

Izikhombo Ze-Ncwajana YoMhlangano Wokuphila Nenkonzo

NOVEMBA 1-7

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | JOSHUWA 18-19

“UJehova Walihlukanisa Ngokuhlukanipha Izwe”

it-1-E 359 ¶1

Umngcele

Kubonakala sengathi ukwabiwa kwezindawo phakathi kwezizwe kwakuqondiswa yilezi zinto ezimbili: umphumela otholakala lapho kubhekwa inkatho nokuthi isizwe singakanani. Kungenzeka ukuthi inkatho iyona eyayisho ukuthi iyiphi indawo eyifa eyayizotholwa yisizwe ngasinye, njengokuthi ingaba senyakatho, eningizimu, empumalanga noma entshonalanga, emathafeni agudle ugu noma endaweni enezintaba. Isinqumo senkatho sasivela kuJehova, okwakwenza ukuthi izizwe zingadlalani umona futhi zingaxabani. (IzA 16:33) Ngale ndlela, uNkulunkulu wayeqondisa izinto ukuze izimo zesizwe ngasinye zihleleke ngokuvumelana nesiprofetho esiphefumulelwe, uJakobe, inzalamizi, asisho lapho esefa esibhalwe kuGenesise 49:1-33.

it-1-E 1200 ¶1

Ifa

Amazwe ayifa. UJehova wanika abantwana bakwa-Israeli ifa, wachazela uMose imingcele yezwe. (Num 34:1-12; Jos 1:4) UMose wabela abantwana bakwaGadi, abantwana bakwaRubeni nohhafu wesizwe sakwaManase izindawo zabo. (Num 32:33; Jos 14:3) Zonke ezinye izizwe zathola ifa lazo ngenkatho, ziqondiswa nguJoshuwa no-Elayezare. (Jos 14:1, 2) Ngokuvumelana nesiprofetho sikaJakobe esikuGenesise 49: 5, 7, uSimeyoni noLevi abanikwanga eyabo ingxenye yezwe ezimele njengefa kodwa

indawo uSimeyoni ayithola yayingaphakathi endaweni yakwaJuda (kanye namadolobha abantu bezizwe) (Jos 19:1-9), kanti uLevi wanikezwa amadolobha angu-48 akuyo yonke indawo yakwa-Israeli. Njengoba amaLevi ayephathiswe inkonzo ekhethekile endlini kaNkulunkulu, kwathiwa uJehova wayezoba ifa lawo. Athola okweshumi njengengxenye yefa lawo ngenxa yenkonzo yawo. (Num 18:20, 21; 35:6, 7) Imindeni yayinikezwa izindawo khona ezweni lesizwe. Njengoba imindeni yayanda namadodana ethola ifa eliyizwe, izwe laligcina selihlukani swa ngokwezingxenye ezincane.

it-1 359 ¶2

Umngcele

Ngemva kokuba inkatho isishilo ukuthi isizwe sizothatha yiphi indawo, kwakudingeka kubhekwe ubukhulu bayo ngokwalokhu okulandelayo: ukuthi ingakanani. “Kumelwe nihlukanise izwe ngenkatho njengefa phakathi kwemindeni yenu. Egenjini elikhulu kufanele nandise ifa lalo, eqenjini elincane kufanele ninciphise ifa lalo. Ifa lawo wonke umuntu liyoba yindawo ayithole ngenkatho.” (Num 33:54) Isinqumo esenziwe ngenkatho sokuthi isizwe sasizoyithola kuphi indawo sasingeke sishintshe kodwa okwakungashintsha ukuthi sizothola indawo engakanani. Ngakho lapho kutholakala ukuthi indawo kaJuda yayinkulu kakhulu, yancishiswa ngokuthi izingxenye zayo zabelwe isizwe sakwaSimeyoni.—Jos 19:9.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-1-E 359 ¶5

Umngcele

Ukulandisa okukhuluma ngokuhlukaniswa kwendawo esentshonalanga yeJordani kubonisa ukuthi inkatho yabela kuqala uJuda

(Jos 15:1-63), uJosefa (u-Efrayimi) (Jos 16:1-10) nohhafu wesizwe sakwaManase owa-wuhlala entshonalanga yeJordani (Jos 17:1-13), imingcele namadolobha abo kwakubaliwe. Ngemva kwalokhu, kubonakala sengathi kwaba nokuphazamiseka ekuhlukanisweni komhlaba, njengoba ikamu lakwa-Israyeli lasuswa eGiligali layiswa eShilo. (Jos 14:6; 18:1) Ukuthi lokhu kwathatha isikhathi esingakanani akwaziwa kodwa ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uJoshuwa wazisola izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezisele ngenxa yokuthi azisheshanga zahlala ezweni. (Jos 18:2, 3) Kuye kwaba nezizathu eziningi ezishiwoyo zokuthi kungani lezo zizwe zenza kanjalo, abanye bathi ukucabanga ngobuningi bempango eyatholakala ngemva kokunqoba nokukhululeka osongweni lokuhlaselwa ngabaseKhanani, kungenzeka kwabangela lezi zizwe ukuba zibone kungenasidingo sokuba zisheshe zihlale ezweni elisele eliyifa lazo. Ukudonsa kwazo izinyawo ngokungabhekani nenkinga yokulwa nesitha esinamandla kungenzeka kwanezela ekutheni zingasheshi zihlale kuleli zwe. (Jos 13:1-7) Kanti futhi zazingenalo ulwazi mayelana nale ngxenye yeZwe Lesithembiso kodwa kungenzeka zase zizazi kahle ezinye izingxenye zendawo ezazivele sezihlala kuzo.

NOVEMBA 8-14

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | JOSHUWA 20-22

“Esikufundayo Ngokufinyelela Iziphetho Okungezona”

w06 4/15 5 ¶3 Izihluthulelo Zokukhulumisana Nomuntu Oshade Naye

Ukukhulumisana ngokukhululekile kungavimbela ukunqondani. Kudala kwa-Israyeli,

isizwe sakwaRubeni, sakwaGadi nengxenye yesizwe sakwaManase, zonke ezazihlala empumalanga yoMfula iJordani, zakha “i-altare elaliphawuleka kakhulu” eduze kwaseJordani. Ezinye izizwe zakuqonda kabi lokhu. Ngenxa yokuthi zacabanga ukuthi abafowabo ngale kweJordani babehlubuka, izizwe zasentshonalanga zalungiselela ukuyolwa nalaba bantu “abadlubulundayo.” Nokho, ngaphambi kokuyolwa, zathumela ithimba ukuba liyoxoxa nezizwe ezisempumalanga. Yeka isinyathelo esiwukhulakanipha ezasithatha! Zathola ukuthi i-altare elalaxhiwe kwakungelona elokwenza iminikelo noma imihlatshelo engekho emthethweni. Kunalokho, izizwe ezisempumalanga zazesaba ukuthi mhlawumbe kuyokwenzeka ngelinye ilanga lezi zizwe zithi kuzo: “Aninasabelo kuJehova.” Leli altare laliyoba ubufakazi bokuthi nazo zingabakhulekeli bakaJehova. (Joshuwa 22:10-29) Zabiza leli altare ngokuthi ubuFakazi, cishe ngoba laliwubufakazi bokuthi kuzona, uJehova unguNkulunkulu weqiniso.—Joshuwa 22:34.

w08 11/15 18 ¶5

‘Phishekela Izinto Ezibangela Ukuthula’

Kungenzeka ukuthi amanye ama-Israyeli ayenomuzwa wokuthi kwase kunobufakazi obanele bobubi nokuthi uma ehlasela lezi ezinye izizwe zingalindele kwakuyofa abambalwa kuwo. Nokho, kunokuba ziphamazele, izizwe ezazisentshonalanga yeJordani zathumela amaxusa ukuba ayoxoxa ngale nkinga nabaafowabo. Abuza: “Senzo sini sokungathembeki lesi enisenzileyo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngokuyeka namuhla ukulandela uJehova?” Empeleni, okwenziwa izizwe ezazakhe i-altare kwakungesona isenzo sokungathembeki. Kodwa zaziyesabela kanjani kulokho kubekwa icala? Ingabe zaziyoobhoka ngolaka noma

zenqabe ukukhuluma nawo? Izizwe ezazibekwa icala zaphendula ngomoya ophansi, zachaza ngokucacile ukuthi empeleni ezazikwenzile kwakushukunyiswe isifiso sazo sokukhonza uJehova. Impendulo yazo yalondoloza ubuhlobo bazo noNkulunkulu yasindisa nokuphila. Ukuxoxa ngomoya ozo-lile kwalungisa izinto futhi kwabuyisela ukuthula.—Josh. 22:13-34.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-1-E 402 ¶3

IKhanani

Nakuba abantu abaningi baseKhanani basinda ekunqotshweni okukhulu futhi benqaba ukubuswa, kwakusengashiwo ukuthi “uJehova wawanika ama-Israyeli lonke izwe ayefunge ukuthi uzolinika okhokho bawo,” ukuthi wayebanike “ukuphumula nhlangothi zonke,” nokuthi “asikho nesisodwa isithembiso esingagcwalisekanga kuzo zonke izithembiso ezinhle uJehova ayezenzile endlini ka-Israyeli; zagcwaliseka zonke.” (Jos 21: 43-45) Nxazonke zama-Israyeli izitha zawo zesaba kodwa ukulondeka kwawo akusongelwanga. UNkulunkulu wayeshilo ukuthi uzowaxosha amaKhanani “kancane kanca-ne” ukuze izilwane zasendle zingandi ezweni elingasenamuntu ngokuphazima kweso. (Eks 23:29, 30; Dut 7:22) Naphezu kokuba abantu baseKhanani benezinto zokulwa ezisezingeni eliphezulu, ezihlanganisa izinqola zempi ezinamasikela ensimbi, uma ama-Israyeli ekugcineni ayengahluleka ukuthatha izindawo ezithile, kwakungeke kusolwe uJehova ngokuthi uhlulekile ukufeza isithembiso sakhe. (Jos 17:16-18; Hlu 4:13) Kunalokho, ukulandisa kubonisa ukuthi izikhathi ezimbalwa ama-Israyeli ahlulwa ngazo kwakungenxa yokungathembeki kwawo.—Num 14:44, 45; Jos 7:1-12.

NOVEMBA 15-21

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | JOSHUWA 23-24

“UJoshuwa Weluleka Isizwe Okokugcina”

it-1-E 75

Ukuzihlanganisa

Kwaba nesimo esihlukile esavela lapho isizwe sama-Israyeli singena eKhanani, iZwe Lesithembiso. UNkulunkulu OnguMbusi wayenikeze ama-Israyeli izwe lonke ukuze kugcwaliseke isithembiso ayesenze nokhokho bawo. Ngenxa yalokho, lapho engena kulo, awangenanga njengezifiki futhi uJehova wawanqabela ukuba azihlanganise nezizwe ezingamaqaba ezweni. (Eks 23: 31-33; 34:11-16) Kwakumelwe athobele imithetho nezimiso zikaNkulunkulu, hhayi imithetho yezizwe ezase zizoxoshwa kulelo zwe. (Lev 18:3, 4; 20:22-24) Ayexwayiswe ngokuqondile ngokuphathelene nokuganiselana nezizwe ezinjalo. Ubuhlobo obunjalo babuyokwenza ukuthi angazihlanganisi kuphela namakhosikazi angamaqaba kodwa asondelane nezihlobo ezingamaqaba kanye nemikhuba namasiko okukhulekela kwamanga futhi lokho kwakuyokwenza ama-Israyeli ahlubuke, kuwabekele nogibe.—Dut 7:2-4; Eks 34:16; Jos 23:12, 13.

w07 11/1 26 ¶19-20

Izwi LikaJehova Akwenzeki ingagcwaliseki

¹⁹ Ngokuqinisekile, kulokhu esiye sakubona ngamehlo ethu, singasho ukuthi: “Akukho nelilodwa izwi kuwo wonke amazwi amahle uJehova uNkulunkulu wenu awakhulumile kini eliye laphutha. Agcwaliseke wonke kini. Akuphuthanga nezwi elilodwa kuwo.” (Joshuwa 23:14) UJehova ukhulula, avikele futhi anakekele izinceku zakhe. Sikhona

yini isithembiso sakhe ongathi asigcwalisekanga ngesikhathi sakhe asimisile? Asikho. Ngokuhlakanipha, sithembela eZwini lika-Nkulunkulu elinokwethenjela.

²⁰ Kuthiwani ngekusasa? UJehova uye wasitshela ukuthi iningi lethu lingaba nethemba lokuphila emhlabeni oguqulwe waba ipharadesi elijabulisayo. Abambalwa kithi banethemba lokubusa noKristu ezulwini. Kungakhathaliseki ukuthi sinaliphi ithuba, sinisizathu esizwakalayo sokuhlala sithembekile njengoJoshua. Luyeza usuku lapho ithuba lethu liyogcwaliseka khona. Khona-ke, siyocabanga ngazo zonke izithembiso uJehova azenzile, futhi nathi siyothi: ‘Zigcwalisekile zonke.’

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w04 12/1 12 ¶1

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi KaJoshua

24:2—Ingabe ubaba ka-Abrahama, uThera, wayengumkhulekeli wezithombe? Ekuqaleni, uThera wayengeyena umkhulekeli kaJehova uNkulunkulu. Kungenzeka ukuthi wayekhulekela unkulunkulu wenyanga okuthiwa uSin—unkulunkulu odumile e-Uri. Ngokokulandisa kwamaJuda, kungenzeka nanokuthi uThera wayengumenzi wezithombe. Nokho, lapho u-Abrahama elalela umyalo kaNkulunkulu eshiya i-Uri, uThera uhamba naye baya eHarana.—Genesis 11:31.

NOVEMBA 22-28

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | ABAHLULELI 1-3

“Indaba Ekhuluma Ngesibindi Nethakazelisayo”

w04 3/15 31 ¶3

U-Ehudi Ugqabula Ijoka Lomcindezeli

Amasu ka-Ehudi awaphumelelanga ngenxa yokuhlakanipha kwakhe noma ukuhluleka kwesitha. Ukuphumelela kwezinjongo zika-Nkulunkulu akuxhomekile kumuntu. Isizathu esiyinhloko sokuphumelela kuka-Ehudi sa-siwukuthi wasekelwa uNkulunkulu njengoba enza ngokuvumelana nentando yaKhe enge-nakubhuntshiswa yokukhulula abantu baKhe. UNkulunkulu wayevuse u-Ehudi, ‘nalapho uJehova evusela abantu bakhe abahluleli, uJehova wayeba nalowo mahluleli.’—AbaHluleli 2:18; 3:15.

w04 3/15 30 ¶1-3

U-Ehudi Ugqabula Ijoka Lomcindezeli

Isinyathelo sokuqala u-Ehudi asithatha saba ‘ukuzenzela inkemba’—eyayisika nhlangothi zombili futhi imfushane ngokwanele ukuba ayithukuse ngaphansi kwezingubo zakhe. Kungenzeka wayekulindele ukusesha. Izinkemba zazivame ukubhincwa ngakwesobunxele ukuze labo abasebenzisa isandla sokunene basheshe bakwazi ukuzikhipha. Njengoba ayeyinxele, u-Ehudi wafihla inkemba yakhe “ngaphansi kwengubo yakhe phezu kwethanga lakhe lesokunene,” lapho onogada benkosi babengavamile ukusesha khona. Kungasekho lutho olumthikamezayo, “wayethula le nkokhiso ku-Egiloni inkosi yakwaMowabi.”—AbaHluleli 3:16, 17.

Imininingwane ngokwenzeka ekungeneni kwakhe ehlalankosi, ayichazwanga. IBhayibheli limane lithi: “Kwathi lapho [u-Ehudi] eseqedile ukuyethula le nkokhiso, ngaso lesi sikhathi wabamukisa abantu, abaphathi benkokhiso.” (AbaHluleli 3:18) U-Ehudi wayethula inkokhiso, wakhapha abaphathi benkokhiso wabayisa endaweni ephephile kude nomuzi ka-Egiloni, wabe esebuyela kwa-Egiloni ngemva kokubamukisa. Wakwenzelani lokhu? Ingabe u-Ehudi wayehamba

nala madoda ukuze amvikele, noma ngenxa yenkambiso nje, noma mhlawumbe ayemane engabathwali benkokhiso? Futhi ingabe wayefuna ukuba la madoda ahambe ngaphambi kokufeza isu lakhe ukuze angachaphazeleki? Kungakhathaliseki ukuthi u-Ehudi wayecabangani, ngesibindi wabuyela yedwa emzini ka-Egiloni.

“[U-Ehudi] wabuya ngasezinkwalini eza-ziseGiligali, wathi: ‘Nginezwi eliyimfihlo engingathanda ukulixoxa nawe, nkosi.’” ImiBhalo ayichazi ukuthi wakwazi kanjani ukuphinde angene aze ayofika ku-Egiloni. Kwakungafanele yini onogada basole ukuthi kukhona okushaya amanzi? Ingabe bacabanga ukuthi umIsrayeli oyedwa nje vó akanakuba usongo enkosini yabo? Ingabe ukufika kuka-Ehudi ehamba yedwa kwenza kwabonakala sengathi uthengisa abantu bakubo? Kunoma ikuphi, u-Ehudi wacela ukukhuluma nenkosi ngasese, futhi inkosi yavuma.—AbaHluleli 3:19.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

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Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YabaHluleli

2:10-12. Kumelwe sibe nesimiso sokutadisha iBhayibheli njalo ukuze ‘singazikhohlwa izenzo zikaJehova.’ (IHubo 103:2) Abazali kudingeka baligxilise iqiniso leZwi lika-Nkulunkulu ezinhliziyweni zezingane zabo.—Duteronomi 6:6-9.

NOVEMBA 29–DISEMBA 5

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | ABAHLULELI 4-5

“UJehova Usebenzisa Abesifazane Ababili Ukuze Akhulule Abantu Bakhe”

w15 8/1 13 ¶1

“Ngisukuma Njengomama Kwa-Israyeli”

USisera! Lelo gama lilodwa lalibangela ukwesaba nokuthuthumela kuma-Israyeli. Inkolo nesiko lamaKhanani lalinonya, kwakwenziwa umhlathshelo ngezingane futhi kudayiswa umzimba ethempelini. Kwakunjani ukubuswa ujenene waseKhanani nebutho lakhe? Ingoma kaDebora ibonisa ukuthi kwakunzima kakhulu ukuhamba ezweni futhi emaphandleni kwakukhala ibhungane. (AbaHluleli 5:6, 7) Singase sibabone ngeso lengqondo abantu becashe emahlathini nasemagqumeni besaba ukulima noma ukuhlala emaphandleni angenazivikelo, besaba ukuhamba emigwaqweni evulekile futhi besaba ukuhlaelwa, ukulahlekelwa izingane zabo nokudlwengulwa kwamakhosikazi abo.

w15 8/1 13 ¶2

“Ngisukuma Njengomama Kwa-Israyeli”

Lokho kuhlukumezeka kwaqhubeka iminyaka engu-20, kwaze kwaba yilapho uJehova ebona ubufakazi bokuthi laba bantu abantamo lukhuni base bekulungele ukuphenduka noma njengoba ingoma ephefumulelwe kaDebora noBharaki isho, “Kwaze kwaba yilapho mina, Debora ngisukuma, Kwaze kwaba yilapho ngisukuma njengomama kwa-Israyeli.” Asazi ukuthi uDebora, umkaLapitodi, wayenazo yini izingane, kodwa le nkulumo yayisetshenziswa ngendlela engokomfanekiso. Empeleni uJehova wanika uDebora isabelo sokuvikela isizwe njengomama. Wamthuma ukuba abize indoda enokholo oluqinile, umaHluleli uBharaki futhi ayiyale ukuba imelane noSisera.—AbaHluleli 4:3, 6, 7; 5:7.

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“Ngisukuma Njengomama Kwa-Israyeli”

UJayeli kwadingeka acabange ngokushesha. Wabonisa uSisera indawo yokulala. USisera wamyala ukuba athi akekho kunoma

ubani ombuzayo. UJayeli wamembathisa njengoba elala, kwathi lapho ecela amanzi wamnika ubisi. Ngokushesha uSisera wazumeka, walala zwí. UJayeli wabe esethatha isikhonkwane setende nesando—amathuluzi ayekwazi kahle ukuwasebenzisa. Njengoba eqoshama eduze kwekhanda likaSisera, wayesebhekene nomsebenzi onzima wokukhipha isahlulelo njengommeleli kaJehova. Ukungabaza kwakungasho inhlekelele. Ingabe wacabanga ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu nangendlela le ndoda eye yabahlukumeza ngayo amashumi eminyaka? Noma ingabe wacabanga ngelungelo lokumelela uJehova? Ukulandisa akusho. Esikwaziyo nje ukuthi wasithatha isinyathelo. USisera wafa!—AbaHluleli 4:18-21; 5:24-27.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w05 1/15 25 ¶5

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YabaHluleli

5:20—Izinkanyezi zamlwela kanjani uBharaki zisezulwini? IBhayibheli alisho ukuthi lokhu kwakuhilela usizo lwezingelosi yini, noma ukuwa kwezinto emkhathini okwabhekwa izihlakaniphi zikaSisera njengokusho inhlekelele, noma mhlawumbe izibikezele zezinkanyezi ezikhohlisa uSisera. Nokho, ngokungangabazeki uNkulunkulu wangenela ngandlela-thile.

DISEMBA 6-12

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | ABAHLULELI 6-7

“Hamba Ngala Mandla Onawo”

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Izimiso ZikaNkulunkulu Zingakuzuzisa

Umntu owayenesimo esihle sengqondo ngaye ngokwakhe nowazenza watuseka kwakunguGideyoni, umahluleli wamaHeberu

asendulo. Akazange azifunele ukuba umholi ka-Israyeli. Nokho, lapho uGideyoni ekhetwa ukuba abe kulesi sikhundla, waveza ukungafaneleki kwakhe. Wachaza: “Umndeni wami umpofu kwaManase, mina ngingomncinyane endlini kababa.”—AbaHluleli 6: 12-16.

w05 7/15 16 ¶3

“Inkemba KaJehova NekaGideyoni!”

Yeka indlela abakwaMidiyani abethuka ngayo manje! Ngokuphazima kweso, ukuthula kuphela ngokuphahlazwa kwezimbiza ezingu-300, nokushaywa kwezimpondo ezingu-300 kanye nokumemeza kwamadoda angu-300. Njengoba beshaqiswe ikakhulu amazwi amemezayo, athi “inkemba kaJehova nekaGideyoni!,” abakwaMidiyani baqala ukukhala ube mkhulu nakakhulu umsindo. Kuleyo nxushunxushu, akunakwenzeka ngabo ukuba bahlukanise umuntu wangakubo esitheni. Abangu-300 bama phuhle ezindaweni ababelwe kuzo njengoba uNkulunkulu ebangela ukuba izitha zigwazane zodwa. Ika-mu liyangquzulwa, akekho ophunyukayo futhi abasele bayabulawa okuhilela ukususwa ngokuphelele kosongo lwabakwaMidiyani. Ekugcineni ukubuswa osekuthathe isikhathi eside nokunonya kuyaphela.—AbaHluleli 7:19-25; 8:10-12, 28.

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Imibuzo Evela Kubafundi

Wayesho ukuthini umphostoli uPawulu lapho ethi abesifazane kufanele bathule emabandleni?

UPawulu wabhalela ibandla lamaKristu aseKorinte: Njengakuwo wonke amabandla abangcwele, abesifazane mabathule emabandleni, ngoba akuvunyelwe ukuba bakhulume. (1 Korinte 14:33, 34) Ukuze siwaqonde kahle la mazwi, kuyasiza uku-bangela umongo weseluleko sikaPawulu.

Kweyoku-1 Korinte isahluko 14, uPawulu wakhuluma ngezindaba eziphathelele nemi-hlangano yebandla lobuKristu. Wachaza okufanele kuxoxwe ngakho kuleyo mihlangano futhi watusa nendlela okufanele iqhutshwe ngayo. (1 Korinte 14:1-6, 26-34) Ngaphezu kwalokho, wagcizelela injongo yemihlangano yobuKristuukuze ibandla lakheke.—1 Korinte 14:4, 5, 12, 26.

Isiyalo sikaPawulu esitusa ukuthula sivela kathathu encwadini yoku-1 Korinte isahluko 14. Isikhathi ngasinye lapho lesi seluleko sivela, sisuke sibhekiswe emaqenjini ahlukahlukene ebandleni, kodwa kuzo zonke lezo zimo sinikezwa ngesizathu esifanayokuze zonke izinto zenzeke ngokufanele nango-hlelo.—1 Korinte 14:40.

Okokuqala, uPawulu wathi: Uma omunye ekhuluma ngolunye ulimi, makulinganiselwe kwababili noma abathathu kugcine, futhi badelelane; futhi omunye ahumushe. Kodwa uma engekho umhumushi, makathule ebandleni azikhulumele yedwa futhi akhulume noNkulunkulu. (1 Korinte 14:27, 28) Lokhu kwakungasho ukuthi lowo muntu wayengeke nanini akhulume emihlanganweni kodwa kwakusho ukuthi kwakuzoba nezikhathi lapho kwakufanele athule khona. Empeleni, injongo yemihlangano ewukwakhana yayingeke ifezwe uma ayekhuluma ulimi olungaziwa muntu.

Okwesibili, uPawulu wathi: Makukhulume abaprofethi ababili noma abathathu, abanye baqonde incazelo. Kodwa uma kuba khona isambulo komunye ngesikhathi ehlezi lapho, owokuqala makathule. Lokhu kwakungasho ukuthi umprofethi wokuqala wayenqatshelwe ukukhuluma emihlanganweni, kodwa kwakusho ukuthi kumelwe athule ngezinye izikhathi. Lowo onesambulo esiyisimangaliso wayengabe esekhuluma nebandla, futhi kufezwe injongo yom-

hlangano, ewukuthi bonke bakhuthazwe.—1 Korinte 14:26, 29-31.

Okwesithathu, uPawulu wakhuluma nabe-sifazane abangamaKristu kuphela, wathi: Abesifazane mabathule emabandleni, ngoba akuvunyelwe ukuba bakhulume, kodwa mabazithobe. (1 Korinte 14:34) Kungani uPawulu anikeza odade lo myalo? Ukuze kube nokuhleleka ebandleni. Uthi: Khona-ke, uma befuna ukufunda okuthile, mababuze abayeni babo emakhaya, ngoba kuyichilo ngowesifazane ukuba akhulume ebandleni.—1 Korinte 14:35.

Mhlawumbe abanye odade babephikisa okwakushiwo ebandleni. Iseluleko sikaPawulu sasiza odade ukuba bagweme umoya wesiyaluyalu futhi ngokuzithoba bamukele indawo yabo elungiselelweni likaJehova lobunhloko, ikakhulu maqondana nabayeni babo. (1 Korinte 11:3) Ngaphezu kwalokho, odade babeyobonisa ngokuthula ukuthi babengalangazeleli ukufundisa ebandleni. Ngesikhathi uPawulu ebhalela uThimothewu, wabonisa ukuthi kwakuyoba into engafaneleki ukuba owesifazane afundise: Angimvumeli owesifazane ukuba afundise, noma ukuba abe negunya phezu kwendoda, kodwa ukuba athule.—1 Thimothewu 2:12.

Ingabe lokho kusho ukuthi owesifazane ongumKristu akumelwe nanini akhulume emihlanganweni webandla? Cha. Ngosuku lukaPawulu, kwakunezikhathi lapho abesifazane abangamaKristu babekhuleka noma baprofethe ebandleni, mhlawumbe beshukuniswa umoya ongcwele. Ngalezo zikhathi babesiqaphela isikhundla sabo ngokuthwala ekhanda.* (1 Korinte 11:5) Ngaphezu kwa-

* Ezikhathini zanamuhla, odade abavuthiwe balandela lesi sibonelo lapho izimo zenza kudingekile bamelele umzalwane obhaphathiziwe ebandleni.—Bheka *INqabayokulinda* ka-July 15, 2002, ikhasi 26.

lokho, osukwini lukaPawulu nanamuhla, odade kanye nabazalwane banxuswa ukuba bamemezele obala ithemba labo. (Hebheru 10:23-25) Ngaphandle kokwenza lokhu enkonzweni yasensimini, odade bamemezelela ithemba labo futhi bakhuthaze abanye emihlanganweni yebandla ngezimpendulo ezicatshangelwe kahle lapho benikezwa lelo thuba nangokwamukela izabelo zokwenza imiboniso noma ukunikeza izinkulumo zabafundi.

Ngakho-ke, abesifazane abangamaKristu bayathula ngokugwema ukuzama ukuthatha indima yowesilisa bafundise ibandla. Abalibekeli inselele igunya lalabo abafundisayo ngokubuzwa imibuzo enokuvukela. Ngokufeza indima yabo efanele ebandleni, odade abangamaKristu benza kube nomoya wokuthula odingekayo ukuze zonke izinto [emihlanganweni yebandla] zenzeke ngenjongo yokwakha.—1 Korinte 14:26, 33.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w05 1/15 26 ¶6

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YabaHluleli

6:25-27. UGideyoni wasebenzisa ukuqonda ukuze angathukuthelisi abaphikisi bakhe ngokungadingekile. Lapho sishumayela izindaba ezinhle, kumelwe siqaphele ukuba singacasuli abanye ngokungadingekile ngeindlela esikhuluma ngayo.

DISEMBA 13-19

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | ABAHLULELI 8-9

“Ukuthobeka Kungcono Kunokuqhosha”

w00 8/15 25 ¶3

Ukusingatha Kanjani Ukungaboni Ngaso Linye?

UGideyoni, owayebambene ngezihluthu nabakwaMidiyani, wacela usizo esizweni sakwa-Efrayimi. Nokho, ngemva kwempi, u-Efrayimi wakhononda kakhulu kuGideyoni ngokuthi wayengambizanga ekuqaleni kwempi. Ukulandisa kuthi ‘wazama ngamandla ukuxabana naye.’ UGideyoni waphendula ngokuthi: “Ngenzeni mina, uma kulinganiswa nokwenu na? Uku-khothoza kwabakwa-Efrayimi akukuhle yini kunokuvuna umvini kwama-Abiyezeri na? UNkulunkulu unikele esandleni senu izikhulu zakwaMidiyani, o-Orebi noZebi; mina beningamandla okwenzani, uma kulinganiswa nokwenu, na?” (AbAhluleli 8:1-3) Ngamazwi akhethwe kahle nazolile, uGideyoni wagwema lokho okwakungaba yimpi eyinhlekelele phakathi kwezizwe. Kungenzeka ukuthi abesizwe sakwa-Efrayimi babezazisa futhi beziqhenya. Nokho, lokho akuzange kuvimbele uGideyoni ukuba alwele ukwenza kube nomphumela onokuthula. Ingabe si- ngenza okufanayo?

w17.01 20 ¶15

Okwenza Isizotha Sibaluleke Nanamuhla

¹⁵ UGideyoni uyisibonelo esihle kakhulu sokuba nesizotha. Lapho ingelosi kaJehova ibonakala kuye okokuqala, washeshe wayichazela ukuthi yena ungomncane kunabo bonke endlini kayise. (AbaHl. 6:15) Ngemva kokwamukela isabelo ayesinikwe uJehova, uGideyoni waqikelela ukuthi ukuqonda ngokugcwele okwakudingeka akwenze futhi wafuna isiqondiso sikaJehova. (AbaHl. 6: 36-40) UGideyoni wayenesibindi. Noma kunjalo, wenza ngokuqonda futhi wayeqaphile. (AbaHl. 6:11, 27) Akasamukelanga isabelo sakhe ngenjongo yokuthola udumo. Kunalokho, ngemva nje kokufeza isabelo sakhe wabuyela endlini yakhe.—AbaHl. 8:22, 23, 29.

w08 2/15 9 ¶9

Hamba Ngezindlela ZikaJehova

⁹ Ukuze sibe abangane bakaNkulunkulu, kumelwe sibe ‘abathobekile engqondweni.’ (1 Pet. 3:8; IHu. 138:6) Ukubaluleka kokuthobeka sikubona kubaHluleli isahluko 9. Indodana kaGideyoni, uJothamu, yathi: “Kwathi ngesinye isikhathi imithi yahamba yayozigcabela inkosi.” Kuleso sahluko, kwakhulunywa ngomuthi womnqumo, umkhiwane nomvini. Le mithi yayimelele abantu ababefaneleka, kodwa abangazange bafune ukubusa ama-Israyeli akubo. Kodwa ijikijolo—elisetshenziselwa nje ukubasa—lamelela ubukhosi buka-Abhimeleki oqhoshayo, umbulali owayeshabashekela ukubusa abanye. Nakuba ‘azenza isikhulu phezu kuka-Israyeli iminyaka emithathu,’ washeshe wafa. (AbaHl. 9:8-15, 22, 50-54) Yeka ukuthi kungcono kangakanani ukuba ‘othobekile engqondweni’!

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-1-E 753 ¶1

I-Efodi, I

Naphezu kwezinhloso ezinhle zikaGideyoni zokuba akhumbule ukunqoba uJehova ayekwenzele u-Israyeli nokudumisa uNkulunkulu, i-efodi “laba ugibe kuGideyoni nasendlini yakhe,” ngenxa yokuthi ama-Israyeli enza isenzo sokuziphatha okungahlanzekile ngokomoya ngokulikhulekela. (Hlu 8:27) Nokho, iBhayibheli alisho ukuthi uGideyoni walikhulekela i-efodi, kunalokho umphostoli uPawulu umbala ngokukhethekile njengomunye ophakathi ‘kwefu elikhulu’ lofakazi abathembekile ababekhonza uJehova langaphambi kwenkathi yobuKristu.—Heb 11:32; 12:1.

DISEMBA 20-26

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | ABAHLULELI 10-12

“UJefta—Indoda Engokomoya”

w16.04 7 ¶9

Ukwethembeka Kuholela Ekwamukelweni UNkulunkulu

⁹ Cishe isibonelo sikaJosefa samsiza uJefta. Kumelwe ukuba wafunda ngendlela uJosefa ababonisa ngayo umusa abafowabo naku-ba babemzonda. (Genesise 37:4; 45:4, 5) Ukucabanga ngalesi sibonelo kungenzeka kwamsiza uJefta wasabela ngendlela eyamjabulisa uJehova. Kwamzwise ubuhlungu ngempela uJefta lokho okwenziwa abafowabo. Kodwa ukulwela igama likaJehova nabantu bakhe kwakubaluleke kakhulu kuye kunemizwa yakhe. (AbaHluleli 11:9) Wayezimisele ukuba qotho kuJehova. Lesi simo sengqondo senza ukuba yena nama-Israyeli babusiswe uJehova.—Hebheru 11:32, 33.

it-2-E 27 ¶2

UJefta

UJefta, indoda ethatha isinyathelo, akachithanga sikhathi ekuholeni ngentshiseko. Wathumela inkosi yakwa-Amoni umyalezo owawuthi abakwa-Amoni babengobhongoza ekuhlaseleni izwe lakwa-Israyeli. Inkosi yaphendula ngokuthi vele kwakuyizwe abakwa-Israyeli ababelithathe kwakwa-Amoni. (Hlu 11:12, 13) Lapha, uJefta wazibonisa engelona nje iqhawe eliyisidlova, elingawazi amasiko, kodwa wazibonisa eyiqhawe eliwaziyo umlando, ngokukhethekile umlando wendlela uNkulunkulu asebenzelana ngayo nabantu bakhe. Wakuphikisa lokho okwakushiwo abakwa-Amoni, waveza ukuthi (1) ama-Israyeli awazange abahlukumeze abakwa-Amoni, abakwa-Mowabi no-Edomi (Hlu 11:14-18; Dut 2:9, 19, 37; 2Kr 20:

10, 11); (2) abakwa-Amoni babengakali-thathi izwe okwakuxatshanwa ngenxa yalo lapho ama-Israyeli enqoba, ngoba lalise-zandleni zama-Amori ayehlala eKhanani futhi uNkulunkulu wayenikele inkosi uSiho-ni nezwe layo esandleni sabakwa-Israyeli; (3) abakwa-Amoni babengazange baphiki-sane nokuhlala kwama-Israyeli kulelo zwe iminyaka engu-300; ngakho, babengakwe-nza ngasiphi isizathu esizwakalayo manje? —Hlu 11:19-27.

it-2-E 27 ¶3

UJefta

UJefta waveza inkinga eyinhloko lapho ebo-nisa ukuthi le ndaba yayihlela ukukhulekela. Wathi uJehova uNkulunkulu izwe wayeli-nikeze ama-Israyeli, ngenxa yalesi sizathu babengeke balinikeze noma yimuphi umu-ntu ongumkhulekeli wonkulunkulu bamanga. Wathi uKemoshi ungunkulunkulu wabakwa-Amoni. Abanye bacabanga ukuthi lokhu kuyiphutha. Nakuba abakwa-Amoni babe-khulekela unkulunkulu okuthiwa uMilkomu, abakwaMowabi bekhulekela okuthiwa uKe-moshi, lezo zizwe ezihlobene zazikhulekela onkulunkulu abaningi. USolomoni ngoku-ngafanele, wenza ukuba abanye kwa-Israyeli bakhulekele uKemoshi ngenxa yamakhosika-zi akhe ezinye izizwe. (Hlu 11:24; 1Kh 11: 1, 7, 8, 33; 2Kh 23:13) Ngaphezu kwalo-kho, ezinye izazi zithi igama elithi “Kemoshi” lingase lisho ukuthi “Umnqobi.” (Bheka i-*Gesenius’s Hebrew and Chaldee Lexi-con*, eyahunyushwa u-S. Tregelles, 1901, k. 401.) Kungenzeka uJefta wakhuluma ngalo nkulunkulu njengoba abakwa-Amoni babe-mdumisa ngenxa ‘yokunqoba’ abanye futhi wabanika izwe.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-2-E 26

UJefta

UJefta Wayeyindodana Esemthethweni.

Umama kaJefta “wayeyisifebe,” nokho lokhu akuchazi ukuthi uJefta wazalelwa kulo-bo bufebe noma ukuthi wayeyivezandlebe. Umama wakhe wayeyisifebe *ngaphambi* kokuba ashade uGileyadi njengenkosikazi yesibili, njengoRahabi owake waba yisi-febe ngaphambi kokuba ashade uSalimoni. (Hlu 11:1; Jos 2:1; Mat 1:5) Ukuthi uJefta wayengelona ivezandlebe kufakazelwa uku-thi abafowabo ngamzali munye abazalwa yinkosikazi kaGileyadi yokuqala bamxosha ukuze ingabi khona ingxenye yefa ayitho-layo. (Hlu 11:2) Okunye ukuthi ngokuhamba kwesikhathi uJefta wamukelwa njengomho-li wamadoda akwaGileyadi (okuyisikhundla okwakufanele sitholwe abafowabo bakaJe-fta ngamzali munye). (Hlu 11:11) Ngaphezu kwalokho, wenzela uNkulunkulu umhlatshe-lo etabernakele. (Hlu 11:30, 31) Indodana engumlanjwana yayingeke ikwazi ukukwe-nza konke lokhu ngoba uMthetho wawusho ngokucacile ukuthi: “Akukho ndodana engu-mlanjwana engangena ebandleni likaJehova. Ngisho nasesizukulwaneni seshumi akekho enzalweni yayo ongangena ebandleni likaJe-hova.”—Dut 23:2.

DISEMBA 27–JANUWARI 2

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI

LIKANKULUNKULU | ABAHLULELI 13-14

“Okungafundwa Abazali KuManowa Nomkakhe”

w13 8/15 16 ¶1

Bazali—Qeqeshani Izingane Zenu Kusukela Ziseyizinsana

Cabanga ngendaba yomuntu wakwaDani ogama lakhe nguManowa, owayehlala emzini waseZora kwa-Israyeli wasendulo. Ingelosi kaJehova yatshela umkaManowa owayeyinyumba ukuthi wayezozala indodana. (AbaHI. 13:2, 3) Akungabazeki ukuthi kwabajabulisa kakhulu lokho oManowa nomkakhe abathembekile. Nakuba kunjalo, kunezinto ezibalulekile abakhathazeka ngazo. Ngakho-ke, uManowa wathandaza: “Uxolo, Jehova. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu weqiniso osanda kumthumela ngicela aphinde eze kithi asifundise lokho okufanele sikwenzise kumntwana ozozalwa.” (AbaHI. 13:8) UManowa nomkakhe babekhathazekile ngendlela okwakuyomelwe bayikhulise ngayo leyo ngane. Kusobala ukuthi bayifundisa indodana yabo, uSamsoni, umthetho kaNkulunkulu, kuyacaca nokuthi imizamo yabo yaphumelela. IBhayibheli lithi: “Ngemva kwesikhathi umoya kaJehova wamqhuba [uSamsoni].” Ngenxa yalokho, wenza imisebenzi eminingi yamandla njengomunye wabahluleli bakwa-Israyeli.—AbaHI. 13:25; 14:5, 6; 15:14, 15.

w05 3/15 25-26

USamsoni Unqoba Ngamandla KaJehova!

Njengoba uSamsoni ayeqhubeka ekhula, “uJehova waqhubeka embusisa.” (AbaHluleli 13:24) Ngolunye usuku uSamsoni waya kuyise nonina wafike wathi: “Kukhona owesifazane engimbonile eThimna emadodakazini amaFilisti, manje ngithatheleni yena abe ngumkami.” (AbaHluleli 14:2) Cabanga ngendlela okwabashaqisa ngayo lokho. Esikhundleni sokuba ikhulule ama-Israyeli kubacindezeli, indodana yabo ifuna ukwenza ubuhlobo nabacindezeli ngokushada nendodakazi yabo. Ukuthatha umfazi okhulekela onkulunkulu bamaqaba kwakungqubuzana noMthetho kaNkulunkulu.

(Eksodusi 34:11-16) Ngenxa yalokho, abazali bayenqaba: “Yingoba engekho yini owesifazane phakathi kwamadodakazi abafowenu naphakathi kwabo bonke abantu bakithi, ukuba uze uyothatha umfazi kumaFilisti angasokile?” Nakuba kunjalo, uSamsoni uyaphikelela athi kuyise: “Ngithathele yena nje, ngoba nguye kanye olungile emehlweni ami.”—AbaHluleli 14:3.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w05 3/15 26 ¶1

USamsoni Unqoba Ngamandla KaJehova!

KuSamsoni, ‘wayelungile’ ngayiphi indlela lona wesifazane ongumFilisti? I-*Cyclopaedia* kaMcClintock noStrong ayisikiseli ukuthi “wayenguphuma langa sikothe, enogazi futhi eyisimomondiya, kodwa wayelungile ngenxa yenjongo ethile noma ngomqondo othile.” Ngenxa yayiphi injongo? AbaHluleli 14:4 bachaza ukuthi uSamsoni “wayefuna ithuba lokulwa namaFilisti.” USamsoni wayemthandela lokho lona wesifazane. Njengoba uSamsoni ayekhula eba yindoda, “umoya kaJehova wamqhuba,” noma wamshukumisela ukuba enze okuthile. (AbaHluleli 13:25) Ngakho, ngumoya kaJehova owashukumisa uSamsoni ukuba enze isicelo sokuthola umfazi esizweni esingalindelekile futhi yiwo owawumshukumisa phakathi naso sonke isikhathi lapho ayengumahluleli kwa-Israyeli. Ingabe uSamsoni walithola ithuba ayelifuna? Okokuqala, ake sihlole indlela uJehova amqinisekisa ngayo ukuthi uyomsekela.