

U-Isaya

¹ Umbono omayelana ngoJuda leJerusalema owabonwa ngu-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi ensukwini zokubusa kuka-Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi loHezekhiya amakhosi akoJuda.

Isizwe Esihlamukayo

² Zwanini, mazulu! Lalelani, mhlaba!
Ngoba uTHIXO usekhulumile:

“Ngondla abantwana ngabakhulisa,
kodwa sebengihlamukele.

³ Inkabi iyamazi umniniyo,
lobabhemi uyasazi isibaya somnikazi
wakhe,

kodwa u-Israyeli kazi,
abantu bami kabaqedisisi.”

⁴ Maye kuso isizwe esonayo,
abantu abathwele amacala,
inzalo yabenza okubi,
abantwana abaxhwalileyo!

Sebemplahlile uTHIXO;
bamdelele oNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
bamfulathela.

⁵ Kungani kumele litshaywe futhi?
Kungani liqhubeka ngokuhlamuka?
Ikhanda lakho lonke lilimele,
yonke inhliziyo yakho ihlukuluziwe.

6 Kusukela ngaphansi kwentende yonyawo
 lwakho kusiya esicholo sekhandla
 lakho akukho kuphelela,
 kodwa izilonda lemvivinya kuphela,
 kanye lamanxeba;
 akugeziswanga, akubotshwanga
 kumbe kwathanjiswa ngamafutha.

7 Ilizwe lenu lichithekile,
 amadolobho enu atshiswa ngomlilo,
 umhlaba wenu uphundlwa ngabezizweni,
 phambi kwenu uqobo,
 uchitheka njengalapho udilizwa ngabez-
 izweni.

8 Indodakazi yaseZiyoni isele
 njengedumba esivinini,
 njengendlwana ensimini yamajodo,
 njengedolobho elihonqolozelweyo.

9 Aluba uTHIXO uSomandla
 kasitshiyelanga abalutshwana abasindayo,
 sasizakuba njengeSodoma;
 sasizafana leGomora.

10 Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO,
 lina babusi baseSodoma,
 lalalani umthetho kaNkulunkulu wethu,
 lina bantu baseGomora!

11 “Ubunengi bemihlatshelo yenu
 buyini kimi?”
 kutsho uTHIXO.

“Ngileminikelo yokutshiswa edlula efunekayo,
 eyenqama lamahwahwa ezifuyo ezinonisi-
 weyo;
 igazi lenkunzi,

lelamawundlu lelembuzi kalingithokozisi.

12 Lapho lisiza phambi kwami,
ngubani othe linyathele amagama ami na?

13 Yekelani ukuletha iminikelo eyize!
Impepha yenu iyisinengiso kimi.

Angingeke ngibekezelele imbuthano yenu
yobubi,
eyokuThwasa kweNyanga, amaSabatha
lemihlangano.

14 Umphefumulo wami uyawazonda
amadili enu okuthwasa kwezinyanga
lemikhosi yenu emisiweyo.

Sekube ngumthwalo kimi;
sengikhathele ngokukuthwala.

15 Lapho lichaya izandla zenu likhuleka,
ngizalifihlela amehlo ami;
loba selikhuleka imikhuleko eminengi,
angiyikulalela.

Izandla zenu zigcwele igazi!

16 Gezani libe ngabahlambulukileyo.
Susani izenzo zenu ezimbi phambi kobuso
bami;
yekelani ukwenza okubi.

17 Fundani ukwenza okulungileyo; funani uk-
wahlulela okuhle.
Khuthazani abancindezelweyo.

Vikelani izintandane;
lamulelani umfelokazi.

18 Wozani, siqondisane sindawonye,"
kutsho UTHIXO.

“Lanxa izono zenu zibomvu gebhu,
 zizakuba mhlophe njengonqwaqwane,
 loba zibomvu njengegazi,
 zizakuba njengoboya bezimvu.

19 Nxa livuma njalo lilalela,
 lizakudla okuhle kwelizwe;

20 kodwa nxa linqaba, lihlamuka,
 lizadliwa yinkemba.”

Ngoba umlomo KATHIXO usukhulumile.

21 Khangelani ukuthi idolobho elithembekileyo
 seliphenduke laba yisifebe kanjani!

Lake lagcwala ngokufaneleyo;
 ukulunga kwakuhlala kulo,
 kodwa khathesi sekuhlala ababulali!

22 Isiliva senu sesingamanye,le,
 iwayini lenu elihle selihlanganiswe lamanzi.

23 Ababusi benu bangabahlamuki,
 abangane bamasela;

bonke bathanda izivalamlomo,
 bafune iziphho.

Izintandane kabazivikeli;
 indaba yomfelokazi kayifiki kibo.

24 Ngakho-ke iNkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla,
 uMninimandla ka-Israyeli, uthi:

“Yebo! Ngizabhodlisela ezitheni zami,
 ngibuye ngiphindisele kwabayizitha zami.

25 Ngizaphakamisela isandla sami kini;
 ngizawahlambulula ngokupheleleyo
 amanye le enu,
 ngisuse lakho konke ukungcola kwenu.

26 Ngizabuyisa abehluleli benu njengezinsukwini zakudala,
labeluleki benu njengasekuqaleni.
Muva uzabizwa ngokuthi
iDolobho Lokulunga,
iDolobho Elithembekileyo.”

27 IZiyoni izahlengwa ngemfanelo,
abaphendukayo bayo bahlengwe ngokulunga.

28 Kodwa abahlamuki lezoni bazachithwa,
lalabo abalahla UTHIXO bazabhubha.

29 “Lizayangeka ngenxa yezihlahla zom’okhi ezingcwele
elazithokozisa ngazo.

Lizadana ngamasimu elawakhethayo.

30 Lizafana lom’okhi olamahlamvu asebuna,
lanjengensimu engelamanzi.

31 Indoda elamandla izafana lencwathi,
umsebenzi wayo ufane lenhlansi;
kokubili kuzakutsha kanyekanye,
kungekho ozacitsha umlilo.”

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Intaba KATHIXO

¹ Lokhu yikho okwabonwa ngu-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi mayelana loJuda leJerusalema:

² Ngezinsuku zokucina
intaba yethempeli LIKATHIXO izamiswa
njengenhloko phakathi kwezintaba;
izaphakanyiselwa phezu kwezintaba

njalo izizwe zonke zizabekela zisiya kuyo.

³ Abantu abanengi bazakuza bathi,
 “Wozani siye phezu kwentaba KATHIXO,
 siye ethempelini likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe.
 Uzasifundisa izindlela zakhe,
 ukuze sihambe emikhondweni yakhe.”

Umthetho uzavela eZiyoni,
 ilizwi LIKATHIXO livele eJerusalema.

⁴ Uzakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe,
 alamule ingxabano zabantu abanengi.
 Bazakhanda izinkemba zabo zibe yimihlathi ya-
 makhuba,
 lemikhonto yabo ibe ngamahloka okuthena
 izihlahla.
 Isizwe asiyikuhlomela isizwe ngenkemba
 loba sifundele ukulwa impi futhi.

⁵ Woza, ndlu kaJakhobe,
 kasihambe ekukhanyeni KUKATHIXO.

Usuku LUKATHIXO

⁶ Wena, THIXO, usubalahlile abantu bakho,
 isizukulwane sikaJakhobe.
 Bagcwele ukhoho oluyize lwaseMpumalanga
 benza lemisebenzi yobungoma njengamaFil-
 isti,
 njalo babambana izandla labangakholwayo.

⁷ Ilizwe labo ligcwele isiliva legolide;
 inotho yabo ayilakuphela.

Ilizwe labo ligcwele amabhiza;
 izinqola zabo zempi kazipheli.

⁸ Ilizwe labo ligcwele izithombe;
 bakhothamela umsebenzi wezandla zabo,
 lakulokho okwenziwa yiminwe yabo.

- 9 Ngakho abantu bazakwehliselwa phansi
bonke bazehliswa
ungabathetheleli.
- 10 Ngenani ezimbalwini zamatshe lasemhla-
bathini,
licatshela ukwesabeka KUKATHIXO
lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe!
- 11 Amehlo omuntu oziphakamisayo azathot-
shiswa,
lokuziphakamisa kwabantu kwehliselwe
phansi;
UTHIXO kuphela nguye ozaphakanyiswa ngalolo-
suku.
- 12 UTHIXO uSomandla ulosuku alubekele
bonke abazazigqajayo labazikhukhumezayo;
lakho konke okuphakemeyo
(kuzathotshiswa),
- 13 olwazo zonke izihlahla zemisedari zaseLeb-
hanoni ezinde leziphakemeyo,
lazononke izihlahla zom'Okhi zaseBhashani,
- 14 olwazo zonke izintaba ezindekazi
lamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo,
- 15 olwayo yonke imiphotshongo ephakemeyo
layo yonke imiduli eyinqaba,
- 16 olwemikhumbi yonke yaseThashishi
layo yonke imikolo emihle.
- 17 Ukuziphakamisa kwabantu kuzakwehliselwa
phansi,
ukuzazisa kwabantu kuthobekiswe;
UTHIXO kuphela nguye ozadunyiswa ngalolo-
suku,
18 izithombe zizanyamalala zithi nya.

- 19 Abantu bazabalekela ezimbalwini zamatshe
 lasemilindini emhlabathini
 bebalekela ukwesabeka KUKATHIXO
 lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe
 lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye umhlaba.
- 20 Ngalolosuku abantu bazazilahlela
 emvukuzaneni lakubomalulwane
 izithombe zabo zesiliva lezegolide
 abazenzela ukuba bazikhonze.
- 21 Bazabalekela ezimbalwini zamatshe
 lasezingoxweni zamawa
 bebalekela ukwesabeka KUKATHIXO
 lenkazimulo yobukhosi bakhe,
 lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye umhlaba.
- 22 Yekelani ukwethemba umuntu
 olomphefumulo nje kuphela emakhaleni
 akhe.
 Ngoba uyini yena na?

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Ukwahlulelwa KweJerusalema Lelizwe Lako-Juda

- 1 Khangelani khathesi UTHIXO,
 UTHIXO uSomandla
 usezasusa eJerusalema lelizweni lakoJuda
 okufunekayo losizo:
 konke ukudla lamanzi,
² iqhawe lebutho,
 umahluleli lomphrofethi,
 isangoma lomuntu omdala,
³ induna yebutho labangamatshumi amahlanu
 lamadoda ayizikhulu,
 umeluleki, ingcitshi yemisebenzi,

lesanuse esihlakaniphileyo.

⁴ “Ngizakwenza abafana babeyizikhulu zabo;
abantwana nje bazababusa.”

⁵ Abantu bazancindezelana,
umuntu avukele umuntu,
umakhelwane avukele umakhelwane.
Abatsha bazavukela abadala,
abeyisekayo bavukele abahlonitshwa.

⁶ Indoda izabamba omunye wabafowabo
emzini kayise ithi,
“Ulesembatho, woba ngumkhokheli wethu,
inqwaba yamanxiwa le
izakuba ngaphansi kombuso wakho.”

⁷ Kodwa ngalolosuku uzakhala athi,
“Angilamasiza.

Endlini yami akulakudla loba izigqoko;
ungangenzi umkhokheli wabantu.”

⁸ IJerusalema liyadiyazela,
uJuda uyawa;
amazwi abo lezenzo zabo kuphambene LOTHIXO,
kweyisa ubukhosi bakhe.

⁹ Ukukhangeleka kobuso babo kufakaza kubi
ngabo;
babukisa izono zabo njengeSodoma;
kabazifihli.

Maye kubo!

Bazilethele incithakalo phezu kwabo.

- 10 Tshela abalungileyo ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle kubo,
ngoba bazakholisa izithelo zezenzo zabo.
- 11 Maye kwababi!
Incithakalo isiphezu kwabo!
Bazaphindiselwa
ngalokho izandla zabo ezikwenzileyo.
- 12 Abatsha bancindezela abantu bami,
abesifazane bayababusa.
Awu, bantu bami, abakhokheli benu bay-
aliduhisa;
bayaliphambula endleleni.
- 13 UTHIXO uphakama ukuba afakaze indaba yakhe,
uyasukuma ukuba ahlulele abantu.
- 14 UTHIXO uqalisa ukwahlulela
abadala labakhokheli babantu esithi,
“Yini elitshabalalise isivini sami;
elikuthumbe kubayanga kusezindlini zenu.
- 15 Litshoni ngokuchoboza abantu bami
langokuchola ubuso babayanga?”
kutsho iNkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla.
- 16 UTHIXO uthi,
“Abesifazane baseZiyoni bayaziphakamisa,
bahamba belule izintamo,
behuga ngamehlo abo,
begwenxeka ngamanyathelo amancane,
izigqizo zikhencezela enqagaleni zabo.
- 17 Ngakho-ke UTHIXO uzakwenza amakhanda
abesifazane baseZiyoni abe lezilonda;

UTHIXO uzakwenza
isikhumba samakhanda abo siphuceke.”

¹⁸ Ngalolosuku uThixo uzahluthuna imiceciso yabo: amasongo, imincwazi, lemigaxo yentanyeni ¹⁹ amacici, izigqizo lezimbombozo, ²⁰ amaqhiye, izigetsho lamabhanti; amambodlela amakha lezintebe, ²¹ indandatho ezilophawu lamasongo empumulo, ²² izembatho ezinhle lezingubo lezigqoko, izikhwama ²³ lezibuko, lezigqoko zelineni, imiqhele lamaveli.

²⁴ Endaweni yephunga elimnandi kuzakuba lomnuko omubi; endaweni yebhanti kuzakuba legoda, endaweni yenwele ezilungiswe kuhle kuzakuba lempabanga, endaweni yezigqoko ezinhle kuzakuba ngamasaka, endaweni yobuhle, kuzakuba lihlazo.

²⁵ Amadoda akini azakuwa ngenkemba, kanjalo lamabutho akini empini.

²⁶ Amasango aseZiyoni azakhala alile, kuthi yona ihlale phansi ichithekile.

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¹ Ngalolosuku abesifazane abayisikhombisa bazabamba indoda yinye bathi, “Sizakudla ukudla kwethu sigqoke izigqoko zethu; sivumele kuphela nje ukuba sibizwe ngebizo lakho. Susa ihlazo lethu.”

UGatsha LUKATHIXO

² Ngalolosuku uGatsha LUKATHIXO luzakuba luhle lube yinkazimulo, lezithelo zelizwe zizakuba ligugu lenkazimulo kwabasindayo ko-Israyeli. ³ Labo abatshiywe eZiyoni, abasele eJerusalema, kuzathiwa bangcwele, labo bonke abalotshiweyo phakathi kwabaphilayo eJerusalema. ⁴ INkosi izagezisa ingcekeza yabesifazane baseZiyoni, izahlambulula amachatha egazi eJerusalema ngomoya wokwahlulela langomoya womlilo. ⁵ Lapho-ke, phezu kwayo yonke iNtaba iZiyoni langaphezulu kwabo bonke abahlangana khona, UTHIXO uzakwenza iyezi lentuthu emini, lokukhanya kwamalangabi omlilo ebusuku; ngaphezu kwenkazimulo yonke kuzakuba lesivikelo esinjengophahla. ⁶ Sizakuba yisisitho lomthunzi wokuvika ukutshisa kwemini, isiphephelo lendawo yokucatshela isiphepho lezulu.

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Ingoma Yesivini

¹ Ngizahlabelela lowo engimthandayo
ingoma ngesivini sakhe:

Othandwa yimi wayelesivini
eqaqeni oluvundileyo.

² Wasigebha, wasusa amatshe kuso,
wahlanyela kuso amavini amahle.

Wakha umphotshongo ophakemeyo phakathi
kwaso
njalo wagebha lesikhamelo sewayini kuso.

Walindela izithelo ezinhle,
kodwa amavini athela ezimbi kuphela.

3 “Manje-ke lina abahlala eJerusalema lani
madoda akoJuda,
yahlulelani phakathi kwami lesivini sami.

4 Kuyini okudlula lapho okwakumele kwenziwe
esivinini sami
engingakwenzanga kuso na?

Lapho ngangilindele izithelo ezinhle
kungani sona sathela ezimbi kuphela na?

5 Khathesi-ke sengizalitshela
engizakwenza esivinini sami:

Ngizasusa uthango lwaso;
sizadilizwa.

Ngizabhidliza umduli waso,
sizagxotshwa ngezinyawo.

6 Ngizasenza sibe liganga
kungabikho ukuthenwa kumbe
ukuhlakulwa;
inkotha lameva kuzakhula kuso.

Ngizalaya amayezi
anganisi zulu kuso.”

7 Isivini sIKATHIXO uSomandla
yindlu ka-Israyeli;

abantu bakoJuda
bayinsimu eligugu kuye.

Wayelindele okufaneleyo,
kodwa wabona ukuchitheka kwegazi;
endaweni yokulunga, wezwa ukukhala ko-
sizi.

Izikhhalazo Lezahlulelo

8 Maye kini elengeza izindlu ngezindlu
lihlanganise insimu ensimini
kuze kusweleke indawo eseleyo,

njalo lihlala lodwa elizweni.

- ⁹ UTHIXO uSomandla usetshilo ngisizwa wathi:
 “Ngeqiniso izindlu ezinengi zizakuba
 ngamanxiwa;
 ezinkulu ezinhle zisale zingaselamuntu
 ohlala kuzo.
¹⁰ Izindima ezilitshumi zesivini
 zizathela ifatshi elilodwa lewayini,
 ihomeri lenhlanyelo lithele ihefa lamabele.”

- ¹¹ Maye kulabo abavuka ngovivi ekuseni
 begijimela ukunatha utshwala;
 abaqhubekayo kuze kube phakathi kobusuku
 baze badakwe butshwala.
¹² Balamachacho lemihubhe emadilini abo,
 amagedla, imihlanga, lewayini,
 kodwa kabazinaki izenzo ZIKATHIXO,
 akukho nhlonipho yomsebenzi wezandla za-
 khe.
¹³ Ngakho-ke abantu bami bazakuya ekuthun-
 jweni
 ngenxa yokungazwisisi;
 izikhulu zabo zizabulawa yindlala
 lenengi labo lizakoma ngomhawu wamanzi.
¹⁴ Ngakho indawo yabafileyo izakwelula imih-
 lathi yayo,
 ikhamise umlomo wayo okunge-
 lamkhawulo;
 izikhulu zabo lenengi labo bawele phakathi
 labo bonke abaxokozelayo
 labazithokozisayo.
¹⁵ Abantu bazakwehliselwa phansi,
 abantu bazathobekiswa,
 amehlo abaziphakamisayo athotshiswe.

- 16 Kodwa uTHIXO uSomandla uzaphakanyiswa
ngokwahlulela kwakhe okuhle;
ubungcwele bukaNkulunkulu
buzabonakala ngokulunga kwakhe.
- 17 Lapho-ke izimvu zizakudla angathi kuse-
madlelweni azo,
amazinyane adle emanxiweni ezinothi.
- 18 Maye kulabo abahudula isono ngentambo
zenkohliso
lobubi kungathi kungamagoda enqola,
- 19 kulabo abathi, “UNkulunkulu kaphangise,
kaphangisise umsebenzi wakhe
ukuze siwubone.
Kalisondele icebo loNgcwele ka-Israyeli
kalize ukuze silazi.”
- 20 Maye kulabo abathi okubi kuhle
bathi okuhle kubi,
ababeka umnyama esikhundleni sokukhanya;
ukukhanya esikhundleni somnyama;
ababeka okubabayo esikhundleni sokumnandi,
okumnandi esikhundleni sokubabayo.
- 21 Maye kulabo abahlakaniphileyo emehlweni
abo
njalo besile ekuboneni kwabo.
- 22 Maye kulabo abangamaqhawe ekunatheni
iwayini
njalo bezintshantshu ekuhlanganiseni oku-
nathwayo,
- 23 abakhulula abalamacala ngenxa yokufun-
jathiswa.

Kodwa banqabele abamsulwa imfanelo yabo.

- 24 Ngakho-ke, njengalokhu umlilo utshisa inhlanga, utshani obomileyo buphelela phakathi kwamalangabi, ngokunjalo impande zabo zizabola.

Lamaluba abo aphephuke njengothuli; ngoba bawalile umthetho KATHIXO uSomandla balidelela ilizwi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

- 25 Ngakho ulaka LUKATHIXO luzavutha ebantwini bakhe; isandla sakhe siphakeme njalo uyabatshaya. Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka, izidumbu zabafileyo zinjengezibi ezindleleni.

Ikanti kukho konke lokhu ulaka lwakhe kaluphlanga, isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

- 26 Uphakamisela izizwe ezikude uphawu, ubatshayela ikhwelo abasemaphethelweni omhlaba.

Nampa besiza ngokuphangisa langejubane!

- 27 Kakho omunye wabo odinwayo loba okhubekayo, kakho owozelayo kumbe olalayo, akukho bhanti elixegiswayo ekhalweni, akukho ntambo yenyathelo equmekileyo.

- 28 Imitshoko yabo ibukhali,

wonke amadandili abo agotshisiwe;
 amasondo amabhiza abo afana lelitshe
 elilukhuni,
 amavili ezinqola zabo zokulwa anjenge-
 sivunguzane.

²⁹ Ukubhonga kwabo kufana lokwesilwane,
 babhonga njengezilwane ezikhulayo,
 bayabhavuma lapho bebamba inyamazana edli-
 wayo,

babaleke layo kungekho ongabemuka.

³⁰ Ngalolosuku bazabhavumela phezu kwayo
 njengokubhavuma kolwandle.

Njalo nxa umuntu ekhangela ilizwe,

uzabona umnyama losizi;

lelanga lizakwenziwa libe mnyama nga-
 mayezi.

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Ukuthunywa Kuka-Isaya

¹ Ngomnyaka inkosi u-Uziya eyafa ngawo,
 ngabona uThixo ehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi
 esiphezulu esiphakemeyo, injobo yesembatho
 sakhe igcwele ithempeli. ² Ngaphezu kwakhe
 kwakulamaserafimu, elinye lelinye lilempiko
 eziyisithupha. Ayegubuzele ubuso bawo ngez-
 impiko ezimbili, egubuzele inyawo zawo ngez-
 imbili, ephapha ngezimbili. ³ Elinye lamemezela
 kwelinye lisithi:

“Ungcwele, ungcwele, ungcwele UTHIXO uSo-
 mandla,
 umhlaba wonke ugcwele inkazimulo
 yakhe.”

4 Ekuzwakaleni kwamazwi awo imigubazi lombundu kwanyikinyeka, kwathi ithempeli lagcwala intuthu.

5 Mina ngakhala ngathi, “Maye mina! Sen-gibhujisiwe! Ngoba ngingumuntu olezindebe ezingcolileyo, njalo ngihlala phakathi kwabantu abalezindebe ezingcolileyo, lamehlo ami ase-bone iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla.”

6 Lapho-ke elinye lamaserafimu laphaphela kimi liphethe ilahle elivuthayo esandleni salo elalilithethe ngodlawu e-alithareni. 7 Lathinta umlomo wami ngalo lathi, “Khangela, lokhu sekuthinte izindebe zakho; icala lakho selis-usiwe, njalo lesono sakho sesihlawulelwe.”

8 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi leNkosi lisithi, “Ngizathuma bani na? Ngubani na ozasihambela?”

Mina ngathi, “Ngilapha. Ngithuma!”

9 Yasisithi, “Hamba uyetshela abantu uthi: ‘Zwanini kokuphela, kodwa lingaqedisisi; libone kokuphela, kodwa lingabonisisi.’

10 Yenza inhliziyo yalababantu ibe lukhuni; wenze indlebe zabo zibe buthundu, uvale amehlo abo.

Hlezi babone ngamehlo abo,
bezwe ngezindlebe zabo,
baqedisise ngezinhliziziyo zabo,
baphenduke basiliswe.”

11 Ngasengisithi, “Koze kube nini, Nkosi?”

Yona yaphendula yathi:
“Amadolobho aze achitheke
njalo kungaselabantu kuwo,
izindlu zize zisale zingaselabantu,
lamasimu ephundleke abhuquzeka,

- 12 UTHIXO aze axotshele umuntu wonke khatshana
njalo ilizwe lidelwe ngokupheleleyo.
- 13 Lanxa ingxenye eyodwa etshumini isala elizweni
izachithwa futhi.
- Kodwa njengezihlahla zetherebhinti lemi-okhi
zitshiya izidindi lapho seziganyulwe,
ngokunjalo inhlanyelo engcwele izakuba yisidindi elizweni.”

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Isibonakaliso Sika-Imanuveli

¹ Kwathi u-Ahazi indodana kaJothamu, indodana ka-Uziya, eyinkosi yakoJuda, uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu loPhekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli basuka bayahlasela iJerusalema, kodwa kabalingqobanga.

² Indlu kaDavida yatshelwa kwathiwa, “I-Aramu isimanyene lo-Efrayimi,” inhliziyo ka-Ahazi lezabantu bakhe zanyikinyeka njengezihlahla zegusu zinyikinywa ngumoya.

³ UTHIXO wasesithi ku-Isaya, “Hamba wena lendodana yakho uSheyari-Jashubi ukuba lihlangabeze u-Ahazi ekucineni komgelo wamanzi oweChibi Elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni oya Ensimini Yomgezisi. ⁴ Lithi kuye, ‘Nanzelela, hlala ngokuthula, njalo ungesabi. Inhliziyo yakho kayingadeli ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo lukaRezini lo-Aramu lolwendodana kaRemaliya.’” ⁵ U-Aramu lo-Efrayimi lendodana kaRemaliya sebecebe ukukutshabalalisa besithi, ⁶ “Kasihlaseleni ilizwe

lakoJuda; kasilidabuleni phakathi silabelane, senze indodana kaThabheli ibe yinkosi yalo.”

⁷ Kodwa-ke lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ukuthi:

“ ‘Akuyikuphumelela,
akuyikwenzakala,

⁸ ngoba inhloko ye-Aramu yiDamaseko,
inhloko yeDamaseko nguRezini kuphela.

Phakathi kweminyaka engamatshumi
ayisithupha lanhlanu
u-Efrayimi uzakuba esetshabalele engasey-
iso sizwe.

⁹ Inhloko ka-Efrayimi yiSamariya,
inhloko yeSamariya yindodana kaRemaliya
kuphela.

Nxa lingami liqine okholweni lwenu
alisoze livele lime.’ ”

¹⁰ UTHIXO wakhuluma njalo ku-Ahazi wathi,

¹¹ “Cela isibonakaliso KUETHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho, ingabe ekujuleni kwezulu loba phezulu engqongweni.”

¹² Kodwa u-Ahazi wathi, “Angiyikucela.
Angiyikulinga UETHIXO.”

¹³ U-Isaya wasesithi, “Khathesi-ke zwana wena lendlu kaDavida. Akwenelanga na ukulinga ukubekezela kwabantu? Uzalinga lokubekezela kukaNkulunkulu wami njalo na? ¹⁴ Ngakho-ke iNkosi ngokwayo izanika isibonakaliso: Intombi egcweleyo izakhulelwa izale indodana bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Emanuweli. ¹⁵ Uzakudla amasi loluju lapho eselolwazi olwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi akhethe okulungileyo. ¹⁶ Kodwa-ke umfana engakazi okwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi

akhethe okulungileyo, ilizwe lamakhosi amabili owesabayo lizachithwa. ¹⁷ UTHIXO uza-kwehlisela phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho, laphezu kwendlu kayihlo, isikhathi esingafani lesinye kusukela u-Efrayimi ebhazuka kuJuda, uzaletha inkosi yase-Asiriya.”

I-Asiriya, Isitsha SIKATHIXO

¹⁸ Ngalelolanga UTHIXO uzatshaya ikhwelo ebiza impukane ezisekudabukeni kwezifula zaseGibhithe lezinyosi eziselizweni lase-Asiriya. ¹⁹ Zizakuza zonke zihlale ezingoxweni ezingamawa, ezimbalwini zamadwala, ezihlahleni zonke zameva kuwo wonke amagodi amanzi. ²⁰ Ngalolosuku iNkosi izasebenzisa impuco ebolekwe enkosini yase-Asiriya ngaphetsheya koMfula iYufathe ukuphuca ikhanda lakho loboya obusembaleni yakho, lokugunda indevu zakho lazo. ²¹ Ngalolosuku umuntu uzafuya ithokazi elilodwa lembuzi ezimbili. ²² Ngenxa yobunengi bochago oluzavela kuzo, uzakuba lamasi azawadla. Bonke abazasala elizweni bazakudla amasi loluju. ²³ Ngalolosuku, ezindaweni zonke lapho okwakulamavini ayinkulungwane alingana amashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane, kuzakuba lokhula lameva kuphela. ²⁴ Abantu bazakuya khona belamadandili lemitshoko ngoba ilizwe lizakuba seligcwele ukhula lameva. ²⁵ Emaqaqeni wonke ake alinywa ngekhuba kawusayikuya khona ngenxa yokwesaba ukhula lameva, azakuba yindawo yokwelusela inkomo lamadlelo ezimvu.

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U-Isaya Labantwabakhe Njengezibonelo

¹ UTHIXO wathi kimi, “Thatha isibhebhedu selitshe esikhulu ulobe kuso ngolimi olujwayelekileyo ukuthi: Maheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi (okutsho ukuthi: abaphanga ukuhuquluza okuphangiweyo).

² Ngizabiza u-Uriya umphristi loZakhariya indodana kaJebherekhiya njengabofakazi bami abathembekileyo.”

³ Ngemva kwalokho ngaya kumphrofethikazi, wathatha isisu, wazala indodana. UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Mbize ngokuthi nguMaheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi.

⁴ Kuzakuthi umfana engakakwazi ukuthi ‘Ubaba’ loba ‘Umama,’ inotho yaseDamaseko lempahla ethunjwe eSamariya kuzathathwa yinkosi yase-Asiriya.”

⁵ UTHIXO wakhuluma kimi futhi wathi:

⁶ “Ngenxa yokuthi abantu laba sebewalile amanzi ageleza kuhle aseShilowa

bethokozela uRezini

lendodana kaRemaliya,

⁷ ngakho-ke iNkosi isiseduze ukubalethela

izikhukhula zamanzi ezilamandla,

eziyinkosi yase-Asiriya lobukhosi bayo bonke,

zivela eYufrathe.

Azachithekela ngaphandle kwayo yonke imigelo yawo,

ageleze phezu kwamakhumbi ayo wonke,

⁸ afohlele koJuda, agcwale kulo,

adlule phakathi kwalo efika entanyeni.

Impiko zawo ezeluliweyo

zizakwembesa ububanzi belizwe lakho,

Awu, Emanuweli!”

- ⁹ Hlabani umkhosi wempi lina zizwe, lichithwe!
Lalelani lonke lina mazwe akude.
Lungiselani impi, lichithwe!
Lungiselani impi lichithwe!
- ¹⁰ Lungisani icebo lenu, kodwa kalisoze li-
phumelele:
bumbani isu lenu, kodwa kaliyikuma,
ngoba uNkulunkulu ulathi.

Mesabeni UTHIXO

- ¹¹ UTHIXO wakhuluma kimi isandla sakhe es-
ilamandla siphezu kwami, engixwayisa ukuba
ngingalandeli indlela yalababantu. Wathi:
- ¹² “Ungabokuthi kungamacebo amabi
konke abantu laba abathi kungamacebo am-
abi;
ungakwesabi abakwesabayo
njalo ungakuqhuqi.
- ¹³ UTHIXO uSomandla
nguye okumele limazi engongcwele,
nguye okumele limesabe,
nguye okumele limqhuqhe.
- ¹⁴ Uzakuba yisiphephelo;
kodwa kuzo zombili izindlu zako-Israyeli
uzakuba yilitshe elikhubekisa abantu
ledwala elibenza bawe.
Ebantwini baseJerusalema uzakuba
yisifu lomjibila.
- ¹⁵ Inengi labo lizakhubeka;
bazakuwa bephuke,
bazathiywa bathunjwe.”

16 Bopha ubufakazi besixwayiso,
uqinise umthetho phakathi kwabafundi
bakaNkulunkulu.

17 Ngizamlindela uTHIXO,
ofihlela indlu kaJakhobe ubuso bakhe.
Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye.

18 Mina ngilapha, kanye labantwana uTHIXO
angiphe bona. Siyizibonakaliso lempawu ku-
Israyeli ezivela kuTHIXO uSomandla, ohlala
entabeni iZiyoni.

Ubumnyama Buphenduka Ukukhanya

19 Nxa abantu bekutshela ukuthi buza
abalamadlozi labalemimoya yobuthakathi,
labanyenyezayo bengunguza, kambe abantu
akumelanga babuzisise uNkulunkulu wabo
na? Kungani abaphilayo libabuzela kwabafayo
na? 20 Emthethweni lakubo ubufakazi! Nxa
bengakhulumi ngokumayelana lelizwi leli,
kabalakho ukukhanya kokusa. 21 Bazazula
lelizwe behlulukelwe, belambile. Lapho
sebephalwe yindlala, bazathukuthela, bathuke
inkosi yabo loNkulunkulu wabo bekhangele
phezulu. 22 Emva kwalokho bazakhangela
emhlabeni babone usizi kuphela, lomnyama
owesabekayo, njalo bazaphoselwa emnyameni
opheleleyo.

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Sizalelwe Umntwana

1 Kodwa-ke akusayikuba khona ukudangala
kulabo ababesosizini. Ensukwini ezedlulayo
walithobisa ilizwe likaZebhuluni lelizwe
likaNafithali. Kodwa ensukwini ezizayo

uzayipha udumo iGalile yabezizweni, eNdleleni
eya oLwandle elandela iJodani:

² Abantu abahamba emnyameni
sebone ukukhanya okukhulu;
kulabo abahlala elizweni lethunzi lokufa
ukukhanya sekukhanyisile.

³ Usikhulisile isizwe
wandisa intokozo yabo,
bayathokoza phambi kwakho
njengabantu bethokoza ekuvuneni,
njengempi ithokoza
isaba impango.

⁴ Ngoba njengamhla wokwehlulwa
kukaMidiyani
usulephule ijogwe elibasindayo,
umgoqo onqume emahlombe abo,
intonga yomncindezeli wabo.

⁵ Lonke inyathela lebuthe elisetshenziswe
empini,
kanye lazozonke izigqoko ezigiqwe egazini
kuzakuya ekutshisweni;
kuzakuba ngokokubasisa umlilo.

⁶ Ngoba sizalelwe umntwana,
siphiwe indodana,
umbuso uzakuba phezu kwamahlombe
akhe.

Uzabizwa ngokuthi
uMeluleki Omangalisayo, uNkulunkulu uSo-
mandla,
uBaba Waphakade, iNkosana yokuThula.

⁷ Ukwanda kombuso wakhe lokuthula
akuyikuba lomkhawulo.

Uzabusa esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida

laphezu kombuso wakhe,
 ewumisa njalo ewuqinisa
 ngokufaneleyo langokulunga,
 kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube nini
 lanini.

Ukutshiseka KUKATHIXO uSomandla
 kuzakufeza lokhu.

UTHIXO Uthukuthelele Abako-Israyeli

⁸ INkosi isithumele ilizwi lesixwayiso kuJakhobe
 lizakwehlela phezu kuka-Israyeli.

⁹ Abantu bonke bazakwazi
 u-Efrayimi labakhele eSamariya,
 abathi ngokuzigqaja
 langokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo,

¹⁰ “Izitina sezidilikele phansi,
 kodwa sizakwakha njalo ngamatshe abazi-
 weyo;

imikhiwa isiganyulelwe phansi,
 kodwa sizafaka imisedari endaweni yayo.”

¹¹ Kodwa UTHIXO usebaqinisele izitha zikaRezini,
 njalo usetshotshozele izitha zabo.

¹² Ama-Aramu avela empumalanga lamaFilistiya
 avela entshonalanga
 asedle u-Israyeli ngomlomo ovulekileyo.

Kodwa kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela
 kwakhe akupheli,
 isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

¹³ Kodwa abantu abakabuyeli kuye owabat-
 shayayo.
 Loba badinge UTHIXO uSomandla.

- 14 Ngakho uTHIXO uzaquma ko-Israyeli ikhanda lomсила,
 ugatsha lwelala lomhlanga ngasuku lunye;
 15 abadala lezikhulu balikhanda,
 abaphrofethi abafundisa amanga bangumсила.
 16 Labo abakhokhela abantu laba bayabalahle-
 isa,
 labo abakhokhelwayo bayedukiswa.
 17 Ngakho iNkosi kayiyikuthokoza ngezinsizwa
 zabo,
 izintandane labafelokazi kayiyikuba lozwelo
 kubo,
 ngoba bonke bayameyisa uNkulunkulu, njalo
 babi;
 imilomo yonke ikhuluma amanyala.

Kodwa kukho konke lokhu,
 ukuthukuthela kwayo akupheli,
 isandla sayo silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

- 18 Ngeqiniso ububi butshisa njengomlilo,
 budla ukhula lameva,
 buthungela izixuku zehlathi zivuthe amalangabi
 izikhatha zentuthu ziqonga zisiya phezulu.
 19 Ngolaka LUKATHIXO uSomandla
 ilizwe lizatshiswa,
 abantu bazakuba zinkuni zomlilo,
 kakho ozaphephisa umfowabo.
 20 Bazaqeda kwesokudla
 kodwa babe belokhu belambile;
 bazakudla kwesokhohlo,
 kodwa bangasuthi.
 Omunye lomunye uzakudla abantwabakhe:

²¹ UManase uzakudla u-Efrayimi, u-Efrayimi
adle uManase;
bobabili bazamelana loJuda.

Kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe
akupheli,
isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

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- ¹ Maye kulabo abenza imithetho emibi,
lakulabo ababhala izimiso ezincindezelayo,
² ukuba kwamukwe abayanga amalungelo abo
lokugodla okufaneleyo kwabantu bami
abancindezelweyo;
bazingela abafelokazi
baqhwege izintandane.
³ Lizakwenzani ngosuku lokuthonisiswa
lapho incithakalo isiza ivela khatshana?
Lizabalekela kubani ukuba lithole usizo na?
Lizayitshiya ngaphi inotho yenu?
⁴ Akukho okuzasala, kodwa ukuba baquthe
phakathi kwabathunjiweyo
loba bafe lababuleweyo.

Ikanti kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela
kwakhe akupheli,
isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

UNkulunkulu Wahlulela I-Asiriya

- ⁵ “Maye kum’Asiriya, intonga yentukuthelo
yami,
esandleni sayo kulesagila solaka lwami!

6 Ngimthumela ukuyamelana lesizwe esingelankulunkulu,
 ngimthumela ukuyamelana labantu abangithukuthelisayo,
 ukuba athumbe ahluthune impahla yokuthunjwa,
 lokubanyathelela phansi njengodaka ezindleleni.

7 Kodwa lokhu akusikho akujongileyo,
 lokhu akusikho okusengqondweni yakhe;
 injongo yakhe yikutshabalalisa,
 abhubhise izizwe ezinengi.

8 Uthi, 'Izinduna zami zebutho kazisimakhosi zonke na?

9 IKhalino kaliphumelelanga njengeKharikhemishi na?

IHamathi kalinjenge-Ariphadi na?

LeSamariya kayinjengeDamaseko na?

10 Lanjengoba isandla sami sabamba imibuso yezithombe,
 imibuso ezifanekiso zayo zedlula ezeJerusalema lezeSamariya,

11 angiyikuliphatha iJerusalema lezithombe zalo ngendlela engaphatha ngayo iSamariya lezithombe zayo na? "

12 Lapho uThixo esewuqedile wonke umsebenzi wakhe mayelana lentaba iZiyoni leJerusalema uzakuthi, "Ngizayijezisa inkosi yase-Asiriya ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwayo lokuzazisa okubonakala emehlweni ayo."

13 Ngoba uthi:

"Ngamandla esandla sami langokuhlakanipha kwami

- sengenze lokhu ngoba ngilokuqedisisa.
 Ngayisusa imingcele yezizwe,
 ngathumba inotho yazo;
 njengolamandla nganqoba amakhosi azo.
- 14 Njengomuntu efinyelela isidleke senyoni,
 ngokunjalo isandla sami safinyelela enoth-
 weni yezizwe,
 njengabantu bebutha amaqanda atshiyiweyo,
 kanjalo ngaqoqa amazwe wonke;
 akukho okwaphaphazelisa amaphiko
 loba okwavula umlomo wakho kwatshiy-
 oza.' ”
- 15 Konje ihloka liyaziphakamisela ngaphezu
 kwalowo olizulisayo na,
 loba isaha izincome imelane lalowo
 oyisebenzisayo na?
 Njengangathi induku izanyikinya lowo
 oyiphakamisayo,
 kumbe isagila sinyikinye lowo ongasiso
 sigodo!
- 16 Ngakho-ke, iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla,
 uzathumela isifo esicikizayo emabuthweni
 ayo aqinileyo;
 ngaphansi kobukhosi bayo kuzaphembeka
 umlilo
 njengelangabi elibhebhayo.
- 17 Ukukhanya kuka-Israyeli kuzakuba ngumlilo,
 oNgcwele wabo abe lilangabi,
 ngosuku olulodwa lizatshisa liqede
 ameva akhe lokhula lwakhe.
- 18 Ubuhle bamahlathi akhe lamasimu akhe
 avundileyo,
 uzakuqeda ngokupheleleyo

njengalapho umuntu ogulayo ecikizeka.

- 19 Izihlahla zamahlathi ezisalayo zizakuba zilitshwana,
okungathi lomntwana azibale.

Insalela Yako-Israyeli

- 20 Ngalolosuku insalela yako-Israyeli,
abendlu kaJakhobe abasindayo,
kabasayikwethemba kuye
owabatshayayo wababhuhisa
kodwa ngeqiniso bazathembela kuTHIXO,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- 21 Insalela izabuyela, insalela kaJakhobe
izabuyela kuSomandla uNkulunkulu.
- 22 Loba abantu bakho, we Israyeli, benjengetshe-
betshebe olwandle,
kuzabuya insalela kuphela.
Incithakalo isimenyezelwe,
iyabakhulela kodwa ilungile.
- 23 INkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla, uzasifeza
isimemezelo
sokubhujiswa elizweni lonke.
- 24 Ngakho-ke lokho yikho iNkosi, uTHIXO uSo-
mandla akutshoyo:
“Awu bantu bami abahlala eZiyoni,
lingawesabi ama-Asiriya
alitshaya ngentonga
njalo lawo aliphakamisela isagila njengok-
wenziwa yiGibhithe.
- 25 Masinyane ukulithukuthelela kwami kuza-
phela,
ulaka lwami luzaqondiswa ekubhujisweni
kwabo.”

- 26 UTHIXO uSomandla uzabatshaya ngomchilo
njengalapho atshaya iMidiyani edwaleni
lase-Orebi,
njalo uzaphakamisela intonga yakhe ngaphezu
kwamanzi
njengalokhu akwenza eGibhithe.
- 27 Ngalolosuku imithwalo yabo izasuswa
emahlombe enu,
lejogwe labo entanyeni zenu;
ijogwe lizakwephulwa
ngoba selizimukile.
- 28 Bayangena e-Ayathi;
badabula phakathi kweMigironi;
bagcina impahla eMikhimashi.
- 29 Badlula emkhandlwini bathi,
“Ebusuku sizalala eGebha.”
IRama liyathuthumela;
iGibhiya likaSawuli liyabaleka.
- 30 Hlaba umkhosi, We! Ndodakazi kaGalimi,
lalela we Layisha!
Anathothi ozihawulelayo!
- 31 IMadimena iyabaleka;
abantu baseGebhimu bazacatsha.
- 32 Ngalolosuku bazakuma kancane, kancane
eNobhi,
bazakhomba ngezinqindi zabo
intaba yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni,
eqaqeni lwaseJerusalema.
- 33 Khangelani, iNkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla,
uzaquma ingatsha ngamandla amakhulu.
Izihlahla ezidephileyo zizaqunywa.
Ezinde zazo zizakwehliselwa phansi.

³⁴ Ngehlola uzagamula izixuku zehlathi;
iLebhanoni izakuwa phambi kwakhe olamandla.

11

UGatsha Oluvela KuJese

¹ Ihlumela lizavela esidindini sikaJese;
uGatsha oluhlume empandeni zakhe luzathela izithelo.

² UMoya KATHIXO uzakuba phezu kwakhe,
uMoya wokuhlakanipha lowokuqedisisa,
uMoya wokweluleka lowamandla,
uMoya wokwazi lowokwesaba UTHIXO,

³ njalo uzathokoziswa yikwesaba UTHIXO.

Kayikwahlulela ngalokho akubona ngamehlo akhe,
loba aqume ngalokho akuzwa ngendlebe zakhe;

⁴ kodwa abaswelayo uzabehlulela ngokulunga athathe izinqumo ngabayanga basemhlabeni ngokulunga.

Uzatshaya umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe;
ngomoya wendebe zakhe uzabulala ababi.

⁵ Ukulunga kuzakuba libhanti lakhe,
ukwethembeka kube luzwezwe ekhalweni lwakhe.

⁶ Impisi izahlala lezinyane lemvu,
ingwe izalala phansi lembuzi,
ithole kanye lesilwane kudle ndawonye;
umntwana omncane akukhokhele.

⁷ Inkomokazi izakudla lebhele,
amankonyane akho alale ndawonye;

njalo isilwane sizakudla utshani njengen-
abi.

⁸ Usane luzadlalela phansi komlindi webululu,
umntwana omncane angenise isandla sakhe
emlonyeni womlindi wenhlangwana.

⁹ Abayikulimaza loba badilize
kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele,
ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi LUKATHIXO
njengamanzi egcwalisa ulwandle.

¹⁰ Ngalolosuku iMpande kaJese izakuma njen-
gophawu ebantwini; izizwe zizabuthana kuye,
indawo yakhe yokuphumula izakuba lodumo.

¹¹ Ngalolosuku uThixo uzakwelula isandla sakhe
okwesibili ukuba abuyise insalela zabantu bakhe
abasala e-Asiriya, eGibhithe, ePhathrosi, eTiy-
opiya, eKhushi, e-Elamu, eShinari, eHamathi
lasezihlengi zolwandle.

¹² Uzaphakamisela izizwe uphawu
aqoqe abaxotshwayo ko-Israyeli.
Uzahlanganisa abantu bakoJuda abahlakazeki-
leyo
bevela emagumbini amane omhlaba.

¹³ Ubukhwele buka-Efrayimi buzaphela,
izitha zikaJuda zizaqunywa;
u-Efrayimi akayikukhwelezela uJuda,
kumbe uJuda abe lobutha ku-Efrayimi.

¹⁴ Bazahwitha phansi emithezukweni yaseFilis-
tiya ngasentshonalanga;
bebonke bazaphanga abantu basem-
pumalanga.

Bazanqoba i-Edomi leMowabi lama-Amoni
azakuba ngaphansi kwabo.

¹⁵ UTHIXO uzacitsha

umsele wolwandle lwaseGibhithe,
 ngomoya otshisayo uzadlulisa isandla sakhe
 phezu komfula uYufrathe.
 Uzawahlukanisa ube yizifula eziyisikhombisa
 ukuze abantu bawuchaphe befake amany-
 athelo.
¹⁶ Kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu wezinsalela
 zabantu bakhe
 abasele e-Asiriya,
 njengoba kwakunjalo ko-Israyeli
 ekubuyeni kwabo bevela eGibhithe.

12

Izingoma Zokubonga

- ¹ Ngalolosuku wena uzakuthi:
 “Ngizakubonga Oh THIXO.
 Lanxa wawungithukuthelele
 ulaka lwakho seluphelile,
 njalo usungiduduzile.
² Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uyinsindiso yami;
 ngizathemba ngingesabi.
 UTHIXO, UTHIXO ngokwakhe ungamandla
 lengoma yami;
 usebe yinsindiso yami.”
³ Ngentokozo uzakukha amanzi
 emithonjeni yensindiso.
⁴ Ngalolosuku uzakuthi:
 “Mbongeni UTHIXO, bizani ibizo lakhe,
 zaziseni izizwe ngalokhu akwenzileyo,
 limemezele ukuthi ibizo lakhe liphakeme.
⁵ Hlabelelani kuUTHIXO, ngoba wenze izinto ez-
 inhle kakhulu;

lokhu kwenzeni kwazakale emhlabeni wonke.

⁶ Memezani kakhulu lihlabele ngokuthokoza, bantu baseZiyoni, ngoba mkhulu oNgcwele ka-Israyeli phakathi kwenu.”

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Isiphrofethi NgeBhabhiloni

¹ Leli yilizwi elimayelana leBhabhiloni elaboniswa u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi:

² Phakamisa uphawu phezu koqaqa oluligceke, umemezele kubo, ubaqhwebe ngesandla ukuba bangene emasangweni asesikhosini.

³ Sengibalayile abangcwele bami, sengiwalayile amaqhawe ami ukuba afeze ulaka lwami, lawo athokozela ukunqoba kwami.

⁴ Lalelani, umsindo phezu kwezintaba, onjengowexuku elikhulu.

Lalelani, ukuxokozela phakathi kwemibuso njengezizwe zibuthana ndawonye!

UTHIXO uSomandla ubutha ibutho elibuthela impi.

⁵ Bavela emazweni akude, emikhawulweni yamazulu, UTHIXO lezikhali zolaka lwakhe, ukuba kuchithwe ilizwe lonke.

⁶ Lilani ngoba usuku LUKATHIXO seluseduze.

Luza fika njengokuchithakala okuvela kuSo-
mandla.

7 Ngenxa yalokhu izandla zonke zizakuba
buthakathaka,
inhliziyo zabantu bonke zizaphela amandla.

8 Bazakuba lokwesaba okukhulu,
baphathwe yibuhlungu losizi;
bazabhinqika njengowesifazane ehelelwa.

Bazakhangelana bemangele,
ubuso babo bungamalangabi.

9 Khangelani usuku LUKATHIXO luyeza,
usuku lwesihluku, ulaka lokuthukuthela
okukhulu,

ukwenza ilizwe lichitheke,
kubhujiswe izoni eziphakathi kwalo.

10 Izinkanyezi zezulu lemithala yazo
akuyikukhanyisa.

Ilanga eliphumayo lizafiphazwa
lenyanga ayiyikukhanyisa.

11 Umhlaba ngizawujezisa ngenxa yobubi bawo,
lababi ngenxa yezono zabo.

Ngizaqeda ukukloloda kwabazikhukhumezayo,
ngehlise ukuzigqaja kwabalesihluku.

12 Ngizakwenza abantu basweleke okudlula
igolide elicengekileyo,
basweleke okudlula igolide lase-Ofiri.

13 Ngakho-ke ngizakwenza amazulu anyikinyeke;
lomhlaba uzamazame endaweni yawo
ngokuthukuthela KUKATHIXO uSomandla,
ngosuku lolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo.

14 Njengempala ezingelwayo,

lanjengezimvu ezingelamelusi,
omunye lomunye uzabuyela ebantwini bakibo,
omunye lomunye uzabalekela elizweni lak-
ibo.

15 Lowo ozathunjwa uzagwazwa;
bonke abazabanjwa bazabulawa
ngenkemba.

16 Izingane zabo zizamahlazelwa phambi
kwamehlo abo;
izindlu zabo zizakhuthuzwa, omkabo baban-
jwe ngodlakela.

17 Khangelani, ngizabavusela amaMede
angelandaba lesiliva,
njalo engalijabuleli legolide.

18 Imitshoko yawo izabulala izinsizwa;
kawayikuba lozwelo ezinganeni
loba abe lesihawu ebantwaneni.

19 IBhabhiloni, igugu lemibuso,
ubukhazikhazi bokuziqhenya kwamaKhal-
adiya,

lizachithwa nguNkulunkulu
njengeSodoma leGomora.

20 Akuyikuhlalwa kulo futhi
loba kwakhiwe kulo kuzozonke izizukul-
wane;

akulama-Arabhu azamisa amathente awo khona,
loba umelusi ozaphumuza imihlambi yakhe
khona.

21 Kodwa izinyamazana zeganga zizahlala
khona,
amakhanka azahlala ezindlini zakhona
lezikhova zizahlala khona,
lamagogo aqolotshe khona.

²² Impisi zizakhala ezinqabeni zakhona,
amakhanka ezindlini ezinhle zobukhosi.
Isikhathi salo sesizafika
njalo insuku zalo kaziyikwandiswa.

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¹ UTHIXO uzakuba lesihawu kuJakhobe;
uzamkhetha njalo u-Israyeli,
abahlalise elizweni labo.
Abezizwe bazahlangana labo
bamanyane lendlu kaJakhobe.

² Izizwe zizabathatha
zibase endaweni yabo.
Indlu ka-Israyeli izathumba izizwe
zibe yizisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane
elizweni LIKATHIXO.

Bazakwenza abathumbi babo babe yizigqili,
babuse abancindezeli babo.

³ Ngosuku UTHIXO azaliphumuza ngalo
ekuhluphekeni, ekutshikatshikeni, lasebugqilini
obulesihluku, ⁴ lizakutsho la amazwi okukloloda
enkosini yaseBhabhiloni lithi:

Umcindezeli usefikile ekucineni,
ukuthukuthela kwakhe sekuphelile!

⁵ UTHIXO useyephule intonga yababi,
induku yobukhosi eyababusi,

⁶ abatshaya abantu ngokuthukuthela,
langokugalela okungapheliyo,
banqoba izizwe ngentukuthelo
langokuncindezela okungapheliyo.

⁷ Amazwe wonke alokuphumula lokuthula;
aphahluka ahlabelele izingoma.

8 Lezihlahla zamaphayini lemisedari yaseLebhanoni
 ziyathokoza ngawe zithi,
 “Njengoba khathesi usuwiselwe phansi
 akula ozakuzasigamula.”

9 Ithuna ngaphansi liyanyakaza
 ukuba likuhlangabeze ekufikeni kwakho.
 Livusa imimoya yabafayo ukuba ikubingelele,
 bonke labo ababengababusi emhlabeni;
 libenza basukume ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi,
 bonke labo ababengamakhosi ezizwe.

10 Bazaphendula bonke,
 bazakuthi kuwe,
 “Lawe usubuthakathaka njengathi,
 usube njengathi.”

11 Bonke ubukhosi bakho sebehliiselwe phansi
 ethuneni,
 kanye lomsindo wamachacho akho.
 Impethu zendlaliwe ngaphansi kwakho,
 inhlavane zikwembesile.

12 Yeka ukuwa kwakho uvela ezulwini,
 wena nkanyezi yekuseni, ndodana yokusa!
 Uphoselwe phansi emhlabeni,
 wena owake wehlisela izizwe phansi!

13 Wathi enhliziyweni yakho,
 “Ngizakwenyukela ezulwini,
 ngizaphakamisela isihlalo sami sobukhosi
 ngaphezu kwezinkanyezi zikaNkulunkulu;
 ngizahlala ebukhosini phezu kwentaba
 yombuthano,
 ezingqongweni zentaba engcwele.

- 14 Ngizakwenyukela phezu kwezindawo
eziphakemeyo emayezini;
ngizazenza ngibe njengoPhezukonke.”
- 15 Kodwa ulethwe phansi ethuneni,
ekuzikeni kwegodi.
- 16 Labo abakubonayo bakudonsela amehlo,
bayacabanga ngowakudalelwayo bathi:
“Nguye lo na umuntu owanyikinya umhlaba
wenza imibuso yaqhaq hazela,
- 17 umuntu owenza umhlaba waba lugwadule,
owadiliza amadolobho awo,
kazavumela abathunjwayo bakhe
ukubuyela ekhaya na?”
- 18 Wonke amakhosi ezizwe alele ebukhosini,
enye lenye ethuneni layo.
- 19 Kodwa wena uphoselwe ngaphandle
kwethuna
lakho njengogatsha olulahliweyo;
welekwe ngababulawayo,
lalabo abagwazwa ngenkemba,
labo abehlela ematsheni egodi.
Njengesidumbu esinyathelwe ngezinyawo,
20 kawuyikuhlangana labo
ekungcwatshweni;
ngoba usulichithile ilizwe lakho
wabulala labantu bakini.

Inzalo yababi

kakungakhulunywa ngayo futhi.

- 21 Lungisa indawo yokubulalela abantwabakhe

ngenxa yezono zabokhokho babo.
 Kabamelanga bavuke ukuba bathathe ilizwe
 bagcwalise umhlaba ngamadolobho abo.

²² “Ngizabavukela,”
 kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.
 “Ngizakwesula iBhabhiloni labasindayo
 abantwabakhe lezizukulwane,”
 kutsho UTHIXO.

²³ “Ngizalenza libe yindawo yezikhova
 lelizwe elilixhaphozi.
 Ngizalithanyela ngomthanyelo wencithakalo,”
 kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.

Isiphrofethi Nge-Asiriya

²⁴ UTHIXO uSomandla ufungile wathi,
 “Ngeqiniso, njengoba sengilungisile, kuzakuba
 njalo,
 njalo njengoba ngikumisile kuzakuma kan-
 jalo.

²⁵ Ngizamchoboza um’Asiriya elizweni lami;
 ezintabeni zami ngizamnyathelela phansi.
 Ijogwe lakhe lizasuswa ebantwini bami,
 umthwalo wakhe ususwe emahlombe abo.”

²⁶ Lokhu yikho okumiselwe umhlaba wonke,
 lesi yisandla eselulelwe phezu kwezizwe
 zonke.

²⁷ Ngoba UTHIXO uSomandla usenze isimiso,
 ngubani ongamvimbela na?
 Isandla sakhe siphakanyisiwe,
 ngubani ongasibuyisela emuva na?

Isiphrofethi Ngamaflistiya

28 Ilizwi leli lafika nyakana kusifa inkosi u-Ahazi:

29 Lingathokozi, lonke lina maFilistiya,
lisithi intonga eyalitshayayo yephukile;
ngoba empandeni yenyoka leyana kuzavela
inhlangwana,
inzalo yayo izakuba yinyoka elobuthi obutshokayo.

30 Abangabayanga kubayanga bazathola
amadlelo,
abaswelayo bazalala phansi bevikelekile.
Kodwa impande yakho ngizayitshabalalisa
ngendlala;
izabulala abaseleyo bakho.

31 Lila wena sango! Bubula wena dolobho!
Chithekani lonke lina maFilistiya!
Iyezi lentuthu livela enyakatho;
njalo akulamathshida eviyweni lalo.

32 Yimpendulo bani ezanikwa
izithunywa zalesosizwe na?
“UTHIXO useyakhile iZiyoni,
abantu bakhe abahluphekileyo bazaphep-
hela kuye.”

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Isiphrofethi NgeMowabi

1 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leMowabi:
I-Ari eMowabi itshabalalisiwe,
idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa.
IKhiri eMowabi itshabalalisiwe;
idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa.

2 IDibhoni iya phezulu ethempelini layo;

- ezindaweni zayo eziphakemeyo ukuyalila;
 iMowabi ililela iNebho leMedebha.
 Amakhanda wonke aphuciwe;
 indevu zonke zigeliwe.
- ³ Ezindleleni bagqoka amasaka,
 phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu lasezindaweni
 zabantu bonke,
 bayalila bonke,
 baphele amandla ngokulila.
- ⁴ IHeshibhoni le-Eliyale kuyakhala,
 amazwi akho azwakala laseJahazi.
 Ngakho-ke amabutho aseMowabi ayakhala,
 inhliziyo zawo zidangele.
- ⁵ Inhliziyo yami ikhalela iMowabi,
 ababalekayo bayo babaleka baze bayefika
 kude eZowari;
 kude njengase-Egilathi Shelishiya.
 Bahamba ngendlela eya eLuhithi,
 bakhala ohanjweni lwabo;
 endleleni eya eHoronayimi
 balilela ukubhujiswa kwabo.
- ⁶ Amanzi aseNimirimi acitshile,
 utshani bubunile,
 uhlaza kalusekho,
 akukho lutho oluluhlaza oluseleyo.
- ⁷ Ngakho inotho abayizuzileyo bayigcina,
 bayithwalela ngaphetsheya kweSifula
 semiDubu.
- ⁸ Ukuklabalala kwabo kuzwakele emngceleni
 waseMowabi,
 ukukhala kwabo kufika kude e-Egilayimi,
 ukulila kwabo kufika eBheri-Elimi.
- ⁹ Amanzi aseDimoni agcwele igazi

kodwa ngizajinge ngilethe okunengi phezu
kweDimoni,
isilwane phezu kwababalekayo baseMowabi,
lakulabo abazasala elizweni.

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¹ Thumelani izimvu njengendlela yokuhlonipha
kumbusi welizwe
evela eSela, edabula enkangala,
esiya entabeni yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni.

² Njengenyoni ephaphazelayo
isuswe esidlekeni,
banjalo abesifazane baseMowabi
emazibukweni ase-Arinoni.

³ UMowabi uthi, “Zinzisani ingqondo zenu
lenze isinqumo.

Yenzani isithunzi senu sibe njengobusuku
emini enkulu;
bafihleni ababalekayo,
linganikeli iziphepheli.

⁴ Vumelani iziphepheli zamaMowabi zihlale kini;
libe yisiphephelo sazo kubachithi.”

Umncindezeli uzakufa,
ukuchitheka kuzaphela,
umhlaseli uzanyamalala elizweni.

⁵ Ngothando, kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhosi;
ngokwethembeka, indoda izahlala kuso,
ivela endlini kaDavida,
yona ethi ekwahluleleni ifune imfanelo,
njalo iphangisisa indlela yokulunga.

- 6 Sizwile ngokuzigqaja kukaMowabi.
 Ukuzigqaja kwakhe kokuzikhukhumeza
 lokuzazisa,
 ukuzigqaja kwakhe lobuqholo bakhe,
 kodwa ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe kuyize.
- 7 Ngakho-ke abaseMowabi bayalila,
 balilela iMowabi bonke.
 Khalani libubulele
 izinkwa ezilezithelo zevini eKhiri-Haresethi.
- 8 Amasimu aseHeshibhoni ayabuna,
 anjalo lamavini aseSibhima.
 Ababusi bezizwe
 sebewanyathelele phansi amavini amahle
 kuqala ayefika eJazeri,
 njalo anda kusiya ngasenkangala.
 Amahlumela awo anaba
 aze ayafika ngasolwandle.
- 9 Ngakho ngiyakhala njengalokhu iJazeri ikhala,
 ngikhalela amavini aseSibhima.
 Awu Heshibhoni lawe Eliyale,
 ngilithambisa ngezinyembezi.
 Ukuklabalalela izithelo zenu esezivuthiwe
 ngentokoze lezivuno zenu sekuphelile.
- 10 Ukuthokoza lokuthaba akusekho ezivinini;
 kakho ohlabelayo loba amemeze ezivinini;
 kakho onyathela iwayini ezikhamelweni
 ngoba umsindo sengiwuqedile.
- 11 Inhliziyo yami ikhalela uMowabi njengecha-
 cho,
 ingaphakathi yami ikhalela iKhiri-Haresethi.
- 12 Lapho uMowabi evela endaweni yakhe
 ephakemeyo
 uyazidinisa nje kuphela;
 lalapho esiya endaweni yakhe yokukhonzela

ukuba akhuleke akusizi lutho.

¹³ Leli yilizwi uTHIXO avele eselikhulumile ngoMowabi. ¹⁴ Kodwa khathesi uTHIXO uthi: “Phakathi kweminyaka emithathu, njengesisebenzi esibotshwe yisivumelwano singayibala, udumo lukaMowabi labantu bakhe bonke abanengi kuzakweyiswa, njalo abazasinda bakhona bazakuba balutshwana kakhulu njalo bengelamandla.”

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Isiphrofethi NgeDamaseko

- ¹ Isiqalekiso esimayelana leDamaseko:
 “Khangela iDamaseko kayisayikuba lidolobho kodwa izakuba yinqumbi yamanxiwa.
- ² Amadolobho ase-Aroyeri azatshiywa, etshiyelwa imihlambi ezalala phansi kungekho ozayenza yesabe.
- ³ Idolobho elivikelweyo lizanyamalala ko-Efrayimi lamandla obukhosi eDamaseko; insalela ka-Aramu izakuba njengodumo lwabako-Israyeli,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
- ⁴ “Ngalolusuku udumo lukaJakhobe luzakwehla; amafutha asemzimbeni wakhe azancipha.
- ⁵ Kuzakuba njengalapho umvuni evuna amabele amiyo evuna amabele ngengalo yakhe, njenganxa umuntu edobha izikhwebu zamabele eSigodini saseRefayi.
- ⁶ Ikanti ezinye izikhwebu zizasala,

njengalapho isihlahla se-oliva sibhuliwe,
kusale ama-oliva amabili loba amathathu
ezingatsheni eziphezulu kakhulu,
amane loba amahlanu ezingabeni zezith-
elo,”
kutsho UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

⁷ Ngalolosuku abantu bazathembela kuMenzi
wabo amehlo abo aphendukele koNgcwele
ka-Israyeli.

⁸ Abayikuthembela ema-alithareni,
umsebenzi wezandla zabo,
njalo kabayikuzinanza izinsika zika-Ashera
lama-alithare empepha enziwa yiminwe
yabo.

⁹ Ngalolosuku amadolobho abo aqinileyo,
abawatshiyayo ngenxa yama-Israyeli
azafana lezindawo ezatshiyelwa izixukwana
lezihlahlanyana. Konke kuzakuba yincithakalo.

¹⁰ Selimkhohliwe uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wenu,
kalilikhumbulanga iDwala, inqaba yenu.

Ngakho lanxa ligxumeka izihlahla ezinhle,
lihlanyeke lamavini avela ezizweni,

¹¹ lanxa lingawenza akhule ngelanga
elizawagxumeka ngalo,

loba liwenze ahlume
ngekuseni eliwahlanyeke ngayo,

kodwa isivuno sizakuba yize
ngosuku lwesifo lobuhlungu obunge-
laphekiyo.

¹² Maye, ukuhlokoma kwezizwe ezinengi,
zihlokoma njengokuhlokoma kolwandle!

Yeka ukuxokozela kwezizwe,
 zihuba njengokuhuba kwamanzi amanengi!
 13 Lanxa izizwe zihuba njengokugubhuza kwamanzi,
 nxa ezikhuza zibalekela khatshana,
 njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya
 emaqaqeni,
 lanjengothuli olubangwa yisivunguzane.
 14 Kusihlwa kuba lokuthuthumela.
 Kungakasi, kabasekho.
 Lesi yiso isabelo salabo abasikhuthuzayo,
 isabelo salabo abasihlaselayo.

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Isiphrofethi NgeKhushi

1 Maye ngelizwe elilokuphaphazela kwempiko
 emifuleni yaseKhushi,
 2 elithuma izithunywa zihamba olwandle
 ngezikepe zemihlanga phezu kwamanzi.

Hambani, zithunywa ezilejubane,
 liye ebantwini abade abalejwabu elibutshelezi,
 ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni zonke,
 isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo,
 esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula.

3 Lonke lina bantu bomhlaba,
 lina elihlala emhlabeni,
 lapho uphawu luphakanyiswa phezu kwezintaba
 lizalubona,
 lalapho uphondo lukhala
 lizaluzwa.

- 4 Lokhu yikho uTHIXO akutshoyo kimi:
 “Ngizakwala ngithule,
 ngikhangele ngisendaweni yami yokuhlala,
 njengokucwebezela kokutshisa ekukhanyeni
 kwelanga,
 lanjengenkungu yamazolo ngesikhathi soku-
 vuna.”
- 5 Ngoba kungakavunwa, lapho ukukhahlela
 sekudlule,
 amaluba esesiba livini elivuthiweyo,
 uzaquma amahlumela ngamahloka okuthena,
 aqume lengatsha ezinabayo, azisuse.
- 6 Zonke zizatshiyelwa izinyoni zasezintabeni
 ezidla inyama,
 lezinyamazana zeganga;
 izinyoni zizakudla ihlobo lonke,
 izinyamazana zeganga ubusika bonke.
- 7 Ngalesosikhathi izipho zizalethwa kuTHIXO
 uSomandla
 zivela ebantwini abade abalamajwabu abut-
 shelezi,
 zivela ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni
 zonke.
 Isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo,
 esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula,
 izipho zizalethwa entabeni iZiyoni, endaweni
 yeBizo LIKATHIXO uSomandla.

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Isiphrofethi NgeGibhithe

- ¹ Isiphrofethi esimayelana leGibhithe sithi:
 Khangela uTHIXO ukhwele phezu kweyezi elile-
 siqubu

esiza eGibhithe.
 Izithombe zaseGibhithe ziyathuthumela phambi
 kwakhe,
 njalo inhliziyo zamaGibhithe ziba
 buthakathaka ngaphakathi kwawo.

² “Ngizadunga umGibhithe alwe lomGibhithe,
 umuntu uzakulwa lomfowabo,
 umakhelwane alwe lomakhelwane,
 idolobho lilwe ledolobho,
 umbuso ulwe lombuso.

³ AbaseGibhithe bazaphelelwa lithemba,
 njalo ngizakwenza amacebo abo abe yize;
 bazabuza izithombe lemimoya yabafayo,
 amadlozi lezanuse.

⁴ AbaseGibhithe ngizabanikela
 enkosini elesihluku,
 inkosi eyesabekayo izababusa,”
 kutsho iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla.

⁵ Amanzi omfula azakutsha,
 umfula uzacitsha, wome.

⁶ Imigelo izanuka,
 izifula zaseGibhithe zizakwentsha zitshe.
 Imihlanga lebhuma kuzabuna,

⁷ kanjalo lezihlahlanyana emakhunjini
 kaNayili
 lapho umfula othela khona.

Konke okuhlanyelwe eduzane loNayili
 Kuzakoma, kuphephukele khatshana
 Kungabikhona.

⁸ Abagoli benhlanzi bazabubula balile,
 bonke abaphosa amawuka kuNayili,
 loba abajika amambule emanzini

bazaphela amandla.

⁹ Labo abasebenzisa isikusha bazadangala,
abeluka ilineni elihle bazaphelelwa
lithemba.

¹⁰ Izisebenzi zasemalenjini zizadana,
njalo bonke abahola imiholo bazakuba lu-
sizi.

¹¹ Izikhulu zaseZowani azisilutho kodwa
izithutha nje;
abaluleki bakaFaro abahlakaniphileyo
banika izeluleko zobuwula.

Ungatsho kanjani kuFaro uthi,
“Mina ngingomunye wamadoda ahlaka-
niphileyo,
umfundi wamakhosi endulo?”

¹² Khatesi bangaphi abantu bakini abahlaka-
niphileyo?

Kabalitshengise balazise
ngalokhu UTHIXO uSomandla
asecebe ukukwenza emelana leGibhithe.

¹³ Izikhulu zaseZowani sezibe yizithutha,
abakhokheli baseMemfisi bakhohlisiwe,
abazinsika zabantu bakhona
sebedukise iGibhithe.

¹⁴ UTHIXO usethele umoya wesiyezi phakathi
kwabo;

benza iGibhithe ibhadazele kukho konke ekwen-
zayo,
njengesidakwa sidiyazela emahlanzweni
aso.

¹⁵ Akulalutho iGibhithe engalwenza,
ikhanda loba umsila, ugatsha lwelala loba
umhlanga.

16 Ngalolosuku abaseGibhithe bazafana labesifazane. Bazathuthumela ngokwesaba isandla esiphakanyisiweyo UTHIXO uSomandla abaphakamisele sona. 17 Lelizwe lakoJuda lizaletsa ukwesaba kwabaseGibhithe. Bonke okuzakhulunywa kubo ngoJuda bazathuthumela, ngenxa yalokho UTHIXO uSomandla aceba ukukwenza kubo.

18 Ngalolosuku amadolobho amahlanu aseGibhithe azakhuluma ulimi lwaseKhenani, afungele ukwethembeka KU THIXO uSomandla. Elinye lawo lizathiwa liDolobho leNcithakalo.

19 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba le-alithari LIKATHIXO phakathi kwelizwe laseGibhithe, lelitshesikhumbuzo sikaThixo emngceleni walo. 20 Lizakuba yisibonakaliso lobufakazi KU THIXO uSomandla elizweni laseGibhithe. Lapho bekhala KU THIXO ngenxa yabancindezeli babo, uzabathumela umsindisi lomvikeli, abahlenge. 21 Kanjalo UTHIXO uzakwenza ukuba azakale kwabaseGibhithe, njalo ngalolosuku bazamvuma UTHIXO. Bazakhonza ngemihlatshelo langeminikelo yamabele; bazakwenza izifungo KU THIXO, bazigcine. 22 UTHIXO uzatshaya iGibhithe ngesifo; uzabatshaya aphinde abasilise. Bazaphendukela KU THIXO, njalo uzakuzwa imikhuleko yabo abasilise.

23 Ngalolosuku bazakuba lomgwaqo osuka eGibhithe usiya e-Asiriya. Abase-Asiriya bazakuya eGibhithe, abeGibhithe labo baye e-Asiriya. AbaseGibhithe labase-Asiriya bazakhonza ndawonye. 24 Ngalolosuku i-Israyeli izakuba ngeye-

sithathu kanye leGibhithe le-Asiriya kube yisibusiso emhlabeni. ²⁵ UTHIXO uSomandla uzababusi esithi, “Kayibusiswe iGibhithe abantu bami, i-Asiriya umsebenzi wezandla zami le-Israyeli ilifa lami.”

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Isiphrofethi NgeGibhithe LeKhushi

¹ Ngomnyaka indunankulu yebutho eyafika ngawo e-Ashidodi, ithunywe nguSagoni inkosi yase-Asiriya, yahlasela i-Ashidodi yayithumba, ² ngalesosikhathi UTHIXO wakhuluma ngo-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathi kuye, “Susa isaka oligqokileyo emzimbeni wakho ukhuphe lamanyathela ezinyaweni zakho.” Wenza njalo, wahamba nqunu njalo engagqokanga lutho ezinyaweni.

³ UTHIXO wasesithi, “Njengoba inceku yami u-Isaya ihambe nqunu njalo ingagqokanga lutho ezinyaweni okweminyaka emithathu njengesibonakaliso lomhlolo kwabaseGibhithe labaseKhushi, ⁴ ngokunjalo inkosi yase-Asiriya izabaqhuba benqunu njalo bengafakanga manyathela ezinyaweni abaseGibhithe abathunjiweyo labaseKhushi abaxotshwayo elizweni lakibo, abatsha labadala, izibunu zisegcekeni, kube lihlazo eGibhithe. ⁵ Labo ababethembe iKhushi bezincoma ngeGibhithe, bazakwesaba bayangiswe. ⁶ Ngalolosuku abantu abahlala kulelicele eliseduze kolwandle bazakuthi, ‘Khangelani osokwenzakale kulabo ebesigwaba ngabo, labo esabalekela kubo

ukuba sithole usizo lokukhululwa enkosini yase-Asiriya! Pho sizaphepha kanjani na? ”

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Isiphrofethi NgeBhabhiloni

¹ Isiphrofethi mayelana leNkangala engasoL-wandle:

Njengesivunguzane sidlula eNegebi,
umhlaseli uvela enkangala evelela
elizweni elesabekayo.

² Ngitshengiswe umbono owesabekayo.

Umthengisi uyathengisa, umkhuthuzi
uthatha impahla.

Elamu, hlasela! Mediya, vimbezela!

Mina ngizakuqeda konke ukububula aku-
dalileyo.

³ Ngalokhu umzimba wami uyafuthelwa,
ngiphethwe yibuhlungu obufana lobowesi-
fazane ehelelwa.

Ngithithibaliswa yilokhu engikuzwayo,
ngidideka ngalokhu engikubonayo.

⁴ Inhliziyo yami iphela amandla,
ukwesaba kungenza ngiqhaqhazele;
ukuhlwa engibe ngikufisa,
sekusesabeka kimi.

⁵ Itafula bayilungisile,
bendlala amalembu
bayadla, bayanatha.

Sukumani lina zikhulu,
ligcobe amahawu!

⁶ Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi:
 “Hamba uyefaka umlindi
 ukuze abike akubonayo.

⁷ Angabona izingola zempi,
 kulemihlambi yamabhiza,
 abagadi phezu kwabobabhemi
 loba abagadi phezu kwamakamela,
 kaqaphele;
 aqaphelisisise sibili.”

⁸ Umlindi wasememeza esithi,
 “Nkosi yami, usuku ngosuku ngiyema phezu
 komphotshongo wokulinda;
 ubusuku ngabunye ngihlala ensikeni yami.

⁹ Khangela, nangu umuntu esiza esenqoleni
 yempi
 lomhlambi wamabhiza.
 Uphendula esithi,
 ‘IBhabhiloni isidilikile, isidilikile!
 Zonke izifanekiso zezithombe zayo
 zihlakazekele phansi!’ ”

¹⁰ Awu bantu bami elibhulelwe esizeni,
 ngilitshela engikuzwileyo
 kuvela THIXO uSomandla,
 uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

Isiphrofethi Nge-Edomi

¹¹ Isiphrofethi esimayelana leDuma:
 Umuntu othile uyangimemeza eseSeyiri, esithi,
 “Mlindi, kuyini okwebusuku okusaseleyo?
 Mlindi, kuyini okwebusuku okusaseleyo?”

¹² Umlindi uphendula esithi,
 “Ukusa kuyeza, kodwa lobusuku buyeza.
 Nxa ufuna ukubuza, buza;

uphinde ubuye futhi.”

Isiphrofethi Nge-Arabhiya

¹³ Isiphrofethi esimayelana le-Arabhiya:

Lina zindwendwe zabakoDedani
ezimise emahlabathini ase-Arabhiya,

¹⁴ lethelani abomileyo amanzi;
lina elihlala eThema,
lethelani ababalekayo ukudla.

¹⁵ Babalekela inkemba,
inkemba eqhatshisiweyo,
babalekela idandili eligotshiweyo,
lokutshisa kwempi.

¹⁶ Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi ukuthi:
“Phakathi komnyaka owodwa nje, njengendlela
isisebenzi esiqhatshiweyo esingawubala
ngayo, lonke udumo lweKhedari luzaphela.

¹⁷ Abasindayo kwabemitshoko, amabutho
aseKhedari, bazakuba balutshwana.” UTHIXO,
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, usekhulumile.

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Isiphrofethi NgeJerusalema

¹ Isiphrofethi ngesiGodi soMbono:

Kuyini okukukhathazayo khathesi,
wena sewakhwela phezu kwezimpahla
zezindlu,

² wena dolobho eligcwele iziphithiphithi,
wena dolobho lokuxokozela lokuthokoza?
Abafayo bakho ababulawanga ngenkemba,
njalo kabafelanga empini.

³ Bonke abakhokheli bakho babaleke bebonke,

- bathunjiwe bengazange basebenzise mtshoko.
 Lonke lina elabanjwayo lathathwa ukuba libe yizibotshwa ndawonye,
 libalekile isitha sisesekhatshana.
- ⁴ Ngakho ngathi, “Sukani kimi;
 lingiyekele ngikhale kabuhlungu.
 Lingazami ukungiduduza
 ngenxa yokuchithwa kwabantu bakithi.”
- ⁵ INkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla, ulosuku lokuxokozela lokugxoba lokwesaba eSigodini soMbono, usuku lokudiliza imiduli lokumemezela ezintabeni.
- ⁶ I-Elamu ithatha isikhwama semitshoko, labatshayeli balo bezingqola zempi, lamabhiza; iKhiri lambula ihawu.
- ⁷ Izigodi zakho ezinhle kakhulu zigcwele izingqola zempi, abagadi bamabhiza bamiswe emasangweni edolobho.
- ⁸ Ukuvikeleka kukaJuda kususiwe, Ngalolosuku wathemba izikhali eziseSigodlweni seHlathi,
- ⁹ wabona ukuthi iDolobho likaDavida lalilezikhala ezinengi ezivikelweni zalo; wagcina amanzi eSizibeni esingaPhansi.
- ¹⁰ Wabala izindlu zaseJerusalema, wazidiliza ukuze kuqiniswe umduli.
- ¹¹ Phakathi kwemiduli yomibili wakha indawo yokugcinela

amanzi eSiziba esiDala.
 Kodwa kawukhangelanga kuLowo owasenzayo,
 kumbe umnake Lowo owaceba ukusenza
 kudala.

¹² Ngalolosuku iNkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla,
 wakubiza ukuba
 ukhale ulile,
 usiphune inwele zakho, ugqoke isaka.

¹³ Kodwa khangela, kulokuthaba lokuthokoza,
 ukuhlathswa kwezinkomo lokubalwa kwez-
 imvu,
 ukudliwa kwenyama lokunathwa
 kwewayini! Lithi,
 “Kasidleni sinathe,
 ngoba kusasa sizakufa!”

¹⁴ UTHIXO uSomandla usekuvezile lokhu ngi-
 sizwa: “Lesisono kasiyikuthethelelwa kuze kube
 lusuku lwakho lokufa,” kutsho iNkosi, uTHIXO
 uSomandla.

¹⁵ Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yiNkosi, uTHIXO
 uSomandla, uthi:
 “Hamba, uthi encekwini le,
 kuShebhina ongumphathi wesigodlo:

¹⁶ Wenzani lapha, njalo ngubani okuphe imvumo
 ukuba
 uzimbele ingcwaba lapha,
 ugubha ingcwaba lakho endaweni ephezulu,
 ugubha indawo yakho yokuphumula ed-
 waleni?”

¹⁷ Qaphela, sekuseduze ukuthi uTHIXO akubambe
 aqinise,
 akuphosele khatshana, wena ndoda ela-
 mandla.

18 Uzakugoqa ngokuqinisa akubumbe njengeb-
hola
akuphosele elizweni elikhulu.

Uzafela khonapho.

Lezigqoko zakho zempi ezinhle zizasala
khonapho,
wenza ihlazo endlini yenkosi yakho!

19 Ngizakususa esikhundleni sakho,
njalo uzaxotshwa emsebenzini wakho.

20 Ngalolosuku ngizabiza inceku yami,
u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya.

21 Ngizamgqokisa izembatho zakho, ngimbophe
ngebhanti lakho, ngimnike amandla akho.
Uzakuba nguyise walabo abahlala eJerusalema
lakwabendlu kaJuda. 22 Ngizabeka phezu
kwamahlombe akhe isivulo sendlu kaDavida;
akuvulayo kakho ongakuvala. 23 Ngizambethela
njengesikhonkwane endaweni eqinileyo;
uzakuba yisihlalo sobukhosi sasendlini kayise.

24 Lonke udumo lwakwabo luzakuba kuye,
inzalo yakhona lezizukulwane zonke, izitsha
zakhona ezincinyane, kusukela emiganwini
kusiya enkonxeni zonke.

25 “Ngalolosuku,” kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla,
“isikhonkwane esabethelwa endaweni eqini-
leyo sizakhumuka; sizaqunywa siwe, umthwalo
ophezu kwaso uzawela phansi.” UTHIXO usekhu-
lumile.

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Isiphrofethi NgeThire

1 Isiqalekiso esimayelana leThire:
Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi!

Ngoba iThire selichithiwe
 lasala lingaselandlu
 kumbe indawo yokungenisa imikhumbi.
 Ilizwi selifikile kibo
 livela elizweni laseKhithimi.

² Thulani lina bantu basesihlengeni
 lani bathengi baseSidoni,
 asebanothiswa ngabahambi bolwandle.

³ Amabele aseShihori
 eza ephezu kwamanzi,
 isivuno saseNayili sasiyinzuzo yeThire,
 njalo yaba yindawo yezizwe yokuthengise-
 lana.

⁴ Woba lenhloni wena Sidoni, lawe wena nqaba
 yasolwandle
 ngoba ulwandle selukhulumile lwathi:
 kangizange ngihelelwe kumbe ngizale;
 “Kangizange ngondle amadodana kumbe
 ngikhulise amadodakazi.”

⁵ Lapho ilizwi lifika eGibhithe
 bazakuba lusizi ngombiko ovela eThire.

⁶ Khuphukelani ngaseThashishi;
 khalani lina bantu basesihlengeni.

⁷ Leli yilo na idolobho lenu lentokozo,
 idolobho elidaladala,
 elinyawo zalo zalithatha
 ukuyalhlalisa emazweni akude?

⁸ Ngubani ocebe lokhu ngeThire,
 umethesi wemiqhele,
 abathengisi bayo bangamakhosana,

abathengisi bayo badumile emhlabeni?

⁹ UTHIXO uSomandla wakuceba lokhu,
ukwehlisa ukuzigqaja kwenkazimulo yonke
lokuthobisa bonke abalodumo emhlabeni.

¹⁰ Lima insimu yakho malungana leNayili
wena Ndodakazi yaseThashishi
ngoba kawuselayo indawo yokungenisa
imikhumbi.

¹¹ UTHIXO useselulele isandla sakhe phezu kol-
wandle
wenza imibuso yalo yanyikinyeka.

Usekhuphe umlayo ngeKhenani
ukuba izingaba zayo zidilizwe.

¹² Wathi, “Akusekho ukuthokoza kwakho
wena Ndodakazi Egeweleyo yaseSidoni esi-
choboziwe!

Vuka ukhuphukele ngaseKhithimi;
lakhona awuyikuthola ukuphumula.”

¹³ Khangela elizweni lamaKhaladiya,
abantu laba khatesi abangaselutho!

Abase-Asiriya sebelenze
laba yindawo yezidalwa zeganga;
bakhe imiphotshongo yabo yokuzivikela,
bazibhidlizile izingaba zalo
balenza laba lunxiwa.

¹⁴ Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi,
inqaba yenu idilizwe!

¹⁵ Ngalesosikhathi iThire izakhohlakala
okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
ibanga lokuphila kwenkosi. Kodwa ekupheleni
kwaleyominyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa,

eThire kuzakwenzakala okunjengokutshiwo yingoma yewule ukuthi:

¹⁶ “Thatha ichacho, uhambahambe phakathi kwedolobho wena wule elikhohlakeleyo.

Litshaye kuhle ichacho, uhlabele izingoma ezinengi, ukuze ukhunjulwe.”

¹⁷ Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa UTHIXO uzakhumbula iThire. IThire lizabuyela ekuthengiseni kwalo njengesifebe, njalo lizabuyela emsebenzini walo wokuthengiselana lemibuso yonke esemhlabeni. ¹⁸ Inzuzo lemiholo yalo kuzakwahlukaniselwa UTHIXO; kakuyikulondolozwa loba kubuthelelwe. Inzuzo yalo izakuya kulabo abahlala LOTHIXO ukuba babe lokudla okunengi lezigqoko ezinhle.

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Ukuchithwa Komhlaba NGUTHIXO

¹ Khangela, UTHIXO

uzabhidliza umhlaba utshabalale;
uzawuchitha, ahlakaze abahlala kuwo.

² Kuzafanana

okuzenziwa kumphristi kuzenziwa lasebantwini,

okuzenziwa enkosini kuzenziwa lasencekwini,

okuzenziwa enkosikazini kuzenziwa lasencekukazini,

okuzenziwa kumthengisi kuzenziwa lakumthengi,

okuzenziwa kowebolekayo kuzenziwa
lakumebolekisi,
okuzenziwa kokweledayo kuzenziwa lakok-
weledisayo.

³ Umhlaba uzatshabalaliswa nya
uphangwe uqedwe du.

UTHIXO uselikhulumile ilizwi leli.

⁴ Umhlaba uyoma ubune,
umhlaba uyahodoza ubune,
abaphakemeyo bomhlaba bayahodoza!

⁵ Umhlaba ungcoliswa ngabantu bawo.
Kabayilalelanga imithetho,

beqe imilayo
bephula isivumelwano esingapheliyo.

⁶ Ngakho-ke umhlaba uchithwa yisiqalekiso;
abantu bawo kumele bahlupheke ngenxa
yokona kwabo.

Ngakho abantu abahlala emhlabeni bayat-
shiswa,
njalo balutshwana kakhulu abaseleyo.

⁷ Iwayini elitsha liyaphela, amavini ayabuna;
bonke abenza umsindo bejabula
bayabubula.

⁸ Ukukhala kwamagedla kuthulisiwe,
umsindo wabajabulayo usuphelile,
ichacho lentokozo selithule.

⁹ Kabasanathi iwayini behlabela,
utshwala buyababa kubanathi babo.

¹⁰ Idolobho elidilikileyo litshabalele;
iminyango yezindlu zonke ivalekile.

¹¹ Emigwaqweni bakhalela iwayini,
yonke intokozo iba yikudana,

- ukujabula konke kuphelile emhlabeni.
- 12 Idolobho lisele selingamanxiwa,
isango lalo libhidlizwe laba yizicucu.
- 13 Kuzakuba njalo emhlabeni
laphakathi kwezizwe,
njengalapho isihlahla som'oliva sinyikinywa,
loba njengezithelo ezitholwa emva koku-
vunwa kwamavini.
- 14 Baphakamisa amazwi abo, bahlabele ngen-
tokozo;
bememezela ubukhosi BUKATHIXO
bengasentshonalanga.
- 15 Ngakho-ke dumisani UTHIXO empumalanga;
phakamisani UTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-
Israyeli,
ezihlengeni zolwandle.
- 16 Sizwa ukuhlabelela okuvela emikhawulweni
yomhlaba:
"Udumo kalube koLungileyo."

Kodwa mina ngathi, "Ngiyacikizeka, ngiyacik-
izeka!

Maye mina!

Abakhohlisi bayaceba!

Ngenkohliso abakhohlisi bayaceba!"

17 Ukwesaba, igodi lomjibila kulilindele,
lina bantu basemhlabeni.

18 Loba ngubani obalekela umsindo wokwesaba
uzawela egodini;
loba ngubani ophumayo egodini
uzabanjwa ngumjibila.

Amasango asezulwini avuliwe,

izisekelo zomhlaba ziyanyikinyeka.

- 19 Umhlaba usubhidlikile,
umhlaba usudabuke phakathi,
umhlaba usunyikinywe impela.
- 20 Umhlaba udiyazela njengesidakwa,
uzunguzeka njengendlu kulesiphepho;
siwusinda kangaka isono sokuhlamuka kwawo
uze uwe, awuyikuvuka futhi.
- 21 Ngalolosuku uTHIXO uzajezisa
amabutho asemazulwini phezulu
lamakhosi emhlabeni ngaphansi.
- 22 Bazabuthelwa ndawonye
njengezibotshwa zibotshiwe emgodini oyin-
tolongo.
Bazavalelwa entolongweni
bajeziswe emva kwensuku ezinengi.
- 23 Inyanga izayangeka,
ilanga libelenhloni;
ngoba uTHIXO uSomandla uzabusa ngenkaz-
imulo phezu
kweNtaba iZiyoni laphakathi kwe-
Jerusalema,
laphambi kwabadala bakhona.

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Dumisani UTHIXO

- 1 Oh THIXO, wena unguNkulunkulu wami;
ngizakudumisa ngibabaza ibizo lakho
ngoba ngokuthembeka okupheleleyo,
wenze izinto ezimangalisayo,
izinto ezamiswa endulo.
- 2 Wenze idolobho laba yinqwaba yemfucuza;

idolobho elivikelweyo laba lunxiwa,
inqaba yabezizweni kayiseyilo dolobho;
kayiyikwakhiwa futhi.

³ Ngakho-ke abantu abalamandla bazakudumisa,
amadolobho ezizwe ezilolunya azakwesaba.

⁴ Ubuyisiphephelo sabayanga,
isiphephelo soswelayo osizini lwakhe,
isivikelo phakathi kwesiphepho
lomthunzi ekutshiseni kwelanga.

Ngoba umoya wabalesihluku
unjengesiphepho sitshayeka emdulini,
⁵ lanjengokutshisa kwasenkangala.

Wena uthulisa umsindo wabezizweni;
njengokutshisa kusehliswa ngumthunzi
weyezi,
ithuliswa kanjalo lengoma yaba lesihluku.

⁶ Phezu kwale intaba uTHIXO uSomandla uzak-
wenzela
abantu bonke idili lokudla okumnandi,
idili lewayini elidala,
inyama enhle kakhulu lewayini elihle
kakhulu.

⁷ Phezu kwale intaba uzadiliza
isembeso esimboze abantu bonke,
ilembu elembese izizwe zonke;
⁸ uzakuginya kokuphela ukufa.

UTHIXO Wobukhosi uzakwesula inyembezi
ebusweni babantu bonke;
uzasusa ihlazo labantu bakhe
emhlabeni wonke.

UTHIXO usekhulumile.

⁹ Ngalolosuku bazakuthi,
“Ngempela lo nguNkulunkulu wethu;

sethemba kuye, wasikhulula.
 Lo NGUTHIXO, sethemba kuye;
 kasithokozeni sithabe ngokusisindisa
 kwakhe.”

¹⁰ Isandla SIKATHIXO sizahlala phezu kwalintaba;
 kodwa uMowabi uzanyathelelwa ngaphansi
 ezweni lakhe
 njengotshani bunyathelelwa phansi
 emqubeni.

¹¹ Bazakwelulela izandla zabo kuye,
 njengenhlambi iselula izandla zayo ukuba
 intsheze.

UNkulunkulu uzakuqeda ukuzigqaja kwabo
 phezu kokuhlakanipha kwezandla zabo.

¹² Uzadiliza izingaba zenu eziphakemeyo
 azibhidlizele phansi;
 uzazidilizela phansi emhlabathini,
 kulo kanye uthuli.

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Ingoma Yokubonga

¹ Ngalolosuku ingoma le izahlatshelwa
 elizweni lakoJuda:

Siledolobho eliqinileyo;
 uNkulunkulu wenza ukusindisa
 kube yimiduli yalo lezivikelo.

² Vulani amasango
 ukuze isizwe esilungileyo singene,
 isizwe esigcina ukuthembeka.

³ Lizamemeza abe lokuthula okupheleleyo
 lowo olengqondo ebambeleyo,
 ngoba wethemba kuwe.

- 4 Thembani uTHIXO kokuphela,
ngoba uTHIXO, uTHIXO ngokwakhe, uliDwala
laphakade.
- 5 Ubehlisela phansi abahlala engqongeni;
ulehlisela phansi idolobho eliphakemeyo,
ulidilizela emhlabathini,
aliphosele phansi othulini.
- 6 Inyawo zilinyathelela phansi,
inyawo zabancindezelweyo,
amanyathelo abayanga.
- 7 Indlela yabalungileyo iqondile;
awu wena oQotho,
wenza indlela yabalungileyo ibe butshelezi.
- 8 Yebo, THIXO, sihamba endleleni yemithetho
yakho,
siyakulindela;
ibizo lakho lodumo lwakho
kulangathelelwa zinhliziyi zethu.
- 9 Umphefumulo wami uyakulangazelela
ebusuku,
ekuseni umoya wami uyakukhumbula.
Lapho ukwahlulela kwakho kufika emhlabeni,
abantu basemhlabeni bayakufunda uku-
lunga.
- 10 Lanxa ababi betshengiswa umusa,
kabakufundi ukulunga;
laselizweni lokulunga baqhubeka besenza okubi,
bengabunaki ubukhosi BUKATHIXO.
- 11 Oh THIXO, isandla sakho siphakanyiselwe
phezulu,
kodwa kabasiboni.

Babonise ukutshisekela kwakho abantu bakho bayangiswe;
 umlilo olungiselwe izitha zakho kawubaqede.

- 12 THIXO, usilethela ukuthula;
 konke esesikufezile sikwenzelwe nguwe.
- 13 Oh THIXO, Nkulunkulu wethu, amanye amakhosi ngaphandle kwakho ake asibusa,
 kodwa ibizo lakho yilo lodwa esilidumisayo.
- 14 Khathesi asafa, kawasaphili;
 imimoya leyana eyahambayo kayivuki.
 Wawajezisa, wawatshabalalisa;
 wesula konke ukukhunjulwa kwawo.
- 15 Usandisile isizwe, Oh THIXO;
 usandisile isizwe.
 Uzilethele udumo;
 uyiqhelisile yonke imikhawulo yelizwe.
- 16 THIXO, beza kuwe ekuhluphekeni kwabo;
 kwathi lapho usubajezisile
 banelisa ukunyenyeza umkhuleko.
- 17 Njengowesifazane okhulelweyo lapho esez-
 abeletha
 uyabhinqika ekhaliswa yibuhlungu,
 lathi sabanjalo phambi kwakho, Oh THIXO.
- 18 Sasikhulelwe, sabhinqika ebuhlungwini,
 kodwa sazala umoya.
 Kasilethanga nsindiso emhlabeni;
 kasibazalelanga lutho abantu basemhlabeni.
- 19 Kodwa abafileyo bakho bazaphila THIXO,

imizimba yabo izavuka.
 Lina elihlala othulini,
 vukani lihlabelele ngentokozo.
 Amazolo enu afana lamazolo ekuseni;
 umhlaba uzabaveza abafileyo bawo.

²⁰ Hambani bantu bami, ngenani ezindlini zenu,
 lizivalele phakathi;
 lizifihle okwesikhatshana
 ulaka lwakhe luze luphele.

²¹ Khangelani, UTHIXO uyaphuma lapho ahlala
 khona
 ukuba ajezise abantu basemhlabeni ngenxa
 yezono zabo.

Umhlaba uzaveza igazi elachithwa kuwo;
 kawusayikubafihla ababulawayo bawo.

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Ukukhululwa Kuka-Israyeli

¹ Ngalolosuku,
 UTHIXO uzajezisa ngenkemba yakhe,
 inkemba yakhe eyesabekayo, enkulu njalo
 elamandla,

uLeviyathani inyoka endizayo,
 uLeviyathini inyoka egoqanayo;
 uzayibulala inunu yasolwandle.

² Ngalolosuku:
 “Hlabelani ngesivini esithela izithelo.

³ Mina THIXO, ngiyasilinda;
 ngiyasithelezela kokuphela.

Ngisilinda emini lebusuku
 ukuze kungabikhona owenza okubi kuso.

⁴ Angithukuthelanga.

Sengathi kungabe kulokhula lameva okumelana lami!

Bengizakulanda ngilwe lakho empini;
bengizakutshisa konke ngomlilo.

⁵ Loba phela kabeze bazephephela kimi;
kabenze ukuthula lami,
yebo, kabenze ukuthula lami.”

⁶ Ensukwini ezizayo uJakhobe uzagxila,
u-Israyeli uzahluma akhahlele
agcwalise umhlaba wonke ngezithelo.

⁷ UTHIXO usemtshayile na
njengokutshaya kwakhe abamtshayayo?

Usebulewe na
njengokubulawa kwalabo abambulalayo?

⁸ Ngempi langokumxotsha elizweni ulwe laye,
ngesiphepho sakhe esesabekayo umsusela
phandle,
njengamhla kuvunguza umoya wasem-
pumalanga.

⁹ Ngalokhu-ke ukona kukaJakhobe
kuzahlawulelwa,
njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisithelo esigcweleyo
esokususwa kwesono sakhe:

Lapho esenza wonke amatshe e-alithare
abe njengamatshe ekalaga avuthuzwe iz-
icucu,

akulazinsika zika-Ashera kumbe ama-alithare
empepha
azatshiywa emi.

¹⁰ Idolobho elivikelweyo libhidlikile,
indawo yokuhlala etshiyiweyo, yadelwa
njengenkangala;

lapho asesidla khona amathole
 lapho alala khona phansi;
 aphundla ingatsha zalo zisale zize.

¹¹ Lapho ingatsha zalo sezomile, ziyephulwa
 kuze abesifazane babase umlilo ngazo.

Ngoba laba ngabantu abangelakuzwisisa;
 ngakho uMenzi wabo kalasihawu kubo,
 loMdali wabo akayikuba lomusa kubo.

¹² Ngalolosuku uTHIXO uzabhula kusukela
 kuYufra the ogelezayo kusiya eMhotsheni waseG-
 ibhithe, njalo lina abako-Israyeli lizabuthwa
 munye ngamunye. ¹³ Njalo ngalolusuku kuza-
 khaliswa icilongo elikhulu. Labo ababelahlekele
 elizweni lase-Asiriya lababexotshelwe elizweni
 laseGibhithe bazabuya bakhonze uTHIXO phezu
 kwentaba engcwele eJerusalema.

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Maye Kubathungameli Bako-Efrayimi Lako- Juda

¹ Maye kulowomqhele wamaluba,
 iqhono lezidakwa zako-Efrayimi,
 kuluba elibunayo, ubuhle obukhazimulayo,
 obubekwe ngaphezulu kwesigodi esivundileyo,
 kulelodobho, iqhono lalabo asebelaliswe
 liwayini phansi!

² Khangelani, uThixo ulaye olamandla oqinileyo.
 Njengesiqhotho lomoya odilizayo,
 njengezulu lesiphapho lesihlambi esilamandla,
 uzakuphosa phansi ngamandla amakhulu.

³ Umqhele lowo wamaluba, iqhono lezidakwa
 zako-Efrayimi

kuzanyathelwa ngaphansi kwezinyawo.

⁴ Leliyaluba elibunayo, ubuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo,
kuhlanyelwe ngaphezu kwesigodi esivundileyo,
lizakuba njengomkhiwa ovuthiweyo
kungakavunwa
okuthi khonokho nje omunye ewubona
awukhe ngesandla
awuginye.

⁵ Ngalolosuku uTHIXO uSomandla
uzakuba ngumqhele okhazimulayo,
umqhele wamaluba omuhle
kulabo abayizinsalela zabantu bakhe.

⁶ Uzakuba ngumoya wokulunga
kulowo owahlulelayo,
umthombo wamandla
kulabo ababuyisela impi emuva isisesangweni.

⁷ Lalaba bayadiyazela ngenxa yewayini,
babhadazele ngenxa yotshwala.
Abaphristi labaphrofethi bayadiyazela ngenxa
yotshwala,
njalo baphambene ngenxa yewayini;
bayabhadazela ngenxa yotshwala,
bayadiyazela,
lapho bebona imibono,
bayakhininda lapho besenza izinqumo.

⁸ Amatafula wonke agcwele amahlanzo
njalo akulandawo engelamanyala.

- 9 “Ngubani lowo ozama ukumfundisa?
 Umbiko wakhe uwuchazela bani na?
 Abantwana abangasamunyi,
 kumbe abalunyuliweyo na?”
- 10 Ngoba kumi kanje:
 Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya,
 umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya;
 ingcosana lapha, lengconsana laphayana.”
- 11 Kungasenani, ngezindebe zabezizweni lan-
 golimi
 olungaziwayo, uNkulunkulu uzakhuluma
 lalababantu,
- 12 atshoyo kubo wathi,
 “Le yindawo yokuphumula, abadiniweyo
 kabaphumule”;
 njalo, “Le yindawo yokucambalala,”
 kodwa kabalalelanga.
- 13 Ngakho ilizwi LIKATHIXO kubo lizakuba
 ngelithi:
 Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya,
 umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya,
 ingcosana lapha, ingcosana laphaya,
 ukuze bahambe bawe nyovane,
 balimale, bathiywe, bathunjwe.
- 14 Ngakho-ke zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO lina bantu
 abaklolodayo,
 ababusa abantu laba eJerusalema.
- 15 Lizitshaya izifuba lisithi, “Senze isivumelwano
 lokufa,
 senza isivumelwano lethuna.
 Nxa isijeziso esikhulu sifika,

kasiyikusithinta,
 ngoba senze amanga aba yisiphephelo sethu
 lenkohliso yaba yindawo yethu yokucatsha.”

16 Ngakho lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
 woBukhosi:

“Khangelani, ngibeka ilitshe eZiyoni,
 ilitshe elihloliweyo,
 ilitshe lengosi eliligugu;
 elesisekelo esiqinisekileyo,

lowo othembayo akayikuphela amandla.

17 Ngizakwenza okufaneleyo kube yintambo
 yokulinganisa,

ukulunga kube yintambo yokuqondisa;

isiqhotho sizakhukhula isiphephelo senu,
 amanga,

lamanzi azagabhela indawo yenu yokucat-
 sha.

18 Isivumelwano senu lokufa sizakwesulwa;
 isivumelwano senu lengcwaba kasiyikuma.

Lapho isijeziso esikhulu sifika
 sizalilahla phansi.

19 Ngazonke izikhathi esizafika ngazo siza-
 lithatha;

ukusa ngokusa, emini lebusuku,

sizalikhukhula.”

Ukulizwisisa ilizwi leli

kuzaletha ukwesaba khona ngokwakho.

20 Umbheda mfitshane kakhulu ukuba unabe
 kuwo,

ingubo incane kakhulu ukuba ugoqelwe
 ngayo.

21 UTHIXO uzavuka njengalokho akwenzayo
 entabeni iPherazimu;

uzathukuthela njengaseSigodini seGibhiyoni,
 ukuba enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi oyisimanga,
 enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi ongaziwayo.

22 Khathesi-ke yekelani ukukloloda kwenu funa amaketane elibotshwe ngawo alisinde kakhulu;
 iNkosi, UTHIXO uSomandla usengitshela ngesimiso sokutshabalalisa ilizwe lonke.

23 Lalelani lizwe ilizwi lami;
 lalelani lizwe engikutshoyo.

24 Lapho umlimi elima ukuba ahlanye, ulima kokuphela na?
 Uqhubeka elima umhlabathi ewubhuqa kokuphela na?

25 Nxa umhlabathi esewendlale kuhle, kahlanyeli ikharawayi ahlanye lekhumini na?

Kahlanyeli ingqoloyi endaweni yayo;
 ibhali ensimini yayo,
 lespelithi ensimini yaso na?

26 UNkulunkulu wakhe uyamfundisa, amfundise indlela eqondileyo.

27 Ikharawayi kayibhulwa ngesileyi;
 lenqola kayihanjiswa phezu kwekhumini, kodwa ikharawayi ibhulwa ngentonga, kuthi ikhumini ibhulwe ngombhulo.

28 Amabele kumele acholwe ukuba kwenziwe isinkwa,
 ngakho umuntu kawabhuli kokuphela.

Lanxa ehambisa inqola yakhe yokubhula phezu
 kwawo,
 amabhiza akhe kawawacholi.
²⁹ Konke lokhu lakho kuvela kuTHIXO uSomandla
 omangalisayo ngokweluleka,
 njalo olenhlakanipho emangalisayo.

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Maye Kulo Idolobho LikaDavida

- ¹ Maye kuwe Ariyeli, Ariyeli,
 idolobho uDavida ahlala kulo!
 Yengezelela umnyaka emnyakeni
 Wenze ukulandelana kwemikhosi yakho
 kuqhubeke.
- ² Ikanti i-Ariyeli ngizalivimbezela,
 lizakhala lilile,
 kimi lizafana leziko le-alithari.
- ³ Ngizakuhlasela amacele wonke,
 ngizakuzungeza ngemiphotshongo
 ngikuvimbezele ngemisebenzi yokukuh-
 lasela.
- ⁴ Nxa usudilizelwe phansi, uzakhuluma uphansi,
 inkulumo yakho ayiyikuzwakala ivela oth-
 ulini.
 Ilizwi lakho lizafana lelethonga liphuma phansi
 emhlabathini.
 Ilizwi lakho lizanyenyeza liphuma othulini.
- ⁵ Kodwa izitha zakho ezinengi,
 zizakuba njengothuli olucolekileyo,
 amaxuku alesihluku afane lamakhoba aphe-
 phukayo.
- Masinyazana, ngesikhatshana nje,
⁶ UTHIXO uSomandla uzafika

ngomdumo langokunyikinyeka komhlaba langomsindo omkhulu;
 ngesiphepho langesivunguzane langamalangabi omlilo oqothulayo.

⁷ Lapho-ke amaxuku ezizwe zonke ezilwa le-Ariyeli,
 ayihlaselayo kanye lezingaba zayo,
 njalo eyizungezile, azakuba njengephupho,
 lilombono webusuku,

⁸ njengomuntu olambileyo ephupha esidla,
 kodwa aphaphame ukulamba kwakhe kulokhu kunjalo,
 lanjengalapho umuntu owomileyo ephupha enatha
 kodwa aphaphame engelamandla, ukoma kwakhe kungaphelanga.

Kuzakuba njalo lakumaxuku ezizwe zonke ezilwa leNtaba iZiyoni.

⁹ Thithibalani limangale,
 zenzeni iziphofu lingabe lisabona;
 dakwani kodwa kungabi ngenxa yotshwala.

¹⁰ UTHIXO ulehlisele ubuthongo obukhulu:
 uwavalile amehlo enu (abaphrofethi);
 wagubuzela amakhanda enu (izanuse).

¹¹ Kini umbono wonke lo kawusilutho kodwa amazwi nje avalelwe encwadini egoqiweyo. Njalo nxa incwadi leyo liyiqhubela umuntu okwaziyo ukubala lithi kuye, "Ake ubale lokhu," uzaphendula athi, "Anganelisi, ngoba ivaliwe."

¹² Loba nxa incwadi leyo liyiqhubela umuntu

ongakwaziyo ukubala lithi kuye, “Ake ubale lokhu,” uzaphendula athi, “Angikwazi ukubala.”

¹³ UThixo uthi:

“Abantu laba basondela kimi ngemilomo yabo bangikhonze ngezindebe zabo, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikude lami; ukungikhonza kwabo kwenziwa kuphela nje ngemilayo abayifundiswa ngabantu.

¹⁴ Ngakho-ke abantu laba ngizaphinda ngibethuse ngesimanga phezu kwesimanga; inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo izaphela, ulwazi lwezazi lunyamalale.”

¹⁵ Maye kulabo abatshona phansi ukuba bafihlele UTHIXO amacebo abo, abenzela imisebenzi yabo emnyameni bacabange bathi, “Ngubani osibonayo? Ngubani ozakwazi?”

¹⁶ Lina lihlanekelela izinto kube sengathi kucatshangwa ukuthi umbumbi unjengebumba.

Okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kokubumbileyo kuthi, “Kangibumbanga”?

Imbiza ingatsho na kumbumbi ithi, “Kazi lutho”?

¹⁷ Ngesikhatshana esifitshane nje, iLebhanoni kayiyikuphendulwa ibe yinsimu evundileyo, kuthi insimu evundileyo ifane legusu na?

- 18 Ngalolosuku izacuthe zizawezwa amazwi omqulu,
njalo ekukhanyeni lebumnyameni amehlo eziphofu abone emnyameni omkhulu.
- 19 Abathobekileyo bazathokoza futhi kuTHIXO, abaswelayo bazathokoza koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- 20 Abalesihluku bazanyamalala, abahleka usulu abayikuba khona, bonke abathanda ukwenza okubi bazabhu-jiswa,
- 21 labo abenza umuntu abe lecala ngokufakaza amanga, abathiya umvikeli enkundleni yamacala, kuthi ngobufakazi obungamanga benze omsulwa angehlulelwa ngemfanelo.
- 22 Ngakho-ke lokhu yikho uTHIXO owahlenga u-Abhrahama akutshoyo kwabendlu kaJakhobe: “UJakhobe kasayikuba lenhloni, ubuso bakhe kabusayikudana.
- 23 Lapho bebona abantwana babo, umsebenzi wezandla zami, bazakwenza ibizo lami libengcwele; bazabubona ubungcwele boNgcwele ka-Jakhobe, njalo bazamesaba uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
- 24 Abalahlekileyo emoyeni bazakuba lokuzwisisa; abasolayo bazavuma ukufundiswa.”

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Maye Esizweni Esiyisiqholo

- 1 “Maye ebantwaneni abalobuqholo,”
 kutsho UTHIXO,
 “kulabo abafeza amacebo angasiwami,
 abenza isivumelwano, kodwa kungesi ngo-
 Moya wami,
 besengeza isono phezu kwesono;
- 2 labaya eGibhithe bengabuzanga kimi;
 abadinga usizo lokuvikelwa nguFaro,
 lomthunzi wokuphephela eGibhithe.
- 3 Kodwa-ke ukuvikelwa nguFaro kuzakuba lih-
 lazo kini,
 umthunzi weGibhithe uzaliyangisa.
- 4 Lanxa belabameli eZowani,
 lezithunywa zabo sezifikile eHanesi,
- 5 bonke bazayangeka
 ngenxa yabantu abangalasizo kubo,
 abangalethi sizo loba inzuzo,
 kodwa ihlazo lokuyangeka kuphela.”
- 6 Isiphrofethi mayelana lezinyamazana ze-
 Negebi sithi:
 kulolonke ilizwe lobunzima losizi,
 elezilwane lezilwanekazi,
 elamabululu lezinyoka ezeqayo
 izithunywa zithwala inotho yazo ngemihlane
 yabobabhemi,
 impahla yazo eligugu ziyithwale
 ngamalunda amakamela,
 zikusa ebantwini abangayikuba losizo kuzo.
- 7 Zisiwa eGibhithe osizo lwayo lungelam-
 sebenzi.
- Ngakho ngiyibiza ngokuthi
 nguRahabi ivilavoxo.

8 Hamba khathesi nje, ubalobele khona esibhebhedwini,
kulobe emqulwini,
ukuze kuthi ensukwini ezizayo
kube yibufakazi obungapheliyo.

9 Laba ngabantu abangabahlamuki, abantwana
abangabakhohlisi,
abantwana abangafuniyo ukulalela
imfundiso KATHIXO.

10 Bathi kwabayizanuse,
“Lingabe lisahlahlula futhi.”

Kubaphrofethi bathi,
“Lingasitsheli imibono ngalokho okuqondileyo.

Sitsheleni izinto ezinhle,
liphrofethe inkohliso.

11 Tshiyani indlela le,
phambukani kulo umkhondo
liyekele ukusibelesela
ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!”

12 Ngakho okutshiwo ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli
yilokhu:

“Njengoba lilalile ilizwi leli,
lathembela ekuncindezelweni,
lagwaba ngokukhohliswa,

13 isono lesi kini sizafana lomduli ophakemeyo,
olomnkenke njalo ohlephukayo,
odilika masinyane, ngesikhatshana nje.

14 Uzadilika ube yizicucu, njengembiza
yombumbi
ephahazeke kakubi
akwaze kwatholakala lesihlephu sokokha
amalahle eziko

ezicucwini zayo kumbe ukukha amanzi emgqonyeni.”

15 Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ukuthi:

“Ukusindiswa kwenu kusekuphendukeni leku-phumuleni,

amandla enu asekhuthuleni lekwethembeni, kodwa likwalile lokhu.

16 Lithe, ‘Hatshi, sizabaleka ngamabhiza.’

Ngakho lizabaleka!

Lithe, ‘Sizagada amabhiza alejubane.’

Ngakho abalixotshayo bazakuba lejubane!

17 Abayinkulungwane bazabaleka

besongelwe ngoyedwa nje;

ekusongeni kwabahlanu, lizabaleka lonke,

lize lisale linjengensika yophawu lwelizwe

elisengqongeni yentaba,

lanjengesiboniso phezu koqaqa.”

18 Kodwa UTHIXO ulangatha ukuba lomusa kini; uyavuka ukuba alitshengise isihawu.

Ngoba UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu wokulunga.

Babusisiwe bonke abamlindeleyo!

19 Awu bantu baseZiyoni, abahlala eJerusalema, alisayikulila. UTHIXO uzakuba lomusa kini nxa licela usizo. Uzaliphendula khonokho nje ekulizweni kwakhe. 20 Lanxa nje

uThixo elinika isinkwa sokuhlupheka lamanzi osizi, abalifundisayo kabayikucatsha futhi; lizababona ngamehlo enu. 21 Loba liphambukele kwesokudla kumbe kwesenxele lizalizwa ilizwi ngemva kwenu lisithi, “Le yiyo indlela; hambani

ngayo.” 22 Lapho-ke lizangcolisa izithombe

zenu ezihuwwe ngesiliva lezifanekiso zenu ezinanyekwe ngegolide; lizazilahlela khatshana njengelembu lowesifazane obesesikhathini, lithi kuzo, “Sukani lapha!”

²³ UTHIXO uzalehlisela izulu lenhlanyelo yenu eliyihlanyele emhlabathini, lamabele azavela emhlabathini azakuba mahle njalo emanengi. Ngalolosuku inkomo zenu zizakudla emadlelweni abanzi. ²⁴ Inkabi labobabhemi elilima ngakho umhlabathi kuzakudla utshani lamabele ahlungulwe ngefologwe langefotsholo. ²⁵ Ngosuku lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho imiphotshongo isiwa, izifula zamanzi zizageleza kuzozonke izintaba ezinde lakuwo wonke amaqaga adephileyo. ²⁶ Inyanga izakhanya njengelanga, ukukhanya kwelanga kukhanye ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa, njengokukhanya kwensuku eziyisikhombisa ezigcweleyo, lapho UTHIXO esebopha amanxeba abantu bakhe, epholisa lezilonda ezabangwa nguye.

²⁷ Khangelani, ibizo LIKATHIXO livela khatshana, lolaka oluvuthayo kanye lokuthunqa kwen-tuthu enkulu;

izindebe zakhe zigcwele intukuthelo,
ulimi lwakhe lungumlilo ohangulayo.

²⁸ Umoya awuphefumulayo unjengesifula esigcwele amanzi afika entanyeni.

Uhlungula izizwe ngesefa yokubhubhisa;
ufaka emihlathini yabantu
amatomu abasa ekulahlekeni.

²⁹ Lizahlabela
njengasebusuku bokuthakazelela umkhosi
ongcwele;

inhliziyo zenu zizathokoza
 njengalapho abantu besiya entabeni
 KATHIXO,
 eDwaleni lika-Israyeli,
 belemihubhe.

³⁰ UTHIXO uzakwenza abantu balizwe ilizwi
 lakhe lobukhosi,
 njalo uzakwenza bayibone ingalo yakhe
 isehla
 ngokuthukuthela okukhulu langomlilo oqothu-
 layo,
 langesihlambo esikhulu, lomdumo kanye
 lesiqhotho.

³¹ Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lizayichitha i-Asiriya;
 abatshaye ngenduku yakhe yobukhosi.

³² Imvimvinya yinye UTHIXO abatshaya yona
 ngentonga yakhe yokujezisa,
 uzakuba ukanye lokutshaywa kwamagedla lemi-
 hubhe,
 lapho esilwa labo impi ngezidutshulo zen-
 galo yakhe.

³³ IThofethi sekukade yalungiswa;
 seyenziwa yalungela inkosi.
 Igodi layo lomlilo selenziwa latshona njalo laba
 banzi,
 lomlilo lenkuni ezinengi;
 umphefumulo KATHIXO,
 utshisa njengokugeleza komlilo wesolufa,
 uyawulumathisa.

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Maye Kulabo Abathemba IGibhithe

¹ Maye kulabo abaya eGibhithe ukuyafuna usizo,

abathemba amabhiza,
 abathembe ubunengi bezingqola zabo zempi
 lamandla amakhulu abagadi bamabhiza
 abo,

kodwa bengathembeli koNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
 kumbe bacele usizo KUTHIXO.

² Ikanti laye uhlakaniphile njalo angaletha in-
 cithakalo;
 ilizwi lakhe kalibuyeli emuva.

Uzavukela abendlu yababi
 lalabo abasiza abenza okubi.

³ Kodwa amaGibhithe ngabantu kawasiNku-
 lunkulu;
 amabhiza awo yinyama kawasimoya.

Lapho UTHIXO eselula isandla sakhe,
 lowo osizayo uzakhubeka,
 lowo osizwayo uzakuwa,
 bobabili bazabhubha.

⁴ Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO kimi,
 ukuthi:

“Njengesilwane sihwabha;
 isilwane esikhulu sibhongela esikubambi-
 leyo,

lanxa ixuku lonke labelusi

libizwa ukuba lisihlasele,

kasethuswa yikuklabalala kwabo

kumbe sithikanyezwe ngumsindo wabo,

unjalo-ke UTHIXO uSomandla uzakwehla

ukuba alwe entabeni iZiyoni laseziqongweni
 zayo.

⁵ Njengezinyoni zitshaya amaphiko emoyeni,
 UTHIXO uSomandla uzavikela iJerusalema,
 uzalivikela alikhulule,
 uzadlula ‘ngaphezu’ kwalo alihlenge.”

⁶ Awu bantu bako-Israyeli, buyelani kulowo elamhlamukela kakubi. ⁷ Ngoba ngalolosuku lonke lizazilahla izithombe zenu zesiliva leze-golide elizenze ngezandla zenu ezonayo.

⁸ "I-Asiriya izachithwa ngenkemba engesiya-bantu,
 inkemba engasiyo yabantu izababhuhhisa.
 Bazayibalekela inkemba,
 izinsizwa zabo zizakwenziwa izigqili.

⁹ Inqaba yabo izadilika ngenxa yokwesaba;
 lapho bebona uphawu lwempi izinduna
 zabo zempi zizatshaywa luvalo,"

kutsho UTHIXO
 omlilo wakhe useZiyoni,
 osithando sakhe siseJerusalema.

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Umbuso Wokulunga

¹ Khangelani, inkosi izabusa ngokulunga
 lababusi bazabusa ngemfanelo.

² Umuntu ngamunye uzakuba njengesihonqo
 sokuvikela umoya,
 lesiphephelo sokucatshela isiphepho,
 njengezihotsha zamanzi enkangala
 njengomthunzi wedwala elikhulu elizweni
 elomileyo.

³ Lapho-ke amehlo alabo ababonayo
 kawayayikuvaleka,
 lezindlebe zalabo abezwayo zizalalela.

⁴ Inggondo yowalazelayo izakwazi, iqedisise,
 ogagasayo ulimi lwakhe luzatshwaphuluka
 luzwakale kuhle.

- 5 Isithutha kasisayikuthiwa ngumhlonitshwa,
lesigangi kasiyikuhlonitshwa.
- 6 Ngoba isithutha sikhuluma ubuwula,
ingqondo yaso isebenza ububi:
Senza imisebenzi yenkohlakalo,
siqambe amanga NGOTHIXO;
abalambayo kasibaniki lutho,
abomileyo sibancitsha amanzi okunatha.
- 7 Izindlela zesigangi zimbi,
senza amacebo amabi
ukuba sichithe abayanga ngamanga,
lanxa isikhalazo sabaswelayo siqotho.
- 8 Kodwa umuntu ohloniphekayo wenza amacebo
ahloniphekayo,
njalo uma ngezenzo ezihloniphekayo.

Abesifazane BaseJerusalema

- 9 Lina besifazane elingakhathazeki ngalutho,
vukani lilalele kimi;
lina madodakazi elizizwa livikelekile,
lalelani engikutshoyo!
- 10 Ngesikhatshana nje esedlula umnyaka
lina elizizwa livikelekile lizathuthumela;
ukuvunwa kwevini akuyikuphumelela,
lokuvunwa kwezithelo akuyikuba khona.
- 11 Thuthumelani lina madodakazi azizwa
evikelekile;
qhaq hazelani lina madodakazi azizwa
evikelekile!
Khululani izigqoko zenu,
lithandele inkalo zenu ngamasaka.
- 12 Zitshayeni izifuba zenu ngenxa yamasimu
amahle,
langenxa yezivini ezithela izithelo,

- 13 langenxa yelizwe labantu bami,
ilizwe eligcwele ukhula lameva,
yebo, lilelani zonke izindlu zenjabulo
ledolobho lokuzitika lentokozo.
- 14 Inqaba enkulu izatshiswa,
idolobho elilomsindo lizatshiywa;
inqaba lomphotshongo wokulinda
kuzakuba ngumhlabathi ongatheli lutho
kokuphela,
kube yintokozo yabobabhemi lamadlelo
emihlambi,
- 15 umoya uze uthelwe phezu kwethu uvela
phezulu,
inkangala ibe ngumhlaba ovundileyo,
umhlaba ovundileyo ube njengenhlabathi.
- 16 Ukwahlulela kuhle KUKATHIXO kuzakuba
khona inkangala,
ukulunga kube khona emhlabeni ovundi-
leyo.
- 17 Izithelo zokulunga zizakuba yikuthula;
okufaneleyo kuzaletha ukuthula zwi
lethemba kuze kube nininini.
- 18 Abantu bami bazahlala ezindaweni
ezilokuthula,
emakhaya avikelekileyo,
ezindaweni zokuphumula ezingelahlupho.
- 19 Lanxa isiqhotho sitshabalalisa ihlathi
ledolobho lidilizwe laphela nya,
- 20 yeka ukubusiswa elizakuba yikho,
lihlanganyela inhlanyelo yenu emaceleni ezifula
zonke,
njalo liyekela inkomo zenu labobabhemi
benu ukuba kusabalale.

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Usizi Losizo

- ¹ Maye kuwe, wena mchithi,
wena ongachithwanga!
Maye kuwe, wena mthengisi,
wena ongacetshwanga!
Lapho uyekela ukuthengisa,
lawe uzacetshwa.
- ² Awu THIXO, woba lomusa kithi;
siyakulangazelela.
Woba ngamandla ethu ekuseni konke,
ube yinsindiso yethu esikhathini sosizi.
- ³ Ekukhwazeni kwelizwi lakho, izizwe ziyabaleka;
lapho uphakama izizwe ziyahlakazeka.
- ⁴ Elakuthumbayo, lina zizwe, kubuthwa sengangathi kuqoqwa yisikhongwane,
abantu beqela kukho njengomtshitshi wentethe.
- ⁵ UTHIXO uphakeme ngoba uhlala phezulu,
uzagcwalisa iZiyoni ngokufaneleyo langokulunga.
- ⁶ Uzakuba yisisekelo esithembekileyo sesikhathi senu,
isiphala esigcwele usindiso, ukuhlakanipha lokwazi;
ukumesaba UTHIXO kuyisiqokoqela sokuzuza ingcebo le.
- ⁷ Khangelani, amaqhawe akibo ahlaba umkhosi emigwaqweni!

Izithunywa zokuthula ziyakhala kakhulu.

⁸ Imigwaqo emikhulu ibetha umoya,
akulazihambi kuyo.

Isivumelwano sephulwe,
ofakazi baso beyisiwe,
kakho ohlonitshwayo.

⁹ Ilizwe liyalila njalo liyachitheka.

ILebhanoni iyangekile njalo iyabuna;

iSharoni injenkangala,
iBhashani leKhameli akhithizwa
amahlamvu awo.

¹⁰ UTHIXO uthi, “Khathesi sengizavuka,
khathesi sengizadunyiswa,
khathesi sengizaphakanyiswa.

¹¹ Liqukethe ngamakhoba,
lizale izibi;
umoya wenu eliwuphefumulayo ungumlilo
oliqedayo.

¹² Abantu bazatshiswa bafane lekalaga;
bazathungelwa ngomlilo njengamahlahla
ameva aganyuliweyo.”

¹³ Lina elikhatshana, zwanini engikwenzileyo;
lina abaseduze, vumani amandla ami!

¹⁴ Izone zaseZiyoni ziyathuthumela;
abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu bayaqhaq-
hazela:

“Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lomlilo oqothulayo
na?
Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lokutshisa
okungapheliyo na?”

¹⁵ Ngulowo owenza okulungileyo,

ekhuluma okuqotho
 oyalayo inzuzo yokuncindezelwa,
 ale ukwamukela isivalamlomo,
 owalayo ukulalela amaqhinga okubulala,
 avale amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi,
 16 lo nguye umuntu ozahlala ekuphakameni,
 osiphephelo sakhe sizakuba yinqaba
 yasentabeni.

Uzalethelwa isinkwa sakhe,
 lamanzi kayikuwaswela.

17 Amehlo enu azayibona inkosi ebuhleni bayo,
 abuke lelizwe elibanzi.

18 Ezingqondweni zenu lizakhumbula ukwesaba
 kwakuqala lithi:

“Ingaphi induna yezikhulu leyana?

Ungaphi owayethatha imali yemithelo?

Singaphi isikhulu esigcina imiphotshongo
 na?”

19 Abantu labayana abaklolodayo
 kalisayikubabona futhi,
 abantu labayana abolimi olungazwakaliyo,
 abolimi olungaziwayo, olungaqondakaliyo.

20 Khangelani iZiyoni, idolobho lemikhosi yethu;
 amehlo enu azabona iJerusalema
 indawo yokuhlala elokuthula, ithente
 elingeke lisuswe;

izikhonkwane zalo kaziyikusitshunwa
 lezintambo zalo kaziyikuqamuka.

21 Khonapho uTHIXO uzakuba ngolaMandla
 wethu.

Kuzafana lendawo elemifula ebanzi kanye
lezifula.
Akukho mkhumbi wempi ozagwedlwa khona,
akukho mkhumbi olamandla ozahamba
khona.

²² Ngoba UTHIXO ungumahluleli wethu,
UTHIXO usinika imithetho,
UTHIXO yinkosi yethu;
nguye ozasikhulula.

²³ Izintambo zakho zeseyili ziyaxega.
Insika kayiqiniswanga;
iseyili kayivulekanga.

Lapho-ke impango enengi izakwabiwa
kuthi labaqhulayo labo bazazuza impango.

²⁴ Akulamuntu ohlala eZiyoni ozakuthi, “Mina
ngiyagula”;
labantu abahlala khona bazathethelelwa
izono zabo.

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Ukwahlulelwa Kwezizwe

¹ Sondelani lina zizwe, lilalele;
zwanini lina bantu!

Umhlaba kawulalele, lakho konke okukiwo,
umhlaba, lakho konke okuvela kuwo!

² UTHIXO uthukuthelele izizwe zonke,
ulaka lwakhe luphezu kwezitha zabo zonke.

Uzazibhubhisa ngokupheleleyo,
uzazinikela ekubulaweni.

³ Ababuleweyo bakibo bazaphoselwa ngaphan-
dle,
izidumbu zabo zizanuka;
izintaba zizacwila egazini labo.

4 Zonke izinkanyezi zasemazulwini zizanyamalala,
 umkhathi ugoqwe njengomqulu;
 wonke amaxuku ezinkanyezi
 azakuwa njengamahlamvu abunileyo
 evinini
 lanjengomkhiwa oswabileyo usiwa esihlahleni somkhiwa.

5 Inkemba yami isinathe yanela emazulwini;
 khangalani yehlela phezu kwe-Edomi ukulahlulela,
 abantu esengibabhubhise baphela.

6 Inkemba KATHIXO igxanyuzwe egazini,
 igcwele amafutha
 igazi lezimvu lelembuzi,
 amafutha ezinso zenqama.

Ngoba UTHIXO ulomhlatshelo eBhozira
 lokubulawa okukhulu kwezifuyo e-Edomi.

7 Inyathi zizakufa kanye lazo,
 amathole azinkunzi kanye lenkunzi
 ezinkulu.

Ilizwe labo lizagcwala igazi,
 umhlabathi uzakuba manzi ngamafutha.

8 Ngoba UTHIXO ulosuku lokuphindisela,
 umnyaka wokujezisa, ukuqinisa injongo
 yeZiyoni.

9 Izifula zase-Edomi zizaphendulwa zibe yingcino,
 umhlabathi wakhona ube ngumlilo wesolufa,
 ilizwe lakhona lizakuba yingcino etshayo!

- 10 Aliyikucitshwa ebusuku lemini;
intuthu yalo izathunqa kokuphela.
Lizakuba ngelichithiweyo
kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kwesinye;
kakho ozadabula phakathi kwalo futhi.
- 11 Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo kuzak-
wakha kulo;
isikhova esikhulu lewabayi kuzakwakha
izidleke zakho kulo.
UNKulunkulu uzakwelulela phezu kwe-Edomi
intambo yokulinganisa incithakalo
lentambo yokulinganisa ukutshabalala.
- 12 Izikhulu zalo kaziyikuba lalutho olungathiwa
ngumbuso,
wonke amakhosana alo azanyamalala.
- 13 Izingaba zalo zizagcwala ameva,
imbabazane lokhula kugcwale kuziphephelo
zalo.
Lizakuba yindawo yamakhanka,
lomuzi wezikhova.
- 14 Izinyamazana zenkangala zizahlangana lez-
impisi,
amagogo azakhalelana;
izidalwa zebusuku zizalala khona
zizifunele izindawo zokuphumula.
- 15 Isikhova sizakwakha isidleke khona sibekele
amaqanda,
sizawachamisela, sifukamele abantwana
baso
ngaphansi komthunzi wempiko zaso,
lemizwazwa izabuthana khonapho,
yilowo lalowo lomngane wawo.
- 16 Khangelani encwadini KATHIXO lifunde
okuthi:

Akukho lakunye kwalokhu okuzasweleka;
 akukho okuzaswela umngane wakho.
 Ngoba NGUTHIXO onike umlayo,
 loMoya wakhe uzazigoqela ndawonye.
¹⁷ Uzakwahlukanisela izabelo zakho;
 isandla sakhe sizakwabela ngesilinganiso.
 Isabelo sizakuba lilifa lakho kokuphela,
 njalo sizahlala khona kusukela kusizukul-
 wane kusiya kusizukulwane.

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Intokozo Yabahlengiweyo

¹ Inkangala lelizwe elomileyo kuzathokoza;
 inkangala izajabula iqhakaze.
 Njengeluba ² izakhahlela,
 ithokoze kakhulu, ihlabele isithi.
 Inkazimulo yaseLebhanoni izanikezwa kuyo
 ubuhle beKhameli leSharoni,
 kuzabona inkazimulo KATHIXO
 lobukhosi bukaNkulunkulu wethu.

³ Qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka,
 liqinise lamadolo axegayo;
⁴ tshonini kulabo abalezinhliziyi ezilokwesaba
 lithi:
 “Qinani, lingesabi;
 uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuza,
 uzakuza ezophindisela,
 ajezise ngokulunga
 uzakuza ukuba alikhulule.”

⁵ Lapho-ke amehlo eziphofu azavuleka,
 lezindlebe zezacuthe zivuleke.
⁶ Lapho-ke abaqhulayo bazakweqa njengempala,

izimungulu zihlabele ngokuthokoza.
 Amanzi azampompoza ogwaduleni,
 izifula zigeleze enkangala.

⁷ Itshebetshebe elitshisayo lizakuba yisiziba,
 umhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo
 echaphaka amanzi.
 Ezindaweni amakhanka ake ahlala kuzo,
 utshani lemihlanga lebhuma kuzakhula
 khona.

⁸ Njalo kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu:
 uzathiwa yiNdlela yobuNgcwele,
 izakuba ngeyalabo abahamba ngokuqonda.
 Abangcolileyo kabayikuhamba kuwo;
 uzakuba ngowalabo abahamba
 kuleyoNdlela lezithutha
 ezonayo kaziyikuhambahamba kuwo.

⁹ Akuyikuba lesilwane khona,
 loba esinye isilo esilolaka; sivuke kuwo
 kaziyikutholwa khona.
 Kodwa abahlengiweyo yibo kuphela abaza-
 hamba lapho,

¹⁰ njalo labahlengiweyo BAKATHIXO baz-
 abuyela.

Bazangena eZiyoni behlabelela,
 intokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngumqhele
 emakhanda abo.
 Bazakuba lokuthula lenjabulo,
 usizi lokububula kuzaphela.

¹ Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wokubusa kwenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela wonke amadolobho avikelweyo akoJuda wawathumba. ² Emva kwalokho inkosi yase-Asiriya yathuma umlawuli wayo lebutho elikhulu lisuka eLakhishi lisiya enkosini uHezekhiya eJerusalema. Kwathi umlawuli webutho esemi emgelweni wechibi elingaphezulu, elisendleleni eya eNsimini yoMgezisi, ³ u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo, loShebhina umabhalane kanye loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, baya kuye.

⁴ Umlawuli webutho wathi kubo, “Tshelani uHezekhiya ukuthi,

‘Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya ithi: Uthembeni ngalesisibindi sakho na? ⁵ Uthi ulamaqhinga lamandla ebutho kodwa ukhuluma amazwi ayize. Uthembe bani uze ungihlamukele nje?

⁶ Khangela, ngiyazi uthembe iGibhithe, yona enjengomhlanga ozimvava osika isandla somuntu umlimaze nxa eweyamile. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe kubo bonke abathembele kuye. ⁷ Njalo nxa lisithi kimi, “Thina sithembe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wethu,” kasuye yini uHezekhiya asusa izindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lama-alithare akhe, esithi kuJuda leJerusalema, “Kumele likhonzele phambi kwaleli i-alithari”?

⁸ Khathesi woza wenze isivumelwano lenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asiriya: Ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili nxa

bekhona abazawagada! ⁹ Pho ungayehlula njani induna eyodwa yezikhulu ezincane zenkosi yami, lanxa uthembele eGibhithe ekutholeni izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza na? ¹⁰ Phezu kwalokho, kanti ngizehlasela lokuzochitha ilizwe leli kungatshongo uTHIXO na? UTHIXO uqobo nguye othe ngizohlasela ilizwe leli ngilichithe.’”

¹¹ Ngakho u-Eliyakhimu loShebhina loJowa bathi kumlawuli webutho, “Ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramayikhi ngoba siyasizwa. Ungasikhulumisi ngesiHebheru lababantu abasemdulini besizwa.”

¹² Kodwa umlawuli webutho waphendula esithi, “Inkosi yami ingithume ukuba izinto lezi ngizitsho kuphela enkosini yenu lakini, hatshi ebantwini abahlezi emdulini okuzakuthi labo njengani badle ubulongwe babo banathe lomchamo wabo na?”

¹³ Umlawuli webutho wasukuma wasememeza ngesiHebheru esithi, “Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya! ¹⁴ Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yinkosi: Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya ukuba alikhohlise. Angeke alikhulule. ¹⁵ Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya elincenga ukuba lithembele kuTHIXO lapho esithi ‘Ngempela uTHIXO uzasikhulula; idolobho leli kaliyikuphiwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.’”

¹⁶ Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya. Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi yase-Asiriya: Yenza isivumelwano sokuthula lami, uphume uze kimi. Lapho ke omunye lomunye uzakudla esivinini sakhe

lasemikhiweni yakhe, anathe lamanzi emthon-jeni wakhe, ¹⁷ ngize ngifike ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana lelakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini.

¹⁸ “Lingavumeli uHezekhiya ukuthi alikhohlise esithi, ‘UTHIXO uzasikhulula.’ Kulonkulunkulu wesinye isizwe osewake wakhulula ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya na? ¹⁹ Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseHamathi le-Ariphadi na? Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseSefavayimi na? Bayikhululile iSamariya esandleni sami na? ²⁰ Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe la oke wenelisa ukukhulula ilizwe lakhe kimi na? Pho UTHIXO angayikhulula njani iJerusalema esandleni sami na?”

²¹ Kodwa abantu bathula kabazange batsho lutho, ngoba inkosi yayilaye yathi, “Lingamphen-duli.”

²² U-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo loShebhina umabhalane loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, baya kuHezekhiya izigqoko zabo zidabukile bamtshela okwakut-shiwo ngumlawuli webutho.

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Ukuhlengwa KweJerusalema Kuyabikwa

¹ Kwathi lapho uHezekhiya, inkosi, esezwe lokhu, wadabula izigqoko zakhe wagqoka amasaka, wasesiya ethempelini LIKATHIXO. ² Wathuma u-Eliyakhimu umphathi wesigodlo, uShebhina umabhalane labaphristi abangabakhokheli, bonke begqoke amasaka,

baya kumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. ³ Bathi kuye, “UHezekhiya uthi: ilanga lanamhla lusuku losizi lokusolwa kanye lehlazo njengalapho abantwana sekufike isikhathi sokuthi bazalwe kodwa amandla okubeletha engekho. ⁴ Mhlawumbe uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho izawezwa amazwi omlawuli webutho, onkosi yakhe, inkosi yase-Asiriya, emthume ukuba athuke uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokuthi uzamthuka ngenxa yamazwi uTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ewazwileyo. Ngakho-ke khulekela insali elokhu iphila.”

⁵ Kwathi izithunywa zenkosi uHezekhiya sezifikile ku-Isaya, ⁶ u-Isaya wathi kuzo, “Tshelani inkosi yenu lithi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO: Ungesabi lokhu okuzwileyo, amazwi lawana izinceku zenkosi yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngawo. ⁷ Lalela! Ngizafaka umoya ozamenza athi nxa esizwa umbiko othile, afune ukubuyela elizweni lakhe, athi angafika khonale ngenze ukuba abulawe ngenkamba.’”

⁸ Kwathi lapho umlawuli webutho esezwile ukuthi inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisisukile eLakhishi, laye wasuka wayathola inkosi isilwa leLibhina.

⁹ USenakheribhi wemukela umbiko othi uThirihaka inkosi yaseKhushi, wayesiza ukuba amhlasele. Esezwe lokho wathumela izithunywa kuHezekhiya lombiko othi: ¹⁰ “Tshela uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuthi: Ungavumi ukuthi unkulunkulu omthembileyo akukhohlise esithi, ‘IJerusalema kaliyikunikelwa enkosini yase-Asiriya.’ ¹¹ Ngempela usukuzwile okwenziwa ngamakhosi ase-Asiriya emazweni wonke,

ewabhidliza okupheleleyo. Wena-ke uzaphepha na? ¹² Onkulunkulu bezizwe ezatshabalaliswa ngokhokho bami bake bazikhulula na, onkulunkulu beGozani, iHarani, iRezefi kanye labantu base-Edeni ababeseThelasari? ¹³ Ingaphi inkosi yaseHamathi, inkosi yase-Ariphadi, angaphi amakhosi aseLayiri leSefavayimi, loba eyaseHena kumbe eyase-Iva?"

Umkhuleko KaHezekhiya

¹⁴ UHezekhiya wemukela incwadi eyeza lezithunywa wayibala. Emva kwalokho waya ethempelini leNkosi, wayichaya phambi KUKATHIXO. ¹⁵ UHezekhiya wakhuleka kuTHIXO esithi: ¹⁶ "THIXO Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli osebukhosini phakathi kwamaKherubhi, wena kuphela nguwe onguNkulunkulu wemibuso yonke yasemhlabeni. Nguwe owenza izulu lomhlaba. ¹⁷ Beka indlebe THIXO, uzwe; vula amehlo akho THIXO, ubone. Lalela uzwe wonke amazwi uSenakheribhi awathumele ukuzathuka uNkulunkulu ophilayo.

¹⁸ Kuliqiniso, THIXO, ukuthi amakhosi ase-Asiriya abatshabalalisa bonke lababantu kanye lamazwe abo. ¹⁹ Aphosele onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni abatshabalalisa, ngoba kungesibo onkulunkulu kodwa yizigodo lamatshe kuphela, okubunjwe ngezandla zabantu. ²⁰ Khathesi, THIXO, Nkulunkulu wethu, sikhulule esandleni sakhe, ukuze imibuso yonke emhlabeni ibekwazi ukuthi wena THIXO, nguwe wedwa onguNkulunkulu."

Ukuwa KukaSenakheribi

21 U-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathumela ilizwi kuHezekhiya elithi, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Ngenxa yokuthi ukhulekile kimi mayelana ngoSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya, ²² nanti ilizwi uTHIXO aselikhulume ngaye wathi:

INDodakazi eGcweleyo iZiyoni
iyakweyisa njalo iyakuklolodela.

INDodakazi iJerusalema
inqekuza ikhanda layo lapho wena ubaleka.

23 Ngubani lowo omthukileyo wamhlazisa?
Ngubani lowo omphakamisele ilizwi lakho wamphakamisela lamehlo akho ngokuzigqaja na?

NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!

24 Ngezithunywa zakho
umthukile uThixo.

Utshilo njalo ukuthi,

‘Ngezinqola zami ezinengi
ngikhwelile eziqongweni zezintaba
iziqongo eziphezulu kakhulu zaseLeb-
hanoni.

Sengigamule ngawisa izihlahla ezinde
zemisedari,
izihlahla ezikhethiweyo zamaphayini.

Ngifikile eziqongweni zalo ezikhatshana,
emaguswini alo amahle kakhulu.

25 Ngigebhile imithombo ezizweni
nganatha amanzi khona.

Ngezinyawo zami
ngomisile zonke izifula zaseGibhithe.’

26 Kawuzwanga na?

Lokhu ngakumisa endulo.
 Ngakuceba ensukwini zasendulo;
 khathesi sengenze ukuba kufezeke,
 ukuthi usudilize amadolobho avikelweyo
 aba yizingwaba zamatshe.

²⁷ Abantu bakhona, abangaselamandla,
 badangele njalo bayangekile.
 Banjengezilimo ensimini,
 njengamahlumela aluhlaza,
 lanjengotshani obuhluma ephahleni lwendlu
 bubuye butshe bungakakhuli.

²⁸ Kodwa ngiyakwazi lapho okhona,
 lalapho usiza uphinde uhambe;
 kanye lokuthi ungithukuthelela
 kangakanani.

²⁹ Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho
 langenxa yokuthi ubuqholo bakho sebufikile
 ezindlebeni zami,
 ngizafaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho
 lamatomu ami emlonyeni wakho,
 njalo ngizakwenza ubuyele
 ngendlela oze ngayo.

³⁰ Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe,
 Hezekhiya:

Lonyaka lizakudla okuzikhulela kodwa,
 ngomnyaka wesibili lidle umkhukhuzela
 wakhona.

Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu hlanyelani
 livune,
 hlanyelani izivini lidle izithelo zazo.

³¹ Futhi insali yendlu kaJuda

izagxilisa njalo impande phansi ithele izithelo ngaphezulu.

³² Ngoba eJerusalema kuzavela insali, kuthi entabeni iZiyoni kuphume ixuku labasindayo.

Ukutshiseka KUKATHIXO uSomandla kuzakwenza ukuba lokhu kufezeke.

³³ Ngakho-ke mayelana lenkosi yase-Asiriya UTHIXO uthi:

Kasoze angene kulelidolobho loba atshoke umtshoko lapha.

Kasoze eze kulo elehawu kumbe akhe umduli wokulivimbezela.

³⁴ Uzabuyela ngendlela eza ngayo; kasoze angene kulelidolobho, kutsho UTHIXO.

³⁵ Idolobho leli ngizalivikela ngilihlenge, ngenxa yami langenxa kaDavida inceku yami!

³⁶ Lapho-ke ingilosi KATHIXO yasuka yayabulala abantu abalikhulu elilamatshumi ayisifincaminwembili lanhlanu lezinkulungwane ezihonqweni zama-Asiriya. Kwathi lapho abantu bevuka ekuseni kwakhona bonke kwasekuyizidumbu kuphela! ³⁷ Ngakho uSenakheribhi inkosi yama-Asiriya wasuka ezihonqweni wahamba. Wabuyela eNiniva wahlala khona.

³⁸ Kwathi ngolunye usuku ekhonza ethempelini likaNisirokhi unkulunkulu wakhe, amadodana akhe u-Adrameleki loShareza ambulala ngenkemba asebakela elizweni lase-Ararathi. U-Esarihadoni indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.”

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Ukugula KukaHezekhiya

¹ Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula eselengela ekufeni. Umphrofethi u-Isaya, indodana ka-Amozi waya kuye wathi, “Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: Lungisa indlu yakho ngoba uzakufa, awuyikusila.”

² UHezekhiya waphenduka wakhangela emdulini wakhuleka KUTHIXO esithi, ³ “Khumbula, THIXO, ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngokuthembeka langokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yami yonke, njalo ngenze okuhle emehlweni akho.” UHezekhiya wakhala kabuhlungu.

⁴ Emva kwalokho kwafika ilizwi LIKATHIXO ku-Isaya lisithi: ⁵ “Yana kuHezekhiya uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavida, uthi: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, njalo ngizibonile lezinyembezi zakho. Ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ekuphileni kwakho. ⁶ Njalo ngizakukhulula wena, kanye ledolobho leli ezandleni zenkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngizavikela idolobho leli.

⁷ Lesi yisibonakaliso SIKATHIXO kuwe sokuthi UTHIXO uzakwenza njengokuthembisa kwakhe: ⁸ Ngizakwenza umthunzi obangelwe lilanga ubuyele emuva amanyathelo alitshumi umthunzi owehle ngawo emakhwelelweni ka-Ahazi.’” Ngakho ukukhanya kwelanga kwabuyela emuva ngamanyathela alitshumi elaselikhothame ngawo.

⁹ La ngamazwi alotshwa nguHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda emva kokuba esesilile ekuguleni kwakhe:

¹⁰ Ngathi, “Ebuhleni bokuphila kwami kumele ngedlule emasangweni okufa ngamukwe iminyaka yami eseleyo na?”

¹¹ Ngathi, “Angiyikumbona futhi uTHIXO ngokwakhe elizweni labaphilayo;

angisayikubabona futhi abantu bakithi loba ngibe lalabo abahlala kulumhlaba.

¹² Njengethente lomelusi indlu yami idiliziwe ngayithathelwa.

Njengomaluki impilo yami ngiyigoqile, ungisusile osungulweni; emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela.

¹³ Ngalinda ngokubekezela kwaze kwasa, kodwa amathambo ami uwephule wonke njengesilwane; emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela.

¹⁴ Ngakhala njengenkonjane kumbe ihemu, ngabubula njengejuba elililayo.

Amehlo ami afiphele ngokukhangela phezulu. Awu Thixo, ngikhathazekile, woza ungisize!”

¹⁵ Kodwa ngingathini na?

Ukhulumile kimi, wena ngokwakho ukwenzile lokhu.

Ngizahamba ngokuzithoba ekuphileni kwami konke ngenxa yobuhlungu bomoya wami.

¹⁶ Thixo, abantu baphila ngezinto ezinje; lomoya wami uthola ukuphila kuzo.

Wangibuyisela empilweni
wangenza ngaphila.

17 Ngeqiniso kwaba lusizo kimi
ukuzwa ubuhlungu obungaka.

Ngothando lwakho wangivikela
emgodini wokutshabalaliswa;
izono zami zonke
uzibeke ngemva kwakho.

18 Ngoba ingcwaba alingeke likubonge
lokufa akungeke kukudumise;

labo abangena emgodini
abangeke bathemba ubuqotho bakho.

19 Abaphilayo, ngempela abaphilayo, bayakudu-
misa
njengalokhu engikwenzayo lamuhla;
abazali batshela abantwababo
ngobuqotho bakho.

20 UTHIXO uzangisindisa;
njalo sizahlabelela ngamachacho
kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwethu
ethempelini LIKATHIXO.

21 U-Isaya wayethe, “Lungisani isigaqa
semikhiwa usifake phezu kwethumba, uzasila.”

22 UHezekhiya wayebuze wathi, “Kuyini
okuzakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi ngizakhwela
ngiye phezulu ethempelini LIKATHIXO na?”

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Izithunywa Ezivela EBhabhiloni

1 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodakhi-Bhaladani
indodana kaBhaladani inkosi yaseBhabhiloni,
wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya,

ngoba wayezwile ngokugula kwakhe lokusila kwakhe. ² UHezekhiya wazamukela izithunywa ngokuthaba, wazitshengisa okwakusendlini yakhe yokugcinela impahla, isiliva, igolide, iziyoliso, amafutha acengekileyo, izikhali zakhe zonke, lakho konke okwakukhona enothweni yakhe. Akulalutho esigodlweni sakhe loba embusweni wakhe wonke angazitshengisanga khona.

³ Ngakho u-Isaya umphrofethi waya kuHezekhiya inkosi wambuza wathi, “Atheni amadoda lawana, njalo avela ngaphi?”

UHezekhiya waphendula wathi, “Avela elizweni elikhatshana. Aze kimi evela eBhabhiloni.”

⁴ Umphrofethi wabuza wathi, “Aboneni esigodlweni sakho?”

UHezekhiya wathi, “Abone konke okusesigodlweni sami. Akulalutho phakathi kwempahla zami eziligugu engingawatshengisanga khona.”

⁵ Ngakho u-Isaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya, “Zwana ilizwi LIKATHIXO uSomandla lithi: ⁶ Isikhathi sizafika sibili lapho konke okusesigodlweni sakho lakho konke oyihlo abakugcinayo kusiyafika lolosuku, kuzathwalelwa eBhabhiloni. Akuyikusala lutho, kutsho UTHIXO. ⁷ Njalo abanye besizukulwane sakho, abenyama legazi lakho, abazalwa nguwe, bazathathwa bayekuba ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi yaseBhabhiloni.”

⁸ UHezekhiya waphendula wathi, “Ilizwi LIKATHIXO olikhulumileyo lilungile.” Ngoba

wayenakana esithi, “Kuzakuba lokuthula loku-
vikeleka ekuphileni kwami.”

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Induduzo Ebantwini BakaNkulunkulu

- ¹ Duduzani, libaduduze abantu bami,
kutsho uNkulunkulu wenu.
- ² Khulumani ngomusa kulo iJerusalema,
limemezele kulo
ukuthi ukusebenza kwalo nzima sekuphelile,
ukuthi isono salo sihlawulwe,
ukuthi selamukele okuvela esandleni SIKATHIXO
kuphindwe kabili kuzozonke izono zalo.
- ³ Ilizwi lomemezayo lithi:
“Enkangala lungiselani
uTHIXO indlela,
lenzele uNkulunkulu wethu
umgwaqo oqondileyo enkangala.
- ⁴ Zonke izigodi zizaphakanyiswa,
izintaba zonke lamaqaqa kuzakwehliselwa
phansi.
Umhlabathi ongamakhilikithi uzakwendlaleka,
izindawo ezimadundulu zizakuba
yisigcawu.
- ⁵ Inkazimulo KATHIXO izabonakaliswa,
abantu bonke bazambona kanyekanye,
ngoba umlomo KATHIXO usukhulumile.”
- ⁶ Ilizwi lithi, “Memeza!”
Mina ngathi, “Ngimemeze ngisithini na?”

“Abantu bonke banjengotshani
njalo ubuhle babo bunjengamaluba eganga.

- 7 Utshani buyabuna amaluba ayakhithika,
ngoba umoya KATHIXO uyakuphephetha.
Ngempela abantu babutshani.
- 8 Utshani buyabuna, amaluba ayakhithika,
kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu limi kuze kube
nininini.”
- 9 Wena oletha izindaba ezinhle eZiyoni,
khwela entabeni ende.
Wena oletha izindaba ezinhle eJerusalema,
phakamisa ilizwi lakho ngokumemeza;
liphakamise, ungesabi,
tshono emadolobheni akoJuda uthi:
“Nangu uNkulunkulu wenu!”
- 10 Khangelani, uTHIXO Wobukhosi uza ela-
mandla,
isandla sakhe sizabusa.
Khangelani, umvuzo wakhe ulawo,
lenhlawulo yakhe uhamba elayo.
- 11 Welusa umhlambi wakhe njengomelusi:
ubuthelela amawundlu ezingalweni zakhe
awathwale eseduzane lenhliziyo yakhe;
awakhokhele kuhle lawo alamazinyane.
- 12 Ngubani olinganise amanzi entendeni
yesandla sakhe,
loba walinganisa amazulu ngobubanzi be-
sandla sakhe na?
Ngubani owaphatha uthuli lomhlabathi ngesit-
sha
loba walinganisa izintaba ezilinganisweni
lamaqāqā esikalini na?
- 13 Ngubani osewazwisisa imicabango KATHIXO,

kumbe wamfundisa njengomeluleki wakhe na?

- 14 Ngubani owake wacelwa NGUTHIXO ukuba ameluleke, njalo ngubani owamfundisa indlela elungileyo na?

Ngubani lowo owamfundisa ukwazi, loba owamtshengisa indlela yokuqedisisa na?

- 15 Ngeqiniso izizwe zinjengethonsi emgqonyeni; zibalwa njengothuli ezilinganisweni;

UTHIXO ulinganisa izihlengi angathi ziluthuli olucolekileyo.

- 16 ILebhanoni kalaneli imililo ye-alithare, lezinyamazana zalo kazaneli iminikelo yokutshiswa.

- 17 Phambi kwakhe zonke izizwe zinjengeze; yena uzikhangela njengento engasi yalutho njalo zingaphansi kweze.

- 18 Pho ngubani elingamfanisa loNkulunkulu na? Yisifanekiso bani elingasilinganisa laye na?

- 19 Isithombe sibunjwa yingcwethi, umkhandi wegolide asinameke ngegolide asenzele imigaxo yesiliva.

- 20 Umuntu ongumyanga onganelisiyo ukunikela ngomnikelo onjalo ukhetha isigodo esingaboliyo.

Udinga ingcitshi elolwazi ukuba imise isithombe esingayikubhidlika.

- 21 Kalazi yini?

- Kalizwanga na?
 Kalikutshelwanga kwasekuqaleni na?
 Kalizwisisanga na selokhu umhlaba wadalwayo?
- 22 UTHIXO uhlezi ebukhosini ngaphezu kwendingiliza yomhlaba, njalo abantu bakhe banjengezintethe. Welula amazulu njengekhetheni, awendlale njengethente lokuhlala kulo.
- 23 Udiliza amakhosana, enze ababusi bomhlaba lo babe yize.
- 24 Banele ukugxunyekwa nje, banele ukuhlanyelwa nje, banele ukugxila impande emhlabathini abe ephetha phezu kwabo, babune, isavunguzane sibakhukhulele khatshana njengamakhoba.
- 25 “Ngubani elizangilinganisa laye na? Loba ngubani olingana lami na?” kutsho yena oNgcwele.
- 26 Phakamisani amehlo enu likhangele phezulu: Ngubani owadala konke lokhu na? Yena okhupha amaxuku ezinkanyezi ngalinye ngalinye, awabize ngalinye ngamabizo awo. Ngenxa yamandla akhe amakhulu lokuqina okulamandla, akukho lalinye elingekho.
- 27 Kungani usithi, we Jakhobe, usole usithi, we Israyeli, “Indlela yami ifihlakele THIXO;

ilungelo lami kalinanzwa nguNkulunkulu
wami na?"

28 Kalazi yini?

Kalizwanga na?

UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu waphakade,
uMdali wemikhawulo yomhlaba.

Kayikudinwa kumbe akhathale,
ukuqedisisa kwakhe kakho ongakulinganisa.

29 Abakhatheleyo uyabanika amandla,
andise amandla ababuthakathaka.

30 Labatsha baphelelwa ngamandla bakhathale,
lamajaha ayakhubeka awe,

31 kodwa labo abathemba UTHIXO
bazavuselelwa amandla abo.

Bazaqonga ngempiko njengezinkozi,
bazagijima kodwa bangadinwa,
bazahamba kodwa bangapheli amandla.

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Umsizi Ka-Israyeli

1 "Thulani lithi zwi phambi kwami lina zihlenge!

Izizwe kazivuselele amandla azo!

Kazisondele phambili zikhulume;

kasihlanganeni sonke endaweni
yokwahlulela.

2 Ngubani osevuse lowo ovela empumalanga,
embizela emsebenzini wakhe ngokulunga
na?

Unikela izizwe kuye,

anqobe amakhosi phambi kwakhe.

Ngenkemba yakhe uwenza abe luthuli,

- ngedandili lakhe awenze abe ngamakhoba
aphetshulwa ngumoya.
- ³ Uyawaxotsha yena adlule engathintwanga
lutho,
endleleni angakaze ahambe ngayo.
- ⁴ Ngubani owenze lokhu wakuphumelelisa,
ebiza izizukulwane kusukela ekuqaleni na?
Mina uTHIXO, kusukela kwesokuqala sazo
kanye lesokucina, nginguye.”
- ⁵ Izihlengi zikubonile njalo ziyesaba;
imikhawulo yomhlaba iyathuthumela,
iyasondela ize ngaphambili;
- ⁶ yilowo lalowo usiza omunye
athi kumfowabo, “Woba lesibindi!”
- ⁷ Umbazi ukhuthaza umkhandi wegolide,
lalowo ololonga ngesando
utshotshozela otshaya ihandila.
Mayelana lokunusela uthi, “Kulungile.”
Ubethelela isithombe phansi
ngezipikili ukuze singawi.
- ⁸ “Kodwa wena we Israyeli, nceku yami,
Jakhobe, wena engikukhethileyo,
wena nzalo ka-Abhrahama, umngane wami,
- ⁹ ngakuthatha emikhawulweni yomhlaba,
ngakubiza usemakhoneni akhatshana
kakhulu.
Ngathi, ‘Wena uyinceku yami’;
ngikukhethile njalo angikulahlanga.
- ¹⁰ Ngakho ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe;
ungakhathazeki, ngoba nginguNkulunkulu
wakho.

Ngizakuqinisa, ngikusize;
 ngizakusekela ngesandla sami sokudla esiqotho.

11 Bonke abakuthukutheleleyo,
 ngoqotho bazayangeka babe lenhloni;
 labo abakuphikisayo
 bazakuba njengeze, babhubhe.

12 Lanxa izitha zakho uzidinga,
 awuyikuzithola.
 Labo abalwa impi lawe
 bazakuba yize.

13 Ngoba mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
 wakho,
 okubamba ngesandla sakho sokudla
 athi kuwe: Ungesabi;
 ngizakusiza.

14 Ungesabi, wena mpethu enguJakhobe,
 wena Israyeli omncinyazana, ungesabi,
 ngoba mina ngokwami
 ngizakusiza," kutsho UTHIXO,
 uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

15 "Khangela, ngizakwenza
 ube yisileyi sokubhula esitsha
 njalo esibukhali esilenhlendla ezinengi.
 Uzabhula izintaba uzibhidlize.
 Wenze amaqaqqa abe ngamakhoba.

16 Uzawahlungula, umoya uwathathe,
 isavunguzane siwaphephulele khatshana.
 Kodwa wena uzathokoza KUTHIXO
 njalo uzibule koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

17 Abayanga labaswelayo badinga amanzi,

kodwa kawakho;
 inlimi zabo sezitshile ngokoma.
 Kodwa mina THIXO ngizabaphendula;
 mina, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, angiyikubal-
 ahla.
 18 Ngizakwenza amanzi ageleze emiqolweni en-
 gelalutho
 lemithombo phakathi kwezigodi.
 Ngizaguqula inkangala ibe yiziziba zamanzi,
 lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo ya-
 manzi.
 19 Enkangala ngizamilisa khona
 imisedari lemi-akhakhiya,
 amamithili kanye lama-oliva.
 Ogwaduleni ngizamisa izihlahla zamaphayini,
 ndawonye lemifiri kanye lemisiphresi,
 20 ukuze abantu babone njalo bazi,
 bacabange bazwisise
 ukuthi isandla SIKATHIXO yiso esenza lokhu,
 lokuthi oNgcwele ka-Israyeli ukudalile.
 21 Bikani indaba yenu,"
 kutsho UTHIXO.
 "Bekani izizatho zenu,"
 kutsho iNkosi kaJakhobe.
 22 "Lethani izithombe zenu
 zisitshela okuzakwenzakala.
 Sitsheleni izinto zendulo ukuthi zaziqini
 ukuze sizihlole,
 sazi isiphetho sazo.
 Loba sitsheleni izinto ezizayo,
 23 lisazise okuqukethwe yizinsuku ezizayo,
 ukuze sazi ukuthi lingonkulunkulu.
 Yenzani okuthile, okuhle kumbe okubi,

ukuze sithuthumele, sibe lokwesaba.

24 Kodwa lina liyize,
lemisebenzi yenu kayisilutho,
okhetha lina uyisinengiso.

25 Sengithukuthelise omunye enyakatho, njalo
uyeza
omunye ovela empumalanga obiza ibizo
lami.

Lowo unyathela phezu kwababusi
kube sengathi baludaka,
kube angathi ngumbumbi evoxa ibumba.

26 Ngubani owabika lokhu kwasekuqaleni,
ukuze sazi,

kumbe ngaphambilini
ukuze sithi, 'Wayeqinisile na?'

Kakho owabika ngalokhu,
kakho owakutsho ngaphambilini,
kakho owake wezwa amazwi aphuma kuwe.

27 Mina yimi engaba ngowokuqala
ukutshela iZiyoni ukuthi,
'Khangela, nampa lapha!'

Nganika iJerusalema
isithunywa sezindaba ezinhle.

28 Ngiyakhangela kodwa akulamuntu,
kakho phakathi kwabo onganika iseluleko,
kakho ongaphendula lapho ngibabuza.

29 Khangela, bonke bayize!
Izenzo zabo kazisilutho;
izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo
zingumoya lensambatheka."

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Inceku KATHIXO

- ¹ “Nansi inceku yami engiyisekelayo,
okhethiweyo wami, engithokoza ngaye.
Ngizabeka umoya wami phezu kwakhe,
uzaletha ukulunga ezizweni.
- ² Kayikumemeza kumbe aklabalale,
loba aphakamise ilizwi lakhe emigwaqweni.
- ³ Umhlanga ohluzukileyo akayikuwuquma,
lentambo yesibane etsha kancane
akayikuyicima.
Ngokwethembeka uzaletha ukulunga;
⁴ akayikudinwa kumbe ephulwe inhliziyi
aze alethe ukulunga emhlabeni.
Izihlenge zizakwethemba umthetho wakhe.”
- ⁵ Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguNkulunkulu
UTHIXO,
yena owadala amazulu wawelula,
yena owendlala umhlaba lakho konke oku-
phuma kuwo,
yena onika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula,
kuthi abahamba kuwo abanike ukuphila:
- ⁶ “Mina, UTHIXO ngikubizile ngokulunga;
ngizabamba isandla sakho.
Ngizakulondoloza
ngikwenze ube yisivumelwano sabantu
lokukhanya kwabeZizwe;
- ⁷ uvule amehlo eziphofu,
ukhuphe abathunjiweyo entolongweni,
ubakhulule emigodini yezibotshwa labo
abahlala emnyameni.

8 Mina NGINGUTHIXO, lelo yilo ibizo lami!
 Ubukhosi bami angiyikubunika omunye
 loba nginike izithombe udumo lwami.

9 Khangela, izinto zakuqala sezenzakele,
 njalo ngimemezela izinto ezintsha;
 zingakaveli ukuba zibe khona
 ngiyakutshela ngazo.”

Ingoma Yokudumisa UTHIXO

10 Hlabelelani UTHIXO ingoma entsha,
 udumo lwakhe kusukela emikhawulweni
 yomhlaba,

lina eliya phansi olwandle, lakho konke okukulo,
 lina zihlenge, labo bonke abahlala kini.

11 Inkangala lamadolobho ayo kakuphakamise
 amazwi akho;

imizi uKhedari ahlala kuyo kayijabule.

Abantu baseSela kabahlabele ngentokozi;
 kabaklabalale besezinqongweni zezintaba.

12 Kabamdumise UTHIXO,
 amemezele udumo lwakhe ezihlengeni.

13 UTHIXO uzaphuma njengendoda elamandla,
 njengebutho uzavuthela ukutshiseka
 kwakhe;

ngokuklabalala uzakhuza isaga sempi
 azinqobe izitha zakhe.

14 “Bengithule okwesikhathi eside kakhulu,
 bengithule ngizithiba.

Kodwa khatesi, njengowesifazane ebeletha,
 ngiyakhala, ngiyakhefuzela ngiphefuzela.

15 Ngizabhidliza izintaba lamaqaqa;
 ngilomise lonke uhlaza lwabo;

ngizaphendula imifula ibe yizihlengi
ngomise lamachibi.

16 Ngizakhokhela iziphofu ngezindlela
ezingazaziyo,
ngizihole ngezindledlana ezinga-
jwayelekanga.

Ngizaphendula umnyama ube yikukhanya
phambi kwazo;
ngenze izindawo ezimakhilikithi zibe but-
shelezi.

Lezi yizo izinto engizazenza;
angiyikuziyekela.

17 Kodwa labo abathemba izithombe,
abathi kuzifanekiso, 'Lingonkulunkulu
bethu,'
bazabuyiselwa emuva beyangeke impela."

U-Israyeli Uyisiphofu Njalo Uyisacuthe

18 "Zwanini, lina zacuthe;
khangelani, lina ziphofu, libone!

19 Ngubani oyisiphofu ngaphandle kwenceku
yami,
loyisacuthe njengesithunywa engisithumayo
na?

Ngubani oyisiphofu njengalowo ozinikele kimi,
oyisiphofu njengenceku KATHIXO na?

20 Selabona izinto ezinengi, kodwa kalinakanga;
indlebe zenu zivulekile, kodwa kalizwa
lutho."

21 Kwamthokozisa UTHIXO
ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe
ukuba akhulise umthetho wakhe ube
mkhulu njalo ulodumo.

22 Kodwa laba ngabantu abaphangiweyo bathunjwa;
 bonke bavalelwe emiwolweni,
 loba bafihlwa ezintolongweni.
 Sebenziwe baba yimpahla yokuthunjwa,
 kungela ozabasindisa;
 sebephendulwe baba yinto yokuthunjwa
 kungekho othi, “Babuyiseleni emuva.”

23 Ngubani wenu olalela lokhu,
 kumbe asinake isikhathi esizayo na?
 24 Ngubani owanikela uJakhobe ukuba abe yinto
 yokuthunjwa
 wanikela lo-Israyeli kubaphangi na?
 Kwakungasuye UTHIXO,
 esamonelayo thina na?
 Njengoba babengeke balandele izindlela zakhe;
 kabalalelanga umthetho wakhe.
 25 Ngakho wathela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo
 phezu kwabo,
 ukutshisa kwempi.
 Wabamboza ngamalangabi, kodwa kabezwisanga.
 Wabaqothula, kodwa kabakhathalanga.

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UMsindisi Yedwa Ka-Israyeli

1 Kodwa khathesi, nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uthi,
 yena owakudalayo, wena Jakhobe,
 yena owakubumbayo, wena Israyeli:
 “Ungesabi, ngoba ngikuhlengile;
 ngikubize ngebizo lakho; ungowami.

- ² Lapho udabula phakathi kwamanzi
 ngizakuba lawe;
 lalapho udabula emifuleni,
 kayiyikukukhukhula.
 Lapho uhamba phakathi komlilo, kawuyikutsha;
 amalangabi kawayikukubhebhisa.
- ³ Ngoba mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
 oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uMsindisi wakho.
 Ngizanikela iGibhithe njengenhlawulo yakho,
 iKhushi leSebha ime esikhundleni sakho.
- ⁴ Njengoba wena uligugu njalo udumile
 ebusweni bami,
 futhi ngenxa yokuthi ngiyakuthanda,
 ngizanikela abantu esikhundleni sakho,
 labantu esikhundleni sempilo yakho.
- ⁵ Ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe;
 ngizakulethela inzalo yakho ivela
 empumalanga
 ngikubuthe kusukela entshonalanga.
- ⁶ Ngizakutsho kuyo inyakatho ngithi, 'Bakhul-
 ule!'
 Ngitsho kuyo iningizimu ngithi,
 'Ungabagodli.'
- Buyisani amadodana ami
 akude lamadodakazi ami asemikhawulweni
 yomhlaba,
- ⁷ wonke umuntu obizwa ngebizo lami,
 engamdalela udumo lwami,
 engambumbayo, ngamenza."
- ⁸ Phumani lalabo abayiziphofu amehlo belawo,
 abayizacuthe indlebe belazo.
- ⁹ Izizwe zonke kaziqoqane ndawonye

labantu babuthane.
 Nguphi wabo owaphrofitha lokhu
 wamemezela kithi ngezinto zendulo?
 Kabalethe ofakazi babo babonakalise ukuthi
 baqinisile,
 ukuze abanye bezwe, batsho bathi,
 “Kuqotho.”

¹⁰ UTHIXO uthi, “Lina lingofakazi bami,
 lenceku zami engizikhethileyo,
 ukuze lazi, likholwe kimi,
 njalo lizwisise ukuthi mina nginguye.
 Ngaphambi kwami kakho unkulunkulu owake
 wabakhona,
 njalo kakho ozakuba khona emva kwami.

¹¹ Mina, mina uqobo, NGINGUTHIXO,
 ngaphandle kwami kakho omunye umsin-
 disi.

¹² Ngivezile ngasindisa, ngamemezela, mina
 ngokwami,
 hatshi unkulunkulu wezizweni ophakathi
 kwenu.

Lingofakazi bami, ngokuthi mina yimi uNku-
 lunkulu”
 kutsho UTHIXO.

¹³ “Ye, kusukela ensukwini zasendulo ngin-
 guye.

Kakho ongakhulula esandleni sami.
 Lapho ngisenza, ngubani ongakuguqula
 na?”

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 Kuka-Israyeli*

¹⁴ Lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
 uMhlengi wenu, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uthi,
 “Ngenxa yenu ngizathumela impi eBhabhiloni

ilethe bonke abaseBhabhiloni,
 njengeziphepheli ngemikhumbi
 ababezigqaja ngayo.

15 Mina NGINGUTHIXO, oNgcwele wenu,
 uMdali ka-Israyeli, iNkosi yenu.”

16 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO,

yena owenza indlela olwandle
 lomkhondo emanzini alamandla,

17 yena owakhupha izingola zempi lamabhiza,
 ibutho, lamanye awokuliqinisa endawonye;
 njalo lalala lapho, kalaze lavuka futhi;
 licitshe, liqunywe njengentambo yesibane:

18 “Khohlwani izinto zamandulo,
 linganakani ngosekwedlulayo.

19 Khangelani, ngenza okutsha!

Khatesi kuyavela ngokuphangisa;
 kalikuboni na?

Ngenza indlela enkangala
 lezifula ogwaduleni.

20 Izinyamazana zeganga ziyangidumisa;
 amakhanka lezikhova,

ngoba ngenza kube lamanzi enkangala
 lezifula ogwaduleni

ukuze nginathise abantu abakhethiweyo,

21 abantu engazenzela bona
 ukuba bangidumise.

22 Kodwa kawukhalazanga kimi wena Jakhobe,
 kodwa ukhathele ngami wena Israyeli.

23 Kawungilethelanga izimvu zomnikelo wokut-
 shiswa,
 kumbe wangidumisa ngemihlatshelo yakho.

- Angikuhluphanga ngeminikelo yamabele
 kumbe ngakudinisa ngokufuna impepha.
- 24 Kawungithengelanga amakha ekhane anuka
 mnandi,
 kumbe wangisuthisa ngamahwahwa emih-
 latshelo yakho.
- Kodwa unghathazile ngezono zakho
 njalo wangidinisa ngezinengiso zakho.
- 25 Mina, mina uqobo, nginguye owesula
 iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami,
 ngingabe ngisazikhumbula futhi izono za-
 kho.
- 26 Ngikhumbuza ngesikhathi esedlulayo,
 sibonisane ngaleyondaba
 ulandise ngoba msulwa kwakho.
- 27 Ukhokho wakho wokuqala wona;
 labakhulumeli bakho bangihlamukela.
- 28 Ngakho izikhulu zethempelini lakho
 ngizaziyangisa;
 nginikele uJakhobe ekubhujisweni
 lo-Israyeli ekweyisweni.”

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U-Israyeli Okhethiweyo

- 1 “Kodwa khatesi lalela, wena Jakhobe,
 nceku yami, Israyeli, engikukhethileyo.
- 2 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO,
 yena owakwenzayo, owakubumba esiswini,
 njalo yena ozakusiza, uthi:
 Ungesabi, wena Jakhobe, nceku yami,
 Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo.

- ³ Ngoba ngizathela amanzi elizweni elomileyo, lezifula emhlabathini owomileyo.
Ngizathela uMoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho lezibusiso zami phezu kwezizukulwane zakho.
- ⁴ Zizahluma njengotshani emadlelweni, lanjengeminyezane ezifuleni ezigelezayo.
- ⁵ Omunye uzakuthi, 'Mina **NGINGOKATHIXO**'; lomunye azibize ngebizo likaJakhobe; omunye laye uzaloba esandleni sakhe ukuthi, 'OKATHIXO,' azinike ibizo lika-Israyeli."

UTHIXO Hatshi Izithombe

- ⁶ "Nanku akutshoyo U**THIXO**, iNkosi loMhlengi ka-Israyeli, U**THIXO** uSomandla:
Mina ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina; ngaphandle kwami kakho uNkulunkulu.
- ⁷ Pho ngubani onjengami? Kakumemezele lokho. Katsho, achaze phambi kwami okwenzakalayo kusukela ekubekeni kwami abantu bami bendulo; akutsho lokuzakwenzakala; yebo, kakuqambe okuzayo.
- ⁸ Lingaqhaqhazeli, lingesabi. Lokhu angikutshongo ngabika ngakho kudala na?
Lina lingofakazi bami. Kulomunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami na?
Hatshi, kalikho elinye iDwala; kalikho engilaziyo."

- ⁹ Bonke abenza izithombe kabasilutho,

- lezinto abaziqakathekisayo ziyize.
 Labo abangabakhulumela bayiziphofu,
 kabazi lutho, kulihlazo kubo.
- 10 Ngubani obaza unkulunkulu abumbe
 isithombe,
 okungeke kumsize ngalutho?
- 11 Yena labanjengaye bazayangiswa;
 izingcitshi kazisilutho, ngabantu nje.
 Kaziqoqane zonke zime ndawonye;
 bazakuba lokwesaba kanye lehlazo.
- 12 Umkhandi uthatha insimbi
 ayifake emalahleni;
 enze isithombe ngezando,
 asikhande ngengalo yakhe elamandla.
 Uyalamba aphelelwe ngamandla.
 Anganathi manzi, amandla aphele.
- 13 Umbazi welula intambo yokulinganisa
 asidwebe ngosungulo,
 asibaze ngetshizela,
 asidwebe ngensimbi ecijileyo,
 abaze umfanekiso womuntu,
 umuntu olobuhle bonke,
 ukuba sihlale endlini yokukhonzela.
- 14 Ugamula isihlahla somsedari,
 loba athathe umsayiphresi kumbe um'Okhi.
 Uyasikhulisa phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu,
 kumbe ahlanyeke iphayini, izulu lisikhulise.
- 15 Lapho-ke siba zinkuni zomuntu zokubasa;
 okunye kwaso uyathatha othe,
 ubasa umlilo abhekhe izinkwa.
 Kodwa, njalo, wenza unkulunkulu amkhonze;
 abaze isithombe asikhothamele.

- 16 Ingxenye yezinkuni ubasa ngayo umlilo,
apheke ngawo ukudla kwakhe.
Ose inyama yakhe adle asuthe.
Njalo uyotha umlilo athi,
“Ha! Ngiyafudumala;
ngiyawubona umlilo.”
- 17 Ngeziseleyo wenza unkulunkulu,
isithombe sakhe; uyasikhothamela,
asikhonze.
Uyakhuleka kuso athi,
“Ngisindisa, ungunkulunkulu wami.”
- 18 Kabazi lutho, kabaqedisisi lutho;
amehlo abo abhadiwe ukuze bangaboni
lezingqondo zabo zivalekile ukuze bangaqe-
disisi.
- 19 Kakho oke ame acabange,
kakho olokwazi loba ukuzwisisa ukuba athi,
“Ingxenye yazo ngabasa ngayo umlilo;
ngaze ngabhekha izinkwa emalahleni awo,
ngosa inyama ngayidla.
Ngokuseleyo ngizakwenza into enengisayo na?
Ngizasikhothamela na isigodo nje?”
- 20 Udla umlotha, inhliziyo ekhohlisekileyo iyam-
lahla,
angeke azihlenge, kumbe athi,
“Into le esesandleni sami sokudla kayisi-
manga na?”
- 21 “Khumbula lezizinto, wena Jakhobe,
ngoba uyinceku yami, wena Israyeli.
Ngakubumba, uyinceku yami;
wena Israyeli, angiyikukukhohlwa.
- 22 Ngesule iziphambeko zakho njengeyezi,

ngesula izono zakho njengenkungu
yekuseni.
Buyela kimi,
ngoba ngikuhlengile.”

²³ Hlabelelani ngentokozo, lina mazulu,
ngoba uTHIXO usekwenzile lokhu;
hlaba umkhosi, wena mhlaba ngaphansi.
Tshayani ingoma lina zintaba,
lina mahlathi lazozonke izihlahla zenu,
ngoba uTHIXO usemhlengile uJakhobe,
ubonakalisa udumo lwakhe ko-Israyeli.

Kuzahlalwa EJerusalema

²⁴ “Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO,
uMhlengi wakho, owakubumbayo esiswini:

Mina NGINGU^{THIXO},
owenza izinto zonke,
owenza amazulu eyedwa,
owendlala umhlaba eyedwa,
²⁵ ofubisa izibonakaliso zabaphrofethi bamanga,
enze izanuse zibe yizithutha,
ochitha ulwazi lwezihlakaniphi
alwenze lube yibuthutha,
²⁶ ofeza amazwi ezinceku zakhe
aphelelise amacebo ezithunywa zakhe.

Athi kulo iJerusalema, ‘Kuzahlalwa kulo,’
ngamadolobho akoJuda athi, ‘Azak-
wakhiwa.’
Ngamanxiwa awo uthi, ‘Ngizawavusa,’
²⁷ athi enzikini yamanzi, ‘Cima,
ngizakomisa izifula zakho,’

28 athi ngoKhurosi, ‘Ungumelusi wami,
 uzafeza konke engikufunayo;
 uzakuthi ngeJerusalema, “Kalakhiwe futhi,”
 ngethempeli athi, “Izisekelo zalo kaza-
 khiwe.” ’ ’ ’

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1 “Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO kogcotshiweyo
 wakhe,
 uKhurosi, engibamba isandla sakhe sokudla
 ukuba ngingobe izizwe eziphambi kwakhe,
 ngithathele amakhosi izihlangu zawo,
 ngivule iminyango phambi kwakhe
 ukuze amasango angavaleki:
 2 Ngizahamba phambi kwakho
 ngenze izintaba zendlaleke.
 Ngizadiliza amasango ethusi,
 ngifohle emigoqweni yensimbi.
 3 Ngizakupha inotho yobumnyama,
 lenotho egcinwe ezindaweni ezifihlakeleyo
 ukuze wazi ukuthi mina NGINGU THIXO,
 uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okubiza ngebizo.
 4 Ngenxa kaJakhobe inceku yami,
 lo-Israyeli okhethiweyo wami,
 ngikubiza ngebizo
 ngikunike ibizo lokuhlonipha,
 lanxa wena unganginakanga.
 5 Mina NGINGU THIXO, njalo kakho omunye;
 ngaphandle kwami akulaNkulunkulu.
 Ngizakuqinisa,
 lanxa wena unganginakanga,

⁶ ukuze kuthi kusukela empumalanga
kusiya entshonalanga,
abantu bakwazi ukuthi kakho omunye ngaphan-
dle kwami.

Mina NGINGUTHIXO, njalo kakho omunye.

⁷ Ngenza ukukhanya njalo ngidale umnyama,
ngiletha ukuphumelela njalo ngidale in-
cithakalo;
mina THIXO ngiyazenza zonke lezizinto.

⁸ Lina mazulu angaphezulu, nisani ukulunga;
amayazi kawakuthululele phansi.

Umhlaba kawuvuleke kabanzi
kuhlume ukusindiswa,
ukulunga akukhule lakho;
mina, UTHIXO, ngikudalile.

⁹ Maye kulowo ophikisa uMdali wakhe,
kulowo oludengezi nje
phakathi kwendengezi emhlabathini.

Ibumba liyatsho na kumbumbi lithi,
'Kuyini okubumbayo?'

Umsebenzi wakho uyatsho na uthi,
'Kalazandla?'

¹⁰ Maye kulowo othi kuyise,
'Kuyini owakuzalayo?'

loba athi kunina,
'Kuyini owakubelethayo?'

¹¹ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, loMdali wakhe uthi:
Mayelana lezinto ezizayo,
uyangibuza ngabatwabami na,

loba uyangilawula emsebenzini engiwen-
zayo na?

- 12 Yimi engadala umhlaba,
ngenza labantu abahlala kuwo.
Ezami izandla yizo ezananabula amazulu;
ngahlela amaxuku ezinkanyezi zawo.
- 13 Ngizamvusa uKhurosi ngokulunga kwami,
ngenze izindlela zakhe zonke ziqonde.
Uzalakha futhi idolobho lami,
akhulule abami abaxotshwayo elizweni,
kodwa kungekho nhlawulo kumbe umvuzo,
kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.”

- 14 Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO:
“Izithelo zaseGibhithe lempahla ethengiswayo
yaseKhushi
lamaSebhina lawana amade,
bazakuza kuwe
babengabakho,
bazakhasabula ngemva kwakho,
beze kuwe bebotshwe ngamaketane.
Bazakukhothamela
bakuncenge besithi,
‘Ngempela uNkulunkulu ulawe, kakho omunye,
kakho omunye uNkulunkulu.’ ”

- 15 Ngeqiniso unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo,
Nkulunkulu loMsindisi ka-Israyeli.
- 16 Bonke ababaza izithombe bazayangiswa bad-
umazeke;
bonke bazahamba beyangekile.
- 17 Kodwa u-Israyeli uzasindiswa NGUTHIXO
ngensindiso engapheliyo;
kaliyikuyangiswa kumbe libe lehlazo

kuze kube nininini.

18 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
yena owadala amazulu,
 unguNkulunkulu,
yena owabumba umhlaba wawenza,
 wawusekela;
kawudalanga ukuba ungabi lalutho,
 kodwa wawenza ukuba kuhlalwe kuwo,
uthi:
“Mina NGINGUTHIXO,
 kakho omunye.

19 Angikhulumanga ensitha
 kwenye indawo elizweni lomnyama;
angizange ngithi kuzizukulwane zikaJakhobe,
 ‘Ngidingani lingangitholi.’
Mina THIXO ngikhuluma iqiniso;
 ngitsho okuqotho.

20 Qoqanani ndawonye lize kimi;
 buthanani lina elabaleka ezizweni.
Labo abahamba bethwele izithombe zezigodo
 kabazi lutho;
 labo abakhuleka kubonkulunkulu abangeke
 babasize.”

21 Memezelani okufanele kube yikho, likubike,
 kabemukele izeluleko ndawonye.
Ngubani owabika lokhu endulo,
 ngubani owamemezela ngakho kudala le?
Kwakungayisimi mina THIXO na?
 Njalo kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle
 kwami,
uNkulunkulu olungileyo onguMsindisi;
 kakho omunye, yimi kuphela.

22 “Phendukelani kimi lisindiswe,
lonke lina mikhawulo yomhlaba;
ngoba mina nginguNkulunkulu,
njalo kakho omunye.

23 Ngifunge ngami,
ngobuqotho bonke
umlomo wami ukhulume ilizwi elingayikwe-
sulwa.

Amadolo wonke azaguqa phambi kwami;
izindimi zonke zizafunga ngami.

24 Zizakutsho ngami zithi, ‘Ukulunga lamandla
kuTHIXO kuphela.’ ”

Bonke abamthukuthelelayo
bazakuza kuye bayangiswe.

25 Kodwa THIXO yonke inzalo
ka-Israyeli izafunyanwa ilungile,
ithokoze iziqhenya ngaye.

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Onkulunkulu BaseBhabhiloni

1 UBheli uyakhothama, uNebho uyaguqa;
izithombe zabo zithwelwe yizifuyo zokuth-
wala.

Izifanekiso ezithwelweyo ziyasinda,
umthwalo osindayo kodiniweyo.

2 Bayakhothama baguqe ndawonye;
benganelisi ukuhlenga umthwalo,
labo uqobo baya khona ekuthunjweni.

3 “Ngilalela wena ndlu kaJakhobe,
lonke lina eliseleyo abendlu ka-Israyeli,
lina engalisekelayo selokhu lemulwayo,
ngalithwala selokhu lazalwayo.

- 4 Lasebudaleni benu, inwele zenu sezimhlophe,
 mina nginguye, nginguye ozaliqinisa.
 Sengilenzile njalo ngizalithwala;
 ngizaliqinisa ngilihlenge.
- 5 Ngubani elingangilinganisa laye kumbe limbale
 njengolingana lami na?
 Ngubani elingangifananisa laye ukuba
 siqathaniswe na?
- 6 Abanye bathulula igolide emigodleni yabo
 balinganise isiliva ezikalini;
 baqhatshe abakhandi begolide ukuba benze un-
 kulunkulu ngalo,
 bakhothame, bamkhonze.
- 7 Bayamphakamisela emahlombe abo bamth-
 wale;
 bayambeka endaweni yakhe, ame
 khonapho.
 Angeke asuke kuleyondawo.
 Lanxa umuntu ememeza, kaphenduli;
 angeke amsize ekuhluphekeni kwakhe.
- 8 Khumbulani lokhu, likufake ezingqondweni
 zenu,
 kukhumbuleni lina bahlamuki.
- 9 Khumbulani izinto zakuqala ezendulo.
 Mina nginguNkulunkulu,
 kakho omunye; mina nginguNkulunkulu,
 kakho onjengami.
- 10 Mina ngenza isiphetho sazakale
 kusukela ekuqaleni lokuzakwenzakala,
 kusukela ezikhathini zasendulo.
 Ngithi: 'Injongo yami izakuma kokuphela,

- njalo ngizakwenza konke engikufunayo.’
- 11 Empumalanga ngibiza inyoni edla ezinye;
elizweni elikhatshana ngibiza umuntu
ukuba afeze injongo yami.
- Lokho engikutshiloyo ngizakufeza;
lokho engikucebileyo ngizakwenza.
- 12 Ngilalelani lina elilezinhliziyi ezilukhuni,
lina elikhatshana lokulunga.
- 13 Ngiletha ukulunga kwami eduzane,
akukho khatshana;
lokusindisa kwami akuyikuphuziswa.
- IZiyoni ngizayinika ukusindiswa,
u-Israyeli inkazimulo yami.”

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Ukuwa KweBhabhiloni

- 1 “Yehla uhlale othulini
Ndodakazi emsulwa yaseBhabhiloni,
hlala emhlabathini ungelasihlalo sobukhosi,
ndodakazi yamaBhabhiloni.
- Akusayikuthiwa
ubuthakathaka loba kuthiwe uthambile.
- 2 Thatha amatshe okuchola uchole impuphu;
ukhuphe isimombozo sakho.
- Phakamisa izidwaba zakho, uveze imilenze
yakho,
ugxabhaze udabule ezifuleni.
- 3 Ubunqunu bakho buzavezwa,
ihlazo lakho lambuleke.
- Ngizaphindisela,
kakho engizamyekela.”

4 Umhlengi wethu uTHIXO uSomandla libizo
lakhe
ungoNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

5 “Hlala ngokuthula, yana emnyameni,
ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya;
awuyikubizwa ngokuthi
ndlovukazi yemibuso futhi.

6 Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami,
ngangcolisa ilifa lami,
ngabanikela ezandleni zakho,
kawaze waba lesihawu kubo.
Lasebeluphele,
wabethesa ijogwe elinzima.

7 Wathi, ‘Ngizaqhubeka kokuphela
ngiyindlovukazi nini lanini.’
Kodwa kawuzinakanga lezizinto,
kumbe unakane ngokungenzakala.

8 Khathesi-ke lalela, wena sidalwa esingaz-
ibekanga,
wena ocambaleleyo uvikelekile
usithi ngenhliziyo yakho,
‘Mina yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle
kwami,
angisoze ngaba ngumfelokazi
kumbe ngifelwe ngabantwana.’

9 Kodwa lokhu kokubili kuzakwehlela
ngokuphangisa, ngasuku lunye
ukufelwa ngabantwana lobufelokazi.
Lokhu kuzakwehlela phezu kwakho ngokugcwe-
leyo,
bungakhathelekile ubuthakathi bakho

layo yonke imilingo yakho elamandla.

- 10 Wethembele ebubini bakho,
njalo watsho wathi, 'Kakho ongibonayo.'
Inhlakanipho yakho lolwazi lwakho
kuyakukhohlisa
lapho usithi kuwe,
'Mina yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle
kwami.'
- 11 Incithakalo izakwehlela phezu kwakho,
njalo awuyikwazi ukuyivikela ngemilingo.
Umonakalo uzakwehlela phezu kwakho,
ongeke uwuvimbe ngenhlawulo,
lengozi ongeke uyikhumbulele
izakujuma.

- 12 Qhubeka-ke ngemilingo yakho,
langobuthakathi bakho obunengi
okusebenza kusukela ebantwaneni bakho.
Mhlawumbe uzaphumelela,
kumbe njalo wenze kube lokwesaba.
- 13 Zonke izeluleko owazitholayo zikucobile.
Izazi zezinkanyezi kazisondele,
labahloli bezinkanyezi ababika ngokuzakwenzaka
kala inyanga ngenyanga.
Kabakuhlenge kulokhu okuzakwehlela.
- 14 Impela banjengamahlanga;
umlilo uzabatshisa futhi
bangeke bazihlenga
emandleni amalangabi.
Lapha akulamalahle okothiwa ngumuntu;
lapha akulamlilo wokotha.
- 15 Lokho yikho abangakwenzela khona
labo owasebenza labo,

uthengiselana labo kusukela ebuntwaneni.
 Omunye lomunye wabo uyaqhubeka ngesiphosiso sakhe;
 kakho ongakusindisa.”

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U-Israyeli Oyisiqholo

- ¹ “Zwana lokhu, wena ndlu kaJakhobe,
 lina elibizwa ngebizo lika-Israyeli
 elingabosendo lukaJuda,
 lina elifunga ngoTHIXO,
 licele usizo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
 kodwa kungasingeqiniso loba ngokulunga,
² lina elibizwa ngokuthi lingabasedolobheni elingcwele,
 lethembe uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,
 uTHIXO uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe:
³ Ngamemezela ngezinto zakuqala endulo,
 ngazitsho ngomlomo wami, ngazenza zaza-kala.
 Ngazenza ngokuphangisa, zahle zenzakala.
⁴ Ngoba ngangikwazi ukuthi ulenkani,
 imisipha yentamo yakho zinsimbi,
 ibunzi lakho lithusi.
⁵ Ngakho-ke ngakutsho kudala ngalezizinto,
 ngakwazisa ngazo zingakenzakali
 ukuze wena ungaze wathi,
 ‘Izithombe zami yizo ezazenzayo;
 izithixo zami zezigodo lonkulunkulu wensimbi yibo abakumisayo.’
⁶ Usuzizwile lezizinto; zikhangele zonke.
 Awuyikuzivuma na?

Kusukela khathesi ngizakutshela ngezinto ezintsha,
izinto ezifihlakeleyo wena ongazaziyo.

⁷ Zidalwe khathesi nje, hatshi endulo;
awuzange uzwe ngazo mandulo.

Ngakho awungeke uthi,
'Yebo, kade ngizazi.'

⁸ Kawuzange uzwe kumbe uqedisise;
kusukela endulo indlebe yakho
ibingavulekanga.

Ngikwazi kuhle ukuthi wena uyingozi;
kwathiwa ungumhlamuki kusukela ekuzalweni kwakho.

⁹ Ngenxa yebizo lami, ngiyaluphuzisa ulaka lwami;
ngenxa yodumo lwami ngiyalubamba ukuba lungehleli kuwe,
ukuze ngingakubhubhisi.

¹⁰ Khangela, ngikulungisile lanxa kunganjenge-siliva;
ngikuhlole emlilweni wokuhlupheka.

¹¹ Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami, ngenza lokhu.
Ngingavuma njani ukuba ibizo lami ligconwe na?
Angiyikunika omunye udumo lwami."

U-Israyeli Ukhululwe

¹² "Ngilalela wena Jakhobe,
Israyeli, engikubizileyo:

Mina nginguye;
ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina.

¹³ Isandla sami sabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
isandla sami sokudla sendlala amazulu;
lapho ngikubiza,

kuyasukuma konke kanyekanye.

- 14 Buthanani ndawonye lonke lilalele:
 Yisiphi sezithombe esamemezela ngaleziz-
 into ngaphambilini na?
 Umsekeli KATHIXO okhethiweyo
 uzafeza inhloso yakhe yokuhlasela amaKha-
 ladiya;
 ingalo yakhe izamelana lamaKhaladiya.
- 15 Mina, mina ngokwami, sengikhulumile;
 yebo ngimbizile.
 Ngizamletha,
 njalo uzaphumelela kuyo inhloso yakhe.
- 16 Sondelani kimi lizwe lokhu:
 Kusukela esimemezeleni sakuqala angikhu-
 lumelanga ensitha;
 lapho kusenzakala, mina ngikhona.”

Khathesi UTHIXO Wobukhosi ungithumile
 ngoMoya wakhe.

- 17 Nanku UTHIXO akutshoyo,
 uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli:
 “Mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
 okufundisa lokho okuhle kakhulu kuwe,
 ekutshengisa indlela okumele uhambe
 ngayo.
- 18 Aluba wawulalele imilayo yami nje,
 ukuthula kwakho kwakuzakuba njengom-
 fula,
 ukulunga kwakho kunjengamagagasi olwan-
 dle.
- 19 Inzalo yakho yayizakuba ngangetshebetshebe,

abantwabakho babe ngangezinhlamvu zalo
ezingeke zibalwe;
ibizo labo belingayikwesulwa
kumbe lidilizwe phambi kwami.”

- 20 Sukani eBhabhiloni,
libalekele amaBhabhiloni!
Bikani lokhu lihlabane umkhosi ngentokozi
njalo likumemezele.
Kufikiseni emikhawulweni yomhlaba;
lithi, “UTHIXO uyihlengile inceku yakhe
uJakhobe.”
- 21 Kabomanga ekubaholeni kwakhe bedabula
ezinkangala;
wabenzela amanzi agelezayo ephuma ed-
waleni,
wadabula idwala
amanzi ampompoza.

22 UTHIXO uthi, “Akukho ukuthula kwababi.”

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Inceku KATHIXO

- 1 Ngilalelani lina zihlengi;
zwanini lokhu lina zizwe ezikude:
UTHIXO wangibiza ngingakazalwa;
kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ubelitsho ibizo
lami.
- 2 Wenza umlomo wami waba njengenkemba
eloliweyo,
wangifihla emthunzini wesandla sakhe.
Wangenza ngaba ngumtshoko ololiweyo,
wangifihla emxhakeni wakhe wemitshoko.
- 3 Wathi kimi, “Wena Israyeli uyinceku yami,

engizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami ngayo.”

⁴ Kodwa mina ngathi, “Mina ngisebenzele ize; amandla ami ngiwachithele ize lobala, ikanti okufanele mina kusesandleni SIKATHIXO, lomvuzo wami ukuNkulunkulu.”

⁵ Khathesi UTHIXO uthi,
yena owangibumbayo esiswini ukuba ngibe
yinceku yakhe
ukuze ngibuyisele uJakhobe
kuye lokuqoqela u-Israyeli kuye,
ngoba ngiphakanyisiwe emehlweni KATHIXO
njalo uNkulunkulu wami ubengamandla
ami

⁶ uthi:
“Kuyinto encane kakhulu kuwe ukuba yinceku
yami
ukuze uvuselele izizwe zikaJakhobe
ubuyise labako-Israyeli engibalondolozileyo.
Ngizakwenza ube yikukhanya kwabeZizwe,
ukuze ufikise usindiso lwami emikhawul-
weni yomhlaba.”

⁷ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO,
uMhlengi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
utsho kuye oweyiswa, wenyanywa yisizwe,
kuyo inceku yababusi:
“Amakhosi azakubona asukume,
amakhosana azakubona akhothame,
ngenxa KATHIXO othembekileyo,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli okukhethileyo.”

Ukubuyiselwa Kuka-Israyeli

⁸ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:

“Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo kimi ngizakuphendula,
 langosuku lwensindiso ngizakusiza.
 Ngizakulondoloza ngikwenze
 ube yisivumelwano sabantu,
 ukubuyisela ilizwe
 lokwaba kutsha amafa abo achithekayo,
⁹ uthi kwabathunjiweyo, ‘Phumani,’
 kulabo abasemnyameni uthi, ‘Khululekani!’

Bazadlela emaceleni emigwaqo
 bathole amadlelo kuwo wonke amaqafa
 alugwadule.

¹⁰ Kabayikulamba kumbe bome,
 lokutshisa kwasenkangala kumbe okwe-
 langa kabayikukuzwa.

Lowo obazwela isihawu uzabakhokhela
 abase emithonjeni yamanzi.

¹¹ Izintaba zami zonke ngizazenza zibe
 yizindlela,
 imigwaqo yami izaphakamela phezulu.

¹² Khangelani, bazakuza bevela khatshana,
 abanye bevela enyakatho, abanye bevela
 entshonalanga
 labanye bevela emangweni wase-Asiwani.”

¹³ Hlabelelani ngentokozo lina mazulu;
 jabula lawe mhlaba;
 tshayani ingoma lina zintaba.

Ngoba UTHIXO uyabaduduza abantu bakhe
 njalo uzakuba lesihawu kwabahluphekayo
 bakhe.

¹⁴ Kodwa iZiyoni yathi, “UTHIXO ungilahlile,

UTHIXO usengikhohliwe.”

15 “Owesifazane angamkhohlwa umntanakhe omunyayo na, angabi lesihelo emntwaneni amzeleyo na?

Lanxa engamkhohlwa, mina angiyikukukhohlwa!”

16 Khangela, sengikudwebe ezintendeni zezandla zami; imiduli yakho ihlezi iphambi kwami.

17 Amadodana akho aphanga emuva, lalabo abakuchithayo bayasuka kuwe.

18 Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele emaceleni wonke, wonke amadodana akho ayaqoqana eze kuwe.

UTHIXO uthi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngiphila, bonke uzabagqiza njengezigqizo, ucece ngabo njengomlobokazi.

19 Lanxa nje wadilizwa waba lunxiwa lelizwe lakho lachithwa, khathezi uzakuba mncane kakhulu ebantwini bakho; lalabo abakuchithayo bazakuba khatshana.

20 Abantwana abazalwa ngesikhathi sokufelwa kwakho bazakutsho lawe usizwa bathi, ‘Indawo le incinyane kakhulu kithi; siphe enye njalo indawo yokuhlala.’

21 Lapho-ke uzakuthi enhliziyweni yakho, ‘Ngubani owangizalela laba na? Ngafelwa njalo ngaba njengongazalanga;

ngaxotshwa elizweni, ngalahlwa.

Laba bondliwa ngubani?

Mina ngangisele ngedwa,

kodwa laba-ke, bavele ngaphi? ”

²² Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi:

“Khangela, ngizaqhweba abeZizwe.

Ngizaphakamisela uphawu lwami
ebantwini;

bazaletha amadodana akho bewagonile,

amadodakazi akho bewathwele
ngamahlombe abo.

²³ Amakhosi azakuba ngoyihlo bokukukhulisa,
amakhosikazi awo abe ngonyoko
bokukondla.

Bazakhothama phambi kwakho ubuso babo
buphansi, emhlabathini,

bazakhotha uthuli ezinyaweni zakho.

Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina NGINGUTHIXO;

labo abangithembayo abayikudaniswa.”

²⁴ Amabutho angemukwa impango na,

kumbe abathunjiweyo bahlengwe
kwabesabekayo na?

²⁵ Kodwa nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:

“Yebo, abathunjiweyo bazathathwa emabuth-
weni

lempango izahluthunwa futhi
kwabesabekayo,

ngoba ngizamelana lalabo abamelana lawe,

abantwabakho ngizabahlenga.

²⁶ Ngizakwenza abancindezeli bakho badle in-
yama yemizimba yabo;

bazadakwa ngelabo igazi njengewayini.

Lapho-ke izizwe zonke zizakwazi

ukuthi mina THIXO, nginguMsindisi wakho,
uMhlengi wakho, uMninimandla
kaJakhobe.”

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Isono Sika-Israyeli Lokulalela Kwenceku

- ¹ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Ingaphi incwadi kanyoko yokuchitha umtshado
engamxotsha ngayo na?
Kumbe nguphi kwababelezikwelede zami
engamthengisayo na?
Lathengiswa ngenxa yezono zenu,
lonyoko waliwa ngenxa yokona kwenu.
- ² Ekufikeni kwami, kungani kwakungelamuntu
na?
Ekubizeni kwami, kungani kungekho muntu
owasabelayo na?
Ingalo yami yayimfitshane kakhulu ukuba ilih-
lenge na?
Angilamandla okulikhulula na?
Ngokukhuza nje kuphela, ngiyalomisa ulwandle,
ngiphendule imifula ibe yinkangala;
inhlanzi zayo zibole ngenxa yokuswela amanzi,
zife ngenxa yokoma.
- ³ Ngembathisa umkhathi ngomnyama.
Ngenze amasaka abe yisembeso sawo.”
- ⁴ UTHIXO wobukhosi unginike ulimi olufundisi-
weyo
ukuba ngazi ilizwi lokuqinisa abadiniweyo.
Uyangivusa ekuseni kwansukuzonke,
avuse indlebe yami ukuba ilalele njengo-
fundiswayo.

- 5 UTHIXO Wobukhosi uvule indlebe zami,
njalo angizange ngibe ngohlamukayo;
angibuyelanga emuva.
- 6 Nganikela umhlana wami kulabo ababengitshaya,
lezihlathi zami kulabo abacutha indevu
zami;
ubuso bami angibufihlanga
ekugconweni lekukhafulelweni.
- 7 Ngenxa yokuthi UTHIXO Wobukhosi uyangisiza
angiyikuyangeka.
Ngakho-ke sengiqinise ubuso bami babanjengelitshe lomlilo;
njalo ngiyazi ukuthi angiyikuyangeka.
- 8 Lowo ongimelayo useduzane.
Ngubani-ke ongangethesa amacala?
Kasiqondane.
Ngubani ongimangalelayo na?
Kangiqonde!
- 9 NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi ongisizayo.
Ngubani lowo ongathi ngilecala na?
Bonke bazaguga njengesigqoko,
inondo izabadla.
- 10 Ngubani phakathi kwenu omesabayo UTHIXO
elalela ilizwi lenceku yakhe na?
Lowo ohamba emnyameni,
ongelakho ukukhanya,
kathembe ebizweni LIKATHIXO
abambelele KUTHIXO wakhe.
- 11 Kodwa khathesi, lonke lina eliphemba imililo
lizenzele amalangabi okukhanyisa,
sukani, lihambe ekukhanyeni kwemililo yenu,

lokwezibane elizikhanyisileyo.
 Elizakwamukela esandleni sami yilokhu:
 Lizalala phansi lisebuhlungwini.

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Insindiso Engapheliyo YeZiyoni

- ¹ “Lalelani kimi lina elilandela ukulunga lidinga LOTHIXO:
 Khangelani edwaleni elacezulwa kulo lasegodini lamatshe elambiwa kulo;
² khangelani ku-Abhrahama, uyihlo, lakuSara owalizalayo.
 Ekumbizeni kwami wayemunye, ngambusisa ngamandisa.
³ Ngeqiniso UTHIXO uzaduduza iZiyoni abe lesihawu kuwo wonke amanxiwa alo; uzakwenza izinkangala zalo zibe njenge-Edeni, amazwe alo alugwadule afane lesivande sikaThixo.
 Ukuthaba lentokozo kuzafunyanwa kulo, kanye lokubonga lelizwi lokuhlabela.
- ⁴ Lalelani kimi, bantu bami; ungizwe lawe sizwe sami; Kuzaphuma umthetho uvela kimi; ukulunga kwami kuzakuba yikukhanya ezizweni.
⁵ Ukulunga kwami kusondela ngokuphangisa, insindiso yami iyeza, ingalo yami izaletsa ukulunga ezizweni. Izihlenge zizakhangela kimi, zilinde zithembe amandla ami.

6 Phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu emazulwini,
 likhangele lasemhlabeni phansi;
 amazulu azanyamalala njengentuthu;
 umhlaba uzaguga njengesigqoko
 abakhe kuwo bafe njengempukane.
 Kodwa insindiso yami izakuba khona kuze kube
 nininini,
 ukulunga kwami akuyikuphela.

7 Ngizwani lina elikwaziyo okulungileyo
 lina bantu abagcina umthetho wami ez-
 inhliziyweni zenu:
 Lingakwesabi ukugconwa ngabantu,
 kumbe lethuswe yizithuko zabo.
 8 Ngoba inondo izabadla njengesigqoko;
 impethu ibadle njengewulu.
 Kodwa ukulunga kwami kuzakuba khona kuze
 kube nininini;
 lensindiso yami ikhona kuzizukulwane
 zonke.”

9 Vuka, vuka, wena ngalo KATHIXO;
 uzigqokise ngamandla akho!
 Vuka njengasezinsukwini zendulo,
 lanjengakuzizukulwane zakudala.
 Kayisuwe yini owaquma uRahabi waba yiziqa,
 wagwaza lesilo lesiyana na?

10 Kawusuwe yini owomisa ulwandle,
 amanzi atshona kakhulu,
 wenza umgwaqo ezinzikini zolwandle
 ukuze abahlengiweyo bachaphe na?

11 Labahlengiweyo BAKATHIXO bazabuyela.

Bazangena eZiyoni behlabelela,
 intokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngumqhele
 emakhanda abo.
 Bazakuba lokuthula lenjabulo,
 usizi lokububula kuzaphela.

12 “Mina, mina uqobo, nginguye oliduduzayo.
 Ungubani wena ukuba wesabe abantu
 abafayo,

amadodana abantu, abutshani nje,
 13 uze ukhohlwe UTHIXO, uMenzi wakho,
 owendlala amazulu
 wabeka lezisekelo zomhlaba,
 ukuthi uhlale ngokwesaba okungapheliyo nsuku
 zonke
 ngenxa yolaka lomncindezeli,
 ohlose ukuchitha na?

Ngoba lungaphi na ulaka lomncindezeli?

14 IziBotshwa ezitshotshobeleyo zizakhul-
 ulwa masinyazana,
 aziyikufela emajele azo,
 kumbe ziswele ukudla.

15 Ngoba mina NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu
 wakho,
 ophehla ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo
 ahlokome,
 ibizo lakhe NGUTHIXO uSomandla.

16 Ngifake amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho
 ngakwembesa ngomthunzi wesandla sami,
 mina engabeka amazulu endaweni yawo,
 ngabeka izisekelo zomhlaba,
 njalo othi kuZiyoni, ‘Lina lingabantu bami.’ ”

Inkezo Yolaka LUKATHIXO

17 Vuka, vuka!

Phakama wena Jerusalema,
 wena onathe enkezweni esandleni SIKATHIXO
 inkezo yolaka lwakhe,
 wena oyikhoce wafika enzeceni zayo;
 inkezo eyenza amadoda adiyazele.

18 Kuwo wonke amadodana eliwazeleyo,
 kayikho eyayingalikhokhela;
 kuwo wonke amadodana elawondlayo,
 kayikho eyayingalibamba ngesandla.

19 Lezizingozi ezimbili zikwehlele;
 ngubani ongakududuza na?
 Incithakalo lokubhujiswa, indlala lenkemba,
 ngubani ongakududuza na?

20 Amadodana akho asephele amandla,
 aselala ezihlokweni zemigwaqo yonke
 njengebhalabhala elibanjwe ngumambule.
 Agcwele ulaka LUKATHIXO
 lokukhuza kukaNkulunkulu wakho.

21 Ngakho-ke zwana lokhu wena ohluphekayo,
 lodakisiweyo kodwa kungasingewayini.

22 Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO Wobukhosi
 bakho,
 uNkulunkulu wakho ovikela abantu bakhe:
 “Khangela, sengiyisusile esandleni sakho
 inkezo ekwenza udiyazele;
 leyonkezo engeyolaka lwami,
 awuyikunatha ngayo futhi.

23 Ngizayibeka ezandleni zabakuhluphayo,
 abathi kuwe,
 ‘Cambalala ukuze sihambe phezu kwakho.’
 Wena-ke wenza umhlane wakho waba njen-
 genhlabathi,

lanjengomgwaqo okungahanjwa kuwo.”

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- ¹ Vuka, vuka, wena Ziyoni,
uzembese ngamandla!
Gqoka iziggoko zakho zenkazimulo,
wena Jerusalema, muzi ongcwele.
Ongasokanga longcolileyo
akayikungena kuwe futhi.
- ² Thintitha uthuli lwakho;
sukuma, uhlale ebukhosini, wena
Jerusalema.
Zikhulule izibopho ezisentanyeni yakho,
wena Ndodakazi ethunjiweyo yaseZiyoni.
- ³ Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Lathengiswa ngeze,
njalo lizahlengwa kungekho mali.”
- ⁴ Ngoba nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO
Wobukhosi:
“Ekuqaleni abantu bami baya eGibhithe be-
siyahhlala khona;
muva i-Asiriya yabancindezela.
- ⁵ Khathesi kuyini engilakho lapha?” kubuza
UTHIXO.
“Ngoba abantu bami bathunjwa kungekho siza-
tho,
njalo labo abababusayo bayakloloda,”
kutsho UTHIXO.
“Ilanga lonke
ibizo lami lihlanjazwa kokuphela.
- ⁶ Ngakho-ke abantu bami bazalazi ibizo lami,
ngakho-ke ngalolosuku bazakwazi

ukuthi yimi engamemezela lokho ngapham-
bilini.
Yebo, yimi.”

⁷ Yeka ubuhle phezu kwezintaba,
bezinyawo zalabo abaletha izindaba ezinhle,
abamemezela ukuthula,
abaletha izindaba ezinhle,
abamemezela insindiso,
abathi kulo iZiyoni,
“UNkulunkulu wakho uyabusa!”

⁸ Lalela! Abalindi bakho baphakamisa amazwi
abo,
bonke bahlaba umkhosi ngokuthokoza.
Lapho UTHIXO ebuyela eZiyoni
bazayibona iZiyoni ngamehlo abo.

⁹ Hlokomani ndawonye ngezingoma
zokuthokoza,
lina manxiwa aseJerusalema,
ngoba UTHIXO usebaduduzile abantu bakhe,
uselihlengile iJerusalema.

¹⁰ UTHIXO uzaveza ingalo yakhe engcwele
phambi kwezizwe zonke,
njalo yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba
izabona insindiso kaNkulunkulu wethu.

¹¹ Sukani, sukani, phumani lapho!
Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo!
Phumani kulo libe ngabahlambulukileyo,
lina eliphatha izitsha ZIKATHIXO.

¹² Kodwa kaliyikusuka ngokuphangisa,
kumbe libaleka;
ngoba UTHIXO uzakhamba phambi kwenu,

uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uzakuba
ngumvikeli wenu emva kwenu.

Ukuhlupheka Lodumo Lwenceku

- ¹³ Khangelani, inceku yami izakwenza ngokuhlakanipha,
izaphakanyiswa ikhwezwe, iphiwe lodumo olukhulu.
- ¹⁴ Njengoba babebanengi abanengwayo yiyo,
ubuso bayo babulimele okudlula okwabantu bonke,
lesimo sayo sonakele singase njengesomuntu,
- ¹⁵ ngakho-ke izachela izizwe ezinengi,
amakhosi azavala imilomo yawo ngenxa yayo.
- Ngoba lokho abangakutshelwanga bazakubona,
labangakuzwanga, bazakuqedisisa.

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- ¹ Ngubani olikholiweyo ilizwi lethu,
njalo amandla KATHIXO abonakaliswe kubani na?
- ² Wakhula phambi kwakhe njengehlumela,
lanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo.
Wayengelabuhle lobukhosi ukuba asikhange,
kungelalutho esimeni sakhe olungenza simfune.
- ³ Weyiswa njalo waliwa ngabantu,
umuntu wezinsizi, njalo ekujayele ukuhlupheka.
- Lowo abantu abangafuniyo ukukhangelana laye weyiswa, asimhloniphanga.

- 4 Ngempela wathatha inhlungu zethu
wathwala insizi zethu,
kodwa thina sathi utshaywe nguNkulunkulu,
ebethwe nguye, njalo uhlutshiwe.
- 5 Kodwa wagwazwa ngenxa yezono zethu,
wachobozwa ngenxa yokona kwethu,
ukuhlutshwa kwakhe kwasilethela ukuthula,
njalo sasiliswa ngamanxeba akhe.
- 6 Thina sonke silahlekile njengezimvu,
munye ngamunye wethu uphambukele
endleleni yakhe;
njalo uTHIXO ubeke phezu kwakhe
ukona kwethu sonke.
- 7 Wancindezelwa wahlutshwa,
kodwa kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe;
wakhokhelwa ukuyabulawa njengewundlu,
njalo njengemvu ithule phambi komgundi
wayo,
laye kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe.
- 8 Ngokuncindezelwa langokwahlulela
wathathwa.
Ngubani ongakhuluma ngesizukulwane
sakhe na?
Ngoba wasuswa elizweni labaphilayo;
watshaywa ngenxa yeziphambeko zabantu
bami.
- 9 Wabelwa ingcwaba kanye lababi,
kanye labanothileyo ekufeni kwakhe,
lanxa kungeladlakela alwenzayo
njalo kungekho inkohliso emlonyeni wakhe.
- 10 Ikanti kwakuyintando KATHIXO ukumchoboza
lokumenza ahlupheke,

njalo lanxa uTHIXO esenza ukuphila kwakhe
umnikelo wecala,
uzabona inzalo yakhe, andise insuku zokuphila
kwakhe,

lentando kaThixo izaphumelela ngaye.

¹¹ Emva kokuhlupheka komoya wakhe,
uzabona ukukhanya kokuphila asuthiseke;
ngokwazi kwayo inceku yami elungileyo iza-
lungisa abanengi,
ithwale izono zabo.

¹² Ngakho-ke ngizamnika isabelo phakathi
kwabakhulu,
njalo uzakwabelana impango labalamandla
ngoba wanikela ukuphila kwakhe ekufeni,
wabalwa ndawonye lezoni;
ngoba wathwala izono zabanengi,
wancengela izoni.

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Inkazimulo Ezayo YaseZiyoni

¹ “Hlabela wena mfazi oyinyumba,
wena ongazange uzale umntwana;
susa ingoma, umemeze ngentokozo,
wena ongakaze uhelelwe
ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliweyo banengi
kulabalowo olendoda,”
kutsho uTHIXO.

² Qhelisa indawo yethente lakho,
yelula amakhetheni ethente
lakho abe banzi,
ungathikazi, yelula izintambo zakho,
uqinise izikhonkwane zakho.

³ Ngoba uzaqhela usiya kwesokudla lesenxele;

inzalo yakho izazixotsha izizwe yakhe
emadolobheni azo adilikayo.

- 4 “Ungesabi, ngoba awuyikwehlelwa lihlazo.
Ungesabi ukuyangeka, ngoba awuyikudu-
mazeka.
Uzalikhohlwa ihlazo lasebutsheni bakho,
ungakhumbuli lesithuko sobufelokazi
bakho.
- 5 Ngoba uMenzi wakho engumyeni wakho,
UTHIXO uSomandla libizo lakhe
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli unguMhlengi wakho;
ubizwa ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu womhlaba
wonke.
- 6 UTHIXO uzakubiza
njengowesifazane olahliweyo, odabukileyo
emoyeni,
owesifazane owenda esesemncane,
waphanga waliwa,” kutsho uNkulunkulu
wakho.
- 7 “Ngakutshiya okomzuzwana omncane,
kodwa ngesihawu esikhulu ngizakubuyisa.
- 8 Ngomfutho wokuthukuthela,
ngakufihlela ubuso bami okomzuzwana,
kodwa ngothando olungapheliyo,
ngizakuba lesihawu kuwe,”
kutsho UTHIXO uMhlengi wakho.
- 9 “Kimi lokhu kunjengasezinsukwini zikaNowa,
lapho engafunga khona ngathi amanzi
kaNowa
kawayikugcwala umhlaba futhi.
Ngakho khathesi sengifungile ngathi
angiyikukuthukuthelela futhi;

angiyikukusola njalo.

10 Lanxa izintaba zinganyikinyiswa,
lamaqaqa asuswe,
kodwa uthando lwami olungapheliyo kuwe
kaluyikunyikinyiswa,
kumbe isivumelwano sami sokuthula sis-
uswe,”
kutsho UTHIXO olesihawu kuwe.

11 Wena dolobho elihluphekileyo,
elitshaywa yiziphepho alaze laduduzwa,
ngizakwakha ngamatshe amahle,
izisekelo zakho ngizakhe ngamasafire.

12 Izakhiwo zakho zokuvikela ngizazenza nga-
marubhi,
amasango akho ngiwenze ngamatshe akhaz-
imulayo, yonke
imithangala yakho ngiyenze ngamatshe
aligugu.

13 Wonke amadodana akho azafundiswa
NGUTHIXO,
njalo kuzakuba kukhulu ukuthula kwabant-
wana bakho.

14 Uzaqiniswa ngokulunga:
uchuku luzakuba khatshana lawe,
awuyikwesaba lutho.
Ukwesaba kuzasuselwa khatshana,
akuyikusondela phansi kwakho.

15 Nxa ekhona ozakuhlasela, kobe kungayisimi;
loba ngubani okuhlaselayo uzazinikela
kuwe.

16 “Khangela, yimi engadala umkhandi wensimbi
ovuthela amalahlabe abe lilangabi,

akhande isikhali esilungele umsebenzi waso.
Njalo yimi engadala umchithi ukuba enze umon-
akalo;

¹⁷ akulasikhali esikhandelwe wena esiza-
phumelela,
njalo bonke abakumangalelayo uzabehlula.
Leli yilifa lezinceku zikaThixo,
lokhu yikho ukwenaniswa kwazo yimi,”
kutsho UTHIXO.

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Ukunxusa Kwabomileyo

¹ “Wozani, lonke lina abomileyo,
wozani emanzini,
lani lina elingelamali,
wozani, lithenge, lidle!

Wozani, thengani iwayini lochago
ingekho imali lendleko.

² Lichithelani imali kokungasikho kudla,
lokusebenza kwenu kulokho okunga-
suthisiyo na?

Lalelani, lalelani kimi, lidle okuhle,
umoya wenu uzathokoziswa yizibiliboco.

³ Lalelani, lize kimi;
lingilalele ukuze umphefumulo wenu up-
hile.

Ngizakwenza isivumelwano esingapheliyo lani,
uthando lwami oluqotho olwathenjiswa
uDavida.

⁴ Khangelani, ngimenze waba ngufakazi
ebantwini,
umkhokheli lomlawuli wabantu.

⁵ Ngeqiniso lizabiza izizwe elingazaziyo,
lezizwe ezingalaziyo zizagijimela kini,

ngenxa KATHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
ngoba uselinike inkazimulo.”

⁶ Mdingeni UTHIXO esatholakala,
mbizeni eseseduzane.

⁷ Omubi kayekele indlela yakhe
loxhwalileyo alahle imicabango yakhe.
Kaphendukele KUETHIXO, uzakuba lesihawu kuye,
lakuNkulunkulu wethu ngoba uzam-
thethelela ngesihle.

⁸ “Ngoba imicabango yami kayisiyo eyenu,
lezindlela zenu kayisizo ezami,”
kutsho UETHIXO.

⁹ “Njengomkhathi uphakeme kulomhlaba,
ngokunjalo izindlela zami ziphakeme
kulezindlela zenu,
lemicabango yami iphakeme kulemicabango
yenu.

¹⁰ Njengoba izulu longqwaqwane
kusehla kuvela phezulu,
kungaphindi kubuyele khonale
kungathambisanga umhlaba
kuwenze ununkule ube lamahlumela,
ukuze unike umhlanyeli inhlanyelo, lodlayo
umnike ukudla,

¹¹ linjalo lelizwi lami eliphuma emlonyeni wami:
kaliyikubuya kimi lize,
kodwa lizafeza engikufunayo
liphumelelise lokho engilithume khona.

¹² Lina lizaphuma ngokuthokoza
likhokhelwe ngokuthula;

izintaba lamaqaqa

kuzasusa ingoma phambi kwenu,
njalo zonke izihlahla zeganga
zizaqakeza izandla zazo.

13 Endaweni yesihlahla sameva kuzamila
iphayini,
lendaweni yokhula kuzamila isihlahla
somithili.

Lokhu kuzakwenza UTHIXO adunyiswe,
kube yisibonakaliso esingapheliyo,
esingayikudilizwa.”

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Ukusindiswa Kwabanye

¹ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Londoloza ukulunga
wenze okuqondileyo,
ngoba ukusindisa kwami kuseduze
lokulunga kwami kuzabonakaliswa
masinyane.

² Ubusisiwe umuntu okwenzayo lokhu,
umuntu obambelela kukho,
ogcina iSabatha engalingcolisi,
athibe isandla sakhe ekwenzeni okubi.”

³ Akungabi lowezizweni OKUTHIXO othi,
“Ngeqiniso UTHIXO uzangehlukhanisa labantu
bakhe.”

Njalo lomthenwa kangavunyelwa ukusola athi,
“Mina ngiyisihlahla esomileyo.”

⁴ Ngoba UTHIXO uthi:
“Abathenwa abagcina amaSabatha ami
bakhethe okungithokozisayo,

babambelele kusivumelwano sami,
 5 ngizabanika, phakathi kwethempeli lami
 lemiduli yalo,
 isikhumbuzo lebizoz
 elingcono kulamadodana lamadodakazi.

Ngizabanika ibizo elingapheliyo.
 Elingayikukhohlakala.

6 Labezizwe abazinikela KUTHIXO
 ukuba bamkhonze,

bathande ibizo LIKATHIXO,
 njalo bamkhonze,

bonke abagcina iSabatha bengalingcolisi,
 babambelele kusivumelwano sami,

7 laba ngizabaletha entabeni yami engcwele,
 ngibaphe intokozo endlini yami
 yokukhulekela.

Iminikelo yabo yokutshiswa, lemihlatsshelo,
 kuzakwamukelwa e-alithareni lami;

ngoba indlu yami izathiwa
 yindlu yokukhuleka yezizwe zonke.”

8 UTHIXO Wobukhosi,
 yena oqoqa abaxotshwayo elizweni abako-
 Israyeli uthi:

“Ngizaqoqela abanye kubo futhi
 ngaphandle kwalabo abavele sebeqoqiwe.”

UTHIXO Usola Ababi

9 Wozani lonke lina zilo zeganga;
 wozani lidle, lonke lina zilo zamagusu!

10 Abalindi bako-Israyeli bayiziphofu,
 bonke kabazi lutho;

bonke bayimigaxa,
 izinja ezingakhonkothiyo;

balala nje baphuphe;

- bathanda ukulala.
 11 Bayizinja ezihlala zilomdlozela wokufuna
 ukudla,
 azisuthi.
 Bangabelusi abangaqedisisiyo,
 bonke bazazenzela abakufunayo,
 lowo lalowo udinga inzuzo yakhe.
 12 Lowo lalowo uthi, “Wozani, ngilethe iwayini.
 Kasinatheni utshwala sibusuthe.
 Kusasa kuzafana lanamuhla,
 loba kube ngcono kakhulu.”

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- 1 Abalungileyo bayabhubha,
 kodwa kakho ocabanga ngakho enhliziy-
 weni yakhe.
 Abantu abazinikele ekukhonzeni bayasuswa,
 njalo kakho okuzwisisayo ukuthi
 abalungileyo basuswa
 ukuba baphetshiswe eubini.
 2 Labo abahamba ngokulunga
 bayangena ekuthuleni;
 bathola ukuphumula belele ekufeni.
 3 “Kodwa lina wozani lapha lina,
 madodana esanusekazi lina nzalo yezifebe
 leziphingi!
 4 Ngubani elimklolodelayo na?
 Ngubani elimnemelayo
 limkhuphela inlimi zenu?
 Kalisinzalo yabahlamuki,
 labantwana babaqamba amanga na?

- 5 Liyatshiseka ngenkanuko ezihlahleni
zom'Okhi,
langaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziyizithin-
githingi;
lenza umhlatshelo ngabantwabenu
emakhelekehleni
langaphansi kwamawa.
- 6 Izithombe eziphakathi kwamatshe abutshelezi
emakhelekehleni yiso isabelo senu,
yizo, yizo eziyisabelo senu.
Yebo, kuzo lithele iminikelo yokunathwayo
lanikela leminikelo yamabele.
Ngenxa yalezizinto ngingaba lozwelo na?
- 7 Wenze umbheda wakho phezu koqaqa
oluphakemeyo,
wakhwela wayanikela imihlatshelo yakho
khona.
- 8 Ngemva kwezivalo zakho langemva kwezinsika
zomnyango wakho
ubeke izifanekiso zakho zobuhedeni.
Wathi ungilahla wembula umbheda wakho,
wakhwela kuwo wawuvula waba banzi,
wavumelana lalabo othanda imibheda yabo,
wakhangela ubunqunu babo.
- 9 Uye kuMoleki ulamafutha e-oliva,
wandisa lamakha akho.
Uthume izithunywa zakho khatshana
wangena ethuneni lona ngokwalo!
- 10 Wadiniswa yizindlela zakho zonke,
kodwa wawungeke uthi, 'Akusizi ngalutho.'
Wathola ukuvuselelwa kwamandla akho.
Ngakho kawuphelanga amandla.
- 11 Ngubani omesabe kangaka

waze waba lamanga kimi,
 njalo kawaze wangikhumbula
 loba ukucabanga lokhu enhliziyweni yakho
 na?
 Akusingenxa yokuthi sengathula okwesikhathi
 eside kakhulu
 waze wangangesabi na?
¹² Ukulunga kwakho lemisebenzi yakho ngizaku-
 veza obala,
 njalo akuyikukusiza ngalutho.
¹³ Lapho usukhalela ukusizwa,
 iqoqo lezithombe zakho kalikuhlenge.
 Umoya uzazithatha zonke,
 lokuphephetha nje kuziphephulele khat-
 shana.
 Kodwa umuntu owenza mina isiphephelo sakhe
 ilizwe lizakuba yilifa lakhe
 lentaba yami engcwele ibe ngeyakhe.”

Induduzo Kwabazisolayo

¹⁴ Njalo kuzathiwa:
 “Candani, candani, lungisani indlela!
 Susani izikhubekiso endleleni yabantu
 bami.”
¹⁵ Ngoba ophakemeyo ongaPhezulu,
 yena ophila kokuphela, obizo lakhe
 lingcwele uthi:
 “Ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo lengcwele,
 kodwa laye ozisolayo lothobekileyo
 emoyeni,
 ukuba kuvuselelwe umoya wabathobekileyo,
 kuvuselelwe lezinhliziyo zabazisolayo.
¹⁶ Angiyikulisola kokuphela
 kumbe ngihlale ngithukuthele,

ngoba umoya womuntu ungaphela phambi
kwami,

umoya womuntu engawudalayo.

¹⁷ Ngathukutheliswa yibuhwaba bakhe obubi;
ngamjezisa, ngafihla ubuso bami
ngithukuthele,
kodwa waqhubeka ngezindlela zakhe
zenkani.

¹⁸ Izindlela zakhe sengizibonile, kodwa ngizam-
silisa.

Ngizamkhokhela, ngimduduze futhi,

¹⁹ ngenze ukubonga ezindebeni zabalilayo
ko-Israyeli.

Ukuthula, ukuthula kwabakhatshana labase-
duze,”

kutsho UTHIXO.

“Ngizabasilisa.”

²⁰ Kodwa ababi banjengolwandle olugubhaze-
layo,

olungeke luphumule,

amagagasi alo ephosa udaka lengcekeza
phezulu.

²¹ “Akukho kuthula kwababi,” kutsho uNku-
lunkulu wami.

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Ukuzila Okuqotho

¹ “Memeza kakhulu, ungathuli.

Phakamisa ilizwi lakho njengecilongo.

Tshela abantu bami ngokuhlamuka kwabo,
lendlu kaJakhobe uyitshela ngezono zabo.

² Ngoba usuku ngosuku bayangidinga;
bafuna ukwazi izindlela zami,

sengathi bayisizwe esenza okulungileyo
 esingalahlanga imilayo kaNkulunkulu waso.
 Bacela izinqumo ezilungileyo kimi
 bafune ukuthi uNkulunkulu asondele kubo.
³ Bathi, 'Kungani sizilile,
 kodwa wena wangakuboni na?
 Kungani sizithobile
 kodwa wangakunaki na?'

Ikanti ngosuku lokuzila kwenu lenza elokuthan-
 dayo,
 lincindezele lezisebenzi zenu zonke.
⁴ Ukuzila kwenu kucina ngengxabano lokulwa,
 langokutshayana kubi ngenqindi.
 Alingeke lizile njengelikwenzayo
 lamhla lithembe ukuthi ilizwi lenu liza-
 zwakala phezulu.
⁵ Lokhu yikho ukuzila engikukhethileyo na,
 ukuthi umuntu azithobe okosuku olulodwa
 nje?
 Yikuthi umuntu akhothamise ikhanda lakhe
 njengomhlanga nje,
 lokulala esakeni lemlotheni na?
 Lokho yikho elithi yikuzila,
 usuku olwamukelekayo KU^THIXO na?

⁶ Lokhu akusikho yini ukuzila engikukhethileyo:
 ukukhulula izibopho zokungalungi
 lokuthukulula imichilo yejogwe,
 kukhululwe abancindezelweyo,
 kwepfulwe amajogwe wonke na?
⁷ Akusikwabela abalambayo ukudla kwakho
 lokunika umnyanga ongumhambuma in-
 dawo yokuhlala,

lapho ubona abanqunu ubagqokise,

lokungafulatheli izihlobo zakho zegazi na?

⁸ Lapho-ke ukukhanya kwakho kuzavela njen-gokusa,

lokusila kwakho kuzabonakala masinyane,
kuthi ukulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi
kwakho,
inkazimulo KATHIXO izakuba yisivikelo
ngemva kwakho.

⁹ Lapho-ke uzabiza, UTHIXO asabele;
uzacela usizo, yena uzakuthi: Ngilapha.

Nxa ungalahla ijogwe lokuncindezela

lokukhomba ngomunwe kanye lezinkulumo
ezimbi;

¹⁰ njalo nxa unika abalambayo ukudla kwakho,
wanelise lenswelo zabancindezelweyo,
ukukhanya kwakho kuzavela emnyameni,
ubusuku bakho buzakuba njengemini.

¹¹ UTHIXO uzakukhokhela kokuphela;
uzakwanelisa inswelo zakho elizweni elit-
shiswa lilanga,
aqinise amathambo akho.

Uzakuba njengesivande esithelezelwa kuhle,
lanjengomthombo olamanzi angacitshiyo.

¹² Abantu bakho bazawavusa amanxiwa
amadala,
bavuse lezisekelo zakudala.

Uzabizwa ngokuthi uMakhi Wemiduli Eyadi-
likayo,
loMvuseleli wemiGwaqo leMizi.

¹³ Nxa ugcina inyawo zakho zingephuli iSabatha,

njalo ungenzi intando yakho ngosuku lwami
 olungcwele,
 nxa iSabatha ulibiza ngokuthi yintokozo
 njalo usuku LUKATHIXO olungcwele usithi
 lulodumo,
 njalo nxa uluhlonipha ngokungahambi
 ngendlela yakho,
 langokungenzi intando yakho loba ukukhu-
 luma amazwi ayize,
¹⁴ lapho-ke uzathola intokozo KUTHIXO,
 njalo ngizakukhweza emiqolweni yelizwe,
 ngikwenze udle ilifa likayihlo uJakhobe.”
 Umlomo KATHIXO usukhulumile.

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Isono, Ukuvuma Lokuhlangwa

- ¹ Ngeqiniso ingalo KATHIXO kayimfitshane ukuba isindise,
 lendlebe yakhe kayibuthundu ukuba izwe.
- ² Kodwa ububi benu sebulahlukanise loNkukulunkulu wenu;
 lezono zenu sezisithe ubuso bakhe kini ukuze angezwa.
- ³ Ngoba izandla zenu zingcolisiwe ngegazi,
 leminwe yenu ingcoliswe yibubi.
 Izindebe zenu zikhulume amanga
 lolimi lwenu luhlebeza izinto ezimbi.
- ⁴ Kakho odinga ukwahlulela okuhle,
 kakho okhuluma ecaleni lakhe ngobuqotho.
 Bathembe ukuphika ngeze bekhuluma amanga;
 bemula uhlupho, bazale ububi.
- ⁵ Bachamisela amaqanda ezinhlanguwana,
 beluke ubulembu besayobe.

Langabe ngubani odla amaqanda azo uzakufa,
njalo nxa elinye lawo lichanyiselwe ku-
phuma ibululu.

⁶ Ubulembu babo kabusizi ekugqokeni;
abangeke bazimboze ngabakwenzayo.

Izenzo zabo yizenzo ezimbi,
izenzo zodlakela zisezandleni zabo.

⁷ Inyawo zabo zigijimela ukona;
bayaphangisa ukuchitha igazi elimsulwa.

Imicabango yabo yimicabango emibi;
ukuchitha lokubhubhisa kubonakalisa
izindlela zabo.

⁸ Indlela yokuthula kabayazi;
akukho kulunga ezindleleni zabo.

Sebenze zaba yimigwaqo ezombelezayo,
kakho ohamba ngazo ozakwazi ukuthula.

⁹ Ngakho-ke ukwahlulela okuhle kukhatshana
lathi,
lokulunga akufiki kithi.

Sidinga ukukhanya, kodwa kulobumnyama
kuphela;
sidinga ukucazimula, kodwa sihamba
emathunzini amnyama.

¹⁰ Njengeziphofu siphumputha silandela umduli,
siphumputhe indlela yethu njengabantu
abangelamehlo.

Sikhubeka emini ingathi kukusihlwa;
kwabalamandla, sinjengabafileyo.

¹¹ Sonke siyahwabha njengamabhele,
sibubule ngosizi njengamajuba.

Sidinga ukwahlulela okuhle, kodwa kasikutholi;
sidinga ukuhlengwa, kodwa kukhatshana.

- 12 Ngoba ukona kwethu kuwe kunengi,
lezono zethu zifakaza okubi ngathi.
Ukona kwethu kuhlezi kulathi;
siyabuvuma ububi bethu,
- 13 ukuhlamuka lokungathembeki KUTHIXO,
ukufulathela uNkulunkulu wethu,
ukukhuthaza uncindezelo lomvukela,
ukukhuluma amanga esiwacabange ngez-
inhliziyo zethu.
- 14 Ngakho ukwahlulela okuhle kufuqelwa
emuva,
ukulunga kume khatshana;
iqiniso likhubekile ezindleleni,
ubuqotho bungeke bungene.
- 15 Iqiniso kalitholwa ndawo;
oxwaya ububi uyahlaselwa.

- UTHIXO wakhangela wadaniswa
yikuswelakala kokwahlulela okuhle.
- 16 Wabona ukuthi kwakungelamuntu,
wanengwa yikuthi kakho owayengalamula;
ngakho waletha ukukhululwa ngamandla akhe,
ukulunga kwakhe kwamqinisa.
- 17 Wagqoka ukulunga njengesivikelo sakhe sas-
esifubeni,
lengowane yensindiso ekhanda lakhe;
wagqoka izembatho zokuphindisela
njalo wazigoqela ngokutshiseka
njengokuzigoqela ngengubo.
- 18 Uzaphindisela ulaka ezitheni zakhe,
kusiya ngalokho abakwenzileyo;
lokujeziswa kwabamelana laye;
izihlenge uzaziphindisela ngemfanelo yazo.

19 Kusukela entshonalanga abantu bazalesaba
 ibizo LIKATHIXO,
 njalo kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga
 bazadumisa ubukhosi bakhe.
 Ngoba uzafika njengesikhukhula esifutheleneyo
 esifuqwa ngumoya KATHIXO.

20 “Umhlengi uzafika eZiyoni,
 kwabakaJakhobe abavuma izono zabo,”
 kutsho UTHIXO.

21 “Mina lesi yiso isivumelwano sami labo,”
 kutsho UTHIXO. “Umoya wami okuwe, lamazwi
 ami engiwabeke emlonyeni wakho akuyikusuka
 emlonyeni wakho, kumbe emlonyeni yabant-
 wabakho, loba emlonyeni yezizukulwane zabo
 kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube nininini,”
 kutsho UTHIXO.

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Inkazimulo YaseZiyoni

1 “Vuka, khazimula, ngoba ukukhanya kwakho
 sekufikile,
 lenkazimulo KATHIXO iyavela phezu kwakho.
 2 Khangela, umnyama wembese umhlaba,
 umnyama omkhulu usibekele abantu.
 Kodwa UTHIXO uyakhanya phezu kwakho
 lenkazimulo yakhe iyabonakala phezu
 kwakho.
 3 Izizwe zizakuza ekukhanyeni kwakho,
 lamakhosi alande ukuqhama kokusa
 kwakho.

4 Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele amacele akho wonke:
bonke babuthana beze kuwe;
amadodana akho avela khatshana,
lamadodakazi akho athwelwe ngengalo.

5 Ngakho uzakhangela ubobothেকে ngokujabula,
inhliziyو yakho izatshaya ikhukhumale
ngenxa yentokozo;
inotho yasolwandle iza lethwa kuwe,
lenotho yezizwe izakuza kuwe.

6 Imihlambi yamakamela izagcwala elizweni lakho,
amakamela asakhulayo aseMidiyani lase-Efa.

Wonke avela eShebha azakuza
ethwele igolide lempepha
ememezela udumo LUKATHIXO.

7 Yonke imihlambi yaseKhedari izabuthelwa kuwe;
inqama zaseNebhayothi zizakusiza;
zizakwamukeleka njengeminikelo e-alithareni lami,
njalo ngizahlobisa ithempeli lami elilodumo.

8 Ngobani laba abandiza njengamayezi
lanjengamajuba esiya ezidlekeni zawo na?

9 Ngeqiniso izihlenge zithembe mina;
ekhokheleyo yimikhumbi yaseThashishi,
iletha amadodana akho avela khatshana,
lesiliva sawo kanye legolide
ukuba kudunyiswe UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho,
oNgcwele ka-Israyeli,
ngoba ukunike inkazimulo.

- 10 Abezizwe bazayakha futhi imiduli yakho,
lamakhosi abo azakukhonza.
Lanxa ekuthukutheleni kwami ngakutshaya,
kodwa ngomusa wami ngizakuba lesihawu
kuwe.
- 11 Amasango akho azahlala evulekile;
kawayikuvalwa emini loba ebusuku
ukuze abantu bakulethele inotho yezizwe,
amakhosi azo ekhokhelwe ludwendwe
lokunqoba.
- 12 Ngoba isizwe kumbe umbuso on-
gayikukukhonza uzatshabalala;
uzachitheka uphele nya.
- 13 Udumo lwaseLebhanoni luzakuza kuwe;
zonke izihlahla ezamaphayini, umfiri lom-
siphresi,
ukuzehlobisa indlu yami engcwele;
lendawo yezinyawo zami ngizayenza ikhaz-
imule.
- 14 Amadodana abancindezeli bakho
azakuza akhothame phambi kwakho;
bonke abakweyisayo
bazakhothamela phansi ezinyaweni zakho,
njalo bazakubiza ngokuthi iDolobho LIKATHIXO,
iZiyoni yakhe oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- 15 Lanxa ubulahliwe, uzondakala,
kungekho ohamba edabula phakathi
kwakho,
ngizakwenza ube ligugu elingapheliyo,
uthokozise izizukulwane zonke.
- 16 Uzanatha uchago lwezizwe,
umunyiswe emabeleni asesikhosini.

Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi NGINGUTHIXO, uMsilisi wakho,
uMhlengi wakho, uMninimandla kaJakhobe.

17 Esikhundleni sethusi ngizakulethela igolide,
lesiliva esikhundleni sensimbi.

Esikhundleni sezigodo ngizakulethela ithusi,
lensimbi esikhundleni samatshe.

Ngizakwenza ukuthula kube ngumbusi wakho,
lokulunga kube yinkosi yakho.

18 Akusayikuba lodlakela elizweni lakho,
akusayikuba khona ukuchitheka
loba ukutshabalala phakathi kwelizwe
lakini,

kodwa uzakuthi imiduli yakho yiNsindiso,
lamasango akho uthi yiNdumiso.

19 Ilanga kalisayikuba yikukhanya kwakho emini
loba ukukhanya kwenyanga kukukhanyise,
ngoba UTHIXO uzakuba yikukhanya kwakho
okungapheliyo,
loNkulunkulu wakho abe yinkazimulo
yakho.

20 Ilanga lakho kaliyikutshona futhi,
lenyanga yakho ayisayikufiphala njalo.

UTHIXO uzakuba yikukhanya kwakho okun-
gapheliyo,
lezinsuku zakho zezinsizi zizaphela.

21 Lapho-ke bonke abantu bakho bazakuba nga-
balungileyo,
lelizwe lizakuba lilifa labo kokuphela.

Bangamahlumela engawahlanyelayo,
umsebenzi wezandla zami,
ukuba ngibonakalise inkazimulo yami.

22 Ingcosana yakho izakuba yinkulungwane,

abancinyane bazakuba yisizwe esilamandla.
Mina NGINGUTHIXO;
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo lokhu ngizakwenza
ngokuphangisa.”

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Umnyaka Womusa KATHIXO

- ¹ Umoya KATHIXO Wobukhosi uphezu kwami,
ngoba UTHIXO ungigcobile
ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle
kwabampofu.
Ungithumile ukuba ngibophe inhliziyo ezidabuk-
ileyo,
ngimemezele ukukhululwa kwabathunji-
weyo,
lokukhululwa kwezibotshwa emnyameni,
- ² lokumemezela umnyaka womusa KATHIXO,
losuku lokuphindisela kukaNkulunkulu
wethu;
ukududuza abalilayo,
³ lokunakekela labo abadabukileyo eZiyoni,
ukubapha umqhele wobuhle
esikhundleni somlotha,
amafutha okujabula
esikhundleni sokulila,
lengubo yokudumisa
esikhundleni somoya wokulahla ithemba.
Bazabizwa ngokuthi yim'okhi yokulunga,
ehlanyelwe NGUTHIXO
ukuba abonakalise inkazimulo yakhe.
- ⁴ Bazavuselela njalo amanxiwa asendulo
bavuse lezindawo ezadilizwa kudala.

Bazavuselela amadolobho adilikayo
aleminyaka eminengi adilika.

⁵ Abezizwe bazakwelusa imihlambi yenu;
abezizwe bazalima amasimu enu lezivini
zenu.

⁶ Lizabizwa ngokuthi abaphristi BAKATHIXO,
kuzathiwa liyizikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu.
Lizakudla inotho yezizwe,
lizincome ngenotho yazo.

⁷ Esikhundleni sehlazo labo
abantu bami bazaphiwa isabelo esiphindwe
kabili,
njalo esikhundleni sokuyangeka
bazathokoza ngelifa labo;
ngakho isabelo selifa labo elizweni sizaphindwa
kabili,
lentokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngeyabo.

⁸ “Ngoba mina, UTHIXO, ngithanda ukulunga,
ngizonda ubugebenga lobubi.

Ngobuqotho bami ngizabanika umvuzo
ngenze isivumelwano esingapheliyo labo.

⁹ Izizukulwane zabo zizakwaziwa phakathi
kwezizwe,
lenzalo yabo yaziwe phakathi kwabantu.

Bonke abababonayo bazavuma
ukuthi bangabantu ababusiwe NGUTHIXO.”

¹⁰ Ngiyathokoza kakhulu KUTHIXO;
umphefumulo wami uyajabula ngoNku-
lunkulu wami.

Ngoba ungigqokise izigqoko zokusindiswa,
wangicecisa ngezembatho zokulunga,

njengomyeni ececisa ikhanda lakhe njengom-
phristi,
lanjengomlobokazi ezicecise ngamatshe
akhe aligugu.

¹¹ Ngoba njengomhlabathi owenza ihlumela lim-
ile,
lesivande esenza inhlanyelo ikhule,
ngokunjalo UTHIXO Wobukhosi uzakwenza uku-
lunga
lodumo kuvele phambi kwezizwe zonke.

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Ibizo Elitsha LeZiyoni

¹ Ngenxa yeZiyoni angiyikuthula;
ngenxa yeJerusalema angiyikuhlala
ngithule,

ukulunga kwayo kuze kukhanye njengokusa,
ukusindiswa kwayo kuze kukhanye njengez-
ibane ezivuthayo.

² Izizwe zizakubona ukulunga kwakho,
lamakhosi wonke ayibone inkazimulo
yakho.

Uzabizwa ngebizo elitsha
umlomo KATHIXO ozakunika lona.

³ Uzakuba ngumqhele wenkazimulo esandleni
SIKATHIXO,
umqhele wobukhosi esandleni sikaNku-
lunkulu wakho.

⁴ Kabasayikukubiza ngokuthi oTshiyiweyo
kumbe babize ilizwe lakho ngokuthi
Chithakele.

Kodwa uzabizwa ngokuthi Hefiziba
ilizwe lakho kuthiwe yiBhiyula,

ngoba uTHIXO uzathokoza ngawe,
 lelizwe lakho lizakwenda.

⁵ Njengejaha lithatha intombi,
 ngokunjalo amadodana akho azakuthatha;
 lanjengomyeni ethokozela umakoti wakhe,
 ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uzathokoza
 ngawe.

⁶ Ngibeke abalindi phezu kwemiduli yakho wena
 Jerusalema;
 kabayikuthula lanini emini loba ebusuku.

Lina elimbizayo uTHIXO,
 musani ukuphumula,

⁷ laye lingamphumuzi aze akhe iJerusalema
 alenze libe lodumo emhlabeni.

⁸ UTHIXO ufungile ngesandla sakhe sokudla
 langengalo yakhe elamandla wathi;

“Angiyikuphinda lanini
 ukunika izitha zenu amabele enu njen-
 gokudla kwazo,
 njalo lanini abezizwe kabayikuphinda banathe
 iwayini elitsha
 elilisebenzele nzima.

⁹ Kodwa labo abawavunayo bazawadla
 badumise uTHIXO,
 lalabo ababutha amavini bazalinatha
 emagumeni endlu yami engcwele.”

¹⁰ Dlulani, dlulani emasangweni!
 Lungiselani abantu indlela.
 Candani, candani umgwaqo!
 Susani amatshe.
 Phakamiselani izizwe uphawu.

11 UTHIXO usenze isimemezelo
emhlabeni wonke wathi;
“Wothini kuyo iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni,
‘Khangela uMsindisi wakho uyeza!
Khangela umvuzo wakhe ulawo,
lenhlawulo yakhe ulayo.’”

12 Bazabizwa ngokuthi ngaBantu abaNgcwele,
abaHlengiweyo BAKATHIXO;
wena uzathiwa Ofunwayo,
iDolobho Elingasatshiywanga.

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*Usuku LukaNkulunkulu Lokuphindisela
Lokuhlenga*

1 Ngubani lo ovela e-Edomi,
ovela eBhozira egqoke izembatho ezibomvu
na?
Ngubani lo ogqoke ubucwazicwazi,
ohamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe na?

“Yimi okhuluma ngokulunga,
olamandla okusindisa.”

2 Kungani izigqoko zakho zibomvu
njengezomuntu onyathela isikhamelo se-
wayini na?

3 “Nginyathele isikhamelo sewayini ngedwa;
kakho owezizwe owayelami.
Ngabagxoba ngithukuthele,
ngabanyathela ngilolaka;
igazi labo lachaphakela ezambathweni zami,
langcolisa zonke izigqoko zami.

- 4 Ngoba usuku lokuphindisela lwalusenhliziyweni yami,
lomnyaka wokuhlenga kwami usufikile.
- 5 Ngakhangela, kodwa kakho owayengasiza.
Nganengwa yikungabi khona kosekelayo,
ngakho ingalo yami yangilethela insindiso
lolaka lwami lwangiqinisa.
- 6 Ngagxoba izizwe ngokuthukuthela kwami,
ngazidakisa ngolaka lwami,
ngathela igazi lazo phansi.”

Ukudumisa Lokukhuleka

- 7 Ngizalandisa ngomusa KATHIXO,
izenzo okumele adunyiswe ngenxa yazo,
ngakho konke UTHIXO asenzele khona,
yebo, izinto ezinengi ezinhle
azenzele indlu ka-Israyeli,
ngesihawu sakhe langomusa wakhe
omkhulu.
- 8 Wathi, “Ngeqiniso bangabantu bami;
amadodana angayikuba lamanga kimi”;
ngakho waba nguMsindisi wabo.
- 9 Kukho konke ukuhlupheka kwabo laye waba
losizi;
ukuba khona kwengilosi yakhe
kwabasindisa.
Ngothando lwakhe langesihawu sakhe
wabahlenga;
wabaphakamisela phezulu,
wabathwala insuku zonke zakudala.
- 10 Kodwa bamvukela
badanisa uMoya wakhe oNgcwele.
Ngakho waphenduka waba yisitha sabo
walwa labo yena ngokwakhe.

- 11 Lapho-ke abantu bakhe bakhumbula insuku zakudala,
 insuku zikaMosi labantu bakhe,
 ungaphi lowo owabachaphisa ulwandle,
 lomelusi wemihlambi yakhe na?
 Ungaphi lowo owathela
 uMoya wakhe oNgcwele phakathi kwabo,
- 12 owathumela ingalo yakhe yamandla elodumo
 ukuba ibe sesandleni sokudla sikaMosi,
 owehlukhanisa amanzi phambi kwabo
 ukuba azizuzele udumo olungapheliyo,
- 13 owabadabulisa ezinzikini na?
 Njengebhiza emagcekeni,
 kabakhubekanga;
- 14 njengezinkomo zisehla esigodini,
 baphunyuzwa nguMoya KATHIXO.
 Wena wabakhokhela kanjalo abantu bakho
 ukuze uzenzele ibizo elilodumo.
- 15 Khangela phansi usezulwini ubone,
 usesihlalweni sakho sobukhosi esiphakeme,
 esingcwele, esicwebezelayo.
 Kungaphi ukutshiseka kwakho lamandla akho
 na?
 Isisa sakho lesihawu sakho kugodliwe kithi.
- 16 Kodwa wena unguBaba wethu,
 lanxa u-Abhrahama engasazi thina
 lo-Israyeli engasivumi;
 wena, Oh THIXO, unguBaba wethu,
 uMhlengi wethu libizo lakho kusukela en-
 dulo.
- 17 Kungani, THIXO, usenza siphambuke ezindle-
 leni zakho,

- usenza lezinhliziyiyo zethu zibe lukhuni
ukuba singakwesabi na?
Phenduka ubuye ngenxa yezinceku zakho,
izizwana eziyilifa lakho.
- ¹⁸ Indawo yakho engcwele
yayingeyabantu bakho okwesikhathi esifit-
shane,
kodwa khathesi izitha zethu seziyicakazele
phansi
indlu yakho engcwele.
- ¹⁹ Thina singabakho kusukela endulo;
kodwa awukaze ubabuse,
kabazange babizwe ngebizo lakho.

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- ¹ Awu, sengathi ungaqhekeza amazulu wehlele
phansi
ukuba izintaba zinyikinyeke phambi
kwakho!
- ² Njengalapho umlilo utshisa incwathi
wenze amanzi abile,
yehlela phansi ukuba wenze ibizo lakho lazakale
ezitheni zakho,
wenze lezizwe zithuthumele phambi
kwakho.
- ³ Ngoba wathi usenza izinto ezesabekayo
esasingazilindelanga,
wehlela phansi, izintaba zathuthumela
phambi kwakho.
- ⁴ Kusukela endulo kakho owezwayo,
akulandlebe eyabambisisayo,

akulalihlo elabona omunye uNkulunkulu
ngaphandle kwakho,
osebenzela labo abathembe kuye.

⁵ Uyeza ukuba usize labo abenza ukulunga
ngokuthaba,
abazikhumbulayo izindlela zakho.

Kodwa lapho saqhubeka sisona kubo
wathukuthela.
Pho singasindiswa kanjani na?

⁶ Sonke sesaba njengomuntu ongcolileyo,
lemisebenzi yethu yokulunga yonke injen-
genjobo ezingcolileyo,
sonke siyabuna njengehlamvu,
lanjengomoya izono zethu zisiphephulela
khatshana.

⁷ Kakho okhuleka ebizweni lakho
lozamayo ukubambelela kuwe,
ngoba ubuso bakho ubufihlile kithi
wasenza sacikizeka ngenxa yezono zethu.

⁸ Ikanti wena THIXO unguBaba wethu.
Thina silibumba, wena ungumbumbi;
sonke singumsebenzi wezandla zakho.

⁹ Ungathukutheli wedlulise, awu THIXO;
izono zethu ungazikhumbuli kokuphela.
Awu, ake usikhangele, siyakhuleka,
ngoba sonke singabantu bakho.

¹⁰ Amadolobho akho angcwele aseyinkangala;
leZiyoni isiyinkangala, iJerusalema isiy-
incithakalo.

¹¹ Ithempeli lethu elingcwele njalo elikhazim-
ulayo lapho okhokho ababekudumisela
khona,

litshiswe ngomlilo,
njalo konke okwakuligugu kithi sekunga-
manxiwa.

- ¹² Emva kwakho konke lokhu THIXO, uzazithinta na?
Uzazithulela, usijezise ngokudlulisileyo na?

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Ukwahlulela LeNsindiso

- ¹ “Ngaziveza kulabo abangangicelanga;
ngafunyanwa yilabo abangangidinganga.
Isizwe esingakhulekanga kimi
ngathi kuso, ‘Ngilapha, ngilapha.’”
- ² Ilanga lonke ngelula izandla zami
ebantwini abayiziqholo,
abahamba ngezindlela ezingalunganga
belandela iminakano yabo,
- ³ abantu abahlezi bengicunula
bengikhangele,
benikela imihlatshelo emasimini,
betshisa impepha phezu kwezitina;
- ⁴ abahlala emangcwabeni
balale besenza imilindelo eyimfihlo
ebusuku;
abadla inyama yengulube,
abambiza zabo zigcina umhluzi wenyama
engcolileyo;
- ⁵ abathi, ‘Hlala khatshana, ungasondeli phansi
kwami,
ngoba ngingcwele kulawe!’
Abantu abanjalo banjengentuthu emakhaleni
ami,
umlilo ovuthayo ilanga lonke.

- ⁶ Khangela, kulotshiwe phambi kwami ukuthi:
 Angiyikuthula, kodwa ngizaphindisela
 ngokugcweleyo;
 ngizaphindisela ngokupheleleyo,
⁷ kokubili izono zenu lezono zabokhokho benu,”
 kutsho UTHIXO.
 “Ngoba batshisa imihlatshelo phezu kwezintaba
 bangihlambaza phezu kwamaqaqa.
 Ngizaphindisela kubo ngokugcweleyo
 ngenxa yezenzo zabo abazenza ngapham-
 bili.”
- ⁸ Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO:
 “Njengalapho umhluzi usatholakala
 ehlukuzweni lamavini
 labantu besithi, ungalibhidlizi,
 kusekhona okuhle kulo,
 ngizazenzela okunjalo izinceku zami;
 angiyikuzibhubhisa zonke.
- ⁹ Ngizaletha isizukulwane esivela kuJakhobe,
 lakoJuda kuvele abazakuba ngabanikazi
 bezintaba zami;
 zizakuba yilifa labakhethiweyo bami,
 izinceku zami zizahlala khona.
- ¹⁰ ISaroni izakuba ngamadlelo emihlambi
 lesiGodi sase-Akhoru sibe yindawo yokuphu-
 mulela imihlambi,
 yabantu bami abangidingayo.
- ¹¹ Kodwa lina elilahla UTHIXO
 likhohlwe intaba yami engcwele;
 liphakele unkulunkulu uNhlanhla ukudla
 libuye ligcwalisele unkulunkulu uSimiselo
 iwayini elixutshiweyo,
¹² ngizalimisela inkemba,

njalo lonke lizakhothamela ukubulawa,
 ngoba ngamemeza kodwa kalisabelanga,
 ngakhuluma kodwa lina kalilalelanga.
 Lenza okubi phambi kwami
 lakhetha okungicunulayo.”

¹³ Ngakho-ke uTHIXO Wobukhosi uthi:
 “Izincku zami zizakudla,
 kodwa lina lizalamba;
 izincku zami zizanatha,
 kodwa lina lizakoma;
 izincku zami zizathokoza,
 kodwa lina lizayangiswa.

¹⁴ Izincku zami zizahlabelela
 ngentokozo yezinhliziyo zazo,
 kodwa lina lizakhala
 ngobuhlungu bezinhliziyo
 njalo lilile ngokudabuka komoya.

¹⁵ Lizatshiya ibizo lenu
 njengesithuko kwabakhethiweyo bami;
 uTHIXO Wobukhosi uzalibulala,
 kodwa izincku zakhe uzazinika elinye
 ibizo.

¹⁶ Lowo okhulekela isibusiso elizweni
 uzakwenza lokho ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso;
 lalowo owenza isifungo elizweni,
 uzafunga ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso.
 Ngoba inhlupheko ezedlulayo
 zizakhohlakala zifihlakale emehlweni ami.”

Izulu Elitsha Lomhlaba Omutsha

¹⁷ “Khangelani, ngizadala
 izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha.
 Izinto zakuqala aziyikukhunjulwa,
 kumbe zifike engqondweni.

¹⁸ Kodwa thabani lijabule kokuphela

ngalokho engizakudala,
 ngoba ngizadala iJerusalema libe yintokoza
 labantu balo babe yinjabulo.

19 Ngizathokoza ngeJerusalema
 njalo ngijabule ngabantu bami;
 ukulila lokukhala
 akusayikuzwakala kulo futhi.

20 Kulo akusayikuba khona futhi
 usane oluphila insuku ezilutshwane
 kumbe umuntu omdala ongaphelisi
 iminyaka yakhe;
 lowo ofa elekhulu leminyaka
 uzakhangelwa njengomntwana nje;
 lowo ongafikiyo ekhulwini
 uzakhangelwa njengoqalekisiweyo.

21 Bazakwakha izindlu bahlale kuzo;
 bazahlanyela izivini badle izithelo zazo.

22 Kabasayikwakha izindlu zihlalwe ngabanye
 kumbe bahlanye, kudle abanye.

Ngoba njengezinsuku zesihlahla,
 zizakuba njalo insuku zabantu bami;
 abakhethiweyo bami bazakholisa
 umsebenzi wezandla zabo okwesikhathi es-
 ide.

23 Kabayikusebenzela ize,
 kumbe abantwababo bazalelwe
 ukuhlupheka,
 ngoba bazakuba ngabantu ababusisiweyo
 NGUTHIXO,
 bona kanye lezizukulwane zabo.

24 Ngizabaphendula bengakakhuleki;
 ngibezwe besakhuluma.

25 Impisi lewundlu kuzakudla ndawonye,
 lesilwane sizakudla utshani njengenkomo,
 kodwa inyoka izakudla uthuli.
 Kaziyikulimaza kumbe zibhubhise
 kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele,”
 kutsho UTHIXO.

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Ukwahlulela Lethemba

¹ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
 “Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi,
 lomhlaba uyisenabelo sami.
 Ingaphi indlu elizangakhela yona na?
 Indawo yami yokuphumula izakuba ngaphi
 na?
² Isandla sami kasizenzanga zonke lezizinto
 ukuze zibe khona na?”
 kutsho UTHIXO.

“Engimbukayo ngulo:
 lowo othobekileyo ozisolayo emoyeni,
 olesabayo ilizwi lami.
³ Kodwa lowo onikela ngenkunzi
 ufana lomuntu obulala omunye umuntu,
 lalowo onikela ngewundlu,
 ufana lowephula intamo yenja;
 lowo onikela ngamabele
 ufana lonikela ngegazi lengulube,
 lalowo otshisa impepha yesikhumbuzo
 ufana lokhonza isithombe.
 Sebekhethe izindlela zabo,
 lemiphefumulo yabo ithokozi swa
 yizinengiso zabo;

4 ngakho-ke lami ngizakhetha ukubaphatha
 kalukhuni,
 ngibehlisele lokho abakwesabayo.
 Ngoba kwathi lapho ngibiza, kakho
 owasabelayo,
 lapho ngikhuluma, kakho owalalelayo.
 Benza okubi phambi kwami,
 bakhetha okungicunulayo.”

5 Zwanini ilizwi LIKATHIXO
 lina elilesabayo ilizwi lakhe. Uthi,
 “Abafowenu abalizondayo,
 labalixwayayo ngenxa yebizo lami, sebethе,
 kadunyiswe UTHIXO
 ukuze sibone intokozo yenu!
 Kodwa bazayangiswa.”

6 Zwanini ukuxokozela okusedolobheni,
 zwanini umsindo osethempelini!
 Ngumsindo KATHIXO
 ephindisela ezitheni zakhe ngakho konke
 okuzifaneleyo.

7 “Uthi engakahlelwa,
 abelethe;
 ubuhlungu bungakamfikeli,
 azale indodana.

8 Ngubani owake wezwa into enje na?
 Ngubani owake wabona izinto ezinje na?
 Ilizwe lingazalwa ngelanga elilodwa
 loba isizwe sizalwe ngesikhathshana na?
 Ikanti iZiyoni ithi ngokuhelelwa nje
 ihle ibazale abantwana bayo.

9 Kambe ngifikisa esikhathini sokukhululeka

- ngingabe ngisabelethisa na?”
 kutsho UTHIXO.
 “Ngiyasivala na isibeletho
 ngesikhathi sengibelethisa na?”
 kutsho UTHIXO
- 10 “Thokozani leJerusalema lilithabele,
 lonke lina elilithandayo;
 thokozani kakhulu lalo lonke
 lina elilililelayo.
- 11 Ngoba lizamunya lisuthe
 emabeleni alo aduduzayo;
 lizanatha kakhulu,
 lithokoze ngenala yalo enengi.”
- 12 Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
 “Ngizaletha ukuthula kini okugeleza njengesif-
 fula esigcweleyo
 lomnotho wezizwe njengesifula esithelayo,
 limunye liphethwe ngengalo yazo
 njalo lidlaliswe emathangazini azo.
- 13 Njengomama eduduza umntanakhe,
 kanjalo lami ngizaliduduza,
 njalo lizaduduzeka eJerusalema.”
- 14 Lapho libona lokhu, inhliziyo zenu ziza-
 thokoza,
 lani likhule njengotshani;
 isandla sIKATHIXO sizakwazakala ezincekwini za-
 khe
 kodwa ulaka lwakhe luzabonakaliswa
 ezitheni zakhe.
- 15 Khangelani, UTHIXO uza ngomlilo,
 izinqola zakhe zempi zinjengesivunguzane;
 ulaka lwakhe uzalwehlisela phansi ngokufuthe-
 lana,

lokukhuza kwakhe kwehle ngamalangabi omlilo.

¹⁶ Ngoba ngomlilo langenkemba yakhe
UTHIXO uzakwahlulela abantu bonke,
njalo abanengi bazakuba yilabo ababulewe
NGUTHIXO.

¹⁷ “Labo abazahlukanisayo, bazihlambulule ukungena emasimini belandela lowo ophakathi kwalabo abadla inyama yengulube lamagundwane kanye lezinye izinto ezinengisayo, isiphetho sabo sizafika sikhathi sinye,” kutsho UTHIXO.

¹⁸ Ngenxa yezenzo zabo lemicabango yabo, sekuseduze ukuthi ngizebutha izizwe zonke lezindimi zonke; njalo bazakuza babone inkazimulo yami.

¹⁹ “Ngizabeka isibonakaliso phakathi kwabo, ngithumele abanye balabo abasalayo ezizweni zeThashishi, kumaLibhiya, lamaLudi (alodumo ekusebenziseni imitshoko), eThubhali leGrisi lasezihlengeni ezikhatshana ezingakaluzwa udumo lwami kumbe zibone inkazimulo yami. Bazamemezela udumo lwami phakathi kwezizwe.

²⁰ Njalo bazababuyisa bonke abafowenu entabeni yami engcwele eJerusalema njengomnikelo KUTHIXO bevela ezizweni zonke, bephezu kwamabhiza, izinqola zempi, imbongolo lamakamela,” kutsho UTHIXO. “Bazababuyisa njengabako-Israyeli beletha iminikelo yabo yamabele ethempelini likaThixo ngezitsha ezihlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba.

²¹ Ngizakhetha abanye babo ukuba labo babe ngabaphristi labaLevi,” kutsho UTHIXO.

²² “Njengamazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha engikwenzayo kuzakuma kokuphela phambi kwami,” kutsho uTHIXO, “ngokunjalo ibizo lakho lenzalo yakho izakuma kokuphela.
²³ Kusukela ekuThwaseni kwenye iNyanga kusiya ekuthwaseni kwenye, njalo kusukela kwelinye iSabatha kusiya kwelinye abantu bonke bazakuza bakhothame phambi kwami,” kutsho uTHIXO. ²⁴ “Bazaphuma babone izidumbu zabantu abangihlamukelayo; impethu yazo kayiyikufa, lomlilo wazo kawuyikucitshwa, njalo zizakwenyanyeka ebantwini bonke.”

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