

UNahume

¹ Isiqalekiso ngeNiniva. Incwadi yombono kaNahume um'Elikhoshi.

Ulaka LukaThixo NgeNiniva

² UTHIXO uNkulunkulu olobukhwele lophindise-
layo;

UTHIXO uyaphindisela njalo ulolaka
olukhulu.

UTHIXO uyaphindisela ezitheni zakhe
lolaka lwakhe lukhulu ezitheni zakhe.

³ UTHIXO uyaphuza ukuthukuthela njalo ula-
mandla amakhulu;

UTHIXO kayikumyekela olecala enga-
jeziswanga.

Indlela yakhe iphakathi kwesivunguzane
lesiphepho,

amayezi aluthuli lwezinyawo zakhe.

⁴ Ukhuza ulwandle alomise;
wenza yonke imifula itshe.

IBhashani leKhameli kuyabuna
lemiqhakazo yaseLebhanoni ibune.

⁵ Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka phambi kwakhe,
lamaqaqa ayancibilika.

Umhlaba uyagedezela ngobukhona bakhe,
umhlaba labo bonke abahlala kuwo.

⁶ Ngubani ongamelana lentukuthelo yakhe na?
Ngubani ongalumela ulaka lwakhe olu-
vuthayo na?

Ulaka lwakhe luthululeka njengomlilo;

amadwala ayaqhekezeka phambi kwakhe.

⁷ UTHIXO ulungile,
uyisiphephelo ezikhathini zokuhlupheka.

Uyabakhathalela abathembele kuye,

⁸ kodwa ngesikhukhula esikhulu
uzatshabalalisa iNiniva;
uzaxotshela izitha zakhe emnyameni.

⁹ Loba engamacebo bani abawenza NGOTHIXO,
uzawaqeda;
ukuhlupheka akuyikubuya kabili.

¹⁰ Bazathandleleka phakathi kwameva,
bedakwe liwayini labo;
bazaqothulwa njengenhlanga ezomileyo.

¹¹ Wena Nineve, kuwe sekufike lowo
oceba okubi NGOTHIXO,
eluleke okubi.

¹² Nanku okutshiwo NGUTHIXO:
“Lanxa belababambene labo njalo bebanengi,
bazaqothulwa banyamalale.

Lanxa ngikuhluphile, wena Juda,
kangisayikukuhlupha futhi.

¹³ Khathesi ngizakwephula ijogwe labo elisen-
tanyeni yakho,
ngiqamule lamaketane akho.”

¹⁴ UTHIXO usekhuphe ilizwi ngawe Nineve elithi,
“Kawuyikuba lezizukulwane ezibizwa nge-
bizo lakho.

Ngizachitha izifanekiso ezibaziweyo lezithombe
ezibunjiweyo
ezisethempelini labonkulunkulu bakho.

Ngizalungisa ingcwaba lakho,
ngoba ungcolile.”

¹⁵ Khangela ezintabeni le,
inyawo zalowo oletha izindaba ezinhle,
omemezela ukuthula!
Thakazelela imikhosi yakho we Juda,
ugcwalise lezifungo zakho.
Ababi kabasayikukuhlasela futhi;
bazachithwa ngokupheleleyo.

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INiniva Izachitheka

- ¹ Umhlaseli uyasondela kuwe, Nineve.
Vikela inqaba,
linda umgwaqo,
zilungiselele,
qoqa wonke amandla akho!
- ² UTHIXO uzabuyisela ubuhle bukaJakhobe
njengobuhle buka-Israyeli,
lanxa abachithi bebaqothule
batshabalalisa lezivini zabo.
- ³ Amahawu amabutho akhe abomvu,
amabutho agqoke okubomvu gebhu.
Insimbi ezinqoleni zempi iyaphazima
ngosuku ezilungiselwe ngalo;
imikhonto yesihlahla sephayini
iyazunguzwa.
- ⁴ Izinqola zempi zihlasela ngesiqubu
emigwaqweni,
zisiya emuva laphambili ezigawini.

Zinjengezibane ezikhanyisiweyo;
ziyaphaziphazima njengombane.

⁵ Ubiza amabutho akhe akhethiweyo
kodwa ayakhubeka endleleni yawo.
Agijimela emdulini wedolobho;
isivikelo silungiswe.

⁶ Amasango omfula ayavulwa,
indlu yobukhosi ibhidlike.

⁷ Kumiswe ukuthi idolobho lizathunjwa,
abantu balo basiwe ebugqilini.
Izintombi zalo eziyizigqili zikhala njengamajuba
zizitshaya amabele azo.

⁸ INiniva injengesiziba,
njalo amanzi aso ageleza ehamba.
Bayaklabalala besithi, "Mana! Mana!"
Kodwa kakho onyemukulayo.

⁹ Phangani isiliva!
Phangani igolide!
Umthapho kawupheli,
inotho evela eziphaleni zayo zonke!

¹⁰ Ibhuqiwe, iphangiwe, iphundliwe!
Inhliziyo ziphela amandla, amadolo ayax-
ega,
imizimba iyaqhaq hazela, ubuso bonke bun-
yukubele.

¹¹ Khathesi-ke ungaphi umhome wezilwane,
lapho ezinikela khona abantwana bazo
ukudla,
lapho okwaya khona isilwane lesilwanekazi,
kanye lemidlwane, kungekho lutho olwe-
satshwayo na?

12 Isilwane sibulalele imidlwane yaso okwane-
leyo
sabambela lesilwanekazi saso okwenyama
yokudliwa,
sagcwalisa isikhundla saso ngesikujimbileyo
lomhome waso ngenyama.

13 “Ngimelane lawe,”
kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
“Ngizazitshisa izinqola zakho zempi zibe yin-
tuthu;
lenkemba izakudla izilwane zakho ezisakhu-
layo.
Kangiyikukutshiyela ongakubamba ukudle
njengenyama emhlabeni.
Amazwi ezithunywa zakho
kawasayikuzwakala futhi.”

3

Maye Kuyo INiniva

1 Maye kulo idolobho legazi,
ligcwele amanga,
ligcwele ukuphanga,
kasweleki ohlutshwayo lanini!
2 Ukukhala kwezaswebhu,
ukugodlozela kwamavili,
ukumatha kwamabhiza
lokugedlezela kwezinqola zempi!
3 Ukuhlasela kwabagadi bamabhiza
ukuphazima kwezinkemba
lokubenyezela kwemikhonto.
Zinengi izinkubela,
izingqwaba zabafileyo,

izidumbu ezingabalwayo,
 abantu abakhubeka ezidunjini,
 4 konke ngenxa yenkanuko embi yesifebe,
 siyakhanga, siyinkosikazi ephethe
 ubuthakathi,
 esifaka izizwe ebugqilini ngobufebe baso
 labantu ngobuthakathi baso.

5 “Ngimelana lawe,” kutsho uTHIXO uSomandla.
 “Ngizakwembulela izidwaba zakho
 ebusweni bakho.
 Ngizatshengisa izizwe ubunqunu bakho,
 lemibuso ihlazo lakho.
 6 Ngizakujikijela ngamanyala,
 ngizakweyisa,
 njalo ngikwenze ube ngumbukiso.
 7 Bonke abakubonayo bazakubalekela bathi,
 ‘iNiniva isichithekile, ngubani ozayililela
 na?’
 Ngingamthola ngaphi ongakududuza na?”

8 Wena ungcono na kuleThebesi
 engaseNayili,
 ehonqolozelwe ngamanzi?
 Umfula wawuyisivikelo sayo,
 amanzi engumduli wayo.
 9 IKhushi leGibhithe kwakungamandla ayo an-
 gapheliyo.
 IPhuthi leLibhiya kwakungabanye abance-
 disi bayo.
 10 Kodwa yathunjwa
 yaya ebugqilini.
 Izingane zayo zapaklazwa zaba yizicucu

ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke.
 Kwenziwa inkatho ngezikhulu zayo,
 wonke amadoda aphakemeyo abotshwa
 ngamaketane.

11 Lawe futhi uzadakwa;
 uzakuyacatsha
 udinge ukuphephela esitheni sakho.

12 Zonke izingqola zakho zinjengezihlahla
 zemikhiwa
 ezilezithelo zazo zakuqala ezivuthiweyo;
 lapho zinyikinywa,
 imikhiwa iwela emlonyeni womudli.

13 Khangela amabutho akho wonke,
 ngawesifazane!
 Amasango elizwe lakho
 avulekele izitha zakho aba banzi;
 umlilo uyiqedile imigoqo yawo.

14 Donsa amanzi ulungele ukuvimbezela,
 qinisa inqaba zakho.

Voxa udaka,
 nyathela ibumba,
 lungisa okwakhiwe ngezitina.

15 Khonapho umlilo uzakuqeda;
 inkemba izakucakazela phansi,
 ikudle njengesikhongwane.

Zandise njengesikhongwane,
 uzandise njengtethe.

16 Usulandisile inani labathengisi bakho.
 Baze bedlula izinkanyezi zasemkhathini,
 kodwa njengtethe baphundla ilizwe
 basuke bahambe.

17 Abalindi bakho banjengentethe,
izikhulu zakho zinjengemitshitshi yentethe
ezihlala emidulini mhla kuqanda
kodwa ilanga lingaphuma ziyaphapha zihambe,
njalo kakho okwaziyo ukuthi ngaphi.

18 Wena nkosi yase-Asiriya, abelusi bakho baya-
wozela,
izikhulu zakho zilala phansi ziphumule.
Abantu bakho bahlakazekile ezintabeni
kungekho obaqoqayo.

19 Akukho okungapholisa amaxeba akho;
ukulimala kwakho ngokokufa.
Bonke abezwa izindaba ngawe
batshaya izandla ngokuwa kwakho,
ngoba ngubani ongafuthelwanga
yisihluku sakho esingapheliyo na?

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