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**AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULU-
NKULU | U-1 AMAKHOSI 9-10**

**“Dumisa uJehova Ngenhlakanipho
Yakhe”**

w99-ZU 7/1 30 ¶6

Ukuvakasha Okwavuzwa Ngokucebile

Lapho ihlangana noSolomoni, le ndlovukazi yaqala ukumvivinya “ngezimfumbe.” (1 AmaKhosi 10:1) Igama lesiHeberu elisetshenziswe lapha lingahunyushwa ngokuthi “iziphico.” Kodwa lokhu akusho ukuthi le ndlovukazi yadlala imidlalo engasho lutho noSolomoni. Ngokuthakazelisayo, kumaHubo 49:4 kusetshenziswe igama lesiHeberu elifanayo ukuchaza imibuzo ebalulekile ephathelene nesono, ukufa nesihlengo. Khona-ke, cishe indlovukazi yaseSheba yayixoxa ngezindaba ezijulile ezazivivinya ukujula kokuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni. IBhayibheli lithi “yakhuluma naye ngakho konke okusenhliziyweni yayo.” USolomoni “wayiphendula ezindabeni zayo zonke. Kwakungekho nto eyayifihlelwe inkosi, engayitshelanga yona.”—1 AmaKhosi 10:2b, 3.

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Lapho Ukuphana Kuvama

Imangazwe yilokho eyakuzwa neyakubona, inkosikazi yaphendula ngokuzithoba: “Zibusisiwe lezi zinceku zakho ezimi njalo phambi kwakho, zizwa ukuhlakanipha kwakho.” (1 AmaKhosi 10:4-8) Ayizange ithi izinceku zikaSolomoni ziyajabula ngenxa yokuthi zazi-zungezwe ingcebo—nakuba kwakunjalo. Kunalokho, izinceku zikaSolomoni zazibusisiwe ngoba zazilalela njalo ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni ayekunikwe uNkulunkulu. Yeka isibonelo esihle inkosikazi yaseSheba eyisobubantu bakaJehova namuhla, abajabulela

ukuhlakanipha koMdali ngokwakhe nokweNdodana yakhe, uJesu Kristu!

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Ukuvakasha Okwavuzwa Ngokucebile

Ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni nokuchuma kombuso wakhe kwahlaba indlovukazi yaseSheba umxhwele kangangokuthi “akwabe kusabakho moya kuyo.” (1 AmaKhosi 10:4, 5) Lawa mazwi abanye bawabheka ngenasho ukuthi indlovukazi “yabamba umoya.” Esinye isazi size sisikisele ukuthi yaquleka! Kungakhathaliseki ukuthi kwenzekani, lokho indlovukazi eyakubona neyakuzwa kwayimangaza. Yathi izinceku zikaSolomoni zazijabula ngokukwazi ukuzwa lokhu kuhlakanipha kwenkosi, futhi yabonga uJehova ngokubeka uSolomoni esihlalweni sobukhosi. Yabe isipha inkosi izipho ezibizayo, igolide lilodwa nje lalingamaRandi angu-247 600 000 ngokwenani lanamuhla. USolomoni naye waletha izipho, wanika le ndlovukazi “konke ekufunayo nekulucelayo.”—1 AmaKhosi 10:6-13.

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

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Ingabe Bewazi?

INKOSI uSolomoni yayinegolide elingakanani?

Imibhalo ithi uHiramu, inkosi yaseThire, yathumela amathani amane egolide kuSolomoni, indlovukazi yaseSheba yamnika inani elifanayo, kanti imikhumbi kaSolomoni yaletha amathani angaphezu kwangu-15 egolide elalivela e-Ofiri. Ukulandisa kuthi: “Isisindo segolide elaliza kuSolomoni ngonyaka owordwa sasingamathalenta egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisithupha nesithupha,” noma amathani angaphezu kwangu-25. (1 AmaKhosi 9:14, 28; 10:10, 14) Ingabe lokhu

kunengqondo? Yayingakanani imithombo ye-
golide ezikhathini zasendulo?

Umbhalo wasendulo, izazi ezithi uyiqiniso, uthi uFaro Thutmose III waseGibhithe (wangekhu-
lu lesibili B.C.E.) waletha amathani angaba
ngu-13,5 egolide ethempelini lika-Amun-Ra
eKarnak. Ekhulwini lesi-8 B.C.E., inkosi yase-
Asiriya uThigilati-phileseri III yathola amathani
angaphezu kwamane egolide njengentela eve-
la eThire, kanti uSarigoni II waletha inani
elifanayo njengesipho sonkulunkulu base-
Bhabhiloni. Inkosi yaseMakedoniya uPhilip
II (359-336 B.C.E.) kubikwa ukuthi wayetho-
la amathani angaphezu kwangu-28 egolide
unyaka ngamunye ezimayini zasePangaeum
eThrace.

Lapho indodana kaPhilip u-Alexander Omkhu-
lu (336-323 B.C.E.) ethumba umuzi
wasePheresiya iSusa, kuthiwa wathatha
amathani angaba ngu-1 180 egolide kanye
namathani angaba ngu-7 000 kulo lonke ela-
sePheresiya. Ngakho uma kuqhathaniswa nale
mibiko, incazelo yeBhayibheli yegolide leNkosi
uSolomoni ayilona ihaba.

SEPTEMBER 12-18

AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULU- NKULU | U-1 AMAKHOSI 11-12

“Khetha Kuhle Umuntu Ozatshada Laye”

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“Ngubani OngokaJehova?”

⁷ Kunengi esingakufunda kulokho okwenziwa
yiNkosi uSolomoni. Ngesikhathi uSolomoni
esakhula wayecela ukuthi uJehova amqo-
ndise kukho konke ayekwenza. UJehova
wamnika inhlakanipho enkulu kanye lomsebe-
nzi wokwakha ithempeli elihle okumangalisayo
eJerusalema. Kodwa ngokuhamba kwesikhathi
uSolomoni wamtshiya uJehova. (1 AmaKho.

3:12; 11:1, 2) UMthetho kaJehova wawusi-
thi inkosi engumHebheru akumelanga ‘ithathe
abafazi abanengi funa inhliziyi yayo idukiswe.’
(Dute. 17:17) Kodwa uSolomoni kawulale-
langa uMthetho kaJehova, wathatha abafazi
abangu-700 njalo waba labanye abeceleni
abangu-300. (1 AmaKho. 11:3) Abafazi bakhe
abanengi wayebathethe ezizweni ezazikhonza
onkulunkulu bamanga. Ngokwenza lokhu we-
phula uMthetho kaJehova owawusenqabela
ama-Israyeli ukuthi athathe abafazi kwezinye
izizwe.—Dute. 7:3, 4.

w19.01 15 ¶6

Ungayigcina Njani Inhliziyi Yakho?

⁶ USathane ungumhlamuki futhi kalandaba
labanye abantu. Ufuna lathi sihlamukele uJe-
hova njalo sizenzele esikufunayo. Kodwa
ngeke asibambe ngamandla ukuthi sicabange
loba senze njengaye. Manje yiziphi izindlela
azisebenzisayo? Kwezinye izikhathi angaza-
ma ukusiyenga esebenzisa abantu esiphila
labo ngoba abanengi babo balandela lokho
akufunayo. (1 Joh. 5:19) Uyabe elethemba lo-
kuthi sizakuba lobudlelwano labantu abanjalo
lanxa sikwazi ukuthi abangane ababi ‘bango-
na’ indlela esicabanga ngayo lesenza ngayo.
(1 Khor. 15:33) Lokhu yikho kanye okwenza-
kala kuSolomoni. Wathatha abafazi abanengi
ababengamkhonzi uNkulunkulu futhi kancane
kancane baphambula inhliziyi yakhe wacina
‘eselahlekile.’—1 AmaKho. 11:3.

w18.07 19 ¶9

“Ngubani OngokaJehova?”

⁹ UJehova kasithathi kancane isono. IBha-
yibhili lithi: “UJehova wamthukuthelela
uSolomoni ngoba inhliziyi yakhe yayisimfu-
lathele uJehova . . . , yena ayezibonakalise
kuye kabili. Lanxa wayemlayile uSolomo-
ni ukuba angalandeli abanye onkulunkulu
uSolomoni kazange awulandele umlayo ka-
Nkulunkulu.” Ngakho uJehova wamlahla
njalo wasusa isibusiso sakhe kuye. Ukunga-

laleli kwakhe kwaletsha impumela ebuhlungu embusweni wako-Israyeli, isizwe sadabukana phakathi futhi kwaba lezinhlupho ezingaphe- liyo okweminyaka eminengi.—1 AmaKho. 11: 9-13.

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

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Ngabe Wawuthola Umusa KaNkulunkulu

URhobhowami wathi ebona izizwe ezilitshumi zimhlamukela wahle waqoqa ibutho lakhe ukuze ayehlasela. Kodwa uJehova wahle wakuvimba lokhu ngokuthumela umphrofethi uShemiya ukuthi ayekhuluma amazwi la: “Lingahambi ukuyakulwa labafo- wenu, abako-Israyeli. Yanini emakhaya enu, munye ngamunye, ngoba lokhu okwenzakala- yo kuvela kimi.”—1 AmaKho. 12:21-24.

Kumele ukuthi lokhu kwamkhathaza uRehobhowami ngoba wayezimisele ukujezisa izizwe ezilitshumi. Mhlawumbe wayezibuza lokuthi abantu bazamkhangela njani ngoba eqalisa ukubusa wethusela abantu esithi uzabajezisa ‘ngokubalumisa ngezinkume.’ Pho kwase- kusenzakala njani ukuthi ayekele abahlamuki bengajeziswa? (Qathanisa lo-2 ImiLando 13:7.) Loba kunjalo inkosi lebuthe layo ‘bala- lela ilizwi likaJehova babuyela emakhaya abo, njengokulaywa kwabo nguJehova.’

Kuyini esikufundayo endabeni le? Sifunda uku- thi kumele silalele uJehova lanxa ukwenza njalo kungabangela ukuthi sichothozwe. Uku- lalala uNkulunkulu kwenza abe lomusa kithi futhi asibusise.—Dute. 28:2.

URhobhowami wathi esetshiye icebo la- khe lokuyakulwa lezizwe ezilitshumi waqalisa ukwakha lokuqinisa amadolobho akoJuda lakoBhenjamini. IBhayibhili lichaza ukuthi wakha amadolobho amanengi njalo ‘wawa- qinisa kakhulu.’ (2 ImiLan. 11:5-12) Okunye okuhle yikuthi uRhobhowami waqala uku- lalala imithetho kaJehova. Izizwe ezilitshumi

ezazibuswa nguJerobhowami zasezicwile eku- khonzeni izithombe. Kodwa abantu abanengi ngaphansi kombuso kaJerobhowami “base- kela uRhobhowami” ngokuya eJerusalema belanda ukuyakhonza uJehova. (2 ImiLan. 11: 16, 17) Ukulalela kukaRhobhowami kwawuqi- nisa umbuso wakhe.

SEPTEMBER 19-25

AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULU- NKULU | U-1 AMAKHOSI 13-14

“Kungani Kumele Sisuthiseke Futhi Sithobeke?”

w08-ZU 8/15 8 ¶4

Londoloza Ubuqotho Ngenhliziyo Enobunye

⁴ UJerobowamu ube esethi kumuntu kaNkulun- kulu weqiniso: “Woza siye endlini uthathe okokuzisekela, futhi mangikuphe isipho.” (1 AmaKh. 13:7) Uzokwenzenjani lo mprofe- thi manje? Asamukele yini isimemo sokuya endlini yenkosi ngemva kokuyitshela isigijimi esiyilahlayo? (IHu. 119:113) Noma asenqabe, nakuba kubonakala sengathi inkosi iyaziso- la? Akungabazeki ukuthi uJerobowamu angabagidlabeza ngeziph o eziphambili aba- ngane bakhe. Uma kuwukuthi umprofethi kaNkulunkulu ubenesifiso esicashile sezi- nto ezibonakalayo, cishe isimemo senkosi siyisilingo esikhulu kuye. Nokho, uJehova umyale kanje umprofethi: “Akumelwe udle isi- nkwa noma uphuze amanzi, futhi ungabuyi ngendlela ohambe ngayo.” Ngakho uphe- ndula ngaphandle kokunanaza: “Noma ubunganginika ngisho nengxeny e yendlu ya- kho bengingeke ngihambe nawe ngidle isinkwa noma ngiphuze amanzi kule nda- wo.” Umprofethi uyasuka eBhethale ahambe ngenye indlela. (1 AmaKh. 13:8-10) Isinqumo somprofethi sisifundisani ngokuba gotho ngo- kusuka enhliziyweni?—Roma 15:4.

w08-ZU 8/15 11 ¶15

Londoloza Ubuqotho Ngenhliziyo Eno- bunye

¹⁵ Yini enye esingayifunda ephutheni lomprofethi wakwaJuda? IzAga 3:5 zithi: “Thembela kuJehova ngayo yonke inhliziyo yakho, ungenciki kokwakho ukuqonda.” Kunokuba aqhubeke ethembela kuJehova njengoba aye-nzile ngaphambili, kulo mzuzu lo mprofethi wakwaJuda wathembela kokwakhe ukuhlakani-nipha. Iphutha lakhe lamlahlekisela ukuphila kwakhe negama elihle ayezenzele lona noNkulunkulu. Yeka ukuthi okwamehlela kukugcizelela ngokunamandla kanjani ukubaluleka kokukhonza uJehova ngesizotha nangobuqotho!

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Londoloza Ubuqotho Ngenhliziyo Eno- bunye

¹⁰ Umprofethi wakwaJuda kwakufanele abubone ubuqili balo mprofethi omdala. Wayengazibuza, ‘Uma uJehova ebefuna ukunginika iziyalezo ezintsha, ingabe ingelosi ubezoyithumela komunye umuntu?’ Wayengacela uJehova ukuba acacise ngalezi ziyalezo, kodwa imiBhalo ayibonisi ukuthi wakwenzala lokho. Kunalokho, ‘waphindela emuvala ndoda endala ukuze adle isinkwa endlini yayo aphuze namanzi.’ UJehova akajabulanga ngalokho. Lapho umprofethi okhohlisiwe ekugcineni esebuyela kwaJuda, wahlaselwa ingonyama yambulala. Yeka ukuthi umsebenzi wakhe njengomprofethi waphela ngendlela edabukisa kanjani!—1 AmaKh. 13:19-25.

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

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Kakulalutho ‘Olungasehlukanisa Lothando lukaNkulunkulu’

¹¹ Okwesithathu, ngesikhathi uJehova esihlola, uyahluza ngonanzelelo edinga okuhle. Ngo-

kwesibonelo, lapho uJehova esithi yonke indlu yeNkosi uJerobhowami yayizabulawa, wala-ya ukuthi enye yamadodana enkosi okuthiwa ngu-Abhija, ingcwatshwe kuhle. Kungani? “Ngoba nguye yedwa endlini kaJerobhowami, uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli amfumene enze ukulunga.” (1 AmaKhosi 14:1, 10-13) Ngamanye amazwi, uJehova wahluza inhliziyo yendoda leyo eyayisakhula wasethola ‘yenze ukulunga.’ Lanxa ukulunga lokho kwakukuncane, uJehova wakubona kuqakathekile ukuthi kubhalwe ngakho eLizwini lakhe. Wanika u-Abhija umvuzo ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe okuncane, etshengisa umusa ngokwezinga elithile kulelologna lendlu yabahlamuki.

SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 2

AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULU- NKULU | U-1 AMAKHOSI 15-16

“U-Asa Waba Lesibindi—Wena-ke?”

w12-ZU 8/15 8 ¶4

“Ukhona Umvuzo Womsebenzi Wenu”

Phakathi neminyaka engu-20 yangemva kokuhlukana kuka-Israyeli abe imibuso emibili, uJuda wayesonakaliswe ngokuphelele imikhuba yobuqaba. Lapho u-Asa eba yinkosi ngo-977 B.C.E., ukukhulekelwa konkulunkulu benzalo bamaKhanani kwase kungene nasesigodlweni. Kodwa umlando ophefumulelwe wezenzakalo zansuku zonke wokubusa kuka-Asa uthi “wenza okuhle nokulungile emehlweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe.” U-Asa “wasusa ama-altare abanye onkulunkulu nezindawo eziphakeme futhi waphula izinsika ezingcwele wanquma nezigxobo ezingcwele.” (2 IziKr. 14:2, 3) Wabuye waxosha “izifebe zesilisa zasethempelini” embusweni wakwaJuda, ezazenza ubungqingili egameni lenkolo. Kodwa akagcinanga lapho. Wabuye wanxusa abantu ukuba ‘bafune uJehova uNkulunkulu wokhokho babo’

futhi bagcine “umthetho nomyalo” kaNkulunkulu.—1 AmaKh. 15:12, 13; 2 IziKr. 14:4.

w17.03 19 ¶7

Khonza uJehova Ngenhliziyo Yonke

⁷Sonke kumele sizihlole ukuze sibone ukuthi simkhonza ngenhliziyo yonke yini uJehova. Kufanele sizibuze imibuzo le, ‘Ngizamlalela yini uJehova lanxa izimo zinzima? Ngizimisele yini ukugcina ibandla lihlanzekile? Khumbula ukuthi u-Asa kwakumele abe lesibindi ukuze asuse ugogo wakhe uMahakha esikhundleni sokuba yindlovukazi. Yikho lawe kwezinye izikhathi kungadingakala ukuthi ube lesibindi njengaye. Ngokwesibonelo, kungenzakala ukuthi omunye emulini yangakini loba umngane wakho asuswe ebandleni ngenxa yokungafuni ukutshiya ububi abenzayo. Uzazimisela yini ukuthi ungabi lobudlelwano laye? Uzakwenzisa ngenhliziyo yonke yini lokhu kumbe uzabe uvala abanye amehlo nje?

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U-Asa

Lanxa u-Asa wenza izinto ezitshengisa ukuthi wayengahlakaniphanga njalo engaqakathekisi izinto zokukhonza wayelobuntu obuhle futhi kazange azihlanganise labahlamuki. Lokhu kwenza wabalwa phakathi kwamakhosi ako-Juda ayethembekile. (2Imi 15:17) Ngesikhathi u-Asa ebusa koJuda okweminyaka engu-41 kwaba lamakhosi angu-8 ko-Israyeli agoqela uJerobhowami, uNadabi, uBhashasha, u-Ela, uZimiri, u-Omiri, uThibhini (owayebusa ingxenye yako-Israyeli eyayingasekeli u-Omiri) lo-Ahabi. (1Am 15:9, 25, 33; 16:8, 15, 16, 21, 23, 29) Ngemva kokufa kuka-Asa indodana yakhe uJehoshafathi yaba yinkosi.—1Am 15:24.

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

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Ingabe uNkulunkulu Ungokoqobo Kuwe?

Ngokwesibonelo, funda isiprofetho esiphathe-

lene nenhlawulo yokwakha iJeriko kabusha bese ucabangela ukugcwaliseka kwaso. UJoshuwa 6:26 uthi: “UJoshuwa wabafungisa ngalesosikhathi, wathi: Makaqalekiswa phambi kukaJehova umuntu osuka akhe lomuzi waseJeriko; uyakubeka isisekelo sawo ngokulahlekelwa yizibulo lakhe, amise amasango awo ngokulahlekelwa ngomncinyane wakhe.” Ukugcwaliseka kwaso kwenzeka eminyakeni engaba ngu-500 kamuva, ngoba kweyoku-1 AmaKhosi 16:34 sifunda ukuthi: “Ezinsukwini [zeNkosi u-Ahabi] uHiyeli waseBethetele wabuyela wakha iJeriko; wabeka isisekelo salo ngokulahlekelwa nguAbiramu izibulo lakhe, wamisa amasango alo ngokulahlekelwa yithunjana lakhe uSegubi njengezwi likaJehova owalikhuluma ngesandla sikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.” NguNkulunkulu ongokoqobo kuphela owayengaphefumulela iziprofetho ezinjalo futhi aqikelele ukuthi ziyagcwaliseka.

OCTOBER 3-9

AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | U-1 AMAKHOSI 17-18

“Lizathandabuza Kuze Kube Nini Ngeminakano Emibili Le?”

w17.03 14 ¶6

Tshengisa Ukuthi Ulokhlo Ngokwenza Izinqumo Ezinhle

⁶Ngesikhathi abako-Israyeli sebeselizweni ababelithenjisiwe kwakumele bakhethe ukuthi bazakhonza uJehova yini loba abanye onkulunkulu. **(Bala uJoshuwa 24:15.)** Lesi kwakuyisinqumo esiqakatheke kakhulu ngoba sasisitsho ukuphila loba ukufa kubo. Kodwa ngesikhathi sabahluleli, abako-Israyeli babesenza izinqumo ezimbi futhi bephambuka kuJehova besiyakhonza onkulunkulu bamanga. (Abahlu. 2:3, 11-23) Langesikhathi sika-Elija abantu bakaNkulunkulu kwakumele

benze isinqumo. Umphrofethi u-Eliza wabatshele ukuthi bakhethe phakathi kokukhonza uJehova lokukhonza uBhali. (1 AmaKho. 18: 21) Kwakungakhanya kulula ukwenza isinqumo lesi ngoba ukukhonza uJehova yikho vele okufaneleyo. Ngakho kwakungelangqondo ukuthi umuntu alingeke loba akhethe ukukhonza uBhali. Kodwa okudanisayo yikuthi abako-Israyeli ‘babeleminakano emibili.’ Lanxa kunjalo u-Eliza wabakhuza wasebakhuthaza ukuthi bakhethe ukukhonza uJehova.

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Walwela Ukukhonza Kweqiniso

¹⁵ Lapho-ke abaphrofethi bakaBhali benza angathi sebebambene. “Baklabalala ngamandla baziklaya ngezingqamu langezinkemba, njengoba kwakungumkhuba wabo, kwaze kwajuluka igazi.” Kodwa akuzange kubancede. “Akubanga lalutho, akubanga lampendulo, kakhohle owazihlupha ngakho.” (1 AmaKho. 18:28, 29) Kwacaca ukuthi kwakungelanto okuthiwa nguBhali. Kwakuyindlela kaSathane yokuhuga abantu ukuthi bacine bengasamkhonzi uJehova. Kuyakhanya-ke ukuthi sizadana kakhulu kumbe siyangeke nxa singakhetha ukukhonza omunye unkulunkulu kulokuthi sikhonze uJehova.—**Bala iHubo 25:3; 115:4-8.**

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Walwela Ukukhonza Kweqiniso

¹⁸ Mhlawumbe kulabanengi ababezibuza ukuthi iyozala nkomoni. Kambe uJehova laye wayezakwehluleka yini njengoBhali? Ngemva komthandazo bayithola impendulo. IBhayibhili lithi: “Khonokho umlilo kaJehova wehla watshisa umhlathelo, inkuni, amatshe lomhlabathi, kwaze kwatsha lamanzi ayesemgelweni.” (1 AmaKho. 18:38) Lesi kwakuyisimanga sezimanga! Manje abantu bathini?

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

ia 86, ibhokisi

Walwela Ukukhonza Kweqiniso

Isomiso Sangesikhathi Sika-Eliza Sathatha Isikhathi Esinganani?

U-Eliza umphrofethi kaJehova watshela iNkosi u-Ahlabi ukuthi isomiso esasesidonse isikhathi eside sasesizaphela. Isaziso lesi wasikhipha “ngomnyaka wesithathu.” Kukhanya angathi iminyaka le ibalwa kusukela ngelanga amezela ngalo ukuthi izulu lalingasoze line. (1 AmaKho. 18:1) UJehova wanisa izulu u-Eliza esanda kutsho ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzalinisa. Abanye bangathi izulu lana phakathi komnyaka wesithathu, besitsho ukuthi isomiso saphela iminyaka emithathu ingakeneli. Kodwa uJesu loJakhobe bathi indlala le yathatha ‘iminyaka emithathu lengxenywe.’ (Luk. 4:25; Jak. 5:17) Manje okuyikho yikuphi?

Ko-Israyeli wasendulo kwakuhlala kungelazulu inyanga zize zibe yisithupha. Akuthandabuzwa ukuthi u-Eliza wathi ezotshela u-Ahlabi ngesomiso kwasekukhanya ukuthi izulu laseliphuzile futhi kwasekusonakala. Lokhu kutsho ukuthi isomiso sasesilezinyanga ezingaba yisithupha siqalisile. U-Eliza wakhapha isaziso sokuphela kwesomiso “ngomnyaka wesithathu” emveni kokuba ekhiphe esokuqala, okutsho ukuthi isomiso sasesidonse iminyaka emithathu kanye lezinyanga ezingaba yisithupha. Yikho-ke kwasekudlule ‘iminyaka emithathu lengxenywe’ ngesikhathi abantu besiyabuthana eNtabeni iKhameli ukuze babone ukuthi ngubani uNkulunkulu weqiniso.

U-Eliza wahamba ngesikhathi esihle sibili esiyahlangana lo-Ahlabi okokuqala. Phela abantu babekholwa ukuthi uBhali “wayengumgadi wamayezi,” unkulunkulu oletha izulu ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. Njengoba izulu laseliphuze kakhulu engxenywe basebezibuza besithi: ‘UBhali ungaphi? Uzalinisa nini izulu?’ Kumele ukuthi isaziso sika-Eliza sokuthi

kwakungasoze kube lezulu lamazolo yena aze atsho sabagwaza emahlabankomo abantu ababekhonza uBhali.—1 AmaKho. 17:1.

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AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | U-1 AMAKHOSI 19-20

“Thembela KuJehova Ukuthi Akududuze”

w19.06 15 ¶5

Thembela KuJehova Nxa Ukhathazekile

⁵ **Bala u-1 AmaKhosi 19:1-4.** Kodwa u-Elija wesaba ngesikhathi iNdlovukazi uJezebeli ifunga ukuthi izambulala. Yikho wabaleka waya eBherisheba. Wadana kakhulu waze “wakhulekela ukuthi ngabe uyafa.” Kungani wadana kangako? U-Elija wayelesono njalo “wayengumuntu olemizwa enjengeyethu.” (Jak. 5:17) Kungenzeka wayesekhulelwe yikukhathazeka njalo esedinwe kakhulu. Kukhanya wayesecabanga ukuthi wayedlalise isikhathi ezama ukunceda abantu ukuthi bakhonze uJehova ngoba izinto azizange zibe ngcono ko-Israyeli. Wayesecabanga lokuthi nguye yedwa owayelokhu ekhonza uJehova. (1 AmaKho. 18: 3, 4, 13; 19:10, 14) Kungasimangalisa ukuthi umphrofethi lo othembekileyo wacabanga izinto ezinjalo. Kodwa uJehova wayizwisisa indlela u-Elija ayezizwa ngayo.

ia 103 ¶13

Waduduzwa NguNkulunkulu Wakhe

¹³ Ucabanga ukuthi uJehova wezwa njani ekhonale ezulwini ebona umphrofethi wakhe ayemthanda elele ngaphansi kwesihlahla ebubula esithi kungangcono azifele? IBhayibhili lisitshela ukuthi u-Elija uthe esabubhuqa ubuthongo uJehova wathuma ingilosi yakhe. Ingilosi le yamthinta, yamvusa kuhlekuhle yathi: “Vuka udle.” Lakanye u-Elija wavuka wathatha iqebelengwana elalisatshisa kanye lamanzi okunatha ayewaphiwe. Wayibonga

yini ingilosi le? IBhayibhili kalisitsheli, kodwa lithi wadla, wanatha waphinda walala. Wayemdambiyana yini okokuthi wayesesehluleka lokukhuluma? Kasikwazi, kodwa esikutshe-lwayo yikuthi ingilosi yaphinda yamvusa, mhlawumbe sekusemathathakusa. Yakhuluma laye okwesibili yathi: “Vuka udle.” Yamtshe-la lamazwi la aqakathekileyo yathi: “Uhambo lude luzakukhulela.”—1 AmaKho. 19:5-7.

ia 106 ¶21

Waduduzwa NguNkulunkulu Wakhe

²¹ Kwakhanya ukuthi imvelo ilamandla amangalisayo kodwa iBhayibhili lisitshela ukuthi uJehova wayengekho phakathi kwakho konke lokhu. U-Elija wayekwazi ukuthi uJehova wayengayisuye nkulunkulu wemvelo ongaqedakaliyo njengoBhali owayedunyswa yizikhonzi zakhe zisithi ugada amayezi, zisitsho ukuthi nguye oletha izulu. Wonke amandla amangalisayo akhona ezintweni ezidaliweyo avela kuJehova kodwa yena mkhulu khatshana kulazo. Phela mkhulu kulezulu eliphakemeyo ngokwalo. (1 AmaKho. 8: 27) Manje konke lokhu akubonayo kwamsiza ngani u-Elija? Khumbula ukuthi wayesesaba. Yikho-ke nxa wayesekelwa nguJehova uNkulunkulu olamandla amakhulukazi, u-Ahabi loJezebeli babeyini kambe ukuthi atshone ebesaba?—**Bala iHubo 118:6.**

ia 106 ¶22

Waduduzwa NguNkulunkulu Wakhe

²² Umlilo wathi usucitshile kwathula cwaka, u-Elija wesizwa “ilizwi elipholileyo linyenyeza.” Lambuza umbuzo owenza ukuthi aphinde akhulume konke okwakumkhathaza. Engxeny e ukukhuluma okwakumkhathaza kwenza ukuthi azwe angathi wethulwe umthwalo osindayo. Akuthandabuzwa-ke ukuthi lokho ‘ilizwi elipholileyo elalinyenyeza’ elamtshela khona kwamduduzwa kakhulu. UJehova wamsiza u-Elija ukuthi angathandabuzi ukuthi wayeyinceku yakhe eqakathekileyo. Njani? Wamtshengisa

ukuthi wayezimisele ukususa bonke ababekhonza uBhali ko-Israyeli. Kwacaca ukuthi u-Elija wayengasebenzelanga mahala ngoba lokho uNkulunkulu ayekuhlosile kwakuzaphumelela loba sekutheni. UJehova waphinda wamnika omunye umsebenzi, futhi lokhu kwakusitsho ukuthi wayefuna ukuqhubeka emsebenzisa umphrofethi lo.—1 AmaKho. 19: 12-17.

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

w16.04 9 ¶17

Ukuthembeka Kuyamjabulisa UNkulunkulu

¹⁷ Khathesi kulamaKhristu amanengi asakhu-layo akhetha ukungatshadi kumbe ukungabi labantwana ukuze azinikele ngokugcweleyo emsebenzini kaJehova. Kanti njalo bakhona lasebekhulile abadela ukutshona labantwababo kanye labazukulu ukuze bancedise ukwakhiwa kwezakhiwo zenhlanganisano kumbe ukuthi bangene iSikolo Sabavangeli BoMbuso kanye lokuyakhonza lapho okulabamemezeli abalutshwana khona. Abanye njalo bahlela kuhle izimo zabo ukuze benelise ukwengezelela inkonzo yabo ngesikhathi seSikhumbuzo. Konke lokhu okwenziwa ngabazalwane kuyamthokozisa uJehova njalo kasoze awukhohlwe umsebenzi abawenzayo lothando abamtshe-ngisa lona. **(Bala uHebheru 6:10-12.)** Kukhona yini lawe ongakwenza ukuze wenze okunengi enkonzweni kaJehova?

OCTOBER 17-23

AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | U-1 AMAKHOSI 21-22

“Lingisela Indlela UJehova Asebenzisa Ngayo Amandla Akhe”

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UJehova Wamabutho

UJoshuwa wathi esezafika eJerikho wabona ingilosu waseyibuza ukuthi yayisekela abako-

Israyeli yini kumbe izitha zawo. Ingilosu le yamphendula yathi, “Angikho ndawo, kodwa njengomlawuli webutho likaJehova sengifikile.” (Jos 5:13-15) Umphrofethi uMikhaya watshela iNkosi u-Ahabi leNkosi uJehoshafathi wathi, “Ngabona uJehova ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi lamabandla wonke asezulwini emi ngakwesokunene sakhe lakwesokhohlo sakhe.” Kusegcekeni ukuthi uMikhaya wayekhuluma ngezingilosu zikaJehova. (1Am 22:19-21) Kuqondile ukuthi kuthiwe uJehova wamabandla kumbe wamabutho hatshi webandla kumbe webutho njengoba nje kwezinye indawo eBhayibhiloni kuvezwa ukuthi izidalwa zomoya ezisezulwini zingamaqembu amakherubhi lawamaserafi lawezingilosu. (Isy 6:2, 3; Gen 3:24; Sam 5:11) Kuphinda kuvezwe ukuthi zingamaqembu ahlelekileyo. Lokhu sikubona emazwini kaJesu Khristu lapho esithi angacela ukuthunyelwa izingilosu “ezedlula amaligiyoni angu-12.” (Mat 26:53, amabala angaphansi) UHezekhiya ethandaza kuJehova emncenga wathi ‘ungu-Jehova uSomandla (kumbe owamabutho), uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli osebukhosini phakathi kwamakherubhi.’ Akuthandabuzwa ukuthi uHezekhiya wayecabanga ngebhokisi lesivumelwano okwakubunjwe amakherubhi phezu kwalo. Amakherubhi la ayemela isihlalo sobukhosi sikaJehova. (Isy 37:16; khangelana u-1Sa 4:4; 2Sa 6:2.) Kwathi amabutho esegombolozele idolobho u-Elisha ayehlala kulo, incekuyakhe yekela ukwesaba isibone amaqaga “agcwele amabhiza lezingqola zokulwa ezomlilo” zebutho lezingilosu zikaJehova.—2Am 6: 15-17.

w21.02 3 ¶9

“Inhloko Yamadoda Wonke NguKhristu”

⁹ **Ukuthobeka.** UJehova uhlakaniphe ukwedlula loba ngubani kodwa uyalalela nxa izinceku zakhe ziveza lokho ezikucabangayo. (Gen. 18:23, 24, 32) Ngesinye isikhathi wake wa-

lalela icebo lengilosi. (1 AmaKho. 22:19-22) Lanxa yena engelasono, kalindelanga ukuthi singaphambanisi. Uzimisele ukusincedisela ukuthi siphumelele ekumkhonzeni. (Hubo. 113: 6, 7) IBhayibhili lize lithi uJehova “ungumsizi.” (Hubo. 27:9; Heb. 13:6) INkosi uDavida yavuma ukuthi okwenza yaphumelela kukho konke eyayikwenza yikuthi uJehova uthobekile futhi wayeyincedisela.—2 Sam. 22:36.

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Amanga

UJehova wavumela ingilosi ukuthi ibe ‘ngumoya wenkohliso’ emilonyeni yabaphrofethi baka-Ahabi. Ngamanye amazwi ingilosi le yenza bakhuluma lokho ababefuna ukukukhuluma futhi yikho u-Ahabi ayefuna ukukuzwa. Lanxa u-Ahabi wayexwayisiwe, wakhetha ukukholwa amanga abaphrofethi laba ababemkhohlisa futhi lokho kwambulalisa.—1Am 22: 1-38; 2Imi 18.

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

w21.10 3 ¶4-6

Kutshoni Sibili Ukuphenduka?

⁴ Ukubekezela kukaJehova kwacina kuphela. Wathuma u-Eliza ukuthi atshele u-Ahabi loJezebheli indlela ayezabajezisa ngayo. Imuli yabo yonke yayizathanyelwa iphele du. Amazwi ka-Eliza ahlaba ephukela ku-Ahabi. Okumangalisayo yikuthi indoda le ezigqajayo ‘yazithoba.’—1 AmaKho. 21:19-29.

⁵ Lanxa u-Ahabi wazithoba ngalesosikhathi, akwenzayo ngemva kwalokho kwatshengisa ukuthi wayengaphendukanga sibili. Kazange azame ukuqeda ukukhonzwa kukaBhali embusweni wakhe. Kanti njalo kazange akhuthaze abantu ukuthi bakhonze uJehova. Watshengisa langezinye izindlela ukuthi kaphendukanga.

⁶ Ngokuhamba kwesikhathi, u-Ahabi wacele inkosi elungileyo yakoJuda okwakuthiwa nguJehoshafathi ukuthi babambane bayekulwa lamaSiriya. UJehoshafathi wathi babuze

umphrofethi kaJehova lokho okwakumele bakwenze bengakayi empini. Ekuqaliseni u-Ahabi wala, wathi: “Ukhona oyedwa esingabuza uJehova uNkulunkulu ngaye, kodwa ngiyamzonda ngoba kakaze aphrofethe okuhle ngami, uhlala ekhuluma okubi.” Lanxa kunjalo bacina bembuzile lowo mphrofethi okwakuthiwa nguMikhaya. Lakanye umphrofethi kaNkulunkulu waphrofetha okubi ngo-Ahabi. Kulokuthi inkosi le embi iphenduke njalo icele uJehova ayithethelele, yathi umphrofethi lo avalelwe ejele. (1 AmaKho. 22:7-9, 23, 27) Yenelisa sibili ukuvalela umphrofethi ejele kodwa yayingeke yenelise ukuvimba ukugcwaliseka kwesiphrofetho. Yafa empini isilwa lamaSiriya.—1 AmaKho. 22:34-38.

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AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | U-2 AMAKHOSI 1-2

“Indlela Yokuqeqetsha Okumele Siyilingisele”

w15 4/1 18 ¶15

Abadala Bangabaqeqetsha Njani Abanye Abazalwane?

¹⁵ Okwasala kusenziwa ngu-Elisha esehlukane lo-Eliza kutshengisa lokuthi abazalwane abaqeqetshwayo bangatshengisa njani ukuthi bayabahlonipha abafowethu asebeleminyaka eminengi bengabadala. U-Eliza lenceku yakhe u-Elisha bathi sebevela bona abaphrofethi eJerikho bahamba eMfuleni iJordani. Sebekhonale, ‘u-Eliza wathatha ingubo yakhe, wayigoqa watshaya ngayo amanzi. Amanzi adabuka phakathi.’ Bathi sebecaphile emhlabathini owomileyo baqhubeka ‘behamba bekhuluma.’ Kusegcekeni ukuthi u-Elisha kazange azitshela ukuthi wayesekwazi konke, kodwa waqhubeka elalela konke ayekutshelwa ngu-Eliza baze behlukana ngesikhathi u-Eliza esesenyuka ngesivunguzane.

U-Elisha wathi esebuyela eMfuleni iJodani wafika wathatha ingubo ka-Elija watshaya ngayo amanzi ememeza esithi: “Ungaphi khathesi uJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Elija?” Amanzi aphinda adabukana phakathi.—2 AmaKho. 2:8-14.

w15 4/1 18 ¶16

Abadala Bangabaqeqetsha Njani Abanye Abazalwane?

¹⁶ Ukunanzelele yini ukuthi isimangaliso sokuqala esenziwa ngu-Elisha sasifanana xathu lesimangaliso sokucina esasenziwe ngu-Elija? Ukufanana kwezimangaliso lezi kusifundisani? Kuyacaca ukuthi u-Elisha kazange athi, ‘Khathesi *yimi* esengizibambile, sekumele izinto zintshintshe.’ Kodwa waqhubeka elandela indlela u-Elija ayesenza ngayo futhi lokhu kwatshengisa ukuthi wayemhlonipha umqeqetshi wakhe kwaphinda kwenza lokuthi abanye abaphrofethi bamthembe u-Elisha. (2 AmaKho. 2:15) U-Elisha waba ngumphrofethi okweminyaka engu-60 njalo ngesikhathi leso uJehova wamnika amandla okwenza izimangaliso ezinengi ukwedlula ezika-Elija. Lokhu kungabafundisani abaqeqetshwayo?

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

w05-ZU 8/1 9 ¶1

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YamaKhosi Esibili

2:11—Ayini amazulu ‘u-Eliya enyukela kuwo ngesivunguvungu’? U-Eliya akayanga kwenye iplanethi, futhi akenyukelanga endaweni engokomoya lapho kuhlala khona uNkulunkulu namadodana akhe ayizingelosi. (Duteronomi 4:19; IHubo 11:4; Mathewu 6:9; 18:10) ‘Amazulu’ u-Eliya enyukela kuwo kwakuwumkhathi ozungeze umhlaba wethu. (IHubo 78:26; Mathewu 6:26) Njengoba inqola evuthayo yayihamba ngejubane elikhulu emkhathini womhlaba, kusobala ukuthi yamukisa u-Eliya kwenye indawo, lapho ahlala khona isikhathi esithile. Empeleni, eminyakeni eminingi

kamuva, u-Eliya wabhalela uJehoram, inkosi yakwaJuda incwadi.—2 IziKronike 21:1, 12-15.

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AMAGUGU ASELIZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | U-2 AMAKHOSI 3-4

“Thatha Indodana Yakho”

w17.12 4 ¶7

“Ngiyazi Ukuthi Uzavuka”

⁷ Isimangaliso sesibili esifunda ngaso eMibhalweni senziwa ngumphrofethi u-Elisha. Ngesikhathi umphrofethi lo eseShunemi wamukelwa kuhle ngowesifazane othile owayenothile. Owesifazane lo wayengelabantwana kodwa ngokuya kwesikhathi uJehova wambusisa yena lomkakhe owayesekhulile ngokubanika indodana. Ngemva kweminyaka ethile indodana le yafa. Lokhu kwamzisa ubuhlungu owesifazane lo futhi wazimisela ukuhamba amakhilomitha angu-30 esiyadininga umphrofethi u-Elisha waze wamthola eNtabeni iKhameli. U-Elisha wathumela incekuyakhe uGehazi ukuthi igijime phambi kwabo iyemvusa umfana. UGehazi wehluleka ukumvusa kwaze kwafika unina lo-Elisha.—2 AmaKho. 4:8-31.

w17.12 5 ¶8

“Ngiyazi Ukuthi Uzavuka”

⁸ U-Elisha wathi efika waya lapho okulesidumbu somfana wathandaza kuJehova. Lakanye senzakala isimangaliso, umfana wavuka futhi unina wathaba okumangalisayo. **(Bala u-2 AmaKhosi 4:32-37.)** Kungenzakala ukuthi owesifazane lo wakhumbula umthandazo owatshiwo nguHana ngesikhathi esethula indodana yakhe uSamuyeli ethabanikeli, othi: “UJehova . . . wehlisela phansi engcwabeni njalo avuse.” (1 Sam. 2:6) Isimangaliso esenziwa ngu-Elisha eShunemi sitshengisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuvusa abafileyo.

Ukuchwayisisa IMibhalo

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Umphrofethi

‘Ixuku Labaphrofethi.’ ‘Ixuku labaphrofethi’ lalingabe lingabaphrofethi ababengamalu-nga eqembu elalikhethiwe ukuthi lifundiswe ukwenza umsebenzi lo, kumbe kungenze-ka laliyiqembu labaphrofethi ababesenza izinto bendawonye. Amaqembu anje aye-tholakala eBhetheli, eJerikho laseGiligali. (2Am 2:3, 5; 4:38; khangela u-1Sa 10:5, 10.) USamuyeli wayekhokhela iqembu kumbe ixu-ku labaphrofethi elaliseRama (1Sa 19:19, 20) futhi kukhanya u-Elisha laye wayelaba-phrofethi ababesebenza bengaphansi kwakhe. (2Am 4:38; 6:1-3; khangela u-1Am 18:13.) IBhayibhili lithi abanye abaphrofethi laba bazakhela indawo yokuhlala njalo lithi babese-benzisa ihloka elebolekiweyo. Lokhu kungabe kutshengisa ukuthi babeziphilela impilo engamangalisiyo. Izikhathi ezinengi babehlala bonke futhi bepheka ndawonye, kodwa ba-bengaphiwa imisebenzi eyayingadinga ukuthi umuntu ayenze eyedwa.—1Am 20:35-42; 2Am 4:1, 2, 39; 6:1-7; 9:1, 2.

