

UZakhariya

Ubizo Lokubuyela KUThixo

¹ Ngenyanga yesificaminwemibili yomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kumphrofethi uZakhariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido lisithi:

² “UTHIXO wazondiswa kakhulu ngokhokho benu. ³ Ngakho tshela abantu uthi: Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla: ‘Buyelani kimi,’ kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla, ‘lami ngizabuya kini,’ utsho njalo UTHIXO uSomandla.

⁴ Lingabi njengabokhokho benu, okwatsho kubo abaphrofethi bamandulo, bathi: Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: ‘Phendukani ezindleleni zenu zobubi lezenzo zenu ezimbi.’ Kodwa kabafunanga ukulalela loba ukukunanza okwakutshiwo, kutsho UTHIXO.

⁵ Bangaphi manje okhokho benu na? Bona abaphrofethi kambe baphila okungapheliyo na? ⁶ Kodwa amazwi ami lemithetho yami engangilaye ngakho izinceku zami abaphrofethi kakuzange kuze kubafice yini okhokho benu?

Kwayikhona bephenduka besithi, ‘UTHIXO uSomandla wenzile kithi okufanele izindlela zethu lezenzo njengalokho amisa ukukwenza.’”

Indoda Iphakathi Kwezihlahla Zomethile

⁷ Ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lane ngenyanga yetshumi lanye, inyanga uShebhathi, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi LIKATHIXO

lafika kumphrofethi uZakhariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido.

⁸ Ebusuku ngafikelwa ngumbono, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulendoda egade ibhiza elibomvu! Yayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zomethile edongeni. Ngemva kwayo kwakulamanye amabhiza, elibomvu, eliyinsundu lelimhlophe.

⁹ Ngayibuza ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami na?”

Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yaphendula yathi, “Ngizakutshengisa ukuthi kuyini.”

¹⁰ Kwasekusithi leyondoda eyayimi ezihlahleni zomethile yachaza yathi, “Laba yibo uTHIXO abathumileyo ukuba bahambe emhlabeni wonke.”

¹¹ Basebebika engilosini KATHIXO eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zomethile bathi, “Sesiwuhambile wonke umhlaba safumana ukuthi ilizwe lihlezi kuhle phakathi kokuthula.”

¹² Ingilosi KATHIXO yasisithi, “THIXO Somandla, koze kube nini ulokhu ugodla isihawu sakho phezu kweJerusalema lamadolobho akoJuda olokhu uwathukuthelele yonke iminyaka le engamatshumi ayisikhombisa?” ¹³ Ngakho uTHIXO wasekhuluma amazwi omusa, aduduzayo kuleyongilosi eyayikhuluma lami.

¹⁴ Kwasekusithi ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yathi, “Memezela leli ilizwi: Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: ‘Ngilobukhwele ngeJerusalema leZiyoni, ¹⁵ kodwa ngizondile ngalezozizwe ezihlezi zanaba zaziba. Ngangithukuthele kancane kodwa zawengezelela lowo monakalo.’

16 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: 'Ngizabuya eJerusalema ngilomusa, khonapho indlu yami izakwakhiwa kutsha. Intambo yesilinganiso izakwelulwa eJerusalema,' kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.

17 Memezela njalo uthi: Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: 'Amadolobho ami azaphinda njalo aphuphume ngenotho, njalo UTHIXO uzaphinda ayiduduze iZiyoni, ayikhethe iJerusalema.' "

Impondo Ezine Labakhandi Abane

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

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

20 UTHIXO wasengitshengisa abakhandi abane.

21 Ngabuza ngathi, "Laba bazekwenzani na?"

Waphendula wathi, "Lezi yimpondo ezachitha uJuda ukuze angabikhona ovusa ikhanda, kodwa abakhandi balande ukuxegisa amadolo abo, bazilahlele phansi impondo lezi ezezizwe ezaphakamisa impondo zazo phezu kwelizwe lako-Juda ukuchitha abantu balo."

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Indoda Elentambo Yokulinganisa

1 Ngaphakamisa amehlo, phambi kwami kwakulomuntu ophethe intambo yokulinganisa!

2 Ngabuza ngathi, "Uya ngaphi na?"

Wangiphendula wathi, “Ngiyalinganisa iJerusalema, ukubona ukuthi ibanzi njalo inde kanganani.”

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

⁶ Wozani! Wozani! Balekani kulelolizwe lasenyakatho,” kutsho UTHIXO, “ngoba ngilichithachithile kuyo yonke imimoya yomine yezulu,” kutsho UTHIXO.

⁷ “Woza, yeyi wena Ziyoni! Balekani lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseBhabhiloni!” ⁸ Ngoba lokhu kutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: “Ngemva kokuba Olodumo esengithumile ukumelana lezizwe eziliphangileyo ngoba loba ngubani oke alithinte lina uthinta igugu lakhe ⁹ ngempela ngizaphakamisela isandla sami kubo ukuze iziggqili zabo zibaphange. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO uSomandla nguye ongithumileyo.

¹⁰ Memeza ujabule, we Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni. Ngoba ngiyeza, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwenu,” kutsho UTHIXO. ¹¹ “Izizwe ezinengi zizahlanganiswa LOTHIXO ngalelolanga njalo zizakuba ngabantu bami. Ngizahlala phakathi kwenu njalo lizakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO uSomandla ungithumile kini. ¹² UTHIXO uzamthatha

uJuda njengelifa abe yisabelo sakhe elizweni elingcwele njalo uzaphinda ayikhethe iJerusalema. ¹³ Pholani lithule phambi KUKATHIXO, bantu lonke, ngoba uphakamile waphuma endaweni yakhe engcwele.”

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Izembatho Ezihlanzekileyo ZomPhristi Omkhulu

¹ Yase ingitshengisa uJoshuwa umphristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengilosi KATHIXO, loSathane emi kwesokunene sakhe ephikisana laye. ² UTHIXO wathi kuSathane, “UTHIXO uyakukhuza, Sathane! UTHIXO oyikhethileyo iJerusalema, uyakukhuza! Umuntu lo kasisikhuni esihwatshwe sibhebha na?”

³ UJoshuwa wema phambi kwengilosi eggoke ezingcolileyo. ⁴ Ingilosi yasisithi kulabo ababemi phambi kwayo, “Mkhululeni izigqoko lezi ezingcolileyo.”

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

⁵ Ngasengisithi, “Mthwaliseni iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda lakhe.” Basebemthwalisa iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda, bamgqokisa njalo, ingilosi KATHIXO ilokhu imi khonapho.

⁶ Ingilosi KATHIXO yasimupha umlayo lo uJoshuwa, yathi: ⁷ “Nanku akutshoyo uTHIXO uSomandla: ‘Nxa uzahamba ngezindlela zami ugcine izimiso zami, lapho-ke uzabusa indlu yami, uwaphathe lamagama ami, njalo mina

ngizakupha indawo phakathi kwalaba abemiyo lapha.

⁸ Lalela, wena mphristi omkhulu Joshuwa, kanye labakhula bakho abahlezi phambi kwakho, abangamadoda ayisitshengiselo sezinto ezizayo: Ngizaletha inceku yami iHlumela. ⁹ Uyabona, ilitshe engilimise phambi kukaJoshuwa! Kulamehlo ayisikhombisa phezu kwelitshe lilinye, njalo ngizagubha umbhalo kulo,' kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla, 'njalo ngizasisusa isono salelilizwe ngelanga elilodwa zwi.

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

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Uluthi Lwesibane Lwegolide Lezihlahla Ze-oliva Ezimbili

¹ Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yabuya njalo yazangivusa njengomuntu evuswa ebuthongweni. ² Yangibuza yathi, "Ubonani na?"

Ngaphendula ngathi, "Ngibona uluthi lwesibane olwenziwe ngokugcweleyo ngegolide, lulonganu phezulu lezibane eziyisikhombisa lezimbobobobo zezibane eziyisikhombisa. ³ Njalo kulezihlahla zama-oliva ezimbili eduze kwalo, esinye ngakwesokunene komganu, esinye kwe-sokhohlo."

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

⁵ Yaphendula yathi, “Kawukwazi ukuthi yizinto bani lezi?”

Ngathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami.”

⁶ Yasisithi kimi, “Nanti ilizwi LIKATHIXO kuZerubhabheli, ‘Hatshi ngempi kumbe ngamandla, kodwa ngoMoya wami,’ kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.

⁷ Uvele uyini, wena ntaba enkulu? KuZerubhabheli uzakuba ngumhlabathi owendlalekileyo. Khonapho usezaletha ilitshe lokuphetha abantu bememeza besithi, ‘Nkulunkulu libusise! Nkulunkulu libusise!’ ”

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

¹⁰ Ngubani oludelelayo usuku lwezinto ezincane? Amehlo KATHIXO ayisikhombisa agcwala umhlaba wonke jikelele azathokozelela ukubona intambo yokuqondisa esandleni sikaZerubhabheli?”

¹¹ Ngasengiyibuza ingilosi, ngathi, “Lezi zihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo phezu koluthi lwesibane ngezani?”

¹² Ngayibuza futhi ngathi, “Amahlumela la amabili om’oliva eceleni kwezinti ezimbili zegolide okumpompoza kuzo amafutha aligolide zona ziyini?”

¹³ Yaphendula yathi, “Kawuzazi ukuthi ziyini na?”

Ngathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami.”

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

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Umqulu Wencwadi Ondizayo

¹ Ngaphinde ngakhangela, phambi kwami kwakulomqulu wencwadi ondizayo!

² Yangibuza yathi, “Ubonani na?”

Ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona umqulu wencwadi ondizayo, omude izingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu lobubanzi obulitshumi lanhlanu.”

³ Yasisithi kimi, “Lesi yisithuko esizakwehlela lonke ilizwe; ngoba ithi incwadi kwelinye icele layo, amasela wonke azaxotshwa elizweni, ibisisithi ngakwelinye icele, wonke lowo ofunga ngamanga uzaxotshwa elizweni. ⁴ UTHIXO uSomandla uthi, ‘Ngizayithumezela ingene endlini yesela lasendlini yalowo ofunga ngebizo lami. Umqulu lo uzahlala endlini yakhe, uchithize izigodo zayo kanye lamatshe.’”

Owesifazane Phakathi Kwesilulu

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

⁶ Ngabuza ngathi, “Kuyini?”

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

⁷ Kwasekusibukulwa isiciko sasilulu leso, kwabonakala phakathi kuhlezi owesifazane!

⁸ Yathi, “Lobu yibubi,” yasimfuqela phakathi esilulwini wavala ngesiciko emlonyeni wesilulu.

⁹ Ngasengikhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulabesifazane ababili belempiko ezigcwele

umoya! Babelempiko ezifana lezengabuzane, baphakamisa isilulu saba phakathi kwezulu lomhlaba.

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

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

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Izingola Zokulwa Ezine

¹ Ngaphinde ngaphakamisa amehlo njalo phambi kwami kwakulezingola zempi ezine ziqhamuka okhalweni lwezintaba ezimbili, izintaba zethusi! ² Inqola yakuqala yayilamabhiza abomvu, eyesibili ilamnyama, ³ eyesithathu amhlophe, eyesine alamabala, wonke elamandla. ⁴ Ngayibuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?”

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

⁷ Kwathi lawomabhiza elamandla esephuma ayesadalala ezama ukuya kuwo wonke umhlaba. Yathi kuwo, “Hambani kuwo wonke umhlaba.” Lakanye aya kuwo wonke umhlaba.

⁸ Yase ingibiza yathi, “Uyabona, lawana aqonda elizweni elisenyakatho asenike uMoya wami ukuphumula elizweni lasenyakatho.”

Umqhele KaJoshuwa

⁹ Ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kimi lathi: ¹⁰ “Thatha isiliva legolide kwabathunjiweyo uHelidayi loThobhiya loJedaya asebebuyile eBhabhiloni. Hamba ngalelolanga endlini kaJosiya indodana kaZefaniya. ¹¹ Thatha isiliva legolide wenze umqhele uwethese umphristi omkhulu uJoshuwa indodana kaJozadaki. ¹² Umtshele ukuthi nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: ‘Nansi indoda obizo layo liHlumela, njalo uzahluma endaweni yakhe akhe ithempeli LIKATHIXO. ¹³ Nguye ozakwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO, njalo uzagqokiswa ubukhosi, futhi uzahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. Njalo uzakuba ngumphristi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. Lokhu kokubili kuzahambelana kuhle.’ ¹⁴ Umqhele uzaphiwa uHelidayi, loThobhiya, loJedaya kanye loHeni indodana kaZefaniya njengesikhumbuzo ethempelini LIKATHIXO. ¹⁵ Labo abasekudeni bazakuza bazakwelekelela ukwakha ithempeli LIKATHIXO njalo lizakwazi ukuthi UTHIXO uSomandla ungithumile kini. Lokhu kuzakwenzeka nxa limlalela ngokukhuthala UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wenu.”

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Ukwahlulela Kuhle Lesihawu, Kungesikuzila

¹ Ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uDariyu, ilizwi LIKATHIXO lafika kuZakhariya ngelanga

lesine lenyanga yesificamunye, inyanga ethiwa nguKhisilevu. ² Abantu baseBhetheli babethume uShareza loRegemi-Meleki, kanye lamadoda asuka kubo ukuyancenga uTHIXO uSomandla ³ ngokucela abaphristi bendlu KATHIXO uSomandla labaphrofethi ukuthi, “Ngilile yini njalo ngizile ukudla ngenyanga yesihlanu njengalokhu engihlala ngikwenza okweminyaka eminengi na?”

⁴ Laselifika ilizwi LIKATHIXO uSomandla kimi lisithi: ⁵ “Buza bonke abantu belizwe kanye labaphristi uthi, ‘Lapho lalizila ukudla lilila ngenyanga yesihlanu leyesikhombisa okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa esidlule kambe lalizilela mina ngeqiniso na? ⁶ Njalo nxa lalisidla, linatha, angithi lalizikholisela lina na? ⁷ Kawasiwo yini la amazwi amenezelwa nguTHIXO ngabaphrofethi bamandulo lapho iJerusalema lamadolobho aseduzane ayelokuthula ephumelela, leNegebi kanye lamaqaqa asentshonalanga kwakhiwe kuhle na?’ ”

⁸ Laphinde lafika njalo ilizwi LIKATHIXO kuZakhariya lathi: ⁹ “Nanku okutshiwo nguTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: ‘Yahlulelani ngobuqotho; litshengise isihawu lozwelo omunye komunye. ¹⁰ Lingamcindezeli umfelokazi noma intandane, lowezizweni noma umyanga. Lingakhumbulelani okubi ezinhliziyweni zenu.’

¹¹ Kodwa bala ukulalela; baqholoza bafu-lathela njalo bagcika indlebe zabo. ¹² Benza inhliziyiyo zabo zaba lukhuni njengelitshe kabaze

balalela umlayo loba amazwi KATHIXO uSomandla ayewathumile ngoMoya ngabaphrofethi bamandulo. Yikho UTHIXO uSomandla wathukuthela kabuhlungu.

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

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Inkosi Ithembisa Ukubusisa IJerusalema

¹ Lafika njalo kimi ilizwi LIKATHIXO uSomandla.

² Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla: “Ngilobukhwele kabi ngeZiyoni; ngiyatsha ngobukhwele ngayo.”

³ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO: “Ngizabuyela eZiyoni ngihlale eJerusalema. Lapho-ke iJerusalema izathiwa nguMuzi weQiniso, lentaba KATHIXO uSomandla izabizwa ngokuthi yiNtaba eNgcwele.”

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

⁶ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: “Kungabonakala njengesimanga kwabayinsalela yalababantu ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kambe kungabonakala njengesimanga kimi na?” kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.

⁷ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: “Ngizabasindisa abantu bami emazweni asempumalanga lasemazweni asentshonalanga. ⁸ Ngizababuyisela bayehlala eJerusalema; baza-kuba ngabantu bami, lami ngizathembeka njalo ngibe lokulunga kubo njengoNkulunkulu wabo.”

⁹ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: “Lina okwamanje eliwezwayo amazwi la akhulunywa ngabaphrofethi ababekhona kubekwa isisekelo sendlu KATHIXO uSomandla, qinisani izandla zenu ukuze ithempeli lakhiwe.

¹⁰ Mandulo kwesikhathi leso kwakungekho imbadalo ngomsebenzi womuntu loba owenyamazana. Umuntu loba engubani wayengazihambeli loba azenzele okwakhe ekhululekile ngenxa yezitha, ngoba abantu ngasengibaxabanise labomakhelwane babo.

¹¹ Kodwa khathesi kangisayikwenza kulaba abayinsalela njengalokho engakwenzayo endulo,” kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.

¹² “Inhlanyelo izakhula kuhle, ivini lizakhupha izithelo zalo, umhlabathi uzakhulisa amabele, lamazulu azakwehlisa amazolo awo. Zonke lezizinto ngizazinika njengelifa kwabayinsalela yalababantu. ¹³ Njengoba beliyinto eqalekisi-weyo phakathi kwezizwe, wena Juda lo-Israyeli, ngakho ngizalisindisa libe yisibusiso. Lingesabi, kodwa qinisani izandla zenu.”

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

¹⁸ Ilizwi LIKATHIXO uSomandla laphinda labuya kimi.

¹⁹ Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla, uthi, “Amazilo awenyanga yesine, leyesihlanu, leyesikhombisa kanye leyetshumi azakuba yizikhathi zokuthokoza lokujabula, abe yimikhosi yokuthaba koJuda. Ngakho-ke thandani iqiniso lokuthula.”

²⁰ Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla: “Abantu abanengi lezakhamizi zamadolobho amanengi basezakuza, ²¹ njalo izakhamizi zedolobho leli zizakuya kwezakuleliyana zifike zithi, ‘Kasihambe khathezi lokhu siyoncenga UTHIXO, simfune UTHIXO uSomandla. Mina sengihamba.’ ²² Kuzakuthi abantu abanengi lezizwe ezilamandla zizakuza eJerusalema ukuzafuna UTHIXO uSomandla bezocela kuye.”

²³ Nanku akutshoyo UTHIXO uSomandla, uthi: “Ngalezonsuku amadoda alitshumi aphuma kuzozonke izindimi lezizwe azagadlela

umphetho wengubo yomJuda oyedwa athi,
 ‘Wothi sihambe lawe ngoba sesizwile ukuthi
 uNkulunkulu ulani.’ ”

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Ukwahlulelwa Kwezitha Zika-Israyeli Isiqalekiso

¹ Isiphrofethi:

Ilizwi LIKATHIXO liqophe ilizwe laseHadiraki
 lize liyokweyama phezu kweDamaseko
 ngoba amehlo abantu lawezizwana zonke zika-
 Israyeli

AKUTHIXO

² Iaphezu kweHamathi layo, engcelelane layo,
 Iaphezu kweThire leSidoni, lokuba nje
 zilobungcitshi.

³ IThire isizakhele inqaba;
 isibuthelele isiliva kwangathi luthuli;
 legolide njengomhlabathi wemigwaqweni.

⁴ Kodwa uThixo uzayemuka inotho yayo
 achithe lamandla ayo asolwandle,
 kuthi yona iqedwe ngumlilo.

⁵ I-Ashikheloni izakubona lokho yesabe;
 iGaza izathuthumela izwe ubuhlungu,
 le-Ekroni layo, ngoba ithemba layo lizabuna.
 IGaza izabhujelwa yinkosi yayo
 le-Ashikheloni isale ingaselamuntu.

⁶ Abezizwe bazayithatha i-Ashidodi bahlale
 kuyo,
 njalo ngizakuqeda ukuzigqaja kwamaFilis-
 tiya.

⁷ Ngizathatha igazi emilonyeni yabo,

okuyikudla okungavunyelwayo
 ngikukhuphe emazinyweni abo.
 Labo abaseleyo bazakuba ngabakaNkulunkulu
 wethu
 njalo babengabakhokheli koJuda,
 le-Ekroni izakuba njengamaJebusi.
⁸ Kodwa ngizayivikela indlu yami
 kulabo abangabaphangi.
 Kakusayikuphinda kwenzeke ukuthi umncin-
 dezeli achithe abantu bami,
 ngoba manje sengihlezi ngiqaphela.

Ukuza KweNkosi YaseZiyoni

⁹ Thokoza kakhulu, wena Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni!
 Memeza, Ndodakazi yaseJerusalema!
 Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe,
 iza ilungile ilensindiso,
 immene, ihamba igade ubabhemi,
 iphezu kwenkonyane, inkonyane kabab-
 hemi.
¹⁰ Ngizazisusa izingqola zempi ko-Efrayimi
 lamabhiza empi eJerusalema,
 ledandili lempi lizakwephulwa.
 Izamemezela ukuthula phakathi kwezizwe.
 Umbuso wayo uzasukela elwandle usiya el-
 wandle,
 njalo kusukela eMfuleni kusiya emaphethel-
 weni omhlaba.
¹¹ Wena pho, ngenxa yegazi lesivumelwano lawe,
 ngizakhulula izibotshwa zakho emgodini on-
 gelamanzi.
¹² Buyelani enqabeni yenu, lina zibotshwa
 ezilethemba;
 sengihle ngibika ukuthi

ngizalibuyisela izibusiso ngokuphindwe kabili.

- 13 Ngizamgoba uJuda njengalokhu ngigoba idandili lami besengigcwalisa ngo-Efrayimi.

Ngizawahlokoza amadodana akho, wena Ziyoni, avukele amadodana akho, wena Grisi, ngikwenze ube njengenkemba yebutho.

UTHIXO Uzaqhamuka

- 14 Kulapho-ke UTHIXO azaqhamuka ngaphezu kwabo;

umtshoko wakhe uzabenezela njengonyezi.

UTHIXO Wobukhosi uzatshaya icilongo; uzahaluzela ngeziphapho zaseningizimu,

- 15 njalo UTHIXO uSomandla uzabavikela.

Bazabhuhhisa njalo banqobe ngamatshe ezavutha.

Bazanatha baklabalale njengabadakwe liwayini;

bazagcwala lona njengomganu

osetshenziswa kuchelwa amagumbi e-alithare.

- 16 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo uzabasindisa ngalelolanga

njengoba bengumhlambi wezimvu zakhe.

Bazakhazimula elizweni lakhe

njengamatshe aligugu acecise umqhele.

- 17 Yeka ukukhanga kwabo lobuhle abazakuba yibobona!

Isivuno esihle sizatshwaphulula izinsizwa, lewayini elitsha lithokozise izintombi.

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UTHIXO Uzamnakekela UJuda

1 Celani kuTHIXO izulu ngesikhathi
sentwasahlobo;
nguye uTHIXO owenza amayezi aleziphepho.
Unika imikhizo yezulu ebantwini,
lezihlahla zeganga ebantwini bonke.

2 Izithombe zikhuluma inkohliso,
izangoma zibona imibono yamanga;
zikhuluma amaphupho amanga;
ziphe induduzo engesulutho.
Kungakho abantu bephumputheka njengezimvu
bahlupheke ngoba bengelamelusi.

3 “Ulaka lwami luyavutha kubelusi,
njalo ngizabajezisa abaholi;
ngoba uTHIXO uSomandla uzawunakekela
umhlambi wezimvu zakhe, indlu kaJuda,
abenze babe njengebhiza elilesithunzi
empini.

4 Ilitshe lekhonezi lizavela kuJuda,
kuye kuzavela isikhonkwane sethente,
kuye kuzavela idandili lokulwa impi,
kuye kuzavela bonke ababusi.

5 Ndawonye bazakuba njengamaqhawe ala-
mandla empini
enyathelela izitha zawo odakeni
lwemigwaqo.

Bazakulwa ngoba uTHIXO ephakathi kwabo,
babanqobe abagadi bamabhiza.

6 Ngizayiqinisa indlu kaJuda,
ngisindise indlu kaJosefa.
Ngizababuyisa ngoba ngilesihawu kubo.

Bazakuba sengathi kangizange ngibakhalale,
 ngoba NGINGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo
 njalo ngizabaphendula.

⁷ Abako-Efrayimi bazakuba njengamaqhawe,
 lezinhliziyo zabo zizajabula kungathi banathe iwayini.

Abantwababo bazakubona lokho bathokoze;
 inhliziyo zabo zizathokoza KUTHIXO.

⁸ Ngizabamema
 ngibabuthe ndawonye.

Ngempela ngizabahlenga;
 bazakuba banengi njengakuqala.

⁹ Lanxa ngibahlakazile phakathi kwezizwe,
 kodwa bazangikhumbula khonale
 emazweni akude.

Bona kanye labantwababo bazaphila,
 njalo bazabuya.

¹⁰ Ngizababuyisa basuke eGibhithe
 ngibaqoqe e-Asiriya.

Ngizabaletha eGiliyadi leLebhanoni,
 kuze kungasabi lendawo ebaneleyo.

¹¹ Bazadabula phakathi kolwandle
 lokuhlupheka;
 ulwandle oluphuphumayo luzadediswa
 lezinziki zonke zeNayili zizakoma qha.

Ukuzikhukhumeza kwe-Asiriya kuzakwehliswa
 lentonga yobukhosi yaseGibhithe izaphela.

¹² Ngizabaqinisa KUTHIXO,
 bona bazahamba ngebizo lakhe,"
 kutsho UTHIXO.

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- ¹ Vula iminyango yakho, wena Lebhanoni,
 ukuze umlilo uqhunqise imisedari yakho!
- ² Lila, wena sihlahla sephayini, ngoba imisedari
 isiwile;
 ngoba izihlahla zobukhosi ziqhunqile!
 Lilani, mi-okhi yaseBhashani;
 igusu elivitshileyo selicakazelwe phansi!
- ³ Lalela ukulila kwabelusi;
 amadlelo abo amahle asetshabalalisiwe!
 Lalela ukubhonga kwezilwane;
 ihlathi elihle leJodani liqhunqile!

Abelusi Ababili

⁴ Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami, uthi: “Sana emadlelweni umhlambi wezimvu zokuhlathswa. ⁵ Abathengi bazo bayazihlaba bangajeziswa. Labo abazithengisayo bathi, ‘Makadunyiswe UTHIXO, senginothile!’ Abelusi bazo ngokwabo labo kabaziyekeli. ⁶ Ngoba kangisayikuba lozwelo ebantwini belizwe,” kutsho UTHIXO. “Ngulowo lalowo ngizamnikela kumakhelwane wakhe lenkosini yakhe. Bazalincindezela ilizwe, kodwa kangiyikubalamulela ezandleni zabo.”

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

Izimvu zanengeka ngami, lami zangidina⁹ ngathi, “Kangisayikuba ngumelusi wenu. Yekela efayo ife, lehubhayo ibhubhe. Yekela lezo eziseleyo zidlane inyama yazo.”

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

¹² Ngabatshela ngathi, “Nxa libona kufanele, ngiphani iholo lami; nxa njalo kungenjalo, yeke-lani.” Yikho basebengiholisa inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu.

¹³ UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Iphosele kumbumbi,” imali engaka ababengilinganisele yona! Ngasengizithatha lezonhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaziphosela kumbumbi wembiza endlini KATHIXO.

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

¹⁵ UTHIXO wasesithi kimi, “Thatha futhi izikhali zomelusi oyisithutha. ¹⁶ Ngoba ngizamisisa umelusi welizwe leli ongezukunanza ngezi-lahlekileyo, angawadingi amazinyane, angawelaphi alimeleyo, angawaphi ukudla aphilayo, kodwa adle inyama yezinonileyo, adlithize lamangqina azo.

¹⁷ Maye kumelusi oyisithutha,
ohlamukela izifuyo!

Sengathi angadliwa yinkemba

igalele engalweni lelihlweni lakhe lakwe-
sokunene!
Sengathi ingalo yakhe ingahle yome qha,
ilihlo lakhe langakwesokunene lihle life
kokuphela!”

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Izitha ZeJerusalema Mazibhujiswe Isiqalekiso

¹ Isiphrofethi: ilizwi LIKATHIXO mayelana lo-
Israyeli.

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

⁶ Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza abakhokheli bakoJuda babe njengebhodo phezu kwezikhuni, njengobhaqa oluvuthayo phakathi kwezithungo. Bazathungela ngapha langapha kutshe bonke

abantu abakhelene labo, kodwa iJerusalema izasala imi injalo endaweni yayo.

⁷ UTHIXO uzasindisa imizi yakoJuda kuqala ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida lolwezakhamizi zaseJerusalema lungabi lukhulu kulolukaJuda.

⁸ Ngalelolanga UTHIXO uzabavikela labo abahlala eJerusalema, kuze kuthi lobuthakathaka kakhulu phakathi kwabo uzakuba njengoDavida, lendlu kaDavida izakuba njengoNkulunkulu, njengeNgilosi KATHIXO ihamba phambi kwabo.

⁹ Ngalelolanga ngizaphuma ngiyebhubhisa zonke izizwe ezihlasela iJerusalema.”

Ukulilela Lowo Abamgwazayo

¹⁰ “Ngizathululela phezu kwendlu kaDavida laphezu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema umoya womusa lobubele. Bazakhangela kimi, mina abamgwazayo, bangililele njengomuntu elilela umntanakhe ozelwe yedwa, bamkhalele kabuhlungu njengomuntu ekhalela indodana yakhe elizibulo.

¹¹ Ngalelolanga isililo eJerusalema sizakuba sikhulu njengesililo sikaHadadi-Rimoni emagcekeni aseMegido.

¹² Ilizwe lizalila, yilesosizwana sisodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; isizwana sendlu kaDavida labafazi babo, isizwana sendlu kaNathani labafazi babo, ¹³ isizwana sendlu kaLevi labafazi babo, isizwana sikaShimeyi labafazi babo,

¹⁴ lazozonke izizwana labafazi bazo.”

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Ukuhlanjululwa Ezonweni

¹ “Ngalelolanga umthombo uzavulelwa indlu kaDavida labakhileyo eJerusalema, ukubahlanza izono lokungcola.

² Ngalelolanga ngizawasusa amabizo ezithombe elizweni ukuze zingakhunjulwa njalo,” kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla. “Ngizabasusa abaphrofethi kanye lomoya wokungcola phakathi kwelizwe. ³ Nxa ezabe elokhu ekhona ophrofethayo, uyise lonina abamzalayo bazakuthi kuye, ‘Kumele ufe ngoba usukhulume amanga ngegama LIKATHIXO.’ Uzakuthi ephrofitha abazali bakhe ngokwabo bazamgwaza.

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

Umelusi Utshayiwe, Izimvu Zahlakazwa

⁷ Vuka, wena nkemba, vukela umelusi wami, uvukele umuntu osekhwapheni lami!” kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla.

“Tshaya umelusi, izimvu zizahlakazeka, njalo ngizaphendula isandla sami ngitshaye ezincinyane.

⁸ Kulolonke ilizwe,” kutsho UTHIXO,

“ezimbili kwezintathu zizatshaywa zife;
kodwa ingxenye yesithathu izasala kulo.

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

Bazalibiza ibizo lami,
lami ngizabaphendula;
ngizakuthi, ‘Bangabantu bami,’
labo bazakuthi, ‘UTHIXO unguNkulunkulu
wethu.’”

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UTHIXO Uyeza Njalo Uyabusa

¹ Usuku LUKATHIXO luyeza mhla impango yenu
izakwabiwa phakathi kwenu.

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

³ Kuzakuthi kunjalo UTHIXO uzaphuma alwe
lalezozizwe, njengokulwa kwakhe nxa kulilanga
lempi. ⁴ Ngalelolanganga inyawo zakhe zizakuma
phezu kwentaba yama-Oliva, empumalanga
kweJerusalema njalo intaba yama-Oliva
izadabuka phakathi kusuka empumalanga
kusiya entshonalanga, kudaleke isigodi esikhulu,
ingxenye yentaba isudukele enyakatho, enye
ingxenye yentaba iye enyakatho kuthi enye
ingxenye isondele eningizimu. ⁵ Lizabaleka
ngesigodi sami sentaba ngoba sihamba size
siyofika e-Azeli. Lizabaleka njengalokho
elakwenza libalekela ukuzamazama komhlaba

ngezinsuku zika-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda. Lapho-ke UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wami uzakuza elabo bonke abangcwele bakhe.

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

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

⁹ UTHIXO uzakuba yinkosi kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ngalolosuku kuzakuba LOTHIXO oyedwa, lebizolakhe libe yilo lodwa ibizo.

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

¹² Lesi yiso isifo UTHIXO azatshaya ngaso zonke izizwe ezalwa leJerusalema. Inyama yabo izabola bona belokhu besazihambela ngezinyawo zabo, amehlo abo azabolela ezingoxweni zawo, lezindimi zabo zizabolela emilonyeni yabo. ¹³ Ngalelolanga abantu bazakwehliselwa NGUTHIXO ukwethuka

okwesabekayo. Ngulowo uzaxhakalaza isandla somunye, bahlaselane. ¹⁴ UJuda laye uzakulwa eJerusalema. Inotho yazo zonke izizwe eziseduze izabuthwa, ingwaba yegolide lesiliva kanye lezigqoko. ¹⁵ Isifo esifana lalesi sizakwehlela amabhiza, imbongolo, amakamela labobabhemi lazozonke izinyamazana ezizabe zikulezozihonqo.

¹⁶ Kuzakuthi bonke abayinsalela kulezozizwe ezahlasela iJerusalema, bazakhuphuka umnyaka ngomnyaka ukuyakhonza Inkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla lokuthakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo. ¹⁷ Nxa bezakuba khona abesinye isizwe emhlabeni abangayikuya eJerusalema ukuyakhonza Inkosi, uTHIXO uSomandla, labo kabayikunelwa lizulu. ¹⁸ Aluba abantu baseGibhithe bengayi ukuyakhonza, kabayikuzuza izulu. UTHIXO uzabehlisela isifo asehlisela lezozizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo. ¹⁹ Lesi sizakuba yisijeziso seGibhithe lesijeziso sazo zonke izizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkhosi weziHonqo.

²⁰ Ngalolosuku kuzalotshwa ukuthi “Kungcwele KUTHIXO” ezinsimbini ezikhencezayo zamabhiza, lezimbiza zokupheka endlini KATHIXO zizakuba njengemiganu engcwele ephambi kwe-alithari. ²¹ Yiphi layiphi imbiza eJerusalema lakoJuda izaba ngcwele KUTHIXO uSomandla, njalo bonke abafikayo ukuza kwenza umhlatshelo bazathatha ezinye zezimbiza bapheke ngazo. Njalo ngalolosuku kakusayikuba lomKhenani endlini KATHIXO uSomandla.

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