

Izikhombo Ze-Ncwajana YoMhlangano Wokuphila Nenkonzo

JULAYI 4-10

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU-LU | 2 SAMUWELI 18-19

“UBharizilayi—Isibonelo Sokuba Nesizotha”

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UBharizilayi—Indoda Eyayikwazi Ukulinganiselwa Kwayo

Akungatshazwa ukuthi uDavide wayelwazisa kakhulu usizo lukaBharizilayi. Akubonakali sengathi inkosi yayimane nje ifuna ukubonga uBharizilayi ngokumsiza ngezinto ezithile ayezidinga. UBharizilayi ocebile wayengaludingi lolo sizo. Kungenzeka ukuthi uDavide wayefuna ukuba le ndoda esikhulile ibe ilungu lasebukhosini ngenxa yezimfanelo zayo ezinhle. Ukuba kukaBharizilayi yilungu lasebukhosini kwakuyoba ilungelo elikhulu, kumbeke emathubeni okuthola izinzuzo zokuba umngane wenkosi.

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UBharizilayi—Indoda Eyayikwazi Ukulinganiselwa Kwayo

Esinye isizathu okungenzeka senza uBharizilayi wanquma ngendlela anquma ngayo ukuthi wayesekhulile futhi enokulinganiselwa okuhambisana nokuguga. Kungenzeka ukuthi uBharizilayi wayenomuzwa wokuthi wayengeke esaphila isikhathi eside. (IHubo 90:10) Wayenze konke ayengakwenza ukuze asekele uDavide, kodwa futhi wayekwazi ukulinganiselwa ayenakho njengoba ayesekhulile. UBharizilayi akazange avumele ukucabanga ngesikhundla nodumo ukuba kumenze angabhekani namaqiniso futhi angacabangeli amandla akhe. Ngokungafani no-Absalomu owayefuna ukuvelela, uBharizilayi wahlakanipha wabonisa ukuthobeka.—Izaya 11:2.

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UBharizilayi—Indoda Eyayikwazi Ukulinganiselwa Kwayo

Le ndaba kaBharizilayi igcizelela isidingo sokulinganisela. Akufanele senqabe ilungelo lenkonzo noma sigweme ukuzama ukulithola ngoba singafuni ziphazamiso noma sinomuzwa wokuthi asinakukwazi ukuthwala imithwalo yemfanelo. UNkulunkulu angasisiza lapho sintula khona uma sincika kuye ukuze sithole amandla nokuhlakanipha.—Filipi 4:13; Jakobe 4:17; 1 Petru 4:11.

Ngakolunye uhlangothi, kudingeka sikuvume ukulinganiselwa kwethu. Ngokwesibonelo, kungenzeka ukuthi kakade umKristu umatasa kakhulu ngezinto ezingokomoya. Uyaqaphela ukuthi uma amukela amalungelo engeziwe, angase angayifezi kahle imithwalo yakhe yemfanelo engokomBhalo enjengokunakekela umkhaya wakhe. Esimweni esinjalo, ukwenqaba amanye amalungelo bekungeke yini kube inkomba yokuthobeka nokulinganisela?—Filipi 4:5; 1 Thimothewu 5:8.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

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‘Gijima Uze Uyoqeda’

¹⁹ Uma kunezinto ongasakwazi ukuzenza futhi unomuzwa wokuthi abanye abakuqondi kahle, kungase kukukhuthaze ukucabanga ngesibonelo sikaMefibhosheti. (2 Sa. 4:4) Wayekhubazekile futhi wahlulelwa kabi iNkosi uDavide. Lezi zinto ezenzeka ekuphileni kwakhe azenzekanga ngenxa yakhe. Noma kunjalo, akazange athukuthele; kunalokho wayezazisa zonke izinto ezinhle ezazenzeka ekuphileni kwakhe. Wayebonga ngomusa uDavide aye- mbonise wona esikhathini esidlule. (2 Sa.

9:6-10) Ngakho ngesikhathi iNkosi uDavide imahlulela kabi, uMefibhosheti wazama ukuqonda konke okwakhulelekile. Akalivumelanga iphutha likaDavide limphuze injabulo. Akazange asole uJehova ngalokho okwenziwa uDavide. UMefibhosheti wagxila kulokho ayengakwenza ukuze asekele inkosi eyayigcotshwe uJehova. (2 Sa. 16:1-4; 19:24-30) UJehova wabhala lesi sibonelo esihle sikaMefibhosheti eBhayibhelini ukuze sizuze kuso.—Roma 15:4.

JULAYI 11-17

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 2 SAMUWELI 20-21

“UJehova UnguNkulunkulu Wobulungisa”

it-1-E 932 ¶1
IGibheyoni

AbaseGibheyoni baqhubeka bekhona amakhulu eminyaka nakuba iNkosi uSawule yayiceba ukubaqothula. Nokho, abaseGibheyoni bamlinda ngesineke uJehova ukuba adalule ukungabi nabulungisa. Lokhu wakwenza ngokuletha indlala yeminyaka emithathu ngenkathi kubusa uDavide. Lapho uDavide ebuza uJehova futhi ethola ukuthi kwakhuleleke necala legazi, wakhuluma nabaseGibheyoni ukuze aqiniseke ukuthi kwakufanele kwenziweni ukuze kube khona ukubuyisana. AbaseGibheyoni baphendula kufanele ngokuthi bathi akuyona “indaba yesiliva noma yegolide,” ngoba, ngokuqondene noMthetho, kwakungamele kwamukelwe isihlengo ukuze kuvikelwe umbulali. (Num 35: 30, 31) Babeqaphela nokuthi babengeke babulale umuntu bengalitholanga igunya elingokomthetho. Ngakho-ke, kwaze kwaba yilapho uDavide ebabuza okwenza bacela ukuba banikezwe “amadodana” kaSa-

wulu. Ngenxa yokuthi uSawule nendlu yakhe babanecala legazi lokho kwakusho ukuthi, nakuba kungenzeka ukuthi uSawule owabulala, “amadodana” akhe kungenzeka aba nesandla ngandlela-thile kuleso senzo. (2Sa 21: 1-9) Kuleso senzakalo, ngeke kube indaba yokubulawa kwamadodana ukuze afele izono zoyise (De 24:16) kodwa kuyohileleka indaba yokubuyisela ubulungisa ngokuvumelana nomthetho othi “kuyoba ukuphila ngokuphila.”—Dut 19:21.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w13 1/15 31 ¶14

Abadala Abangamakristu—‘Izisebenzi Ezikanye Nathi Ukuze Sijabule’

¹⁴ Emhlabeni wonke, njengabantu bakaJehova sifeza inkonzo yethu naphezu kwezithiyo uSathane nezikhonzi zakhe abazibeka phambi kwethu. Abanye bethu baye babhekana nezinsalele ezinkulu, kodwa ngokuncika ngokuphelele kuJehova, siye sabhekana ngesibindi nalezi zinsalele ezifana “noGoliyati” futhi sanqoba. Nokho, ngezinye izikhathi, impi esiyilwa njalo nezingcindezi zaleli zwe isenza sikhathale futhi sidangale. Uma sikuleso simo sokuba buthaka, siba izisulu ezilula futhi sibe sengozini ‘yokubulawa’ izingcindezi ebesiyokwazi ukubhekana nazo ngokuphumelelayo ezimweni ezivamile. Ngalezo zikhathi, isikhuthazo esifike ngesikhathi somdala singasisiza ukuba siphinde sithole injabulo yethu namandla ethu njengoba kuye kwaba njalo ngabaningi. Udade oyiphayona oweve eminyakeni engu-60 walandisa: “Esikhathini esithile esidlule, ngake ngangazizwa kahle, futhi ngangibuya ngiyingcuba enkonzweni yasensimini. Umdala othile wakuphawula lokho kuphelelwa kwami amandla futhi wa-

xoxa nami. Saba nengxoxo ekhuthazayo esekelwe endinyaneni ethile yeBhayibheli. Ngasebenzisa ukusikisela anginika khona futhi kwangizuzisa.” Wanezela: “Yeka ukuthi kube isenzo sothando kangakanani ukuba lowo mdala abuphawule lobo buthaka bami futhi anginike usizo!” Yebo, kuyakhuthaza ukwazi ukuthi sinabadala abahlale besibhekile futhi abakulungele ‘ukusisiza’ njengo-Abhishayi wasendulo.’

JULAYI 18-24

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 2 SAMUWELI 22

“Thembela KuJehova Ukuze Akusize”

c/ 19 ¶11

‘Ungasondela’ Ngempela Yini “KuNkulunkulu”?

¹¹ Kukodwa ukufunda ukuthi uNkulunkulu ‘unamandla amakhulu.’ (Isaya 40:26) Kanti kungokunye ukufunda indlela akhulula ngayo u-Israyeli wanqamula uLwandle Olubomvu, wabe esesisekela leso sizwe ehlane iminyaka engu-40. Ungawabona ngeso lengqondo amanzi agubhayo ehlukana phakathi. Ungasibona lesi sizwe—mhlawumbe esinabantu abangu-3 000 000—sihamba emhlabathini owomile, amanzi ajiyile emi ngapha nangapha njengezindonga ezinkulu. (Eksodusi 14:21; 15:8) Ungabubona ubufakazi bokunakekela kukaNkulunkulu nesivikelo saKhe ehlane. Kwaphuma amanzi edwaleni. Emhlabathini kwavela ukudla okufana nembewu emhlophe. (Eksodusi 16:31; Numeri 20:11) UJehova lapha akembuli nje kuphela ukuthi unamandla kodwa nokuthi uwasebenzisela ukusiza abantu bakhe. Akuduzi yini ukwazi ukuthi imithandazo yethu ikhuphukela kuNkulunkulu onamandla ‘oyisiphephelo namandla ethu, usizo olutholakala

ngokushesha ngezikhathi zokucindezeleka’? —IHubo 46:1.

w10 6/1 26 ¶4-6

“Uyokwenza Ngobuqotho”

Ake siwahlolisise la mazwi kaDavide. Igama lesiHebheru elihunyushwa ngokuthi ‘ukwenza ngobuqotho’ lingahunyushwa nangokuthi “ukwenza ngomusa wothando.” Ubuqotho bangempela busekelwe othandweni. UJehova ubabonisa uthando labo abaqotho kuye.

Phawula futhi ukuthi ubuqotho abuwona nje umzwelo; bubonakaliswa ngezenzo. UJehova wenza ngobuqotho, njengoba uDavide azibonela ngokwakhe. Phakathi nezikhathi ezazicindezela kakhulu ekuphileni kwale nkosi ethembekile, uJehova wayisekela, wayivikela futhi wayiqondisa ngobuqotho. UDavide owayenomoya wokwazisa wambonga uJehova ngokumkhulula “esandleni sazo zonke izitha zakhe.”—2 Samuweli 22:1.

Amazwi kaDavide asitshela ukuthini? UJehova akashintshashintshi. (Jakobe 1:17) Akayiguquguquuli imithetho yakhe futhi uzi-feza ngaso sonke isikhathi izithembiso zakhe. Kwelinye lamahubo akhe, uDavide wabhala: “UJehova . . . ngeke abashiye abantu bakhe abaqotho.”—IHubo 37:28.

Ingcebo Engomoya

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Hlakulela Umoya Wokuba Omncane

⁷ Isibonelo sikaNkulunkulu sokuthobeka saba nethonya elikhulu kumhubi uDavide. Wahlabelelela uJehova: “Unginika ihawu lakho lensindiso, ukuthobeka kwakho kungenza ngibe mkhulu.” (2 Sa. 22:36) UDavide wathi ubukhulu ayenabo kwa-Israyeli wayebuthole ngenxa yokuthobeka kukaJehova—ngenxa yokuthi uNkulunkulu

wazehlisa noma wazithoba ukuze amnake. (IHu. 113:5-7) Ingabe kuhlukile ngathi? Ngokuphathelene nezimfanelo, amakhono namalungelo, yini esinayo 'esingazange siyamukele' kuJehova? (1 Ko. 4:7) Umuntu oziphatha njengomncane "mkhulu" ngoba uba usizo kakhulu njengenceku kaJehova. (Luka 9:48) Ake sicabangele ukuthi kwenze-ka kanjani lokhu

JULAYI 25-31

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU- LU | 2 SAMUWELI 23-24

"Ingabe Ukupha Kwakho Kuwumhlathshelo?"

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U-Arawuna

Ngokusobala u-Arawuna wanikeza uDavide indawo, izinkomo nezingodo zokwenza umhlathshelo ngaphandle kokumkhokhisa kodwa uDavide waphikelela ngokuthi uzokhokha. Ukulandisa okusencwadini yesi-2 Samuweli 24:24 kubonisa ukuthi uDavide wathenga isibuya nezinkomo ngamashekeli esiliva angu-50 (R1, 709). Nokho, ukulandisa okusencwadini yoku-1 IziKronike 21:25 ikhuluma ngokuthi uDavide wakhokha amashekeli egolide angu 600 (c. R1 196 399) ukuze athole indawo. Umbhali wencwadi yeSibili kaSamuweli ukhuluma ngokuthengwa kwendawo ye-altare nezinto okwenziwa ngazo umhlathshelo kuphela futhi kubonakala sengathi yinani lazo kuphela akhuluma ngalo. Ngakolunye uhlangothi, umbhali weziKronike Zokuqala ukhuluma ngokwakhiwa kwethempeli kamuva elakhiwa kuleyo ndawo bese ehlobanisa ukuthengwa kwezinto nokwakhiwa kwalo. (1Kr 22:1-6; 2Kr 3:1) Njengoba indawo okwakhiwa kuyo ithempeli yayinkulu kakhulu, kubonakala se-

ngathi inani lamashekeli angu-600 egolide lisebenza ekuthengweni kwayo kunendawo encane uDavide akha kuyo i-altare ekuqaleni.

w12 1/15 18 ¶8

Funda 'Ohlakeni Lweqiniso'

⁸ Uma umhlathshelo womlsrayeli wawubonakalisa ngokuzithandela ukubonga okuqotho kuJehova noma, njengasendabeni yomnikelo wokushiswa, wawuyisicelo sokwamukelwa nguye, khona-ke ukukhetha isilwane esifanelekayo kwakungeke kube inkinga. Umkhulekeli wayeyokujabulela ukunikeza uJehova okuhle kunakho konke. AmaKristu namuhla awasanikeli ngemihlatshelo engokoqobo eyayifunwa uMthetho KaMose; kodwa ayayenza imihlatshelo ngomqondo wokuthi asebenzisa isikhathi sawo, amandla nezinto zawo ezibonakalayo ukuze akhonze uJehova. Umphostoli uPawulu wabiza 'ukuvuma obala' ithemba lobuKristu 'nokwenza okuhle nokupha abanye ezintweni eninazo' njengemihlatshelo ejabulisa uNkulunkulu. (Heb. 13:15, 16) Umoya abantu bakaJehova abenza ngawo imisebenzi enjalo, wembula ukuthi bakubonga futhi bakwazisa kangakanani konke uNkulunkulu abanike kona. Kunokufana phakathi kwesimo sengqondo nezisusa zalabo abasenkonzweni yobuKristu namuhla nezalabo ababenikela imihlatshelo yokuzithandela endulo.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w05 5/15 19 ¶6

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi KaSamuweli Wesibili

23:15-17. UDavide wayewuhlonipha ngokujulile umthetho kaNkulunkulu ophathelene nokuphila kanye negazi kangokuthi ku-lesi senzakalo, wenqaba ngisho nokwenza

into eyayifana nokwephula lowo mthetho. Kumelwe sihlakulele leso simo sengqondo ngayo yonke imiyalo kaNkulunkulu.

AGASTI 1-7

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 1 AMAKHOSI 1-2

“Ingabe Uyafunda Emaphutheni Akho?”

it-2-E 987 ¶4

USolomoni

Lapho bezwa umsindo womculo eGihoni, elingekude kakhulu, nokumemeza kwabantu bethi: “Mana njalo Nkosi uSolomoni,” u-Adoniya nalabo ayehlangene nabo babaleka ngenxa yokwesaba nokudideka. USolomoni wabikezela ukuthula okwakuzophawula ukubusa kwakhe ngokwenqaba ukugcolisa isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi ngokuba aziphiindiselele. Ukuba izinto zazimi ngenye indlela, maningi amathuba okuthi uSolomoni wayengalahlekelwa ukuphila kwakhe. U-Adoniya wabalekela endlini engcwele ukuze athole isiphephelo, ngakho uSolomoni wathumela ukuba alandwe alethwe kuye. Etshela u-Adoniya ukuthi wayeyoqhubeka ephila uma nje kungatholakali ububi kuye, uSolomoni wamdedela wabuyela endlini yakhe.—1Kh 1:41-53.

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U-Adoniya

Nokho, ngemva kokufa kukaDavide, u-Adoniya waya kuBati-sheba wamncenga ukuba azenze inceku yakhe phambi kukaSolomoni ukuze acele u-Abishagi, intombazanyana eyayinakekela uDavide futhi ihlala naye, ukuba ibe umkakhe. Amazwi ka-Adoniya athi “ubukhosi babuzoba ngobami, noku-thi wonke u-Israyeli wayelindele ukuba ngibe yinkosi” abonisa ukuthi wazizwa ephuci-

we ilungelo lakhe, nakuba akuvuma ukuthi wasibona isandla sikaNkulunkulu kule ndaba. (1Kh 2:13-21) Kungenzeka ukuthi isicelo sakhe wasenza ngenxa yokufuna isinxephezelo njengoba ayelahlekelwe umbuso, okwakusho ngokucacile ukuthi u-Adoniya waqhubeka ekushisekela lokhu ngoba ngokomthetho waseMpumalanga yasendulo amakhosikazi nezancinza zenkosi zaziba ezalowo onelungelo elingokomthetho lokuthatha ubukhosi. (Qhathanisa 2Sa 3:7; 16: 21.) USolomoni wasihlaziya lesi sicelo esenziwa ngunina futhi wayala ukuba kubulawe u-Adoniya, okwenziwa uBhenaya ngokushe-sha.—1Kh 2:22-25.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

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Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YamaKhosi Okuqala

2:37, 41-46. Akuve kuyingozi ukucabanga ukuthi ungaphula umthetho kaNkulunkulu kodwa ungajezi! Labo ngamabomu abaphambukayo baphume ‘endleleni enyinyekile eholela ekuphileni’ bayovuna imiphumela yaleso singqumo sabo esingahlakaniphile.—Mathewu 7:14.

AGASTI 8-14

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 1 AMAKHOSI 3-4

“Ukubaluleka Kokuhlakanipha”

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Ingabe Umbheka Njengoyisibonelo Esihle Noma Esiyisixwayiso?

⁴ Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaSolomoni, uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye ephusheni wathi akenze isicelo. Eqaphela ukuthi wayenolwazi olulinganiselwe, uSolomoni wacela ukuhlakanipha. (**Funda eyoku-1 AmaKhosi**

3:5-9.) UNkulunkulu wajabula ngokuthi le nkosi yacela ukuhlakanipha kunokuce-la ingcebo nodumo, futhi wanika uSolomoni “inhliziy o enokuhlakanipha ne-nokuqonda”—kanye nengcebo. (1 Kh. 3: 10-14) Njengoba uJesu asho, ukuhlaka-nipha kukaSolomoni kwakuvelele kakhulu kangokuthi indlovukazi yaseSheba ye-zwa ngakho futhi yahamba ibanga elide izozizwela mathupha.—1 Kh. 10:1, 4-9.

⁵ Thina asilindele ukuthola ukuhlakanipha ngokuyisimangaliso. USolomoni wathi “uJehova unikeza ukuhlakanipha,” kodwa wabhala ukuthi kufanele silwele ukuyitho-la le mfanelo kaNkulunkulu, wathi: “Ngokwenza indlebe yakho inake ukuhla-kanipha, nangokwenza inhliziy o yakho ifune ikhono lokwahlukanisa.” Ngokuhlobe-ne nokuhlakanipha, wasebenzisa izinkulumo ezinjengokuthi ‘memeza ukufuna’ nethi “qhubeka ukufuna.” (IzA. 2:1-6) Kusobala ukuthi *singakuthola* ukuhlakanipha.

⁶ Kuyoba kuhle ukuzibuza, ‘Ngiyasilingi-sa yini isibonelo sikaSolomoni sokwazisa ukuhlakanipha kukaNkulunkulu?’ Ukunte-ngantenga kwezomnotho kuye kwenza abaningi bagxila emsebenzini wabo nase-malini noma kwathonya izinqumo ngohlobo nobungako bemfundo abazoyiphisheke-la. Kuthiwani ngawe nangomkhaya wakho? Ingabe enikukhethayo kubonisa ukuthi nazisa futhi nifuna ukuhlakani-pha kukaNkulunkulu? Ingabe ukulungisa umbono noma imigomo yenu kuyonenza nikwazi ukuthola ukuhlakanipha okwenge-ziwe? Ngempela, ukuthola nokusebenzisa ukuhlakanipha kuyonizuzisa phakade. USolomoni wabhala: “Uma wenza kanja-lo uyokuqonda okulungile, okunobulungisa nokufanele, yonke inkambo yokuhle.”—IzA-ga 2:9.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

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UJehova UnguNkulunkulu Wezivumelwano

¹⁵ Lapho inzalo ka-Abrahama yayisihle-leké njengesizwe ngaphansi koMthetho, uJehova wayibusisa ngokuvumelana nesi-thembiso asenza kule nzalamizi. Ngo-1473 B.C.E. uJoshua owalandela uMose esikhundleni, waholela u-Israye-li eKhanani. Ukwabelwa kwezizwana izwe okwalandela kwagcwalisa isithembiso sika-Jehova sokunika inzalo ka-Abrahama leli lizwe. Lapho u-Israyeli ethembeka, uJeho-va wayefeza isithembiso sakhe sokubenza banqobe izitha zabo. Lokhu kwaba njalo ikakhulukazi phakathi nokubusa kweNkosi uDavide. Ngesikhathi sendodana kaDavide uSolomoni, kwagcwaliseka isici sesithathu sesivumelwano sika-Abrahama. “UJuda no-Israyeli babebaningi, bengangezihlabathi zolwandle ngobuningi; babedla bephuza bejabula.”—1 AmaKhosi 4:20.

AGASTI 15-21

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU-LU | 1 AMAKHOSI 5-6

“Balakha Ngezikhwepha Zabo Nangoku-suka Enhliziyweni”

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Ingabe Bewazi?

Umsedari waseLebhanoni wawuthandwa kakhulu ngenxa yokuthi uqinile, muhle fu-thi unephunga elimnandi, ingasaphathwa eyokuthi awudliwa umuhlwa. Ngakho, uSo-lomoni wakha ithempeli ngezinto zokwakha zezinga eliphezulu. Endulo, amahlathi aye-gcwele izihlahla zomsedari ezintabeni zaseLebhanoni, kodwa namuhla kusele izi-hlahla ezimbalwa nje.

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Umsedari

Ukusetshenziswa kakhulu kwezingodo zomsedari kwakuwumsebenzi odinga izinkulungwane zezisebenzi ezazigawula izihlahla, zizithuthe zizise eThire noma eSidoni, zigudle ulwandle lwaseMedithera ziboshelwe ndawonye bese zintantiswa ziye ngasogwini, cishe eJopha. Zazibe sezidonswa ziyiswe eJerusalema. Lokhu kwenzeka ngesivumelwano uSolomoni asenza noHiramu. (1Kh 5: 6-18; 2Kr 2:3-10) Kusukela ngaleso sikhathi, ukuthuthwa kwezingodo kwaqhubeka kwaze kwathiwa uSolomoni 'wenza nokhuni lomsedari lwaba luningi njengezihlahla zomsikhamori' phakathi nokubusa kwakhe. —1Kh 10:27; qathanisa no-Isay 9:9, 10

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Ithempeli

Lapho elungiselela umsebenzi, uSolomoni wahlela amadoda akwa-Israyeli angu-30,000, wawathumela eLebhanoni ngokushintshana ngamaqembu angu-10,000 ngenyanga, lama qembu ayehlala izinyanga ezimbili ekhaya ngaphambi kokubuyela emsebenzini. (1Kh 5:13, 14) Wahlela abathwala imithwalo abangu-70,000 “ababengeyona ingxenye yesizwe sakwa-Israyeli” ezweni, nabasiki bamatshe abangu-80,000. (1Kh 5:15; 9:20, 21; 2Kr 2:2) USolomoni wabela amadoda angu-550 ukuba abe izinduna zomsebenzi namadoda acishe abe ngu 3,300 njengezisebenzi. (1Kh 5:16; 9:22, 23) Kubonakala sengathi angu-250 ayengama-Israyeli kanti angu-3,600 “ayeyizifiki.”—2Kr 2:17, 18.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

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IBhayibheli—INcwadi Yesiprofetho Esinembile, Ingxenye 1

UKUGCINWA KWESIKHATHI OKUNEMBILE

Isibonelo sokubaluleka kokugcinwa kwesikhathi okunembile eBhayibhelini kubonakala kweyoku-1 AmaKhosi 6:1, ebhekisela esikhathini iNkosi uSolomoni eyaqala ngaso umsebenzi wokwakha ithempeli eJerusalema. Siyafunda: “*Ngonyaka ka-480 [iminyaka engu-479 egcwele] ngemva kokuba ama-Israyeli ephume ezweni laseGibhithe, ngonyaka wesine [wokubusa kukaSolomoni], ngenyanga kaZivi (okungukuthi, inyanga yesibili), uSolomoni waqala ukwakha indlu kaJehova.*”

Ukulandelana kwezenzakalo ngokohlelo lwezikhathi zeBhayibheli kuthi unyaka wesine wokubusa kukaSolomoni kwakungu-1034 B.C.E. Uma sibala sihlehlela emuva ngeminyaka engu-479 kusukela ngalowo nyaka, sifinyelela onyakeni ka-1513 B.C.E. njengonyaka ama-Israyeli aqala ngawo ukufuduka.

AGASTI 22-28

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 1 AMAKHOSI 7

“Izinsika Ezimbili Zingasifundisani?”

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‘Ezintabeni Uyokumba Ithusi’

INkosi uSolomoni yasebenzisa ithusi eliningi ekuhlobiseni ithempeli eJerusalema. Eliningi lalo laliqongelelwe uDavide uyise, elithola ezimpini ayezingqobe elwa neSiriya. (1 IziKronike 18:6-8) “Ulwandle lwensimbi” lwethusi okuyindishi enkulu eyayisetshenziswa ngabapristi uma begeza, lwalumumatha amalitha angu-66 000 futhi kungenzeka isisindo salo sasingamathani angu-30. (1 AmaKhosi 7: 23-26, 44-46) Kwakukhona nezinsika ezimbili ezinkulukazi zethusi emnyango

wethempeli. Zazingamamitha angu-8 ubude futhi zinezihloko ezingamamitha angaba ngu-2,2 ubude. Lezi zinsika zaziyimihubhe, zinezindonga ezingamasentimitha angu-7,5 ubukhulu futhi zingamamitha angu-1,7 ukuzungeza. (1 AmaKhosi 7:15, 16; 2 Izi-Kronike 4:17) Kukushiya ubambe ongezansi ukucabanga ukuthi lingakanani ithubi elasetshenziswa ekwenzeni lezi zinto zodwa nje.

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UBhowazi, II

Izinsika ezinkulu ezimbili zethusi ezazimiswe ngaphambi kompheme wethempeli lika-Solomoni elikhazimulayo zazinamagama, esenyakatho yaqanjwa ngokuthi uBhowazi okungenzeka kusho ukuthi “Ngamandla.” Insika eseningizimu yaqanjwa ngokuthi uJakinini, okusho ukuthi “Kwangathi [uJehova] Angakumisa Kuqine.” Ngakho uma zihlanganiswa ndawonye, uzifunde kusukela kwesokudla kuya kwesobunxele, uma umi ubheke eMpumalanga zizofundeka kanje ‘Kwangathi [uJehova] angakumisa kuqine [ithempeli] ngamandla.’—1Kh 7:15-21; bheka elithi CAPITAL.

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Ukugeza

Labo abakhonza uJehova ngomoya nangobumsulwa kudingeka bahlanzeke ngokomzimba. Lokhu kwaboniswa nge-lungiselelo letabernakele, kamuva kwabayinkonzo yasethempelini. Lapho bebekwa njengabapristi, uMpristi Ophakeme u-Aroni namadodana akhe bageza ngaphambi kokugqoka izingubo zabo zobupristi. (Eks 29: 4-9; 40:12-15; Lev 8:6, 7) Ukuze bageze izandla nezinyawo, abapristi babesebenzisa amanzi endishi yethusi esegcekeni letabernakele futhi kamuva basebenzisa

amanzi olwandle olukhulu lwensimbi ethempelini likaSolomoni. (Eks 30:18-21; 40: 30-32; 2Kr 4:2-6) NgoSuku Lokuhlawulelwa umpristi ophakeme wayegeza kabili. (Lev 16:4, 23, 24) Labo ababehambise imbuzi ka-Azazeli, izinsalela zezilwane zokwenza umhlatshelo nokukhiphela inkomo ebomvu ngaphandle kwekamu, kwakufanele bageze futhi bawashe nezembatho zabo ngaphambi kokuba bangene ekamu.—Lev 16:26-28; Num19:2-10.

AGASTI 29–SEPTEMBER 4

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 1 AMAKHOSI 8

“Umthandazo KaSolomoni Osuka Enhliziyweni Awenza Obala Ngokuthobeka”

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Thuthukisa Imithandazo Yakho Ngokutadisha IBhayibheli

⁹ Ukuze uNkulunkulu awuzwe umthandazo, kumelwe usuke enhliziyweni. Kweyoku-1 AmaKhosi isahluko 8, uSolomoni wathandaza ngokusuka enhliziyweni phambi kwezixuku ezazibuthene eJerusalem ngenkathi kunikezelwa ithempeli likaJehova ngo-1026 B.C.E. Ngemva kokuba umphongolo wesivumelwano ubekwe eNgcwelengcwele nefu likaJehova ligcwalise ithempeli, uSolomoni wadumisa uNkulunkulu.

¹⁰ Funda ngokucophelela umthandazo kaSolomoni futhi uphawule indlela obhekisela ngayo enhliziyweni. USolomoni wavuma ukuthi nguJehova kuphela owazi inhliziyoyomuntu. (1 Kh. 8:38, 39) Wona lo mthandazo ubonisa ukuthi isoni ‘esibuyela kuNkulunkulu ngayo yonke inhliziyoyaso’ singaba nethemba lokuthethelelwa. Uma abantu bakaNkulunkulu babethunjwe isi-

tha, uJehova wayeyozizwa izicelo zabo uma inhliziyo yabo iphelele kuye. (1 Kh. 8:48, 58, 61) Ngokuqinisekile, imithandazo yakho kufanele isuke enhliziyweni.

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Phakamisa Izandla Ezithembekile Ngomthandazo

⁷ Kungakhathaliseki ukuthi sithandaza obala noma ngasese, isimiso esibalulekile esingokomBhalo okufanele sisikhumbule siwukuthi kufanele sibonise isimo sengqondo sokuthobeka emithandazweni yethu. (2 Izi-Kronike 7:13, 14) INkosi uSolomoni yabonisa ukuthobeka emthandazweni eyawenza obala lapho kunikezelwa ithempeli likaJehova eJerusalema. USolomoni wayesanda kuqeda ukwakha esinye sezakhiwo ezinhle kunazo zonke ezake zakhiwa emhlabeni. Nokho, wathandaza ngokuthobeka: “Kodwa ingabe ngempela uNkulunkulu uyohlala emhlabeni? Bheka! Amazulu, yebo, izulu lamazulu, awakwazi ukukuthwala; kangakanani-ke le ndlu engiyakhile!”—1 AmaKhosi 8:27.

⁸ NjengoSolomoni, kufanele sithobeke lapho simelela abanye ngomthandazo wasobala. Nakuba kufanele sikugweme ukuzwakala sinokulunga kokuzenzisa, ukuthobeka si-ngakubonisa ngesimo sezwi. Imithandazo yokuthobeka ayinakho ukubukisa noma ukuzenzisa. Ayenzi kunakwe lowo muntu othandazayo, kodwa yenza kunakwe Lowo okukhulunywa naye. (Mathewu 6:5) Ukuthobeka kuboniswa nayilokho esikushoyo emthandazweni. Uma sithandaza ngokuthobeka, ngeke sizwakale sengathi siphophelela ukuba uNkulunkulu enze izinto ezithile ngeindlela yethu. Kunalokho, siyonxusa uJehova ukuba enze ngendlela evumelana nentando yakhe engcwele. Umhubi wabeka isibone-

lo ngokubonisa isimo sengqondo esifanele lapho enxusa: “Jehova, sicela usisindise, siyakunxusa! Jehova, sicela usisize singqobe!” —IHubo 118:25; Luka 18:9-14.

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Amazulu

USolomoni, umakhi wethempeli eJerusalema, wathi “amazulu, yebo, izulu lamazulu” awakwazi ukuthwala uNkulunkulu. (1Kh 8:27) NjengongoMdali wamazulu, isikhundla sikaJehova sizedlula zonke futhi “igama lakhe lodwa liphakeme ngokungenakufinyelelwa. Isithunzi sakhe singaphezu komhlaba nezulu.” (Hu 148:13) UJehova ukala amazulu njengalapho umuntu ekala into ethile evula isandla sakhe ayikale kusukela esithupheni kuye kucikicane. (Isay 40:12) Inkulumbo kaSolomoni ayisho ukuthi uNkulunkulu akanayo indawo eqondile yokuhlala. Ayisho nokuthi ukuyo yonke indawo ngomqondo wokuthi ukhona kuyoyonke into. Lokhu sikubona kulokho uSolomoni aphi-nde akusho ngoJehova ngokuthi uyezwa ‘esendaweni yakhe yokuhlala, emazulwini,’ okuwukuthi, emazulwini indawo yomoya. —1Kh 8:30, 39.