

UMALAKI

1 Isiqalekiso: Ilizwi likaJehova ku-Israyeli ngoMalaki.

UJakhobe Uyathandwa, u-Esawu uyazondwa

²“Ngilithandile,” kutsho uJehova. “Kodwa liyabuza lithi, ‘Usithande njani?’”

“U-Esawu wayengesumfowabo kaJakhobe na?” uJehova uyabuza. “Ikanti ngimthandile uJakhobe, ³ kodwa u-Esawu ngimzondile, futhi ngenze izintaba zakhe zaba lugwadule ilifa lakhe ladliwa ngamakhanka asenkangala.”

⁴U-Edomi angathi, “Kungaze kube sinyathezelwe phansi kodwa sizawavuselela amanxiwa.” Kodwa nanku okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi: Bangakha, kodwa ngizadiliza. Bazakuthiwa Yilizwe Elibi, abantu abazahlala bethukuthelelwe nguJehova. ⁵Lizakubona ngawenu amehlo lithi, ‘Umkhulu uJehova – langale kwemingcele yakwa-Israyeli!’

Imihlatshelo Engcolileyo

⁶“Indodana iyamesaba uyise, lenceku iyayesaba inkosi yayo. Aluba nginguyihlo kungaphi pho ukwesatshwa kwami? Aluba ngiyinkosi kungaphi ukuhlonitshwa kwami na?” kutsho uJehova uSomandla. “Yini, hawu baphristi, eleyisa ibizo lami.

“Kodwa lingabuza lithi, ‘Sileyise ngani ibizo lakho?’” ⁷“Libeka ukudla okungcolileyo e-alithareni lami.

“Kodwa lingabuza lithi, ‘Sikungcolisile kanjani wena na?’

“Ngokuthi itafula likaJehova liyeyiseka, ⁸Nxa liletha izifuyo eziyiziphofu ukuba ngumhlatshelo, kambe kakukubi lokho

na? Nxa lisenza umhlatshelo ngezifuyo eziyizilima loba ezilezifo, kakukubi lokho na? Akelizame ukukunika umbusi wenu! Angalithabela lina na? Angalithanda kambe lina yini?” kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

⁹“Manje-ke ncengani uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe lobubele kithi. Ngeminikelo enjalo ephuma ezandleni zenu, kambe angalamukela?” – kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

¹⁰“Hawu, sekuze kungathi omunye wenu angavala iminyango yethempeli ukuze lingabi lilokhu libasa imililo engelamsebenzi e-alithareni lami! Kangithokozi ngani lina,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla, “njalo kangiyikwamukela umnikelo wezandla zenu. ¹¹Ibizo lami lizabalikhulu phakathi kwezizwe, kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kusiya ekutshoneni kwalo. Ezindaweni zonke impepha leminikelo ehlanzekileyo izaletshwa ebizweni lami, ngokuba ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla .

¹²“Kodwa liyalingcolisa ngoba lithi ngetafula likaJehova, ‘Lingcolisiwe,’ lithi ngokudla okukulo, ‘Kuyadeleleka.’” ¹³Njalo lithi, ‘Kuyasidinisisa thina lokhu!’ Lichile amakhala liseyisa,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

“Nxa liletha izifuyo ezilimeleyo kumbe ezilemikhuhlane lizozinikela zibe yimihlatshelo, lithi ngizemukele yini ezandleni zenu?” uyabuza uJehova.

¹⁴Uqalekisiwe umkhohlisi olenqama enhle emhlambini wakhe, athembise ukunikela ngayo, kodwa abesenikela ngesifuyo esilesici kuJehova. Ngoba ngiyinkosi enkulu,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla, “njalo ibizo lami kufanele lesatshwe phakathi kwezizwe.

Ukukhuzwa KwabaPhristi

2 “Manje-ke nanku owenu umlayo, lina baphristi. ²Nxa lingalaleli, njalo nxa lingalungisi izinhliziyu nezu ukuhlonipha ibizo lami,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla, “ngizaletha isiqalekiso phezu kwenu, njalo ngiziqalekise izibusiso zenu. Yebo, kuvele nje sengiziqalekisile ngokuba kalizimiselanga ezinhliziyweni zenu ukungesaba.

³“Ngenxa yenu ngizabakhalimela abantwabenu; ngizalihuqa ebusweni ngomswane wemihlatshelo yemikhosi yenu lithathwe linjalo lisiya ekuthunjweni. ⁴Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi ngilithumele lesi isixwayiso ukuze isivumelwano sami loLevi siqhubeke,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla. ⁵“Isivumelwano sami waye laso, isivumelwano sokuphila lokuthula, izinto engamupha zona; lokhu kwakuswela inhlonipho, lakanje wangihlonipha walesaba ibizo lami. ⁶Imfundiso eqotho yayisemlonyeni wakhe njalo kakufunyanwanga lutho oluyinkohliso ezindebeni zakhe. Wahamba lami ngokuthula langobuqotho, waphendula abanengi ababesesonweni.

⁷“Ngokuba izindebe zomphristi kumele zilonde ulwazi, abantu badinge kuye ukufundiswa – ngokuba uyisithunywa sikaJehova uSomandla.

⁸Kodwa seliphambukile endleleni, kwathi njalo ngokufundisa kwenu lenza abanengi bakhubeka; lisephule isivumelwano loLevi,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla. ⁹“Ngakho sengenze ukuthi lexiswe njalo liyangiswe phambi kwabantu bonke, ngokuba kalilandelanga izindlela zami kodwa latshengisa ukubandlulula ekusebenziseni umthetho.”

UJuda kathembekanga

¹⁰KasilaBaba munye thina sonke na? Kasidalwanga nguNkulunkulu munye na? Pho singcoliselani isivumelwano sabokhokho bethu na ngokungathembani thina ngokwethu?

¹¹UJuda ukhohlisile. Kwenziwe amanyala ko-Israyeli laseJerusalema: uJuda useyitshaphazile indlu engcwele uJehova ayithandayo, ngokutshada lendodakazi kankulunkulu wabezizwe. ¹²Leyondoda ekwenzayo lokho, lokuba ingubani, sengathi uJehova angamsusa emathenteni kaJakhobe – kungenani loba eletha iminikelo kuJehova uSomandla.

¹³Enye into eliyenzayo nansi: Ligcwalisa i-alithare likaJehova ngezinyembezi. Liyakhala libubula ngokuba kasayinanzi iminikelo yenu, njalo kasayamukeli ngokuthokoza ezandleni zenu.

¹⁴Liyabuza lithi, “Kungani na?” Kungenxa yokuthi uJehova umi njengofakazi phakathi kwakho lomfazi wobutsha bakho, ngokuba umkhohlisile yena eyingxenywe yakho, umfazi wesivumelwano sakho somtshado.

¹⁵UJehova kabenzanga babamunye na? Enyameni lemphefumulweni bangabakhe. Kungani bemunye? Ngokuba wayedinga inzalo ekholwayo kuNkulunkulu. Ngakho ziqaphele emphefumulweni wakho, ungaze wamkhohlisa umfazi wobutsha bakho.

¹⁶“Ngiyakuzonda ukuchitha umtshado,” kutsho uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, “njalo ngiyayizonda indoda evala ngokuhlukuluza umkayo njengalokhu izivala ngesivunulo,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

Ngakho ziqaphele wena emphefumulweni wakho, ungaze wakhohlisa.

Usuku Lokwahlulela

¹⁷ Selimdinisile uJehova ngamazwi enu. Lingabuza lithi, “Simdinise kanjani?” Ngokuthi, “Bonke abenza ububi balungile emehlweni kaJehova, njalo uyathokoza ngabo,” loba ngokuthi, “Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wokwahlulela kuhle na?”

3 “Khangelani, ngizathuma isigijimi sami esizangilungisela indlela. Kuzakuthi masinyane uJehova elimidingayo uzakuza ethempelini lakhe; isigijimi sesivumelwano, elisilangazelelayo sizakuza,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

² Kodwa ngubani na ongalumela usuku lokuza kwaso? Ngubani ongema nxa eqhamuka na? Ngokuba sizakuba njengomlilo womcengi wensimbi kumbe njengesepa yomgezisi. ³ Sizahlala njengomcengi lomhlambululi wesiliva; sizahlambulula abaLevi sibacenge njengesiliva legolide. Kulapho-ke uJehova azakuba lawo amadoda azaleta iminikelo ngokulunga, ⁴ kuthi-ke iminikelo kaJuda leyeJerusalema yamukeleke kuJehova, njengezinsukwini ezedlulayo, njengeminyakeni yekadeni.

⁵ “Ngakho ngizasondela kini ukuzakwahlulela. Ngizaphangisa ukufakaza okubi ngezangoma, ngeziphingi, labafungela amanga, lalabo abadlezela izisebenzi ngomholo wazo, labo abacindezela abafelokazi lezintandane, abangahluleli kuhle abezizweni, kodwa abangesabiyo mina,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

Ukwebela uNkulunkulu

⁶ “Mina uJehova kangiguquki. Ngalokho lina, bazukulu bakaJakhobe, kalibhujiswanga. ⁷ Kulokhu kwasukela esikhathini sabokhokho benu laphambuka emilayweni yami kalaze

layigcina. Buyani kimi, lami ngizabuya kini,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla. “Kodwa liyabuza lithi, ‘Sibuyele kanjani na?’

⁸ “Umuntu angamphanga uNkulunkulu na? Kodwa lina liyangiphanga kodwa liyabuza lithi, ‘Sikuphanga kanjani na?’ “Ngokwethumi langeminikelo.

⁹ Liphawe isiqalekiso – isizwe sakini sonke – ngokuba liyangiphanga.

¹⁰ Lethani konke okwethumi esiphahleni ukuze kube lokudla endlini yami. Uthi uJehova uSomandla, “Ngilingani kulokhu libone ingabe kangikuwavula amasango ezulu ngithulule izibusiso elizaze liswele ukuthi lizithele ngaphi.

¹¹ Ngizaxotsha izibungu ukuze zingadli amabele enu lamavini emasimini enu kawayikukhithiza izithelo zawo,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla. ¹² “Lapho izizwe zonke zizakuthi libusisiwe, ngokuba elenu lizakuba yilizwe elibukekayo,” kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

¹³ Uthi uJehova, “Selikhuluma amazwi abuhlungu ngami. Kodwa liyabuza lithi, Kuyini okubi esikutshiloyo ngawe na?”

¹⁴ “Lithe lina, ‘Kakusizi ngalutho ukukhonza uNkulunkulu. Sazuzani ngokulandela izimiso zakhe saziphatha njengabalilayo phambi kukaJehova uSomandla na?’ ¹⁵ Kodwa manje isiqholo sithi singobusisiweyo. Ngeqiniso izigangi ziyaphumelela, kanye lalabo abamhwedelayo uNkulunkulu kabenziwa lutho.’ ”

¹⁶ Kwathi labo ababemesaba uJehova bakhulumisana, uJehova walalela, wezwa. Umqulu wencwadi yesikhumbuzo walotshwa phambi kwakhe mayelana lalabo ababemesaba uJehova ababehlonipha ibizo lakhe.

¹⁷ Uthi uJehova uSomandla, “Bazakuba ngabami, ngosuku mhla ngibenza inotho yami eligugu. Ngizabayekela, njengoba indoda iyayibe

lesihawu iyekele indodana yayo
eyincedisayo. ¹⁸Njalo lizawubona
umahluko phakathi kwabalungileyo
lababi, phakathi kwalabo abamkhonzayo
uNkulunkulu lalabo abangamkhonziyo.

Usuku LukaJehova

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“Ngeqiniso luyeza usuku; luzavutha
njengesithando somlilo. Zonke iziqholo
njalo zonke izixhwali zizakuba
ngamabibi, njalo lolosuku oluzayo
luzabathungela ngomlilo,” kutsho
uJehova uSomandla. “Kakuyikusala
mpande loba gatsha kubo. ²Kodwa lina
elilesabayo ibizo lami, ilanga lokulunga
lizaphuma lilokusiliswa emaphikweni
alo. Njalo lizaphuma liqolotshe
njengamathole evulelwe esilugwini
sawo. ³Lapho-ke lizabanyathezela
phansi ababi; bazakuba ngumlotha
ngaphansi kwezinyawo zenu ngosuku
lolo engizazenza ngalo lezizinto,” kutsho
uJehova uSomandla.

⁴“Khumbulani umthetho wenceku
yami uMosi, izimemezelo kanye
lemithetho engamupha yona eHorebi
ingeyabo bonke aba-Israyeli.

⁵“Khangelani, ngizalithumela
umphrofethi u-Elija lungakafiki lolosuku
olukhulu olwesabekayo lukaJehova.

⁶Uzaguqulela izinhliziyi zaboyise
ebantwaneni babo, lezinhliziyi
zabantwana ziguqukele kuboyise;
kungenjalo ngizakuza ngilitshaye ilizwe
ngesiqalekiso.”