

UHOSEYA

1 Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kuHoseya indodana kaBheyeri ngezinsuku zemibuso yabo-Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi loHezekhiya amakhosi akoJuda, kanye lasezinsukwini zokubusa kukaJerobhowami indodana kaJehowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli.

UmkaHoseya labantwana

²Kwathi uJehova eseqalise ukukhuluma ngoHoseya, uJehova wathi kuye, “Hamba uyethatha umfazi oyisifebe labantwana bobufebe, ngoba ilizwe lilecala lobufebe obubi kakhulu ngokweduka kuJehova.”³ Ngakho wathatha uGomeri indodakazi kaDibilayimi, njalo wathatha isusu wamzalela indodana.

⁴UJehova wasesithi kuHoseya, “Methe ibizo uthi nguJezereli, ngoba masinyane nje ngizayijezisa indlu kaJehu ngenxa yesihluku sokubulala abantu abanengi eJezereli, njalo ngizawuqeda umbuso wako-Israyeli.⁵ Ngalolosuku ngizakwephula idandili lika-Israyeli eSigodini saseJezereli.”

⁶UGomeri wathatha isisu futhi, wazala indodakazi. UJehova wasesithi, “Methe ibizo uthi nguLo-Ruhama, ngoba kangisoze ngibe lothando futhi endlini ka-Israyeli, ukuba ngibathethelele.

⁷Kodwa ngizakuba lothando endlini kaJuda, njalo ngizabakhulula – kungayisikho ngedandili, inkemba kumbe impi, loba ngamabhiza langabagadi bamabhiza, kodwa ngoJehova uNkulunkulu wabo.”

⁸UGomeri esekhuphe uLo-Ruhama ebeleni, waba lenye indodana.

⁹UJehova wasesithi, “Methe ibizo uthi nguLo-Ami, ngoba lina kalisibo bantu

bami, lami kangisuye uNkulunkulu wenu.

¹⁰“Kodwa abako-Israyeli bazakuba njengetshebetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle elingeke lilinganiswe kumbe libalwe. Endaweni lapho okwakuthiwe khona kubo. ‘Kalisibo bantu bami,’ bazabizwa ngokuthi, ‘madodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.’¹¹ Abantu bakoJuda labantu bako-Israyeli bazamanyana, njalo bazakhetha umkhokheli oyedwa baphume elizweni, ngoba luzakuba lukhulu usuku lukaJezereli.

2 “Libokuthi ngabafowenu, ‘Bantu bami,’ ngabodadewenu lithi, ‘Bathandekayo bami.’

U-Israyeli uyajeziswa abuye abuyiselwe

²“Mkhuze unyoko, mkhuze, ngoba kasuye mkami, lami kangisuye mkakhe. Kasuse ukukhangela kobufebe ebusweni bakhe kanye lokungathembeki phakathi kwamabele akhe.

³Funa ngimhlabule abe nqunu, ngimenze abeze njengamhla ezalwa;

ngizamenza abe njengenkangala, ngimenze abe yilizwe elomileyo ngimbulale ngokomela amanzi.

⁴Kangiyikubonakalisa uthando lwami ebantwaneni bakhe, ngoba bangabantwana bobufebe.

⁵Unina ubeliwule, njalo ubemule ngehlozo. Wathi, ‘Ngizazilandela izithandwa zami, ezingiphe ukudla kwami lamanzi ami, iwulu yami lelileni lami, amafutha ami lokunathwayo kwami.’

- ⁶Ngakho-ke indlela yakhe
ngizayivala
ngamahlahla ameva;
ngizamhonqolozela ngomduli ukuze
indlela yakhe angayifumani.
- ⁷Uzaxotshana lezithandwa zakhe
kodwa angazifici, uzazidinga
kodwa
angazitholi.
Ngakho uzakuthi,
‘Ngizabuyela endodeni yami
yakuqala,
ngoba ngalesosikhathi
ngangingcono
kulakhathesi.’
- ⁸Kavumanga ukuthi yimi
engamnika amabele, lewayini elitsha
lamafutha
ngamnika isiliva elinengi
legolide – abakusebenzisela uBhali.
- ⁹Ngakho-ke ngizawathatha amabele
ami
lapho esevuthiwe,
lewayini lami elitsha lapho
selilungile.
Ngizayithatha lewulu yami kanye
lelineni lami,
okwakumiselwe ukuvala ubunqunu
bakhe.
- ¹⁰Ngakho khathesi ngizabuhlazulula
ubuxhwali bakhe emehlweni
ezithandwa zakhe;
kakho ozamsusa ezandleni zami.
- ¹¹Ngizayiqeda yonke imikhosi yakhe
yokuthokoza:
imikhosi yakhe yeminyaka yonke,
ukuThwasa Kwezinyanga,
izinsuku zakhe zamaSabatha –
wonke
amadili akhe abekiweyo.
- ¹²Ngizatshabalalisa izivini zakhe
lezihlahla zakhe zemikhiwa,
lokhu athi yinhlawulo yakhe evela
kuzithandwa zakhe; ngizazenza
zibe
liguswanyana zidliwe yizinyamazana
zeganga.
- ¹³Ngizamjezisela izinsuku
atshisela ngazo oBhali impepha;
Wazicecisa ngamasongo
langamangqongqo, walandela
izithombe zakhe,
kodwa mina wangikhohlwa,”
kutsho uJehova.
- ¹⁴“Ngakho sengizamhuga;
ngizamholela enkangala
ngikhulume
laye kakuhle.
- ¹⁵Lapho-ke ngizambuyisela izivini
zakhe,
ngenze iSigodi sase-Akhoru sibe
ngumnyango wethemba.
Khonapho uzahlabelela
njengasezinsukwini zobutsha
bakhe,
njengamhla ephuma eGibhithe.
- ¹⁶“Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uJehova,
“lizangibiza ngokuthi
‘ndoda yami;’
kalisayikungibiza ngokuthi ‘nkosi
yami.’
- ¹⁷Ngizawasusa amabizo aboBhali
ezindebeni zakhe;
amabizo abo akusayikuhulekwa
ngawo futhi.
- ¹⁸Ngalolosuku ngizabenzela
isivumelwano lezinyamazana
zeganga lezinyoni zasemoyeni
kanye
lezidalwa ezihuquzela
emhlabathini.

Idandili lenkemba kanye lempi
ngizakuqeda elizweni ukuze
konke

kulale phansi kuvikelekile.

¹⁹Ngizakwendisela kimi kuze kube
nininini;

ngizakwendisa ngokulunga
langemfanelo,
ngothando langesihawu.

²⁰Ngizakwendisa ngokuthembeka,
njalo uzamamukela uJehova.

²¹“Ngalolosuku ngizasabela,” kutsho
uJehova – “Ngizasabela
emikhathini,

layo izasabela emhlabeni;

²²lomhlaba uzasabela emabeleni
lasewayinini elitsha kanye
lasemafutheni,
lokhu kuzasabela kuJezereli.

²³Ngizazihlanyelela yena elizweni;
ngizabonakalisa uthando lwami
kulowo engambiza ngokuthi,
‘Ongasisosithandwa sami.’

Kulabo ababizwa ngokuthi,
‘Abangasibantu bami,’ ngizakuthi,
‘lingabantu bami;’ bona bazakuthi,
‘UnguNkulunkulu wethu.’ ”

Ukubuyisana kukaHoseya lomkakhe

3 UJehova wasesithi kimi, “Hamba,
utshengisele uthando lwakho kumkakho
futhi, lanxa nje ethandwa ngomunye
njalo eyisifebekazi. Mthande
njengoJehova ethanda abako-Israyeli,
lanxa baphendukela kwabanye
onkulunkulu njalo bethanda amakhekhe
ezithelo ezonyisiweyo.”

²Ngakho ngamthenga ngamashekeli
esiliva alitshumi lanhlanu
langokwakuphosa kube lihomeri
leletheki lebhali. ³Ngasengisithi kuye,

“Uzahlala lami izinsuku ezinengi;
akumelanga ube liwule loba wembathe
lenye indoda, lami ngizahlala lawe.”

⁴Ngoba abako-Israyeli bazahlala
izinsuku ezinengi bengelankosi kumbe
inkosana, bengelamhlatshelo kumbe
amatshe angcwele, bengelasambatho
semahlombe kumbe isithombe. ⁵Muva
abako-Israyeli bazaphenduka bamdinge
uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo kanye
loDavida inkosi yabo. Bazakuza
kuJehova beqhaqhazela kanye
lasezibusisweni zakhe ezinsukwini
zokucina.

Icala eletheswa u-Israyeli

4 Zwanini ilizwi likaJehova, lina

bako-Israyeli ngoba kulecala
uJehova

alethesa lina elihlala elizweni:

“Akulakwethembeka,
akulathando akukho ukumamukela
uNkulunkulu elizweni.

²“Kulokuthuka kuphela, lokuqamba
amanga lokubulala,
lokuntshontsha kanye lobufebe;
benza ububi bonke,
njalo ukuchithwa kwegazi kulandela
ukuchithwa kwegazi.

³Ilizwe liyalila ngenxa yalokhu,
njalo bonke abahlala kulo
bayacikizeka;
izinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni
zasemoyeni kanye lezinhlanzi
zaselwandle kuyafa.

⁴“Kodwa akungabi lamuntu
omangalayo,
akungabi lomuntu owethesa omunye
icala ngoba abantu bakho bafana
lalabo abamangalela umphristi.

⁵Liyakhubeka emini lebusuku,

labaphrofethi bakhubeka kanye
lani.

Ngakho unyoko ngizamchitha –

⁶ abantu bami bachithwa yikungabi
lolwazi.

“Njengoba likwalile ukwazi,
lami ngiyalala njengabaphristi bami;
ngoba kaliwunakanga umthetho
kaNkulunkulu wenu, lami
angiyikubanaka abantwana benu.

⁷ Ngokwanda kanjalo lokona kwabo
kimi,
benanisa uDumo lwabo ngento
elihlazo.

⁸ Badla izono zabantu bami
bajabuliswe yikuxhwala kwabo.

⁹ Njalo kuzakuba kanje: Njengabantu,
njengabaphristi.
Bonke ngizabajezisela izindlela zabo
ngiphindisele kubo lezenzo zabo.

¹⁰ “Bazakudla kodwa bangasuthi;
bazakwenza ubuwule kodwa
bangandi,
ngoba bamdelile uJehova
ukuba bazinikele ¹¹ ebuwuleni,
lewayini elidala kanye lelitsha
elisusa ukuqedisisa ¹² kwabantu
bami.

Badinga izeluleko esithombeni
sesigodo baphendulwe yiluthi
lwesigodo.

Umoya wobuwule uyabedukisa;
Kabathembekanga kuNkulunkulu
wabo.

¹³ Banikela imihlatshelo
ezingqongweni
zezintaba batshise iminikelo phezu
kwamaqaqa, ngaphansi kom-okhi,
lomphophila kanye lomtherebhinti,
lapho okulomthunzi omnandi.
Ngakho amadodakazi enu enza

ubuwule,

labomalokazana benu benze
ubufebe.

¹⁴ “Angiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu
lapho esenza ubuwule loba
omalokazana benu lapho besenza
ubufebe,
ngoba amadoda uqobo azwana
lamawule anikele imihlatshelo
lamawule asezindaweni
zokukhonzela
– abantu abangelakuqedisisa
bazabhubha.

¹⁵ “Lanxa ufeba, we Israyeli, uJuda
kangabi lecala.
“Lingayi eGiligali;
lingayi eBhethi Aveni.
Njalo lingafungi lisithi,
‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uJehova
ekhona!’

¹⁶ Abako-Israyeli bayiziqholo,
njengethokazi eliyisiqholo.
Pho uJehova angabelusela njani
emadlelweni njengezimvu na?

¹⁷ U-Efrayimi uhlangene lezithombe;
myekeleni enjalo!

¹⁸ Lalapho okunathwayo kwabo
sekuphelile, bayaqhubeka
ngobuwule

babo; ababusi babo bazithanda
kakhulu izindlela eziluhlazo.

¹⁹ Isivunguzane sizabakhukhula,
lemihlatshelo yabo izabalethela
ihlazo.

Ukwahlulela okumelane lo-Israyeli

5 “Zwanini lokhu, lina baphristi!

Lalalani, lina bako-Israyeli.

Lalela, wena ndlu yobukhosi!

Ukwahlulela lokhu kumelane lani:

- Kade lingunjibila eMizipha,
umbule owendlalwe eThabhozi.
- ² Abahlamuki batshonile ekubulaleni,
ngizabalaya bonke.
- ³ Mina ngazi konke ngo-Efrayimi;
u-Israyeli kafihlanga kimi.
Efrayimi,
khathezi ususenza ubufebe;
U-Israyeli uxhwalile.
- ⁴ “Izenzo zabo kazibavumeli
ukubuyela kuNkulunkulu wabo.
Umoya wobuwule usezinhliziyweni
zabo;
kabamamukeli uJehova.
- ⁵ Ukuziqqaja kuka-Israyeli kufakaza
okubi ngaye; abako-Israyeli, kanye
laye u-Efrayimi, bayakhubeka
ezonweni zabo.
- ⁶ Lapho behamba lemihlambi yezimvu
zabo leyezinkomo ukuyadinga
uJehova,
kabayikumfumana;
uzisusile kubo.
- ⁷ Kabathembekanga kuJehova;
bazala abantwana
ngokungemthetho.
Khathezi imikhosi yabo yokuThwasa
Kwezinyanga izabaqothula kanye
lamasimu abo.
- ⁸ “Khalisani icilongo eGibheya,
lophondo eRama.
Hlabani umkhosi wempi eBhethi
Aveni; khokhela, wena
Bhenjamini.
- ⁹ U-Efrayimi uzachithwa ngosuku
lokwahlulela. Phakathi
kwezizwana
zako-Israyeli ngimemezela
okuliqiniso.
- ¹⁰ Abakhokheli bakoJuda banjengalabo
abatshedisa amatshe omngcele.

- Ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu
kwabo njengesikhukhula samanzi.
- ¹¹ U-Efrayimi ucindezelwe,
wanyathelwa ekwahluleleni,
ehlose ukulandela izithombe.
- ¹² Mina nginjengenondo ku-Efrayimi,
njengokubola ebantwini bakoJuda.
- ¹³ “Kwathi u-Efrayimi ebona
umkhuhlane wakhe,
loJuda ebona izilonda zakhe,
u-Efrayimi waya e-Asiriya,
wathumela ilizwi loncedo enkosini
enkulu.
Kodwa kayanelisi ukukwelapha,
kayanelisi ukwelapha izilonda
zakho.
- ¹⁴ Ngoba ngizakuba njengesilwane ku-
Efrayimi, lanjengesilwane esikhulu
kuJuda. Ngizabadabudabula ngisuke
ngihambe;
ngizabathwala ngihambe labo,
kungekho ozabahlenga.
- ¹⁵ Ngizabuyela endaweni yami
baze balivume icala labo.
Njalo bazabudinga ubuso bami;
esizini lwabo bazangidinga
impela.”

U-Israyeli kaphenduki

6 “Wozani sibuyele kuJehova.

Usesidabule saba yizicucu
kodwa uzaselapha;
usilimazile kodwa uzawabopha
amanxeba ethu.

² Emva kwezinsuku ezimbili
uzasivuselela;
ngosuku lwesithathu uzasibuyisela
ukuze sihlale lapho akhona.

³ Kasimamukeleni uJehova;
kasiqiniseni ukumamukela.

Ngoqotho njengoba ilanga
 liphuma, uzabonakala;
 uzakuza kithi njengezulu lebusika,
 lanjengezulu lentwasa elithambisa
 umhlaba.”

⁴“Ngingenzani ngawe, Efrayimi na?
 Ngingenzani ngawe, Juda na?
 Uthando lwenu lunjengenkungu
 yekuseni,
 lunjengamazolo ekuseni
 anyamalalayo.

⁵Ngakho ngaliqumaquma
 ngabaphrofethi bami, ngalibulala
 ngamazwi omlomo wami;
 ukwahlulela kwami kwaphazima
 njengombane phezu kwenu.

⁶Ngoba mina ngifuna isihawu, hatshi
 umhlatshelo, lokwamukela
 uNkulunkulu kuleminikelo
 yokutshiswa.

⁷Njengo-Adamu, sebesephule
 isivumelwano –
 babengathembekanga
 khonale.

⁸IGileyadi lidolobho labantu
 abaxhwalileyo.
 Lingcolile ngezinyathelo zegazi

⁹Njengezigebenga zicathamela
 umuntu,
 zenzanjalo izigangi zabaphristi;
 zibulala abantu emgwaqweni oya
 eShekhemi zisenza izigemegegeme
 ezihlaziwayo.

¹⁰Sengibone into etshaqisayo
 endlini ka-Israyeli.
 U-Efrayimi uwela khonapho
 lo-Israyeli ungcolisiwe.

¹¹“Lakuwe futhi Juda, ukuvuna
 sekulungiselwe.
 “Lapho ngingabuyisela inotho
 yabantu

bami,

7 lapho ngingelapha u-Israyeli,
 izono zika-Efrayimi ziyadalulwa
 lobubi beSamariya buyembulwa.
 Benza inkohliso,
 amasela agqekeza izindlu,
 izigebenga ziyaphanga emigwaqweni
²kodwa kabananzeleli ukuthi mina
 ngiyazikhumbula zonke izenzo zabo
 ezimbi.
 Izono zabo ziyabaminza;
 zihlezi ziphambi kwami.

³“Bathokozisa inkosi ngobuxhwali
 babo,
 lababusi ngamanga abo.

⁴Bonke bayizifebe,
 batshisa njengeziko
 elimlilo walo
 akusweleki
 ukuba umpheki wezinkwa
 awukhwezele
 kusukela ekuvoxeni
 inhlama
 ize ikhukhumale.

⁴Ngosuku lwedili lenkosi yethu
 ababusi bathukutheliswa liwayini,
 inkosi izihlanganise labaklolodayo.

⁵Izinhliziyo zabo zinjengeziko,
 inkosi bayilanda ngamacebo
 ensitha.

⁶Ukufutheka kwabo kuyadeda
 ubusuku
 bonke; ekuseni kuyavutha
 njengomlilo obhebhayo.

⁷Bonke batshisa njengeziko;
 batshwabadele ababusi babo.
 Wonke amakhosi abo ayawa,
 kayikho ekhuleka kimi.

⁸“U-Efrayimi uxubana lezizwe;
 U-Efrayimi ulikhekhe eliyisicecedu

elingaphendulwanga.
⁹ Abezizweni bacikiza amandla akhe,
 kodwa yena kakunanzeleli.
 Izinwele zakhe sezilezimvu kodwa
 yena
 kakunanzeleli.
¹⁰ Ubuqholo buka-Israyeli bufakaza
 okubi ngaye, kodwa phezu kwakho
 konke lokhu kabuyeli kuJehova
 uNkulunkulu wakhe loba amdinge.
¹¹ “U-Efrayimi unjengejuba,
 ukhohliseka lula kalangqondo
 ucela usizo eGibhithe,
 abuye alucele e-Asiriya.
¹² Lapho sebehamba, ngizaphosa
 umbule
 wami phezu kwabo;
 ngizabadonsela phansi
 njengezinyoni
 zasemoyeni.
 Ngizabezwa behamba bonke,
 ngizababamba.
¹³ Maye kubo ngoba bedukile kimi!
 Akube lencithakalo kubo ngoba
 bangihlamukele!
 Ngiyafisa ukubahlenga
 kodwa bona bakhuluma amanga
 ngami.
¹⁴ Kabakhalazi kimi ngezinhliziyi zabo
 kodwa bakhalela emibhedeni yabo.
 Babuthanela amabele lewayini
 elitsha
 kodwa mina basuka bangidele.
¹⁵ Ngabafundisa ngabaqinisa,
 kodwa baceba okubi ngami.
¹⁶ Kabaphendukeli koPhezulu
 banjengedandili elisolekayo.
 Abakhokheli babo bazabulawa
 ngenkamba ngenxa yamazwi abo
 okweyisa.
 Ngalokhu bazahlekwa

elizweni laseGibhithe.

U-Israyeli uzavuna isivunguzane

8 “Faka icilongo ezindebeni zakho!

Ukhozi lungaphezu kwendlu
 kaJehova
 ngoba abantu basephule
 isivumelwano sami bahlamukela
 lomthetho wami.
² U-Israyeli uyakhalaza kimi esithi,
 ‘O Nkulunkulu wethu,
 siyakwamukela!’
³ Kodwa u-Israyeli ukwalile okuhle;
 isitha sizaxotshana laye.
⁴ Babeka amakhosi kungekho mvumo
 yami;
 bakhetha ababusi kungekho mvumo
 yami.
 Ngesiliva labo langegolide,
 bazenzela izithombe
 zibe yikubhujiswa kwabo.
⁵ Lahla isithombe sakho sethole, wena
 Samariya!
 Ulaka lwami luyavutha ngawe.
 Koze kube nini bengelamandla
 okuhlambuluka na?
⁶ Bavela ko-Israyeli!
 Ithole leli labunjwa yingcwethi;
 kalisuye Nkulunkulu.
 Lizachobozwa libe
 yizicucu,
 ithole lelo laseSamariya.
⁷ “Bahlanyela umoya bavune
 isivunguzane.
 Ihlanga kalilasikhwebu;
 kaliyikuthela ifulawa.
 Aluba belingathela
 amabele,
 abezizweni kade bezawamimiliza.

⁸U-Israyeli useginyiwe;
khathesi phakathi kwezizwe
unjengento engelasizo.

⁹Ngoba sebeye e-Asiriya
njengobabhemi weganga entula
yedwa.
U-Efrayimi uzithengisile
kuzithandwa.

¹⁰Lanxa bezithengisile phakathi
kwezizwe,
ngizabaqoqela ndawonye.
Bazaqalisa ukucikizeka
bengaphansi
kwencindezelo yenkosi elamandla.

¹¹“Lanxa u-Efrayimi wakha ama-
alithare amanengi aweminikelo
yezono,
asebe ngama-alithare okwenza
izono.

¹²Ngabalobela izinto ezinengi
zomthetho
wami kodwa bona bazithatha
njengento engaziwayo.

¹³Banikela imihlatshelo
engiyiphiweyo
babuye badle inyama yakhona,
kodwa uJehova kathokozi ngabo.
Khathesi usezakhumbula
ukuxhwala
kwabo abajezisele izono zabo:
Bazabuyela eGibhithe.

¹⁴U-Israyeli usemkhohliwe uMenzi
wakhe wakha izindlu zamakhosi;
uJuda usevikele amadolobho
amanengi
ngezinqaba.
Kodwa ngizathumela
umlilo emadolobheni abo
ozaqothula izinqaba zabo.”

Isijeziso sika-Israyeli

9 Ungathokozi, we Israyeli;
ungajabuli njengezinye izizwe.
Ngoba ube ungathembekanga
kuNkulunkulu wakho;
uthanda umholo wewule ezizeni
zonke
zokubhulela.

²Iziza lezikhanelo zewayini
kakuyikunika abantu ukudla;
iwayini elitsha lizabehlulekisa.

³Kabayikuhlala elizweni likaJehova;
u-Efrayimi uzabuyela eGibhithe
adle ukudla okungcolileyo e-Asiriya.

⁴Kabayikuthululela iminikelo
yewayini
kuJehova,
lemihlatshelo yabo
kayiyikuyithokozisa.
Imihlatshelo enje kubo izakuba
njengesinkwa sabalilayo;
bonke abayidlayo bazangcola.
Ukudla lokhu kuzakuba ngokwabo;
akuyikufika ethempelini likaJehova.

⁵Lizakwenzani ngosuku olumisiweyo
lwamadili enu, ngezinsuku
zemikhosi
kaJehova na?

⁶Lanxa bengaphunyuka
ekubhujisweni,
iGibhithe izababutha, njalo
iMemfisi
izabangcwaba.
Ingcebo yabo yesiliva izathathwa
yimbabazane,
njalo ameva azagcwala emathenteni
abo.

⁷Izinsuku zokujeziswa ziyeza,
izinsuku zokwahlulelwa sezifikile.
U-Israyeli kumele akwazi lokhu.
Ngoba izono zenu zinengi kakhulu

lenzondo yenu inkulu kakhulu,
umphrofethi ubalwa njengesiwula
umuntu oholwa ngomoya enziwe
njengohlanya.

⁸Umprofethi, ekanye loNkulunkulu
wami,
ungumuntu olinda u-Efrayimi,
kodwa imijibila imlindele kuzo
zonke
izindlela zakhe,
kanye lenzondo
endlini kaNkulunkulu.

⁹Batshone baphelela ekonakaleni,
njengasezinsukwini zaseGibheya.
UNkulunkulu uzakuhumbula
ukuxhwala kwabo abajezisele
izono
zabo.

¹⁰“Ekufumaneni kwami u-Israyeli
kwakunjengokuthola amagirebisi
enkangala;
ekuboneni kwami okhokho benu,
kwakunjengokubona izithelo
zakuqala zomkhiwa.

Kodwa ekufikeni kwabo eBhali
Pheyni,
bazinikela kulesosithombe
esihlaziwayo benyanyeka
njengaleyonto ababeyithanda.

¹¹Udumo luka-Efrayimi luzaphapha
luhambe njengenyoni –
akuyikuba lokuzala, lokukhulelwa,
lokuthatha
izisu.

¹²Loba bangaze bondle abantwana,
ngizabemuka bonke.
Maye kubo, lapho sengibadelile!

¹³Ngimbonile u-Efrayimi,
njengeThire,
ebekwe endaweni enhle.
Kodwa uEfrayimi uzakhuphela

abantwana bakhe phandle
kobulalayo.”

¹⁴Baphe, O Jehova – uzabaphani na?
Baphe izizalo eziphunzayo
lamabele
angelalutho.

¹⁵“Ngenxa yokuxhwala kwabo konke
eGiligali, ngabazonda khonale.
Ngenxa yezenzo zabo eziyizono,
ngizabaxotsha endlini yami.
Kangisayikubathanda futhi;
bonke abakhokheli babo
bangabahlamuki.

¹⁶U-Efrayimi udlekile,
izimpande zabo zomile,
kabatheli zithelo.
Loba bengazala abantwana,
ngizayibulala inzalo yabo
abayithandayo.”

¹⁷UNkulunkulu wami ubalile
ngoba kabamlalelanga;
bazakuba zinzulane phakathi
kwezizwe.

10 U-Israyeli wayelivini

eliqhelayo, wazizalela izithelo.

Ngokwanda kwezithelo zakhe
wakha ama-alithare amanengi;
kwathi ngokuphumelela kwelizwe
lakhe wahlobisa amatshe akhe
akhonzwayo.

²Izinhliziyi zabo ziyakhohlisa,
khathesi kufanele bathwale icala
labo.

UJehova uzawabhidliza ama-alithare
abo, uwachithile lamatshe abo,
akhonzwayo.

³Ngakho bazakuthi, “Thina
kasilankosi
ngoba kasimhloniphanga uJehova.

Kodwa loba sasingaba lenkosi,
kuyini eyayingasenzela khona?”

⁴ Benza izithembiso ezinengi,
bafunge izifungo zamanga,
benze lezivumelwano;
ngakho amacala
ayanda njengokhula olubulalayo
ensimini elinyiweyo.

⁵ Abantu abahlala eSamariya bayesaba
ngenxa yesithombe sethole
saseBhethi
Aveni.
Abantu bakhona bazasililela
benzenjalo labaphristi bakhona
abakhonza izithombe,
labo abathokozela ubuhle baso
ngoba sithethwe kubo ekuthunjweni.

⁶ Sizathwalelwa e-Asiriya
njengomthelo enkosini enkulu.
U-Efrayimi uzayangeka;
u-Israyeli uzakuba lenhloni
ngezithombe
zakhe zezigodo.

⁷ ISamariya lenkosi yakhona
kuzandenda kuhambe
njengogatshanyana phezu
kwamanzi.

⁸ Izindawo zokukhonzela zobuxhwali
zizachithwa –
kuyisono sika-Israyeli.
ameva lokhula kuzakhula kwembese
ama-alithare abo.
Kulapho-ke abazakuthi ezintabeni,
“Sembeseni!”
lemaqeqeni bathi, “Welani phezu
kwethu!”

⁹ “Kusukela ezinsukwini zaseGibheya
wenze isono, we Israyeli,
njalo ulokhu usele khonapho.
Kanje impi kayibaficanga yini abenza
okubi eGibheya?

¹⁰ Lapho sengifuna, ngizabajezisa;
izizwe zizaqoqanela ukumelana
labo
ukuba zibabophele isono sabo
esiphindiweyo.

¹¹ U-Efrayimi ulithokazi
elifundisiweyo
elithanda ukubhula amabele;
ngakho ngizagaxa ijogwe entanyeni
yakhe enhle.
U-Efrayimi ngizamtshayela,
uJuda kumele alime
uJakhobe kumele abulale amagade.

¹² Zihlanyeleleni ukulunga,
vunani isithelo sothando
olungapheliyo,
liqeqebule lomhlabathi wenu
ongalinywanga;
ngoba kuyisikhathi
sokudinga uJehova, aze abuye
athele ukulunga phezu kwenu.

¹³ Kodwa lina lihlanyele ukuxhwala,
livune ububi, lidle isithelo
senkohliso.
Njengoba lithembe amandla enu
lamabutho enu amanengi,

¹⁴ ukuhlokoma kwempi kuzakuba
khona
ebantwini bakini,
ngakho zonke izinqaba zenu
zizabhidlizwa
njengalokhu uShalimani wabhidliza
iBhethi Abheli
ngosuku lwempi,
lapho onina basakazelwa phansi
labantwababo.

¹⁵ Kuzakwenzakala kanjalo lakuwe,
wena Bhetheli, ngoba ukuxhwala
kwakho kukhulu.
Lapho lolosuku lusisa,
inkosi yako-Israyeli izachithwa

okupheleleyo.

Uthando lukaNkulunkulu ku-Israyeli

11 “U-Israyeli esesengumntwana,

ngangimthanda
njalo indodana yami
ngayikhupha eGibhithe.

²Kodwa kwathi lapho u-Israyeli
ngimbiza kanengi kwayikhona
ehlehlela khatshana lami.

Banikela imihlatshelo kuboBhali,
batshisela lezifanekiso impepha.

³Yimi engafundisa u-Efrayimi
ukuhamba, ngibabambe ngezingalo;
kodwa kababonanga ukuthi yimi
engabelaphayo.

⁴Ngabakhokhela ngezintambo zomusa
woluntu, ngezibopho zothando;
ngasusa amajogwe ezintanyeni zabo,
ngakhothamela phansi ukuba
ngibaphe ukudla.

⁵“Kabayikubuyela eGibhithe na,
njalo i-Asiriya kayiyikubabusa na
njengoba besala ukuphenduka?

⁶Izinkemba zizaphazima
emadolobheni

abo,
zizachitha imigoqo yamasango abo
ziqede amacebo abo.

⁷Abantu bami bazimisele
ukungihlamukela. Lanxa bekhuleka
koPhezu-konke kasoze abaphakamise.

⁸“Ngingakukhalela kanjani, Efrayimi?
Ngingakunikela kanjani, Israyeli?
Ngingakuphatha kanjani njengo-
Adima na? Ngingakwenza kanjani,
njengoZebhoyimi na?
Inhliziyo yami iguqukile phakathi
kwami;

isihawu sami sonke siqubukile.

⁹Kangiyikwenza okwentukuthelo
yami

eyesabekayo,
kumbe ngiphenduke
ngimqothule u-Efrayimi.
Ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, hatshi
umuntu –

oNgcwele phakathi kwenu.

Kangiyikuza ngolaka.

¹⁰Bazamlandela uJehova; uzabhonga
njengesilwane.

Lapho esebhonga,
abantwana bakhe bazakuza
beqhaq hazela bevela entshonalanga.

¹¹Bazakuza beqhaq hazela
njengamajuba evela e-Asiriya.
Ngizabahlalisa emakhaya abo,”
kutsho uJehova.

Isono sika-Israyeli

¹²U-Efrayimi usengizingeleze
ngamanga, lendlu ka-Israyeli
ngenkohliso.

LoJuda uluhlaza
kuNkulunkulu, kanye lakuye
othembekileyo oNgcwele.

12 U-Efrayimi udla umoya;

uxotshana lomoya
wasempumalanga
ilanga lonke
andise amanga lodlakela.

Wenza isivumelwano le-Asiriya,
athumele amafutha e-oliva
eGibhithe.

²Kulecala uJehova azalesha uJuda;
uzajezisa uJakhobe mayelana
lezindlela zakhe
aphindisele kuye

mayelana lezenzo zakhe.
³Esiswini wabamba isithende
 sikamfowabo;
 eseyindoda wabindana
 loNkulunkulu.
⁴Wabindana lengilosi wayehlula;
 wakhala wacela umusa kuyo.
 Wayifica eBhetheli wakhuluma layo
 Khonapho –
⁵uJehova uNkulunkulu uSomandla,
 uJehova yilo ibizo lakhe lodumo!
⁶Kodwa kumele ubuyele
 kuNkulunkulu
 wakho;
 ugcine uthando lokulunga,
 umlindele kokuphela uNkulunkulu
 wakho.
⁷Umthengisi usebenzisa izikali
 zenkohliso;
 uthanda ukuqilibezela.
⁸U-Efrayimi uyazincoma esithi,
 “Nginothe kakhulu;
 sengiyisipatsha.
 Ngenotho yami kabayikufumana
 ububi
 loba isono kimi.”
⁹“Mina nginguJehova uNkulunkulu
 wenu owalikhupha eGibhithe;
 ngizalenza lihlale emathenteni futhi,
 njengasezinsukwini zamadili enu.
¹⁰Ngakhuluma labaphrofethi,
 ngabatshengisa imibono eminengi
 ngakhuluma imizekeliso ngabo.”
¹¹IGileyadi ixhwalile na?
 Abantu bakhona bakhohlakele!
 EGiligali bayanikela umhlatshele
 wezinkunzi na?
 Ama-alithare abo
 azakuba njengezinqwaba
 zamatshe ensimini elinyiweyo.
¹²UJakhobe wabalekela elizweni lase-

Aramu;
 u-Israyeli wasebenzela ukuthola
 umfazi,
 njalo welusa izimvu ukuba
 amlobole.
¹³UJehova wasebenzisa umphrofethi
 ekukhupheni u-Israyeli eGibhithe;
 wamlondoloza ngomphrofethi.
¹⁴Kodwa u-Efrayimi umthukuthelise
 kabuhlungu;
 uJehova wakhe uzaliyekela liphezu
 kwakhe icala lokuchitha kwakhe
 igazi
 njalo uzaphindisela kuye ukudelela
 kwakhe.

Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu ku-Israyeli

13 Lapho u-Efrayimi ekhuluma,
 abantu bathuthumela;
 wabatshazwa ko-Israyeli.
 Kodwa waba lecala
 lokukhonza uBhali wasesifa.
²“Khathesi benza izono njalonjalo;
 bazenzela izithombe ngesiliva labo,
 izifanekiso ezenziwe
 ngokuhlakanipha,
 zonke ziyimisebenzi yezingcitshi.
 Ngabantu laba kuthiwa, “Banikela
 imihlatshelo yabantu,
 bange izithombe zamathole.
³Ngakho bazakuba njengenkungu
 yekuseni,
 njengamazolo ekuseni
 anyamalalayo,
 njengentuthu iphuma ewindini.
⁴Kodwa mina nginguJehova
 uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha
 elizweni laseGibhithe.
 Kaliyikwamukela omunye
 uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami,

hatshi omunye uMsindisi
ngaphandle

kwami.

⁵Ngalilondoloza enkangala,
elizweni elilokutshisa okuvuthayo.

⁶Lapho ngibapha ukudla, basutha;
sebesuthi,
basuka bazigqaja;
basebengikhohlwa.

⁷Ngizakwehlela phezu kwabo
njengesilwane, ngizacathama
ngasendleleni njengengwe.

⁸Njengebhre elithathelwe imidlwane
yalo ngizabahlasela ngibaqhaqhe.
Ngizabadla njengesilwane,
inyamazana yeganga izabadabula.

⁹Uchithiwe, wena Israyeli,
ngoba umelane lami,
umelane lomsizi wakho.

¹⁰Ingaphi inkosi yakho, ukuba ikusize
na?

Bangaphi ababusi bakho kuwo
wonke amadolobho akho,
bona owathi ngabo,
“Ngipha inkosi lababusi”

¹¹Ngakho ngakunika inkosi
ngithukuthele,
njalo ngolaka lwami
ngayisusa.

¹²Icala lika-Efrayimi ligciniwe,
izono zakhe zigcinwe emibhalweni.

¹³Ufikelwa yibuhlungu
obunjengowesifazana ehelelwa,
kodwa ungumntwana ongelalwazi;
lapho isikhathi sifika, kabuyi
ekuvulekeni kwesizalo.

¹⁴“Ngizabahlenga emandleni
engcwaba;
ngizabasindisa ekufeni.
Zingaphi, we kufa izifo zakho?
Kungaphi, we ngcwaba, ukuchitha

kwakho?

“Kangiyikuba lesihawu,

¹⁵lanxa ekhula phakathi kwabafowabo.
Umoya wasempumalanga ovela
kuJehova uzafika, uphephetha uvela
enkangala;
intwasa yakhe
izakwehluleka, lemithombo yakhe
itshe.

Indlu yakhe yokugcinela
izaphangwa
yonke ingcebo yayo.

¹⁶Abantu baseSamariya kuzamela
balithwale icala labo,
ngoba bamhlamukele uNkulunkulu
wabo.
Bazabulawa ngenkemba;
izinsane zabo zizasakazelwa phansi,
abesifazana babo abazithweleyo
baqhaqhwe.”

Ukuphenduka kuzaletha izibusiso

14 Buyela, we Israyeli, kuJehova
uNkulunkulu wakho.

Izono zakho
yizo ezikuwisileyo!

²Thatha amazwi ubuyele kuJehova.
Uthi kuye,
“Sithethelele zonke izono zethu njalo
usamukele ngomusa
ukuba sinikele isithelo sezindebe
zethu.

³I-Asiriya ayingeke isikhulule;
kasiyikugada amabhiza empi.
Kasisoze siphinde sithi,
‘Onkulunkulu bethu’ kulokho
okwenziwa yizandla zethu,
ngoba abangelayise bathola isihawu
kuwe.”

⁴“Ngizakwelapha ubuphakaphaka babo
 ngibathande ngokukhululeka,
 ngoba
 ukuthukuthela kwami sekusukile kubo.

⁵Ngizakuba njengamazolo ku-Israyeli;
 uzaqhakaza njengeluba.
 Uzatshonisa izimpande zakhe phansi
 njengomsedari waseLebhanoni;

⁶amahlumela akhe amatsha azakhula.
 Ubuhle bakhe buzakuba
 njengesihlahla se-oliva,
 iphunga lakhe libe njengomsedari
 waseLebhanoni.

⁷Abantu bazahlala njalo emthunzini wakhe.
 Uzakhula kuhle njengamabele.
 Uzaqhakaza njengevini,
 lodumo lwakhe luzakuba
 njengolwewayini
 laseLebhanoni.

⁸Awu Efrayimi, kuyini futhi
 engingakwenza ngezithombe?
 Ngizamphendula ngimlondoloze.
 Mina nginjengesihlahla sephayini
 esiluhlaza,
 ukuthela kwakho izithelo
 kuvela kimi.”

⁹Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo? Uzazibona lezizinto.
 Ngubani oqedisisayo?
 Uzazizwisisisa.
 Izindlela zikaJehova zilungile
 abalungileyo bahamba kuzo,
 kodwa abahlamuki bayakhubeka kuzo.