yentokozo ayimiselweyo, waqinisela esiphambanweni, edelela ihlazo, wahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosikaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngakho mqapheliseni yena owaqinisela kuyo impikisano engaka lezoni emelane laye, ukuze lingadinwa, liphelelwe ngamandla emiphefumulweni yenu. 4 Kalikamelani lakho kuze kube segazini lisilwa lesono; 5 njalo selikhohliwe inkuthazo, ekhulumka kini njengemadodaneni eyokuthi: Ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kweNkosi, njalo ungapheli amandla, nxa usolwa yiyo; 6 ngoba iNkosi iyalaya emthandayo; njalo itshaye ngesiswepu yonke indodana eyemukelayo. 7 Uba likhuthazela ekulayweni, uNkulunkulu uyaliphatha njengamadodana; ngoba yiyphi indodana uyise angayilayiyo? 8 Kodwa uba lingelakulaywa, okuthi bonke bangabahlanganyeli bakho, ngakho lingabokufetshwa njalo kalisiwo amadodana. 9 Futhi-ke sasilabo obaba benyama yethu abasilayayo njalo sabahlonipha; pho, kasiyikuzehlisela ngaphansi kukaYise wemimoya kakhulu kulalokho, siphile? 10 Ngoba bona kambe basilaya okwensuku ezinlutshwana, njengokubona kwabo; kodwa yena kube yikusizakala kwethu, ukuze sihlanganyebe ubungcwele bakhe. 11 Lakho konke ukulaywa okukhona kakubonakali angathi ngokwentokozo, kodwa ngokosizi; emva kwalokhoke kuyabalethela isithelo sokuthula sokulunga abaqegetshwa ngakho. 12 Ngakho qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka lamadolo

axegayo; **13** njalo lenzele inyawo zenu indlela eziqondileyo, ukuze okuqhulayo kungenyeli, kodwa kulalokho kusiliswe. **14** Nxwanelani ukuthula labo bonke, lobungcwele, ngaphandle kwalokho kakulamuntu ozayibona iNkosi; **15** liqaphelisa ukuze kungabi khona osilelayo emuseni kaNkulunkulu; kungamili lampande yokubaba ikhathaze, njalo ngayo abanengi bangcoliswe; **16** kakungabi lamuntu oyisifebe kumbe ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu, njengoEsawu, owathengisa ubuzibulo bakhe ngokudla okukodwa. **17** Ngoba liyazi ukuthi lemva kwalokho, esethanda ukudla ilifa lesibusiso, waliwa; ngoba kayitholanga indawo yokuphenduka, lanxa wayidingsisa ngezinyembezi. **18** Ngoba kalizanga entabeni engathintwa, lemliweni ovuthayo, lekfiphaleni, lemnyameni, lesivunguvungwini, **19** lekukhaleni kophondo, lelizwini lamazwi, okwathi labo abezwayo bencenga ukuthi kungabe kusakhulunywa ilizwi kubo; **20** ngoba babengelakukumela lokho okwalaywayo ukuthi: Ngitsho lenyamazana uba ithinta intaba, izakhandwa ngamatshe, kumbe itshokwe ngomtshoko; **21** njalo, kwakusesabeka kangaka lokho okwabonwayo, uMozisi wathi: Ngilovalo, ngiyathuthumela. **22** Kodwa lize entabeni iSiyoni, lemzini kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, eJerusalema yasezulwini, lakuzigidi zengilosi ezingelakubalwa, **23** lemhlanganweni omkhulu lebandleni lamazibulo abhalwe emazulwini, lakuNkulunkulu umahluleli wabo bonke, lakumimoya yabalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo, **24** lakuJesu umlamuli wesivumelwano esitsha, legazini lokufafaza elikhulumza izinto ezingcono kulelikabelo. **25** Qaphelani ukuthi lingamali okhulumayo. Ngoba uba bengaphephanga labo abala lowo owakhulumza okuvela kuNkulunkulu emhlabeni, kakhulu kangakanani thina esimfulathelayo lowo okhulumza evela

emazulwini; **26** olizwi lakhe ngalesosikhathi lanyikinya umhlaba, kodwa khathesi uthembisile, wathi: Ngizaphinda kanye ukunyikinya kungeyisiwo umhlaba wodwa, kodwa lezulu. **27** Lalokhu ukuthi: Ngizaphinda kanye, kutshengisa ukususwa kwezinto ezinyikinywayo, kungathi ezenziwego, ukuze kusale izinto ezinganyikinywayo. **28** Ngakho njengoba sisemukela umbuso ongelakunyikinyekiswa, asibe lomusa esingamkhonza uNkulunkulu ngawo ngokwemukelekayo kanye lokuthobeka lokwesaba uNkulunkulu; **29** ngoba-ke uNkulunkulu wethu ungumlilo oqothulayo.

13 Kalume njalo uthando lobuzalwane. **2** Lingakhohlwa ukungenisa izihambi; ngoba ngalokho abanye bangenisa izingilosi bengazi. **3** Khumbulani izibotshwa, ngokungathi libotshwe kanye lazo; abaphethwe kubi, ngokungathi lani liphethwe kubi emzimbeni. **4** Umtshado uhlonitshwa kubo bonke, lombheda ungangcoliswa; kodwa uNkulunkulu uzagweba iziphungi lezifebe. **5** Indlela yempilo kayingabi ngeyokuthanda imali, yeneliswani yizinto elilazo; ngoba yena utshilo ukuthi: Kangisoze ngakulahla, njalo kangisoze ngakutshiya. **6** Ngakho singatsho ngesibindi sithi: INkosi ingumsizi wami, njalo kangiyikwesaba umuntu azakwenza kimi. **7** Khumbulani abakhokheli benu, abakhulume kini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; liqaphelise ukuphela kokuhamba kwabo, lilingisele ukholo lwabo. **8** UJesu Kristu unguye izolo lalamuhla lephakadeni. (aiōn g165) **9** Lingaduhiswa yizimfundiso eziyinhlobonhlobo lezingaziwayo; ngoba kuhle ukuthi inhlizyo iqiniswe ngomusa, kungabi ngokudla, abangasizwanga yikho ababebambelela kukho. **10** Silalo ilathi, abangelalungelo lokudla kulo abakhonza ithabhanekele. **11** Ngoba lezozinyamazana, ogazi lazo langeniswa ngumpristi

omkhulu endaweni ezingcwele ngenxa yesono, izidumbu zazo
zitshiswa ngaphandle kwenkamba. **12** Ngakho laye uJesu, ukuze
angcwelise abantu ngelakhe igazi, wahlupheka ngaphandle
kwesango. **13** Ngakho-ke asiphumele kuye ngaphandle
kwenkamba, sithwele ihlazo lakhe. **14** Ngoba kasilawo umuzi
omiyo lapha, kodwa sidinga ozayo. **15** Ngakho asinikele njalonjalo
kuNkulunkulu ngaye umnikelo wendumiso, okutsho isithelo
sendebe sivuma ibizo lakhe. **16** Kodwa lingakhohlwa ukwenza
okuhle lokuphana; ngoba uNkulunkulu uyathokoza ngeminikelo
enjalo. **17** Lalelani abakhokheli benu, lizehlisele ngaphansi kwabo;
ngoba laba balinda imiphefumulo yenu, njengabazalandisa;
ukuze bakwenze lokhu ngenjabulo, njalo bengabubuli; ngoba
kungalisizi lokhu. **18** Sikhulekeleni; ngoba siyathemba ukuthi
silesazela esihle, sifisa ukuhamba kuhle ezintweni zonke; **19**
njalo ngiyalincenga ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu ukuthi likwenze
lokhu, ukuze ngibuyiselwe kini ngokuphangisa. **20** Kungathi
uNkulunkulu wokuthula owamkhuphula kwabafileyo uMelusi
omkhulu wezimvu ngegazi lesivumelwano saphakade, iNkosi
yethu uJesu, (aiōnios g166) **21** angaliphelelisa kuwo wonke
umsebenzi omuhle ukuze lenze intando yakhe, esebeanza
kini lokho okumthokozisayo phambi kwakhe, ngoJesu Kristu,
kakube kuye ubukhosu kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (aiōn g165)

22 Kodwa ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, lemukeleni ngesineke
ilizwi lenkuthazo; ngoba ngilibhalele ngamafitshane. **23** Yazini
ukuthi umzalwane uTimothi ukhululwe, uba efika masinyane,
ngizalibona ngilaye. **24** Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli benu,
labo bonke abangcwele. Abavela elthaliya bayalibingelela. **25**
Umusakawube lani lonke. Ameni.

UJakobe

1 UJakobe, inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi uJesu Kristu, kuzo izizwe ezilitshumi lambili ezisekuhlakazekeni, ngiyabingelela.

2 Kubaleni ukuthi kuyintokozo yonke, bazalwane bami, nxa liwela ezilingweni ezizinhlobonhlobo, **3** lisazi ukuthi ukuhlolwa kokholo lwenu kuveza ukubekezela; **4** kodwa ukubekezela kakube lomsebenzi opheleleyo, ukuze libe ngabapheleleyo liphelelisiwe, lingasileli ngalutho. **5** Njalo uba kukhona kini oswele inhlakanipho, kacele kuNkulunkulu ophanayo ngesihle kubo bonke, futhi engasoli, njalo uzayinikwa. **6** Kodwa kacele ekholweni engathandabuzi ngalutho; ngoba othandabuzayo unjengegagasi lolwandle eliqhutshwa ngumoya lizuliswe. **7** Ngoba lowomuntu kangacabangi ukuthi uzazuza ulutho eNkosini.

8 Indoda enhliyombili iyaphenduphenduka endleleni zayo zonke.

9 Lomzalwane ophansi kazincome ekuphakameni kwakhe; **10** kodwa onothileyo ekuthotshisweni kwakhe; ngoba njengeluba lotshani uzadlula. **11** Ngoba ilanga liphuma lilokutshisa, libunise utshani, leluba labo liwohloke, lobuhle bokubonakala kwalo bunyamalale; ngokunjalo lesinothi sizanyamalala ezindleleni zaso. **12** Ubusisiwe umuntu obekezelela isilingo; ngoba esehloliwe uzakwemukela umqhele wempilo, iNkosi eyawuthembisa kwabayithandayo. **13** Kakulamuntu olingwayo omele athi: Ngilingwa nguNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu kalasilingo sokubi, laye uqobo kalingi muntu. **14** Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uyalingwa, lapho eyengwa ngezakhe inkanuko, ehugwa; **15** kuthi lapho inkanuko isikhulelwibelethe isono; lesono lapho sesiphelele sizala ukufa. **16** Lingakhohliswa, bazalwane bami abathandekayo.

17 Sonke isipho esihle laso sonke isipho esipheleleyo sivela phezulu, sehla sivela kuYise wezibane, okungekho kuye

ukuguquka, kumbe isithunzi sokuphenduka. **18** Ngokuthanda kwakhe wasizala ngelizwi leqiniso, ukuze sibe njengezithelo zokuqala zezidalwa zakhe. **19** Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, wonke umuntu umele aphangise ukuzwa, aphuze ukukhuluma, aphuze ukuthukuthela; **20** ngoba ukuthukuthela kwendoda kakwenzi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu. **21** Ngakho selihlubule amanyala wonke lokwanda kakhulu kobubi, lemukele ngobumnene ilizwi eligxunyekiweyo, elilamandla okusindisa imiphefumulo yenu. **22** Kodwa banini ngabenzi belizwi, lingabi ngabezwayo kuphela, lizikhohlisa lina ngokwenu. **23** Ngoba uba umuntu engumuzwi welizwi futhi engesimenzi, yena ufanana lendoda ebuka ubuso bayo bemvelo esibukweni; **24** ngoba iyazibuka, ibisisuka, ibisihle ikhohlwa ukuthi ibinjani. **25** Kodwa lowo okhangelisa emlayweni opheleleyo, lowo owenkululeko, abesebambelela kuwo, yena engesimuzwi okhohlwayo kodwa engumenzi womsebenzi, lo uzakuba ngobusisiweyo ekwenzeni kwakhe. **26** Uba umuntu phakathi kwenu esithi uyakholwa, uba engalufaki itomu ulimi lwakhe, kodwa akhohlise inhliziyo yakhe, ukukholwa kwalowo kuyize. **27** Ukukholwa okuhlanzekileyo lokungangcoliswanga phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngitsho uBaba yilokhu, ukuhambela izintandane labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, lokuzilondoloza engelasici kokomhlaba.

2 Bazalwane bami, kungeyisikho ngokubandlulula abantu libe lokholo IweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, iNkosi yenkazimulo. **2** Ngoba uba kungena emhlanganweni wenu indoda elendandatho yegolide lesembatho esikhazimulayo, besekungena longumyanga olesembatho esingcolileyo, **3** beselinanzelela ogqoke isembatho esikhazimulayo beselisithi kuye: Wena hlala lapha kuhle; beselisithi kongumyanga: Wena mana lapho, loba: Hlala lapha

ngaphansi kwesenabelo senyawo zami; **4** pho, kalibandlululi phakathi kwenu, njalo laba ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi yini? **5** Zwanini, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. UNkulunkulu kabakhethanga yini abayanga balumhlaba, benothile ekholweni, njalo bezindlalifa zombuso awuthembisayo kwabamthandayo? **6** Kodwa lina libadumazile abayanga. Abanothileyo kabalicindezeli yini, njalo akusibo yini abalidonsela ekwahlulelweni? **7** Bona kabalihlambazi yini ibizo elihle elibizwa ngalo? **8** Uba liphelelisa umlayo wobukhos, ngokombhaloothi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena, lenza kuhle; **9** kodwa uba libandlulula abantu, lenza isono, lilahlwa ngumlayo njengabaweqayo. **10** Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umlayo wonke, kodwa akhubeke kokukodwa, uba lecala kuyo yonke. **11** Ngoba owathi: Ungafebi; wathi futhi: Ungabulali; uba-ke ungafebi, kodwa ubulala, usungumeqi womlayo. **12** Khulumani ngokunjalo lenze njalo, njengabazakwahlulelwia ngomlayo wenkululeko. **13** Ngoba ukwahlulelwia okungelasihawu kungokwalowo ongenzanga isihawu; njalo isihawu sizincoma kukho ukwahlulela. **14** Kusizani, bazalwane bami, uba umuntu esithi ulokholo, kodwa engelamisebenzi? Lolokholo lungamsindisa yini? **15** Uba-ke umzalwane loba umzalwanekazi behambaze njalo beswela ukudla kwensuku ngensuku, **16** omunye wenu abesesithi kubo: Hambani ngokuthula, likhudumale lisuthe; kodwa lingabaniki izinto ezidingwa ngumzimba, lokho kusizani? **17** Kunjalo lokholo, uba lungelamisebenzi, lufile ngokwalo. **18** Kodwa omunye uzakuthi: Wena ulokholo, minake ngilemisebenzi; ngitshengisa ukholo lwakho ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yakho, lami emisebenzini yami ngizakutshengisa ukholo lwami. **19** Wena uyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu munye;

wenza kuhle; lamadimoni ayakholwa, njalo athuthumele.

20 Kodwa uyathanda ukwazi yini, O siphukuphuku, ukuthi ukholo olungelamisebenzi lufile? **21** UAbrahama ubaba wethu kalungisiswanga yini ngemisebenzi, esenikele indodana yakhe ulsaka phezu kwelathi? **22** Uyabona ukuthi ukholo lwalusebenza kanye lemisebenzi yakhe, lokuthi ukholo lwaphelisiswa ngemisebenzi, **23** kwasekugcwaliswa umbhalo othi: LoAbrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, kwasekubalelwya kuye ukuthi kuyikulunga, wasebizwa ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu. **24** Ngakhoke liyabona ukuthi umuntu uyalungisiswa ngemisebenzi, futhi kungesikuthi ngokholo kuphela. **25** Ngokunjalo-ke loRahabi isifebe kalungisiswanga ngemisebenzi yini, esezemukele izithunywa, eseziphumise ngenye indlela? **26** Ngoba njengalokhu umzimba ngaphandle komoya ufile, ngokunjalo lokholo ngaphandle kwemisebenzi lufile.

3 Lingabi ngabafundisi abanengi, bazalwane bami, lisazi ukuthi sizakwemukela isigwebo esikhulu. **2** Ngoba sonke siyakhubeka ezintweni ezinengi. Uba umuntu engakhubelelwa elizwini, lowo uyindoda epheleleyo, elamandla okukhina lomzimba wonke. **3** Khangela, sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuze asilalele, sibe sesiqondisa umzimba wonke wawo kwenye indlela. **4** Khangela, lemikhumbi, lanxa imikhulu kangaka njalo iqutshwa yimimoya elamandla, iyaqondiswa kwenye indlela ngephinyana nje, lapho isifiso somtshayeli esifuna khona. **5** Lunjalo lolimi luyisitho esincinyane, kanti luzincoma kakhulu. Khangela, umlilo omncinyane uyatshisa izigodo ezingakanani! **6** Ulimi lalo lungumlilo, umhlaba wobubi; lunjalo ulimi lubekwe phakathi kwezitho zethu, lungcolisa umzimba wonke, luthungele indlela yempilo, njalo luthungelwa yisihogo. (**Geenna g1067**) **7** Ngoba yonke

imvelo yokubili izinyamazana lezinyoni, kokubili ezihuquzelayo
lezidalwa zolwandle, iyathanjiswa njalo isithanjisiwe ngemvelo
yabantu; **8** kodwa ulimi kakulamuntu ongaluthambisa; luyibubi
obungelakunqotshwa, lugcwele ubuhlungu obubulalayo. **9**
Ngalo siyabonga uNkulunkulu ngitsho uBaba, langalo sigalekisa
abantu abenziwe ngesimo sikaNkulunkulu; **10** emlonyeni munye
kuyaphuma ukubonga lenhlamba. Lezizinto kazifanelanga,
bazalwane bami, zenzeke njalo. **11** Kambe umthombo emlonyeni
munye ungagobhoza yini okumnandi lokubabayo? **12** Kambe,
bazalwane bami, umkhiwa ungathela imihlwathi yini, loba ivini
umkhiwa? Ngokunjalo kakulamthombo oveza amanzi alitshwayi
lamnandi. **13** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi
kwenu? Katshengise imisebenzi yakhe ekuziphatheni kuhle
ngobumnene benhlakanipho. **14** Kodwa uba lilomhawu obabayo
lombango enhliziyweni yenu, lingazincomi liqambele amanga
iqiniso. **15** Lokhu kayisiyo inhlakanipho eyehla ivela phezulu,
kodwa ingeyomhlaba, ngeyemvelo, eyamadimon. **16** Ngoba
lapho okukhona umhawu lombango, lapho kukhona isiphithiphithi
laso sonke isenzo esibi. **17** Kodwa inhlakanipho evela phezulu
eyokuqala ihlanzekile, emva kwalokho ibe lokuthula, ibe mnene,
ilalele, igcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle, kayilakubandlulula futhi
ingelakuzenzisa. **18** Lesithelo sokulunga sihlanyelwa ekuthuleni
kulabo abenza ukuthula.

4 Zivela ngaphi izimpi lokulwa phakathi kwenu? Kakuveli
lapha yini, enkanukweni zenu ezilwayo ezithweni zenu? **2**
Liyafisa, kodwa kalilalutho; liyabulala njalo lilomhawu, kodwa
lingeke lazuza; liyalwa futhi lenza impi, kodwa kalilalutho, ngoba
kaliceli; **3** liyacela njalo kalemukeli, ngoba licela kubi, ukuze
likuchithele enkanukweni zenu. **4** Zifebe lezifebekazi, kalazi yini

ukuthi uthando lomhlaba luyibutha kuNkulunkulu? Ngakho loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngumngane womhlaba, wenziwa isitha sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kumbe licabanga yini ukuthi umbhalo utsho ize: Umoya ohlala kithi ujisela kumona? **6** Kodwa uyanika umusa omkhulu; ngakho uthi: UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa. **7** Ngakho zehliseleni kuNkulunkulu, melanani lodiyabhola, njalo uzalibalekela. **8** Sondelani kuNkulunkulu, laye uzasondela kini; gezani izandla, zoni, njalo lihlanze izinhlizyo, lina banhliziyombili. **9** Danani lilile likhale; ukuhleka kwenu kakuphendulwe ukulila, lentokozo ukudana. **10** Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi, njalo izaliphakamisa. **11** Lingahlebani, bazalwane. Lowo ohleba umzalwane, amehlulele umzalwane wakhe, uhleba umlayo, ehlulele umlayo; kodwa uba usehlulela umlayo, kawusumenzi womlayo, kodwa umahluleli. **12** Munye ummisumlayo, olamandla okusindisa lokubhubhisa; wena ungubani owahlulela omunye? **13** Minani-ke lina elithi: Lamuhla loba kusasa sizakuya emzini othile, sihlale khona umnyaka owodwa sithengiselane sizuze; **14** elingakwaziyo okwakusasa. Ngoba iyini impilo yenu? Ngoba iyinkungu ebonakala okwesikhatsana, emva kwalokho ibisinyamalala; **15** endaweni yalokho ngabe lithi: Uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo sizaphila, sibe sesisenza lokhu kumbe lokhuyana. **16** Kodwa khathesi liyazincoma ekuziggajeni kwenu; konke ukuzincoma okunje kubi. **17** Ngakho lowo okwaziyo ukwenza okuhle kodwa engakwenzi, kuyisono kuye.

5 Minani-ke lina abanothileyo, khalani lilile ngenxa yenhlupheko zenu ezilehlelayo. **2** Inotho yenu ibolile, lezemba tho zenu zidliwe yinundu; **3** igolide lenu lesiliva kuthombile, lokuthomba kwakho kuzakuba yibufakazi kini, njalo kuzakudla inyama

yenu njengomlilo. Lizibekela inotho ensukwini zokuphela. **4**
Khangelala, umvuzo wezisebenzi ezigunde amasimu enu, ogodlw
yini ngokuqilibezela, uykhalala; lokukhala kwabavuni kungene
endlebeni zeNkosi yamabandla. **5** Libusile ngokuzithokozisa
emhlabeni, latamasa; linonise inhliziyo zenu njengosukwini
lokuhlatshwa, **6** lilahlile, labulala olungileyo; kamelananga lani. **7**
Ngakho bekezelani, bazalwane, kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi.
Khangelala, umlimi uyalindela isithelo somhlabathi esiligugu,
asibekezelele, size siziye izulu elokuqala lelokucina. **8** Lani
bekezelani, liqinise inhliziyo zenu, ngoba ukufika kweNkosi
kuyasondela. **9** Lingasolani, bazalwane, ukuze lingalahlw
khangelala, uMahluleli umi emnyango. **10** Thathani isibonelo
sokuhlupheka, bazalwane bami, lesokubekezelala, abaprofethi
abakhulumma ebizweni leNkosi. **11** Khangelala, sithi babusisiwe
ababekezelayo; lizwile ukubekezelala kukaJobe, laselibona
ukucina kweNkosi, ukuthi iNkosi ilesihawu esikhulu lobubele. **12**
Kodwa phambi kwakho konke, bazalwane bami, lingafungi, loba
ngezulu, loba ngomhlaba, loba ngasiphi esinye isifungo; kodwa
kakuthi uyebo wenu abe nguyebo, lohatshi nguhatshi; ukuze
lingaweli ekulahlweni. **13** Kukhona ohluphekayo yini phakathi
kwenu? Kakhuleke. Kukhona othokozayo yini? Kahlabele
indumiso. **14** Kukhona ogulayo phakathi kwenu yini? Kabizele
kuye abadala bebandla, babesebekhuleka phezu kwakhe,
bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi; **15** lomkhuleko wokholo
uzamsindisa ogulayo, leNkosi izamlulamisa; uba-ke enzile izono,
uzazithethelelw. **16** Vumani iziphambeko omunye komunye,
likhulekelane, ukuze lisiliswe. Umkhuleko oqinileyo wolungileyo
ulamandla kakhulu. **17** UElija wayengumuntu olemizwa efanana
leyethu, wasekhuleka lokukhuleka ukuthi lingani; njalo kalinanga

emhlabeni okweminyaka emithathu lenyanga eziyisithupha;
18 wasebuya ekhuleka, lezulu lanika izulu, lomhlaba wathela
isithelo sawo. **19** Bazalwane, uba omunye kini ephambuka
eqinisweni, lomunye angambuyisa, **20** yazi ukuthi obuyise isoni
ekuduheni kwendlela yaso uzasindisa umphefumulo ekufeni,
asibekele inkithinkithi yezono.

1 UPHetro

1 UPetro, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kwabemzini abakhethiweyo bokuhlakazeka kwePontusi, iGalathiya, iKaphadosiya, iAsiya, leBithiniya, **2** njengokolwazi ngaphambili lukaNkulunkulu uBaba, ekungwelisweni koMoya, ekulaleleni lekufafazweni kwegazi likaJesu Kristu: Umusa lokuthula kakwandiswe kini. **3** Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, owasizala kutsha ngesihawu sakhe esikhulu ethembeni eliphilileyo ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu kwabafileyo, **4** elifeni elingaboliyo lelingangcolanga lelingabuniyo, elilondolozelwe lona emazulwini, **5** lina elilondolozwe ngamandla kaNkulunkulu ngokholo kusindiso olulungiselwe ukwembulwa esikhathini sokucina. **6** Elithokoza kuso, lanxa okwesikhathhana khathesi, uba kudingeka, lisezahlupheka ezilingweni eziyizinhlobonhlobo, **7** ukuze ukulingwa kokholo lwenu, oluligugu kakhulu okwedlula igolide elibhubhayo, selihlolwe ngomlilo, kuficwe kulendumiso lenhlonipho lodumo, ekwembulweni kukaJesu Kristu; **8** elingambonanga limthanda, elithi khathesi lingamboni kodwa likholwe kuye, liyathokoza ngentokozo engakhulumekiyo ledumisekayo, **9** lizuze isiphetho sokholo lwenu, usindiso lwemiphefumulo yenu. **10** Ngalolusindiso abaprofethi babuzisia njalo bahlolisisa, abaprofetha ngomusa oza kini; **11** babuza ukuthi yisiphi loba sinjani isikhathi uMoya kaKristu owayekibo osikhombayo, efakaza ngaphambili ngenhlupheko eziqondene loKristu, langobukhosи emva kwalezo; **12** okwembulwa kubo ukuthi kungeyisikho kubo, kodwa kithi babesebenza lezizinto, eselizitshunyayezwa yilabo abalitshumayeza ivangeli ngoMoya oNgcwele othunywe evela ezulwini, izinto ingilosи ezilangatha ukuzihlolisia. **13** Ngakho zibopheni inkalo zengqondo yenu,

liqondile, lithembe ngokupheleleyo emuseni olethwe kini ekwembulweni kukaJesu Kristu; **14** njengabantwana abalalelayo, lingahambelani lesimo sezinkanuko ezazikhona mandulo kokungazi kwenu, **15** kodwa njengoba owalibizayo engcwele, lani banini ngcwele kukho konke ukuziphatha; **16** ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Banini ngcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele.

17 Njalo uba libiza lithi: Baba, owahlulela ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe engabandlululi, chithani isikhathi sokuba yizihambi kwenu ekwesaben; **18** lisazi ukuthi kalihlengwanga ngezinto ezingabhubha, isiliva kumbe igolide, ekuhambeni kwenu okuyize elakwemukela kubobaba, **19** kodwa ngegazi likaKristu eliligugu kungathi ngelewundlu elingelasici lelingelabala. **20** Isibili owamiswa ngaphambili phambi kwesisekelo somhlaba, kodwa wabonakaliswa ezikhathini zokucina ngenxa yenu, **21** elikhola ngaye kuNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo, wasemnika ubukhos, ukuze ukholo lethemba lenu kube kuNkulunkulu. **22** Selihlanze imiphefumulo yenu ekulaleleni kweqiniso ngoMoya ethandweni lwabazalwane ngokungazenzisi, thandanani ngokutshiseka okuvula enhliziyweni emhlophe; **23** seliselwe ngokutsha okungeyisikho okuvula enhlanyelweni engabola, kodwa engaboliyo, ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu eliphilayo lelimiyo ephakadeni. (*aiōn g165*) **24** Ngoba yonke inyama injengotshani, labo bonke ubukhos bomuntu bunjengeluba lotshani. Utshani buyabuna, leluba labo liwohloke; **25** kodwa ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze kube sephakadeni. Laleli yilizwi elatshunyayelwa kini ngevangelii. (*aiōn g165*)

2 Ngakho lahlani ububi bonke lobuqili bonke lokuzenzisa lomhawu lokuhleba konke, **2** njengezingane ezsanda ukuzalwa, fisani uchago olungaungwanga lwelizwi, ukuze likhuliswe

ngalo, **3** uba-ke selinambithile ukuthi iNkosi ilomusa. **4**
Elizayo kuyo, ilitshe eliphilayo, elaliwa isibili ngabantu, kodwa
kuNkulunkulu likhethiwe, liligugu, **5** lani njengamatshe aphilayo
lakhiwe indlu yokomoya, ubupristi obungcwele, ukuze linikele
imihlatshelo yokomoya eyemukelekayo kuNkulunkulu ngoJesu
Kristu. **6** Ngakho kukhona lembhalweni ukuthi: Khangela
ngiyabeka eSiyoni ilitshe lengonsi, elikhethiwego eliligugu;
lokholwa kuye kasoze ayangeke. **7** Ngakho kini elikhholwayo
uligugu; kodwa kwabangalaleliyo, ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, leli
selibe yinhloko yengonsi, **8** lelitshe lokukhubekisa, ledwala
lokuwisa; abakhubeka elizwini, bengalaleli; okuyikho labo
ababekumiselwe; **9** kodwa lina liluhlanga olukhethiwego,
ubupristi bobukhosu, isizwe esingcwele, abantu abatholiwego,
ukuze litshumayele jikelele ukulunga kwalowo ovalibiza
livela emnyameni laya ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo;
10 elalikade lingeyisibo abantu, kodwa khathesi lingabantu
bakaNkulunkulu; elalingahawukelwanga, kodwa khathesi
selihawukelwe. **11** Bathandekayo, ngiyalincenga njengabemzini
lezihambi ukuthi lizithinte enkanukweni zenyama, ezilwa
lomphefumulo; **12** liloquhamba okuhle phakathi kwabezizwe,
ukuze kuthi, ekulihlebeni njengabenzi bobubi, ezenzweni ezinhle
abazibonileyo bangadumisa uNkulunkulu osukwini lokuhanjelwa.
13 Ngakho zehliseleni ngaphansi kwaso sonke isimiso sabantu
ngenza yeNkosi; loba kuyinkosi, njengebusayo; **14** loba kubabusi,
njengabathunywe yiyo ekujezisweni kwabenzi bobubi, kodwa
kube lodumo lwabenzi bokuhle. **15** Ngoba injalo intando
kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi ngokwenza okuhle lifake isayeke emlonyeni
wokungazi kwabantu abayizithutha; **16** njengabakhululekileyo,
kodwa lingabi lenkululeko njengesigubuzelo sobubi, kodwa

njengezigqili zikaNkulunkulu. **17** Hloniphani bonke. Thandani ubuzalwane. Mesabeni uNkulunkulu. Hloniphani inkosi. **18** Zinceku, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwamakhosi ngokwesaba konke, kungeyisikho kulawo alungileyo lamnene kuphela, kodwa lakulawo angaqondanga. **19** Ngoba lokhu kungumusa, uba umuntu ethwala izinhlupheko ngenxa yesazela kuNkulunkulu, ehlupheka ngokungafanelanga. **20** Ngoba kulenzozo bani, uba lisona beselitshaywa libekezelwa? Kodwa uba lisenza okuhle njalo lihlupheke libekezelwa, lokhu kungumusa kuNkulunkulu. **21** Ngoba labizelwa lokho, ngoba uKristu laye wasihluphekela, esitshiyela isibonelo, ukuze lilandele izinyathelo zakhe; **22** ongenzanga isono, lenkohliso kayificwanga emlonyeni wakhe; **23** owathi ethukwa kazaphindisela ngokuthuka, ehlupheka kazasongela, kodwa wazinikela kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga; **24** yena ngokwakhe owathwala izono zethu emzimbeni wakhe esihlahleni, ukuze kuthi, sesifile esonweni, siphile ekulungeni; okungemivimvinya yakhe lisilisiwe. **25** Ngoba lalinjengezimvu ezilahlekayo; kodwa khathesi selibuyelete kuMelusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo yenu.

3 Ngokunjalo bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, ukuze kuthi, uba-ke bekhona abangalaleli ilizwi, bazuzwe ngaphandle kwelizwi ngokuziphatha kwabafazi, **2** enanzelela ukuhamba kwenu okuhlambulukileyo ekwesabeni. **3** Okuceca kwenu kakungabi ngokwangaphandle okokweluka inwele, lokokugqiza igolide, kumbe okokugqoka izembatho; **4** kodwa umuntu osithekileyo wenhliziyo, entweni engagugiyiyo yomoya omnene lokuthula, oligugu elikhulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Ngoba kudala bazicecisa ngokunjalo labesifazana abangcwele ababethemba uNkulunkulu, bezehlisela ngaphansi kwawabo

amadoda; **6** njengoSara owamlalela uAbrahama, wambiza ngokuthi nkosi, eselingamadodakazi akhe, uba lisenza okuhle njalo lingesatshiswa langokukodwa okwesabekayo. **7** Ngokunjalo madoda, hlalisanani ngokolwazi, limhloniphe owesifazana njengesitsha esibuthakathaka, njengoba labo beyizindlalifa zomusa wempiro kanye lani, ukuze imikhuleko yenu ingavinjelwa.

8 Okokucina-ke, banini nhliziyonye lonke, lizwelane, lithande abazalwane, libe lobubele, lilomusa; **9** lingaphindiseli okubi ngokubi, kumbe ukuthuka ngokuthuka; kodwa esikhundleni salokhu busisani, lisazi ukuthi labizelwa lokho, ukuze lidle ilifa lesibusiso. **10** Ngoba lowo ofuna ukuthanda impilo, lokubona insuku ezinhle, kanqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi, lendebe zakhe ukuze zingakhulumi inkohliso; **11** kaphambuke kokubi, abesesenza okuhle; adinge ukuthula, njalo akunxwanele.

12 Ngoba amehlo eNkosi aphezu kwabalungileyo, lendlebe zayo zingasemkhulekweni wabo; kodwa ubuso beNkosi bumelana labenza okubi. **13** Pho ngubani ongalilimaza, uba lingabalingisi bokuhle? **14** Kodwa uba lani lihlupheka ngenxa yokulunga, libusisiwe; njalo lingesabi ukwethusa kwabo, njalo lingakhathazeki; **15** kodwa ngcwelisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni zenu; beselihlala lizilungisele ukuphendula wonke olibuza isizatho ngethembra elikini, kanye lobumnene lokwesaba,

16 lilesazela esihle, ukuze kuthi kulokho abalihleba ngakho njengabenzi bobubi bayangeke, labo abathuka ukuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKristu. **17** Ngoba kungcono ukuhlupheka lisenza okuhle, uba intando kaNkulunkulu ikuthanda, kulokuhlupheka lisenza okubi. **18** Ngoba loKristu wahlupheka kanye ngenxa yezono, olungileyo esikhundleni sabangalunganga, ukuze asise kuNkulunkulu; owabulawa enyameni, kodwa wenziwa waphila

ngoMoya, **19** ayesehambe ngawo laye watshumayela kumimoya esentolongweni, **20** eyababekade bengalaleli, lapho ukubekezelwa kukaNkulunkulu kwakukade kulindele, ensukwini zikaNowa lapho umkhumbi wawusakhiwa, okwasindiswa kuwo abalutshwana, okuyikuthi imiphefumulo eyisificaminwembili, ngamanzi. **21** Umfuziselo wawo lubhabhathizo olusisindisayo lathi khathesi, kungeyisikho ukususwa kwengcekeza yenyama, kodwa ukucela kwesazela esihle kuNkulunkulu, ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu, **22** oseye ezulwini, ekhona ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, izingilosи leziphathamandla lamandla sekwehliselwe ngaphansi kwakhe.

4 Njengoba uKristu wasihluphekela enyameni, hlomani lani ngengqondo efananayo, ngoba ohlupheke enyameni, useyekele isono, **2** ukuze isikhathi esiseleyo enyameni lingabe lisaphilela inkanuko zabantu, kodwa intando kaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba kwanele kithi ukuthi isikhathi sempilo esedlulileyo siqhube intando yabezizwe, lapho sasihamba emanyaleni, ezinkanukweni, ekudakweni, ekuminzeni, ekunatheni, lekukhonzeni izithombe okuyangisayo; **4** abamangala kukho, nxa lingagijimi ndawonye kulokhukuthululeka kwamanyala, belihlambaza; **5** abazaziphendulela kulowo olungele ukwahlulela abaphilayo labafileyo. **6** Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu ivangeli latshunyayelwa lakwabafileyo, ukuze bahlulelwе ngokwabantu enyameni, kodwa baphile ngokukaNkulunkulu emoyeni. **7** Kodwa ukuphela kwezinto zonke sekusondele; ngakho qondani lilinde lisemikhulekweni; **8** kodwa phambi kwakho konke banini lothando oluvuthayo omunye komunye, ngoba uthando luzasibekela inkithinkithi yezono; **9** phathanani kuhle ekwethekelaneni, ngaphandle kokusola; **10** ngulowo lalowo njengesiphiwo asemukeleyo,

kasisebenze omunye komunye, njengabaphathi abalungileyo bomusa kaNkulunkulu ozinhlobonhlobo; **11** uba umuntu ekhuluma, kakhulume njengamazwi kaNkulunkulu; uba umuntu esebenza, kasebenze njengokuvela emandleni uNkulunkulu awanikayo; ukuze uNkulunkulu adunyiswe kuzo zonke izinto ngoJesu Kristu, okukuye ubukhosu lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (**aiōn g165**) **12** Bathandekayo, lingamangali ngesilingo esitshisayo esiphezu kwenu esilihlolayo, ngokungathi lehlelwe yinto engaziwayo; **13** kodwa njengoba lihlanganyela inhlupheko zikaKristu, thokozani, ukuze kuthi lekwembulweni kwenkazimulo yakhe lithokoze lijabule kakhulu. **14** Uba lithukwa ngenxa yebizo likaKristu, libusisiwe; ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo lokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu; ngabo-ke uyathukwa, kodwa ngani uydunyiswa. **15** Kodwa kakungabi khona owakini ohlupheka njengombulali, loba isela, loba umenzi wokubi, loba njengozigaxa endabeni zabanye; **16** kodwa uba ehlupheka njengomKristu, kangabi lanloni, kodwa kadumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yalokhu. **17** Ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokuthi ukwahlulela kuqale endlini kaNkulunkulu; njalo uba kuqala kithi, kuzakuba yini ukuphela kwalabo abangalalelanga ivangeli likaNkulunkulu? **18** Uba-ke olungileyo esindiswa ngobulukhuni, oweysa uNkulunkulu lesoni uzabonakala ngaphi? **19** Ngakho-ke labo abahluphekayo ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu, njengakuMdali othembekileyo kabanikele eyabo imiphefumulo ekwenzeni okuhle.

5 Abadala abaphakathi kwenu ngiyabakhuthaza engingomdala kanye labo lomfakazi wenhlupheko zikaKristu, lomhlanganyeli wenkazimulo ezakwembulwa: **2** Yelusani umhlambi kaNkulunkulu ophakathi kwenu, liwubonise kungabi ngokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa ngesihle; njalo kungabi ngenxa yenzuzzo elihlazo, kodwa

ngokuvuma, **3** futhi lingabi njengababusi kulabo elabelwa bona, kodwa libe yizibonelo zomhlambi. **4** Kuzakuthi lapho uMelusi omkhulu esebonakele lizakwemukela umqhele wobukhosongabuniyo. **5** Ngokunjalo, batsha, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwabadala; njalo lonke zehliseni omunye komunye, zembathiseni ukuthobeka; ngoba uNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa. **6** Ngakho zehliseleni ngaphansi kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla, ukuze aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, **7** liphosela phezu kwakhe inkathazo zenu zonke, ngoba yena uyalikhathalela. **8** Qondani, lilinde, ngoba isitha senu, udiyabhola, siyabhoda njengesilwane esibhongayo sidinga esingamginya; **9** limelane laye liqinile ekholweni, lisazi ukuthi zona lezonhlupho zapheleliswa kubazalwane benu abasemhlabeni. **10** Kodwa uNkulunkulu womusa wonke, owasibizela ebukhosini bakhe obuphakade kuKristu Jesu, sesihlupheke okwesikhatsana, sengathi yena angaliphelelisa, aliqinise, alinike amandla, alisekele. (*aiōnios g166*)
11 Kakube kuye inkazimulo lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.
(*aiōn g165*) **12** NgoSilivanu ongumzalwane othembekileyo kini, ngokubona kwami, ngibhale ngokufitshane, ngikhuthaza njalo ngifikaza ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho kaNkulunkulu, elimi kuwo.
13 Ibandla eliseBhabhiloni elikhethiweyo kanye lani liyalibingeleta, loMarko indodana yami. **14** Bingeleanani ngokwanga kothando. Ukuthula kakube kini lonke elikuKristu Jesu. Ameni.

2 UPHETRO

1 USimoni Petro, inceku lomphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kulabo abazuze uholo oluligugu njengathi ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu wethu loMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu: **2** Kakwantiswe kini umusa lokuthula elwazini lukaNkulunkulu lolukaJesu iNkosi yethu. **3** Njengamandla akhe obuNkulunkulu asinike zonke izinto ezimayelana lempilo lokukhonza uNkulunkulu, ngokolwazi Iwalowo owasibiza ngobukhosu langobuhle; **4** okungakho siphewe izithembiso ezinkulu kakhulu leziligu, ukuze ngalezi libe ngabahlanganyeli bemvelo yobuNkulunkulu, seliphephe ekuboleni okusemhlabeni ngenxa yenkanuko. **5** Njalo ngenxa yalokhu-ke selenze yonke inkuthalo, yengezelelani ukulunga ekholweni Iwenu, lekulungeni ulwazi, **6** lelwazini ukuzithiba, lekuzithibenit ukubekezelala, lekubekezeleni ukwesaba uNkulunkulu, **7** lekwesabenit uNkulunkulu uthando Iwabazalwane, lethandweni Iwabazalwane uthando. **8** Ngoba uba lezizinto zikhona kini, njalo zisanda, kaziyikulenza livilaphe njalo lingabi lezithelo elwazini IweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; **9** ngoba ongelazo lezizinto, uyiiphofu ubonela eduze, esekhohlwe ukuthi wahlanjululwa ezonweni zakhe ezindala. **10** Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani kakhulu ukuqinisa ubizo lokhetho Iwenu; ngoba uba lisenza lezizinto, kalisoze likhubeka loba nini. **11** Ngoba ngokunjalo lizakwengezelelwa ngokukhulu ukungena embusweni ophakade weNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu. (aiōnios g166) **12** Ngakho kangisoze ngiyekela ukulikhumbuza njalonjalo ngalezizinto, lanxa lisazi, njalo liqinisiwe eqinisweni elikhona. **13** Njalo ngibona kulungile ukuthi, nxo ngisesekhona kulelithabhanekelala, ngilivuse ngesikhumbuzo; **14** ngisazi ukuthi kuyaphangisa ukususwa kwethabhanekelala, lami,

njengalokhu leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ingitshengisile. **15** Kodwa lami ngizakhuthala ukuthi ngezikathathi zonke emva kokusuka kwami libe lesikhumbuzo salezizinto. **16** Ngoba sasingalandeli izinganekwane zobuqili, lapho silazisa amandla lokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa sasingabazibonelayo ubukhulu bayo.

17 Ngoba wemukela udumo lobukhosи okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, lapho ilizwi elinje lafikiswa kuye ngenkazimulo yobukhosи lisithi: Le yiNdodana yami ethandekayo mina engithokoza kuyo; **18** lalelilizwi thina salizwa livela ezulwini, lapho sasilaye entabenи engcwele. **19** Njalo silelizwi eliqinileyo kakhulu lesiprofetho, elenza kuhle ukuliqaphelisa njengesibane esikhanyayo endaweni emnyama, luze lukhanye usuku, lekhwezi liphumele enhliziyweni zenu; **20** lisazi lokhu kuqala, ukuthi kasikho isiprofetho sombhalo esivela kungcazelо engeyakhe. **21** Ngoba kakuzanga kulethwe isiprofetho ngentando yomuntu, kodwa abantu abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu bakhulumа beqhutshwa nguMoya oNgcwele.

2 Kodwa kwakukhona labaprofethi bamanga phakathi kwabantu, njengoba lakini kuzakuba khona abafundisi bamanga, abazangenisa ngensitha imfundiso ezechlukanisayo ezichithayo, bephika leNkosi eyabathengayo, bezehlisela ukuchitheka okuphangisayo, **2** labanengi bazalandela incithakalo zabo; okungabo indlela yeqiniso izahlanjazwa, **3** njalo emhawini ngamazwi alungisiweyo bazakwenza inzuso ngani; okulahlwa kwabo kwakudala kakulibalanga, lencithakalo yabo kayiwozeli. **4** Ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga ingilosи ezonayo, kodwa eziphosela esihogweni ezinikela emaketaneni obumnyama ukuze zigcinelwe isigwebo; (*Tartaroō g5020*) **5** njalo kaliyekelanga ilizwe lendulo, kodwa walondoloza owesificaminwembili uNowa umtshumayeli wokulunga, mhla

eletha uzamcolo emhlabeni wabeyisa uNkulunkulu; **6**
ngokuyichitha eyitshisa imizi yeSodoma leGomora waseyilahla,
waseyenza isibonelo kulabo abazakweyisa uNkulunkulu; **7**
wasemophula uLothi olungileyo, owahlutshwa yikuhamba
ngamanyala kwabangalunganga; **8** ngoba lowo olungileyo, ehlala
phakathi kwabo, ngokubona lokuzwa insuku ngensuku wazwisa
ubuhlungu umphefumulo wakhe olungileyo ngemisebenzi yabo
engelamthetho; **9** iNkosi iyakwazi ukubophula ekulingweni
labo abamkhonzayo uNkulunkulu, lokubagcina abangalunganga
kuze kube lusuku lwsigwebo, bajeziswe; **10** kodwa
ikakhulu bona abalandela inyama enkanukweni engcolileyo,
labadelela ubukhos. Abangakhathaliyo, abalenkani, kabenabi
ukuhlambaza ubukhos; **11** kanti ingilos, ezinkulu ngamandla
langengalo, kazilethi isigwebo senhlamba ukumelana labo
phambi kweNkosi. **12** Kodwa laba, njengezinyamazana
ngemvelo ezingelangqondo ezazalelwa ukubanjwa lokubulawa,
bahlbambaza izinto abangazaziyo, bazabhujswa ekuboleni kwazo,
13 bazakwemukela umvuzo wokungalungi, abathi kuyintokozo
ukuminza emini; bayisici loyangiso, bejabula enkohlisweni
zabo, besidla idili lani, **14** balamehlo agcwele ubufebe,
labangayekeli isono, bayenga imiphefumulo ebuthakathaka,
belenhliyo ezejwayele ubuhwaba, abantwana besiqalekiso; **15**
batshiye indlela eqondileyo baduha, balandela indlela kabalam
kaBosori, owathanda inzuso yokungalungi, **16** kodwa waba
lokusolwa kwesakhe isiphambeko; ubabhem oyisimungulu,
ekhulumu ngelizwi lomuntu, wanqanda ubuhlanya bomprofethi.
17 Laba bayimithombo engelamanzi, amayezi aqhutshwa
yisiphepho, okugcinelwe bona ubumnyama bomnyama kuze
kube phakade. (questioned) **18** Ngoba bakhulumu okokuziqakisa

okweze, babayenga ngenkanuko zenyama langobufebe labo abaphunyuke sibili kubo abahamba ekuduheni, **19** bebatembisa inkululeko, bona uqobo beyiziqqli zokubola; ngoba lowo umuntu ehlulwe ngaye, lakuye wenziwa isigqili. **20** Ngoba uba sebephunyukile ekungcoleni komhlaba ngolwazi lweNkosi loMsindisi uJesu Kristu, besebebuya behilelwa behlulwa yikho, izinto zokucina sezibe zimbi kubo kulezokuqala. **21** Ngoba ngabe kwaba ngcono kubo uba babengayazanga indlela yokulunga, kulokuthi sebeyazile bafulathele umlayo ongcwele onikelwe kibo. **22** Kodwa kubehlele lokhu okwesaga esiqinisileyo esithi: Inja ibuyela kwawayo amahlanzo; lengulube ensikazi egezileyo ekugiqikeni edakeni.

3 Incwadi le eyesibili, bathandekayo, ngilibhalela yona khathesi; okungazo zombili ngivusa ingqondo yenu eqotho ngokulikhumbuza, **2** ukuze likhumbule amazwi akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi abangcwele, lomlayo wethu esingabaphostoli beNkosi loMsindisi; **3** lisazi lokhu kuqala, ukuthi ekucineni kwensuku kuzaqika abahleka usulu, behamba ngokwezabo inkanuko, **4** njalo besithi: Singaphi isithembiso sokuza kwakhe? Ngoba selokhu obaba balala, konke kumi kunjalo kusukela ekuqaleni kokudalwa. **5** Ngoba lokhu kabakwazi ngabomo, ukuthi amazulu ayekhona kusukela endulo, lomhlaba, ukhona uvela emanzini njalo ukhona ngamanzi, ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu, **6** okungalo ilizwe elalikhona labhujiswa ngokugcwaliswa ngamanzi; **7** kodwa amazulu lomhlaba okukhona khathesi kubekiwe ngalona lelolizwi, kugcinelwe umlilo osukwini lokwahlulelwa lokubhujiswa kwabantu abeyisa uNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa lintonye kakumelanga ingaziwa kini, bathandekayo, ukuthi usuku olulodwa eNkosini lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane,

leminyaka eyinkulungwane njengosuku olulodwa. **9** INkosi kayiphuzisi isithembiso, njengalokhu abanye besithi yikuphuza; kodwa iyasibekezelela, ingathandi ukuthi lamunye abhubhe kodwa ukuthi bonke bafinyelele ekuphendukeni. **10** Kodwa usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela ebusuku, okuzakuthi ngalo amazulu adlule ngokuhlokomu, lokokuqala kuzadilizwa ngokutshisa okukhulu, lomhlaba lemisebenzi ekuwo kuzatshiswa. **11** Njengoba zonke lezizinto zidilizwa, kumele libe ngabanjani ekuhambeni okungcwele lekukhonzeni uNkulunkulu, **12** lilindele lilangazelela ukufika kosuku lukaNkulunkulu, okungalo amazulu azakutsha adilizwe, lokokuqala kuncibilike ngokutshisa okukhulu. **13** Kodwa ngokwesithembiso sakhe silindele amazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha, okuhlala kukho ukulunga. **14** Ngakho, bathandekayo, lilindele lezizinto, tshisekelani ukuthi lificwe nguye ekuthuleni lingelacwatshana njalo lingasoleki. **15** Beselisithi ukubekezelwa kweNkosi yethu kulusindiso, njengalokhu lomzalwane wethu othandekayo uPawuli walibhalela, ngokwenhlakanipho eyaphiwa yena; **16** njengoba kunjalo lencwadini zakhe zonke, ekhulumu kuzo ngalezizinto, okukuzo kukhona izinto ezithile ezilukhuni ukuzwisiseka, okuthi abangaziyo labangaqinanga bazihlanekele, lanjengakweminye imibhalo, kube kokwabo ukubhujiswa. **17** Ngakho lina, bathandekayo, lisazi mandulo, xwayani, ukuze lingaduhiswa yinkohliso yabangelamlayo, liwe kokwenu ukuqina. **18** Kodwa khulani emuseni lelwazini lweNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu. Ubukhosu kabube kuye lakhathesi njalo kuze kube lusuku lwaphakade. Ameni. (aiōn g165)

1 UJohane

1 Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni, esakuzwayo, esakubonayo ngamehlo ethu, esakukhangelayo, lezandla zethu zakuphatha, mayelana leLizwi leMpilo; **2** leMpilo yabonakaliswa, sasesiyibona, njalo siyafakaza silitshumayeza leyoMpilo elaphakade, eyayiloYise, yasibonakaliswa kithi; (*aiōnios g166*) **3** lokho esikubonileyo sasesikuzwa, silitshumayeza khona, ukuze lani libe lobudlelwano lathi; njalo ngeqiniso le inhlanganyelo eyethu ikanye loYise njalo kanye leNdodana yakhe uJesu Kristu; **4** lalezizinto silibhalela zona, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwaliswe. **5** Lokhu-ke ngumbiko esiwuzwe kuye sesiwutshumayela kini, ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyikuhanya, njalo kabukho kuye ubumnyama lakanye. **6** Uba sisithi silobudlelwano laye, kube kanti sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo kasenzi iqiniso; **7** kodwa uba sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengalokhu yena esekukhanyeni, silobudlelwano omunye lomunye, legazi likaJesu Kristu iNdodana yakhe liyasilambulula kuso sonke isono. **8** Uba sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa, leqiniso kalikho kithi. **9** Uba sivuma izono zethu, uthembekile futhi ulungile ukuze asithethelele izono zethu, njalo asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalungi. **10** Uba sisithi kasonanga, simenza umqambimanga, lelizwi lakhe kalikho kithi.

2 Bantwanyana bami, ngilibhalela lezizinto, ukuze lingoni. Njalo loba ngubani nxo esona, siloMmeli kuYise, uJesu Kristu olungileyo; **2** njalo yena uyinhawulo yokuthula yezono zethu; futhi kungeysisizo ezethu zodwa, kodwa lezomhlaba wonke. **3** Langalokho siyakwazi ukuthi siyamazi, uba sigcina imilayo yakhe. **4** Lowo othi: Ngiyamazi, futhi engagcini imilayo yakhe, ungumqambimanga, leqiniso kalikho kuye; **5** kodwa lowo ogcina

ilizwi lakhe, ngeqiniso uthando lukaNkulunkulu luphelelisiwe kuye. Ngalokho siyazi ukuthi sikuye. **6** Lowo othi uhlala kuye ufanele laye uqobo ahambe kanje, njengoba laye wahamba. **7** Bazalwane, kangilibhaleli umlayo omutsha, kodwa umlayo omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni; umlayo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo kusukela ekuqaleni. **8** Ngiphinda ngilibhalele umlayo omutsha, into eliqiniso kuye, lakini; ngoba ubumnyama buyadlula, lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya. **9** Lowo othi usekukhanyeni, futhi ezonda umzalwane wakhe, usemnyameni kuze kube lakhathesi. **10** Othanda umzalwane wakhe, uhlala ekukhanyeni, njalo kakulasikhubo kuye. **11** Kodwa ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni, njalo uhamba ebumnyameni, futhi kakwazi lapho aya khona, ngoba ubumnyama buwaphumputhekisile amehlo akhe. **12** Ngiyalibhalela, bantwanyana, ngoba izono zenu lizithethelelwe ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **13** Ngiyalibhalela, bobaba, ngoba limazile yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalibhalela lina, majaha, ngoba limnqobile omubi. Ngiyalibhalela lina, bantwanyana, ngoba limazile uYise. **14** Ngilibhalele, bobaba, ngoba limazile okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngilibhalele, majaha, ngoba lilamandla lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini njalo limnqobile omubi. **15** Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba izinto ezisemhlabeni. Uba umuntu ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaYise kalukho kuye; **16** ngoba konke okusemhlabeni, inkanuko yenyama, lenkanuko yamehlo, lokuziggaja kwempilo, kakuveli kuYise kodwa kuvela emhlabeni. **17** Lomhlaba uyedlula, lenkanuko zawo; kodwa owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uhlala kuze kube nininini. (aiōn g165) **18** Bantwanyana, kuyisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengalokhu lezwa ukuthi umphikuKristu uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi sebengabaphikuKristu; ngalokhu siyazi ukuthi kuyisikhathi

sokucina. **19** Baphuma kithi, kodwa babengesibo abakithi; ngoba uba babengabakithi, ngabe bahlala lathi; kodwa baphuma ukuze babonakalise ukuthi kabasibo bonke abakithi. **20** Kodwa lina lilokugcotshwa okuvela koNgcwele, njalo liyazi izinto zonke. **21** Kangilibhalelanga ngoba lingalazi iqiniso, kodwa ngoba liyalazi, njalo ngoba kakulamanga lakanye avela eqinisweni. **22** Ngubani ongumqambimanga ngaphandle kwalowo ophikayo ukuthi uJesu unguKristu? Yena ungumphikuKristu, ophika uYise leNdodana. **23** Wonke ophika iNdodana laye kalaye uYise; ovuma iNdodana uloYise laye. **24** Lina-ke elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kakuhlale kini. Uba kuhlala kini elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni, lani lizahlala eNdodaneni lakuBaba. **25** Njalo yilesi isithembiso yena asithembisa sona, impilo elaphakade. (*aiōnios g166*) **26** Lezizinto ngalibhalela ngalabo abalikhohlisayo. **27** Lina-ke ukugcotshwa elakwemukela kuye kuhlala kini, njalo kalisweli ukuthi umuntu alifundise; kodwa njengoba lokhu ukugcotshwa kuyalifundisa ngakho konke, futhi kuqinisile, njalo kayisiwomanga, futhi njengoba kwalifundisa, lizahlala kuye. **28** Khathesi-ke, bantwanyana, hlalani kuye; ukuze kuthi lapho ebonakala sibe lesibindi, singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe. **29** Uba lisazi ukuthi ulungile, liyazi ukuthi wonke owenza ukulunga uzelwe nguye.

3 Khangeli uthando olungaka asinika lona uYise ukuthi sithiwe singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. Ngenxa yalokho umhlaba kawusazi, ngoba ungamazanga yena. **2** Bathandekayo, khathesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo kakukabonakali esizakuba yikho. Kodwa siyazi ukuthi uba ebonakala, sizakuba njengaye, ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo. **3** Laye wonke olalelithemba kuye uyazihlambulula, njengoba yena ehlambulukile. **4** Wonke

owenza isono weqa lomlayo; ngoba isono siyikweqa umlayo. 5
Njalo liyazi ukuthi yena wabonakaliswa, ukuze asuse izono zethu;
lesono kasikho kuye. 6 Wonke ohlala kuye koni; wonke owonayo
kambonanga, futhi kamazanga. 7 Bantwanyana, kungabi
khona olkhohlisayo; owenza ukulunga ulungile, njengoba yena
elungile; 8 owenza isono uvela kudiyabhola, ngoba udiyahbola
wona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngalokhu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu
yabonakaliswa, ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kadiyahbola. 9 Wonke
ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kenzi isono, ngoba inhlanyelo yakhe
ihlala kuye; futhi angone, ngoba ezelwe nguNkulunkulu. 10
Ngalokhu kuyabonakala abantwana bakaNkulunkulu labantwana
bakadiyahbola; wonke ongenzi okulungileyo kaveli kuNkulunkulu,
laye ongamthandiyo umzalwane wakhe. 11 Ngoba yilo
umbiko elawuzwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi asithandane; 12
kungenjengoKhayini owavela komubi, wasebulala umfowabo.
Njalo kungani wambulala? Ngoba imisebenzi yakhe yayimbi,
kodwa eyomfowabo yayilungile. 13 Lingamangali bazalwane
bami, uba umhlabu ulizonda. 14 Thina siyazi ukuthi sesidlule
ekufeni saya empilweni, ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane.
Ongamthandiyo umzalwane uhlezi ekufeni. 15 Wonke ozonda
umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali; liyazi ukuthi kakho umbulali
lakanye olempilo elaphakade ehlezi kuye. (aiōnios g166) 16
Ngalokhu siyalwazi uthando lukaNkulunkulu, ngoba yena
wasibekela phansi impilo yakhe; lathi sifanele ukubabekela
phansi impilo abazalwane. 17 Kodwa loba ngubani olempahla
yomhlabu, njalo ebona umzalwane wakhe eswele, abesemvalela
imibilini yakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luhlala njani kuye?
18 Bantwanyana bami, kasingathandi ngelizwi kumbe ngolimi,
kodwa ngezenzo langeqiniso. 19 Futhi ngalokho siyazi ukuthi

singabeqiniso, njalo sizaqinisa inhlizyo zethu phambi kwakhe,
20 ngoba uba inhlizyo yethu isilahla, uNkulunkulu mkhulu
kulenhlizyo yethu, futhi uyazi zonke izinto. **21** Bathandekayo,
uba inhlizyo zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi kuNkulunkulu, **22** njalo
loba yini esiyicelayo, siyayemukela ivela kuye, ngoba sigcina
imilayo yakhe, njalo senza izinto ezithandekayo phambi kwakhe.
23 Njalo yilo umlayo wakhe, ukuthi sikholwe ebizweni leNdodana
yakhe uJesu Kristu, njalo sithandane, njengoba wasipha umlayo.
24 Logcina imilayo yakhe, uhlala kuye, laye kuye. Ngalokhu-ke
siyazi ukuthi uhlala kithi, ngoMoya asiphe wona.

4 Bathandekayo, lingakholwa wonke umoya, kodwa hlolani
omoya, ukuthi bavela kuNkulunkulu yini; ngoba banengi
abaprofethi bamanga abaphumele emhlabeni. **2** Ngalokhu
liyamazi uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Wonke umoya ovumayo
ukuthi uJesu Kristu uzile enyameni, uvela kuNkulunkulu; **3**
futhi wonke umoya ongavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Kristu usezile
enyameni, kaveli kuNkulunkulu; lalo ungowomphikuKristu,
eselizwile ukuthi uyeza, lakhathesi usekhona emhlabeni. **4** Lina
lingabakaNkulunkulu, bantwanyana, futhi libanqobile; ngoba
mkhulu okini kulalowo osemhlabeni. **5** Bona bangabomhlab;
ngenxa yalokho bakhuluma okuvela emhlabeni, njalo umhlab
uyabezwa. **6** Thina singabakaNkulunkulu; omaziyo uNkulunkulu,
uyasizwa; ongeyisuye kaNkulunkulu, kasizwa. Ngalokhu
siyamazi umoya weqiniso lomoya wokuduha. **7** Bathandekayo,
asithandaneni; ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu, laye wonke
othandayo, uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uyamazi uNkulunkulu.
8 Ongathandiyo, kamazi uNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu
uluthando. **9** Ngalokhu uthando lukaNkulunkulu lwabonakaliswa
kithi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe ezelwe

yodwa emhlabeni, ukuze siphile ngayo. **10** Uthando lukulokhu, kungesikuthi thina samthanda uNkulunkulu, kodwa ukuthi yena wasithanda, wasethuma iNdodana yakhe ukuthi ibe yinhlawulo yokuthula ngezono zethu. **11** Bathandekayo, uba uNkulunkulu wasithanda ngokunje, lathi sifanele ukuthandana. **12** Kakulamuntu owake wabona uNkulunkulu; uba sithandana, uNkulunkulu uhlala kithi, lothando lwakhe luphelelisiwe kithi. **13** Ngalokhu siyazi ukuthi sihlala kuye, laye kithi, ngoba usinikile okukaMoya wakhe. **14** Thina sesibonile siyafakaza ukuthi uYise uyithumile iNdodana ibe nguMsindisi womhlaba. **15** Loba ngubani ovumayo ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uhlala kuye, laye kuNkulunkulu. **16** Thina sesisazi sakholwa uthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi. UNkulunkulu uluthando, njalo ohlala ethandweni uhlala kuNkulunkulu, IoNkulunkulu kuye. **17** Ngalokhu uthando luphelelisiwe lathi, ukuze sibe lesibindi osukwini lokwahlulelwa, ngoba njengalokhu enjalo yena, sinjalo lathi kulumhlaba. **18** Kakukho ukwesaba ethandweni, kodwa uthando olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba kulobuhlungu; lowesabayo kapheleliswanga ethandweni. **19** Thina siyamthanda, ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala. **20** Uba umuntu esithi: Ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu, njalo ezonda umzalwane wakhe, unguqambimanga; ngoba ongamthandiyo umzalwane wakhe ambonileyo, angamthanda njani uNkulunkulu angambonanga? **21** Njalo silalumlayo ovela kuye, ukuthi othanda uNkulunkulu, kamthande lomzalwane wakhe.

5 Wonke okholwa ukuthi uJesu unguKristu uzelwe nguNkulunkulu; laye wonke othanda umzali uthanda lozelwe nguye. **2** Ngalokho siyazi ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu, nxa sithanda uNkulunkulu, njalo sigcina

imilayo yakhe; **3** ngoba lolu luthando lukaNkulunkulu,
ukuthi sigcine imilayo yakhe; lemilayo yakhe kayinzima. **4**
Ngoba konke okuzelwe nguNkulunkulu kuyawunqoba umhlaba;
lalokho yikunqoba okunqoba umhlaba, ukholo lwethu. **5**
Ngubani onqoba umhlaba, ngaphandle kokholwa ukuthi uJesu
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? **6** Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi
legazi, uJesu Kristu; kungeyisikho ngamanzi kuphela, kodwa
ngamanzi legazi. LoMoya nguye ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya
uliqiniso. **7** Ngoba bathathu abafakazayo ezulwini, uYise,
uLizwi, loMoya oNgcwele; laba abathathu banye. **8** Njalo
bathathu abafakazayo emhlabeni, uMoya, lamanzi, legazi;
laba abathathu bahlanganyela intonye. **9** Uba sisemukela
ubufakazi babantu, ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu bukhulu; ngoba
lobu yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu, abufakazileyo ngeNdodana
yakhe. **10** Okholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi
phakathi kwakhe ngokwakhe; ongakholwa uNkulunkulu, umenze
abe ngumqambimanga, ngoba engakholwanga ubufakazi
uNkulunkulu abufakazileyo ngeNdodana yakhe. **11** Yilobu-
ke ubufakazi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu usinikile impilo elaphakade,
lale impilo iseNdodaneni yakhe. (*aiōnios g166*) **12** Olayo
iNdodana ulempilo; ongelayo iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalampilo.
13 Lezizinto njizibhalela lina elikhholwa ebizweni leNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lazi ukuthi lilempilo elaphakade, lokuze
likholwe ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu. (*aiōnios g166*) **14** Njalo
yilesi isibindi esilaso kuye, ukuthi uba sicela ulutho ngokwentando
yakhe, uyasizwa; **15** uba-ke sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa, loba yini
esiycelayo, siyazi ukuthi sesilezicelo esizicela kuye. **16** Uba
umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe esona isono esingasi ekufeni,
uzacela, njalo uzamnika impilo labo abangonelanga ekufeni.

Sikhona isono esisa ekufeni; kangitsho ukuthi ancenge ngaleso;
17 konke ukungalungi kuyisono; njalo kukhona isono esingasi
ekufeni. 18 Siyazi ukuthi wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu koni;
kodwa ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uyazigcina, lomubi kamthinti.
19 Siyazi ukuthi singabakaNkulunkulu, lokuthi umhlaba wonke
ulele ebubini. 20 Njalo siyazi ukuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu
isifikile, yasinika ukuqedisisa ukuze simazi oweqiniso; njalo
sikuye oweqiniso, eNdodaneni yakhe uJesu Kristu. Yena
unguNkulunkulu weqiniso, lempilo elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 21

Bantwanyana, zilondolozeni ezithombeni. Ameni.

2 UJohane

1 Umdala kunkosikazi ekhethiweyo lakubantwana bayo, mina engibathanda ngeqiniso, njalo kungeyisimi ngedwa kodwa labo bonke asebelazi iqiniso, **2** ngenxa yeqiniso elihlala kithi, lelizakuba lathi kuze kube nininini: (**aiōn g165**) **3** Kakube lani umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uYise, leNkosini uJesu Kristu iNdodana kaBaba, eqinisweni lethandweni. **4** Ngathokoza kakhulukazi ukuthi ngithole ebantwaneni bakho abahamba eqinisweni, njengoba semukela umlayo kuYise. **5** Khathesi-ke ngiyakuncenga, nkosikazi, kungenjengokuthi ngikubhalela umlayo omutsha, kodwa lowo esasilawo kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuze sithandane. **6** Njalo yilolu uthando, ukuthi sihambe ngokwemilayo yakhe. Yilo umlayo, njengoba lezwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi lihambe kiwo. **7** Ngoba abakhohlisi abanengi sebengene emhlabeni abangavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Kristu weza enyameni. Lo ngumkohhlisi lomphikuKristu. **8** Ziqapheleni ukuze singalahlekelwa yizinto esesizisebenzile, kodwa semukele umvuzo opheleleyo. **9** Wonke oweqayo njalo ongahlali emfundisweni kaKristu, kalaNkulunkulu; ohlala emfundisweni kaKristu, lowo ulabo bobabili uYise leNdodana. **10** Uba kufika umuntu kini, njalo engalethi le imfundiso, lingamemukeli endlini, futhi lingambingeleti; **11** ngoba lowo ombingelelayo, uhlanganyela lemisebenzi yakhe emibi. **12** Ngilezinto ezinengi zokulibhalela, kangithandanga ukubhala ngephepha leyinki; kodwa ngithemba ukuza kini, ngikhulumbe lani umlomo ngomlomo, ukuze intokozo yethu igcwale. **13** Abantwana bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakubingeleta. Ameni.

3 UJohane

1 Umdala, kuye uGayusi othandekayo, mina engimthanda ngeqiniso. **2** Sithandwa, kuzo zonke izinto ngifisa ukuthi uphumelele njalo uphile, njengalokhu umphefumulo wakho uphumelela. **3** Ngoba ngathokoza kakhulukazi, lapho kufika abazalwane, befakazela iqiniso lakho, njengoba wena uhamba eqinisweni. **4** Kangilantokozo enkulu edlula lezizinto, ukuthi ngizwe ukuthi abantwana bami bahamba eqinisweni. **5** Sithandwa, wenza ngokuthembeka loba yikuphi okwenza kubazalwane lakwabemzini, **6** abafakazele uthando lwakho phambi kwebandla; uzakwenza kuhle uba ubaphelekezelwa ngokufanele uNkulunkulu. **7** Ngoba ngenxa yebizo lakhe baphumile bengemukeli lutho kwabeszizwe. **8** Ngakho thina sifanele ukubemukela abanjalo, ukuze sibe yizisebenzi kanye leqiniso. **9** Ngabhalela ibandla; kodwa uDiyotrefe othanda ukuba ngowokuqala kubo kasemukeli. **10** Ngakho, uba njifika, ngizakhumbuza imisebenzi yakhe ayenzayo, uyashihleba ngamazwi amabi; futhi kakholiswa yilezizinto, yena uqobo kemukeli abazalwane, uyabalela lalabo abathanda ukukwenza, njalo uyabaxotsha ebandleni. **11** Sithandwa, ungakulingiseli okubi, kodwa okuhle. Owenza okuhle ungokaNkulunkulu; kodwa owenza okubi kambonanga uNkulunkulu. **12** NgoDemetriyu kufakazwe yibo bonke, langeqiniso uqobo; lathi futhi siyafakaza, lani liyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bethu buqinisile. **13** Bengilezinto ezinengi zokubhala, kodwa kangithandi ukukubhalela ngeyinki losiba; **14** kodwa ngithemba ukukubona masinyane, sibe sesikhulumu umlomo ngomlomo. Ukuthula kakube kuwe. Abangane bayakubingelela. Bingelela abangane ngamabizo.

UJuda

1 UJuda inceu kajesu Kristu, lomfowabo kajakobe, kwabangcweliswe ngukulunkulu uBaba, labagcinwe ngujesu Kristu, ababiziweyo: **2** Kakwantiswe kini isihawu lokuthula lothando. **3** Bathandekayo, lapho ngisenza yonke inkuthalo yokulibhalela ngosindiso oluolanganyelwayo, ngaswela ukulibhalela ngilikhuthaze ukuthi lilwele ngoqotho ukholo olwanikwa kanye abangcwele. **4** Ngoba sekungenile ngokunyenza abantu abathile, ababhalewa ngaphambili lokhukulahlwa kudala, abeyisa uNkulunkulu, abaphendula umusa kaNkulunkulu wethu ube ngamanyaala, njalo bephika uMbusi oyedwa uNkulunkulu, leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. **5** Kodwa ngithanda ukulikhumbuza, loba belikwazi lokhu kanye, ukuthi iNkosi, isisindise isizwe elizweni iGibhithe, yabuye yababhubhisa labo abangakholwanga. **6** Lengilos ezingagcinanga ubukhosu bazo bakuqala, kodwa zatshya eyazo indawo yokuhlala, uzigcinele isigwebo sosuku olukhulu, ngezibopho ezaphakade ngaphansi kobumnyama. (aiōnios g126) **7** NjengeSodoma leGomora lemizi eyizingelezeleyo, ezinikele ekuphingeni ngendlela efanana lalez, isilandele enye inyama, yenziwa isiboneko obala, yahlupheka isijeziso somlilo ophakade. (aiōnios g166) **8** Ngokunjalo lalaba bephupha bayona inyama, njalo badelela ukubusa, bahlambaze ubukhosu. **9** Kanti uMikayeli ingilosu eyinduna, lapho ebanga lodiyabhola ephikisa ngesidumbu sikaMozisi, kabanga lesibindi sokumlethela isigwebo senhlamba, kodwa wathi: INkosi kayikukhalimele. **10** Kodwa laba bathuka konke abangakwaziyo; lakho konke abakwaziyo ngemvelo njengezinyamazana ezingelangqondo, bazonakalisa kulezizinto. **11** Maye kubo! Ngoba bahambe

ngendlela kaKhayini, futhi baziwisele ekuduheni kukaBalami ngenxa yenzuzo, lenkanini kaKora babhubhile. **12** Laba bayizici emadilini enu othando, nxa beledili lani, ngokungesabi bayazonbla; amayezi angelamanzi, bephetshulwa yimimoya; izihlahla zamaphethelo ekwindla, ezingelazithelo, ezife kibili, sejisitshulwe; **13** amagagasi olwandle aphosekayo, abhubhudla awazo amahlazo; inkanyezi eziduhayo, okugcinelwe bona ubumnyama bomnyama kuze kube phakade. (*aiōn g165*) **14** Njalo uEnoki laye owesikhombisa kusukela kuAdamu waprofetha ngabo esithi: Khangela, iNkosi yafika labangcwele bayo abayizigidi, **15** ukwenza isigwebo esimelana labo bonke, lokubalahla bonke abeyisa uNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo ngenxa yezenzo zabo zonke zokungesabi uNkulunkulu abazenzayo beseyisa uNkulunkulu, langawo wonke amazwi anzima izoni ezeyisa uNkulunkulu eziwakhulume emelene laye. **16** Laba ngabangungunayo, abasolayo, behamba ngokwenkanuko zabo, lomlomo wabo ukhuluma izinto zokuzikhukhumeza, bebuka abantu ngenxa yenzuzo. **17** Kodwa lina bathandekayo, khumbulani amazwi akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaphostoli beNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; **18** ukuthi bathi kini, kuzakuba khona abahleka usulu ngesikhathi sokucina, behamba ngokwenkanuko zabo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu. **19** Yibo laba abenza izehlukaniso, bangabemvelo, kabalaMoya. **20** Kodwa lina, bathandekayo, lizakhe ekholweni lwenu olungcwele kakhulu, likhuleke likuMoya oNgcwele, **21** zigcineni ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, lilindele isihawu seNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kuze kube sempilweni elaphakade. (*aiōnios g166*) **22** Beselibahawukela abanye lehlukanise; **23** kodwa lisindise abanye ngokwesaba libahluthuna emlilweni, lizonda lesembatho esoniwe ngokuvela enyameni. **24** Kuye-ke olamandla

okulilinda ekukhubekeni, lokulimisa phambi kwenkazimulo yakhe
lingelasici entokozweni enkulu, **25** kuye uNkulunkulu yedwa
ohlakaniphileyo uMsindisi wethu, kakube inkazimulo lobukhulu,
ubukhos i lamandla, lakhathesi lakulo lonke iphakade. Ameni.

(aiōn g165)

Isambulo

1 Isambulelo sikaJesu Kristu, amnika sona uNkulunkulu, ukuze abonise inceku zakhe izinto ezimele ukwenzeka ngokuphangisa, esethume ngengilosи yakhe wazibonakalisa kunceku yakhe uJohane, **2** owafakaza ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, lobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu, lakho konke akubonayo. **3** Ubusisiwe ofunda, lalabo abezwa amazwi alesisiprofetho, besebegcina izinto ezilotshiweyo kuso; ngoba isikhathi siseduze.

4 UJohane kumabandla ayisikhombisa aseAsiya: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuye okhona lowayekhona lozakuza; lakubomoya abayisikhombisa abaphambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosи; **5** lakuJesu Kristu, umfakazi othembekileyo, olizibulo kwabafileyo lombusi wamakhosi omhlaba. Kuye owasithandayo, wasigezisa ezonweni zethu egazini lakhe; **6** owasenza saba ngamakhosi labapristi kuNkulunkulu uYise; kakube kuye ubukhosи lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (*aiōn g165*) **7** Khangela uyeza kanye lamayezi, futhi lonke ilihlo lizambona, lalabo abamgwazayo; lezizwe zonke zomhlaba zizalila ngenxa yakhe. Yebo. Ameni. **8** Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina, kutsho iNkosi, ekhona leyayikhona lezakuza, uSomandla. **9** Mina uJohane, longumzalwane wenu, lohlanganyela kanye lani ekuhluphekeni lembusweni lekubekezeleni kukaJesu Kristu, ngangisesihlengeni esithiya yiPatmosi, ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu langenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu. **10** NgangikuMoya ngosuku lweNkosi; futhi ngezwa ngemva kwami ilizwi elikhulu kungathi ngelophondo, **11** lisithi: Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina; lokuthi: Okubonayo kubhale encwadini, ukuthumele emabandleni ayisikhombisa aseAsiya, eEfesu, leSemerna, lePergamo, leTiyathira, leSardisi,

leFiladelfiya, leLawodikeya. **12** Ngasengitshibilika ukuze ngibone ilizwi elikhuluma lami. Sengitshibilikile ngabona iziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **13** laphakathi kweziqobane zezibane eziyisikhombisa onjengeNdodana yomuntu, embethe isembatho esifika ezinyaweni futhi ezibophe ezithandele ngeqhele legolide emabeleni; **14** njalo ikhanda lakhe lenwele zakhe kwakumhlopho njengoboya bezimvu, njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo; lamehlo akhe enjengelangabi lomlilo, **15** lenyawo zakhe zazinjengethusi elikhazimulayo, njengelivutha esithandweni; lelizwi lakhe lalinjengenhlokomo yamanzi amanengi; **16** futhi elenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene, lemfonyeni wakhe kwaphuma inkemba ebukhali inhlangothi zombili; lobuso bakhe bunjengelanga elikhanya emandleni alo. **17** Njalo ngathi ngimbona, ngawela ngasezinyaweni zakhe njengofileyo; wasebeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwami esithi kimi: Ungesabi; mina ngingowokuqala lowokucina, **18** lophilayo; njalo ngangofile futhi khangela, ngiyaphila kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. Njalo ngilezihluthulelo zesihogo lezokufa. (*aiōn g165, Hadēs g86*) **19** Bhala izinto ozibonileyo, lezinto ezikhona, lezinto ezizakuba khona emva kwalezi: **20** Imfihlo yenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo esandleni sami sokunene, leziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa. Inkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ziyyithunyuwa zamabandla ayisikhombisa; leziqobane zezibane eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo zingamabandla ayisikhombisa.

2 Kuso isithunyuwa sebandla leEfesu bhala uthi: Lezizinto uyazitsho lowo ophethe inkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene, ohamba phakathi kweziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **2** uthi: Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lomsebenzi wakho onzima, lokubekezelā

kwakho, lokuthi ungebamele ababi, lokuthi ubahlolile labo abazithi bangabaphostoli kodwa bengeyisibo, wasubathola bengabaqambimanga, **3** wasuthwala, ulokubekezelwa, wakhuthala ngenxa yebizo lami, kawudinwanga. **4** Kodwa ngilokumelene lawe ukuthi udelile uthando lwakho lwakuqala. **5** Ngakho khumbula lapho owe khona, ubusuphenduka wenze imisebenzi yakuqala; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza kuwe ngokuphangisa, ngizasusa isiqobane sesibane sakho endaweni yaso, uba ungaphenduki; **6** kanti ulalokhu ukuthi uyayizonda imisebenzi yamaNikolayitha, engiyizondayo lami. **7** Lowo olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo ngizamnika ukuthi adle okwesihlahla sempilo esiphakathi kweParadise likaNkulunkulu. **8** Lakuso isithunywa sebandla leSemerna bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho owokuqala lowokucina, owayefile njalo uyaphila: **9** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi lokuhlupheka lobuyanga bakho (kanti unothile) lenhlamba yalabo abathi bangamaJuda, kanti bengeyisiwo, kodwa belisinagoge likaSathane. **10** Un gesabi lutho lwalezozinto ozahlupheka ngazo; khangela udiyahbola uzaphosela abanye kini entolongweni, ukuze lilingwe; futhi lizakuba lenhlupheko insuku ezilitshumi. Bana ngothembekileyo kuze kube sekufeni, njalo ngizakunika umqhele wempilo. **11** Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo kasoze alinyazwa yikufa kwesibili. **12** Lakuso isithunywa sebandla elisePergamo bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho lowo olenkemba ebukhali inhlangothi zombili: **13** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lalapho ohlala khona, lapho okukhona isihlalo sobukhoswa sikaSathane; njalo ugcinile ibizo lami, kawuphikanga ukholo lwami, ngitsho ensukwini zikaAntipasi, umfakazi wami othembekileyo, owabulawelwa phakathi kwenu, lapho uSathane

ahlala khona; **14** kodwa ngilezinto ezinlutshwana ezimelene lawe, ukuthi ulabo lapho ababambelela emfundisweni kaBalami, owarfundisa uBalaki ukuphosa isikhubeKiso phambi kwabantwana bakolsrayeli, sokuthi badle okuhlatshelwe izithombe lokuthi baphinge. **15** Ngokunjalo lawe ulabo ababambelela emfundisweni yamaNikolayitha, into engiyizondayo. **16** Phenduka; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza kuwe ngokuphangisa, ngizakulwa ngimelene labo ngenkemba yomlomo wami. **17** Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo ngizamnika ukuthi adle okwemana efihiwego, njalo ngizamnika ilitshe elimhlophe, laphezu kwelitshe ibizo elitsha elilotshiwego, okungelamuntu olaziyo ngaphandle kolemukelayo. **18** Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseTiyathira bhala uthi: Lezizinto itsho iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, elamehlo ayo anjengelangabi lomlilo, lenyawo zayo zifanana lethusi elikhazimulayo: **19** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lothando, lokukhonza, lokholo, lokubekezelwa kwakho, lemisebenzi yakho, ukuthi eyokucina minengi kuleyokuqala. **20** Kodwa ngilezinto ezinlutshwana ezimelene lawe, ukuthi uvumele owesifazana uJezebeli, ozibiza ngokuthi unggumprofethikazi, ukufundisa aduhise inceku zami, ukuthi ziphinge lokuthi zidle okuhlatshelwe izithombe. **21** Futhi ngamnika ithuba lokuthi aphenduke ekufebeni kwakhe, njalo kaphendukanga. **22** Khangela mina ngizamphosela embhedeni, labaphingayo laye ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, uba bengaphenduki emisebenzini yabo. **23** Njalo ngizabulala abantwana bakhe ngokufa; lamabandla wonke azakwazi ukuthi nginguye ohlolwa izinso lezinhliziyo; futhi ngizalinika, ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi yenu. **24** Kodwa ngikhulumwa lani labanye abaseTiyathira, bonke abangelayo le imfundiso, labangakwaziyo

okujulileyo kukaSathane, njengokutsho kwabo: Kangiyikulethesa omunye umthwalo. **25** Kodwa lokho elilakho kubambisiseni, ngize ngifike. **26** Lonqobayo logcina imisebenzi yami kuze kube sekupheleni, ngizamnika amandla phezu kwezizwe; **27** njalo uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; zizaphahlazwa njengezimbiza zebumba; njengalokhu lami ngikwemukele kuBaba. **28** Futhi ngizamnika indonsakusa. **29** Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni.

3 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseSardisi bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho lowo olabomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu, lenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa: Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi ulebizo lokuthi uyaphila, kanti ufile. **2** Woba ulindile, uqinise izinto eziseleyo eseziakufa; ngoba kangitholanga imisebenzi yakho iphelelisiwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Khumbula-ke ukuthi ukwemukele wakuzwa njani, ubusukucina, uphenduke. Uba-ke ungalindi, ngizakuza phezu kwakho njengesela, njalo kawusoze walazi iholo engizakuza ngalo phezu kwakho. **4** Ulamabizo amalutshwana ngitsho eSardisi, angangcolisanga izembatho zawo; njalo bazahamba lami bekwezimhlophe, ngoba bafanele. **5** Onqobayo, lowo uzaggokiswa izembatho ezimhlophe; futhi kangisoze ngilesule ibizo lakhe egwalweni lwempilo, njalo ngizalivuma ibizo lakhe phambi kukaBaba, laphambi kwengilos zakhe. **6** Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni. **7** Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseFiladelfiya bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho oNgcwele, oQotho, olesihluthulelo sikaDavida, ovula njalo kungavalu muntu, avale futhi kungavuli muntu: **8** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho; khangela, ngimise phambi kwakho umnyango ovuliweyo, njalo kakulamuntu ongawuvala, ngoba ulamandla amancinyane, njalo uligcinile ilizwi lami, futhi

kawuliphikanga ibizo lami. **9** Khangela ngizakunika abavela esinagogeni likaSathane, abathi bangamaJuda, bengeyisiwo, kodwa begamba amanga; khangela ngizabenza ukuthi beze baguqe phambi kwenyawo zakho, njalo bazi ukuthi mina ngikuthandile. **10** Ngoba ugcinile ilizwi lokubekezelwa kwami, lami ngizakulondoloza kuhola lokulingwa okuzafika emhlabeni wonke, ukulinga abakhileyo phezu komhlabathi. **11** Khangela, ngiyeza ngokuphangisa; bambisia olakho, ukuze kungabi khona okwemuka umqhele wakho. **12** Onqobayo, ngizamenza insika ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami; njalo kasoze aphinde aphume phandle, futhi ngizabhalwa ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami phezu kwakhe, lebizo lomuzi kaNkulunkulu wami, iJerusalema entsha, eyehla ivela ezulwini kuNkulunkulu wami, lebizo lami elitsha. **13** Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni. **14** Lakuso isithunywa sebandla lamaLawodikeya bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho uAmeni, umfakazi othembekileyo loqotho, owokuqala kokudaliwego kukaNkulunkulu: **15** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi njalo kawuqandi futhi kawutshisi. Kungathi ngabe uyaqanda kumbe utshise! **16** Ngokunjalo, ngoba ubuthukuthuku, njalo ungaqandi futhi ungatshisi, ngizakukhafula emlonyeni wami. **17** Ngoba uthi: Nginothile, senginothile njalo kangisweli lutho, kanti kawazi ukuthi wena ungoohluphekayo lohawulayo longumyanga loyisiphofu lonqunu; **18** ngiyakweluleka ukuthi uthenge kimi igolide elicengwe ngomlilo, ukuze unothe; lezembatho ezimhlophe, ukuze wembathe, lehlazo lobuze bakho lingembulwa; njalo ugcobe amehlo akho ngamagcobo amehlo, ukuze ubone. **19** Mina bonke engibathandayo, ngiyabasola ngibatshaye. Ngakho tshiseka uphenduke. **20** Khangela, ngimi emnyango ngiqoqoda; uba umuntu esizwa ilizwi lami, abesevula

umnyango, ngizangena kuye, ngidle laye, laye lami. 21
Onqobayo, ngizamnika ukuthi ahlale lami esihlalweni sami
sobukhos, njengalokhu lami nganqoba, ngasengahlala loBaba
esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos. 22 Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya
akutshoyo emabandleni.

4 Emva kwalezizinto ngabona, futhi khangela, umnyango
uvulekile ezulwini, lelizwi lokuqala engalizwayo linjengelophondo
likhuluma lami, lisithi: Yenyukela lapha, njalo ngizakutshengisa
izinto ezimele zenzeke emva kwalezizinto. 2 Njalo
ngahle ngaba kuMoya; khangela-ke, isihlalo sobukhos
samiswa ezulwini, laphezu kwestahlalo sobukhos ohleziyo;
3 njalo ohleziyo wayebonakala efanana lelitshe ijaspi
lesardiyusi, lomchilowamakhosikazi wawuzingezele isihlalo
sobukhos ubonakala njenge-emerald. 4 Lezihlalo zobukhos
ezingamatshumi amabili lane zazihanqe isihlalo sobukhos;
laphezu kwezihlalo zobukhos ngabona abadala abangamatshumi
amabili lane behlezi, bembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, njalo
belemiqhele yegolide emakhanda abo. 5 Lesihlalweni sobukhos
kwaphuma imibane lemidumo lamazwi; lezibane zomlilo
eziyisikhombisa zazibhebha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhos,
ezingomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu; 6 laphambi
kwesihlalo sobukhos kwakukhona ulwandle lwengilazi, lufanana
lekristali. Laphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhos lekuzingezele
kwesihlalo sobukhos kwakukhona izidalwa ezine eziphilayo
zigcwele amehlo ngemuva laphambili. 7 Lesidalwa esiphilayo
sokuqala sasifanana lesilwane, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesibili
sasifanana lethole, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesithathu sasilobuso
njengomuntu, lesidalwa esiphilayo sesine sasifanana lokhozi
oluphaphayo; 8 lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zilempiko eziyisithupha

ilesa laleso ngokukhetekileyo emaceleni wonke, langaphakathi zigcwele amehlo, njalo kazilakuphumula emini lebusuku, zisithi: Ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele, iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla, owayekhona lokhona lozakuza. **9** Kuthi lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zimnika ubukhosu lodumo lokubongwa lowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu, ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, (**aiōn g165**) **10** abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane baziwisela phansi phambi kohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu, basebemkhonza ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, bephosela imiqhele yabo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosu, besithi: (**aiōn g165**) **11** Ufanele, Nkosi, ukwemukela ubukhosu, lodumo lamandla; ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke, langentando yakho zikhona, zadalwa.

5 Ngasengibona esandleni sokunene sowayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu ugwalu olubhalwe ngaphakathi langemuva, lunanyekiwe ngempawu eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ngasengibona ingilosu elamandla imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu isithi: Ngubani ofanele ukuvula ugwalu, lokuqhaqha impawu zalo? **3** Njalo kwakungelamuntu ezulwini, kumbe emhlabeni, kumbe ngaphansi komhlaba, owayelamandla okuvula ugwalu, kumbe ukulukhangela. **4** Mina ngasengikhala kakhulu, ngoba kungatholwanga loyedwa ofanele ukuluvula lokulufunda ugwalu, kumbe ukulukhangela. **5** Omunye wabadala wasesithi kimi: Ungakhali; khangela, inqobile iNgonyama evela esizweni sakoJuda, iMpande kaDavida, ukuthi ivule ugwalu lokuthi iqhaqhe impawu zalo eziyisikhombisa. **6** Ngasengibona, futhi khangela phakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosu, lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo, langaphakathi kwabada, iWundlu limi kungathi lihlatshiwe, lilempondo eziyisikhombisa lamehlo ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu abathunyelwe emhlabeni

wonke. **7** Laselisiza, laluthatha ugwalo esandleni sokunene sohlezi esihlalweni sobukhos. **8** Kuthe seliluthethe ugwalo, izidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu, ngulowo lalowo elamachacho lemiganu yegolide igcwele impepha eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. **9** Basebehlabela ingoma entsha, besithi: Ukufanele ukuluthatha ugwalo, lokuvula impawu zalo, ngoba wahlatshwa, wasusihlengela uNkulunkulu ngegazi lakho sivela kuyo yonke imihlobo lezinlimi labantu lezizwe, **10** wasusenza saba ngamakhosi labapristi kuNkulunkulu wethu; njalo sizabusa emhlabeni. **11** Ngasengibona, ngezwa ilizwi lengilosи eginengi zihanqe isihlalo sobukhos lezidalwa eziphilayo labadala; lenani lazo laliyizigidi zezigidi, lenkulungwane zezinkulungwane, **12** zisithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Lifanele iWundlu elahlatshwayo ukwemukela amandla lenotho lenhlakanipho lengalo lodumo lobukhosи lokudunyiswa. **13** Laso sonke isidalwa esisezulwini, lemhlabeni, langaphansi komhlaba, lezinto eziselwandle, lakho konke okukikho, ngakuzwa kusithi: Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи lakulo iWundlu kakube ukudunyiswa lodumo lobukhosи lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. (*aiōn g165*) **14** Lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zathi: Ameni. Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane baziwisela phansi, basebekhonza ophilayo kuze kube phakade laphakade.

6 Ngasengibona lapho iWundlu selivule olunye lwezimpawu, ngezwa esinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sisithi, njengelizwi lomdumo: Woza ubone! **2** Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza elimhlophe, loligadileyo eledandili; kwasekunikelwa kuye umqhele, wasephuma enqoba, lokuze anqobe. **3** Lalapho selivule uphawu lwasibili, ngezwa isidalwa esiphilayo sesibili

sisithi: Woza ubone! 4 Kwasekuphuma elinye ibhiza elibomvu; loligadileyo kwanikwa kuye ukususa ukuthula emhlabeni, lokuthi babulalane; kwasekunikelwa kuye inkemba enkulu. 5 Lalapho selivule uphawu ljesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa esiphilayo sesithathu sisithi: Woza ubone! Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza elimnyama, loligadileyo elesikali esandleni sakhe. 6 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo lisithi: Ingcebethu yamabele ngodenariyo, lengcebethu ezintathu zebhali ngodenariyo; lamafutha lewayini ungakoni. 7 Lalapho selivule uphawu ljesine, ngezwa ilizwi lesidalwa sesine lisithi: Woza ubone! 8 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza eliliganu, loligadileyo, ibizo lakhe linguKufa, leshogo salandelana laye. Kwasekunikelwa kukho amandla okubulala kuze kube yingxenye yesine yomhlaba, ngenkemba langendlala langokufa, langezilo zomhlaba. (Hadēs g86) 9 Lalapho selivule uphawu ljesihlanu, ngabona ngaphansi kwelathi imiphefumulo yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, langenxa yobufakazi ababelabo. 10 Basebememeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi: Koze kube nini, Nkosi, engcwele leqotho, ungagwebi uphindisele igazi lethu kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni? 11 Kwasekunikwa kulowo lalowo izembatho ezimhlophe, kwasekuthiwa kubo, bake baphumule okwesikhathana, baze bapheleliswe abayizinceku kanye labo labazalwane babo ababezabulawa lanjengabo. 12 Ngasengibona lapho selivule uphawu ljesithupha, khangela-ke, kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, lelangalabu mnyama njengesaka eliloboya, lenyanga yaba njengetegazi, 13 lenkanyezi zezulu zawohlokela emhlabeni, njengesihlahla somkhiwa siwohloza izithelo zaso eziluhlaza, sinyikinywa ngumoya omkhulu. 14 Lezulu lamuka njengogwalo olugoqwayo,

layo yonke intaba lesihlenge kwasuswa endaweni zakho, **15**
lamakhosi omhlaba, lezikhulu, labanothileyo, lenduna ezinkulu,
labalamandla, laso sonke isiggili, laye wonke okhululekileyo,
bacatsha ezimbalwini lemadwaleni ezintaba, **16** besithi ezintabeni
lemadwaleni: Welani phezu kwethu, lisifihle ebusweni bakhe
ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu, lelakeni IweWundlu; **17** ngoba
usuku olukhulu lolaka Iwakhe selufikile; njalo ngubani olamandla
okuma?

7 Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona ingilosu ezine zimi emagumbini
womane omhlaba zibambe imimoya emine yomhlaba, ukuze
kungavunguzi moyo emhlabeni, kumbe olwandle, loba
kwesisodwa isihlahla. **2** Ngasengibona enye ingilosu isenyuka
isuka lapho eliphuma khona ilanga, ilophawu lukaNkulunkulu
ophilayo; yasimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu kungilosu ezine,
okwakunikwe kuzo ukona umhlaba lolwandle, **3** isithi:
Lingoni umhlaba, kumbe ulwandle, kumbe izihlahla, size
siphawule izinceku zikaNkulunkulu wethu emabunzini azo. **4**
Ngasengisizwa inani elababephawulwa: Zinkulungwane ezilikhulu
lamatshumi amane lane abaphawulwayo ezipheni zonke
zabantwana bakolsrayeli; **5** esizweni sakoJuda kwaphawulwa
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoRubeni
kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni
sakoGadi kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
6 esizweni sakoAsheri kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoNafithali kwaphawulwa
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoManase
kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; **7** esizweni
sakoSimeyoni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lambili; esizweni sakoLevi kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane

ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakolsakari kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; **8** esizweni sakoZebuloni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoJosefa kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoBhenjamini kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. **9** Emva kwalezizinto ngabona, khangela-ke, ixuku elikhulu, okungelamuntu ongalibala, elivela kuzo zonke izizwe lemihlobo labantu lezindimi, limi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosи laphambi kweWundlu, lembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, lengatsha zezihlahla zamalala ezandleni zabo; **10** njalo limemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, lisithi: Usindiso kuNkulunkulu wethu ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи, lakulo iWundlu. **11** Lengilosи zonke zazimi zihanqe isihlalo sobukhosи labadala lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo, zasezisiwa ngobuso bazo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosи, zasezikhonza uNkulunkulu, **12** zisithi: Ameni. Ukudunyiswa lobukhosи lenhlakanipho lokubonga lodumo lamandla lengalo kakube kuNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (aiōn g165) **13** Omunye wabadala wasephendula, esithi kimi: Laba abembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, ngobani, futhi bavela ngaphi? **14** Ngasengisithi kuye: Nkosi, nguwe owaziyo. Wasesithi kimi: Laba yibo abaphuma ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, basebehlamba izembatho zabo benza izembatho zabo zaba mhlophe egazini leWundlu. **15** Ngakho baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosи sikaNkulunkulu, bamkhonza emini lebusuku ethempelini lakhe; lohleziyo esihlalweni sobukhosи uzabasibekela. **16** Kabasayikulamba, njalo kabasayikoma, lelanga kaliyikuwela phezu kwabo, kumbe lokutshisa; **17** ngoba iWundlu elingaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosи lizabondla, libakhokhelele emithonjeni

ephilayo yamanzi; loNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke inyembezi emehlwani abo.

8 Lapho selivule uphawu lvesikhombisa, kwaba khona ukuthula ezulwini okungaba yingxene yehola. **2** Ngasengibona ingilosи eziyisikhombisa ezazimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, njalo kwanikelwa kizo impondo eziyisikhombisa. **3** Kwasekufika enye ingilosи, yasisima elathini, ilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha, yasiphiwa impepha enengi, ukuze iyinikele lemikhuleko yabo bonke abangcwele phezu kwelathi legolide eliphambi kwestihlalo sobukhosи. **4** Lentuthu yempepha yenyuka lemikhuleko yabangcwele esandleni sengilosи phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Ingilosи yasithatha umganu wokutshisela impepha, yasiwugcwalaisa ngomlilo welathi, yasiwuphosela emhlabeni; kwasekusiba khona amazwi lemidumo lembane lokuzamazama komhlaba. **6** Kwathi ingilosи eziyisikhombisa ezazilempondo eziyisikhombisa zazilungiselela ukuze zizikhalse. **7** Ingilosи yokuqala yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiba khona isiqhotho lomlilo kuflanganiswe legazi, kwasekuphoselwa emhlabeni; lengxene yeithathu yezihlahla yatshiswa, labo bonke utshani obuluhlaza batshiswa. **8** Ingilosи yesibili yasilukhalisa uphondo; kwasekuphoselwa olwandle okunjengentaba enkulu evutha umlilo. Lengxene yeithathu yolwandle yaba ligazi; **9** kwasekusifa ingxene yeithathu yezidalwa ezelwandle ezilempilo, lengxene yeithathu yemikhumbi yachithwa. **10** Ingilosи yesithathu yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusifa ezulwini inkanyezi enkulu ibhebha njengesibane, yasiwela phezu kwengxene yeithathu yemifula, laphezu kwemithombo yamanzi. **11** Lebizo lenkanyezi lalithiya nguMhlonyane; lengxene yeithathu yamanzi yaba ngumhlonyane, labantu abanengi

bafa ngamanzi, ngoba ayenziwe ababa. **12** Ingilosи yesine yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekutshaywa ingxene yeithathu yelanga lengxene yeithathu yenyanga lengxene yeithathu yezinkanyezi, ukuze kufiphazwe ingxene yeithathu yazo, lengxene yeithathu yemini ingakhanyi, lobusuku ngokunjalo.

13 Ngasengibona, ngasengisizwa ingilosи eyodwa iphapha phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Maye, maye, maye kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni, kumazwi aseleyo empondo zengilosи ezintathu esezikakhala!

9 Ingilosи yesihlanu yasilukhalisa uphondo, ngasengibona inkanyezi ivela ezulwini isiwele emhlabeni, kwasekunikelwa kuyo isihluthulelo segodi lomgodi ongelamkhawulo. (*Abyssos g12*) **2** Yasivula igodi lomgodi ongelamkhawulo, kwasekusenyuka intuthu emgodini njengentuthu yeithando esikhulu, kwasekufiphazwa ilanga lomoya ngentuthu yomgodi. (*Abyssos g12*) **3** Kwasekuphuma isikhonyane entuthwini sezwa emhlabeni, kwasekunikwa kuso amandla, njengabofezela bomhlaba belamandla. **4** Kwasekuthiwa kuso singoni utshani bomhlaba, loba yini eluhlaza, loba yisiphi isihlahla, ngaphandle kwabantu kuphela abangelaphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo. **5** Kwasekunikwa kuso ukuthi singababulali, kodwa bahlutshwe inyanga eziinhlanu; lobuhlungu baso babunjengobuhlungu bukafezela, lapho eluma umuntu. **6** Langalezonsuku abantu bazadinga ukufa, kodwa bangakutholi; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa ukufa kuzababalekela. **7** Lezimo zesikhonyane zazinjengamabhiza alungiselwe impi, lemakhanda aso kwakukhona okunjengemiqhele enjengegolide, lobuso baso babunjengobuso babantu. **8** Njalo sasilenwele ezinjengenwele zabisifazana, lamazinyo aso ayenjengawezilwane. **9** Futhi sasilezivikelo zesifuba ezinjengezivikelo zesifuba zensimbi,

lomdumo wempiko zaso wawunjengomdumo wezingola zamabhiza amanengi egijimela empini. **10** Njalo sasilemisila efanana leyabofezela, njalo kwakulendonsi emisileni yaso; lamandla aso ayengawokona abantu inyanga ezinhlanu; **11** futhi sasilenkosi phezu kwaso, ingilosи yomgodi ongelamkhawulo; ibizo layo ngesiHebheru linguAbadoni, langesiGriki ilebizo elithiwa nguApoliyoni. (*Abyssos g12*) **12** Umaye oyedwa usedlulile; khangela kuseza omaye ababili emva kwalezizinto. **13** Ingilosи yesithupha yasilukhalisa uphondo; ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela empondweni ezine zelathi legolide eliphambi kukaNkulunkulu, **14** lisithi kungilosи yesithupha eyayilophondo: Khulula ingilosи ezine ezibotshiwego emfuleni omkhulu iYufrathi. **15** Zasezikhululwa ingilosи ezine ezazilungiselwe ihola losuku lenyanga lomnyaka, ukuze zibulale ingxenye yesithathu yabantu. **16** Lenani lamabutho agade amabhiza laliyizigidi ezimbili zezigidi; ngasengisizwa inani lawo. **17** Ngasengiwabona ngokunje amabhiza embonweni, labagadi bawo, belezivikelo zesifuba zomlilo lezehiyakinte lezesibabule; lamakhanda amabhiza ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane, lemilyenyi yawo kwaphuma umlilo lentuthu lesibabule. **18** Ngalezi ezintathu kwabulawa ingxenye yesithathu yabantu, ngomlilo langentuthu langesibabule okwaphuma emilonyeni yawo. **19** Ngoba amandla awo asemlyenyi wawo, lemisileni yawo; ngoba imisila yawo injengezinyoka ilamakhanda, langawo ayalimaza. **20** Labaseleyo babantu, abangabulawanga kulezinhlupheko, kabaphendukanga emisebenzini yezandla zabo, ukuthi bangakhonzi amadimoni, lezithombe zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi lezelitshe lezesihlahla, njalo ezingaboniyo, lezingezwayo, lezingahambiyo; **21** futhi

kabaphendukanga ekubulaleni kwabo, kumbe ekuthakatheni kwabo, loba ekuphingeni kwabo, kumbe ekwebeni kwabo.

10 Ngasengibona enye ingilosí elamandla isehla ivela ezulwini; yembethe iyezi, lomchilowamakhosikazi usekhanda layo, lobuso bayo babunjengelanga, lenyawo zayo zinjengensika zomlilo; **2** njalo yayilogwalo oluncinyane oluvulekileyo esandleni sayo; yasimisa unyawo lwayo lokunene phezu kolwandle, lolwekhohlo phezu komhlabathi, **3** yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu njengesilwane sibhonga; kwathi isimemezile, imidumo eyisikhombisa yakhulumá amazwi ayo, **4** kwathi imidumo eyisikhombisa isikhulume amazwi ayo, ngasengizabhala; ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini, lisithi kimi: Namathisela ngophawu izinto imidumo eyisikhombisa ezikhulumileyo, ungazibhali lezizinto. **5** Lengilosí engayibona imi phezu kolwandle laphezu komhlabathi yaphakamisela isandla sayo ezulwini, **6** yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, owadala izulu lezinto ezikulo, lomhlaba lezinto ezikuwo, lolwandle lezinto ezikulo, ukuthi kakusayikuba lesikhathi; (*aiōn g165*) **7** kodwa ensukwini zelizwi lengilosí yesikhombisa, isizakhalisa uphondo, kuzabe sekuphelelisiwe imfihlo kaNkulunkulu, njengoba watshumayela kwezakhe inceku abaprofethi. **8** Lelizwi engalizwa livela ezulwini, lakhuluma lami futhi, lathi: Hamba uyethatha ugwaló oluncinyane oluvulekileyo olusesandleni sengilosí emi phezu kolwandle laphezu komhlabathi. **9** Ngasengisiya engilosini, ngisithi kuyo: Nginika ugwaló oluncinyane. Yasisithi kimi: Luthathe uludle uluqede; futhi luzababisa isisu sakho, kodwa emlonyeni wakho luzaba mnandi njengoluju. **10** Ngasengiluthatha ugwaló oluncinyane esandleni sengilosí, ngaludla ngaluqeda, lwaselusiba emlonyeni wami njengoluju, ubunandi; kwathi sengiludlile, isisu

sami sababa. **11** Yasisithi kimi: Kumele ukuthi uphinde uprefethe ebantwini lezizweni lezindimini lemakhosini amanengi.

11 Kwasekunikelwa kimi umhlanga ofanana lodondolo, njalo ingilosu yema isithi: Sukuma, ulinganise ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, lelathi, labakhonzayo kulo. **2** Kodwa iguma elingaphandle kwethempeli ulitshiye ngaphandle, futhi ungalilinganisi; ngoba linikelwe ezizweni; njalo zizanyathelela phansi umuzi ongcwele inyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. **3** Njalo ngizanika amandla kubafakazi bami ababili, njalo bazaprofetha insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha, begqoke amasaka. **4** Laba bayizihlahla ezimbili zemihlwathi, leziqobane zezibane ezimbili ezimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu womhlaba. **5** Uba kukhona othanda ukubalimaza, umlilo uphuma emlonyeni wabo, uqothule izitha zabo; njalo uba umuntu efisa ukubalimaza, ngokunjalo kumele abulawe. **6** Laba balamandla okuvala izulu, ukuze izulu lingani ngensuku zokuprofetha kwabo, futhi balamandla phezu kwamanzi, okuthi bawaphendule abe ligazi, lokutshaya umhlaba ngayo yonke inhlupheko, ngaso sonke isikhathi abathanda ngaso. **7** Kuzakuthi sebebuqedile ubufakazi babo, isilo esiphuma emgodini ongelamkhawulo sizakulwa impi labo, besesibangoba, sibabulale.

(Abyssos g12) **8** Lezidumbu zabo zizakuba semgwaqweni womuzi omkhulu, othiya ngokomoya iSodoma leGibhithe, lapho leNkosi yethu eyabethelelwa khona. **9** Labavela ebantwini lemihiotsheni lendimini lezizweni bazakhangela izidumbu zabo okwensuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, bengavumeli ukuthi izidumbu zabo zibekwe emangcwaben. **10** Labakhileyo emhlabeni bazathokoza ngabo bathabe, bathumezelane izipho, ngoba lababaprofethi ababili babahlupha

abakhileyo emhlabeni. **11** Kwathi emva kwalezonsuku ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, uMoya wempilo wavela kuNkulunkulu wangena kubo, basebesima ngenyawo zabo, lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela kwabababonayo. **12** Basebesizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi kubo: Yenyukelani lapha. Basebesenyukela ezulwini beseyezini. Lezitha zabo zibabona. **13** Langaleloholo kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, lokwetshumi komuzi kwawa, kwasekusifa amabizo abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa ekuzamazameni komhlaba; labaseleyo batshaywa luvalo, banika udumo kuNkulunkulu wezulu. **14** Umaye wesibili usedlule; khangelake, umaye wesithathu uyeza ngokuphangisa. **15** Ingilos yesikhombisa yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini, esithi: Imibuso yomhlaba isingeyeNkosi yethu, lekaKristu wayo, njalo izabusa kuze kube nini lanini. **(aiōn g165) 16** Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane, abahlezi ezhhlalweni zabo zobukhosи phambi kukaNkulunkulu, bathi mbo ngobuso babo phansi, basebekhonza uNkulunkulu, **17** besithi: Siyakubonga, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, okhona lowayekhona lozakuza, ngoba uthethe amandla akho amakhulu, ubusile. **18** Lezizwe sezithukuthele, lolaka Iwakho selufikile, lesikhathi sabafileyo ukuthi bahlulelwе, lesokunika umvuzo ezincekwini zakho abaprofethi labangcwеle labesaba ibizo lakho, abancinyane labakhulu, lesokubhubhisa ababhubhisa umhlaba. **19** Kwasekuvulwa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ezulwini, kwasekubonakala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sakhe ethempelini lakhe; kwasekusiba lemibane lamazwi lemidumo lokuzamazama komhlaba lesiqhotho esikhulu.

12 Kwasekubonakala isibonakaliso esikhulu ezulwini, owesifazana embethe ilanga, lenyanga ingaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, njalo kukhona ekhanda lakhe umqhele wenkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili; **2** njalo ekhulelw, wakhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo, futhi wayesebuhlungwini bokubeletha. **3** Kwasekubonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini, khangela-ke umgobho omkhulu obomvu, olamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi, lemiqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo. **4** Lomsila wawo wadonsa ingxenye yesithathu yenkanyezi zezulu, waziphosela emhlabeni; njalo umgobho wema phambi kowesifazana obesezabeletha, ukuze kuthi, esebelethile, umimilize umntwana wakhe. **5** Wasebeletha indodana, isilisa, ezabusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi; lomntanakhe wahluthulelw kuNkulunkulu lesihlalweni sakhe sobukhos. **6** Lowesifazana wabalekela enkangala, lapho ayelendawo eyayilungiswe nguNkulunkulu, ukuze bamondle khona insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha. **7** Kwasekusiba lempi ezulwini; uMikayeli lengilosи zakhe balwa bemelene lomgobho; lomgobho walwa ulengilosи zavo, **8** njalo babengelakunqoba, lendawo yawo kayabe isatholakala ezulwini. **9** Umgobho omkhulu wasuphoswa, inyoka endala, ebizwa ngokuthi nguDiyabhola njalo uSathane, okhohlisa umhlaba wonke; waphoselwa emhlabeni, lengilosи zakhe zaphoswa kanye laye. **10** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu ezulwini, lisithi: Khathesi sekufike usindiso lamandla lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu, lamandla kaKristu wakhe; ngoba uphoselwe phansi ummangaleli wabazalwane bethu, obamangalelayo emini lebusuku phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **11** Njalo bona bamnqobile ngegazi leWundlu langelizwi lobufakazi babo, njalo kabathandanga impilo yabo

kwaze kwaba sekufeni. **12** Ngalokho thokozani, mazulu lani elihlala kuwo. Maye kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni lolwandle, ngoba udiyabhola wehlele kini elolaka olukhulu, esazi ukuthi ulesikhathi esifitshane. **13** Kwathi umgobho usubonile ukuthi uphoselwe emhlabeni, wazingela owesifazana owayezele umntwana wesilisa. **14** Kwasekunikwa owesifazana impiko ezimbili zokhozi olukhulu, ukuze aphaphele enkangala endaweni yakhe, lapho ondliwa khona okwesikhathi, lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi, asuke ebusweni benyoka. **15** Lenyoka yakhafula amanzi emlonyeni wayo ngemva kowesifazana kungathi ngumfula, ukuze immukise ngalumfula. **16** Lomhlaba wamsiza owesifazana, umhlaba wasukhamisa umlomo wawo, waginya umfula umgobho owawuwukhafule emlonyeni wawo. **17** Umgobho wasumthukuthelela owesifazana, wasusuka wayakulwa impi labaseleyo benzalo yakhe, labo abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu abalobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu.

13 Ngasengisima etshebetshbeni lolwandle; ngasengibona isilo sikhuphuka olwandle, silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi, laphezu kwempondo zaso imiqhele elitshumi, laphezu kwamakhanda aso kulebizo lenhlamba. **2** Lesilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, lenyawo zaso zazinjengezebhore, lomlomo waso unjengomlomo wesilwane. Njalo umgobho wasinika amandla awo, lesihlalo sawo sobukhosi, legunya elikhulu. **3** Ngasengibona elinye lamakhanda aso kungathi lilimele okokufa; lenxeba laso lokufa selapholiswa; umhlaba wonke wasumangala ngemva kwesilo; **4** basebewukhonza umgobho owasinika isilo amandla, basebesikhonza isilo, besithi: Ngubani ofanana lesilo? Ngubani ongalwa laso? **5** Kwasekunikelwa kuso umlomo wokukhuluma izinto ezinkulu lezinhlamba, kwasekunikelwa

kuso amandla okusebenza inyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. **6** Sasesivula umlomo waso ukuhlambaza okumelane loNkulunkulu, lokuhlambaza ibizo lakhe, lethabhanekele lakhe, lalabo abahlezi ezulwini. **7** Kwasekunikelwa kuso ukuthi silawule impi labangcwele, lokubanqoba; kwasekunikelwa kuso amandla phezu kwavo wonke umhlobo lolimi lesizwe. **8** Labo bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni bazasikhonza, labo amabizo abo angabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilo lweWundlu elahlatshwayo selokhu kwasekelwa umhlabo. **9** Uba umuntu elendlebe, kezwe. **10** Uba umuntu ethumba, uya ekuthunjweni; uba umuntu ebulala ngenkemba, yena kumele abulawe ngenkemba. Lapha kulokubekezelu lokholo lwabangcwele. **11** Ngasengibona esinye isilo sisenyuka emhlabeni, sasilempondo ezimbili njengewundlu, sasesikhuluma njengomgobho. **12** Njalo sasebenzisa wonke amandla esilo sokuqala phambi kwaso, futhi senza ukuthi umhlabo labakhileyo kuwo bakhonze isilo sokuqala, esinxeba laso lokufa lapholiswa. **13** Sasesisenza izibonakaliso ezinkulu, saze senza ukuthi lomlilo wehle uvela ezulwini uze emhlabeni, phambi kwabantu. **14** Sasesiduhisa abakhileyo emhlabeni ngalezozibonakaliso ezanikelwa kuso ukuzenza phambi kwesilo, sisithi kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, kabasenzele umfanekiso isilo ebesenxeba lenkemba, sasesiphila. **15** Sanikwa futhi ukupha umfanekiso wesilo umoya, ukuze umfanekiso wesilo lawo ukhulume, besesisenza ukuthi bonke abangakhonziyo umfanekiso wesilo babulawe. **16** Sasesisenza bonke, abancinyane labakhulu, labanothileyo labayanga, labakhululekileyo lezigqili, ukuthi baphiwe uphawu esandleni sabo sokunene, loba emabunzini abo, **17** ukuze kungabi khona olakho ukuthenga loba ukuthengisa, ngaphandle kwalowo

olophawu, loba ibizo lesilo loba inombolo yebizo laso. 18 Nansi inhlakanipho. Olokuqedisisa kabale inombolo yesilo; ngoba iyinombolo yomuntu, lenombolo yaso ingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha.

14 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iWundlu limi entaben iSiyoni, njalo lilezinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, belebizo likaYise libhalwe emabunzini abo. 2 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini, njengelizwi lamanzi amanengi, lanjengelizwi lomdumo omkhulu; ngasengisizwa ilizwi labatshaya amachacho betshaya amachacho abo, 3 basebehlabela kungathi yingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhos, laphambi kwezialwa ezine eziphilayo labadala; njalo kakho owayengayifunda ingoma, ngaphandle kwabayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, abahlengiwego emhlabeni. 4 Labo yibo abangangcoliswanga ngabesifazana; ngoba bazintombi. Yibo abalandela iWundlu loba lisiya ngaphi; laba bathengwa ebantwini, izithelo zokuqala kuNkulunkulu leWundlwini. 5 Lemlonyeni wabo kakuficwanga nkohliso; ngoba bengelasici phambi kwesihlalo sobukhos, sikaNkulunkulu. 6 Ngasengibona enye ingilosipaphapha phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, ilevangeli laphakade, ukulitshumayela kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, lakuso sonke isizwe, lomhlobo, lolimi labantu, (*aiōnios g166*) 7 isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Mesaben uNkulunkulu, beselimupha udumo, ngoba isikhathi sesigwebo sakhe sesifikile, njalo limkhonze owenza izulu lomhlabo lolwandle lemithombo yamanzi. 8 Yasilandela enye ingilosipathi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni, umuzi omkhulu, ngoba unathise izizwe zonke okwewayini lolaka lokufeba kwawo. 9 Lengilosipathi yesithathu yazilandela, isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Uba kukhonza okhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo wemukela

uphawu ebunzini lakhe, kumbe esandleni sakhe, **10** laye uzanatha okwewayini lolaka lukaNkulunkulu, elithululelw enkezweni yolaka lwakhe, lingaxutshaniswanga, njalo uzahlutshwa kakhulu ngomlilo langesibabule phambi kwengilos ezingcwele, laphambi kweWundlu; **11** lentuthu yokuhlutshwa kwabo ithunqa kuze kube nini lanini; njalo kabalakuphumula emini lebusuku laba abakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo uba ekhona owemukela uphawu lwebizo laso. (aiōn g165) **12** Nanku ukubekezel kwabangcwele; nampa abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu lokholo lukaJesu. **13** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elivela ezulwini lisithi kimi: Bhala uthi: Babusisiwe abafileyo befela eNkosini kusukela khathesi. Yebo, kutsho uMoya, ukuze baphumule ekutshikatshikeni kwabo; lemisebenzi yabo ilandela kanye labo. **14** Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iyezi elimhlophe, laphezu kweyezi kuhlezi onjengeNdodana yomuntu, elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe, njalo elesikela ebukhali esandleni sakhe. **15** Lenye ingilos yaphuma ethempelini, imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu kuye ohlezi eyezini isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho uvune, ngoba sekufikile kuwe isikhathi sokuvuna, ngoba sesivuthiwe isivuno somhlaba. **16** Ohlezi phezu kweyezi waseyiphosa isikela yakhe emhlabeni, wasuvunwa umhlaba. **17** Enye ingilos yasiphuma ethempelini elisezulwini, layo ilesikela ebukhali. **18** Lenye ingilos yaphuma elathini, ilamandla phezu komlilo, yasimemeza ngesimemezo esikhulu kuyo elesikela ebukhali, isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho ebukhali, ubusubuthelela iziswenya zevini lomhlaba, ngoba izithelo zalo sezivuthiwe. **19** Ingilos yasiphosa isikela yayo emhlabeni, yasivuna ivini lomhlaba, yasiphosela esikhamelweni sewayini esikhulu solaka lukaNkulunkulu. **20** Lesikhamele sewayini sanyathelwa ngaphandle komuzi, kwasekuphuma igazi

esikhamelweni sewayini laze lafika ematomini amabhiza, laba ngamastadiyu azinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisithupha.

15 Ngasengibona esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini esikhulu lesimangalisayo, ingilosи eziyisikhombisa zilezinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa zokucina, ngoba lwapheleliwa kulezo ulaka lukaNkulunkulu. **2** Ngasengibona okungathi lulwandle lwengilazi luxubene lomlilo, lalabo abanqobe isilo lomfanekiso waso lophawu lwaso, lenombolo yebizo laso, bemi phezu kolwandle lwengilazi, belamachacho kaNkulunkulu, **3** basebehlabela ingoma kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu lengoma yeWundlu, besithi: Mikhulu njalo iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, zilungile ziqotho indlela zakho, Nkosi yabangcwele. **4** Ngubani ongayikukwesaba, Nkosi, abesedumisa ibizo lakho? ngoba nguwe wedwa ongcwele; ngoba izizwe zonke zizakuza zidumise phambi kwakho; ngoba izenzo zakho zokulunga zibonakalisiwe. **5** Emva kwalezizinto ngasengibona, khangela-ke, sekuvulwe ithempeli lethabhanekele lobufakazi ezulwini; **6** kwasekuphuma ethempelini lezi ingilosи eziyisikhombisa zilezinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa, zembethe ilembu elihlanzekileyo elikhazimulayo, njalo zibotshwe izifuba ngamaqhele egolide; **7** lesinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sanika ingilosи eziyisikhombisa imiganu yegolide eyisikhombisa, igcwele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu, ophila kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165) **8** Lethempeli lagcwaliswa intuthu evela ebukhosini bukaNkulunkulu, lemandleni akhe; njalo kwakungekho owayengangena ethempelini, kuze kuphele izinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa zengilosи eziyisikhombisa.

16 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini, lisithi kulezo ingilosи eziyisikhombisa: Hambani, lithululele emhlabenи imiganu yolaka lukaNkulunkulu. **2** Eyokuqala yasihamba, yathululela

umganu wayo emhlabeni; kwasekuvela isilonda esibi esibuhlungu ebantwini abalophawu Iwesilo, labakhonza umfanekiso waso. **3**
Ingilosи yesibili yasithululela umganu wayo olwandle; Iwaselusiba ligazi njengelofileyo, lawo wonke umphefumulo ophilayo wafa olwandle. **4** Ingilosи yesithathu yasithululela umganu wayo emifulenи lemithonjeni yamanzi; yasisiba ligazi. **5** Ngasengisizwa ingilosи yamanzi isithi: Ulungile, Nkosi, okhona lowayekhona lozakuba khona, ngoba wagweba lezizinto; **6** ngoba bachitha igazi labangcwele lelabaprofethi, ubanike labo igazi ukulinatha; ngoba bafanele. **7** Ngasengisizwa enye elathini isithi: Yebo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, ziqotho zilungile izigwebo zakho. **8** Ingilosи yesine yasithululela umganu wayo elangeni; kwasekunikelwa kulo ukuchochombisa abantu ngomlilo. **9** Abantu basebetshiswa yikutshisa okukhulu, basebehlambaza ibizo likaNkulunkulu olamandla phezu kwalezo izinhlupheko, njalo kabaphendukanga ukumnika udumo. **10** Ingilosи yesihlanu yasithululela umganu wayo phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosи sesilo; lombuso waso wafiphazwa; basebexhanxatha inlimi zabo ngenxa yobuhlungu, **11** basebemhlambaza uNkulunkulu wezulu ngenxa yobuhlungu babo langenxa yezilonda zabo, njalo kabaphendukanga emisebenzini yabo. **12** Ingilosи yesithupha yasithululela umganu wayo emfuleni omkhulu iYufrathi; lamanzi awo atsha, ukuze ilungiswe indlela yamakhosi avela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga. **13** Ngasengibona kuphuma emlonyeni womgobho lemfonyeni wesilo lemfonyeni womprofethi wamanga, imimoya engcolileyo emithathu efanana lamaxoxo; **14** ngoba iyimimoya yamadimoni eyenza izibonakaliso, ephumela emakhosini omhlabathi lawomhlaba wonke, ukuwaqoqela ndawonye empini kwalolosuku olukhulu lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. **15** Khangela,

ngiyeza njengesela. Ubusisiwe olindayo, alondoloze izembatho zakhe, ukuze angahambize, njalo babone ihlazo lakhe. **16**
Basebewaqoqela ndawonye endaweni ethiwa ngesiHebheru iArmagedoni. **17** Ingilosи yesikhombisa yasithululela umganu wayo emoyeni; kwasekuphuma ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini lezulu, esihlalweni sobukhosи lisithi: Sekwenzakele! **18**
Kwasekusiba khona amazwi lemidumo lemibane, kwasekusiba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, okunje okungazanga kube khona selokhu kwaba khona abantu emhlabeni, ukuzamazama komhlaba okulamandla kangaka, okukhulu kangaka. **19** Umzi omkhulu wasusиba yiziqamu ezintathu, lemizi yabezizwe yawa; leBhabhiloni elikhulu lakhunjulwa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ukulinika inkezo yewayini lentukuthelo yolaka lwakhe. **20** Sonke isihlenge sasesibaleka, lentaba azaze zatholakala. **21** Lesiqhotho esikhulu esilesisindo esinjengesethalenta, sawela phezu kwabantu sivela ezulwini; labantu bamhlambaza uNkulunkulu ngenxa yenhlupheko yesiqhotho; ngoba inhlupheko yaso yayinkulu kakhlukazi.

17 Kwasekusiza enye yengilosи eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami, isithi kimi: Woza lapha, ngizakutshengisa isigwebo sesifebe esikhulu, esihlezi phezu kwamanzi amanengi, **2** afeba laso amakhosi omhlaba, labakhileyo emhlabeni badakwe liwayini lobufabe baso. **3** Yasingithwalela enkangala ngikuMoya; ngasengibona owesifazana ehlezi phezu kwesilo esibomvu, sigcwele amabizo enhlamba, silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. **4** Njalo owesifazana wayembethe okuyibubende lokubomvu, futhi ececiswe ngegolide langamatshe aligugu langamapharele, elenkezo yegolide esandleni sakhe, igcwele amanyala lokungcola

kobufube bakhe, **5** njalo ebunzini lakhe kwakulotshiwe ibizo lokuthi: IMFHLO, IBHABHILONI ELIKHULU, UNINA WEZIFE BE LOWAMANYALA OMHLABA. **6** Ngasengibona owesifazana edakwe ligazi labangcwele, legazi labafakazi bakaJesu. Sengimbonile ngamangala ngokumangala okukhulu. **7** Ingilos yasisithi kimi: Umangalelani? Mina ngizakutshela imfihlo yowesifazana, leyesilo esimthweleyo, esilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. **8** Isilo, osibonileyo, sasikhona, njalo kasisekho, futhi sizakwenyuka sivela emgodini ongelamkhawulo, sibe sesisiya ekubhujisweni; labakhileyo emhlabeni bazamangala, abamabizo abo ayengabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilo, kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba, bebona isilo esasikhona, njalo singasekho, lanxa sikhona. (*Abyssos g12*) **9** Nanku ukuqedisisa okulenhlakaniph. Amakhanda ayisikhombisa azintaba eziyisikhombisa owesifazana ahlezi khona phezu kwazo; **10** futhi angamakhosi ayisikhombisa, amahlanu asewile, lenye ikhona, lenye kayikafiki, njalo nxa isifikile imele ukuhlala isikhatshana. **11** Lesilo esasikhona, njalo singasekho, yona-ke ingeyesificaminwembili, njalo ivela kwayisikhombisa, ibisisiya ekubhujisweni. **12** Lempondo ezilitshumi, ozibonileyo, zingamakhosi alitshumi, angakemukeli umbuso, kodwa emukele amandla njengamakhosi ngehola linye kanye lesilo. **13** Wona angqondonye, njalo abela isilo awawo amandla lokubusa. **14** La azakulwa leWundlu, njalo iWundlu lizawanqoba, ngoba liyiNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababus, labakanye lalo ngababiziweyo labakhethiweyo labathembekileyo. **15** Yasisithi kimi: Amanzi owabonileyo, lapho esihlezi khona isifebe, angabantu lamaxuku lezizwe lendimi. **16** Lempondo ezilitshumi, ozibonileyo esilweni, zona zizasizonda isifebe, besezisichitha zisinquule, zidle

inyama yaso, zisitshise ngomlilo. **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ufkile enhliziyweni zazo ukuthi zenze ingqondo yakhe, lokwenza ngqondonye, lokunika isilo umbuso wazo, kuze kupheleliswe amazwi kaNkulunkulu. **18** Lowesifazana ombonileyo ungumuzi omkhulu olombuso phezu kwamakhosi omhlaba.

18 Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona enye ingilos i sehla ivela ezulwini, ilamandla amakhulu; lomhlaba wakhanyiswa yikukhazimula kwayo. **2** Yasimemeza ngamandla, ngelizwi elikhulu isithi: Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni enkulu, isiyindawo yokuhlala amadimoni, lentolongo yawo wonke umoya ongcolileyo, lezongo layo yonke inyoni engcolileyo lezondekayo. **3** Ngoba izizwe zonke zinathe okwewayini lolaka lobufabe bayo, lamakhosi omhlaba aphingile layo, labathengisi bomhlaba banothile ngamandla okuzitika ngenotho yayo. **4** Ngasengjisizwa elinye ilizwi livela ezulwini, lisithi: Phumanि kuyo, bantu bami, ukuze lingahlanganyeli kanye lezono zayo, lokuze lingemukeli okwezinhlupheko zayo; **5** ngoba izono zayo zixhumene zize zifike ezulwini, loNkulunkulu ukhumbule ukungalungi kwayo. **6** Phindiselani kuyo njengokuphindisela kwayo kini, liphinde kabi kuyo njengokwemisebenzi yayo; enkezwensi eyixubanisileyo, xubanansi kiyo kabi. **7** Njengokuzidumisa kwayo okungaka, izitika enothweni, ngokunjalo kupheni yona ubuhlungu lokulila okungaka; ngoba ithi enhliziyweni yayo: Ngihezi ngiyindlovukazi, njalo kangisuye umfelokazi, futhi kangisoze ngabona ukulila. **8** Ngakho zizafika ngosuku lunye izinhlupheko zayo, ukufa lokulila lendlala, futhi izatshiswa ngomlilo; ngoba ilamandla iNkosi uNkulunkulu eyigwebayo. **9** Lamakhosi omhlaba aphinga layo ezitika enothweni azayikhalela alile ngenxa yayo, lapho ebona intuthu yokutsha kwayo, **10** esima

khatshana ngokwesaba kobuhlungu bayo, esithi: Maye, maye, umuzi omkhulu, iBhabhiloni, umuzi olamandla, ngoba ngeholo elilodwa isigwebo sakho sifikile! **11** Labathengisi bomhlaba bazayikhalela bayililele, ngoba kakulamuntu othenga impahla yabo futhi; **12** impahla yegolide, leyesiliva, leyelitshe eliligugu, leyepharele, leyelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, leyibubende, leyesilika, leyokubomvu; laso sonke isihlahla esilephunga, laso sonke isitsha sempondo zendlovu, laso sonke isitsha sesihlahla esiligu, elikhulukazi, leyethusi, leyensimbi, leyelitshe elimhlophe; **13** lekinamoni, lokulephunga eliminandi, lenhlaka, lempepha, lewayini, lamafutha, lempuphu ecolekileyo, lengqoloyi, lezifuyo, lezimvu, lamabhiza, lezincola, lemizimba, lemiphefumulo yabantu. **14** Lezithelo zesifiso somphefumulo wakho zisukile kuwe, lazo zonke izinto ezinonileyo lezikhazimulayo zisukile kuwe, kawusoze ubuye uzithole. **15** Abathengisi balezizinto, abanothe ngayo, bazakuma khatshana ngokwesabeka kobuhlungu bayo, behala belila, **16** njalo besithi: Maye, maye, lo umuzi omkhulu, owawembathiswe ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lokuyibubende lokubomvu, uceciswe ngegolide lelitshe eliligugu lamapharele!

17 Ngoba ngeholo elilodwa inotho engaka ichithiwe. Layo yonke induna yomkhumbi, lalo lonke ixuku emikhunjini, labomkhumbi, labo bonke abasebenza olwandle bema khatshana, **18** basebekhala bebona intuthu yokutsha kwayo, besithi: Yiwuphi ofanana lawo umuzi omkhulu? **19** Basebethela uthuli emakhanda abo, bememeza behala belila, besithi: Maye, maye, umuzi omkhulu, khona lapho bonke ababelemikhumbi olwandle banothe ngawo ngenotho yawo; ngoba ngeholo elilodwa uchithiwe! **20** Thokoza ngawo, zulu, lani baphostoli abangcwele labaprofethi; ngoba uNkulunkulu ugwebe isigwebo senu kuwo. **21** Lengilos

eyamandla yaphakamisa ilitshe elinjengelitshe lokuchola elikhulu,
yasiliphosela olwandle, isithi: Ngokunjalo ngodlakela iBhabhiloni
umuzi omkhulu izaphoswa, njalo ingabe isaficwa lakanye. **22**
Lomsindo wabatshaya amachacho lowabahlabeleli lowabatshaya
imihlanga lowabatshaya izimondo, kawusoze uphinde uzwakale
phakathi kwakho, layo yonke ingcwethi loba eyawuphi umunwe
kayisayikuficwa phakathi kwakho lakanye, lomsindo welitshe
lokuchola kawusoze uphinde uzwakale phakathi kwakho, **23**
lokukhanya kwesibane kakusoze kusakhanya phakathi kwakho,
lelizwi lomyeni lomakoti kalisayikuzwakala phakathi kwakho
lakanye; ngoba abathengisi bakho bebeyizikhulu zomhlaba;
ngoba ngokuthakatha kwakho izizwe zonke zikhohlisiwe, **24** futhi
kuyo kwaficwa igazi labaprofethi lelabangcwele, lelabo bonke
ababebulewe emhlabeni.

19 Emva kwalezizinto ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu elexuku
elikhulu ezulwini, lisithi: Haleluya! Usindiso lobukhosu lodumo
lamandla kungokweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu; **2** ngoba izigwebo
zakhe ziqotho zilungile; ngoba usilahlile isifebe esikhulu,
esonakalise umhlaba ngobufube baso, usephindisele igazi
lenceku zakhe esandleni saso. **3** Basebesithi ngokwesibili:
Haleluya! Lentuthu yaso ithunqa kuze kube nini lanini. (*aiōn*
g165) **4** Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane lezidalwa
ezine eziphilayo zawela phansi zakhonza uNkulunkulu ohlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosu zisithi: Amen! Haleluya! **5** Ilizwi
laseliphuma livela esihlalweni sobukhosu, lisithi: Mdumiseni
uNkulunkulu wethu, lina lonke zinceku zakhe, labamesabayo,
labancinyane, labakhulu. **6** Ngasengisizwa kungathi yilizwi
lexuku elikhulu, njalo kungathi ngumdumo wamanzi amanengi,
njalo kungathi ngumsindo wemidumo elamandla, kusithi:

Haleluya! Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla uyabusa. 7
Asithokoze sithabe kakhulu, besesisipha udumo kuye; ngoba
umtshado weWundlu usufikile, lomkalo usezilungisele. 8
Kwasekuphiwa kuye ukuthi embathe ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
elihlanzekileyo lelikhazimulayo; ngoba ilembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu liyikulunga kwabangcwele. 9 Yasisithi kimi: Bhala uthi:
Babusisiwe labo ababizelwe ekudleni kwantambama komtshado
weWundlu. Yasisithi kimi: La ngamazwi aqotho kaNkulunkulu.
10 Ngasengiwela phansi enyaweni zayo ukuyikhonza; yasisithi
kimi: Qaphela ungakwenzi; ngiyinceku kanye lawe labazalwane
bakho abalobufakazi bukaJesu; khonza uNkulunkulu; ngoba
ubufakazi bukaJesu bungumoya wesiprofetho. 11 Ngasengibona
izulu livuliwe, khangela-ke ibhiza elimhlophe, loligadileyo ubizwa
ngokuthi oThembekileyo loQotho, njalo ngokulunga uyahlulela
alwe. 12 Lamehlo akhe afanana lelangabi lomlilo, lekhanda lakhe
kulemiqhele eminengi; njalo ulebizo elilotshiweyo, okungelamuntu
olaziyo ngaphandle kwakhe, 13 wasesembatha isembatho
esicwiliswe egazini; lebizo lakhe libizwa ngokuthi, nguLizwi
likaNkulunkulu. 14 Lamabutho ayesezulwini amlandela egade
amabhiza amhlophe, embethe ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
elimhlophe leihlanzekileyo. 15 Emlonyeni wakhe kwasekuphuma
inkemba ebukhali, ukuze atshaye izizwe ngayo; njalo yena
uzazibusu ngentonga yensimbi; yena-ke uzanyathela isikhamelo
sevini sewayini lentukuthelo lolaka lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. 16
Njalo esembathweni lethangazini lakhe ulebizo elibhalwe ukuthi:
INKOSI YAMAKHOSI LOMBUSI WABABUSI. 17 Ngasengibona
ingilosи eyodwa imi elangeni; yasimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu,
isithi enyonini zonke eziphaphayo phakathi laphakathi kwezulu:
Wozani libuthaniswe ekudleni kwantambama kukaNkulunkulu

omkhulu, **18** ukuze lidle inyama yamakhosi, lenyama yenduna ezinkulu, lenyama yabalamanndla, lenyama yamabhiza leyabagadi bawo, lenyama yabo bonke, abakhululekileyo kanye labayizigqili, labancinyane labakhulu. **19** Ngasengibona isilo, lamakhosi omhlaba lamabutho awo ebuthanele ukulwa impi laye ogade ibhiza, kanye lebutho lakhe. **20** Isilo sasesibanjwa, njalo kanye laso umprofethi wamanga owenza izibonakaliso phambi kwaso, aduhisa ngazo labo ababelophawu Iwesilo, lalabo abakhonza umfanekiso waso; labo bobabili baphoselwa bephila echibini lomlilo elivutha isibabule; (*Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442*) **21** labaseleyo babulawa ngenkemba yogade ibhiza, ephuma emlonyen i wakhe; lenyoni zonke zasutha inyama yabo.

20 Ngasengibona ingilos i sehlala ivela ezulwini, iliesihluthulelo somgodi ongelamkhawulo, leketane elikhulu esandleni sayo. (*Abyssos g12*) **2** Yasiwubamba umgobho, inyoka endala, enguDiyabhola loSathane, yasiwubopha okweminyaka eyinkulungwane, **3** yasiwuphosela emgodini ongelamkhawulo, yauvavalela, yasibeka uphawu phezu kwawo, ukuze ungabe usaduhisa izizwe, ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane; lemva kwalokhu kumele ukuthi ukhululwe okwesikhatshana. (*Abyssos g12*) **4** Ngasengibona izihlalo zobukhos, basebehla kuzo, lokwahlulela kwanikelwa kubo; ngabona lemiphefumulo yalabo ababequnywe amakhanda ngenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu langenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, lababengakhonzanga isilo, loba umfanekiso waso, njalo bengemukelanga uphawu Iwaso ebunzini labo, lesandleni sabo; basebephila babusa kanye loKristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane. **5** Kodwa abaseleyo kwabafileyo kabaphindanga baphila ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane. Lokhu kuyikuvuka kokuqala. **6** Ubusisiwe

njalo ungcwele olesabelo ekuvukeni kokuqala; phezu kwalaba ukufa kwesibili kakulamandla, kodwa bazakuba ngabapristi bakaNkulunkulu, labakaKristu, njalo bazabusa kanye laye iminyaka eyinkulungwane. 7 Lalapho isiphelile iminyaka eyinkulungwane, uSathane uzakhululwa entolongweni yakhe, 8 njalo uzaphumela ukuduhisa izizwe ezisemagumbini amane omhlaba, uGogi loMagogi, ukubabuthela empini; onani labo lingangetshebetshebe lolwandle. 9 Basebesenyukela ebubanzini bomhlaba, bazingelezela inkamba yabangcwele lomuzi othandekayo; kwasekusehla umlilo kuNkulunkulu ovela ezulwini, wasubaqothula; 10 lodiyabhola owayebaduhisile waphoselwa echibini lomlilo lesibabule, lapho okukhona isilo lomprofethi wamanga; njalo bazahlutshwa emini lebusuku kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) 11 Ngasengibona isihlalo sobukhosи esikhulu lesimhlophe lohlezi kuso, omhlaba lezulu kwabalekela ubuso bakhe, njalo kakutholelwanga ndawo. 12 Ngasengibona abafileyo abancinyane labakhulu, bemi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lengwalo zavulwa; njalo olunye uwalo lwavulwa, olungolwempilo; abafileyo basebesahlulelwana ngezinto ezibhalwe ezingwalweni, ngokwemisebenzi yabo. 13 Lolwandle lwabakhupha abafileyo ababekilo, njalo ukufa lesihogo kwakhupha abafileyo ababekikho; basebesahlulelwana, ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi yabo. (Hadēs g86) 14 Ukufa lesihogo kwasekuphoselwa echibini lomlilo; lokhu kuyikufa kwesibili. (Hadēs g86, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) 15 Uba-ke ekhona ongatholwanga elotshiwe egwalweni lwempilo, waphoselwa echibini lomlilo. (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)

21 Ngasengibona izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha; ngoba izulu lokuqala lomhlaba wokuqala kwasekululile, lolwandle

lungasekho. **2** Mina Johane ngasengibona umuzi ongcwele, iJerusalema entsha, usehla uvela kuNkulunkulu ezulwini, ulungisiwe njengomakoti ececiselwe umkakhe. **3** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi: Khangela, ithabhanekele likaNkulunkulu lisebantwini, njalo uzahlala labo, futhi bona bazakuba ngabantu bakhe, IoNkulunkulu uqobo uzakuba labo, enguNkulunkulu wabo; **4** njalo uNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke izinyembezi emehlwani abo, lokufa kakusayikuba khona; kumbe ukulila, kumbe ukukhala, loba ubuhlungu abusayikuba khona; ngoba izinto zakuqala sezidlulile. **5** Wasesithi ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhos: Khangela, ngenza zonke izinto zibentsha. Wasesithi kimi: Bhala; ngoba lamazwi aqinisile njalo athembekile. **6** Wasesithi kimi: Sekwenzakele. Mina nginguAlfa IoOmega, ukuqala lokucina. Mina ngizamnika owomileyo okuvela emthonjeni wamanzi empilo ngesihle. **7** Onqobayo uzakudla ilifa lazo zonke izinto; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wakhe, laye abe yindodana yami. **8** Kodwa amagwala labangakholyay labanengekayo lababulali leziphingi labathakathi labakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqambimanga, bazakuba lesabelo sabo echibini elivutha.umlilo lesibabule, okuyikufa kwesibili. (*Linnē Pyr g3041 g4442*) **9** Kwasekusiza kimi enye yengilosy eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa egcwele izinhlupheko zokucina eziyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami, isithi: Woza lapha, ngizakutshengisa umakoti, umkaWundlu. **10** Yasingithwala ngikuMoya yaya entabeneni enkululu lende, yasingitshengisa umuzi omkhulu, iJerusalema engcwele, usehla uvela ezulwini kuNkulunkulu, **11** ulenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu; ukukhanya kwawo kwakunjengelitshe eliligugu elikhulukazi njengelitshe ijaspi, likhanyisa njenekristali; **12** njalo ulomduli omkhulu

lophakemeyo, ulamasango alitshumi lambili, lemasangweni ingilosи ezilitshumi lambili, lamabizo ebhalwe kiwo, angawezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zabantwana bakolsrayeli. **13** Empumalanga kwakulamasango amathathu; enyakatho, amasango amathathu; eningizimu, amasango amathathu; lentshonalanga, amasango amathathu. **14** Lomduli womuzi wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili, lakozo amabizo abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili beWundlu. **15** Lowayekhuluma lami wayelomhlanga wegolide, ukuze alinganise umuzi, lamasango awo, lomduli wawo. **16** Umuzi wawumiswe walingana inhlangothi zozine, lobude bawo babungangobubanzi. Waselinganisa umuzi ngomhlanga waba ngamastadiyu azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; ubude lobubanzi lokuphakama kwavo kuyalingana. **17** Waselinganisa umduli wawo, ingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, isilinganiso somuntu, esingesengilosи. **18** Njalo kwakulesakhiwo somduli wawo phakathi, ijaspi; lomuzi uligolide elicwengekileyo, njengengilazi ehlanzekileyo. **19** Lezisekelo zomduli womuzi zaziceciswe ngalo lonke ilitshe eliligugu. Isisekelo sokuqala, ijaspi; esesibili, isafire; esesithathu, ikalkedoni; esesine, i-emeraldi; **20** esesihlanu, isaridonikisi; esesithupha, isardiyusi; esesikhombisa, ikrisolute; esesifcaminwembili, ibherule; esesifcamunwemunye, itopazi; esetshumi, ikrisoprase; esetshumi lanye, ihiyakinte; esetshumi lambili, i-ametiste. **21** Lamasango alitshumi lambili angamapharele alitshumi lambili; yilelo ngalinye ngalinye lamasango lilipharele linye; njalo isitalada somuzi sasiligolide elicwengekileyo, njengengilazi ekhanyayo. **22** Njalo kangibonanga ithempeli phakathi kwavo; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla ulithempeli lawo, leWundlu. **23** Lomuzi kawusweli langa, kumbe inyanga, ukuthi kukhanyise kuwo; ngoba inkazimulo

kaNkulunkulu iyawukhanyisa, lesibane sawo liWundlu; **24** lezizwe zabasindisiweyo zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwavo; lamakhosi omhlaba aletha ubukhos iodusmo lwawo kuwo; **25** lamasango awo kawasoze avalwe emini, ngoba kakuyikuba khona ubusuku lapho; **26** njalo bazaletha kuwo ubukhos iodusmo lwezizwe; **27** njalo kakusoze kwangena lolulodwa ulutho olungcolileyo kuwo, njalo lokwenza okunengekayo lamanga; ngaphandle kwabalotshiweyo egwalweni lwempilo lweWundlu.

22 Wasengitshengisa umfula ocenekileyo wamanzi empilo, ukhazimula njengekristali, uphuma esihlalweni sobukhos sikaNkulunkulu, leseWundlu. **2** Laphakathi kwsitalada sawo, njalo ngapha langapha komfula kwakulesihlahla sempilo, sithela izithelo ezilitshumi lambili, ileyo laleyo inyanga sithela isithelo saso; lamahlamvu esihlahla ngawokwelatshwa kwezizwe. **3** Kakusayikuba khona lakanye isiqalekiso; kodwa isihlalo sobukhos sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu sizakuba kuwo; lenceku zakhe zizamkhonza, **4** zizabona ubuso bakhe; lebizo lakhe lizakuba semabunzini azo. **5** Lobusuku kabuyikuba khona lapho, njalo kazisweli isibane lokukhanya kwelanga, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu iyazikhanyisela; njalo zizabusa kuze kube nini lanini. (aiōn g165) **6** Wasesithi kimi: Lamazwi athembekile aqotho; njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wabaprofethi abangcwele, ithumele ingilosi yayo ukutshengisa inceku zayo izinto okumele zenzeke ngokuphangisa. **7** Khangela, ngiyeza masinyane. Ubusisiwe owagcinayo amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo. **8** Futhi mina Johane nginguye owazibonayo lezizinto lowazizwayo. Kuthe sengizizwile ngazibona, ngawela phansi ukukhonza phambi kwenyawo zengilosi eyangitshengisa lezizinto. **9** Yasisithi kimi: Qaphela ungakwenzi; ngoba ngiyinceku kanye lawe, labazalwane

bakho abaprofethi, lalabo abagcina amazwi alolugwalo; khonza uNkulunkulu. **10** Yasisithi kimi: Unganamathiseli ngophawu amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo; ngoba isikhathi siseduze. **11** Owenza okungalunganga kahlale esenza okungalunganga; longcolileyo ahlale engcolile; lolungileyo ahlale elungisisiwe; longcwele ahlale engcwelisiwe. **12** Khangela-ke, ngiyeza masinyane, lomvuzo wami ukimi, ukuvuza ngulowo lalovo njengokuzakuba ngumsebenzi wakhe. **13** Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, isiqalo lesicino, owokuqala lowokicina. **14** Babusisiwe labo abenza imilayo yakhe, ukuze babe lelungelo esihlahleni sempilo, babe sebengena emzini ngamasango; **15** kodwa ngaphandle kukhona izinja labathakathi leziphingi lababulali labakhonza izithombe laye wonke othanda njalo esenza amanga. **16** Mina Jesu ngithume ingilosy yami ukufakaza lezizinto kini emabandleni. Mina ngiyimpande lenzalo kaDavida, indonsakusa ekhazimulayo. **17** UMoya-ke lomakoti bathi: Woza! Lozwayo kathi: Woza! Lowomileyo keze; lothandayo kathathe amanzi empilo ngesihle. **18** Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye wonke ozwa amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo: Uba umuntu esengeza kulezizinto, uNkulunkulu uzakwengezelela kuye izinhlupheko ezilotshwe kulolugwalo; **19** njalo uba umuntu esusa okwamazwi ogwalo lwalesisiprofetho, uNkulunkulu uzasusa isabelo sakhe egwalweni lwempilo, lemzini ongcwele, lezintweni ezilotshiweyo kulolugwalo. **20** Ofakaza lezizinto uthi: Yebo, ngiyeza masinyane. Ameni. Yebo, woza, Nkosi Jesu! **21** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.



Mina Johane ngasengibona umuzi ongcwele, iJerusalema entsha, usehla uvela kuNkulunkulu ezulwini, ulungisiwe njengomakoti ececiselwe umkakhe. Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi: Khangela, ithabhanekele likaNkulunkulu lisebantwini, njalo uzahlala labo, futhi bona bazakuba ngabantu bakhe, ionkulunkulu uqobo uzakuba labo, engunkulunkulu 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.

Uhlelo Iwamagama

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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.

aidios 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 possibility, 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.

Uhlelo Iwamagama +

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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.

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Isambulo 9:2	KwabaseRoma 9:5	2 UPphetro 3:18
Isambulo 9:11	KwabaseRoma 11:36	1 UJohane 2:17
Isambulo 11:7	KwabaseRoma 12:2	2 UJohane 1:2
Isambulo 17:8	KwabaseRoma 16:27	UJuda 1:13
Isambulo 20:1	1 KwabaseKhorinte 1:20	UJuda 1:25
Isambulo 20:3	1 KwabaseKhorinte 2:6	Isambulo 1:6
	1 KwabaseKhorinte 2:7	Isambulo 1:18
	1 KwabaseKhorinte 2:8	Isambulo 4:9
	1 KwabaseKhorinte 3:18	Isambulo 4:10

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UJuda 1:6	1 KwabaseKhorinte 10:11	Isambulo 7:12

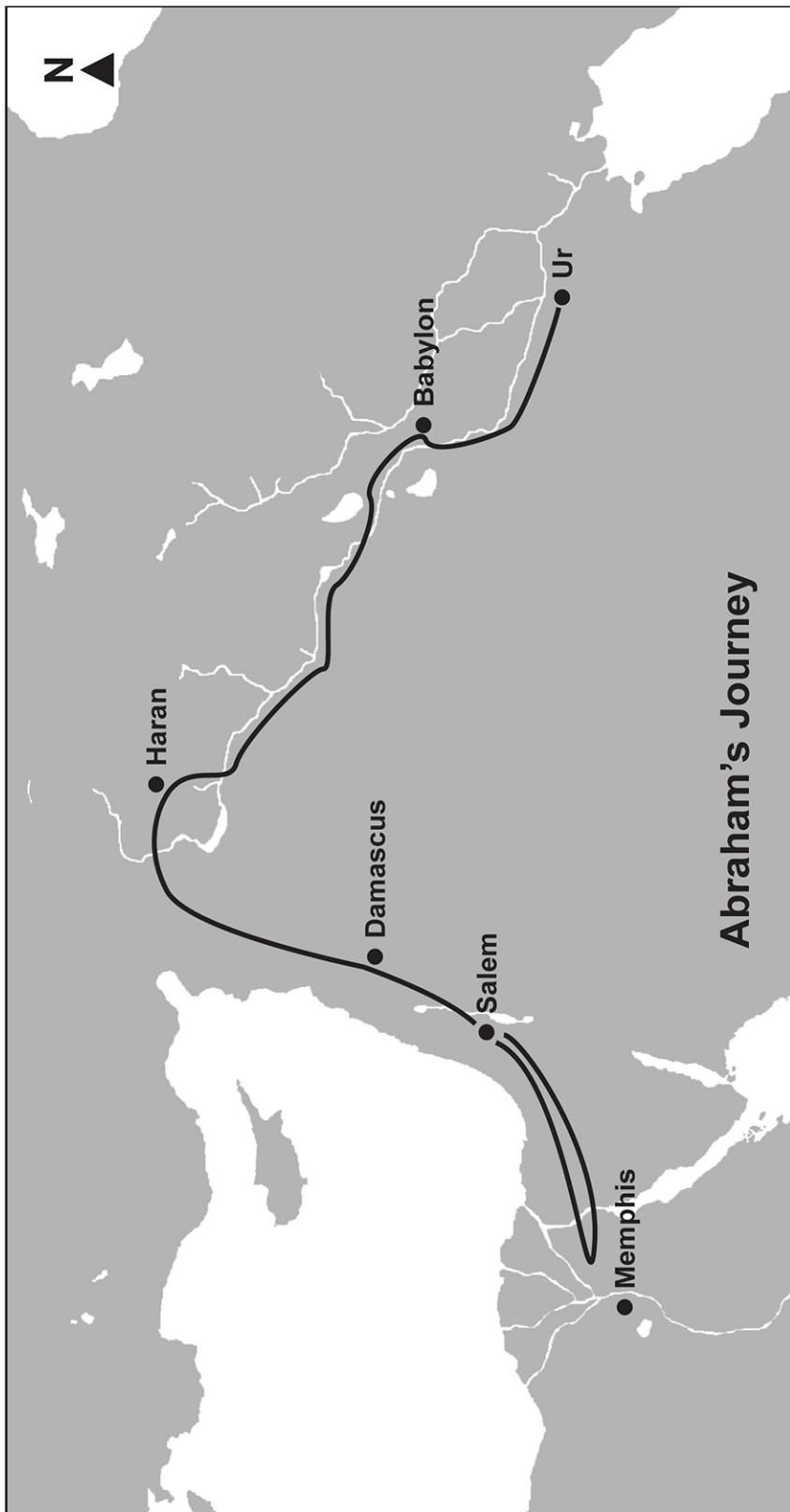
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UMathewu 13:40	KwabaseGalathiya 1:4	Isambulo 15:7
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UMakho 4:19	Kwabase-Efesu 3:11	
UMakho 10:30	Kwabase-Efesu 3:21	
UMakho 11:14	Kwabase-Efesu 6:12	
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ULukha 16:8	1 KuThimothi 6:17	UMakho 10:17
ULukha 18:30	2 KuThimothi 4:10	UMakho 10:30
ULukha 20:34	2 KuThimothi 4:18	ULukha 10:25
ULukha 20:35	KuThithusi 2:12	ULukha 16:9
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UJohane 14:16	KumaHebheru 13:8	UJohane 6:47
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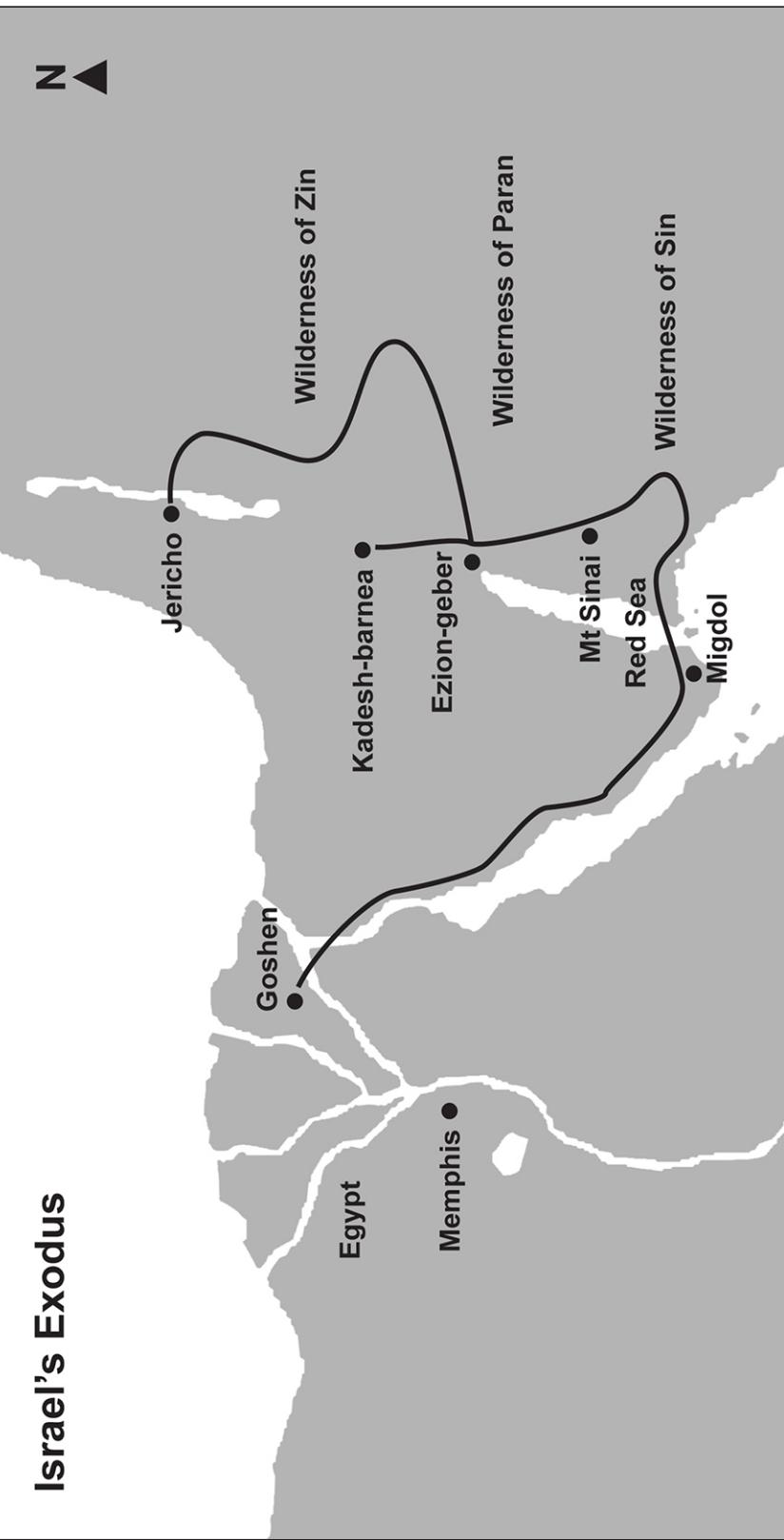


Abraham's Journey

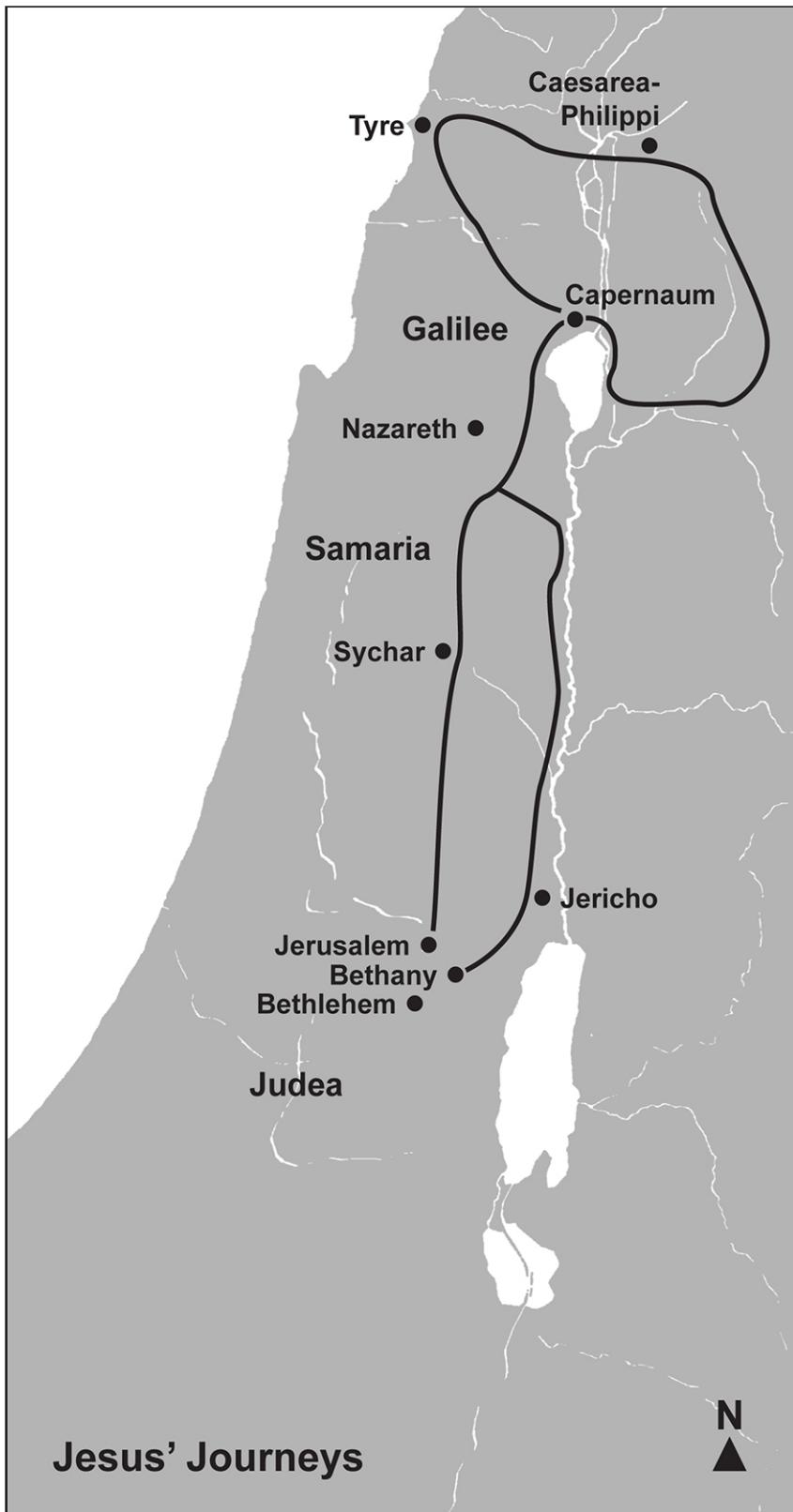
Ngokholo uAbrahama walalela ebizwa ukuthi aphume aye endaweni ayezayemuketa ibe yiffra; waphuma, engazi lapho aya khona. - KumaHebheru 11:8

Israel's Exodus

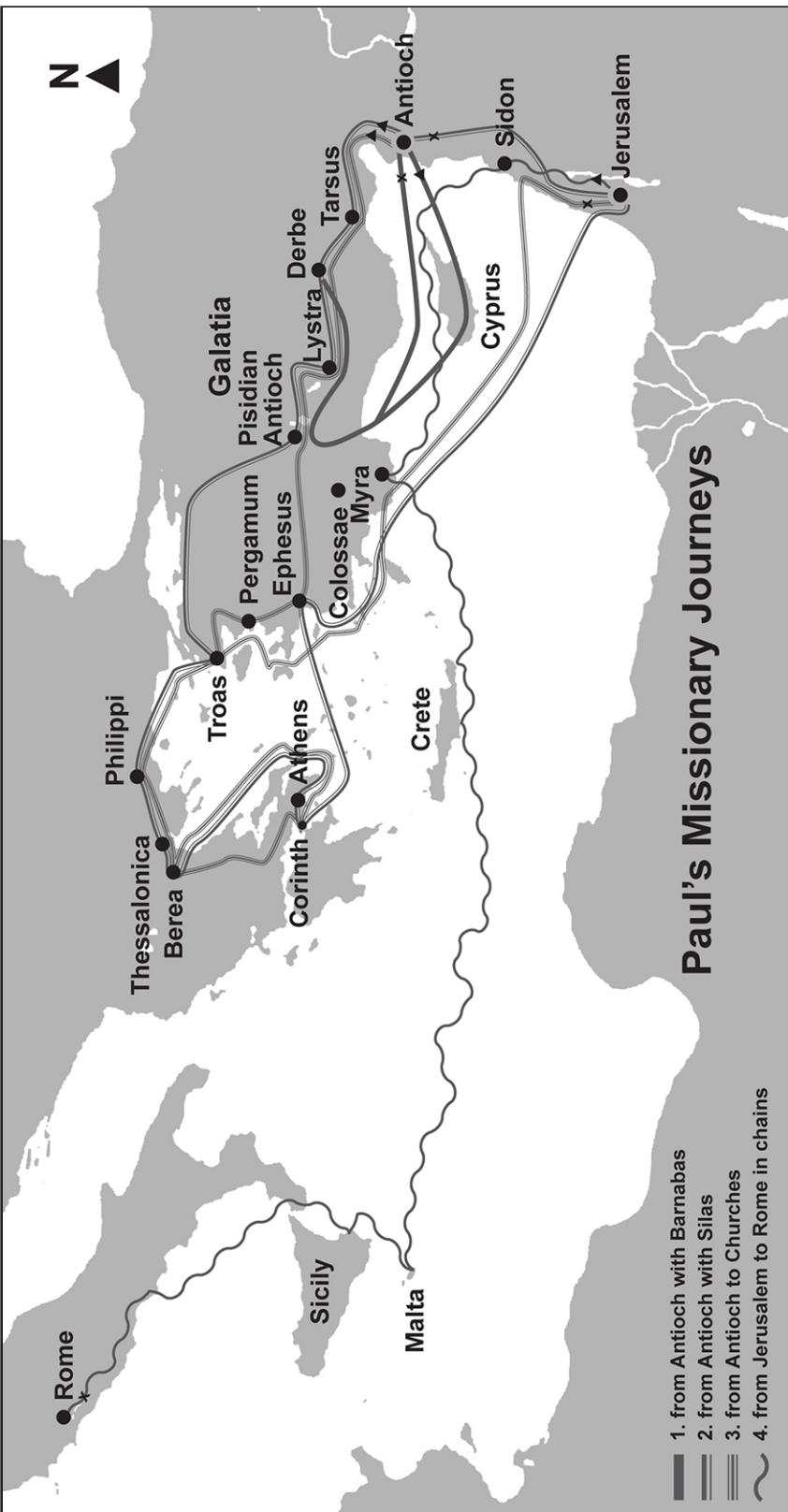
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Kwasekusithi uFaroo eseyekele abantu bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhetanga ngendletta yelizwe lantaFilisti, lanxa yayiseduze;
ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi: Hlezi abantu bazisole nxa hebona impi, babuye le eGibhithe. - U-Eksodusu 13:17



Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonzza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe iihawulo labanengi. - U Makho 10:45



Paul's Missionary Journeys

1. from Antioch with Barnabas
2. from Antioch with Silas
3. from Antioch to Churches
4. from Jerusalem to Rome in chains

UPawuli, ineku kajesu Kristu, ebizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli, ehlukaniseewe ivangeli likan Kulunkulu, - KwabassRoma 1:1

Creation 4004 B.C.

- Adam and Eve created
Tubal-cain forges metal
- Enoch walks with God
- Methuselah dies at age 969
- God floods the Earth
- Tower of Babel thwarted
- Abraham sojourns to Canaan
- Jacob moves to Egypt
- Moses leads Exodus from Egypt
- Gideon judges Israel
- Ruth embraces the God of Israel
- David installed as King
- King Solomon builds the Temple
- Elijah defeats Baal's prophets
- Jonah preaches to Nineveh
- Assyrians conquer Israelites
- King Josiah reforms Judah
- Babylonians capture Judah
- Persians conquer Babylonians
- Cyrus frees Jews, rebuilds Temple
- Nehemiah rebuilds the wall
- Malachi prophesies the Messiah
- Greeks conquer Persians
- Seleucids conquer Greeks
- Hebrew Bible translated to Greek
- Maccabees defeat Seleucids
- Romans subject Judea
- Herod the Great rules Judea**

Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.
(The Annals of the World, James Usher)

New Heavens and Earth

- Christ returns for his people
- Jim Elliot martyrdom in Ecuador
- John Williams reaches Polynesia
- Zinzendorf leads Moravian mission
- Japanese kill 40,000 Christians
- Jesuits reach Mexico
- Martin Luther leads Reformation
- Gutenberg prints first Bible
- Franciscans reach Sumatra
- Ramon Llull trains missionaries
- Crusades tarnish the church
- The Great Schism
- Adalbert martyrdom in Prussia
- Bulgarian Prince Boris converts
- Boniface reaches Germany
- Alopen reaches China
- Longinus reaches Alodia / Sudan
- Saint Patrick reaches Ireland
- Carthage ratifies Bible Canon
- Ulfilas reaches Goth / Romania
- Nicæa proclaims God is Trinity
- Denis reaches Paris, France
- Tertullian writes Christian literature
- Titus destroys the Jewish Temple
- Paul imprisoned in Rome, Italy
- Thomas reaches Malabar, India
- Peter reaches Gentile Cornelius
- Holy Spirit empowers the Church**

(Wikipedia, Timeline of Christian missions)

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
		When are we? ▼
Where are we?		Innocence Fallen Glory
	Eternity Past Creation 4004 B.C.	Fall to sin No Law 1500 B.C. Christ 33 A.D. Church Age Kingdom Age
God	Father John 10:30 God's perfect fellowship	1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapproachable light John 8:58 Pre-incarnate Psalm 139:7 Everywhere John 1:14 Incarnate Luke 23:43 Paradise
	Son Genesis 1:31 God's perfect fellowship with Adam in The Garden of Eden	Ephesians 2:1-5 Serving the Savior or Satan on Earth Luke 16:22 Blessed in Paradise Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:5-13 Punished in Hades until the final judgment
Mankind	Living Deceased believing Deceased unbelieving	Hebrews 1:14 Serving mankind at God's command 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tartarus
	Holy Genesis 1:1 Imprisoned No Creation No people	Revelation 20:13 Thalaasa
Who are we?	Fugitive Angels First Beast False Prophet Satan	Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:10 Lake of Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels
	Genesis 1:31 No Fall No unholy Angels	1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10 Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind
		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 guarantee 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.



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