

UJona

UJona Ubalekela UTHIXO

¹ Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuJona indodana ka-Amithayi lathi: ² “Hamba uye edolobheni elikhulu laseNiniva utshumayele ngokulisola kakhulu, ngoba ububi balo sebufinyelele kimi.”

³ Kodwa uJona wabalekela UTHIXO waqonda eThashishi. Wehla waya eJopha, lapho afika khona umkhumbi owawusiya kuleyondawo. Eseyikhuphile imali yokugada, wangena umkhumbi waqonda eThashishi yena ebalekela UTHIXO.

⁴ UTHIXO wathumela isiphepho elwandlwe, kwaphenquka isavunguzane esasingathi siza-wubhidliza umkhumbi. ⁵ Bonke abagwedli bawo besaba, ngulowo lalowo wakhala kunkulunkulu wakhe. Baphosela imithwalo elwandle ukuze baphungule ubunzima bomkhumbi.

Kodwa uJona wayehlele endlwaneni engaphansi, emkhunjini, walala khona ubuthongo bukabhuka. ⁶ Induna yomkhumbi yaya kuye yathi, “Ungalala njani? Vuka ubize unkulunkulu wakho! Mhlawumbe yena uzasizwa ukuze singabhubhi.”

⁷ Abagwedli basebecebisana bathi, “Wozani, senze inkatho ukuze sibone ukuthi ngubani osibangele uhlupho lolu.” Bayenza inkatho, yadla uJona. ⁸ Basebembuza bathi, “Akusit-shele, ngubani osibangele lonke lolu uhlupho

na? Wenza msebenzi bani na? Uvela ngaphi? Ungowakuliphi ilizwe? Ungowasiphi isizwe na?”

⁹ Waphendula wathi, “NgingumHebheru, ngikhonza uTHIXO, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, owenza ulwandle kanye lomhlabathi.”

¹⁰ Lokhu kwabethusa, babuza bathi, “Wenzi pho?” (Babekwazi ukuthi ubalekela uTHIXO ngoba wayevele esebatshelile.)

¹¹ Ulwandle lwaselulokhu luqubuka lusiya phambili ngamandla. Ngakho basebembuza bathi, “Senzeni kuwe ukuze ulwandle luthule singalimali na?”

¹² Waphendula wathi, “Ngiqukulani lingiphosele elwandle, luzathula. Ngiyazi ukuthi kungumlandu wami okwenze isiphepho esikhulu kangaka sehlela phezu kwenu.”

¹³ Kodwa amadoda azama ngamandla ukugwedlela emuva emhlabathini. Kodwa behluleka ngoba ulwandle lwaselusidla amahabula okudlula kuqala. ¹⁴ Khonapho basebekhala kuTHIXO bathi, “Oh, THIXO, ungasiyekeli sife ngoba sibulele indoda le. Ungasibeki umlandu wokubulala umuntu ongelacala, ngoba wena, Oh THIXO, wenzile njengokufisa kwakho.” ¹⁵ Basebethatha uJona bamphosela olwandle, ulwandle lwase luthula ukugubhaza. ¹⁶ Lokhu kwenza amadoda lawo amesabe kakhulu uTHIXO, asesenza umhlatshelo kuTHIXO enza izifungo kuye.

Umkhuleko KaJona

¹⁷ Kodwa uTHIXO waletha inhlanzi enkulukazi yamginya uJona, uJona wahlala phakathi kwenhlanzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.

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¹ Ephakathi kwenhlanzi uJona wakhuleka
kuTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhe. ² Wathi:
“Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngambiza uTHIXO,
wangiphendula.

Ngisekujuleni kwengcwaba ngacela uncedo,
wena wakulalela ukukhala kwami.

³ Wangiphosela ezinzikini,
phakathi emathunjini enlwandle,
amagagasi agubhazela emaceleni wonke;
wonke amagagasi akho
lezimpophoma zawo kwangisibekela.

⁴ Ngathi, ‘Sengixotshiwe
ebusweni bakho;
kodwa ngizakhangela njalo
ethempelini lakho elingcwele.’

⁵ Indonga zamanzi zaziqonde ukungimbokotha,
ngangihanqwe yinziki;
inkunkuma yotshani bolwandle
yangithandela ekhanda.

⁶ Ngagalula ngatshona empandeni zezintaba;
umhlaba ongaphansi wangivalela
okwaphakade.

Kodwa wena wayikhupha impilo yami egodini,
wena THIXO, Nkulunkulu wami.

⁷ Lapho impilo yami yayisincipha,
ngakhumbula wena, THIXO,
umkhuleko wami waphakamela kuwe,
ethempelini lakho elingcwele.

⁸ Labo ababambelela ezithombeni

ezingelamsebenzi balahlekelwa ngumusa
ongaba ngowabo.

⁹ Kodwa mina, ngizakuthi ngihlabela ingoma
yokubonga
ngenze umhlatshele kuwe.

Engikufungileyo ngizakugcwalisa.

Insindiso ivela KUTHIXO.”

¹⁰ UTHIXO walaya inhlanzi, yona yase imhlanza
uJona emhlabathini owomileyo.

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UJona Uya eNiniva

¹ Ilizwi LIKATHIXO laselifika kuJona ngokwesi-
bili lathi: ² “Hamba uye edolobheni elikhulu las-
eNiniva uyotshumayela kulo ilizwi engikunika
lona.”

³ UJona walilalela ilizwi LIKATHIXO, waya
eNineve. Phela iNiniva yayilidolobho elikhulu
kakhulu, ukulethekela lonke kwakuthatha in-
suku ezintathu. ⁴ Ngelanga lokuqala, uJona
wangena phakathi komuzi. Wamemezela wathi,
“Kusele insuku ezingamatshumi amane kuphela
ukuba iNiniva ichithwe.” ⁵ Abantu beNiniva
babekholwa kuNkulunkulu. Bamemezela ukuthi
kuzilwe ukudla, njalo bonke kusukela komkhulu
kusiya komncinyane bavunula amasaka.

⁶ Ilizwi selifikile enkosini yaseNiniva, ya-
sukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yakhumula
izembatho zayo zobukhosi, yazembathisa isaka
yahlala phansi ebhuhqwini. ⁷ Yase ikhupha
isimemezelo eNiniva esithi:

“Ngomthetho wenkosi lezikhulu zayo:

Akungavunyelwa muntu kumbe inyamazana, imihlambi yenkomo loba eyezimvu ukuthi ithinte ulutho oludliwayo; makungavunyelwa kudle kumbe kunathe. ⁸ Kodwa akuthi umuntu loba yinyamazana kwembathe amasaka. Wonke umuntu kamemeze ngokukhawuleza kuNkulunkulu. Kabadele izindlela zabo zobubi lobudlwangudlwangu babo. ⁹ Ngubani okwaziyo na? Mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angageda kuthi ngesihawu sakhe aphenduke elakeni lwakhe olwesabekayo ukuze singabhubhi.”

¹⁰ Kwathi uNkulunkulu esebonile abakwenzayo ukuthi baguquka ezindleleni zabo zobubi, wabazwela isihawu kazabe esabehlisela incithakalo ayesonge ngayo.

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Ukunengwa KukaJona Ngesihawu SIKATHIXO

¹ Kodwa uJona wacaphuka kakhulu wazonda. ² Wakhuleka kuTHIXO wathi, “Awu THIXO, kakusikho lokhu yini engakutshoyo ngisesekhaya? Yikho okwangenza ngaphangisa ukubalekela eThashishi. Ngangikwazi ukuthi unguNkulunkulu olomusa lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela njalo ogcwele uthando, uNkulunkulu odedayo ongasoze ehlise ukuhlupheka. ³ Khatesi-ke THIXO, susa ukuphila kwami, ngoba kungcono kimi ukufa kulokuphila.”

⁴ Kodwa uTHIXO waphendula wathi, “Kambe ubona ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde?”

⁵ UJona waphuma wayahlala endaweni ethile ngempumalanga kwedolobho. Wazenzela khonapho idunjana wahlala emthunzini walo walindela ukubona okwakuzakwenzakala edolobheni lelo. ⁶ Kwasekusithi UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakhulisa isihlahla esilamahlamvu kuJona samenzela umthunzi ekhanda lakhe ukuze ahlaliseke. UJona wathaba kakhulu ngaleli ivini. ⁷ Kodwa emathathakusa ngelanga elilandelayo uNkulunkulu wathumela impehlane, eyaphehla isihlahla sacina sibuna. ⁸ Kwathi ilanga seliphumile uNkulunkulu wathumela umoya wempumalanga ohaqazayo, ilanga lavutha phezu kwekhanda likaJona waze waqaleka. Wafisa ukufa, wathi, “Kungcono kimi ukuthi ngife kulokuthi ngiphile.”

⁹ Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuJona, “Ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde ngenxa yesihlahla?”

UJona wathi, “Yebo. Ngizonde kakhulu, kuthi kangife.”

¹⁰ Kodwa UTHIXO wathi, “Uyazihlupha ngesihlahla lesi loba ungazange usinakekele loba usikhulise. Lihlume ngobusuku laphinde lafa ngobusuku. ¹¹ Kodwa iNiniva ilabantu abeqa izinkulungwane ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili abangehlukanisayo isandla sabo sokudla kwesenxele, lenkomo ezinengi njalo. Bekungafanelanga yini na ukuthi ngilinqinekele idolobho elikhulu kangaka?”

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