

# UDUTHERONOMI

*Umlayo wokusuka eHorebi*

**1** La ngamazwi akhulunywa nguMosi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli enkangala empumalanga yeJodani – lokhu kuyikuthi, e-Arabha – maqondana leSufi, phakathi kwePhareni leThofeli, eLabani, eHazerothi kanye laseDizahabi.<sup>2</sup> (Loluhambo luthatha insuku ezilitshumi lanye ukusuka eHorebi kusiya eKhadeshi Bhaneya ngomgwaqo odlula eNtabeni yaseSeyiri.)

<sup>3</sup>Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yetshumi lanye, uMosi wamemezela kwabako-Israyeli konke lokho uJehova uNkulunkulu ayemlaye ngakho ngabo.<sup>4</sup>Lokhu kwakungemva kokuba esenqobe uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni, njalo wayesenqobe

e-Edireyi u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, owayebusa e-Ashitharothi.

<sup>5</sup>Empumalanga kweJodani elizweni laseMowabi, uMosi waqalisa ukufundisa ngalo umthetho, esithi:

<sup>6</sup>UJehova uNkulunkulu wethu wakhuluma lathi siseHorebi wathi, “Selihlale isikhathi eseneleyo kule intaba.<sup>7</sup>Chithani izihonqo zenu ledlulele elizweni lamaqaqa lama-Amori; yanini kubo bonke abangomakhelwane

e-Arabha, ezintabeni, emawatheni angentshonalanga, eNegebi lilandelele ukhumbi, liye ezweni lamaKhenani kanye laseLebhanoni lidabule lize liyefika emfuleni omkhulu, iYufrahe.

<sup>8</sup>Khangelani, sengiliphile lelilizwe. Ngenani lilithumbe lelilizwe uJehova uNkulunkulu afunga wathi uzalinika okhokho benu – o-Abrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe – kanye lakuzizukulwana zabo ezilandelayo.”

*Ukukhethwa kwabakhokheli*

<sup>9</sup>Ngaleso sikhathi ngathi kini, “Lina lingumthwalo omkhulu kakhulu onzima ukuthi ngiwuthwale ngingedwa.

<sup>10</sup>UJehova wenu usengezelele amanani enu okokuthi lamuhla selilingana lezinkanyezi zemkhathini.<sup>11</sup>Sengathi uJehova wabokhokho benu, angalibusisa njalo alandise ngokuphindwe kankulungwane njengokuthembisa kwakhe!<sup>12</sup>Kodwa ngingazithwala njani izinhlupho zenu lemithwalo yenu kanye lezingxabano zenu ngingedwa na?<sup>13</sup>Khethani amadoda akhaliphileyo, azwisisayo ahloniphekayo kuleso laleso sezizwe zakini, mina ngizawabeka alikhokhele.”

<sup>14</sup>Langiphendula lathi, “Lokho ofisa ukukwenza kulungile.”

<sup>15</sup>Ngakho ngathatha abakhokheli bezizwe zenu, amadoda akhaliphileyo njalo ahloniphekayo, ngabanika amandla phezu kwenu – ukuze babe ngabalawuli bezinkulungwane, abalawuli bamakhulu, amatshumi amahlanu abetshumi kanye lokuba yizikhulu zezizwana.<sup>16</sup>Njalo ngapha isiqondiso kubahluleli ngalesosikhathi ngathi: Hluzani ingxabano phakathi kwabafowenu njalo lahlulele ngokufaneleyo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi yingxabano phakathi kwabako-Israyeli bodwa loba kungowako-Israyeli oxabana lowezizweni.<sup>17</sup>Lingathathi hlangothi ekwahluleleni; hluzani amacala abancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo. Lingesabi loba ngubani, ngoba ukwahlulela ngokukaJehova. Kuthi icala elinzima lililethe kimi, ngizalihluza ngahlulele.<sup>18</sup>Njalo ngalesosikhathi ngalitshela konke okwakumele likwenze.

*Kuthunywa izinhloli*

<sup>19</sup>Kwathi-ke, njengoba uJehova wethu wayesilayile, sasuka eHorebi saqonda ezweni lama-Amori elilamaqaqa

sadabula inkangala enkulu eyesabekayo eseliyibonile, saze sayafika eKhadeshi Bhaneya.<sup>20</sup> Ngakho ngathi kini, “Selifikile elizweni lama-Amori elamaqaqa, ilizwe uJehova wethu asinika lona.

<sup>21</sup> Khangelani, uJehova uNkulunkulu uselinike lelizwe. Hambani lilithumbe njengoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, alitshela. Lingesabi; lingadideki.”

<sup>22</sup> Kusenjalo lina lonke leza kimi lathi, “Asithumeni amadoda ahambe phambili ayehlola lelolizwe abuye azositshengisa indlela esizangena ngayo kanye leyokuthumba amadolobho esizafikela kuwo.”

<sup>23</sup> Lokho kwakhanya kungumnakano omuhle kimi; lakanye ngakhetha abalitshumi lababili phakathi kwenu, indoda eyodwa esizwaneni ngasinye.

<sup>24</sup> Basuka baya ezweni lamaqaqa njalo bafika bahlola isihotsha sase-Eshikole.

<sup>25</sup> Bathatha ezinye izithelo zelizwe babuya lazo kithi, njalo bethula umbiko othi, “Yilizwe elihle uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu asipha lona.”

#### *Ukuhlamukela uJehova*

<sup>26</sup> Kodwa lina lalingazimiselanga ukuhamba; lahlamukela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngokungalaleli umlayo wakhe.<sup>27</sup> Lina lakhonona lisemathenteni enu lathi, “UJehova uNkulunkulu uyasizonda; kutsho ukuthi wasikhipha eGibhithe ukuze asinikele ezandleni zama-Amori ukuze asibhubhise.<sup>28</sup> Singaya ngaphi na? Abafowethu sebesithelele ubuthakathaka. Bathi bona, ‘Abantu bakhona balamandla njalo bade kulathi; amadolobho akhona makhulu, alemiduli etshaya emkhathini. Size sabona lama-Anakhi khonale.’ ”

<sup>29</sup> Mina ngasengisithi kini, “Lingethuki; lingabesabi.<sup>30</sup> UJehova wenu ohamba phambi kwenu uzalilwela, njengalokho alenzela khona eGibhithe, lizibonela ngamehlo enu,<sup>31</sup> njalo lasenkangala. Khonale lazibonela ukuthi uJehova wenu walithwala, njengoyise ethwala indodana yakhe, uhambo lwenu lonke laze lafika lapha.”

<sup>32</sup> Lanxa kunjalo, alizange limethembe uJehova wenu,<sup>33</sup> yena owahamba phambi kwenu kuloluhambo, elikhokhela ngomlilo ebusuku kanti kusiba leyezi emini, elidingela izindawo zokumisa izihonqo zenu lokulitshengisa lapho okumele liye khona.

<sup>34</sup> Kwathi uJehova esezwile elalikutsho, wathukuthela wafunga wathi:<sup>35</sup> “Kakho loyedwa kulesisizukulwane esingalunganga ozalibona lelolizwe engafungela ukulipha okhokho benu,<sup>36</sup> ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kaJefune. Yena uzalibona, njalo ngizamupha yena lesizukulwana sakhe lelolizwe azafikela kilo, ngoba walalela uJehova uNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke.”

<sup>37</sup> Ngenxa yenu uJehova uNkulunkulu wangithukuthelela lami njalo wathi, “Wena lawe awuyikungena khona.

<sup>38</sup> Kodwa umsekeli wakho, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, uzangena kulelolizwe. Umkhuthaze yena, ngoba uzakhokhela abako-Israyeli kulo ukuba libe yilifa labo.<sup>39</sup> Kanti njalo lalabo abancane elalisithi bazathunjwa, abantwabenu abangakehluhanisi phakathi kokubi lokuhle – bazangena kulelolizwe. Ngizabapha lona njalo bazalithatha libe ngelabo.<sup>40</sup> Kodwa lina, phendukani njalo lisuke liqonde enkangala lilandele indlela eya eLwandle oluBomvu.”

<sup>41</sup> Lina laphendula lathi, “Sonile kuJehova. Sizahamba siyekulwa, njengalokho lonke lahloma ngezikhali

linakana ukuthi kulula ukungena ezweni lamaqaqa.

<sup>42</sup> Kodwa uJehova wathi kimi,

“Wothi kubo, ‘Lingayi ukuyakulwa, ngoba kangiyikuba lani. Lizakwehlulwa yizitha zenu.’”

<sup>43</sup> Ngakho ngalitshela, kodwa alithandanga ukulalela. Lahlamukela umlayo kaJehova kwathi ngobuqholo benu layangena ezweni lamaqaqa.

<sup>44</sup> Kwathi ama-Amori ayehlala kulawomaqaqa alihlangabeza alihlasela; alixotsha njengotshitshi lwezinyosi alibhuqa kusukela eSeyiri indlela yonke kusiya eHoma. <sup>45</sup> Laphenduka lafika lakhala phambi kukaJehova, kodwa kazange alalele ukukhala kwenu walifulathela.

<sup>46</sup> Ngakho lahlala eKhadeshi okwezinsuku eziningi – okwesikhathi sonke elasichitha likhonale.

### *Ukuntula enkangala*

**2** Sasesiphenduka siqonda enkangala ngendlela yoLwandle oluBomvu njengokulaywa kwami nguJehova. Okwesikhathi eside sasilokhu sibhoda ezweni lamaqaqa aseSeyiri.

<sup>2</sup> UJehova wasesithi kimi, <sup>3</sup> “Selibhode labhoda ezweni lamaqaqa sekwanele; khathesi phendukani likhangele enyakatho. <sup>4</sup> Nika abantu leziziqondiso: “Khathesi selizakwedlula elizweni labafowenu isizukulwane sika-Esawu, abahlala eSeyiri. Bazalesaba, kodwa libolimuka linanzelele. <sup>5</sup> Lingaboqala livuse impi ngoba angiyikulipha ilizwe labo, sengisitsho lesiqinti esilingana unyawo olulodwa. Nganika u-Esawu ilizwe laseSeyiri elamaqaqa ukuthi libe ngelakhe. <sup>6</sup> Lizababhadala ngesiliva libhadalela ukudla elizakudla lamanzi elizawanatha.”

<sup>7</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyibusisile imisebenzi yezandla zenu. Ulikhokhele kulo lonke uhambo lwenu phakathi kwenkangala enkulu kangaka. Iminyaka engamatshumi amane uJehova wenu ube lani, alizange liswele lutho.

<sup>8</sup> Ngakho sahamba sedlula kubafowethu isizukulwane sika-Esawu abahlala eSeyiri. Saphenduka sisuka emgwaqweni wase-Arabha ukhwela usuka e-Elathi le-Eziyoni Gebha, sahamba ngomgwaqo wenkangala yaseMowabi.

<sup>9</sup> UJehova wasesithi kimi, “Lingahlukuluzi amaMowabi loba ukubavusela impi, ngoba angiyikulinika ngitsho lesiqintshana selizwe labo. Senginike ele-Ari isizukulwane sikaLothi kube yisabelo sabo.”

<sup>10</sup> (Ama-Emi ake ahlala khonapho – abantu abalamandla njalo abanengi, futhi bade njengama-Anakhi. <sup>11</sup> Labo njengama-Anakhi babebalwa njengamaRefa, kodwa amaMowabi ayebabiza ngokuthi ngama-Emi, <sup>12</sup> AmaHori ayekade ehlala eSeyiri, kodwa adudulwa yisizukulwane sika-Esawu. Babhubhisa amaHori ayelapho basebesakha endaweni yawo, njengalokho okwenziwa ngabako-Israyeli ezweni abaliphiwa nguJehova ukuba libe yisabelo sabo.)

<sup>13</sup> UJehova wasesithi, “Khathesi sukani lichaphe isiHotsha saseZeredi.” Ngakho sachapha isihotsha.

<sup>14</sup> Kwedlula iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu laficamibili sisuke eKhadeshi Bhaneya sisiyachapha isihotsha saseZeredi. Ngalesosikhathi,amadoda ebutho alesosizukulwane ayesebhubhile, njengokufungelwa kwabo nguJehova.

<sup>15</sup> UJehova wamelana labo waze wababhubhisa bonke ezihonqweni.

<sup>16</sup> Kwathi-ke sekufe labo abokucina kula amadoda ebutho, <sup>17</sup> uJehova wathi kimi, <sup>18</sup> “Lamuhla uzakwedlula

emangweni waseMowabi ngase-Ari.  
<sup>19</sup> Ekufikeni kwakho kuma-Amoni, ungawahlukuluzi loba ukuwavusela impi, ngoba angiyikukunika loba yiliphi ilizwe lama-Amoni. Ngilnike lesisizukulwane sikaLothi kube yisabelo sabo.”

<sup>20</sup> (Leli lalo laliphathwa njengelizwe lamaRefa ayehlala khonapho; kodwa ama-Amoni ayebabiza ngokuthi ngamaZamzumu. <sup>21</sup> Babengabantu abalamandla bebanengi, njalo bebade njengama-Anakhi. UJehova wababhubhisa phambi kwama-Amoni, wona abadudulayo njalo ahlala endaweni yawo. <sup>22</sup> UJehova wayenze njalo esizukulwaneni sika-Esawu, esasiseSeyiri, ekubhubhiseni kwakhe amaHori phambi kwabo. Babadudula basebhlala endaweni yabo kuze kube lamuhla.

<sup>23</sup> Kanti-ke okunjengama-Avi ayehlala emizini ekhatshana njengeGaza, amaKhafithori ayevela eKhafithori ababhubhisa asehlala endaweni yabo.)

*Ukwehlulwa kukaSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni*

<sup>24</sup> “Suka khathesi uchaphe uDonga lwase-Anoni. Uyabona, senginikele esandleni sakho uSihoni um-Amori inkosi yaseHeshibhoni kanye lelizwe lakhe. Qalisa ukuthatha lelilizwe ulwe impi laye. <sup>25</sup> Kusukela lamuhla ngizaqalisa ukuthelela izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu ukukwesaba. Zizakuzwa indumela yakho zethuke zesabe zicunuke ngenxa yakho.

<sup>26</sup> Kusukela enkangala yaseKhedemothi ngathumela izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni ngisithi akubekhona ukuthula njalo ngisithi,  
<sup>27</sup> “Sivumele sidabule elizweni lakho. Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu kuphela asiyikuphambukela ngakwesokudla loba ngakwesenxele.

<sup>28</sup> Sithengisele ukudla lamanzi okunatha ngentengo yesiliva. Sivumele nje sedlule ngezinyawo – <sup>29</sup> njengezizukulwane zika-Esawu ezihlala eSeyiri, kanye lamaMowabi ahlala e-Ari, asenzela khona – size sichaphe uJodani singene elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu asinika lona.” <sup>30</sup> Kodwa uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni wala ukuthi sedlule. Ngoba uJehova wenu wayemenze waqholoza inhliziyo yakhe yaba lukhuni ukuze amnikele ezandleni zenu, njengoba esekwenzile khathesi.

<sup>31</sup> UJehova wathi kimi, “Khangela, sengiqalisile ukunikela uSihoni lelizwe lakhe kuwe. Qalisa khathesi ukunqoba uthathe ilizwe lakhe .”

<sup>32</sup> Kwathi uSihoni ephuma lebutho lakhe ukusihlangabeza ekuhlaseleni eJahazi, <sup>33</sup> uJehova wethu wamnikela kithi sambulala, yena kanye lamadodana akhe lebutho lakhe lonke.

<sup>34</sup> Ngalesosikhathi sathatha amadolobho akhe sawabhidliza – amadoda, abesifazana kanye labantwana. Kakho owasilayo. <sup>35</sup> Kodwa izifuyo lakho konke esakuthumbayo emadolobheni esawanqobayo sazithathela khona.

<sup>36</sup> Kusukela e-Aroweni emakhunjini oDonga lwase-Anoni, kanye lokusuka edolobheni elisedongeni, kusiya khonale eGileyadi, akuladolobho elalingamelana lathi. UJehova uNkulunkulu wethu wawanikela wonke kithi. <sup>37</sup> Kodwa kusiya ngokulaya kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, alizange lingene elizweni lama-Amoni, kumbe elizweni elisemingceleni yomfula uJabhoki loba lelo elilamadolobho asemaqaqeni.

*Ukunqotshwa kuka-Ogi inkosi  
yeBhashani*

**3** Sasuka sasesiphenduka sakhwela njalo sisekele umgwaqo oya eBhashani, kanti u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani kanye lamabutho akhe wonke wayesihlangabeza ukuze alwe lathi e-Edreyi. <sup>2</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wathi kimi, “Ungamesabi, ngoba sengimnikele kuwe lamabutho akhe wonke kanye lelizwe lakhe. Yenza kuye owakwenza kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni.”

<sup>3</sup> Ngakho uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu wanikela u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani lamabutho akhe wonke ezandleni zethu. Satshaya sababhuqa, asitshiyanga loyedwa kodwa lokhu. <sup>4</sup> Ngalesosikhathi sathumba wonke amadolobho akhe. Akusalanga dolobho lalinye esingalithumbanga phakathi kwawo wonke angamatshumi ayisithupha – umhlabulo wonke welizwe le-Agobi, ilizwe lika-Ogi eBhashani. <sup>5</sup> Wonke la amadolobho ayevikelwa ngemiduli ephakemeyo langemigoqo yokuvala amasango lemijabo yokunxiba, kanti njalo yayiminengi eminye imizi eyayingahonqolezelwanga ngemiduli yokuvikela. <sup>6</sup> Satshaya sabhuqa konke, kwaba njengalokhu esakwenza kuSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni satshabalalisa wonke amadolobho – amadoda, abesifazana kanye labantwana. <sup>7</sup> Kanti-ke izifuyo zonke kanye lesakuthumba emadolobheni abo sazithathela kwaba ngokwethu.

<sup>8</sup> Ngakho ngalesosikhathi kulawo makhosi womabili ama-Amori sathumba ilizwe elisempumalanga yeJodani, kusukela eziNdongeni zase-Amoni kuze kuyefika eziNtabeni zaseHemoni. <sup>9</sup> (IHemoni ibizwa ngokuthi yiSiryoni ngamaSidoni, kanti-ke ama-Amori

ayibiza ngokuthi yiSeniri.) <sup>10</sup> Sathumba wonke amadolobho emagcekeni, kanye lawo wonke eGileyadi, laseBhashani yonke kusiya eSalekha lase-Edreyi, engamadolobho ombuso ka-Ogi eBhashani. <sup>11</sup> (U-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani nguye yedwa owayesesele emthonselaneni wamaRefa. Umbheda wakhe wawungowensimbi njalo umude okudlula izingalo ezilitshumi lantathu kanti ububanzi bawo buzingalo ezilitshumi lantathu kanti ububanzi bawo buzingalo eziyisithupha. Wona ulokhu useRabha yase-Amoni.)

*Ukwahlukaniswa kwelizwe*

<sup>12</sup> Phakathi kwelizwe esalithumbayo ngalesosikhathi, nganika abakoRubheni labakoGadi ilizwe elisenyakatho yase-Aroweri ngasendongeni zase-Anoni, kuhlanganisa lengxenye yelizwe lamaqaqa aseGileyadi, kanye lamadolobho akhona. <sup>13</sup> EleGileyadi lonke kanye lalo lonke eleBhashani, lombuso ka-Ogi, ngalinika abayingxenye yesizukulwane sikaManase. (Umhlabulo wonke welizwe le-Agobi ngaseBhashani lalisaziwa ngokuthi yilizwe lamaRefa. <sup>14</sup> UJayiri, owosendo lukaManase, wathatha sonke isiqinti esisukela emangweni we-Agobi kusiya emngceleni weGeshuri laseMuyakhathi; saba yisiqinti esabizwa ngaye, okokuthi lalamuhla sibizwa ngokuthi yiJayiri - Havothi.) <sup>15</sup> IGileyadi ngayinika uMakhiri. <sup>16</sup> Kodwa abakoRubheni labakoGadi ngabanika isiqinti selizwe elisuka eGileyadi lisiya eziNdongeni zase-Anoni (phakathi laphakathi kwendonga kungumngcele) kusehla kusiya eMfuleni uJabhoki, ongumngcele wama-Amoni. <sup>17</sup> Umngcele wentshonalanga kuyiJadani ngase-Arabha, kusukela eKhinerethi kusiya elwandle lwase-Arabha (uLwandle

lweSawudo) ngaphansi ekwehleni okungapha ngePhisiga.

<sup>18</sup>Ngalilaya ngalesosikhathi ngathi: “UJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ukuphile lelilizwe lithathe libe ngelakho. Kodwa wonke amadoda asaqinileyo, ahlomele ukulwa, kumele achaphe kuqala phambi kwabafowenu abako-Israyeli. <sup>19</sup>Kanti-ke abafazi benu, abantwana lezifuyo zenu (ngiyazi lifuyile kakhulu) bangazihlalela emadolobheni engilinike wona, <sup>20</sup>kuze kuthi uJehova aphumuze abafowenu njengalokhu akwenzileyo kini, kanti labo njalo bazabe sebelithethe ilizwe abaliphiwe nguJehova wenu, ngaphetsheya kweJodani. Ngemva kwalokho, lonke ngamunye kuzamele libuyele eziqintini engilinike zona.”

*UMosi walelwa ukuchapha iJodani*

<sup>21</sup>Ngalesosikhathi ngalaya uJoshuwa ngathi: “Usuzibonele ngamehlo akho konke uJehova wakho akwenze kulayana amakhosi amabili. UJehova uzakwenza khonokho kuzo zonke izizwe oya kuzo. <sup>22</sup>Ungazesabi lezozizwe, uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho uzakulwela yena uqobo lwakhe.”

<sup>23</sup>Ngalesosikhathi ngacela kuJehova ngathi: <sup>24</sup>“O Nkosi Yobukhosi, usuqalisile ukutshengisa inceku yakho ubukhulu bakho lesandla sakho esilamandla amakhulu. Phela nguwuphi unkulunkulu ezulwini loba emhlabeni ongenza lokhu okwenzileyo lemisebenzi emikhulu oyenzayo? <sup>25</sup>Ngivumela ngiye khona ngiyebona ilizwe elingaphetsheya kweJodani –ilizwe elihle lamaqaqa kanye leLebhanoni.”

<sup>26</sup>Kodwa ngenxa yenu uJehova wangithukuthelela akazange athande ukungizwa. UJehova uNkulunkulu wathi kimi, “Kwanele, ungabe usakhuluma kimi futhi ngalindaba. <sup>27</sup>Khwela phezu kwePhisiga ukhangele entshonalanga lasenyakatho leningizimu

lasempumalanga. Ukhangele ulibone ngawakho amehlo ilizwe njengoba ungasoze uchaphe uJodani. <sup>28</sup>Kodwa beka uJoshuwa esikhundleni, umkhuthaze njalo umqinise, ngoba uzakhokhela lababantu abachaphise njalo uzakwenza balithathe lelolizwe ozalibona libe yilifa labo.” <sup>29</sup>Ngakho sahlala esihotsheni phansi kweBhethi-Phewori.

*Abako-Israyeli balaywa ukugcina imithetho*

**4** Zwana-ke khatesi, O Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizalifundisa yona. Ilandeleni ukuze liphile njalo libe lakho ukuyalithatha lelolizwe uJehova waboyihlo, alinika lona. <sup>2</sup>Lingengezeleli kulokho engililaya khona njalo lingasusi loba yikuphi kwakhona, kodwa gcinani imilayo kaJehova wenu engilinike yona.

<sup>3</sup>Lazibonela ngawenu amehlo okwenziwa nguJehova eBhali Phewori. UJehova wenu wabatshabalalisa bonke ababekhonza uBhali wePhewori, <sup>4</sup>kodwa lina lonke elabambelela kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu lilokhu lisaphila lalamuhla lokhu.

<sup>5</sup>Liyabona sengalifundisa izimiso lemithetho uJehova wami angilaya ngazo, ukuze liyigcine elizweni elingena kulo ukuba lilithathe. <sup>6</sup>Lizigcine ngonanzelelo ngoba lokhu kuzaveza obala ukuhlakanipha lokuzwisisa kwenu ezizweni ezizakuzwa ngalezizimiso njalo zitsho zithi, “Ngeqiniso lesisizwe esilodumo yisizwe sabantu abahlakaniphileyo njalo abazwisayo.” <sup>7</sup>Yisiphi esinye isizwe esilodumo esilabonkulunkulu baso ababaseduze laso njengoJehova uNkulunkulu wethu obalathi nxa sikhuleka kuye? <sup>8</sup>Yisiphi esinye isizwe esilezimiso eziqondileyo

lemithetho enjengale imithetho engiyethula phambi kwenu lamuhla na?

<sup>9</sup>Kodwa linanzelele, liqaphelisise ukuze lingakhohlwa izinto elizibonileyo loba zilibaleke ezinhliziyweni zenu ekuphileni kwenu konke. Fundisani abantwabenu ngalezi zinto njalo labo babofundisa abantwababo labantwana babantwana. <sup>10</sup>Khumbulani usuku elema ngalo phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebi, lapho athi khona kimi, “Buthanisa abantu ukuze bezwe amazwi ami ukuze bakwazi ukungiphakamisa nxa belokhu besahlala elizweni njalo bafundise abantwababo.” <sup>11</sup>Lasondela lema ngaphansi kwentaba ilavuka amalangabi eqonga phezulu, kulamayezi amnyama lomnyama owesabekayo. <sup>12</sup>Ngakho uJehova wakhuluma lani ephakathi komlilo. Lezwa umdumo welizwi kodwa alizange libone lutho; kwaba yilizwi lodwa nje. <sup>13</sup>Wakhupha ilizwi lokubuyisana, imiLayo eLitshumi, waselilaya ukuba liyilande le loba ezibhebhedwini zamatshe ezimbili. <sup>14</sup>Kungalesosikhathi lapho uJehova angiqondisa ukuba ngilifundise izimiso lemilayo okuzamele liyilande le ekuchapheni kwenu uJodani lisiya elizweni elizalithumba libe ngelenu.

#### *Izithombe Azivunyelwa*

<sup>15</sup>Akulalutho loba yisimo bani elasibonayo mhla uJehova ekhuluma lani eHorebi ephakathi kwelangabi lomlilo. Kunjalo-nje kumele lizanzelele okuqinileyo, <sup>16</sup>ukuze lingaxhwali libe selizenzela isithombe, loba umfanekiso olesimo bani, loba ngesilesimo sesilisa loba esesifazane, <sup>17</sup>loba yiphi inyamazana emhlabeni loba inyoni endizayo emkhathini, <sup>18</sup>loba yisiphi isinanakazana esihuquzelayo emhlabathini loba yinhlanzi ngaphansi kwamanzi. <sup>19</sup>Njalo nxa likhangela phezulu esibhakabhakeni libona ilanga,

inyanga kanye lezinkanyezi – zonke ezihlobise zacecisa esibhakabhaka –

lingayengeki lizikhothamele beselikhonza izinto uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu azibekela izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu. <sup>20</sup>Kodwa-ke lina, uJehova walithatha walenyula eziko lokuncibilikisa insimbi, walikhipha eGibhithe, ukuze libe ngabantu belifa lakhe, njengoba linje lamuhla.

<sup>21</sup>UJehova wangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, wafunga waphelela wathi angiyikuchapha uJodani ngingene elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu.

<sup>22</sup>Mina ngizafela kulelilizwe; angiyikuchapha uJodani, kodwa lina seliseduze ukuba lichaphe liyelithumba lelo lizwe elihle. <sup>23</sup>Nanzelelani ukuthi lingalibali isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wenu asenza lani; lingazenzeli isithombe loba singesesimo bani salokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu akwalileyo. <sup>24</sup>Ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ungumlilo ohangulayo, uNkulunkulu olobukhwele.

<sup>25</sup>Ngemuva kokuba selike laba labantwana labantwana babantwana njalo selihlale ezweni okwesikhathi eside – lingasuka libe selixhwala beselizenzela loba yisiphi isithombe, lisenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu limthukuthelisa, <sup>26</sup>ngibiza izulu lomhlaba ukuthi libe ngufakazi wami ukuze libhujiswe masinyazana lingangeni elizweni elizachapha uJodani ukuze lilithumbe. Aliyikuhlala kulo isikhathi eside kodwa iqiniso yikuthi lizatshabalaliswa. <sup>27</sup>UJehova uzalihlakaza ezizweni, njalo abalutshwana benu yibo abazasinda ezizweni uJehova azalifuqela khona. <sup>28</sup>Khonale lizakhonza onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngabantu ngezigodo langamatshe, abangeke babone loba bezwe loba badle loba bezwe ukunuka.

<sup>29</sup> Kodwa nxa likhonale lingadinga uJehova wenu, lizamfumana nxa limdinga ngezinhliziyu zenu ezipheleleleyo langomphefumulo wenu wonke. <sup>30</sup> Nxa selisesizini zonke lezizinto sezilehlela, lapho-ke ngezinsuku ezizayo lizabuyela kuJehova wenu limlalele.

<sup>31</sup> Phela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu unguJehova olomusa; kayikulidela loba alibhubhise loba alibale isivumelwano sakhe asenza labokhokho benu, lesu asiqinisa kubo ngesifungo.

#### *UJehova unguNkulunkulu*

<sup>32</sup> Buzani khathesi ngezinsuku ezedlulayo, kudala lingakabi khona, kusukela ngosuku uJehova adala ngalo umuntu emhlabeni; buzani kusukela ngapha kwamazulu kusiya ngale kwamazulu. Kambe kukhona yini okukhulu kangaka okwedlula lokhu osekuke kwenzakala loba kwezwakala na? <sup>33</sup> Sikhona na esinye isizwe esake sezwa uJehova ekhuluma ephakathi kwelangabi lomlilo, njengalokhu eselikuzwile, saphila na? <sup>34</sup> Kukhona na unkulunkulu oseke wazama ukuzithathela esinye isizwe phakathi kwesinye, ngokuhlola, ngemilingo yezibonakaliso, lezimangaliso, lezimpi, ngesandla esilamandla langokwelula ingalo, loba izenzo ezinkulu ezesabekayo, njengakho konke uJehova wenu alenzela khona eGibhithe lizibonela ngamehlo enu?

<sup>35</sup> Lakutshengiswa konke lokhu ukuze lazi ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu; ngaphandle kwakhe kakho omunye futhi. <sup>36</sup> Esemazulwini wakwenza ukuthi lilizwe ilizwi lakhe ukuze libe lobuntu. Emhlabeni walitshengisa amalangabi omlilo akhe omkhulu, njalo lawezwa amazwi akhe ephuma emlilweni.

<sup>37</sup> Ngenxa yokuthi wabathanda okhokho benu wakhetha izizukulwane zabo ezalandela ngemva kwabo, walikhipha

eGibhithe ngoBukhona bakhe kanye langamandla akhe amakhulu, <sup>38</sup> ukuxotsha zonke izizwe phambi kwenu, izizwe ezilamandla kulezenu lokulingenisa elizweni lazo ukuze aliphe lona libe yilifa lenu, njengoba kunjalo lamuhla.

<sup>39</sup> Yamukelani njalo likugcine ezinhliziyweni zenu lamuhla ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu ezulwini phezulu lasemhlabeni phansi. Kakho omunye. <sup>40</sup> Gcinani izimiso zakhe lemilayo yakhe, engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze kulihambe kahle lina kanye labantwabenu lokuthi liphile isikhathi eside elizweni eliliphiwa nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu lize libe ngelenu kokuphela.

#### *Amadolobho Okuphephela*

<sup>41</sup> Ngakho uMosi wasekhetha amadolobho amathathu empumalanga yeJodani, <sup>42</sup> ukuze kuthi wonke oyabe ebulele omunye abalekele khona nxa eyabe ebulele umakhelwane kungekho mona kube yingozi. Wayengabalekela kwelinye lala amadolobho ukuze aphephise impilo yakhe. <sup>43</sup> Amadolobho lawo kwakuyila: iBhezeri emagekeni asenkangala, lingelabakoRubheni; iRamoti eGileyadi, lingelabakoGadi; kanye lelaseGolani eBhashani lona lingelabakoManase.

#### *Ukwethulwa koMthetho*

<sup>44</sup> Lo ngumthetho owethulwa nguMosi kwabako-Israyeli. <sup>45</sup> Lezi kwakuyizilinganiso, izimiso lemithetho eyethulwa nguMosi kubo ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe <sup>46</sup> njalo babesesigodini esiseduzane leBhethi-Phewori empumalanga yeJodani elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, yena owabusa eHeshibhoni njalo wehlulwa nguMosi labako-Israyeli bephuma



eGibhithe. <sup>47</sup> Bathatha ilizwe lakhe kanye lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, amakhosi ama-Amori womabili empumalanga yeJodani. <sup>48</sup> Ilizwe leli lalisuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni eziNdonga zase-Anoni kusiya eNtabeni yaseSiyoni (khona kuyi Hemoni), <sup>49</sup> kuhlenganisa layo yonke i-Arabha empumalanga yeJodani kuze kuyefika eLwandle lwe-Arabha, ngaphansi komehlo wasePhisiga.

### *Imilayo elitshumi*

**5** UMosi wamema wonke u-Israyeli wathi kuye: “Zwana, O Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizayethula ngesibopho phambi kwakho lamuhla. Ifunde njalo ube leqiniso ukuthi uyayilandela. <sup>2</sup> UJehova wethu wenza isivumelwano lathi eHorebi. <sup>3</sup> Kwakungasibo obaba bethu uJehova enza isivumelwano labo, kodwa wasenza lathi, kuyithi sonke esisaphilayo esikhona lamuhla. <sup>4</sup> UJehova wakhuluma lawe likhangelene ubuso ngobuso ephakathi komlilo phezu kwentaba. <sup>5</sup> (Ngaleso sikhathi ngema phakathi kukaJehova lawe ukuze ngikwethulele ilizwi likaJehova, ngoba wawusesaba umlilo njalo awuzange ukhwele entabeni.) njalo wasesithi:

<sup>6</sup> “NginguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho owakukhipha eGibhithe, waphuma elizweni lobugqili.

<sup>7</sup> “Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami.

<sup>8</sup> “Ungazenzeli isithombe ngesimo saloba yini esezulwini phezulu loba emhlabeni phansi loba emanzini ngaphansi. <sup>9</sup> Ungazikhothameli loba ukuzikhonza; ngoba Mina, uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguJehova olobukhwele, ojezisa abantwana ebajezisela izono zaboyise kuze kube yisizukulwane sesithathu lesesine

sabangizodayo, <sup>10</sup> kodwa ngitshengisela uthando kuzizukulwane eziyinkulungwane zalabo abangithandayo njalo abagcina imilayo yami.

<sup>11</sup> “Ungalisebenzisi ngeze ibizo likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba uJehova kayi kumyekela olecala lokusebenzisa ibizo lakhe ngeze.

<sup>12</sup> “Gcina usuku lweSabatha ulwenze lubengwele njengokulaywa kwakho nguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho.

<sup>13</sup> Okwezinsuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza wenze yonke imisebenzi yakho, <sup>14</sup> kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa luyiSabatha kuJehova wakho.

Ngalolosuku awuyikwenza imisebenzi loba yiphi, wena ngokwakho, amadodana akho loba amadodakazi akho, izisebenzi zakho zesilisa loba ezesifazana, izinkabi zakho, obabhemi bakho loba yisiphi isifuyo sakho, lesethekeli egumeni lakho, ukuze izisebenzi zakho ezesilisa kanye lezesifazana ziphumule, njengawe.

<sup>15</sup> Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe lokuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho wakukhipha khona ngesandla esilamandla lengalo eyelulekileyo. Ngalokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ukulaye ukuthi ugcine usuku lweSabatha.

<sup>16</sup> “Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, njengokulaywa nguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze ubempilonde lokuthi kukuhambele kuhle elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona.

<sup>17</sup> “ Ungabulali.

<sup>18</sup> “ Ungafebi.

<sup>19</sup> “ Ungantshontshi.

<sup>20</sup> “ Ungafakazi amanga ngomakhelwana wakho.

<sup>21</sup> “ Ungafisi umfazi kamakhelwana wakho. Ungahawukeli indlu kamakhelwana wakho loba isiqinti

sakhe, isisebenzi sakhe sesilisa loba esesifazana, inkabi yakhe loba ubabhemi wakhe loba kuyini okukamakhelwana wakho.”

<sup>22</sup> Le yiyo imilayo eyatshiwo nguJehova ngelizwi eliphakemeyo liphuma elangabini lomlilo leyezi kanye lomnyama owesabekayo; lina libuthene lonke entabeni, njalo kazange engezelele lutho. Ngakho wasekubhala konke lokhu ezibhebhedwini ezimbili zamatshe anginika zona.

<sup>23</sup> Lathi lisizwa ilizwi livela emnyameni, intaba ivutha amalangabi omlilo, wonke amadoda angabakhokheli labadala bezizwana zenu beza kimi.

<sup>24</sup> Lathi, “UJehova wethu usitshengisile inkazimulo yakhe kanye lobukhosi bakhe, njalo sizwile ilizwi lakhe livela elangabini lomlilo. Lamuhla sesibonile ukuthi umuntu angaphila noma eke wakhuluma Nkulunkulu. <sup>25</sup> Kodwa khathesi, kanti sizafelani pho? Umlilo omkhulu kangaka uzasiqeda du, njalo sizakufa nxa singaphinda sizwe ilizwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu. <sup>26</sup> Ngoba ngubani umuntu wenyama onjengathi owake wezwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ophilayo ekhuluma ephakathi komlilo, waphila na? <sup>27</sup> Sondela eduzane ulalele lokho okutshiwo nguJehova uNkulunkulu wethu. Ube ususitshela lokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu azakutshela khona. Sizalalela silandele.”

<sup>28</sup> UJehova walizwa ekukhulumeni kwenu lami wasesithi kimi, “Ngizwile okutshiwo ngabantu kuwe. Konke abakutshiloyo kulungile. <sup>29</sup> Sengathi ngabe izinhliziyi zabo ziba lokungesaba ukuze bayigcine imilayo yami, kubalungele bona kanye labantwababo kuze kube lanini nini.”

<sup>30</sup> “Hamba uyebatshela ukuthi babuyele emathenteni abo. <sup>31</sup> Kodwa wena hlala khonapha lami ukuze ngikuphe yonke imilayo, izimiso

lemithetho ozabafundisa ukuthi bayigcine bayilandele elizweni lelo engizabanika lona ukuba libe ngelabo.”

<sup>32</sup> Ngakho nanzelelani lenze lokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngakho; lingaphambukeli yiloba kwesokudla loba kwesenxele. <sup>33</sup> Hambani ngaleyondlela uJehova wenu alilaye ngayo, ukuze liphile liphumelele njalo lengezelele izinsuku zenu elizweni elizakuba ngelenu.

*Thandani uJehova wenu*

**6** Le yiyo imilayo, izimiso lemithetho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu angithuma ukuthi ngilifundise ukuyigcina elizweni elizachapha uJodani lilithathe libe ngelenu, <sup>2</sup> ukuze lina, labantwabenu kanye labantwababo abezayo bamesabe uJehova wabo ekuphileni kwenu ngokugcina izimiso lemilayo engizalinika yona, ukuze libe lempilo ende. <sup>3</sup> Zwana, we-Israyeli, njalo unanzelele ukuthi uyalalelele ukuze kukulungele njalo wande kakhulu elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, njengoba uJehova, nguJehova waboyihlo, walithembisa. <sup>4</sup> Zwana, we-Israyeli: UJehova uNkulunkulu wethu nguJehova munye. <sup>5</sup> Thanda uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomoya wakho wonke kanye langamandla akho wonke. <sup>6</sup> Imilayo le engikupha yona lamuhla kumele ibe sezinhliziyweni zenu. <sup>7</sup> Igcizeleleni kubantwabenu. Khulumani ngayo nxa lihlezi emakhaya enu lanxa lihamba ezindleleni, nxa lilele phansi loba nxa livuka. <sup>8</sup> Ibopheleni ezandleni zenu ibe luphawu, liyibophele lasemabunzini enu. <sup>9</sup> Ibhalemi emigubazini yezindlu zenu kanye lasemasangweni enu.

<sup>10</sup> Kuzakuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu eselungenisa elizweni afunga alinika oyihlo, walinika u-Abrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe, ukuba bona balinike lina – ilizwe elilamadolobho amakhulu, aphumelelayo kodwa elingazakhelanga wona, <sup>11</sup> izindlu ezigcwele konke okuhle elingazange likuhluphekele, imithombo yamanzi elingazange liyigebhe, kanye lezivini lezihlahla zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga kuze kuthi lingadla lisuthe, <sup>12</sup> linanzelele ukuthi alimkhohlwa uJehova, yena owalikhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili.

<sup>13</sup> Mesabeni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, mkhonzeni yena yedwa lifunge ngebizo lakhe.

<sup>14</sup> Lingabalandeli abanye onkulunkulu babantu elakhelene labo; <sup>15</sup> ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, ophakathi kwenu, nguJehova olobukhwele kanti lokuthukuthela kwakhe kungalitshisa, alitshabalalise ebusweni bomhlaba.

<sup>16</sup> Lingamlingi uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu elakwenza eMasa. <sup>17</sup> Nanzelelani ukuthi liyayigcina imilayo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu lezimiso kanye lezimemezelo aliphe zona. <sup>18</sup> Yenzani okuqondileyo lokuhle emehlweni kaJehova, ukuze konke kulihambele kuhle njalo lingene liyethatha ilizwe uJehova alithembisa okhokho benu ngesifungo, <sup>19</sup> lidudule zonke izitha eziphambi kwenu, njengokutsho kukaJehova.

<sup>20</sup> Kuzakuthi ngokuqhubeka kwesikhathi nxa indodana yakho ikubuza isithi, “Zitshoni izimiso, izimemezelo lemithetho leyo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu alilaya ngazo?”

<sup>21</sup> Wena uzakuthi: “Sasiyizigqili zikaFaro eGibhithe, kodwa uJehova wasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla sakhe esilamandla.

<sup>22</sup> Thina sazibonela ngawethu amehlo uJehova ethumele izibonakaliso lezimangaliso – ezinkulu lezesabekayo –

phezu kweleGibhithe laphezu kukaFaro labo bonke abendlu yakhe. <sup>23</sup> Kodwa wasikhupha khonale wasiletha lapha ukuze asinike ilizwe alithembisa okhokho bethu ngesifungo. <sup>24</sup> UJehova wasilaya ukuba silalele zonke lezi zimiso lokwesaba uJehova wethu, ukuze sithole ukuphumelela lokuphila, njengoba kunje lamuhlanje. <sup>25</sup> Kanti-ke nxa sinanzelela silalela wonke umthetho lo phambi kukaJehova wethu, njengokusilaya kwakhe, lokhu kuzakuba yikulunga kwethu.”

### *Ukuxotshwa kwezizwe*

**7** Lapho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu elingenisa elizweni alinika lona abe esexotsha izizwe ezinengi phambi kwenu – amaHithi, amaGirigashi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu njalo ezilamandla kulesenu – <sup>2</sup> kuthi lapho uJehova wenu esezinikele ezandleni zenu lani selizinqobile kufanele lizitshabalalise ngokupheleleyo. Lingabi lesivumelwano lazo, njalo lingabi lesihawu kuzo. <sup>3</sup> Lingendiseleni lazo. Lingendiseli amadodakazi enu emadodaneni azo, kumbe lithathele amadodana enu amadodakazi azo, <sup>4</sup> ngoba azaphambula amadodana enu ekungikhonzeni abesekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, kuthi ulaka lukaJehova luvuthe lulitshise litshabalale. <sup>5</sup> Nanku okumele likwenze kulezi zizwe: Dilizani ama-alithare azo, libhidlize amatshe eziwakhonzayo, ligamule izigodo zophawu luka-Ashera njalo litshise izithombe zazo ngomlilo. <sup>6</sup> Phela lina lingabantu abangcwele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ulikhethile phakathi kwabantu bonke emhlabeni ukuthi libe ngabantu bakhe, isipho sakhe esiligugu.

<sup>7</sup>UJehova kazange ehlisele uthando lwakhe phezu kwenu ngoba libanengi kulezinye izizwe, phela lina livele liyisizwe sabalutshwana. <sup>8</sup>Kodwa kungenxa yokuthi uJehova walithanda wacina isifungo asifunga kubokhokho benu walikhupha ngesandla esilamandla walihlenga ezweni lobugqili, emandleni kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. <sup>9</sup>Yazini-ke ukuthi uJehova wenu unguNkulunkulu; unguNkulunkulu othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano sothando kuze kufike esizukulwaneni senkulungwane salabo abamthandayo njalo begcina imilayo yakhe. <sup>10</sup>Kodwa

labo abamzondayo uzaphindisela kubi ngokubabhubhisa;

kayikuphuza ukuphindisela kulabo abamzondayo.

<sup>11</sup>Kungakho, nanzelelani lilandele imilayo, izimiso kanye lemithetho engililika yona lamuhla.

<sup>12</sup>Nxa linanzelela limithetho njalo liyilandela, uJehova wenu uzacina isivumelwano sakhe sothando kini, njengoba wafunga kubokhokho benu.

<sup>13</sup>Uzalithanda alibusise andise ubunengi benu. Uzabusisa izithelo zenzalo yezisu zenu, izilimo emilimeni yenu – izinhlamvu zezilimo, iwayini elitsha kanye lamafutha – amathole emihlambi yezinkomo zenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yezimvu zenu elizweni afunga ukuthi uzalinika okhokho benu ukuba balinike lona. <sup>14</sup>Lina lizabusiwa okungaphezu kwabanye abantu; kakho phakathi kwamadoda labafazi kini ozaswela umntwana, njalo lezifuyo zenu ngeke ziswele amazinyane. <sup>15</sup>UJehova uzaliphephisa emikhuhlaneni yonke. Kayikulehlisela imikhuhlane yonke eyesabekayo elaliyibona eGibhithe, kodwa uzayehlisela kulabo abalizondayo. <sup>16</sup>Libobhubhisa bonke abantu uJehova abanikela ezandleni zenu. Lingabazweli usizi, lingakhonzi

onkulunkulu babo, ngoba lokho kuzakuba yisithiyi kini.

<sup>17</sup>Mhlawumbe lizakuthi, “Lezizizwe zilamandla kulathi. Sizazixotsha njani lapha?” <sup>18</sup>Kodwa lingazesabi; khumbulani ukuthi uJehova wenu wenzani kuFaro kanye lakulo lonke eleGibhithe. <sup>19</sup>Lazibonela ngawenu amehlo imilingo eminkulu, izibonakaliso zemilingo lezimanga, isandla esilamandla lokwelulwa kwengalo, khona okwasetshenziswa nguJehova wenu ukulikhupha. UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuphinda khonokho kubo laba abantu elibesabayo.

<sup>20</sup>Phezu kwalokho uJehova wenu uzathumela olonyovu phakathi kwabo kuze kuthi labasilileyo balicatshela babhujiswe. <sup>21</sup>Lingabesabi, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ophakathi kwenu, nguJehova omkhulu njalo owesabekayo. <sup>22</sup>UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzazidudula lezozizwe phambi kwenu kancane kancane.

Aliyikuvunyelwa ukuzibhubhisa ngasikhathi sinye ngoba izinyamazana zeganga zinganda zilihanqe. <sup>23</sup>Kodwa uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzabanikela kini, abaphazamise baze babhujiswe.

<sup>24</sup>Amakhosi azo uzawanikela ezandleni zenu, njalo lizakwesula amabizo awo ngaphansi komkhathi. Kakho ozakwenelisa ukumelana lani, lizababhubhisa. <sup>25</sup>Izithombe zabonkulunkulu bazo lizazitshisa ngomlilo. Lingahawukeli isiliva legolide eliphezu kwezithombe, lingazigcineli lona, ngoba lizabe selizibambisile emjibileni ngalo, ngoba liyisinengiso kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

<sup>26</sup>Lingalethi okunengisayo ezindlini zenu, ngoba lani njengakho lokho lizakhethelwa ukubhujiswa. Kwenyanyeni linengeke ngakho, ngoba kumiselwe ukutshabalaliswa.

*Lingamlibali uJehova*

**8** Nanzelelani njalo lilandele yonke imilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze liphile njalo lande yikho lizangena lithumbe ilizwe uJehova alinika okhokho benu ethembisa ngesifungo.

<sup>2</sup>Likhumbule ukuthi uJehova wenu walikhokhela njani lidabula inkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, elichumisa lokulilinga ukuthi abone okwakusezinhliziyweni zenu, ukuthi kambe lizayigcina imiyalo yakhe na loba hayi. <sup>3</sup>UJehova walichumisa, wabangela indlala kanti njalo walipha ukudla okuyimana, ukudla lokho laboyihlo abangazange bakwazi, kuyikulifundisa ukuthi umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela zwi kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni kaJehova.

<sup>4</sup>Izigqoko zenu aziguganga njalo lezinyawo zenu azivuvukanga kuleyo minyaka engamatshumi amane. <sup>5</sup>Gcinani lokhu ezinhliziyweni zenu lazi ukuthi njengendoda ikhuza indodana yayo, ngokufananayo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyalikhuza.

<sup>6</sup>Gcinani imilayo kaJehova wenu lihambe endleleni yakhe njalo limkhonze. <sup>7</sup>Ngakho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ulisa elizweni elihle – ilizwe elilezifula leziziba zamanzi intombo zamanzi ezigelezayo ezihotsheni lasemaqaqeni; <sup>8</sup>elizweni lengqoloyi lesilimo sebhali, amavini lemikhiwane amapomegranethi, amafutha ama-olivi lezinyosi; <sup>9</sup>elizweni lapha okungasayi kusweleka khona isinkwa njalo aliyikusilela lutho; elizweni lapho amatshe akhona ayinsimbi kanti njalo lingemba ikhopha emaqaqeni.

<sup>10</sup>Lizakuthi selidlile lasutha, lidumise uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngelizwe elihle alinike lona. <sup>11</sup>Linanzelele ukuthi alilibali uJehova wenu, lingehluleki

ukugcina imilayo yakhe, imithetho kanye lezimiso engilinika zona lamuhla. <sup>12</sup>Kungenzeka ukuthi lithi selidlile lasutha, selakhe izindlu ezinhle lahlala lazinja, <sup>13</sup>njalo imihlambi yezifuyo zenu leyezimvu zenu isiqhelile yanda kuze kuthi lesiliva legolide lenu selilineni kanye lakho konke okwenu sekukunengi kuphindwe kanenginengi, <sup>14</sup>liziqhenye ezinhliziyweni zenu, libe selikhohlwa uJehova wenu, yena owalikhupha eGibhithe, walikhupha elizweni lobugqili. <sup>15</sup>UJehova walikhokhela inkangala enkulu eyesabekayo, eyomileyo engelamanzi, elobuthi bezinyoka lezinkume. Walinika amanzi aphuma edwaleni. <sup>16</sup>Walinika imana ukuba lidle inkangala, into abangazange bayazi oyihlo, ukulichumisa njalo lokulilinga ukuze kuthi ekucineni kulihambele kuhle. <sup>17</sup>Mhlawumbe lingathi, “Ngokuzimisela kwami langamandla ezandla zami sengizidalele inotho.” <sup>18</sup>Kodwa khumbulani uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngoba kunguye owenza lenelise ukudala inotho, lokho kuyikho ukugcwaliseka kwesivumelwano sakhe, sona afunga kubokhokho benu, okulokhu kunjalo lalamuhla.

<sup>19</sup>Nxa lizake likhohlwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu beselilandela abanye onkulunkulu libakhonze libakhothamele, ngiyalifungela lamuhla ukuthi lizabhujiswa ngempela.

<sup>20</sup>Njengezizwe uJehova azibhubhisa phambi kwenu lani lizabhujiswa nguJehova wenu.

*Akungenxa yokulunga kukaIsrayeli*

**9** Zwana, We Israyeli. Khathesi ususiyachapha iJodani ukuze ungene uyethathela izizwe ezinkulu ezilamandla kulawe, ezilamadolobho amakhulu

alemiduli etshaya emkhathini. <sup>2</sup> Abantu bakhona balamandla njalo bade – ngama-Anakhi. Liyakwazi konke ngabo njalo selike layizwa indumela yabo yokuthi: “Ngubani ongamelana lama-Anakhi?” <sup>3</sup> Kodwa qinisekani lamuhla ngoba uJehova wenu nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu njengomlilo otshisa ubhuqe. UJehova uzababhubhisa; uzabanyathela phambi kwenu. Lizabaxotsha libabhubhise masinyane, njengokuthembisa kukaJehova.

<sup>4</sup> Ngemva kokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu esebanqobile phambi kwenu, lingabozikhohlisa lisithi, “UJehova ungilethe lapha ukuba ngilithathe libe ngelami lelilizwe ngenxa yokulunga kwami.” Akunjalo, kungenxa yezono zalezizizwe okuzakwenza ukuthi uJehova azisuse phambi kwakho.

<sup>5</sup> Akusikho ukuthi kungenxa yokulunga kwakho loba ukuziphatha ngobuntu bakho okuzakwenza ungene kulelolizwe ulithathe; kodwa kungenxa yezono zalezozizwe, uJehova wakho uzazixotsha phambi kwakho lezizizwe ukuze kugcwaliseke isifungo uJehova wakho asenza kuboyihlo, u-Abrahama, u-Isaka kanye loJakhobe. <sup>6</sup> Zwisisa manje, ukuthi akungenxa yokulunga kwakho ukuthi uJehova wakho ukunika lelilizwe ukuba libe ngelakho, ngoba lina simo senu lingontamo-lukhuni.

### *Ithole legolide*

<sup>7</sup> Khumbulani lokhu njalo lingakhohlwa ukuthi lamthukuthelisa njani uJehova enkangala waze wazonda. Kusukela ngosuku elasuka ngalo eGibhithe lize lizofika lapha, belilokhu lihlamukela uJehova. <sup>8</sup> EHorebi lavusa ulaka lukaJehova ngalokho wazonda okokuthi wayezalibhubhisa. <sup>9</sup> Kwathi ekukhweleni kwami intaba ngisiyakwamukela izibhebhedu zamatshe, izibhebhedu zesivumelwano

uJehova asenza lani, ngahlala entabeni okwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa njalo angizange nginathe amanzi. <sup>10</sup> uJehova uNkulunkulu wanginika izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili okwakulotshwe kuzo ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu. Kulezizibhebhedu kwakulotshwe yonke imilayo eyayethulwe nguJehova kini phezu kwentaba ephakathi komlilo, ngosuku lombuthano.

<sup>11</sup> Ekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, uJehova wangipha izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili, izibhebhedu zesivumelwano.

<sup>12</sup> UJehova wangitshela wathi, “Suka lapha wehle ngokuphangisa, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe sebexhwalile. Sebephambukile masinyane kulokho engangibalaye ngakho njalo sebezibumbele isithombe.”

<sup>13</sup> UJehova wathi kimi, “Sengibabonile lababantu, njalo bangontamo-lukhuni ngeqiniso! <sup>14</sup> Ngiyekela ukuze ngibabhubhise njalo ngesule amabizo abo ngaphansi kwamazulu. Njalo ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esilamandla futhi esikhulu kulesabo.

<sup>15</sup> Ngasengiphenduka ngehla entabeni yona isitsha ivutha umlilo. Kanti njalo izibhebhedu zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami. <sup>16</sup> Ngathi ngiyakhangela ngabona ukuthi lonile phambi kukaJehova wenu; laselizibumbele isithombe esibunjwe ngesimo sethrole. Laseliphambukile masinyane lisuka endleleni uJehova eyelilaye ngayo. <sup>17</sup> Ngalokho ngathatha izibhebhedu zombili ezazisezandleni zami ngazisakazela phansi, zahlakazeka zaba yizicucu phambi kwenu.

<sup>18</sup> Kanti-ke njalo ngazilahla ngawa phambi kukaJehova okwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku

obungamatshumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa njalo angizange nginathe amanzi, ngenxa yezono zonke elaselizidalile, lisenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njalo lamthukuthelisa waze wazonda.

<sup>19</sup>Ngesaba intukuthelo lolaka lukaJehova, ngoba wayezonde kangangokuba wayengalibhubhisa. Kodwa-ke futhi uJehova wangilalela.

<sup>20</sup>UJehova wamthukuthelela u-Aroni kangangokuba wayengamtshabalalisa, kodwa-ke ngaleso sikhathi laye u-Aroni ngamkhulekela. <sup>21</sup>Ngabuye ngathatha into yenu yesono, ithole leli elalilibumbile, ngalitshisa emlilweni. Ngasengilichoboza njalo ngalichola laba yimpuphu ecoleke njengothuli ngaluhaza loluthuli esifuleni esigeleza entabeni.

<sup>22</sup>Laphinda njalo lamthukuthelisa uJehova eThabhera, laseMasa kanye laseKhibhurothi Hathava.

<sup>23</sup>Kanti uJehova wathi elisusa eKhedeshi Bhaneya, wathi, “Qhubekani njalo liyethatha ilizwe engilnike lona.” Kodwa lahlamukela umlayo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. Alizange limethembe loba ukumlalela. <sup>24</sup>Belivele limhlamukela uJehova kusukela ngiqalisa ukulazi.

<sup>25</sup>Ngazilahla ngawa phambi kukaJehova okwezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane kanye lobusuku obungamatshumi amane ngoba uJehova wayethe uzalibhubhisa. <sup>26</sup>Ngakhuleka njalo kuJehova ngathi, “O! Jehova Wobukhosi, ungabhubhisi abantu bakho, ilifa lakho owalihlenga ngamandla akho amakhulu wabakhipha eGibhithe ngesandla sakho esilamandla.

<sup>27</sup>Khumbula izinceku zakho

u-Abrahama, u-Isaka kanye loJakhobe. Xola ebuqholweni balababantu, eubini lasezonweni zabo.

<sup>28</sup>Nxa kungenjalo ilizwe owasisusa kilo lizakuthi, ‘Ngoba uJehova wehluleka ukubangenisa elizweni ayebathembise

lona, njalo langenxa yokuthi wayebazonda, wabakhupha ukuze bayefela enkangala? <sup>29</sup>Kodwa ngabantu bakho, abayilifa lakho owalikhupha ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo.”

*Izibhebhedu ezifana lezakuqala*

**10** Ngalesosikhathi uJehova wathi kimi, baza ezinye izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zifanane lezakuqala uze lazo kimi entabeni. Phinda njalo wenze ibhokisi ngezigodo. <sup>2</sup>Ngizabhala kulezo zibhebhedu amazwi afanana lalawo abesezibhebhedwini zakuqala, lezo owaziphahlazayo. Ube usuzifaka kulelobhokisi.”

<sup>3</sup>Ngakho ngenza ibhokisi lesivumelwano ngezigodo zesihlahla som-akhakhiya ngasengibaza izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe ezifanana lezakuqala, ngasengikhwela entabeni ngiphethe lezo zibhebhedu ezimbili. <sup>4</sup>UJehova wabhala kulezozibhebhedu lokho ayekubhale kwezakuqala, imilayo elitshumi ayeyiyimemezele kini ephakathi komlilo, entabeni, ngosuku lokuhlangana. UJehova wasenginika zona izibhebhedu.

<sup>5</sup>Ngakho ngasengibuya ngisehla entabeni ngafika ngafaka izibhebhedu ebhokisini engangilenzile, njengokulaywa kwami nguJehova, yikho zilokhu zikhona lakhathesi.

<sup>6</sup>(Ama-Israyeli ahamba esuka emithonjeni yaseJakhani kusiya eMosera. Kulapho u-Aroni afela khona njalo wangcwatshwa khona, kwathi indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari yathatha isikhundla sakhe sobuphristi. <sup>7</sup>Besuka lapho bahamba baya eGudigoda bedlulela eJothibhatha, ezweni elilezifula ezilamanzi. <sup>8</sup>Ngalesosikhathi uJehova wehlukhanisa abaLevi ukuze

bathwale ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova, ukuma phambi kukaJehova besenza umsebenzi wokukhonza kanye lokwethula izibusiso ngebizo lakhe, njengoba bekwenza lanamuhla. <sup>9</sup>Yikho abaLevi bengelasabelo loba ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo; elabo ilifa nguJehova, njengoba uJehova wenu wabatshela.)

<sup>10</sup>Ngasengihlale phezu kwentaba izinsuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, njengalokhu engangikwenze kuqala, lakanye wangilalela futhi okwalesi isikhathi. Kwakungasikufisa kwakhe ukulibhubhisa. <sup>11</sup>“Hamba,” watsho uJehova kimi, “uyekhokhela abantu endleleni yabo, ukwenzela ukuthi bangene bathathe ilizwe engafunga kuboyise ukuthi ngizabapha lona.”

#### *Mesabeni uJehova*

<sup>12</sup>Khathesi- ke, O Israyeli, kuyini uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho angakucela kuwe ngaphandle kokuba umesabe uJehova wakho, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe, ukumthanda, ukumsebenzela uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke njalo langomoya wakho wonke,

<sup>13</sup>Iokugcina imilayo kaJehova kanye lezimiso lezi engilinika zona lamhlanje ukuze kulilungele?

<sup>14</sup>Izulu ngelikaJehova wenu, izulu elingaphezu kwamazulu, umhlaba kanye lakho konke okukiwo. <sup>15</sup>Kanti-ke uJehova watshengisela isihawu sakhe kubokhokho benu njalo wabathanda, ngalokho wakhetha lina, eliyizizukulwane zabo, phezu kwazo zonke ezinye izizwe, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla. <sup>16</sup>Ngakho-ke, sokani izinhliziyi zenu, njalo lingabe lisaba ngontamolukhuni futhi. <sup>17</sup>Ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu unguJehova wabonkulunkulu njalo unguJehova

wamakhosi, uJehova ophakemeyo, olamandla njalo owesabekayo, ongelabandlululo futhi ongemukeli isivalamlomo. <sup>18</sup>Uyavikela izimfanelo zezintandane kanye labafelokazi, njalo uyabathanda abangabezizweni phakathi kwenu, ubanika ukudla lezambatho. <sup>19</sup>Ngakho kuzamele lithande abezizweni, njengoba lina lalingabezizweni eGhibhithe. <sup>20</sup>Mesabeni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze. Bambelelani kuye njalo lenze izifungo zenu ngebizo lakhe. <sup>21</sup>Uyindumiso yenu, unguJehova wenu, owalenzela lezozimanga ezinkulu lezesabekayo elazibona ngamehlo enu. <sup>22</sup>Okhokho benu abaya eGibhithe babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuphela, kanti khathesi uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uselenze laba banengi njengezinkanyezi esibhakabhakeni.

#### *Thanda njalo ulalele uJehova*

**11** Thandani uJehova wenu lilondoloze okwakhe, izimiso, imithetho lemilayo yakhe ngazo zonke izikhathi. <sup>2</sup>Khumbulani lamuhla ukuthi abantwabenu akusibo ababubonayo njalo babazi ubukhulu bukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu; ubukhosi bakhe, isandla sakhe esilamandla, lengalo yakhe eyelulekileyo; <sup>3</sup>izibonakaliso azenzayo kanye lakho konke akwenzayo phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe, ezenza kuFaro iNkosi yeGibhithe laselizweni lakhe lonke; <sup>4</sup>lalokho akwenza kubutho leGibhithe, lasemabhizeni lezinqola zawo, ukuthi wakunqoba njani konke lokhu ngamanzi oLwandle oluBomvu mhla bexotshana lani, kanye lokuthi uJehova wabachitha baphela du. <sup>5</sup>Akusibantwabenu ababona alenzela khona enkangala laze lazafika lapha, <sup>6</sup>kanye lalokho akwenza kuDathani lo-Abhiramu, amadodana ka-Eliyabi wako-



Rubheni. Lapho umhlaba owavuleka khona phambi kwabako-Israyeli wabaginya bonke kanye lezimuli zabo, lamathente abo lakho konke okuphilayo okwakungokwabo. <sup>7</sup>Kodwa-ke kwakungawenu amehlo abona zonke lezi izinto ezazenziwe nguJehova.

<sup>8</sup>Yikho-ke gcinani lilalele yonke imilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze lizuze amandla okuchapha iJodani liyelithumba lelolizwe, <sup>9</sup>njalo lihlale kulo isikhathi eside ilizwe iNkosi eyalinika okhokho benu lezizukulwana, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.

<sup>10</sup>Lelolizwe elizangena kulo lilithumbe alifanani lelizwe laseGibhithe, lapho elivela khona, lapho elalihlanyela inhlanyelo yenu lithwala amanzi nzima lithelela njengesivandeni semibhida. <sup>11</sup>Kodwa ilizwe elizachapha uJodani ukuze lilithumbe libe ngelenu yilizwe lezintaba lezihotsha ezinatha zigcwalile ngamanzi ezulu. <sup>12</sup>Yilizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu alikhathalelayo, amehlo kaJehova wenu aphezu kwalo kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka kuze kube sekupheleni kwawo.

<sup>13</sup>Ngakho lingalalela ngokwethembeka imilayo yami engilinika yona lamuhla – ukuthanda uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, langomphefumulo wenu wonke <sup>14</sup>ngalokho ngizanisa izulu emhlabeni wenu ngesikhathi salo, ekwindla kanye lasentwasa, ukuze lizuze amabele liwabuthe, iwayini elitsha kanye lamafutha.

<sup>15</sup>Ngizamilisa utshani egangeni obuzadliwa zinkomo zenu, lina lizakudla lisuthe.

<sup>16</sup>Qaphelani linanzelele ukuthi aliyikuhugeka lihlamuke likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele. <sup>17</sup>Kungaba njalo ulaka lukaJehova luzavutha kini, njalo uzavala amazulu akhe ukuze kungabi lezulu elizakuna

kuthi umhlaba wenu ungatheli izithelo, kuthi lina libhubhe masinyane elizweni elihle uJehova alinika lona. <sup>18</sup>Gcinani amazwi ami la ezinhliziyweni zenu lasengqondweni, abopheleni njengezimpawu ezandleni zenu liwabophele emabunzini enu.

<sup>19</sup>Bafundiseni ngawo abantwabenu, lixoxe ngawo nxa lihlezi emakhaya enu kanye lalapho lihamba endleleni, lapho lilala phansi lanxa livuka.

<sup>20</sup>Wabhaleni emigubazini yezindlu zenu kanye lasemasangweni enu, <sup>21</sup>ukuze kuthi izinsuku zenu kanye lezabantwabenu zande elizweni uJehova afunga ukulinika okhokho benu, kuze kube nini nxa umkhathi ulokhu ukhona ngaphezu komhlaba.

<sup>22</sup>Nxa lingamhlonipha limlandele imilayo yami le engilinika yona ukuba liyilandele – ukuthanda uJehova wenu, ukuhamba ngezindlela zakhe libambebele kuye ngokuqinileyo, <sup>23</sup>ngalokho uJehova uzazixotsha zonke izizwe phambi kwenu njalo lani lizazemuka izizwe ezinkulu kulani, njalo ezilamandla kulani. <sup>24</sup>Yonke indawo elizanyathela kuyo izakuba ngeyenu: Umhlaba wenu uzaqhela ukusuka enkangala usiya eLebhanoni, kusuka emfuleni i-Yufurathe kusiya elwandle olusentshonalanga. <sup>25</sup>Kakho ozamelana lani. UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, njengokulithembisa kwakhe, uzaletsa ukuthuthumela ngani lokulesaba elizweni lonke, ngaphi langaphi elihamba khona.

<sup>26</sup>Khangelani, lamuhla ngifaka phambi kwenu isibusiso lesithuko – <sup>27</sup>isibusiso nxa lilalele imilayo kaJehova wenu engilinika yona lamuhla; <sup>28</sup>isithuko nxa lingalaleli imilayo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njalo libe selitshiya indlela engilikhomba yona ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu, elingabaziyo.

<sup>29</sup>Nxa uJehova wenu eselifikisile

elizweni eselingena kulo ukuba lilitumbi, kalibomemezela liseNtabeni iGerizimu lezozibusiso, kuthi liseNtabeni ye-Ebhali limemezele izithuko.<sup>30</sup> Njengoba lisazi, izintaba zingaphetsheya kweJodani, entshonalanga yomgwaqo okukhangele entshonalanga, eduzane lezihlahla ezinkulu zaseMore, elizweni lalawo maKhenani ahlala e-Arabha eduzane kweGiligali.<sup>31</sup> Seliseduze ukuchapha iJodani ukuba lingene lithumbe lelolizwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. Kuzakuthi nxa selilithethe selihlala khona,<sup>32</sup> libe leqiniso lokuthi liyazila zonke izimiso lemithetho engilibekela yona lamuhla.

*Yinye indawo yokuKhonzela*

## 12 Lezi yizo izimiso lemilayo

okumele likugcine ngonanzelelo elizweni uJehova waboyihlo, alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu nxa lilokhu lisahlala kulelo lizwe.<sup>2</sup> Dilizani ngokupheleleyo zonke izindawo izizwe elizinqobayo ezazikhonzela onkulunkulu bazo khona, ezintabeni eziphakemeyo lasemaqaneni kanye langaphansi kwezihlahla ezinabileyo.<sup>3</sup> Dilizani amalithare ezizwe, libhidlize amatshe abawakhonzayo litshise izinsika zika-Ashera emlilweni, dilizelani phansi izithombe zabo lihle lichithe licitshe amabizo abo kulezondawo.

<sup>4</sup> Lingalandeli izindlela zabo zokukhonza uJehova wenu.<sup>5</sup> Kodwa lizadinga indawo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zenu, ukuze abeke iBizo lakhe lapho ahlale khona. Kumele liye kuleyo ndawo;<sup>6</sup> khonapho lilethe iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, lokwetshumi kwenu lezipho zenu eziqakathekileyo, lokho elifunge

ukukunikela kanye leminikelo yenu yokuzithandela, amazibulo emihlambi yenu yezinkomo leyezimvu.<sup>7</sup> Khonapho, phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, lina kanye labantwabenu lizakudla njalo lijabule ngakho konke elike labeka izandla zenu kukho, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ulibusisile.

<sup>8</sup> Lingabokwenza njengalokhu esikwenza lamuhla, ngamunye esenza njengokubona kwakhe,<sup>9</sup> ngoba lingakangeni endaweni yokuphumula kanye lelifeni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona.<sup>10</sup> Kodwa lizachapha uJodani liyekwakha lihlale elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu, njalo uzaliphumuza ezitheni zenu elakhelene lazo ukuze lihlale livikelekile.<sup>11</sup> Okumayelana lendawo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha ibe likhaya leBizo lakhe – kulapho elizaletha konke engililaya ngakho: iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, okwetshumi kwenu lezipho zenu eziqakathekileyo, kanye lazo zonke izimpahla zekhethelelo elifunge ngazo kuJehova.<sup>12</sup> Khona lapho lijabule phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, lina, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, izisebenzi zenu zesilisa lezesifazana, kanye labaLevi abavela emadolobheni enu, abangelasabelo loba ilifa abaliphwayo libe ngelabo.<sup>13</sup> Limukani linganikeleli iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa ingqe kungaphi elithanda khona.<sup>14</sup> Nikelelani kuphela endaweni uJehova azayikhetha phakathi kwezizwana zenu kuthi selilapho linanzelele konke engililaya ngakho.

<sup>15</sup> Ngalokho-ke, selilakho ukuhlaba izifuyo zenu lizibulale njengalokhu okwenziwayo emadolobheni enu njalo lidle yonke leyo nyama elifisa ukuyidla, kungani lithaka loba imbabala, kusiya ngesibusiso leso lowo lalowo

ayabebusiswe ngaso yiNkosi  
uNkulunkulu wenu. Bonke  
labangahlanzekanga labahlanzekileyo  
ngokomkhuba bavunyelwe ukuyidla.

<sup>16</sup>Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo; lilahleni  
kungathi lichitha amanzi phansi.

<sup>17</sup>Lingakudli emadolobheni enu  
okwetshumi kwamabele enu kanye  
lokweyayini elitsha lamafutha, loba  
amazibulo emihlambi yezifuyo zenu,  
lakho konke eselifunge lathembisa  
ukuba lizanikela ngakho, leminikelo  
yokuzikhethela ukunikela loba izipho  
eziqakathekileyo. <sup>18</sup>Kodwa kumele  
likudle phambi kukaJehova  
uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni  
ezakhethwa nguJehova uNkulunkulu  
wenu – lina, amadodana lamadodakazi  
enu, izisebenzi zenu zesilisa  
lezesifazana, kanye labaLevi abavela  
emadolobheni enu – lina labo lizajabula  
phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu  
ngakho konke elikuphatha ngezandla  
zenu. <sup>19</sup>Linanzelele lingalibali  
beselikohlwa abaLevi nxa lilokhu  
lisahlala elizweni lenu.

<sup>20</sup>Nxa uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu  
eseqhelisile ilizwe lenu  
njengokulethembisa kwakhe, libe  
seliloyisa ukudla inyama lithi, “Ngifisa  
ukudla inyama,” kulapho elizakudla  
khona lize lifike lapho elithanda khona.

<sup>21</sup>Nxa indawo leyo lapho uJehova  
uNkulunkulu wenu akhetha ukubeka  
iBizo lakhe ikhatshana kakhulu lani,  
lingahlaba emihlambini yezifuyo  
leyezimvu njengokuyiphiwa kwenu  
nguJehova, njengoba ngililayile, kuthi  
emadolobheni enu lizidle lezo zifuyo  
njengokuthanda kwenu. <sup>22</sup>Lidle kungathi  
lidla ithaka lembabala. Bonke  
abangahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba  
labahlanzekileyo bangadla. <sup>23</sup>Kodwa  
linanzelele lingadli igazi, ngoba igazi  
yiyo impilo ngakho akufanelanga ukuthi  
lidle impilo, lenyama. <sup>24</sup>Lingabokudla

igazi; lichitheleni emhlabathini kungathi  
lilahla amanzi. <sup>25</sup>Lingadli, ukuze  
kulihambele kuhle lina kanye  
labantwabenu abezayo, ngoba lizabe  
lenze okuhle emehlweni kaJehova.

<sup>26</sup>Kodwa thathani lokho  
okugcotshiweyo lalokho elifunge  
ukunikela lisuke liye endaweni  
ezakhethwa nguJehova. <sup>27</sup>Lethani  
iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa e-alithareni  
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, konke  
inyama kanye legazi. Igazi leminikelo  
yenu lilichithele phansi kwe-alithare  
likaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, kodwa  
lingadla inyama yakhona. <sup>28</sup>Linanzelele  
lilandele iziqondiso zonke engilnika  
zona, ukuze kulihambele kuhle lina  
kanye labantwabenu abezayo ngemuva  
kwenu, ngoba lizabe lenze okuhle njalo  
kulungile emehlweni kaJehova  
uNkulunkulu wenu. <sup>29</sup>UJehova  
uNkulunkulu wenu uzazichitha phambi  
kwenu zonke izizwe okufanele  
lizihlasele libe selizemuka  
okungokwazo. Kodwa nxa selizinqobile  
lazichitha selihlezi elizweni lazo, <sup>30</sup>njalo  
nxa sezichithiwe phambi kwenu,  
liqaphele lingahugeki ngokubuza  
ngabonkulunkulu bazo lisithi, “Kanti  
zona lezi zizwe zibakhonza njani  
onkulunkulu bazo? Lathi sizakwenza  
okufananayo.” <sup>31</sup>Lingabokhonza uJehova  
uNkulunkulu wenu ngendlela abakhonza  
ngayo, ngoba ekukhonzeni kwabo  
onkulunkulu babo, benza konke  
okunengisayo okungasoze kwamukeleke  
kuJehova. Baya baze batshise  
amadodana lamadodakazi abo emlilweni  
bethi bayanikela kubonkulunkulu babo.

<sup>32</sup>Nanzelelani ukuthi lenza lokho  
engililaya ngakho, lingengezeleli loba  
liphungule kulokho.

*Ukukhonza abanye onkulunkulu*

## 13 Nxa umphrofethi, loba umuntu

oboniswa ngamaphupho, angavela phakathi kwenu abesebika imilingo loba isimanga, <sup>2</sup>kuthi leyomilingo loba lesosimanga ayabe ekhulume ngaso, kubonakale kusenzakala, abesesithi, “Asilandeleni abanye onkulunkulu (onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi) njalo asibakhonzeni,” <sup>3</sup>lingalaleli amazwi alowo mphrofethi loba umuntu wamaphupho. UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzabe uyalilinga efuna ukubona kumbe liyamthanda yini ngezinhliziyo zenu kanye langomphefumulo wenu

wonke. <sup>4</sup>NguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu okumele limlandele, kanti nguye uqobo okumele limphakamise. Gcinani imilayo yakhe njalo limlalele; mkhonzeni libambelele liqine kuye.

<sup>5</sup>Lowo- mphrofethi loba lowomuntu wamaphupho akhe kumele abulawe, ngoba utshumayele wakhuthaza ukuhlamukela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe njalo walihlenga elizweni lobugqili; njalo ngumuntu obezama ukuliphambula endleleni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngayo ukuba liyilandele. Kumele lihlambulule ububi phakathi kwenu.

<sup>6</sup>Nxa umfowenu uqobo, loba indodana loba indodakazi yakho, loba umfazi wakho omthandayo, loba umngane wakho osekhwapheni, angavele akuhuge ensitha, esithi “Asihambe siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu” (onkulunkulu lina laboyihlo elingazange libazi,

<sup>7</sup>onkulunkulu babantu elakhelene labo, eduzane loba khatshana, kusukela emaphethelweni esigaba kusiya phutsha ngale kwaso), <sup>8</sup>lingamvumeli futhi lingamlaleli. Lingamtshengiseli uzwelo. Lingamphephisi njalo lingamvikeli.

<sup>9</sup>Kumele ngeqiniso abulawe. Isandla senu kumele sibe yiso esikhokhela

ukubulawa kwakhe, kulandele zonke ezabanye abantu. <sup>10</sup>Mkhandeni ngamatshe limbulale, ngoba uzame ukuliphambula elisusa kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe, walikhupha elizweni lobugqili. <sup>11</sup>Ngalokho wonke u-Israyeli uzakuzwa esabe, kakho loyedwa phakathi kwenu ozake aphinde enze into enjalo futhi.

<sup>12</sup>Lingezwa kuthiwa kuledolobho elikwenzayo lokhu phakathi kwamadolobho eliwaphiwe nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ukuba lihlale kuwo <sup>13</sup>ukuthi kulamadoda aphakathi kwenu asedukise abantu balawo madolobho, esithi, “Asihambeni siyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu” (onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi), <sup>14</sup>kufanele libuzisise, lichwayisise lihlale ngokupheleleyo. Kuthi nxa kuliqiniso njalo kugcwaliseke ukuthi lesisinengiso sikhona phakathi kwenu, <sup>15</sup>kumele lifake inkemba ngeqiniso kulabo bonke abahlala kulelodobho. Lilichithe litshabalale ngeqiniso, abantu bakhona kanye lezifuyo zakhona. <sup>16</sup>Buthelelani konke okuthunjiweyo kulelodobho phakathi enzikini yalo enkundleni yokuhlanganela kwabantu lilithungele litshe lilobe lelodobho kanye lezimpahla zalo zonke njengomnikelo wokutshiswa kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele lisale lilunxiwa lelodobho kokuphela, lingakhiwa kutsha futhi. <sup>17</sup>Akungabi lokukodwa kwalokho okusoliweyo okuzafunyanwa ezandleni zenu, ukuze uJehova adede elakeni lwakhe oluvuthayo; alitshengisele umusa wakhe, abelozwelo kini, andise amanani enu, njengoba wathembisa ngesifungo kubokhokho benu, <sup>18</sup>ngoba lilalela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, ligcina imilayo yakhe le engilinika yona lamuhla njalo lisenza okulungileyo emehlweni akhe.

*Ukudla okuhlanzekileyo  
lokungahlanzekanga*

## 14 Lingabantwana bakaJehova

uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingabozisika loba liphuce amakhanda enu lizilela abafileyo, <sup>2</sup>ngoba lingabantu abangcwele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. Ebantwini bonke abasemhlabeni, uJehova alikhethile lina ukuthi libe ngabantu bakhe abaligugu.

<sup>3</sup>Lingadli loba kuyini okunengisayo.

<sup>4</sup>Nanzi izinyamazana elingazidla: inkomo, imvu, imbuzi, <sup>5</sup>umziki, impala, umziki obomvu, imbuzi yeganga, imbuzi mawa, umtshwayeli lemvu yentaba.

<sup>6</sup>Lingadla zonke izinyamazana ezilenklagu njalo ezetshisayo. <sup>7</sup>Kodwa-ke kulezo ezilenklagu loba lezo ezetshisayo zilani lingadli ikamela, umvundla loba inteletsha. Zingcolile kini ngokomkhuba. <sup>8</sup>Ingulube layo ayihlanzekanga; lanxa ilenklagu kayetshisi. Lingabokudla inyama yazo lingathinti lezidumbu zazo.

<sup>9</sup>Kuzo zonke izinyamazana ezihlala emanzini, lingadla zonke lezo ezilempiko lezilamaxolo. <sup>10</sup>Kodwa konke lokho okungelampiko lamaxolo akumelanga likudle; kungcolile kini.

<sup>11</sup>Lingadla loba yiphi inyoni ehlanzekileyo. <sup>12</sup>Kodwa lezi lingazidli: ingqungqulu, ilinqe elimnyama, <sup>13</sup>uhelwane olubomvu, uhelwane olumnyama, loba yiwuphi umhlobo womzwazwa <sup>14</sup>loba ngumhlobo bani wewabayi, <sup>15</sup>isikhova, umandukulo, idada lolwandle, loba lukhozi bani, <sup>16</sup>isikhova esincane, isikhova esikhulu, isikhova esimhlophe, <sup>17</sup>isikhova senkangala, ukhozi lwenhlanzi, itshayamanzi, <sup>18</sup>ingabuzane, lawuphi umhlobo welanda, imvenduna lolulwane.

<sup>19</sup>Zonke izibungu eziphapha zingumtshitshi zingcolile kini; lingabozidla.

<sup>20</sup>Kodwa konke okulempiko okuhlanzekileyo kudleni.

<sup>21</sup>Lingabokudla lokhu elifumana kuzifele kodwa. Lingakunika loba ngubani owezizweni ohlezi loba kukuliphi phakathi kwamadolobho enu, yena angakudla, ulakho njalo ukuthi angathengisela omunye laye owezizweni. Kodwa lina lingabantu abangcwele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina.

### *Okwetshumi*

<sup>22</sup>Banini leqiniso ukuthi libeka eceleni lokhu okuyingxenye yetshumi yesivuno somnyaka. <sup>23</sup>Dlanini okwetshumi lamabele enu, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, kanye lamazibulo emihlambi yezinkomo zenu lawezimvu emehlweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azalikhethela yona ukuba ibe leBizo lakhe, ukuze lifunde ukumphakamisa uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngezikhathi zonke. <sup>24</sup>Kodwa nxa leyondawo ikhatshana kakhulu lina libusisiwe nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njalo lingenelisi ukuthwala okwetshumi kwenu (ngenxa yokuthi iNkosi lapho ekhethe khona ukubeka iBizo layo kukhatshana kakhulu), <sup>25</sup>thengisani okwetshumi kwenu ngesiliva, libe selithatha lihambe lesiliva liye endaweni leyo ezabe ikhethwe nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. <sup>26</sup>Sebenzisani isiliva lithenge ngaso loba yini elifuna ukuyithenga: izinkomo, izimvu, iwayini loba kuyini elikufunayo. Ngakho lina kanye labendlu yenu lizakudla khonapho phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njalo libe lokujabula.

<sup>27</sup>Njalo lingakhohlwa abaLevi abahlala emadolobheni enu, ngoba

abalaso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga ilifa.

<sup>28</sup> Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu, lethani okwetshumi kwesivuno salowomnyaka likugcine emadolobheni enu, <sup>29</sup> yikho kuzakuthi abaLevi (bona abangelasabelo loba ilifa elingelabo) kanye labezizweni, izintandane ezingelaboyise labafelokazi abahlala emadolobheni enu beze labo bazokudla basuthe, njalo kuze kuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alibusise kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zenu.

*Umnyaka wokwesulwa  
Kwezikwelede*

## 15 Ekupheleni kweminyaka

eyisikhombisa kumele lesule izikwelede.

<sup>2</sup> Nanso indlela elizaphatha ngayo: Wonke umuntu owake wboleka omunye wakibo wako-Israyeli impahla yakhe kumele esule lesosikwelede. Akusafanelanga ukuthi adinge ukuhlawulwa ngomunye wakhe wako-Israyeli loba umfowabo, ngoba isikhathi seNkosi sokwesula izikwelede sesimenyezwe. <sup>3</sup> Lilakho ukuthi lihlawulwe ngabezizweni, kodwa kumele lesule isikwelede umfowenu ayabe elaso kini. <sup>4</sup> Kodwa akungabi lomuntu oswelayo phakathi kwenu, ngoba elizweni lelo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuze libe yilifa lenu, uzalibusisa kakhulu, <sup>5</sup> nxa lizalalela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu linanzelele njalo ukuthi liyayilandela yonke imilayo yakhe engilethulela yona lamuhla.

<sup>6</sup> Kungenxa yalokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu azalibusisa njengokulithembisa kwakhe, njalo lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina aliyikweboleka lutho kuzo. Lizabusa

phezu kwezizwe ezinengi kodwa lina akulasizwe esizalibusisa.

<sup>7</sup> Nxa ekhona ongumyanga phakathi kwabafowenu emadolobheni la uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika wona lasemazweni eliwaphiweyo, lingabi lezinhliziyo ezilukhuni loba ukuba ngabancitshanayo kumfowenu ongumyanga. <sup>8</sup> Kuhle ukuthi libe ngabaphanayo limeboleke ngokukhululeka loba yini ayiswelayo. <sup>9</sup> Limukani lingagcini umnakano omubi othi: “Umnyaka wesikhombisa, umnyaka wokwesulwa kwezikwelede, usondele,” ukuze lingabi lomoya omubi ngomfowenu oswelayo lingabe lisamnika lutho. Kungenzeka acele kuJehova ukuba alihihlanekela, libe selifunyanwa lilesono.

<sup>10</sup> Mupheni okunengi njalo lokhu likwenze ngezinhliziyi ezingelamona; kanti-ke ngenxa yalokho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa kuyo yonke imisebenzi yenu lakukho konke elibeka izandla zenu kukho. <sup>11</sup> Kuzahlala kulokhu kulabantu abangabayanga elizweni. Ngakho ngiyalilaya ukuba phanini ngezandla ezivulekileyo kubafowenu kanye lakubo bonke abangabayanga labaswelayo elizweni lenu.

*Ukukhulula izisebenzi*

<sup>12</sup> Nxa omunye wenu ongumHebheru, owesilisa loba owesifazana, ezithengisile kini kodwa asebenze iminyaka eyisithupha, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kumele limkhulule azihambe. <sup>13</sup> Mhla limkhulula lingamyekeli ehamba eze engaphethe lutho. Mniki emihlambini yenu ngomoya wokuphana, lasemabeleni asebhuliwe kanye lewayini eselihluziwe.

<sup>14</sup> Mniki njengokubusiswa kwenu nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

<sup>15</sup> Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu

walikhulula. Yikho ngilinika umlayo lo lamuhla.

<sup>16</sup>Kodwa isisebenzi senu singathi kini, “Angifuni ukusuka lapha,” ngenxa yokuthi siyalithanda lina labendlu yenu njalo sihlezi kuhle lani, <sup>17</sup>thathani usungulo libhobozele indlebe yaso emnyango, sihle sibe yisisebenzi senu kokuphela. Lokhu alibokwenza loba kuyisisebenzi sesifazana.

<sup>18</sup>Lingakuthathi njengomthwalo onzima ukukhulula izisebenzi zenu, ngoba umsebenzi esiyabe sikwenzele wona kuminyaka eyisithupha uyalingana lomsebenzi ophindwe kabili owenziwa ngoqatshweyo. Ngakho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa kukho konke elikwenzayo.

#### *Amazibulo ezifuyo*

<sup>19</sup>Gcinelani uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu izibulo lonke emihlambini yenu kanye leyezimvu kungamaduna kuphela. Lingasebenzisi loba yiliphi izibulo emhlambini loba owezimvu njalo lingagundi uboya bamazibulo ezimvu zenu. <sup>20</sup>Ngayo yonke iminyaka lina kanye labendlu yenu lizawadla phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhethe yena. <sup>21</sup>Nxa inyamazana ilesici, iqhula loba iyisiphofu, loba ilokunye okusolekayo, linganikeli ngayo kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. <sup>22</sup>Leyo lizayidlela emadolobheni enu. Bonke abahlanzekileyo labangahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba balakho ukuyidla, kungani badla ithaka lembabala.

<sup>23</sup>Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo, lichitheleni emhlabathini kungathi lichitha amanzi.

#### *Umkhosi wePhasika*

**16** Gcinani inyanga ka-Abhibhi njalo lenze umkhosi wokuhlonipha

iPhasika leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ngenyanga ka-Abhibhi walikhupha eGibhithe ngobusuku. <sup>2</sup>Nikelani okwePhasika kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngesifuyo esivela emhlambini wenu loba emhlambini wezimvu endaweni ezakhethwa nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ukuba ibe yindawo yebizo lakhe. <sup>3</sup>Lingasidli ndawonye lesinkwa esilemvubelo, kuzakuthi ngensuku eziyisikhombisa lidle esingelamvubelo, isinkwa sokuhlupheka, ngoba lasuka eGibhithe ngokujaha ukuze izinsuku zonke zokuphila kwenu likhumbule isikhathi elasuka ngaso eGibhithe. <sup>4</sup>Akungafunyanwa mvubelo kini lakulo lonke ilizwe lenu okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa. Njalo lingatshiyi inyama yomhlatshelo wantambama ivuke ilokhu ikhona ngosuku olulandelayo.

<sup>5</sup>Linganikeli okwePhasika loba kukuliphi idolobho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu azalinika lona <sup>6</sup>ngaphandle kwalapho azakhetha khona ukuba kube yindawo yeBizo lakhe. Kulapho elizakwenzela khona umhlatshelo wePhasika ntambama, ekutshoneni kwelanga, kuyisikhumbuzo selanga elasuka ngalo eGibhithe. <sup>7</sup>Yoseni libe seliyidlela endaweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu azalikhethela yona. Kuzakuthi ekuseni libuyele emathenteni enu. <sup>8</sup>Okwezinsuku eziyisithupha lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa libuthane kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu lingabambi msebenzi.

#### *IDili loMkhosi wamaViki*

<sup>9</sup>Balani amaviki ayisikhombisa kusukela mhla laqalisa ukuvuna amabele.

<sup>10</sup> Beselisenza iDili loMkhosi wamaViki kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngokupha umnikelo wokuzithandela kusiya ngezibusiso uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu aliphe zona.

<sup>11</sup> Ngakho thokozani phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhethe ukuba ngeyeBizo lakhe – lina lamadodana lamadodakazi enu, izisebenzi zenu zesilisa lezisebenzi zenu zesifazana, abaLevi abasemadolobheni enu, kanye labezizweni, abangelaboyise labafelokazi abahlezi phakathi kwenu.

<sup>12</sup> Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe, ngakho landelani leziziqondiso ngonanzelelo.

#### *Umkhosi wama Thabanikeli*

<sup>13</sup> Yenzani iDili loMkhosi wamaThabanikeli okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngemuva kokubutha amabele enu ezindaweni zokubhulela lezokuhluzela iwayini. <sup>14</sup> Thokozani edilini lenu – lina, amadodana enu kanye lamadodakazi enu, izisebenzi zenu zesilisa lezisebenzi zesifazana, kanye labaLevi, abezizweni, abangelaboyise kanye labafelokazi abahlezi emadolobheni enu. <sup>15</sup> Okwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa yenzani idili kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ezindaweni ezakhethwa nguJehova. Ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa esivunweni senu sonke kanye lemisebenzini yezandla zenu, ukuze kupheleliswe intokozo yenu.

<sup>16</sup> Kathathu ngomnyaka, wonke amadoda kumele aziveze phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhethe, eDilini loMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, eDilini loMkhosi wamaviki kanye leDilini loMkhosi wamaThabanikeli. Akungabi landoda ezavela phambi kweNkosi ingaphethe lutho: <sup>17</sup> Ngamanye lina lonke

kumele lize liphethe isipho kusiya ngokuthi liphiwe labusiswa ngokunganani nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

#### *AbeHluleli*

<sup>18</sup> Khethani abehluleli lezikhulu ezizwaneni zenu zonke kuwo wonke amadolobho enu elizawaphiwa nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, njalo bahlulele abantu ngemfanelo.

<sup>19</sup> Lingonakalisi ukulunga loba libandlulule. Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa, ngoba ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza amehlo abahlakaniphileyo kulahlekise amazwi abaqotho.

<sup>20</sup> Landelani ukulunga lilandele khona kuphela, yikho lizaphila lilithumbe ilizwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona.

#### *Ukukhonza abanye onkulunkulu*

<sup>21</sup> Lingazimiseli o-Ashera bezigodo phansi kwe-alithari elizalakhela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, <sup>22</sup> njalo lingamisi ilitshe elizakuthi lina lingcwele, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyakuzonda lokho.

**17** Lingenzi umhlatshelo kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngenkabi loba imvu elesici lesolekayo, ngoba lokho kuyisinengiso kuye.

<sup>2</sup> Nxa kulendoda loba owesifazana ohlala phakathi kwenu kwelinye lamadolobho eliwaphiwa nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu limfumana esona emehlweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kuyikwephula isivumelwano, <sup>3</sup> njalo ngokwephula imilayo yami esezikhonzela abanye onkulunkulu, ebakhothamela loba ekhonza ilanga loba inyanga loba izinkanyezi zezulu, <sup>4</sup> kube



kanti lokhu sekubikiwe kini, kutsho ukuthi kuzamele likuchwayisise ngokupheleleyo. Nxa kuliqiniso njalo sekubonakele ukuthi kuliqiniso lokhu okuyisinengiso okwenzakele ko-Israyeli, <sup>5</sup> thathani leyondoda loba lowo owesifazana owenze lesi senzo esibi limuse esangweni ledolobho lenu limtshaye ngamatshe aze afe. <sup>6</sup> Ngobufakazi bababili loba abathathu indoda izabulawa, kodwa kakho ozabulawa ngobufakazi bomuntu oyedwa kuphela. <sup>7</sup> Akuthi ofakazi labo kube yibo abaqalisayo ukumbulala, kube sekulandela bonke abanye abantu. Kumele lisuse ububi phakathi kwenu.

#### *Imithethwandaba*

<sup>8</sup> Nxa amacala eza phambi kwemithethwandaba yenu enzima ukuwahlulela – loba ngawokuchitha igazi, ukwephula imithetho loba awokuhlaselwa, athatheni liye lawo endaweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha. <sup>9</sup> Hambani kubaphristi, abangabaLevi, kanye lakumehluleli osesikhundleni okwalesosikhathi. Buzani kibo bona bazalinika isigwebo esifaneleyo. <sup>10</sup> Lina-ke kumele lenze njengokucebisa kwabo endaweni uJehova azayikhetha. Linanzelele ukuthi lenza lokho kanye abaliqondisa ukuba likwenze. <sup>11</sup> Yenzani ngokomthetho njengalokho abalifundisa ngakho lezinqumo abalipha zona. Lingaphambuki kulokho abalitshela khona, liye kwesokudla loba kwesenxele. <sup>12</sup> Indoda etshengisela ukudelela iseyisa umehluleli loba umphristi owenza umsebenzi wokukhonza khonapho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kumele ibulawe. Kumele lisuse bonke ububi phakathi kuka-Israyeli. <sup>13</sup> Bonke abantu bazakuzwa besabe, bangabe besadelela futhi.

#### *INkosi*

<sup>14</sup> Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona selilithethe laba ngelenu njalo selihlezi kulo, njalo selisithi, “Asibekeni inkosi isibusise ukuze sifanane lezinye izizwe esakhelene lazo,” <sup>15</sup> wobani leqiniso lokuthi libeka inkosi ekhethwe nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele abe ngomunye wabafowenu. Lingafaki umuntu wezizweni ukuba alibuse, ongasiye wakini ko-Israyeli.

<sup>16</sup> Inkosi njalo akumelanga izifuyele amabhiza amanengi loba ithume abantu babuyele eGibhithe ukuyazusa amanye khona ngoba uJehova ulitshelile wathi, “Lingaphindi liyihambe njalo leyondlela..” <sup>17</sup> Kayingathathi abafazi abanengi funa inhliziyoyayo idukiswe. Kayingazinothisi ngesiliva langegolide elinengi kakhulu.

<sup>18</sup> Nxa isithatha isihlalo sobukhosi bombuso wayo kayithathe iphepha lomgoqwa izilobele kulo umthetho lo iwuthatha encwadini yabaphristi abangabaLevi. <sup>19</sup> Umgoqwa lowo kawuhlale ukuyo, ihlale iwubala zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwayo ukuze ifunde ukwesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wayo, ilandele ngokunanzelela wonke amazwi omthetho lo lalezi izimiso, <sup>20</sup> njalo ukuze ingazitshayi ongcono kulabanye abakibo, ingaphambuki emthethweni iye ngasekunene loba ngasekhohlo. Ngakho yona kanye lezizukulwane zayo bazabusa isikhathi eside embusweni wayo ko-Israyeli.

#### *Iminikelo yabaPhristi labaLevi*

**18** AbaPhristi, bona kungabaLevi – ngempela isizwana sonke sabaLevi – mabangabi lesabelo loba ilifa ndawonye labako-Israyeli. Bazaphila ngeminikelo enikelwa kuJehova ngomlilo, ngoba leli

yilo ilifa labo. <sup>2</sup> Abayikuba lelifa phakathi kwabafowabo; uJehova uyilifa labo, njengokuthembisa kwakhe.

<sup>3</sup> Le yiyo ingxenye yabaphristi ezavela emihlatshelweni yabantu eyenkunzi loba eyemvu: umkhono, imihlathi yomibili kanye lezangaphakathi. <sup>4</sup> Lifanele libaphe izithelo zakuqala zamabele enu, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, uboya bakuqala ekugundweni kwezimvu zenu, <sup>5</sup> ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile bona kanye lezizukulwane zabo phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zenu ukuze kube yibo abazakwenza umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni likaJehova ngezikhathi zonke. <sup>6</sup> Nxa umLevi angasuka kwelinye lamadolobho enu loba kungaphi kwelaba-Israyeli lapho abehlala khona, abeseziletha ngokuzimisela endaweni ezakhethwa nguJehova, <sup>7</sup> angenza umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe njengabo bonke abafowabo abangabaLevi abasebenzela khonapho phambi kukaJehova.

<sup>8</sup> Uzakwabelana labanye bakhe ngokulinganayo kulokho abakuzuzayo, lanxa yena esezuze imali ekuthengisweni kwempahla yakwabo.

#### *Izenzo ezinengekayo*

<sup>9</sup> Lapho selingena elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, lingabozifundisa ukulingisa izenzo ezinengekayo zezinye izizwe khonale. <sup>10</sup> Akungabi lamuntu phakathi kwenu ozakwenza umhlatshelo ngendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe ngomlilo, kangabi yisanuse loba ocasisa ngemibono ocasisa imilingo njalo ophathelene lobuthakathi, <sup>11</sup> ophosayo, loba olamadlozi loba olemimoya loba okhangelele kwabafuleyo. <sup>12</sup> Loba ngubani owenza lezizinto uyisinengiso kuJehova, kanti njalo ngenxa yezenzo lezi ezinengekayo uJehova uNkulunkulu

wenu azazixotsha phambi kwenu lezizizwe. <sup>13</sup> Kumele libemsulwa phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

#### *Umphrofethi*

<sup>14</sup> Izizwe elizazithathela ilizwe zilalela okwalabo abathakathayo labavumisayo. Kodwa lina, uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kalivumeli ukukwenza lokho. <sup>15</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami. Libomlalela. <sup>16</sup> Lokhu yikho elakucela kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebi mhla wosuku lokuhlangana lapho elathi, “Asingalizwa ilizwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu njalo singaboni umlilo omkhulu futhi, ngoba singafa.”

<sup>17</sup> UJehova wathi kimi: “Lokho abakutshoyo kuhle. <sup>18</sup> Ngizabavezela umphrofethi onjengawe phakathi kwabafowabo; ngizamfunza amazwi ami, yena nguyey ozabatshela konke engizamlaya ngakho. <sup>19</sup> Nxa loba ngubani ongayikulalela amazwi ami azakhulunywa ngumphrofethi ngebizo lami, mina ngokwami yimi engizamelana laye.

<sup>20</sup> Kodwa-ke umphrofethi ozenza okhuluma amazwi ami wona kungesiwo engimlaye ngawo ukuba awatsho, loba umphrofethi okhuluma ngebizo labanye onkulunkulu, kumele abulawe.”

<sup>21</sup> Lingazitshela lokhu lithi, “Singakwazi njani ukuthi lelilizwi kaliveli kuJehova na?” <sup>22</sup> Nxa lokho okumenyazelwa ngumphrofethi ngebizo likaJehova kungenzakali loba kugcwaliseke, lokho kuyilizwi eliyabe lingaveli kuJehova. Lowo mphrofethi uyabe ekhuluma ize. Lingamesabi.

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uNkulunkulu wenu esebhubhise izizwe zelizwe lelo alinika lona, futhi lani selizixotshile njalo lahlala emadolobheni kanye lasezindlini zazo, <sup>2</sup> kulapho-ke eselingazikhethela amadolobho amathathu enkabazwe yelizwe lelo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona libe ngelenu. <sup>3</sup> Yakhani imigwaqo eqonda kuwo njalo lehlukhanise ilizwe lelo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinike lona njengelifa lenu libe yizigaba ezintathu, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani obulala umuntu abalekele khona.

<sup>4</sup> Lesi yisimiso maqondana lomuntu obulala omunye abesebalekela khona ukuze asindise impilo yakhe – lowo obulala umakhelwane wakhe kungayisikho ngabomo, engamqophanga. <sup>5</sup> Njengokuthi, umuntu angaya egangeni ukuyagamula inkuni lomakhelwana wakhe, kuthi lapho egamula isihlahla ngehloka lakhe, ihloka likhumuke emphinini litshaye umakhelwane wakhe afe. Lowomuntu angabalekela kwelinye lamadolobho lawo ukuze asindise impilo yakhe.

<sup>6</sup> Phela kungenzeka ukuthi umphindiseli wegazi axotshane lombulali ngentukuthelo, amfice nxa ummango umude kakhulu, ambulale lanxa lowombulali ebengafanelanga ukufa, ngoba engambulalanga ngabomo ngenxa yenzondo umakhelwana wakhe. <sup>7</sup> Yikho-nje ngilaye ukuthi lizehlukhanisele amadolobho amathathu.

<sup>8</sup> Nxa uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu angaqhelisa isabelo senu njengokuthembisa kwakhe okhokho benu ngesifungo, aliphe lonke ilizwe abathembisa lona, <sup>9</sup> ngoba lilandela ngokunanzelela yonke imithetho engililaya yona lamuhla – ukuthanda uJehova uNkulunkulu lokuhamba

kokuphela ngezindlela zakhe – kufanele ukuthi likhethe amanye njalo amadolobho amathathu. <sup>10</sup> Kwenzeni lokhu ukuze kungachitheki igazi elingelacala elizweni lenu, lelo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona njengelifa lenu, njalo lokuthi lingabi lecala lokuchitha igazi.

<sup>11</sup> Kodwa uma umuntu emzonda umakhelwane wakhe, amcathamele, amtshaye ambulale, abesebalekela kwelinye lamadolobho la, <sup>12</sup> abakhokheli bedolobho lakibo bazamthumela abantu, bamlande kulelodalobho babuye laye, bamnikele kumphindiseli wegazi ukuba afe. <sup>13</sup> Lingamzweli isihawu. Kufanele liqede ububi bokuchitha igazi elingelacala ko-Israyeli ukuze kulilungele.

<sup>14</sup> Lingabosusa izikhonkwane zomngcele wendawo kamakhelwana wenu ezabethelwa ngabalandlelayo kulo ilifa eliliphiwa elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu.

*Ofakazi*

<sup>15</sup> Ufakazi oyedwa angeke afakaze kwanele ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala bani etheswe icala. Indaba ingaqiniswa ngofakazi ababili loba abathathu.

<sup>16</sup> Nxa ufakazi wamanga emelana lendoda eyetheswa icala, <sup>17</sup> amadoda la womabili axabeneyo afanele ukuthi ame phambi kukaJehova phambi kwabaphristi kanye labehluleli abayabe besesikhundleni ngalesosikhathi.

<sup>18</sup> Abehluleli kumele bachwayisise ngokupheleleyo kuthi lapho bangafumana ukuthi ufakazi uqamba amanga, esipha ubufakazi bamanga ngomzalwane wakhe, <sup>19</sup> lizakwenza kuye khonokho abehlose ukukwenza kumzalwane wakhe. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. <sup>20</sup> Abanye bonke

abantu bazakuzwa ngalokhu besabe, ngakho akusayikwenziwa futhi phakathi kwenu ububi obunjalo.<sup>21</sup> Lingabi lozwelo: ukuphila akwenanwe yikuphila, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo.

### *Imithetho yempi*

## 20 Lapho liphuma ukuya kulwa

lesitha senu empini libe selibona amabhiza lezinqola kanye lebuthe elikhulu ukwedlula elenu, lingabesabi, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhithe, uzakuba lani.

<sup>2</sup>Nxa selilungele ukuhlasela, umphristi uzakuza akhulume lebuthe. <sup>3</sup>Uzakuthi: “Zwana, we-Israyeli, namuhla liya ekuhlaseleni izitha zenu. Lingapheli amandla kumbe lesabe; lingatshaywa luvalo njalo lethuke phambi kwabo.

<sup>4</sup>Ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ohamba lani ukuyalilwela ezitheni zenu ukuba linqobe.”

<sup>5</sup>Izikhulu zizakuthi ebuthweni: “Ukhona owakhe indlu entsha ongazange ayinikele ngokuyahlukanisela na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye anikele indlu yakhe ngokuyahlukanisela. <sup>6</sup>Ukhona ohlanyele isivini kodwa engakadli izithelo zaso na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye azidlele izithelo zaso. <sup>7</sup>Ukhona osethembise owesifazana kodwa engakamthathi ukuthi abe ngumkakhe na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye umuntu amthathe.”

<sup>8</sup>Izikhulu zizaqhubeka zithi, “Ikhona indoda eyesabayo kumbe ephelwa ngamandla na? Kayibuyele emzini wayo ukuze abafowabo labo bangaphelelwa ngamandla.” <sup>9</sup>Kuzakuthi lapho izikhulu seziqedile ukukhuluma lebuthe, zizakhetha abalawuli bebutho.

<sup>10</sup>Nxa lisiya edolobheni ukuthi lihlasele, khulumani labantu bakulelodobho lidinga ukuthula.

<sup>11</sup>Bangavuma njalo balivulele amasango abo, bonke abantu bakulelodobho bazakuba yizichaka zenu balisebenzele.

<sup>12</sup>Kodwa bangala ukwamukela amazwi enu okuthula balihlasele, livimbezeleni lelodobho. <sup>13</sup>Kuzakuthi lapho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu esenikele idolobho lelo kini, libulale amadoda wonke ngenkemba.

<sup>14</sup>Kodwa abesifazana, abantwana, izifuyo kanye lakho konke okukulelodobho kuzakuba yimpango yenu. Yonke impango yezitha zenu uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika yona izakuba ngeyenu. <sup>15</sup>Lokhu yikho okumele likwenze emadolobheni wonke akude lani njalo angasiwo ezizwe ezihlala eduzane lani.

<sup>16</sup>Kanti-ke, emadolobheni ezizwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika wona njengelifa, lingatshiyi lutho oluphefumulayo luphila.

<sup>17</sup>Lizawabhubhisa liwaqede wonke – amaHithi, ama-Amori, ama-Khenani, amaPherezi, amaHivi kanye lamaJebusi – njengokulaywa kwenu nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. <sup>18</sup>Funa balifundise ukwenza imikhuba yabo enengekayo yokukhonza onkulunkulu babo, lone kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

<sup>19</sup>Uma idolobho selilivimbezele okwesikhathi eside, lilihlasela ukuze lilithumbe, lingatshabalalisi izihlahla zalo ngokuzigamula, ngoba lingadla izithelo zazo. Lingazigamuli. Kambe izihlahla zeganga zingabantu ukuthi lingazivimbezela na? <sup>20</sup>Kodwa-ke lingagamula izihlahla elizaziyo ukuthi azitheli izithelo ezidliwayo ukuze lisebenzise ekwakheni amadumba lize linqobe impi ledolobho lelo.

*Ukuhlawulelwa kokubulala***21** Nxa kungafunyanwa umuntu

obuleweyo egangeni, elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu, kungaziwa ukuthi ubulewe ngubani, <sup>2</sup> abakhokheli benu kanye labehluleli bazakuya balinganise umango phakathi kwalowo obuleweyo lamadolobho aseduze. <sup>3</sup> Kuzakuthi abakhokheli bamadolobho aseduzane lesidumbu leso bathathe ithokazi elingakaze lisetshenziswe futhi okungakaze kugaxwe ijogwe phezu kwalo <sup>4</sup> balithintele esigodini esingakaze silinywe kumbe kuhlanyelwe ulutho kiso njalo kube lapho okulesifula esigelezayo. Kabephule intamo yalo khonapho esigodini leso. <sup>5</sup> Abaphristi, amadodana kaLevi, bazasondela, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile ukuba benze inkonzo njalo bamemezele izibusiso ebizweni likaJehova behlulele amacala okuxabana lawokulwa. <sup>6</sup> Abakhokheli balawo madolobho aseduzane lesidumbu leso bazagezela izandla zabo phezu kwethokazi elephulelwe intamo esigodini, <sup>7</sup> bafakaze bathi: “ Izandla zethu kazilichithanga leligazi, futhi asibonanga kusenzeka. <sup>8</sup> Yamukela lindlela yokubuyisana yabantu bakho abako-Israyeli, obahlengileyo, O Jehova, ungabeki icala phezu kwabantu bakho ngenxa yegazi lomuntu omsulwa.” Ngakho ukuchithwa kwegazi kuzahlawulelwa. <sup>9</sup> Ngalokho lizazigeza emlandwini wokuchitha igazi elingelacala, njengoba selenzile okuhle emehlweni kaJehova.

*Ukuthatha umfazi othunjiweyo*

<sup>10</sup> Nxa usiya empini ukuyahlasela izitha zakho kuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu anikele izitha zenu ezandleni zenu, lizithumbe, <sup>11</sup> ungabona owesifazana

omuhle njalo akukhange, ungamthatha abe ngumfazi wakho. <sup>12</sup> Uzamusa emzini wakho, aphuce ikhanda lakhe, aqume inzipho zakhe njalo <sup>13</sup> akhumule izigqoko athunjwe ezigqokile. Kuzakuthi lapho eseqede inyanga eyodwa esemzini wakho elilela uyise lonina, usungamthatha abe ngumkakho, <sup>14</sup> kodwa uma engakuthokozisi, umkhulule aye lapho athanda khona. Ungamthengisi kumbe umphathe njengesigqili, ngoba usumhlazisile.

*Ilungelo leZibulo*

<sup>15</sup> Uma indoda ilabafazi ababili, ithande omunye kodwa omunye ingamthandi, kuthi bobabili bayizalele amadodana kodwa izibulo libe yindodana yomfazi engamthandiyo, <sup>16</sup> uba ehlela ukwabela amadodana akhe impahla yakhe, akumelanga emuke izibulo lakhe ilungelo lalo aliphe indodana yomfazi amthandayo esikhundleni sezibulo langempela, indodana yomfazi engamthandiyo. <sup>17</sup> Kufanele itshengisele ukuthi indodana yomfazi ongathandwayo yilo izibulo ngokuyinika isabelo esiphindwe kabili sempahla yayo yonke. Leyo ndodana iyisitshengiselo sakuqala samandla kayise. Ilungelo lobuzibulo ngelayo.

*Indodana engumhlamuki*

<sup>18</sup> Uma indoda ilendodana eyisiqholo njalo engumhlamuki engalaleli uyise lonina nxa beyikhuza, <sup>19</sup> uyise lonina bazayibamba bayise kubakhokheli esangweni ledolobho lakibo. <sup>20</sup> Bazakuthi kubakhokheli, “Indodana yethu le iyisiqholo njalo ingumhlamuki. Ayisilaleli. Iyisixhwali njalo iyisidakwa.” <sup>21</sup> Ngakho wonke amadoda akulelodolobho azayitshaya ngamatshe ize ife. Lifanele liqede bonke ububi phakathi kwenu. U-Israyeli wonke uzakuzwa lokhu esabe.

*Imithetho eyahlukeneyo*

<sup>22</sup>Nxa umuntu olecala elikhulu ebulawa kuthi isidumbu silengiswe esihlahleni, <sup>23</sup>lingaboyekela isidumbu sakhe silenga esihlahleni ubusuku bonke. Kangcwatshwe mhlalokho, ngoba umuntu ophanyekiweyo esihlahleni uqalekisiwe nguNkulunkulu. Lingangcolisi ilizwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinike lona njengelifa.

**22** Ungabona inkabi loba imvu

yomfowenu iduha, ungayiyekeli kodwa ibuyisele kuye. <sup>2</sup>Uba umzalwane wakho engahlali eduze lawe loba ungakwazi ukuthi isifuyo lesi ngesikabani, sithathe uhambe laso emzini wakho usigcine aze afike esidinga. Usungasibuyisela kuye. <sup>3</sup>Wenze njalo ungasibuyisela ubabhemi loba ibhatshi lomzalwane wakho loba kuyini okumlahlekeleyo. Ungakuyekeli.

<sup>4</sup>Ungabona ubabhemi loba inkabi yomfowenu iwele endleleni, ungayiyekeli. Umsize umfowenu ngokuyivusa.

<sup>5</sup>Owesifazana angagqoki izigqoko zesilisa, lowesilisa angagqoki izigqoko zowesifazana, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngalowo owenza lokho.

<sup>6</sup>Nxa ungasifazana isidleke senyoni eceleni kwendlela, sisesihlahleni loba phansi, unina efukamele amachwane kumbe amaqanda ayo, ungasithathi unina labantwabakhe.

<sup>7</sup>Ungathatha abantwana, uyekele unina ahambe ukuze kube kuhle kuwe njalo ube lempilo ende.

<sup>8</sup>Nxa usakha indlu entsha, uzakwakha umduli oluthango ephahleni lwayo ukuze kungabi lomuntu owayo ephahleni

Iwendlu yakho ube lecala lokuchitha igazi.

<sup>9</sup>Ungahlanyeli inhlanyelo eziyimihlobo emibili esivinini sakho; ungasikwenza, akuyikuba yizilimo ozihlanyelayo kuphela ezithukiweyo, kodwa lezithelo zevini.

<sup>10</sup>Ungabophi ndawonye ejogweni inkabi lobabhemi nxa ulima.

<sup>11</sup>Ungagqoki isigqoko eselukwe ngewulu lelineni ndawonye.

<sup>12</sup>Yenza intshaka uzithungele emiphethweni yomine yebhatshi lakho oligqokileyo.

*Ukwepfulwa kwemithetho yokuthathana*

<sup>13</sup>Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi, kuthi ngemva isike yalala laye, ingamthakazeleli <sup>14</sup>imgcone imbize ngamagama amabi, isithi, “Ngathatha umfazi lo, kodwa ngathi ngilala laye ngafumana ukuthi kaseyiyontombi egcweleyo,” <sup>15</sup>ngakho uyise lonina wentombi bazaletha ubufakazi ebadaleni bakulelodobho esangweni bokutshengisa ukuthi ibikade iyintombi. <sup>16</sup>Uyise wentombi uzakuthi ebadaleni, “Ngendisela indodakazi yami endodeni le, kodwa ayisamfuni. <sup>17</sup>Khathesi isiyigcona isithi, ‘Indodakazi yakho kangiyifumananga iyintombi egcweleyo? Kodwa nampu ubufakazi bokuthi indodakazi yami iyintombi egcweleyo.’ Ngakho abazali bentombi bazakwendlala ilembu phambi kwabadala bakulelodobho, <sup>18</sup>kuthi abadala bayijezise leyondoda. <sup>19</sup>Bazayihlawulisa amashekeli esiliva alikhulu, bawanike uyise wentombi, ngoba indoda le isigcone intombi yako-Israyeli. Intombi izaqhubeka ingumfazi wayo indoda; okwempilo yayo yonke akumelanga iyale lintombi.

<sup>20</sup>Nxa, kungenzeka ukuthi umlandu ewetheswayo uliqiniso njalo kungaze

kwafunyanwa ubufakazi bobuntombi bayo,<sup>21</sup> iza lethwa emnyango wendlu kayise kuthi amadoda akulelodobho ayitshayele khona ngamatshe ize ife. Yenze into eyangisayo ko-Israyeli ngokungaziphathi ngesikhathi isahlala emzini kayise. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu.

<sup>22</sup>Nxa indoda ingafunyanwa ilele lomfazi wenye indoda bobabili kumele babulawe. Kufanele liqede ububi ko-Israyeli.

<sup>23</sup>Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi esikhombile edolobheni ilale layo,

<sup>24</sup>lizabathatha bobabili libase esangweni lakulelodobho libatshaye ngamatshe khona baze bafe – ngoba inkazana kayihlabanga umkhosi ukuthi ilanyulelwe yona isedolobheni, njalo indoda isixhwalise umfazi wenye indoda. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu.

<sup>25</sup>Kodwa nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi esikhombile egangeni ibe isiyibamba, indoda ekwenzileyo lokhu yiyo kuphela ezakufa. <sup>26</sup>Lingenzi lutho entombini; kayenzanga sono esingabangela ukuthi ife. Lindaba iyafanana leyomuntu ohlasela abulale umakhelwana wakhe, <sup>27</sup>ngoba indoda ifumene inkazana egangeni, noma intombi le ekhombileyo ibihlabane umkhosi, bekungelamuntu wokuyilamulela.

<sup>28</sup>Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi engakakhombi ibe isiyibamba njalo kwazakale, <sup>29</sup>indoda leyo izahlawula uyise wentombi amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu. Kumele iyithathe ibe ngumfazi wayo ngoba isiyigconile. Akumelanga iyale ukuphila kwayo konke.

<sup>30</sup>Akumelanga ukuthi umuntu athathe umkayise; angahlazisi umbheda kayise.

### *Abangavunyelwayo*

## 23 Loba ngubani owathenwayo

ngokugxotshwa loba ukuxholoswa kavunyelwa ukungena ebandleni likaJehova.

<sup>2</sup>Loba ngubani ozelwe ngobufebe loba izizukulwane zakhe kuze kube ngesetshumi, kavunyelwa ukungena ebandleni likaJehova.

<sup>3</sup>Kakho um-Amoni loba owako Mowabi loba izizukulwane sakhe kuze kufike kwesetshumi, ozavunyelwa ukungena ebandleni likaJehova.

<sup>4</sup>Kungenxa yokuthi abalihlangabezanga beliphathele isinkwa kanye lamanzi endleleni yenu ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, bona basuka baqatsha uBhalamu indodana kaBhewori owePethori e-Aramu Naharayimu ukuba ehlisele isiqalekiso phezu kwenu.

<sup>5</sup>Kodwa-ke, uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kazangalalele uBhalamu kodwa waphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso kini, ngenxa yokuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyalithanda.

<sup>6</sup>Lingadingi ukwakha ubungane labo ekuphileni kwenu konke.

<sup>7</sup>Lingamenyanyi um-Edomi, ngoba ungumfowenu. Lingamenyanyi umGibhithe, ngoba laphila njengabezizweni elizweni lakhe.

<sup>8</sup>Isizukulwane sesithathu sabantwana abazalwa lapho bangangena ebandleni likaJehova.

### *Ukungahlanzeki Ezihonqweni*

<sup>9</sup>Nxa lithobelene lezitha zenu ekuhlaseleni, xekelanani lakho konke okungahlanzekanga. <sup>10</sup>Nxa kukhona indoda phakathi kwenu ezichithele ngobudoda ebusuku, kumele iphumele ngaphandle kwezihonqo ihle iyehlala khonale. <sup>11</sup>Kodwa-ke akuthi ilanga selithambeka igeze, kuthi ke

ngokutshona kwelanga ibuyele ezihonqweni.

<sup>12</sup>Khethani indawo ngaphandle kwezihonqo lapho elizayela ngaphandle khona. <sup>13</sup>Wobani lolutho lokugebha kuthi lingayangaphandle, ligebhe igodi ligqibele leyongcekeza. <sup>14</sup>Ngenxa yokuthi uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyahambahamba phakathi kwezihonqo zenu ukuze alivikele ezitheni zenu. Izihonqo zenu kumele zibe ngcwele, ukuze angaboni lutho olungalunganga phakathi kwenu okuzakwenza alifulathele.

### *Eminye imithetho*

<sup>15</sup>Nxa isigqili sidinga ukuphephela kini lingasibuyiseli kumnikazi waso.

<sup>16</sup>Siyekeleni sizihlalele lapho esifuna ukuhlala khona njalo sizihlalele kulelodolobho esifuna ukuhlala kulo. Lingasincindezeli.

<sup>17</sup>Akungabi lowesilisa wako-Israyeli loba owesifazana ozakuba liwule lethempelini. <sup>18</sup>Lingaboletsha inzuzo yowesifazana owulayo loba owesilisa owulayo endlini kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ezobhadala loba yisiphi isithembiso, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngabo bonke.

<sup>19</sup>Umfowenu ungamhlawulisi inzuzo, loba ngeyemali loba ngeyokudla loba yini engamlethela inzuzo. <sup>20</sup>Owezizweni lingamhlawulisa inzuzo, kodwa hatshi umfowenu ongum-Israyeli, ukuze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu alibusise kukho konke elikwenza ngezandla zenu elizweni elizangena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu.

<sup>21</sup>Nxa lingenza isifungo kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, lingaphuzi ukusibhadala, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzakufuna kini loba sekutheni njalo lizakuba lomlandu

wesono. <sup>22</sup>Kodwa nxa lingayekela ukwenza isifungo kaliyikuba lomlandu.

<sup>23</sup>Konke lokho okuphuma endebeni zenu kumele libe leqiniso ukukwenza, ngoba lenze leso sifungo ngokukhuleka lithembisa kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngemilomo yenu.

<sup>24</sup>Nxa lingangena esivinini sikamakhelwane wenu, lingadla wonke amagrebisi elifisa ukuwadla, kodwa lingafaki lelilodwa esitsheni senu. <sup>25</sup>Uma lingena ensimini kamakhelwane eyamabele, lilakho ukudobha okuwileyo ngezandla, kodwa limukani lingasebenzisi isikela emabeleni alokhu emi ngamahlanga.

## 24 Nxa indoda ingathatha umfazi

kodwa angayithokozisi ngoba indoda ifumene ihlazo ngaye ibe isimlobela incwadi yokwehlukana, imnike, ibisimxotsha endlini yayo, <sup>2</sup>kuthi esesukile endlini yaleyondoda athathwe ngeyinye indoda, <sup>3</sup>layo leyondoda eyesibili imsole imnike incwadi yokwehlukana, imqhubele ibe isimxotsha emzini wayo, kumbe leyondoda ife, <sup>4</sup>kutsho ukuthi indoda yakhe yakuqala, eyamalayo, ayivunyelwa ukumthatha futhi ngemva kokuba eselalelihlazo. Lokho kungaba yisinengiso emehlweni kaJehova. Lingalethi isono elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu.

<sup>5</sup>Nxa indoda isanda kuthatha, akufanelanga ukuba ithunyelwe empini loba ukuthi iphiwe umsebenzi oqakathekileyo.

<sup>6</sup>Lingathathi ilitshe lokuchola lembokodo loba imbokodo yodwa-nje ukuba kube yisibambiso sehlawulo, ngoba ngokwenzenjalo uthatha ukuphila kube yisibambiso.



<sup>7</sup>Nxa owesilisa angafunyanwa ethumba umfowabo wako-Israyeli abesesiya ngcina njengesigqili loba amthengise, kumele afe. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu.

<sup>8</sup>Nxa kuyisifiso sobulephero kumele linanzelele kakhulu lenze lokho abaphristi, bona abangabaLevi, abalilaya khona. Kumele lilandele khona kanye engabalaya ngakho. <sup>9</sup>Khumbulani lokho okwenziwa nguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kuMiryamu endleleni emva kokusuka kwenu eGibhithe.

<sup>10</sup>Nxa umakhelwana wakho umeboleka loba yini ungangeni endlini yakhe ukuba uthathe lokho abambisa ngakho. <sup>11</sup>Mana phandle uyekele lowo omebolekayo alethe isibambiso kuwe.

<sup>12</sup>Nxa kuyindoda engumyanga, ungayilala isibambiso sakhe silokhu sikuwe. <sup>13</sup>Buyisela isambatho sakhe lingakatshoni ukuze alale esembethe. Yena uzakubonga, kuzaphathwa njengesenzo sokulunga phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho.

<sup>14</sup>Ungabodlezela oqatshiweyo umuntu ongumyanga loba oswelayo, loba engumfowenu wako-Israyeli loba owezizweni ohlala kwelinye lamadolobho enu.

<sup>15</sup>Muphe iholo lakhe insuku zonke ilanga lingakatshoni, ngoba ungumyanga uthembe leloholo. Funa asuke akhale kuJehova ekusola, ube lomlandu wesono.

<sup>16</sup>Obaba abayikubulawelwa izono zabantwababo, labantwana abafanelanga ukufela oyise; ngulowo lalowo kumele afele isono sakhe.

<sup>17</sup>Ungavaleli owezizweni loba ongelayise ilungelo lakhe loba uthathe isambatho somfelokazi ukuze sibe yisibambiso. <sup>18</sup>Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakuhlenga khona. Yikho ngikulaya ukuba wenze lokhu.

<sup>19</sup>Nxa uvuna ensimini yakho ube usutshiya isikhwebu, ungabuyeli emuva ukuyasithatha, sitshiyele owezizweni, longelayise, lomfelokazi, ukuze uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho akubusise kuwo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zakho.

<sup>20</sup>Nxa ubhula ama-oliva ezihlahleni zakho ungabuyeli ukuhlola amagatsha njalo. Okuseleyo tshiyela owezizweni, ongalayise, lomfelokazi. <sup>21</sup>Nxa uvuna izithelo zesivini sakho, ungabuyeleli futhi ukuvuna lapho osuvune khona. Okuseleyo tshiyela owezizweni, ongelayise, lomfelokazi. <sup>22</sup>Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe. Yikho ngililaya ukuba lenze lokhu.

## 25 Nxa amadoda exabana,

ingxabano yawo kumele isiwe emthethwandaba ukuze kuthi abehluleli bakhuphe isinqumo ngaleyondaba, bakhulule omsulwa njalo bamlahle olecala. <sup>2</sup>Nxa olecala kufanele atshaywe, umahluleli uzakuthi kalale acambalale athi katshaywe ekhona laye ngalezonswazi ezilingene lelocala, <sup>3</sup>kodwa akufanelanga zedlule ezingamatshumi amane. Nxa etshaywe izinswazi ezedlula lapho, umfowenu usezabe esuswe isithunzi emehlweni akho.

<sup>4</sup>Ungafaki inkabi yakho isayeke nxa ibhula amabele.

<sup>5</sup>Nxa amadodana endoda ehlala kwenye indawo omunye abe esesifa engelandodana, umfelokazi akumelanga ayekwendela kwenye indawo. Umfowabo wendoda kumele amthathe anyanise laye ukuze agcwalise umlandu womfowabo kulowomfelokazi.

<sup>6</sup>Indodana yakuqala ezazalwa lapho imele ibizwe ngomfowabo owafayo ukuze ibizo lakhe lingakhohlakali ko-Israyeli.

<sup>7</sup>Kodwa-ke, indoda nxa ingafuni ukuthatha umfazi womfowabo, kuzamele umfazi lowo aye ebadaleni esangweni ledolobho afike athi, “Umfowabo wendoda yami uyala ukuqhuba ibizo lomfowabo ko-Israyeli. Kafuni ukuthi agcwalise umlandu womfowabo.”

<sup>8</sup>Ngakho abadala balelodolobho lakhe bazambiza bakhulume laye. Nxa angala kokuphela esithi, “Angifuni ukumthatha,”<sup>9</sup>umfelokazi lowo uzamqonda phambi kwabadala, bamkhuphe inyathelo elilodwa, amkhafulele emehlweni athi, “Mpthu! Lokhu yikho okwenziwa endodeni engafuniyo ukuvuselela umfowabo indlu yakhe.”<sup>10</sup>Usendo lwaleyondoda ko-Israyeli luzakwaziwa njengaBendlu engelaNyathelo.

<sup>11</sup>Nxa amadoda amabili esilwa kube sekusithi umfazi wenye yalamadoda athelele ancedise indoda yakhe, abesexhakalaza leyondoda ngamaphambili,<sup>12</sup>kumele liqume isandla sakhe owesifazana lowo. Lingabi lesihawu kuye lakancane.

<sup>13</sup>Ungabokuba lezilinganiso zesisindo ezimbili emgodleni wakho ezahlukeneyo – esinye esinzima lesinye esilula.

<sup>14</sup>Ungabi lezilinganiso ezimbili ezehlukeneyo endlini yakho esinye esikhulu lesinye esincinyane.<sup>15</sup>Kumele libe lezilinganiso eziqondileyo leziqotho loba ngezesisindo loba ngezobukhulu, ukuze libe lempilo ende elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinike lona.<sup>16</sup>Ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngomuntu owenza lezizinto, yiloba ngubani owenza izinto zobuqili.

<sup>17</sup>Khumbula okwenziwa ngama-Amaleki kuwe endloleni uphuma eGibhithe.

<sup>18</sup>Kwathi lapho usudinwe kakhulu ungaselamandla, akuhlangabeza ehambeni lwakho abachitha bonke

ababesalela emuva; ayengamesabi uNkulunkulu.<sup>19</sup>Mhla uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika ukuphumula kuzo zonke izitha zakho ezikuhanjileyo elizweni akunika lona ukuba libe yilifa lakho, uzakohlwa nya ngokwama-Amaleki ngaphansi kwezulu. Ungakhohlwa!

### *Izithelo zakuqala loKweshumi*

**26** Nxa usungenile elizweni uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona njengelifa njalo usulithethe wahlala kulo<sup>2</sup>thatha ezinye zezithelo zakuqala zazo zonke izilimo zomhlabathi welizwe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona uzifake esitsheni. Uhambe uye endaweni leyo uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho azayikhethe njengendawo yokuhlala yeBizo lakhe<sup>3</sup>uthi kumphristi osesikhundleni ngalesosikhathi, “Ngiyamemezela lamuhla kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ukuthi sengifikile elizweni uJehova afunga kubokhokho bethu ukuthi uzasinika lona.”<sup>4</sup>Umphristi uzakwamukela isitsha esisezandleni zakho asibeke phansi phambi kwe-alithare likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho.<sup>5</sup>Ngakho uzakutsho phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho uthi: “Ubaba wayeluzulani lom-Aramu, wehla waya eGibhithe elabantu abalutshwana bafika bahlala khona baze baba yisizwe esikhulu kakhulu, esilamandla njalo esilabantu abanengi kakhulu.<sup>6</sup>Kodwa amaGibhithe asiphatha ngochuku, asihlupha, asisebenzisa nzima.

<sup>7</sup>Ngakho sakhala kuJehova, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu, uJehova walizwa ilizwi lethu njalo wabona lokuhlupheka kwethu, ukutshikatshika kwethu kanye lokucindezelwa kwethu.<sup>8</sup>Ngenxa yalokho uJehova wasikhupha elizweni

laseGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, ngezenzo ezesabekayo langezibonakaliso kanye lezimangaliso. <sup>9</sup> Wasiletha kulindawo njalo wasinika lelilizwe, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju; <sup>10</sup> khathesi sengiletha izithelo zakuqala zomhlabathi lowo, O Jehova, onginike wona.” Uzabeka isitsha phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho umkhothamele.

<sup>11</sup> Ngakho wena labaLevi kanye labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu lizathokoza ezintweni zonke ezinhle uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho akunike zona wena kanye labendlu yakho.

<sup>12</sup> Kuzakuthi lapho usuqedile ukwahlukanisa okwetshumi kwaso sonke isivuno sakho ngomnyaka wesithathu, okungumnyaka wokwetshumi, wena uzakunika umLevi, owezizweni, ongelayise kanye lomfelokazi, ukuze badle basuthe emadolobheni akho.

<sup>13</sup> Tshono futhi kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho uthi: “Sengikhuphile isabelo esingcwele endlini yami ngasinika umLevi, owezizweni, ongelayise lomfelokazi, njengokulaya kwakho. Kangeqanga imilayo yakho kumbe ukukhohlwa eminye yayo. <sup>14</sup> Angizange ngidle lutho lwesabelo esingcwele ngesikhathi sokulila, kumbe ukususa okunye kwakho ngesikhathi ngingongcolileyo, loba ukunikela ingxenye yakho kwabafuleyo. Ngikulalele Jehova Nkulunkulu wami; ngenzile konke ongilaye khona.

<sup>15</sup> Khangela phansi usezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala engcwele, ubusise abantu bakho abako-Israyeli kanye lelizwe osinike lona njengesithembiso owasenza ngesifungo kubokhokho bethu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago kanye loluju.”

### *Landelani imilayo kaJehova*

<sup>16</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wakho uyakulaya lamuhla ukuba ulandele izimiso kanye lemithetho le; uyigcine ngonanzelelo olukhulu ngenhliziyo yakho yonke kanye langomphefumulo wakho wonke. <sup>17</sup> Lamuhla usuvume obala ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu wakho lokuthi uzahamba ezindleleni zakhe, ukuthi uzagcina izimiso zakhe, imilayo, lemithetho yakhe, lokuthi uzamlalela. <sup>18</sup> Futhi uJehova ukuvumile lamuhla ukuthi lina lingabantu bakhe, liyisabelo sakhe esiligugu njengokuthembisa kwakhe njalo kumele ligcine yonke imilayo yakhe. <sup>19</sup> Umemezele ukuthi uzaliphakamisa, ngodumo, ngokwaziwa langenhlonipho ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke azidalayo lokuthi lizakuba ngabantu abangcwele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, njengokuthembisa kwakhe.

### *I-Alithare phezu kweNtaba yase-Ebheli*

**27** UMosi kanye labadala bako-Israyeli balaya abantu bathi: “Gcinani imilayo yonke engilipha yona lamuhla. <sup>2</sup> Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula uJodani langena elizweni lelo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinike lona, lizamisa amatshe amakhulu liwahuqe ngekalaga. <sup>3</sup> Lizabhala kuwo wonke amazwi alumthetho nxa selichaphile umfula langena elizweni lelo uJehova uNkulunkulu alinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalokhu uJehova uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu walithembisa. <sup>4</sup> Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula uJodani, lizamisa amatshe la phezu kweNtaba yase-Ebheli, njengalokhu ngililayile lamuhla, liwahuqe ngekalaga. <sup>5</sup> Khonapho yakhelani uJehova i-alithare, i-alithare lamatshe. Lingasebenzisi lutho

olwenziwe ngensimbi phezu kwawo.  
<sup>6</sup>Yakhani i-alithare likaJehova  
 uNkulunkulu wenu ngamatshe  
 angabazwanga linikele phezu kwalo  
 iminikelo yokutshiswa kuJehova  
 uNkulunkulu wenu. <sup>7</sup>Lizanikela  
 imihlatshelo yokuthula khonapho, liyidle  
 lithokoze phambi kukaJehova  
 uNkulunkulu wenu. <sup>8</sup>Ngakho lizabhala  
 kancane wonke amazwi alumthetho  
 phezu kwamatshe la eliwamisileyo.”

*Iziqalekiso ezivela eNtabeni yase-Ebhali*

<sup>9</sup>Ngemva kwalokho uMosi kanye  
 labaphristi, abangabaLevi, bathi kuwo  
 wonke u-Israyeli, “Thula uthi zwi we-  
 Israyeli, njalo ulalele! Khathesi  
 selingabantu bakaJehova uNkulunkulu  
 wenu. <sup>10</sup>Laleleni uJehova uNkulunkulu  
 wenu futhi lilandele imilayo kanye  
 lezimiso engilitshela zona namuhla.”

<sup>11</sup>Ngalona lolosuku uMosi walaya  
 abantu wathi:

<sup>12</sup>Nxa selichaphile umfula uJodani,  
 kuzakuthi izizwana ezibalisa  
 esakoSimeyoni, esakoLevi, esakoJuda,  
 esako-Isakhari, esakoJosefa kanye  
 lesakoBhenjamini zizakuma eNtabeni  
 yaseGerezimu ukuze zibusise abantu.

<sup>13</sup>Kodwa izizwana ezibalisa  
 esakoRubheni, esakoGadi, esako-Asheri,  
 esakoZebhuluni, esakoDani kanye  
 lesakoNafuthali, zizakuma eNtabeni  
 yase-Ebhali zimemezele iziqalekiso.

<sup>14</sup>AbaLevi bazamemezela kubo bonke  
 abantu bako-Israyeli ngelizwi elikhulu  
 bathi:

<sup>15</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu obaza  
 isithombe loba isithombe esibunjiweyo –  
 into eyisinengiso eNkosini, umsebenzi  
 wezandla zomuntu olobungcwethi –  
 asimise ensitha.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>16</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu othelela uyise  
 loba unina ihlazo.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>17</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu osusa  
 isikhonkwane somngcele kamakhelwane  
 wakhe.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

“<sup>18</sup>Kaqalekiswe umuntu oduhisa  
 isiphofu endleleni.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>19</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu ovimbela  
 ukuthonisiswa ngokulunga  
 koweziweni, longelayise kanye  
 lomfelokazi.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>20</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lomfazi  
 kayise, ngoba ethelela umbheda kayise  
 ihlazo.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>21</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala  
 lenyamazana.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>22</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala  
 lodadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba  
 indodakazi kanina.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>23</sup>“Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala  
 loninazala.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>24</sup>Kaqalekiswe umuntu obulala  
 umakhelwana wakhe ensitha.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
 “Ameni!”

<sup>25</sup>“Kaqaqalekiswe umuntu owamukela isivalamlomo ukuze ayebulala umuntu ongelacala.”

Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi,  
“Ameni!”

<sup>26</sup>“Kaqaqalekiswe umuntu ongalaleli amazwi okumlaya ngokuwenza.”

Ngakho bonke abantu bazakuthi,  
“Ameni!”

### *Izibusiso Zokulalela*

**28** Uba limlalela ngokupheleleyo

uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njalo lilandele yonke imilayo yakhe engilitshela yona lamuhla ngonanzelelo, uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphakamisa ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke emhlabeni. <sup>2</sup>Lezizibusiso zonke zizakwehlela phezu kwenu zibe ngezenu nxa limlalela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

<sup>3</sup>Lizabusiwa edolobheni libusiswe futhi lemaphandleni.

<sup>4</sup>Inzalo yenu izabusiwa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu kanye lenzalo yezifuyo zenu – amathole emihlambi yenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu.

<sup>5</sup>Kuzabusiwa isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa.

<sup>6</sup>Uzabusiwa nxa ungena ubusiswe lanxa uphuma.

<sup>7</sup>UJehova uzakwenza ukuthi izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zinqotshwe phambi kwakho. Zizakuzalihlasela zivelela endleleni eyodwa, kodwa zizabaleka ngendlela eziyisikhombisa.

<sup>8</sup>INKosi izakwehlisela isibusiso phezu kweziphala zenu, lakukho konke elizakwenza. UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni lelo alinika lona.

<sup>9</sup>UJehova uzalimisa njengabantu bakhe abangcwele, njengokulithembisa kwakhe ngesifungo, nxa lingagcina imilayo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe ngezindlela zakhe. <sup>10</sup>Ngalokho bonke abantu emhlabeni bazabona ukuthi lina libizwa ngebizo likaJehova, balesabe. <sup>11</sup>UJehova uzalenza liphumelele kakhulu – kunzalo yenu, lenzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu – elizweni afunga ngalo kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona.

<sup>12</sup>UJehova uzavula amazulu, isiphala sakhe esiphuphumayo, ukuze anise izulu phezu kwelizwe lenu ngesikhathi salo njalo abusise yonke imisebenzi eliyenzayo. Lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina lingebileki lutho kuzo. <sup>13</sup>UJehova uzalenza libe yinhloko, hatshi umsila. Nxa lizalalelisa imilayo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona lamuhla njalo liyilandele ngonanzelelo, lizahlala njalo liphezulu, lingabi ngaphansi lanini.

<sup>14</sup>Lingaphambuki loba lakuwuphi wemilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, lingaphambukeli kwesokunene loba kwesenxele, lilandela abanye onkulunkulu lokubakhonza.

### *Iziqalekiso zokungalaleli*

<sup>15</sup>Kodwa-ke, uba lingayikumlalela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu futhi lingalandeli yonke imilayo yakhe ngonanzelelo kanye lezimiso zakhe engilinika zona lamuhla, zonke leziziqalekiso zizakuba phezu kwenu zilehlele:

<sup>16</sup>Lizaqalekiswa edolobheni liqalekiswe futhi emaphandleni.

<sup>17</sup>Isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa kuzaqalekiswa.

<sup>18</sup>Inzalo yenu izaqalekiswa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu, lamathole emihlambi

yenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu.

<sup>19</sup> Lizaqalekiswa ekungeneni kwenu futhi lizaqalekiswa lasekuphumeni kwenu.

<sup>20</sup> UJehova uzakwehlisela phezukwenu iziqalekiso, ukuphambana kanye lezithuko emisebenzini yenu yonke eliyenzayo, lize libhujiswe njalo lichithwe ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo ngokumdela. <sup>21</sup> UJehova uzalehlisela isifo lemikhuhlane ize ilibhubhise iliqede elizweni elingena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu. <sup>22</sup> UJehova uzalithshaya ngomkhuhlane olidla kancane kancane, ukutshisa komzimba lokuvuvuka komzimba, lokutshisa kwelanga lendlala, ngokuhanguka langesikhwekhwe, okuzakuba yisifo esizakwehlela phezukwenu siliqede.

<sup>23</sup> Isibhakabhaka ngaphezu kwenu sizakuba lithusi, kuthi umhlabathi ngaphansi kwenu ube yinsimbi.

<sup>24</sup> UJehova uzaguqula izulu elina elizweni lenu kube zintuli lothuli, kuzakwehla kuvela esibhakabhakeni lize libhujiswe.

<sup>25</sup> UJehova uzavumela ukuthi izitha zenu zilehlule. Lizakuya kuzo lihamba ngendlela eyodwa kodwa lizabaleka ngendlela eziyisikhombisa, futhi lizakuba yinto eyenyanyekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni.

<sup>26</sup> Izidumbu zenu zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zonke zasemoyeni, kanye lezinyamazana zasemhlabeni, njalo azilakwethuswa muntu. <sup>27</sup> UJehova uzalithshaya ngamathumba aseGibgithe langesifo sokuvuvuka, izilonda ezibhibhidlayo lamaqhubu alumayo, okungelaphekiyo. <sup>28</sup> UJehova uzalehlisela umkhuhlane wokuphambana kwengqondo, ubuphofu lowokudungeka kwengqondo. <sup>29</sup> Lizaphumputha loba kusemini njengesiphofu emnyameni. Aliyikuphumelela kukho konke

elikwenzayo; lizaphangwa njalo licindezelwe insuku ngensuku, kungekho muntu ongalihlenga.

<sup>30</sup> Uzathembisana lowesifazana ukuba lithathene, kodwa kuthi enye indoda imthathe ilale laye. Uzakwakha indlu, kodwa kawusoze uhlale kuyo. Uzahlanyela isivini, kodwa kawusoze ukholise izithelo zaso. <sup>31</sup> Inkabi yakho izahlatshwa phambi kwakho, kodwa kawusoze uyidle. Uzathathelwa ubabhemi wakho ngenkani kodwa angabuyiselwa kuwe. Izimvu zakho zizanikwa izitha zakho, kodwa kakho ozakuzihlenga. <sup>32</sup> Amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi akho azanikwa esinye isizwe, njalo amehlo akho azafiphala ngokuwalindela izinsuku zonke, ungelamandla okuphakamisa isandla.

<sup>33</sup> Abantu ongabaziyo bazakudla izithelo zomhlabathi kanye lomsebenzi wezandla zakho, akulalutho ozaluzuzana ngaphandle kokucindezelwa ngesihluku izinsuku zakho zonke. <sup>34</sup> Izinto ozibonayo zizakwenza uphambane ingqondo. <sup>35</sup> UJehova uzakutshaya amadolo akho lemilenze yakho ngamathumba abuhlungu njalo angelaphekiyo, amemetheke esuka ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho kuze kuyefika ekhanda.

<sup>36</sup> UJehova uzalinikela esizweni elingasaziyo lina kumbe okhokho benu lina kanye lenkosi yenu elayibekayo ukuthi ilibuse. Khonale lizakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezigodo langamatshe. <sup>37</sup> Lizakuba yinto eyenyanyekayo lento yokuchothozwa lokweyiswa kuzo zonke izizwe lapho uJehova azalixotshela khona.

<sup>38</sup> Lizahlanyela inhlanyelo enengi emasimini enu kodwa lizavuna okuyingcosana, ngoba izikhongwane zizabhuqa amabele enu. <sup>39</sup> Lizahlanyela

izivini njalo lizihlakulele kodwa  
kaliyikunatha iwayini loba ukukha  
izithelo zazo, ngoba zizadliwa  
yimihogoyi.

<sup>40</sup> Lizakuba lezihlahla zama-oliva  
zigwele ilizwe lenu lonke kodwa  
kaliyikuwasebenzisa amafutha azo,  
ngoba izithelo zama-oliva zizakhithikela  
phansi. <sup>41</sup> Lizakuba lamadodana kanye  
lamadodakazi kodwa kaliyikubondla,  
ngoba bazathunjwa. <sup>42</sup> Isikhongwane  
sizabhuqa zonke izihlahla zenu kanye  
lamabele elizwe lenu.

<sup>43</sup> Owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu  
uzaphakama phezu kwenu njalonjalo,  
kodwa lina lehlele phansi njalonjalo.

<sup>44</sup> Yena uzaleboleka, kodwa lina  
kaliyikumeboleka lutho. Yena uzakuba  
yinhloko, lina libe ngumsila.

<sup>45</sup> Iziqalekiso zonke lezi zizalehlela.  
Zizalilandelega zilihlasela lize libhubhe,  
ngoba lingamlalelanga uJehova  
uNkulunkulu wenu langacini imilayo  
yakhe kanye lezimiso zakhe alinika  
zona. <sup>46</sup> Lizakuba yisibonakaliso  
lesimangaliso phezu kwenu laphezu  
kwezizukulwane zenu kuze kube nini  
nini. <sup>47</sup> Ngokuba alizange limkhonze  
uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngentokozo  
langenjabulo ngesikhathi senu  
sempumelelo, <sup>48</sup> ngakho lizasebenzela  
izitha uJehova azalithumela zona lina  
lilambile njalo lomile, lihambaze  
ebuyangeni obukhulu. UJehova uzafaka  
ijogwe lensimbi ezintanyeni zenu aze  
alibhubhise.

<sup>49</sup> UJehova uzaletha isizwe  
esizamelana lani esivela kude,  
emikhawulweni yomhlaba,  
njengengqungqulu ehwithayo, isizwe  
esikhuluma ulimi elingaluzwayo,  
<sup>50</sup> isizwe sabantu abesabekayo  
abangahloniphi abantu abadala loba  
ukuba lozwelo kwabancinyane.

<sup>51</sup> Bazakudla inzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye  
lamabele elizwe lenu lize libhujiswe.

Kabayikulitshiyela amabele, iwayini  
loba amafutha, kumbe amathole  
ezinkomo zenu kumbe amazinyane  
emihlambini yenu lize lichithwe.

<sup>52</sup> Bazalivimbezela emadolobheni enu  
wonke aselizweni lenu kuze kuwe  
imiduli yawo eqinileyo emide njalo  
eliyithembileyo. Bazavimbezela  
amadolobho enu wonke aselizweni lelo  
uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona.

<sup>53</sup> Ngenxa yokuhlupheka kwenu  
okuzabangelwa yikuvinjelwa kwenu  
yizitha zenu, lizakudla inzalo yenu,  
inyama yamadodana kanye  
lamadodakazi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu  
alinike wona. <sup>54</sup> Loba indoda  
ethobekileyo kakhulu lelozwelo phakathi  
kwenu ayiyikuba lesihawu kumfowabo  
kumbe umfazi wayo emthandayo loba  
abantwana bayo abasaphilayo,  
<sup>55</sup> kayiyikupha loba ngubani wabo  
inyama yabantwabayo eyabe iyidla.  
Kuzakube kuyikho kodwa okuseleyo  
ngenxa yokuhlupheka okwehliselwe  
phezu kwenu yizitha zenu ngesikhathi  
zilivimbezele emadolobheni enu wonke.

<sup>56</sup> Owesifazana obuthakathaka njalo  
olozwelo phakathi kwenu – olozwelo  
njalo obuthakathaka okokuthi angeke  
athinte umhlabathi ngenyawo zakhe –  
uzakuba lolaka endodeni yakhe –  
ayithandayo lasendodaneni  
lendodakazini yakhe <sup>57</sup> inzalo yethumbu  
lakhe abantwana abazeleyo. Ngoba  
usehlose ukubadla ensitha ngesikhathi  
sokuvinjelwa lokuhlupheka isitha senu  
esizalehlisela phezu kwenu  
emadolobheni enu.

<sup>58</sup> Lingayekela ukulandela  
ngonanzelelo wonke amazwi alo  
umthetho, alotshwe kule incwadi, njalo  
lingalesabi lelibizo lenkazimulo  
eyesabekayo – uJehova uNkulunkulu  
wenu – <sup>59</sup> uJehova uzakwehlisela phezu  
kwenu kanye lezizukulwane zenu izifo  
ezesabekayo, izinhlupheko

ezimangalisayo ezizathatha isikhathi eside, lemikhuhlane enzima engapheliyo. <sup>60</sup>Uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu imikhuhlane yonke yaseGibhithe elaliyesaba, inamathele phezu kwenu. <sup>61</sup>UJehova uzakwehlisela futhi phezu kwenu izinhlobo zonke zemikhuhlane phezu kwenu kanye lezinhlupheko ezimangalisayo ezingalotshwanga kule iNcwadi yomthetho, lize libhujiswe. <sup>62</sup>Lina elalibanengi njengezinkanyezi zasemkhathini lizasala selibalutshwana, ngoba kalilalelanga uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu. <sup>63</sup>Njengalokho kwamthokozisa uJehova ukuba aliphumelelise njalo alengezelele inani lenu, ngokufanayo kuzamthokozisa ukulichitha njalo alibhubhise. Lizasuswa elizweni lelo eselilungele ukungena kulo ukuthi lilithathe.

<sup>64</sup>UJehova uzalihlakazela ezizweni zonke, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kuyefika komunye njalo. Khonale lizakhonza abanye onkulunkulu – onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezigodo labenziwe ngamatshe, elingazange libazi lina kumbe okhokho benu. <sup>65</sup>Phakathi kwalezozizwe kaliyikufumana ukuphumula, kumbe indawo yokuphumuza izinyawo zenu. Khonapho uJehova uzalipha ingqondo ekhathazekileyo lamehlo akhathaleyo ngokufisa, kanye lenhliziyo ethuthumeleyo. <sup>66</sup>Lizahlalela evalweni izikhathi zonke, ligcwele ukwesaba emini lebusuku, lingelaqiniso lempilo yenu.

<sup>67</sup>Ekuseni lizakuthi, “Aluba sekuntambama!” ntambama lithi, “Ngabe kusekuseni! - ngenxa yokwesaba okuzakwehlela izinhliziyi zenu lengxenye yezinto elizazibona ngamehlo enu. <sup>68</sup>UJehova uzalithumela futhi eGibhithe ngemikhumbi uhambo engathi aliyikuluhamba futhi. Lapho lizazithengisa ezitheni njengezigqili

zesilisa lezesifazana, kodwa kakho ozalithenga.

*Ukuvuselelwa kwesivumelwano*

## 29 Lezi yizimiso zesivumelwano

uJehova alaya uMosi ukuthi azenze labako-Israyeli eMowabi, phezu kwesivumelwano leso asenza labo eHerobi. <sup>2</sup>UMosi wabiza bonke abako-Israyeli wathi kubo:

Amehlo enu akubonile konke iNkosi eyakwenza kuFaro eGibhithe, kuzikhulu zakhe zonke lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe. <sup>3</sup>Ngamehlo enu lazibonela imilingo emikhulu, lezibonakaliso ezimangalisayo kanye lezimanga ezesabekayo. <sup>4</sup>Kodwa kuze kube lamuhla uJehova kaliphanga ingqondo ezwisisayo, kumbe amehlo abonayo, loba izindlebe ezizwayo. <sup>5</sup>Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngilihola enkangala, izigqoko zenu kazizange ziguge, loba izicathulo ezinyaweni zenu. <sup>6</sup>Alidlanga sinkwa loba ukunatha iwayini kumbe ukunatha okudakayo. Ngakwenza lokhu ukuze lazi ukuthi mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu.

<sup>7</sup>Kwathi ekufikeni kwenu kulindawo, uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni kanye lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani balihlangabeza ukuze balwe lani, kodwa sabehlula. <sup>8</sup>Salithatha ilizwe labo salipha abakoRubheni, abakoGadi kanye lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase njengelifa.

<sup>9</sup>Ngakho gcinani izimiso zalesivumelwano ukuze liphumelele kukho konke elikwenzayo. <sup>10</sup>Lonke limi lapha lamuhla phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu – abakhokheli benu kanye lezinduna zenu, abadala benu kanye lezikhulu zenu, kanye lawo wonke amanye amadoda ako-Israyeli, <sup>11</sup>ndawonye labantwabenu kanye



labafazi benu, abezizwe abahlala ezihonqweni zenu beligamulela inkuni njalo belithwalela amanzi.

<sup>12</sup> Selimi lapha ukuze lingene esivumelwaneni loJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, isivumelwano uJehova asenzayo lani lamuhla esiqinisa ngesifungo, <sup>13</sup> eveza ngokugcweleyo ukuthi lina lamuhla selingabantu bakhe, lokuthi abanguNkulunkulu wenu njengokulithembisa kwakhe njalo wafunga kubokhokho benu, u-Abrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe.

<sup>14</sup> Ngenza lesivumelwano, langesifungo saso, hatshi lani kuphela <sup>15</sup> elimiyo kanye lathi lamuhla phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu kodwa lalabo abangekhoyo lamuhla.

<sup>16</sup> Lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi sasiphila njani eGibhithe lokuthi sadabula njani phakathi kwamazwe sisiza kulindawo. <sup>17</sup> Labona phakathi kwabo izithombe zabo ezinengisayo ezenziwe ngezigodo lezamatshe, ezasiliva kanye lezegolide. <sup>18</sup> Banini leqiniso lokuthi akulandoda loba owesifazana, abosendo kumbe isizwana phakathi kwenu lamuhla olenhliziyo ezafulathela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ukuze akhonze onkulunkulu bezizwe lezo; qaphelani funa kube khona phakathi kwenu impande ethela izithelo ezibabayo.

<sup>19</sup> Lapho umuntu onjalo esizwa amazwi alesisifungo, athokozele ukuthi isibusiso sehlele phezu kwakhe abesezitshela ukuthi, “Ngizavikeleka, lanxa ngiqhubeka ngizihambela ngezindlela zami.” Lokhu kuzaletha uhlupho olukhulu emhlabathini omanzi lowomileyo. <sup>20</sup> UJehova kazimiselanga ukumthethelela; ulaka lwakhe kanye lokutshiseka kwakhe kuzavutha phezu kwalowomuntu. Zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule incwadi zizakwehlela phezu kwakhe, njalo uJehova uzacitsha

ibizo lakhe ngaphansi kwezulu.

<sup>21</sup> UJehova uzamehlukanisa amsuse phakathi kwezizwana zonke zak-Israelayeli amehlisele uhlupho, kusiya ngazo zonke iziqalekiso zesivumelwano ezilotshwe kule iNcwadi Yomthetho.

<sup>22</sup> Abantwabenu abazakuza ngemva kwenu ezizukulwaneni ezilandelayo kanye labezizwe abavela emazweni akude bazabona izinhlopheko ezehlele lelilizwe lezifo uJehova azehlisele kulo. <sup>23</sup> Ilizwe lonke lizakuba ngelichithiweyo latshiswa laba litshwayi lesolufa – kungekho lutho oluhlanyelweyo, kungelalutho oluhlumayo, kungekho zimila kulo. Kuzafana lokutshabalaliswa kweSodoma leGomora, i-Adima kanye leZebhoyimi, uJehova awachitha ngolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo. <sup>24</sup> Izizwe zonke zizabuza zithi; “UJehova ukwenzeleni lokhu elizweni leli na? Kungani ulaka oluvuthayo lolwesabekayo na?”

<sup>25</sup> Impendulo izakuba yikuthi: “Kungenxa yokuthi abantu badela isivumelwano sikaJehova, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, isivumelwano asenza labo ekubakhupheni kwakhe eGibhithe. <sup>26</sup> Badukile bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu babakhothamela, onkulunkulu abangazange babazi, onkulunkulu angazange abaphe bona. <sup>27</sup> Ngalokho ulaka lukaJehova lwavutha phezu kwalelizwe, waze wehlisela phezu kwalo zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule incwadi. <sup>28</sup> UJehova wabasiphula elizweni labo ngentukuthelo enkulu langolaka olukhulu wabalahlala kwelinye ilizwe, njengoba kunjalo lakhathesi.”

<sup>29</sup> Okufihlakeleyo kungokukaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa izinto ezambuliweyo zingezethu kanye labantwabethu kuze kube nini nini, ukuze silandele wonke amazwi alo umlayo.

*Ukuphumelela ngemva kokuphendukela kuJehova*

### 30 Kuzakuthi zonke lezizibusiso

lalezi ziqalekiso engilimisele zona sezehele phezu kwenu beselizigcina ezinhliziyweni zenu kuyo yonke indawo lapho uJehova uNkulunkulu azalichitha khona phakathi kwezizwe, <sup>2</sup> lalapho lina labantwabenu selibuyela kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu limlalela ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke kusiya njengokulilaya kwami lamuhla, <sup>3</sup> kulapho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ezabuyisela ukuphumelela kwenu abe lozwelo kini njalo alibuthe yena lapho alichitha khona ezizweni.

<sup>4</sup> Kungaze kube khatshana okunganani ngaphansi kwelanga lapho elizabe lixotshelwe khona, kusukela khonapho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzalithatha libuye ekhaya. <sup>5</sup> Uzalikhokhelela elizweni alinika okhokho benu, lina-ke lizalithatha libe ngelenu. Uzalenza liphumelele njalo lande ukwedlula okhokho benu. <sup>6</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzasoka izinhliziyo zenu kanye lezinhliziyo zezizukulwana zenu, ukuze limthande ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke langomoya wenu wonke, liphile.

<sup>7</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzakwehlisela zonke leziziqalekiso phezu kwezitha zenu ezilizondayo leziluhlukuluzayo. <sup>8</sup> Lizaphinda njalo liyilalele iNkosi yenu njalo liyilandele imilayo yayo engilinika yona lamuhla. <sup>9</sup> Ngakho uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumelelisa kakhulu kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zenu njalo alibusise ngenzalo langamazinyane ezifuyo zenu lamabele amasimu enu. UJehova uzathokoza ngani njalo aliphumelelise, njengoba wathokoza ngabokhokho benu, <sup>10</sup> nxa lizalalela uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ligcine imilayo lezimiso lezo ezabhalwa kule iNcwadi yoMthetho

liphendukele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke.

*Isamukeliso sokuphila loba ukufa*

<sup>11</sup> Engililaya ngakho lamuhla akunzima kakhulu njalo akukhatshana lani ukuba likufinyelele. <sup>12</sup> Akukho phezu ezulwini, okungabangela ukuthi libuze lithi: “Ngubani ozakuya ezulwini ayesithathela ukuze akwethule kithi sibe lakho ukukulandela sikwenze na?”

<sup>13</sup> Kanti njalo akukho ngaphetsheya kolwandle, okungabangela ukuthi libuze lithi, “Ngubani ozachapha ulwandle ayesithathela ukuze akwethule kithi sibe lakho ukukulandela sikwenze na?”

<sup>14</sup> Akunjalo, ilizwi liseduzane lawe kakhulu, lisehlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyweni yakho ukuze ulilalele.

<sup>15</sup> Khangelani, ngiletha phambi kwenu lamuhla ukuphila lokuphumelela, ukufa lokubhidlika. <sup>16</sup> Ngakho ngiyalilaya lamuhla ukuthi lithande uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, lihambe ezindleleni zakhe, kanye lokugcina imilayo yakhe, izimiso lemithetho; ngalokho lizaphila lande, njalo uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni eselingena kulo ukuba lilithathe libe ngelenu.

<sup>17</sup> Kodwa uba inhliziyo yenu ifulathela lingabe lisalalela ngokuzithoba, njalo lingaholelwa ekuthini likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libe selibakhonza, <sup>18</sup> ngiyalitshele lamuhla ukuthi ngeqiniso lizabhujiswa. Aliyi kuphila isikhathi eside ezweni elizalithatha ekuchapheni kwenu iJodani.

<sup>19</sup> Lamuhla nginxusa izulu lomhlaba ukuba ngofakazi bami ukumelana lani ngisithi sengimise phambi kwenu ukuphila loba ukufa, izibusiso leziqalekiso. Khathesi zikhetheleni ukuphila, ukuze kuthi lina kanye labantwabenu libe lokuphila <sup>20</sup> kanye lokuthi limthande uJehova uNkulunkulu

wenu, lilalele ilizwi lakhe, libambelele liqine kuye, ngoba uJehova uyikuphila kwenu, njalo nguye ozalinika iminyaka eminengi lihlezi elizweni afunga ukuba uzalinika okhokho benu, u-Abrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe.

*UJoshuwa uzathatha isikhundla sikaMose*

**31** UMosi waphuma wayakwethula lamazwi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli wathi:

<sup>2</sup>“Sengileminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa angisenelisi ukulikhokhela. UJehova usethe kimi, ‘Awusayi kuchapha iJodani.’<sup>3</sup> UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu. Uzabhubhisa lezizizwe phambi kwenu, lina lizathatha ilizwe lazo libe ngelenu. UJoshuwa laye uzachapha ahambe phambi kwenu, njengokutsho kukaJehova.<sup>4</sup> INkosi izakwenza lokho eyakwenza kuSihoni lo-Ogi, amakhosi ama-Amori, eyababhubhisa yatshabalalisa lamazwe abo.<sup>5</sup> UJehova uzabanikela kini, lina-ke kufanele lenze lokho engililaye khona.<sup>6</sup> Qinani libe lesibindi. Lingesabi lithithibale ngenxa yabo, ngoba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu uhamba lani, kayikulitshiya njalo kayikulifulathela.”

<sup>7</sup>Ngakho uMosi wasebiza uJoshuwa wasesithi kuye phambi kwakhe wonke uIsrayeli, “Qina njalo bana lesibindi, ngoba kumele uhambe lalababantu kulelolizwe uJehova afunga kubokhokho babo ukubanika, njalo uzamele ubabele lona ubahlukanisele libe yilifa labo.<sup>8</sup> UJehova ngokwakhe uhamba phambi kwakho njalo uzakuba lawe; Kasoze akutshiye loba akufulathele. Ungesabi; ungapheli amandla.

*Ukufundwa koMlayo*

<sup>9</sup>UMosi wawuloba phansi umthetho wawuqhubela abaphristi, amadodana abaLevi, ababethwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova, kanye labadala bonke bako-Israyeli.<sup>10</sup> UMosi wasebalaya wathi, “Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa, ngomnyaka wokuxolelana izikwelede, ngeDili lamaThabanikeli,<sup>11</sup> ngesikhathi abako-Israyeli bonke bezokuma phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azabe eyikhethile, lizawubala lumthetho phambi kwabo bezizwela.<sup>12</sup> Lizabuthanisa abantu – amadoda, abafazi labantwana, kanye labezizweni abahlala emadolobheni enu – ukuze bazizwele bafunde ukwesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu balandele ngonanzelelo wonke amazwi alumthetho.<sup>13</sup> Abantwabakho, abangawaziyo lumthetho, kumele bawuzwe njalo bafunde ukwesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ngaso sonke isikhathi lisahlezi kulelilizwe elizachapha uJodani ukuba liyelithatha.”

*Kuyenza ukuhlamuka kuka-Israyeli*

<sup>14</sup>UJehova wathi kuMosi, “Usuku lokubhubha kwakho selusondele. Biza uJoshuwa lize lobabili eThenteni lokuHlanganela, lapho engizamgcobela khona.” Ngakho uMosi loJoshuwa bahamba bayazibika eThenteni lokuHlanganela.

<sup>15</sup>UJehova wasebonakala eThenteni ngensika yeyezi, njalo iyezi lelo lema phezu komnyango weThente.<sup>16</sup> UJehova waphinda wathi kuMosi: “Ususiyaphumula laboyihlo, kanti-ke lababantu bazahugeka masinyazana bakhonze onkulunkulu balelilizwe abazangena kulo. Bazangifulathela bephule isivumelwano engasenza labo.

<sup>17</sup>Mhla walolosuku ngizabazondela ngibafulathele; ngizabafihlela ubuso

bami, njalo bazabhujiiswa.  
Bazakwehlelwa zingozi ezinengi  
lobunzima phezu kwabo, njalo  
ngalolosuku bazabuza njalo bathi:  
‘Kambe akusikuthi ingozi lezi zisehlela  
kubi kangaka ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu  
kakho phakathi kwethu na?’<sup>18</sup> Ngiqinisile  
ubuso bami ngizabufihla ngalolosuku  
ngenxa yobubi babo ngokuphendukela  
kwabanye onkulunkulu.

<sup>19</sup> Lobani lingoma liyifundise

u-Israyeli ukuze ayihlabele, ukuze ibe  
ngufakazi wami wokumelana labo.

<sup>20</sup> Ngizakuthi sengibangenise elizweni  
eligeleza uchago lezinyosi, ilizwe  
engalithembisa okhokho babo  
ngesifungo, bathi nxa sebedle basutha  
baphumelela, bazaphendukela kwabanye  
onkulunkulu babakhonze, bangiphike  
njalo bephule isivumelwano sami.

<sup>21</sup> Kuzakuthi nxa sebehlaselwa zingozi  
lobunzima, ingoma le izakuba  
yibufakazi bokumelana labo ngoba  
ayiyikukhohlakala lakuzizukulwana  
zabo. Ngiyakwazi okulula kubo ukuba  
bakwenze, lanxa ngingakabangenisi  
elizweni engibathembise lona  
ngesifungo.”<sup>22</sup> Ngakho uMosi wabhala  
leyongoma mhlalokho wahle  
wayifundisa abako-Israyeli.

<sup>23</sup> UJehova wanika uJoshuwa indodana  
kaNuni umlayo othi “Qina ubelesibindi,  
ngoba uzangenisa abako-Israyeli  
elizweni engabathembisa lona  
ngesifungo, njalo mina ngokwami  
ngizakuba lawe.”

<sup>24</sup> Ngemuva kokuba uMosi eseqedile  
ukuloba egwalweni amazwi  
alowomthetho kusukela ekuqaleni  
kusiya ekucineni,<sup>25</sup> walaya abaLevi  
ababethwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano  
sikaJehova wathi: <sup>26</sup> “Thathani iNcwadi  
yoMthetho le liyifake malungana  
lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaJehova  
uNkulunkulu wenu, lizahlala lapha  
njengofakazi walokho elikwenzayo.

<sup>27</sup> Mina ngiyakwazi ukuhlamuka kwenu  
lokubalukhuni kwenu. Nxa kade  
lihlamukela uJehova ngisaphila njalo  
ngiselani, kuzakuba nganani  
ukuhlamuka kwenu nxa sengifile!

<sup>28</sup> Buthanisani phambi kwami bonke  
abadala bezizwana zenu kanye lezikhulu  
zenu zonke, ukuze ngethule lamazwi  
bezizwela nginxuse izulu lomhlaba  
ukuba kufakaze ububi babo.<sup>29</sup> Ngoba  
ngiyakwazi ukuthi nxa ngingasekho  
sengifile lizaxhwala liphambuke  
endleleni engiliyale yona. Ezinsukwini  
ezizayo, lizawelwa yingozi ngoba  
lizakwenza ububi phambi kukaJehova  
limvuse ulaka ngemisebenzi emibi  
yezandla zenu.

### *Ingoma kaMosi*

<sup>30</sup> Ngakho uMosi wawaphinda amazwi  
engoma leyo kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya  
ekuphetheni ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli  
lilalele:

## 32 Lalelani, We mazulu,

ngizakhuluma,  
zwana, we mhlaba, amazwi  
omlomo wami.

<sup>2</sup> Akuthi imfundiso yami inethe  
njengezulu  
kuthi amazwi ami ehle  
njengamazolo, njengemifefezo  
etshanini obutsha, njengezulu  
elinengi phezu kwamahlumela.

<sup>3</sup> Ngizaliphakamisa ibizo leNkosi.  
Yebo dumisani ubukhulu  
bukaNkulunkulu!

<sup>4</sup> UliDwala, imisebenzi yakhe  
iphelele,  
njalo zonke izindlela zakhe  
zilungile. UNkulunkulu  
othembekileyo ongenzi okubi,

uqotho njalo ulungile yena.

<sup>5</sup>Sebenze okubi phambi kwakhe  
lihlazo ukuba kabase  
bantwabakhe, kodwa  
isizukulwana esixhwalileyo  
lesingaqondanga.

<sup>6</sup>Yiyonale na indlela yokubonga  
kwenu uJehova,  
lina ziwula zabantu  
abangelakuhlakanipha?

KasuYihlo, uMdali wenu,  
owalenzayo njalo owalibumbayo  
na?

<sup>7</sup>Khumbulani izinsuku zakudala;  
likhumbule izizukulwana  
zasendulo.

Buza uyihlo yena uzakutshela,  
abadala benu, njalo  
bazakuchasisela.

<sup>8</sup>Kwathi oPhezukonke esephe  
izizwe ilifa lazo,  
eselwahlukanisile uluntu,  
walufakela imingcele,  
kusiya ngenani lamadodana ka-  
Israyeli.

<sup>9</sup>Ngoba isabelo sikaJehova  
ngabantu bakhe,  
uJakhobe yisabelo sakhe  
esikhethiweyo.

<sup>10</sup>Wamfumana elizweni  
eliyinkangala, inkangala  
engelazithelo, indawo emkhosi  
kawuvinjwa lutho.

Wamvikela,  
wamonga; wamsingatha  
njengegugu lakhe,

<sup>11</sup>njengengqungqulu inyakazisa  
isidleke sayo,  
ibisindiza phezu kwamachwane  
ayo, eyelula amaphiko ayo

ukuwagola, iwathwale  
ngamaphiko ayo.

<sup>12</sup>Nguye yedwa uJehova  
owamkhokhelayo;  
kungekho unkulunkulu wezizweni  
owaye laye.

<sup>13</sup>Wamkhweza enqongeni yelizwe  
wamondla ngezithelo zeganga.  
Wamonga ngoluju olwaluvela  
edwaleni, langamafutha  
aphuma ezingoxweni zeliwa,

<sup>14</sup>lezankefu langochago oluvela  
emihlambini  
yezinkomo leyezimvu lamazinyane  
anonisiweyo ezimvu lezimbuzi,  
lezingama zekhethele  
zaseBhashani, kanye lengqoloyi  
elezinhlamvu ezinhle. Wanatha  
igazi eliphuphumayo lesithelo  
samavini.

<sup>15</sup>UJeshuruni wazimuka  
watshakala;  
esesuthi ukudla,  
wakhuluphala wababutshelezi.  
Wamlahla uNkulunkulu  
owamdalayo waliphika iDwala  
uMsindisi wakhe.

<sup>16</sup>Bambangela ubukhwele  
ngabonkulunkulu babo bezizweni  
bamthukuthelisa ngezithombe  
zabo ezinengekayo.

<sup>17</sup>Benza imihlatshelo kuwo  
kumadimoni,  
wona angayisuye unkulunkulu –  
onkulunkulu ababengazange  
babazi, onkulunkulu  
ababesanda kuvela,  
onkulunkulu ababengakhonzwa  
ngoyihlo.

<sup>18</sup>Walihlamukela iDwala,  
elinguyihlo;  
wakhohlwa uNkulunkulu  
owakuzalayo.

<sup>19</sup> UJehova wakubona lokhu  
wabafulathela  
ngoba wathukutheliswa  
ngamadodana lamadodakazi  
akhe.

<sup>20</sup> “Ngizabufihla ubuso bami kubo,”  
watsho uJehova “ngize ngibone  
ukuthi bazaphetha ngani;  
ngoba bayisizukulwana  
esixhwalileyo abantwana  
abangathembekanga.

<sup>21</sup> Bangenza ngaba lobukhwele  
ngalokho  
okwakungasunkulunkulu njalo  
bangithukuthelisa ngezithombe  
zabo ezingasizi lutho.

Ngizabavusela umhawu ngesizwe  
esingesibantu balutho;  
ngibazondise ngesizwe  
esingazwisisiyo.

<sup>22</sup> Ngoba umlilo usulunyathiswe  
yikuthukuthela kwami,  
wona otshisa ujule uze uyethinta  
ukufa ngaphansi.

Uzahangula udle umhlaba kanye  
lesivuno sawo  
uthungele lezinsika zezintaba.

<sup>23</sup> “Ngizabehlisela izigigaba,  
imitshoko yami iphelele phezu  
kwabo.

<sup>24</sup> Ngizabathumela indlala eqeda  
amandla,  
izifo ezibhubhisayo lomkhuhlane  
oyibuthi;  
ngizabathumela amazinyo abukhali  
ezinyamazana zeganga,  
ubuthi bezinhlanguwana  
ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini.

<sup>25</sup> Ezindleleni inkemba izabaswelisa  
abantwana,  
emizini kuzabusa uchuku.  
Amadodana lamadodakazi  
azabhujiswa aphele,

abantwana abancinyane kanye  
lamadoda alenwele ezimhlophe.

<sup>26</sup> Ngithe ngizabachitha  
ngisuse imbali yabo bakhohlakale  
emhlabeni,

<sup>27</sup> kodwa ngesaba izisongo zesitha,  
funa isitha singezwisisi besesisithi,  
‘Isandla sethu sinqobile, njalo  
uJehova kakwenzanga konke  
lokhu.’ ”

<sup>28</sup> Bayisizwe esingelangqondo,  
akukho ukuqedisisa kubo.

<sup>29</sup> Ngabe kodwa bahlakaniphile  
njalo bezwisise lokhu, babe  
lokuqedisisa ukuthi sizakuba  
yini isiphetho sabo!

<sup>30</sup> Kungenzeka njani ukuthi umuntu  
oyedwa axotshane  
lenkulungwane,  
loba babili basukele  
izinkulungwane ezilitshumi  
zibaleke na, ngaphandle  
kokuthi iDwala labo  
nxa labathengisa  
langaphandle kokuthi uJehova  
wabo esebahlanekele?

<sup>31</sup> Ngoba elabo idwala  
alinjengelethu iDwala,  
njengoba lezitha zethu zivuma.

<sup>32</sup> Iwayini labo livela esivinini  
saseSodoma  
lasemasimini aseGomora.  
Amagrebisi abo agcwele  
itshefu, lamaxha awo amunyu.

<sup>33</sup> Iwayini labo liyibuthi bezinyoka,  
ubuhlungu obubulalayo  
bamabululu.

<sup>34</sup> “Kambe lokhu angikugodlanga na  
ngakugcikela eziphaleni zami  
na?”

<sup>35</sup> Ukuphindisela ngokwami;  
ngizabuyisela.

Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo unyawo  
lwabo luzatshela;  
usuku lwabo lokubhujiswa  
luseduze, ukuchitheka kwabo  
kuyabahubela.

<sup>36</sup> UJehova uzakwahlulela abantu  
bakhe, abe lozwelo  
ezincekwini zakhe  
lapho esebona amandla abo ephela  
njalo kakho ozasala, isigqili loba  
okhululekileyo.

<sup>37</sup> Uzakuthi: “Kanti bangaphi  
onkulunkulu babo,  
lelodwala ababephephela kulo,

<sup>38</sup> onkulunkulu abadla amafutha  
emihlatshelo yabo  
njalo banatha iwayini  
elingumnikelo wokunathwayo  
kwabo? Kabaphakame  
balincedise!

Kabaliphe umthunzi  
wokuphephela!

<sup>39</sup> Angithi liyazibonela ukuthi Mina  
ngiNguye!

Kakho omunye unkulunkulu  
ngaphandle kwami.  
Ngiyabhubhisa njalo  
ngiyaphilisa. Ngilimazile njalo  
ngelaphile

kakho ongakhululwa esandleni  
sami.

<sup>40</sup> Ngiphakamisela isandla sami  
ezulwini ngithi:

Njengoba ngeqiniso ngiphila nini  
lanini,

<sup>41</sup> nxa ngilola inkemba yami  
ephazimayo

lesandla sami siyibamba  
ekwehluleleni,

ngizaphindisela kuzo zonke izitha  
zami, ngiphindisele kulabo  
abangizondayo.

<sup>42</sup> Imitshoko yami izagava igazi,  
kanti inkemba izakudla  
enyameni:

igazi lalabo ababulawayo  
labathunjwayo, amakhanda  
alabo abangabakhokheli  
bezitha.”

<sup>43</sup> Jabulani, lina zizwe, kanye  
labantu bakhe,  
ngoba uzaphindisela igazi  
lezinceku zakhe,  
uzaphindisela ezitheni zakhe,  
njalo enzele ilizwe lakhe labantu  
bakhe indlela yokubuyisana.

<sup>44</sup> UMosi weza loJoshuwa indodana  
kaNuni wethula wonke amazwi engoma  
le abantu bonke besizwa. <sup>45</sup> UMosi wathi  
eqeda ukuwethula lamazwi phambi  
kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, <sup>46</sup> wathi kubo,  
“Alondolozeni ezinhliziyweni zenu  
wonke lamazwi engiwethule phambi  
kwenu ngesifungo lamuhla, ukuze libe  
lakho ukubalaya abantwabenu ukuba  
bawalalele ngonanzelelo amazwi alo  
umthetho. <sup>47</sup> Akusimazwi alula nje kini –  
ayikuphila kwenu. Ngala amazwi  
lizaphila isikhathi eside elizweni  
eselingena kulo lichapha uJodani ukuba  
lilithathe libe ngelenu.”

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<sup>48</sup> Ngalolosuku uJehova watshela  
uMosi wathi, <sup>49</sup> “Khwela uye  
okhahlamba lwezintaba zase-Abharimi  
eNtabeni yaseNebho kwelamaMowabi,  
nganeno ngaphetsheya kweJericho,  
ukuze ubone iKhenani, ilizwe engilinika  
abako-Israyeli ukuba balithathe libe  
ngelabo. <sup>50</sup> Phezu kwaleyontaba okhwele  
phezu kwayo uzakufa umbelwe uye  
kubokhokho bakho njengoba u-Aroni  
laye wafela entabeni yaseHore  
wambelwa kwabakibo. <sup>51</sup> Lokhu  
kungenxa yokuthi lina lobabili lalahla  
ithemba lenu kimi phambi kwabako-

Israyeli emachibini aseMeribha  
Khadshi eNkangala yaseZini langenxa  
yokuthi alizange lime ngobungcwele  
bami phambi kwabako-Israyeli.

<sup>52</sup>Ngenxa yalokho, ilizwe uzalibonela  
kude, awusoze ungene elizweni  
esengilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba  
bangene kulo.

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**33** Lesi yiso isibusiso esethulwa  
nguMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu  
kwabako-Israyeli engakafi. <sup>2</sup>Wathi:

“UJehova wehla evela eSinayi  
njalo wakhazimula kubo  
ngaseSeyiri; yakhanyisa njalo  
kusiya eNtabeni  
yasePharami. Weza labanengi  
babangcwele  
bevelela eningizimu, emehlweni  
ezintaba zakhe.

<sup>3</sup>Ngempela nguwe othanda abantu,  
bonke abangcwele basezandleni  
zakho;

Ezinyaweni zakho bayakhothama  
bonke bamukele iziqondiso  
ezivela kuwe,

<sup>4</sup>umthetho esawuphiwa nguMosi,  
inotho yebandla likaJakhobe.

<sup>5</sup>Wayeyinkosi phezu kukaJeshuruni  
lapho abakhokheli babantu  
bebuthene, ndawonye  
lezizwana zako-Israyeli.

<sup>6</sup>“Kaphile uRubheni njalo angafi,  
abesilisa bakhe bangaphunguki  
babe balutshwana.”

<sup>7</sup>Lokhu waktsho ngoJuda:

“Zwana, wena Jehova wami,  
ukukhala kukaJuda;  
mlethe ebantwini bakhe.

Ngezandla zakhe uvikela lokho  
akumeleyo.

Yebo, msize amelane lezitha  
zakhe!”

<sup>8</sup>NgoLevi wathi:

Thumimi kanye le-Urimi  
ngokwaleyondoda  
owayithandayo.

Wamhlola eMasa;  
waba laye emachibini aseMeribha.

<sup>9</sup>Wathi ngoyise lonina,  
‘Angilandaba labo mina’

Kazange akwamukele ukuthi  
ulabafowabo

njalo kazange ananze  
abantwabakhe,  
kodwa walilondoloza ilizwi lakho  
wasigcina isivumelwano sakho.

<sup>10</sup>Ufundisa amanyathelo akho  
kuJakhobe

lomthetho wakhe ku-Israyeli.

Unikela ngemphepo phambi  
kwakho

langeminikelo egcweleyo  
yokutshiswa

e-alithareni.

<sup>11</sup>Busisa bonke ubuciko bakhe,  
Jehova,  
ujabule ngomsebenzi wezandla  
zakhe.

Zitshaye izinkalo zalabo  
abamvukelayo;

zitshaye izitha zakhe zingaphindi  
zimvukele.

<sup>12</sup>NgoBenjamini wathi:

“Yekelani othandekayo kaJehova  
aphumule kuye evikelekile,  
ngoba umvikela ilanga lonke,



kanti njalo lowo uJehova  
amthandayo uphumula  
emahlombe akhe.”

<sup>13</sup>NgoJosefa wathi:

“Sengathi uJehova angabusisa  
umhlaba wakhe  
ngamazolo aligugu avela phezulu  
ezulwini  
langamanzi ajulileyo ageleza  
ngaphansi;

<sup>14</sup>langobuhle obuyingqala  
obulethwa lilanga

kanye lokucoleka okungalethwa  
yinyanga;

<sup>15</sup>lezipho zekhethelo zasezintabeni  
zendulo

lokuthela kwezithelo zamaqaqa emi  
nini lanini;

<sup>16</sup>langezipho eziyingqala zomhlaba  
lokugcwala kwawo

lozwelo lwakhe yena  
owayesesixukwini esivuthayo.

Konke lokhu akube sekhandla  
likaJosefa,

ebunzini lobuso benkosana  
phakathi kwabafowabo.

<sup>17</sup>Ebukhosini unjengenkunzi encane  
elizibulo;

izimpondo zakhe zinjengezenyathi.

Ngazo uzagweba abhuqe izizwe,

aze agwebe lalezo  
ezisemaphethelweni omhlaba.

Banjalo abezinkulungwane  
zamatshumi baka-Efrayimi;

banjalo abezinkulungwane  
zikaManase.”

<sup>18</sup>NgoZebhuluni wathi:

“Jabula, Zebhuluni,  
ekuphumeni kwakho,

Lawe wena, Isakhari, emathenteni  
akho.

<sup>19</sup>Bazabizela abantu ezintabeni  
khonale banikele imihlatshelo  
yabo yokulunga;  
bazakudla baminze ngobunengi  
bokusolwandle ngawo amagugu  
afihlakele etshehetshebeni.”

<sup>20</sup>NgoGadi wathi:

“Ubusisiwe lowo oqhelisa umbuso  
kaGadi!

UGadi uhlala khona  
njengesilwane,  
edlithiza engalweni loba ekhanda.

<sup>21</sup>Wazikhethela umhlaba omuhle  
okudlulayo waba ngowakhe;  
isabelo somkhokheli sagcinelwa  
yena.

Kwathi ekuhlanganeni  
kwabakhokheli babantu,  
wakwenza lokho okufunwa  
nguJehova olungileyo,  
kanye lokwehlulela kwakhe  
kwabako-Israyeli.”

<sup>22</sup>NgoDani wathi:

“UDani ngumdlwane wesilwane,  
otshakala uphuma eBhashani.”

<sup>23</sup>NgoNafuthali wathi:

“UNafuthali uyaphuphuma  
ngozwelo lukaJehova  
njalo ugcwele izibusiso zakhe;  
elakhe ilifa uzazuza kusiya  
eningizimu ngechibini.”

<sup>24</sup>Ngo-Asheri wathi:

“Obusisiweyo kakhulu kulawo  
wonke amadodana ngu-Asheri;  
ababelozwelo kuye abafowabo,  
myekeleni ageze izinyawo zakhe  
emafutheni.

<sup>25</sup> Amabhawudo emasangweni akho  
azakuba ngawensimbi lethusi  
njalo amandla akho azalingana  
izinsuku zakho.

<sup>26</sup> “Kakho ofana loNkulunkulu  
kaJeshuruni,  
ophezulu emazulwini ukuze  
akuncede  
kanti njalo lasemayezini  
ngobukhosi bakhe.  
<sup>27</sup> UNkulunkulu oyisimakade  
uyisiphephelo sakho,  
njalo ngaphansi kuzingalo  
ezingelakuphela.

Uzazixotsha izitha phambi kwakho  
esithi,  
‘Mbulale!’

<sup>28</sup> Ngakho u-Israyeli uzaphila  
yedwa evikelekile,  
Umthombo kaJakhobe uvikelekile,  
elizweni lamabele kanye lewayini  
elitsha  
lapho amazulu phezulu akhithizela  
khona amazolo.

<sup>29</sup> Ubusisiwe wena We-Israyeli!  
Ngubani onjengawe,  
abantu abahlengwa nguJehova?  
Ulihawu lakho lomsizi wakho  
njalo uyinkemba yakho  
ekhazimulayo.  
Izitha zakho zizatshotshobala  
phambi kwakho  
njalo uzazinyathela phansi zonke  
izindawo zabo zokukhonza  
eziphakemeyo.”

*Ukufa kukaMosi*

## 34 UMosi wasekhwela eNtabeni

yaseNebho evelela emageckeni  
akoMowabi esiya phezu kwePhisiga,  
nganeno ngaphetsheya malungana  
leJericho. Kukhonale uJehova  
amtshengisa khona ilizwe lonke –  
kusukela eGileyadi kusiya kwelikaDani,  
<sup>2</sup> lonke elikaNafuthali, ilizwe lika-  
Efrayimi lelukaManase, lonke ilizwe  
likaJuda kusiyafika elwandle  
olungentshonalanga, <sup>3</sup> iNegebi kanye  
lomhlaba wonke osuka eSigodini  
saseJericho, iDolobho laMalala, kusiya  
kude khonale eZowari. <sup>4</sup> Ngakho uJehova  
wathi kuye, “Leli yilo ilizwe  
engathembisa ngesifungo u-Abrahama,  
u-Isaka loJakhobe, lapho engathi khona,  
‘Ngizalinika izizukulwana zenu.’  
Ngikuvumele ukuthi ulibone ngawakho  
amehlo, kodwa awusoze uchaphela  
kulo.”

<sup>5</sup> Ngakho uMosi inceku kaJehova  
wafela khonapho kwelamaMowabi,  
njengokwakutshiwo nguJehova.  
<sup>6</sup> Wamngcwaba eMowabi, esigodini  
esikhangelene leBhethi-Phewori, kodwa  
kuze kube lamuhla lokhu kakho loyedwa  
olaziyo ingcwaba lakhe. <sup>7</sup> UMosi  
wayeseleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi  
amabili ekufeni kwakhe, ikanti amehlo  
akhe ayesabona kuhle njalo  
engakaphelelwa ngamandla. <sup>8</sup> Abako-  
Israyeli bamlilela uMosi emageckeni  
aseMowabi okwezinsuku  
ezingamatshumi amathathu, kwaze  
kwedlula izinsuku zokukhala lokulila.

<sup>9</sup> UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni  
wayegcwele umoya wokuhlakanipha  
ngoba uMosi wayembeke izandla.  
Ngakho abako-Israyeli bamlilela njalo  
benza lokho uJehova ayekulaye uMosi.

<sup>10</sup> Kusukela lapho, kakukabi lomunye  
njalo umphrofethi ko-Israyeli  
onjengoMosi, owayesaziwa nguJehova  
ubuso ngobuso, <sup>11</sup> owenza zonke

lezozimanga lezibonakaliso ayethunywe  
nguJehova ukuba ayezenza eGibhithe –  
kuFaro lakuzo zonke izikhulu zakhe  
lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe. <sup>12</sup>Ngoba  
kakho okakaze atshengisele amandla  
amakhulu kangako loba ukwenza izezo  
ezesabekayo uMosi azenzayo emehlweni  
abo bonke abako-Israyeli.