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ISAHLUKO 1

Ilizwi likaYehova elafika kuMika waseMoreshete, ngemihla kaYotam, ka-Ahazi, kaHezekiya, ookumkani bakwaYuda, awalibonayo ngokusingisele kwelakwaSamari neYerusalem.

² Yivani nonke, zizwe niphela; bazani indlebe, hlabathi nenzaliseko yalo; mayibe lingqina iNkosi uYehova ngani, iNkosi etempileni yayo engcwele.

³ Kuba nanko uYehova ephuma endaweni yakhe, eya kuhla, anyathele phezu kwemimango yehlabathi.

⁴ Ziya kunyibilika iintaba phantsi kwakhe, zicandeki izihlambo, njengomthwebeba phambi komlilo, njengamanzi ephalazwe exandekeni.

⁵ Konke oko kungesikreko sakwaYakobi, kungesono sendlu kaSirayeli. Ngubani na obange isikreko sakwaYakobi? AsingowakwaSamari na? Ngubani na obange iziganga zakwaYuda? AsingowaseYerusalem na?

⁶ Ngoko ke ndolenza elakwaSamari libe yimfumba yamatye esisimi, libe ziindawo zokutyala imidiliya; ndiwaphose amatye alo emfuleni, ndizityhile iziseko zalo.

⁷ Iya kuqotywa yonke imifanekiso yalo eqingqiweyo, lutshiswe ngomlilo lonke utsheqo lwalo, ndizichithe zonke izithixo zalo; ngokuba lizibuthe ngotsheqo lwehenyukazi, ziya kubuya ke zibe lutsheqo lwehenyukazi.

⁸ Ngoko ke ndiya kumbambazela, ndibhombolozela; ndiya kuhamba ndihlunyulwe, ndishiywe ndize; ndiya kukhala njengempungutye, ndilile njengenciniba.

⁹ Kuba amanxeba alo akanakunyangwa; ngokuba kude kwafika nakwaYuda, kwada kwafika esangweni labantu bam eYerusalem.

¹⁰ Musani ukukuxela eGati, musani ukulila nokulila; eBhetele-afra ndizigalele ngothuli.

¹¹ Dlulani, bemi baseShafire, nihambe ze ngokulihlazo; abemi baseTsanani abaphumanga: umbambazelo lwaseBhete-etsela lunihlutha ukuma kwenu kuyo.

¹² Kuba abemi baseMaroti bazibhijabhija ngenxa yokulungileyo; kuba kuhle ububi buphuma kuYehova, beza esangweni leYerusalem.

¹³ Bophani iimbaleki ezinqwelweni zokulwa, bemi baseLakishe; ibikukuqala kwesono entombini enguZiyon, ukuthi zifunyanwe kuyo izikreko zakwaSirayeli.

¹⁴ Ngako oko uya kuyinika iMoreshete yaseGati inqakwe; izindlu zaseAkezibhi ziya kuba ngumlambo okhohlisayo kookumkani bakwaSirayeli.

¹⁵ Ndisaya kuyizisa indlalifa kuni, bemi baseMaresha; baya kufika eAdulam abazukileyo bakwaSirayeli. Chebani, niziguye iintloko, ngenxa yoonyana beziyolo zenu;

¹⁶ kwenzeni banzi ukucheba kwenu, njengexhalanga; kuba bathinjiwe kuwe.

ISAHLUKO 2

Athi ke, abo bacinga ubutshinga, basebenze ububi ezililini zabo! abathi ekukhanyeni kwengomso babenze, ngokuba isandla sabo singuthixo wabo.

² Banqwenela amasimi, bawahluthe; kwanezindlu, bazithabathe; bacudisa umfo nendlu yakhe, indoda nelifa layo.

³ Ngako oko utsho uYehova ukuthi, Yabonani, ndicinga ububi ngale mizalwane, eningayi kuzirhola iintamo zenu kubo, ningahambi niqhankqalaza; kuba lixesha lobubi.

⁴ Ngaloo mini kuya kwenziwa umzekeliso ngani, bameme isimema, kuthiwe, Kwenzekile; sibhuqiwe sabhuqwa. Isahlulo sabantu bakowethu usananisile; hayi, ukusisusa kwakhe kum! amasimi ethu uwabela amaphamba.

⁵ Ngako oko akuyi kuba naye okuphosela ulutya kwiqashiso ebandleni likaYehova.

⁶ Bathi, Musani ukuwisa intetho, bewisa intetho; ukuba abathe bawisa intetho kubo abo, akayi kubuya umva amahlazo.

⁷ Wena kuthiwa uyindlu kaYakobi, uyazekaneka na uMoya kaYehova? kukwenza kwakhe na oku? Akalungisi na amazwi am kohamba ngokuthe tye?

⁸ Izolo eli abantu bam basuke ngokotshaba; nibahluba ingubo ende yokwaleka kwengaphantsi, abadlula bekhosile, bengathandi kulwa.

⁹ Abafazi babantu bam niyabagxotha ezindlwini zeziyolo zabo; ebantwaneni babo nizithabathile izivatho zam ngonaphakade.

¹⁰ Sukani, nihambe; kuba asiyo indawo yokuphumla kwenu le; ngenxa yobunqambi bayo obonakalisayo, obonakalisayo kakhulu.

¹¹ Ukuba bekukho umntu ohamba nomoya, exokisa ngamanga, esithi, Ndiya kuwisa intetho kuwe ngokusingisele kwiwayini, nakwisiselo esinxilisayo, ubeya kuba ngumwisi-ntetho kwaba bantu.

¹² Ndiya kukuhlanganisa okunene, Yakobi, uphela; okunene ndiya kuwabutha amasalela akwaSirayeli; ndiya kubenza babe banye, njengempahla emfutshane yaseBhotsera, njengomhlambi ophakathi kwedlelo lawo; baya kuxokozela ngokuba baninzi kwabantu.

¹³ Unyuke phambi kwabo umgqobhozi; bayagqobhoza, bayangena esangweni, bayaphuma kwangalo; ukumkani wabo uhamba phambi kwabo, uYehova esentloko kubo.

ISAHLUKO 3

Ndathi, Khanive, zintloko zakwaYakobi, nani baphathi bendlu kaSirayeli; asikokwenu na ukukwazi okusesikweni?

² nina, bathiyi bokulungileyo, bathandi bokubi; nina bahlinzi bolusu lwabantu, nenyama yabo emathanjeni abo;

³ nina, bayidlileyo inyama yabantu bam; balobula ulusu iwabo; bawaphula amathambo abo; bawaxhaxha ngathi ngawembiza, ngathi yinyama kungxawu.

⁴ Baya kwandula bakhale kuYehova, angabaphenduli: asuke abusithelise ubuso bakhe kubo ngelo xesha, njengoko bazenze zambi iintlondi zabo.

⁵ Utsho uYehova ngokusingisele kubaprofeti ababandwendwisayo abantu bakowethu; abathi, xa banokuhlafunwayo, baze bamemeze uxolo: bathi, osukuba engafaki nto emlonyeni wabo, bamngcwalisele imfazwe, ukuthi:

⁶ Ngako oko niya kuba nobusuku, iphuthe imibono; nibe nobumnyama, kuphuthe ukuvumisa; litshone ilanga kubaprofeti, ibe mnyama imini kubo.

- ⁷ Ziya kudana iimboni, babe neentloni abavumisi, bazigqubuthela iindevu bonke bephela; ngokuba kungekho mpendulo kaThixo.
- ⁸ Ke mna ndizele ngamandla ngomoya kaYehova, ndizele kokusesikweni nobugora, ukuze ndimxelele uYakobi ukrefo lwakhe, uSirayeli isono sakhe.
- ⁹ Khanive oku, nina zintloko zendlu kaYakobi, nani baphathi bendlu kaSirayeli, abakwenza amasikizi okusesikweni, bakujikajike konke okuthe tye;
- ¹⁰ abayakha iZiyon ngamagazi, neYerusalem ngobugqwetha.
- ¹¹ Iintloko zayo zigweba ngenxa yesicengo, nababingeleli bayo bayayala ngenxa yomvuzo, nabaprofeti bayo bavumisa ngenxa yemali; baze bayame ngoYehova, besithi, UYehova akaphakathi kwethu, yini na? asiyi kuzelwa bubi.
- ¹² Ngako oko, ngenxa yenu iya kulinywa iZiyon ibe yintsimi, iYerusalem ibe yimiwewe, intaba yayo indlu ibe yimimango yehlathi.

ISAHLUKO 4

Ke kaloku, ekupheleni kwemihla, intaba yendlu kaYehova iya kuzinza encotsheni yazo iintaba, yona iziphakamele iinduli, zibe ngumsinga izizwe ukuya kuyo.

- ² Ziya kubamba iintlanga ezininzi, zithi, Hambani, sinyuke siye entabeni kaYehova, endlwini yoThixo kaYakobi, ukuze asiyalele iindlela zakhe, sihambe ngomendo wakhe; kuba uya kuphuma eZiyon umyalelo, nelizwi likaYehova eYerusalem.
- ³ Uya kugweba phakathi kwezizwe ezininzi, ohlwaye iintlanga ezinamandla, ade ase kude; ziwakhande, amakrele azo abe ngamakhuba, nezikhali zazo zibe zizitshetshe zokuthena imidiliya. Uhlanga aluyi kuphakamisela kuhlanga ikrele lalo, bangabi safunda ukulwa.
- ⁴ Baya kuhlala elowo phantsi komdiliya wakhe, naphantsi komkhiwane wakhe, kungabikho uboyikisayo; kuba umlomo kaYehova wemikhosi uthethile.
- ⁵ Kuba zonke izizwe zihamba, sona eso egameni lothixo waso; thina ke sihamba egameni likaYehova uThixo wethu, ngonaphakade kanaphakade.
- ⁶ Ngayo loo mini, utsho uYehova, ndiya kubahlanganisa abaqhwalelayo, ndibabuthe abagxothiweyo, nabendibaphethe kakubi;
- ⁷ ndibenze abaqhwalelayo babe ngamasalela, nabakhweleliselwa kude babe luhlanga olunamandla, uYehova abe ngukumkani kubo entabeni yeZiyon, kususela ngoku kude kuse ephakadeni.
- ⁸ Wena ke, nqaba ende yomhlambi, nduli yentombi enguZiyon, luya kuza lufikelele kuwe olwangaphambili ulawulo, lokuba bubukumkani bentombi enguYerusalem.
- ⁹ Ngokunje ukhalelani na ngoku kukhala? Akakho na ukumkani kuwe? Umcebisi wakho ubhubhile na, ukuba ubanjwe nje kukuzibhijabhija, njengozalayo?
- ¹⁰ Zibhijabhije, ubhanyalaze njengozalayo, ntombi inguZiyon; ngokuba ngoku uya kuphuma phakathi komzi, uhlale endle, ude uye eBhabheli; uya kuhlangulwa khona; uya kukukhulula khona uYehova esandleni seentshaba zakho.
- ¹¹ Ngoku ke kuhlanganisene iintlanga ezininzi ngawe, zisithi, Mayihlanjelwe, ayibone amehlo ethu iZiyon.
- ¹² Ke zona ezi azizazi iingcinga zikaYehova, aziliqondi icebo lakhe; kuba uzibuthile njengezithungu zesanda.

¹³ Suk' ume, ubhule, ntombi inguZiyon, kuba uphondo lwakho ndilwenza isinyithi, neempuphu zakho ndizenza ubhedu. Uya kucola iintlanga ezininzi, uyisingele phantsi kuYehova inzuzo yazo embi, ubusingele phantsi kwiNkosi yehlabathi lonke ubutyebi bazo.

ISAHLUKO 5

Kaloku ngungelanani, ntombi yongungelwano; bayasingqinga, babetha ngentonga esidleleni nakumgwebi wakwaSirayeli.

² Ke wena, Bhetelehem-efrata, umncinane kunokuba ubekho emawakeni akwaYuda, kuya kuphuma kuwe, eze ngenxa yam, oya kuba ngumlawuli kwaSirayeli, oziphumo zakhe zisusela kumandulo, zisusela kwimihla yasephakadeni.

³ Ngako oko uya kubanikela kude kube lixesha lokuzala kozalayo, ade abuye amasalela abazalwana bakhe, kunye noonyana bakaSirayeli;

⁴ uya kuma, aluse enamandla kaYehova, enobungangamsha begama likaYehova uThixo wakhe; bahlale; ngokuba ngoku uya kuba mkhulu, ese eziphelweni zehlabathi.

⁵ Woba luxolo lowo. Xa uAsiriya azileyo ezweni lakowethu, xa anyathelayo ezingxandeni zethu ezinde, siya kumisela abalusi abasixhenxe, neenkosi zabantu ezisibhozo, zimelane naye.

⁶ Baya kulalusa ilizwe laseAsiriya ngekrele, nelizwe lakwaNimrodi emasangweni alo; asihlangule kuma-Asiriya, xa azileyo ezweni lakowethu, xa anyathelayo emideni yethu.

⁷ Amasalela akwaYakobi aya kuba phakathi kwezizwe ezininzi, njengombethe ophuma kuYehova, njengamathontsi emvula ebutyanini; engathembele mntwini, engalindele koonyana babantu.

⁸ Amasalela akwaYakobi oba sezintlangeni, phakathi kwezizwe ezininzi, njengengonyama phakathi kweenyamakazi zehlathi; njengengonyama entsha phakathi kwemihlambi yeegusha, yona ithi, ingacanda kuzo, isuke inyhashe, iqwenge, kungabikho mhlanguki.

⁹ Masiphakame isandla sakho, sibe phezu kwababandezeli bakho, zinqunyulwe zonke iintshaba zakho.

¹⁰ Kothi ngaloo mini, utsho uYehova, ndiwanqumle amahashe akho, angabikho phakathi kwakho, ndizitshabalalise iinqwelo zakho zokulwa.

¹¹ Ndoyinqumla imizi yelizwe lakowenu, ndizigungxule zonke iinqaba zakho;

¹² ndibanqamle abakhafuli, bangabikho esandleni sakho; amatola angabikho kuwe.

¹³ Ndiya kuyinqumla imifanekiso yakho eqingqiweyo, nezimiso zakho zamatye, zingabikho phakathi kwakho; ungabi saqubuda kumsebenzi wezandla zakho.

¹⁴ Ndobanyothula ooAshera bakho, bangabikho phakathi kwakho; ndiyitshabalalise imizi yakho.

¹⁵ Ndiya kuphindezela ndinomsindo, ndishushu ezintlangeni ezingevayo.

ISAHLUKO 6

Khanive akuthethayo uYehova; uthi, Suk' ume, ubambanene entaba, iinduli zilive ilizwi lakho.

² Yivani, zintaba, ukubambana kukaYehova, nani zimakade, ziseko zehlabathi; kuba uYehova ubambene nabantu bakhe, uya kuphikisana namaSirayeli.

³ Bantu bam, ndenze ntoni na kuni? Ndinidinise ngantoni na? Ndiphenduleni.

⁴ Ngokuba ndaninyusa ezweni laseYiputa, ndanikhulula endlwini yamakhoboka,

ndathuma phambi kwenu ooMoses, noAron, noMiriya.

⁵ Bantu bam, khanikukhumbule ukucebisa kukaBhalaki ukumkani wakwaMowabhi, nokuphendula kukaBhileham unyana kaBhehori, ethabathela eShitim, wada wesa eGiligali, ukuze niyazi imisebenzi kaYehova yobulungisa.

⁶ Ndiya kumkhawulela uYehova ndinantoni na? Ndiye kuzigoba na kuThixo ophezulu? Ndiya kumkhawulela ndinamadini anyukayo na, ndinamathole amnyaka mnye na?

⁷ Wokholiswa na uYehova ngamawaka eenkunzi zezimvu, ngamawaka alishumi emilambo yeoli? Ndorhola owamazibulo na ngenxa yesikreko sam, isiqhamo somzimba wam na ngenxa yesono somphefumlo wam?

⁸ Uxelelwe, mntundini, okulungileyo: akubizayo uYehova kuwe, kukuthi wenze okusesikweni, uthande inceba, uhambe noThixo wakho ngokuthozamileyo.

⁹ Izwi likaYehova libhekisa kuwo umzi ukubiza, igama lakho liyayibona eyona nto iyiyo. Yiveni intonga, nalowo uyiyalelayo.

¹⁰ Busekho na ubuncwane bokungendawo endlwini yongendawo, ne-efa edlekileyo, ebhavunyelweyo?

¹¹ Ndoqaqamba na ndinesikali sokungendawo, ndinengxowa yamatye enkohliso?

¹² Kuba izityebi zakhona zizele lugonyamelo, nabemi bakhona bathethe ubuxoki, nolwimi lwabo lube lunenkohliso emlonyeni wabo.

¹³ Nam ke ndikuxabele ngokubulalayo, ndikuphanzisile ngenxa yezono zakho.

¹⁴ Wena uya kudla, ungahluthi, uhlale unephango; usabise, ungasindisi; nokusindileyo ndikunikele ekreleni.

¹⁵ Wena uya kuhlwayela, ungavuni; wena uya kuxovula umnquma, ungazithambisi ngeoli; uxovule iwayini entsha, ungaseli wayini.

¹⁶ Bazigcinela imimiselo kaOmri, nezenzo zonke zendlu ka-Ahabhi, nisuke nihambe ngamacebo abo; ukuze ndinenze nibe ngummangaliso, nabemi bayo babe ngumsondlo; ngoko niya kuthwala ukungcikovwa kwabantu bam.

ISAHLUKO 7

Athi ke mna! Kuba ndisuke ndaba njengokuhlanganiswa kweziquhamo zasehlotyeni, njengokubhikicwa kweediliya; akukho sihloko sakudliwa; akukho khiwane liqalelayo, linqwenelwayo ngumphefumlo wam.

² Udakile owenceba, akabakho ehlabathini; akasekho nothe tye phakathi koluntu; bonke bephela balalela igazi, elowo uzingela umzalwana wakhe ngomnatha.

³ Izandla zabo zozibini zisentweni embi ukuba ziyifeze; uthi umthetheli acele ngegunya, umgwebi enzele umvuzo; omkhulu yena uthetha ububi bomphefumlo wakhe; benjenjalo ke ukuyiphotha.

⁴ Olungileyo kubo unjengomtholo, othe tye ugqithisele nakuthango lweminga; iyeza imini yababoniseli bakho, yokuvelelwa kwakho, kubekho ngoku ukudideka kwabo.

⁵ Musani ukukholwa nguwenu, ningakholosi ngekhawane; nakolele esifubeni sakho, zigcine iingcango zomlomo wakho.

⁶ Ngokuba unyana umenza isidenge uyise, intombi isukela phezulu kunina, umolokazana kuninazala; iintshaba zomntu ngabantu bendlu yakhe.

⁷ Mna ke ndiya kuqwalasela kuYehova; ndiya kulindela kuThixo wokusindiswa kwam; uya kundiva uThixo wam.

⁸ Musa ukundivuyelela, lutshaba lwam; kuba, ndiwile nje, ndiya kubuya ndivuke; kuba,

ndihleli emnyameni nje, uYehova uya kuba kukukhanya kum.

⁹ Ukujala kukaYehova ndiya kukuthwala, kuba ndonile kuye, ade andithethelele etyaleni lam, andilungisele; uya kundikhuphela ekukhanyeni; ndiya kububona ubulungisa bakhe.

¹⁰ Ke utshaba lwam luya kubona, lugutyungelwe kukudana, obe lusithi kum, Uphi na uYehova, uThixo wakho? Amehlo am aya kulubona; kungoku luya kunyathelwa njengodaka lwezitrato.

¹¹ Iyeza imini yokwakhiwa kweendonga zakho; ngaloo mini uya kuba kude ummiselo.

¹² Ngaloo mini boza kuwe, bevela eAsiriya nasemizini yaseYiputa, bethabathela eYiputa, bade base kuwo uMlambo; bethabathela elwandle, base elwandle; bethabathela entabeni base entabeni.

¹³ Kuya kuba senkangala elizweni, ngenxa yabemi balo, ngenxa yeziqhamo zeentloni zabo.

¹⁴ Yalusa abantu bakho ngentonga yakho, iigusha zelifa lakho, ezihleli zodwa, ehlathini phakathi kweKarmeke; mazidle eBhashan nakwelaseGiliyadi, ngokweemini zasephakadeni.

¹⁵ Ngokweemini zokuphuma kwakho ezweni laseYiputa, ndiya kubabonisa imisebenzi ebalulekileyo.

¹⁶ Iintlanga ziya kubona, zibudanele ubugorha bazo bonke; ziya kubeka isandla emlonyeni, iindlebe zazo ziya kuba zizithulu.

¹⁷ Ziya kukhotha uthuli njengenyoka, njengezinambuzane zehlabathi; ziya kuphuma zigungqa ekuvingcelweni kwazo; ziya kuya zinkwantya kuYehova uThixo wethu, zoyike phambi kwakho.

¹⁸ Ngubani na onguThixo onjengawe, oxolela ubugwenxa, adlule esikreqweni samasalela elifa lakhe? Akawugcini unaphakade umsindo wakhe; kuba yena uthanda ukwenza inceba.

¹⁹ Wobuya abe nemfesane kuthi, abunyathelele phantsi ubugwenxa bethu; woziphosa ezinzulwini zolwandle zonke izono zabo.

²⁰ Uya kumnika uYakobi inyaniso, umnike uAbraham inceba, owabafungela yona oobawo kususela kwimihla yamandulo.

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