

## UZefaniya

<sup>1</sup> Ilizwi LIKATHIXO elafika kuZefaniya indodana kaKhushi, indodana kaGedaliya, indodana ka-Amariya, indodana kaHezekhiya, ekubuseni kukaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni inkosi yakoJuda:

### *Isixwayiso Ngencithakalo Ezayo*

<sup>2</sup> “Ngizakhucula konke ebusweni bomhlaba,”  
kutsho UTHIXO.

<sup>3</sup> “Ngizakhucula kokubili abantu lezinyamazana; ngizakhucula izinyoni zasemoyeni kanye lenhlanzi zasolwandle, lezithombe ezenza ababi bakhubeke.

Lapho ngiqeda abantu ebusweni bomhlaba,”  
kutsho UTHIXO.

### *Ukumelana LoJuda*

<sup>4</sup> “Ngizakwelulela isandla sami koJuda lakubo bonke abahlala eJerusalema.

Ngizaqeda konke okukaBhali okuseleyo kule indawo,  
amabizo abahedeni labaphristi abakhonza izithombe

<sup>5</sup> labo abakhothama phezu kwezindlu bakhonze ixuku lezinkanyezi,  
labo abakhothama bafunge NGO THIXO,  
abafunga langoMoleki futhi,

6 labo ababuyela emuva bedela ukulandela  
 UTHIXO  
 njalo abangamdinganga UTHIXO loba babuze  
 ngaye.

7 Thula phambi KUKATHIXO Wobukhosi,  
 ngoba usuku LUKATHIXO seluseduze.  
 UTHIXO uselungise umhlatshelo;  
 usebangcwelisile labo abanxusileyo.

8 Ngosuku lomhlatshelo KATHIXO  
 ngizajezisa izikhulu  
 lamadodana amakhosi labo bonke  
 labo abagqoke  
 izigqoko zezizweni.

9 Ngalolosuku ngizabajezisa  
 bonke abaxwaya ukunyathela umbundu  
 womnyango,  
 abagcwalisa ithempeli labonkulunkulu  
 babo ngodlakela langenkohliso.”

10 UTHIXO, uthi,  
 “Ngalolosuku ilizwi lokukhala  
 lizaqonga ngaseSangweni leNhlanzi,  
 ukulila kuvelela esiGabeni eSitsha  
 lomsindo omkhulu wokufohloza uvela  
 emaqaqeni.

11 Lilani lina elihlala esigodini sokuthengisela  
 saseMakhithashi,  
 bonke abathengisi benu bazaqedwa,  
 bonke abathengiselana ngesiliva bazabhu-  
 jiswa.

12 Ngalesosikhathi ngizaphenya iJerusalema  
 ngezibane

- ngijezise labo abangakhathaliyo,  
 abanjengewayini elitshiywe phakathi kwen-  
 sipho zalo,  
 abathi, 'UTHIXO kayikwenza lutho,  
 oluhle loba olubi.'
- <sup>13</sup> Inotho yabo izaphangwa,  
 izindlu zabo zidilizwe.  
 Bazakwakha izindlu  
 kodwa bangahlali kuzo;  
 bazahlanyela izivini,  
 kodwa iwayini bangalinathi."
- <sup>14</sup> Usuku olukhulu LUKATHIXO seluseduze,  
 njalo luza ngokuphangisa.  
 Lalelani! Ukukhala ngosuku LUKATHIXO  
 kuzakuba buhlungu, lokuklabalala kwe-  
 butho khonapho.
- <sup>15</sup> Lolosuku luzakuba lusuku lolaka,  
 usuku losizi lokudabuka;  
 usuku lokuhlupheka lokuchitheka,  
 usuku lomnyama lokudana,  
 usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama,
- <sup>16</sup> usuku lwecilongo lokuhlaba umkhosi  
 wokulwa impi  
 lamadolobho avikelweyo  
 kanye lezingaba zasemajikweni.
- <sup>17</sup> "Ngizaletha usizi ebantwini  
 njalo bazahamba njengeziphofu,  
 ngoba bonile KUTHIXO.  
 Igazi labo lizachithwa njengothuli  
 lezibilini zabo njengamanyala.
- <sup>18</sup> Isiliva sabo loba igolide labo

kakungeke kwenelise ukubasindisa  
ngosuku lolaka LUKATHIXO.

Umhlaba wonke uzatshiswa emlilweni  
womona wakhe  
ngoba uzakwenza isiphetho ngokuphangisa  
kubo bonke abahlala emhlabeni.”

## 2

*IJuda LeJerusalema Yahlulelwa Kanye Lezinye  
Izizwe.*

*UJuda Ukhuthazwa Ukuthi Aphenduke*

- <sup>1</sup> Buthanani ndawonye, buthanani ndawonye,  
wena sizwe esiyangisayo,  
<sup>2</sup> isikhathi esimisiweyo singakafiki  
losuku ludlule njengamakhoba,  
ukuthukuthela okwesabekayo KUKATHIXO  
kungakafiki kuwe,  
usuku lolaka LUKATHIXO  
lungakafiki kuwe.  
<sup>3</sup> Dingani UTHIXO, lonke lina abathobekileyo  
belizwe,  
lina elenza lokho akulayayo.  
Dingani ukulunga, dingani ukuthobeka;  
mhlawumbe lingavikelwa  
ngosuku lwentukuthelo KATHIXO.

*Ukumelana LeFilistiya*

- <sup>4</sup> IGaza izadelwa  
le-Ashikheloni isale isingamanxiwa.  
Abantu base-Ashidodi bazaxotshwa emini,  
le-Ekroni isitshulwe.  
<sup>5</sup> Maye kini lina elihlala ngasolwandle,  
lina sizwe samaKherethi;

ilizwi LIKATHIXO limelana lani,  
wena Khenani, lizwe lamaFilistiya.

“Ngizakutshabalalisa,  
njalo kakho ozasala.”

<sup>6</sup> Ilizwe elingasolwandle  
lizakuba yindawo yabelusi  
lezibaya zezimvu.

<sup>7</sup> Ilizwe lizakuba  
ngelabaseleyo abendlu kaJuda;  
bazathola amadlelo khona.

Kusihlwa bazalala phansi  
ezindlini zase-Ashikheloni.

UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wabo uzabalondoloza;  
uzabenza baphumelele futhi.

*Ukumelana LeMowabi Le-Amoni*

<sup>8</sup> “Ngizizwile izithuko zeMowabi  
lokuchothoza kwama-Amoni,  
abathuka abantu bami  
besongela lelizwe labo.

<sup>9</sup> Ngakho ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona,”  
kutsho UTHIXO uSomandla,  
uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,

“impela iMowabi izakuba njengeSodoma,  
ama-Amoni abe njengeGomora,

indawo yokhula lemigodi yetshwayi,  
ilizwe elichithekileyo nini lanini.

Abaseleyo babantu bami bazabaphanga;  
abaphephileyo babantu bami bazathatha  
ilizwe labo.”

<sup>10</sup> Lokhu yikho abazakuthola kungumvuzo  
wokuziggqaja kwabo,  
ngenxa yokuthuka lokuklolodela  
abantu BAKATHIXO uSomandla.

11 UTHIXO uzakwesabeka kubo  
lapho esetshabalalisa bonke onkulunkulu  
belizwe.  
Izizwe ezisemakhunjini wonke zizamkhonza,  
ngulowo elizweni lakhe.

*UKumelana LeKhushi*

12 “Lani futhi, lina maKhushi  
lizabulawa ngenkemba yami.”

*Ukumelana Le-Asiriya*

13 Uzakwelulela isandla sakhe enyakatho  
achithe i-Asiriya,  
atshiye iNiniva itshabalele ngokupheleleyo  
njalo yome njengenkangala.

14 Imihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo izalala phansi  
khonapho,  
lezidalwa zezinhlobo zonke.  
Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo  
kuzahlala ensikeni zakhe.  
Ukukhala kwazo kuzezwakala emawindini,  
imfucuza izakuba eminyango,  
imijabo yemisedari ichayeke.

15 Leli lidolobho elingakhathaliyo  
elalizihlalele livikelekile.  
Lazitshela lathi:  
“Ngiyimi, kakho omunye ngaphandle  
kwami.”  
Yeka ukuchitheka eseliyikho,  
isikhundla sezinyamazana zeganga!  
Bonke abadlula kulo bahleka usulu  
balikhombe ngeminwe.

### 3

*Ikusasa LeJerusalema*

- 1 Maye kulo idolobho labancindezeli,  
 elihlamukayo lelingcolileyo!
- 2 Kalilaleli muntu,  
 kalivumi kukhuzwa.  
 Kalithembeli KUTHIXO,  
 kalisondeleli kuNkulunkulu walo.
- 3 Izikhulu zalo  
 ziyizilwane ezibhongayo, ababusi balo  
 bazimpisi zakusihlwa,  
 ezingatshiyi lutho lwekuseni.
- 4 Abaphrofethi balo bayazazisa;  
 bangabantu bamacebo amabi.  
 Abaphristi balo bangcolisa indawo engcwele  
 bephule lomthetho.
- 5 UTHIXO phakathi kwalo ulungile;  
 kenzi okubi,  
 nsuku zonke ekuseni wenza ukulunga kwakhe  
 njalo kaphambanisi ukusa kwamalanga  
 wonke,  
 ikanti abangalunganga kabalanhloni.

*IJerusalema Yala Ukuphenduka*

- 6 “Ngizichithile izizwe;  
 izinqaba zazo zidiliziwe.  
 Ngitshiye imigwaqo yazo ideliwe  
 kungekho odlula khona.  
 Amadolobho azo adiliziwe;  
 kakho ozasala kakho lamunye.
- 7 Ngathi kulo idolobho,  
 ‘Impela uzangesaba  
 uvume ukukhuzwa!’  
 Lapho-ke indlu yalo yokuhlala yayin-  
 gayikudilizwa  
 loba isijeziso sami sehlele phezu kwalo.

Kodwa babelokhu betshisekela izenzo zokuxh-  
wala  
kukho konke abakwenzayo.

8 Ngakho ngilindela," kutsho UTHIXO,  
"lolusuku engizasukuma ngalo ngifakaze.  
Sengimise ukubuthanisa izizwe,  
ngiqoqe imibuso,  
ngehlisele ulaka lwami phezu kwabo  
konke ukuthukuthela kwami okukhulu.  
Umhlaba wonke uzaqothulwa  
ngomlilo womona wentukuthelo yami."

*Ukuvuselelwa Kwensalela Yako-Israyeli*

9 "Lapho-ke ngizahlambulula izindebe zezizwe,  
ukuze zonke zikhuleke ebizweni LIKATHIXO  
zimkhonze zimanyane.

10 Kusukela ngaphetsheya kwemifula  
yaseKhushi  
abakhonzi bami, abantu bami abahlakazek-  
ileyo,  
bazangilethela iminikelo.

11 Ngalolosuku kaliyikuyangiswa  
ngobubi bonke elabenza kimi,  
ngoba ngizabasusa kulelidolobho  
abathokoziswa yikuzigqaja kwabo.  
Kaliyikuzikhukhumeza futhi  
entabeni yami engcwele.

12 Kodwa ngizatshiya phakathi kwenu  
abathambileyo labathobekileyo,  
abathembele ebizweni LIKATHIXO.

13 Kabayikwenza okubi;  
kabayikuqamba amanga,  
loba kube lenkohliso  
emilonyeni yabo.



Bazakudla balale phansi,  
kakho ozabenza besabe.”

14 Hlabela wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni,  
klabalala kakhulu, wena Israyeli!  
Thaba uthokoze ngenhliziyo yakho yonke  
wena ndodakazi yaseJerusalema!

15 UTHIXO usesisusile isijeziso sakho,  
usesixotshile isitha sakho.  
UTHIXO, iNkosi ka-Israyeli, ulawe;  
akulangozi ozaphinda uyesabe futhi.

16 Ngalolosuku bazakuthi kulo iJerusalema,  
“Ungesabi,  
wena Ziyoni;  
ungavumeli ukuba izandla zakho zibe  
buthakathaka.

17 UTHIXO uNkulunkulu wakho ulawe,  
ulamandla okusindisa.  
Uzathokoza kakhulu ngawe,  
uzakududuza ngothando lwakhe,  
uzakuthokozela ngokuhlabelela.”

18 “Insizi zemikhosi emisiweyo  
ngizazisusa kuwe;  
zingumthwalo lehlazo kuwe.

19 Ngalesosikhathi ngizababona  
bonke abalincindezelayo;  
ngizahlenga abaqhulayo  
ngibuthe lalabo abahlakazwayo,  
ngizabapha udumo lenhlonipho  
kuwo wonke amazwe lapho abahlaziswa  
khona.

20 Ngalesosikhathi ngizalibutha;  
ngalesosikhathi ngizalisa ekhaya.

Ngizalipha inhlonipho lodumo  
phakathi kwezizwe zonke zasemhlabeni  
lapho sengiliphumelelisa futhi  
phambi kwamehlo enu uqobo,”  
kutsho UTHIXO.

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