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ISAHLUKO 1

Izwi likaJehova elafika kuHoseya indodana kaBeri ezinsukwini zawo-Uziya, noJothamu, no-Ahazi, noHezekiya, amakhosi akwaJuda, nasezinsukwini zikaJerobowamu indodana kaJowashi, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli.

² Lapho uJehova eqala ukukhuluma ngoHoseya, uJehova wathi kuHoseya: “Hamba uzithathele umfazi ophingayo nabantwana bophingayo, ngokuba izwe liyaphinga nokuphinga ngokungamlandeli uJehova.”

³ Wayesehamba, wathatha uGomere indodakazi kaDibilayimi; wakhulelwa, wamzalela indodana.

⁴ UJehova wathi kuye: “Qamba igama layo ngokuthi uJizreyeli, ngokuba kusezakuba yisikhashana ngize ngiphindisele igazi likaJizreyeli phezu kwendlu kaJehu, ngiqede umbuso wendlu ka-Israyeli.

⁵ Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngaphule umnsalo ka-Israyeli esigodini saseJizreyeli.”

⁶ Wabuye wakhulelwa, wazala indodakazi. Wayesethi uJehova kuye: “Qamba igama layo ngokuthi uLo Ruhama, ngokuba angisayikuyihawukela indlu yakwa-Israyeli ukuba ngibathethelele.

⁷ Kepha indlu yakwaJuda ngiyakuyihawukela, ngibasindise ngoJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, ngingabasindisi ngomnsalo, nangenkemba, nangokulwa, nangamahashi, nangabamahashi.”

⁸ Esemulumile uLo Ruhama, wakhulelwa, wazala indodana.

⁹ Wayesethi uJehova: “Qamba igama layo ngokuthi uLo-Ami, ngokuba anisibo abantu bami, mina angiyikuba nguNkulunkulu wenu.

¹⁰ “Nokho umumo wabantwana bakwa-Israyeli uyakuba ngangesihlabathi solwandle esingenakulinganiswa, singenakubalwa; kuyakuthi esikhundleni sokuba kuthiwe kubo: ‘Anisibo abantu bami,’ kuthiwe kubo: ‘Ningamadodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.’

¹¹ Abantwana bakwaJuda nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli bayakubuthana ndawonye, bazimisele inhloko ibe nye, bakhuphuke ezweni, ngokuba luyakuba lukhulu usuku lukaJizreyeli.

ISAHLUKO 2

“Bese nibiza abafowenu ngokuthi u-Ami, nawodadewenu ngokuthi uRuhama.

² “Phikisanani nonyoko, niphikisane, ngokuba akasiye umkami, nami angisiyo indoda yakhe; makasuse ubufebe bakhe ebusweni bakhe, nokuphinga kwakhe phakathi kwamabele akhe,

- ³ funa ngimhlubule abe nqunu, ngimenze njengasosukwini lokuzalwa kwakhe, ngimenze ihlane, ngimbeke abe njengezwe elomileyo, ngimbulale ngokoma.
- ⁴ Angiyikuhawukela abantwana bakhe, ngokuba bangabantwana bobufefe.
- ⁵ Ngokuba unina ufebile, ngokuba wathi: 'Ngiyakulandela izithandwa zami ezinginika isinkwa sami namanzi ami, uboya bami bezimvu nefilakisi lami, amafutha ami nokuphuza kwami.'
- ⁶ Ngalokho bhekani, ngiyakuvimbela indlela yakho ngameva, ngakhe ugange ngakuye, ukuze angafumani imikhondo yakhe.
- ⁷ Uyakulandela izithandwa zakhe, kepha akayikuzifika; uyakuzifuna, kepha akayikuzifumana; abesethi: 'Ngiyakuhamba ngibuyele endodeni yami yokuqala, ngokuba kwakukuhle kimi lapho kunamanje.'
- ⁸ Kepha akazanga ukuthi yimina engamnika amabele, newayini elisha, namafutha, ngamandisela isiliva negolide abenza ngakho uBali.
- ⁹ "Ngalokho ngiyakubuye ngithabathe amabele ami ngesikhathi sawo, newayini lami elisha ngenkathi yalo, ngisuse uboya bami bezimvu nefilakisi lami lokusibekela ubunqunu bakhe.
- ¹⁰ Sengiyakwambula ihlazo lakhe emehlweni ezithandwa zakhe; akuyikubakho omophula esandleni sami.
- ¹¹ Ngiyakwenza ukuba iphele yonke intokozo yakhe, imikhosi yakhe, nokwethwasa kwenyanga, namasabatha akhe, nayo yonke imikhosi yakhe emisiweyo.
- ¹² Ngiyakuchitha imivini yakhe nemikhiwane yakhe ashilo ngakho, wathi: 'Kuyinkokhelo yami ezinginikile yona izithandwa zami,' ngiyakukwenza kube yihlathi, izilwane zasendle zikudle.
- ¹³ Ngiyakumhambela ngenxa yezinsuku zawoBali owabashisela ngazo impepho, wahloba ngamacici akhe nangezinto zakhe ezinhle, wazilandela izithandwa zakhe, wangikohlwa, usho uJehova.
- ¹⁴ "Ngalokho bhekani, ngiyakumyenga, ngimyise ehlane, ngimqunge isibindi.
- ¹⁵ Lapho ngiyakumnika izivini zakhe, nesigodi sase-Akori sibe ngumnyango wethemba; uyakuphendula lapho njengasezinsukwini zobusha bakhe nasosukwini lokukhuphuka kwakhe ezweni laseGibithe.
- ¹⁶ "Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku," usho uJehova, "ungibize ngokuthi: 'YiNdoda yami,' ungasangibizi ngokuthi: 'NguBali wami.'
- ¹⁷ Ngiyakususa amagama awoBali emlonyeni wakhe, bangabe besakhunjulwa ngamagama abo.
- ¹⁸ Ngalolo suku ngiyakubenzela isivumelwano nezilwane zasendle, nezinyoni zezulu nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, ngaphule umnsalo nenkomba nokulwa ukuba kusuke ezweni, ngibalalise belondekile.
- ¹⁹ Ngiyakuzimisela wena ube ngumkami kuze kube phakade, ngizimisele wena ngokulunga, nangokwahlulela, nangomusa, nangobubele.
- ²⁰ Ngiyakuzimisela wena ngokuthembeka ube ngumkami; uyakumazi uJehova.
- ²¹ "Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngiphendule," usho uJehova, "ngiphendule amazulu, wona aphenndule umhlaba.
- ²² Umhlaba uyakuphendula amabele, newayini elisha, namafutha, khona kuphendule uJizreyeli.
- ²³ Ngiyakuzitshalela yena ezweni, ngihawukele ongahawukelwanga, ngithi kwababengesibo abantu bami: 'Ningabantu bami,' bona bathi: 'UnguNkulunkulu wethu.' "

ISAHLUKO 3

UJehova wathi kimi: “Hamba futhi, umthande owesifazane othandwa ngumngane wakhe, eyisiphingikazi, njengalokhu uJehova ethanda abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, noma bephendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu, bethanda izigaxa zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo.”

² Ngase ngizithengela yena ngezinhlamvu eziyishumi nanhlanu zesiliva, nangehomere lebhali, nangenxenye yehomere lebhali,

³ ngathi kuye: “Uyakuhlala kimi izinsuku eziningi, ungafebi, ungabi ngowomunye, nami ngibe njalo kuwe.”

⁴ Ngokuba izinsuku eziningi abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bayakuhlala bengenankosi, bengenasikhulu, bengenamhlatshe, bengenansika, bengenangubo yamahlombe namatherafi.

⁵ Ngasemuva abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bayakubuya, bamfune uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo noDavide inkosi yabo, babuyele kuJehova benovalo nakukho okuhle kwakhe ngezinsuku ezizayo.

ISAHLUKO 4

Yizwani izwi likaJehova nina bantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngokuba uJehova unokuphikisana nabakhileyo ezweni, lokhu kungekho qiniso, namusa, nakumazi uNkulunkulu ezweni.

² “Kukhona ukufunga nokuqamba amanga, nokubulala, nokweba, nokuphinga; bayafohla, izingazi zilandele izingazi.

³ Ngalokho izwe liyakudabuka, bonke abakhe kulo badangale kanye nezilwane zasendle nezinyoni zezulu; yebo, nezinhlanzi zolwandle ziyakususwa.

⁴ “Makungabikho ophikisana nomunye, asole omunye; nokho abantu bakho bayakuphikisana nabapristi.

⁵ Mpristi, uyakukhubeka emini, kukhubeka umprofethi kanye nawe ebusuku; nonyoko ngiyakumbhubhisa.

⁶ Abantu bami babhujiswa ngokuswela ukwazi; ngokuba ukulahlile ukwazi nami ngiyakukulahla wena, ungabi ngumpristi wami; lokhu ukhohliwe umthetho kaNkulunkulu wakho nami ngiyakukhohlwa abantwana bakho.

⁷ Njengokwanda kwabo, kanjalo bona kimi; udumo lwabo ngiyakulwenana ngehlazo.

⁸ Badla izono zabantu bami, babhekisa umphefumulo wabo eubini babo.

⁹ Kuyakuthi njengabantu abe njalo umpristi: ngiyakubahambela ngenxa yezindlela zabo, ngibuyisele kubo izenzo zabo.

¹⁰ “Bayakudla, bangasuthi kodwa; bayakufeba, bangandi kodwa, ngokuba bayekile ukumnakekela uJehova.

¹¹ Ubufebe newayini newayini elisha kususa umqondo.

¹² Abantu bami babuza emthini, induku yabo ibatshele, ngokuba umoya wobufebe ubadukisile, basuka phansi kukaNkulunkulu wabo ngokufeba.

¹³ Bayahlabela eziqongweni zezintaba, bashisa impepho emagqumeni, phansi kwama-oki nemipopula nemitherebinte, ngokuba umthunzi wakho muhle; kungalokho amadodakazi enu ayafeba, nawomakoti benu bayaphinga.

¹⁴ “Angiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu, lapho efeba, nawomakoti benu lapho bephinga, ngokuba namadoda achezukela iziphingi, ahlaba kanye nezifebe zethempeli. Kanjalo

abantu abangenangqondo bayakuwiswa.

15 “Noma wena Israyeli ufeba, uJuda makangazitholeli icala; ningayi eGiligali, ningenyukeli eBeti Aveni, ningafungi ngokuthi: ‘Kuphila kukaJehova.’

16 Ngokuba u-Israyeli unenkani njengesithole; uJehova angabelusa njengemvana endaweni ebanzi na?

17 U-Efrayimi uhlangene nezithombe; myeke.

18 Ukuphuza kwabo sekuphelile; bayafeba nokufebe; izikhulu zabo zithandisisa ihlazo.

19 Umoya ubasongile ngamaphiko awo; bayakujabha ngemihlatshelo yabo.

ISAHLUKO 5

“Yizwani lokhu nina bapristi, nilalele nina ndlu ka-Israyeli, nibeke indlebe nina ndlu yenkosi, ngokuba ukwahlulela kukinina, lokhu nanilugibe eMispa nenetha elenekwe eThabori.

2 Abahlubuki bashone phansi ngokuhlaba kwabo, kepha ngingumlayi wabo bonke.

3 Ngiyamazi mina u-Efrayimi, u-Israyeli akafihlekile kimi, ngokuba manje, Efrayimi, ufebile, u-Israyeli uzingcolisile.

4 “Abenzi izenzo zokuba babuyele kuNkulunkulu, ngokuba umoya wobufebe uphakathi kwabo, noJehova abamazi.

5 Ukuzidla kuka-Israyeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe; o-Israyeli no-Efrayimi bayakukhubeka ngobubi babo; naye uJuda uyakukhubeka kanye nabo.

6 Bayakuhamba nezimvu zabo nezinkomo zabo ukuyofuna uJehova; kepha abayikumfumana; umonyukile kubo.

7 Bamkhohlisile uJehova, ngokuba bazalile abantwana abangabafokazi; manje inyanga eyethwasayo iyakubadla kanye nezabelo zabo.

8 “Bethani umtshingo eGibeya necilongo eRama; hlabani umkhosi eBeti Aveni: basemva kwakho, Benjamini!

9 U-Efrayimi uyakuba yincithakalo ngosuku lokujeziswa, ngazisile izizwe zakwa-Israyeli okuqinisekileyo.

10 Izikhulu zakwaJuda zinjengabasusa imincele; ngiyakuthulula phezu kwazo intukuthelo yami njengamanzi.

11 U-Efrayimi ucindezelekile, uchothshoziwe ekwahlulelweni, ngokuba wavuma ukulandela umyalo oyize.

12 Mina-ke senginjengenundu ku-Efrayimi, nanjengokubola kuyo indlu yakwaJuda.

13 “Lapho u-Efrayimi abona isifo sakhe noJuda isilonda sakhe, u-Efrayimi waya e-Asiriya, wathumela enkosini uJarebi; kepha ingeniphulukise, ayinakusipholisa isilonda senu.

14 Ngokuba ngiyakuba njengengonyama ku-Efrayimi, nebhongo lengonyama kuyo indlu yakwaJuda; mina yebo, mina ngiyakudwengula, besengimuka; ngiyakususa, kungekho owophulayo.

15 Ngiyakuhamba, ngibuyele endaweni yami, baze bazithwese icala labo, bafune ubuso bami; osizini lwabo bayakungifunisisa.”

ISAHLUKO 6

“Wozani sibuyele kuJehova, ngokuba yena usidwengulile; uyakusiphulukisa; usishayile, uyakusibopha.

² Uyakusiphilisa ngezinsuku ezimbili, asivuse ngosuku lwesithathu, siphile phambi kwakhe.

³ Masimazi, sijonge ukumazi uJehova; ukuphuma kwakhe kuqinisekile njengokusa; uyakufika kithi njengemvula, njengemvula yamuva enethisa umhlaba.

⁴ “Ngiyakwenzani kuwe Efrayimi, ngiyakwenzani kuwe Juda, na? Uthando lweni lunjengefu lokusa nanjengamazolo amuka ekuseni.

⁵ Ngelokho ngiyabashaya ngabaprofethi, ngibabulale ngamazwi omlomo wami, ukwahlulelwa kwakho kuqhame ekukhanyeni.

⁶ Ngokuba ngifuna uthando, hhayi umhlatshele; ngifuma ukumazi uNkulunkulu kuneminikelo yokushiswa.

⁷ Kepha baseqile isivumelwano njengo-Adamu; bangikhohlisa ngelokho.

⁸ IGileyadi lingumuzi wabenza okubi, linemikhondo yegazi.

⁹ Njengabaphangi beqamekela umuntu, isigaba sabapristi siyabulala endleleni eya eShekemi, yebo, benza okunengekayo.

¹⁰ Endlini yakwa-Israyeli ngibonile into eyesabekayo: kukhona ubufebe kwa-Efrayimi, u-Israyeli ungcolile.

¹¹ “Nawe Juda ulungiselwe ukuvunwa, lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami.

ISAHLUKO 7

“Lapho bengiyakumphulukisa u-Israyeli, bambulelwa ububi buka-Efrayimi nokubi kweSamariya, ngokuba benza inkohliso, amasela ayafohla, nabaphangi baphanga ngaphandle.

² Abacabangi ezinhliziyweni zabo ukuthi ngiyakhumbula konke okubi kwabo; sebezungeziwe yizenzo zabo, ziphambi kobuso bami.

³ “Ngobubi babo bayathokozisa inkosi, nezikhulu ngamanga abo.

⁴ Bayiziphingi bonke; banjengeziko elishiswa ngumpheke sinkwa oyeka ukukhwezela kusukela ekuxovweni kwenhlama kuze kube sekubileni kwayo.

⁵ Ngosuku lwenkosi yethu izikhulu zazigulisa ngokushisa kwewayini; yona yayiselulela izideleli isandla.

⁶ Lapho sebeshisile izinhliziyi zabo ngamacebo zibe njengeziko, umpheke sinkwa wabo ulala ubusuku bonke; ekuseni liyavutha njengomlilo wamalangabi.

⁷ Bonke bashisa njengeziko, badla abahluleli babo; onke amakhosi abo ayawa, kungekho phakathi kwabo ongibizayo.

⁸ “U-Efrayimi uyazihlanganisa nabanye abantu: u-Efrayimi uyiqebelengwane elingaphendulwanga.

⁹ Abafokazi badlile amandla akhe, kepha yena akazi; izimvi zikhahlele kuye, kepha yena akazi.

¹⁰ Ukuzidla kuka-Israyeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe, nokho ababuyelanga kuJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, abamfunanga kukho konke lokhu.

¹¹ “U-Efrayimi unjengejuba elidukiswayo lingenangqondo; bayabiza iGibithe, baya e-Asiriya.

¹² Lapho sebehamba, ngiyabenekela inetha lami, ngibehlise njengezinyoni zezulu,

ngibajezise njengokuzwakeleyo ebandleni labo.

¹³ Maye kubo, ngokuba bangibalekele! Makube ngukuchithwa kubo, ngokuba baphambukile kimi! Bengiyakubahlenga mina labo abakhulume amanga ngami na?

¹⁴ Abakhalanga kimi ngezinhliziyi zabo, kepha bahhewula emibhedeni yabo; banovalo ngamabele abo nangewayini labo, kepha mina bayangihlubuka.

¹⁵ Mina-ke ngafundisa, ngaqinisa izingalo zabo, nokho baceba okubi ngami.

¹⁶ Bayabuyela, kepha hhayi kongaPhezulu, bafana nomnsalo ogejayo; izikhulu ziyakuwa ngenkemba ngenxa yolaka lolimi lwabo. Lokhu kuyakuba yinhlekiso yabo ezweni laseGibithe.

ISAHLUKO 8

“Beka icilongo emlonyeni wakho; onjengokhozi wehlela indlu kaJehova; ngokuba beqile isivumelwano sami, baphambuka emthethweni wami.

² Bakhala kimi ngokuthi: ‘Nkulunkulu wethu, thina Israyeli siyakwazi.’

³ U-Israyeli ukulahlile okuhle; isitha siyakumxosha.

⁴ Bona bazibekela amakhosi engavelanga kimi; bamisa izikhulu, ngingazi; isiliva labo negolide labo bakwenza kwaba yizithombe zabo, ukuze banqunywe.

⁵ Ithole lakho, Samariya, linengekile; intukuthelo yami iyabavuthela; koze kube nini bengakwazi ukuba msulwa na?

⁶ Ngokuba livela ku-Israyeli; umkhandi walenza, alisiye uNkulunkulu; yebo, ithole laseSamariya liyakuba yizihlephu.

⁷ “Ngokuba bahlwanyeke umoya, bayakuvuna isivunguvungu; izele alinahlumela, alivezi impuphu; uma liyiveza, iyakuqedwa ngabafokazi.

⁸ U-Israyeli uyagwinywa; manje sebephakathi kwabezizwe njengesitsha okungekho intokozo kuso.

⁹ Ngokuba benyukele e-Asiriya bezihambele njengezimbongolo zasendle; u-Efrayimi uyaqasha ngenkokhelo yothando.

¹⁰ Noma beqasha phakathi kwabezizwe, manje sengiyakubabutha, bakhululwe kancane emthwalweni wenkosi yezikhulu.

¹¹ “Ngokuba u-Efrayimi wandisile ama-altare aba ngukona; ama-altare ayakuba ngukona kuye.

¹² Noma ngimlobela imithetho yami kaningi, iyashaywa okungaziwayo.

¹³ Imihlatshelo yeminikelo yami bayihlaba, bayidle inyama, kepha uJehova akayenameli. Useyakhumbula ububi babo, abahambele ngezono zabo, babuyele eGibithe.

¹⁴ Ngokuba u-Israyeli ukhohliwe uMdali wakhe, wakha izindlu zamakhosi, noJuda wandisile imizi ebiyelweyo, ngiyakuthuma umlilo emizini yakhe, uqede izindlu zayo zobukhosi.”

ISAHLUKO 9

Ungajabuli, Israyeli, kube ngukuthokoza njengokwabezizwe, ngokuba umukile kuNkulunkulu wakho ngokufeba, wathanda inkokhelo kuzo zonke izibuya zamabele.

² Isibuya nesikhamo sewayini akuyikubafunza, iwayini elisha liyakumkhohlisa.

³ Abayikuhlala ezweni likaJehova; u-Efrayimi uyakubuyela eGibithe, nase-Asiriya bayakudla okungcolileyo.

- ⁴ Abayikuthululela uJehova iwayini; imihlatshelo yabo ayiyikuba mihle kuye, isinkwa sabo sibe njengesinkwa sabalilayo; bonke abasidlayo bayakungcola, ngokuba isinkwa sabo siyakuba ngesephango, singangeni endlini kaJehova.
- ⁵ Niyakwenze njani ngosuku lomhlangano nangosuku lomkhosi kaJehova na?
- ⁶ Bhekani, ngokuba bemukile ekuchithweni iGibithe liyakubabutha, iMofi libembele; izinto zabo zamagugu zesiliva ziyakudliwa yizimbabazane, kube ngameva ematendeni abo.
- ⁷ Ziyafika izinsuku zokuhanjelwa, izinsuku zempindiselo zisondele; u-Israyeli uyakukwazi. Umprofethi uyakuba njengesiwula, umuntu onomoya ahlanye ngenxa yobuningi bobubi bakho nangobutha obukhulu;
- ⁸ umprofethi engumlindi ka-Efrayimi kanye noNkulunkulu wami, ugibe lomthiyi wezinyoni lukuzo zonke izindlela zakhe, nobutha busendlini kaNkulunkulu wakhe.
- ⁹ Bazonakalisile ngokujulileyo njengasezinsukwini zaseGibeya; uyakhumbula ububi babo, uyabahambela ngezono zabo.
- ¹⁰ “Ngamfumana u-Israyeli njengezithelo zomvini ehlane, ngabona oyihlo njengolibo emkhiwaneni ngesikhathi sawo sokuqala. Kepha bafika eBali Peyori, bazahlukanisela okunezinhloni, baba yizinengiso njengalokho abakuthandayo.
- ¹¹ Udumo luka-Efrayimi luyakundiza, lumuke njengenyoni, kungabikho ukuzala, nonesisu, nokukhulelwa.
- ¹² Noma bekhulisa abantwana babo, nokho ngiyakubaphuca bona kungasali muntu; yebo, maye kubo, lapho ngimuka kubo!
- ¹³ U-Efrayimi, njengalokho ngibone eTire, utshalwe endaweni emnandi, kepha u-Efrayimi uyakukhiphela umbulali abantwana bakhe.
- ¹⁴ “Banike, Jehova uyakunikani? Banike isisu esiphuphumayo namabele omileyo.
- ¹⁵ “Bonke ububi babo buseGiligali; ngalokho ngabazonda khona; ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo ngiyakubaxosha endlini yami, angisayikubathanda; zonke izikhulu zabo zingabahlubuki.
- ¹⁶ U-Efrayimi ushayiwe, impande yabo yomile, abayikuthela izithelo. Noma bezala, ngiyakubulala okuthandekayo kwesisu sabo.”
- ¹⁷ UNkulunkulu wami uyakubalahla, ngokuba abamlalelanga, babe ngabazulazulayo phakathi kwabezizwe.

ISAHLUKO 10

U-Israyeli wayengumvini owenabileyo, ngokobuningi bezithelo zakhe wandisa ama-altare akhe; ngokobuhle bezwe lakhe wenza izinsuku ezinhle.

- ² Inhliziyo yabo yayahlukene; uyakuwaphula ama-altare abo, achithe izinsika zabo.
- ³ Yebo, manje bayakuthi: “Asinankosi, ngokuba asimesabanga uJehova; kepha inkosi ingasenzelani na?”
- ⁴ Bakhuluma amazwi nje, befunga amanga, benza isivumelwano; bese kumila ukwahlulela njengenhlungunyembe emiseleni yamasimu.
- ⁵ Abakhileyo eSamariya bayakuba novalo ngenxa yamathole aseBeti Aveni, ngokuba abantu balo bayakulila ngawo, abapristi bezithombe bakhale ngawo ngenxa yodumo lwawo ukuthi lumukile kuwo.
- ⁶ Iyakuyiswa e-Asiriya ibe yisipho kuyo inkosi uJarebi; u-Efrayimi uyakwamukela ihlazo, u-Israyeli ajabhe ngeziluleko zakhe.
- ⁷ Inyamalele inkosi yaseSamariya njengebazelo ebusweni bamanzi.

- ⁸ Izindawo eziphakemeyo zase-Aveni, isono sakwa-Israyeli, ziyakuchithwa; ameva namakhakhasi ayakukhuphukela ema-altare abo; bayakuthi kuzo izintaba: “Sisibekeleni,” nakuwo amagquma: “Welani phezu kwethu.”
- ⁹ “Kwasezinsukwini zaseGibeya wonile, Israyeli; bema khona; impi nabo abobubi ayiyikubafica eGibeya na?
- ¹⁰ Lapho ngithanda, ngiyabajezisa; abantu babahlanganyele ekubabopheleni ebubini obubili.
- ¹¹ U-Efrayimi uyisithole esifundisiweyo, esithanda ukubhula amabele; kepha mina ngiyekile intamo yaso enhle; sengiyakumbophela u-Efrayimi, uJuda alime, uJakobe azidubele.
- ¹² Zihlwanyeleleni ngokulunga, niyakuvuna ngomusa; qathani umqatho wenu; sekuyisikhathi sokumfuna uJehova, aze afike, anise ukulunga phezu kwenu.
- ¹³ Nilime ububi, navuna okubi; nidlile izithelo zamanga, ngokuba nethemba endleleni yenu nakubo ubuningi bamaqhawe enu.
- ¹⁴ Kuyakuvela ukuxokozela phakathi kwabantu bakho, zichithwe zonke izinqaba zakho, njengalokho uShalimani achitha iBeti Aribeli ngosuku lokulwa, unina echotshozwa phezu kwabantwana.
- ¹⁵ Kanjalo iBethale liyakwenza kini ngenxa yobubi benu obukhulu; ekuseni inkosi yakwa-Israyeli iyakunqunywa nokunqunywa.

ISAHLUKO 11

- “L**apho u-Israyeli esengumntwana ngamthanda, ngayibiza indodana yami iphume eGibithe.
- ² Lapho bebabiza, kwaba yilokhu besuka kubo; babahlabela oBali, bashisela izithombe ezibaziweyo impepho.
- ³ Nokho mina ngamcathulisa u-Efrayimi; ngabaphatha ngezingalo zami, kepha abazanga ukuthi ngabaphulukisa.
- ⁴ Ngabadonsa ngezintambo zomuntu, ngamagoda othando; ngaba kubo njengophakamisa ijoka entanyeni yabo, ngagobela kubo, ngabanika ukudla.
- ⁵ “Abayikubuyela ezweni laseGibithe, owase-Asiriya abe yinkosi yabo, ngokuba benqaba ukubuya, na?
- ⁶ Inkemba iyakuthleka emizini yabo, iqede imigoqo yayo, ibadle ngenxa yeziluleko zabo.
- ⁷ Abantu bami bahlose ukuhlehla kimi; noma bebabizela kongaPhezulu kangakanani, akakho oziphakamisayo.
- ⁸ “Ngingakunikela kanjani, Efrayimi, ngikukhaphela, Israyeli, na? Ngingakwenza kanjani ube njenge-Adima, ngikubeke ufane neSeboyimi, na? Inhliziyo iyaphenduka phakathi kwami, sonke isihawu sami sivusiwe.
- ⁹ Angiyikwenza ukufutheka kwentukuthelo yami, ngingabuyeli ukumchitha u-Efrayimi, ngokuba nginguNkulunkulu, angisiye umuntu; ngingoNgcwele phakathi kwenu, angiyikufika ngolaka.
- ¹⁰ Bayakulandela uJehova oyakubhonga njengengonyama, ngokuba uyakubhonga, abantwana bakhe bavele entshonalanga ngokuthuthumela.
- ¹¹ Bayakuvela ngokuthuthumela eGibithe njengezinyoni, nanjengejuba ezweni lase-

Asiriya, ngibahlalise ezindlini zabo,” usho uJehova.

¹² U-Efrayimi ungizungezile ngamanga, nendlu yakwa-Israyeli ngenkohliso; uJuda usazulazula kuNkulunkulu nakoNgcwele othembekileyo.

ISAHLUKO 12

U-Efrayimi uyadla umoya, ulandela umoya wasempumalanga; uyandisa imihla yonke amanga nencithakalo; benza isivumelwano ne-Asiriya, namafutha ayiswa eGibithe.

² UJehova unokuphikisana noJuda futhi; uyakuhambela uJakobe ngenxa yezindlela zakhe, ambuyisele ngokwezenzo zakhe.

³ Esiswini wabamba umfowabo ngesithende, nasebudodeni bakhe walwa noNkulunkulu;

⁴ walwa nengelosi, wanqoba; wakhala, wanxusa kuyo; yamfumana eBethela, yakhuluma naye lapho.

⁵ NguJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti, nguJehova igama lakhe lodumo.

⁶ Ngelokho buyela wena kuNkulunkulu wakho, ugcine umusa nokulunga, ulindele uNkulunkulu wakho njalonjalo.

⁷ IKhanani linesilinganiso esikhohlisayo esandleni salo, lithanda ukukhahlameza.

⁸ U-Efrayimi uthi: “Impela ngicebile, ngithole imfuyo; kukho konke ukuzuza kwami abayikufumana bubi obuyisono.”

⁹ “Kepha mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho kwasezweni laseGibithe; ngisezakukuhlalisa ematendeni njengasezinsukwini zemikhosi emisiweyo.

¹⁰ Ngikhulumile kubaprofethi, ngandisile imibono, ngifanekisile ngesandla sabaprofethi.”

¹¹ Uma iGileyadi linobubi, impela bayakuba ngabachithiwe; uma behlabela izinkunzi eGiligali, ama-altare abo ayakuba njengezingwaba ngasemiseleni yamasimu.

¹² UJakobe wabalekela ezweni lase-Aramu, u-Israyeli wakhonzela umfazi, walusa umhlambi ngenxa yomfazi.

¹³ UJehova wakhuphula u-Israyeli eGibithe ngomprofethi, wagcinwa ngomprofethi.

¹⁴ U-Efrayimi ucunulile ngokubabisayo; icala lakhe legazi liyakuphonswa phezu kwakhe; iNkosi yakhe ibuyisele kuye ihlazo lakhe.

ISAHLUKO 13

Lapho u-Efrayimi ekhuluma, kwavela ukuthuthumela; wayephakeme kwa-Israyeli, kepha wazitholela icala ngoBali, wafa.

² Manje benezela ekoneni, bazenzele imifanekiso ebunjiweyo ngesiliva labo nezithombe ngokuqonda kwabo, zonke ziyimisebenzi yezinyanga; bakhuluma ngabo, bathi: “Bahlaba abantu, kepha banga amathole.”

³ Ngelokho bayakuba njengamafu okusa, nanjengamazolo amuka ekuseni, nanjengamakhoba aphephethwa esibuyeni nomusi ophuma ngefasitele.

⁴ “Nokho nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho kwasezweni laseGibithe; ngaphandle kwami awazi Nkulunkulu, nomsindisi akakho ngaphandle kwami.

⁵ Mina ngakwazi ehlane ezweni lokoma.

⁶ Basutha njengamadlelo abo; basutha, nenhliziyo yabo yaphakama; ngelokho bangikhohliwe.

⁷ Ngase ngiba njengengonyama kubo, ngiqamekela endleleni njengengwe.

- ⁸ Ngitheleka phezu kwabo njengebhere elaphuciwe amawundlu alo, ngidwengula ubhedu lwenhliziyo, ngibadle njengengonyamakazi, isilwane sasendle sibaqaqe.
- ⁹ “Ngukuchithwa kwakho, Israyeli, ngokuba uphambene nami, usizo lwakho.
- ¹⁰ Iphi inkosi yakho manje ukuba ikusindise emizini yakho yonke; nabahluleli bakho, wena owathi: ‘Ngiphe inkosi nezikhulu’?
- ¹¹ Ngikunike inkosi ngentukuthelo yami, ngayisusa ngolaka lwami.
- ¹² Ububi buka-Efrayimi buboshiwe, isono sakhe sibekelwe.
- ¹³ Imihelo yobe lethayo iyakumehlala; uyindodana engahlakaniphile, ngokuba kuyisikhathi sokuba angemi lapho kuqhamuka abantwana.
- ¹⁴ “Ngiyakubahlenga esandleni sendawo yabafileyo, ngibahlawulele ekufeni; ziphi izifo zakho, kufa, kuphi ukuchitha kwakho, ndawo yabafileyo, na? Ukuguquka kufihlekile emehlweni ami.
- ¹⁵ “Noma enezithelo phakathi kwabafowabo, kuyakufika umoya wasempumalanga, umoya kaJehova ovela ehlane; besewujabha umthombo, isiphethu sishe; uyakuphanga ingcebo yakhe, zonke izinto ezinxanelekayo.
- ¹⁶ ISamariya liyakuthwala icala lalo, ngokuba lihlubukile uNkulunkulu walo; bayakuwa ngenkemba, izingane zabo zichotshozwe, abakhulelweyo babo baqaqwe.”

ISAHLUKO 14

Buyela kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, Israyeli, ngokuba ukhubekile ngobubi bakho.

- ² Thabathani amazwi, nibuyele kuJehova, nithi kuye: “Susa konke okubi, wamukele okuhle, sinikele ngemilomo yethu njengangezinkunzi.
- ³ I-Asiriya aliyikusisindisa, asisayikukhwela amahhashi, singasasho kuyo imisebenzi yezandla zethu ukuthi ngonkulunkulu bethu, ngokuba intandane iphiwa umusa kuwe.”
- ⁴ “Ngiyakuphulukisa ukuhlela kwabo, ngibathande ngesihle, ngokuba intukuthelo yami ibuyile kubo.
- ⁵ Ngiyakuba njengamazolo ku-Israyeli; uyakukhahlela njengomnduze, enabise izimpande zakhe njengeLebanoni.
- ⁶ Imixhantela yakhe iyakuxhantela, ubuhle bakhe bube njengomnqumo, iphunga lakhe libe njengeLebanoni.
- ⁷ Bayakubuya, bahlale emthunzini wakhe, babuye baphile njengamabele, bakhahlele njengomvini, igama lakhe lodumo libe njengomvini waseLebanoni.
- ⁸ Efrayimi, ngisenendabani nezithombe na? Mina ngiyakumphendula, ngimbheke; nginjengomsayipuresi oluhlaza, kimina izithelo zakho ziyafunyanwa.” .
- ⁹ Ngubani ohlakaniphile, aqonde lezi zinto; ngubani onomqondo, azazi, na? Ngokuba izindlela zikaJehova zilungile; abalungileyo bayakuhamba ngazo, kepha abaphambukayo bayakukhubeka ngazo.

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