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AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU |
EKSODUSI 23-24

“Ungalandeli Isixuku”

(Eksodusi 23:1) “Ungawukhulumi umbiko ongelona iqiniso. Ungabambisani nomubi ngo-kuba ngufakazi oceba ubudlova.

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Ingabe Unamaqiniso Aphelele Ngendaba?

⁷ Ingabe uyakuthanda ukuthumelela abangane bakhko nabantu obaziyo ama-imeyili nama-sms? Uma kunjalo, kungenzeka ukuthi lapho ufunda indaba entsha noma uza ngento esanda kwenzenka uvele ufane nentatheli efuna ukuba leyo ndaba isakazwe yiyo okokuqala. Nokho, ngaphambi ko-kuba uthumele lowo myalezo noma i-imeyili, zibuze: ‘Ngiyaqiniseka yini ukuthi le mininingwane engizoyithumela kwabanye iyiqiniso? Nginawo yini amaqiniso aphelele?’ Uma ungaqiniseki, ungasé usakaze unganakile imininingwane engamanga kubafowenu. Uma ungabaza, wucishe umyalezo, ungawuthumeli.

⁸ Kukhona esinye isizathu esenza kube yingozzi ukusheshe uthumele ama-imeyili nemiyalezo ungacabanganga. Kwamanye amazwe umsebenzi wethu ubekelwe imingcele noma uvinjelwe. Emazweni anjalo, abaphikisi ngamabomu bangasakaza imibiko ehloselwe ukusesabisa noma ukusenza singabethembi abazalwane bethu. Cabanga ngalokho okwenzeka eSoviet Union. Amaphoyisa omshoshaphansi abizwa ngokuthi yi-KGB asakaza imibiko engamanga ethi abazalwane abahlukahlukene abavelele babemphikile uJehova.* Abanangi bayikholelwa leyo mibiko engamanga, ngenxa yaloko bazihlukanisa ne-nhlangano kaJehova. Yeka indaba edabukisayo! Okujabulisayo ukuthi ngemva kwesikhathi abangi baphinde babuya, kodwa abanye abazange besabuya. Ukholo Iwabo Iwaphahlazeka. (1 Thim. 1:19) Singawugwema kanjani umphumela obuhlungu ngale ndlela? Kugweme ukusakaza imibiko

emibi noma ongaqiniseki ngayo. Ungakholelwa yiyo yonke into oyizwayo. Qiniseka ngokuthi una-maqiniso aphelele.

(Eksodusi 23:2) Ungalandeli isixuku ngezinhlo-so ezimbi; futhi ungafakazi empikiswaneni ukuze uphambuke kanye nesixuku ngenjongo yokuphendukezelu ubulungisa.

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U-Aroni

Kuyaphawuleka ukuthi kuzo zontathu izikhati u-Aroni ona ngazo, akubonakali kunguye okhuthaza leyo nkambo engafanele, kナルkho kubonakala sengathi wacindezela izimo noma abantu ayenabo. Esonweni sakhe sokuqala, wayengasebenzisa isimiso esisemyalweni othi: “Ungalandeli isixuku ngezinhloso ezimbi; futhi ungafakazi empikiswaneni ukuze uphambuke kanye nesixuku ngenjongo yokuphendukezelu ubulungisa.” (Eks 23:2) Yize kunjalo, kamuva igama lakhe lasetshenziswa ngendlela ehlonephikile emiBhalweni, futhi lapho iNdodana kaNkulunkulu isemhlabeni, yabonisa ukuthi ubupristi buka-Aroni babamukeleka.—IHu 115:10, 12; 118:3; 133:1, 2; 135:19; Math 5:17-19; 8:4.

(Eksodusi 23:3) Ngokuqondene nomuntu ophansi, ungabonisi ukukhetha empikiswaneni yakhe.

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Ubumpumputhe

Izenzo zokungabi nabulungisa zabahluleli abonakele zazifaniswa nobumpumputhe, futhi uMthetho wawunemiyalo eminingi eyayenqabela ukwamuke-la isifumbathiso, izipho noma ukucwasa abanye, ngoba lokho kungenza umahluleli aphuputheke, angakhiphi isahlulelo esinobulungisa. “Isifumbathiso siphuphuthekisa abantu ababona ngokucacile.” (Eks 23:8) “Isifumbathiso siphuphuthekisa amehlo abahlakaniphileyo.” (Dut 16:19) Ngisho noma umahluleli angaba umuntu olunge kangakanani noma onokuqonda, ungasé athonwyne izipho zalabo abahilelekile ecaleni,

kungakhathaliseki ukuthi uyakubona yini lokho noma cha. Umthetho kaNkulunkulu wabonisa kahle ukuthi izipho kanye nendlela ozizwa ngayo ngabanye kungakuphuphuthekisa, lapho uthi: "Ungambandlululi umuntu ophansi, futhi unga-khethi ubuso boyisikhulu." (Lev 19:15) Ngakho, umahluleli kwakungafanele akhiphe isigwebo esila hla umuntu ocebile ngoba nje ecebile ngenxa yendlela azizwa ngayo ngalowo muntu noma efuna ukuthandwa abantu.—Eks 23:2, 3.

Ukumba Sifuna Ingcebo Engokomoya

(Eksodusi 23:9) "Ungamcindezeli umfokazi, njengoba nani ngokwenu niwazile umphefumulo womfokazi, ngoba naba ngabafokazi ezweni laseGibhithe.

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"Ningakukhohlwa Ukungenisa Izhambi"

⁴ Kunokuba ayale ama-Israyeli ukuba ahloniphe abafokazi, uJehova wawancenga ukuba ababonise uwela. (**Funda u-Eksodusi 23:9.**) Ayazi ukuthi kunjani ukuba "umfokazi." Ngisho nangaphambi kokuba enziwe iziqqila, cishe amaHebheru ayekhishwa inyumbazane abaseGibhithe ngenxa yokuqhossa ngohlanga noma ngenkolo. (Gen. 43:32; 46:34; Eks. 1:11-14) Ama-Israyeli aphiла ukuphila okubuhlungu njengabafokazi, kodwa uJehova wayelindele ukuba aphathe abafokazi njengabantu azalwa nawo.—Lev. 19:33, 34.

(Eksodusi 23:20, 21) "Bheka ngithumela ingelosi ngaphambi kwakho ukuba ikugcine endleleni futhi ikungenise endaweni engiyilungiselele. ²¹ Zilinde ngenxa yayo futhi ulalele izwi layo. Ungayidlubulundeli, ngoba ngeke isixolele iseqo senu; ngoba igama lami lingaphakathi kuyo.

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UMikayeli

1. Lena ukuphela kwengelosi engcwele ebizwa ngegama eBhayibhelini, ngaphandle kukaGabrieli, futhi iwukuphela kwengelosi ebizwa ngokuthi ingelosi "eyinhloko." (Jude 9) Indawo yokuqala okuvela kuyo leli gama isahluko seshumi si-

kaDaniyeli, lapho uMikayeli kuthiya "omunye wezikhulu eziphambili"; wasiza enye ingelosi ephansi eyayivinjwa "isikhulu sombuso wobukhosи wasePheresiya." UMikayeli ubizwa ngokuthi "isikhulu [sabantu bakubo kaDaniyeli]," "isikhulu esikhulu esimi ngenxa yabantwana babantu [bakubo kaDaniyeli]." (Dan 10:13, 20, 21; 12:1) Lokhu kubonisa ukuthi uMikayeli uyena oyngelosi eyayihola ama-Israyeli ehlane. (Eks 23:20, 21, 23; 32:34; 33:2) Ubufakazi balokho ukuthi 'uMikayeli ingelosi eyinhloko yaba nokungezwani noDeveli futhi baphikisana ngesidumbu sikaMose.'—Jude 9.

Ukufundwa KweBhayibheli

(Eksodusi 23:1-19) "Ungawukhulumi umbiko ongelona iqiniso. Ungabambisan nomubi ngo-kuba ngufakazi oceba ubudlova. ² Ungalandeli isixuku ngezinholo ezimbi; futhi ungafakazi empikiswaneni ukuze uphambuke kanye nesixuku ngenjongo yokuphendukezelu ubulungisa.

³ Ngokuqondene nomuntu ophansi, unga-bonisi ukukhetha empikiswaneni yakhe. ⁴ "Uma kwenzeka welamela inkomo yesitha sakho iduka noma imbongolo yaso, kumelwe nakanjani uyibuyisele kuso. ⁵ Uma kwenzeka ubona imbongolo yomuntu okuzondayo ilele phansi ngaphansi komthwalo wayo, khona-ke kume-lwe ukugweme ukumshiya. Kumelwe nakanjani uyithukulule kanye naye. ⁶ "Ungasiphenduke-zeli isinqumo sokwahlulela somuntu wakini ompofu empikiswaneni yakhe. ⁷ "Kumelwe udede ezwini elingamanga. Futhi ungambulali omsulwa nolungle, ngoba ngeke ngithi omubi ulungle. ⁸ "Ungasamukeli isifumbathiso, ngoba isifumbathiso siphuphuthekisa abantu ababona ngokucacile futhi singahlanekezelu amazwi abantu abalungileyo. ⁹ "Ungamcindezeli umfokazi, njengoba nani ngokwenu niwazile umphefumulo womfokazi, ngoba naba ngabafokazi ezweni laseGibhithe. ¹⁰ "Iminyaka eyisithupha uyohlwanyela izwe lakho ngembe-wu futhi ubuthe umkhiqizo walo. ¹¹ Kodwa ngonyaka wesikhombisa kumelwe uliyeke lingalinyiwe, uliyeke libe yifusi, abampofu babantu

bakini badle kulo; futhi okushiywe yibo kume-lwe kudliwe yizilwane zasendle. Yileyo indlela okumelwe wenze ngayo ngesivini sakho nang-sixhobo sakho seminqumo. ¹² “Umsebenzi wakho uyowenza izinsuku eziyisithupha; kodwa ngosuku lwsikhombisa kumelwe uyeke, ukuze inkunzi yakho nembongolo yakho kumphumule nendodana yesigqilakazi sakho kanye nomfokazi bazihlumelele. ¹³ “Kumelwe niqaphe ngokuphathelene nakho konke engikushókini; futhi akumelwe niphathe igama labanye onkulunkulu. Akufanele lizwakale emlonyeni wenu. ¹⁴ “Kathathu ngonyaka kumelwe ningigubhele umkhosi. ¹⁵ Niyogcina umkhosi wamaqebelewane angenamvubelo. Niyodla amaqebelengwane angenamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, njengoba nje nginiyalile, ngesikhathi esimisiwe ngenyanga ka-Abhibhi, ngoba naphuma ngayo eGibhithe. Futhi akumelwe bavele phambi kwami belambatha. ¹⁶ Futhi uygubha umkhosi wokuvunwa kolibo oluvuthiwe lwemishikashika yakho, lwalokho okuhlwayela ensimini; kanye nomkhosi wokubutha ekuphe- leni konyaka, lapho ubutha imishikashika yakho ensimini. ¹⁷ Izikhathi ezintathu ngonyaka bonke abesilisa bakho bayovela phambi kobuso be-Nkosi yeqiniso, uJehova. ¹⁸ “Igazi lomhlatshelo wa-mi ungalenzi umhlatshelo kanye nokufakwe imvubelo. Futhi amanoni omkhosi wami akufanele ahlale ubusuku kuze kuse. ¹⁹ “Okuhle kunakho konke kolibo oluvuthiwe lomhlabathi wakho kumelwe ukulethe endlini kaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho.

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AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | EKSODUSI 25-26

“Into Ebaluleke Kakhulu Etabernakele”

(Eksodus 25:9) Ngokuvumelana nakho konke engikubonisa kona njengesifanekiso setabernakele nesifanekiso sayo yonke impahla yalo, yileyo ndlela okumelwe nilenze ngayo.

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Umphongolo Wesivumelwano

Uukuklanywa. Into yokuqala uJehova ayinikeza uMose, Lapho emyala ukuba akhe itabernakele, kwaba umklamo womphongolo, ngoba empeleni wayiyona nto ebalulekile etabernakele nakulo lonke ikamu lakwa-Israyeli. Umphongolo wawungamasentimitha angu-111 ubude bungu-67 ububanzi bungu-67. Wawakhwiwe ngokhuni lomtholo, unanyekwe ngegolide ngaphakathi nangaphandle. Unephethelo “legolide eluwuzungezayo.” Ingxene yesibili yomphongolo, isembozo sawo, sasenziwe ngegolide, hhayi ukhuni olunamekwe igolide, bonke ububanzi nobude bayo. Phezu kxesembozo kwensiwa amakherubi amabili egolide aba okukhandwe ngesando, emikhawulweni yomibili yesembozo ayebhekene, egobise amakhanda futhi evule amaphiko. (Eks 25:10, 11, 17-22; 37:6-9) Lesi sembozo sasiphinde saziwe ngokuthi “isembozo esiyisihlawulelo.”—Eks 25:17; Heb 9:5; bheka esithi PROPITIATORY COVER.

(Eksodus 25:21) Kumelwe ubeke isembozo ngaphezulu phezu koMphongolo, futhi ngaphakathi koMphongolo uzobeka ubufakazi engizokunika bona.

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Umphongolo Wesivumelwano

Umphongolo wawuyindawo engcwele nevikelekile yokugcina izinto ezithile ezingcwele noma ubufakazi, ngokuyinhloko okwakuyizibebhe zobufakazi noma iMithetho Eyishumi. (Eks 25:16) “Imbiza yegolide eyayinemana kanye nenduku ka-Aroni eyaba nemiqumbe” nakho kwafakwa emphongo-lweni kodwa ekuhambeni kwesikhathi kwakhishwa ngaphambi kokwakhiwa kwethempeli likaSolomoni. (Heb 9:4; Eks 16:32-34; Num 17:10; 1Kho 8:9; 2Kro 5:10) Ngaphambi nje kokuba uMose afe, wanika abapristi abangamaLevi ikhophi ‘yencwadi yomthetho’ wabayala ukuba bayibeke hhayi phakathi kodwa “ohlangothini lomphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, . . . njengofakazi omelene nani.”—Dut 31:24-26.

(Eksodusi 25:22) Ngiyozibonakalisa kuwe lapho futhi ngikhulume nawe ngingaphezu kwesembozo, ngiphakathi kwamakherubi amabili angaphezu komphongolo wobufakazi, yebo ngikhulume konke engizokuyala ngakho ukuba ukutshela abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

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Umphongolo Wesivumelwano

Wawuhlotshaniswa nokuba khona kukaNkulunkulu. Kuwo wonke umlando woMphongolo, uMphongolo uhlotshaniswa nokuba khona kukaNkulunkulu. UJehova wathembisa: “Ngiyozibonakalisa kuwe lapho futhi ngikhulume nawe ngingaphezu kwesembozo, ngiphakathi kwamakherubi amabili angaphezu komphongolo wobufakazi.” “Ngiyobonakala efwini ngaphezu kwesembozo.” (Eks 25:22; Lev 16:2) USamuwe-li wabhala ukuthi uJehova ‘uhlezi phezu kwamakherubi’ (1Sam 4:4); ngakho amakherubi ‘ayengumfanekiso wenqola’ kaJehova. (1Kro 28:18) Ngenxa yalokho, “noma nini lapho uMose engena etendeni lokuhlangana ezokhuluma naye, ezwe izwi likhuluma naye livela phezu kwesembozo esasingaphezu komphongolo wobufakazi, livela phakathi kwamakherubi amabili, akhuluma naye.” (Num 7:89) Kamuva, uJoshua noMpri-sti Omphakeme uFinehasi nabo babuza uJehova bephambi komphongolo. (Josh 7:6-10; AbaHI 20:27, 28) Noma kunjalo, umpristi ophakeme kumphela owayengena endaweni eNgcwelengcwele abone uMphongolo, ngosuku olulodwa onyakeni, engezelanga ukuzokhuluma noJehova, kodwa ukuze agubhe umkhosi woSuku Lwesihlawulelo. —Lev 16:2, 3, 13, 15, 17; Heb 9:7.

Ukumba Sifuna Ingcebo Engokomoya

(Eksodusi 25:20) Amakherubi kumelwe elulele amaphiko awo phezulu, asibekale isembozo ngamaphiko awo, ubuso bawo bubhekene. Ubuso bamakherubi kufanele bubheke isembozo.

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Ikherubi

Imifanekiso emelela amakherubi yayikhona ezi-ntweni ezazifikwe etabernakele elakhiwa ehlane.

Isembozo soMphongolo sasinamakherubi amabili abhekene enziwe ngegolide elicolekile, ngalinye limi ngasemkhawulweni wesembozo. Ayebheke-ne futhi ubuso bawo bugobele ngasesembozwani, kube sengathi ayakhulekela. Ngalinye lala makherubi lalinamaphiko amabili eluliwe, emboze isembozo soMphongolo ngendlela ebonisa ukuthi awuqaphile futhi ayawuvikela uMphongolo. (Eks 25:10-21; 37:7-9) Ingaphakathi lendwangu yetende letabernakele kanye nekhethini elalihlukanisa iNgcwele neNgcwelengcwele nakho kwakudwetshwe amakherubi ngokotini wabafekethisi.—Eks 26:1, 31; 36:8, 35.

(Eksodusi 25:30) Kumelwe ubeke isinkwa sokubukwa phezu kwetafula phambi kwami njalo.

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Izinkwa Zokubukwa

Izinkwa ezingu-12 zazibekwa etafuleni eliseNgcwele etabernakele noma ethempelini, zazishintshwa njalo ngeSabatha kufakwe ezsanda kubhakwa. (Eks 35:13; 39:36; 1Kho 7:48; 2Kro 13:11; Neh 10: 32, 33) Incazelo yezwi ngezwi yegama lesiHebheru elihunyushwe ngokuthi izinkwa zokubukwa ithi “izinkwa zobuso.” Ngesinye isikhathi, igama elithi “ubuso” lisho “phambi” (2Kho 13:23), ngakho, izinkwa zokubukwa zaziphambi kobuso bukaJehova, ziwumnikelo owawuphambi kwakhe njalo. (Eks 25: 30) Izinkwa zokubukwa zibuye zibizwe nangokuthi ‘isinkwa esibekwa ngezinhla’ (2Kro 2:4), “izinkwa zokubukwa” (Mar 2:26), nangokuthi nje ‘izinkwa’ (Heb 9:2).

Ukufundwa KweBhayibheli

(Eksodusi 25:23-40) “Futhi kumelwe wenze itafula lokhuni lomtholo, libe izingalo ezimibili ubude nengalo ububanzi nengalo nengxenyenekwakama.²⁴ Kumelwe ulinameke ngegolide elihlanzekile, futhi kumelwe ulenzele iphethelo legolide elizungezayo.²⁵ Futhi kumelwe ulenzele undi oluzungezayo oluyisandla ububanzi, undi lwalo ulenzele iphethelo legolide elizungezayo.²⁶ Kumelwe ulenzele amasongo amane egolide ubeke lawo masongo emachosheni amane angawemilenze emine.²⁷

Amasongo kufanele asondele ondini abe yizinto zokuphasa izingongolo zokuthwala itafula.

²⁸ Kumelwe wenze izingongolo zokhuni lomthollo uzinameke ngegolide, bathwale ngazo itafula.

²⁹ “Futhi kumelwe wenze izindishi zalo nezindebe zalo nojeke balo nezitsha zalo abazothela ngazo umnikelo. Kumelwe ukwenze ngegolide elihlanzekile. ³⁰ Kumelwe ubeke isinkwa soku-bukwa phezu kwetafula phambi kwami njalo.

³¹ “Futhi kumelwe wenze uthi Iwesibani Iwegolide elihlanzekileyo. Uthi Iwesibani kumelwe lube umsebenzi okhandwe ngesando. Isinque salo, amagatsha alo, izindebe zalo, amasumpa alo nezimbali zalo kuphume kulo. ³² Ezinhlangothini zalo kuphume amagatsha ayisithupha, amagatsha amathathu othi Iwesibani kolunye uhlangothi Iwalo namagatsha amathathu othi Iwesibani kolunye uhlangothi Iwalo. ³³ Izindebe ezintathu ezimise okwezimbali zom-alimondi eqoqweni elilodwa lamagatsha, kushintshane amasumpa nezimbali, nezindebe ezintathu ezimise okwezimbali zom-alimondi kwelinye iqoqo lamagatsha, kushintshane amasumpa nezimbali. Yile indlela okungayo ngamagatsha ayisithupha aphuma othini Iwesibani. ³⁴ Futhi phezu kothi Iwesibani kukhona izindebe ezine ezimise okwezimbali zom-alimondi, namasumpa alo nezimbali zalo kushintshana. ³⁵ Isumpa elingaphansi kwamagatsha amabili liphuma kulo nesumpa elingaphansi kwamagatsha amabili engeziwe liphuma kulo, emagatsheni ayisithupha aphuma othini Iwesibani. ³⁶ Amasumpa awo namagatsha awo kumelwe aphume kulo. Lonke luyinto eyodwa ekhandwe ngesando, yegolide elihlanzekileyo. ³⁷ Kumelwe ulenzele izibani eziyisikhombisa; futhi izibani kumelwe zikhanyiswe, zikhanyise indawo ephambi kwalo. ³⁸ Izindlawu zezintambo zalo nemicengezi yalo yomlilo ingeyegolide elihlanzekileyo. ³⁹ Kufanele alenze ngethalenta legolide elihlanzekileyo kanye nazo zonke lezi zinto zalo. ⁴⁰ Uqaphele ukuba ukwenze ngokwesifanekiso sako owasiboniswa entaben.

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | EKSODUSI 27-28

“Singafundani Ezingubeni Zabapristi?”

(Eksodusi 28:30) Kumelwe ufake i-Urimi ne-Thumimi esiqeshini sesifuba sokwahlulela, kugephezu kwenhliziyo ka-Aroni lapho engena phambi kukaJehova; u-Aroni kumelwe athwale izahlulelo zamadodana ka-Israyeli phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe phambi kukaJehova njalo.

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I-Urimi neThumimi

Izazi eziningi zeBhayibheli zikholelwua ukuthi i-Urimi neThumimi kwakuyizinkatho. Lokhu kubizwa ngokuthi “inkatho engcwele” enguqulweni i-James Moffatt encwadini ka-Eksodusi 28:30. Abanye bathe cishe i-Urimi neThumimi yayihlukene kathathu, enye ingxenyi ibhalwe ukuthi “yebo” enye ibhalwe ukuthi “cha” enye ingabhalwe lutho. I-Urimi neThumimi yayikhishwa, bese ikhipha impendulo yombuzo owawusuke ubuziwe, uma kwakuphuma ingxenyi engabhalwe lutho, kwakungatholakali mpandulo. Abanye bacabanga ukuthi i-Urimi neThumimi yayingamatshe amabili ayizicaba, itshe ngalinye lalimhlophe kolunye uhlangothi lumnya-ma kolunye. Lapho ekhishwa, uma izingxenyi ezimnyama zibheka phezulu zazisho ukuthi “yebo” uma kungezimnyama zombili zazisho ukuthi “cha” kanti uma kuba ingxenyi emnyama nemhlophe ebheke phezulu kwakusho ukuthi ayikho im-pendulo. Ngesinye isikhathi, lapho uSawulu ebuza umpristi ukuthi uzowanqoba yini amaFilisti, aka-tholanga mpandulo. Ecabanga ukuthi oyedwa emadoden iayekanye nawo wayonile, wance-nega uNkulunkulu wathi: “O Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, nika iThumimi!” USawule noJonathan bathathwa kulabo ababekhona; ngemva kwalokho, kwafundwa inkatho ukuze kunqunywe phakathi kwabo bobabili. Kule ndaba, amazwi athi, “Nika iThumi-mi,” aveza ukuthi akuwona lawo okwakufundwa kuwo inkatho, nakuba kungase kubonakale sengathi kunokuxhumana okukhona.—1Sam 14:36-42.

(Eksodusi 28:36) “Kumelwe wenze ungcwecwe ocwebezelayo wegolide elihlanzekile uqophe kuwo ngendlela yokuqoshwa kophawu ukuthi, ‘Ubungcwele bungobukaJehova.’

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Isiphongo

UMpristi Ophakeme Wakwa-Israyeli. Kwa-Israyeli, umshuqulo wompristi ophakeme wawunocwe-cwe lwelogolide phambili, esiphongweni sompristi, “uphawu olungcwele lokuzinikezela,” kulo kwakuqoshwe amazwi athi “Ubungcwele bungobukaJehova.” (Eks 28:36-38; 39:30) Njen-gommeleli oyinhloko kwa-Israyeli ekukhulekeleni uJehova, kwakufaneleka ukuba umpristi ophake-me agcine isikhundla sakhe singcwele, futhi lo mbhalo owawuqoshiwe wawuyokhumbuza ama-Israyeli ukuthi kudingeka ahlale engcwele lapho ekhonza uJehova. Wayemfanekisela kahle uMpri-sti Ophakeme, uJesu Kristu, nokunikelwa kwakhe nguJehova kule nkondo yobupristi eqokomisa ubungcwele bukaNkulunkulu.—Heb 7:26.

(Eksodusi 28:42, 43) Kumelwe ubenzele izikhindi zangaphansi zelineni ukuze bamboze ubunqunu babo. Kumelwe zisuke ezinqlwini zize zifike emathangeni. ⁴³ Kumelwe u-Aroni namadodana akhe babe beziggokile lapho bengena etendeni lokuhlangana noma lapho besondela e-altare ukuba bakhonze endaweni engcwele, ukuze bangaziletheli isiphambeko bafe nakanjani. Kuyisimiso kuze kube nini nanni kuye nasenzalweni yakhe emva kwakhe.

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Dumisa UJehova Ngokuziphatha Ngendlela Enesithunzi

¹⁷ Kufanele siqikelele ngokukhethekile ukuthi sizi-phatha ngendlela enesithunzi lapho sikhulekela uJehova. UmShumayeli 5:1 uthi: “Qapha izinyawo zakho noma nini lapho uya endlini kaNkulunkulu weqiniso.” UMose noJoshua bayalwa ukuba bakhumule izimbadada zabo lapho besendaweni engcwele. (Eks. 3:5; Josh. 5:15) Lokhu kwakume-lwe bakwenze njengophawu Iwenhlonipho ejulile. Abapristi abangama-Israyeli babebophekile uku-

ba bagqoke izikhindi zangaphansi zelineni “ukuze bamboze ubunqunu babo.” (Eks. 28:42, 43) Lokhu kwakuvimbela ukuba kungenzeki kwembuleke ubunqunu babo laphobekhonza e-altare. Wonne amalungu omkhaya wompristi kwakufanele anamathele endinganisweni kaNkulunkulu yoku-hlonipheka.

Ukumba Sifuna Ingcebo Engokomoya

(Eksodusi 28:15-21) “Kumelwe wenze isiqephu sesifuba sokwahlulela ngomsebenzi womfeke-thisi. Uzosenza njengokwenziwa kwe-efodi. Uzosenza ngegolide, intambo eluhlaza okwe-sibhakabhaka noboya obudaywe baba nsomi ngokubomvu nendwangu ebomvu ngokunso-mi nelineni elicolekileyo elisontiwe. ¹⁶ Kufanele sibe nezinhlangothi ezine ezilinganayo lapho siphindiwe, ubude baso bube ngangobubanzi besandla nobubanzi baso bube ngangobubanzi besandla. ¹⁷ Kumelwe usigcwalise ngamatshe, kube khona izinhlusizine zamatshe. Uhlu lokuqala uluhlu Iwerubi, itopazi nesimaragidu. ¹⁸ Uhlu Iwesibili itherkhoyisi, isafire nejaspi. ¹⁹ Uhlu Iwesithathu itshe le-leshemu, i-agathe ne-amethiste. ²⁰ Uhlu Iwesine ikrisolithe, i-onikisi nejeyidi. Kufanele kube khona izikhoxe zegolide ezikhali zavo. ²¹ Futhi la matshe kufanele abe ngokwamagama amadodana ka-Israyeli, amadodana ayishumi nambili ngokwamagama awo. Kufanele aqoshwe ngendlela yokuqoshwa kophawu, yilelo nalelo ngokwegama lalo, abe aewizive eziyishumi nambili.

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Ingabe Bewazi?

Ayevelaphi amatshe ayigugu ayesesiqeshini se-sifuba sompristi ophakeme?

Ngemva kokuba ama-Israyeli ephumile eGibhithe futhi esesehlane, uNkulunkulu wawanika imiyalo yokuba enze lesi siqephu sesifuba. (Eksodusi 28:15-21) Sasinamatshe erubi, itopazi, isimaragi-du, itherkhoyisi, isafire, ijaspi, *Ileshemu*, i-agathe, i-amethiste, ikrisolithe, i-onikisi nejayidi. Ingabe ama-Israyeli ayenazo ngempela lezi zinhlobo za-matshe ayigugu?

Ezikathini zeBhayibheli, abantu babewabheka njengasezingeni eliphezulu la matshe futhi behweba ngawo. Ngokwesibonelo, abantu baseGibhithe lasendulo babewathola ezindaweni ezikude nje-njase-Iran yanamuhla, e-Afghanistan kungenzeka naseNdiya. Izimayini zaseGibhithe zazikhqiza izinhlobo eziningi zala matshe ayigugu. Amakhosi aseGibhithe yiwo kuphela ayenegunya lokumba okusansimbi ezindaweni ayezibus. Inzalamizi uJobe yachaza indlela abantu eyayiphila nabo ababesebenza ngayo emigodini befuna la magugu. Phakathi kwezinto ezazimbiwa, uJobe ubalula isafire netopazi.—Jobe 28:1-11, 19.

Incwadi ka-Eksodusu ithi ama-Israyeli ‘aphundla abaseGibhithe’ amagugu abo lapho esehamba. (Eksodusu 12:35, 36) Ngakho kungenzeka ukuthi ama-Israyeli awathola eGibhithe amatshe assetshenziswa lapho kwensiwa isiqephu sesifuba sompristi ophakeme.

(Eksodusu 28:38) Kumelwe ube phezu kwebunzi lika-Aroni, futhi u-Aroni kumelwe aphendule ngesiphambeko esenziwe ezintweni ezingcwele, lezo abantwana bakwa-Israyeli abazozingcweli-sa, okungukuthi, zonke izipho zabo ezingcwele; kumelwe uhlale phezu kwebunzi lakhe njalo, ukuze abatholele ukwamukelwa phambi kukaJehova.

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Ubungcwele

Izilwane Nemikhiqizo. Amazibulo ezinkomo, ezi-mvu nawezimbuzi ayebhekwa njengangcwele kuJehova futhi kwakungamelwe ahlengwe. Kwa-kumelwe enziwe umhlatshelo futhi ingxene yawo iyiswe kubapristi abangcweli-siwe. (Num 18:17-19) Izithelo zokuqala nokweshumi kwakungcwele njengayo yonke imihlatshelo nezipho ezazingcweli-siwe ezazinikelelwu inkonzo engcwele. (Eks 28:38) Zonke izinto ezazingcwele kuJehova zazingcwele futhi kwakungafanele zithathwe kancane, zingcoliswe noma zisetshenziswe ngendlela evamile. Isibonelo salokhu umthetho omayelana nokweshumi. Uma indoda ibeka eceleni okuthile okweshumi, kungaba ukolweni, bese yona noma elinye ilungu lomndeni walo ethatha oku-

thile kukho engahlosile akusebenzise, mhlawumbe akupheke, le ndoda yayiba necala lokuphula umthetho kaNkulunkulu wokungazihloniphi izinto ezingcwele. UMthetho wawufuna ukuthi inikele okuthile okuyisinxephezelo endlini engcwele okulingana nenani lokusetshenzisiwe, inezele namaphesenti angu-20, ngaphezu kwalokho yayinikela ngenqama ephilile ibe umhlatshelo. Lokhu, kwakubenza bazihloniphe kakhulu izinto ezingcwele zikaJehova.—Lev 5:14-16.

Ukufundwa KweBhayibheli

(Eksodusu 27:1-21) “Futhi kumelwe wenze i-altare lokhuni lomtholo, libe yizingalo ezinhlanu ubude nezingalo ezinhlanu ububanzi. Leli altare kufanele libe nezinhlangothi ezine ezilinganayo, ukuphakama kwalo kube yizingalo ezintathu. ² Kumelwe wenze izimpondo zalo emachosheni alo womane. Izimpondo zalo zizophuma kulo, futhi kumelwe ulinameke ngethusi. ³ Kumelwe wenze amakanu alo okususa imilotha yalo enamafutha, namahalavu alo, nezitsha zalo, nezimfoloko zalo, nemicengezi yalo yomlilo; futhi uzokwenza zonke izinto zalo ngethusi. ⁴ Kumelwe ulenzele ihele, okunjenengenetha okwensiwe ngethusi; kumelwe wenze phezu kwenetha amasongo amane ethusi emikhawulweni yalo yomine. ⁵ Kumelwe ulifake ngaphansi kondi lwe-altare phansi ngaphakathi, inetha libe maphakathi nendawo ne-altare. ⁶ Futhi kumelwe wenze izingongolo ze-altare, izingongolo zalo zibe ngezokhuni lomtholo, uzinameke ngethusi. ⁷ Izingongolo zalo kumelwe zifakwe emasongweni, lezi zingongolo zibe sezinhlangothini zombili ze-altare lapho lithwalwa. ⁸ Uzolenza libe umphongolo wamapulangwe oyigobongo. Njengoba nje ekubonisile entaben, bazolenza kanjalo. ⁹ “Futhi kumelwe wenze igceke letabernakele. Ohlangothini olubheke iNegebhi, eningizimu, igceke linezilenge zeleni elicolekile elisontiwe, ubude bohlangothi olulodwa buyizingalo eziyikhulu. ¹⁰ Izinsika zalo ezingamashumi amabili kanye nezisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe ezingamashumi amabili zingeze-thusi. Izikhonkwane zezinsika nezinhlango

zazo zingezesiliva.¹¹ Kunjalo futhi nangobude bohlangothi olusenyakatho, izilenge ziyingalingo eziyikhulu ubude, izinsika zalo ezingamashumi amabili nezisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe ezingamashumi amabili zingezethusi, izikhonkwane zezinsika nezinhlangano zazo zingezesiliva.¹² Ngokuqondene nobubanzi begceke, ohlangothini olusentshonalanga izilenge ziyingalingo ezingamashumi amahlanu, izinsika zazo ziyyshumi nezisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe ziyyishumi.¹³ Ububanzi begceke ohlangothini olusempumalanga ngalapho kuphuma khona ilanga buyizingalo ezingamashumi amahlanu.¹⁴ Futhi kukhona izilenge eziyizingalo eziyyishumi nanhlanu ohlangothini olulodwa, izinsika zazo zintathu nezisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe zintathu.¹⁵ Kolunye uhlangothi kukhona izingalo eziyyishumi nanhlanu zezilenge, izinsika zazo zintathu nezisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe zintathu.¹⁶ “Esangweni legceke kukhona isihenqo esiyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili ubude, sentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka noboya obudaywe baba nsomi ngokubomvu nendwangu ebomvu ngokunsomi nelineni elicolekileyo elisontiwe, umsebenzi womeluki, izinsika zazo zine nezisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe zine.¹⁷ Zonke izinsika zegceke nxazonke zinezinto zokubopha zesiliva, nezikhonkwane zazo zingezesiliva kodwa izisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe zingezethusi.¹⁸ Ubude begceke buyizingalo eziyikhulu, ububanzi buyizingalo ezingamashumi amahlanu, nokuphakama kuyizingalo ezinhlanu, lenziwe ngelineni elicolekile elisontiwe, izisekelo zazo ezinezikhoxe zingezethusi.¹⁹ Zonke izinto zetabernakele zayo yonke inkonzo yalo, nazo zonke izikhonkwane zalo zetende, nazo zonke izikhonkwane zegceke zingezethusi.²⁰ “Wena, kumelwe uyale abantwana bakwa-Israyeli uku-ba bakutholele amafutha omnqumo ahlanzekile agqliwe enkanyiso, ukuze ukhanyise izibani njalo.²¹ Etendeni lokuhlangana, ngaphandle kwesihenqo esingasebuFakazini, u-Aroni namadodana akhe bazoyihlela kusukela kusihlwa kuze kuse phambi kukaJehova. Kuyisimiso kuze

kube nini nanini ezizukulwaneni zabo, okume-iwe senziwe abantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

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AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | EKSODUSI 29-30

“Ukunikela KuJehova”

(**Eksodusi 30:11, 12**) UJehova waqhubeka wakhuluma noMose, wathi: ¹² “Noma nini lapho ubala abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ukuze uthole inani labo, khona-ke yilovo nalowo kumelwe anike uJehova isihlengo sompheyfumulo wakhe lapho ubabala, ukuze kungabikho nhlupho kubo lapho ubabala.

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Ukubhaliswa

eSinayi. UJehova wayala ukuba abantu babalwe okokuqala ngesikhathi begxumeke amatende abo eSinayi ngenyanga yesibili yonyaka owalandela lowo abaFuduka ngawo eGibhithe. Ukuze uJehova asize uMose kulo msebenzi, kwakukhethwa induna esizweni ngasinye eyayizokwengamela umsebenzi wokubalwa kuleso sizwe. UMthetho wawungagcini nje ngokuthi abesilisa abaneminya engu-20 kuya phezulu kumelwe babhaliswe—abangalwa empini—kodwa wawuphinde uthi laba ababhalisiwe kumelwe bakhokhe intelu yenkonzo yasetabernakele ewuhhafu weshekeli. (Eks 30:11-16; Num 1:1-16, 18, 19) Inani lababhaliswa laba ngu-603 550, engabalwa amaLevi, ngoba ayengeke alithole ifa ezweni. Wona ayengayikhokhi intelu yasetabernakele futhi kwakungadingeki ayolwa empini.—Num 1:44-47; 2:32, 33; 18:20, 24.

(**Eksodusi 30:13-15**) Yilokhu abazokunika bonke abadlulela kulabo ababaliwe: ingxenyе yeshekeli ngeshekeli lendawo engcwele. Amagera angamashumi amabili alingana neshekeli. Ingxenyе yeshekeli ngumnikelo kuJehova.¹⁴ Wonke umuntu odlulela kulabo ababhaliswayo kusukela eminyakeni engamashumi amabili ubudala kuya phezulu uzokhipha umnikelo kaJehova.¹⁵ Ocebile akufanele akhipe

okungaphezulu nophansi akumelwe akhiphe okungaphansi kwengxenyе yeshekeli, lapho bekhapha umnikelo kaJehova ukuze nenzele imiphefumulo yenu isihlawulelo.

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Umnikelo

Abantu babephoqelekile ukuletha eminye iminikelo ngenxa yokuthi uMthetho wawusho njalo. Lapho uMose ebala ama-Israyeli, owesilisa oneminyaka engu-20 kuya phezulu kwakumele akhiphe umnikelo wokuhlenga umphefumulo wakhe, "ingxenyе yeshekeli ngeshekeli lendawo engcwele." Lona 'kwakungumnikelo oya kuJehova' ama-Israyeli 'ayewunikelela inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana' ukuze ahlawulele imiphefumulo yawo. (Eks 30:11-16) Isazi-mlando esingumJuda uJosephus (*The Jewish War*, VII, 218 [vi, 6]), sathi ngemva kwalokhu 'intela engcwele' yayikhokhwa unyaka nonyaka.—2Kro 24:6-10; Math 17:24; bheka esithi TAXATION.

(Eksodusi 30:16) Futhi kumelwe uthathe imali yesiliva yesihlawulelo kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli uyinikelele inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana, ukuze impela ibe yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaJehova ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, yenzele imiphefumulo yenu isihlawulelo."

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Ingabe Bewazi?

Izinkonzo zasethempelini likaJehova eJerusalemma zazixhaswa kanjani ngokwezimali?

Izinkonzo ezihlukahlukene zasethempelini zazixhaswa ngentela, ngokuyinhloko ngomnikelo wokweshumi. Nokho, zazikhona nezinye izinhlobo zezintela. Ngokwesibonelo, ngesikhathi kwakhawa itabernakele, uJehova wayala uMose ukuba aqoqe ingxenyе yeshekeli eliyisiliva kuwo wonke ama-Israyeli abhalisiwe ibe 'umnikelo kuJehova.' —Eksodusi 30:12-16.

Kubonakala sengathi kwaba umkhuba ukuba umJuda ngamunye anikele inani elingaguquguquki njengentela yethempeli yaminyaka yonke. UJesu wayekhipha yona le ntela ngesikhathi eyala uPetru

ukuba akhokhe ngohlamvu lwemali ayeluthathe emlonyeni wenhanzi.—Mathewu 17:24-27.

Ukumba Sifuna Ingcebo Engokomoya

(Eksodusi 29:10) "Manje kumelwe wethule inkunzi phambi kwetende lokuhlangana, u-Aroni namadodana akhe kumelwe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yen kunzi.

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Isandla

Ukubekwa Izandla. Ngaphandle kokuphatha into ethile, *izandla zazibekwa* kumuntu noma entweni ngezinhloso ezihlukahlukene. Nokho, incazel evamile yalesi senzo, kwakungesokubeka umuntu noma into ethile ukuze iqashelwe ngendlela ethile. Phakathi nomkhosi wokubekwa kwabapristi, u-Aroni namadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo ekhanda lenkuzi nasezinqameni ezimbili ezazizokwenziwa umhlatshelo ngenxa yokuthi babezoba abapristi bakaJehova uNkulunkulu. (Eks 29:10, 15, 19; Lev 8:14, 18, 22) Lapho uMose ebeka uJoshua njengomuntu owayezongena ezicathulweni zakhe, wambeka izandla. Ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uJoshua 'wagcwala umoya wokuhlakanipa' ngenxa yalokho wakwazi ukuhola u-Israyeli ngeendlela efanele. (Dut 34:9) Izandla zazibekwa kubantu lapho bephawulwa ukuthi bazothola izibusiso. (Gen 48:14; Mar 10:16) UJesu Kristu wathinta noma wabeka izandla zakhe kubantu ayebelapha. (Math 8:3; Mar 6:5; Luka 13:13) Ngezinye izikhathi abantu babetola isipho somoya ongcwele lapho bebekwa izandla ngabaphostoli. —IzE 8:14-20; 19:6.

(Eksodusi 30:31-33) "Uzokhuluma nabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, uthi, 'Lokhu kuzoqhubeka kungamafutha okugcoba angcwele kimi ezi-zukulwaneni zenu.³² Akumelwe ahlikihlwe enyameni yabantu, futhi akumelwe wenze anjengawo ngezithako zawo. Ayinto engcwele. Kumelwe aqhubeke eyinto engcwele kini.³³ Noma ubani owenza amafutha okugcoba anjengawo nogcoba isihambi ngamanye awo kumelwe anqunywe kubantu bakubo.'"

Ogcotshiwe, Ukugcoba

Lapho uJehova enika uMose uMthetho, wamtshela nendlela okufanele enze ngayo amafutha okugcoba. Ayenziwe ngezinto eziyikhethelo ezifana nemure, isinamoni enephunga elimnandi, ikhalamusi, ikhasiya namafutha omnqumo. (Eks 30:22-25) Kwakuyicala elibomvu ukuzenzela la mafutha nokuwasebenzisela enye into engabalulekile noma engagunyaziwe. (Eks 30:31-33) Lokhu kwakufanekisela ukubalaluleka nobungcwele kokubekwa esikhundleni kothile okuqinisekiswa ngokuba agcotshwe ngamafutha.

Ukufundwa KweBhayibheli

(Eksodus 29:31-46) “Uzothatha inqama yokumiswa, ubilise inyama yayo endaweni engcwele. ³² U-Aroni namadodana akhe kumelwe badle leyo nyama yenqama kanye nesinkwa esikubhasikidi emnyango wetende lokuhlangana.

³³ Kumelwe badle izinto okwenziwe ngazo ukuhlawulelwa ukuze kugcwaliswe isandla sabo ngamandla, ngenjongo yokubangcwelisa. Kodwa isihambi asinakuzidla, ngoba ziyizinto ezingcwele. ³⁴ Futhi uma kukhona inyama yomhlatshelo wokumiswa nesinkwa okungenzeka kusale kuze kube sekuseni, khona-ke kumelwe nikushise ngomlilo lokho okusele. Akumelwe kudliwe, ngoba kuyinto engcwele. ³⁵ “Kumelwe wenze ngale ndlela ku-Aroni namadodana akhe ngokuvumelana nakho konke engikuale ngakho. Uzothatha izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ukugcwalisa isandla sabo ngamandla. ³⁶ Uzonikela inkunzi yomnikelo wesono nsuku zonke ngenjongo yokuhlawulelwa, uhlante i-altare esonweni ngokulenzela kwakho isihlawulelo, uligcobe ukuze ulingcwelise. ³⁷ Uzothatha izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ukwenzela i-altare isihlawulelo, ulingcwelise ukuze ngempela libe i-altare elingcwelengcwele. Noma ngubani othinta i-altare kumelwe abe ngcwele. ³⁸

“Yilokhu ozokunikela phezu kwe-altare: amawundlu eduna, ngalinye linonyaka ubudala,

amabili njalo ngosuku. ³⁹ Elilodwa uzolinikela ekuseni, elinye ulinikele phakathi kokuhlwa okibili. ⁴⁰ Ingxene ye shumi ye-efa likafulawa ocolekile oswakanyiswe ngengxene ye yesine yehini lamafutha agquliwe, nomnikelo wokuphuzwayo wengxene ye yesine yehini lewayini, kuzohambisana newundlu leduna lokuqala. ⁴¹ Elesibili uzolinikela phakathi kokuhlwa okibili. Uzolinikela kanye nomnikelo wokusanhlamvu onjengowasekuseni nomnikelo wokuphuzwayo onjengowasekuseni njengephunga elizolisayo, umnikelo oya kuJehova owenziwe ngomlilo. ⁴² Kuwumnikelo wokushiswa owenziwa njalo kuzo zonke izizukulwane zenu emnyango wetende lokuhlangana phambi kukaJehova, lapho ngizozibonakalisa khona kini ukuze ngikhulume nawe lapho. ⁴³ “Ngizozibonakalisa lapho kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli, futhi ngokuqinisekile lizongcwelisa ngenkazimulo yami. ⁴⁴ Ngizongcwelisa itende lokuhlangana kanye ne-altare; futhi ngizongcwelisa u-Aroni namadodana akhe ukuba babe abapristi kimi. ⁴⁵ Ngizohlala etabernakele phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, futhi ngizoba nguNkulunkulu wabo. ⁴⁶ Bazokwazi ngokuqinisekile ukuthi nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, owabakhipa ezweni laseGibhithe ukuze nighlale etabernakele phakathi kwabo. NginguJehova uNkulunkulu wabo.